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FURTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS

FURTHER ARRANGEMENTS TO PREPARE THE WAY FOR DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS ARE PROPOSED IN TWO SETS OF DRAFT LEGISLATION IN THE GAZETTE TODAY.

UNDER THE CORRUPT AND ILLEGAL PRACTICES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982, CANDIDATES AND ELECTION AGENTS WILL BE ALLOWED IN FUTURE TO USE HIRED VEHICLES OR PAY FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF ELECTORS TO OR FROM THE POLL.

THIS WILL ENCOURAGE MORE ELECTORS TO TURN OUT IN THE REMOTER PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES WHERE PUBLIC TRANSPORT IS INADEQUATE.

EXPENDITURE ON SUCH TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS WILL HAVE TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR BY A CANDIDATE AND WILL COUNT TOWARDS HIS ELECTION EXPENSES WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO A LIMIT OF \$10 000.

THE OTHER DRAFT LEGISLATION PUBLISHED TODAY IS THE URBAN COUNCIL AND DISTRICT BORADS (ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS) (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL 1982. THIS BILL ALLOWS A PERSON LIVING IN THE URBAN AREAS TO BE APPOINTED TO A NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT BOARD IN APRIL NEXT YEAR, PROVIDED HE HAS APPLIED AND IS QUALIFIED TO BE AN ELECTOR, EVEN THOUGH HIS NAME IS NOT ON THE FINAL REGISTER OF ELECTOR TO BE PUBLISHED IN MID-JANUARY 1982.

THE ARRANGEMENT IS NECESSARY BECAUSE OWING TO SHORTAGE OF TIME, THIS FINAL REGISTER WILL ONLY CONTAIN THE NAMES OF THOSE ELECTORS LIVING IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE BILL FURTHER REMOVES THE REQUIREMENT UNDER EXISTING LAW FOR A REGISTRATION EXERCISE TO BE CARRIED OUT NEXT FEBRUARY FOR URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

THIS IS BECAUSE ELECTIONS PROVISIONS OF THE URBAN COUNCIL ORDINANCE WILL BE SUPERCEDED BY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ELECTORAL PROVISIONS ORDINANCE 1981, AND RESIDENTS IN THE URBAN AREAS WHO REGISTER UNDER THE NEW ELECTORAL SYSTEM WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT BOTH DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS IN THE URBAN AREAS AND URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

THE BILL ALSO AMENDS THE LEGAL AID ORDINANCE SO THAT, AS IN URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS, LEGAL AID WILL NOT EXTEND TO DISTRICT BOARD ELECTION PETITIONS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE PREVENTION OF BRIBERY ORDINANCE IS AMENDED TO EXTEND THE DISQUALIFICATION PERIOD OF THOSE OFFENDERS WHO SEEK ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT TO CERTAIN PUBLIC BODIES, FROM SEVEN TO 10 YEARS. THIS 10-YEAR DISQUALIFICATION PERIOD ALREADY APPLIES TO CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT BOARDS OR THE URBAN COUNCIL.

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HECTIC CHRISTMAS FOR POSTMEN

THE POST OFFICE HANDLED SOME 32.5 MILLION LETTER MAIL ITEMS DURING THE BUSY CHRISTMAS PRESSURE PERIOD BETWEEN DECEMBER 1 AND 22.

THIS IS AN INCREASE OF 13 PER CENT COMPARED TO THE NUMBER HANDLED IN THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

ALTHOUGH THERE WAS A MARGINAL FALL IN THE VOLUME OF SURFACE MAILS RECEIVED FROM 11 730 BAGS TO 11 280 BAGS DURING THIS PERIOD, THERE WAS AN INCREASE OF 2.3 PER CENT FROM 9 305 BAGS TO 9 518 BAGS IN INCOMING AIR MAIL. INCOMING CHRISTMAS PARCELS BY AIR INCREASED BY 4.1 PER CENT FROM 5 830 BAGS TO 6 067 BAGS WHEREAS CHRISTMAS PARCELS ARRIVED BY SEA INCREASED BY 9.5 PER CENT FROM 4 736 BAGS TO 5 186 BAGS.

NEARLY 200 TEMPORARY STAFF WERE EMPLOYED FOR VARIOUS PERIODS BETWEEN NOVEMBER 12 AND DECEMBER 24 TO HELP HANDLE THE HEAVY POSTINGS OF CHRISTMAS AND OTHER MAIL. REGULAR STAFF HAD TO WORK OVERTIME TO ENSURE THAT MAIL WAS NOT DELAYED.

SOME ADDITIONAL 21 VEHICLES WERE ALSO HIRED TO HELP MOVE CHRISTMAS MAIL AND PARCELS AND THE CONVEYANCE OF SOME HEAVILY-LOADED DELIVERY POSTMEN TO THEIR FIRST POINTS OF CALL. ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS WERE ALSO ARRANGED FROM STREET POSTING BOXES AND BRANCH POST OFFICES TO CLEAR THE HEAVY VOLUME OF CHRISTMAS CARDS.

ON THE WHOLE, THE HANDLING OF CHRISTMAS MAIL THIS YEAR WAS EXTREMELY SMOOTH, A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN COMMENTED. +THIS WAS LARGELY DUE TO THE EVEN ARRIVAL OF CHRISTMAS MAIL FROM OVERSEAS COUNTRIES. IN ADDITION, THE PUBLIC HAVE ALSO CO-OPERATED BY POSTING THEIR CHRISTMAS MAIL EARLIER THIS YEAR.+

ALL CHRISTMAS MAIL FOR LOCAL DELIVERY POSTED BEFORE 6 PM ON DECEMBER 21 HAS BEEN DELIVERED BEFORE CHRISTMAS DAY.

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OLD VILLAGE HOUSES PRESERVED

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THE 300-YEAR-OLD VILLAGE HOUSES AT THE CIVIL AID SERVICES' YUEN TUN CAMP SITE WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 28).

THE CHIEF STAFF OFFICER OF THE CAS, MR JOHN FORTUNE SAID THE HOUSES HAVE BEEN RENOVATED AND PRESERVED AS PART OF HONG KONG'S HERITAGE.

HE SAID THAT THE SITE WAS GRANTED TO THE CIVIL AID SERVICES IN 1975 WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE CAS WOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO PRESERVE AND RESTORE THE OLD VILLAGE HOUSES THAT REMAINED STANDING IN THE VILLAGE OF YUEN TUN.

YUEN TUN, WHICH MEANS +THE ROUND MOUND+ IN CHINESE, IS LOCATED SOME 200 METRES ABOVE TSING LUNG TAU, AND ITS INDIGENOUS VILLAGERS, THE CHUNG CLAN CAME ABOUT 300 YEARS AGO FROM THE VILLAGE OF TIT LO PA NEAR CHEUNG LOK CITY IN NG WAH DISTRICT, GUANGDONG.

IN THE EARLY 1960S, THE CHUNG CLAN WERE RELOCATED AT TSING LUNG TAU TO MAKE WAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TAI LAM CHUNG RESERVOIR.

RENOVATION OF THE VILLAGE HOUSES STARTED EARLIER THIS YEAR WITH FUNDS FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND DONATIONS RAISED PRIVATELY.

MR FORTUNE SAID THAT THE HOUSES ARE FINE EXAMPLES OF ANCIENT CHINESE ARCHITECTURE. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST IS A BLOCK CONSTRUCTED TO A DISTRICT ARCHITECTURAL PATTERN IN RECTANGULAR FORM. AN ANCESTRAL HALL FORMS THE CENTRAL PART, FROM WHICH THERE IS A CORRIDOR CONNECTING ROOMS AND KITCHEN ON EACH SIDE.

OFFICIATING AT MONDAY'S OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE CAS COMMISSIONER, MR ROGER LOBO- THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR LEWIS DAVIS- THE SECRETARY FOR CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES- AND OTHER LOCAL DIGNITARIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE VILLAGE HOUSES AT THE CAS YUEN TUN CAMP SITE ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 28). GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT FOR UP TO 20 PRESS REPRESENTATIVES WILL LEAVE THE CAS KOWLOON TRAINING CENTRE, 204 ARGYLE STREET, AT 1 PM. A CAS PRESS OFFICER WILL ASSIST THE PRESS.

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HEE WONG TERRACE CLOSURE AUTHORISED

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THE PERMANENT CLOSURE OF HEE WONG TERRACE IN KENNEDY TOWN HAS BEEN AUTHORISED BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL AND A NOTICE TO THIS EFFECT IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

THIS IS TO ALLOW FOR THE SITE, WHICH MEASURES 3 300 SQUARE METRES, TO BE GRANTED TO THE HONG KONG HOUSING SOCIETY FOR THEIR URBAN IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

THE TERRACE, WHICH IS OCCUPIED BY 34 PRE-WAR BUILDINGS AND TWO VACANT SITES, WAS RESUMED IN 1978.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE SITE WAS IDENTIFIED FOR ONE OF THE SOCIETY'S SLUM CLEARANCE PROJECTS AS ALL THE BUILDINGS THERE WERE IN POOR CONDITION AND THEIR REDEVELOPMENT WOULD IMPROVE VASTLY THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT OF THE AREA AND PROVIDE BETTER ACCOMMODATION WITH MODERN FACILITIES AND PROPER MANAGEMENT.

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SHOUSON HILL ROAD SITE FOR TENDER SALE

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THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE IS OFFERING A SITE AT SHOUSON HILL ROAD FOR SALE BY TENDER.

THE SITE, WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 5 932 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

THE SITE COVERS A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$24 300 000 WHICH SHOULD BE DEVELOPED BEFORE MARCH 31, 1986.

UNDER THE SALES CONDITION, THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER FOR THIS SITE MUST ALSO BUILD FOR THE GOVERNMENT, FREE OF CHARGE, 90 FLATS IN THREE RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR TENDERS IS FEBRUARY 12, 1982.

TENDER FORMS, WITH NOTICES AND CONDITIONS OF SALE, MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE ON THE 19TH FLOOR OF MURRAY BUILDING AND ON THE 10TH FLOOR OF KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICE, 405 NATHAN ROAD.

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IMPORTS AND EXPORTS CLASSIFICATION LIST

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THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS OF THE AMENDMENTS RECENTLY MADE TO THE HONG KONG IMPORTS AND EXPORTS CLASSIFICATION LIST, REVISED EDITION, JANUARY 1978.

THESE AMENDMENTS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY, AND WILL TAKE EFFECT FROM JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR.

TRADE DECLARATIONS FOR SHIPMENTS MADE ON OR AFTER THIS DATE MUST BE COMPLETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMENDED CLASSIFICATION.

AS FROM JANUARY 1, 1982, IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO CLASSIFY SEPARATELY ON THE TRADE DECLARATIONS, SILVER-PLATED CUTLERY AND SILVER-PLATED WARES, COOKING AND KITCHEN WARES OF ALUMINIUM, WHETHER ENAMELLED OR GLAZED OR CONTAINING NON-STICK FINISHES, AND PORTABLE TELEVISION RECEIVERS, WHETHER INCORPORATING RADIO-BROADCAST RECEIVERS OR SOUND RECORDERS OR REPRODUCERS.

APART FROM THE EXAMPLES MENTIONED ABOVE, THERE ARE ALSO SOME AMENDMENTS MADE TO CERTAIN CHEMICAL ITEMS.

THESE AMENDMENTS ARE INTRODUCED LARGELY AT THE REQUEST OF VARIOUS MAJOR USERS OF THE EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND BUSINESS FIRMS. THESE ITEMS NEED TO BE SEPARATELY CLASSIFIED NOW IN VIEW OF THE GROWING IMPORTANCE OF THEIR TRADE VOLUME.

IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS ARE URGED TO ENSURE THAT THEIR STAFF RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLETING TRADE DECLARATION FORMS BECOME FULLY CONVERSANT WITH SUCH AMENDMENTS AS THEY AFFECT THE COMMODITIES WITH WHICH THEY DEAL.

COPIES OF THE AMENDMENT LIST ARE OBTAINABLE FREE OF CHARGE AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES :-

- * (A) GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE,
GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR,
CONNAUGHT PLACE,
HONG KONG-
- * (B) TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT,
DECLARATION RECEIVING COUNTERS AT
OCEAN CENTRE, KOWLOON AND
FIRE BRIGADE BUILDING, HONG KONG-
- * (C) CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT,
TRADE CLASSIFICATION SECTION,
KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, THIRD FLOOR,
317 DES VOEUX ROAD, CENTRAL,
HONG KONG.

ENQUIRIES ON THE AMENDMENTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE TRADE CLASSIFICATION SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT TELEPHONE NUMBERS 5-455220 AND 5-455177.

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ONE-WAY TRAFFIC FOR KWAI CHUNG APPROACHES

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ONE-WAY TRAFFIC WILL BE TEMPORARILY INTRODUCED ON SEVERAL ROAD SECTIONS NEAR THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER PORT FROM 12.01 AM ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 27) TO 12 MIDNIGHT ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 31) TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW.

KWAI HEI STREET BETWEEN WING LAP STREET AND KWAI YUE STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

KWAI YUE STREET BETWEEN KWAI HEI STREET AND KWAI TAI ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

THE SECTION OF KWAI TAI ROAD FROM THE JUNCTION OF KWAI YUE STREET TO ABOUT 100 METRES EAST OF KWAI TSING ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY EASTBOUND.

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SALT WATER SUPPLY CUT

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN THE UPPER LEVELS, CENTRAL AND WESTERN WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 9 AM TO 4 PM ON DECEMBER 29 TO FACILITATE MAINS WORKS.

PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE THOSE SITUATED ON ROBINSON ROAD FROM CASTLE ROAD TO GARDEN ROAD, MACDONNELL ROAD, SEYMOUR ROAD, CASTLE ROAD, MOSQUE ROAD, MOSQUE JUNCTION, CAINE ROAD, CONDUIT ROAD, KOTEWALL ROAD, LYTTTELTON ROAD AND BONHAM ROAD IN THE UPPER LEVELS= AND THOSE SITUATED IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN FROM ICE HOUSE STREET TO HILL ROAD INCLUDING CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, HOLLYWOOD ROAD, FIRST STREET, SECOND STREET, THIRD STREET, HIGH STREET, WATER STREET, ABERDEEN STREET, PEEL STREET, WYNDHAM STREET, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL AND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST.

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ST CHRISTOPHER'S HOME CHILDREN CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

MORE THAN 300 BOYS AND GIRLS FROM ST CHRISTOPHER'S HOME AT TAI PO ATTENDED A CHRISTMAS BUFFET LUNCH TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE LUNCH WAS ONE OF A SERIES OF EVENTS ORGANISED BY THE HOME TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS.

OTHER ACTIVITIES INCLUDE SPORTS COMPETITIONS, A BARBECUE, A FILM SHOW AND A GAMES DAY.

AT TODAY'S PARTY, MEMBERS OF TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD PRESENTED EACH CHILD WITH A GIFT. ENTERTAINMENT WAS PROVIDED BY MEMBERS OF TAI PO ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION WHO STAGED A VARIETY SHOW.

THE HOME, FORMED IN 1935, IS A VOLUNTARY SOCIAL WORK AGENCY PROVIDING A FAMILY SETTING FOR CHILDREN FROM BROKEN FAMILIES.

IT OPERATES UNDER A 'COTTAGE SYSTEM' AND CHILDREN ARE DIVIDED INTO SECTIONS ACCORDING TO AGE.

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NEW YEAR'S DAY CONCERT AT TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL

THE NEW TERRITORIES PRESENTATION OFFICE OF THE CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL PRESENT A CONCERT BY THE WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL ORCHESTRA FROM ENGLAND ON JANUARY 1, 1982 AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM AT 7.30 PM, CONDUCTED BY MARK KNIGHT AND RICHARD HICKMAN.

THE WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL CONSISTS OF A SENIOR DEPARTMENT OF 490 BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 11 TO 18 AND A JUNIOR DEPARTMENT OF 160 AGED 7 TO 11. SOME 60 STUDENTS ARE SELECTED FOR A COURSE OF SPECIALIST MUSICAL EDUCATION BASED ON THEIR OUTSTANDING ABILITIES. LAST YEAR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE DECIDED TO SUPPORT 50 MUSICIANS AT WELLS WHILE AT THE SAME TIME SUPPORTING THOSE IN THE THREE OTHER LEADING SPECIALIST MUSIC SCHOOLS.

THE YOUNG MUSICIANS WILL PLAY THE WORKS OF MOZART, VAUGHAN WILLIAMS, VIVALDI AND BRITTEN.

THE PROGRAMME INCLUDES MOZART'S +DIVERTIMENTO IN D, K. 136+, VAUGHAN WILLIAMS' +FANTASIA ON GREENSLEEVES+, VIVALDI'S +CONCERTO FOR VIOLIN AND DOUBLE STRING ORCHESTRA+ AND BRITTEN'S +VARIATIONS ON A THEME OF FRANK BRIDGE+.

THE CONCERT IS SPONSORED BY THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, HONG KONG (TRUSTEE) LIMITED AS TRUSTEE OF SUNDRY CHARITABLE TRUSTS, BARCLAYS BANK INTERNATIONAL, THE BRITISH COUNCIL, MARPLES RIDGWAY CONSTRUCTION LTD., BRISTOL AND WEST BUILDING SOCIETY AND CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS.

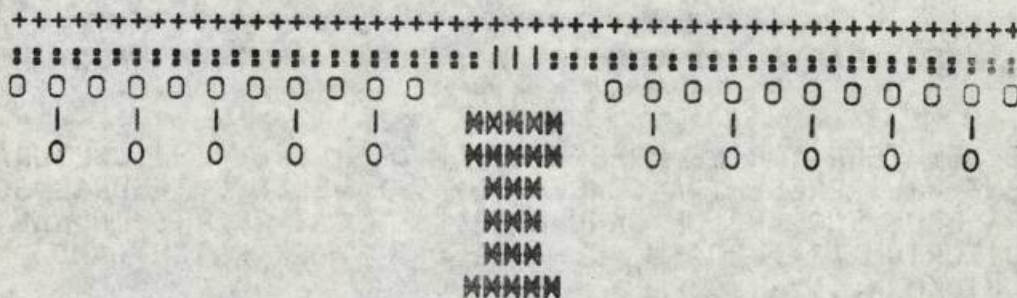
TICKETS AT \$5, \$10 AND \$15 ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL BOX OFFICE AND THE NEW TERRITORIES MOBILE LIBRARY.

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