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CONTAINER THROUGHPUT SHOWS FURTHER INCREASE
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INITIAL INDICATIONS OF HONG KONG'S CONTAINER THROUGHPUT IN 1986 MAY SHOW A FURTHER INCREASE OF 16 OR 17 PER CENT, THUS MAKING HONG KONG ONE OF THE LARGEST PORTS IN THE WORLD IN TERMS OF THROUGHPUT, THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE ASIA TERMINALS LIMITED CONTAINER FREIGHT STATION IN KWAI CHUNG, SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT +THE PORT IS OUR LIFELINE. IT HANDLES OVER 90 PER CENT OF OUR TRADE+.

HE SAID THAT AS TRADE INCREASED, SO WOULD THE DEMANDS MADE ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE PORT.

DESCRIBING THE NEW CARGO DISTRIBUTION AND HANDLING CENTRE AS THE LARGEST OF ITS KIND IN THE WORLD, SIR DAVID EXPLAINED THAT THE CENTRE PROVIDED A TOTAL OF SOME 150 000 SQUARE METRES OF CARGO STORAGE AREA AND PARKING SPACES FOR UP TO 850 CONTAINER VEHICLES, AND COULD HANDLE THE HEAVIEST CATEGORIES OF CONVENTIONAL CARGO.

+IT WILL HELP REDUCE THE SHORTAGE OF BACKUP FACILITIES AND ENHANCE THE EFFICIENCY OF OUR PORT,+ HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT THE PORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY STUDY COMPLETED LAST YEAR ASSESSED DEMANDS ON THE PORT TO THE END OF THE CENTURY, TOOK STOCK OF EXISTING FACILITIES AND ESTIMATED WHAT ADDITIONAL FACILITIES WOULD BE REQUIRED.

+THE PATTERN IS CLEAR. UNLESS ADDITIONAL FACILITIES OF EVERY SORT -- HARBOUR BUOYS, PUBLIC WHARVES, CONTAINER TERMINALS -- ARE PROVIDED, WE WILL, BY THE MID-1990'S, FACE UNACCEPTABLE CONGESTION,+ HE STRESSED.

THE STUDY SUGGESTED THAT ONCE THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER PORT REACHED ITS MAXIMUM DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL, ADDITIONAL CONTAINER TERMINALS SHOULD BE PROVIDED BY RECLAMATION AT STONECUTTERS OR GREEN ISLAND.

NOTING THAT A RECENT ALTERNATIVE HAD BEEN SUGGESTED THAT THEY SHOULD INSTEAD BE CONSTRUCTED ON AN ENTIRELY NEW +PORT ISLAND+ NEAR LANTAU, SIR DAVID SAID ALL THESE PROPOSALS MUST BE EVALUATED BEFORE A DECISION WAS MADE.

HE SAID THAT IT WAS CERTAIN THAT HONG KONG MUST MAXIMISE AT ALL TIMES THE USE OF ITS GREATEST NATURAL ASSET - THE HARBOUR, IN ORDER TO MEET RISING DEMAND.

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+AND IN REACHING OUR CONCLUSIONS, THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE PEARL RIVER DELTA, THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE MAJOR RAIL LINES TO MORE DISTANT PARTS OF CHINA AND OUR ROLE AS A REGIONAL CENTRE FOR TRADE IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC MUST BE TAKEN FULLY INTO ACCOUNT,+ SIR DAVID SAID.

+TO MEET DEMAND IN THE SHORT TERM, HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL TERMINALS ARE RECLAIMING TERMINAL 6 AND INITIAL PLANNING HAS BEGUN FOR TERMINAL 7, WHICH IS PROBABLY THE LAST OF THE KWAI CHUNG TERMINALS.+

HE SAID THAT THE CONTAINER FREIGHT STATION WAS PART OF THE CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT OF THE PORT AND ITS INFRASTRUCTURE.

HE CONGRATUATED THOSE WHO HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN ITS DEVELOPMENT, WHICH WAS A SUBSTANTIAL INVESTMENT INDICATING CONFIDENCE NOT ONLY IN FUTURE ROLE OF THE PORT, BUT IN THE VERY FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

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NEW CENTRE IS 'AMPLE EVIDENCE OF COMMITMENT'
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THE GOVERNMENT IS FULLY COMMITTED TO HELPING HONG KONG INDUSTRIES BY PROVIDING INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT SERVICES, AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL'S CAD/CAM CENTRE TO ENCOURAGE MANUFACTURERS TO AUTOMATE PRODUCTION WAS AMPLE EVIDENCE OF THIS COMMITMENT, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE CENTRE, MR JACOBS SAID IT WAS A MAJOR COMPONENT OF THE +UNIFIED APPROACH+ ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL INDUSTRIES THROUGH THE COUNCIL.

+FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR, \$19 MILLION HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO IMPLEMENT THE FIRST STAGE OF THIS 'UNIFIED APPROACH'.

+OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS, OVER \$30 MILLION WILL BE ALLOCATED TO THE COUNCIL TO FURTHER DEVELOP THE INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION SERVICE AND AUGMENT THE METAL PRODUCTION ADVISORY SERVICE.+

MR JACOBS EMPHASISED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE COUNCIL ROLE IN PROMOTING INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION AMONG LOCAL INDUSTRIALISTS BY PROVIDING SERVICES AND FACILITIES WHICH CATER TO COMMON AUTOMATION NEEDS, TECHNICAL CONSULTANCY SERVICES WHICH MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES AND BUREAU SERVICE AND PRACTICAL HANDS-ON TRAINING IN SELECTED AREAS.

HE URGED HONG KONG MANUFACTURERS TO MAKE THE FULLEST USE OF THE SERVICES OFFERED BY THE CENTRE.

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NOTICE OF LICENCE REVOCATION SENT TO TRAVEL AGENCY

THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT IT HAD SENT A NOTICE TO AUSTRAVEL CO. LTD. STATING THAT IT INTENDED TO REVOKE THE COMPANY'S TRAVEL AGENCY LICENCE.

THE REGISTRAR OF TRAVEL AGENTS, MR N.H. YEUNG, SAID THAT THE OWNER OF THE COMPANY HAD SEVEN DAYS IN WHICH TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE REVOCATION ORDER.

HE ADDED THAT CLIENTS REGISTERED WITH THE AGENCY WERE ADVISED TO REPORT TO THE POLICE STATION IN THE AREA WHERE THEIR TRAVEL PURCHASE WAS MADE.

IN EXPLAINING THE PROCEDURE IN SUCH CASES, MR YEUNG SAID A FULL INVESTIGATION HAD TO BE MADE BY THE POLICE AND WOULD LARGELY BE BASED ON COMPLAINTS FILED BY CLIENTS OF THE COMPANY.

HE ADDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE LATEST PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH TRAVEL AGENCIES AND IT WOULD CONSIDER CONDUCTING ITS OWN REVIEW INTO THE ADEQUACY OF EXISTING LEGISLATION.

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PRAISE FOR CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS

TWO INTERNATIONALLY PROMINENT ENGINEERS SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THEY WERE HIGHLY IMPRESSED BY THE MAGNITUDE AND COMPLEXITY OF CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS BEING UNDERTAKEN IN HONG KONG.

MR G. ROBERTS AND MR J.C. MCKENZIE, THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS (ICE) RESPECTIVELY, MADE THE COMMENTS AFTER VISITING MAJOR CIVIL ENGINEERING PROJECTS AND ATTENDING BRIEFINGS BY SENIOR STAFF OF THE LANDS AND WORKS GROUP OF DEPARTMENTS.

HERE ON A TWO-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT, THE TWO MEN TODAY VISITED THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING CONSTRUCTION SITE, VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT WORKS IN SHA TIN, THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR AND WORKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE UPGRADED CONNAUGHT ROAD PROJECT.

/MR ROBERTS

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MR ROBERTS DESCRIBED +THE SCALE AND COMPLEXITY OF SOME OF THE MAJOR CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS IN HONG KONG AS UNPRECEDENTED AND WITHOUT EQUAL ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD, WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF SOME PROJECTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST.+

HE ALSO PRAISED THE LOCAL CONTRACTORS' ABILITY TO MEET TIGHT COMPLETION DEADLINES.

MR MCKENZIE SAID +THE PROJECTS ARE CLEAR-CUT EVIDENCE OF BUSINESS CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG WELL INTO THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.+

SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO MET OR BRIEFED THE VISITORS INCLUDED THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS, MR HAROLD BEATON; THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL ENGINEERING, DR. K. F. NIP; THE DIRECTOR OF TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, MR K. KWOK; THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR T.H. TOMLINSON; THE SENIOR HIGHWAYS ENGINEER-CONSULTANT MANAGEMENT, MR K. WESTMORELAND, AND OTHER SENIOR ENGINEERS.

THEY ALSO MET THE FORMER SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR NICKY CHAN, WHO IS ALSO THE ICE HONG KONG REPRESENTATIVE.

THE ICE HAS 72 000 MEMBERS - OF WHOM 3 500 ARE IN HONG KONG - IN 146 COUNTRIES.

THE VISITORS WILL MEET MEMBERS OF THE ICE'S HONG KONG ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PAY A COURTESY CALL ON THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR GRAHAM BARNES, TOMORROW.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR DECEMBER
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY PUBLISHED THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR DECEMBER 1986. THE NEW CPI(A) AND NEW CPI(B) (OCTOBER 84/SEPTEMBER 85 = 100) FOR DECEMBER 1986 WERE 105.1 AND 105.6 RESPECTIVELY, REPRESENTING INCREASES OF 3.8 PER CENT AND 4.0 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER DECEMBER 1985.

COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1986 AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, THE NEW CPI(A) AND NEW CPI(B) BOTH INCREASED BY 0.1 PER CENT. THE AVERAGE NEW CPI(A) AND AVERAGE NEW CPI(B) FOR 1986 WERE 103.7 AND 104.0 RESPECTIVELY.

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THE 1979-80-BASED CPI(A) AND CPI(B) FOR DECEMBER 1986 WERE 166.9 AND 168.7 RESPECTIVELY. COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1986, CPI(A) AND CPI(B) BOTH INCREASED BY 0.2 PER CENT. THE AVERAGE CPI(A) AND AVERAGE CPI(B) FOR 1986, AT 164.3 AND 165.6 RESPECTIVELY, WERE 2.8 PER CENT AND 3.5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE FOR 1985.

PRICE MOVEMENTS DESCRIBED BELOW ARE BASED ON THE NEW CPI SERIES.

DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 1986, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NEW CPI(A) AND NEW CPI(B) BOTH INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 0.5 PER CENT PER MONTH.

DURING DECEMBER, RENTS FOR PUBLIC DWELLINGS, RETAIL PRICES OF CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR, AND CHARGES FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES INCREASED. ON THE OTHER HAND, RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND FRESH FRUIT DECREASED.

THE NEW CPI(A) AND THE NEW CPI(B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1984-85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY. THE NEW CPI(A) REFERS TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$2 000 AND \$6 499 A MONTH AT THAT TIME AND THE NEW CPI(B) BETWEEN \$6 500 AND \$9 999 A MONTH.

CHANGES IN THE INDEXES FOR DECEMBER 1986 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES, AS COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1986 AND DECEMBER 1985, ARE GIVEN BELOW.

(OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 AVERAGE = 100)

| SECTION | NEW CPI(A) | | | NEW CPI(B) | | |
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| | INDEX FOR DEC. 86 | % CHANGE OVER NOV. 86 | % CHANGE OVER DEC. 85 | INDEX FOR DEC. 86 | % CHANGE OVER NOV. 86 | % CHANGE OVER DEC. 85 |
| FOODSTUFFS | 101.1 | -0.3 | +2.0 | 101.7 | -0.2 | +2.2 |
| HOUSING | 108.2 | +1.3 | +5.4 | 106.3 | +0.5 | +4.2 |
| FUEL AND LIGHT | 88.4 | -1.0 | -11.4 | 88.9 | -1.1 | -10.9 |

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| ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION) | 110.4 | +0.0* | +5.0 | 110.3 | +0.0* | +5.1 |
| CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR | 111.5 | +1.0 | +6.7 | 113.0 | +1.3 | +7.9 |
| DURABLE GOODS | 108.2 | +0.0* | +7.0 | 107.4 | +0.0* | +6.5 |
| MISCELLANEOUS GOODS | 110.8 | -0.6 | +9.9 | 110.4 | -0.6 | +8.9 |
| TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES | 107.2 | +0.0* | +3.9 | 106.6 | +0.0* | +3.5 |
| SERVICES | 113.7 | +0.1 | +7.0 | 112.8 | +0.2 | +6.6 |
| ALL ITEMS | 105.1 | +0.1 | +3.8 | 105.6 | +0.1 | +4.0 |

* LESS THAN 0.05 PER CENT

COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1986, THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS DECREASED BY 0.3 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(A) AND BY 0.2 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(B). THIS WAS MAINLY DUE TO THE DECREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND FRESH FRUIT, WHICH MORE THAN OFFSET THE INCREASES IN THE AVERAGE CHARGE FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES. THE EFFECT OF MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS ON THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS WAS INSIGNIFICANT.

THE INDEX FOR HOUSING INCREASED BY 1.3 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(A) AND BY 0.5 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER RENTS FOR SOME HOUSING AUTHORITY ESTATES.

THE INDEX FOR FUEL AND LIGHT DECREASED BY 1.0 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(A) AND BY 1.1 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(B) DUE TO A DOWNWARD FUEL COST ADJUSTMENT FOR ELECTRICITY.

THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR INCREASED BY 1.0 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(A) AND BY 1.3 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(B) BECAUSE OF HIGHER PRICES OF OUTERCLOTHING.

THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS DECREASED BY 0.6 PER CENT IN BOTH NEW CPI(A) AND NEW CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF LOWER PRICES OF JEWELLERY.

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER SECTIONS OF THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

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(FIGURES HEREIN REFER TO CPI SERIES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. ALL PERCENTAGE CHANGES ARE DERIVED FROM CPI FIGURES TAKEN TO MORE THAN 1 DECIMAL PLACE.)

MORE DETAILS ARE GIVEN IN THE +CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT+ FOR DECEMBER 1986, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$3 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, ROOM 1904, KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 317 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, BASKERVILLE HOUSE, DUDELL STREET, HONG KONG, FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAILINGS.

FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE INDEXES, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 3-7216512.

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ILLEGAL ROOFTOP STRUCTURES TO BE DEMOLISHED
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS TO BE MADE ON 25 ILLEGAL STRUCTURES OCCUPYING 600 SQUARE METRES OF THE ROOF OF A BUILDING IN KOWLOON.

THE BUILDING IS PAK ON BUILDING AT 105, AUSTIN ROAD, AND THE STRUCTURES ARE ON THE NINTH FLOOR ROOF AND ABOVE FLATS A1 AND A2 ON THE TENTH FLOOR.

AN APPLICATION FOR THE CLOSURE ORDERS WILL BE MADE IN HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON MARCH 25 AND NOTICES INFORMING OCCUPANTS OF THE BUILDING AUTHORITY'S INTENTION TO DO SO WERE POSTED ON THE STRUCTURES TODAY (MONDAY).

THE OCCUPANTS HAVE IGNORED AN INSTRUCTION TO DEMOLISH THE STRUCTURES THEMSELVES ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE TWO YEARS AGO.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BUILDING AUTHORITY SAID CLOSING THE STRUCTURES WAS NECESSARY SO THAT DEMOLITION COULD BE CARRIED OUT WITHOUT ENDANGERING OCCUPANTS OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

THE AUTHORITY IS ALSO TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FOR AN ILLEGAL STRUCTURE ON THE FLAT ROOF ADJACENT TO FLAT A ON THE 23RD FLOOR OF 230-236, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

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OCCUPANTS WERE NOTIFIED TODAY OF THE AUTHORITY'S INTENTION TO MAKE THE APPLICATION IN HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON MARCH 25 THROUGH NOTICES POSTED ON CONSPICUOUS PARTS OF THE STRUCTURE.

THEY WERE ORDERED TO DEMOLISH THE STRUCTURE THEMSELVES IN APRIL 1985, BUT HAVE NOT COMPLIED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IN BOTH CASES DEMOLITION WOULD BE CARRIED OUT IMMEDIATELY THE CLOSURE ORDER WAS MADE.

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SURVEY ON YOUTHS COMPLETED
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A STUDY ON UNRULY YOUTHS IN TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DEALING WITH VARIOUS ASPECTS OF PARENTAL AND SCHOOL SUPERVISION ON DELINQUENT AND NON-DELINQUENT YOUTHS HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

THE PROJECT WAS CARRIED OUT BY THE WORKING GROUP ON UNRULY YOUTH IN TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG AND SPONSORED BY THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICT BOARDS.

A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE FINDINGS WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT 11.30 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT OFFICE, TENTH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING (NEXT TO KWAI HING MTR STATION), 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

THE CONFERENCE WILL BE CHAIRED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION COMMITTEE OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, MR CHAN YUEN-SUM, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD, MR YAU HON-KEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

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ROAD WORKS PROPOSED IN CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST
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ROAD WORKS ARE PROPOSED IN CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST BETWEEN EASTERN STREET AND HILL ROAD TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CONDITIONS AND PEDESTRAIN CROSSING FACILITIES IN THE AREA.

THE WORKS WILL FORM PART OF THE CONNAUGHT ROAD UPGRADING PROJECT.

THEY INCLUDE THE ADDITION OF A NEW EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY AND REALIGNING THE EXISTING EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST BETWEEN EASTERN STREET AND HILL ROAD.

A SIDE ROAD ALONG CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST BETWEEN EASTERN STREET AND WESTERN STREET WILL BE PROVIDED FOR LOCAL TRAFFIC SOUTH OF CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST.

THE PRESENT ROAD JUNCTIONS OF CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST WITH SIDE STREETS AND THE CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST - HILL ROAD - DES VOEUX ROAD WEST INTERCHANGE WILL BE MODIFIED.

ROAD JUNCTIONS TO CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST ON THE WESTERN RECLAMATION OPPOSITE EASTERN STREET, WESTERN STREET AND WATER STREET WILL BE BUILT AND FOOTBRIDGES CONSTRUCTED ACROSS CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST AT ITS JUNCTIONS WITH THESE STREETS.

THE DOWN RAMP OF THE HILL ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE RELOCATED NORTHWARD.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED WORKS HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GAZETTE.

WRITTEN OBJECTIONS MUST REACH THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT BY MARCH 24.

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YAU MA TEI SHOWS SUPPORT FOR YOUDE FUND
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DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS IN YAU MA TEI HAVE RESPONDED ENTHUSIASTICALLY TO THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE FUND.

AT A CEREMONY THIS (MONDAY) MORNING, THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG, RECEIVED A CHEQUE FOR \$30 000 FROM DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH, REPRESENTING BOARD MEMBERS' DONATION TO THE FUND.

MR CHENG SAID IT WAS HEARTENING TO SEE LOCAL ORGANISATIONS SHOWING THEIR SUPPORT TO THE FUND.

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ON TOP OF THE DISTRICT BOARD DONATION, THE DISTRICT OFFICE ALSO RECEIVED \$20 000 FROM THE YAU MA TEI KAIFONG ASSOCIATION, \$12 000 FROM THE TSIM SHA TSUI AREA COMMITTEE, \$6 950 FROM THE DISTRICT'S CULTURE AND ARTS ASSOCIATION, \$4 500 FROM THE YIN NGAI SOCIETY, \$3 000 FROM THE JORDAN AREA COMMITTEE, \$2 000 FROM THE FERRY POINT AREA COMMITTEE AND \$4 000 FROM THE NORTH AREA COMMITTEE.

APART FROM LOCAL DONATIONS, THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE HAS RECEIVED DONATIONS CLOSE TO \$3.5 MILLION FROM A NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL CORPORATIONS.

MR CHENG CALLED ON RESIDENTS TO CONTINUE SUPPORTING THE FUND WHICH WOULD BE USED FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION IN HONG KONG.

DONATIONS BOXES HAVE BEEN PUT IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND SUB-OFFICES AND THE PUBLIC CAN MAKE THEIR CONTRIBUTION BETWEEN 9 AM TO 4.30 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 9 AM TO 11.30 AM ON SATURDAYS.

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TV ARTISTES SUPPORT YOUDE FUND
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THE +TVB CARES TEAM+, HEADED BY MISS LILY CHUNG AND MR EDDIE CHEUNG, WILL DEMONSTRATE THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE FUND BY MAKING PERSONAL CONTRIBUTIONS AT THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE TOMORROW (TUESDAY) MORNING.

AT THE SAME TIME, KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALEX FONG, WILL RECEIVE A CHEQUE FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SIK-KWONG, IN SUPPORT OF THE FUND.

THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 11.45 AM IN THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AT 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES FOR THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE FUND AT 11.45 AM TOMORROW AT THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD.

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DB URGES SUPPORT FOR YOUDE FUND

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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD HAS CALLED ON DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO THE \$10 DRIVE FOR THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE FUND.

AT A GATHERING OF DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 14 AREA COMMITTEES TODAY (MONDAY), BOARD CHAIRMAN MR LAM HANG-FAI SAID IT WAS NECESSARY TO SPREAD THE MESSAGE THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.

HE SAID AREA COMMITTEES MEMBERS COULD MAKE USE OF OCCASIONS SUCH AS SPRING GATHERINGS AND FUN DAYS TO SEEK RESIDENTS' SUPPORT.

LETTERS WILL ALSO BE SENT TO MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS' CORPORATIONS TO ENLIST THEIR SUPPORT. MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES HAD ALWAYS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS, MR LAM NOTED.

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HOLIDAY CLINIC SERVICES

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THERE WILL BE NO OUT-PATIENT AND EVENING CLINIC SERVICES DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS ON JANUARY 29 AND 30, THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY).

EIGHT OUT-PATIENT CLINICS WILL HOWEVER BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM ON JANUARY 31.

THEY ARE VIOLET PEEL POLYCLINIC AND SHAU KEI WAN JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC ON HONG KONG ISLAND; KWUN TONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE, ROBERT BLACK HEALTH CENTRE AND YAU MA TEI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC IN KOWLOON; LADY TRENCH POLYCLINIC, YUEN LONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE AND SHEK WU HUI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES FOR WONG TAI SIN VISITORS
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TO FACILITATE CROWD CONTROL IN THE VICINITY OF WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR, SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 6 PM ON JANUARY 28 (WEDNESDAY) TO 6 PM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE SAME MEASURES WILL ALSO BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 6.30 AM TO 6 PM FROM JANUARY 30 TO FEBRUARY 1.

SHATIN PASS ROAD BETWEEN LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND FUNG TAK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT GREEN MINIBUSES AND TAXIS. THE UNNAMED ACCESS ROAD BETWEEN WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE AND WONG TAI SIN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT GREEN MINIBUSES.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 57.7 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 338.194 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 374.139 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 63.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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