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GOVERNOR STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF PRODUCT COMPETITIVENESS

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THERE IS A NEED IN HONG KONG TO ENCOURAGE OTHER IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OF PRODUCT COMPETITIVENESS APART FROM GOOD DESIGN, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR THE GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR HONG KONG DESIGN, SIR DAVID SAID THE SCOPE OF THE GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR INDUSTRY WOULD BE EXPANDED NEXT YEAR TO COVER OTHER AREAS AS WELL AS DESIGN.

"WE SHALL BE DRAWING ON THE EXPERIENCE THAT THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES ALREADY HAS IN ORGANISING THE DESIGN COMPETITION," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO RAISING BOTH THE TECHNICAL AND AESTHETIC STANDARDS OF DESIGN OF HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURED GOODS.

"IN 1985, WE SET UP THE HONG KONG DESIGN INNOVATION COMPANY WHICH ALLOWS NEW PRODUCT DESIGNS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE AT REASONABLE PRICES TO SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED COMPANIES.

"NEW FACILITIES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL FOR MANUFACTURERS TO OBTAIN EXPERT ADVICE IN THE DESIGN AND MANUFACTURE OF SOPHISTICATED AUDIO/VISUAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT," SIR DAVID SAID.

IN ADDITION, THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL HAD INTRODUCED A SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME TO HELP LOCAL ENGINEERS RECEIVE OVERSEAS TRAINING IN THE DESIGN OF ADVANCED ELECTRONIC CIRCUITRY, HE SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO SUBVENT DESIGN COURSES AS PART OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND TERTIARY EDUCATION PROGRAMMES.

SIR DAVID SAID HONG KONG MANUFACTURERS' CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD DESIGN WAS SHOWN BY THE HIGH STANDARD OF PRODUCTS IN THIS YEAR'S COMPETITION.

ANNOUNCING THE WINNER OF THE "GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR HONG KONG DESIGN", A FACSIMILE COPIER MADE BY ELEC AND ELTEK DATA COMMUNICATION LTD, THE GOVERNOR SAID THE JUDGES HAD A DIFFICULT TASK WITH SO MANY COMPETING DESIGNS OF HIGH QUALITY.

HE DESCRIBED THE WINNING DESIGN AS "A STYLISH, COMPACT MACHINE WHICH CAN EASILY BE CARRIED AROUND FOR OUT-OF-OFFICE WORK".

"IT HAS ALL THE FEATURES ONE WOULD EXPECT IN A NORMAL FAX MACHINE; AND IT GIVES COPIES OF A SIMILAR QUALITY. IN ADDITION, ITS PORTABILITY, AND ITS SMALL SIZE, GIVE THE USER ADDED FLEXIBILITY.

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"THE PRODUCT IS PARTICULARLY SUITED TO THE WORKING ENVIRONMENT IN HONG KONG, WHERE SPACE IS OFTEN AT A PREMIUM AND FAX MACHINES ARE MUCH IN DEMAND," SIR DAVID SAID.

IN ADDITION, IT ALSO FITTED IN WITH THE WORLDWIDE TREND OF HIGHLY MOBILE EXECUTIVES AND A CHANGING LIFE-STYLE WHERE WORK WAS NO LONGER SIMPLY CONFINED TO AN OFFICE, HE ADDED.

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REVISED WRITTEN DECLARATION TO BE INTRODUCED

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A TRADE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (MONDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT WITH EFFECT FROM JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR A REVISED WRITTEN DECLARATION, WHICH WILL FACILITATE THE RELEASE OF PART SHIPMENTS UNDER AN IMPORT LICENCE, WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING ONE.

"AN IMPORTER SHOULD PRESENT FORM TRA 278 (REV 88) TO A SHIPPING, AIRLINE OR TRANSPORTATION COMPANY WHEN TAKING DELIVERY OF PART SHIPMENTS ON OR AFTER THAT DATE," HE SAID.

DETAILS OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE WRITTEN DECLARATION AND IMPORT LICENSING ARRANGEMENTS REGARDING PART SHIPMENTS ARE SET OUT IN A CIRCULAR ISSUED TODAY (MONDAY) TO ALL THE SHIPPING/AIRLINE COMPANIES AND IMPORTERS KNOWN TO THE TRADE DEPARTMENT.

COPIES OF THE CIRCULAR ARE OBTAINABLE FREE OF CHARGE AT THE TRADE LICENSING (NON-TEXTILES) BRANCH OF THE TRADE DEPARTMENT AT 13TH FLOOR, OCEAN CENTRE, CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

FORM TRA 278 (REV 88) CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE DEPARTMENT'S NON-TEXTILES RECEIPT-AND-ISSUE COUNTERS (NUMBERS 9 AND 22) ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF OCEAN CENTRE.

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SECOND FEASIBILITY STUDY ON ROUTE 3

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (MONDAY) SIGNED AN AGREEMENT WORTH \$21 MILLION CONTRACT FOR CONDUCTING A SECOND STAGE STUDY OF THE SECTION OF THE PLANNED ROUTE 3 BETWEEN THE NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES AND NORTHWEST KOWLOON.

TAKING PART IN THE SIGNING CEREMONY WERE THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS, MR HAROLD BEATON, AND CONSORTIUM REPRESENTATIVE MR DAVID BUTLER.

THE CONSORTIUM WAS FORMED BY THE CONSULTANTS, SCOTT WILSON KIRKPATRICK AND PARTNERS, PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF (ASIA) LTD., CHARLES HASWELL AND PARTNERS (FAR EAST), AND WILBUR SMITH ASSOCIATES.

MR BEATON SAID ROUTE 3 WAS A PLANNED NORTH-TO-SOUTH TRUNK ROAD LEADING FROM THE LOK MA CHAU BORDER CROSSING AND THE NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES TO TSUEN WAN AND THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER PORT.

IT WOULD ALSO PROVIDE ACCESS TO EXPANSION OF THE CONTAINER PORT AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THE WESTERN HARBOUR.

THE PROPOSED ROUTE WOULD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL CAPACITY TO ACCOMMODATE TRAFFIC FLOWS BETWEEN REGIONAL CENTRES WHICH IT WAS FORECAST TO BE NEEDED BY THE MID-1990'S.

THE STUDY WILL BEGIN NOW AND TAKE 10 MONTHS.

A PRELIMINARY FEASIBILITY STUDY OF THE SECTION OF ROUTE 3 BETWEEN TSING YI AND NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES WAS COMPLETED IN JUNE 1988.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE ROUTE WILL REQUIRE TO HAVE A DESIGN CAPACITY IN THE REGION OF 160,000 VEHICLES PER DAY BY 2001 ALONG SOME CRITICAL SECTIONS.

THE PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT WAS THAT A DUAL THREE-LANE CARRIAGEWAY WITH PROVISION FOR FURTHER EXPANSION OF CAPACITY WOULD BE REQUIRED.

BASED ON BROAD PARAMETERS, SEVERAL ALTERNATIVE ALIGNMENTS WERE WORKED OUT FOR THE SECTION BETWEEN THE NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES AND WEST KOWLOON. IN THE NORTH MUCH OF THE ROUTING HAS ALREADY BEEN DETERMINED. SOME SECTIONS WILL ALSO BE COVERED BY OTHER STUDIES.

IN THE SECOND FEASIBILITY STUDY, THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS WILL CARRY OUT DETAILED INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE ALTERNATIVE ALIGNMENTS THAT WERE IDENTIFIED IN THE PRELIMINARY STUDY, WITH A VIEW TO ESTABLISHING THE BEST ALIGNMENT.

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IN THIS PROCESS THE ALTERNATIVES WILL BE CRITICALLY EVALUATED IN LAND USE, ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS, ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS, ENGINEERING VIABILITY AND COMPATIBILITY WITH OTHER MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS.

AS PART OF THE EVALUATION, A SERIES OF SPECIALIST STUDIES WILL BE REQUIRED.

THESE INCLUDE SUCH SUBJECTS AS HYDRAULIC MODELS, MARITIME OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT, ECONOMIC EVALUATION AND GROUND INVESTIGATIONS.

MR BEATON SAID IT WAS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE SECOND STAGE OF THE STUDY NOW BECAUSE IN A PROJECT OF THIS SCALE, A LONG LEAD-TIME WAS INEVITABLE PRIOR TO COMMENCING CONSTRUCTION.

PREPARATORY WORKS HAD TO PROCEED AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE SO THAT SECTIONS OF THE ROUTE COULD BE COMPLETED IN TIME TO MEET TRAFFIC BUILD-UP.

EARLY ALIGNMENT SELECTION WOULD ALLOW FOR THE RESERVATION OF LAND FOR THE ROUTE AND OTHER PURPOSES.

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ARRESTS OVER FORGED TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

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A MAN AND A WOMAN WERE ARRESTED BY IMMIGRATION INVESTIGATORS ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 2) ON SUSPICION OF BEING MEMBERS OF A SYNDICATE ARRANGING FOR RESIDENTS OF CHINA TO SEEK ILLEGAL RESIDENCE OVERSEAS.

THEY ARE SUSPECTED TO BE INVOLVED IN AT LEAST FIVE CASES IN WHICH FORGED THAI AND SINGAPORE PASSPORTS WERE SEIZED IN RECENT WEEKS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE TWO ARRESTS RESULTED FROM IMMIGRATION OFFICERS' INTERCEPTION AT KAI TAK AIRPORT OF A MAN, AGED 39, WHO WAS FOUND USING A SUSPECTED FORGED SINGAPORE PASSPORT IN ORDER TO GAIN ILLEGAL RESIDENCE IN THE USA/CANADA.

THE ARRESTED MAN, AGED 51, IS A LOCAL RESIDENT AND THE WOMAN, AGED 32, IS A RESIDENT OF CHINA.

THE WOMAN WAS FOUND IN POSSESSION OF A SUSPECTED FORGED SINGAPORE PASSPORT. DURING A SEARCH OF PREMISES AND OF A SAFE DEPOSIT BOX AT A BANK IN KOWLOON, ONE SUSPECTED FORGED SINGAPORE PASSPORT, FIVE SUSPECTED FORGED THAI PASSPORTS, 10 CHINESE PASSPORTS AND FOUR CHINESE IDENTITY CARDS WERE SEIZED.

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THE ARRESTED MAN AND WOMAN AND THE MAN ARRESTED AT KAI TAK ARE BEING DETAINED FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES AND ARE EXPECTED TO BE CHARGED.

THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE USE OR POSSESSION OF FORGED TRAVEL DOCUMENTS WAS A SERIOUS OFFENCE.

"ANY PERSON WHO COMMITS THE OFFENCE IS LIABLE TO PROSECUTION AND, ON CONVICTION, TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$50,000 AND TO IMPRISONMENT FOR 14 YEARS.

"ANY PERSON WHO AIDS AND ABETS ANY PERSON TO COMMIT THE OFFENCE WILL ALSO BE GUILTY OF THE SAME OFFENCE AND LIABLE TO THE SAME PENALTY," HE ADDED.

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OPERATIONS AGAINST ILLEGAL BILLS AND POSTERS
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EIGHT SUMMONSES WERE ISSUED DURING A TERRITORY-WIDE OPERATION AGAINST ILLEGAL DISPLAY OF BILLS AND POSTERS HELD DURING THE LAST TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKENDS.

"ILLEGAL DISPLAY OF BILLS AND POSTERS AT PRIVATE OR PUBLIC PLACES IS A COMMON PRACTICE DURING WEEKENDS, HOLIDAYS AND AFTER OFFICE HOURS.

"IT HAS POSTED A GREAT PROBLEM TO THE OVERALL TIDINESS AND CLEANLINESS OF THE CITY," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

THE OPERATION, CARRIED OUT BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WAS AIMED AT REVIEWING THIS SITUATION.

WHEN THE OPERATION STARTED IN NOVEMBER, 1986, IT WAS CARRIED OUT EVERY SIX MONTHS BY THE TWO DEPARTMENTS.

"HOWEVER, AS THE PROBLEM WAS GETTING WORSE, WE INCREASED THE FREQUENCY FROM TWICE A YEAR TO QUARTERLY INTERVALS," THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT.

"WE HOPE THAT THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY THE ADVERTISING COMPANIES CONCERNED, WOULD EXERCISE SELF-DISCIPLINE IN DISPLAYING THEIR OUTDOOR PUBLICITY POSTERS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"PERSONS WHO DISPLAY BILLS AND POSTERS IN PRIVATE PLACES WITHOUT OWNERS' CONSENT OR AT PUBLIC PLACES WITHOUT THE GOVERNMENT'S AUTHORISATION ARE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5,000," THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED.

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ANNUAL CAREERS EXHIBITION OPENS ON FRIDAY

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PREPARATIONS ARE WELL UNDERWAY FOR THE OPENING OF THE 17TH CAREERS EXHIBITION AT THE CITY HALL EXHIBITION HALL ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 9).

ALTOGETHER 22 EXHIBITORS FROM COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND THE CIVIL SERVICE WILL TAKE PART IN THIS YEAR'S 10-DAY EVENT, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, DR WANG GUŃGWU; URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN; AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

IT WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND 6.30 PM FROM DECEMBER 10 TO 19.

A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE EXHIBITION HAD BECOME A MAJOR EVENT IN THE LOCAL CAREERS EDUCATION SCENE ATTRACTING MANY YOUNG PEOPLE, IN PARTICULAR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS.

"LAST YEAR MORE THAN 84,000 PEOPLE VISITED THE EXHIBITION WHICH WAS HELD FOR THE FIRST TIME AT THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL," HE SAID.

"AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, EXHIBITORS WILL ILLUSTRATE THEIR NATURE OF WORK, ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS, CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING, PROMOTION PROSPECTS AND OTHER INFORMATION THROUGH THE USE OF GRAPHS, MODELS, PHOTOGRAPHS AND AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS.

"INFORMATION LEAFLETS AND PERSONAL GUIDANCE TO VIEWERS WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED ON THE SPOT."

TO SUPPLEMENT THE EVENT, LIVE CAREER SHOWS WITH WORK DEMONSTRATIONS BY VARIOUS DISCIPLINARY AND AUXILIARY SERVICES WILL ALSO BE HELD IN THE EDINBURGH PLACE OUTSIDE THE CITY HALL ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS DURING THE EXHIBITION PERIOD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM, OF THE EXHIBITION AT THE EXHIBITION HALL, LOW BLOCK, CITY HALL, ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 9).

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11TH MEETING OF JLG IN HONG KONG

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THE 11TH ROUND OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN HONG KONG FROM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO FRIDAY (DECEMBER 9).

FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER VARIOUS FUNCTIONS OF THE GROUP DURING THIS PERIOD.

THE JLG WILL MEET EACH DAY AT COLVIN HOUSE, STARTING AT 9.30 AM.

ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 6), THE GOVERNOR WILL HOST A DINNER PARTY FOR MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH AND CHINESE TEAMS.

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COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS CHLORINE STORAGE

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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS THE VOLUME OF CHLORINE STORAGE IN THE SHA TIN WATER TREATMENT WORKS .

THERE WILL BE QUESTIONS ON WHETHER THE STORAGE VOLUME IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED STANDARDS AND WHY THERE IS A DELAY IN COMPLETING A CONSULTANCY REPORT ON THE DANGER ASSESSMENT IN THE INSTALLATION OF CHLORINE.

ENQUIRIES WILL ALSO BE MADE ABOUT THE DISTRIBUTION AND BREAKDOWN OF COMPLAINT CASES CONCERNING SOLID WASTE, WASTE WATER, WASTE GAS, NOISE AND LIQUID WASTE AND HOW THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT HANDLES THESE CASES.

ANOTHER QUESTION TO BE RAISED CONCERNS THE PROGRESS OF BUILDING SPECIAL CLASSROOMS IN THE COVERED PLAYGROUNDS OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND THE RESPONSE OF SCHOOLS TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S PLAN TO OPERATE ADDITIONAL FORM ONE CLASSES IN 1988-89.

A MOTION WILL BE MOVED TO URGE THE GOVERNMENT TO CONSIDER INTRODUCING LEGISLATION STIPULATING THAT PEOPLE AGED 60 OR ABOVE SHOULD BE EXEMPTED FROM OUT-PATIENT CHARGES IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS.

ANOTHER MOTION WILL ALSO BE PROPOSED STATING THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD REQUEST FRANCHISED PUBLIC TRANSPORT CORPORATIONS TO INTRODUCE CONCESSIONARY FARES FOR PEOPLE AGED 60 OR ABOVE.

THE MEETING WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE CORNEA AND KIDNEY DONATION SCHEME AS WELL AS REPORTS BY THE WORKING GROUPS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING TO BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 7) AT THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON 6/F, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION.

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RESIDENTS TO DISCUSS DISTRICT AFFAIRS
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THE TIN WAN AND SHEK PAI WAN AREA COMMITTEE AND THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL ORGANISE A SEMINAR TOMORROW (TUESDAY) FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL RESIDENTS' BODIES TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON DISTRICT AFFAIRS.

THE JOINT SEMINAR WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE ABERDEEN CARITAS SOCIAL CENTRE, TIN WAN STREET, FROM 8 PM TO 10.30 PM.

IN ADDITION TO GROUP DISCUSSIONS ON TRAFFIC, ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY BUILDING MATTERS, THERE WILL BE A VIDEO PROGRAMME - SWEET AND HAPPY HOME IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT - WHICH FEATURES THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DISTRICT AND THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

SOUTHERN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR DAVID LEUNG, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE AREA COMMITTEE, MR TSE KIT-TO, WILL SPEAK AT THE SEMINAR.

THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAS ORGANISED SIMILAR SEMINARS WITH WAH FU, WONG CHUK HANG, AP LEI CHAU, AND ABERDEEN AND HARBOUR AREA COMMITTEES DURING THE PAST YEAR.

SIMILAR MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE TWO OTHER AREAS OF THE DISTRICT, NAMELY POK FU LAM; AND STANLEY, SHEK O AND BAYS.

"A SEMINAR FOR MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE SEVEN AREA COMMITTEES WILL BE ORGANISED EARLY NEXT YEAR TO WRAP UP THE EXERCISE WHICH AIMS AT STRENGTHENING COMMUNICATIONS AND TIES AMONG THE DISTRICT BOARD, AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND RESIDENTS' BODIES," A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ABOUT 50 REPRESENTATIVES FROM MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS INCORPORATIONS AND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND TOMORROW'S SEMINAR ALONG WITH OFFICIALS FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

"ALL RESIDENTS IN TIN WAN AND SHEK PAI WAN AREA ARE ALSO WELCOME TO ATTEND," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TIN WAN AND SHEK PAI WAN AREA COMMITTEE SEMINAR, WHICH STARTS AT 8 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT THE ABERDEEN CARITAS SOCIAL CENTRE, TIN WAN STREET.

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MAIN-LAYING WORKS IN FANLING

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE LAYING OF ABOUT 2,000 METRES OF WATER MAINS IN FANLING/SHEK WU HUI NEW TOWN.

WATER MAINS WITH DIAMETERS RANGING FROM 150 MILLIMETRES TO 600 MILLIMETRES WILL BE LAID IN CONJUNCTION WITH ROADWORKS.

THE WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN FEBRUARY AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 17 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON DECEMBER 23.

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COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS LEISURE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH

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THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS A REPORT ON THE SURVEY OF LEISURE ACTIVITIES OF YOUTHS IN EASTERN DISTRICT AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (DECEMBER 6) AFTERNOON.

BASED ON THE FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY WHICH WAS CONDUCTED EARLY THIS YEAR BY THE CENTRE OF HONG KONG STUDIES OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE ORGANISATION OF FUTURE YOUTH ACTIVITIES.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE IMPROVEMENT OF LIBRARY SERVICES IN CHAI WAN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (DECEMBER 6) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD.

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CSD ORGANISES WALK FOR MILLIONS

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MORE THAN 600 STAFF OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (CSD) AND THEIR FAMILIES WILL TAKE PART IN THE COMMUNITY CHEST "WALK FOR MILLIONS" AT TAI LAM THIS SATURDAY (DECEMBER 10).

THE WALK IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE CSD AT THE REQUEST OF THE COMMUNITY CHEST, FORMING PART OF THE CHEST'S FUND RAISING AND ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION PROGRAMME.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY CHEST WALK ORGANISING COMMITTEE SAID, "IT IS VERY ENCOURAGING TO SEE THAT SO MANY OF OUR STAFF MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN THE CHARITY WALK.

"APART FROM OUR STAFF, QUITE A NUMBER OF OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS HAVE ALSO SHOWN THEIR SUPPORT AND HAVE JOINED US IN THE MEANINGFUL EVENT."

TWO ROUTES HAVE BEEN PLANNED FOR PARTICIPANTS BY THE COMMITTEE.

FOR THE ENERGETIC PARTICIPANTS, THEY CAN TAKE THE 15-KILOMETRE ROUTE WHICH WILL BEGIN FROM THE TWISK MANAGEMENT CENTRE IN TAI LAM COUNTRY PARK AT THE MIDDLE OF ROUTE TWISK. IT PASSES THROUGH NGAU NIU, TIN FU CHAI, TAI LAM CHUNG RESERVOIR AND ENDS AT TAI LAM CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION.

THE OTHER ROUTE WILL START AT THE SPORTS GROUND OF THE TAI LAM CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION AND WILL GO AROUND THE TAI LAM CHUNG RESERVOIR.

MISS HONG KONG 1988, MISS MICHELLE REIS, AND OTHER CELEBRITIES HAVE AGREED TO BE GUESTS OF HONOUR AT A CEREMONY TO START THE WALK.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF SHA TIN ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT A 150-METRE STRETCH ALONG THE NORTHBOUND SLOW LANE OF SHA TIN ROAD NEAR TSANG TAI UK WILL BE CLOSED FROM THURSDAY (DECEMBER 8) EVENING.

THE CLOSURE WILL LAST FROM 10 PM ON THURSDAY TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE THE MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC LIGHTING.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SHAM SHUI PO

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS, WHICH WERE IMPLEMENTED IN SHAM SHUI PO FROM JULY 15 FOR DRAINAGE WORKS NEAR LI CHENG UK ESTATE, WILL CONTINUE TO BE IN FORCE UNTIL THE END OF FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR:

- * CLOSURE OF EASTBOUND PO ON ROAD BETWEEN FAT TSEUNG STREET AND TONKIN STREET.
- * RE-ROUTEING OF GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 42 VIA PO ON ROAD, FAT TSEUNG STREET, KWONG LEE ROAD AND TONKIN STREET ON JOURNEYS TO CHAK ON ESTATE.
- * RELOCATION OF THE BUS STOP ON WESTBOUND PO ON ROAD FOR ROUTES 2, 2A, 112 AND 122 TO A POINT OUTSIDE THE PO ON ROAD URBAN COUNCIL COMPLEX.
- * LEFT-TURN BAN FROM SOUTHBOUND FAT TSEUNG STREET TO EASTBOUND PO ON ROAD AND RIGHT-TURN BAN FROM NORTHBOUND WING LUNG STREET TO EASTBOUND PO ON ROAD .
- * DESIGNATION OF PEAK HOUR (I.E. 7 AM - 10 AM AND 4 PM - 7 PM) DAILY RESTRICTED ZONE ON PO ON ROAD WESTBOUND BETWEEN TONKIN STREET AND FAT TSEUNG STREET.

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ROAD RESURFACING WORKS OUTSIDE MEI FOO SUN CHUEN

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ROAD RESURFACING WORKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT ON CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, LAI CHI KOK ROAD AND THE SLIP ROADS LINKING THE TWO ROADS OUTSIDE MEI FOO SUN CHUEN DAILY BETWEEN 11 PM AND 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FROM THURSDAY (DECEMBER 8) AND WILL LAST FOR ABOUT 20 WORKING NIGHTS.

AS SLOW TRAFFIC FLOW IS EXPECTED DURING THE WORKS PERIOD, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ADVISED MOTORISTS TO DRIVE WITH EXTRA CARE AND PATIENCE IN THE AREA.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE BUS STOPS AND THE GREEN MINIBUS STOPS IN THE WORKS AREA WILL BE RELOCATED IF NECESSARY.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 40.3 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 236.405 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 373.097 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 63.7 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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