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STOCK AND FUTURES MARKETS TO REOPEN ON MONDAY

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BOTH THE STOCK EXCHANGE AND THE FUTURES EXCHANGE WILL BE RE-OPENED AT 11 AM TOMORROW (MONDAY), THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, SAID TONIGHT.

ANNOUNCING THIS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE, MR JACOBS SAID THAT AS PART OF THE RE-OPENING OF TRADING IN HANG SENG INDEX FUTURES CONTRACTS, A SUPPORT FACILITY IN THE FORM OF COMMITTED DRAWING FACILITIES OF UP TO \$2 BILLION HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO THE HONG KONG FUTURES GUARANTEE CORPORATION LTD.

"THIS WILL ENABLE THE GUARANTEE CORPORATION TO FINANCE THE SETTLEMENT OF ITS OBLIGATIONS TO MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG FUTURES EXCHANGE IN RESPECT OF EXISTING AND NEW HANG SENG INDEX CONTRACTS, TO THE EXTENT THAT MEMBERS' OBLIGATION TO THE GUARANTEE CORPORATION IN RESPECT OF INDEX CONTRACTS ARE DELAYED OR NOT MET," HE SAID.

ONE FACILITY, OF UP TO \$1 BILLION, WILL BE PROVIDED BY A NUMBER OF LEADING BROKERS IN THE FUTURES MARKET, AND BY SHAREHOLDERS OF THE GUARANTEE CORPORATION WHICH INCLUDE HONG KONG AND INTERNATIONAL BANKS AS WELL AS THE INTERNATIONAL COMMODITIES CLEARING HOUSE.

THE SECOND FACILITY, ALSO OF UP TO \$1 BILLION, WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT FROM THE EXCHANGE FUND.

"THE GOVERNMENT FACILITY WILL BE PROVIDED ON A LAST-IN FIRST-OUT BASIS," MR JACOBS STRESSED.

HE ADDED THAT THESE FACILITIES WILL BE REPAID THROUGH A TRANSACTION LEVY ON THE FUTURES EXCHANGE AND A NEW LEVY ON STOCK EXCHANGE DEALINGS, AND FROM DELAYED PAYMENTS BY AND RECOVERIES FROM DEFAULTING MEMBERS OF THE FUTURES EXCHANGE.

"REPAYMENT WILL BE OVER A MAXIMUM PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS, AND INTEREST WILL BE CHARGED AT MARKET RATES," HE SAID.

MR JACOBS POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO INTERVENE WAS BASED ON TWO PREMISES.

"THE FIRST IS THAT THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE FUTURES EXCHANGE SHOULD BE MET AND THAT CONTRACTS FREELY ENTERED INTO SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT.

"THE CONSEQUENCES ON HONG KONG'S REPUTATION AS AN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE NOT MEETING ITS OBLIGATIONS WOULD BE EXTREMELY GRAVE," HE SAID.

THE SECOND PREMISE, MR JACOBS SAID, WAS THAT THE STOCK EXCHANGE SHOULD BE PROTECTED FROM UNDUE SELLING PRESSURES CAUSED BY LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURES EXCHANGE, WITH WHICH THERE ARE VERY CLOSE LINKS THROUGH THE HEDGING ON THE FUTURES EXCHANGE OF PHYSICAL HOLDINGS OF SHARES ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY POINTED OUT THAT THIS SITUATION HAD BEEN FORCED ON THE GOVERNMENT AS A RESULT OF THE SHARP DOWNTURN IN WORLD EQUITY MARKETS.

"AS SOON AS IT WAS APPARENT THAT THERE WAS A SERIOUS PROBLEM, THE GOVERNMENT APPOINTED EXPERT OUTSIDE ADVISERS, HAMBROS BANK, AND THESE MEASURES HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED WITH THEIR ASSISTANCE," HE SAID.

"THESE PROPOSALS HAVE THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE SECURITIES COMMISSION AND THE COMMODITIES TRADING COMMISSION.

"A NUMBER OF MAJOR LOCAL INVESTORS HAVE ALSO EXPRESSED THEIR SATISFACTION WITH THE PROPOSALS AND PLEDGED THEIR SUPPORT," HE ADDED.

MR JACOBS POINTED OUT THAT THESE ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN PUT TOGETHER IN A VERY SHORT TIME AND REFLECTED THE FULL CO-OPERATION OF ALL INVOLVED.

"WE ARE ALL DETERMINED TO RE-OPEN THE STOCK EXCHANGE AND THE FUTURES EXCHANGE FOR THE RESUMPTION OF ORDERLY BUSINESS TOMORROW," HE STRESSED.

MR JACOBS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT DR KIM CHAM AND DR RONALD LI HAD TODAY RESIGNED AS CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN RESPECTIVELY OF THE HONG KONG FUTURES EXCHANGE LTD, BUT WOULD REMAIN AS DIRECTORS.

"MR WILFRID NEWTON, CHAIRMAN OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION, HAS BEEN APPOINTED CHAIRMAN BY THE BOARD.

"DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE RE-OPENING OF THE FUTURES EXCHANGE WILL BE ANNOUNCED," HE ADDED.

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FREE LEGAL ADVICE SCHEME POPULAR

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MORE THAN 15,000 PEOPLE HAVE SOUGHT ASSISTANCE DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR FROM THE FREE LEGAL ADVICE SCHEME JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND THE LAW SOCIETY, A CNTA SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

AMONG THEM, 1,360 PEOPLE WERE GIVEN FREE CONSULTATIONS WITH DUTY LAWYERS UNDER THE SCHEME, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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THE SCHEME, FIRST IMPLEMENTED IN NOVEMBER 1978, PROVIDES FREE LEGAL ADVICE TO PEOPLE WHO CANNOT AFFORD TO CONSULT SOLICITORS OR BARRISTERS.

"THE MAJORITY OF THE CASES DEALT WITH MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL DEALINGS, MATRIMONIAL AFFAIRS, TENANCY MATTERS, COMPENSATION CLAIMS AND CRIMINAL CASES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID ANYONE WISHING TO SEE THE DUTY LAWYERS UNDER THE SCHEME COULD APPROACH ANY OF CNTA'S 67 PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

"AFTER AN INTERVIEW, STAFF OF THE CENTRES WILL IDENTIFY THE NEEDS OF THE APPLICANTS AND ARRANGEMENTS WILL THEN BE MADE FOR THEM TO SEE THE DUTY LAWYERS ATTENDING THE EIGHT EVENING BUREAUS SITUATED AT THE DISTRICT OFFICES IN WAN CHAI, EASTERN, MONG KOK, WONG TAI SIN, YAU MA TEI, KWUN TONG, TSUEN WAN AND SHA TIN," HE ADDED.

AN APPOINTMENT COULD USUALLY BE ARRANGED WITHIN 10 DAYS AT AN EVENING BUREAU OF THE APPLICANT'S CHOICE, HE NOTED.

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE SECTION AT CNTA HEADQUARTERS, 13TH FLOOR, WORLD SHIPPING CENTRE, 7 CANTON ROAD, HARBOUR CITY, TSIM SHA TSUI. THE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 3-692255.

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SERVICES MUST MEET COMMUNITY NEEDS

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THE AIM OF PARTICIPATING IN COMMUNITY SERVICES WAS NOT PERSONAL HONOUR BUT TO IMPROVE RESIDENTS' LIVELIHOOD AND PROMOTE A SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE COMMUNITY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, MRS RITA FAN, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

MRS FAN WAS SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY LEADERS SCHEME ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S WORKING GROUP ON PROMOTION OF CIVIC-MINDEDNESS. THE CEREMONY WAS HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL OF THE WU KAI SHA YOUTH CAMP, SHA TIN.

"WE MUST UNDERSTAND THE REAL NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY, WHICH VARY FROM TIME TO TIME, TO ENSURE THAT OUR SERVICES ARE REALLY WHAT THEY WANT," SHE SAID.

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TO COPE WITH WORK PRESSURE AND DIFFICULTIES, A COMMUNITY LEADER MUST HAVE A MATURE CHARACTER AND MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONS WITH OTHER PEOPLE, SHE ADDED.

SHA TIN'S DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VICTOR YUNG, NOTED THAT THE FAST DEVELOPING NEW TOWN OF SHA TIN WAS IN NEED OF MORE COMMUNITY LEADERS TO WORK WITH LOCAL ORGANISATIONS IN BUILDING A GOOD COMMUNITY.

"THIS SCHEME, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1982, HAS TRAINED MANY COMMUNITY LEADERS WHO LATER CONTRIBUTED IN FURTHER DEVELOPING THE SCHEME," HE SAID.

"I AM SURE THOSE WHO HAVE TAKEN PART IN THE SCHEME WILL HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE DEVELOPMENTS OF SHA TIN AND THE WORKING OF VARIOUS LOCAL AND GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS, AND THAT THEY WILL BE BETTER EQUIPPED WHEN DEALING WITH PROBLEMS IN THE FUTURE."

MORE THAN 60 PARTICIPANTS OF DEVELOPMENTS OF COMMUNITY LEADERS SCHEME RECEIVED CERTIFICATES ON COMPLETION OF THE SIX-DAY PROGRAMME. THEY WERE MOSTLY OFFICE BEARERS OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS' INCORPORATIONS AND YIN NGAI SOCIETIES IN THE DISTRICT.

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#### COMMUNICATION HELPS IMPROVE KWUN TONG LAW AND ORDER

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THE CLOSE CO-ORDINATION BETWEEN THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (DFCC), AREA COMMITTEES AND LOCAL RESIDENTS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE IMPROVING LAW AND ORDER SITUATION IN THE DISTRICT, KWUN TONG ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS ROSANNA URE SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

MRS URE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A FIGHT CRIME SEMINAR ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE TO COLLECT LOCAL VIEWS ON WAYS TO HELP PREVENT YOUNG PEOPLE FROM BEING INFLUENCED BY TRIAD ELEMENTS.

MRS URE SAID TODAY'S SEMINAR WAS CLOSELY RELATED TO THE LIVELIHOOD OF KWUN TONG RESIDENTS, OF WHICH THE MAJORITY WERE YOUNG PEOPLE.

SHE URGED PARTICIPANTS TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON POSSIBLE WAYS TO PREVENT AND COMBAT TRIAD CRIME.

"VIEWS COLLECTED AT THE SEMINAR WILL BE PUT FORWARD BY THE DFCC TO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED," SHE SAID.

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ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ACTIVITY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE KWUN TONG DFCC, MR LAM KIN-KWOK NOTED THAT TODAY'S SEMINAR WAS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR.

HE THANKED LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND RESIDENTS FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION, ESPECIALLY STUDENTS, AS THEIR PRESENCE WOULD PROVIDE VALUABLE INPUT TO THE DISCUSSION OF JUVENILE TRIAD CRIME.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, THE KWUN TONG DFCC MEMBER, MR MA YAT-CHEUNG AND SENIOR INSPECTOR OF THE KWUN TONG POLICE DIVISION, MR LO WAI-CHUNG, GAVE TALKS ON 'JUVENILE INVOLVEMENT IN TRIAD ACTIVITIES' AND 'TRIAD INFLUENCE AND WAYS TO COMBAT THE CRIME' RESPECTIVELY.

THE TALKS WERE FOLLOWED BY A GROUP DISCUSSION ON VARIOUS TOPICS CENTERING ON THE THEME OF 'ANTI-TRIAD ACTIVITIES'.

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NEW LSP PROPOSALS CHANGE CHARACTER OF SCHEME  
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THE PROPOSALS TO EXTEND THE LONG SERVICE PAYMENT PROVISIONS TO COVER WORKERS WHO RETIRE BECAUSE OF OLD AGE AND ILL HEALTH WILL CHANGE THE CHARACTER OF THE SCHEME SIGNIFICANTLY.

TILL NOW THE SCHEME HAS PROVIDED ONLY FOR EMPLOYEES BEING DISMISSED.

THE NEW PROPOSALS, WHICH WILL BE PUT TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL DURING THE CURRENT SESSION, WILL ENABLE SOME WORKERS TO RECEIVE LONG SERVICE PAYMENT UPON VOLUNTARY RESIGNATION.

THEY INCLUDE WORKERS AGED 65 OR ABOVE WITH NOT LESS THAN 10 YEARS SERVICE WITH THE SAME EMPLOYER AND THOSE WITH THE NECESSARY QUALIFYING YEARS OF SERVICE WHO HAVE BEEN CERTIFIED TO BE MEDICALLY UNFIT FOR THEIR PRESENT EMPLOYMENT BY A DOCTOR IN A GOVERNMENT OR GOVERNMENT-SUBVENTED HOSPITAL.

FAMILY MEMBERS OF A DECEASED EMPLOYEE WHO WAS QUALIFIED FOR LONG SERVICE PAYMENT WILL ALSO BE ELIGIBLE TO CLAIM IT IN FUTURE.

"THE REASON FOR SETTING THE QUALIFYING AGE AT 65 IS BECAUSE NOWADAYS MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ARE WORKING UNTIL THIS AGE AS A RESULT OF IMPROVED HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES AND LONGER LIFE EXPECTANCY," A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

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"AND THE TEN YEARS LENGTH OF SERVICE QUALIFICATION ALSO FALLS IN LINE WITH THE PRACTICE IN MOST PRIVATE PROVIDENT FUND SCHEMES."

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE IMPROVED LONG SERVICE PAYMENT SCHEME WOULD NOT ONLY PROVIDE RETIREMENT BENEFITS AND COMPENSATION FOR DISMISSAL FOR WORKERS, MORE IMPORTANTLY IT WOULD REMAIN A NON-CONTRIBUTORY SCHEME AS FAR AS EMPLOYEES WERE CONCERNED.

HE REITERATED THAT FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SCHEME WOULD BE CONSIDERED IN THE FUTURE.

LOOKING BACK ON THE OPERATION OF THE SCHEME, THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT THE LONG SERVICE PAYMENT PROVISIONS HAD BEEN GENERALLY OBSERVED BY EMPLOYERS.

SINCE THE SCHEME CAME INTO BEING IN JANUARY LAST YEAR, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT RECEIVED SOME 710 COMPLAINTS FROM WORKERS CONCERNING LONG SERVICE PAYMENT, REPRESENTING 2.3 PER CENT OF ALL THE DISPUTE CASES RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN THE SAME PERIOD.

AS A RESULT OF CONCILIATION EFFORTS BY THE DEPARTMENT'S LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE, 404 CASES WERE SETTLED WITH A TOTAL OF \$3.3 MILLION PAID OUT TO WORKERS.

ANOTHER 11 CASES WERE SETTLED BY PRIVATE ARRANGEMENT AFTER THE DEPARTMENT'S INITIAL CONCILIATION AND THE REST WERE REFERRED TO THE LABOUR TRIBUNAL FOR ADJUDICATION.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REVEALED THAT OF THE DISMISSAL CASES, 136 RELATED TO OLD AGE AND 46 TO PROLONGED ILLNESS OF WORKERS.

"FROM OUR EXPERIENCE IN HANDLING THESE CASES, EMPLOYERS TENDED TO DISMISS THEIR WORKERS FOR DIFFERENT REASONS, BUT VERY FEW DID IT JUST FOR THE ONE REASON THAT THE WORKERS WERE GETTING OLD," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"WORKERS WHO ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH THE REASONS FOR THEIR DISMISSAL CAN ALWAYS SEEK HELP FROM THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE AND EMPLOYERS WILL HAVE TO PAY THEM LONG SERVICE PAYMENT IF THE REASONS FOR DISMISSALS ARE NOT JUSTIFIED," HE ADDED.

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SHORTAGE OF SHIPBUILDING AND REPAIR CRAFTSMEN EXPECTED

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FOLLOWING THE RECOVERY OF SHIPBUILDING AND REPAIR ACTIVITIES IN HONG KONG, THE SHIPBUILDING, SHIP REPAIR AND OFFSHORE ENGINEERING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL FORECAST THAT THERE WOULD BE A SHORTAGE OF SKILLED CRAFTSMEN IN THE INDUSTRY FOR THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

IN FACT THE SHORTAGE HAS ALREADY BEEN FELT IN THE GROUPS OF HIGHLY SKILLED SHIPWRIGHT AND CARPENTER, THE BOARD STATED IN A RECENTLY RELEASED MANPOWER SURVEY REPORT.

IT ADDED THAT THE SHORTAGE WOULD BE MORE ACUTE AS MANY OF THESE SKILLED WORKERS WOULD SOON RETIRE AND FEW REPLACEMENTS WOULD BE AVAILABLE BECAUSE YOUNG PEOPLE DID NOT FIND THE INDUSTRY ATTRACTIVE TO JOIN.

THE SURVEY CONDUCTED IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR REVEALED THAT IN THE LAST TWO YEARS MANY SKILLED CRAFTSMEN HAD LEFT FOR JOBS OUTSIDE THE INDUSTRY DUE TO THE DOWNTURN OF THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY, THUS CAUSING THE NUMBER OF TECHNICAL WORKFORCE OF THE SHIPBUILDING AND REPAIR INDUSTRY TO DECLINE FROM 7,800 IN 1984 TO 6,900 IN 1986.

NEVERTHELESS, THE BOARD NOTED THAT THE RECOVERY OF THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY AT THE BEGINNING OF 1987 HAD LED TO MORE SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIR ACTIVITIES WHICH IN TURN WOULD INCREASE THE DEMAND FOR SKILLED SHIPBUILDING AND REPAIR MANPOWER FOR THE YEARS TO COME.

BASED ON THESE OBSERVATIONS, THE BOARD CONCLUDED IN THE SURVEY REPORT THAT THE DROP OF MANPOWER IN THE INDUSTRY WOULD BE LEVELLING OFF AND WOULD REMAIN STEADY IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

IT ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT EMPLOYERS SHOULD TRAIN 14 TECHNOLOGISTS, 24 TECHNICIANS AND 200 CRAFTSMEN A YEAR TO MEET THE FUTURE MANPOWER DEMAND SO AS TO MAINTAIN THE COMPETITIVENESS OF THE INDUSTRY.

CONTAINING DETAIL DESCRIPTIONS OF THE MANPOWER STRUCTURE OF THE INDUSTRY AND FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY, THE 1986 MANPOWER SURVEY REPORT ON THE SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIR INDUSTRY IS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE AT \$13 A COPY.

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DB TO DISCUSS TRAFFIC MEASURES AT LION ROCK TUNNEL

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THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 27) TO DISCUSS THE NEW MEASURES FOR IMPROVING TRAFFIC FLOW AT THE LION ROCK TUNNEL.

THE BOARD WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROGRESS OF THE WORK ON TATES' CAIRN TUNNEL.

MEMBERS WILL EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON A CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT ON THE TAXI POLICY REVIEW.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE INCREASE IN THE HIRING CHARGES OF REGIONAL COUNCIL CIVIC CENTRES AND A PROJECT BEING ORGANISED BY THE BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE FOR THE ELDERLY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD AT 9.30 AM ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 27) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE AT 152-172 KWONG FUK ROAD.

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DB FINANCE COMMITTEE TO MEET ON TUESDAY

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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 27) TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS ON DB WORKING GROUPS ENTRUSTING WORK TO OUTSIDE BODIES.

THE COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER WHETHER IT SHOULD FORMULATE RULES TO GOVERN THE SELECTION OF ORGANISATIONS TO UNDERTAKE PROJECTS JOINTLY WITH THE WORKING GROUPS OF THE BOARD.

THE MEETING WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SITTING-OUT AREA IN WONG NAI TAU INSTEAD OF AT SHA TIN WAI.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TO BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 27) AT THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON 6/F., KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION.

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FREE MEDICAL CHECK-UP FOR ELDERLY IN TA KWU LING

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ABOUT 150 ELDERLY RESIDENTS IN TA KWU LING IN NORTH DISTRICT TODAY (SUNDAY) RECEIVED FREE MEDICAL CHECK-UPS DURING A HEALTH DAY HELD AT THE TA KWU LING RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE.

ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE ON ELDERLY ACTIVITIES WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE EVENT WAS AIMED AT AROUSING AWARENESS AMONG THE ELDERLY ON THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING GOOD HEALTH.

AT TODAY'S FUNCTION, MEMBERS OF THE ST JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE WERE DEPLOYED TO PROVIDE BLOOD PRESSURE AND URINE TESTS AS WELL AS WEIGHT MEASURING SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY.

SIMILAR HEALTH DAYS HAD BEEN ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE FOR SENIOR RESIDENTS IN FANLING, SHEUNG SHUI AND SHA TAU KOK EARLIER THIS MONTH.

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KITE FLYING FUN DAY DRAWS LARGE CROWD

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MORE THAN 300 PEOPLE WHO TOOK PART IN THE HEALTHY OUTDOOR ACTIVITY OF KITE FLYING TODAY (SUNDAY) NOT ONLY TOOK HOME HAPPY MEMORIES OF THE FUN DAY BUT ALSO THE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE.

THE KITE FLYING FUN DAY, ORGANISED BY THE YOUTH VOLUNTEER GROUP OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, WAS HELD AT TAI AU MUN, SAI KUNG, A FAVOURITE SPOT FOR THIS ACTIVITY.

ADDRESSING THE GATHERING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MRS AGNES ALLCOCK, URGED YOUNG PEOPLE NEVER TO GET INVOLVED IN DRUGS BUT TO TAKE ACTIVE PART IN HEALTHY SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES.

MRS ALLCOCK LATER PRESENTED PRIZES TO WINNERS OF A KITE DESIGN COMPETITION WHICH WAS HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FUN DAY.

THROUGHOUT THE FOUR-HOUR EVENT, KITES WITH THE WINNING DESIGN WERE FLYING HIGH IN THE SKY AND COULD BE SEEN MILES AWAY.

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ANTI-TRIAD ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTHS IN SOUTHERN

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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (DFCC) WILL ORGANISE A SOCCER TROUNAMENT AND A TABLE TENNIS CONTEST TO DRIVE HOME THE ANTI-TRIAD MESSAGE AMONG YOUTHS IN THE DISTRICT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID THE AIM OF THE COMPETITIONS WAS TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO SPEND THEIR LEISURE IN HEALTHY AND MEANINGFUL ACTIVITIES.

THE ANTI-TRIAD SEVEN-A-SIDE SOCCER TOURNAMENT WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 15 AT WONG CHUK HANG HARD-SURFACED SOCCER PITCH. STUDENTS AND YOUTHS AGED BETWEEN 14 AND 25 ARE BEING INVITED TO FORM TEAMS TO TAKE PART IN THE SCHOOL SESSION AND THE OPEN SESSION RESPECTIVELY. DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS OCTOBER 30.

THE ANTI-TRIAD TABLE TENNIS CONTEST WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 29 AT THE LEI TUNG COMMUNITY HALL AND IS OPEN TO ALL PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS NOVEMBER 13. HOWEVER, PROSPECTIVE CONTESTANTS ARE ADVISED TO HAND IN THEIR ENTRY FORMS EARLY AS THE COMPETITION IS LIMITED TO 40 PEOPLE ONLY.

ENTRY FORMS FOR BOTH COMPETITIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES, AS WELL AS LOCAL YOUTH CENTRES AND SCHOOLS. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-540271.

IN ADDITION TO SPORT EVENTS, THE SOUTHERN DFCC WILL ORGANISE A SERIES OF ANTI-TRIAD TALKS IN LOCAL SCHOOLS AND AN ANTI-TRIAD NIGHT AT LEI TUNG COMMUNITY HALL IN DECEMBER.

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VICTORIA PARK LIGHTED UP FOR EASTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL

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SPECTACULAR FESTIVE LIGHTINGS IN VICTORIA PARK WILL BE SWITCHED ON FROM TUESDAY (OCTOBER 27) UNTIL NOVEMBER 28 TO CELEBRATE THE FIRST EASTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

THE LIGHTING DISPLAY, MEASURING ABOUT 11 METRES HIGH AND 14.5 METRES LONG, DEPICTS THE SKYLINE OF EASTERN DISTRICT IN THREE DIFFERENT LAYERS.

THE LIGHTS WILL BE TURNED ON DAILY FROM 6 PM TO 11 PM BETWEEN OCTOBER 27 AND NOVEMBER 28 WHEN THE FESTIVAL WILL COME TO AND END. THE DISPLAY IS SPONSORED BY THE SUN HUNG KAI REAL ESTATE AGENCY LTD.

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A SWITCHING-ON CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 5.30 PM ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 27) OUTSIDE THE SQUASH COURT (NEAR THE HING FAT STREET ENTRANCE) IN VICTORIA PARK.

EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GARY YEUNG; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG; DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR ERIC LI; URBAN COUNCILLOR, MRS ELEANOR LING AND THE FIRST RUNNER-UP OF MISS HONG KONG 1987, MISS ELIZABETH LEE, WILL ATTEND THE CEREMONY.

MEANWHILE, MORE THAN 10,000 FREE EASTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL SINCERITY CARDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SWITCHING-ON CEREMONY AT 5.30 PM ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 27) OUTSIDE THE SQUASH COURT IN VICTORIA PARK.

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#### NEW SIGNS AT NT TAXI BOUNDARY

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NEW SIGNS SHOWING A GREEN TAXI AND A RED PROHIBITORY STRIP ARE BEING ERECTED TO REPLACE THE EXISTING NEW TERRITORIES TAXI PROHIBITION SIGNS PUT UP AT THE BOUNDARY OF THE PERMITTED OPERATING AREA FOR NT TAXIS.

THE NEW SIGN, STIPULATED IN THE ROAD TRAFFIC (REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF VEHICLES) REGULATIONS, INDICATES THE END OF NT TAXI OPERATING AREA. ALL NT TAXIS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO OPERATE IN THE AREA BEYOND THAT SIGN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT NOTED THAT THE ERECTION OF NEW SIGNS WILL NOT BRING ANY CHANGE TO THE EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS OF NT TAXI OPERATIONS.

"IN OTHER WORDS, NT TAXIS WILL CONTINUE TO BE RESTRICTED TO OPERATE ONLY WITHIN THEIR PERMITTED OPERATING AREA," HE SAID.

THE SIGN REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT THREE MONTHS.

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TRAINING COURSES FOR KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS  
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KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND TWO 12-WEEK PART-TIME TRAINING COURSES STARTING IN MARCH NEXT YEAR.

THE TRAINING WILL BE OFFERED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AS EITHER 12-WEEK PART-TIME DAY RELEASE OR EVENING COURSES FOR THE TEACHERS (CHINESE).

THE DAY RELEASE COURSE WILL BE OPERATED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE. THE EVENING COURSE WILL BE RUN BY THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION.

TEACHERS INTENDING TO TAKE PART IN THE COURSES ARE ADVISED THAT A FURTHER SIX-MONTH POST-COURSE SUPERVISED TEACHING WILL BE REQUIRED OF ALL TRAINEES IN ADDITION TO THE 12-WEEK COURSES.

TRAINEES WILL BE AWARDED THE STATUS OF "QUALIFIED ASSISTANT KINDERGARTEN TEACHER" UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF BOTH THE COURSES AND THE SUPERVISED TEACHING, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

AN APPLICANT FOR THE COURSE SHOULD BE CURRENTLY A FULL-TIME PERMITTED OR REGISTERED KINDERGARTEN TEACHER WHO IS PROFESSIONALLY UNTRAINED AND HAS A MINIMUM OF TWO YEARS' TEACHING EXPERIENCE IN A REGISTERED KINDERGARTEN BY SEPTEMBER 1 THIS YEAR.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT LEE GARDENS, THIRD FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, ITS KOWLOON SUB-OFFICE AT KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 6TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, YAU MA TEI, AND THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION ANNEXE, 9TH FLOOR, ARGYLE CENTRE, PHASE ONE, 688 NATHAN ROAD, MONGKOK.

COMPLETED FORMS FOR THE COURSES SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE JOINT SELECTION BOARD, C/O GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION ANNEXE, BEFORE NOVEMBER 21.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR TAI PO ROAD IMPROVEMENT WORKS  
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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR WORKS IN CONNECTION WITH THE TAI PO ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT COVERING THE SECTION FROM HO TUNG LAU TO THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

THE WORKS INVOLVE MAINLY THE REALIGNMENT OF ABOUT 840 METRES OF TAI PO ROAD AND ITS WIDENING FROM TWO LANES TO THREE, STABILISATION OF THE ADJACENT RAILWAY SLOPE AND PROVISION OF LANDSCAPING.

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THEY ARE EXPECTED TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW AND REDUCE THE RISK OF ACCIDENTS.

CONSTRUCTION WORK IS SCHEDULED TO START EARLY NEXT YEAR AND TAKE 20 MONTHS TO COMPLETE. IT WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT, WHICH DESIGNED THE PROGRAMME.

TENDERS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY NOON ON NOVEMBER 13.

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PERMITS AVAILABLE FOR DISPOSAL OF COMMERCIAL, DOMESTIC WASTES  
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APPLICATIONS ARE BEING INVITED FROM PRIVATE OPERATORS FOR PERMITS TO DISPOSE OF COMMERCIAL AND DOMESTIC SOLID WASTES AT THE KENNEDY TOWN AND LAI CHI KOK INCINERATION PLANTS NEXT YEAR.

FORMS FOR PERMITS TO DISPOSE OF COMMERCIAL SOLID WASTES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE KENNEDY TOWN AND LAI CHI KOK INCINERATION PLANTS OR BY MAIL FROM THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, 98 CAROLINE HILL ROAD, HONG KONG.

FORMS FOR PERMITS TO DISPOSE OF DOMESTIC SOLID WASTES ARE OBTAINABLE FROM DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

CERTAIN WASTES WHICH MAY CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE INCINERATION PLANTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. THESE INCLUDE EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCES, SAWDUST, CORROSIVE WASTES, POISONOUS SUBSTANCES, SUBSTANCES GIVING OFF INFLAMMABLE VAPOURS, SUBSTANCES RENDERED DANGEROUS BY INTERACTION WITH WATER, HIGHLY COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS, COMPRESSED GASES, ROTTEN FRUIT AND VEGETABLES, CHEMICALS, CONSTRUCTION SITE MATERIALS, AND RADIOACTIVE WASTES.

THE NEW PERMITS WILL BE EFFECTIVE FROM JANUARY 1. CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS NOVEMBER 13.

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RECLAMATION PROJECT AT ABERDEEN AUTHORISED

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THE GOVERNOR HAS AUTHORISED THE RECLAMATION OF 3,350 SQUARE METRES WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 8,500 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT TAI SHUE WAN, ABERDEEN, FOR DEVELOPING A CRAFT VILLAGE BY OCEAN PARK LIMITED.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE OF AUTHORISATION PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE PROJECT MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS BEFORE OCTOBER 22, 1988.

THE NOTICE AND ITS RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, FIFTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, AND AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE, SHOP 25, 7-11, NAM NING STREET, GROUND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, ABERDEEN CENTRE, HONG KONG.

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