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COMMON APPROACH TO TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS: GOVERNOR

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BOTH THE BRITISH AND CHINESE GOVERNMENTS HAVE A COMMON APPROACH TO THE TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR HONG KONG, THE GOVERNOR SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

THE GOVERNOR WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT ON HIS RETURN FROM A SIX-DAY VISIT TO CHINA.

SIR DAVID SAID THAT ON ONE HAND THERE MUST BE PROPER RECOGNITION OF THE FACT THAT SOVEREIGNTY WAS BEING TRANSFERRED TO CHINA AT THAT POINT IN TIME AND THEN ON THE OTHER THERE MUST BE PROPER ARRANGEMENTS FOR A SMOOTH TRANSITION.

NOTING THAT THE BASIC LAW HAD TO COVER THE PROVISIONS FOR SETTING UP THE FIRST SAR GOVERNMENT, SIR DAVID SAID THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL OF WORK BEING DONE ON THE CHINESE SIDE ON THAT.

HE SAID THE CHINESE WERE STILL IN THE PROCESS OF DRAFTING AND RE-DRAFTING THE BASIC LAW AND THEY WOULD HAVE MEETINGS OF SPECIAL SUB-GROUPS LATER THIS MONTH.

SIR DAVID SAID HIS VISIT TO CHINA HAS BEEN A USEFUL ONE.

"IT HAS GIVEN ME A CHANCE IN PEKING TO BE IN TOUCH WITH CHINESE LEADERS AND SENIOR OFFICIALS DEALING WITH HONG KONG AFFAIRS," HE SAID.

"AND THEN THE LAST TWO DAYS IN FUJIAN WAS AN INTERESTING EXPERIENCE FOR ME. WHAT WAS VERY STRIKING WAS TO HEAR ABOUT THEIR PLANS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ALSO WHAT A LARGE ROLE HONG KONG INVESTMENT AND TRADE PLAY IN THEIR OWN DEVELOPMENT.

"ONE STRIKING STATISTIC FROM THE MAYOR OF XIAMEN WAS THAT TRADE WITH HONG KONG IN THE FIRST 10 MONTHS OF THIS YEAR IS ALREADY ALMOST DOUBLE WHAT IT WAS FOR THE WHOLE OF 1987. SO THERE IS CLEARLY GREAT INTEREST IN FUJIAN IN TRADE AND ECONOMIC LINKS WITH HONG KONG."

THE GOVERNOR WAS MET AT THE AIRPORT TODAY BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD; THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, MISS LYDIA DUNN; THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR ALLEN LEE; THE SENIOR CHINESE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP, MR KE ZAISHUO; AND THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE XINHUA NEWS AGENCY (H.K. BRANCH), MR ZHENG HUA.

RETURNING FROM CHINA WITH SIR DAVID WERE LADY WILSON, THE POLITICAL ADVISER, MR RICHARD CLIFT; AND THE PRIVATE SECRETARY, MR RICHARD HOARE.

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PROPOSED OFFER FOR SALE OF SHARES BY CWPLC, CWFE AND FSI

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THE DIRECTORS OF HONG KONG TELECOMMUNICATIONS LIMITED ("HONG KONG TELECOM" OR "THE COMPANY"), CABLE AND WIRELESS PLC ("CWPLC") AND CABLE AND WIRELESS (FAR EAST) LIMITED (CWFE) AND THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY INCORPORATED (FSI) ANNOUNCE THE PROPOSED OFFER FOR SALE OF SHARES IN HONG KONG TELECOM BY CWFE, A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF CWPLC, AND FSI (TOGETHER THE "VENDORS").

THE VENDORS PROPOSE TO OFFER FOR SALE IN EQUAL PROPORTIONS, SUBJECT TO MARKET CONDITIONS, AN AGGREGATE OF BETWEEN 712.5 MILLION AND 787.5 MILLION SHARES (THE "OFFER SHARES"), REPRESENTING A TOTAL OF BETWEEN 6.4 AND 7.1 PER CENT OF HONG KONG TELECOM'S ISSUED SHARE CAPITAL.

IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE OFFER (THE "COMBINED OFFER") WILL CONSIST OF AN OFFER FOR SALE IN HONG KONG (THE "HONG KONG OFFER"), A PUBLIC OFFERING IN THE UNITED STATES (THE "U.S. OFFER") AND AN INTERNATIONAL OFFERING COVERING OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD (THE "INTERNATIONAL OFFER").

THE SHARES OF HK\$0.50 EACH IN THE CAPITAL OF HONG KONG TELECOM (THE "SHARES") ARE ALREADY LISTED ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONG KONG LIMITED AND APPLICATION WILL BE MADE TO LIST THE SHARES, IN THE FORM OF AMERICAN DEPOSITARY SHARES ("ADSs"), ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

THE EXACT SIZE OF EACH OFFER AND THE PRICE WILL NOT BE FINALLY DECIDED UNTIL EARLY DECEMBER WHEN IT IS INTENDED THAT THE PROSPECTUSES IN RESPECT OF EACH OFFER WILL BE PUBLISHED.

THE COMBINED OFFER ,

THE PURPOSE OF THE COMBINED OFFER WILL BE TO WIDEN HONG KONG TELECOM'S LOCAL AND OVERSEAS SHAREHOLDER BASE AND, PURSUANT TO AN UNDERSTANDING REACHED WITH THE STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONG KONG LIMITED, TO INCREASE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN HONG KONG TELECOM, AND TO REDUCE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S EQUITY INVESTMENT IN LINE WITH ITS STATED POLICY.

THE HONG KONG OFFER IS EXPECTED INITIALLY TO COMPRISE BETWEEN 425 MILLION AND 500 MILLION OFFER SHARES AND WILL BE STRUCTURED AS A COMBINATION OF A PLACING WITH CERTAIN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND A PUBLIC OFFER FOR SALE.

UNDER THE U.S. OFFER, IT IS INTENDED THAT 187.5 MILLION SHARES, REPRESENTED BY ADSs, WILL BE PUBLICLY OFFERED IN THE USA. THE INTERNATIONAL OFFER OF 100 MILLION SHARES WILL BE DIRECTED AT INVESTORS IN VARIOUS OTHER JURISDICTIONS.

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IN ORDER TO MAXIMISE THE FLEXIBILITY OF THE COMBINED OFFER, IT IS INTENDED THAT THE HONG KONG OFFER MAY BE INCREASED BY UP TO 20 PER CENT AND THE U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL OFFERS CORRESPONDINGLY REDUCED IN ORDER TO SATISFY IN WHOLE OR IN PART APPLICATIONS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

AT PRESENT APPROXIMATELY 79 PER CENT OF THE ISSUED CAPITAL OF HONG KONG TELECOM IS OWNED BY CWFE AND CWPLC, APPROXIMATELY 11 PER CENT IS OWNED BY FSI AND APPROXIMATELY 10 PER CENT IS OWNED BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

ON THE BASIS STATED ABOVE, IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE COMBINED OFFER, CWPLC AND CWFE WOULD OWN IN AGGREGATE APPROXIMATELY 76 PER CENT OF THE ISSUED SHARE CAPITAL, THE GENERAL PUBLIC WOULD OWN APPROXIMATELY 17 PER CENT AND FSI WOULD OWN APPROXIMATELY 7 PER CENT.

SUBJECT TO CERTAIN LIMITED EXCEPTIONS, EACH OF THE VENDORS AND CWPLC WILL AGREE NOT TO DISPOSE OF ANY FURTHER SHARES, AND HONG KONG TELECOM WILL AGREE NOT TO ISSUE ANY NEW SHARES, FOR A PERIOD OF 15 MONTHS AFTER THE COMBINED OFFER.,

PREFERENTIAL APPLICATION RIGHTS

THE VENDORS INTEND TO GIVE THOSE SHAREHOLDERS OF HONG KONG TELECOM (OTHER THAN CWPLC, CWFE AND FSI) WITH REGISTERED ADDRESSES IN HONG KONG ON NOVEMBER 29, 1988, PREFERENTIAL RIGHTS UNDER THE HONG KONG OFFER TO APPLY AT THE OFFER PRICE FOR ONE OFFER SHARE FOR EVERY TEN SHARES THEN HELD.

THESE RIGHTS WILL BE NON-TRANSFERABLE AND WILL REQUIRE APPLICANTS TO GIVE APPROPRIATE DECLARATIONS AS TO COMPLIANCE WITH ANY APPLICABLE OVERSEAS LAWS.

PREFERENTIAL RIGHTS ARE ALSO INTENDED TO BE GIVEN IN RESPECT OF APPLICATIONS IN THE HONG KONG OFFER AT THE OFFER PRICE BY HONG KONG RESIDENT EMPLOYEES OF THE HONG KONG TELECOM GROUP (OTHER THAN DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES SECONDED FROM CWPLC) FOR BETWEEN APPROXIMATELY 42.5 MILLION AND 50 MILLION OFFER SHARES, BEING 10 PER CENT OF THE HONG KONG OFFER.

FOR THE PURPOSES OF DETERMINING THE SHAREHOLDERS ENTITLED TO THE BENEFIT OF THE PREFERENTIAL RIGHTS THE REGISTER OF HONG KONG TELECOM WILL BE CLOSED AT 4 PM ON NOVEMBER 24, 1988 AND WILL BE REOPENED ON NOVEMBER 30, 1988.

PROFIT FORECAST

THE DIRECTORS OF HONG KONG TELECOM ANNOUNCED ON NOVEMBER 4, 1988 THAT THE PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS FOR THE SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1988 WAS HK\$1,723.0 MILLION. THEY ALSO ANNOUNCED AN INTERIM DIVIDEND OF HK\$0.11 PER SHARE PAYABLE ON JANUARY 25, 1989.

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IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED COMBINED OFFER, A PROFIT FORECAST OF HONG KONG TELECOM HAS BEEN PREPARED.

THE DIRECTORS ARE FORECASTING THAT, ON CERTAIN BASES AND ASSUMPTIONS WHICH WILL BE SET OUT IN THE PROSPECTUSES FOR THE COMBINED OFFER AND IN THE ABSENCE OF UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES, THE PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS OF HONG KONG TELECOM FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1989 IS UNLIKELY TO BE LESS THAN HK\$3,590 MILLION.

THIS WOULD REPRESENT HK\$0.323 PER SHARE ON THE BASIS OF 11,099,274,768 SHARES, BEING THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE NUMBER OF SHARES EXPECTED TO BE IN ISSUE FOR THAT YEAR, EXCLUDING ANY SHARES WHICH MAY BE ISSUED PURSUANT TO THE SCRIP DIVIDEND SCHEME IN RESPECT OF THE HONG KONG TELECOM INTERIM DIVIDEND.

THE PROFIT FORECAST TAKES INTO ACCOUNT AN INCREASE, WITH EFFECT FROM OCTOBER 1, 1988, IN THE RATE OF ROYALTY PAYABLE TO HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BY CABLE AND WIRELESS (HONG KONG) LIMITED UNDER ITS LICENCE TO 9 PER CENT FROM THE PREVIOUS RATE OF 7 PER CENT WHICH HAD BEEN UNCHANGED SINCE 1981. THE NEW RATE OF ROYALTY WILL NEXT BE SUBJECT TO REVIEW AFTER FIVE YEARS, IN 1993.

DIVIDEND FORECAST

ON THE BASIS OF THE PROFIT FORECAST AND TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE INTERIM DIVIDEND OF HK\$0.11 PER SHARE, THE DIRECTORS INTEND TO RECOMMEND A FINAL DIVIDEND OF HK\$0.115 PER SHARE, PAYABLE IN SEPTEMBER 1989, IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1989.

THIS WOULD REPRESENT A DISTRIBUTION OF 70 PER CENT OF THE COMPANY'S EARNINGS AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO SHAREHOLDERS IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1989, BASED UPON THE PROFIT FORECAST.

FINANCIAL ADVISERS AND UNDERWRITERS

PURDENTIAL ASIA CAPITAL LIMITED IS ACTING AS THE FINANCIAL ADVISER TO CWFE AND BARING BROTHERS & CO., LIMITED AS THE FINANCIAL ADVISER TO FSI.

IT IS INTENDED THAT THE HONG KONG OFFER WILL BE UNDERWRITTEN BY PRUDENTIAL ASIA CAPITAL LIMITED, BARING BROTHERS & CO., LIMITED AND WARDLEY CORPORATE FINANCE LIMITED.

IT IS INTENDED THAT THE LEAD MANAGERS OF THE U.S. OFFER WILL BE PURDENTIAL-BACHE CAPITAL FUNDING, BARING SECURITIES INC., GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO. AND MERRILL LYNCH CAPITAL MARKETS AND THAT THE LEAD MANAGERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL OFFER WILL BE PRUDENTIAL-BACHE CAPITAL FUNDING AND BARING BROTHERS & CO., LIMITED.

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BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
HONG KONG TELECOMMUNICATIONS LIMITED
K.K. CLAYDON
SECRETARY
HONG KONG, NOVEMBER 7, 1988

BY ORDER OF THE COURT OF DIRECTORS
CABLE AND WIRELESS PLC
R.E. MCALISTER
SECRETARY
LONDON, NOVEMBER 7, 1988

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
CABLE AND WIRELESS (FAR EAST) LIMITED
K.K. CLAYDON
SECRETARY
HONG KONG, NOVEMBER 7, 1988

THE FINANCIAL
SECRETARY INCORPORATED
THE HONOURABLE THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY
P. JACOBS, OBE, JP
HONG KONG, NOVEMBER 7, 1988

THE DIRECTORS OF HONG KONG TELECOM, CWPLC AND CWFE, AND FSI HAVE TAKEN ALL REASONABLE CARE TO ENSURE THAT, SO FAR AS CONCERNS HONG KONG TELECOM, CWPLC, CWFE AND FSI RESPECTIVELY, THE FACTS STATED HEREIN ARE ACCURATE AND THE OPINIONS EXPRESSED HAVE BEEN ARRIVED AT AFTER DUE AND CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AND NO MATERIAL FACTORS HAVE BEEN OMITTED.

THE DIRECTORS OF HONG KONG TELECOM, CWPLC AND CWFE, AND FSI SEVERALLY ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY ACCORDINGLY.

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ADVISER ON NEW SECURITIES LEGISLATION TO ARRIVE

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MR GEOFFREY LEWIS, HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCE HERBERT SMITH IN LONDON, IS ARRIVING LATER THIS WEEK TO TAKE UP A ONE-YEAR APPOINTMENT AS ADVISER ON NEW SECURITIES LEGISLATION TO THE PROPOSED NEW SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION (SFC).

UNTIL FORMATION OF THE SFC, HE WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE PROVISIONAL SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION LIMITED (PSFC).

MR LEWIS WILL PLAY A LEADING ROLE IN THE COMPREHENSIVE OVERHAUL OF HONG KONG'S SECURITIES AND FUTURES LEGISLATION WHICH WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE SECURITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE IN ITS REPORT RELEASED IN JUNE THIS YEAR.

THE FIRST PHASE OF SUCH LEGISLATIVE REFORM IS THE BILL ESTABLISHING THE SFC, THE FIRST DRAFT OF WHICH IS NOW AT AN ADVANCED STAGE OF PREPARATION.

THE DECISION TO SECURE THE LEGAL EXPERTISE OF MR LEWIS WAS MADE SHORTLY AFTER THE INCORPORATION OF THE PSFC TO FACILITATE THE EARLY ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SFC.

MR LEWIS WAS SENIOR PARTNER OF HERBERT SMITH IN HONG KONG FROM 1983 TO 1986.

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FARM VISIT TO SEE PROGRESS OF DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

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THE CONSTRUCTION WORK OF DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS IN LIVESTOCK WASTE DISPOSAL ON PRIVATE FARMS HAS COMMENCED AND THE FIRST BATCH OF FARMS WILL BE OPERATIONAL IN FEBRUARY.

MEMBERS OF THE STEERING GROUP ON DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS ON PRIVATE FARMS OF THE LIVESTOCK WASTE DISPOSAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE VISITED A LIVESTOCK FARM IN MA ON SHAN THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES THE PROGRESS OF THE BUILDING WORKS.

THE VISIT WAS ORGANISED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT.

THE MA ON SHAN FARM, WHICH HAS 400 PIGS, WAS SELECTED FOR THE DEMONSTRATION OF HYBRID TREATMENT METHOD.

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A TOTAL OF NINE LIVESTOCK FARMS COMPRISING SIX PIG FARMS AND THREE CHICKEN FARMS IN SHEUNG SHUI, FANLING, MA ON SHAN AND SHA TAU KOK HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO CARRY OUT DEMONSTRATION ON DRY-MUCK-OUT, WET-MUCK-OUT, PIG-ON-LITTER AND HYBRID TREATMENT METHODS TO COPE WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LIVESTOCK WASTE DISPOSAL CONTROL SCHEME.

EARLIER, GROUP MEMBERS WERE BRIEFED BY EPD REPRESENTATIVES ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.

THEY WERE TOLD THAT ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE MADE FOR INTERESTED LIVESTOCK FARMERS TO VISIT THE PRIVATE FARMS PARTICIPATING IN THE PROJECTS DURING A SIX-MONTH DEMONSTRATION PERIOD TO ENABLE THEM TO HAVE A CLEARER PICTURE ON HOW THESE FACILITIES WORK.

MR LEO KWAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE STEERING GROUP, SAID THAT TO ENSURE THE DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS WERE CARRIED OUT SMOOTHLY, MEMBERS WILL VISIT THE DEMONSTRATION FARMS REGULARLY TO MONITOR THESE OPERATIONS CLOSELY.

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WORKING GROUP TO DISCUSS IMPACT OF
HYPOXIC LAYER ON MARICULTURE

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THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES WORKING GROUP WILL DISCUSS THE IMPACT OF THE PRESENCE OF HYPOXIC LAYER ON MARICULTURE AT A MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 9).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS FACTORS CAUSING THE POLLUTION OF THE TOLO HARBOUR AND MEASURES TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT TO MITIGATE THE PROBLEM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES WORKING GROUP AT 10 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 152 KWONG FUK ROAD ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 9).

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TWO MORE SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR TUEN MUN

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION FOR TWO STANDARD SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN TUEN MUN.

THE FULL-INTERLOCKED SCHOOLS - EACH WITH THEIR OWN ASSEMBLY HALL LOCATED ONE ON TOP OF THE OTHER - WILL BE LOCATED IN AREA 14.

THEY WILL ALSO EACH HAVE ONE CLASSROOM BLOCK TO ACCOMMODATE 25 CLASSROOMS AND ONE SPECIAL CLASSROOM BLOCK TO HOUSE LABORATORIES OF VARIOUS DISCIPLINES.

CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN JANUARY AND TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE 12 NOON, NOVEMBER 18.

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1982 PRIVATE CARS COME UNDER INSPECTION SCHEME

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PRIVATE CARS MANUFACTURED IN 1982 WHICH REQUIRED A NEW LICENCE COMMENCING ON OR AFTER APRIL 1 NEXT YEAR MUST PASS A ROADWORTHINESS TEST PRIOR TO LICENCE RENEWAL, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY).

"UNDER THE PRIVATE CAR INSPECTION SCHEME WHICH CAME INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 2, 1986, ALL SIX-YEAR-OLD PRIVATE CARS MUST FIRST OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF ROADWORTHINESS FROM A GOVERNMENT-DESIGNATED CAR TESTING CENTRE BEFORE THEIR LICENCES CAN BE RENEWED," A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

"WITH THE APPROACH OF 1989, IT IS ONLY NATURAL THAT 1982 CARS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE INSPECTION SCHEME," HE SAID.

THERE ARE 17 DESIGNATED CAR TESTING CENTRES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR AND APPOINTMENTS FOR INSPECTION MAY BE MADE FOUR MONTHS BEFORE THE EXPIRY DATE OF THE VEHICLE LICENCE.

THE PARTS INSPECTED INCLUDE: THE BRAKING AND STEERING SYSTEM, SUSPENSION, WHEELS AND TYRES, ENGINE AND TRANSMISSION, ELECTRICAL FITTINGS AND LIGHTING, BODYWORK AND GENERAL ITEMS SUCH AS NUMBER PLATES, WINDSCREEN WIPERS AND WASHERS AND SEAT BELTS.

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OF THE 48,031 VEHICLES WHICH UNDERWENT THEIR FIRST INSPECTIONS UNDER THE SCHEME IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, ABOUT 75 PER CENT PASSED, COMPARED WITH A PASS RATE OF 69 PER CENT AMONG THE 52,079 FIRST INSPECTIONS IN 1987. A TOTAL OF 129,046 INSPECTIONS HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT UP TO SEPTEMBER 1988.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THE CERTIFICATE OF ROADWORTHINESS FOR ANY PRIVATE CAR WHICH HAS PASSED THE TEST MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE DEPARTMENT WITHIN FOUR MONTHS OF THE ISSUE DATE FOR RELICENSING A VEHICLE, OTHERWISE ITS VALIDITY WILL LAPSE.

THE FEE FOR A CAR INSPECTION IS \$160 AND A RE-CHECK FEE OF \$50 IS CHARGED WHEN DEFECTS FOUND IN THE ORIGINAL INSPECTION ARE REMEDIED AND EXAMINED WITHIN 14 DAYS. IN CASES OF SPECIFIED MINOR FAULTS, THE RE-CHECK IS FREE OF CHARGE.

SHOULD A CAR OWNER DISAGREE WITH THE RESULT OF A TEST, HE CAN APPEAL TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR A FRESH, INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION.

"TO AVOID UNNECESSARY INCONVENIENCE, CAR OWNERS SHOULD HAVE THEIR VEHICLES CHECKED AND REPAIRED BEFORE THE INSPECTION APPOINTMENT WITH CAR TESTING CENTRES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON 5-200933.

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ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION IN EASTERN DISTRICT

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THE CIVIC EDUCATION PROMOTION WORKING GROUP OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD PLANS TO ORGANISE A CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN IN THE DISTRICT DURING NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.

A SERIES OF EDUCATIONAL AND PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES WILL BE LAUNCHED THROUGH THE JOINT EFFORTS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, ICAC AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

THE ICAC WILL ASSIST IN ORGANISING A TRAM PARADE TO PROMOTE THE CONCEPT OF FAIRNESS. CARTOON DRAWINGS, GAMES AND A DRAMA PERFORMANCE WILL BE STAGED ON THE TRAM ON NOVEMBER 19 AND 26.

A QUIZ WILL ALSO BE ORGANISED IN EARLY DECEMBER TO CONVEY THE MESSAGE OF FAIR PLAY AMONG PRIMARY SIX STUDENTS.

A TWO-DAY CAMP ON CIVIC EDUCATION TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 17 AND 18 AT LEI YUE MUN PARK, WILL BE THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.

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ABOUT 150 YOUNG PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 16 AND 35 ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN THE TWO-DAY CAMP.

PROGRAMMES IN THE CAMP INCLUDE A DB ELECTION SIMULATION GAME CARRYING THE MESSAGE OF CIVIC AWARENESS ON THE FIRST DAY AND A TOUR TO CIVIC EDUCATION VILLAGE. FREE DISCUSSION, 'DEMOCRACY WALL', 'WISHING TREE', GAME STALLS AND QUIZ, WILL BE FEATURED IN THE TOUR PROGRAMME ON THE SECOND DAY OF THE CAMP.

TO MAINTAIN GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP AND TO CO-ORDINATE EFFORTS IN ORGANISING CIVIC EDUCATION ACTIVITIES WITH THE 13 AREA COMMITTEES IN EASTERN DISTRICT, MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP WILL VISIT THEM WHEN THEY HOLD MEETINGS DURING NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.

IN ORDER TO INTRODUCE THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD TO NEW RESIDENTS, A TOTAL OF 50,000 INFORMATION CARDS WHICH CONTAIN CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF DB MEMBERS, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND A CALENDAR OF 1989, WILL BE PUBLISHED BY THE WORKING GROUP AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE PUBLIC IN MID NOVEMBER.

THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE HAS RECENTLY PRODUCED 10 SETS OF EASTERN DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION INFORMATION KITS WHICH COMPRISE A VIDEO ON EASTERN DISTRICT, A SLIDE PRESENTATION AND CASSETTE TAPE ABOUT EASTERN DISTRICT, 1988-91 EASTERN DISTRICT STRATEGY, DB ANNUAL REPORT AND AN INFORMATION CARD.

THE KITS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR LOAN AT THE EASTERN DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION INFORMATION CENTRE IN HING WAH COMMUNITY HALL. LOCAL SCHOOLS, ORGANISATIONS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES ARE WELCOME TO MAKE BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS AT THE CENTRE BEGINNING MID NOVEMBER.

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DISCUSSION ON DEVELOPING NORTHERN SAI KUNG INTO RECREATIONAL ZONE

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THE RECREATION, SPORTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 9) TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING THE SAI KUNG NORTH REGION INTO A MAJOR RECREATIONAL ZONE.

IN CONNECTION WITH THIS DISCUSSION, MEMBERS WILL ALSO NOTE THE EXISTING AND PLANNED PROVISION OF RECREATION, SPORTS AND CULTURAL FACILITIES IN THE REGION.

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OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE A REPORT BY THE WORKING GROUP ON THE RECREATION, SPORTS AND CULTURAL FACILITIES IN TAI PO AND THE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES PLANNED BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT FOR THE DISTRICT IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE RECREATION, SPORTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 152 KWONG FUK ROAD ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 9).

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NORTH DB COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER PROVIDING LIGHTING FACILITIES

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MEMBERS OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO DISCUSS A PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE LIGHTING FACILITIES FOR SIX ENDORSED PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT.

TO UPGRADE THE STANDARD OF THESE PROJECTS, IT IS PROPOSED THAT FLOODLIGHT SHOULD BE INSTALLED AT A BASKETBALL COURT IN TA KWU LING AND LIGHTING BE PROVIDED FOR FIVE SITTING-OUT AREAS IN FANLING, SHA TAU KOK AND TA KWU LING.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER RECONSTRUCTING A FOOTPATH IN THE OUTLYING ISLAND OF KAT O, SHA TAU KOK.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE SITUATION REPORTS ON PROJECTS OF LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS, MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND SQUATTER AREA IMPROVEMENT AS WELL AS THE VILLAGE LIGHTING PROGRAMME.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE AT 9.30 AM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING.

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WAN CHAI TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TO MEET

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THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE REVISED LAYOUT PLAN OF THE FOOTBRIDGE ACCESS TO HENNESSY ROAD AT PERCIVAL STREET SUBMITTED BY THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT AT A MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

SEVERAL MEMBERS WILL ALSO RAISE QUESTIONS ON THE SERVICE OF GREEN MINI-BUS NO. 14M; ILLEGAL PARKING AT JOHNSTON ROAD NEAR LUARD ROAD, AND TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT MEASURES IN HAPPY VALLEY AT THE MEETING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT 4 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE, EIGHTH FLOOR, TUNG WAH MANSION, 201 HENNESSY ROAD, HONG KONG.

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CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION PROGRAMME FOR TSUEN WAN

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THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER THE BUDGET AND DETAILS OF THE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION PROGRAMME THIS YEAR AT A MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 9) AFTERNOON.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS FROM THE TSUEN WAN CULTURE AND RECREATION CO-ORDINATION ASSOCIATION, THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE AND OTHER LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

PROGRESS REPORTS OF VARIOUS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED AT THE MEETING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE TO BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 9) IN THE MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, SECOND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

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TEMPORARY URBAN CLEARWAY IN WELLINGTON STREET

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT WELLINGTON STREET IN CENTRAL BETWEEN HOUSE NOS. 98 AND 114 WILL BE DESIGNATED A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 10).

THE RESTRICTION WILL LAST FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS TO FACILITATE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURES ON LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS, SECTIONS OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD IN SHA TIN WILL BE CLOSED FROM ONE MINUTE PAST MIDNIGHT TO 6 AM ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

- * NOVEMBER 9 - FAST LANE OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD NORTHBOUND BETWEEN LION ROCK TUNNEL TOLL PLAZA AND HUNG MUI KUK INTERCHANGE.
- * NOVEMBER 16 - FAST LANE OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD NORTHBOUND BETWEEN HUNG MUI KUK INTERCHANGE AND SUN TIN WAI ESTATE.
- * NOVEMBER 23 - SLOW LANE OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD NORTHBOUND BETWEEN LION ROCK TUNNEL TOLL PLAZA AND HUNG MUI KUK INTERCHANGE.
- * NOVEMBER 30 - SLOW LANE OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD NORTHBOUND BETWEEN HUNG MUI KUK INTERCHANGE AND SUN TIN WAI ESTATE.

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INTERRUPTION TO FRESH WATER SUPPLY

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING DISRUPTIONS TO FRESH WATER SUPPLY DUE TO WATER WORKS:

- * THE SUPPLY TO PREMISES IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY AUSTIN ROAD, NATHAN ROAD, SALISBURY ROAD AND CHEONG WAN ROAD IN TSIM SHA TSUI WILL EXPERIENCE WEAK WATER PRESSURE BETWEEN 8 PM TODAY (MONDAY) (NOVEMBER 7) AND 7 AM ON TUESDAY.
- * THE SUPPLY TO ALL BLOCKS OF CHOI HUNG ESTATE WILL BE CUT OFF BETWEEN 11 PM ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 10) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY.
- * THE SUPPLY TO PREMISES AT 66-82 GLOUCESTER ROAD, 99-123 AND 94-122 JAFFE ROAD, 87-147 AND 88-148 LOCKHART ROAD, 18-20 LUARD ROAD, 87-147 HENNESSY ROAD AND 2A-34 O'BRIEN ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 11) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 42.3 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 247.858 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 394.689 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 67.3 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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