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+SCAREMONGERING+ ON HONG KONG'S FUTURE SHOULD BE IGNORED -- BRAY  
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NO ATTENTION SHOULD BE PAID TO SUGGESTIONS THAT NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG WILL BE UNILATERALLY DECIDED BY ANY SINGLE PARTY OR THAT AN AGREEMENT NOT WELCOMED BY THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WILL BE IMPOSED UPON THEM, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DENIS BRAY, STATED THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL DINNER OF THE GUILD OF BUSINESS TRAVEL AGENTS, MR BRAY SAID THAT ANY AGREEMENT ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG +MUST BE LOCALLY ACCEPTABLE+ AND SCAREMONGERING SHOULD BE IGNORED.

ON THE NEGOTIATIONS, HE SAID, +IN ANY SITUATION SUCH AS THIS, WHERE THE BULK OF LOCAL RESIDENTS, LOCAL BUSINESSMEN, LOCAL ENTREPRENEURS ARE ALL ANXIOUS THAT HONG KONG WILL REMAIN BASICALLY UNCHANGED, WILD COMMENTS AND SCAREMONGERING WILL ABOUND. WE SHOULD NOT PAY ATTENTION TO THESE.+

THE COMMON AIM OF BOTH THE CHINESE AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS, HE STRESSED, IS THE PRESERVATION OF THE PROSPERITY AND STABILITY OF HONG KONG.

+I AM CONFIDENT IN THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG. OUR PRESENT DAILY RELATIONS WITH CHINA ARE EXCELLENT AND WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE.

+YOU AND YOUR CLIENTS, BUSINESSMEN HERE AND BUSINESSMEN IN UK, MAY PLAN FORWARD IN CONFIDENCE FOR MANY YEARS TO COME,+ MR BRAY SAID.

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IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY BILLS TO BE INTRODUCED IN LEGCO  
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FOUR BILLS WHICH SEEK TO AMEND THE LAW ON IMMIGRATION AND BRITISH NATIONALITY CONSEQUENT UPON THE PASSAGE OF THE BRITISH NATIONALITY ACT 1981 WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TOMORROW.

THE BILLS, PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE LAST FRIDAY, ARE: IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT)(NO.2) BILL 1982; IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT) (NO.3) BILL 1982; BRITISH NATIONALITY ACT 1981 (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1982; AND THE BRITISH NATIONALITY (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS)(AMENDMENT) BILL 1982.

THREE OTHER BILLS WILL ALSO BE READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME, AND DEBATE ON THESE WILL ALSO BE ADJOURNED. THEY ARE THE:

KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION BILL 1982, PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF A KCR CORPORATION;

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ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT)(NO.2) BILL 1982, PAVING THE WAY FOR NEWER, SAFER AND MORE POWERFUL AND MORE COMFORTABLE LIGHT BUSES; AND

HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982, WHICH AIMS AT MAKING MINOR AMENDMENTS TO THE MEMBERSHIP PROVISIONS AND INCREASING SUBSTANTIALLY THE PENALTY FOR UNAUTHORISED USE OF THE ASSOCIATION'S LOGO AND TITLE.

DEBATE WILL RESUME ON THE SECOND READING OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC BILL 1982, WHICH AIMS TO REPLACE THE PRESENT ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE, BEFORE BEING FURTHER ADJOURNED.

OTHER BUSINESS WILL INCLUDE 12 QUESTIONS FROM UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS.

THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE ASKED TO GIVE REASONS FOR THE DELAY IN RECEIVING THE REPORT ON THE OVERALL REVIEW OF THE HONG KONG EDUCATION SYSTEM WHICH WAS EXPECTED IN NOVEMBER.

THE QUESTION WILL BE ASKED BY THE REV THE HON JOYCE BENNETT, WHO WILL ALSO WANT TO KNOW WHEN THE REPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND WHEN IT WILL BE PUBLISHED FOR THE PUBLIC.

TWO OTHER QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE WELFARE OF SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL ALSO BE ASKED BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS.

THE HON HO KAM FAI, WILL WANT TO KNOW WHAT ACTION IS BEING TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM OF TRUANCY AMONG JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL CHILDREN, AND DR THE HON HENRIETTA IP WILL ASK WHAT STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO PROTECT YOUNG CHILDREN TRAVELLING UNSUPERVISED AND UNRESTRAINED TO AND FROM KINDERGARTENS IN LICENSED MINI-BUSES.

OTHER QUESTIONS WILL DEAL WITH THE TESTING OF VEHICLES IN THE KOWLOON BAY VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE, AS WELL AS THE STANDARD OF SERVICE PROVIDED; IMPROVEMENTS AND REDEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR THE LAI CHI KOK HOSPITAL BUILDING; MARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS; THE SCHEME TO ASSIST REFINANCING OF DEBTS INCURRED BY CIVIL SERVANTS; THE LEGISLATION ON CONVEYANCING AND LAW OF PROPERTY; THE TUEN MUN HIGHWAY; RESTRICTIONS IN THE FRONTIER CLOSED AREA, AND VILLAGE LIGHTING IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SPEECH BY BANKING COMMISSIONER

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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING AND COMMISSIONER OF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES, MR COLIN MARTIN, WILL GIVE A SPEECH ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 9) ON +THE CURRENT SITUATION IN HONG KONG IN THE BANKING AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY SECTOR+.

THE SPEECH WILL BE GIVEN AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN THE BALLROOM OF THE HILTON HOTEL. THE FUNCTION WILL BEGIN AT 12 NOON.

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REVISION OF PASSENGER FARES FOR DIRECT THROUGH TRAINS  
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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT AN AGREEMENT HAS RECENTLY BEEN REACHED WITH THE GUANGZHOU RAILWAY ADMINISTRATION THAT THE PASSENGER FARES FOR THE THROUGH TRAINS BETWEEN KOWLOON AND GUANGZHOU TOGETHER WITH THE CHARGES FOR LUGGAGE AND PARCELS WILL BE REVISED AS FROM DECEMBER 28.

THE NEW FARES AND CHARGES WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:-

(1) PASSENGER FARES

SINGLE JOURNEY (ADULT):

\* FROM HK\$54.40 TO HK\$80 (FOR TICKETS SOLD AT HONG KONG)  
AND FROM RMB Y16.40 TO Y24.00 (FOR TICKETS SOLD AT  
GUANGZHOU)

\* CHILD TICKETS, BE THEY SOLD AT KOWLOON STATION OR  
GUANGZHOU STATION, SHALL BE HALF OF THE ADULT FARES

(2) CHARGES FOR LUGGAGES

UNIT CHARGE RATE FOR EVERY 5 KG OF LUGGAGE:

\* FROM HK\$2.30 TO HK\$3.00 AT KOWLOON STATION AND FROM  
RMB Y0.70 TO RMB Y0.90 AT GUANGZHOU STATION

(3) CHARGES FOR PARCELS

UNIT CHARGE RATE FOR EVERY 5 KG OF PARCELS:

\* FROM HK\$6.80 TO HK\$9.00 AT KOWLOON STATION AND FROM  
RMB Y2.10 TO RMB Y2.70 AT THE GUANGZHOU STATION

A KCR SPOKESMAN SAID THE AGREEMENT TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THE RATE OF INFLATION AND THE FACT THAT THE THROUGH PASSENGER TRAIN FARES AND OTHER RELATED CHARGES HAD NOT BEEN REVISED SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SERVICE MORE THAN THREE-AND-A-HALF YEARS AGO.

+THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE SIMULTANEOUSLY IN HONG KONG AND GUANGZHOU TODAY,+ HE POINTED OUT.

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MORE SEEK PAYMENTS UNDER INJURIES SCHEME  
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APPLICATIONS FOR CRIMINAL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT INJURIES COMPENSATION IN THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR REACHED A RECORD HIGH OF 997.

THIS REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 96 CASES, OR 10.6 PER CENT, OVER THE PRECEDING YEAR, ACCORDING TO THE 1981-82 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CRIMINAL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT INJURIES COMPENSATION (CLEIC) BOARDS.

THE SCHEME, STARTED IN 1973, PROVIDES CASH RELIEF FOR VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIMES OR THEIR DEPENDENTS.

DESPITE THE DROP IN THE NUMBER OF REPORTED CASES WITH INJURIES IN THE PAST THREE YEARS, THERE HAD BEEN AN INCREASE IN THE APPLICATION RATE, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARDS, MR ROBERT WEI, SAID IN THE REPORT.

+IT IS PROBABLY DUE TO THE INCREASING PUBLIC AWARENESS AND THE RELAXATION OF THE MINIMUM SICK LEAVE REQUIREMENT FROM SEVEN TO THREE DAYS,+ HE SAID.

+THE INCREASE IS PROBABLY ALSO ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE CONTINUOUS EFFORTS MADE BY THE BOARDS' STAFF IN ENCOURAGING INNOCENT VICTIMS TO SUBMIT THEIR CLAIMS AND THEIR READINESS IN RENDERING ASSISTANCE TO THESE VICTIMS OR THEIR DEPENDANTS,+ HE ADDED.

THE POLICE ARE STILL THE MAIN REFERRING CHANNEL THROUGH WHICH APPLICATION FORMS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE VICTIMS.

REFERRALS BY THE POLICE DURING THE YEAR NUMBERED 639 CASES, OR 64 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS.

THE NUMBER OF DIRECT APPLICATIONS ALSO INCREASED, FROM 243 TO 295.

PAYMENTS, AMOUNTING TO \$2.2 MILLION, WERE MADE TO 594 NEW AND REVIEW CASES DURING THE YEAR.

THE YEAR SAW THE LARGEST SINGLE AWARD OF \$29 700 BEING MADE TO THE WIDOW AND TWO CHILDREN OF A GEM DEALER WHO WAS MURDERED IN A WAN CHAI HOTEL ROOM IN DECEMBER 1981.

THE CLEIC BOARDS ALSO REFERRED THE FAMILY TO THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

ASSAULT-WOUNDING AND ROBBERY-THEFT-BURGLARY REMAINED TO BE THE MAJOR CATEGORIES, ACCOUNTING FOR 600 AND 317 CASES RESPECTIVELY.

THERE WERE 12 APPLICATIONS FOR COMPENSATION FROM SEXUAL OFFENCE VICTIMS DURING THE YEAR, EIGHT MORE THAN IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

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+THROUGH THE HELP OF THE POLICE, WE ARE ABLE TO CONTACT MORE VICTIMS SUFFERING FROM RAPE AND INDECENT ASSAULT TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO APPLY FOR COMPENSATION,+ MR WEI SAID.

+WE ALSO STRENGTHEN OUR CO-OPERATION WITH THE FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION AND THE HONG KONG PSYCHIATRIC CENTRE TO GIVE SUITABLE SERVICES TO THESE VICTIMS,+ HE ADDED.

FIVE PEOPLE WERE GIVEN COMPENSATION IN RESPECT OF INJURIES OR DEATHS CAUSED BY FALLING OBJECTS IN THE YEAR.

ON PUBLICITY, MR WEI SAID PAMPHLETS AND APPLICATION FORMS OF THE CLEIC SCHEME ARE AVAILABLE AT POLICE STATIONS, HOSPITALS AND DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION. POSTERS ARE ALSO DISTRIBUTED TO THESE PLACES AS WELL AS COURTS AND MAGISTRACIES.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE CRIMINAL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT INJURIES COMPENSATION SECTION, SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, ON THE 14TH FLOOR OF WORLD TRADE CENTRE, GLOUCESTER ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY OR TELEPHONE 5-7903349.

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CHILDREN REMINDED TO REGISTER WITH SCHOOL  
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PARENTS WHOSE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN OFFERED A DISCRETIONARY PLACE UNDER THE NEW PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION SYSTEM ARE REMINDED TO REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN WITH THE SCHOOL TOMORROW OR ON THURSDAY.

IN DOING SO, PARENTS SHOULD NOTE CAREFULLY THE REGISTRATION PROCEDURES AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS AS STIPULATED BY INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS, SUCH AS THE NUMBER OF PHOTOGRAPHS, AND PARENT'S COPY OF THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION APPLICATION FORM, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

IF PARENTS ACCEPT AN OFFER OF A DISCRETIONARY PLACE, IT WILL BE REGARDED AS BINDING ON BOTH THE SCHOOLS AND THE PARENTS, HE SAID.

PARENTS WHO CANNOT REGISTER THEIR CHILD WITH A SCHOOL TOMORROW OR ON THURSDAY FOR PERSONAL REASONS SHOULD NOTIFY THE SCHOOL CONCERNED OR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION UNIT (5-724383) TO MAKE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

PARENTS WHO FAILED TO DO SO WOULD BE DEEMED TO HAVE GIVEN UP THE PLACE OFFERED TO THEM, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT APPLICANTS SHOULD NOT GIVE UP THE DISCRETIONARY PLACE OFFERED TO THEM, EXCEPT FOR REASONS SUCH AS EMIGRATION OR MOVING HOUSE.

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IF THERE ARE VACANCIES LEFT UNFILLED AFTER THE REGISTRATION PERIOD, THE SCHOOL CONCERNED WILL INFORM PARENTS OF APPLICANTS ON THE WAITING LIST IN STRICT ORDER OF PRIORITY, BY PHONE, TO REGISTER WITH THE SCHOOL.

MEANWHILE, THE SPOKESMAN ASSURED THAT CHILDREN WHO FAILED TO SECURE A DISCRETIONARY PLACE WILL BE ALLOCATED A PRIMARY ONE PLACE WITHIN THEIR HOME DISTRICT BY CENTRAL ALLOCATION NEXT MARCH, TOGETHER WITH CHILDREN WHO HAVE NOT APPLIED FOR A DISCRETIONARY PLACE.

SUCH ALLOCATION, HE SAID, WILL BE BASED PRIMARILY ON PARENTAL CHOICES.

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#### BUILDING PLANS APPROVED IN OCTOBER

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FORTY-SEVEN NEW BUILDING PLANS WERE APPROVED BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR, COMPARED WITH 53 IN THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

OF THESE NEW PLANS, 16 WERE FOR NEW BUILDINGS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, SIX FOR KOWLOON AND 25 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THEY INCLUDE A HOME FOR THE AGED IN KO CHIU ROAD, AND ANOTHER CARE AND ATTENTION HOME FOR THE AGED IN HA TSUEN, YUEN LONG, AND AN ELECTRICITY SUB-STATION AT KWONG FUK ROAD IN TAI PO.

THE DECLARED COST OF ALL THE NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS \$1 281.1 MILLION, COMPARED WITH \$375.5 MILLION IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR.

THE USABLE FLOOR AREA TOTALLED 308 507.5 SQUARE METRES, COMPRISING 210 507.4 SQUARE METRES OF NON-DOMESTIC AND 98 000.1 SQUARE METRES OF DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

IN THE SAME MONTH, THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ALSO GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 34 PROJECTS, INCLUDING A SCHOOL IN AUSTIN ROAD, A PUMP HOUSE IN TSING YI ISLAND AND AN ASSEMBLY HALL EXTENSION IN SO UK ESTATE.

ALTOGETHER, 50 OCCUPATION PERMITS WERE ISSUED FOR NEWLY-COMPLETED BUILDINGS IN OCTOBER, INCLUDING A SCHOOL EXTENSION IN SYCAMORE STREET, A TEMPLE IN NGONG PING, LANTAU ISLAND, A CHURCH, KINDERGARTEN AND QUARTER IN PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD, A TRAINING CENTRE IN KWAI CHUNG.

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ALSO GAVE PERMISSION FOR 62 BUILDINGS TO BE DEMOLISHED.

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TEN +METRIC+ DAYS FOR HONG KONG  
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THE METRICATION COMMITTEE TODAY (TUESDAY) DISCLOSED PLANS TO LAUNCH ITS BIGGEST EVER PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN ENTITLED +METRIC 10 DAYS+ NEXT MONTH (JANUARY, 1983).

THE CAMPAIGN'S ORGANISING CHAIRMAN, MISS OPHELIA CHEUNG, TOLD A ROTARY CLUB LUNCHEON MEETING THAT THE CAMPAIGN, SCHEDULED TO RUN FROM JANUARY 14 TO 23, HAD BEEN NINE MONTHS IN PREPARATION.

+IT IS A MAJOR EFFORT IN AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME DESIGNED TO HELP THE PUBLIC OVERCOME THEIR FEAR OF CONVERSION TO, AND ACCEPTANCE OF, THE METRIC SYSTEM IN THEIR DAILY LIVES,+ SHE SAID.

MISS CHEUNG POINTED OUT THAT A PERSON'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE METRIC SYSTEM VARIED IN DIRECT RELATION TO HOW MUCH HE KNEW ABOUT THIS SYSTEM OF MEASUREMENT.

MISS CHEUNG SAID: +DURING THE 10-DAY PERIOD, AN EXCITING SERIES OF EVENTS WITH MASSIVE PUBLICITY SUPPORT WILL BE HELD TO FAMILIARISE THE GENERAL PUBLIC WITH THE COMMON METRIC TERMS+.

THE SUPPORT OF THE MASS MEDIA WILL ALSO BE ENLISTED AT EVERY STAGE OF THE CAMPAIGN TO ENSURE THE METRICATION MESSAGE WILL REACH THE WIDEST POSSIBLE AUDIENCE.

THE EVENTS WILL INCLUDE STREET THEATRE SHOWS, A GAMES DAY, POSTER DESIGN AND LYRIC WRITING COMPETITIONS, NEWSPAPER AND RADIO QUIZZES, A SEMINAR, A 10-KILOMETRE RACE AND A SPECIAL TELEVISION VARIETY SHOW.

MISS CHEUNG SAID THAT MANY ORGANISATIONS, PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT ALIKE, WERE GIVING THEIR VALUABLE SUPPORT TO THE CAMPAIGN.

IN ADDITION, MANY SUPERMARKETS AND DEPARTMENT STORES WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE CAMPAIGN BY SELLING GOODS IN METRIC UNITS.

IN CONCLUDING, MISS CHEUNG SAID THAT THE CAMPAIGN WILL HOPEFULLY BEGIN A NEW ERA OF CONSUMER AWARENESS TO METRICATION AND SHE CALLED ON MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SUPPORT AND TAKE PART IN THE CAMPAIGN'S ACTIVITIES.

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ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD TO HOLD FIFTH MEETING

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THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF GIVING ELECTED MEMBERS, WHO ARE INDIGENOUS RESIDENTS, THE AUTHORITY TO CERTIFY THE STATUS OF INDIGENOUS VILLAGERS LIVING IN THEIR CONSTITUENCY AT ITS FIFTH MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE MEDICAL FACILITIES AND SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT AND HOW LOCAL FISHERMEN'S WIVES FROM CHINA COULD RECEIVE MEDICAL ATTENTION WITHIN HONG KONG WATERS.

THE BOARD WILL EXAMINE A PROPOSED PLAN TO BUILD AN ACCESS ROAD BETWEEN THE NEW PIER AND SHEK PIK RESERVOIR ROAD, AND REVIEW THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE AS WELL AS THE RECENT ALLOCATION OF DB FUNDS.

A TALK ON +THE FUNCTIONS AND WORK OF THE CONSUMER COUNCIL+ WILL BE GIVEN BY A COUNCIL MEMBER, MISS ELSIE LEUNG OI-SIE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD TO BE HELD AT 2 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, SINCERE BUILDING, 16TH FLOOR, 173 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

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RAPID TRANSFORMATION IN EAST TSIM SHA TSUI

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THE RAPID TRANSFORMATION OF EAST TSIM SHA TSUI SYMBOLISES NOT ONLY THE DYNAMISM OF OUR PRIVATE DEVELOPERS, BUT ALSO THE ENTERPRISE OF OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY, THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE EAST TSIM SHA TSUI PROPERTY DEVELOPERS' ASSOCIATION AT THE HARBOUR VIEW HOLIDAY INN.

+NOT SO LONG AGO, EAST TSIM SHA TSUI CONSISTED MAINLY OF TIN SHED AND PATCHES OF GRASS,+ HE SAID.

+NOW IT HAS DEVELOPED INTO A BUSTLING COMMERCIAL AREA OF MODERN HOTELS, SHOPPING ARCADES, RESTAURANTS AND OPEN SPACES EMBRACED BY A MAGNIFICENT WATER-FRONT PROMENADE.

/+NOW THAT .....

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+NOW THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS AREA HAS TAKEN SHAPE AND PEOPLE HAVE SETTLED IN, THERE HAS BEEN SUFFICIENT TIME FOR ASSESSING WHAT IS NEEDED TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT AND ATTRACTIVENESS OF THE AREA.+

MR AKERS-JONES SAID THE FORMATION OF AN ASSOCIATION OF PROPERTY DEVELOPERS WAS MOST TIMELY - FOR WHO WOULD HAVE A BETTER IDEA THAN THE OWNERS AND USERS OF THE BUILDINGS OF WHAT WAS NEEDED AND WHAT COULD BE DONE ABOUT IT.

+CERTAINLY THE ASSOCIATION WILL HAVE A VITAL ROLE TO PLAY IN ADVISING GOVERNMENT AND MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE AREA.

+INDEED THERE MAY WELL BE OTHER COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS IN HONG KONG WHICH WOULD BENEFIT FROM THIS TYPE OF ORGANISATION,+ HE ADDED.

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#### SECOND NEW MARKET FOR TUEN MUN

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A SECOND NEW MARKET HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED AT TUEN MUN TO CATER TO THE NEEDS OF THE INCREASING NUMBER OF RESIDENTS LIVING IN THE NEW TOWN.

COSTING \$11 MILLION, THE TWO-STOREY SAN HUI MARKET ADJACENT TO CASTLE PEAK ROAD WILL BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC ON JANUARY 1, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

ALL 332 STALLS AT THE NEW MARKET HAD BEEN SOLD TO TRADERS FROM THE SAN HUI OLD MARKET, A TEMPORARY MARKET, AND VARIOUS HAWKER BAZAARS IN TUEN MUN DURING TWO RESTRICTED AUCTIONS HELD AT THE NEW MARKET YESTERDAY AND TODAY (DECEMBER 6 AND 7).

AMONG THE MARKET STALLS, 33 ARE DESIGNATED FOR SELLING MEAT, 25 FOR FISH, EIGHT FOR POULTRY, AND EIGHT FOR SIU MEI AND LO MEI. THE HIGHEST PRICE PAID FOR A MARKET STALL WAS \$3 200 AND THE LOWEST WAS \$1 350, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE HIGHEST PRICE PAID FOR A MINI STALL WAS \$1 550 WHILE THE LOWEST WAS \$500. THERE WERE 258 MINI STALLS AT THE MARKET FOR SELLING VEGETABLE, FRUIT AND GROCERY.

ONCE THE MARKET IS OPERATIONAL, THE EXISTING OLD MARKETS AND HAWKER BAZAARS WILL BE DEMOLISHED TO MAKE WAY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NEW PROJECTS FOR THE NEW TOWN.

APART FROM SHOPPING AT THE MARKET, RESIDENTS AND CHILDREN CAN ALSO ENJOY THEIR LEISURE OR PLAY AT THE PLEASANT ROOF-TOP GARDEN AND PLAY AREA WHERE FLOWER BEDS AND BENCHES ARE PROVIDED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

A KIOSK SELLING LIGHT REFRESHMENT ON THE ROOF GARDEN WILL ALSO BE OPERATED FROM FEBRUARY 1, AND TENDERS FOR RUNNING THE BUSINESS IS NOW BEING INVITED.

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FACILITIES IN REMOTE AREAS IMPROVED  
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THE WORKS SECTION OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HAS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN IMPROVING INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES IN REMOTE AREAS, THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICKY LO, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A JETTY AT THE TAP MUN FISHERMEN'S VILLAGE, MR LO SAID WITH THE PROGRESS OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME AND THE INCREASING EMPHASIS PUT BY THE PUBLIC ON THE ABILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT TO RESPOND QUICKLY AND EFFECTIVELY TO LOCAL PROBLEMS, THE IMPORTANT ROLE WHICH THE WORKS SECTION COULD PLAY COULD HARDLY BE OVER-EMPHASISED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IN ADDITION TO THE LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS VOTE AND THE DISTRICT BOARD MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT VOTE, THE WORKS SECTION OF TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE WAS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR MINOR AND EMERGENCY REPAIRS, ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND SQUATTER AREA IMPROVEMENT WORKS.

THE TOTAL VALUE OF WORKS UNDERTAKEN BY THE SECTION WAS ABOUT \$3 MILLION FOR THIS FINANCIAL YEAR.

+THESE INCLUDE A VARIETY OF MINOR WORKS SUCH AS IMPROVEMENT OF LOCAL ACCESS, WATER SUPPLY, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, DRAINAGE IN REMOTE AREAS, WHICH COULD NOT BE MORE EFFECTIVELY DEALT WITH UNDER THE NORMAL CENTRALISED PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME,+ MR LO SAID.

HE NOTED THAT THE JETTY WAS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF WHAT THE WORKS SECTION COULD HELP TO IMPROVE INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES IN REMOTE AREAS.

THE JETTY WAS COMPLETED AT A COST OF NEARLY \$200 000 WITHIN A YEAR FROM THE DATE WHEN THE REQUEST FOR THIS FACILITY WAS FIRST MADE BY THE SAI KUNG NORTH RURAL COMMITTEE AND THE LOCAL FISHING COMMUNITY.

MR LO THANKED THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION FOR DONATING SEVERAL SEAWALL BLOCKS WHICH HELPED REDUCE THE COST OF THE PIER BY OVER \$100 000.

HE ADDED THAT THE WORKS SECTION WAS CONSTRUCTING A SOCCER PITCH WITH A HELIPAD ON THE ISLAND AT A COST OF ABOUT \$280 000.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WERE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION, MR V.W. MILLER, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF SAI KUNG NORTH RURAL COMMITTEE, MR LAM PAK-PING.

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SPECIAL TRAINS FOR HKCU CONGREGATION

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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY WILL OPERATE TWO SPECIAL TRAINS FOR PEOPLE ATTENDING THE 24TH CONGREGATION OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 9).

IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR SERVICES, A SPECIAL TRAIN WILL LEAVE KOWLOON STATION AT 12.24 PM AND ARRIVE AT THE UNIVERSITY STATION AT 12.51 PM.

AFTER THE CONGREGATION, A SPECIAL TRAIN WILL TAKE PEOPLE BACK TO KOWLOON, LEAVING THE UNIVERSITY STATION AT 6.20 PM AND ARRIVING AT KOWLOON STATION AT 6.49 PM.

THESE SPECIAL TRAINS WILL STOP AT MONG KOK AND SHA TIN STATIONS.

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REFRESHER COURSES FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH

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TEACHERS OF ENGLISH IN GOVERNMENT AND AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS CAN ATTEND TWO REFRESHER COURSES BETWEEN JANUARY AND APRIL NEXT YEAR.

THE COURSES, WHICH WILL BE RUN BY THE BRITISH COUNCIL, ARE COMMISSIONED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. THE AIMS ARE TO IMPROVE TEACHERS' FLUENCY AND CONFIDENCE IN USING SPOKEN ENGLISH, TO MAKE TEACHERS A MORE ACCURATE MODEL OF ENGLISH FOR THEIR PUPILS AND TO INTRODUCE TEACHERS TO A RANGE OF COMMUNICATIVE TEACHING TECHNIQUES.

THE TWO COURSES, EACH OF 90 HOURS DURATION, WILL BE HELD FROM JANUARY 10 TO APRIL 14 ON MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS. ONE COURSE WILL BE HELD IN THE MORNINGS AND THE OTHER IN THE AFTERNOONS. ALL CLASSES WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE BRITISH COUNCIL AT 253-261 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI.

THERE WILL BE PLACES FOR 25 TEACHERS ON EACH COURSE. APPLICATIONS WILL BE TREATED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS WITH PRIORITY GIVEN TO TEACHERS IN CHARGE OF THE ENGLISH SUBJECT IN THE SCHOOL.

TEACHERS WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE COURSE WILL BE ABLE TO ENROL FOR A TERM IN THE ENGLISH CLASSES AT THE BRITISH COUNCIL TO FURTHER IMPROVE THEIR ORAL PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH.

SCHOOL HEADS SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR NOMINATIONS TO THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR, ENGLISH SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, 5/F, HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 15.

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1983 BALLROOM DANCE CONTEST

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DANCE ENTHUSIASTS ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN AN OPEN DANCE CONTEST TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 16).

OPEN TO AMATEUR DANCERS AGED 18 OR ABOVE, THE CONTEST IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE (RSS) OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG DANCING ASSOCIATION.

THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO FOUR CATEGORIES. PARTICIPANTS JOINING ANY ONE OF THE CATEGORIES CAN CHOOSE BETWEEN THE MODERN BRANCH AND THE LATIN BRANCH.

THOSE ENTERING THE MODERN BRANCH WILL PERFORM EITHER WALTZ, FOXTROT, QUICK STEP OR TANGO AND FOR THE LATIN BRANCH EITHER RUMBA, CHA CHA, JIVE OR SAMBA.

A RSS SPOKESMAN SAID THE AIM OF THE CONTEST IS TO PROMOTE DANCE IN HONG KONG AND TO FOSTER A CLEAR CONCEPT OF SOCIAL DANCE AMONG THE PUBLIC.

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FIRST, SECOND AND THE THIRD WINNERS AS WELL AS THREE OTHER OUTSTANDING PERFORMERS OF EACH CATEGORY.

THE CONTEST WILL TAKE PLACE AT MACPHERSON STADIUM, MONG KOK FROM 7 PM TO 10 PM.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE RSS HEAD OFFICE AND ITS 19 DISTRICT OFFICES, THE HONG KONG DANCING ASSOCIATION AND ANY OF ITS AFFILIATED TEACHERS. APPLICATION IS FREE OF CHARGE.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT 0-295949 OR 5-458511.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN SHAU KEI WAN

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MONG LUNG STREET BETWEEN KENG SHAN LANE AND YUEN HING LANE WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 9) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MTR SHAU KEI WAN STATION.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES TRAVELLING TOWARDS THE SHIPYARDS AT ALDRICH BAY WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE NEW ACCESS ROAD ADJACENT TO NAM ON STREET BUS TERMINUS.

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WATER CUTS IN TSUEN WAN AND HAPPY VALLEY

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TSUEN WAN AND HAPPY VALLEY WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR SEVERAL HOURS BETWEEN FRIDAY AND SATURDAY (DECEMBER 10 AND 11) TO FACILITATE WATER MAINS WORK AND A LEAKAGE TEST.

IN TSUEN WAN THE SUSPENSION WILL BE FOR 10 HOURS FROM 9 PM ON FRIDAY TO 7 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY YEUNG UK ROAD, TEXACO ROAD AND MA TAU PA STREET. THIS INCLUDES ALL THE HOUSES IN FUI YIU KOK STREET, WANG LUNG STREET, LUNG TAK STREET AND MA KOK STREET.

ALSO AFFECTED WILL BE SHEK WEI KOK ESTATE, TSUEN WAN FRESH WATER PUMPING STATION, WAH DO MANSION AND TSUEN WAN POLICE STATION AS WELL AS PREMISES IN TAI HO ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

IN HAPPY VALLEY THE SUSPENSION WILL BE FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON FRIDAY TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY THE SECTION OF BLUE POOL ROAD BETWEEN YUEN YUEN STREET AND HOLLY ROAD, YUEN YUEN STREET, YUK SAU STREET, THE SECTION OF SHAN KWONG ROAD BETWEEN YUK SAU STREET AND TSUI MAN STREET, TSUI MAN STREET AND THE SECTION OF SING WOO ROAD BETWEEN YUEN YUEN STREET AND HOLLY ROAD.

THE SUSPENSION WILL ALSO AFFECT PREMISES IN KWAI FONG STREET, MUI HING STREET, HAWTHORN ROAD AND HOLLY ROAD.

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WATER CUT IN TUEN MUN

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN AREAS IN TUEN MUN WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR 11 HOURS FROM 8 PM ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 10) TO 7 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE WATER MAINS WORK.

THE AREAS TO BE AFFECTED ARE ALONG KIN TAI STREET FROM PUI TO ROAD TO HO TIN STREET, INDUSTRIAL ZONE AREA 9 AND LICENSED AREA 34 IN TUEN MUN.

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