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GREATER EFFORT NEEDED TO DEAL WITH HEART DISEASE,  
GOVERNOR SAYS

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THE HIGH INCIDENCE OF CANCER AND HEART DISEASES CALLED FOR A REDEPLOYMENT OF HONG KONG'S MEDICAL EFFORT, THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, SAID TODAY.

IN OPENING THE KWOK TAK-SENG HEART CENTRE AT GRANTHAM HOSPITAL THIS AFTERNOON, SIR MURRAY POINTED OUT THAT HEART DISEASE ACCOUNTED FOR A QUARTER OF ALL DISEASES LEADING TO DEATHS. HE CONGRATULATED THE HONG KONG TUBERCULOSIS, CHEST AND HEART DISEASES ASSOCIATION AND THE HONG KONG HEART FOUNDATION ON ACTING TO MEET THE NEW CHALLENGE BY OPENING THE CARDIO-THORACIC CENTRE, WHICH MARKED A NEW CHAPTER IN THE HISTORY OF GRANTHAM HOSPITAL.

+IT WILL PROVIDE ONE OF THE BEST EQUIPPED CENTRES FOR THE TREATMENT OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES IN ASIA, SOMETHING WHICH HONG KONG NEEDS AND CAN BE PROUD OF, AND I CONGRATULATE ALL WHO HAVE PLAYED A PART IN ITS CREATION,+ THE GOVERNOR SAID.

SIR MURRAY THANKED MR KWOK FOR HIS +EXTRAORDINARILY GENEROUS DONATION OF \$12 MILLION TOWARDS THE COST OF THE NEW CENTRE+ FOR THE TREATMENT OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES.

THE GOVERNOR THEN PAID SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THE LATE SUSAN YUEN WHO WAS FOR MANY YEARS CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE OF THE HOSPITAL.

+SHE WAS ONE OF THE STERLING CHARACTERS OF HONG KONG, AND WITHOUT HER THE HOSPITAL WOULD NOT EXIST IN ITS PRESENT FORM,+ THE GOVERNOR SAID.

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF SIR MURRAY'S SPEECH:

+CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

+I HAVE MUCH PLEASURE IN OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE NEW CARDIO-THORACIC CENTRE AT THE GRANTHAM HOSPITAL.

+WHEN THIS HOSPITAL WAS OPENED IN 1957, TUBERCULOSIS WAS OUR NUMBER ONE KILLER. SUCCESS IN COMBATING THIS DISEASE IS ILLUSTRATED BY THE STATISTICS. BETWEEN THE YEARS 1957 AND 1980 THE NOTIFICATION RATE DROPPED FROM 499 TO 160 AND THE MORTALITY RATE FROM 97.8 TO 10.9 PER 100 000 POPULATION. THIS HAS BEEN A TRIUMPH FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES.

+THE MAJOR CAUSES OF DEATH NOW ARE CANCER AND HEART DISEASES AND THE LATTER ACCOUNTS FOR A QUARTER OF ALL DISEASES LEADING TO DEATHS, AND CALLS FOR A REDEPLOYMENT OF MEDICAL EFFORT.

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+I THEREFORE CONGRATULATE THE HONG KONG TUBERCULOSIS, CHEST AND HEART DISEASES ASSOCIATION AND THE HONG KONG HEART FOUNDATION ON ACTING TO MEET THIS NEW CHALLENGE, AND CONGRATULATE MR KWOK FOR HIS EXTRAORDINARILY GENEROUS DONATION OF \$12 MILLION TOWARDS THE COST OF THIS NEW CENTRE FOR THE TREATMENT OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES.

+THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR HAS ALWAYS PLAYED A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF MEDICAL AND WELFARE SERVICES IN HONG KONG= AND THIS PROJECT, AS MR WOO HAS POINTED OUT, IS A JOINT INITIATIVE OF THE HONG KONG TUBERCULOSIS, CHEST AND HEART DISEASES ASSOCIATION AND THE HONG KONG HEART FOUNDATION. IT IS A MOST HAPPY EVENT THAT THE TWO ORGANISATIONS SHOULD HAVE POOLED THEIR RESOURCES AND EXPERTISE TO MEET THIS NEW MEDICAL PROBLEM.

+THE OPENING OF THIS CARDIO-THORACIC CENTRE WILL MARK A NEW CHAPTER IN THE HISTORY OF THE GRANTHAM HOSPITAL. IT WILL PROVIDE ONE OF THE BEST EQUIPPED CENTRES FOR THE TREATMENT OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES IN ASIA, SOMETHING WHICH HONG KONG NEEDS AND CAN BE PROUD OF, AND I CONGRATULATE ALL WHO HAVE PLAYED A PART IN ITS CREATION.

+I AM SURE THAT ALL PRESENT WILL UNDERSTAND IF ON THIS OCCASION I RESERVE A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THE LATE SUSAN YUEN, FOR SO MANY YEARS CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE OF THIS HOSPITAL. SHE WAS ONE OF THE STERLING CHARACTERS OF HONG KONG, AND WITHOUT HER THE HOSPITAL WOULD NOT EXIST IN ITS PRESENT FORM TO-DAY.

+I HAVE MUCH PLEASURE IN DECLARING THE KWOK TAK SENG HEART CENTRE OPEN.+

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MONEY SUPPLY AND FINANCIAL STATISTICS: JANUARY 1982  
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THE MONEY SUPPLY AND FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR JANUARY 1982 ARE PUBLISHED TODAY. THE MONETARY AGGREGATES ARE AS USUAL HEAVILY AFFECTED BY THE SEASONAL INFLUENCES OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR AND OF TAX PAYMENTS MADE DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF THE YEAR.

A FURTHER RISE IN THE MONEY SUPPLY ON ALL DEFINITIONS IN JANUARY REFLECTED A (PARTLY SEASONAL) GROWTH IN TOTAL LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG. BUT IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS THE GROWTH RATES OF THE MONEY SUPPLY (M3) AND OF LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG, AFTER ALLOWING FOR SEASONAL FACTORS, WERE LITTLE CHANGED FROM THE GROWTH RATES IN THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS.

THE TABLE (BOXED FOR COLLECTION) SETS OUT THE DETAILED FIGURES FOR JANUARY 1982, AND FOR EARLIER MONTHS, FROM THE NEW SERIES OF STATISTICS NOW BEING COLLECTED UNDER THE MONETARY STATISTICS ORDINANCE 1980. THIS SERIES HAS NOW REPLACED THE ORIGINAL SERIES OF STATISTICS PREPARED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING, WHICH WILL NO LONGER BE PUBLISHED.

MONEY SUPPLY

THE MONEY SUPPLY ON THE NARROWEST DEFINITION, M1-TOTAL, ROSE IN JANUARY BY 8.9 PER CENT AND HK\$M1 BY 8.6 PER CENT, AFTER HAVING RISEN BY, RESPECTIVELY, 4.3 PER CENT AND 3.7 PER CENT IN DECEMBER.

THE PRINCIPAL FACTOR HERE WAS A RISE OF 22.2 PER CENT IN NOTES AND COINS HELD BY THE PUBLIC BEFORE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVAL.

THE MONEY SUPPLY ON THE BROADER DEFINITIONS, HOWEVER, INCREASED IN JANUARY BY LESS THAN IN DECEMBER, WITH M2-TOTAL UP BY 3.1 PER CENT AND M3-TOTAL BY 2.3 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH THE INCREASES OF 5.2 PER CENT AND 2.8 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN DECEMBER.

IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS THE GROWTH RATES OF M1-TOTAL AND M2-TOTAL AT, RESPECTIVELY, 15.9 PER CENT AND 11.2 PER CENT, WERE WELL UP FROM THEIR INCREASES OF 0.3 PER CENT AND 3.2 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS. IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS M3 GREW BY 6.0 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH A 5.8 PER CENT RISE IN THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS.

LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG

LOANS BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES FOR USE IN HONG KONG ROSE IN JANUARY BY 2.5 PER CENT, AFTER AN INCREASE OF 4.1 PER CENT IN DECEMBER. IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS, TOTAL LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG GREW BY 9.7 PER CENT, AGAINST AN INCREASE OF 9.2 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS.

LOANS BY BANKS FOR USE IN HONG KONG ROSE IN JANUARY BY 2.5 PER CENT, AFTER RISING BY 4.0 PER CENT IN DECEMBER, AND SIMILAR LOANS BY DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE BY 2.6 PER CENT, FOLLOWING A RISE OF 4.2 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH. IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS, THE GROWTH RATE OF LOANS BY BANKS FOR USE IN HONG KONG, AT 9.9 PER CENT, WAS UP FROM THAT OF 7.0 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS, BUT THE GROWTH OF LOANS BY DTCS FOR USE IN HONG KONG, AT 9.4 PER CENT, WAS DOWN FROM THAT OF 15.3 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS.

FOREIGN CURRENCY ASSETS

THE NET FOREIGN CURRENCY ASSETS OF ALL BANKS FELL IN JANUARY BY \$85MN. AND THOSE OF DTCS BY \$452MN., INDICATING A NET OUTFLOW OF FUNDS FROM THE HONG KONG MONETARY SECTOR OF \$537MN., COMPARED WITH A NET INFLOW OF \$653MN. IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH. IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS THE NET OUTFLOW OF FUNDS FROM HONG KONG AMOUNTED TO \$2 370MN., AFTER A NET INFLOW OF \$2 741MN. IN THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS.

BALANCE SHEET RATIOS

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO (AS DEFINED IN S. 18 OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE) FOR ALL BANKS IN HONG KONG FELL IN JANUARY TO 54.2 PER CENT FROM 55.5 PER CENT IN DECEMBER. THE RATIO OF THEIR LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG TO THEIR DEPOSITS ROSE TO 100.0 PER CENT AT THE END OF JANUARY FROM 99.0 PER CENT AT THE END OF DECEMBER.

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO (AS DEFINED IN S. 24A OF THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ORDINANCE) FOR ALL DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE TO 46.5 PER CENT IN JANUARY FROM 46.0 PER CENT IN DECEMBER. THE RATIO OF THEIR LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG TO THEIR DEPOSITS ROSE TO 69.0 PER CENT AT THE END OF JANUARY FROM 67.7 PER CENT AT THE END OF DECEMBER.

NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

THE NUMBER OF REPORTING BANKS IN JANUARY REMAINED UNCHANGED AT 121. THE NUMBER OF REPORTING DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES INCREASED BY 1 TO 351.

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## VALUE OF DISTRICT BOARDS STRESSED

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THE EFFECTIVENESS OF DISTRICT BOARDS DEPENDED VERY MUCH ON THE ABILITY OF THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS TO RAISE USEFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS AND THE DETERMINATION OF THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO RESPOND TO THEM, THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR RICKY FUNG, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) IN A LUNCHEON SPEECH TO THE LIONS CLUB OF BRAEMAR HILL.

HE SAID IT WAS EVIDENT THAT THE DISTRICT BOARD WAS A GOOD FORUM FOR AIRING OF THE RESIDENTS' ASPIRATIONS AND NEEDS AND FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND REMEDIES TO BE MADE PROMPTLY.

NOW THAT ELECTED MEMBERS WERE ADDED TO THE DISTRICT BOARDS, REPRESENTATION WAS STRENGTHENED AND A GREATER DEGREE OF EFFECTIVENESS WAS EXPECTED.

HE DESCRIBED LAST WEEK'S NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS AS +MOST ENCOURAGING+, AS THE TURNOUT OF VOTERS IN ALL DISTRICTS EXCEEDED THE PRE-ELECTION EXPECTATION OF 30 PER CENT.

MR FUNG OUTLINED THE STRUCTURE OF THE NEW ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD, INCLUDING THE SIX MEMBERS ELECTED LAST WEEK, WHICH WILL BEGIN FUNCTIONING NEXT MONTH, AND REVIEWED ITS PERFORMANCE IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

DURING THE YEAR, HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD SOLICITED THE VIEWS OF THE BOARD ON A NUMBER OF PROPOSED POLICIES AND MEASURES, AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING LEGISLATION, PROVISION AND IMPROVEMENT OF VARIOUS FACILITIES AND SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT, AND NAMING OF STREETS.

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+THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS HAVE ALSO TAKEN THE INITIATIVE TO MAKE SUGGESTIONS ON SEVERAL GENERAL ISSUES, SUCH AS THE PROVISION OF A SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR EACH ISLAND, THE EMPLOYMENT OF FULL-TIME STAFF FOR COMMUNITY CENTRES IN THE DISTRICT AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE WELFARE OF THE TEACHERS IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT TO SOLVE THE RETENTION PROBLEM.+

HE NOTED THAT THE BOARD'S AREA SUB-COMMITTEES HAD PROVIDED VERY GOOD AVENUES FOR THE UNOFFICIALS TO BRING TO THE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS' ATTENTION THE NEEDS AND PROBLEMS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE ISLAND COMMUNITIES AND FOR THE OFFICIALS TO EXPLAIN VARIOUS POLICIES AND MEASURES.

+THIS TWO-WAY TRAFFIC IS IMPORTANT FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING. SOME OF THE MATTERS DEALT WITH BY THE AREA SUB-COMMITTEES MAY APPEAR TO BE TRIVIAL, SUCH AS THE RESITING OF REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS, THE REMOVAL OF ON-STREET OBSTRUCTIONS AND THE CONSTRUCTION OR IMPROVEMENT OF TOILET FACILITIES, BUT THE SATISFACTORY HANDLING OF THESE MINOR PROBLEMS DOES HELP IN IMPROVING THE LIVING STANDARD OF THE RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT,+ HE SAID.

MR FUNG SAID FLEXIBILITY WAS MAINTAINED IN THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND CULTURAL, RECREATION AND SPORTS PROJECTS.

MORE THAN \$600 000 HAD BEEN SPENT ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS APPROVED IN THE YEAR, INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF RAIN SHELTERS, IMPROVEMENT TO PLAYGROUNDS AND SITTING-OUT AREAS, REPAIRS TO COMMUNITY CENTRES, TREE PLANTING AND CONSTRUCTION OF PAVILIONS AND BENCHES.

IN ADDITION, THE BOARD HAD SCRUTINISED OVER 100 APPLICATIONS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS FOR CULTURAL, RECREATION AND SPORTS PROJECTS, AND ALLOCATED FUNDS TOTALLING MORE THAN \$215 000 FOR 80 OF THEM.

A FURTHER \$120 000 HAD BEEN ALLOCATED TO 107 JOINT DISTRICT BOARD/RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE PROJECTS WHICH WERE WELL BALANCED AS FAR AS TARGET PARTICIPANTS WERE CONCERNED, HE SAID.

MR FUNG POINTED OUT THAT TRANSPORT WAS THE MOST POPULAR SUBJECT AT DISTRICT BOARD AND AREA SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS, AND A TRANSPORT SUB-COMMITTEE WAS THEREFORE FORMED TO DEAL WITH THIS SPECIFIC AREA OF WORK.

+THE RANGE OF TOPICS RAISED IS BROAD, ALTHOUGH THE EMPHASIS IS, NOT SURPRISINGLY, ON THE FERRY SERVICE FOR OUTLYING ISLANDS,+ HE SAID.

A SPECIAL MEETING HELD TWO MONTHS AGO WAS ATTENDED BY THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE HONG KONG AND YAU MA TEI FERRY COMPANY, AND HE WAS RECEPTIVE TO THE VIEWS EXPRESSED, HE SAID.

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PARTIAL OPENING OF ABERDEEN TUNNEL

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THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL WILL BE PARTIALLY OPENED TOMORROW (FRIDAY), WITH TWO-WAY TRAFFIC OCCUPYING ONE TUBE OF THE TUNNEL.

FOR THE FIRST DAY, THE TUNNEL WILL BE OPEN FROM 10 AM TO 10.30 PM. FROM SATURDAY, IT WILL BE OPEN FROM 6.30 AM TO 10.30 PM DAILY.

A \$2-TOLL WILL BE CHARGED FOR ALL TYPES OF VEHICLES. TOLLS WILL BE COLLECTED AT BOOTHS LOCATED AT THE ABERDEEN END OF THE TUNNEL.

MR HAROLD BEATON, PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT HIGHWAY ENGINEER, SAID THAT THE TUNNEL TRAFFIC CONTROL AND SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT WAS NOT YET FULLY OPERATIONAL.

HOWEVER, HE SAID, THE TUNNEL WOULD BE ADEQUATELY LIT AND VENTILATED AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO DEAL WITH BREAKDOWNS OR OTHER EMERGENCIES.

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL OPERATE THE TUNNEL. PATROL VEHICLES WILL BE BASED AT EACH END OF THE TUNNEL TO DEAL WITH ANY INCIDENTS IN THE TUNNEL AND ON THE APPROACHES.

PATROL STAFF WILL BE ABLE TO CONTACT THE CONTROL ROOM BY RADIO TO ENSURE SPEEDY RESPONSE TO ANY EVENT REQUIRING ATTENTION.

MOTORISTS NEEDING ASSISTANCE IN THE TUNNEL WILL FIND EMERGENCY NICHES, LIT BY AN ILLUMINATED SYMBOL, AT 100-METRE INTERVALS. EACH NICHE CONTAINS A TELEPHONE CONNECTED TO THE CONTROL ROOM, FIRE EXTINGUISHERS AND A FIRE ALARM PUSH BUTTON.

IN THE INITIAL OPENING PERIOD, CERTAIN LANE SIGNALS AND ADVISORY SIGNS WILL NOT BE IN FULL OPERATION. FINAL WORK ON THIS EQUIPMENT LINKED TO THE COMPUTER CONTROLLED SYSTEM WILL BE CONTINUED.

UNFORTUNATELY IT IS NOT YET POSSIBLE AT THIS STAGE TO PREDICT THE COMPLETION OF THE FULL COMPUTER CONTROLLED SYSTEM, BUT IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE LINKING AND TESTING OF THE EQUIPMENT WILL TAKE SEVERAL MONTHS.

THE SPEED LIMIT FOR THE TWO-WAY, SINGLE TUBE OPERATION WILL BE 30 M.P.H. NO LANE CHANGING OR OVERTAKING WILL BE PERMITTED ACROSS THE DOUBLE WHITE LINE.

VEHICLES OVER FIVE METRES IN HEIGHT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO USE THE TUNNEL. CERTAIN OTHER TYPES OF VEHICLES WILL ALSO BE PROHIBITED, IN LINE WITH THE LEGISLATION APPLYING TO OTHER TUNNELS IN HONG KONG.

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR ABERDEEN TUNNEL OPENING  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY REMINDED MOTORISTS THAT NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 10 AM TOMORROW IN THE WAN CHAI, HAPPY VALLEY AND ABERDEEN AREAS TO COINCIDE WITH THE PARTIAL OPENING OF THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL.

FROM SATURDAY, THE SINGLE TUBE WILL OPERATE FROM 6.30 AM TO 10.30 PM. ALL VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, PROCEEDING TO EITHER CENTRAL OR NORTH POINT CAN USE THE CANAL ROAD WEST RAMP. A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THESE VEHICLES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM CROSSING OVER TO JOIN THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL LANE.

KOWLOON-BOUND MOTORISTS IN THE WAN CHAI AND HAPPY VALLEY AREAS WILL HAVE EITHER TO USE LEIGHTON ROAD, WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD AND JOIN THE CANAL ROAD FLYOVER UP-RAMP ADJACENT TO THE JUNCTION OF QUEEN'S ROAD EAST AND WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD OR TO USE THE MARSH ROAD FLYOVER TO JOIN THE GLOUCESTER ROAD TO THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL.

TRAFFIC GOING TO ABERDEEN VIA THE TUNNEL FROM CENTRAL, NORTH POINT AND KOWLOON WILL TRAVEL VIA THE CANAL ROAD FLYOVER. MOTORISTS IN WAN CHAI CAN USE THE FLYOVER UP-RAMP ON WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD IN FRONT OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TUNNEL OPENING, URBAN CLEARWAYS WILL BE IMPOSED ON PARTS OF THE ABERDEEN AREA AND THE PROHIBITION OF PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL ALSO BE EXTENDED TO THE TUNNEL APPROACH ROADS IN WONG CHUK HANG, WAN CHAI AND HAPPY VALLEY.

FROM MONDAY (MARCH 15), SIX BUS SERVICES AND TWO MAXICAB ROUTES WILL BE CHANNELLED TO USE THE NEW LINK TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL AND MORE CONVENIENT SERVICES FOR THOSE COMMUTING FROM ABERDEEN TO WAN CHAI, CENTRAL, CAUSEWAY BAY, NORTH POINT AND TO KOWLOON.

THE BUS ROUTES ARE NOS. 38, 70, 72, 75, 90M AND 170. FARES WILL RANGE FROM \$1.40 TO \$4 FOR A SINGLE TRIP.

THE MAXICAB SERVICES ARE NOS. 4 (FROM SHEK PAI WAN TO CAUSEWAY BAY) AND 35 (FROM ABERDEEN TO WAN CHAI).

MEANWHILE, CHIEF TRANSPORT OFFICER/TUNNEL, MR FRED MAY REMINDED MOTORISTS THAT UNTIL THE TUNNEL INSTALLATIONS ARE IN FULL OPERATION, THEY SHOULD DRIVE WITH CAUTION AND IN PARTICULAR KEEP TO THE SPEED LIMIT OF 30 M.P.H. AND OBSERVE LANE DISCIPLINE AT ALL TIMES.

A TOLL OF \$2 WILL BE CHARGED FOR ALL VEHICLES.

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ADVANCED COURSE IN EDUCATION FOR NON-GRADUATE TEACHERS

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NON-GRADUATE TEACHERS IN GOVERNMENT AND AIDED SECONDARY OR PRIMARY SCHOOLS ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR THE ADVANCED COURSE OF TEACHER EDUCATION OFFERED BY THE THREE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION IN 1982-83.

TEACHERS AT PRESENT ON ATTACHMENT OR SECONDMENT TO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS MAY ALSO APPLY FOR THE COURSE.

+TEACHERS IN AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS, HOWEVER, SHOULD NOTE THAT THEY WILL ONLY BE CONSIDERED IF A SPONSORING BODY IS ABLE TO GUARANTEE TRANSFER TO A TEACHING POST IN A SECONDARY SCHOOL ON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE,+ AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

EACH SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT FROM AIDED SCHOOLS WILL BE REQUIRED TO GIVE A FORMAL UNDERTAKING TO TEACH FULL-TIME FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN THREE YEARS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF THE COURSE, HE SAID.

THE COURSE WILL HAVE A CORE OF STUDIES IN EDUCATION, EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY, LANGUAGE SKILLS AND COMPLEMENTARY PROGRAMMES.

IN ADDITION, EACH STUDENT WILL STUDY IN DEPTH, ON AN ELECTIVE BASIS, ONE AREA OF SUBJECT SPECIALISATION.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BE TWO-YEAR TRAINED TEACHERS WHO HAVE STUDIED THE SUBJECT APPLIED FOR THROUGHOUT THE TWO YEARS OF THEIR COLLEGE OF EDUCATION COURSE. THEY SHOULD ALSO HAVE TWO YEARS' FULL-TIME POST-TRAINING TEACHING EXPERIENCE.

THEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO DEMONSTRATE A PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH WHICH WILL ENABLE THEM TO PURSUE THE ADVANCED COURSE, AND WILL HAVE EITHER TO SIT FOR A TEST OR ATTEND AN INTERVIEW, DEPENDING ON THE SUBJECT APPLIED FOR.

GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION IS OFFERING COURSES IN ART AND DESIGN, AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION; NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION IS OFFERING HOME ECONOMICS (HOME MANAGEMENT) AND MATHEMATICS; WHILE SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGE OF EDUCATION IS OFFERING HOME ECONOMICS (DRESS AND DESIGN) AND MUSIC.

OTHER AREAS OF SUBJECT SPECIALISATION OFFERED INCLUDE : CHINESE, CHINESE HISTORY, ENGLISH, SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES. SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE COLLEGE LOCATION FOR THESE SUBJECTS AT A LATER STAGE.

+THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE PREPARED TO PAY THE SALARY OF A TEMPORARY TEACHER OF THE APPROPRIATE OR A LOWER GRADE, TO SUBSTITUTE FOR AN AIDED-SCHOOL TEACHER ACCEPTED FOR A COURSE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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+DURING THE COURSE, ALL SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THEIR SALARY AND INCREMENT IN THE NORMAL WAY AND THE COURSE WILL COUNT AS SERVICE OR EXPERIENCE,+ HE SAID.

APPLICATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE VIA HEADS OF SCHOOLS OR SECTIONS WHO MAY OBTAIN THE FORMS FROM THE THREE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION OR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS IN LEE GARDENS, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

NO FEES WHATSOEVER ARE PAYABLE IN CONNECTION WITH THE APPLICATIONS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN THE CASE OF TEACHERS IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS OR ON SECONDMENT AND ATTACHMENT, COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED BY 5 PM ON MARCH 31 TO THE SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER (SERVICING UNIT), SCHOOLS DIVISION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, HONG KONG.

FOR AIDED SCHOOL TEACHERS, COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED BY THE SAME TIME TO THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT SELECTION BOARD, C/O SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, 6 CALDECOTT ROAD, PIPER'S HILL, KOWLOON.

SELECTION OF APPLICANTS WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION JOINT SELECTION BOARD.

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NEW YOUTH CENTRE AND VILLAGE OFFICE FOR SHEUNG SHUI  
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RESIDENTS LIVING IN AND NEAR KAM TSIN VILLAGE, SHEUNG SHUI, ARE URGED TO MAKE GOOD USE OF A NEWLY COMPLETED VILLAGE OFFICE AND YOUTH CENTRE.

THE APPEAL CAME FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICER, NORTH, MR PETER JOHNSON, TODAY (THURSDAY) WHEN HE OPENED THE KAM TSIN VILLAGE OFFICE AND YOUTH CENTRE. HE POINTED OUT THAT LOCAL PEOPLE HAD EXPERIENCED GREAT INCONVENIENCE IN FINDING VENUES FOR GATHERING BEFORE THE CENTRE WAS BUILT.

THE CENTRE WOULD GREATLY HELP PROMOTE VILLAGE AFFAIRS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, HE SAID.

THE PROJECT WAS PLANNED BY A COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY THE KAM TSIN VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVE, MR HAU YIU-CHUEN.

THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD HAD CONTRIBUTED \$10 000 FROM ITS LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS VOTE FOR THE \$198 000 PROJECT.

THE UPPER FLOOR OF THE TWO-STOREY BUILDING WILL BE USED AS OFFICE AND CONFERENCE ROOM, WHILE THE GROUND FLOOR WILL BE THE RECREATION CENTRE.

FACILITIES INCLUDE TABLE-TENNIS, CHINESE BILLIARD AND CAMPING EQUIPMENT FOR 50 PEOPLE.

THE VILLAGE OFFICE AND YOUTH CENTRE WILL SERVE ABOUT 8 000 PEOPLE LIVING IN KAM TSIN VILLAGE AND IN THE VICINITY.

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HKPC'S ROLE IN TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PRAISED

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TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY COULD HELP HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING SECTOR TO STRENGTHEN ITS SUPPORTING INDUSTRIES, THE COMMISSIONER OF INDUSTRY, MR PETER TSAO SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE MACHINE TOOLS EXHIBITION ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE, MR TSAO SAID THAT THOUGH HONG KONG INDUSTRIES FACED DIFFICULTIES SUCH AS TRADE RESTRICTIONS ON TEXTILES AND GARMENTS, A LOT COULD BE DONE BY INDUSTRY, INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATIONS AND THE GOVERNMENT TO ASSIST IN THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY.

+IN A SMALL PLACE LIKE HONG KONG, RESOURCES ARE INSUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT A LARGE SCALE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR NEW TECHNOLOGIES, FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICE IS, GENERALLY SPEAKING, A VERY TIME-CONSUMING AND EXPENSIVE BUSINESS. FURTHERMORE, THE RESULTS ARE NOT ALWAYS GUARANTEED.

+WHAT HONG KONG COULD USEFULLY DO WITH REGARD TO +PRODUCTIVITY+ - AND I USE THE TERM +PRODUCTIVITY+ DELIBERATELY BECAUSE THIS IS WHAT THE HKPC IS ALL ABOUT - IS TO LEARN FROM THE SUCCESSES AND FAILURES OF OTHERS WHO ARE AHEAD OF US- AND THAT IS WHERE IMPORTED TECHNOLOGY PLAYS AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR INDUSTRY,+ SAID MR TSAO.

THE OBJECTIVE WAS TO BRING IN IMPROVED AND NEW PROCESSES, SKILLS AND KNOW-HOW AND IN THE PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING MACHINERY OR THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW ONES.

TODAY NEW TECHNOLOGIES GROW AT A RAPID PACE, AND MANY ARE OF SUCH A HIGH LEVEL THAT FEW COULD BE USED IN HONG KONG, WHILE OTHERS HAVE TO BE RESEARCHED, EXPERIMENTED AND ADAPTED BEFORE THEY CAN BE APPLIED LOCALLY.

+IT IS IN THESE CONTEXTS THAT HKPC, ACTING IN THE CAPACITY OF A TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AGENCY, ASSISTS HONG KONG'S INDUSTRY,+ MR TSAO SAID.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE HKPC FOR ORGANISING THE EXHIBITION, WHERE EQUIPMENT, CONTROLS AND ACCESSORIES REQUIRED FOR METAL-CUTTING AND FORMING ARE DISPLAYED, MR TSAO SAID: +THE HKPC ITSELF RECOGNISES THE IMPORTANCE OF THE METAL INDUSTRIES IN HONG KONG. IT HAS ESTABLISHED A METAL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION TO CARRY OUT RESEARCH ON METAL PROCESSING TECHNIQUES, SO AS TO PROVIDE A TECHNICAL BASIS UPON WHICH THE METALS AND RELATED LIGHT ENGINEERING INDUSTRY CAN FURTHER DEVELOP AND DIVERSIFY.

+WITH FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE GOVERNMENT, THE DIVISION IS NOW CARRYING OUT A TECHNO-ECONOMIC STUDY OF THE METALS AND LIGHT ENGINEERING INDUSTRIES IN HONG KONG.

+WE AWAIT WITH INTEREST THE FINDINGS OF THE STUDY. I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL EXAMINE IT CAREFULLY AND ACT ON IT WHERE APPROPRIATE,+ HE CONCLUDED.

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BOARD MEMBERS TO LOOK OVER MONG KOK AREA  
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MEMBERS OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE MAKING A TOUR OF MONG KOK AND TAI KOK TSUI TOMORROW (FRIDAY) MORNING TO GET TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE DISTRICT AND ITS VARIOUS PROBLEMS.

THE TOUR WILL BE LED BY THE MONG KOK CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, MR WILFRED WONG AND WILL START AT 9.30 AM.

AMONG THE PLACES TO BE VISITED ARE A SITE FOR USE AS AN OPEN SPACE AREA OR AS A MARKET AND OPEN SPACE AT THE BOUNDARY OF TAI KOK TSUI ROAD, IVY STREET AND FUK TSUN STREET- A TEMPORARY LORRY-PARK AT THE JUNCTION OF ANCHOR STREET AND BEECH STREET, AND A REFUSE-COLLECTION POINT BETWEEN KAM LAM STREET AND SOY STREET.

BOARD MEMBERS WILL ALSO LOOK INTO THE ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF REAR LANES, AND GENERAL TRAFFIC PROBLEMS IN THE DISTRICT AND WILL VISIT TWO MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD TOUR TOMORROW (FRIDAY) FROM 9.30 TO 11.30 AM. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE TAI KOK TSUI SUB-OFFICE OF MONG KOK CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AT 87 IVY STREET BY 9.30 AM WHERE THEY WILL BE MET BY STAFF FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

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AIR SERVICE TALKS WITH CHINA  
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THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, MR B.D. KEEP, WILL REPRESENT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AT TALKS ON AIR SERVICES TO BE HELD IN PEKING FROM MARCH 12 TO 17 BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CHINA.

THE TALKS HAVE BEEN ARRANGED TO REVIEW THE AIR SERVICES AGREEMENTS ON THE TRUNK ROUTE BETWEEN LONDON AND PEKING AND THE REGIONAL ROUTES BETWEEN HONG KONG AND POINTS IN CHINA UNDER WHICH SERVICES ARE OPERATED BY CAAC, CPA AND BRITISH AIRWAYS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CAD SAID TODAY.

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+SHUTTERBUGS+ OUTINGS TO COUNTRY PARKS  
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TO HELP ENTHUSIASTIC +SHUTTERBUGS+ DISCOVER SOME OF THE LESSER KNOWN ASPECTS OF THE COUNTRY PARKS, THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY IS SUPPORTING A SERIES OF PHOTOGRAPHIC OUTINGS ORGANISED BY THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF HONG KONG IN CONJUNCTION WITH A COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPH PROCESSING FIRM, THE ELEGANT COLOUR PHOTO CENTRE.

THE FIRST OUTING WILL BE ON SUNDAY (MARCH 14) WHEN GROUPS OF CAMERA BUFFS WILL VISIT THE SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK. ANOTHER SEVEN OUTINGS TO OTHER COUNTRY PARKS ARE PLANNED UNTIL OCTOBER.

THESE OUTINGS WILL CULMINATE IN A PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION FOR THE BEST PICTURES WHICH WILL BE DISPLAYED AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

THE SITES WHERE THE VISITS WILL BE MADE ARE CHOSEN BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, THE ORGANISERS AND SPONSORS.

THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT PLANS TO USE THE PHOTOGRAPHS FOR CALENDARS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID : +WHILE ARDENT PHOTOGRAPHERS HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECORD THE COUNTRY PARKS AND THEIR ENVIRONS ON FILM THE WAY THEY SEE IT, THE SUBSEQUENT EXHIBITION WOULD ALSO GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS PROMOTING THE LESSER KNOWN ASPECTS OF THE PARKS.

+FROM A MANAGEMENT POINT OF VIEW, THIS COULD ALSO HELP TO PREVENT THE OVER-USE OF SOME OF THE PARKS,+ HE SAID.

THE LAST AND ALSO THE EIGHTH OUTING IS SCHEDULED FOR EARLY OCTOBER AND THE EXHIBITION WILL FOLLOW IN DECEMBER.

PRIZES WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE ORGANISERS AND SPONSORS FOR THE BEST PHOTOGRAPHS FROM EACH OUTING AND FOR THE OVERALL COMPETITION AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE OUTINGS.

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NEW STANDING COMMISSION MEMBER  
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF MRS ALICE LAM AS A NEW MEMBER OF THE STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE. HER APPOINTMENT WILL RUN FOR TWO YEARS, WITH EFFECT FROM MARCH 10, 1982.

MRS LAM IS MANAGER OF THE LOANS DEPARTMENT OF THE HANG SENG BANK LTD.

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FIGHT CRIME DRAMA COMPETITION FINAL

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MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, CHAIRMAN OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, WILL OPEN THE FIGHT YOUTH CRIME DRAMA COMPETITION GRAND FINAL AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE THIS SATURDAY (MARCH 13) EVENING.

COMPETING FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP WILL BE THREE SCHOOL TEAMS, SELECTED FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING STAGE PERFORMANCES AT THE SEMI-FINALS.

THE TEAMS ARE FROM BUDDHIST SIN TAK COLLEGE, HO LAP COLLEGE AND MU KUANG ENGLISH SCHOOL.

THE DRAMA COMPETITION IS ONE OF THE MAJOR FUNCTIONS ORGANISED FOR YOUTH BY THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AS PART OF THE FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN 1981/82.

FIFTY-TWO SECONDARY SCHOOLS HAD SUBMITTED PLAY SCRIPTS ON THE THEME OF COMBATING YOUTH CRIME. FIFTEEN MADE IT TO THE SEMI-FINALS IN FEBRUARY.

THE FIRST THREE WINNERS WILL RECEIVE CASH PRIZES OF \$3 000, \$2 000 AND \$1 000 RESPECTIVELY FROM MR J.F. MAASSEN OF THE SHELL COMPANY OF HONG KONG LTD, SPONSOR OF THE PROJECT.

THE THIRD AND FOURTH RUNNERS-UP WILL EACH RECEIVE A CONSOLATION PRIZE OF \$500.

ADJUDICATORS FOR THE GRAND FINAL WILL BE MR JAMES MARK, MRS FUNG MOK YAN LAN, MR CHEN YAU HOW, MR CHEUNG KING, MR HARDY CHOI, MR CHU SHUI TONG, MR FUNG LUK TAK, MISS MOK FUNG YEE AND MR YUEN LAP FUN.

OVER 400 REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE 52 PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO THE GRAND FINAL WHERE THEY WILL ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WATCH THE PERFORMANCE BY WINNERS OF THE FIGHT YOUTH CRIME SONG CONTEST HELD IN JANUARY THIS YEAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE FIGHT YOUTH CRIME DRAMA COMPETITION GRAND FINAL TO BE HELD THIS SATURDAY (MARCH 13) FROM 8 PM TO 10.30 PM AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE NOT LATER THAN 7.45 PM WHERE THEY WILL BE MET BY A GIS OFFICER.

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STUDENTS TAUGHT METRIC UNITS THROUGH GAMES

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A METRIC GAMES DAY JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE METRICATION COMMITTEE, THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE AND THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB WILL BE HELD THIS SATURDAY (MARCH 13) AFTERNOON AT THE PERTH STREET SPORTS GROUND.

THE PURPOSE OF THE EVENT IS TO GIVE THE PARTICIPANTS A CHANCE TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH THE METRIC CONCEPT, AND TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO USE THE METRIC UNITS IN THEIR EVERYDAY LIFE.

ABOUT 750 STUDENTS WILL TAKE PART IN A TOTAL OF FIVE GAMES, ALL OF WHICH WILL FEATURE THE COMMONLY USED METRIC UNITS FOR LENGTH, MASS AND VOLUME. EVEN THE PROPS USED IN THE GAMES ARE DESIGNED IN METRIC MEASUREMENTS.

THE PROGRAMME WILL START AT 2 PM WITH AN OPENING CEREMONY TO BE OFFICIATED BY PROFESSOR S.Y. KING, CHAIRMAN OF THE METRICATION COMMITTEE= MR DAVID CHIU, PRINCIPAL RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER AND MRS LOUISE MOK, DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE METRIC GAMES DAY TO BE HELD AT THE PERTH STREET SPORTS GROUND THIS SATURDAY (MARCH 13) AT 2 PM.

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TICKETS FOR LUT SAU HALL CONCERTS

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THE BOX OFFICE OF THE LUT SAU HALL, YUEN LONG WILL BE OPEN DAILY FROM 3.30 PM TO 8 PM TO SELL TICKETS FOR THE PERFORMANCES OF +MODERN SONGS+ ON MARCH 20 AND +CANTONESE OPERATIC SONGS PERFORMANCE+ ON MARCH 21.

THE OPENING HOURS OF THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL WILL BE FROM 12.30 PM TO 9.30 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 11.30 AM TO 9.30 PM ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS.

TICKETS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE NEW TERRITORIES MOBILE LIBRARY, THE OPENING HOURS OF WHICH ARE FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM, MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS. THE MOBILE LIBRARY STOPS AT SHA TIN, KWAI CHUNG, TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG, FANLING, SAI KUNG AND TSING YI.

THE PROGRAMMES ARE PRESENTED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS OFFICE OF THE CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT. TICKETS AT \$5 ARE ONLY AVAILABLE AT THE ABOVE VENUES.

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YAU MA TEI BOARD MEMBERS CHECK ON PROBLEM AREAS  
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ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF PAVEMENTS BY HAWKERS, STREET-SLEEPERS AND GENERAL STREET CONDITIONS WERE SOME OF THE MATTERS EXAMINED BY MEMBERS OF THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD DURING THEIR TOUR OF THE YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI AREAS TODAY (THURSDAY).

IN THEIR THREE-HOUR TOUR, ORGANISED TO ENABLE THEM TO GET TO KNOW MORE ABOUT CONDITIONS IN THE AREAS, THE BOARD MEMBERS FIRST WENT TO THE FERRY POINT COMPLEX IN YAU MA TEI, TO EXAMINE A SITE NEAR JORDAN ROAD VEHICULAR FERRY PIER, NOW BEING OCCUPIED BY STREET-SLEEPERS. HERE THEY DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF TURNING THE SITE INTO A TEMPORARY SITTING-OUT PLACE.

AT THEIR NEXT POINTS OF CALL AT CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON PARK DRIVE AND TUNG KUN STREET, THEY SAW SOME REAR LANES AND PAVEMENTS BEING OCCUPIED BY ILLEGAL STRUCTURES, ILLEGAL PARKING AND JADE HAWKERS.

AT TUNG KUN STREET, BOARD MEMBERS LEARNED THAT MORE THAN 100 LETTERS OF COMPLAINT HAD BEEN SENT TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BY RESIDENTS COMPLAINING ABOUT THE HAZARDS TO PEDESTRIAN AND SCHOOL CHILDREN AS A RESULT OF ILLEGAL PARKING. THEY WERE TOLD THAT THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HAD TRIED TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM BY ERECTING GUARD-RAILINGS ON SOME OF THE PAVEMENTS TO KEEP THEM FREE FROM OBSTRUCTION.

THE BOARD LATER CHECKED ON TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES, THE PARKING PROBLEM, AND SOME OTHER DEVELOPMENTS, IN THEIR TOUR WHICH STARTED AT 9.30 AM AND ENDED AT ABOUT 12.30 PM.

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TENANCY AVAILABLE AT KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION  
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THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR A TENANCY OF A PIECE OF CROWN LAND IN KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION.

THE SITE, MEASURING ABOUT 4 625 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR STORAGE OF TENANT'S GOODS, VEHICLES, CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS, BUT EXCLUDING CONCRETE/BATCHING.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE TENANCY WOULD BE FOR AN INITIAL PERIOD OF TWO YEARS AND, THEREAFTER, QUARTERLY.

THE DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS IS NOON ON MARCH 26.

TENDER FORMS, WITH NOTICES AND CONDITIONS, MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD OR KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR.

TENDER PLANS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THESE OFFICES.

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