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GOVERNOR VISITS HOUSING DEPARTMENT

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, VISITED THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS THIS AFTERNOON TO KEEP ABREAST OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN PUBLIC HOUSING.

SIR DAVID WAS WELCOMED ON ARRIVAL BY THE NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES AND BY THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR PANG YUK-LING.

SIR DAVID TOURED THE DEPARTMENT'S EXHIBITION HALL, WHERE HE WATCHED AN AUDIO-VISUAL PRESENTATION DEPICTING THE EVOLUTION OF PUBLIC HOUSING IN HONG KONG.

HE WAS THEN GIVEN A BRIEFING ON ALL ASPECTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING BY MR PANG AND THE SENIOR DIRECTORATE STAFF.

BEFORE LEAVING, SIR DAVID SAW A DEMONSTRATION OF COMPUTER-AIDED DESIGN AND DRAUGHTING.

FOLLOWING HIS VISIT, SIR DAVID SAID THAT THE LONG TERM HOUSING STRATEGY MEANT THAT HONG KONG HAD SET ITSELF THE AMBITIOUS TARGET OF PRODUCING OVER A MILLION NEW FLATS BY 2001.

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR BUILDING MORE THAN HALF OF THESE. TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET, IT WOULD BE ESSENTIAL TO MAINTAIN CLOSE LIAISON BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS, HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID ALSO SAID THAT PLANS TO REDEVELOP THE OLDER ESTATES WERE PROCEEDING WELL.

THE GOVERNMENT WAS NOW WORKING OUT HOW TO PROVIDE THE HOUSING AUTHORITY WITH THE NECESSARY ADDITIONAL LAND, INCLUDING SOME SITES WITHIN THE URBAN AREA SO THAT FAMILIES FROM REDEVELOPED OLDER ESTATES COULD CONTINUE TO LIVE NEAR THEIR PRESENT LOCALITY.

"THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC HOUSING WILL IN NO WAY BE DIMINISHED BY THE RECENT REORGANISATION," HE SAID.

"RATHER IT HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT OUR PROGRAMMES CAN BE ACHIEVED MORE EFFECTIVELY."

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PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON SUMMER TIME PROPOSAL

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL SOON START SEEKING VIEWS FROM THE PUBLIC ON THE MERITS OF A PROPOSAL TO ADOPT SUMMER TIME (GMT+9) IN HONG KONG.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) BY THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR MIKE ROWSE, FOLLOWING A DECISION BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

MR ROWSE SAID THE CHIEF SECRETARY, IN REPLY TO A QUESTION IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN JANUARY, HAD UNDERTAKEN TO CONSULT THE DISTRICT BOARDS AND OTHER INTERESTED GROUPS SHOULD THE GOVERNMENT DECIDE TO TAKE THE MATTER FURTHER.

"THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS CONSIDERED THE ISSUE AND DECIDED THAT THE MATTER SHOULD BE PUT FORWARD FOR PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE A FINAL DECISION IS MADE," MR ROWSE SAID.

CONSULTATIONS WILL START EARLY NEXT MONTH AND WILL CONTINUE FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS.

THE ADMINISTRATION WILL APPROACH THE DISTRICT BOARDS, SCHOOLS, TRANSPORT OPERATORS, POWER COMPANIES, AIRLINES, TRADE BODIES AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES FOR THEIR VIEWS ON THE ISSUE.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO MAKE COMMENTS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, FIRST FLOOR, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, BEFORE THE END OF JULY.

IN A CONSULTATION PAPER SOON TO BE TABLED FOR DISCUSSION AT THE DISTRICT BOARDS, THE ADMINISTRATION OUTLINES THE FOLLOWING ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF INTRODUCING SUMMER TIME:

ADVANTAGES OF SUMMER TIME

- (I) THERE IS AN EXTRA HOUR OF DAYLIGHT IN THE EVENING WHEN IT CAN BE USED FOR WORK, LEISURE OR SPORTS;
- (II) IT MAY HELP SAVE ELECTRICITY. FOR EXAMPLE, GMT+9 WAS INTRODUCED AS A FUEL ECONOMY MEASURE DURING THE LAST TWO OIL CRISES IN 1973 AND 1979. IT HAS BEEN ESTIMATED THAT THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS COULD SAVE CONSIDERABLE SUMS EACH YEAR; AND
- (III) BY ADOPTING GMT+9 DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS, HONG KONG WOULD MOVE IN LINE WITH MANY OTHER MAJOR COUNTRIES, FOR EXAMPLE, THE UNITED STATES, EEC MEMBERS, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA. CROSS-BORDER TRANSPORT OPERATORS WOULD PROBABLY APPRECIATE THE CONVENIENCE OF MOVING INTO LINE WITH CHINA.

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DISADVANTAGES OF SUMMER TIME

- (I) IT IS TROUBLESOME TO HAVE TO ADJUST CLOCKS TWICE PER YEAR AT THE BEGINNING AND END OF THE SUMMER TIME PERIOD;
- (II) MANY PEOPLE GET UP EARLY - HOUSEWIVES, STUDENTS, WORKERS AND EARLY MORNING WALKERS - AND APPRECIATE THE EXTRA HOUR OF DAYLIGHT IN THE MORNING;
- (III) OWING TO LATER SUNSET, THE REMNANT OF AFTERNOON HEATING LINGERS ON INTO THE EARLY PART OF THE NIGHT - AN UNPLEASANT EXPERIENCE FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN CROWDED CONDITIONS; AND
- (IV) SOME DIFFICULTIES COULD ARISE IN CONNECTION WITH THE RE-SCHEDULING OF FLIGHTS INTO AND OUT OF HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

THE URBAN COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING ON DECEMBER 8 LAST YEAR UNANIMOUSLY PASSED A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE GOVERNMENT THE REINTRODUCTION OF SUMMER TIME IN 1988.

THE GROUNDS FOR THIS WERE THAT SUMMER TIME WOULD HAVE A DIRECT BEARING BOTH ADMINISTRATIVELY AND FINANCIALLY ON THE COUNCIL'S WORK IN MAINTAINING ONE OF ITS STATUTORY FUNCTIONS, FACILITIES FOR RECREATION, INDIRECTLY AFFECTING THE CITIZENS OF HONG KONG WHO WISH TO ENJOY SUCH FACILITIES.

ON MARCH 1 THIS YEAR, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE COMMITTEE CAME OUT IN SUPPORT OF SUMMER TIME, AS DID THE COUNCIL'S RECREATION AND CULTURE SELECT COMMITTEE ON MARCH 8.

THE TWO REASONS MOST WIDELY QUOTED WERE THE CONVENIENCE OF MOVING IN LINE WITH CHINA, AND THE BETTER UTILISATION OF SPORTS GROUNDS AND PARKS IN THE EVENINGS.

WHEN THE FULL REGIONAL COUNCIL CONSIDERED THE SUBJECT ON MARCH 31, A MAJORITY OF MEMBERS EXPRESSED DISAGREEMENT WITH SUMMER TIME WHILE EMPHASISING THAT THEY WERE SPEAKING IN THEIR PERSONAL CAPACITIES.

THE SYSTEM OF ADOPTING GMT+9 IN SUMMER WAS FIRST INTRODUCED IN HONG KONG IN THE 1940'S. DURING THE OIL CRISIS IN 1973, GMT+9 WAS INTRODUCED IN WINTER AS ONE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S ENERGY SAVING MEASURES.

IN JANUARY 1977, THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DECIDED THAT GMT+8 INSTEAD OF GMT+9 SHOULD BE ADOPTED IN THE SUMMER COMMENCING FROM APRIL 1977 FOR A TRIAL TO GIVE THE PUBLIC DIRECT EXPERIENCE OF IT.

TOWARDS THE END OF THAT SUMMER, THE GOVERNMENT UNDERTOOK A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW TO FIND OUT WHICH TIME SYSTEM THE PUBLIC PREFERRED.

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THE RESULTS INDICATED THAT THE MAJORITY PREFERRED GMT+8 THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

A BILL WAS THEN PASSED IN DECEMBER 1977 SETTING GMT+8 AS THE STANDARD HONG KONG TIME.

GMT+9 WAS AGAIN INTRODUCED FOR A BRIEF PERIOD FROM MAY TO OCTOBER 1979 BECAUSE OF THE OIL SHORTAGE AT THAT TIME.

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CONSULTANT ON FARM PROJECT TO BE APPOINTED

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AN INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANCY FIRM WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE END OF NEXT MONTH TO SET UP DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS ON PRIVATE FARMS, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SPEAKING AT A MEETING OF THE STEERING GROUP OF THE LIVESTOCK WASTE DISPOSAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE THIS AFTERNOON, AN EPD OFFICIAL SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD APPROVED \$8.2 MILLION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.

"THE CRITERIA FOR SELECTING THE CONSULTANT ARE BEING WORKED OUT AND HOPEFULLY, AN INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANCY FIRM WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE END OF MAY," HE SAID.

HE EXPLAINED THAT IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE APPOINTMENT, THE CONSULTANT WOULD PROCEED TO CARRY OUT FURTHER ASSESSMENT AND SITE INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY 12 TO 15 LIVESTOCK FARMS FOR DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.

THE STEERING GROUP HAD SO FAR RECEIVED 60 NOMINATIONS AND A TOTAL OF 24 PIG AND POULTRY FARMS IN TOLO HARBOUR/CHANNEL, ANGLER'S BEACH AND MUI WO HAD BEEN SHORTLISTED FOR DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.

MEMBERS OF THE STEERING GROUP ALSO AGREED TO THE TERMS OF AN UNDERTAKING ON THE PARTICIPATION IN THE DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS WHICH WAS BEING DRAFTED. THE DOCUMENT WOULD SPELL OUT THE CONDITIONS WHICH THE PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO OBSERVE.

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NEW CHAIRMAN FOR KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD

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AN ELECTED MEMBER OF THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD, MR LEE WING-TAT, WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AT A SPECIAL MEETING HELD TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

MR LEE, AGED 32, SERVED THE COMMUNITY AS A MEMBER OF THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD IN 1985-88 AND WAS RE-ELECTED IN THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS HELD IN MARCH.

KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD HAS A TOTAL OF 26 MEMBERS, OF WHOM 16 ARE ELECTED MEMBERS, NINE APPOINTED AND ONE EX-OFFICIO MEMBER WHO IS THE CHAIRMAN OF TSING YI RURAL COMMITTEE.

THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN COAK, CONVENER OF TODAY'S MEETING, CONGRATULATED MR LEE ON BEING ELECTED CHAIRMAN.

MR COAK SAID THAT IN TERMS OF POPULATION, KWAI TSING WAS THE LARGEST DISTRICT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND WAS MADE UP OF THE DEVELOPING TSING YI AND LONG ESTABLISHED KWAI CHUNG.

THIS CONTRASTING FEATURE OF OLD AND NEW GAVE THE DISTRICT BOARD AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS WIDE VIEWS ON THE NEEDS OF RESIDENTS IN THE CONSULTATIVE PROCESS ON DISTRICT AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT POLICIES, HE ADDED.

SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1985, THE BOARD HAD GIVEN VALUABLE OPINIONS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS SUCH AS ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC, CULTURE AND RECREATION, ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLICITY AND INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, MR COAK SAID.

"I BELIEVE THAT MEMBERS OF THE NEW BOARD WILL CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER IN THE COMING THREE YEARS TO ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT ON THIS RAPIDLY DEVELOPING DISTRICT," HE SAID.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS ENDORSED A PROPOSAL THAT THE NUMBER OF COMMITTEES BE INCREASED FROM SIX TO SEVEN BY SPLITTING THE CULTURE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE INTO AN ARTS AND CULTURE COMMITTEE AND SPORTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE.

MR COAK EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO SPLIT THE CULTURE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE AS THE NUMBER AND SCALE OF ACTIVITIES ORGANISED IN THE DISTRICT HAD BEEN EXPANDING IN THE PAST FEW YEARS WITH INCREASED GOVERNMENT FUNDING AT THE DISTRICT BOARD'S DISPOSAL.

ARTS AND SPORTS DESERVED THE ATTENTION OF TWO SEPARATE COMMITTEES SO THAT THE ACTIVITIES COULD BE ORGANISED AND RUN CONCURRENTLY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TWO RESPECTIVE DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS, HE SAID.

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THE BOARD'S SEVEN COMMITTEES ARE: ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, ARTS AND CULTURE COMMITTEE, SPORTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE, COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE, AND TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE.

ANOTHER SPECIAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY (APRIL 18) TO ELECT CHAIRMEN OF THE COMMITTEES AND TO SELECT REPRESENTATIVES ON REGIONAL COUNCIL.

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CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT IN CATERING TRADE IMPROVED

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THE SITUATION IN RESPECT OF THE PROVISION OF REST DAYS AND SICK LEAVE FOR WORKERS IN THE CATERING AND RESTAURANT INDUSTRY HAS BEEN GENERALLY IMPROVED, THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR HAROLD KWOK, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THIS FOLLOWS THE SETTING UP OF A TRIPARTITE COMMITTEE IN MAY LAST YEAR WHICH COMPRISES REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EMPLOYERS' AND EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATIONS IN THE TRADE AND OFFICERS FROM THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, HE ADDED.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR FOR THE CATERING AND RESTAURANT INDUSTRY ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MR KWOK SAID THE COMMITTEE HAD MET FREQUENTLY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND EXPLORE WAYS TO IMPROVE WORKING CONDITIONS.

"THEIR EFFORTS HAVE BROUGHT ABOUT VERY GOOD RESULTS AND IT HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BY THOSE IN THE TRADE THAT ARRANGEMENTS TO PROVIDE REST DAYS AND SICK LEAVE FOR WORKERS HAVE NOW BEEN IMPROVED," HE SAID.

THE TRIPARTITE COMMITTEE HAS ALSO DISCUSSED THE IDEA OF DRAWING UP A CODE OF PRACTICE TO STANDARDISE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT IN CONFORMITY WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

"IT IS SUPPORTED BY BOTH THE EMPLOYERS' AND EMPLOYEES' REPRESENTATIVES IN THE COMMITTEE," MR KWOK SAID.

"THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ALSO ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THIS IDEA AND WILL TRY ITS BEST TO ASSIST IN THE PUBLICATION OF THIS CODE."

ON THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE LEGISLATION, MR KWOK NOTED THAT THE MAXIMUM FINES UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE WOULD SHORTLY BE INCREASED FROM \$5,000 TO \$20,000.

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IN ADDITION, A SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT TEAM MADE UP OF LABOUR INSPECTORS WILL ALSO BE SET UP WITHIN THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TO ENFORCE THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

"THEY WILL PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO BLATANT OFFENDERS AND I AM SURE THIS ENFORCEMENT ACTION WOULD BE WELCOMED BY THOSE IN THE TRADE AS IT WOULD HELP IMPROVE THEIR IMAGE," MR KWOK ADDED.

TODAY'S SEMINAR WAS ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 600 PARTICIPANTS AT THE MANAGERIAL LEVEL IN THE CATERING TRADE THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

SPEAKERS INVITED TO ADDRESS THE GATHERING INCLUDED MR TOMMY CHEUNG, CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION OF RESTAURANT MANAGERS; MR CHAN WING-TSAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE EATING ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYEES GENERAL UNION; AND MR CHOW TUNG-SHAN, CHIEF LABOUR OFFICER OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

THEY SPOKE RESPECTIVELY ON THE MODERN MANAGEMENT AND HIDDEN PROBLEMS BEHIND LABOUR TURNOVERS IN THE CATERING AND RESTAURANT INDUSTRY, LABOUR LAW AND LABOUR RELATIONS.

THE EVENT WAS SPONSORED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF RESTAURANT MANAGERS, THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON CHINESE RESTAURANT AND EATING HOUSE MERCHANTS GENERAL ASSOCIATION, AND THE OCEAN PALACE RESTAURANT AND NIGHT CLUB LTD.

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NEW EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD TO MEET

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MEMBERS OF THE INCOMING EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND THE APPORTIONMENT OF FUNDS AT THEIR FIRST MEETING TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON.

DURING THE MEETING, HOUSING DEPARTMENT OFFICERS WILL INFORM BOARD MEMBERS OF THE ARRANGEMENTS CONCERNING TENANTS OF BLOCK 15 IN CHAI WAN ESTATE WHO ARE AFFECTED BY BALCONY MAINTENANCE.

THIS "TENANT-IN-SITU" SCHEME WILL NOT REQUIRE MASS MOVEMENT OF TENANTS AWAY FROM THE BLOCK WHILE DEMOLITION OF THE BALCONY AREA AND RECONSTRUCTION ARE BEING CARRIED OUT.

THREE MEMBERS HAVE ALSO SUBMITTED A PAPER TO THE BOARD, CALLING ON THE DEPARTMENT CONCERNED TO RECONSIDER USING BITUMINOUS MATERIALS IN PAVING KING'S ROAD.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE INFORMED OF THE PROGRESS OF THE URBAN COUNCIL DISTRICT WORKS PROGRAMME FOR 1987-88.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD.

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BOE MEMBERS VISIT SHA TIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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THE CHAIRMAN AND SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOE) TODAY (WEDNESDAY) VISITED THE BAPTIST LUI MING CHOI PRIMARY SCHOOL IN SHA TIN TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH THE GENERAL SETTING AND FACILITIES OF A STANDARD ESTATE PRIMARY SCHOOL IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

THE PARTY COMPRISED MRS RITA FAN (CHAIRMAN), MR CHAN YING-LUN, MISS BOW SUI-MAY, MR ERIC K.C. LI, MR ANDREW SO, MR DOMINIC WONG, MR DAVID CHEUNG AND MR TAM MAN-KWAN.

THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR RON BRIDGE, JOINED THE PARTY IN MAKING THE VISIT.

ACCOMPANYING THEM WERE THE PRINCIPAL EDUCATION OFFICER (NEW TERRITORIES), MR Y.P. CHAN, AND THE BOE SECRETARY, SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER MISS ROSE LAU.

DURING THE VISIT, MRS FAN AND HER COLLEAGUES AND MR BRIDGE WERE BRIEFED ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE SCHOOL'S OPERATIONS.

THE SCHOOL IS AN AIDED, CO-EDUCATIONAL AND BI-SESSIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL WITH 26 CLASSES IN EACH OF ITS AM AND PM SESSIONS.

IT ADOPTS THE ACTIVITY APPROACH FOR ITS PRIMARY 1 TO 3 PUPILS AND OFFERS PUTONGHUA LESSONS TO PRIMARY 3 AND 4 PUPILS.

CIVIC EDUCATION IS PROMOTED THROUGH ACTIVITIES SUCH AS EXHIBITIONS, INTER-SCHOOL COMPETITIONS, THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB AND CHARITABLE FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES.

SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE PART IN VARIOUS INTER-SCHOOL COMPETITIONS SUCH AS ATHLETIC MEETS, ART AND DESIGN CONTESTS, HANDBALL TOURNAMENTS AND THE HONG KONG SPEECH AND MUSIC FESTIVAL IN WHICH THE PUPILS HAVE ACHIEVED COMMENDABLE RESULTS.

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TUEN MUN EXHIBITION TO BEGIN ON SATURDAY

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TUEN MUN RESIDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR DISTRICT THROUGH A COLOURFUL TOURING EXHIBITION FEATURING 100 PHOTOGRAPHS, CARTOONS AND INTERESTING CAPTIONS ON VARIOUS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTS.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE MOUNTED IN THE YAN OI TONG TIN KA PING SECONDARY SCHOOL AT SHAN KING ESTATE ON SATURDAY (APRIL 16) AND AT DIFFERENT VENUES IN THE DISTRICT THEREAFTER.

/A COLLABORATION

A COLLABORATION OF THE STUDENTS AND TEACHERS OF A DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL, THE EXHIBITION PROVIDES LOCAL RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY NEWCOMERS, AN OPPORTUNITY TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THEIR LIVING ENVIRONMENT AND HOW TO MAKE FULL USE OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

THE EXHIBITION CONSISTS OF 30 PANELS DISPLAYING PHOTOGRAPHS ON TWO MAJOR THEMES - THE HOUSING ESTATES IN TUEN MUN, AND SOCIAL SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENTS.

THESE ARE PRESENTED BY THE FORM 1 AND FORM 4 STUDENTS RESPECTIVELY.

DETAILS OF THE EXHIBITION AT THE OTHER VENUES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DATE ----	TIME ----	VENUE -----
APRIL 16 (SAT)	10 AM - 4 PM	YAN OI TONG TIN KA PING SECONDARY SCHOOL, SHAN KING ESTATE
MAY 7 AND 8 (SAT AND SUN)	10.30 AM - 6 PM	TUEN MUN TOWN PLAZA
MAY 15 (SUN)	10.30 AM - 6 PM	BUTTERFLY ESTATE SHOPPING ARCADE
MAY 29 (SUN)	10.30 AM - 6 PM	YAN OI SQUARE

TO PROMOTE PUBLIC INTEREST, A VIDEO FEATURING THE WORK OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE SHOWN DURING THE EXHIBITION AND A QUIZ WILL BE HELD WITH PRIZES GIVEN TO THE WINNERS ON THE SPOT.

THE EXHIBITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE YAN OI TONG TIN KA PING SECONDARY SCHOOL, YAN OI TONG GROUP AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION, AND THE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY DIVISION OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT. IT IS SPONSORED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE EXHIBITION MAY BE MADE TO 0-862854 (EXT. 39) OR 0-843731.

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TWO GOVERNMENT SITES TO LET BY TENDER

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TWO GOVERNMENT SITES IN KOWLOON ARE BEING LET BY TENDER ON SHORT TERM TENANCY BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT.

ONE SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF NAM CHEONG STREET AND CORNWALL STREET IN KOWLOON TONG, MEASURING ABOUT 1,800 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR OPEN STORAGE (EXCLUDING CONTAINERS) PURPOSES ONLY.

/THE TENANCY

THE TENANCY IS FOR ONE YEAR, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

THE OTHER SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF KWEI CHOW STREET AND KING WAN STREET IN TO KWA WAN, HAVING AN AREA OF ABOUT 3,850 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR OPEN STORAGE EXCLUDING CONTAINERS, CONTAINER VEHICLES WITH THEIR TRAILERS/CHASSIS ATTACHED, SAND, CEMENT AND AGGREGATE.

THE TENANCY IS FOR THREE YEARS, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY THEREAFTER.

TENDER FORMS AND NOTICES MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON WEST, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250, SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON AND THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON APRIL 29.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR WORK ON MUSEUM SUPERSTRUCTURE

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WORK ON THE FOUNDATION FOR THE HONG KONG MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IS NEARING COMPLETION AND TENDERS ARE NOW BEING INVITED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SUPERSTRUCTURE.

THE LIAISON ARCHITECT OF THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR TONY LIEM, SAID PILING FOR THE MUSEUM WILL BE COMPLETED IN JULY AND THAT IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO BEGIN WORK ON THE FOUR-LEVEL EXHIBITION BUILDING IN AUGUST.

THE MUSEUM WILL OCCUPY A 28,000-SQUARE-METRE SITE IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST BOUNDED BY CHATHAM ROAD TO THE WEST, GRANVILLE ROAD TO THE SOUTH, SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD TO THE EAST AND CHEONG WAN ROAD TO THE NORTH.

IT WILL PROVIDE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF 17,000 SQUARE METRES.

THE MUSEUM WILL HAVE AN INDOOR EXHIBITION AREA OF 6,500 SQUARE METRES AND TEMPORARY EXHIBITION AREA OF 1,000 SQUARE METRES, AND SPACE FOR LECTURE ROOMS, WORKSHOPS, OFFICES AND ANCILLARY FACILITIES.

THERE WILL BE A PLAZA IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING. THE PLAZA WILL BE ELEVATED TO MATCH THE HEIGHT OF THE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES WHICH WILL CROSS CHATHAM ROAD, GRANVILLE ROAD, AND SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD.

TENDERS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE FOUR-STOREY SUPERSTRUCTURE MUST BE SUBMITTED BY NOON ON MAY 20.

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN REPULSE BAY

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THE CUL-DE-SAC OF SOUTH BAY CLOSE LEADING TO THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL IN REPULSE BAY WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR THE SCHOOL CARNIVAL.

THE CLOSURE WILL BE IN FORCE FROM 3.30 PM TO 7.30 PM ON FRIDAY (APRIL 15) AND FROM 9 AM TO 4.30 PM THE NEXT DAY.

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RESTRICTED ZONE IN WONG CHUK HANG

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THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF YIP KAN STREET BETWEEN HOUSE NOS. 33 AND 35 WILL BE DESIGNATED A 24-HOUR DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (APRIL 16).

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP WITHIN THE URBAN CLEARWAY FOR GOODS OR PASSENGERS.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES FOR FLYOVER CONSTRUCTION

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TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FLYOVER ON KWAI CHUNG ROAD BETWEEN KWAI ON ROAD AND KWAI FOO ROAD, A SERIES OF TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN KWAI CHUNG NEAR THE KWAI HING MTR STATION FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (APRIL 16).

THE MEASURES WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT 16 MONTHS.

UNDER THE ARRANGEMENTS, HING FONG ROAD BETWEEN KWAI HING ROAD AND THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO KWAI HING MTR STATION WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

VEHICLES TRAVELLING ON NORTHBOUND HING FONG ROAD BETWEEN TAI WO HAU ROAD AND KWAI HING ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO KWAI HING MTR STATION.

AT THE SAME TIME, ALL VEHICLES EXCEEDING 10 METRES IN LENGTH OR 3.5 METRES IN HEIGHT WILL BE BANNED FROM ENTERING THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO KWAI HING MTR STATION AT ANY TIME OF THE DAY.

IN ADDITION, HING FONG ROAD BETWEEN THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO KWAI HING MTR STATION AND KWAI HING ROAD; AND THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO KWAI HING MTR STATION WILL BE MADE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONES, OPERATING DAILY BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM.

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