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TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 1988

48 NOMINATED FOR LEGCO ELECTIONS

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FORTY-EIGHT CANDIDATES HAVE BEEN NOMINATED FOR NEXT MONTH'S LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS ON SEPTEMBER 22 -- 27 IN THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE CONSTITUENCIES AND 21 IN THE FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES.

THESE INCLUDE EIGHT CANDIDATES WHO SUBMITTED THEIR NAMES TODAY (TUESDAY) -- THE LAST DAY OF THE NOMINATION PERIOD.

HOWEVER, 13 CANDIDATES IN 12 CONSTITUENCIES WILL BE DECLARED ELECTED UNCONTESTED. THEY ARE:

ELECTORAL COLLEGE

1.	ELSIE TU	URBAN COUNCIL
2.	DANIEL TSE CHI-WAI	KOWLOON CITY
3.	CHUNG PUI-LAM	SHAM SHUI PO

FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY

1.	HO SAI-CHU	COMMERCIAL II
2.	STEPHEN CHEONG KAM-CHUEN	INDUSTRIAL I
3.	NGAI SHIU-KIT	INDUSTRIAL II
4.	DAVID LI KWOK-PO	FINANCE
5.	PANG CHUN-HOI	LABOUR
6.	TAM YIU-CHUNG	LABOUR
7.	HUI YIN-FAT	SOCIAL SERVICES
8.	SZETO WAH	TEACHING
9.	MARTIN LEE CHU-MING	LEGAL
10.	CHENG HON-KWAN	ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL, SURVEYING AND PLANNING

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FOLLOWING ARE THE PERSONAL PARTICULARS OF THE CANDIDATES WHOSE NOMINATION FORMS WERE RECEIVED TODAY:

ELECTORAL COLLEGE

CONSTITUENCY	NAME	SEX	AGE	OCCUPATION	CONTACT TEL. NO.
1. REGIONAL COUNCIL	CHOY KAN-PUI	M	58	MERCHANT	0-6915961
2. SOUTH KOWLOON	NG KIN-SUN	M	40	SOCIAL WORKER	3-7702218
3. SOUTH KOWLOON	TO KWOK-LAU	M	39	BUSINESSMAN	3-685151
4. SOUTH KOWLOON	KINGSLEY SIT HO-YIN	M	39	SURVEYOR	5-232117
5. HONG KONG ISLAND (WEST)	SO CHAU YIM-PING	F	61	DIRECTOR	5-8148302 5-8121218
6. KWUN TONG	LI WAH-MING	M	33	SOCIAL WORKER	3-443524
7. NEW TERRITORIES (WEST)	WILLIAM MAN FOR-TAI	M	51	MERCHANT	3-696338
8. NEW TERRITORIES (EAST)	ANDREW WONG WANG-FAT	M	44	LECTURER	0-6912165

A PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATE FOR THE TEACHING CONSTITUENCY HAD HIS NOMINATION PAPER INVALIDATED BECAUSE ONE OF HIS SUPPORTERS IS NOT A REGISTERED ELECTOR FOR THAT CONSTITUENCY.

HE SUBMITTED HIS NAME JUST BEFORE THE CLOSE OF THE NOMINATION PERIOD TODAY.

IN THE 1985 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS THERE WAS A TOTAL OF 64 CANDIDATES.

COMMENTING ON THE SMALLER NUMBER OF CANDIDATES FOR NEXT MONTH'S ELECTIONS, THE PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION, MR WAN YIU-SING, SAID: ."IN 1985, THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS WERE HELD FOR THE FIRST TIME, AND THERE WAS THEN NO SERVING ELECTED MEMBER.

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"IT WAS THEREFORE NATURAL THAT MORE CANDIDATES PARTICIPATED IN THE LAST ELECTIONS.

"AS FOR THE COMING ELECTIONS, POTENTIAL CANDIDATES HAVE HAD THREE YEARS TO SIZE UP THE SITUATION AND THE DEMANDS ON A LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR. SOME OF THEM MAY THEREFORE HAVE ADOPTED A MORE CAUTIOUS ATTITUDE.

"HOWEVER, WE MUST NOT LOOK ONLY AT THE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES. THERE ARE OTHER FACTORS, FOR EXAMPLE, THE REACTION OF THE PUBLIC TOWARDS THE ELECTIONS AND THE TURNOUT RATE ON POLLING DAY."

THE ELECTIONS HAD TO BE LOOKED AT AS A WHOLE, MR WAN ADDED.

IN THE COMING ELECTIONS, THERE WILL BE 12 SEATS IN THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE - ONE EACH FOR THE 10 DISTRICT BOARD CONSTITUENCIES AND TWO SPECIAL CONSTITUENCIES, NAMELY THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS.

ANOTHER 14 MEMBERS WILL BE ELECTED FROM THE NINE FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE FULL LIST OF NOMINATIONS IS REPEATED BELOW FOR YOUR REFERENCE:

ELECTORAL COLLEGE CONSTITUENCIES (NO. OF SEATS IN BRACKETS)	NAME(S) OF CANDIDATES	NO. OF NOMINATIONS
1. URBAN COUNCIL (1)	ELSIE TU	1
*2. REGIONAL COUNCIL (1)	CHEUNG YAN-LUNG TANG KWOK-YUNG CHOY KAN-PUI	3

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DISTRICT BOARDS

*3.	H.K. ISLAND (EAST) (1)	CHAN YING-LUNG DESMOND LEE YU-TAI	2
*4.	H.K. ISLAND (WEST) (1)	JOSEPH CHAN YUEK-SUT LIU LIT-FOR SO CHAU YIM-PING	3
*5.	KWUN TONG (1)	POON CHI-FAI LI WAH-MING	2
*6.	WONG TAI SIN (1)	MICHAEL CHENG TAK-KIN CONRAD LAM KUI-SHING	2
7.	KOWLOON CITY (1)	DANIEL TSE CHI-WAI	1
8.	SHAM SHUI PO (1)	CHUNG PUI-LAM	1
*9.	SOUTH KOWLOON (1)	KINGSLEY SIT HO-YIN JACKIE CHAN CHAI-KEUNG NG KIN-SUN TO KWOK-LAU	4
*10.	NEW TERRITORIES (EAST) (1)	MICHAEL LAI KAM-CHEUNG ANDREW WONG WANG-FAT	2
*11.	NEW TERRITORIES (WEST) (1)	TAI CHIN-WAH WILLIAM MAN FOR-TAI	2
*12.	NEW TERRITORIES (SOUTH) (1)	RICHARD LAI LAM WAI-KEUNG WILLIAM WAN HON-CHEUNG YEUNG FUK-KWONG	4
		SUB-TOTAL :	27

/FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES .....

FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES

*1.	COMMERCIAL I (1)	GARY AHUJA JAMES DAVID MCGREGOR VERONICA S.C. WU	3
2.	COMMERCIAL II (1)	HO SAI-CHU	1
3.	INDUSTRIAL I (1)	STEPHEN CHEONG KAM-CHUEN	1
4.	INDUSTRIAL II (1)	NGAI SHIU-KIT	1
5.	FINANCE (1)	DAVID LI KWOK-PO	1
6.	LABOUR (2)	PANG CHUN-HOI TAM YIU-CHUNG	2
7.	SOCIAL SERVICES (1)	HUI YIN-FAT	1
*8.	ACCOUNTANCY (1)	PETER CHAN PO-FUN FANNY LAI IP PO-PING WONG HONG-YUEN	3
*9.	MEDICAL (1)	CHIU HIN-KWONG LEONG CHE-HUNG	2
*10.	HEALTH CARE (1)	RONALD CHOW MEI-TAK ANTHONY LAM PO-WING RUTH WONG LUNG HUN-LING	3
11.	TEACHING (1)	SZETO WAH	1
12.	LEGAL (1)	MARTIN LEE CHU-MING	1
13.	ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL, SURVEYING AND PLANNING (1)	CHENG HON-KWAN	1
		SUB-TOTAL :	21

* CONTESTING CONSTITUENCIES

GOVT EFFORTS TO IMPROVE RURAL LIFE

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WHEN DEVELOPING NEW TOWNS, THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALWAYS ENDEAVOURED TO IMPROVE FACILITIES FOR THE VILLAGES, THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN WAN, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

HE MADE THE REMARK DURING HIS VISIT TO A NUMBER OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT.

"IN THE COURSE OF NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT, VARIOUS INFRASTRUCTURE AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENTS HAVE BEEN PLANNED AND UNDERTAKEN BY DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED, AIMING AT BUILDING A SELF-CONTAINED AND BALANCED COMMUNITY," MR WAN SAID.

NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENTS INCLUDED THE PROVISION OF EDUCATION, HOUSING, TRANSPORT, RECREATION AS WELL AS COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

"HOWEVER, THIS MIGHT WIDEN THE GAP IN THE LIVING STANDARD BETWEEN NEW TOWN RESIDENTS AND VILLAGERS, RESULTING IN A NOTICEABLE CONTRAST BETWEEN THE MODERN AND AESTHETIC APPEARANCE OF THE NEW TOWNS AND THE OFTEN POOR AND UNSATISFACTORY LIVING ENVIRONMENT OF THE RURAL AREAS," MR WAN NOTED.

HE STRESSED THAT COMMON PROBLEMS CONFRONTING VILLAGERS WERE SUB-STANDARD DRAINAGE, THE LACK OF ROAD ACCESS, AND INADEQUATE STREET LIGHTING, RECREATION AND SANITARY FACILITIES WHILE HEAVY RAIN MIGHT ALSO CAUSE FLOODING.

AT PRESENT, THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT HAS A POPULATION OF 330,000 WITH 50,000 OF THEM LIVING IN THE RURAL HINTERLAND.

MR WAN SAID THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAD BEEN TRYING TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN THE NEW TOWN AND VILLAGES THROUGH THE LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS (LPW) PROGRAMME.

"ALL LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS ARE AIMED AT IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE RURAL AREAS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES," MR WAN EXPLAINED.

HE RECALLED THAT THE LPW PROGRAMME WAS INITIATED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN 1919 WITH THE AIM OF PROVIDING BASIC FACILTIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE FOR RURAL AREAS AND VILLAGERS.

"AT THAT TIME THE PROGRAMME WAS BASICALLY A SELF-HELP PROGRAMME WHEREBY MATERIALS SUCH AS CEMENT, STEAL REINFORCEMENT AND PIPES WERE SUPPLIED TO THE VILLAGERS FOR THEM TO UNDERTAKE MINOR CONSTRUCTION WORKS," HE ADDED.

HE ALSO SAID THAT A WORKS SECTION HAD SINCE BEEN SET UP IN EACH OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICES WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PLANNING, CO-ORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF LPW PROJECTS.

/THE SCOPE .....

THE SCOPE OF WORK OF THE SECTION INCLUDED THE IMPROVEMENT TO OR CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTPATH, MINOR ROADS, BRIDGES AND CARPARKS; PIPELINES, IRRIGATION CHANNELS AND STANDPIPES; STREAM EMBANKMENTS, DRAINAGE, SEAWALLS AND PIERS; AND PLAYGROUNDS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT, VILLAGE SQUARES, RAIN SHELTERS AND PARKS.

FUNDS WERE MAINLY PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, HE ADDED.

OTHER PROJECTS BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE WORKS SECTION CONSISTED OF MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, SQUATTER AREA IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE FACILITIES WITH FUNDS ALLOCATED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THIS YEAR, THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAS EARMARKED $1.38 MILLION FOR VARIOUS LPW'S AND WORKS COMPLETED SINCE APRIL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN OPEN CHANNEL AT SO KWUN WAT AND A FOOTPATH AT FU TEI CHUNG TUSEN AS WELL AS THE RE-CONSTRUCTION OF A VAN TRACK AT LUNG KWU TAN.

IN ADDITION, NUMEROUS PROJECTS IN DIFFERENT AREAS ARE ALSO IN PROGRESS OR IN THE PIPELINE.

AS FOR TODAY'S VISIT, MR WAN WENT TO TAI LAM CHUNG, LUNG KWU TAN, SIU HANG SUN TSUEN, NAI WAI, LAM TEI AND TSENG TAU CHUNG TSUEN WHERE THERE ARE PROJECTS INVOLVING THE BUILDING OR REPAIRING OF OPEN CHANNELS, VAN TRACKS, DRAINS, FOOTPATHS, FOOTBRIDGES AND RAMPS WITH RAILING.

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INTEREST ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES

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THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE PUBLISHED YESTERDAY (MONDAY) CONTAINS A LEGAL NOTICE TO THE EFFECT THAT THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY HAS AUTHORISED AN INCREASE IN THE RATE OF INTEREST PAYABLE ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES.

AS FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY), THE NEW ANNUAL RATE OF INTEREST WILL BE 6.36 PER CENT (TAX FREE) AS AGAINST THE CURRENT RATE OF 5.76 PER CENT (TAX FREE).

INTEREST ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES IS CALCULATED IN MONTHLY STEPS AND THE NEW RATE WILL BE $0.53 PER MONTH PER $100. INTEREST WILL BE CREDITED AS BEFORE IN RESPECT OF COMPLETE MONTHS BETWEEN PURCHASE AND SURRENDER IN PAYMENT OF TAX.

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INTEREST IS ONLY CREDITED WHEN CERTIFICATES ARE USED TO PAY TAX AND NO INTEREST IS DUE WHERE THE PRINCIPAL VALUE OF A CERTIFICATE IS REPAID BY A CHEQUE.

THE NEW RATE WILL APPLY TO ALL CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER AUGUST 17, 1988.

CERTIFICATES WHICH WERE ISSUED BEFORE AUGUST 17, 1988 WILL CONTINUE TO EARN INTEREST AS FOLLOWS:

3.84 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JUNE 4, 1987 AND BEFORE JUNE 24, 1987;
4.32 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JUNE 24, 1987 AND BEFORE OCTOBER 14, 1987;
5.28 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 14, 1987 AND BEFORE OCTOBER 28, 1987;
4.32 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 28, 1987 AND BEFORE OCTOBER 30, 1987;
3.24 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 30, 1987 AND BEFORE DECEMBER 2, 1987;
3.00 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 2, 1987 AND BEFORE DECEMBER 9, 1987;
2.04 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 9, 1987 AND BEFORE FEBRUARY 20, 1988;
2.76 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER FEBRUARY 20, 1988 AND BEFORE APRIL 13, 1988;
3.36 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER APRIL 13, 1988 AND BEFORE MAY 11, 1988;
4.32 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER MAY 11, 1988 AND BEFORE JUNE 16, 1988;
4.8 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JUNE 16, 1988 AND BEFORE JUNE 29, 1988;
5.28 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JUNE 29, 1988 AND BEFORE JULY 27, 1988; AND
5.76 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JULY 27, 1988 AND BEFORE AUGUST 17, 1988;

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BUT ALWAYS SUBJECT TO THE GENERAL RULE THAT INTEREST CEASES TO ACCRUE AFTER 36 COMPLETE MONTHS WITHOUT SURRENDER FOR PAYMENT OF TAX.

EXAMPLE:

$1,000 CERTIFICATES PURCHASED ON AUGUST 17, 1988, SEPTEMBER 17, 1988 AND OCTOBER 17, 1988 RESPECTIVELY, SURRENDERED IN PAYMENT OF TAX DUE ON NOVEMBER 16, 1988 WILL HAVE INTEREST CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

ON $1,000, AUGUST 17, 1988 TO NOVEMBER 16, 1988 3 COMPLETE MONTHS AT $5.30 PER MONTH	= $15.90
ON $1,000, SEPTEMBER 17, 1988 TO NOVEMBER 16, 1988 2 COMPLETE MONTHS AT $5.30 PER MONTH	= $10.60
ON $1,000, OCTOBER 17, 1988 TO NOVEMBER 16, 1988 1 COMPLETE MONTH AT $5.30 PER MONTH	= $ 5.30
	$31.80

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DB JOINT COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS LRT FARES, SAFETY

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THE TUEN MUN/YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARDS' JOINT COMMITTEE ON MONITORING LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SERVICES WILL MEET TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO DISCUSS THE FARE STRUCTURE AND SAFETY ASPECTS OF THE LRT SYSTEM.

A COMMITTEE MEMBER WILL INTRODUCE FOR DISCUSSION A PROPOSAL TO REVIEW THE QUALIFICATION AND TRAINING OF LRT VEHICLE DRIVERS.

HE WILL ALSO PROPOSE THAT THE POLICE SHOULD SET UP A SPECIAL INVESTIGATION TEAM TO DEAL WITH ACCIDENTS INVOLVING LRT VEHICLES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TUEN MUN/YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARDS' JOINT COMMITTEE ON MONITORING LRT SERVICES 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 10.30 AM.

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SHA TIN CULTURE, SPORTS COMMITTEE TO MEET

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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE AND SPORTS COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) MORNING TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED OFFICE VENUE FOR THE SHA TIN ARTS ASSOCIATION IN WONG UK, AT THE JUNCTION OF TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD AND YUEN CHAU KOK ROAD.

THE MEETING WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE PROGRESS OF FESTIVE LIGHTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR 1988-89 AND CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR $40,000 FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD TO SPONSOR THE $90,000 CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS FESTIVAL.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE PROGRESS REPORTS FROM THE SHA TIN SPORTS AND ARTS ASSOCIATIONS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE AND SPORTS COMMITTEE MEETING TO BEGIN AT 9.30 AM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE SIXTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION.

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PHOTO CONTEST TO PROMOTE DISTRICT NAME

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THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD IS ORGANISING A PHOTO CONTEST AS PART OF A CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE THE NAME OF THE DISTRICT.

THE COMPETITION IS OPEN TO PEOPLE LIVING, WORKING OR STUDYING IN THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT, AND ENTRIES SHOULD BE IN COLOUR OF 3R SIZE.

PARTICIPANTS CAN SUBMIT MORE THAN ONE ENTRIES, WHICH MAY FEATURE AS THEMES DISTRICT LANDMARKS OR SOME FORM OF CO-OPERATION AMONG RESIDENTS.

ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE AT 490 NATHAN ROAD AND ITS TSIM SHA TSUI SUB-OFFICE AT 40 CARNARVON ROAD. ENTRIES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BEFORE AUGUST 31.

THE WINNER OF THE COMPETITION WILL BE AWARDED A GIFT COUPON OF $1,500, WHILE THE FIRST AND SECOND RUNNER-UPS WILL RECEIVE $1,000 AND $700 COUPONS RESPECTIVELY.

IN ADDITION, SEVEN OUTSTANDING ENTRIES WILL EACH BE AWARDED WITH A $200 COUPON.

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ADVANCED LEVEL MUSIC COURSE FOR STUDENTS

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S CENTRALISED SCHEME OF MUSIC TRAINING FOR SENIOR SECONDARY STUDENTS WILL AGAIN OFFER A TWO-YEAR ADVANCED LEVEL MUSIC COURSE STARTING NEXT MONTH.

STUDENTS WHO WILL BE STARTING THEIR FULL TIME SIXTH FORM STUDIES NEXT MONTH ARE NOW INVITED TO ENROL.

THOSE WHO WISH TO TAKE PART IN THE COURSE ARE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS IN PERSON TO THE MUSIC SECTION, ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, ROOM 529, FIFTH FLOOR, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, BEFORE AUGUST 24.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BRING ALONG THEIR HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD; A PHOTOCOPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION INDIVIDUAL RESULTS NOTICE; DOCUMENT OF ACCEPTANCE TO THE SIXTH FORM FROM A SECONDARY DAY SCHOOL; AND CERTIFICATE(S) OF EXTERNAL MUSIC EXAMINATION(S) PASSED.

STUDENTS WHO HAD APPLIED FOR THE COURSE THROUGH THEIR SCHOOL HEADS IN APRIL THIS YEAR WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE RESULT OF THEIR APPLICATIONS.

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IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT AIRPORT PARKING APRON, TAXIWAY

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A $48 MILLION CONTRACT FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENT WORKS ON THE AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON AND TAXIWAY AT HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT HAS BEEN AWARDED BY THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE CONTRACT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF 42,000 SQUARE METRES OF AIRCRAFT PAVEMENTS, 7,000 SQUARE METRES OF EQUIPMENT PARKING AREAS, FIRE MAINS, DRAINAGE WORKS, LANDSCAPING AND ASSOCIATED ELECTRICAL WORKS.

UPON COMPLETION OF THIS PROJECT IN SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR, IT WILL PROVIDE FOUR ADDITIONAL PARKING BAYS FOR FOUR WIDE-BODIED AIRCRAFT, TWO EQUIPMENT PARKING AREAS AND VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO OPERATIONAL SAFETY.

WORK WILL BEGIN LATER THIS MONTH.

WATER CUT IN WONG TAI SIN, YAU TONG

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN WONG TAI SIN WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 18) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR WATER WORKS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT BLOCKS 1 - 12 AND BLOCKS 14 AND 15 UPPER WONG TAI SIN ESTATE, WONG TAI SIN MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATION AND CHEUNG YAN HOUSE.

ALSO, SALT WATER SUPPLY TO SOME AREAS IN YAU TONG DISTRICT WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 6 AM TO 8 PM ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 19) FOR WATER WORKS.

AREAS THAT WILL BE AFFECTED ARE YAU TONG ESTATE, KO CHIU ROAD ESTATE, LEI YUE MUN, CHA KWO LING AND SAM KA TSUEN.

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TEMPORARY URBAN CLEARWAY ON DES VOEUX ROAD WEST

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF WESTBOUND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH HILL ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 75 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED A 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 19).

THIS MEASURE WILL LAST FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS TO FACILITATE ROADWORKS.

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

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RESTRICTED ZONES IN NEW TERRITORIES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 19), TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN MA ON SHAN WILL BE MADE RESTRICTED ZONES WHILE AN EXISTING RESTRICTED ZONE IN YUEN LONG WILL BE LIFTED.

IN MA ON SHAN, THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING FROM HANG HONG STREET TO HENG ON ESTATE, AND THE LOOP ROAD IN HENG ON ESTATE FROM A POINT ABOUT 60 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH THE HENG ON ESTATE ACCESS ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BECOME 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY RESTRICTED ZONES.

IN YUEN LONG, THE EXISTING 7 AM TO 9 PM PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD (YUEN LONG SECTION) WILL BE LIFTED.

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NEW GREEN MINIBUS SERVICE IN WONG TAI SIN

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A NEW GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE NO. 39M WILL BE INTRODUCED IN WONG TAI SIN FROM THURSDAY (AUGUST 18), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

THE NEW ROUTE WILL SERVE RESIDENTS TRAVELLING BETWEEN TUNG TAU ESTATE AND LOK FU ESTATE AND AT THE SAME TIME, PROVIDE A CONVENIENT FEEDER LINK TO THE MTR STATION.

AS A CIRCULAR ROUTE PLYING BETWEEN LOK FU AND TUNG TAU, ROUTE 39M WILL TRAVEL ALONG WANG TAU HOM SOUTH ROAD, FU KEUNG STREET, WANG TAU HOM CENTRAL ROAD, WANG TAU HOM EAST ROAD, JUNCTION ROAD, TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD, TUNG TSING ROAD, LOK SIN ROAD, TUNG KWONG ROAD, TUNG FAT ROAD, TUNG LUNG ROAD, TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD, FUNG MO STREET, FU MEI STREET, WANG TAU HOM EAST ROAD AND WANG TAU HOM SOUTH ROAD.

IT WILL OPERATE DAILY FROM 6.30 AM TO 10.40 PM AT A 15-MINUTE FREQUENCY. THE FARE WILL BE $1 FOR A SINGLE JOURNEY.

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