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UK COMMITTED TO HELPING RESETTLE REFUGEES

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THE UNITED KINGDOM IS COMMITTED TO DOING ALL IT CAN TO HELP BRING ABOUT A BETTER OPPORTUNITY OF RESETTLEMENT FOR THE MANY VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG, THE MINISTER OF STATE AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR HONG KONG, LORD GLENARTHUR, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER VISITING THREE VIETNAMESE REFUGEE CENTRES IN TUEN MUN, LORD GLENARTHUR SAID THAT WHILE THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEE PROBLEM WAS A DEPRESSING ONE, EFFORTS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE MADE TO ENSURE THAT THE RESETTLEMENT OF ALL THOSE WHO SHOULD BE RESETTLED DID IN FACT TAKE PLACE.

"WE ARE, AS YOU KNOW, EMBARKED UPON A NEW INITIATIVE OURSELVES TO TAKE 1,000 MORE PLACES ON RESETTLEMENT," HE SAID.

"HAND IN HAND WITH THAT GOES AN INTERNATIONAL EFFORT STIMULATED ON OUR BEHALF BY OURSELVES, TO TRY AND ARRANGE FOR FURTHER RESETTLEMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN OTHER COUNTRIES."

LORD GLENARTHUR SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THE UNITED KINGDOM WAS PLAYING ITS PART IN TRYING TO ENSURE THAT THE WIDER INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY PROVIDED MORE RESETTLEMENT PLACES.

A VERY POWERFUL DIPLOMATIC CAMPAIGN HAD STARTED AS A RESULT OF THIS INITIATIVE TO FURTHER DEVELOP ALL THE OTHER CAMPAIGNS WHICH HAD TAKEN PLACE UP UNTIL NOW, HE SAID.

LORD GLENARTHUR SAID THE REFUGEE PROBLEM WAS NOT PECULIAR TO BRITAIN, HONG KONG OR ANYWHERE ELSE, BUT THAT IT WAS AN INTERNATIONAL ISSUE.

"A LOT OF OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE PLAYED THEIR PART. WE HAVE PLAYED OUR PART. WE HAVE TAKEN SOME 13,000 OR SO PEOPLE OVER THE YEARS.

"WE HAVE NOW SAID WE WOULD TAKE THESE 1,000 EXTRA BUT AT THE SAME TIME WE'VE GOT TO ENSURE THAT OTHER COUNTRIES INCREASE THEIR OFFTAKE," HE SAID.

"IT'S ALL PART OF A PACKAGE, IF YOUR LIKE," HE ADDED.

"I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO DOUBT AT ALL THAT THE OTHER RESETTLEMENT COUNTRIES WILL TAKE CAREFUL HEED OF WHAT WE'VE SAID, WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO AND THAT THEY UNDERSTAND THE NEED TO TRY AND HELP THE PEOPLE WHO ARE HERE, THAT IS TO SAY, THOSE WHO SHOULD BE RESETTLED.

"AND INDEED, THAT THEY ACKNOWLEDGE THE BURDEN WHICH THE REFUGEE PROBLEM, THE RESETTLEMENT PROBLEM, THE BOAT PEOPLE PROBLEM AS A WHOLE, POSES FOR THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG," LORD GLENARTHUR SAID.

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LORD GLENARTHUR VISITS VR CENTRES

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THE MINISTER OF STATE AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR HONG KONG, LORD GLENARTHUR, SPENT THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON IN TUEN MUN VISITING THREE CENTRES FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR GEOFFREY BARNES, LORD GLENARTHUR ARRIVED BY HELICOPTER AT THE PILLAR POINT VIETNAMESE REFUGEE CENTRE WHICH HAS A POPULATION OF ABOUT 1,600.

HE WAS BRIEFED BY THE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, TUEN MUN, MR JOHN HUI, ON THE EXPANSION WORK AT THE CENTRE, SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN ABOUT MARCH, WHICH WOULD DOUBLE THE PRESENT REFUGEE POPULATION AT PILLAR POINT.

LORD GLENARTHUR VISITED DORMITORIES TO SEE LIVING CONDITIONS AND LOOKED IN ON THE WORK BEING CARRIED OUT BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AT THE CENTRE.

HE ALSO VISITED A CHILDREN'S SCHOOL, A CLINIC AND SAW THE OPEN SPACES AROUND THE CENTRE WHICH PROVIDE AMPLE ROOM FOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

TRAVELLING BY CAR, LORD GLENARTHUR WENT TO THE SAN YICK VIETNAMESE REFUGEE CENTRE IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN WHERE HE WAS BRIEFED ON THE CENTRE'S FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR CHAN WA-SHEK.

THE 11-STOREY FACTORY BUILDING HOUSES 2,854 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES WHO WOULD EVENTUALLY MOVE OUT OF THE BUILDING WHEN OTHER ACCOMMODATION BECOMES AVAILABLE.

LORD GLENARTHUR VISITED THE DORMITORIES, RECREATION AREA, WORKSHOP, SICK-BAY, CLASSROOMS, KITCHEN AND THE OFFICE OF THE SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND.

THE FINAL STOP FOR LORD GLENARTHUR WAS AT THE TUEN MUN REFUGEE CENTRE WHICH HAS A POPULATION OF ABOUT 2,970 VIETNAMESE.

HE VISITED THE CANTEEN AND MINI-SUPERMARKET, A DORMITORY, A WORKSHOP WHICH MANUFACTURES LAMPS, CLASSROOM AND LANGUAGE LABORATORY.

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LORD GLENARTHUR PRESENTS COMPUTERS TO HKUST

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THE MINISTER OF STATE AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR HONG KONG, LORD GLENARTHUR, TODAY (TUESDAY) PRESENTED TWO COMPUTERS AS GIFTS FROM THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

LORD GLENARTHUR PRESENTED THE COMPUTERS TO HKUST VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR CHIA-WEI WOO, DURING A VISIT TO THE BRITISH TRADE COMMISSION.

SPEAKING AT A BRIEF CEREMONY, LORD GLENARTHUR SAID THERE WAS NO DOUBT THAT, ESPECIALLY IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND BUSINESS STUDIES, THERE WOULD BE AN EVER INCREASING NEED FOR THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN INSTITUTES OF ADVANCED LEARNING AND INDUSTRY.

"THERE IS SO MUCH THEY CAN DO TOGETHER FOR THE BENEFIT OF SOCIETY," HE SAID.

"THE SCIENCE PARKS ARE A GOOD EXAMPLE. THE LARGEST IN BRITAIN IS AT CAMBRIDGE.

"IT WAS ESTABLISHED BY TRINITY COLLEGE IN THE EARLY 1970'S AND OCCUPIES A VERY LARGE SITE. IT HAS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF CAMBRIDGE AS A CENTRE FOR HIGH TECH RESEARCH," HE ADDED.

THERE ARE 35 SCIENCE PARKS IN BRITAIN AND SEVEN MORE ARE PLANNED. THEY CONTAIN HIGH-TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES THAT HAVE FORMAL AND OPERATIONAL LINKS TO THE UNIVERSITIES.

THE TWO ARCHIMEDES 440 COMPUTERS PRESENTED TO HKUST ARE THE PRODUCT OF ACORN OF CAMBRIDGE.

"THE ARCHIMEDES IS THE FASTEST SYSTEM IN ITS CLASS; AN EXAMPLE OF MODERN BRITISH EXPERTISE IN A FIELD IN WHICH WE WERE, OF COURSE, PIONEERS," LORD GLENARTHUR SAID.

ACORN'S HONG KONG OFFICE WOULD SUPPLY THE SOFTWARE THAT WOULD ALLOW THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A POWERFUL AND VERSATILE DESK-TOP PUBLISHING UNIT WITHIN THE HKUST, LORD GLENARTHUR SAID.

"SOFTWARE AND THE DESIGNING OF NEW SYSTEMS IS AN AREA WHERE BRITAIN HAS WON AN INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION; AS A MATTER OF FACT THE COMPUTING SERVICES INDUSTRY IS ONE OF THE FASTEST-GROWING SECTORS OF THE BRITISH ECONOMY," HE ADDED.

LORD GLENARTHUR ALSO SAID HE HOPED THERE WOULD BE CONSIDERABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR CO-OPERATION AND COLLABORATION BETWEEN BRITISH UNIVERSITIES IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND HKUST.

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STI HOSTS LUNCH FOR LORD GLENARTHUR

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THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, TODAY (TUESDAY) HOSTED A LUNCH FOR THE VISITING MINISTER OF STATE AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR HONG KONG, LORD GLENARTHUR.

LORD GLENARTHUR MET SENIOR FIGURES FROM LOCAL INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, INCLUDING A LEADING TEXTILES INDUSTRIALIST, MR KENNETH FANG; CHAIRMAN OF WORLDWIDE SHIPPING AGENCY, DR HELMUT SOHMEN; CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF BANKS, MR PAUL E. SELWAY-SWIFT; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DAH SING BANK, MR DAVID WONG SHOU-YEH.

ALSO AT THE LUNCH WERE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL BRITISH PARTY; THE ACTING DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR THOMAS TSO; AND THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INDUSTRY, MRS CLARIE LO.

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OMELCO MEMBERS MEET WITH LORD GLENARTHUR

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MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS HELD A MEETING WITH LORD GLENARTHUR, MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING.

ISSUES RAISED AT THE MEETING INCLUDED THE PROBLEM OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG; THE DRAFT BASIC LAW; REQUEST FOR BRITISH CITIZENSHIP BY SPOUSES OF EX-SERVICEMEN; ROLE OF HONG KONG IN THE ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN UK AND CHINA; AND TREATMENT OF HONG KONG RESIDENTS BY IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS AT THE UK PORTS OF ENTRY.

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12 QUESTIONS, FOUR BILLS ON LEGCO AGENDA
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MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL ASK 12 QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER FOUR BILLS AT THE COUNCIL'S MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE REVISED EDITION OF THE LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988, SUPREME COURT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988 AND SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL PROFESSIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989 WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

DEBATE IS TO RESUME ON THE SECOND READING OF THE PUBLIC ORDER (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988 WHICH IS THEN DUE TO GO THROUGH THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING.

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FUNDS APPROVED FOR SECOND STAGE NOISE ABATEMENT PROGRAMME
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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS ACCEPTED THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE SECOND STAGE OF THE NOISE ABATEMENT PROGRAMME COVERING SCHOOLS AFFECTED BY TRAFFIC NOISE.

THESE ARE ESTIMATED AT \$79,866,000 FOR CAPITAL WORKS AND \$9,604,000 IN ANNUALLY RECURRENT EXPENDITURE.

AT PRESENT IT IS ESTIMATED THAT ABOUT 92 SCHOOLS ARE AFFECTED BY TRAFFIC NOISE OF ABOVE 75 DECIBELS. PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS WILL INCLUDE DOUBLE-GLAZING AND AIR-CONDITIONING FOR THE AFFECTED CLASSROOMS.

THE IMPROVEMENT WORKS WILL BE PHASED OVER A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS FROM 1990 TO 1992, WITH HIGHER PRIORITY TO BE ACCORDED TO SCHOOLS WORST AFFECTED BY TRAFFIC NOISE.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS ALSO APPROVED A NEW PROJECT ESTIMATE OF \$2,210,000 FOR IMPLEMENTING NOISE ABATEMENT MEASURES IN THE FIRST THREE AIDED SCHOOLS COVERED BY THE SECOND STAGE PROGRAMME.

THESE ARE THREE OF THE MOST SEVERELY AFFECTED SCHOOLS IN THE STAGE TWO PROGRAMME AS THEY ARE EXPOSED TO AN EXTERNAL NOISE LEVEL ABOVE 82 DECIBELS. WORKS FOR THEM WILL BE ADVANCED TO 1989.

IN ADDITION, THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED A NEW PROJECT ESTIMATE OF \$19,140,000 FOR IMPLEMENTING NOISE ABATEMENT MEASURES THIS YEAR IN 11 AIDED SCHOOLS IN THE FINAL PHASE OF THE FIRST STAGE PROGRAMME WHICH DEALS WITH SCHOOLS AFFECTED BY AIRCRAFT NOISE.

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CONSUMER PROTECTION LAWS ON TOY EXPORTS POSE PROBLEM

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THE HONG KONG TOYS INDUSTRY IS STILL STRONG BUT THE GROWTH OF CONSUMER PROTECTION LEGISLATION IN HONG KONG'S PRINCIPAL OVERSEAS MARKETS, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA OF TOY SAFETY, IS A FURTHER PROBLEM FOR THE INDUSTRY, THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR K.Y. YEUNG, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

"BY EARLY 1990, THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION'S TOY DIRECTIVE WILL HAVE REQUIRED THE GOVERNMENTS OF ALL MEMBER STATES TO HAVE TOYS TESTED FOR SAFETY IN ACCREDITED LABORATORIES BEFORE THEY CAN BE PUT ON SALE," HE SAID.

ADDRESSING THE HONG KONG TOYS COUNCIL, MR YEUNG SAID THE HONG KONG LABORATORY ACCREDITATION SCHEME HAD NOW REACHED A DEGREE OF MATURITY AND WAS REGARDED ACCORDINGLY IN THE INTERNATIONAL LABORATORY ACCREDITATION CONFERENCE.

"WE HAVE BEGUN NEGOTIATIONS WITH BRITAIN'S LABORATORY ACCREDITATION AUTHORITY, AND ARE PLANNING TO DO THE SAME WITH SIMILAR AUTHORITIES IN NORTH AMERICA AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, WITH A VIEW TO ACHIEVING MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF TEST CERTIFICATES, HOPEFULLY BEFORE THE TOY DIRECTIVE BEGINS TO BITE," HE ADDED.

MR YEUNG SAID SOME LOCAL MANUFACTURING EXPORTERS PERIODICALLY ENCOUNTERED TROUBLE BECAUSE THEY HAD IGNORED KNOWN PRODUCT AND SAFETY STANDARDS.

HE SAID THE HONG KONG TOYS COUNCIL SHOULD INFORM MANUFACTURERS THAT THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT'S PRODUCT STANDARDS INFORMATION BUREAU PROVIDED A FREE INFORMATION SERVICE ON A WIDE RANGE OF PRODUCT AND SAFETY STANDARDS, AS WELL AS A FREE TECHNICAL ADVISORY SERVICE ON THE INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION OF THOSE STANDARDS.

"WE SHOULD ALSO WORK MORE CLOSELY TOGETHER TO URGE OUR MANUFACTURERS TO MAKE GREATER USE OF TESTING LABORATORIES ACCREDITED UNDER THE HONG KONG LABORATORY ACCREDITATION SCHEME," HE ADDED.

IN THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD 1983 TO 1987, THE TOYS INDUSTRY'S EXPORTS MAINTAINED AN AVERAGE ANNUAL GROWTH RATE OF NINE PER CENT AND THE INDUSTRY IS STILL THE LARGEST EXTERNAL SUPPLIER TO THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE.

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SOCIAL CENTRES ESSENTIAL FOR THE ELDERLY
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SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY ARE ONE OF THE IMPORTANT ELEMENTS IN THE GOVERNMENT'S SERVICE PLANS FOR THE ELDERLY, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE BERT JAMES YOUNG SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY OF THE ENDEAVOURERS IN KORNHILL, MRS WONG SAID THE GOVERNMENT'S CURRENT POLICY WAS TO SET UP ONE SUCH CENTRE FOR EVERY 30,000 POPULATION.

"THE EXISTING 99 SOCIAL CENTRES AND 14 MULTI-SERVICES CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY WILL BE INCREASED TO 150 AND 19 RESPECTIVELY IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS," SHE SAID.

MRS WONG COMMENDED THE ENDEAVOURERS GROUP FOR ITS VARIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOCIAL SERVICES.

APART FROM ORGANISING VOLUNTEER WORK FOR THE ELDERLY, THE BERT JAMES YOUNG SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY ALSO PROVIDES VARIOUS ACTIVITIES SUCH AS INTEREST CLASSES, SOCIAL GROUPS, INDOOR AND OUTDOOR PROGRAMMES AND SEMINARS TO CATER FOR THE PHYSICAL AND SOCIAL NEEDS OF ITS 350 MEMBERS.

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TAXI FARE CONVERSION TABLES AVAILABLE
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TAXI FARE CONVERSION TABLES SHOWING THE NEW TAXI FARE SCALES AS AGAINST THE EXISTING FARE SCALES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION BY TAXI OWNERS FROM SATURDAY (JANUARY 14), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY).

NEW FARES FOR URBAN AND NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS WILL TAKE EFFECT ON JANUARY 22.

CONVERSION TABLES FOR URBAN TAXIS CAN BE COLLECTED AT THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S LICENSING OFFICES; PUBLIC VEHICLES SECTION, TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, SECOND FLOOR, LOW BLOCK, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, HONG KONG; AND PUBLIC ENQUIRY COUNTERS OF ALL URBAN DISTRICT OFFICES AND DISTRICT OFFICES IN SHA TIN, KWAI CHUNG AND TSUEN WAN.

CONVERSION TABLES FOR NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS CAN BE COLLECTED AT THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S LICENSING OFFICES; PUBLIC VEHICLES SECTION, TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, SECOND FLOOR, LOW BLOCK, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, HONG KONG; AND PUBLIC ENQUIRY COUNTERS OF ALL NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICES EXCEPT THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE.

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TAXI OWNERS SHOULD PRODUCE THEIR TAXI REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS WHEN THEY COLLECT THE CONVERSION TABLES. THE TABLES SHOULD BE DISPLAYED AT A PROMINENT POSITION INSIDE THE TAXIS BEFORE TAXI METERS ARE RECALIBRATED AND SEALED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

TAXI OWNERS ARE REMINDED THAT THE TAXI FARE PLATE AT THE INTERIOR PANEL OF THE REAR LEFT DOOR OF TAXIS SHOULD SHOW THE NEW FARE SCALES FROM JANUARY 22.

TAXI ASSOCIATIONS WHICH WISH TO COLLECT THE CONVERSION TABLES IN A LOT FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THEIR MEMBERS SHOULD APPROACH THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC VEHICLES SECTION.

FROM JANUARY 23, THE DEPARTMENT'S KOWLOON BAY VEHICLES EXAMINATION CENTRE WILL OPERATE OUTSIDE NORMAL OFFICE HOURS UNTIL 8 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND 5 PM ON SATURDAYS (EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS) FOR RESEALING OF THE RECALIBRATED TAXI METERS.

TAXI OWNERS MAY USE THE HOTLINE 3-7597573 FROM JANUARY 16 TO MAKE TELEPHONE APPOINTMENTS. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE ORIGINAL GEARBOX SEAL REMAINS INTACT, AND THAT THE FARE PLATE INSIDE THE REAR LEFT DOOR SHOWS THE NEW FARE SCALE.

IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT TAXIS WHICH ATTEND FOR THIS SPECIAL SEALING ARRANGEMENT WILL STILL HAVE TO ATTEND THE NEXT PROGRAMMED CHECK, EITHER AT ANNUAL INSPECTION OR AT THE APPOINTED DATE.

TAXI OWNERS WHO HAVE ALREADY MADE APPOINTMENTS WITH VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRES FOR TAXI METER TESTING WITHIN NORMAL OFFICE HOURS SHOULD STICK TO THEIR ORIGINAL BOOKINGS.

TAXI OWNERS ARE REMINDED THAT A TAXI CANNOT BE USED UNLESS THE TAXI METER IS CORRECTLY STAMPED AND SEALED.

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IMPROVEMENT TO TUEN MUN NULLAH ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT LAND OFFICE WILL TABLE A DISCUSSION PAPER ON A LONG-TERM IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE TUEN MUN NULLAH AT A MEETING OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 12).

THE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME WILL COVER SUCH ASPECTS AS LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL, CONTROL OF INDUSTRIAL DISCHARGE, ROUTEING MAINTENANCE AND THE SETTING UP OF WATER QUALITY MONITORING STATIONS ALONG THE NULLAH.

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MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS ANOTHER PAPER FROM THE TUEN MUN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE WHICH OUTLINES DETAILS OF PROPOSED FOOTBRIDGES TO BE CONSTRUCTED OVER CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND PUI TO ROAD AS WELL AS FOOTBRIDGE EXTENSIONS AT SIU HONG COURT.

THEY WILL ALSO LOOK INTO A REQUEST FOR THE WEEDING OF A FOOTPATH NEAR KAM FEI GARDEN, THE PROBLEM OF INADEQUATE FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT IN THE VILLAGES AND THE NOISE NUISANCE CAUSED BY TRAFFIC TO SOME OF THE SCHOOLS IN TUEN MUN.

MEMBERS WILL CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS FROM THE CLEAN TUEN MUN CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE FOR ORGANISING A HOME CLEANING COMPETITION, PRINTING BOOKMARKS AND HOLDING A TREE PLANTING AND ENVIRONMENT DAY.

MEANWHILE, MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON A REVIEW ON THE USE OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS, THE COMMITTEE'S FINANCIAL POSITION, AND THE PROGRESS OF LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 12) IN THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR, GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS LICENSING OF AMUSEMENT GAMES CENTRES

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THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS A CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT ON THE LICENSING GUIDELINES FOR AMUSEMENT GAMES CENTRES AT A MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY WILL BE PRESENT TO EXPLAIN THE DOCUMENT AND COLLECT MEMBERS' VIEWS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A DISCUSSION ON SCHOOL PLACES FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN IN YUEN LONG DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, 13TH FLOOR, TAI KIU GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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SOCIAL DANCE COMPETITION OPEN TO ALL

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EIGHTY PAIRS OF DANCE ENTHUSIASTS WILL COMPETE FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP IN A TERRITORY-WIDE SOCIAL DANCE COMPETITION ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 14).

THE COMPETITION, ORGANISED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO ARTS ASSOCIATION AND THE SHAM SHUI PO KAIFONG WELFARE ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION, IS ONE OF THE FUNCTIONS ORGANISED TO CELEBRATE THE THREE-WEEK SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

PARTICIPANTS ARE DIVIDED INTO THREE GROUPS - "BEGINNERS," "PRE-AMATEURS" AND "AMATEURS". THEY WILL DEMONSTRATE THEIR SKILLS IN EITHER WALTZ-TANGO OR RUMBA-JIVE.

SIX RENOWNED DANCING EXPERTS WILL ADJUDICATE AT THE COMPETITION.

OFFICIATING GUESTS AT THE COMPETITION WILL BE THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR PAUL LEUNG; SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GREGORY LEUNG; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE COMPETITION ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR CHOW MUN.

OTHER EVENTS IN THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL THIS WEEK INCLUDE A CANTONESE OPERA, ANTI-SHOPTHEFT TELEMATCH, CHILDREN'S PAINTINGS AND HANDICRAFTS EXHIBITION AND CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN, CARNIVALS AND VARIETY SHOWS.

FESTIVAL PROGRAMMES CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SOCIAL DANCE COMPETITION WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 4 PM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 14) AT THE CRYSTAL BALLROOM OF THE HOLIDAY INN GOLDEN MILE, TSIM SHA TSUI.

THOSE WHO WISH TO COVER THE EVENT SHOULD CONTACT MISS. CHRISTINE LEONG OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE ON TEL. 3-7204251 BY NOON ON THURSDAY.

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METAL BADGE TO PROMOTE FAMILY WALKS

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A NEWLY DESIGNED METAL BADGE PRODUCED BY THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TO PROMOTE FAMILY WALKS WILL BE ON SALE FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE METAL BADGE IS ROUND BUTTON IN SHAPE WITH A DIAMETER OF 7.5 CENTIMETRES.

IT FEATURES THE NOW-FAMILIAR LOGO - A FAMILY OF THREE IN BRIGHT ORANGE AND BROWN COLOURS - WHICH HAS BECOME SYNONYMOUS WITH FAMILY WALKS IN LOCAL COUNTRY PARKS.

THE METAL BADGE WILL BE AVAILABLE AT \$2.80 EACH FROM THE VISITOR CENTRES IN THE SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK AND SHING MUN COUNTRY PARK.

THE SENIOR CONSERVATION OFFICER OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR M.K. CHEUNG, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE METAL BADGE WAS ONE OF THE TWO SOUVENIR ITEMS WHICH THE DEPARTMENT WAS PRODUCING FOR SALE THIS YEAR.

THE OTHER ITEM IS A CLOTH BADGE ON THE MACLEHOSE TRAIL WHICH WAS FIRST PRODUCED IN 1980.

"THE AIMS OF PRODUCING SOUVENIRS FOR SALE ARE TO REINFORCE OUR COUNTRY PARK MESSAGES AND TO INCULCATE A SENSE OF BELONGING AND OF IDENTIFICATION, AMONG PARK USERS, WITH POPULAR FACILITIES WHICH ARE SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF DIFFERENT GROUPS OF PEOPLE," MR CHEUNG SAID.

THERE ARE AT PRESENT 13 FAMILY WALKS IN VARIOUS COUNTRY PARKS WHERE THE WHOLE FAMILY CAN STROLL, ENJOY THE TRANQUILITY AND FRESH AIR OF THE SCENIC COUNTRYSIDE AND LEARN MORE ABOUT LOCAL VEGETATION, WILDLIFE AND HISTORIC REMAINS.

THESE WALKS ARE ALL EASILY ACCESSIBLE BY VEHICULAR TRANSPORT AND RANGE FROM 1 KILOMETRE TO 3.5 KILOMETRES IN LENGTH WITH VERY GENTLE GRADIENT. IT TAKES A YOUNG CHILD OR AN ELDERLY PERSON ONLY ABOUT 30 TO 90 MINUTES TO COMPLETE THE WALK WITH EASE.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT FAMILY WALKS CAN BE MADE BY TELEPHONING THE DEPARTMENT'S CONSERVATION EDUCATION UNIT ON 3-7332121.

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DEATH SENTENCES COMMUTED

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THE GOVERNOR, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON LI SHU-LING ON FEBRUARY 19, 1986 SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO A SENTENCE OF 20 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT.

IT WAS ALSO DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON AU KWOK-WAH ON JULY 9, 1987 SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO A SENTENCE OF LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

LI WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF CHOW SHUK-KING AND AU WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF YEUNG SHUK-YEE.

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NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR SHA TIN

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A NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL IS TO BE BUILT IN SHA TIN TO MEET THE GROWING NEEDS OF THE NEW TOWN.

COVERING A SITE AREA OF ABOUT 4,600 SQUARE METRES IN AREA 51A, THE SCHOOL IS OF THE STANDARD "FLEXI-DESIGN" TYPE.

IT WILL HAVE 30 CLASSROOMS, FOUR SPECIAL ROOMS AND AN ASSEMBLY HALL.

OTHER FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED INCLUDE A COVERED PLAYGROUND, A ROOF-TOP PLAYGROUND AND A BASKETBALL COURT.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START NEXT MONTH AND BE COMPLETED IN MAY NEXT YEAR.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS OF TENDERS IS NOON ON JANUARY 27.

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NO-STOPPING RESTRICTIONS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT SEVERAL ROAD SECTIONS WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 13).

IN CHEUNG SHA WAN, TAI NAN WEST STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BECOME A PEAK HOUR (7 AM - 10 AM AND 4 PM - 7 PM) DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY.

THE SERVICE ROAD OF EASTBOUND CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI NAN WEST STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL ALSO BECOME A PEAK HOUR DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY.

AT THE SAME TIME, TAM KON SHAN ROAD IN TSING YI, BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH TAM KON SHAN INTERCHANGE AND A POINT ABOUT 250 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION, WILL BE DESIGNATED A PEAK HOUR DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY.

IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS IN YAU OI ESTATE, TUEN MUN, WILL BE MADE 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS:

- * THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE SECTION OF ROAD E1 FROM A POINT ABOUT 50 METRES EAST OF ROAD 15A TO ITS JUNCTION WITH ROAD 15A.
- * THE EASTERN KERBSIDE SECTION OF ROAD 15A FROM A POINT ABOUT FIVE METRES NORTH OF ROAD E1 TO ITS JUNCTION WITH ROAD E1.
- * THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE SECTION OF ROAD E3 FROM THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO THE CARPARK SOUTH OF ROAD E3 TO A POINT ABOUT 60 METRES EAST OF THE SAME ACCESS ROAD.
- * THE EASTERN KERBSIDE SECTION OF THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO THE CARPARK SOUTH OF ROAD E3 FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH ROAD E3 TO A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

MEANWHILE, IN CENTRAL, WELLINGTON STREET BETWEEN GRAHAM STREET AND ABERDEEN STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS FOR ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS.

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

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TEMPORARY URBAN CLEARWAYS IN WAN CHAI, WESTERN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 13), THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF WING FUNG STREET IN WAN CHAI BETWEEN QUEEN'S ROAD EAST AND WING FUNG STREET WEST WILL BE DESIGNATED A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS FOR WATERMAIN LAYING WORKS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE FOLLOWING TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BE MADE PEAK HOUR (7 AM - 10 AM AND 4 PM - 7 PM) DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS FOR WATER PIPE INSTALLATION WORKS:

- * THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH EASTERN STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION; AND
- * THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST FROM A POINT ABOUT 15 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH WILMER STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 45 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

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

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TEMPORARY NIGHT CLOSURE OF CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL EXIT

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE HAPPY VALLEY EXIT OF THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1.15 AM AND 6 AM DAILY FROM FRIDAY (JANUARY 13) TO JANUARY 15 FOR ROAD RESURFACING WORK.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES FROM CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL HEADING FOR HAPPY VALLEY AND ABERDEEN TUNNEL WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE CAUSEWAY BAY EXIT, GLOUCESTER ROAD AND GLOUCESTER ROAD SERVICE ROAD TO JOIN THE CANAL ROAD FLYOVER.

CROSS-HARBOUR BUS ROUTES 121 AND 122 WILL ALSO USE THIS ROUTE BEFORE CONTINUING THEIR NORMAL ROUTEINGS.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS, A SECTION OF THE SLOW LANE OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD NORTHBOUND AT A POINT ABOUT 200 METRES NORTH OF THE LION ROCK TUNNEL TOLL BOOTHS WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC DAILY BETWEEN 9.30 PM AND 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FROM THURSDAY (JANUARY 12) FOR TWO NIGHTS.

MOTORISTS ARE URGED TO DRIVE WITH CARE AND PATIENCE. APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC AIDS WILL BE PROVIDED TO GUIDE THEM.

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INTERRUPTION TO FRESH AND SALT WATER SUPPLY
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN DIAMOND HILL PREMISES WILL BE SUSPENDED ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 13) FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM TO FACILITATE WATER WORKS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT PREMISES BOUNDED BY SHEUNG YUEN LENG, HA YUEN LENG, TAI HOM VILLAGE AND DIAMOND HILL VILLAGE.

ALSO, SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN WONG TAI SIN AND KOWLOON CITY WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9 AM TO 10 PM ON THE SAME DAY TO FACILITATE WATER WORKS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT AN AREA BOUNDED BY CHUK YUEN ROAD, SHA TIN PASS ROAD, CHOI HUNG ROAD, TSEUK LUK STREET, KING TAI STREET, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, CARPENTER ROAD, JUNCTION ROAD, FU MEI STREET, FU YUE STREET, WANG TAU HOM NORTH ROAD, WANG TAU HOM EAST ROAD, FUNG MO STREET, LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND WING CHUK STREET.

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