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TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS RISE BY 11 PER CENT

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THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT (TCU) RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 7,568 COMPLAINTS IN 1987-88, AN INCREASE OF 11 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE FIGURE IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

THE ACTING EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE TCU, MR FAN MAN-YEE, SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES AND TRAFFIC CONDITIONS REMAINED THE MAIN SUBJECTS OF PUBLIC COMPLAINTS ABOUT TRANSPORT MATTERS RECORDED IN THE UNIT'S ANNUAL REPORT JUST RELEASED.

AMONG THE 7,568 COMPLAINTS, 45 PER CENT WERE ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES AND ABOUT 16.9 PER CENT STEMMED FROM ROAD CONGESTION. OTHER MAJOR COMPLAINT AREAS WERE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND ROAD MAINTENANCE.

ON COMPLAINTS ABOUT BUS SERVICES, HE SAID THAT THE NUMBER DROPPED FROM 1,562 IN 1986-87 TO 1,394 IN 1987-88. THEY WERE MOSTLY RELATED TO INADEQUATE SERVICE AND STANDARD OF SERVICE.

A TOTAL OF 502 COMPLAINTS WERE ABOUT INADEQUATE FRANCHISED BUS SERVICES.

COMPLAINTS OF SUCH NATURE LODGED AGAINST BUS SERVICES ON HONG KONG ISLAND, AND IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES FELL 30 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS PERIOD.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT INADEQUATE BUS SERVICES FOR HONG KONG ISLAND DROPPED FROM 141 IN 1986-87 TO 98 IN 1987-88.

THE INCREASED DEMAND FOR SERVICE IMPROVEMENT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT WAS MET BY THE INTRODUCTION OF HIGH CAPACITY THREE-AXLE BUSES ON SOME ROUTES IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR AND AN ADDITIONAL ROUTE FROM AP LEI CHAU TO CENTRAL.

COMPLAINTS CONCERNING KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES TOTALLED 340, A DROP OF 30 PER CENT FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S FIGURE.

THE NEW TERRITORIES BUS SERVICES ACCOUNTED FOR APPROXIMATELY 70 PER CENT OF THESE COMPLAINTS, TALLING 251 CASES, A DECLINE OF 147.

THERE WERE STILL COMPLAINTS ABOUT INADEQUATE EXTERNAL BUS ROUTES FROM THE RESIDENTS OF NEW TOWNS, NAMELY TUEN MUN, SHA TIN AND MA ON SHAN.

THEY WERE OFTEN ACCOMPANIED BY REQUESTS FOR DIRECT BUS SERVICES TO URBAN KOWLOON AND THESE WERE REFERRED TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT FOR CONSIDERATION.

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THE TCU RECORDED 61 COMPLAINTS ABOUT CROSS HARBOUR BUSES, EIGHT MORE THAN THE PREVIOUS YEAR. THERE WERE STILL SOME SUGGESTIONS THAT NEW CROSS HARBOUR ROUTES BE INTRODUCED.

TWO ROUTES WERE INTRODUCED IN 1987-88 -- ROUTE XHT110 BETWEEN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST AND TAI KOO SHING, AND ROUTE XHT141 BETWEEN KWUN TONG AND CENTRAL.

ON THE STANDARD OF SERVICE OF THE FRANCHISED BUS COMPANIES, 850 COMPLAINTS WERE RECORDED, 81 MORE THAN IN 1986-87.

COMPLAINTS INVOLVING CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY ROSE FROM 325 IN 1986-87 TO 377.

THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY, WHICH HAS A FLEET THREE TIMES LARGER THAN CMB'S DREW 403 COMPLAINTS, COMPARED WITH 406 IN 1986-87.

THERE WERE MORE COMPLAINTS ABOUT CMB BUSES NOT KEEPING TO SCHEDULES -- RISING FROM 121 IN 1986-87 TO 142 IN 1987-88. IN THIS RESPECT, KMB SHOWED AN INCREASE OF FOUR COMPLAINTS - FROM 203 IN 1986-87 TO 207 IN 1987-88.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT CMB BUS DRIVERS ROSE BY 41 PER CENT, FROM 133 IN 1986-87 TO 188 IN 1987-88.

ON THE OTHER HAND, KMB REGISTERED A FIVE PER CENT DECLINE, FROM 122 IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR TO 115 IN 1987-88.

MR FAN SAID THAT COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE TAXI SERVICE TOTALLED 1,250 IN 1987-88, AN INCREASE OF 133 PER CENT.

OF THESE, 1,160 WERE DIRECTED AGAINST MALPRACTICES BY TAXI DRIVERS.

A TOTAL OF 3,205 COMPLAINTS ABOUT TRAFFIC CONDITIONS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT WERE RECEIVED.

AMONG THEM, 1,286 WERE RELATED TO ROAD CONGESTION. OTHER RELATED COMPLAINTS WERE TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS, TRAFFIC LIGHTS, VEHICLE OBSTRUCTION AND ILLEGAL PARKING.

ALMOST 60 PER CENT OF THE 1,286 COMPLAINTS ABOUT ROAD CONGESTION WERE GENERATED FROM SEVEN DISTRICTS: WAN CHAI, CENTRAL AND WESTERN, KWUN TONG, KOWLOON CITY, SHAM SHUI PO, YAU MA TEI AND KWAI TSING.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT ROAD CONGESTION IN THE NEW TERRITORIES MADE UP 21 PER CENT, AND SLIGHTLY OVER ONE-THIRD OF THESE CASES WERE RELATED TO CONGESTION IN KWAI TSING DISTRICT.

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DURING THE YEAR, MR FAN SAID, 1,508 SUGGESTIONS ON IMPROVING ROAD CONGESTION AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT WERE CONSIDERED PRACTICAL AND ACCEPTABLE TO THE AUTHORITIES. IN 1986-87, THERE WERE 1,515 SUCH SUGGESTIONS.

THE TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT WAS SET UP UNDER THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO RECEIVE AND MONITOR COMPLAINTS AND SUGGESTIONS ON TRANSPORT MATTERS.

COMPLAINTS CAN BE MADE TO THE UNIT BY TELEPHONING THE 24-HOUR HOTLINE, 5-776866.

AFTER INVESTIGATING THE COMPLAINTS, THE UNIT WILL GIVE THE COMPLAINANT AN ANSWER EITHER VERBALLY OR IN WRITING, AS APPROPRIATE.

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MEASURES TO ALLEVIATE SOCIAL WORK MANPOWER SHORTAGE
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC) ENDORSED A NUMBER OF MEASURES TO ALLEVIATE THE SHORTAGE OF SOCIAL WELFARE MANPOWER AT ITS MEETING TODAY (MONDAY).

THE MEMBERS HAD CONSIDERED THE REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL WELFARE MANPOWER PLANNING SYSTEM AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS THEREON OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL WORK TRAINING (ACSWT).

THE SWAC AGREED THAT TRAINING INSTITUTES SHOULD BE INVITED TO EXPAND THEIR INTAKES OF STUDENTS IN THE 1988-91 TRIENNIUM AND TO EXPAND THEIR SOCIAL WORK COURSES IN THE 1991-94 TRIENNIUM.

IT ALSO SHARED THE ACSWT'S VIEW THAT SUITABLE NON-SOCIAL WORK TRAINED GRADUATES SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE RECRUITED AND PROVIDED WITH FORMAL SOCIAL WORK TRAINING.

FURTHERMORE, IT AGREED THAT MORE USE COULD BE MADE OF PART-TIME SOCIAL WORKERS AND THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF RECRUITING SUITABLE SOCIAL WORKERS FROM OVERSEAS COULD BE EXPLORED.

IT WAS ALSO FELT THAT ALL AGENCIES SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO SCRUTINISE THE DUTIES OF THE SOCIAL WORK STAFF TO ENSURE THAT ONLY TASKS REQUIRING PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK SKILLS WERE PERFORMED BY THEM.

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ALSO DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING WAS THE CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT ON PRUDENTIAL REGULATION OF RETIREMENT SCHEMES.

WHILE THE COMMITTEE WAS IN SUPPORT OF THE DOCUMENT IN GENERAL, IT WAS FELT THAT LEGISLATIVE CONTROLS WERE NEEDED FOR THE TYPES OF INVESTMENTS AS WELL AS ON FUND MANAGEMENT COMPANIES.

IT WAS ALSO SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES TO BE SET UP, WITH EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE PARTICIPATION, TO OVERSEE THE RUNNING OF THE RETIREMENT SCHEMES.

MEMBERS FURTHER EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT PROTECTION OF EMPLOYEES UPON THE TERMINATION OF SCHEMES WHICH WERE NOT REGISTERED WITH THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

THEY ALSO SUGGESTED THAT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE RETIREMENT SCHEMES SHOULD BE EXEMPTED FROM TAX AND BENEFITS SHOULD BE TRANSFERABLE UNDER LAW.

THE CONSULTATIVE PAPER ON HOMOSEXUAL OFFENCES WAS ALSO DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING AND DIVERGENT VIEWS WERE EXPRESSED BY MEMBERS.

THE VIEWS OF SWAC MEMBERS ON THE TWO CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENTS WILL BE CHANNELLED TO THE APPROPRIATE POLICY BRANCHES.

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LIGHT RAIL FATAL ACCIDENT BEING INVESTIGATED

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE POLICE ARE CARRYING OUT AN INVESTIGATION INTO TODAY'S ACCIDENT INVOLVING A LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT VEHICLE AND A VAN AT PING HA ROAD, PING SHAN, IN WHICH AN EIGHT-YEAR-OLD BOY WAS KILLED.

A UK RAILWAY INSPECTOR, MR ALAN COOKSEY, IS ALSO EXAMINING THE SAFETY OF THE SYSTEM AT THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENT.

UNDER THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION ORDINANCE, WHICH ALSO GOVERNS THE OPERATION OF THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM, A CERTIFICATE IS REQUIRED TO BE ISSUED BY THE RAILWAY INSPECTING OFFICER BEFORE THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM CAN BE ALLOWED TO CARRY GOODS AND PASSENGERS.

"WE ARE ALSO CONSIDERING WHETHER, AND IF SO WHAT, ADDITIONAL MEASURES ARE NEEDED TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE SYSTEM AND TO PREVENT SUCH ACCIDENTS FROM OCCURRING IN FUTURE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

MEANWHILE, THE LIGHT RAIL DIVISION OF THE KCRC HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO SUSPEND ALL TRIAL RUNS OF ITS VEHICLES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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DEADLINE FOR RELIEF APPLICATIONS

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NEEDY FARMERS WISHING TO APPLY FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF GRANTS TO HELP RESTORE THEIR FARMS DAMAGED BY LAST WEDNESDAY'S FLOODING IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WERE ADVISED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT APPLICATIONS FOR THE GRANTS WOULD CLOSE AT 5 PM ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 27).

THEY SHOULD MAKE THEIR APPLICATIONS PERSONALLY AND PROVIDE DETAILS OF THEIR LOSSES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING FISHERIES AND AGRICULTURAL OFFICES:

- * AU TAU FISHERIES OFFICE,
AU TAU, YUEN LONG.
- * YUEN LONG DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL OFFICE,
TAI KIU MARKET,
YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES,
YUEN LONG.
- * TAI PO DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL OFFICE,
TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES,
TING KOK ROAD,
TAI PO.
- * KO PO AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION OFFICE,
KO PO, FANLING.
- * SAI KUNG AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION OFFICE,
HO CHUNG, SAI KUNG.
- * MUI WO AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION OFFICE,
SILVER MINE BAY,
MUI WO.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT SINCE THE START OF THE OPERATION LAST THURSDAY, 711 FARMERS HAD APPLIED TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF GRANTS.

OF THE APPLICANTS ALREADY REGISTERED SO FAR, 574 WERE CROP AND LIVESTOCK FARMERS WHILE THE REMAINING 137 WERE POND FISH FARMERS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THEIR APPLICATIONS WERE BEING VETTED TO ASCERTAIN THEIR ELIGIBILITY.

THE AMOUNT OF GRANT WOULD BE BASED ON THE REHABILITATION COST REQUIRED IN EACH CASE WITH A MAXIMUM OF \$1,440, DEPENDING ON THE NATURE OF THEIR FARMS.

"IN VIEW OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS, IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME FOR INVESTIGATION BEFORE THEY CAN BE APPROVED OR OTHERWISE.

"AFTER CHECKING AND ASSESSMENT, APPLICANTS WHOSE CASES ARE FOUND JUSTIFIED WILL BE NOTIFIED CONCERNING THE COLLECTION OF THEIR GRANTS. AND THOSE UNSUCCESSFUL WILL ALSO BE INFORMED," HE ADDED.

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HAMMOND VISITS ELECTRIC SWITCHES FACTORY

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND, VISITED THE DEFOND MANUFACTURING LTD. IN CHAI WAN THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON.

FOLLOWING A GENERAL DISCUSSION WITH THE MANAGING DIRECTOR, MR WILSON CHU, MR HAMMOND WAS TAKEN ON A TOUR OF VARIOUS PLANTS WHICH EMPLOY AROUND 200 WORKERS IN PRODUCTION AND ASSEMBLY WORK.

THE FACTORY MANUFACTURES MAINLY PLASTIC ELECTRIC SWITCHES AND SOCKETS FOR OVERSEAS MARKETS INCLUDING NORTH AMERICA, EUROPE, JAPAN AND TAIWAN.

MR HAMMOND WAS PLEASED TO NOTE THAT THE FACTORY MAINTAINS A GOOD RECORD ON SAFETY IN THE WORKPLACE.

BEFORE CONCLUDING HIS VISIT, MR HAMMOND HAD A ROUND-UP DISCUSSION WITH THE MANAGEMENT.

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CLEAN HK STEERING COMMITTEE MEETS TOMORROW

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THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE WILL HOLD A MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE 1988-89 KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT SCHEME AND REVIEW PROGRESS OF CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES.

ALSO ON THE AGENDA WILL BE A REVIEW OF PROSECUTION ACTION AGAINST LITTER OFFENDERS IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR. MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO REVIEW THE PROSECUTION TREND.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO DISCUSS COMING EVENTS, INCLUDING A VEHICULAR FLOAT PARADE AND A YOUTH RALLY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING WHICH WILL START AT 2.30 PM IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, NO. 2, FOURTH FLOOR, URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EDINBURGH PLACE.

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MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES CITY IMPRESSED WITH URBAN COUNCIL
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THE VISITING MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES CITY, MR TOM BRADLEY, WAS TODAY IMPRESSED WITH THE ENORMOUS WORK AND FACILITIES PROVIDED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL.

HE MADE THE REMARK AFTER HE AND A TRADE PARTY FROM THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES VISITED THE URBAN COUNCIL.

MET BY THE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, MR. H.M.G. FORSGATE, THE PARTY HAD GENERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH URBAN COUNCILLORS ON WIDE-RANGING TOPICS INCLUDING RECREATION, ENTERTAINMENT AND CULTURE.

THE PARTY ALSO EXCHANGED VIEWS WITH URBAN COUNCILLORS ON THE MUTUAL PROBLEMS FACING BOTH CITIES -- DISPOSAL OF REFUSE AND HARBOUR POLLUTION.

"SUCH ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS ARE COMMONLY FOUND IN ANY LARGE CITY AND I WELCOME FURTHER COMMUNICATION BETWEEN OUR TWO CITIES TO HELP TACKLE THE PROBLEM," MR BRADLEY SAID.

OTHER MEMBERS IN THE PARTY INCLUDED MESSRS. FLOYD CLAY, E.Z. BURTS, STEVEN P. RESNICK, MICHAEL LEMKE AND WILLIAM MORTSON.

ATTENDING THE MEETING WERE URBAN COUNCILLORS, MESSRS WALTER SULKE, SAMUEL WONG, MAN SAI-CHEONG, PAUL YOUNG AND MRS NELLIE FONG.

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RESIDENTIAL MOBILITY STUDY STARTS ON WEDNESDAY
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A TOTAL OF 4,000 HOUSEHOLDS IN NEW TOWNS AND OLD URBAN AREAS WILL BE VISITED AND HOUSEHOLDERS INTERVIEWED BETWEEN WEDNESDAY (JULY 27) AND AUGUST 31 IN A SURVEY ON RESIDENTIAL MOBILITY.

THE SURVEY IS BEING CONDUCTED BY THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH TO COLLECT DATA FOR BETTER TOWN PLANNING.

HALF OF THE INTERVIEWS IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE SURVEY WILL BE CONDUCTED AT HOUSEHOLDS IN NEW TOWNS AND HALF AT HOUSEHOLDS IN OLD TENEMENT BLOCKS IN OLD URBAN AREAS.

NEW TOWN HOUSEHOLDERS WILL BE ASKED ABOUT THEIR HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS, REASONS FOR MOVING TO NEW TOWNS AND FACTORS AFFECTING THEIR CHOICE OF LOCATION.

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HOUSEHOLDERS IN OLD TENEMENT BLOCKS IN OLD URBAN AREAS WILL, ON THE OTHER HAND, BE ASKED ABOUT THEIR INTENTION TO MOVE AND PREFERENCES.

THE NEW TOWN AREAS TO BE COVERED IN THE SURVEY ARE TUEN MUN, KWAI CHUNG, TSING YI, TSUEN WAN, YUEN LONG, FANLING, SHEUNG SHUI, TAI PO AND SHA TIN.

OLD URBAN DISTRICTS TO BE COVERED ARE CENTRAL, WESTERN, EASTERN, SOUTHERN, WAN CHAI, YAU MA TEI, MONG KOK, SHAM SHUI PO AND KOWLOON CITY.

INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE TREATED AS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND WILL ONLY BE USED IN AGGREGATE FOR STATISTICAL ANALYSIS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES AND REFERENCES FOR TOWN PLANNING.

HOUSEHOLDERS CHOSEN FOR THE SURVEY SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED NOTIFICATION BY MAIL.

THEY ARE REMINDED THAT EACH INTERVIEWER WILL BEAR AN ENUMERATOR IDENTITY CARD ISSUED BY THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH.

HOUSEHOLDERS ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE FULL AND ACCURATE INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE INTERVIEWERS.

SHOULD THE CHOSEN HOUSEHOLDERS HAVE QUERIES, THEY ARE WELCOME TO TELEPHONE 5-8482485 OR 5-8482483.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS REPORT ON YOUTH POLICY

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THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE REPORT ON YOUTH POLICY AT A MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WILL BE REQUESTED TO ENDORSE THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR SEVERAL PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT.

THESE INCLUDE A RESPECT FOR THE ELDERLY CAMPAIGN, A CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN, AN EXHIBITION AT THE SYCAMORE ART GALLERY AND THE MID-AUTUMN LANTERN CARNIVAL.

THEY WILL ALSO CONSIDER A RECOMMENDATION ON CONDUCTING A SURVEY ON THE NEEDS OF OLD PEOPLE LIVING IN MONG KOK.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD TO BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, KOWLOON.

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SEMINAR ON HOW RESIDENTS CAN PROTECT ENVIRONMENT

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN HELP IN THE FIGHT AGAINST POLLUTION AND IN PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT.

THEY CAN EVEN PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART IN THIS AT HOME.

A SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER, MR Y.M. HUI, WILL EXPLAIN HOW AT A SEMINAR TO BE HELD FOR RESIDENTS' BODIES IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT TOMORROW (TUESDAY) EVENING.

ENTITLED "START ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD", THE SEMINAR IS AMONG PROGRAMMES ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF THE 1988 WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY (WED).

THE SEMINAR WILL BE ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS CORPORATIONS, RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS AND OTHER LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

ANY RESIDENT INTERESTED IN THE SUBJECT IS WELCOME TO TAKE PART IN THE TWO-HOUR SEMINAR WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, ABERDEEN CENTRE, NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN.

APART FROM THE SEMINAR, OTHER WED ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE INCLUDE A VISIT BY STUDENTS TO THE MAI PO NATURE RESERVE AND A PROGRAMME TO BEAUTIFY HILL SLOPES WITH MURAL PAINTINGS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE SEMINAR.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 31.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 186.571 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 377.076 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 64.3 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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FINALS OF SCHOOLS SUMMER OLYMPIAD

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THE FINALS OF BADMINTON, VOLLEYBALL AND BASKETBALL COMPETITIONS OF THE THIRD SCHOOLS SUMMER OLYMPIAD WILL BE HELD AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM IN WAN CHAI ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 27).

THIS YEAR'S SCHOOL SUMMER OLYMPIAD, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE ORIENTAL DAILY NEWS, ATTRACTED A TOTAL OF 3,500 ATHLETES FROM 114 SCHOOLS.

THEY COMPETED IN FIVE SPORTS, NAMELY SWIMMING, ATHLETICS, BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL AND BADMINTON.

THE FINALS OF THE ATHLETICS AND SWIMMING EVENTS TOOK PLACE LAST WEEK, WHILE THOSE OF THE BALL GAMES WILL BE HELD AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM ON WEDNESDAY STARTING 9.15 AM.

AFTER THE BASKETBALL FINALS, THERE WILL BE A DANCE PERFORMANCE AND A CELEBRITY BASKETBALL MATCH FROM 5 PM TO 6 PM. A MOVIE STARS TEAM WILL BE INVITED TO PLAY AGAINST A JOINT STAFF TEAM OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND ORIENTAL DAILY NEWS.

THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR DAVID LAN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT 6 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENTS AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 27).

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CENTRAL
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CENTRAL FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (JULY 28) FOR ROADWORKS.

ALL VEHICLES EXCEEDING SEVEN METRES IN LENGTH WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER WELLINGTON STREET BETWEEN LYNTHURST TERRACE AND QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL FOR ABOUT SEVEN MONTHS.

MOREOVER, WELLINGTON STREET BETWEEN LYNTHURST TERRACE AND GRAHAM STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED AS A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY FOR ABOUT SIX WEEKS.

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

MEANWHILE, THE METERED PARKING SPACES IN WELLINGTON STREET BETWEEN HOUSE NOS. 55 AND 73 WILL ALSO BE SUSPENDED FOR ABOUT SIX WEEKS.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES IN SHA TIN
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT SECTIONS OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD AND TAI PO ROAD IN SHA TIN WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM JULY 27 TO AUGUST 7.

THE CLOSURES ARE TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORK.

FROM 9.30 PM TO 6 AM THE NEXT MORNING ON JULY 27 (WEDNESDAY) AND 28, THE SLOW LANE OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD NORTHBOUND NEAR HUNG MUI KUK INTERCHANGE WILL BE CLOSED.

DURING THE SAME TIME ON JULY 29 (FRIDAY) AND 30, THE MERGING LANE OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD NORTHBOUND NORTH OF TAI PO-BOUND HUNG MUI KUK ROAD SLIP ROAD AT HUNG MUI KUK INTERCHANGE WILL ALSO BE CLOSED.

ON TAI PO ROAD, THE NORTHBOUND SLOW LANE NEAR TOLO HIGHWAY WILL BE CLOSED FROM 8 AM TO 5 PM THE FOLLOWING DAY ON AUGUST 1 (MONDAY) AND 3 (WEDNESDAY).

IN ADDITION, FROM 7 PM TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY ON AUGUST 5 (FRIDAY) AND 6, THE NORTHBOUND FAST AND CENTRE LANE OF THE SAME SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD WILL ALSO BE CLOSED.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO WATCH OUT FOR TEMPORARY TRAFFIC SIGNS AND DRIVE WITH EXTRA CARE AND PATIENCE.

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FRESH WATER CUT IN SHEUNG WAN

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN SHEUNG WAN WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 27) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR WATER WORKS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT LOWER LASCAR ROW, THE SECTION OF LADDER STREET BETWEEN HOLLYWOOD ROAD AND QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, CIRCULAR PATHWAY, AND NO'S 76 TO 130 HOLLYWOOD ROAD.

IT WILL ALSO AFFECT THE SECTION OF SHING WONG STREET BETWEEN HOLLYWOOD ROAD AND GOUGH STREET, NO'S 1 AND 2 TSUI ON LANE AND NO'S 270 TO 276 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

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