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COMMENTS SOUGHT ON HOUSING SUBSIDY GREEN PAPER
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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TODAY (MONDAY) PUBLISHED A GREEN PAPER WHICH SETS OUT FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION PROPOSALS ON THE ISSUE OF HOUSING SUBSIDY TO TENANTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING.

A SPECIAL COMMITTEE, THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING SUBSIDY TO TENANTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING, WAS SET UP IN LAST OCTOBER. CHAIRED BY MR F.K. HU, THE COMMITTEE CONSISTS MAINLY OF UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY. IT MET SIX TIMES AND HAS SUBMITTED AN INTERIM REPORT TO THE AUTHORITY AS A RESULT OF ITS DELIBERATIONS.

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY GENERALLY ENDORSED THE APPROACH OF THE COMMITTEE BUT HAS NOT YET ADOPTED AS POLICY THE SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED IN THE GREEN PAPER.

A SPOKESMAN OF THE AUTHORITY SAID THAT THE AUTHORITY WELCOMES THE PUBLIC TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE SUGGESTIONS MADE BY THE COMMITTEE, AND A DECISION WILL BE MADE IN THE LIGHT OF COMMENTS MADE BY THE PUBLIC.

THE PERIOD OF CONSULTATION IS TENTATIVELY SET FOR THREE MONTHS ENDING OCTOBER 31. HOWEVER, THE SPOKESMAN SAYS THAT THE CONSULTATION PERIOD CAN BE EXTENDED IF NECESSARY.

PUBLIC HOUSING RENTS ARE SUBSTANTIALLY BELOW MARKET LEVELS AND THIS HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE WITH VERY HEAVY GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES. THE GOVERNMENT PROVIDES LAND FREE OF CHARGE AND LENDS MONEY ON SPECIAL CONCESSIONARY TERMS TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC RENTAL ESTATES.

OVER THE YEARS, THE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE AVAILABLE OVER \$22 000 MILLION TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC HOUSING FOR 2.4 MILLION HONG KONG PEOPLE.

ON THE OTHER HAND, STATISTICS SHOW THAT A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF LONG-TIME PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS HAVE INCOME WELL ABOVE THE WAITING LIST INCOME LIMIT. PUBLIC HOUSING RENT LEVELS HAVE NEITHER KEPT PACE WITH INFLATION NOR HAVE THEY BEEN KEPT IN LINE WITH THE REAL INCOME GROWTH OF PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS.

WHILE PROPOSING THAT TENANTS WHO HAVE IMPROVED THEIR FINANCIAL SITUATION OVER THE YEARS SHOULD NOT BE EVICTED, THE COMMITTEE RECOGNISED IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO DEFINE THE TERM +WELL-OFF TENANTS+.

IT CONCLUDES THAT PUBLIC HOUSING SUBSIDY SHOULD BE REDUCED FOR THOSE TENANTS WHO ARE NO LONGER IN NEED OF IT, AND THOSE WHO CAN AFFORD TO PAY A HIGHER RENT SHOULD BE EXPECTED TO DO SO, SO THAT HEAVY HOUSING SUBSIDY SHOULD ONLY BE GIVEN TO THOSE MOST IN NEED.

/THE COMMITTEE

THE COMMITTEE HAS MADE THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS:

- * AFTER THEIR INITIAL 10 YEARS OF STAY IN PUBLIC HOUSING, TENANTS SHOULD BE CHARGED TWICE THE NET RENT PLUS RATES, UNLESS THEY DECLARE AND CAN PROVE TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY THAT THEIR INCOME DOES NOT EXCEED A SUBSIDY INCOME LIMIT.
- * THIS SUBSIDY INCOME LIMIT SHOULD BE FIXED AT ONE AND A HALF TIMES (I.E. 50 PER CENT ABOVE) THE PREVAILING WAITING LIST INCOME LIMIT, WITH ALLOWANCE FOR DIFFERENT HOUSEHOLD SIZES AND FOR FAMILIES WITH MORE THAN ONE EARNER. BECAUSE THE PROPOSED METHOD OF INCOME CALCULATION TAKES INTO ACCOUNT ONLY 60 PER CENT OF THE INCOME OF EARNERS OTHER THAN THE TENANCY HOLDER AND HIS/HER SPOUSE, THE SUBSIDY INCOME LIMIT IN EFFECT WOULD BE NEAR TO TWICE THE WAITING LIST INCOME LIMIT IN RESPECT OF MANY HOUSEHOLDS WITH OTHER EARNERS.
- * THE ONUS OF PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY FOR CONTINUING TO PAY THE EXISTING RENT WOULD REST WITH THE TENANTS.
- * IF THE INCOME OF HOUSEHOLDS PAYING TWICE THE NET RENT SHOULD FALL BELOW THE PREVAILING WAITING LIST INCOME LIMIT, THEN THEY SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO APPLY FOR RELIEF AT ANY TIME.
- * TWO CATEGORIES OF HOUSEHOLDS SHOULD BE EXEMPTED: HOUSEHOLDS ON PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND HOUSEHOLDS WITH ALL MEMBERS AGED 60 OR OVER AND WHO WERE ADMITTED THROUGH THE ELDERLY PRIORITY SCHEME.
- * FOR THOSE HOUSEHOLDS WHO HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO MOVE AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, SUCH AS IN REDEVELOPMENT CASES, THE CALCULATION OF THE INITIAL 10 YEARS WOULD START WITH THEIR NEW TENANCY.
- * MEASURES TO REDUCE HOUSING SUBSIDY TO THOSE PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS WHO ARE NO LONGER IN NEED SHOULD BE REVIEWED PERIODICALLY.

AS TO WHAT IS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE INCOME CALCULATION, TWO OPTIONS ARE SET OUT FOR PUBLIC CONSIDERATION. THE FIRST OPTION IS SIMILAR TO THOSE THAT ARE USED IN THE INCOME CALCULATION FOR WAITING LIST APPLICANTS, IN WHICH ONLY INCOME ARISING FROM EMPLOYMENT AND INVESTMENTS WOULD BE COUNTED.

THE OTHER OPTION IS THAT IN ADDITION TO INCOME FROM EMPLOYMENT AND INVESTMENTS, HOUSEHOLD INCOME SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE 5 PER CENT OF THE ASSESSED VALUE OF NON-INCOME GENERATING ASSETS, CONVERTED TO MONTHLY EQUIVALENTS.

THE COMMITTEE SUGGESTS THAT ALL AFFECTED TENANTS SHOULD BE GIVEN AT LEAST SIX MONTHS' NOTICE BEFORE BEING REQUIRED TO PAY THE NEW RENT AND THAT TENANTS WHO DO NOT SUBMIT A DECLARATION FORM WITHIN A SPECIFIED TIME WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY THE NEW RENT ON EXPIRY OF THE SIX MONTHS' NOTICE.

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THERE ARE AT PRESENT 285 000 HOUSEHOLDS WHO HAVE STAYED IN RENTAL PUBLIC HOUSING FOR 10 YEARS OR MORE. AS IT WOULD BE IMPRACTICABLE TO PROCESS THEM ALL AT ONCE, THE COMMITTEE SUGGESTS THAT, TO ENSURE SMOOTH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUGGESTED ARRANGEMENTS, ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE LIVED IN PUBLIC HOUSING FOR 23 YEARS OR MORE (ABOUT 30 000 HOUSEHOLDS) WILL BE PROCESSED IN THE FIRST YEAR.

THE NUMBER OF FAMILIES TO BE PROCESSED IN THE SUBSEQUENT YEARS WILL INCREASE GRADUALLY, SUCH THAT ALL BACKLOGS WILL BE CLEARED BY THE END OF THE FIFTH YEAR.

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY EXPECTS PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE GREEN PAPER TO BE AS WIDE AS POSSIBLE, PARTICULARLY THROUGH THE AVENUES OF DISTRICT BOARDS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

COPIES OF THE GREEN PAPER CAN BE OBTAINED FREE OF CHARGE FROM ALL PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE OFFICES, OTHER HOUSING DEPARTMENT OFFICES, DISTRICT OFFICES AND PUBLIC ENQUIRY COUNTERS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE PROPOSALS BY WRITING TO THE SECRETARY, COMMITTEE ON HOUSING SUBSIDY TO TENANTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING, HONG KONG HOUSING AUTHORITY, 101 PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, KOWLOON.

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ONE LEGCO NOMINATION RECEIVED
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ONE NOMINATION FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS NEXT MONTH WAS RECEIVED UP TO 5 PM TODAY (MONDAY), BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER RECEIVED SINCE THE OPENING OF NOMINATIONS TO EIGHT.

FOLLOWING ARE THE PERSONAL PARTICULARS OF THE PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATE WHOSE NOMINATION FORM WAS RECEIVED TODAY:

<u>FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>OCCUPATION</u>	<u>CONTACT TEL. NO.</u>
1. LABOUR	PANG CHUN-HOI M		64	RETIRED TEXTILE EMPLOYEE	3-943518

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FOLLOWING IS A STATISTICAL BREAKDOWN OF THE NOMINATIONS RECEIVED SO FAR:

<u>ELECTORAL COLLEGE CONSTITUENCY</u> (NO. OF SEATS IN BRACKETS)	<u>NO. OF NOMINATIONS RECEIVED</u>
1. URBAN COUNCIL (1)	
2. PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL (1)	
DISTRICT BOARDS:	
3. HK ISLAND (EAST) (1)	1
4. HK ISLAND (WEST) (1)	
5. KWUN TONG (1)	
6. WONG TAI SIN (1)	
7. KOWLOON CITY (1)	
8. SHAM SHUI PO (1)	
9. SOUTH KOWLOON (1)	
10. NEW TERRITORIES (EAST) (1)	
11. NEW TERRITORIES (WEST) (1)	
12. NEW TERRITORIES (SOUTH) (1)	
SUB-TOTAL	1
 <u>FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY</u>	
1. COMMERCIAL I (1)	
COMMERCIAL II (1)	
2. INDUSTRIAL I (1)	1
INDUSTRIAL II (1)	
3. FINANCIAL (1)	
4. LABOUR (2)	1
	/5. SOCIAL

5. SOCIAL SERVICES (1)	1
6. MEDICAL (1)	
7. TEACHING (1)	3
8. LEGAL (1)	1
9. ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL SURVEYING AND PLANNING (1)	
SUB-TOTAL	7
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HK'S EXPO '86 CONFIRMATION A 'TIMELY' DECISION

THE DECISION LAST TUESDAY BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CONFIRMING HONG KONG'S PARTICIPATION IN EXPO '86 WAS IMMEDIATELY CONVEYED TO THE EXPO ORGANISERS IN VANCOUVER WHO CALLED A PRESS CONFERENCE IN THE EARLY HOURS OF WEDNESDAY MORNING (HONG KONG TIME) TO ANNOUNCE IT, THE ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, MR PETER MOSS, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

IT CAME +NOT A MOMENT TOO SOON, BECAUSE THE MEDIA THERE HAD BEEN GROWING IMPATIENT FOR NEWS AS TO WHETHER OR NOT WE WERE TAKING PART,+ HE TOLD MEMBERS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF VICTORIA AT THEIR LUNCHEON MEETING.

+THE SITE WHICH HAS BEEN RESERVED FOR US BY THE ORGANISERS IS VERY STRATEGICALLY LOCATED ALONGSIDE THE MAIN THOROUGHFARE OF THE EXPO GROUNDS, AND RIGHT BESIDE THE MONORAIL SYSTEM WHICH WILL BE A PRIME MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION,+ MR MOSS SAID.

THIS CHOICE LOCATION WAS AGAIN INDICATIVE OF THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THE ORGANISERS ATTACHED TO HONG KONG'S PAVILION, HE ADDED.

THE EXPOSITION, WHICH WILL BE HELD BETWEEN MAY 2 AND OCTOBER 13, IS EXPECTED TO DRAW SOME 14 MILLION VISITORS. AMONG THE 30 PARTICIPATING NATIONS WERE BRITAIN, THE UNITED STATES, CHINA, THE SOVIET UNION, JAPAN, FRANCE, GERMANY AND AUSTRALIA.

+HONG KONG WILL BE ATTRACTING ITS FAIR SHARE OF ATTENTION AT EXPO '86 DESPITE THE SCOPE AND THE QUALITY OF ITS RIVAL ATTRACTIONS,+ MR MOSS SAID.

+WE KNOW THAT THE NAME 'HONG KONG' IS FAMILIAR TO EVERYONE WHO WILL BE TOURING THE EXPO SITE.

+IT IS A NAME WHICH, WHEN THEY SEE IT ON THE SIGNBOARDS, WILL STRIKE AN INSTANT CHORD OF RECOGNITION, STIRRING EXOTIC ASSOCIATIONS WHICH MAY WELL, IN THEMSELVES, BE ENOUGH TO PULL IN THE CROWDS.

/+AND WE

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+AND WE PLAN TO EXPLOIT THOSE ASSOCIATIONS QUITE SHAMELESSLY, NO MATTER HOW OUTWORN AND OUTMODED THE PRECONCEPTIONS THAT PROMPT THEM,+ HE ADDED.

+BECAUSE THAT WILL AT LEAST SERVE TO LURE THE VISITORS INSIDE, WHERE OUR INTENTION IS TO SHATTER THE CHARMING MYTH AND REPLACE IT WITH THE FAR MORE EXCITING REALITY,+ HE ADDED.

IN FACT THIS WAS THE ESSENCE OF THE BRIEF SUPPLIED TO DESIGNERS, BOTH LOCALLY AND OVERSEAS, WHO WERE INVITED TO PUT FORWARD THEIR BIDS FOR DESIGNING THE PAVILION.

MR MOSS SAID THAT OF THE 40 APPLICATIONS RECEIVED, 15 WERE FROM HONG KONG, 15 FROM CANADA, SEVEN FROM THE U.S. AND THREE FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM.

A SHORTLIST OF THREE HAD BEEN SELECTED BY THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE AND THEY HAVE BEEN INVITED TO SUBMIT THE FINISHED PRESENTATIONS BY AUGUST 16 AT THE LATEST.

+SO BY THE MIDDLE OF NEXT MONTH WE WILL HAVE THE DESIGN APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE AND WE WILL KNOW THEN WHAT THE PAVILION WILL LOOK LIKE AND WHAT IT WILL CONTAIN,+ HE SAID.

WITH THE BUDGET OF \$10.5 MILLION AT PRESENT - CONTRIBUTED BY THE MAIN SPONSORS COMPRISING THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE TOURIST ASSOCIATION, THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, THE SWIRE GROUP, CABLE AND WIRELESS AND THE SING TAO NEWSPAPER GROUP - THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE COULD BUILD, STAFF AND RUN A PAVILION THAT WOULD PUT OVER HONG KONG'S MESSAGE AT THE EXPO.

+ANY ADDITIONAL MONEY WE CAN RAISE WILL SERVE AS ICING ON THE CAKE. FOR, AS WITH ANY OTHER VENTURE, THE MORE WE INVEST, THE BETTER THE END RESULT,+ HE SAID.

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THREE 'BOAT BRIDE' FAMILIES SEEK ASSISTANCE * * * *

THE FAMILIES OF THREE BOAT BRIDES HAVE SO FAR APPLIED FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AFTER STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT VISITED THE 14 FAMILIES LAST WEEK. A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

CONTRARY TO REPORTS IN SOME NEWSPAPERS, STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT DID NOT SUGGEST THAT THE HUSBANDS OF THE BOAT BRIDES SHOULD DISCONTINUE WORK IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILDREN, IT HAD BEEN SUGGESTED THAT IF NO SUITABLE ALTERNATIVE CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE, THE FATHERS COULD CONSIDER STAYING HOME AND TAKING CARE OF THE CHILDREN THEMSELVES, IN WHICH CASE THEY COULD APPLY FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

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ALL CHILD CARE PROBLEMS OF THE 14 FAMILIES HAVE BEEN RESOLVED. ALL THE CHILDREN WERE BEING TAKEN CARE OF BY THEIR OWN FAMILIES AND RELATIVES, EXCEPT FOR ONE CHILD WHO WAS IN THE CARE OF A CHILD MINDER.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE DEPARTMENT WOULD MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH THE 14 FAMILIES AND RENDER ASSISTANCE WHEREVER POSSIBLE.

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ONE MORE TOXIC WINE FOUND
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ONE MORE BRAND OF AUSTRIAN WINE HAS BEEN FOUND TO CONTAIN DIETHYLENE GLYCOL, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

THIS BRINGS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF AUSTRIAN WINES CONTAINING THE ANTI-FREEZE CHEMICAL TO 14.

THE NAME OF THE WINE IS ILLMITZER KAISERGARTEN BEERENAUSLESE 1977.

INVESTIGATIONS ARE STILL CONTINUING TO TRY AND ESTABLISH HOW MANY BOTTLES OF THE WINE HAVE REACHED THE MARKET.

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APPRENTICE INSPECTORS NEED EMPLOYERS' CO-OPERATION
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EMPLOYERS ARE ASKED TO CO-OPERATE WHEN INSPECTORS FROM THE APPRENTICESHIP SECTION OF THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT VISIT ESTABLISHMENTS INVOLVED IN DESIGNATED TRADES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT UNDER SECTION 35(A) OF THE APPRENTICESHIP ORDINANCE, AN INSPECTOR OF APPRENTICES IS EMPOWERED TO ENTER AND INSPECT, BY DAY OR NIGHT, ANY PREMISES IN WHICH HE KNOWS, OR HAS REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, THAT AN APPRENTICE OR A YOUNG PERSON IS BEING EMPLOYED IN A DESIGNATED TRADE.

+AN INSPECTOR OF APPRENTICES CARRIES WITH HIM A WARRANT AND A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD AND HE HAS TO PRODUCE THEM UPON HIS ENTRY TO ANY PREMISES FOR INSPECTION,+ HE SAID.

/+ANY PERSON

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+ANY PERSON WHO OBSTRUCTS AN INSPECTOR FROM EXERCISING ANY FUNCTION, DUTY OR POWER UNDER THE APPRENTICESHIP ORDINANCE MAY BE PROSECUTED. ON CONVICTION, HE IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5 000 AND A SENTENCE OF SIX MONTHS IN PRISON,+ HE ADDED.

EMPLOYERS HAVING ENQUIRIES CAN CONTACT THE BRANCH OFFICES OF THE APPRENTICESHIP SECTION ON 5-8932341 EXT. 351 FOR THE HONG KONG BRANCH OFFICE ; 3-7151603 FOR TO KWA WAN BRANCH OFFICE ; 3-667612 FOR TSIM SHA TSUI BRANCH OFFICE; 0-297908 FOR TSUEN WAN BRANCH OFFICE AND 3-491109 FOR KWUN TONG BRANCH OFFICE.

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COUNCIL MEMBERS VISIT RSD FACILITIES

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MEMBERS OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL, LED BY THE CHAIRMAN, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, TODAY (MONDAY) PAID A FAMILIARISATION VISIT TO THE FU SHAN CREMATORIUM AND COLUMBARIUM IN SHA TIN.

LOCATED AT LOWER SHING MUN ROAD AND SURROUNDED BY HILLS, THE CREMATORIUM, MANAGED BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, OCCUPIES AN AREA OF 2.5 HECTARES.

EXTENSIVE LANDSCAPING WORK HIGHLIGHTED BY QUIANT ROCK FEATURES AND VARIOUS PLANTS HAVE MADE THIS CREMATORIUM BLEND IN WITH THE NATURAL GREEN BELT SKIRTING THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

AFTER THE FU SHAN TOUR, COUNCIL MEMBERS CONTINUED THEIR VISIT TO OTHER RSD FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE TAI WAI MARKET, SIU LEK YUEN NURSERY AND SHA TIN SPORTS GROUND WHERE THEY SAW THE OPERATION OF A TURF TRUCKSTER, A SPECIALISED MINI-TRACTOR FOR USE ON TURFED GROUNDS.

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DB MEMBERS VISIT TAI PO THA'S

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MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE SANITARY CONDITIONS IN THE TWO TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS IN TAI PO AFTER AN INSPECTION TOUR THIS (MONDAY) MORNING.

CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MR HO YUNG-SANG, SAID THAT THEY WERE IMPRESSED BY THE CLEANLINESS AT THE TWO THA'S, PARTICULARLY THE TOILET FACILITIES.

ACCOMPANIED BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, THE GROUP WENT TO THE YUE KOK TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA WHERE RESIDENTS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT FLOODING PROBLEMS.

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LATER, THEY TOURED THE SHUEN WAN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA AND WERE PLEASED TO FIND AMPLE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

THEY ALSO VISITED THE SAM MUN TSAI TSUEN WHERE VILLAGERS REQUESTED MORE STREET LIGHTS IN THE VILLAGE.

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QUEEN MOTHER STAMP SET OUT WEDNESDAY
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THE SPECIAL SET OF FOUR STAMPS ON THE LIFE AND TIMES OF QUEEN ELIZABETH, THE QUEEN MOTHER WILL BE ISSUED BY THE POST OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 7).

AS ALL POST OFFICES ARE EXPECTED TO BE CROWDED, ADDITIONAL COUNTERS FOR NORMAL BUSINESS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

- * HONG KONG ISLAND -- GENERAL POST OFFICE, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HENNESSY ROAD, MORRISON HILL, NORTH POINT, QUEEN'S ROAD AND SHEUNG WAN.
- * KOWLOON AND NEW TERRITORIES -- KOWLOON CENTRAL, CHEUNG SHA WAN, GILLIES AVENUE, KOWLOON CITY, KWUN TONG, MONG KOK, SHAM SHUI PO, TSIM SHA TSUI AND TSUEN WAN.

+THIS SET WILL FORM PART OF AN OMNIBUS SERIES ISSUED IN CONJUNCTION WITH 19 OTHER POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS,+ A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE REQUESTED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SHOW TOLERANCE AND, IF POSSIBLE, TO TRY TO TRANSACT THEIR NORMAL POSTAL BUSINESS TOMORROW (TUESDAY) OR AFTER THE SPECIAL STAMPS ISSUE DATE.

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REGIONAL SERVICES DIRECTOR COMMENDS GDT MEMBERS
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THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES, MR TONY HAMMOND, TODAY (MONDAY) PRAISED SIX MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL DUTIES TEAM FOR THEIR DEVOTION TO DUTY DURING A HAWKER CLEARANCE EXERCISE IN KWAI CHUNG LAST MONTH.

PRESENTING COMMENDATION LETTERS TO THE SIX STAFF MEMBERS AT THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, MR HAMMOND SAID THAT THEIR EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE HAVE BROUGHT GREAT CREDIT TO THE DEPARTMENT AS A WHOLE.

RECEIVING THE COMMENDATION LETTERS WERE OVERSEER NG LUN-CHIK, FOREMEN CHAN CHI-HUNG, AU MAN-KIT, TANG MAN-PUI AND HUNG SHUE-KING AND WORKMAN MING KONG-MING.

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CASTLE PEAK ROAD SECTION TO BE WIDENED

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO WIDEN THE SECTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD BETWEEN SHEK PUI STREET AND SHING YIP STREET TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN SHEK LEI.

THE WORK ALSO INCLUDES RECONSTRUCTION OF PART OF THE EXISTING CARRIAGEWAYS AND FOOTPATHS AND THE PROVISION OF AN ACCELERATION-DECELERATION LANE.

THIS WILL HELP IMPROVE TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT AT THE JUNCTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND SHEK PAI STREET AND ALSO PROVIDE VEHICULAR ACCESS TO THE FACTORY AREA FACING SHING YIP STREET.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG= AT THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, AND AT THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, FOU WAH CENTRE, 210 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

OBJECTIONS TO THE WORKS OR THE USE, OR BOTH, SHOULD BE SENT IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY OCTOBER 1, 1985.

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SPORTS, AMENITIES SECTIONS MOVE TO NEW PREMISES

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THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT STARTING FROM TODAY, THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICES AND THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES SECTIONS IN MONG KOK WILL OPERATE UNDER ONE ROOF TO PROVIDE BETTER SERVICES TO RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE NEW OFFICE IS AT ROOMS 1503-1506, HOLLYWOOD PLAZA, 15/F, 610 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICES SECTION (3-887183) ORGANISES RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS PROGRAMMES WHILE THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES SECTION (3-887472) LOOKS AFTER LEISURE FACILITIES.

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ROAD IN WAN CHAI CLOSED

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN WAN CHAI FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE NIGHTS FROM THURSDAY (AUGUST 8) TO SATURDAY (AUGUST 10) BETWEEN 10 PM AND 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR DRAINAGE WORK.

THE CHANGES ARE:

- * THE NORTHBOUND SECTION OF MARSH ROAD BETWEEN LOCKHART ROAD AND GLOUCESTER ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC. VEHICLES ON NORTHBOUND MARSH ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE LOCKHART ROAD AND TONNOCHY ROAD TO REJOIN INNER GLOUCESTER ROAD.
- * VEHICLES ON MARSH ROAD NORTHBOUND WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT INTO LOCKHART ROAD.
- * JAFFE ROAD BETWEEN TONNOCHY ROAD AND MARSH ROAD WILL BECOME A CUL-DE-SAC AND RESTRICTED TO LOCAL ACCESS ONLY.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 60.0 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 351.502 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 467.682 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 79.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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TSING YI WATER CUT

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES ON TSING YI ISLAND WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 PM ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 8) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAIN WORKS.

THE AFFECTED AREAS ARE TSING YI TOWN CENTRE AND THE CHINA RESOURCES OIL DEPOT ON THE ISLAND.

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