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GOVERNOR LEAVES FOR LONDON TO ATTEND FAC HEARINGS

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, LEFT FOR LONDON LAST (MONDAY) NIGHT TO ATTEND THE FIRST DAY OF THE HEARINGS OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE, SIR DAVID SAID HE WOULD ALSO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE AND THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, SIR GEOFFREY HOWE.

"BUT IT IS ESSENTIALLY A VERY SHORT VISIT TO SEE THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

ASKED WHETHER HE WOULD SUPPORT OMELCO MEMBERS WHO HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR VIEWS ON THE NATIONALITY ISSUE, SIR DAVID SAID HE WAS AWARE OF WHAT OMELCO MEMBERS SAID IN THEIR LETTER TO LORD WYATT IN PREPARATION FOR A DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS ON THURSDAY (MARCH 23).

"I KNOW ALL THE BACKGROUND TO THIS PARTICULAR PROBLEM AND I CAN SYMPATHISE WITH THE VIEWS PUT FORWARD BY THE MEMBERS OF OMELCO IN THAT LETTER," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

"I SHALL BE IN LONDON AT THE TIME OF THE DEBATE BUT I SHALL HAVE OTHER APPOINTMENTS, SO I SHALL BE WATCHING VERY CAREFULLY TO SEE WHAT APPEARS IN THE RECORD OF THE DEBATE IN HANSARD," SIR DAVID SAID.

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FC APPROVES PROPOSED CHANGES FOR MHD RE-ORGANISATION

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED PROPOSED CHANGES FOR THE RE-ORGANISATION OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT (MHD) INTO THE HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

THE CHANGES, AIMED AT IMPROVING MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES IN HONG KONG, WILL INVOLVE THE TRANSFER OF PERMANENT DIRECTORATE AND NON-DIRECTORATE POSTS FROM THE MHD TO THE TWO NEW DEPARTMENTS, THE CREATION OF ADDITIONAL DIRECTORATE POSTS AND THE REGRADING OF EXISTING DIRECTORATE POSTS.

FOR THE HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, A DIRECTOR OF HOSPITAL SERVICES (D5), A DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOSPITAL SERVICES (D3) AND A PRINCIPAL MEDICAL AND HEALTH OFFICER (D1) POSTS WILL BE CREATED.

THESE WILL BE OFFSET BY THE DELETION OF THREE EXISTING DIRECTORATE POSTS IN THE MHD, NAMELY DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES AND ONE PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

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TWO SUPERNUMERARY DIRECTORATE POSTS WILL BE CREATED FOR 12 MONTHS. THEY ARE ONE SENIOR PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND ONE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE C.

THE CHANGES WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE RETITLING OF FOUR SENIOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES AND TWO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES POSTS TO SENIOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HOSPITAL SERVICES AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HOSPITAL SERVICES.

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, A DIRECTOR OF HEALTH (D5), A DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HEALTH (D3) AND AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH (D2) POSTS WILL BE CREATED.

THESE WILL BE OFFSET BY THE DELETION OF THE EXISTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES POST.

IN ADDITION, TWO SUPERNUMERARY DIRECTORATE POSTS -- AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE C AND ONE CHIEF TREASURY ACCOUNTANT -- WILL BE CREATED.

THE ADDITIONAL NOTIONAL ANNUAL SALARY COSTS OF THESE PROPOSALS ARE \$867,600 FOR THE HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND \$2.1 MILLION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

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SENIOR DIRECTORATE APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING SENIOR DIRECTORATE APPOINTMENTS:

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES (HEALTH SERVICES AND PLANNING), DR LEE SHIU-HUNG, WILL BECOME DIRECTOR OF HEALTH ON APRIL 1 THIS YEAR UPON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES (MEDICAL SERVICES), DR TERENCE CHAU TUEN-YIN, WILL BECOME DIRECTOR OF HOSPITAL SERVICES ALSO ON APRIL 1 UPON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES ON THESE OFFICERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

/DR LEE

DR LEE SHIU-HUNG, AGED 55, JOINED THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE AS A MEDICAL AND HEALTH OFFICER IN THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN APRIL 1960. HE WAS PROMOTED TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES IN MAY 1973 AND TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES IN JANUARY 1977. DR LEE HAS BEEN ACTING AS DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES SINCE NOVEMBER 1 LAST YEAR.

DR TERENCE CHAU TUEN-YIN, AGED 47, JOINED THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE AS A MEDICAL AND HEALTH OFFICER IN THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN JULY 1966. HE WAS PROMOTED TO SENIOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES IN DECEMBER 1985 AND TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES IN AUGUST LAST YEAR.

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HK'S FUTURE AS ASIA PACIFIC'S MAJOR BUSINESS FINANCIAL CENTRE

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THE HARD ECONOMIC EVIDENCE AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JOINT DECLARATION POINT CLEARLY TOWARDS A SMOOTH TRANSITION IN 1997 AND A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE FOR HONG KONG AS THE MAJOR REGIONAL BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL CENTRE OF THE ASIA PACIFIC.

THE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE IN NEW YORK, MR KERRY MCGLYNN, TOLD THE WESTERN WISCONSIN EXPORT CONFERENCE IN EAU CLAIRE THIS YESTERDAY (MARCH 20).

MR MCGLYNN SAID FOR THE UNITED STATES HONG KONG WOULD ALSO BE A LUCRATIVE EXPORT MARKET AND THE GATEWAY TO THE ENORMOUS AND LARGELY UNTAPPED CHINESE MARKET.

MR MCGLYNN SAID AFTER 1997, HONG KONG WOULD STILL HAVE ITS CAPITALIST FREE MARKET SYSTEM WITH FULL AUTHORITY OVER ITS OWN FINANCIAL AND MONETARY POLICIES, ITS OWN FREELY CONVERTIBLE CURRENCY WITH NO EXCHANGE CONTROLS, AND IT WOULD CONTINUE TO NEGOTIATE ITS OWN INTERNATIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS.

HONG KONG WOULD FUNCTION UNDER ITS OWN DISTINCT SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT, QUITE DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF THE MAINLAND, HE SAID.

"BUT THERE ARE TWO SPECIFIC FACTORS WHICH WILL ENHANCE ITS ROLE AS AN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS CENTRE AND A MARKET FOR AMERICAN GOODS AND SERVICES.

"FIRST AS A REGIONAL FINANCIAL, COMMUNICATIONS AND MANAGEMENT CENTRE, HONG KONG WILL BENEFIT ENORMOUSLY FROM THE RAPID ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION AS A WHOLE.

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"SECONDLY, AND PERHAPS MOST SIGNIFICANTLY OF ALL, HONG KONG WILL CONTINUE TO BENEFIT ENORMOUSLY FROM CHINA'S DEVELOPMENT AS A MAJOR ECONOMIC POWER OVER THE COMING YEARS AND DECADES."

MR MCGLYNN CONTINUED: "CHINA'S MODERNISATION PROGRAMMES REQUIRE A MASSIVE INCREASE IN IMPORTS OF CAPITAL, TECHNOLOGY AND GOODS AS WELL AS A STEADY BUILD-UP IN EXPORTS OVER THE NEXT DECADES. AND HONG KONG HAS BECOME THE SOURCE FOR MANY OF CHINA'S NEEDS."

HE TOLD HIS AUDIENCE: "THE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO YOU EXPORTERS ARE AS VAST AS CHINA IS POPULOUS."

"BUT PENETRATING THE CHINA MARKET HAS NEVER BEEN EASY. THAT'S WHY SO MANY U.S. COMPANIES GO THROUGH HONG KONG WITH A HONG KONG PARTNER TO DO SO."

"HONG KONG IS YOUR BRIDGE INTO THIS COLOSSAL MARKET."

EVERYTHING ABOUT HONG KONG, HE SAID, WAS ENGINEERED TO ENSURE THE FREE FLOW OF TRADE.

"THERE ARE NO EXCHANGE CONTROLS. NO RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OR EXPORTS. NO DISCRIMINATION BETWEEN FOREIGN AND LOCALLY OWNED COMPANIES. NO RESTRICTIONS ON FOREIGN OWNERSHIP OF BUSINESSES, LAND OR PROPERTY."

MR MCGLYNN SAID HONG KONG'S REAL GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS INCREASED ON AVERAGE BY 11 PER CENT PER YEAR AND FURTHER STEADY GROWTH THROUGH 1989 WAS PREDICTED.

PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN PLANT AND MACHINERY ROSE BY 28 PER CENT IN 1987 AND CONTINUED TO GROW LAST YEAR AND HONG KONG HAD VIRTUALLY NO UNEMPLOYMENT.

HONG KONG'S PERSONAL AND CORPORATE TAXES WERE THE LOWEST IN ASIA AND THEY WERE TO BE REDUCED EVEN FURTHER - TO 15 PER CENT AND 16.5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY - NEXT MONTH. THE WITHHOLDING TAX ON INTEREST WOULD BE ABOLISHED ALTOGETHER, HE ADDED.

TURNING TO TRADE WITH WISCONSIN, MR MCGLYNN SAID HONG KONG WAS THE STATE'S BIGGEST IMPORTER OF ITS CULTIVATED GINSENG, BUYING ABOUT 70 PER CENT OF ITS CROP.

THIS WAS 90 PER CENT OF ALL HONG KONG'S GINSENG IMPORTS FROM NORTH AMERICA WHICH IN DOLLAR TERMS RANGED FROM \$42 TO \$45 MILLION A YEAR, OR SLIGHTLY MORE THAN 13 PER CENT OF WISCONSIN'S TOTAL AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS. OTHER IMPORTS INCLUDED PABST BLUE RIBBON AND MILLER BEER AND MINK.

HE SAID WISCONSIN'S PRESENCE IN HONG KONG EXTENDED FAR BEYOND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

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"WISCONSIN SPECIALITY INDUSTRIAL FIRMS SUCH AS GLOBE-UNION, THE PILLAR CORPORATION, TWIN DISC, INC. AND HAMLIN, INC. MAINTAIN OFFICES IN HONG KONG.

"JOHNSON WAXES AND TRANE AIR CONDITIONERS ARE COMMON WISCONSIN PRODUCTS IN HONG KONG.

"MANY SERVICE-RELATED COMPANIES FROM THE UPPER MID-WEST ALSO HAVE LARGE OPERATIONS IN HONG KONG.

"FIRMS SUCH AS 3-M, SENTRY INSURANCE, HONEYWELL, CONTROL DATA AND THE AMERICAN APPRAISAL CO. HAVE SHARED IN AND CONTRIBUTED TO HONG KONG'S DEVELOPMENT AS A TECHNOLOGY AND FINANCIAL SERVICES CENTRE."

ONE OF WISCONSIN'S TWO OVERSEAS TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICES WAS ALSO LOCATED IN HONG KONG, HE NOTED.

LATER TODAY, MR MCGLYNN WILL BE ADDRESSING THE MIDWEST CHINA CENTRE IN MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA AND HOLDING MEETINGS WITH OFFICIALS, BUSINESSMEN AND EDITORIAL EXECUTIVES.

HE WILL RETURN TO WISCONSIN AND MEET SIMILAR EXECUTIVES IN THE STATE CAPITAL, MADISON, ON THURSDAY.

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EMPHASIS ON QUALITY AND SAFETY IMPORTANT

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HONG KONG IS MOVING AWAY FROM ITS OLD IMAGE, THAT OF LOW-COST PRODUCER OF SHODDY GOODS, BUT NOT FAST ENOUGH, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY RESPONSIBLE FOR QUALITY SERVICES, MR ERNEST EVANS, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

HE FELT THAT EMPHASIS ON "QUALITY AND SAFETY" NEEDED TO BE PLACED IN THE BUSINESS OF PRODUCT MANUFACTURING FROM NOW ONWARDS.

ADDRESSING PARTICIPANTS AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONSUMER PRODUCTS SAFETY SYMPOSIUM, MR EVANS SAID HONG KONG HAD A NEED TO PRODUCE GOODS WHICH, WHEN PUT TO FAIR AND PROPER USE, WOULD NOT RENDER IT UNSAFE TO USER.

"SAFETY IS SYNONYMOUS TO QUALITY," HE SAID.

HOWEVER, HE POINTED OUT THAT FROM THE RECORDS THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT KEPT AND BASED ON FACTORY VISITS OVER THE YEARS, QUALITY ASSURANCE WAS NOT BEING COMPREHENSIVELY APPLIED IN MOST MANUFACTURING PROCESSES.

/MR EVANS

MR EVANS NOTED THAT MANY COMPANIES CONFUSED THE USE OF QUALITY CONTROL SYSTEMS WITH QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGEMENT.

HE WARNED THAT QUALITY CONTROL WHICH INVOLVED NO MORE THAN INSPECTION, RANDOM SAMPLING AND TESTING, WOULD ALLOW ACCESS TO THE MARKETPLACE A PROPORTION OF DEFECTIVE OR UNSAFE PRODUCTS.

ONCE A COMPLAINT OF INJURY TO THE CONSUMER WAS REGISTERED, THE MANUFACTURER'S GOOD NAME WAS TARNISHED IMMEDIATELY AND IT MIGHT TAKE A LONG TIME TO "LIVE-DOWN" THE PROBLEM AND TO RECOVER LOST ORDERS AS A CONSEQUENCE.

"THE NEED THEREFORE IS TO ATTEMPT TO PRODUCE 100 PER CENT OF A MANUFACTURER'S PRODUCTS WITH ZERO DEFECTS," MR EVANS SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED THAT THERE WAS A CASE FOR PROMOTING QUALITY ASSURANCE AND ENCOURAGING ITS APPLICATION MORE VIGOROUSLY.

"WHAT WE MEAN BY QUALITY ASSURANCE IS A TOTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT APPROACH, WHERE EVERY ASPECT OF THE OPERATION OF THE MANUFACTURING AND BUSINESS ENTERPRISE IS CLOSELY SCRUTINISED," MR EVANS SAID.

THESE ASPECTS RANGED FROM THE PROCUREMENT OF PARTS, MATERIALS AND SUB-ASSEMBLIES, THE DESIGN STAGE, THE PRODUCTION PROCESS, TESTING, PACKAGING, DISTRIBUTION, MARKETING AND FEEDBACK OF THE CUSTOMER'S COMMENTS.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT INTENDED TO INTRODUCE A THIRD PARTY QUALITY CERTIFICATION SCHEME, TO OFFICIALLY RECOGNISE THOSE COMPANIES PRACTISING TOTAL QUALITY, HAVING FIRST BEEN ASSESSED AND ACCREDITED TO ISO GUIDE 9000 ISSUED BY THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION FOR STANDARDISATION.

"AN INDEPENDENT ACCREDITING AGENCY, ASSISTED BY THE BRITISH STANDARDS INSTITUTION AND OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, WILL BE SET UP IN THE LATTER HALF OF THIS YEAR.

"IT WILL USE LOCAL AND OVERSEAS EXPERT ASSESSORS IN VARIOUS MANUFACTURING DISCIPLINES TO PERFORM FACTORY ASSESSMENTS.

"ONCE A COMPANY HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY ACCREDITED, IT WILL BE LISTED IN AN INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT DIRECTORY OF QUALITY ACCREDITED COMPANIES WHICH WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASING AGENCIES WORLDWIDE," MR EVANS EXPLAINED.

COUPLED WITH THIS, THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE WOULD OFFER A PRODUCT QUALITY ENHANCEMENT PACKAGE TO FACTORY MANAGEMENT, HELPING THEM TO ACTUALLY IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF PRODUCT MANUFACTURE.

"IT IS AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT IN THE OVERALL QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME AS THERE IS LITTLE POINT IN ASSESSING AND ACCREDITING FACTORIES IF THE ACTUAL QUALITY OF THE PRODUCT IS STILL LACKING," MR EVANS SAID.

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"MOREOVER, IN EARLY 1990, THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO LAUNCH A QUALITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN WITH AN AIM TO PERSUADE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVES OF MANUFACTURING COMPANIES TO MOVE IN THE DIRECTION OF TOTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT (TQM)."

TURNING TO TOY SAFETY LEGISLATION, MR EVANS SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONSIDERING INTRODUCING SAFETY MEASURES TO COVER LOCAL SALES.

"WE WILL BE CONSULTING THE LOCAL TOY TRADE AND OTHER INTERESTED ORGANISATIONS IN THE FORMULATION OF THE REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS," HE ADDED.

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EFFECTIVE ACTION AGAINST COUNTERFEIT, PIRATED GOODS

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THE POSITIVE ATTITUDE OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE STRONG ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMMES OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT HAVE ENABLED HONG KONG TO CURB THE PROBLEM OF TRADING IN COUNTERFEIT AND PIRATED GOODS.

THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT'S TRADING STANDARDS INVESTIGATION BUREAU, MR H.Y. LI, SAID THIS TODAY (TUESDAY) WHEN ADDRESSING DEGREE STUDENTS IN MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

MR LI SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD ENACTED COMPREHENSIVE LAWS IN COPYRIGHT, TRADE MARKS AND TRADE DESCRIPTION TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF BUSINESSMEN AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS.

THE CUSTOMS SERVICE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENFORCING THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAW AND FOR TAKING ACTION AGAINST THE MANUFACTURE AND DISTRIBUTION OF INFRINGING COPIES OF LITERARY, DRAMATIC AND MUSICAL WORKS, AND GOODS HAVING FORGED TRADE MARKS OR FALSE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS.

"OVER THE YEARS, SUCCESSFUL OPERATIONS AGAINST SYNDICATES INVOLVED IN THE MAKING AND EXPORT OF COUNTERFEIT AND PIRATED GOODS BEARING WELL-KNOWN TRADE MARKS, WHICH HAVE BEEN FORGED, HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED," HE SAID.

TO ATTACK THE COUNTERFEITING AND COPYRIGHT PIRACY, ACTION WAS DIRECTED AT ALL LEVELS FROM RETAILING AT STREET LEVEL, LARGE AND SMALL ESTABLISHED RETAIL PREMISES, TO MANUFACTURING OUTLETS AND IMPORT AND EXPORT.

HONG KONG'S EFFORTS TO FIGHT INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY VIOLATIONS WERE WELL RECOGNISED INTERNATIONALLY.

"THE CUSTOMS COOPERATION COUNCIL AND U.S. SOFTWARE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION HAVE RECENTLY QUOTED HONG KONG AS AN EXAMPLE FOR THE EFFECTIVE CONTAINMENT OF COUNTERFEITING AND PIRACY ACTIVITIES," HE SAID.

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FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION SERIES FOR PRIME TIME TV

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A CHILDREN DRAMA TELEVISION SERIES ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION WILL BE BROADCAST DURING PRIME TIME ON MONDAYS FROM APRIL TO SEPTEMBER.

THE 13-EPIISODE SERIES IS PRODUCED BY THE WORKING GROUP ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN, CHAIRED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG.

STARTING FROM APRIL 3, THE SERIES WILL BE SCREENED ON TVB-JADE BETWEEN 7 PM AND 7.30 PM EVERY MONDAY FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE MONTHS.

THE SERIES WILL THEN BE SHOWN ON THE ATV HOME CHANNEL FROM JULY 3 FOR ANOTHER THREE MONTHS ON EVERY MONDAY FROM 8 PM TO 8.30 PM.

TO MARK THE SERIES' COMPLETION AND BROADCAST, A CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE CARPARK OF RTHK AT 30 BROADCAST DRIVE, KOWLOON TONG TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY), BEGINNING AT 3 PM.

OFFICIATING WILL BE THE CHIEF SOCIAL WORK OFFICER (FAMILY AND CHILD CARE) OF SWD, MRS PATRICIA CHU; ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING (TELEVISION), MISS MARIA WAN; AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE (AGENCY SERVICE), MISS VIRGINIA CHAN.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, THE DRAMA'S ACTORS AND ACTRESSES WILL TOUR THE TERRITORY ON AN OPEN-TOP BUS TO PUBLICISE THE SERIES. THERE WILL ALSO BE A PREVIEW OF TWO EPISODES OF THE SERIES.

THE SERIES IS PRODUCED TO COINCIDE WITH THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN - "LOVE AND CARE HELP BUILD UP A HAPPY FAMILY".

A SERIES OF PUBLICITY AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES ARE BEING ORGANISED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AT BOTH THE DISTRICT AND TERRITORY-WIDE LEVELS AS PART OF THE CAMPAIGN.

ONE OF THESE IS THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION MUSIC COMPETITION JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE AND THE WORKING GROUP ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN.

THE FINAL OF THE COMPETITION WILL BE HELD AT THE LYRIC THEATRE OF THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS ON FRIDAY (MARCH 24), BEGINNING AT 7.30 PM.

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FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION IS A LONG-TERM AND COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PROJECT AIMING TO PUBLICISE THE IMPORTANCE AND ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF FAMILY LIFE, AND TO PROMOTE BETTER RELATIONSHIP AMONG FAMILY MEMBERS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

A CEREMONY TO MARK THE BROADCAST OF THE CHILDREN DRAMA TELEVISION SERIES ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION WILL BE HELD AT THE CARPARK OF RTHK AT 30 BROADCAST DRIVE, KOWLOON TONG TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM.

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MARCH DEADLINE FOR EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE, CAPITAL GRANT

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (TUESDAY) REMINDED FARMERS IN PHASE I STAGE I OF LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL AREAS THAT THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION AND COLLECTION OF EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE AND CAPITAL GRANT IS MARCH 31 THIS YEAR.

THE CONTROL AREAS COVER TOLO HARBOUR AND TOLO CHANNEL, MUI WO AND ANGLER'S BEACH.

CONTROL OF LIVESTOCK WASTE IN THESE AREAS HAS COME INTO EFFECT SINCE JUNE 24 LAST YEAR.

AN EPD SPOKESMAN SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAD SENT LETTERS TO FARMERS IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH LAST YEAR TO INFORM THEM THAT THEY COULD OPT TO CEASE BUSINESS OR TO CONTINUE LIVESTOCK KEEPING.

FARMERS WHO OPTED TO CEASE BUSINESS COMPLETELY MAY APPLY FOR EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE.

THOSE WHO OPTED TO CONTINUE BUSINESS AND HAD INSTALLED THE NECESSARY WASTE TREATMENT FACILITIES TO COMPLY WITH THE CONTROL REQUIREMENT, MAY APPLY FOR CAPITAL GRANT FROM THE EPD AND LOW INTEREST LOAN FROM THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

SO FAR, THE MAJORITY OF THE AFFECTED LIVESTOCK FARMERS HAVE COLLECTED EITHER EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE OR CAPITAL GRANT. HOWEVER, SOME OF THEM STILL HAVE NOT APPLIED OR COLLECTED EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE OR CAPITAL GRANT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID FARMERS MUST NOTE THAT ANYONE WHO APPLIES FOR EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE MUST SUBMIT THE APPLICATION TO THE EPD AND MUST COMPLETELY CEASE LIVESTOCK KEEPING BUSINESS ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31.

NO EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE WILL BE ISSUED BY THE EPD IF SUCH APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED OR CESSATION OF LIVESTOCK KEEPING BUSINESS TAKES PLACE AFTER SUCH DATE.

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HOWEVER, THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY COLLECTED CAPITAL GRANT BUT CANNOT CARRY ON WITH THE LIVESTOCK KEEPING OPERATION DUE TO TECHNICAL OR ECONOMIC REASONS, CAN APPLY FOR EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE WITHIN THE 12-MONTH PERIOD FROM THE DATE OF COLLECTING THE CAPITAL GRANT.

COMPLETE CESSATION OF LIVESTOCK KEEPING BUSINESS IS REQUIRED WITHIN THE SAME PERIOD.

ANYONE WHO APPLIES FOR CAPITAL GRANT MUST SUBMIT THE APPLICATION AND THE REASONABLE QUOTATION OF INSTALLING LIVESTOCK WASTE TREATMENT FACILITIES TO THE EPD ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31.

NO CAPITAL GRANT WILL BE ISSUED BY THE EPD IF SUCH APPLICATION AND THE REASONABLE QUOTATION ARE SUBMITTED AFTER THIS DATE.

ANY AFFECTED LIVESTOCK FARMER WHO APPLIED FOR EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE BUT HAS NOT CEASED THE LIVESTOCK KEEPING BUSINESS COMPLETELY, OR WHO APPLIED FOR CAPITAL GRANT BUT HAS NOT SUBMITTED THE REASONABLE QUOTATION OF INSTALLING NECESSARY WASTE TREATMENT FACILITIES IS REQUESTED TO EXPEDITE TO COMPLETE THE ABOVE PROCEDURES ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31.

OTHERWISE, NO EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE OR CAPITAL GRANT WILL BE ISSUED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ANYONE WHO RECENTLY COLLECTED EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE OR THE ENTIRE SUM OF CAPITAL GRANT CAN IGNORE THE ABOVE PROCEDURES.

THOSE WHO HAD COLLECTED THE FIRST PAYMENT OF CAPITAL GRANT AND COMMENCED THE INSTALLATION OF WASTE TREATMENT FACILITIES ARE REQUESTED TO EXPEDITE TO COMPLETE THE INSTALLATION WORK.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE EPD ON 3-7800126.

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CONTINUOUS EFFORTS TO UPGRADE VAN TRACKS IN NORTH DISTRICT

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CONTINUOUS EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE BY THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE TO IMPROVE AND UPGRADE TO PROPER HIGHWAYS STANDARD EXISTING VAN TRACKS IN THE DISTRICT, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM HUI, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

MR HUI WAS SPEAKING AFTER A CONTRACT-SIGNING CEREMONY, HELD AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE, FOR A \$1.15 MILLION PROJECT TO IMPROVE A VAN TRACK FROM MA WAT TO TUNG KOK WAI IN FANLING.

/THE PROJECT

THE PROJECT IS PART OF THE FIVE-YEAR URBAN FRINGE IMPROVEMENT (UFI) PROGRAMME IN THE DISTRICT.

WORKS INCLUDE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF 680 METRES OF VAN TRACK TO PROVIDE A 3.5 METRE-WIDE CARRIAGEWAY WITH PASSING PLACES, TURNING AREA AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE.

THE RECONSTRUCTED TRACK WILL PROVIDE IMPROVED ACCESS FROM SHA TAU KOK ROAD TO TUNG KOK WAI VIA AN EXISTING SERVICE ROAD TO MA WAT.

CONSTRUCTION WORK WILL BEGIN EARLY NEXT MONTH AND TAKE SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE PROJECT WAS DESIGNED AND WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE WORKS SECTION OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE. ON SATISFACTORY COMPLETION, IT WILL BE HANDED OVER TO THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT FOR MAINTENANCE.

MR HUI SAID THE UFI PROGRAMME, WHICH WAS STARTED IN 1987, AIMED TO PROVIDE RESIDENTS IN THE RURAL NEW TERRITORIES WITH FACILITIES COMPARABLE TO THOSE IN THE NEW TOWNS AND URBAN AREAS.

"IT IS INTENDED TO BE COMPLEMENTARY TO THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION'S LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME UNDER WHICH MOST OF THE VILLAGE ACCESS ROADS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WERE CONSTRUCTED, IMPROVED AND MAINTAINED BY THE RELEVANT DISTRICT OFFICES.

"WITH AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES AND PEDESTRIANS USING THE VILLAGE ROADS, IT IS NECESSARY TO UPGRADE SOME OF THEM TO PROPER DESIGN AND SAFETY STANDARDS.

"THE AVAILABILITY OF PROPER ACCESS ROADS WILL ALSO ENABLE THE VILLAGERS TO ENJOY FACILITIES SUCH AS MINIBUS SERVICES, AND THERE WILL BE ACCESS FOR FIRE ENGINES AND OTHER EMERGENCY VEHICLES," MR HUI SAID.

UNDER THE UFI PROGRAMME, A VAN TRACK IN SHEUNG SHUI WAS RECONSTRUCTED LAST YEAR, PROVIDING IMPROVED ACCESS FROM CASTLE PEAK ROAD VIA AN EXISTING SERVICE ROAD TO TSUNG PAK LONG VILLAGE.

OTHER UFI PROJECTS UNDER PLANNING TO IMPROVE VAN TRACKS INVOLVE PING KONG IN SHEUNG SHUI AND AT SHUNG HIM TONG COTTAGE AREA, TONG HANG AND SIU HANG IN FANLING.

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OPERATION TO CLEAR ILLEGAL STRUCTURES BEGINS

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A THREE-DAY OPERATION BEGAN TODAY (TUESDAY) TO CLEAR 21 ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AT THE BACK LANES BOUNDED BY HAIPHONG ROAD, HANKOW ROAD, LOCK ROAD AND PEKING ROAD IN TSIM SHA TSUI.

TWO OF THE STRUCTURES WERE USED AS RESIDENTIAL UNITS WHILE THE REST WERE SHOPS AND STORES.

EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES OF \$45,000 WERE GRANTED TO ELIGIBLE SHOP OPERATORS, AND TWO PERSONS WERE GIVEN REHOUSING OFFERS.

THE CLEARANCE OPERATION IS BEING CO-ORDINATED BY THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE AS PART OF ITS CONTINUING EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT IN THE DISTRICT.

ALSO TAKING PART IN THE OPERATION ARE STAFF FROM THE HOUSING, BUILDINGS AND LANDS, URBAN SERVICES, SOCIAL WELFARE AND HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENTS AS WELL AS FROM THE POLICE.

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DB TO REVIEW MID-LEVELS REDEVELOPMENTS

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THE IMPACT OF REDEVELOPMENTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND ON PUBLIC FACILITIES IN THE MID-LEVELS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT A MEETING OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD ON THURSDAY (MARCH 23).

SEVERAL MEMBERS WILL SUGGEST THAT THE BOARD COMMISSION TOWN PLANNING PROFESSIONALS TO CARRY OUT A STUDY ON THE ISSUE, FOR GOVERNMENT CONSIDERATION.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL ELECT A REPRESENTATIVE TO SIT ON THE URBAN COUNCIL FOR THE NEXT TERM.

TWO MEMBERS, MISS ESTHER CHAN WAI-FONG AND MR CHAN TAK-CHOR, HAVE BEEN NOMINATED FOR THE ELECTION.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS A CONSULTATION PAPER OUTLINING PROPOSALS TO REMEDY UNFAIR PROVISIONS IN EXISTING DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT.

PROPOSALS TO ORGANISE THE THIRD DISTRICT FESTIVAL TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR WILL BE EXAMINED AT THE MEETING.

THE ORGANISATION OF DISTRICT ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE 1989-90 KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN WILL BE CONSIDERED.

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A PAPER OUTLINING DETAILS OF A COMPREHENSIVE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED SITE ADJOINING THE UPPER PEAK TRAM STATION WILL BE TABLED FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM ON THURSDAY IN ROOM 1416, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS WORKS AT TIN SHUI WAI
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THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S TOWN PLANNING AND AREA DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INFRASTRUCTURAL WORKS UNDER THE TIN SHUI WAI DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO STUDY THE COMMITTEE'S MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 1989-90.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S TOWN PLANNING AND AREA DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, 13TH FLOOR, TAI KIU GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM.

BUS PROFIT CONTROL SCHEME TOPS DB COMMITTEE AGENDA
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THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL HOLD ITS LAST MEETING FOR THE 1988-89 TERM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

TOPPING THE AGENDA WILL BE THE APPLICATION OF THE PROFIT CONTROL SCHEME TO THE TWO FRANCHISED BUS COMPANIES, NAMELY THE CHINA MOTOR BUS AND KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANIES.

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THE ACTING CHIEF TRANSPORT OFFICER/NEW TERRITORIES EAST OF THE TRANSPORT OPERATIONS DIVISION, MISS MARY WONG, WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE SCHEME.

CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROBLEM OF NOISE POLLUTION CAUSED BY FREIGHT TRAINS OPERATED BY THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION, TWO COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL ASK ABOUT THE PROGRESS AND EFFECTS OF THE REMEDIAL MEASURES BEING TAKEN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING. IT WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM.

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MEET THE PUBLIC SCHEME ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL REVIEW THE MEET THE PUBLIC SCHEME AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL HEAR A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE SCHEME COVERING THE PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR TO THIS MONTH.

THE MEETING WILL ALSO CONSIDER THE WORK PLAN OF THE COMMITTEE AND THE BUDGET OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD FOR 89-90.

IN ADDITION, MEMBERS WILL CONSIDER WHETHER TO PLACE ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE DISTRICT NEWSPAPER.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, TUNG YAN STREET.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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SHAM SHUI PO DB ELECTS REPRESENTATIVE TO UC

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SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER MR CHEUNG WING-SUM WAS ELECTED IPSO FACTO AS THE BOARD'S REPRESENTATIVE TO SIT ON THE URBAN COUNCIL AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING.

MR CHEUNG WAS THE ONLY CANDIDATE NOMINATED FOR THE ELECTION.

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EASTERN DB TO ELECT REPRESENTATIVE TO UC

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THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL ELECT A REPRESENTATIVE TO SIT ON THE URBAN COUNCIL FOR THE 1989-91 TERM AT A MEETING ON THURSDAY (MARCH 23).

TWO CANDIDATES, MISS CHRISTINA TING YUK-CHEE AND MRS CHOW CHEUNG WAI-PING, HAVE BEEN NOMINATED FOR THE SEAT.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL ALSO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON A CONSULTATIVE PAPER ON PROPOSALS TO REMEDY UNFAIR PROVISIONS IN EXISTING DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT FOR MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS.

THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE APPORTIONMENT OF FUNDS FOR THE BOARD TO CARRY OUT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS IN THE YEAR 1989-90.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR MR CHAN YING-LUN WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE WORK OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, WHILE CHAIRMEN OF THE BOARD'S THREE COMMITTEES AND THE EASTERN DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WILL TABLE REPORTS FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY (MARCH 23) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD.

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REGIONAL SECRETARY TO VISIT YUEN LONG TOMORROW
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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR ADOLF HSU, WILL VISIT YUEN LONG TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) MORNING TO FAMILIARISE HIMSELF WITH THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

MR HSU WILL BE BRIEFED ON VILLAGE FLOODING PROTECTION WORKS AND THE PROGRESS ON THE TIN SHUI WAI LAND FORMATION AND ROAD WORKS.

MR HSU WILL ALSO VISIT THE WANG CHAU SERVICE RESERVOIR, KIU TAU WAI, SHEK WU WAI AND YUEN LONG TOWN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER MR ADOLF HSU'S VISIT TO YUEN LONG TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) MORNING.

TRANSPORTATION WILL BE AVAILABLE TO TAKE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO AND FROM YUEN LONG. GOVERNMENT VANS WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER, TSIM SHA TSUI, AT 8.15 AM.

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GOVT OFFICE BUILDING TO BE BUILT IN WAN CHAI
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WORK WILL START IN JUNE ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 49-STORY GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING AT HARBOUR ROAD DEVELOPMENT IN WAN CHAI.

TENDERS FOR THE WAN CHAI TOWER III AND GARDEN DEVELOPMENT ARE NOW BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR THE MASSIVE PROJECT WHICH WILL PROVIDE A TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA OF 108,000 SQUARE METRES.

PROJECT ARCHITECT, MR STEVEN YIP, SAID THE FIRST FIVE FLOORS OF THE BUILDING WILL BE LINKED BY ESCALATORS.

"TO ALLOW FOR COMPUTERISATION OF CERTAIN GOVERNMENT SERVICES IN FUTURE, FOUR FLOORS WILL BE ESPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR COMPUTER INSTALLATIONS," MR YIP SAID.

"THE PROJECT IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN JULY 1992."

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE NOON ON APRIL 14.

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EASTER HOLIDAYS CLINIC SERVICES

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EIGHT GOVERNMENT OUT-PATIENT CLINICS WILL STAY OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM ON MARCH 24 AND MARCH 27, THE GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER MONDAY HOLIDAYS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY).

HOWEVER, THE CLINICS WILL BE CLOSED ON MARCH 25 AND 26, THE TWO DAYS FOLLOWING GOOD FRIDAY.

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

ALL OTHER OUT-PATIENT AND EVENING CLINICS WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE EASTER HOLIDAYS.

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REMOVAL OF WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS OFFICE

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE OF ITS WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS DIVISION WILL MOVE FROM SHAU KEI WAN TO CHAI WAN TOMORROW.

THE NEW OFFICE IS LOCATED AT LEVEL 3, NEW JADE GARDEN, 233 CHAI WAN ROAD. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-8981801.

THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS DIVISION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MATTERS RELATED TO EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS IN INDUSTRY AND THAT OF CHILDREN IN ALL ECONOMIC SECTORS.

IT IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR ENFORCING PROVISIONS OF THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE WHICH PROHIBITS THE EMPLOYMENT OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS IN HONG KONG AND PROVISIONS OF COMPULSORY INSURANCE UNDER THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE WORKING CONDITIONS OF WOMEN AND YOUNG WORKERS AND COMPLAINTS RELATED TO WORKING HOURS AND REST DAYS CAN BE MADE AT ALL BRANCH OFFICES OF THE DIVISION.

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HK TENNIS FOUNDATION WELCOMES DONATIONS

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IN ORDER TO PROMOTE AND DEVELOP TENNIS IN THE TERRITORY, THE HONG KONG TENNIS FOUNDATION HAS BEEN SET UP AS A CENTRAL BODY FOR FUNDING AND HAS SO FAR RECEIVED OVER \$2 MILLION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FOUNDATION SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT OF THE \$2 MILLION RECEIVED, \$1 MILLION WAS CONTRIBUTED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

"ANOTHER \$1 MILLION WILL BE SUBVENTED BY THE GOVERNMENT DURING 1989-90."

HE SAID THE FOUNDATION WOULD PROVIDE FUNDS TO VARIOUS SPORTS ORGANISATIONS, INCLUDING THE HONG KONG TENNIS ASSOCIATION (HKTA) AND THE HONG KONG TENNIS PATRONS' ASSOCIATION, TO HELP THEM PROMOTE AND DEVELOP TENNIS AS A POPULAR SPORT IN THE TERRITORY.

"IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE HKTA TO APPOINT AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND HIRE SUPPORTING STAFF TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION AND TO ADMINISTER TRAINING PROGRAMMES AND ORGANISE TOURNAMENTS.

"A LARGE-SCALE MINI-TENNIS PROMOTION SCHEME WILL BE LAUNCHED SHORTLY, FUNDED BY THE FOUNDATION AND ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE HKTA AND THE TWO MUNICIPAL COUNCILS," THE SPOKESMAN CONTINUED.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE DONATION BY THE JOCKEY CLUB WAS MOST TIMELY.

"IT WILL DEFINITELY ENCOURAGE MORE CORPORATE FIRMS AND COMPANIES TO FOLLOW SUIT AND DONATE FUNDS TO THE FOUNDATION IN FUTURE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TENNIS," HE ADDED.

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INTEREST ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES

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THE GAZETTE PUBLISHED YESTERDAY (MONDAY) CONTAINS A LEGAL NOTICE TO THE EFFECT THAT THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY HAS AUTHORISED AN INCREASE IN THE RATE OF INTEREST PAYABLE ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES.

FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY), THE NEW ANNUAL RATE OF INTEREST WILL BE 8.28 PER CENT (TAX FREE) AS AGAINST THE CURRENT RATE OF 7.80 PER CENT (TAX FREE).

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INTEREST ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES IS CALCULATED IN MONTHLY STEPS AND THE NEW RATE WILL BE \$0.69 PER MONTH PER \$100. INTEREST WILL BE CREDITED AS BEFORE IN RESPECT OF COMPLETE MONTHS BETWEEN PURCHASE AND SURRENDER IN PAYMENT OF TAX.

INTEREST IS ONLY CREDITED WHEN CERTIFICATES ARE USED TO PAY TAX AND NO INTEREST IS DUE WHERE THE PRINCIPAL VALUE OF A CERTIFICATE IS REPAID BY A CHEQUE.

THE NEW RATE WILL APPLY TO ALL CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER MARCH 22 THIS YEAR.

CERTIFICATES WHICH WERE ISSUED BEFORE MARCH 22 WILL CONTINUE TO EARN INTEREST AS FOLLOWS:-

3.24 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 30, 1987 AND BEFORE DECEMBER 2, 1987;
3.00 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 2, 1987 AND BEFORE DECEMBER 9, 1987;
2.04 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 9, 1987 AND BEFORE FEBRUARY 20, 1988;
2.76 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER FEBRUARY 20, 1988 AND BEFORE APRIL 13, 1988;
3.36 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER APRIL 13, 1988 AND BEFORE MAY 11, 1988;
4.32 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER MAY 11, 1988 AND BEFORE JUNE 16, 1988;
4.8 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JUNE 16, 1988 AND BEFORE JUNE 29, 1988;
5.28 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JUNE 29, 1988 AND BEFORE JULY 27, 1988;
5.76 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JULY 27, 1988 AND BEFORE AUGUST 17, 1988;
6.36 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER AUGUST 17, 1988 AND BEFORE DECEMBER 7, 1988;
6.84 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 7, 1988 AND BEFORE FEBRUARY 15, 1989;
7.32 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER FEBRUARY 15, 1989 AND BEFORE MARCH 8, 1989;
7.80 PER CENT	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER MARCH 8, 1989 AND BEFORE MARCH 22, 1989.

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BUT ALWAYS SUBJECT TO THE GENERAL RULE THAT INTEREST CEASES TO ACCRUE AFTER 36 COMPLETE MONTHS WITHOUT SURRENDER FOR PAYMENT OF TAX.

EXAMPLE: \$1,000 CERTIFICATES PURCHASED ON MARCH 22, 1989, APRIL 22, 1989 AND MAY 22, 1989 RESPECTIVELY, SURRENDERED IN PAYMENT OF TAX DUE ON JUNE 21, 1989 WILL HAVE INTEREST CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:-

ON \$1,000, MARCH 22, 1989 TO JUNE 21, 1989	= \$20.70
THREE COMPLETE MONTHS AT \$6.90 PER MONTH	
ON \$1,000, APRIL 22, 1989 TO JUNE 21, 1989	= \$13.80
TWO COMPLETE MONTHS AT \$6.90 PER MONTH	
ON \$1,000, MAY 22, 1989 TO JUNE 21, 1989	= \$ 6.90
ONE COMPLETE MONTH AT \$6.90 PER MONTH	

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URBAN CLEARWAYS IN TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (MARCH 24), THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS IN TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS ROUND-THE-CLOCK:

- * THE SECTION OF THE EASTBOUND UNNAMED SERVICE ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH THE SOUTHERN ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO YICK YUEN AND A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES SOUTHWEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- * THE SECTION OF THE EASTBOUND UNNAMED SERVICE ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH THE ACCESS ROAD OPPOSITE CHUNG UK TSUEN AND A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES SOUTHWEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION; AND
- * THE SECTION OF THE EASTBOUND UNNAMED SERVICE ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO D.D. 121 LOT 174 AND A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES SOUTHWEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN A KUNG NGAM VILLAGE ROAD
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN A KUNG NGAM VILLAGE ROAD, SHAU KEI WAN, FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (MARCH 24) FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK FOR ROAD RESURFACING WORKS.

THE UNNAMED ROAD NORTH OF A KUNG NGAM VILLAGE ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

AFFECTED VEHICLES, INCLUDING EASTBOUND CMB BUS ROUTE 85, WILL BE DIVERTED VIA A KUNG NGAM VILLAGE ROAD.

AT THE SAME TIME, TWO SECTIONS OF A KUNG NGAM VILLAGE ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED PEAK HOUR (7 AM - 10 AM AND 4 PM - 7 PM) DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS.

THEY ARE:

- * A KUNG NGAM VILLAGE ROAD BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 65 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH A KUNG NGAM ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 90 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION; AND
- * THE A KUNG NGAM VILLAGE ROAD CUL-DE-SAC BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH A KUNG NGAM VILLAGE ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

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TEMPORARY URBAN CLEARWAYS IN KWUN TONG, WESTERN DISTRICT
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (MARCH 24), TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN KWUN TONG AND WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS TO FACILITATE ROADWORKS.

IN KWUN TONG, WAI YIP STREET WESTBOUND BETWEEN KEI YIP STREET AND TSUN YIP STREET WILL BE MADE URBAN CLEARWAY ROUND-THE-CLOCK FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH.

AT THE SAME TIME, IN WESTERN DISTRICT, WILMER STREET BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST AND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST WILL BE DESIGNATED A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY FOR ABOUT SIX DAYS.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SHEUNG WAN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL CONTINUE TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN SHEUNG WAN FOR ANOTHER SEVEN WEEKS FOR ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS:

- * THE CLOSURE OF THE SERVICE ROAD NORTH OF RUMSEY STREET MULTI-STOREY CARPARK; AND
- * THE RE-ROUTEING OF THE SERVICE ROAD NORTH OF HOTEL VICTORIA FROM ONE-WAY TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC.

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