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SIR DAVID HOPES FUND WILL EXCEED \$50 MILLION

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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) HE HOPED THAT WELL OVER \$50 MILLION WOULD BE CONTRIBUTED TO THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE FUND.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER THE HONG KONG EXPORTERS' ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON, HE SAID: +PEOPLE CAN SEND IN MONEY STRAIGHT AWAY. THERE'S NO PROBLEM ABOUT THAT, AND PROVIDED THEY MAKE SURE THAT THE MONEY IS EARMARKED FOR THE FUND, BUT IT WILL TAKE SOME WEEKS TO PASS THE NECESSARY LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH THE FUND.+

WHEN ASKED IF HE WOULD CONSIDER THE HEUNG YEE KUK'S PROPOSAL FOR HIM TO DELAY HIS RETIREMENT NEXT YEAR, SIR DAVID SAID IF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WANTED HIM TO GO ON WORKING, HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO DO SO.

ON THE APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW GOVERNOR, HE REITERATED THAT +WE MUST BE PATIENT ABOUT THIS. THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION, NOT TO MAKE THE DECISION QUICKLY, BUT TO MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION.+

TO A QUESTION ABOUT THE SETTING UP OF AN ASSESSMENT OFFICE FOR NEXT YEAR'S POLITICAL REVIEW, THE ACTING GOVERNOR SAID: +WE'VE CERTAINLY GOT TO DECIDE HOW TO EVALUATE PUBLIC OPINION ONCE THE GREEN PAPER IS PUBLISHED. WE'RE GIVING SERIOUS THOUGHT TO THIS AT THE MOMENT BUT HAVEN'T FINALLY MADE OUR DECISION.+

AS TO THE SETTING UP OF A CENTRAL PROVIDENT FUND, HE POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS GOING TO EVALUATE THE PUBLIC'S RESPONSE TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE PAPER ON THE FUND, AND THEN THE GOVERNMENT COULD DECIDE HOW TO GO FORWARD.

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SIR DAVID'S CLEAR MESSAGE TO EXPORTERS
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WHILE THERE ARE GOOD REASONS TO BELIEVE THAT HONG KONG'S IMPORTANCE IN THE ARENA OF WORLD TRADERS WILL INCREASE, ONE MESSAGE IS CLEAR: WE MUST ALL WORK TOGETHER TO MAINTAIN TRADE ABROAD, OUR INDUSTRY AND THE ECONOMY AT HOME, THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SPEAKING AT A CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON OF THE HONG KONG EXPORTERS' ASSOCIATION, HE SAID THAT THE EXPORT ORIENTATION OF HONG KONG'S ECONOMY REQUIRED THAT +WE SHOULD ALWAYS AIM AT PRODUCING MORE AND OPENING NEW MARKETS FOR OUR PRODUCTS+.

SIR DAVID SAID THAT THE RECOVERY IN EXPORTS THIS YEAR HAD BEEN MATCHED BY A REMARKABLE INCREASE OF 23 PER CENT IN REAL TERMS IN RETAINED IMPORTS OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THE YEAR.

THIS LEVEL OF INVESTMENT, WHICH AMOUNTED TO OVER \$4 BILLION, WOULD ENHANCE HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURE AND EXPORT CAPABILITY.

+WITH THE OPENING UP OF THE CHINESE ECONOMY, THERE EXISTS A VAST POTENTIAL FOR INCREASING OUR EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS,+ HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID SAID THAT EXPORTERS WERE A VITAL LINK IN THE CHAIN WHICH MAINTAINED AND EXPANDED HONG KONG'S POSITION AS ONE OF THE WORLD'S LEADING TRADING ECONOMIES.

THE RATIO OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL TRADE TO ITS GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT WAS 176 PER CENT IN 1985, RANKING IT 13TH AMONG THE WORLD'S TRADING ECONOMIES.

IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, HE ADDED, DOMESTIC EXPORTS HAD SHOWN A YEAR ON YEAR GROWTH IN REAL TERMS OF 13 PER CENT.

+THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT THE LINKING OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR TO THE U.S. DOLLAR HAS NOT ONLY HELPED THIS GROWTH BUT HAS ALSO HELPED DIVERSIFICATION.+

THE U.S. REMAINS HONG KONG'S LARGEST MARKET WHILE THE HIGHEST GROWTH RATES WERE JAPAN (AT 18 PER CENT) AND THE EUROPEAN MARKETS (AT 25 PER CENT).

SIR DAVID SAID THAT THE IMPROVEMENT IN FOREIGN TRADE WAS ECHOED IN THE DOMESTIC ECONOMY WITH LOW UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES, STRONG PRIVATE CONSUMPTION DEMAND, INCREASE IN THE RETAINED IMPORTS OF FOODSTUFFS AND RETAINED IMPORTS OF CONSUMER GOODS AS WELL AS ACTIVE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY MARKET AND STRONG BUILDING INTENTIONS.

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+THERE HAS BEEN A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE OF 26 PER CENT IN APPROVALS TO START WORK ON ALL TYPES OF NEW BUILDINGS IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1986 BUT PARTICULARLY IN RESPECT OF COMMERCIAL PROPERTY,+ HE ADDED.

DESPITE A HEALTHY ECONOMY AND PROMISING PROSPECTS IN THE SHORT-TERM, SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNMENT CONTINUED TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE THREAT OF PROTECTIONISM TO COUNTER PROTECTIONIST PRESSURES AND TO DEFEND HONG KONG'S TRADING INTERESTS.

+A NEW OFFICE HAS BEEN SET UP IN SAN FRANCISCO THIS YEAR TO STRENGTHEN HONG KONG'S REPRESENTATION IN THE STATES SO AS TO ENSURE THAT OUR CASE IS FULLY HEARD IN OUR LARGEST EXPORT MARKET.

+CONSULTANTS ARE EMPLOYED TO REVIEW OUR PUBLIC RELATIONS EFFORTS,+ SIR DAVID SAID.

THE OVERSEAS OFFICES ALSO SOUGHT TO ARRANGE SPEAKING PLATFORMS FOR HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND BUSINESSMEN.

HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATIONS WERE ALSO ORGANISED FROM TIME TO TIME TO CO-ORDINATE THE EFFORTS OF GOVERNMENT AND OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY ORGANISATIONS TO ACHIEVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF HONG KONG OVERSEAS.

SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT THE LATE GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO THE U.S. WEST COAST IN THE SUMMER DEMONSTRATED THE SUCCESS OF SUCH CO-ORDINATION.

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BELGIUM-HONG KONG SOCIETY IN BRUSSELS WHICH SIR DAVID RECENTLY ADDRESSED WERE AIMED TO PROMOTE COMMERCIAL, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL LINKS BETWEEN BELGIUM AND HONG KONG. SIMILAR ORGANISATIONS EXISTED IN THE NETHERLANDS AND ITALY.

THESE WERE THE FRUIT OF HONG KONG'S PROMOTION EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH BUSINESS CONTACTS OVERSEAS, HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID SAID THAT A MAJOR BUSINESS CONFERENCE IN BRUSSELS WAS BEING PLANNED FOR NEXT YEAR TO INTRODUCE HONG KONG AS A FINANCIAL CENTRE, THE GATEWAY TO CHINA AND A GOOD PLACE FOR INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT.

HE REITERATED GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES OF NOT INTERVENING IN BUSINESS DECISIONS BUT TO ASSIST IN AN INDIRECT MANNER BY IMPROVING ITS VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING PROGRAMMES, MAINTAINING THE CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND EXPANDING THE PROVISION OF INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT FACILITIES AND TECHNICAL BACKUP SERVICES.

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IN ADDITION, A PROGRAMME OF CONSULTANCY STUDIES HAD BEEN PLANNED TO IDENTIFY WHAT NEEDED TO BE DONE TO FOSTER OR REMOVE THE CONSTRAINT ON THE GROWTH OF THE MAIN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

+THESE STUDIES WILL ENSURE THAT ANY INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT SERVICE PROVIDED WILL MEET A REAL DEMAND AND BRING POSITIVE RESULTS,+ HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID SAID THAT THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT WOULD ALSO BE REVIEWING THE LEVEL OF SUPPORT AND INCENTIVES WHICH WOULD BE REQUIRED TO ENSURE THAT HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIES REMAINED COMPETITIVE IN THE REGION IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

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EXTRA SESSION OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS HEARINGS
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AN ADDITIONAL SESSION OF THIS YEAR'S OPEN HEARINGS OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT 9 AM IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

THE SESSION IS HELD FOLLOWING THE TABLING OF THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT'S ANNUAL REPORT IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 19.

APPEARING BEFORE THE COMMITTEE TO ANSWER POINTS RAISED IN THE REPORT WILL BE A CONTRACTOR REPRESENTATIVE AND ITS LEGAL ADVISER.

THE TIMETABLE FOR TOMORROW'S HEARING IS:

9 AM A CONTRACTOR REPRESENTATIVE AND ITS LEGAL ADVISER,
PARAGRAPHS 136-145.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE OPEN HEARING SHOULD BRING WITH THEM A COPY OF THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR REFERENCE.

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CRACKDOWN ON HANDBILL LITTERING
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PEOPLE WHO ACCEPT HANDBILLS IN THE STREET SHOULD TAKE CARE TO DISPOSE OF THEM PROPERLY IF THE MATERIAL IS UNWANTED.

THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS WILL TOMORROW (THURSDAY) LAUNCH A TERRITORY-WIDE CRACKDOWN ON THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO, AFTER A GLANCE, TURN SUCH HANDBILLS INTO LITTER.

AN URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT DISTRIBUTING HANDBILLS IS NOT AN OFFENCE BUT, FOR INSTANCE, DROPPING THEM ON THE PAVEMENT IS.

+BECAUSE THIS TYPE OF LITTERING IS BECOMING MORE SERIOUS IN THE BUSY PARTS OF THE TERRITORY WE AND OUR COLLEAGUES IN THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT ARE GOING TO TRY TO PUT AN END TO IT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE OPERATION WILL BEGIN WITH A WARNING PERIOD WHICH WILL END ON DECEMBER 24. DURING THIS PERIOD LITTERBUGS WILL BE GIVEN VERBAL WARNINGS WHEN SPOTTED BY USD OR RSD STAFF.

BUT FROM CHRISTMAS DAY THROUGH TO DECEMBER 31 ALL THOSE CAUGHT IN THE ACT OF LITTERING WILL BE SUMMONSED IMMEDIATELY.

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LICENSING OFFICE SERVICES TO BE SUSPENDED
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THE FOUR LICENSING OFFICES OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL SUSPEND SERVICE FOR SEVERAL DAYS STARTING FROM 2 PM ON DECEMBER 24 (WEDNESDAY).

THE SUSPENSION IS NECESSITATED BY THE OFFICE RELOCATION OF THE GOVERNMENT DATA PROCESSING AGENCY WHICH DIRECTLY AFFECTS THE OPERATIONS OF THE LICENSING OFFICES' COMPUTER SYSTEM.

THE OFFICES WILL REMAIN CLOSED ON DECEMBER 27 (SATURDAY) AND DECEMBER 29 (MONDAY). NORMAL SERVICE WILL RESUME ON DECEMBER 30 (TUESDAY).

ALL SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE LICENSING OFFICES, INCLUDING REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES, ISSUE OF VEHICLE AND DRIVING LICENCES, ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS FOR WRITTEN AND DRIVING TESTS, WILL BE AFFECTED. HOWEVER, WRITTEN TESTS DUE TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 27 AND 29 WILL BE CONDUCTED AS SCHEDULED.

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO MAKE USE OF THE ABOVE SERVICES ARE ADVISED TO VISIT THE LICENSING OFFICES BEFORE CHRISTMAS TO AVOID DELAYS AND LONG QUEUES ON THE LAST TWO DAYS OF THE MONTH.

THE FOUR LICENSING OFFICES ARE SITUATED AT MURRAY ROAD MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK BUILDING IN CENTRAL, AT 56 DUNDAS STREET IN YAU MA TEI, AT THE KOWLOON EAST GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN LEI YUE MUN ROAD, KWUN TONG, AND AT SHA TIN KCR HOUSE.

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BOARD MEMBERS SPREAD CHRISTMAS CHEER
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WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS TODAY (WEDNESDAY) SHARED THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS WITH ABOUT 800 SENIOR CITIZENS AND CHILDREN DURING A GOODWILL TOUR OF THE DISTRICT.

A TRADITIONAL PRACTICE OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD, THE TOUR WAS TO EXTEND THEIR CONCERN AND GOODWILL TO UNDERPRIVILEGED PEOPLE.

LED BY BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR MICHAEL CHENG, AND ACCOMPANIED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICHOLAS YEK, MEMBERS VISITED FOUR WELFARE ORGANISATIONS.

THEY BEGAN AT THE JANE SHU TSAO SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY WHERE THEY WERE ENTERTAINED TO A CHINESE FOLK DANCE PERFORMED BY SOME OF THE RESIDENTS.

THE NEXT STOP WAS THE BRADBURY SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS WERE SUNG AND THE ELDERLY PEOPLE WERE IN HIGH SPIRITS WHEN MEMBERS DISTRIBUTED CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO THEM.

MEMBERS THEN WENT TO THE HONG KONG SYNOD TSZ ON CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY WHERE THEY CHATTED WITH THE RESIDENTS.

A GROUP OF SENIOR CITIZENS THEN GAVE A RECITAL OF CHINESE POEMS TO WELCOME THE MEMBERS.

THE LAST STOP WAS THE EVANGEL CHILDREN'S HOME. MEMBERS LEARNED THAT THE HOME TOOK CARE OF ORPHANS AND ABANDONED CHILDREN.

GIFTS WERE THEN DISTRIBUTED TO THE CHILDREN.

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CHRISTMAS VARIETY SHOW FOR VICTORIA PARK
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MORE THAN 1 000 EASTERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO A SPECTACULAR VARIETY SHOW AT 8.30 PM ON DECEMBER 24 AT THE VICTORIA PARK, CAUSEWAY BAY.

CO-ORGANISED WITH THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE EASTERN DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL, THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD SPONSORED \$80 000 TO STAGE PART OF THE SHOW AND FOR CHRISTMAS LIGHTING.

THE PROGRAMME OF +1986 CHRISTMAS EVE IN VICTORIA PARK+ WILL INCLUDE CHRISTMAS CAROLS BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CHOIR, DANCE PERFORMANCES BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT DANCE TROUPE AND AN ENTERTAINING +ALL STAR SHOW+ SPONSORED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL.

BESIDES LIGHTING DECORATION AT THE NO. 3 FOOTBALL PITCH WHERE THE SHOW WILL BE HELD, CHRISTMAS LIGHTING WILL BE PUT ON AT THE PARK LANE HOTEL AND ALONG GREAT GEORGE STREET BETWEEN DECEMBER 24 AND 26.

FOUR CHURCH ORGANISATIONS IN THE DISTRICT WILL ALSO SEND CHOIRS TO SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT FIVE RESIDENTIAL ESTATES FROM 10 PM TO 11 PM ON CHRISTMAS EVE. THEY WILL THEN JOIN OTHER PERFORMERS AT THE VICTORIA PARK.

ADMISSION TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

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DETAILS OF FESTIVE ACTIVITIES, LIGHTINGS
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THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR KEVIN MAK, WILL BRIEF THE MEDIA ON VARIOUS ACTIVITIES AND FESTIVE LIGHTINGS ARRANGED FOR THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

THE CHIEF TRANSPORT OFFICER OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT (KOWLOON), MR ALAN LUI, AND YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG, WILL ALSO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT 3 PM ON THE 13TH FLOOR OF CNTA HEADQUARTERS, WORLD SHIPPING CENTRE, NO. 7 CANTON ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

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SIR DAVID ENTERTAINS SPORTSMEN, SPORTSWOMEN

THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY (WEDNESDAY) HOSTED A RECEPTION AT VICTORIA HOUSE FOR DELEGATIONS TO THE 1986 COMMONWEALTH, ASIAN AND FESPIC (FAR EAST AND SOUTH PACIFIC) GAMES.

AMONG THE REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT WERE CATHERINE CHE (TENPIN BOWLING GOLD AND SILVER MEDALLIST, INDIVIDUAL AND WOMEN'S MASTERS); GILBERT U KING-HUNG (SHOOTING BRONZE MEDALLIST - 50M FREE PISTOL AND BRONZE MEDALLIST, INDIVIDUAL AIR PISTOL); HO KAR-FAI (BRONZE MEDALLIST - FREE PISTOL); CHONG SIAO-CHIN (BRONZE MEDALLIST - 71 KG); AND FENELLA NG, FU MUI, SUSANNA LEE AND CELESTE HUNG (SWIMMING BRONZE MEDALLISTS AND NEW HONG KONG RECORD HOLDERS IN THE 4 X 100M FREESTYLE RELAY).

MEDALLISTS IN THE FESPIC GAMES WERE CHOI HEI-FUNG (BEST ATHLETE OF THE YEAR - ATHLETICS), CHEUNG YIU-CHEUNG (ATHLETICS), LEE KIT-YING (ARCHERY), NG KEUNG (WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL), LEUNG SHUI-MEI (SHOOTING), LEUNG SUK-FUN (SWIMMING), KWONG KAM-SHING (TABLE TENNIS), LEE CHI-MING (LAWN BOWL), CHAN KAM-TIN (ATHLETICS) AND WONG PUI-YEE (TABLE TENNIS).

OTHER SPORTS IN WHICH HONG KONG TOOK PART IN THIS YEAR'S COMMONWEALTH, ASIAN AND FESPIC GAMES WERE ARCHERY, ATHLETICS, FENCING, GYMNASTICS, BADMINTON, TENNIS, TAEKWONDO, LAWN BOWLS, TABLE TENNIS, BASKETBALL, CYCLING, EQUESTRIAN SPORTS, HANDBALL, HOCKEY, ROWING, VOLLEYBALL AND YACHTING.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE RECEPTION WERE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT, MR HU FA-KUANG; PRESIDENT OF THE AMATEUR SPORTS FEDERATION AND OLYMPIC COMMITTEE, MR A. DE O. SALES; CHEF DE MISSION, ASIAN GAMES, MR RAMON YOUNG; SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI; COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG; AND PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (RECREATION AND SPORT), MR DICKEN YUNG.

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KOWLOON CITY DB TO DISCUSS EDUCATION REPORT

KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL MEET TOMORROW (THURSDAY) TO DISCUSS A REPORT COMPILED BY ITS COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP ON THE SECOND REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION.

THE WORKING GROUP HAS CONDUCTED A SURVEY AMONG DISTRICT TEACHERS AND STUDENTS IN FORM SIX AND ABOVE ON PRE-PRIMARY SERVICES, THE DEVELOPMENT OF SIXTH FORM EDUCATION AND OPEN EDUCATION.

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MEMBERS WILL BE ASKED TO AGREE THAT THE SURVEY REPORT AND ITS RECOMMENDATIONS BE SENT TO RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION.

TWO MEMBERS WILL ALSO RAISE QUESTIONS ON A PROPOSED FLYOVER LINKING YORK ROAD AND HEREFORD ROAD IN KOWLOON TONG AND THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT MA TAU KOK OUTLINE ZONING PLAN.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE A REPORT BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP ON PRIVATE LANES AND A REPORT BY THE DISTRICT BOARD WORKING GROUP ON PRIVATE STREETS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 2.15 PM TOMORROW IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD.

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HOUSING SEMINAR ORGANISED FOR KWAI TSING RESIDENTS

KWAI TSING RESIDENTS ARE BEING INVITED TO ATTEND A SEMINAR ON FLAT OWNERS' RIGHT TO BE HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE AT 8 PM TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

ORGANISED BY A WORKING GROUP UNDER THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, THE SEMINAR IS AIMED AT FOSTERING RESIDENTS' KNOWLEDGE OF HOUSING POLICIES.

SPEAKERS AT THE SEMINAR WILL BE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR GREGORY LEUNG= SENIOR HOUSING MANAGER, MR CHENG HON-BIU= A REPRESENTATIVE FROM A HOUSING AFFAIRS ORGANISATION, MR LEE ON= AND A LAWYER, MR KWAN LIM-HO.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR TO BE HELD AT 8 PM TOMORROW AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICE (NEXT TO KWAI HING MTR STATION), 166-174 KWAI FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

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SIGNBOARDS TO BE REMOVED
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TWENTY-SEVEN ABANDONED SIGNBOARDS AT 11 BUILDINGS IN YAU MA TEI WILL BE REMOVED IN A TWO-DAY CLEARANCE OPERATION STARTING TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

THE CLEARANCE IS PART OF THE DISTRICT'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN AND WILL BE CARRIED OUT UNDER THE JOINT EFFORTS OF THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE OWNERS CORPORATIONS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES INTENDING TO COVER THE CLEARANCE OPERATION SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT 9.30 AM TOMORROW AT 442 NATHAN ROAD (OPPOSITE KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING).

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THREE LOTS TO BE AUCTIONED
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THREE LOTS OF GOVERNMENT LAND ON HONG KONG ISLAND ARE TO BE AUCTIONED BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

A SITE AT SHEUNG ON STREET, CHAI WAN, IS FOR INDUSTRIAL OR GODOWN PURPOSES.

THE OTHER TWO LOTS ARE FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AT DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL AND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE AUCTION AT THE JADE BALLROOM, THIRD FLOOR, FURAMA HOTEL, AT 2.30 PM.

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ENTRY SCHEME FOR MACAU RESIDENTS
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EX-CHINA RESIDENTS OF MACAU MARRIED TO HONG KONG RESIDENTS AND WHOSE MACAU IDENTITY CARDS WERE ISSUED IN AUGUST, SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 1979 MAY APPLY (TOGETHER WITH THEIR CHILDREN) TO JOIN THEIR HUSBANDS IN HONG KONG, THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

APPLICATIONS CAN BE SUBMITTED AS FROM JANUARY 2, 1987 BY THE HONG KONG SPONSORS IN PERSON TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT, 61 MODY ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, KOWLOON.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE ENTRY SCHEME CAN BE MADE TO THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION OFFICE ON 3-7333126.

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SHORT-TERM TENANCY SOUGHT FOR SHA TIN SITE
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A SHA TIN SITE IS TO BE LET ON SHORT-TERM TENANCY BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT.

MEASURING ABOUT 2 650 SQUARE METRES, THE SITE IS LOCATED NEAR CITY ONE.

IT IS SPECIFIED IN THE CONDITIONS THAT IT IS FOR STORING GOODS AND VEHICLES BELONGING TO THE TENANT.

STORAGE OF CONTAINERS AND DANGEROUS GOODS WILL BE PROHIBITED.

THE INITIAL TENANCY AGREEMENT WILL BE FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS, RENEWAL QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON JANUARY 2.

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ROAD CLOSURES IN HAPPY VALLEY, YUEN LONG

MOTORISTS SHOULD WATCH OUT FOR ROAD CLOSURES IN HAPPY VALLEY AND YUEN LONG THIS WEEKEND.

TO FACILITATE THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE +PEDESTRIAN ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAMME+, STADIUM PATH IN HAPPY VALLEY WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 8 AM TO 10 AM ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 20).

PARKING SPACES ALONG STADIUM PATH WILL BE SUSPENDED DURING THE SAME PERIOD.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS YUEN LONG NORTHERN BYPASS, THE SECTION OF WANG TAT ROAD BETWEEN ROAD L3 AND WANG LOK STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC DAILY FROM 1.30 AM TO 5.30 AM ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY (DECEMBER 21).

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES ON WANG TAT ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED TO ROAD L3, ROAD L1, FUK HEI STREET AND WANG LOK STREET.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN WESTERN

TO FACILITATE UTILITY DIVERSION WORKS, THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 19) FOR ABOUT SEVEN WEEKS:

- * NO VEHICLE EXCEEDING SEVEN METRES IN LENGTH WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER POTTINGER STREET BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.
- * THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF GILMAN STREET BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE DESIGNATED A 24-HOUR DAILY RESTRICTED ZONE. WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE, NO VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

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TRAM-ONLY LANE IN WESTERN LIFTED TEMPORARILY

TO FACILITATE UTILITY DIVERSION WORKS ON THE EASTBOUND KERBSIDE LANE OF DES VOEUX ROAD WEST, THE EXISTING EASTBOUND TRAM-ONLY LANE FROM HOUSE NO. 390 TO 408 OF DES VOEUX ROAD WEST WILL BE LIFTED DAILY BETWEEN 12.30 AM AND 5 AM FROM SATURDAY (DECEMBER 20) TO JANUARY 7.

THE MEASURE, HOWEVER, WILL NOT BE IMPLEMENTED ON DECEMBER 24, 25, 31 AND JANUARY 1.

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GROUP VISITS CRIME PREVENTION SHOWROOM
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MEMBERS OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE VISITED THE SHOWROOM OF THE POLICE CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU AT THE EMPIRE CENTRE IN TSIM SHA TSUI THIS (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON.

LED BY CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MR CARLOS CHEUNG, MEMBERS SAW VARIOUS SECURITY DEVICES ON DISPLAY.

STAFF OF THE BUREAU DEMONSTRATED AND EXPLAINED THE USES AND EFFECTIVENESS OF ELECTRONIC ALARM DEVICES AND ANTI-BURGLARY EQUIPMENT.

MEMBERS WERE TOLD THAT THE STAFF WOULD GIVE APPROPRIATE SECURITY ADVICE ACCORDING TO THE NEEDS OF VISITORS.

TODAY'S VISIT WAS ARRANGED IN CONNECTION WITH THE FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN BEING HELD IN TAI PO.

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