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+DISTRICT BOARDS ACHIEVING AIM+
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DISTRICT BOARDS HAVE SUCCEEDED IN ACHIEVING WHAT THEY ARE TASKED TO DO, AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, MR Q.W. LEE, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

HE STRESSED THAT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME IS THE GOVERNMENT'S ANSWER TO COPING WITH THE INCREASING COMPLEXITIES OF LIFE AND URBANISATION IN HONG KONG TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE NEW OFFICE OF THE KWAI CHUNG SUB-DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, MR LEE SAID THAT THE RAPID GROWTH OF NEW TOWNS POINTED TO THE NEED FOR MORE RESPONSIVE GOVERNMENT.

+BUT OVER THE YEARS, IT HAS BEEN FELT IN ALL QUARTERS CONCERNED THAT IT IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT FOR ONE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT TO ADEQUATELY LOOK AFTER A TERRITORY OF OVER FIVE MILLION PEOPLE,+ HE SAID.

+DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AIMS AT ACHIEVING CONSULTATION AND CO-ORDINATED ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES AT THE LOCAL LEVEL.

+AT THE CENTRE OF THE SCHEME ARE THE DISTRICT BOARDS WHICH CONSTITUTE THE LARGEST GROUP OF LOCAL ADVISORY BODIES IN THE TERRITORY.

+THE BOARDS ARE VIRTUALLY FREE TO DISCUSS ANY SUBJECT MEMBERS CONSIDERED TO BE AFFECTING THE WELL-BEINGS OF THE PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICTS, THUS PERFORMING AN ALL-EMBRACING ADVISORY FUNCTION ENSHRINED IN THE DISTRICT BOARD ORDINANCE.

+IN THE LAST 20 MONTHS OR SO SINCE THEY WERE FORMALLY ESTABLISHED, THE DISTRICT BOARDS HAVE PROVIDED SOME EXTREMELY USEFUL POINTERS FOR THE GOVERNMENT IN MAKING ITS IMPORTANT POLICIES. BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PUBLIC SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR THE HARD WORK OF MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS IN THIS RESPECT.+

HE SAID CREDIT MUST ALSO BE GIVEN TO DISTRICT BOARDS IN THE PROMOTION OF CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORT ACTIVITIES AND IN THE MANY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, AMID NUMEROUS OTHER PROJECTS OF VARIOUS NATURES.

+THUS FAR THE BOARDS HAVE SUCCESSFULLY DEMONSTRATED THAT THEY ARE INDEED ACHIEVING WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN MANDATED TO DO.+

IN PARTICULAR, HE PRAISED THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD FOR ITS GOOD WORK IN PROMOTING SPORTS, CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, AND IN ORGANISING ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES DURING THE FESTIVE SEASON.

+TO SUM UP, THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME PROVIDES FOR A SYSTEM OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN THE MANAGEMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS AND ALSO DRAWS THE ATTENTION OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT TO THE NEEDS AND PROBLEMS OF THE LOCAL PEOPLE.+

/MR LEE

MR LEE SAID HE WAS AMAZED TO HEAR THAT ALMOST ALL OF THE DEVELOPMENTS IN KWAI CHUNG TOOK IN THE LAST 30 YEARS.

HE PRAISED THE GOVERNMENT FOR ITS +FORESIGHT, PLANNING AND HARD WORK+, AND CONGRATULATED ALL RESIDENTS AND ENTREPRENEURS WHO HAD HELPED BUILD KWAI CHUNG.

EARLIER, THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, MR ADOLF HSU ALSO SPOKE ON HOW KWAI CHUNG EVOLVED FROM A SMALL VILLAGE IN THE EARLY 18TH CENTURY TO A BUSY TOWN OF THE 1980'S.

HE POINTED OUT THAT SINCE 1961, KWAI CHUNG HAS BEEN TURNING FROM A RURAL AREA INTO AN IMPORTANT INDUSTRIAL AREA AND A WORLD-FAMOUS CONTAINER TRANSPORT CENTRE BESIDES BEING A MAJOR NEW TOWN IN HONG KONG.

WITH ITS 440 000 PEOPLE, KWAI CHUNG IS ALSO CAPABLE OF PROVIDING A LARGE, SUITABLY TRAINED, WORKFORCE.

+ITS RAPID DEVELOPMENT HAS MADE KWAI CHUNG THE MOST FULLY-FLEDGED NEW TOWN IN HONG KONG AND SEEN BOTH ITS INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE FLOURISH. KWAI CHUNG'S PRESENT PROSPERITY REFLECTS THE JOINT EFFORTS OF GOVERNMENT AND THE RESIDENTS,+ HE SAID.

MR HSU ADDED THAT THE LOCATION OF THE NEW HEADQUARTERS WAS IDEAL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN THE VICINITY WAS MORE THAN ADEQUATE.

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CALL FOR MORE VOTERS
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MORE PEOPLE MUST BE ENCOURAGED TO REGISTER AS VOTERS THIS YEAR SO THAT MORE RESIDENTS CAN ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE, EITHER AS CANDIDATES OR VOTERS, IN NEXT YEAR'S TERRITORY-WIDE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER FOR KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI, MR TAM WING-PONG, SAID THIS TONIGHT AT A NEW YEAR DINNER PARTY ATTENDED BY COMMUNITY LEADERS FROM VARIOUS LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

+WE MUST DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ELECTORS IN ORDER TO RAISE PEOPLE'S INTEREST IN DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION,+ HE SAID.

+THEIR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE 1985 ELECTIONS WILL HELP MAKE THE DISTRICT BOARD A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORGANISATION OF ABSOLUTE REPRESENTATIVENESS.+

STRESSING THAT THIS IS NOT AN EASY TASK, MR TAM SAID IT COULD NOT BE ACCOMPLISHED ONLY BY THE DISTRICT BOARD OR DISTRICT OFFICE.

ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS VARIOUS AREA COMMITTEES AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES SHOULD ALSO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE BY SPREADING THE MESSAGE OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION TO RESIDENTS IN THEIR DISTRICT.

+THIS WILL ENABLE THE TERRITORY'S ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEM TO SUCCESSFULLY MARCH INTO A NEW ERA,+ HE SAID.

/MR TAM

MR TAM DESCRIBED 1984 AS AN IMPORTANT YEAR FOR DISTRICT BOARDS WHICH MUST PROVE THEIR WORTH WITH SOLID GOOD PERFORMANCES.

+IN SO DOING, THEY WILL STRENGTHEN PEOPLE'S CONFIDENCE IN THE BOARDS AND ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO SUPPORT AND DIRECTLY PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK OF THE BOARDS.+

HE ALSO APPEALED TO THE PUBLIC FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND COOPERATION WITH THE DISTRICT BOARD SO THAT THE GOALS OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION COULD BE FULLY ACHIEVED.

ON THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, HE SAID ITS MAIN FUNCTION WAS TO CONSOLIDATE THE GRASSROOT LEVEL OF THE COMMUNITY, TO MAINTAIN DIRECT AND CLOSE CONTACTS WITH THE PUBLIC, AND TO REFLECT THEIR VIEWS TO THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED.

AT THE SAME TIME, HE SAID THE 297 MAC'S WHICH WERE FORMED IN KWAI CHUNG WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE ALSO HELPED FOSTER A COMMUNITY SPIRIT AMONG THE GRASSROOTERS BESIDES IMPROVING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NEIGHBOURS AND THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT.

+THE SIX AREA COMMITTEES IN KWAI CHUNG ARE ALSO FORUMS FOR LOCAL PEOPLE TO DISCUSS AREA MATTERS AND TO WORK OUT SOLUTIONS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS,+ HE ADDED.

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WORK STARTS ON SECOND MAN KAM TO BRIDGE

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WORK STARTED TODAY (THURSDAY) ON CONSTRUCTION OF THE SECOND MAN KAM TO BRIDGE PROJECT.

THE CONTRACT TO BUILD THE NEW BRIDGE ACROSS THE SHENZHEN RIVER, VALUED AT \$6.58 MILLION, HAS BEEN AWARDED TO YEU SHING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED.

GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THE NEW BRIDGE PROJECT IN NOVEMBER AND SAID IT HAD BECOME NECESSARY IN ORDER TO COPE WITH INCREASED CROSS-BORDER TRAFFIC.

THE EXISTING MAN KAM TO BRIDGE IS THE ONLY ROAD LINK WITH CHINA AT PRESENT.

THE NEW BRIDGE WILL BE FOUR-SPAN, WITH TWO SPANS ON EACH SIDE OF THE BORDER, AND WILL HAVE A 7.5-METRE-WIDE CARRIAGEWAY.

IT WILL BE 52 METRES LONG AND HAVE A TWO-METRE-WIDE FOOTPATH ON EACH SIDE.

THE WORK ON THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF THE RIVER WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, WHICH DESIGNED THE PROJECT. THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES WILL CARRY OUT THE WORK ON THE NORTHERN SIDE.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT WILL INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF A VEHICLE HOLDING AREA AND A NEW ACCESS ROAD BETWEEN MAN KAM TO ROAD AND THE NEW BRIDGE.

THE WORK IS DUE TO BE COMPLETED BY THE BEGINNING OF SEPTEMBER.

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EXAM ENTRY DEADLINE -- APRIL 1

SCHOOLS WISHING TO ENTER CANDIDATES FOR THE FIRST TIME FOR THE HONG KONG HIGHER LEVEL EXAMINATION IN 1985 ARE REMINDED THAT THEY MUST APPLY TO THE SECRETARY OF THE HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL NOT LATER THAN APRIL 1 THIS YEAR.

THE SAME PROCEDURE APPLIES TO SCHOOLS WISHING TO ENTER CANDIDATES FOR THE FIRST TIME FOR CERTAIN PRACTICAL SUBJECTS SUCH AS BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY OR PHYSICS.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THIS PURPOSE ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY AT CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10/F, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE HANDBOOK OF THE REGULATIONS AND SYLLABUSES FOR THE 1985 EXAMINATION WILL BE PUBLISHED IN MARCH THIS YEAR AND WILL BE ON SALE AT THE PUBLICATION UNIT OF THE EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY AT 17 TSEUK LUK STREET, SAN PO KONG, KOWLOON AND THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE AT GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.

QUERIES CONCERNING THE EXAMINATION CAN BE MADE AT THE EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY AT 3-688906.

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REMINDER TO RATEPAYERS

RATEPAYERS ARE REMINDED THAT RATES FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1984 MUST BE PAID BY 4 PM ON JANUARY 31.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TREASURY SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT LATE PAYMENTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO A FIVE PER CENT SURCHARGE AND A FURTHER SURCHARGE OF 10 PER CENT ON ACCOUNTS STILL OUTSTANDING SIX MONTHS AFTER THE DUE DATE.

HE SAID RATEPAYERS SHOULD HAVE BY NOW RECEIVED DEMAND NOTES.

THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED DEMAND NOTES SHOULD APPLY FOR A COPY AT THE RATES SECTION OF THE TREASURY, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), NINTH FLOOR, 11 ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG- AT THE YAU MA TEI SUB-TREASURY, FOURTH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD- OR AT THE KOWLOON CITY SUB-TREASURY, MAN SANG COMMERCIAL BUILDING, FIRST FLOOR, 348-352 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD (CORNER OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AND JUNCTION ROAD), KOWLOON.

+WHETHER OR NOT THE DEMAND NOTE IS RECEIVED, IT DOES NOT ALTER THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE RATES SHOULD BE PAID BEFORE THE DUE DATE,+ HE POINTED OUT.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT RATES ARE PAYABLE ON VACANT PREMISES BUT ARE REFUNDABLE UNDER CONDITIONS SPECIFIED IN THE RATING ORDINANCE.

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HOWEVER, THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS IN THE CASE OF A VACANT TENEMENT LAST USED OR INTENDED TO BE USED WHOLLY OR PRIMARILY FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES OR FOR THE PARKING OF VEHICLES, UNLESS IT IS VACANT BY REASON OF AN ORDER OF THE GOVERNMENT.

TO AVOID QUEUEING, RATEPAYERS ARE URGED TO PAY BY CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER SENT BY POST OR BY EARLY PERSONAL ATTENDANCE AT ANY OF THE OFFICES LISTED ON THE BACK OF THE DEMAND NOTE.

RATEPAYERS WHO HAVE ALREADY SUBMITTED THEIR AUTOPAY FORMS SHOULD READ THEIR DEMAND NOTES CAREFULLY TO SEE IF THEY CONTAIN THE WORDING +PAYMENT BY AUTOPAY AS AUTHORISED+.

THE ABSENCE OF SUCH WORDING MEANS THEIR FORMS HAVE NOT YET BEEN PROCESSED, IN WHICH CASE THEY SHOULD CONTINUE TO PAY THEIR RATES IN THE NORMAL WAY, I.E. IN PERSON OR BY CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER.

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ALL SHA TIN FAIR SITES SOLD

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ALL 100 STALL SITES AT THE FORTHCOMING SHA TIN LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR WERE SOLD AT ABOVE THE UPSET PRICE AT A PUBLIC AUCTION TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE HIGHEST PRICE FOR A DRY GOODS STALL SELLING SUNDRY GOODS WAS \$950, WHILE THE LOWEST WAS \$450, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE HIGHEST SUM OF \$700 WAS PAID FOR A FLOWER STALL. THE LOWEST SUM PAID WAS \$140 AGAINST THE UPSET PRICE OF \$100 EACH.

THE TWO STALLS FOR THE SALE OF BOTTLED DRINKS FETCHED \$700 AND \$360, WHILE THE TWO SNACKS STALLS FETCHED \$680 AND \$600.

TODAY'S AUCTION, CONDUCTED BY STAFF OF THE SHA TIN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE, TOOK PLACE AT THE LEK YUEN COMMUNITY HALL AT LEK YUEN ESTATE.

THE SHA TIN LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR WILL BE HELD AT THE YUEN WO ROAD PLAYGROUND, WITHIN EASY WALKING DISTANCE OF RESIDENTS, BETWEEN JANUARY 26 AND FEBRUARY 2.

TOMORROW (FRIDAY), ABOUT 110 STALL SITES AT THE SHEUNG SHUI LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR WILL BE PUT ON AUCTION AT THE NORTH DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE AND TOWN HALL IN SHEUNG SHUI, STARTING 9.30 AM.

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EASTERN DISTRICT ATHLETES TO MEET
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MORE THAN 500 ATHLETES WILL COMPETE IN 65 FIELD AND TRACK EVENTS AT THE EASTERN DISTRICT ATHLETIC MEET ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 8) AT THE WAN CHAI STADIUM.

THE COMPETITIONS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SECTIONS FOR SIX AGE GROUPS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A 4X50-METRE INVITATION RELAY RACE FOR TEAMS FROM THE DISTRICT'S 10 AREA COMMITTEES.

THE MEET IS ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD, EASTERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE, AND EASTERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT ATHLETIC MEET STARTING AT 9 AM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 8) AT THE WAN CHAI STADIUM IN HARBOUR ROAD.

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TRANSPORT SURVEY REPORT ON SALE
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A STATISTICAL REPORT ENTITLED '+1981 SURVEY OF TRANSPORT AND RELATED SERVICES+' HAS JUST BEEN PUBLISHED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT. THIS IS THE SECOND IN THE SERIES, FOLLOWING THE REPORT ON THE 1980 SURVEY OF TRANSPORT ESTABLISHMENTS.

THE REPORT CONTAINS DESCRIPTIONS OF THE BACKGROUND AND METHODOLOGY OF THE SURVEY AND PROVIDES INFORMATION ON THE STRUCTURE, OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS AND PERFORMANCE OF THE TRANSPORT SECTOR IN 1981.

ANALYTICAL TABLES ARE ALSO INCLUDED, SHOWING PRINCIPAL STATISTICS FOR ALL TRANSPORT ESTABLISHMENTS CLASSIFIED BY GROUP-MAJOR GROUP AND ANALYSED BY NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED, TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, INCOME AND RECEIPTS AND VALUE ADDED.

IN ADDITION, THERE ARE DETAILED STATISTICS CLASSIFIED BY GROUP-MAJOR GROUP.

BESIDES PROVIDING INFORMATION TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR POLICY FORMULATION, THE STATISTICS ARE USEFUL TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR FOR DECISION MAKING, ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND MARKET RESEARCH.

THE REPORT IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AT \$8 A COPY.

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ROAD CLOSED FOR WORKS
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FROM 1 AM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 7) TO 7 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY, TONG SHUI ROAD BETWEEN JAVA ROAD AND KING'S ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICLES, EXCEPT THOSE REQUIRING LOCAL ACCESS, TO FACILITATE WORK ON THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC HEADING FOR KING'S ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA JAVA ROAD AND KAM HONG STREET.

VEHICLES ENTERING TONG SHUI ROAD FOR LOCAL ACCESS MAY LEAVE VIA MARBLE ROAD.

AND, FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY, A 65-METRE SECTION OF KING'S ROAD WESTBOUND NEAR THE JUNCTION WITH SHIPYARD LANE WILL BE DESIGNATED AS 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAY FOR ABOUT 18 MONTHS.

NO MOTOR VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE ROAD SECTION.

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