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JANUARY RESULTS OF RETAIL SALES SURVEY RELEASED

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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES IN JANUARY 1990, ESTIMATED AT \$10,596 MILLION, DECREASED BY 1 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1989 WHILE THEIR VOLUME DECREASED BY 5 PER CENT, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THESE FIGURES SUGGEST THAT BOTH CONSUMER DEMAND AND TOURIST SPENDING REMAINED WEAK IN JANUARY 1990.

COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1989, RETAIL SALES OF FUELS IN JANUARY 1990 ROSE BY 22 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 8 PER CENT IN VOLUME. FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO INCREASED BY 17 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 9 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS INCREASED BY 3 PER CENT IN VALUE BUT DECREASED BY 3 PER CENT IN VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES DROPPED BY 17 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 19 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

OTHER CONSUMER GOODS DECREASED BY 3 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 8 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, SALES OF SUPERMARKETS INCREASED BY 34 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 23 PER CENT IN VOLUME. DEPARTMENT STORES ROSE BY 11 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 5 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ON THE OTHER HAND, CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS DROPPED BY 6 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 8 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS RECORDED DECREASES OF 32 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 36 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

WHEN COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1989, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, TOTAL RETAIL SALES FOR JANUARY 1990 INCREASED BY 6 PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME.

FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO INCREASED BY 5 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 3 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. FUELS WENT DOWN BY 7 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 8 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES INCREASED BY 10 PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME. CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS INCREASED BY 2 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 7 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

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SALES OF OTHER CONSUMER GOODS WENT UP BY 6 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 8 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, SUPERMARKETS SALES ROSE BY 15 PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME. SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED BY 14 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 13 PER CENT IN VOLUME. SALES IN DEPARTMENT STORES WENT UP BY 12 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 17 PER CENT IN VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED BY 8 PER CENT IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED TOTAL RETAIL SALES FIGURE FOR DECEMBER 1989 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURE FOR JANUARY 1990.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES IN DECEMBER 1989 AND JANUARY 1990 (A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES, (B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS AND (C) BY SELECTED TRADES (WHICH FORM PART OF THE RELEVANT MAJOR TRADE GROUPS), WITH AVERAGE RETAIL SALES FROM OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 TAKEN AS 100. COMPARISONS OF JANUARY 1990 RESULTS WITH THOSE FOR DECEMBER 1989 AND WITH THOSE FOR JANUARY 1989 ARE ALSO GIVEN.

THE REPORT CONTAINING THE ANALYSIS OF THE JANUARY 1990 SURVEY RESULTS IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AT \$1 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. 556 5240).

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TABLE 1 : TOTAL RETAIL SALES

Total Retail Sales for January 1990 (Provisional Figure) = HK\$10,596million  
for December 1989 (Revised Figure) = HK\$10,042million

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES  
FOR DECEMBER 1989 AND JANUARY 1990

(Monthly average of Oct. 84 - Sept. 85 = 100)

Item	Index of Retail Sales	December	January	January 1990		January 1990	
		1989	1990	compared with December 1989	compared with January 1989	Points	%
		(Revised figures)	(Provisional figures)	Points	%	Points	%
<b>(A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES</b>							
	Value	179	189	+10	+6	-1	-1
	Volume	135	144	+9	+6	-8	-5
<b>(B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS</b>							
Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco	Value	166	175	+8	+5	+25	+17
	Volume	130	134	+4	+3	+11	+9
Fuels	Value	130	121	-9	-7	+22	+22
	Volume	124	115	-9	-8	+8	+8
Clothing, footwear and allied products	Value	237	243	+6	+2	+7	+3
	Volume	162	174	+12	+7	-5	-3
Consumer durables	Value	155	171	+16	+10	-36	-17
	Volume	117	129	+12	+10	-30	-19
Other consumer goods	Value	192	203	+12	+6	-6	-3
	Volume	142	154	+12	+8	-13	-8
<b>(C) BY SELECTED TRADES</b>							
(see note 1 below)							
Supermarkets	Value	207	238	+32	+15	+61	+34
	Volume	155	178	+23	+15	+33	+23
Motor vehicles and parts	Value	230	261	+32	+14	-124	-32
	Volume	149	168	+19	+13	-95	-36
Consumer durables other than motor vehicles and parts	Value	132	143	+11	+8	-9	-6
	Volume	108	117	+9	+8	-10	-8
Department stores	Value	287	322	+34	+12	+32	+11
	Volume	200	234	+35	+17	+11	+5

NOTES : 1. In order to analyse the sales of certain trades WITHIN major trade groups, the value and volume indexes in respect of the following selected trades are compiled :

- "Supermarkets" - a trade in the "Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco" group.
- "Motor vehicles and parts" - a trade in the "Consumer durables" group.
- "Consumer durables other than motor vehicles and parts" - a trade in the "Consumer durables" group.
- "Department stores" - a trade in the "Other consumer goods" group.

2. Figures denoting changes are derived from the unrounded index figures.

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APRIL TO JUNE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY  
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO CONDUCT THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY DURING THE QUARTER FROM APRIL TO JUNE 1990.

THE SURVEY, CONDUCTED MONTHLY SINCE AUGUST 1981, COLLECTS INFORMATION ON EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT, AND THE GENERAL SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION.

IN ADDITION, QUESTIONS ON HONG KONG RESIDENTS' EXPENDITURE ABROAD, DEMAND FOR DAY CARE SERVICES, AWARENESS OF FAMILY SERVICE CENTRES, RESIDENCE ABROAD, HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE ON RENT AND HOUSING DEMAND WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED IN THE QUARTER OF APRIL TO JUNE 1990.

SOME 4,000 HOUSEHOLDS ARE SELECTED AT RANDOM EACH MONTH FROM ALL DISTRICTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SURVEY.

ABOUT HALF OF THE HOUSEHOLDS INTERVIEWED THREE MONTHS AGO, WILL BE SURVEYED AGAIN TO MEASURE MORE ACCURATELY THE CHANGES THAT HAVE OCCURRED SINCE THEN.

AN OFFICIAL LETTER HAS BEEN SENT TO THE SAMPLED HOUSEHOLDS TO EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY AND TO SEEK THEIR VOLUNTARY CO-OPERATION.

CENSUS OFFICERS, EACH CARRYING A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD AND A CERTIFICATE FOR CONDUCTING THE SURVEY, WILL VISIT THESE HOUSEHOLDS TO COLLECT THE REQUIRED INFORMATION.

THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY IS CONDUCTED UNDER PART IIIA OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 316 OF THE LAWS OF HONG KONG) AS NOTIFIED IN THE GENERAL NOTICE NO. 212 IN THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT GAZETTE OF JANUARY 19, 1990.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE, DATA RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL PERSONS OR HOUSEHOLDS COLLECTED WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL AND WILL NOT BE RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC, ANY PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS OR OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

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GOVERNOR BRIEFED ON LAW PROGRAMMES

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A NEWLY INSTALLED COMPUTER SYSTEM IN THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT WILL SPEED UP THE PACE OF WORK ON BILINGUAL DRAFTING AND THE PROGRAMME TO LOCALISE LAWS.

DURING A VISIT TO THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WAS BRIEFED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR JEREMY MATHEWS, ON THE PROGRESS OF THE TRANSLATION OF THE EXISTING 20,000 PAGES OF HONG KONG LAWS INTO CHINESE.

"THIS WILL BE ONE OF THE MAJOR TASKS FOR LAW DRAFTSMEN DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD," SIR DAVID SAID. "CLEARLY IT IS A TASK WHICH REQUIRES A GREAT DEAL OF RESEARCH."

THE GOVERNOR WAS TOLD THAT AN ESTIMATED 300 UNITED KINGDOM ENACTMENTS NOW APPLICABLE TO HONG KONG WOULD HAVE TO BE EXAMINED AND MANY OF THEM ENACTED AS DOMESTIC HONG KONG LAW BEFORE 1997; THE CREATION OF A COMPUTER DATABASE CONSISTING OF ALL THE LAWS OF HONG KONG WOULD GREATLY ASSIST IN THIS PROCESS.

THE NEW COMPUTER SYSTEM WOULD ALSO HELP TO SPEED UP ALL GOVERNMENT LEGISLATIVE WORK AS RESEARCH INTO STATUTE LAW COULD THEN BE CONDUCTED MUCH MORE QUICKLY.

THE GOVERNOR THEN TOURED THE VARIOUS DIVISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT INCLUDING LAW DRAFTING, PROSECUTIONS, CIVIL, INTERNATIONAL LAW AND LEGAL POLICY AND WAS BRIEFED ON THEIR WORK.

BEFORE CONCLUDING HIS VISIT, SIR DAVID WATCHED A MOCK COURT TRIAL TO HELP IN THE TRAINING OF COURT PROSECUTORS, ASSISTANT CROWN COUNSEL AND ARTICLED CLERKS.

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EXCHANGE FUND'S SALE OF SHARES IN HK TELECOM

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THE ACTING FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR DAVID NENDICK, ANNOUNCED THAT THE SALE OF THE EXCHANGE FUND'S 377,544,752 SHARES IN HONG KONG TELECOMMUNICATIONS LIMITED ("HK TELECOM") TO A WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF CABLE AND WIRELESS PLC HAS BEEN COMPLETED TODAY (MONDAY).

THE EXCHANGE FUND'S REMAINING SHAREHOLDING IN HK TELECOM FOLLOWING THIS SALE IS REDUCED TO 377,544,752 SHARES REPRESENTING APPROXIMATELY 3.4 PER CENT OF THE ISSUED SHARE CAPITAL IN HK TELECOM.

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URBAN-WIDE ANTI-MOSQUITO CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

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WHILE THE FORTHCOMING WARM WEATHER WILL PROVIDE A FAVOURABLE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE BREEDING OF MOSQUITOES, THE PEST CONTROL STAFF OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT STARTED AN URBAN-WIDE DRIVE TODAY (MONDAY) TO STAMP OUT THESE PESTS.

TODAY'S OPERATION IN MONG KOK MARKED THE LAUNCHING OF THE FIRST PHASE OF THE ANNUAL ANTI-MOSQUITO CAMPAIGN THROUGHOUT THE 11 URBAN DISTRICTS.

THE FIRST PHASE, LASTING FROM SIX DAYS TO TWELVE DAYS IN EACH DISTRICT, WILL CONCLUDE ON MAY 3.

"TO ENSURE THAT PLACES ARE THOROUGHLY COMBED, EACH DISTRICT IS DIVIDED INTO A NUMBER OF SECTIONS FOR PEST CONTROL TEAMS TO CARRY OUT BLOCK-TO-BLOCK INSPECTION VISITS DURING THE MONTH-LONG CAMPAIGN," THE STAFF OFFICER (LICENSING AND HYGIENE) OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR HUI KWOK-HUNG, SAID.

"PARTICULAR ATTENTION WILL BE PAID TO HILLSIDES, CONSTRUCTION SITES, STREAMS, CEMETERIES AND BUILDINGS, ESPECIALLY SUCH COMMON AREAS AS YARDS AND ROOFTOPS," HE EXPLAINED.

MR HUI ADDED THAT IN ORDER TO ALERT THE PUBLIC TO THE IMPORTANCE OF MOSQUITO PREVENTION IN THE SUMMER MONTHS, THE INSPECTION TEAMS WOULD ALSO DISTRIBUTE, LEAFLETS AND POSTERS ON PREVENTION OF MOSQUITO NUISANCES TO BUILDING CONTRACTORS AND MANAGEMENT OFFICES OF MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS OR HOUSING ESTATES.

LEAFLETS AND POSTERS WOULD ALSO BE DISTRIBUTED TO SCHOOLS TO EDUCATE THE SCHOOL CHILDREN.

"PEST CONTROL OFFICERS WILL ISSUE NUISANCE ABATEMENT NOTICES TO PEOPLE FOUND TO PERMIT MOSQUITO BREEDING. THOSE WHO FAIL TO RECTIFY THE SITUATION WILL BE PROSECUTED," HE SAID.

MR HUI REMINDED THAT UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES ORDINANCE, THE OFFENCE OF ALLOWING MOSQUITO BREEDING CARRIES A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10 000.

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REMINDER TO RATEPAYERS TO SUPPLY INFORMATION

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THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) ISSUED SOME 70,000 REMINDERS TO RATEPAYERS WHO HAVE NOT YET RETURNED THE REQUISITION FORMS SENT TO THEM PREVIOUSLY.

THE REMINDERS, WHICH ARE SIMILAR TO THE ORIGINAL REQUISITION FORMS, REQUIRE RATEPAYERS TO SUPPLY RENTAL DETAILS OF THEIR PROPERTIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING RATEABLE VALUES.

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT URGED ANY PERSON WHO RECEIVED A REMINDER FORM TO COMPLETE AND RETURN IT WITHIN 14 DAYS. FAILURE TO DO SO WOULD RENDER SUCH PERSON LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$2,000.

IF THE PREVIOUS REQUISITION HAD ALREADY BEEN RETURNED, THE REMINDER NEED NOT BE COMPLETED BUT SHOULD BE RETURNED INTACT TO THE DEPARTMENT.

ANYONE HAVING ENQUIRIES MAY CALL THE TELEPHONE NUMBER PRINTED ON THE FORM OR MAY VISIT THE DEPARTMENT AT 17TH FLOOR, HENNESSY CENTRE, 500 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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ACAF MEMBERS TO VISIT PIG BREEDING CENTRE  
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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT (AFD) HAS, SINCE JUNE 1987, BEEN EXPERIMENTING A PIG-ON-LITTER SYSTEM AT ITS TA KWU LING PIG BREEDING CENTRE WHICH EMPLOYS A SPECIAL BEDDING MATERIAL IN THE PIG SHED COMPRISING SAWDUST AND BACTERIAL PRODUCTS TO DECOMPOSE PIG MANURES IN-SITU AS AND WHEN THEY ARE PRODUCED.

THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT THE SYSTEM MAY BE ONE OF THE PRACTICAL AND ECONOMIC METHODS TO COMBAT POLLUTION RESULTING FROM AGRICULTURAL WASTE.

TO GAIN FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ON THE SYSTEM, MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES (ACAF) WILL VISIT THE TA KWU LING PIG BREEDING CENTRE TOMORROW (TUESDAY) MORNING.

APART FROM THE SYSTEM, MEMBERS WILL ALSO SEE OTHER WASTE TREATMENT METHODS DEMONSTRATED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT AT THE PIG BREEDING CENTRE. THESE INCLUDE THE DRY MUCK-OUT SYSTEM AND THE WET MUCK-OUT SYSTEM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE VISIT. MEDIA TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED AND WILL LEAVE AFD HEADQUARTERS, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON AT 9.15 AM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

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IEC NOISE REDUCTION WORKS ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE PROGRESS OF THE LAYING OF NOISE REDUCTION MATERIALS ON THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

BEFORE THE MEETING STARTS, MEMBERS WILL ELECT A CHAIRMAN TO HEAD THE COMMITTEE DURING THE 1990-91 NEW TERM.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE LONG-STANDING PROBLEM OF SEWER BLOCKAGE AT THE REAR LANE OF JAVA ROAD.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE PROPOSED MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND SALT WATER SUPPLY IN WAN TSUI ESTATE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, FIRST FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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KWAI TSING DB TO DISCUSS PROPOSED CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES

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THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE PROPOSED CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES FOR THE 1991 DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS AT A SPECIAL MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS A REPLY FROM THE COMMISSIONER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINTS ON SOME MEMBERS' COMPLAINT ABOUT THE RELICENSING OF THE OIL DEPOTS OPERATED BY THE HONG KONG OIL COMPANY LIMITED ON TSING YI ISLAND.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE DISTRICT BOARD'S BUDGET FOR THE 1990-91 FINANCIAL YEAR AND THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SCHOOLS UNDER REDEVELOPMENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD SPECIAL MEETING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, KWAI CHUNG.

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DB TO BE BRIEFED ON FLOOD PREVENTION PROJECTS

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A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL BRIEF MEMBERS OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD ON THE GOVERNMENT'S FLOOD PREVENTION PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT AT THE BOARD'S MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 4).

THE BRIEFING WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S CHIEF ENGINEER, MR DON MUDD.

MEMBERS WILL EXPRESS VIEWS ON THE PROPOSED YUEN LONG SOUTHERN BYPASS ROAD PROJECT WHICH FORMS PART OF THE NORTH WEST NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE DRAFT HONG KONG BILL OF RIGHTS ORDINANCE 1990 AND THE DISTRICT BOARD'S CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE AN APPLICATION BY THE DEVELOPER OF FAIRVIEW PARK TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR ALTERING ITS DEVELOPMENT PLAN, AND THE MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS IN YUEN LONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 4) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, 13TH FLOOR, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE PROGRESS OF ROADWORKS

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THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD WILL EXAMINE THE PROGRESS OF ROADWORK PROJECTS AT TAI HOM AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO REVIEW THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS FIGURES IN THE DISTRICT IN THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF THIS YEAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, FOURTH FLOOR, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, KING FUK STREET.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURES ON LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS, ABOUT 300 METRES OF ONE SOUTHBOUND LANE ON LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD NORTH OF HUNG MUI KUK ROAD INTERCHANGE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY (APRIL 4 AND 5) FROM 9 PM TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY, AND AGAIN ON APRIL 10.

ALSO, ABOUT 300 METRES OF TWO SOUTHBOUND LANES ON LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD NORTH OF HUNG MUI KUK ROAD INTERCHANGE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR THREE DAYS FROM FRIDAY (APRIL 6) FROM 9 PM TO 6 AM.

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

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HOLIDAY CLINIC SERVICE  
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THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT EIGHT CLINICS WILL REMAIN OPEN ON THURSDAY (APRIL 5) WHICH IS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

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

ALL OTHER OUT-PATIENT AND EVENING CLINICS WILL BE CLOSED.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE  
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 38.7 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 226.999 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 193.660 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 33.0 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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