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SEAT BELT LEGISLATION TO BE EXTENDED

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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS APPROVED AMENDMENTS TO THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS TO EXTEND THE COMPULSORY WEARING OF FRONT SEAT BELTS TO TAXIS, LIGHT BUSES AND GOODS VEHICLES AS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUING PROGRAMME TO PROMOTE THE SAFETY OF DRIVERS AND PASSENGERS.

ALL TAXIS MANUFACTURED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1981 AND ALL LIGHT BUSES MANUFACTURED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1984 ARE ALREADY REQUIRED TO BE FITTED WITH FRONT SEAT BELTS.

UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC (SAFETY EQUIPMENT) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1989, THE COMPULSORY WEARING OF FRONT SEAT BELTS IN SUCH TAXIS AND LIGHT BUSES WILL TAKE EFFECT FROM JULY 1, 1989.

THE AMENDMENT REGULATIONS ALSO REQUIRE ALL GOODS VEHICLES REGISTERED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1990 TO BE FITTED WITH FRONT SEAT BELTS. THE COMPULSORY WEARING OF FRONT SEAT BELTS IN GOODS VEHICLES WILL COME INTO EFFECT ALSO ON JANUARY 1, 1990.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE DATE FOR THE COMPULSORY FITTING OF FRONT SEAT BELTS IN GOODS VEHICLES COULD NOT BE EARLIER BECAUSE THE HAULAGE TRADE NEEDED TO GIVE SUFFICIENT NOTICE TO VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS OF THE NEW REQUIREMENTS.

IT WAS NOT PRACTICABLE TO REQUIRE THE FITTING OF SEAT BELTS IN EXISTING GOODS VEHICLES BECAUSE THE MAJORITY LACKED SUITABLE ANCHORAGE POINTS. GOODS VEHICLES MANUFACTURED BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1989 WOULD THEREFORE BE EXEMPTED FROM THE NEW REQUIREMENTS.

HOWEVER, THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNISED THE SAFETY BENEFITS PROVIDED BY SEAT BELTS TO PASSENGERS AND DRIVERS AND THEREFORE HAD DECIDED TO ADVANCE THE DATE FOR COMPULSORY WEARING TO THE SAME DATE AS FOR COMPULSORY FITTING, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE AMENDMENT REGULATIONS ALSO LIMIT THE VICARIOUS LIABILITY OF THE DRIVERS OF TAXIS, LIGHT BUSES AND GOODS VEHICLES TO THEIR FRONT SEAT PASSENGERS UNDER THE AGE OF 15.

THE ROAD TRAFFIC (PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1989 ALLOW A DRIVER OF A TAXI OR A PUBLIC LIGHT BUS TO REFUSE HIRE OR DRIVE ON WHEN THE FRONT SEAT PASSENGER HAS NOT FASTENED ROAD SEAT BELT.

UNDER THE SAME REGULATIONS, OWNERS OF TAXIS AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES ARE REQUIRED TO DISPLAY IN THEIR VEHICLES A NOTICE IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE TO REMIND PASSENGERS IN THE SPECIFIED SEATS TO WEAR SEAT BELTS. SUCH NOTICE IN TAXIS SHOULD ALSO BE IN JAPANESE.

THE FIXED PENALTY (CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS) REGULATIONS WILL BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE NEW REQUIREMENTS. A RESOLUTION ON THE AMENDMENTS WILL BE MOVED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 22.

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EXCO APPROVES INCREASE IN FIXED PENALTY FINES

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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE AN INCREASE IN FIXED PENALTY FINES FOR PARKING OFFENCES AND MOST MOVING TRAFFIC OFFENCES, EFFECTIVE FROM JULY 1 THIS YEAR.

THE PROPOSED INCREASE IS SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BEING GIVEN BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LATER THIS MONTH.

UNDER THE PROPOSAL, THE FIXED PENALTY FOR PARKING OFFENCES WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$140 TO \$200.

THE FIXED PENALTY LEVELS FOR MOVING TRAFFIC OFFENCES WILL BE RAISED FROM \$140 TO \$200 AND FROM \$200 TO \$280.

HOWEVER, THE ABOVE INCREASES WILL NOT APPLY TO TWO SPECIFIC MOVING OFFENCES -- OVERLOADING AND COMPULSORY WEARING OF SEAT BELTS.

THE FIXED PENALTY FOR AN OVERLOADING OFFENCE WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$200 TO \$450.

THE FIXED PENALTY FOR DRIVING PRIVATE CARS, TAXIS, LIGHT BUSES AND GOODS VEHICLES IN WHICH THE FRONT SEAT PASSENGER HAS FAILED TO FASTEN A SEAT BELT WILL BE \$140.

ON THE GENERAL RISE IN FIXED PENALTY FINES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE INCREASE WAS NECESSARY TO RESTORE THE DETERRENT VALUE TO THE FINES AND TO CONTAIN THE UPWARD TREND IN THE ISSUE OF FIXED PENALTY TICKETS.

THE NUMBER OF FIXED PENALTY TICKETS ISSUED FOR OVERLOADING OFFENCES HAD RISEN SIGNIFICANTLY, FROM 1,644 IN 1985 TO 26,796 LAST YEAR.

A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN PENALTY WAS THEREFORE PROPOSED FOR THE OVERLOADING OFFENCE BECAUSE IT HAD SERIOUS ROAD SAFETY IMPLICATIONS AND CAUSED MUCH DAMAGE TO ROADS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

REGARDING THE OFFENCE OF DRIVING A VEHICLE WHEN THE FRONT SEAT PASSENGER WAS NOT SECURELY FASTENED WITH A SEAT BELT, THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAD ADVISED THAT THE FIXED PENALTY SHOULD BE LOWER THAN THAT OF DRIVING A VEHICLE WHEN THE DRIVER HIMSELF WAS NOT SECURELY FASTENED WITH A SEAT BELT.

THIS WAS BECAUSE IT SHOULD BE THE FRONT SEAT PASSENGER AND NOT THE DRIVER WHO WAS PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OFFENCE.

AS SUCH, THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAD GIVEN ITS ENDORSEMENT TO THE FIXED PENALTY BEING \$140 INSTEAD OF \$200.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ACCORDING TO POLICE RECORDS, THE NUMBER OF FIXED PENALTY TICKETS ISSUED FOR PARKING OFFENCES HAD FALLEN STEADILY FOR THREE YEARS SINCE THE FIXED PENALTY WAS RAISED FROM \$70 TO \$140 IN 1983.

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THE NUMBER BEGAN TO RISE IN 1987 AND THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TICKETS ISSUED LAST YEAR FOR SUCH OFFENCES WAS 835,611, AN INCREASE OF 13.9 PER CENT OVER THAT FOR 1987.

REGARDING MOVING TRAFFIC OFFENCES, THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT THE FIXED PENALTY LEVELS HAD REMAINED AT \$140 AND \$200 SINCE AUGUST 1984 AND JULY 1980 RESPECTIVELY.

THE NUMBER OF MOVING OFFENCES BEGAN TO SHOW A RISING TREND IN 1985, AS INDICATED BY THE NUMBER OF TICKETS ISSUED.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TICKETS ISSUED LAST YEAR FOR SUCH OFFENCES WAS 482,348, AN INCREASE OF 11.5 PER CENT OVER 1987.

AN INCREASE IN THE LEVEL OF FIXED PENALTY FINES WAS THEREFORE REQUIRED TO RESTORE THEIR DETERRENT VALUE AND TO CONTAIN THE SITUATION, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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GOVT TO SEEK VIEWS ON RURAL PLANNING AND IMPROVEMENT

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PROPOSALS BY THE INTER-DEPARTMENTAL WORKING GROUP ON THE RURAL PLANNING AND IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY ARE EXPECTED TO BE READY FOR CONSULTATION IN APRIL, THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

MR LIAO SAID THESE PROPOSALS WOULD COVER A VERY WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS SUCH AS LAND USE PLANNING AND CONTROL, VILLAGE EXPANSION, RURAL UPGRADING AND AGRICULTURE.

ONE OF THE MAIN PROPOSALS WOULD BE A CO-ORDINATED AND COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMME TO IMPROVE THE GENERAL INFRASTRUCTURE SUCH AS ACCESS ROADS, DRAINAGE, SEWERAGE, FLOOD CONTROL AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES IN THE RURAL NEW TERRITORIES, HE ADDED.

MR LIAO EXPLAINED THAT ALTHOUGH A GOOD DEAL WAS BEING DONE IN RURAL AREAS, THERE WAS A NEED TO DO MUCH MORE TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND THE ENVIRONMENT THERE.

"THE RURAL PLANNING AND IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY (RPIS) IS THEREFORE BEING DRAWN UP TO PROVIDE A CO-ORDINATED AND COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT FOR THE RURAL NEW TERRITORIES OUTSIDE THE NEW TOWNS," HE SAID.

"THE HEUNG YEE KUK, REGIONAL COUNCIL AND NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT BOARDS WILL BE CONSULTED ON THE RPIS PROPOSALS."

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TOGETHER WITH OTHER SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, HEUNG YEE KUK LEADERS, REGIONAL COUNCILLORS AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMEN, MR LIAO TODAY TOURED THE NORTH DISTRICT AND TAI PO TO SEE THE CURRENT IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS THERE.

THE GROUP INCLUDED THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR MICHAEL SUEN; DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES, MR HAIDER BARMA; REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG; HEUNG YEE KUK CHAIRMAN, MR LAU WONG-FAT; NORTH DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR PANG HANG-YIN; AND TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR DAVID HO YUNG-SANG.

AFTER ATTENDING A TALK AT THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE OVERALL RURAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND PLANS IN THE NORTH EAST NEW TERRITORIES, THE GROUP WENT TO A SITE IN SHEK WU HUI WHERE WORKS ON A \$20 MILLION FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEME ARE BEING CARRIED OUT.

THE VISITORS LEARNT THAT THE FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEME IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE EXISTING SHEUNG SHUI VILLAGE BECAUSE OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF A VILLAGE EXPANSION AREA WHICH WOULD BE FORMED ABOVE THE NORMAL FLOOD LEVEL. ALSO, SHEUNG SHUI VILLAGE IS SUSCEPTIBLE TO INUNDATION WHEN THE RIVER INDUS AND ITS TRIBUTARIES OVERFLOW.

THE SCHEME INCLUDES THE FORMATION OF A PROTECTIVE BUND SEPARATING SHEUNG SHUI VILLAGE FROM THE RIVER INDUS FLOOD PLAIN, A FLOOD STORAGE POND AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN AUTOMATIC STORM WATER PUMPING STATION.

DURING THE DAY, THE GROUP LOOKED AT TWO COMPLETED URBAN FRINGE IMPROVEMENT (UFI) PROJECTS -- A RECONSTRUCTED VAN TRACK AT TSUNG PAK LONG VILLAGE PROVIDING IMPROVED ACCESS FROM CASTLE PEAK ROAD VIA AN EXISTING SERVICE ROAD TO THE VILLAGE AND THE BAILEY BRIDGE AT KAU LUNG HANG WHICH WAS FIRST CONSTRUCTED IN 1967 BY THE ARMY.

THE GROUP NOTED THAT CONSEQUENT TO URBANISATION IN AREAS SURROUNDING THE NEW TOWNS, THE UFI PROGRAMME WAS INTRODUCED TO RATIONALISE AND EXTEND EXISTING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMMES TO RAISE LIVING STANDARDS IN SUCH AREAS.

THE GROUP ALSO VISITED A PLAYGROUND IN NAM WAH PO VILLAGE IN TAI PO WHICH WAS UPGRADED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE WORKS SECTION UNDER THE LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS (LPW) PROGRAMME AND WAS HANDED OVER TO THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE.

THE LPW SCHEME WAS INITIATED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN 1919 WITH THE AIM OF PROVIDING BASIC FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE FOR RURAL AREAS AND VILLAGES.

AT THE TIME, THE SCHEME WAS BASICALLY A SELF-HELP PROGRAMME WHEREBY MATERIALS WERE SUPPLIED TO VILLAGERS FOR THEM TO UNDERTAKE MINOR CONSTRUCTION WORK.

AT PRESENT, A WORKS SECTION HAS BEEN SET UP IN EACH OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICES WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PLANNING, CO-ORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF LPW PROJECTS.

ON THE PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, THE GROUP VIEWED THE FANLING TOWN PARK UNDER CONSTRUCTION FROM A NEARBY BUILDING AT TIN PING ESTATE AND VISITED SHUI WAI IN TAI PO WHERE THEY WERE BRIEFED ON THE DEVELOPMENT PLANS THERE.

WORK ON THE FANLING TOWN PARK, LOCATED BETWEEN SHEK WU HUI AND LUEN WO HUI, WHICH STARTED IN OCTOBER 1987, IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN AUGUST THIS YEAR.

THE PARK WILL PROVIDE THE WIDEST RANGE OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR THE RAPIDLY INCREASING POPULATION OF NORTH DISTRICT.

FOR THE GROWING POPULATION IN TAI PO, THE DISTRICT OPEN SPACE AT SHUI WAI WILL PROVIDE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES INCLUDING RIVER-WIDE WALKS, A JOGGING TRAIL, CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS AND LANDSCAPED AND SITTING OUT AREAS.

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SWAC RECOMMENDS EXPANSION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDERS SCHEME

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC), AT ITS MEETING THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON, RECOMMENDED THAT THE TWO-YEAR OLD COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDERS (CSO'S) PILOT SCHEME SHOULD BE EXPANDED TO ALL MAGISTRATE COURTS IN STAGES SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES.

THE SWAC, CHAIRED BY EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR MRS ROSANNA TAM, DISCUSSED A REPORT ON THE CSO'S PREPARED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS GENERALLY FELT THAT THE EXPERIENCES GAINED IN THE PILOT SCHEME HAD INDICATED THAT IT WAS SUITABLE FOR THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF HONG KONG.

IT HAD BEEN TAKEN AS A NEW SENTENCING OPTION, SERVED THE DUAL PURPOSE OF BEING BOTH PUNITIVE AND REHABILITATIVE TREATMENT FOR OFFENDERS, PROVED TO BE EFFECTIVE IN REHABILITATING OFFENDERS, AND VIABLE TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN HONG KONG.

MEMBERS RECOMMENDED THAT STAGE ONE EXPANSION SHOULD BE INTRODUCED IN THE 1989-90 FINANCIAL YEAR, FOLLOWED BY STAGE TWO IN 1990-91. FAILING THAT, THE SCHEME SHOULD BE EXPANDED TO ALL MAGISTRATE COURTS IN 1990-91.

THE SCHEME HAS BEEN OPERATING SMOOTHLY AND STEADILY SINCE ITS ENFORCEMENT. BY SEPTEMBER 30 LAST YEAR, A TOTAL OF 273 COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDERS HAD BEEN MADE. THE MAJORITY OF THE OFFENDERS PLACED UNDER THE ORDERS HAD BEEN ABLE TO COMPLETE THE REQUIREMENTS.

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DURING THE SAME PERIOD, THE COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDERS OFFICE HAD RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 604 REFERRALS FOR ASSESSMENT OF THE OFFENDERS' SUITABILITY FOR CSO'S. OF THESE, 496 (82 PER CENT) WERE FROM MAGISTRATE COURTS AND THE REST WERE RECOMMENDED BY PROBATION OFFICERS OR THE YOUNG OFFENDERS ASSESSMENT PANEL.

THE NUMBER OF HOURS ORDERED VARIED FROM 32 HOURS (TWO ORDERS) TO THE MAXIMUM OF 240 HOURS (14 ORDERS).

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS ORDERED FOR THE 273 ORDERS WAS 35,448 AND THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF HOURS PER ORDER WAS 130 HOURS.

WORK PLACEMENTS WERE ARRANGED FOR OFFENDERS IN SEVEN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND 17 VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

THE ORGANISATIONS CURRENTLY PROVIDING WORK TO THE PILOT SCHEME HAD STATED THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND THE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING MORE WORK PLACEMENTS ON THE ACCOUNT OF SATISFACTORY EXPERIENCES WITH THE COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKERS' PERFORMANCE.

MEANWHILE, THE PILOT SCHEME HAD RECEIVED FAVOURABLE RESPONSE FROM THE PARTIES CONCERNED. SEVEN ADDITIONAL OFFICES AND UNITS HAD REQUESTED COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKERS TO TAKE UP VOLUNTEER WORK IN THEIR PROGRAMMES.

COMMENTS FROM COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKERS ALSO SHOWED THAT THEY HAD GAINED A WIDE RANGE OF POSITIVE EXPERIENCES, WHILE SOME PARENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS SAID COMMUNITY SERVICE HAD CAUSED POSITIVE CHANGES IN THE ATTITUDE AND BEHAVIOUR OF COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKERS.

THE SWAC ALSO ENDORSED A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS (ASSISTANCE FUND) ORDINANCE TO ENABLE ALL VICTIMS OF ACCIDENTS INVOLVING LIGHT RAIL VEHICLES (LRV'S), IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER THE ACCIDENT HAD TAKEN PLACE ON THE INTEGRATED OR THE SEGREGATED SECTION OF THE TRACK, TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE UNDER THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE SCHEME.

THE COMMITTEE ALSO SUPPORTED THAT ANY PERSON WHO HAD BEEN INJURED IN ACCIDENTS INVOLVING AN LRV AT ANY TIME SINCE THE TRIAL RUN OF THE LRT SYSTEM BEGAN IN OCTOBER 1987, SHOULD BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE FUND.

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GOVERNOR PAYS ANOTHER VISIT TO POLICE FORMATIONS

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (THURSDAY) PAID HIS SECOND VISIT TO POLICE FORMATIONS WITHIN TEN WEEKS. ON THIS OCCASION HE WAS BRIEFED BY HEADQUARTERS UNITS ON BOTH MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS.

HE FIRST VISITED THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BRANCH WHICH HAS DRAWN UP GOVERNMENT'S FIRST INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY AS THE BLUEPRINT FOR SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT FOR FORCE USE IN THE COMING DECADE. THE COST OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE SYSTEMS IS LIKELY TO EXCEED \$400 MILLION OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

THE GOVERNOR WAS SHOWN A PROTOTYPE OF THE CUSTOM-DESIGNED TERMINAL AND A MOCK-UP OF A CONSOLE WHICH WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO THE NEW REGIONAL CONTROL ROOMS AS PART OF THE ENHANCED COMMAND AND CONTROL COMPUTER SYSTEM PROJECT.

HE WAS THEN GIVEN A DEMONSTRATION OF THE FLEXIBILITY OF THE CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE COMPUTER SYSTEM AND SHOWN ITS ABILITY TO PERFORM HIGH SPEED SEARCHING AND TO POSE COMPLEX QUESTIONS, THUS ENSURING THAT ALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON A PARTICULAR SUBJECT IS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE USER.

THE GOVERNOR THEN VISITED THE COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH. HE WAS TOLD THAT THE BRANCH IS CURRENTLY HANDLING SOME 150 PROJECTS TOTALLING \$406 MILLION. THE LARGEST OF THESE IS THE MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR INTEGRATED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM WHICH IS BEING INTRODUCED ON A PROGRESSIVE BASIS AND IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN 1992.

THE GOVERNOR WAS ALSO BRIEFED ON RECENTLY COMPLETED PROJECTS INCLUDING THE SOPHISTICATED COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS FOR TWO NEW COMMAND LAUNCHES WHICH ACCOUNT FOR APPROXIMATELY 60 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL COST OF EACH VESSEL. ANOTHER ACQUISITION FOR THESE COMMAND LAUNCHES IS NIGHT VISION AND THERMAL IMAGERY WHICH LITERALLY ENABLES CREWS TO +SEE IN THE DARK+.

THE GOVERNOR'S FINAL VISIT WAS TO THE NARCOTICS BUREAU. HERE HE WAS TOLD THAT 1988 HAD BEEN A PARTICULARLY SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR THE BUREAU WITH A NUMBER OF RECORDS BROKEN BOTH IN SEIZURES AND IN THE NEUTRALISING OF MANUFACTURING PLANTS.

THE BUREAU INTENDED TO CAPITALIZE ON THE POSITIVE RESULTS ALREADY ACHIEVED BY CONTINUING TO FOCUS ITS EFFORTS ON WELL ORGANISED GROUPS SPECIALISING IN THE IMPORTATION, MANUFACTURE, LOCAL DISTRIBUTION AND RE-EXPORT OF ILLICIT DRUGS ON A SIGNIFICANT SCALE.

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THEY WOULD ALSO BUILD ON THE CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS ALREADY DEVELOPED WITH A NUMBER OF OVERSEAS AND NEIGHBOURING ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, IN PARTICULAR CHINA WHICH, WITH ITS MORE LIBERALISED +OPEN DOOR+ POLICY, HAD NOW EMERGED AS A SIGNIFICANT OVERLAND ROUTE FOR TRAFFICKING. LAST YEAR THESE INTERNATIONAL CONTACTS WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN SIGNIFICANT QUANTITIES OF HIGH GRADE HEROIN BEING SEIZED IN THE UNITED STATES, THAILAND, CANADA, AUSTRALIA AND SINGAPORE.

IN RELATION TO PROPOSED NEW LEGISLATION AIMED AT SEQUESTERING THE ASSETS OF DRUG TRAFFICKERS, SIR DAVID WAS TOLD THAT TRAINING COURSES HAD ALREADY BEEN HELD IN HONG KONG FOLLOWING STUDIES OF SIMILAR SYSTEMS OPERATING IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED KINGDOM.

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CONSUMER SHOULD PROTECT HIS OWN RIGHTS

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THE CONSUMER HIMSELF HAS THE MOST CRITICAL ROLE TO PLAY IN PROTECTING HIS OWN RIGHTS, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MRS CLARIE LO, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

ADDRESSING A ROTARY CLUB LUNCHEON, MRS LO SAID THE GOVERNMENT, THE CONSUMER COUNCIL, THE SUPPLIERS OF GOODS AND SERVICES, TOGETHER WITH THE CONSUMER HIMSELF, SHARED RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONSUMER PROTECTION.

SHE EMPHASISED THAT THE CONSUMER HAD A DUTY TO HIMSELF TO BE CAREFUL AND CAUTIOUS IN MAKING PURCHASES.

"HE SHOULD ARM HIMSELF WITH THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUBJECT THAT IS AVAILABLE," SHE SAID.

MRS LO AGREED THAT THE AVERAGE MAN IN THE STREET IN REALITY FACED A DIFFICULT TASK IN TRYING TO ESTABLISH WHAT THE LAW IS, WHAT HIS RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS ARE, AND HOW TO EXERCISE THEM SHOULD HE BE DISSATISFIED.

"EVEN FOR THE WELL-INFORMED, AND WELL-EDUCATED, TIME AND PRESSURE OF WORK DO NOT OFTEN ALLOW US THE LUXURY OF REDRESSING ALL OUR WRONGS," SHE SAID.

TO THIS END, MRS LO SAID SHE UNDERSTOOD THAT LEGISLATION DID NOT PROVIDE THE WHOLE ANSWER TO THE PROBLEM.

SHE BELIEVED THAT THE BEST SOLUTION LAY IN A SYMPATHETIC GOVERNMENT THAT ENACTED WELL-CONSIDERED LEGISLATION, CONTINUATION OF THE CONSUMER COUNCIL'S PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAMME, AND GREATER AWARENESS AND DILIGENCE ON THE PART OF THE CONSUMER.

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"THERE IS STILL MUCH MORE TO DO TO ENSURE THAT CONSUMERS HAVE READY ACCESS TO INFORMATION," SHE SAID.

"I THINK THE THRUST OF MUCH FUTURE CONSUMER PROTECTION LEGISLATION WILL CONCENTRATE ON LABELLING AND MARKING REQUIREMENTS.

"THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION, AND EDUCATION ON HOW TO UNDERSTAND AND INTERPRET THAT INFORMATION, WE BELIEVE, SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO PROTECT THE CONSUMER WITHOUT THE GOVERNMENT UNNECESSARILY INTERFERING WITH THE MARKET PLACE."

MRS LO SAID A NUMBER OF LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS ARE IN THE PIPELINE.

THESE INCLUDE PROPOSALS ON TOY SAFETY, CONTROL OF EXEMPTION CLAUSES, CONSUMER PRODUCTS SAFETY, AND SHE HOPED THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE ABLE TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS LATER THIS YEAR.

EARLIER IN HER SPEECH, MRS LO EXPLAINED THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S BASIC POLICY ON CONSUMER PROTECTION HAD BEEN TO INTRODUCE NEW MEASURES, BY LEGISLATION OR BY ADMINISTRATIVE MEANS, WHENEVER IT CONSIDERED A COMPELLING NEED TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HAD ARISEN.

ELABORATING ON HOW A DECISION WAS REACHED, SHE SAID THE AUTHORITIES FIRST NEEDED TO BE CONVINCED THAT A REAL PROBLEM EXISTED AND THAT IT AFFECTED A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF CONSUMERS.

"SECOND, WE MUST ESTABLISH WHETHER THE PROBLEM CAN BE RESOLVED BY SOME OTHER MEANS," SHE SAID.

"THIRD, WE HAVE TO ESTABLISH TO OUR SATISFACTION THAT THE PROPOSED NEW MEASURE WOULD ACTUALLY SOLVE THE PROBLEM, AND WOULD NOT CREATE ANY OTHER NEW PROBLEMS.

"LASTLY, WE MUST BE SURE THAT THE NEW MEASURES ARE ENFORCEABLE IN PRACTICE, AND THAT THE COST OF ENFORCEMENT WOULD NOT OUTWEIGH THE BENEFITS GAINED."

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CHIEF SECRETARY VISITS HOUSING DEPARTMENT

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, TODAY VISITED THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT TO GAIN SOME FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN PUBLIC HOUSING.

HE WAS MET ON ARRIVAL BY THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR PANG YUK-LING, WHO BRIEFED SIR DAVID ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LONG TERM HOUSING STRATEGY, THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S AMBITIOUS PLAN TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE HOUSING FOR THE NEEDY BY THE YEAR 2001.

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SIR DAVID WAS PLEASED TO LEARN THAT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY WOULD CONSTRUCT ABOUT 60 000 RENTAL AND HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME FLATS THIS FINANCIAL YEAR, A RECORD IN THE AUTHORITY'S HISTORY, DESPITE THE PROBLEM OF LABOUR SHORTAGE.

HE ALSO HEARD THAT THE AUTHORITY WAS MAKING SOME REAL PROGRESS IN SQUATTER CLEARANCES. BY THE END OF THIS YEAR, MR PANG TOLD SIR DAVID, A TOTAL OF 32 000 SQUATTERS IN THE TWO LARGEST REMAINING URBAN SQUATTER AREAS AT SHAU KEI WAN AND DIAMOND HILL WOULD HAVE BEEN CLEARED.

SIR DAVID WAS THEN BRIEFED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S FOUR DEPUTY DIRECTORS ON PUBLIC HOUSING MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES; THE AUTHORITY'S CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONS PROGRAMMES AS WELL AS THE DEPARTMENT'S ADMINISTRATION.

HE LATER LEFT FOR LOK FU ESTATE IN WANG TAU HOM TO SEE SOME MOCK-UP FLATS FOR THE AUTHORITY'S NEWLY-DESIGNED HARMONY BLOCKS.

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOUSING (CONSTRUCTION), MR DEREK MESSLING, TOLD SIR DAVID THAT THE NEW DESIGN WOULD ENCOURAGE GREATER MECHANISATION AND OFF-SITE FABRICATION OF COMPONENTS TO FURTHER THE AUTHORITY'S GOALS OF BETTER QUALITY AND REDUCED RELIANCE ON SITE LABOUR.

THE FIRST BATCH OF THESE MORE SPACIOUS AND BETTER EQUIPPED FLATS WOULD BE COMPLETED IN WANG TAU HOM IN 1991, MR MESSLING ADDED.

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HOLIDAY RUSH AT HONG KONG AIRPORT

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THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED AIR TRAVELLERS BOUND FOR KUNMING, GUILIN AND HAIKOU TO CHECK IN THROUGH THE SPECIAL CHECK-IN FACILITY PROVIDED DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAY PERIOD.

THE FACILITY IS AT THE WESTERN END OF THE DEPARTURES HALL OF THE AIRPORT PASSENGER TERMINAL BUILDING AND WILL BE IN OPERATION FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) UNTIL NEXT THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 9).

A LARGE NUMBER OF DEPARTING PASSENGERS IS EXPECTED OVER THE HOLIDAY PERIOD. THE NUMBER WILL INCREASE TO A PEAK ON NEW YEAR'S DAY (FEBRUARY 6).

THE CIVIL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION OF CHINA WILL BE OPERATING ABOUT 350 ADDITIONAL FLIGHTS WHILE OTHER AIRLINES WILL ADD ALMOST 250 EXTRA FLIGHTS TO VARIOUS DESTINATIONS ABROAD IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS MONTH.

/ON NEW

ON NEW YEAR'S DAY OVER 30,000 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO DEPART ON 153 FLIGHTS.

DURING THE HOLIDAY PERIOD, DIRECTIONAL SIGNS WILL BE DISPLAYED AT PROMINENT POINTS OF THE DEPARTURES HALL TO INFORM PASSENGERS OF THEIR FLIGHT NUMBERS AND CHECK-IN COUNTERS.

"WITH THE OPENING OF THE STAGE V EXTENSION AND THE TIMELY COMPLETION OF ADDITIONAL IMMIGRATION DESKS BEFORE THE HOLIDAY, WE HOPE TO SEE A SMOOTHER FLOW OF PASSENGERS AND BAGGAGE MOVEMENTS IN THE PASSENGER TERMINAL THIS YEAR," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

"HOWEVER, WE STILL LOOK TO PASSENGERS FOR CO-OPERATION TO HELP EASE CONGESTION AT THE AIRPORT," HE CONTINUED.

HE ALSO URGED AIR TRAVELLERS TO OBSERVE A FEW POINTS WHEN DEPARTING FROM THE AIRPORT.

"PASSENGERS SHOULD ARRIVE EARLY, AT LEAST TWO HOURS AHEAD OF FLIGHT DEPARTURE, AND CHECK IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE," HE SAID.

"WHERE POSSIBLE THEY SHOULD USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT INSTEAD OF PRIVATE CARS.

"ON ARRIVAL THEY SHOULD LOOK FOR SIGNS AND DISPLAY PANELS WHICH INDICATE THEIR FLIGHT NUMBERS AND RELEVANT PROCESSING COUNTERS.

"PASSENGERS SHOULD ALSO PERSUADE THEIR FRIENDS AND RELATIVE NOT TO SEE THEM OFF AT THE AIRPORT."

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FIREMAN COMMENDED FOR EXEMPLARY CONDUCT

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A SENIOR FIREMAN WAS TODAY (THURSDAY) COMMENDED FOR HIS EXEMPLARY CONDUCT IN RESCUING A SIX-YEAR-OLD GIRL TRAPPED UNDERNEATH A TRAM CAR EARLIER THIS YEAR, WHILE HE WAS OFF-DUTY.

AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY, THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER OF HONG KONG COMMAND, MR TAM YUK-FAN, PRESENTED HIS COMMENDATION TO SENIOR FIREMAN WONG KAT-LAM, WHO IS ATTACHED TO THE MARINE AND OUTLYING ISLANDS DIVISION.

ON JANUARY 11, MR WONG AND HIS WIFE WERE WALKING ALONG KING'S ROAD IN NORTH POINT WHEN THEY HEARD THAT THERE WAS A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT NEARBY INVOLVING A TRAM CAR.

HE RUSHED TO THE SCENE AND DISCOVERED A GIRL WAS TRAPPED UNDERNEATH A TRAM CAR.

/MR WONG

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MR WONG MADE FULL USE OF A FIREMAN'S SKILLS AND USED TWO BORROWED JACKS TO LIFT UP THE TRAM CAR AND RESCUE THE GIRL.

THE LITTLE GIRL IS IN HOSPITAL RECOVERING FROM LEG INJURIES.

UPON INVESTIGATING THE CASE, FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT OFFICERS FOUND THAT THE GIRL'S FATHER HAD PASSED AWAY RECENTLY.

A DRIVE WAS THEN LAUNCHED AMONG STAFF OF THE MARINE AND OUTLYING ISLANDS DIVISION TO RAISE FUNDS TO HELP THE FAMILY.

A SUM OF \$5,350 WAS COLLECTED AND GIVEN TO THE GIRL'S MOTHER AFTER TODAY'S PRESENTATION CEREMONY BY THE SENIOR DIVISIONAL OFFICER OF THE DIVISION, MR DOONG HWA.

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BOE MEMBERS VISIT SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CENTRE

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MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOE) TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S PERTH STREET SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CENTRE IN HO MAN TIN TO TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT THE RANGE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES PROVIDED TO PRE-SCHOOL AND SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN.

THE PARTY COMPRISED THE CHAIRMAN, MRS RITA FAN, MISS BOW SUI-MAY, MISS SO YAN-LAP, MR TAM MAN-KWAN, THE REV J.G. FOLEY, MR ANDREW SO, MS SANSAN CHING, AND MR DOMINIC WONG.

THE VISITORS WERE ACCOMPANIED ON THE TOUR BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (SERVICES), MR LUCAS CHAN, AND THE BOE SECRETARY, MR P.K. CHIU.

THE BOE MEMBERS WERE TOLD THAT THE PERTH STREET SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CENTRE CAME INTO OPERATION IN 1975 BY MAKING USE OF UNDER-UTILISED GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL PREMISES.

THE CENTRE IS NOW ONE OF THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE INSTITUTIONS OF ITS KIND IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, PROVIDING A FULL RANGE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES, RANGING FROM ASSESSMENT TO TREATMENT, TO CHILDREN WITH LEARNING PROBLEMS.

IT IS ONE OF THE THREE SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE CENTRES RUN BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. THE OTHER TWO ARE LOCATED ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

IT ALSO OFFERS TRAINING AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT COURSES TO TEACHERS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION.

/THE VISITORS

THE VISITORS SAW HOW CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS ARISING FROM THEIR VISUAL, HEARING, SPEECH AND OTHER LEARNING PROBLEMS ARE ASSESSED AND TREATED AT THE CENTRE.

THEY ALSO INSPECTED VARIOUS SERVICES AVAILABLE AT THE CENTRE.

THESE INCLUDE REFERRAL AND PLACEMENT, SPEECH THERAPY, PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT, COUNSELLING FOR BOTH CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS AND ASSESSMENT FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE AUDIOLOGICALLY IMPAIRED.

THE BOE MEMBERS ALSO WATCHED A RESOURCE TEACHING CLASS IN SESSION AND VISITED A LABORATORY, AN EXHIBITION OF RESOURCE MATERIALS FOR TEACHING MODERATELY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN, AND A CURRICULUM WORKSHOP.

THEY ALSO SAW HOW EAR-MOULDLS ARE PRODUCED.

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LABOUR LEGISLATION ENHANCES WORKFORCE PRODUCTIVITY

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IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE OBJECTIVE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TO INTRODUCE GRADUAL IMPROVEMENTS IN LABOUR LEGISLATION SO AS TO PROVIDE THE WORKFORCE WITH REASONABLE BENEFITS, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE CERTIFICATE COURSES ON LABOUR RELATIONS AND LABOUR LEGISLATION JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

MR HAMMOND EXPLAINED THAT SUCH IMPROVEMENTS MADE DONE AFTER THOROUGH CONSULTATION WITH EMPLOYERS' AND EMPLOYEES' REPRESENTATIVES.

HE SAID THAT BEFORE A NEW PIECE OF LEGISLATION WAS PROPOSED, CAREFUL CONSIDERATION HAD ALWAYS BEEN GIVEN TO ITS ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS.

"THE CONTINUED STRONG PERFORMANCE OF OUR ECONOMY HAS PROVED BEYOND DOUBT THAT OUR LABOUR LEGISLATION HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN IMPROVING THE PRODUCTIVITY OF THE WORKFORCE AND IN ACHIEVING THE INDUSTRIAL PEACE WHICH HAS CONTINUED TO ATTRACT MANY FOREIGN INVESTORS TO SET UP THEIR BUSINESSES IN HONG KONG," HE ADDED.

ON THE GENERAL STATE OF LABOUR RELATIONS IN HONG KONG, MR HAMMOND SAID IT REMAINED VERY GOOD DESPITE PROBLEMS ARISING FROM THE CURRENT LABOUR SHORTAGE AND THE REMOVAL OF SOME MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS OUT OF THE TERRITORY.

/CITING STATISTICS

CITING STATISTICS, HE SAID ONLY 160 TRADE DISPUTES RESULTING IN THE LOSS OF 2,345 WORKING DAYS WERE REPORTED LAST YEAR.

AS LABOUR DISPUTES WERE COMMONLY CAUSED BY A BREAKDOWN IN COMMUNICATION AND AN INADEQUATE KNOWLEDGE OF THE STATUTORY RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAD ORGANISED SEVERAL SEMINARS AND TRAINING COURSES TOGETHER WITH EMPLOYERS ASSOCIATIONS AND TRADE UNIONS.

"WE HAVE ALSO ORGANISED A SERIES OF INDUSTRY-BASED SYMPOSIA AND EXHIBITIONS AND PUBLISHED A NUMBER OF GUIDES AND PAMPHLETS ON THE PROVISIONS OF OUR LABOUR LEGISLATION," MR HAMMOND SAID.

"TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD LABOUR RELATIONS, THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD, ALSO ORGANISED A LARGE-SCALE PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITY -- LABOUR RELATIONS '88 -- IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER LAST YEAR."

HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT, EMPLOYERS, EMPLOYEES AND THE GOVERNMENT HAD DEVELOPED A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF EACH OTHER'S ROLE IN LABOUR RELATIONS.

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ENROLMENT FOR THREE TOURISM COURSES BEGINS

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THE HOTEL, CATERING AND TOURISM TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL AND THE TRAVEL INDUSTRY OF HONG KONG HAVE JOINTLY ORGANISED THREE UPGRADING COURSES TO MEET THE TRAINING DEMANDS FROM THE TOURISM INDUSTRY.

A COURSE ON "EFFECTIVE SUPERVISORY SKILLS FOR TRAVEL AGENCY EXECUTIVES", RUNNING FROM FEBRUARY 21 TO MARCH 9, IS DESIGNED FOR EXECUTIVES AND MANAGERS IN TRAVEL AGENCIES WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT.

IT WILL EXAMINE A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS SUCH AS THE DUTIES, ROLE AND QUALIFICATION OF AN EFFECTIVE EXECUTIVE, SITUATIONAL LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND PERSONNEL RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING. THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENROLMENT IS FEBRUARY 14.

A TWO-DAY COURSE ON "EFFECTIVE SELLING SKILLS FOR TRAVEL AGENCY PERSONNEL" WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 2 AND 3 FOR TOURISM STAFF IN AGENCY SALES DEPARTMENTS.

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PARTICIPANTS WILL BE BRIEFED ON HOW TO ASSESS CUSTOMER NEEDS, PRESENT PRODUCT BENEFITS, HANDLE CUSTOMER OBJECTIVES AND OFFER AFTER-SALES SERVICES. APPLICATIONS FOR THIS COURSE SHOULD BE MADE ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 21.

ALSO A TWO-DAY COURSE, A "EFFECTIVE MARKETING MANAGEMENT SKILLS FOR TRAVEL AGENCY EXECUTIVES" WILL COVER TOPICS ON THE ROLE OF THE SALE EXECUTIVES IN MARKETING, MARKET RESEARCH AS WELL AS CUSTOMER AND COMPETITOR ANALYSIS.

IT WILL BE CONDUCTED ON MARCH 7 AND 8 AND THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENROLMENT IS FEBRUARY 28.

COURSE FEES RANGE FROM \$700 TO \$1,600. AN ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATE WILL BE AWARDED TO PARTICIPANTS UPON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE, BY THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TRAINING BOARD ON 5-8932341, EXT. 282, OR TO THE TRAVEL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF HONG KONG ON 5-8682738 OR 5-8682780.

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LAI-SEE PRESENTED TO AGED BLIND PEOPLE

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A PARTY OF SENIOR SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICIALS LED BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, TODAY (THURSDAY) PRESENTED NEW YEAR RED PACKETS, EACH CONTAINING \$100, TO 221 RESIDENTS OF THREE HOMES FOR THE AGED BLIND IN YUEN LONG, SHAM SHUI PO AND SOUTHERN.

THE LAI-SEE, AMOUNTING TO \$22,100 WAS ALLOCATED FROM THE TANG SHIU KIN AND HO TIM CHARITABLE FUND.

IN THE MORNING, MRS WONG, WHOSE PARTY INCLUDED THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (YOUTH AND REHABILITATION), MR KWOK KA-CHI, FIRST VISITED THE YUEN LONG HOME FOR THE AGED BLIND OPERATED BY THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND, IN ON NING ROAD.

LAI-SEE PACKETS WERE PRESENTED TO A TOTAL OF 111 RESIDENTS.

THE PARTY THEN MOVED ON TO THE KOWLOON HOME FOR THE AGED BLIND OPERATED BY THE SAME SOCIETY IN NAM CHEONG STREET, SHAM SHUI PO.

THERE, LAI-SEE PACKETS WERE PRESENTED TO 83 RESIDENTS.

IN THE AFTERNOON, THE PARTY VISITED THE EBENEZER SCHOOL AND HOME FOR THE BLIND IN POK FU LAM ROAD IN SOUTHERN, AND LAI-SEE PACKETS WERE PRESENTED TO 27 RESIDENTS.

MRS WONG PAID TRIBUTE TO THE RESIDENTS FOR WHAT THEY HAD DONE FOR THEIR FAMILIES AND THE COMMUNITY IN THE PAST.

SHE ALSO COMMENDED THE VOLUNTARY WORKERS AND THE MANAGERMENTS OF THE HOMES FOR PROVIDING SERVICES FOR THE AGED AND THE BLIND.

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SWITCHING-ON OF FESTIVE LIGHTS IN VICTORIA PARK

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A CEREMONY TO SWITCH ON THE LUNAR NEW YEAR LIGHTING IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT WILL BE HELD AT 6 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) OUTSIDE THE SQUASH COURT (NEAR THE HING FAT STREET ENTRANCE) IN VICTORIA PARK.

THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GARY YEUNG; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER (EASTERN), MR C.J. GLOVER; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG; AND URBAN COUNCILLOR MR MARVIN CHEUNG WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

TO USHER IN THE LUNAR NEW YEAR, THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD HAS PUT UP A DECORATIVE "PAI LAU" IN THE PARK AT A COST OF \$70,000.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SWITCHING-ON CEREMONY.

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KWUN TONG LUNAR NEW YEAR LIGHTING SWITCHING-ON TOMORROW

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WITH THE YEAR OF THE SNAKE ONLY A FEW DAYS AWAY, THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD HAS PUT UP A "PAI LAU" AT THE TOWN CENTRE TO CELEBRATE THE FESTIVE SEASON AND TO WISH RESIDENTS A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

THE "PAI LAU", SET UP OUTSIDE THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE IN TUNG YAN STREET FACING THE BUSY YUE MAN SQUARE, MEASURES 20 METRES IN HEIGHT AND 10 METRES IN WIDTH.

ERECTED AT A COST OF \$150,000, THE "PAI LAU" FEATURES THE THREE AUSPICIOUS STARS OF "FORTUNE", "WEALTH" AND "LONGEVITY" AND ALSO CARRIES A MESSAGE APPEALING TO EVERY SECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS.

DECORATED WITH SPECTACULAR LIGHTING, THE "PAI LAU" WILL BE SWITCHED ON EVERY EVENING FROM 6 PM TO MIDNIGHT DURING THE FESTIVE PERIOD BETWEEN FEBRUARY 3 AND 20.

/KWUN TONG

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KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHRIS WAN, AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM HANG-FAI, WILL OFFICIATE AT A SWITCHING-ON CEREMONY OF THE LIGHTING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 6 PM.

TO MARK THE OCCASION, A RECEPTION, BEGINNING AT 5.30 PM, WILL BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE FOR MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND LOCAL AREA COMMITTEES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE RECEPTION AND TO COVER THE SWITCHING-ON CEREMONY THAT FOLLOWS.

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FREE TICKETS FOR VARIETY SHOW IN TAI PO MARKET
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FREE ADMISSION TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR A VARIETY SHOW TO BE STAGED AT THE TAI PO COMMUNITY CENTRE ON FEBRUARY 12 (SUNDAY).

THE EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE SECOND TAI PO FESTIVAL'S LUNAR NEW YEAR PROGRAMME COMMITTEE AND CO-SPONSORED BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD.

THE VARIETY SHOW, PART OF THE SECOND TAI PO FESTIVAL, WILL ADD TO THE LUNAR NEW YEAR ATMOSPHERE IN TAI PO MARKET.

BEGINNING AT 7.30 PM, THE SHOW WILL INCLUDE POP SINGING AND ACROBATICS.

TICKETS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE TAI PO COMMUNITY CENTRE IN HEUNG SZE WUI STREET, THE OFFICE OF THE TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE IN PO HEUNG STREET, AND THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AT 1 TING KOK ROAD.

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EXTENDED TRANSPORT ON LUNAR NEW YEAR'S EVE

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES WILL BE EXTENDED ON LUNAR NEW YEAR'S EVE (FEBRUARY 5) UNTIL EARLY THE NEXT MORNING.

TO COPE WITH FESTIVE CROWDS EXPECTED TO FLOCK TO FLOWER FAIRS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE TERRITORY, THE STAR FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN EDINBURGH PLACE AND KOWLOON POINT, AND TRAMS AND THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY (MTR), WILL RUN ALL NIGHT.

THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY'S CENTRAL TO JORDAN ROAD SERVICE WILL BE EXTENDED TO 1 AM, AND THE PEAK TRAM SERVICE WILL ALSO BE EXTENDED IF NECESSARY.

SUPPLEMENTARY HYF PASSENGER FERRY SERVICES FROM CENTRAL TO MUI WO (VIA PENG CHAU) AND FROM CENTRAL TO CHEUNG CHAU (VIA YUNG SHUE WAN, LAMMA ISLAND) WILL BE OPERATED AT 1 AM AND 1.15 AM ON LUNAR NEW YEAR'S DAY RESPECTIVELY.

ALSO OPERATING OVERNIGHT WILL BE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS (KMB) ROUTES 6, 26, 80M, 82M AND 85K AND KOWLOON GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES 18, 33M AND 37M.

DURING THE EXTENDED OPERATING PERIOD, KMB ROUTE 80M WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO OPERATE BETWEEN KOWLOON TONG MTR STATION AND WO CHE AND ADDITIONAL BUS STOPS FOR KMB ROUTE 82M WILL BE DESIGNATED AT LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD NEAR SUN TIN WAI ESTATE AND TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD NEAR CITY ONE SHA TIN.

THE LAST KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY (KCR) TRAIN BOUND FOR SHEUNG SHUI WILL DEPART FROM KOWLOON STATION AT 2 AM.

ALL LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT (LRT) SERVICES WILL BE EXTENDED TO 2 AM. ROUTE 611 WILL BE OPERATED BETWEEN FERRY PIER AND SIU HONG COURT AFTER 8 PM ON FEBRUARY 5, 6, 7 AND 8 AND WILL BE RENUMBERED AS ROUTE 511.

LRT FEEDER BUS ROUTES 559 AND 670 WILL BE EXTENDED TO 1 AM.

AS MANY PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE FLOWER FAIR AT VICTORIA PARK, SPECIAL CROSS-HARBOUR BUSES ON ROUTES 111S (CAUSEWAY BAY TO CHOI HUNG) AND ROUTE 112S (CAUSEWAY BAY TO MONG KOK) WILL BE IN SERVICE FROM HALF PAST MIDNIGHT TO 6 AM.

SPECIAL CROSS-HARBOUR SERVICE WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED ON ROUTE 121 (CENTRAL TO CHOI HUNG) FROM 45 MINUTES PAST MIDNIGHT TO 5 AM.

MOREOVER, CROSS-HARBOUR ROUTES 112 AND 116 WILL OPERATE SUPPLEMENTARY JOURNEYS LINKING CAUSEWAY BAY WITH MONG KOK AND CHOI HUNG RESPECTIVELY FROM 8 PM TO MIDNIGHT.

CROSS-HARBOUR ROUTE 122 (NORTH POINT TO SO UK) WILL ALSO INCREASE ITS FREQUENCY FROM 45 MINUTES PAST MIDNIGHT TO 5 AM.

/CHINA MOTOR

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CHINA MOTOR BUS (CMB) WILL ALSO RUN FOUR SPECIAL ROUTES TO VICTORIA PARK. OF THESE, ROUTE 86 BETWEEN CHAI WAN EAST AND CAUSEWAY ROAD WILL OPERATE FROM 8 PM TO MIDNIGHT.

ROUTES 304, 308 AND 392 LINKING CAUSEWAY ROAD WITH WAH FU, CHAI WAN EAST, AND AP LEI CHAU ESTATE RESPECTIVELY, WILL OPERATE BETWEEN ONE MINUTE PAST MIDNIGHT AND 5 AM.

FROM 7 PM, CMB ROUTE 5B WILL BE EXTENDED TO CAUSEWAY ROAD OUTSIDE VICTORIA PARK. BUSES ON THIS ROUTE WILL CLOSE FOR THE DAY AT 2 AM.

MEANWHILE, MANY BUS SERVICES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR WILL FINISH LATER THAN USUAL.

THESE INCLUDE CMB ROUTES 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, 23, 25, 37, 38, 40, 47, 48, 70, 71, 73, 81, 83, 90, 92, 95, 97 AND 98 AND CROSS-HARBOUR ROUTES 102 AND 106 WHICH WILL CEASE OPERATING ABOUT AN HOUR LATER THAN ON NORMAL SUNDAYS.

KMB ROUTES 24K AND 72K WILL BE EXTENDED FOR 30 MINUTES AFTER NORMAL OPERATING PERIOD.

SERVICES ON 44 KMB ROUTES WILL BE EXTENDED BY AN HOUR. THEY ARE ROUTES 1, 2A, 3C, 6B, 9, 10, 14, 15C, 16, 16M, 21, 28, 31, 31M, 32, 32B, 33, 34, 34B, 35, 36A, 36M, 37, 38M, 39A, 43, 43A, 43M, 44, 44M, 46, 46A, 54, 58M, 59, 59M, 60M, 66M, 67M, 71K, 72X, 81C, 85 AND 85A.

OTHER ROUTES 1A, 2, 5, 5C, 6C, 11, 15, 27K, 29M, 31, 37M, 39M, 41A, 41M, 43, 43B, 68M, 80K, 81K, 88K, 89, 89A, 89C AND 93A WILL FINISH AN HOUR-AND-A-HALF AFTER NORMAL SERVICE SCHEDULES.

GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES WILL ALSO OPERATE WELL INTO THE EARLY HOURS OF LUNAR NEW YEAR'S DAY.

ON HONG KONG ISLAND, ROUTES 21M AND 33M WILL FINISH AT 3 AM. IN KOWLOON, ROUTES 38M AND 39M WILL STOP RUNNING AT MIDNIGHT; ROUTES 11M, 30A, 30M AND 31M AT 2 AM; ROUTES 3 AND 8 AT 2.30 AM; ROUTE 22M AT 3 AM AND ROUTES 6, 16, 19 AND 20 AT 4 AM.

IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, ROUTE 67K WILL RUN UNTIL 11 PM; ROUTES 33 AND 35 UNTIL 11.30 PM; AND ROUTES 31, 32, 65K AND 66K UNTIL MIDNIGHT.

ROUTES 39 WILL CEASE OPERATING AT 30 MINUTES PAST MIDNIGHT; ROUTES 20K, 22K AND 34 AT 1 AM; ROUTE 60K AT 1.20 AM; AND ROUTES 81 AND 82 AT 2 AM.

IN SOME CASES, GREEN MINIBUSES WILL CHARGE A FLAT FARE DURING THE EXTENDED OPERATING HOURS.

/KMB ROUTE

KMB ROUTE A3 WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 6 PM.

MEANWHILE, KMB ROUTE 89R WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM FEBRUARY 4 TO 7 WHILE KMB ROUTES 93R AND 95R WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM FEBRUARY 5 TO 7.

PASSENGERS SHOULD ALSO BE ON THE ALERT FOR THE BUS AND GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE DIVERSIONS AND SUSPENSION OF CERTAIN BUS AND TRAM STOPS IN CAUSEWAY BAY.

DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS, FROM FEBRUARY 6 TO 8, SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTARY SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED ON KMB ROUTES 1A, 2A, 2F, 3D, 38, 41A, 48, 51, 59A, 60X, 61X, 67M, 68, 68A, 68M, 68X, 71K, 72K, 73X, 74X, 75X, 80K, 81C, 81K, 85K, 88K, 89, 89C, 284 AND 289.

THE LAST DEPARTURE OF KMB ROUTE 85K WILL BE EXTENDED TO 2.15 AM ON FEBRUARY 7.

KMB ROUTES 48A AND 80 WILL ADOPT THE HOLIDAY TIMETABLES FROM FEBRUARY 9 TO 11. THERE WILL BE NO ROUTES 48P AND 80P ON THESE DAYS.

SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTARY CROSS-HARBOUR SERVICE ON ROUTES 101, 102, 106, 107 AND 170 WILL BE OPERATED FROM FEBRUARY 6 TO 8.

ADDITIONAL KCR TRAINS WILL RUN BETWEEN KOWLOON AND TAI PO MARKET FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM DAILY ON FEBRUARY 6 AND 7.

TO COPE WITH THE FLOW OF WORSHIPPERS VISITING THE CHE KUNG TEMPLE ON FEBRUARY 8, ADDITIONAL TRAINS WILL RUN BETWEEN KOWLOON AND SHA TIN.

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR
LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIRS IN KOWLOON, NT
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN SAN PO KONG, SHAM SHUI PO AND YUEN LONG TO FACILITATE THE HOLDING OF LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIRS.

IN SAN PO KONG, THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC FROM 6 PM ON LUNAR NEW YEAR'S EVE (SUNDAY) TO 8 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY:

- * THE UNNAMED ACCESS ROAD CONNECTING TAI YAU STREET AND SZE MEI STREET BETWEEN NG FONG STREET AND LUK HOP STREET;
- * LUK HOP STREET;
- * THE UNNAMED ACCESS ROAD CONNECTING TAI YAU STREET AND TSAT PO STREET BETWEEN LUK HOP STREET AND PAT TAT STREET;
- * THE WESTERN CARRIAGEWAY OF SZE MEI STREET BETWEEN LUK HOP STREET AND KING FUK STREET;

- * KING FUK STREET EASTBOUND BETWEEN SZE MEI STREET AND KING HONG STREET;
- * TSAT PO STREET BETWEEN LUK HOP STREET AND PAT TAT STREET;
- * THE UNNAMED ACCESS ROAD FRONTING SAN PO KONG INDUSTRIAL FACTORY BUILDING BLOCK NO. 5 LEADING FROM THE JUNCTION OF SZE MEI STREET AND KING FUK STREET; AND
- * THE UNNAMED ACCESS ROAD CONNECTING TAI YAU STREET AND TSAT PO STREET BETWEEN PAT TAT STREET AND SAM CHUK STREET.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD, ONE TEMPORARY TAXI STAND WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE OF KING FUK STREET OUTSIDE SAN PO KONG FACTORY ESTATE BLOCK V.

MEANWHILE, METERED PARKING SPACES ON A NUMBER OF ROADS WILL BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED FROM 8 PM ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 4) TO 8 AM ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 6).

THESE ROADS ARE NG FONG STREET, SZE MEI STREET, LUK HOP STREET, TSAT PO STREET, PAT TAT STREET, KING FUK STREET BETWEEN SAM CHUK STREET AND SZE MEI STREET, AND SAM CHUK STREET BETWEEN TAI YAU STREET AND KING FUK STREET.

IN SHAM SHUI PO, FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 4) TO 6 AM ON LUNAR NEW YEAR'S DAY (MONDAY), THE SECTION OF FAT TSEUNG STREET BETWEEN CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD AND LAI CHI KOK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT FOR FRANCHISED BUSES AND VEHICLES FOR LOADING AND UNLOADING GOODS FOR THE LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR.

BUS STOPS ON CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD WESTBOUND OUTSIDE CHEUNG SHA WAN PLAYGROUND WILL BE RESITED TO A POINT ABOUT 120 METRES WESTWARDS FROM 3 PM ON LUNAR NEW YEAR'S EVE TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY.

ALSO, THE MOTOR CYCLE PARKING SPACES IN FAT TSEUNG STREET SOUTHBOUND NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH LAI CHI KOK ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 8 AM ON LUNAR NEW YEAR'S EVE TO 8 PM THE NEXT DAY.

IN YUEN LONG, TAI YUK ROAD BETWEEN KAU YUK ROAD AND MA TIN ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND FROM 5 PM ON NEW YEAR'S EVE TO 7 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY. MA TIN ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO ONE-WAY ANTI-CLOCKWISE.

ON ITS KUNG OM-BOUND JOURNEYS DURING THE SAME PERIOD, GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 39 WILL BE RE-ROUTED VIA KAU YUK ROAD, TAI YUK ROAD AND MA TIN ROAD.

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WONG TAI SIN TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TO FACILITATE CROWD CONTROL NEAR WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR, TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN WONG TAI SIN WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

SHA TIN PASS ROAD BETWEEN LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND FUNG TAK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT FOR GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 37M, WHILE THE UNNAMED ACCESS ROAD BETWEEN WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE AND WONG TAI SIN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT FOR GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 18.

THESE MEASURES WILL BE IN FORCE FROM 8 PM ON FEBRUARY 5 (SUNDAY) TO 7 PM THE NEXT DAY AND FROM 6.30 AM TO 7 PM DAILY ON FEBRUARY 7, 8, 12, 19 AND 20.

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NEW MAP GUIDE ON LAND UTILISATION
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A NEW COLOURED REFERENCE MAP SHOWING THE LAND UTILISATION PATTERN IN HONG KONG HAS BEEN PRODUCED BY THE TOWN PLANNING OFFICE.

THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT TOWN PLANNER, DR PETER K.S. PUN, WHO HEADS THE OFFICE, SAID THAT OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS THE OFFICE HAD CONDUCTED OVER 100 LAND USE SURVEYS, AND THESE WERE UPDATED REGULARLY.

"THESE SURVEYS PROVIDE THE UP-TO-DATE LAND USE INFORMATION FOR THE PREPARATION OF OUR TOWN PLANS," HE SAID.

"FOR EASY REFERENCE, SUCH INFORMATION IS CONDENSED IN GRAPHIC FORM ON THE MAP NOW ON SALE."

PRINTED AT A SCALE OF 1 : 75,000, THE BILINGUAL MAP IDENTIFIES VARIOUS AREAS TAKEN UP BY PRIVATE AND PUBLIC HOUSING, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS, AGRICULTURAL LAND, COUNTRY PARKS, COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT FACILITIES, AND A SERIES OF OTHER USES.

DR PUN SAID THE MAP SHOULD BE A USEFUL REFERENCE TO PROFESSIONALS, SCHOLARS, DEVELOPERS AND ANYONE INTERESTED IN THE LAND USE PATTERN IN HONG KONG.

THE PREVIOUS LAND UTILISATION MAP COVERING THE WHOLE TERRITORY WAS PUBLISHED 20 YEARS AGO, ALTHOUGH A SIMILAR MAP COVERING ONLY HONG KONG ISLAND AND KOWLOON WAS PUBLISHED IN NOVEMBER 1987.

THE NEW MAP IS AVAILABLE AT \$20 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE (GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR); AND THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT MAP SALES COUNTERS (MURRAY BUILDING, 14TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, CENTRAL; AND 382 NATHAN ROAD, GROUND FLOOR, YAU MA TEI).

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MUSICIANS AND DANCERS

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LOCAL YOUNG MUSICIANS AND DANCERS CAN APPLY FOR OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED BY THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB MUSIC FUND FOR THE YEAR 1989-90.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS IS TO ENABLE EXCEPTIONALLY TALENTED YOUNG PEOPLE TO RECEIVE TRAINING IN POST DIPLOMA STUDIES AT INSTITUTIONS OVERSEAS.

THE SCOPE OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS IS NOT CONFINED TO INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC STUDIES OR BALLET. IT CAN ALSO COVER RELATED STUDIES IN MUSIC OR DANCE, PRACTICAL OR ACADEMIC, SUCH AS MUSICOLOGY, CHOREOGRAPHY, AND DANCE NOTATION.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS WILL COVER TUITION FEES, A TECHNICAL ALLOWANCE AND A RETURN PASSAGE TO THE INTENDED COUNTRY OF STUDY. A SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE MAY BE GRANTED ACCORDING TO INDIVIDUAL NEED.

APPLICANTS ARE ADVISED TO CHOOSE ONE-YEAR COURSES AS THE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE NORMALLY FOR ONE YEAR ONLY.

CANDIDATES APPLYING FOR MUSIC OR MUSIC RELATED STUDIES SHOULD PREFERABLY BE UNDER THE AGE OF 23 ON SEPTEMBER 1 THIS YEAR, AND HAVE STUDIED MUSIC UP TO THE STANDARD OF THE DIPLOMA GRANTED BY THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS OR ITS EQUIVALENT.

AS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DANCE OR DANCE RELATED STUDIES, CANDIDATES SHOULD PREFERABLY BE AGED BETWEEN 16 AND 23 ON SEPTEMBER 1 THIS YEAR AND HAVE STUDIED DANCE UP TO THE STANDARD OF THE DIPLOMA GRANTED BY THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS OR ITS EQUIVALENT.

IN ADDITION, ALL APPLICANTS SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST THREE YEARS' RESIDENCE IN HONG KONG.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB MUSIC FUND SECRETARIAT, MUSIC OFFICE, 25TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED BY THE APPLICANTS IN PERSON TO THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB MUSIC FUND SECRETARIAT NOT LATER THAN MARCH 4.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-8235343.

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'FLEXI' SCHOOL FOR JUNK BAY
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A PRIMARY SCHOOL OF THE NEW FLEXI DESIGN STET WILL BE BUILT IN AREA 29 OF JUNK BAY.

TENDERS FOR CONSTRUCTION ARE NOW BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE INNOVATIVE DESIGN GIVES THE SCHOOL AUTHORITIES THE FLEXIBILITY TO CONVERT THE BUILDING INTO A SECONDARY SCHOOL LATER, AT MINIMUM COST AND DISRUPTION TO MEET THE CHANGING NEEDS OF A MATURING STUDENT BODY.

THE BUILDING WILL CONSIST OF 30 CLASSROOMS, FOUR SPECIAL CLASSROOMS, AN ASSEMBLY HALL, A BASKETBALL COURT, A COVERED PLAYGROUND AS WELL AS A ROOFTOP PLAYGROUND.

CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THE SCHOOL, WHICH WILL OCCUPY A SITE AREA OF SOME 5,300 SQUARE METRES, WILL START IN APRIL THIS YEAR. THE BUILDING IS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED IN JULY 1990.

TENDERS FOR THE CONTRACT WORKS MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE NOON ON FEBRUARY 24.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR TSING YI BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT WORKS
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT TO FACILITATE THE STAGE II IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT TSING YI BRIDGE, TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED BETWEEN 8 PM AND 5.40 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY DAILY FROM FEBRUARY 13 FOR ABOUT FIVE MONTHS.

KWAI TSING ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTIONS WITH KWAI TAI ROAD AND TSING YI HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD ROUNDABOUT, INCLUDING TSING YI BRIDGE, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

A SECTION OF TSING YI HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD ROUNDABOUT, CONNECTING SOUTHBOUND TSING YI HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD AND SOUTHBOUND TSING YI ROAD, WILL BE RE-OPENED TO TRAFFIC AT THE DAME TIME.

TRAFFIC ON KWAI TSING ROAD HEADING FOR TSING YI WILL BE DIVERTED VIA KWAI TSING ROUNDABOUT, TSUEN WAN ROAD, TEXACO ROAD ROUNDABOUT AND TSING TSUEN BRIDGE.

VEHICLES TRAVELLING FROM TSING YI HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD TO KWAI CHUNG WILL BE DIVERTED VIA FUNG SHU WO ROAD, TAM KON SHAN ROUNDABOUT, TSING TSUEN BRIDGE, TEXACO ROAD ROUNDABOUT, TSUEN WAN ROAD AND KWAI TSING ROUNDABOUT.

GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES 88B, 88C AND 88M WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TSING YI HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD AND FUNG SHU WO ROAD.

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THE TERMINATING POINT OF GMB ROUTE 88 WILL BE RELOCATED FROM FUNG SHU WO TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA TO CHUNG MEI ROAD DURING THE BRIDGE CLOSURE. THE ROUTE WILL THEN BE DIVERTED VIA CHEUNG ON ESTATE, TSING TSUEN BRIDGE AND TSUEN WAN ROAD.

GMB CIRCULAR ROUTE 88S WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TSUEN WAN ROAD, TSING TSUEN BRIDGE, CHEUNG ON ESTATE, FUNG SHU WO ROAD, TSING YI HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD, TSING YI ROAD, CHUNG MEI ROAD, TSING YI HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD, FUNG SHU WO ROAD, CHEUNG ON ESTATE, TSING TSUEN BRIDGE AND TSUEN WAN ROAD.

KMB ROUTES 42, 43, 43A, 43C, 43D AND 43M WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TSUEN WAN ROAD, TSING TSUEN BRIDGE, FUNG SHU WO ROAD AND TSING YI HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD BEFORE RESUMING THEIR NORMAL ROUTEINGS.

IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED ON FEBRUARY 11:

- * KMB ROUTE 44 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CHEUNG ON ESTATE, TSING TSUEN BRIDGE AND TSUEN WAN ROAD.
- * THE TERMINATING POINT OF KMB ROUTE 41 WILL BE RELOCATED FROM TSING YI ESTATE TO CHEUNG CHING ESTATE. THE ROUTE WILL RUN VIA CHING HONG ROAD, CHUNG MEI ROAD, TSING YI HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD, FUNG SHU WO ROAD, TSING TSUEN BRIDGE AND TSUEN WAN ROAD.
- * THE TERMINATING POINT OF KMB ROUTE 44M WILL BE RELOCATED FROM CHEUNG ON ESTATE TO TSING YI ESTATE, OCCUPYING THE BUS BAY VACATED BY ROUTE 41. THE ROUTE WILL OPERATE VIA CHEUNG ON ESTATE, TSING TSUEN BRIDGE AND TSUEN WAN ROAD.

THESE ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED DURING THE WHOLE SERVICE PERIODS OF THE THREE BUS ROUTES AND WILL LAST FOR ABOUT 12 MONTHS UNTIL THE BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT WORKS ARE COMPLETED.

MEANWHILE, THE FOOTPATHS ON TSING YI BRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED TO PEDESTRIANS BETWEEN 8 PM AND 5.40 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY DAILY FROM FEBRUARY 13 FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS.

AS THERE WILL BE ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC ON TEXACO ROAD ROUNDABOUT FOR TSING YI DURING THE BRIDGE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS ON TSUEN WAN ROAD ARE ADVISED TO USE TAI CHUNG ROAD ROUNDABOUT AT CHAI WAN KOK FOR JOURNEYS TO AND FROM TSUEN WAN.

DEPENDING ON THE TRAFFIC SITUATION, ADDITIONAL ROAD CLOSURES MAY BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE POLICE AT ANY TIME DURING THE BRIDGE CLOSURE.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE DISPLAYED AND POLICE OFFICERS WILL BE ON SITE TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.