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SHAW DONATIONS BENEFIT MANY -- GOVERNOR
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DONATIONS BY THE WELL-KNOWN PHILANTHROPIST SIR RUN RUN SHAW HAD BROUGHT GREAT BENEFIT TO MANY IN THE COMMUNITY, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY.

THE GOVERNOR WAS SPEAKING IN APPRECIATION OF +ANOTHER VERY SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT+ DONATED BY SIR RUN RUN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF HONG KONG'S TERTIARY EDUCATION AND MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS, AT A RECEPTION HE HOSTED AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

THIS YEAR'S DONATIONS BY SHAW FOUNDATION TOTALLED \$120.6 MILLION.

SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF TODAY'S BENEFICIARIES, THE GOVERNOR SAID:

+THE \$100 MILLION DONATION TO THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY WILL BE DEVOTED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FOURTH COLLEGE; THE BAPTIST COLLEGE WILL UTILISE ITS DONATION OF \$10 MILLION PRINCIPALLY TO FUND ITS PROGRAMME IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES AND LANGUAGE TRAINING, AND THE HONG KONG ADVENTIST HOSPITAL WILL MAKE USE OF ITS SHARE TO IMPROVE ITS FACILITIES.+

HE THANKED SIR RUN RUN +ONCE AGAIN+ FOR +HIS GREAT GENEROSITY AND HIS CONSTANT CONCERN FOR OUR COMMUNITY.+

A SUM OF \$10 MILLION HAD EARLIER BEEN DONATED TO YAN CHAI HOSPITAL FOR EXPANSION OF FACILITIES AND BEDS.

MAKING THE PRESENTATION, SIR RUN RUN SHAW SAID HONG KONG WAS NOT JUST A PROSPEROUS CITY AND BUSINESS CENTRE WITH NO SOUL AND NO SENSE OF COMMUNITY.

PHILANTHROPY, HE SAID, WAS VERY MUCH A HONG KONG TRADITION WHICH HAD MANIFESTED ITSELF EVEN IN THE MOST TRYING TIMES. THE SIZE OF THE CONTRIBUTION MIGHT VARY, BUT THE SPIRIT WAS THE SAME.

+THIS IS A TRADITION I SUPPORT AND ONE WHICH I HOPE WILL ENDURE,+ HE SAID.

RECALLING THE \$106 MILLION DONATION MADE BY THE SHAW FOUNDATION LAST YEAR FOR A SIMILAR CAUSE, SIR RUN RUN SAID THAT THIS SECOND DONATION WAS MADE WITH THE THOUGHT THAT THE EFFORTS OF THE FOUNDATION HAD BORNE SOME FRUIT AND HAD BEEN OF BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY.

THE GOVERNOR LATER PRESENTED THE CHEQUES TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BENEFICIARIES.

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THE SHAW FOUNDATION HONG KONG LIMITED WAS ESTABLISHED SOME YEARS AGO TO PROVIDE RELIEF TO THE NEEDY AND TO ENHANCE THE STANDARD OF HUMAN LIFE AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING THROUGH VARIOUS WAYS.

SIR RUN RUN IS PRESIDENT OF THE SHAW BROTHERS ORGANISATION, AND CHAIRMAN OF HONG KONG TELEVISION BROADCASTS LIMITED.

DETAILS OF THE DONATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG	:	\$100 MILLION TOWARDS THE SETTING UP OF A FOURTH COLLEGE
HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE	:	\$10 MILLION TO MEET THE COLLEGE'S EXPANSION PLAN
YAN CHAI HOSPITAL	:	\$10 MILLION FOR EXPANSION OF HOSPITAL FACILITIES AND BEDS
HONG KONG ADVENTIST HOSPITAL	:	\$600 000 FOR MORE HOSPITAL FACILITIES

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GROUP LEAVING FOR NATIONALITY TALKS IN UK

A GOVERNMENT DELEGATION TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH HOME OFFICE AND FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE OFFICIALS CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL'S THREE REQUESTS IN RELATION TO THE DRAFT HONG KONG (BRITISH NATIONALITY) ORDER 1986 WILL LEAVE FOR LONDON ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 1).

THE DELEGATION, TO BE LED BY THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR ALAN CARTER, WILL COMPRISE THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MRS REGINA IP; THE DEPUTY LAW DRAFTSMAN, MR DAVID LITTLE; AND THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR STEPHEN KUO.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE VISIT HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED BY THE MINISTER OF STATE AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, MR TIMOTHY RENTON, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE HERE LAST WEEK.

+THE VISIT WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OFFICIALS FROM BOTH GOVERNMENTS TO EXAMINE JOINTLY AND IN GREATER DETAIL PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD BY THE LEGCO REGARDING PLACING AN ENDORSEMENT RELATING TO THE HOLDER'S ENTRY INTO THE UNITED KINGDOM IN THE BN(O) PASSPORT AND THE GRANTING OF FULL BRITISH CITIZENSHIP TO NON-CHINESE BDTC'S AND EX-SERVICEMEN,+ HE SAID.

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THE TEAM WOULD PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE ETHNIC MINORITIES AND EX-SERVICEMEN AND WOULD DISCUSS WITH HOME OFFICE AND FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE OFFICIALS THE QUESTION OF THE ENDORSEMENT IN THE BN(O) PASSPORT MENTIONED BY MR RENTON AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE.

HE POINTED OUT THAT DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS, MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION HAD BEEN BUSY COLLECTING INFORMATION RELEVANT TO THE REQUESTS.

THE HONG KONG TEAM ARE EXPECTED TO COMMENCE DISCUSSIONS WITH HOME OFFICE AND FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE OFFICIALS ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 3).

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SIR DAVID VISITS FIRE SCENE

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IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY MAINTAINED ITS VERY FIRM POLICY IN WHICH FIRE VICTIMS AND VICTIMS OF NATURAL DISASTERS WERE HOUSED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER VISITING VICTIMS OF LAST NIGHT'S NO. 4 ALARM FIRE AT SHEK KIP MEI, SIR DAVID SAID HE BELIEVED THERE WAS VERY GOOD HOUSING AVAILABLE FOR THEM THERE.

+WE'VE BEEN FOLLOWING THAT POLICY FOR QUITE A LONG TIME,+ HE ADDED.

ASKED WHAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD DO IF THE VICTIMS REFUSED TO BE REHOUSED IN TUEN MUN, SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT THEY WERE STILL IN A STATE OF SHOCK FROM LAST NIGHT'S TRAGIC FIRE AND THAT HE DIDN'T THINK +WE CAN BEGIN REALLY TO DECIDE ON THAT SORT OF THING UNTIL WE'VE TALKED TO THE PEOPLE CONCERNED+.

ON ALLEGATIONS THAT THE FIRE WAS MUCH WORSE THAN IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BECAUSE THERE WAS NO FIRE BREAK DUE TO PROBLEMS OF RESETTLING PEOPLE, SIR DAVID SAID HE HAD NOT HEARD OF SUCH ALLEGATIONS.

+BUT IF YOU LOOK AT THE ACTUAL FIRE SITE, IT IS A VERY SMALL POCKET - A SMALL, VERY DENSELY CROWDED POCKET OF STRUCTURES,+ HE SAID. +AND REALLY IF YOU'D CREATED A FIRE BREAK IN THAT POCKET IT WOULD REALLY HAVE MEANT CLEARING THE WHOLE LOT BECAUSE IT WAS SO CROWDED.

+IT IS, OF COURSE, ONE OF OUR OLDEST SQUATTER AREAS, AND IF YOU REMEMBER, THIS IS SHEK KIP MEI WHERE, OF COURSE, THE TRAGIC FIRE IN 1953 REALLY STARTED THE HOUSING PROGRAMME GOING.+

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THE LONG-TERM SOLUTION, SIR DAVID ADDED, WAS TO GET RID OF SQUATTERS ALTOGETHER. +AND I WAS JUST HEARING FROM THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING THAT HE HAD BEGUN TO MAKE A START ON A LONG-TERM CLEARANCE PROGRAMME OF ALL OUR SQUATTERS, AND THAT'S WHAT WE MUST REALLY WORK TOWARDS,+ HE SAID.

ASKED WHETHER HE FOUND IT DISTURBING THAT NO CAUSE HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE LAST TWO SQUATTER FIRES, SIR DAVID SAID IT HAD TO BE REMEMBERED THAT HONG KONG HAS HAD +A VERY, VERY DRY WINTER.+

+ON THE WHOLE, IN FACT, IF YOU COMPARE THE NUMBER OF FIRES IN RECENT TIMES TO THAT WE WERE EXPERIENCING A FEW YEARS AGO, IT IS MUCH FEWER NOW,+ HE SAID.

EARLIER, SIR DAVID ACCOMPANIED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER (SHAM SHUI PO), MR TSE TAK-KAN, AND SENIOR OFFICIALS FROM THE FIRE SERVICES, HOUSING AND SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENTS, TOURED THE SCENE OF THE FIRE WHICH GUTTED A SQUATTER AREA OF 60 000 SQUARE METRES AND MADE SOME 1 900 PEOPLE HOMELESS.

HE PRAISED STAFF OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED WHO +HAVE ALL DONE EXTREMELY WELL+.

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PUBLIC SESSION ON WAR MEMORIAL FUND
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THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE FUTURE OF THE HONG KONG WAR MEMORIAL FUND, CHAIRED BY MR K.C. CHAN, WILL MEET THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, AT A PUBLIC SESSION IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT 5 PM ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 30) TO HEAR THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FUND.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A SECOND PUBLIC SESSION NEXT THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 6) AT 4 PM WHEN THE COMMITTEE WILL MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WAR MEMORIAL FUND COMMITTEE, THE HONG KONG PRISONERS OF WAR ASSOCIATION AND THE SECOND WORLD WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION TO HEAR THEIR VIEWPOINT.

THE HONG KONG WAR MEMORIAL FUND WAS SET UP IN 1947 TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE PRIMARILY TO MEMBERS OF THE VOLUNTEER AND AUXILIARY UNITS WHO WERE WOUNDED IN ACTION OR INJURED IN SERVICE OR TO PRISONERS OF WAR WHO ARE WHOLLY OR PARTIALLY INCAPACITATED FROM EARNING A LIVING.

/THE FUND

THE FUND CONSISTED ORIGINALLY OF PUBLIC DONATIONS WITH A MATCHING CONTRIBUTION FROM THE GOVERNMENT BUT NOW HAS BECOME DEPLETED AND RELIES ON GOVERNMENT FUNDING. THE SELECT COMMITTEE WAS APPOINTED TO DETERMINE THE FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FUND WHICH WOULD BE FAIR BOTH TO THE BENEFICIARIES AND THE PUBLIC.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE SESSION.

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UK OFFERS RESEARCH STUDENT AWARDS

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OUTSTANDING UNIVERSITY GRADUATES AND STUDENTS IN THEIR FINAL YEAR OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES WHO ARE IN NEED OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CONTINUE THEIR STUDIES LEADING TO HIGHER DEGREES ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR THE OVERSEAS RESEARCH STUDENTS AWARDS RUN BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

THE AWARDS SCHEME WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1979 BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EDUCATION AND SCIENCE IN BRITAIN TO PROVIDE PARTIAL REMISSION OF TUITION FEES TO OVERSEAS POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS OF OUTSTANDING MERIT AND RESEARCH POTENTIAL.

ABOUT 800 NEW OVERSEAS RESEARCH STUDENTS AWARDS WILL BE OFFERED THIS YEAR ON A COMPETITIVE BASIS.

EACH AWARD WILL COVER THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TUITION FEE FOR A HOME POSTGRADUATE STUDENT AND THE 'FULL-COST' FEE CHARGEABLE TO AN OVERSEAS POSTGRADUATE STUDENT.

APPLICANTS MUST HAVE BEEN CONDITIONALLY ACCEPTED BY ONE OF THE 92 PARTICIPATING ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS IN BRITAIN AS REGISTERED RESEARCH STUDENTS TO A FULL-TIME COURSE LEADING TO A HIGHER DEGREE, OR MUST HAVE BEEN REGISTERED AS FULL-TIME RESEARCH STUDENTS AT ONE OF THESE INSTITUTIONS.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE ON THE OFFICIAL FORM (ORS/1), COPIES OF WHICH CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE REGISTRAR OR SECRETARY OF AN INSTITUTION WHICH HAS ACCEPTED THE STUDENT. THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS MAY 1 THIS YEAR.

AWARDS WILL BE RENEWED FOR A SECOND OR THIRD YEAR SUBJECT TO THE SATISFACTORY PROGRESS OF THE AWARD HOLDER TO COVER THE NORMAL OR REMAINING LENGTH OF THE RESEARCH COURSE UNDERTAKEN.

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHEME MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT TELEPHONE 5-7903869 OR ON THE 15TH FLOOR, 77 LEIGHTON ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY.

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BURSARIES FOR OFFICERS' CHILDREN

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EDUCATION WAS A VALUABLE INVESTMENT WHICH OFFERED SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THIS RAPIDLY CHANGING SOCIETY, THE HON CHAN KAM-CHUEN, AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

MR CHAN WAS SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION OF BURSARY CERTIFICATES OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES CHILDREN'S EDUCATION TRUST AT THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY.

+EDUCATION IS VERY IMPORTANT IN TRAINING THE YOUNG TO BE INDEPENDENT INDIVIDUALS, DEVELOP THEIR PERSONALITIES, AND CULTIVATE THEIR CIVIC SPIRIT AND SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY,+ MR CHAN, WHO IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EDUCATION TRUST COMMITTEE, SAID.

+ESPECIALLY IN THIS RAPIDLY CHANGING WORLD, EDUCATION IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, AND IS A VALUABLE INVESTMENT WHICH OFFERS SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO SOCIETY.+

THE EDUCATION TRUST FUND WAS SET UP IN 1983 TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANT OFFICERS AND EQUIVALENT GRADES.

IT WAS INITIALLY FUNDED BY A DONATION FROM MR WILLIAM MONG, THE PRESIDENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION.

AN INVESTMENT ADVISORY BOARD HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED WITH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBER, MR OSWALD CHEUNG, AS CHAIRMAN AND MR PETER VINE AND MR AUBREY LI AS MEMBERS, TO ADVISE THE TRUST COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENTS OF THE FUND. THE INCOME EARNED IS USED AS BURSARIES.

AT TODAY'S CEREMONY, MR CHAN WA-SHEK, THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE TO THE INVESTMENT ADVISORY BOARD +IN CONTINUING TO PRODUCE A VERY HEALTHY INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS.+

NINE STAFF MEMBERS WHOSE CHILDREN ARE IN UNIVERSITIES, POLYTECHNICS AND POST-SECONDARY COLLEGES, OR ARE HANDICAPPED, RECEIVED THE BURSARY CERTIFICATES AND CHEQUES FROM MRS WILLIAM MONG.

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FEW DAYS LEFT FOR ELECTION CANDIDATES
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PERSONS KEEN TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY HAVE ONLY THREE DAYS LEFT TO COME FORWARD AS CANDIDATES IN THE URBAN COUNCIL AND REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS ON MARCH 6.

THE NOMINATION PERIOD FOR CANDIDATES IN THE TWO ELECTIONS CLOSE ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 31.

ANY REGISTERED ELECTOR WHO HAS BEEN A RESIDENT IN HONG KONG FOR 10 YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE NOMINATION DATE IS QUALIFIED TO STAND FOR ELECTIONS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID TODAY.

+WHILE A PERSON CAN BE NOMINATED FOR ANY CONSTITUENCY, HE CANNOT BE NOMINATED TO STAND FOR ELECTION IN MORE THAN ONE CONSTITUENCY,+ HE SAID.

A CANDIDATE WILL NEED TO BE NOMINATED BY 10 ELECTORS, INCLUDING A PROPOSER AND A SECONDER, IN THE CONSTITUENCY IN WHICH THE CANDIDATE SEEKS ELECTION.

BEFORE SUBMITTING THE NOMINATION PAPER, A CANDIDATE IS ALSO REQUIRED TO PLACE A \$1 000 DEPOSIT WITH THE TREASURY, WHICH WILL BE RETURNED TO THE CANDIDATE WHO POLLS MORE THAN ONE-EIGHTH OF THE VOTES CAST, EVEN IF NOT ELECTED.

THERE IS A TOTAL OF 27 CONSTITUENCIES FOR BOTH THE URBAN COUNCIL AND REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THERE WILL BE 12 SINGLE-SEAT CONSTITUENCIES FOR THE REGIONAL COUNCIL IN NINE DISTRICTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, AND 15 SINGLE-SEAT CONSTITUENCIES FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS IN THE 10 URBAN DISTRICTS.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER OF EACH DISTRICT HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS THE RETURNING OFFICER FOR HIS DISTRICT, AND NOMINATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE RETURNING OFFICER DURING OFFICE HOURS ON WEEKDAYS.

NOMINATION PAPERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND THE REGISTRATION OFFICE AT HARBOUR CENTRE, 10TH FLOOR, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED ELECTORS IN THE FINAL REGISTER STANDS AT 1 441 540 OF WHICH 443 363 RESIDE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, AND 998 177 LIVE IN THE URBAN AREAS.

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RSD SETS OUT QUARTERLY ACCOUNTS
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REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1985 AMOUNTED TO \$23.9 MILLION AND \$117 MILLION RESPECTIVELY.

THIS WAS DISCLOSED BY THE RSD'S SENIOR TREASURY ACCOUNTANT, MRS MARIA YIP, AT A MEETING TODAY (TUESDAY) OF THE WAYS AND MEANS SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL.

+TOTAL RECEIPTS OF REVENUE FOR 1985-86 MAY EXCEED THE ORIGINAL ESTIMATE BY \$11 MILLION,+ SHE SAID.

+THIS IS ATTRIBUTABLE MAINLY TO INCREASED SALES OF NICHES AT FU SHAN COLUMBARIUM AND INCREASED REVENUE FROM MARKET STALLS RENTAL ON AUCTIONING OF NEW STALLS.+

MRS YIP SAID ALSO THAT EXPENDITURE UNDER DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES SUBHEADS AND THE CAPITAL ACCOUNT SUBHEADS WAS WITHIN BUDGET FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. AND SLIGHT SAVINGS WERE EXPECTED UNDER THESE TWO CATEGORIES.

THE FUTURE REGIONAL COUNCIL, SHE SAID, WOULD BE SERVICED BY THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION WHICH HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE THE COUNCIL WITH A NUMBER OF BANKING SERVICES AT NO COST.

+THESE INCLUDE CASHING FACILITIES AT ALL THE BANK'S BRANCHES SPECIFIED BY THE COUNCIL, PRINTING AND SUPPLY OF BLANK CHEQUES FOR COMPUTER PREPARATION IN SPECIFICATIONS REQUIRED BY THE COUNCIL AND PROCESSING OF COMPUTER TAPES PRODUCED BY THE COUNCIL FOR DIRECT PAYMENT INTO THE BANK ACCOUNTS OF THE PAYEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS,+ SHE SAID.

THE COMMITTEE DECIDED AT THE MEETING TO AUTHORISE THE RSD TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT CONCERNING A SIX-MONTH TRIAL SCHEME TO SELL TICKETS FOR REGIONAL COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS AT ITS OWN VENUES THROUGH THE URBAN COUNCIL'S COMPUTERISED TICKETING SYSTEM (URBTIX) IN THE URBAN AREA.

THE SCHEME AIMS TO GAUGE THE DEMAND FOR TICKETS IN THE URBAN AREA IN RESPECT OF REGIONAL COUNCIL'S CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS.

SHOULD THE SCHEME PROVE SATISFACTORY, CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO WIDENING THE SCOPE OF PARTICIPATION IN THE SCHEME TO INCLUDE THE INSTALLATION OF URBTIX TERMINALS AT REGIONAL COUNCIL VENUES, SO THAT TICKETS FOR BOTH REGIONAL COUNCIL AND URBAN COUNCIL PRESENTATION WOULD BE AVAILABLE THROUGH OPTIC OUTLETS IN BOTH THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND URBAN COUNCIL AREAS.

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VALUE OF GOOD LABOUR RELATIONS STRESSED
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GOOD LABOUR RELATIONS AND EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT WERE ESSENTIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF CORPORATIONS IN GENERAL, AND THE CATERING INDUSTRY IN PARTICULAR.

THIS WAS SAID TODAY BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, AT THE OPENING OF A SYMPOSIUM ON LABOUR RELATIONS ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT FOR PEOPLE IN THE RESTAURANT AND CATERING INDUSTRY.

MODERN MANAGEMENT STYLES HAD BECOME MORE POPULAR AND WOULD HAVE NEW IMPACTS ON TRADITIONAL PRACTICES PREVAILING IN THE TRADE, HE SAID.

THE SYMPOSIUM PROVIDED A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES IN THE INDUSTRY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED, MR CHEUNG SAID.

+IT IS HOPED THAT UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THE EXPERIENCED PROFESSIONAL SPEAKERS, THEY WILL BENEFIT FROM THE SYMPOSIUM AND EVEN SOLVE SOME OF THEIR PROBLEMS,+ HE ADDED.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE OPENING, MR TAM YIU-CHUNG, A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, SAID THE HIGH TURNOVER RATE WAS ONE OF THE PROBLEMS FACING EMPLOYERS IN THE INDUSTRY.

TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM, HE SAID, EMPLOYERS SHOULD CONSIDER CHANGING AND IMPROVING SOME OF THE OLD PRACTICES, PARTICULARLY IN RESPECT OF WELFARE FOR WORKERS.

THE SETTING UP OF PROVIDENT FUNDS WOULD BE A MEANS TO ENHANCE WORKERS' SENSE OF BELONGING, AND OTHER BENEFITS SUCH AS PAID LEAVE AND SICKNESS ALLOWANCE COULD BE INTRODUCED PROGRESSIVELY.

MORE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND BETTER PROMOTION PROSPECTS WOULD ENABLE WORKERS TO UNDERSTAND BETTER THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THEIR JOBS AND FUTURE, HE SAID.

MR TAM SAID MUTUAL RESPECT AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN WORKERS AND MANAGEMENT WOULD ALSO BRING ABOUT BETTER BUSINESS AND A HIGHER LEVEL OF SERVICE.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR RON BRIDGE, JOINED WITH MR CHEUNG AND MR TAM IN OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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\$120 MILLION IN GRANTS, LOANS FOR STUDENTS
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A TOTAL OF \$35.2 MILLION IN GRANTS AND \$84.4 MILLION IN INTEREST-FREE LOANS WAS PAID TO STUDENTS IN THE HIGHER INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING FOR THE 1985-86 ACADEMIC YEAR.

MAKING KNOWN THESE FIGURES TODAY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON STUDENT FINANCE OF THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE, WHICH ADMINISTERS THE MEANS-TESTED SCHEME, SAID THEY SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 10.6 IN GRANTS AND 2.8 PER CENT IN LOANS OVER THE YEAR.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT 12 621 FULL-TIME STUDENTS OF THE TWO UNIVERSITIES, THE TWO POLYTECHNICS AND THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE HAD APPLIED FOR THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THIS ACADEMIC YEAR.

ASSISTANCE WAS GIVEN IN THE FORM OF GRANTS TO MEET THE STUDENTS' TUITION FEES, UNION FEES AND FACULTY EXPENSES, AND IN LOANS TO COVER LIVING EXPENSES.

OF THE APPLICANTS, 9 123 RECEIVED GRANTS AVERAGING \$3 858 AND 10 729 WERE OFFERED LOANS AVERAGING \$7 862, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

MAXIMUM HELP WAS GIVEN TO SOME 1 420 STUDENTS FROM LOW-INCOME FAMILIES. THIS COMPRISED LOANS OF \$10 700, AND GRANTS RANGING FROM \$4 370 TO \$10 370, DEPENDING ON THE INSTITUTIONS AND COURSES TAKEN.

APPLICATIONS FROM 587 WERE REJECTED BECAUSE OF INACCURATE AND INCOMPLETE INFORMATION.

+ANOTHER 946 WERE NOT SUCCESSFUL, DUE TO HIGH FAMILY INCOME, AND 359 OTHERS WITHDREW THEIR APPLICATIONS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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U.S. DEFERS TEXTILE IMPORT DIRECTIVE
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THE U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE HAS DEFERRED UNTIL MARCH 9 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REQUIREMENT FOR ALL COMMERCIAL SHIPMENTS OF TEXTILES FROM 38 DEVELOPING COUNTRIES INCLUDING HONG KONG, REGARDLESS OF VALUE TO BE SUBJECT TO FORMAL ENTRY PROCEDURE.

THE U.S. CUSTOMS HAD ORIGINALLY ANNOUNCED THAT THE NEW TEXTILE IMPORT DIRECTIVE WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED ON FEBRUARY 1.

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UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS, COMMERCIAL SHIPMENTS VALUED AT U.S.\$250 OR BELOW CURRENTLY NOT SUBJECT TO QUOTA REQUIREMENTS WILL BE SUBJECT TO COMPLETE DOCUMENTATION ON ENTRY.

HOWEVER, PERSONAL SHIPMENTS WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE NEW REQUIREMENT WHEN ACCOMPANYING THE TRAVELLER.

UNACCOMPANIED PERSONAL SHIPMENTS OF U.S.\$250 OR BELOW FROM HONG KONG, WHICH AT PRESENT ARE EXPORTED UNDER EXEMPT CERTIFICATION, WILL ALSO BE SUBJECT TO FORMAL DOCUMENTATION ON ENTRY.

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PO LEUNG KUK ADDS TO SCHOOL PLACES

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THE PO LEUNG KUK YAO LING SUN COLLEGE WILL PROVIDE A WELCOME EXPANSION OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN TSUEN WAN, LADY AKERS-JONES, WIFE OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SAID TODAY, WHEN SHE OFFICIALLY OPENED THE SCHOOL.

NOTING THAT THE PO LEUNG KUK WAS NOW PROVIDING SOME 20 000 PLACES IN A GROUP OF KINDERGARTENS, PRIMARY, SECONDARY AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS, LADY AKERS-JONES SAID THE NEW SCHOOL WOULD MAKE +A WORTHY ADDITION TO THIS FINE GROUP+.

+THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN HONG KONG OVER THE YEARS HAS BEEN THE RESULT OF CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT, VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND PUBLIC-SPIRITED INDIVIDUALS,+ SHE SAID.

+THIS SCHOOL IS ITSELF A RESULT OF THIS TRADITION.+

SHE ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE PO LEUNG KUK FOR PROVIDING OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE SINCE 1878, ESPECIALLY IN THE CARE AND EDUCATION OF THE YOUNG.

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MEET-THE-MEDIA

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR PETER LEEDS, WILL MEET THE MEDIA ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 30) AT 4 PM IN THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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INDUSTRIAL REVIEW
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MR. JOHN YAXLEY WILL REVIEW HIS THREE YEARS AS DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL, HONG KONG, AT 3 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

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CRIME PREVENTION SEMINAR FIXED
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A SEMINAR ON CRIME PREVENTION IN MULTI-STOREY INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS WILL BE HELD IN KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 30).

THE SEMINAR, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND THE DISTRICT BOARD'S INDUSTRIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, WILL TAKE PLACE AT 3.30 PM AT THE KWAI FONG COMMUNITY HALL IN LAI FONG STREET.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE SAID THE AIM OF THE SEMINAR WAS TO ENHANCE AWARENESS AMONG EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF CRIME PREVENTION IN MULTI-STOREY INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU WILL TALK ON SECURITY AND CRIME PREVENTION METHODS.

THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR.

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ROAD CONTRACT FOR TUEN MUN AWARDED
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A \$39-MILLION ROAD CONTRACT WAS SIGNED TODAY (TUESDAY) AS PART OF THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

THE CONTRACT IS MAINLY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A DUAL CARRIAGEWAY WHICH WILL RUN ALONG THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF TAI HING ESTATE, AND FOR WORK ON A MAJOR INTERCHANGE AT THE JUNCTION OF THE NEW CARRIAGEWAY AND TSUN WEN ROAD NORTH.

THE NEW ROAD WILL PROVIDE AN EAST-WEST LINK IN THE NORTH-WESTERN PART OF TUEN MUN, CONNECTING TWO ROADS RUNNING ON EITHER SIDE OF TAI HING ESTATE.

IT WILL ALSO SERVE LEUNG TIN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE AND PROVIDE A DIRECT ROUTE FROM THERE TO YUEN LONG.

A PEDESTRIAN ROUTE WILL BE CONSTRUCTED TO LINK UP TAI HING ESTATE WITH A PROPOSED PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE IMMEDIATELY TO THE NORTH AND CHING CHUNG KOON MONASTERY.

WORK WILL START IN FEBRUARY AND BE COMPLETED IN 18 MONTHS.

THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE SCOTT WILSON KIRKPATRICK AND PARTNERS.

THE CONTRACT WAS AWARDED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO JOHN LOK AND PARTNERS LTD.

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FAIRS TO BE HELD ON SPORTS VENUES
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SIX SPORTS VENUES IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS WILL BE PARTIALLY CLOSED FROM THURSDAY (JANUARY 30) UNTIL FEBRUARY 12 TO MAKE WAY FOR LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIRS.

THEY ARE THE TUEN MUN PLAYGROUND, TAI PO PLAYGROUND, SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND IN TSUEN WAN, SHEK WU HUI PLAYGROUND, KWAI CHUNG SPORTS GROUND AND YUEN WO ROAD PLAYGROUND IN SHA TIN, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE SIX VENUES, TOGETHER WITH THE PEDESTRIAN MALL OPPOSITE YUEN LONG SWIMMING POOL, WILL BE USED FOR THE SEVEN LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIRS TO BE HELD FROM FEBRUARY 2 (SUNDAY) TO FEBRUARY 9 IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE LONGER CLOSURE PERIOD THIS YEAR IS TO ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR STALL HOLDERS TO PREPARE THEIR STALLS AND FOR THE REMOVAL AND TIDYING UP WORK AFTERWARDS.

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THERE WILL BE 966 STALLS IN THE SEVEN FAIRS -- 805 FOR WET GOODS, 157 FOR DRY GOODS AND FOUR FOR BOTTLED DRINKS AND ICE CREAM.

ALL STALL SITES, EXCEPT FOUR WET GOODS STALLS IN KWAI CHUNG, HAD BEEN LET TO TRADERS AT SEVEN OPEN AUCTIONS HELD EARLIER THIS MONTH.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO LEASE THE FOUR REMAINING STALL SITES SHOULD CONTACT THE RSD'S KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, 9/F, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICE, 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG, DURING OFFICE HOURS. THE STALL SITES WILL BE LEASED AT \$150 EACH.

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WAN CHAI FESTIVAL A SUCCESS

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THE 10-DAY WAN CHAI FESTIVAL WAS BROUGHT TO A SUCCESSFUL END TONIGHT (TUESDAY) WITH A DANCE PERFORMANCE AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM.

SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, SAID THE FESTIVAL'S ACHIEVEMENTS WERE FAR-REACHING AND LONG-TERM, CONTRIBUTING TO THE DISTRICT'S SENSE OF IDENTITY.

+THE WAN CHAI FESTIVAL WAS A DIRECT RESULT OF OUR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME, AS IT WAS INITIATED AND STRONGLY SUPPORTED AND PROMOTED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD AND OTHER COMMUNITY GROUPS,+ HE SAID.

HE NOTED THAT DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION HAD HELPED PEOPLE TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON PROBLEMS AND MADE THEM PROUD OF THE DISTRICT ITSELF.

+IN THIS WAY, EACH PERSON FEELS THAT HE IS PART OF THE COMMUNITY AND RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS WELL-BEING AND IMPROVEMENT, AND IN TURN EACH PERSON BECOMES MORE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMUNITY'S AFFAIRS,+ HE SAID.

+AND THE KEY TO DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION IS PARTICIPATION.+

THE WAN CHAI FESTIVAL WAS HELD TO GIVE FOCUS TO COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT AND TO PROMOTE PARTICIPATION IN THE DISTRICT'S AFFAIRS, HE SAID.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY WERE THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM= AND CHAIRMAN OF THE FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR LEE KON.

TONIGHT'S PROGRAMME INCLUDED BALLET, MODERN DANCE AND CHINESE DANCE PERFORMANCES.

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ENTRIES INVITED FOR FLOWER CONTEST
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HORTICULTURISTS ARE BEING INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A FLOWER COMPETITION IN THE 10TH NORTH DISTRICT FLOWER SHOW TO BE HELD BETWEEN MARCH 8 AND 10.

THE COMPETITION WILL BE IN SEVEN SECTIONS: CUT FLOWERS, SCENTED CUT FLOWERS, POT FLOWERS, MINIATURE POT PLANTS, AFRICAN VIOLETS, ORCHIDS AND BONSAI TYPE PLANTS.

ENTRY FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES AND SHOULD BE RETURNED BY FEBRUARY 24.

ALL ENTRIES ARE FREE OF CHARGE, BUT PARTICIPANTS MAY ONLY ENTER ONE EXHIBIT IN EACH SECTION. FURTHER DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED BY CALLING 0-906170 OR 0-914813.

SPONSORED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD, THE FLOWER SHOW IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, TAI PO AND FANLING DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, NORTH DISTRICT ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION, AND VARIOUS FLORAL CLUB AND SOCIETIES.

IT WILL BE STAGED AT THE FANLING RECREATION GROUND, FANLING.

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MIME BY YASS HAKOSHIMA
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AMERICAN-JAPANESE MIME PERFORMER YASS HAKOSHIMA WILL GIVE A LAUGH-PROVOKING PERFORMANCE IN THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL AT 8 PM ON FEBRUARY 7.

CURRENTLY BASED IN THE UNITED STATES, HAKOSHIMA STARTED AS A BALLET DANCER IN JAPAN IN THE LATE FIFTIES.

AFTER WATCHING PERFORMANCES BY FRENCH MIME MASTER, MARCEL MARCEAU, HE DECIDED TO MAKE MIME HIS CAREER.

IN THE 1960'S, HE TOURED EUROPE, CANADA AND THE U.S. WHERE HE STUDIED MIME WITH ETIENNE DECROUX, THE TEACHER OF MARCEL MARCEAU.

OVER THE YEARS, HAKOSHIMA HAS EVOLVED A UNIQUE MIME WHICH HAS ENTHRALLED AUDIENCES IN THE WESTERN WORLD.

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TICKETS FOR THE COMING PERFORMANCE AT \$10, \$15 AND \$20 ARE ON SALE AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL BOX OFFICE. HALF-PRICED TICKETS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE TO FULL-TIME STUDENTS UNDER 25, AND PEOPLE OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE.

THE PERFORMANCE IS PART OF THE TSUEN KWAI ARTS FESTIVAL 1986 PRESENTED JOINTLY BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD, TSUEN WAN CULTURE AND RECREATION CO-ORDINATING ASSOCIATION, KWAI CHUNG PERFORMING ARTS SOCIETY AND THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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MUSIC OFFICE JOINS FESTIVAL FRINGE '86
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A SERIES OF +FESTIVAL LUNCHTIME PROMS+ WILL BE HELD AT THE FRINGE CLUB BETWEEN 1.15 PM AND 1.50 PM EVERY THURSDAY UNTIL FEBRUARY 20.

THIS IS TO MARK THE PARTICIPATION BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH IN THE CURRENT 1986 FESTIVAL FRINGE.

THE PROGRAMME WILL RANGE FROM A HAYDN STRING QUARTET TO FESTIVAL CHINESE MUSIC CELEBRATING THE NEW YEAR, AND FROM THE CELLO RENDITIONS OF SIGMUND ROMBERG TO A HIGH-ENERGY PERCUSSION DISPLAY.

ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 2) FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM, THE CHINESE PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE WILL ENTERTAIN PEDESTRIANS IN THE MIDDLE OF CHATER ROAD WITH +EASTWEST MUSICAL CROSSROADS+.

IN ANOTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMME OF THE FESTIVAL AT THE SIR RUN RUN SHAW HALL OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG ON FEBRUARY 22, THE MUSIC OFFICE DISTRICT YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRAS WILL PRESENT +MUSIC THAT FLOWS FROM SHORE TO SHORE+.

FOUR CHINESE YOUTH ORCHESTRAS WILL BE FEATURED IN THIS MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA, PLAYING SEPARATELY OR ALL TOGETHER.

ADMISSION TO THE ABOVE CONCERTS WILL BE FREE. FOR ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CALL 5-283257 OR 5-217251.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN FANLING
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THE SECTION OF LUEN ON STREET, FANLING BETWEEN HOUSE NOS. 17 AND 25 WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 31).

VEHICLES FROM WO TAI STREET WILL BE ABLE TO PROCEED TO LUEN WO ROAD VIA LUEN ON STREET. MOREOVER, THE WHOLE OF LUEN ON STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY EASTBOUND TO EASE TRAFFIC FLOW.

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AT THE SAME TIME, THE FOLLOWING TWO SECTIONS OF ROAD IN TUEN MUN WILL BE DESIGNATED 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY RESTRICTED ZONES:

- * ROAD D2N BETWEEN HO PONG STREET AND THE UNNAMED ROAD NORTH OF TUEN MUN CLINIC; AND
- * ROAD D9 FROM A POINT ABOUT 250 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH THE NORTHERN END OF ROAD 4B TO A POINT ABOUT 730 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONES, NO VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

ALSO, FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 1), THE ELEVATED SECTION OF WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR BETWEEN CHERRY STREET AND YEN CHOW STREET WILL BE SUBJECT TO A SPEED LIMIT OF 70 KILOMETRES PER HOUR.

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DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL TRAFFIC CHANGES DUE
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TRAFFIC CHANGES WILL SHORTLY BE PUT INTO EFFECT ON TWO SECTIONS OF DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY).

DETAILS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- * FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 31), THE EXISTING 7 AM TO 7 PM URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION ON THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL BETWEEN MAN WA LANE AND RUMSEY STREET WILL BE EXTENDED TO 24 HOURS DAILY.
- * FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 2), THE URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION ON THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL BETWEEN RUMSEY STREET AND WING WO STREET, NOW EFFECTIVE ROUND THE CLOCK, WILL BE CUT SHORT TO BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM DAILY.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONES, NO VEHICLE OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

MEANWHILE, FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY, ALL LEARNER DRIVERS WILL BE BANNED FROM SOUTH BAY CLOSE 24 HOURS DAILY.

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NEW PARKING METERS FOR TSUEN WAN

SIXTY-EIGHT NEWLY-INSTALLED PARKING METERS IN TSUEN WAN WILL BECOME OPERATIONAL FROM 8 AM ON JANUARY 31, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE TYPES OF METERS ARE: TWO-HOUR METERS FOR PRIVATE CARS AND ONE-HOUR METERS FOR GOODS VEHICLES.

THE CHARGES FOR 30 MINUTES WILL BE \$1 FOR PRIVATE CARS AND 50 CENTS FOR GOODS VEHICLES FROM 8 AM TO 12 MIDNIGHT EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

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