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BRITAIN, CHINA COMMITTED TO CARRY OUT JOINT DECLARATION
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BOTH THE BRITISH AND CHINESE GOVERNMENTS ARE VERY FIRMLY COMMITTED TO THE SCRUPULOUS CARRYING OUT OF THE JOINT DECLARATION AND BOTH GOVERNMENTS HAVE MADE QUITE CLEAR THAT THAT IS WHAT THEY ARE INTENT ON DOING, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TONIGHT (FRIDAY).

SIR EDWARD WAS SPEAKING TO A GROUP OF REPORTERS AFTER ATTENDING THE SILVER JUBILEE DINNER OF THE HONG KONG MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON +THE INDICATION BY MR XU JIATUN THAT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAD DONE SOMETHING WHICH HAD CONTRADICTED THE SPIRIT OF THE JOINT DECLARATION+ SIR EDWARD SAID: +I DON'T KNOW WHAT MR XU HAD IN MIND, AND I THINK YOU MUST ASK HIM ABOUT THAT.+

SIR EDWARD ADDED THAT HE DID NOT THINK THERE WAS ANY CHANGE SINCE HE SPOKE IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO.

HE NOTED: +I SAID THERE THAT I THOUGHT THAT THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WOULD EACH BE ALIVE TO THE VIEWS AND CONCERNS OF THE OTHER AND THE CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

+AND I WAS QUITE CONFIDENT THAT ON THAT BASIS WE COULD DEVISE STRUCTURES WHICH WOULD ENDURE AND WHICH I THOUGHT WOULD ENABLE US TO HAVE A SMOOTH TRANSITION, AND THAT'S STILL MY VIEW,+ SIR EDWARD ADDED.

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NOTE:

FOR YOUR REFERENCE, THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXTRACT OF THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH AT THE OPENING OF THE 1985/86 SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 30 RELATING TO THE COMMITMENTS OF BOTH THE BRITISH AND THE CHINESE GOVERNMENTS:

+BOTH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT OF CHINA ARE FIRMLY COMMITTED TO MAINTAINING THE PROSPERITY AND STABILITY OF HONG KONG AND TO ENSURING A SMOOTH TRANSITION IN 1997. BOTH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, WHICH WILL REMAIN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF HONG KONG UP TO 1997, AND THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DRAFTING THE BASIC LAW, HAVE AS THEIR STARTING POINT THE JOINT DECLARATION, WHICH SETS OUT IN ANNEX I THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF THE STRUCTURE OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE FUTURE. BOTH GOVERNMENTS HAVE PLEDGED THEMSELVES TO CONSULT EXTENSIVELY WITH THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG. I AM SURE THAT THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL AT ALL TIMES BE ALIVE TO THE CONCERNS AND THE VIEWS OF THE OTHER, AS WELL AS OF THE VIEWS OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG. I AM ALSO CONFIDENT THAT, ON THESE FOUNDATIONS, A FRAMEWORK OF ENDURING INSTITUTIONS CAN BE CONSTRUCTED, WHICH WILL MAINTAIN CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG AND ENABLE A SMOOTH TRANSFER OF GOVERNMENT IN 1997.+

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'VALUE FOR MONEY' STUDIES ACHIEVE SAVINGS
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ABOUT \$430 MILLION HAS BEEN SAVED AS A RESULT OF 70 'VALUE FOR MONEY' STUDIES, ONE OF THE MEASURES UNDERTAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY AND PRODUCTIVITY IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

THESE STUDIES INVOLVED THE FORMING OF DEPARTMENTAL STEERING GROUPS WHICH IDENTIFIED PRIORITY AREAS FOR EXAMINATION, MONITORED PROGRESS AND FOLLOWED THROUGH ON PLANS FOR ACHIEVING ECONOMIES.

'I AM PLEASED THAT OUR EFFORTS HAVE ACHIEVED A CONSIDERABLE DEGREE OF SUCCESS. THROUGH THE JOINT EFFORTS OF MANAGEMENT AND STAFF WORK HAS BEEN RE-ORGANISED AND PRODUCTIVITY INCREASED, MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO STABILISE THE SIZE OF THE CIVIL SERVICE AND HAVE ONLY MINIMAL STAFF INCREASES FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS,' HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE SILVER JUBILEE DINNER OF THE HONG KONG MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION, SIR EDWARD SAID THAT ANOTHER MEASURE ADOPTED ALONG THE SAME LINE HAD BEEN TO SEEK THE HELP OF THE STAFF.

MANY DEPARTMENTAL WORK IMPROVEMENT TEAMS HAD BEEN FORMED THAT WERE COMPOSED OF FRONT-LINE STAFF AND THEIR SUPERVISORS.

'THEY MEET REGULARLY TO DISCUSS THEIR WORKING ARRANGEMENTS AND TO SEE HOW BETTER SERVICE MIGHT BE PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC.

'THUS SUGGESTIONS LEADING TO IMPROVEMENT FREQUENTLY ORIGINATE FROM THE FRONT-LINE STAFF THEMSELVES.

'AS A RESULT, THEY FEEL A SENSE OF PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT AND JUSTIFIABLE PRIDE IN THEIR WORK,' HE SAID.

EMPHASISING FURTHER ON THE IMPORTANCE PLACED ON MANAGEMENT TRAINING, SIR EDWARD SAID SPECIAL ATTENTION WAS BEING PAID TO TRAINING OFFICERS IN MID-CAREER FOR SENIOR DIRECTORATE RESPONSIBILITIES.

'SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN SEPTEMBER 1984, THERE HAVE BEEN THREE SENIOR STAFF COURSES AND A FURTHER THREE WILL BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR,' HE SAID.

'BY THAT TIME A TOTAL OF 188 CIVIL SERVANTS WILL HAVE PASSED THROUGH THE COURSE,' HE ADDED.

CIVIL SERVANTS COULD ALSO ATTEND IN-HOUSE MANAGEMENT TRAINING PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED BY THE CIVIL SERVICE TRAINING CENTRE AND PROGRAMMES SPONSORED BY OTHER LOCAL AND OVERSEAS TRAINING INSTITUTIONS.

SIR EDWARD SAID THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE CIVIL SERVICE CONTINUED TO MAKE USE OF THESE EXTERNAL COURSES AS IT ENABLED IT TO KEEP ABREAST OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN MANAGEMENT PRACTICE OUTSIDE THE PUBLIC SERVICE.

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HE ADDED THAT IT ALSO ENABLED CIVIL SERVANTS AND THEIR PRIVATE SECTOR COUNTER-PARTS TO EXCHANGE IDEAS TO THEIR MUTUAL BENEFIT.

CONGRATULATING THE ASSOCIATION FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION TO PROMOTING EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OVER THE PAST 25 YEARS, SIR EDWARD SAID THAT HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC SUCCESS WAS DUE IN LARGE PART TO THE HARD WORK, INITIATIVE AND SKILL OF ITS PEOPLE.

+THE PROPER MANAGEMENT OF THIS VITAL HUMAN RESOURCE IS ALSO AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN THAT SUCCESS,+ HE SAID.

+BUT IF WE ARE TO CONTINUE TO SUCCEED WE CANNOT AFFORD TO RELAX OUR EFFORTS TO IMPROVE HONG KONG'S MANAGEMENT SKILLS.

+AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF A STILL SLUGGISH WORLD ECONOMY, THE MOUNTING THREAT OF PROTECTIONISM AND THE EVER-INCREASING COMPETITION FOR THE MARKETS AVAILABLE, HONG KONG'S FUTURE PROSPERITY REQUIRES THAT MANAGEMENT BE CONSTANTLY ON THE ALERT TO MEET NEW CHALLENGES,+ HE SAID.

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MOVE TO DE-REGULATE PEAK TRAM FARES
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THE PEAK TRAMWAY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985, PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY, PROVIDES FOR THE DE-REGULATION OF PEAK TRAM FARES AND THE GRANTING OF A RIGHT TO THE PEAK TRAMWAY COMPANY TO OPERATE THE TRAMWAY FOR 20 YEARS AT A PREMIUM OF \$2.6 MILLION.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT AS THE PEAK TRAM WAS NOW LARGELY A RECREATIONAL FACILITY AND NOT AN ESSENTIAL FORM OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT, IT WAS NO LONGER NECESSARY FOR GOVERNMENT TO EXERCISE CONTROL OVER THE PEAK TRAM FARES.

HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE INTEREST OF THE SMALL NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO USE THE PEAK TRAMWAY FOR COMMUTING, THE BILL PROVIDES FOR MONTHLY TICKETS TO BE ISSUED BY THE COMPANY AT CONCESSIONARY RATES.

THE CHARGE FOR A MONTHLY TICKET IS NOT TO EXCEED 25 TIMES THE LOWEST FARE FOR A FULL DISTANCE SINGLE JOURNEY, PROVIDED THAT THE CHARGE IS NOT LESS THAN THE CURRENT LEVEL OF \$100 FOR AN ADULT AND \$50 FOR A STUDENT UNDER THE AGE OF 16 YEARS.

THE PREMIUM FOR THE 20-YEAR RIGHT TO OPERATE THE TRAMWAY IS INTENDED TO REPLACE THE OBSOLETE ANNUAL PERMIT FEE SYSTEM PROVIDED IN THE EXISTING PEAK TRAMWAY ORDINANCE.

UNDER THE EXISTING ORDINANCE, THE PEAK TRAMWAY COMPANY IS REQUIRED TO PAY GOVERNMENT AN ANNUAL PERMIT FEE FOR THE USE OF GOVERNMENT LAND TO OPERATE THE TRAMWAY. THE PROPOSED PREMIUM FOR THE 20-YEAR RIGHT IS A COMMERCIAL RENT FOR THE USE OF GOVERNMENT LAND FOR TRAMWAY PURPOSES. THE 20-YEAR RIGHT WOULD ALSO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT SECURITY FOR THE COMPANY TO MODERNISE THE EQUIPMENT OF THE TRAMWAY.

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THIS BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 4.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO COMMENT MAY WRITE TO UMELCO AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BUILDING, JACKSON ROAD, CENTRAL, OR TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, EIGHTH FLOOR, ST JOHN'S BUILDING, 33 GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

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SAFETY RULES ON BOXING TO REMAIN
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THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT HAS RECENTLY CONDUCTED A REVIEW OF THE CONDITIONS IMPOSED ON PERMITS FOR FREE FIGHT AND KICK BOXING EVENTS AND RECOMMENDED THAT THEY SHOULD REMAIN IN FORCE.

WHEN THESE CONDITIONS WERE FIRST IMPLEMENTED BY THE TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY (TELA) ON JANUARY 1, 1985, THE COUNCIL UNDERTOOK TO REVIEW THEM AFTER SIX MONTHS.

THE RECOMMENDATION WAS MADE ON THE ADVICE OF A WORKING GROUP CONSISTING OF MEMBERS FROM THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH, THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY, THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND VARIOUS GOVERNING BODIES OF THE MARTIAL ARTS SPORTS.

THESE PERMIT CONDITIONS ARE INTENDED TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF CONTESTANTS, AND SEVERAL CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN AMENDED AND REFINED TO REFLECT MORE ACCURATELY THEIR ORIGINAL INTENTION.

A CONDITION REQUIRING THAT ALL CORNER POSTS IN THE RING SHALL BE CUSHIONED AND THE FLOORING CUSHIONED AND CANVASSED HAS BEEN REVISED TO STATE THAT THE CUSHIONING AND CANVASSING SHOULD BE SET ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL SPECIFICATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR BOXING ASSOCIATION (AIBA).

WITH REGARD TO THE TREATMENT OF INJURIES, THE AMENDED CONDITION STIPULATES THAT ALL INJURIES, IF ATTENDED TO IN THE VENUE, SHALL BE TREATED UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE REGISTERED MEDICAL PRACTITIONER WHO SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT, SHOULD HE CONSIDER IT NECESSARY, TO EXAMINE THE CONTESTANTS BEFORE THE CONTESTANTS LEAVE THE VENUE.

THE WORKING GROUP ALSO REFINED THE CONDITION WHICH SPELLS OUT WEIGHT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CONTESTANTS. THE DIFFERENCE SHOULD NOT EXCEED FIVE KILOGRAMS WHEN THE CONTESTANTS ARE WEIGHED IN NAKED WITHIN 12 HOURS OF THE CONTEST.

THE CONDITION REQUIRING THE PERMIT HOLDER TO HIRE POLICE INSIDE THE VENUE DURING THE CONTEST HAS BEEN DROPPED.

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ANOTHER CONDITION STATING THAT CONTESTANTS SHOULD PRODUCE MEDICAL CERTIFICATION OF FITNESS TO COMPETE, ISSUED BY A REGISTERED MEDICAL PRACTITIONER NOT MORE THAN THREE MONTHS BEFORE THE CONTEST, HAS ALSO BEEN RELAXED. IT WILL NOW BE SUFFICIENT FOR CONTESTANTS TO BE EXAMINED AND CERTIFIED FIT TO COMPETE BY A REGISTERED MEDICAL PRACTITIONER WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE CONTEST.

AS REGARDS THE ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR TERMINATING A BOUT, THIS HAS NOW BEEN PLACED WITH THE REFEREE. HOWEVER, THE REGISTERED MEDICAL PRACTITIONER SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO ADVISE THE REFEREE TO TERMINATE THE CONTEST, IF HE CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY FOR THE SAFETY OF THE CONTESTANTS. THE REFEREE SHALL FOLLOW THAT ADVICE.

OTHER PERMIT CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED AND THE PERMIT HOLDER SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DUE OBSERVANCE OF ALL THE CONDITIONS. WHERE ANY CONDITION OF SUCH PERMIT IS CONTRAVENED, THE PERMIT HOLDER SHALL BE GUILTY OF AN OFFENCE AND SHALL BE LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE OF \$10 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS.

THE NEW PERMIT CONDITIONS WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON DECEMBER 22. COPIES OF THE NEW CONDITIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE LICENSING OFFICE OF THE TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY, NINTH FLOOR, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

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INSURANCE POLICY-HOLDERS TO GET MORE PROTECTION

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INSURANCE POLICY-HOLDERS WILL BE GIVEN GREATER PROTECTION UNDER PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE INSURANCE COMPANIES ORDINANCE PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE.

UNDER THE INSURANCE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2) BILL 1985, WHERE THE INSURANCE AUTHORITY HAD REQUIRED AN INSURANCE COMPANY TO MAKE A BANK DEPOSIT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROTECTING THE INTERESTS OF POLICY-HOLDERS, ANY CHARGE CREATED OVER THE DEPOSIT WOULD BE VOID.

THE MONEY DEPOSITED WOULD THEREFORE BE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION AMONGST CREDITORS, MAINLY POLICY-HOLDERS, ON A WINDING-UP OF THE COMPANY.

THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, MR NOEL GLEESON, AS THE INSURANCE AUTHORITY, SAID THAT THE PROPOSAL HAD RECEIVED THE SUPPORT OF THE INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

THE BILL IS SCHEDULED TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 4, 1985.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED BILL CAN BE SUBMITTED TO UMELCO AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BUILDING, JACKSON ROAD, CENTRAL OR THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, CENTRAL.

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MEDICAL BILL CLARIFIES IRISH QUALIFICATION
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HONG KONG BELONGERS WHO HAVE OBTAINED MEDICAL QUALIFICATIONS IN THE IRISH REPUBLIC ON OR AFTER APRIL 30, 1985 WILL BE ENABLED TO REGISTER AS MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS IN HONG KONG UNDER AN AMENDMENT TO THE MEDICAL REGISTRATION ORDINANCE.

UNDER THE MEDICAL REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985, PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY), NATIONALS OF COUNTRIES NOT IN THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY (EEC), INCLUDING HONG KONG BELONGERS, WHO HAVE BEEN AWARDED PRIMARY MEDICAL QUALIFICATIONS IN THE IRISH REPUBLIC ON OR AFTER APRIL 30, 1985 WILL BE ENTITLED TO REGISTER AS MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS IN HONG KONG.

EARLIER IN THE YEAR, THE GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL OF THE UNITED KINGDOM DECIDED THAT PERSONS WHO WERE NOT NATIONALS OF A MEMBER STATE OF THE EEC AND WHO HAD OBTAINED A DIPLOMA IN MEDICINE IN THE IRISH REPUBLIC ON OR AFTER APRIL 30, 1985 WERE NO LONGER ELIGIBLE FOR FULL REGISTRATION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE BILL SEEKS TO AMEND THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE TO PLACE ALL HOLDERS OF UNITED KINGDOM OR IRISH MEDICAL DIPLOMAS ON AN EQUAL FOOTING IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR NATIONALITIES.

IT WILL ENABLE NON-EEC NATIONALS WITH MEDICAL QUALIFICATIONS FROM THE IRISH REPUBLIC TO CONTINUE TO BE REGISTRABLE AS MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS IN HONG KONG AS THEY HAVE DONE IN THE PAST.

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STOCK EXCHANGES ORDINANCE SECTIONS IN OPERATION
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SECTIONS 14 AND 15 OF THE STOCK EXCHANGES UNIFICATION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1985 REQUIRING THE STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONG KONG LIMITED (THE UNIFIED EXCHANGE) TO ALTER ITS CONSTITUTION TO REFLECT THE VARIOUS LEGISLATIVE CHANGES MADE TO THE ORDINANCE ENACTED IN AUGUST THIS YEAR SHALL COME INTO OPERATION TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE RELEVANT NOTIFICATION WAS CONTAINED IN THE STOCK EXCHANGES UNIFICATION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1985 (COMMENCEMENT) NOTICE 1985 PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

THE STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONG KONG LIMITED HAS CALLED FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING ON DECEMBER 11 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING ITS MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION ACCORDINGLY.

THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO BRING INTO OPERATION THE REMAINING PROVISIONS IN THE STOCK EXCHANGES UNIFICATION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1985, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SECTION 9, ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20.

SECTION 9 WHICH RENDERS VOID DEEDS OF TRUST ETC. WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON THE DAY OF COMMENCEMENT OF OPERATION OF THE UNIFIED EXCHANGE.

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TAKING HONG KONG'S MESSAGE ACROSS AMERICA
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THE REPRESENTATIONAL ROLE OF THE HONG KONG COMMISSION IN NEW YORK HAS NOT BEEN DIMINISHED BY THE GREAT PRESSURE PLACED ON ITS RESOURCES IN COMBATING THE JENKINS BILL, ACCORDING TO THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS, MISS DENISE YUE, ON WHOSE SHOULDERS MUCH OF THE REPRESENTATIONAL WORK HAS FALLEN IN RECENT MONTHS.

SPEAKING IN AN INTERVIEW IN NEW YORK, MISS YUE SAID THAT THE PRIMARY FUNCTION OF THE NEW YORK OFFICE WAS TO REPRESENT HONG KONG'S INTERESTS IN NORTH AMERICA AND TO MAKE SURE ITS POSITIVE IMAGE WAS REINFORCED AMONG THE RIGHT PEOPLE.

HOWEVER, A LOT OF THE WORK OF THE OFFICE, AND PARTICULARLY OF THE COMMISSIONER, MR BILL DORWARD, HAS RECENTLY BEEN DIVERTED TO FIGHTING TRADE BATTLES IN WASHINGTON.

MISS YUE, WHO TOOK UP HER POST AS DEPUTY COMMISSIONER SEVEN MONTHS AGO, SAID THAT IN HER VISITS TO VARIOUS PARTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA SHE HAD ENCOUNTERED GREAT INTEREST IN HONG KONG, PARTICULARLY ABOUT ITS FUTURE.

+ I HAVE SPOKEN ABOUT THE SECURITY FOR HONG KONG PROVIDED BY THE SINO-BRITISH AGREEMENT, AND THE GROUNDWORK BEING LAID BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT FOR A STABLE AND PROSPEROUS FUTURE,+ SHE SAID.

DURING THE PAST TWO MONTHS, MISS YUE HAD SPOKEN BEFORE AUDIENCES IN VANCOUVER, ALABAMA, CLEVELAND, SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES, PLATFORMS HAVE INCLUDED WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCILS AND TRADE GROUPS, AS WELL AS THE CAMPUSES OF SEVERAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. SHE HAD ALSO GIVEN INTERVIEWS TO LOCAL NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS WHEREVER SHE SPOKE.

+ IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT HONG KONG'S INTERESTS IN THE UNITED STATES ARE NOT SEEN AS ONLY BEING CONCERNED WITH ONE ISSUE, THAT OF ACCESS FOR ITS EXPORTS,+ SHE SAID.

+ OF COURSE THIS IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE, BUT IT ALSO MUST BE EMPHASISED THAT HONG KONG HAS MUCH TO OFFER AS A REGIONAL CENTRE FOR MAJOR CORPORATIONS, AS AN ENTREPOT TO CHINA, AND AS A PLACE TO MAKE A PROFITABLE INVESTMENT.+

MR DORWARD HAS ALSO BEEN PREACHING THE HONG KONG MESSAGE WHEN HE HAS THE OPPORTUNITY, WITH RECENT SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS IN GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT AND MONTREAL.

+ BOTH THE COMMISSIONER AND I ARE TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT AMERICANS AND CANADIANS ARE AWARE OF THE 'MIRACLE' THAT IS HONG KONG,+ MISS YUE SAID.

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GROUP FORMED TO FIGHT PROTECTIONISM
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THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE NEW SUB-COMMITTEE AGAINST PROTECTIONISM (SCAP) WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY BY THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD.

THE NEW GROUP COMPRISES REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH THE TRADE ADVISORY BOARD AND THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD. THERE ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF OTHER LEADING INDUSTRY AND TRADE BODIES, INCLUDING THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES, THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION.

SERVING ON THE SUB-COMMITTEE WILL BE: MR KENNETH FANG, MR WILLIAM FUNG, MR JACK TANG AND MISS ELEANOR WONG, OF TEXTAB= MR S.H. SUNG, MR KENNETH TING, MR PAUL YIN AND MRS ELEANOR LING, OF TAB, AND MR CHRISTOPHER CHENG, TEXTAB AND TAB. MR JACK SO OF THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL IS A CO-OPTED MEMBER.

MR MACLEOD, WHO WILL CHAIR THE GROUP, SAID MEMBERS WOULD ASSIST IN TWO-WAY COMMUNICATIONS WITH RELEVANT INDUSTRY AND TRADE BODIES EXCEPT, OF COURSE, WHERE CONFIDENTIALITY RULED THAT OUT. IT WAS ALSO LIKELY THAT SCAP WOULD HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS ETC. THE SUB-COMMITTEE WOULD PROBABLY HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING IN MID-DECEMBER WHEN IT WOULD CONSIDER CURRENT PROBLEMS AND DEVISE WORK PROGRAMME.

+THIS NEW GROUP WILL ENABLE US TO CONTINUE TO DEVELOP AND GUIDE WAYS TO PROTECT HONG KONG'S INTERESTS AS EFFECTIVELY AS POSSIBLE, PARTICULARLY IN RESPECT OF U.S. PROTECTIONISM,+ MR MACLEOD SAID.

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U.S. HOUSE TO DEBATE TRADE BILL
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LATEST INFORMATION FROM WASHINGTON IS THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WILL CONSIDER THE SENATE VERSION OF THE JENKINS-THURMOND BILL ON DECEMBER 3, THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, SAID TODAY.

MR MACLEOD EXPLAINED THAT THE RULES COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE DECIDED YESTERDAY TO PERMIT THE SENATE VERSION TO BE CONSIDERED ON DECEMBER 3.

+DEBATE WILL PROBABLY TAKE PLACE UNDER WHAT IS KNOWN AS CLOSED RULE ARRANGEMENTS,+ MR MACLEOD SAID.

+THIS MEANS THAT NO AMENDMENTS WILL BE ALLOWED. IF THE HOUSE APPROVES THE SENATE VERSION ON A SIMPLE MAJORITY BASIS, THEN IT WILL GO TO THE PRESIDENT WITHOUT THE NEED FOR A CONFERENCE STAGE,+ HE ADDED.

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CANADA TO LIFT IMPORT QUOTAS ON FOOTWEAR
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THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IMPORT QUOTAS ON FOOTWEAR IMPOSED IN 1977 WILL BE LIFTED FROM DECEMBER 1 WITH ONE EXCEPTION.

THE EXCEPTION IS IN THE WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' FOOTWEAR SECTOR WHICH COVERS BOTH DRESS AND CASUAL FOOTWEAR. QUOTAS ON THESE TYPES OF FOOTWEAR WILL REMAIN IN FORCE FROM DECEMBER 1, 1985 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1988. BUT THEY WILL BE GRADUALLY PHASED OUT OVER THIS THREE YEAR PERIOD.

CANADA INTRODUCED IMPORT CONTROL MEASURES IN 1977 FOLLOWING A FINDING BY THE CANADIAN IMPORT TRIBUNAL THAT THE DOMESTIC FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY WAS BEING HURT BY FOREIGN IMPORTS. THE ACTION WAS EXTENDED IN 1981 AND 1982.

THE RECENT DECISION TO LIFT GLOBAL IMPORT QUOTAS WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT ON NOVEMBER 20 FOLLOWING A REVIEW OF THE FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY'S POSITION CARRIED OUT EARLIER THIS YEAR BY THE CANADIAN IMPORT TRIBUNAL. THE TRIBUNAL CONCLUDED THAT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' FOOTWEAR, THE INDUSTRY NO LONGER NEEDS TO BE PROTECTED FROM FOREIGN IMPORTS.

IN 1984, CANADA'S FOOTWEAR IMPORTS FROM HONG KONG AMOUNTED TO \$38.1 MILLION OF WHICH \$15.1 MILLION WERE WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' FOOTWEAR.

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EPA PRESS CONFERENCE
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DETAILS OF A NEWLY-COMPLETED REPORT SETTING OUT ENVIRONMENTAL GUIDELINES FOR PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN HONG KONG WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 25).

IT WILL BE HELD AT 3 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, 11TH FLOOR, EMPIRE CENTRE, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

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BROAD AND BALANCED EDUCATION STRESSED

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CHILDREN ARE ALLOCATED TO SCHOOLS ON THE BASIS OF PARENTAL CHOICE AND INDIVIDUAL ATTAINMENT, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

CLARIFYING A SUGGESTION THAT GOVERNMENT WAS DIRECTING THE LESS ABLE AND MOST TROUBLESOME CHILDREN TO PRIVATE SCHOOLS, MR LEUNG SAID +THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT DIRECT CHILDREN IN THIS WAY+.

MR LEUNG WAS SPEAKING AT THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY SPEECH DAY OF DELIA MEMORIAL SCHOOL.

ON THE SETTING UP OF A SYSTEM WHEREBY PARENTS WERE ENTIRELY FREE TO SEND CHILDREN TO WHATEVER PRIVATE SCHOOL THEY WISHED WITH GOVERNMENT MEETING THE FEES, MR LEUNG SAID THIS METHOD OF PROVIDING PLACES HAD BEEN FULLY CONSIDERED WITHIN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

+BUT THE PRACTICAL PROBLEMS IT WOULD RAISE ARE THOUGHT TO HEAVILY OUTWEIGH ANY ADVANTAGES IT MIGHT HAVE,+ HE SAID.

+FOR ONE THING, IT WOULD INEVITABLY LEAD TO HIGHLY UNDESIRABLE ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS AND MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS WHICH WOULD ONLY BE HARMFUL TO ALL CONCERNED, IN PARTICULAR THE CHILDREN,+ HE ADDED.

COMMENTING ON THE PROBLEMS OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS, MR LEUNG SAID THEY WERE PROBLEMS WHICH HAD ARISEN AS A RESULT OF THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS OR SO, FROM PARTIAL TO UNIVERSAL PROVISION OF A BASIC COURSE OF EDUCATION.

+WE ARE STILL IN THE MIDST OF THAT DEVELOPMENT IN THAT HAVING SECURED THE NECESSARY QUANTITY OF PROVISION WE ARE NOW CONCENTRATING ON ACHIEVING THE REQUIRED QUALITY OF CONTENT IN WHAT WE ARE PROVIDING,+ HE SAID.

TURNING TO GOVERNMENT'S CURRENT POLICY, MR LEUNG SAID THE WHOLE THRUST WAS TO ENSURE THE PROVISION OF A BROAD AND BALANCED EDUCATION FOR ALL CHILDREN IN OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM WITH EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL.

+THIS DOES NOT MEAN THE CREATION OF A COMPLETELY UNIFORM SYSTEM OF SCHOOLS ALL EXACTLY THE SAME.

+WHAT IT DOES MEAN IS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SYSTEM IN WHICH CERTAIN MINIMUM STANDARDS ARE SECURED TO PROVIDE THE FOUNDATION ON WHICH DIVERSITY CAN FLOURISH, AND WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO FLOURISH,+ HE ADDED.

+IT WAS THE GOVERNMENT'S DECLARED POLICY, REVIEWED AND REVISED RECENTLY IN THE LIGHT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REPORT NO. 1 OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION, TO ACHIEVE THIS SOUND SCHOOL SYSTEM BY BUILDING FULLY AIDED SCHOOLS, BUT MAKING FULL USE OF EXISTING, ALTERNATIVE RESOURCES SUCH AS PLACES AVAILABLE IN PRIVATE SCHOOLS ABLE TO OFFER THE REQUIRED QUALITY EDUCATION,+ HE SAID.

/+SUCH SCHOOLS

+SUCH SCHOOLS WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR OF EDUCATION.

+WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE CURRENTLY PLANNED SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAMME WE SHOULD HAVE A SYSTEM IN WHICH MANY OF THE PRESENT DIFFICULTIES, SUCH AS TRANSFERRING PUPILS AMONG SCHOOLS AND INADEQUATE CURRICULA, WILL BE RESOLVED,+ MR LEUNG SAID.

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HK: AN EXCITING PLACE FOR EDUCATIONISTS
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HONG KONG IS AN EXCITING PLACE FOR EDUCATIONISTS TO WORK IN COMPARED WITH MOST DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR LI YUET-TING, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE CENTRAL EAST REGIONAL COUNCIL OVERSEAS SCHOOLS 85 CONFERENCE, MR LI SAID IT WAS BECAUSE HONG KONG WAS STILL IN AN EXPANDING SITUATION AND THE COMMUNITY HERE FIRMLY BELIEVED IN EDUCATION AND WAS EVER-READY TO SUPPORT IT AND TO PAY FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT.

MR LI SAID HONG KONG WAS PROBABLY THE FIRST CHINESE COMMUNITY IN THE WORLD TO ACHIEVE NEAR UNIVERSAL SENIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD ACCEPTED A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION'S FIRST REPORT AND IMPLEMENTATION HAD ALREADY STARTED. THESE INCLUDED A FURTHER EXPANSION OF SENIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION, HE ADDED.

+THERE WILL NO LONGER BE ANY NEED FOR THE PRESENT SELECTION ARRANGEMENTS AT THE END OF THE COMPULSORY EDUCATION PERIOD, WHICH CAN THEN BE PHASED OUT IN 1991,+ MR LI SAID.

HONG KONG WAS FULLY COMMITTED TO PROVIDING THE BEST EDUCATION POSSIBLE FOR ALL CHILDREN BECAUSE IN A PLACE WHICH HAD VIRTUALLY NO NATURAL RESOURCES, HUMAN RESOURCES WERE OUR +LIFE-LINE+, HE SAID.

+AT PRESENT 17 PER CENT OF GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE IS DEVOTED TO EDUCATION AND I WILL NOT BE SURPRISED IF THIS PERCENTAGE IS INCREASED OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS,+ MR LI SAID.

IN THIS CONNECTION, MR LI SAID, THE EDUCATION COMMISSION WAS LIKELY TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON KINDERGARTEN EDUCATION, SIXTH-FORM EDUCATION AND OPEN EDUCATION IN ITS NEXT REPORT.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO JUST ANNOUNCED THAT THE PLANNING OF A THIRD UNIVERSITY WILL START, MR LI SAID.

+THUS, EDUCATION WILL CONTINUE TO OCCUPY A CENTRAL PLACE IN HONG KONG'S LONG TERM DEVELOPMENT,+ HE ADDED.

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COUNTRY PARKS SURVEY TO START

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WILL CONDUCT A MAJOR SURVEY IN HONG KONG'S POPULAR COUNTRY PARKS TO FIND OUT THE USAGE PATTERN OF PARK VISITORS AND TO IDENTIFY THEIR NEEDS FOR FACILITIES AND SERVICES.

THE SURVEY, THE SECOND CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT SINCE 1982, COVERS 15 COUNTRY PARKS AND THE TAI PO KAU NATURE RESERVE.

THE COUNTRY PARKS SELECTED FOR THE SURVEY INCLUDE ABERDEEN, POK FU LAM, TAI TAM, QUARRY BAY, LANTAU, SAI KUNG, MA ON SHAN, CLEAR WATER BAY, KAM SHAN, LION ROCK, SHING MUN, TAI LAM, TAI MO SHAN, PAT SIN LENG AND PLOVER COVE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE SURVEY WOULD BE CARRIED OUT FROM NOVEMBER 24 TO DECEMBER 30.

+DURING THE SURVEY PERIOD, ABOUT 6 000 VISITORS TO THESE DESIGNATED COUNTRY PARKS WILL BE SELECTED AT RANDOM FOR INTERVIEWS BY THE DEPARTMENT'S PARK WARDENS AND OTHER FIELD STAFF WHO WILL BEAR AN OFFICIAL IDENTITY BADGE.

+THEY WILL BE ASKED SUCH SIMPLE QUESTIONS AS THEIR GROUP SIZE, GROUP COMPOSITION, THEIR HOME DISTRICT, MEANS AND COST OF TRANSPORT TO THE COUNTRY PARKS, THE FREQUENCY OF VISITS TO THE COUNTRY PARKS, PARK ACTIVITIES PREFERRED AND ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

EACH INTERVIEW WILL LAST FOR ONLY FIVE TO EIGHT MINUTES AND EVERY INTERVIEWEE WILL BE GIVEN A SOUVENIR AT THE END OF THE INTERVIEW IN APPRECIATION OF THEIR SUPPORT.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED THE PUBLIC VISITING THE SELECTED COUNTRY PARKS IN THE SURVEY PERIOD TO CO-OPERATE FULLY WITH SURVEY STAFF WHEN THEY WERE APPROACHED FOR INTERVIEW.

+THE SURVEY WILL BE OF LONG-TERM BENEFIT TO THE PUBLIC AS THE RESULTS WILL PROVIDE A YARDSTICK FOR BETTER PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNTRY PARKS, AND FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS OF PARK FACILITIES AND SERVICES,+ HE SAID.

THE INFORMATION GATHERED WILL BE COMPILED INTO A STATISTICAL SUMMARY REPORT AND UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL ANY REFERENCE BE MADE TO THE PERSONAL DATA OF INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEWEES, THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED.

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DB MEMBERS CALL ON WIGGHAM

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KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING PAID A COURTESY CALL ON THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN MAK, BOARD MEMBERS HAD AN EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION WITH MR WIGGHAM ON VARIOUS ISSUES INCLUDING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND THE ROLE OF DISTRICT BOARDS IN RELATION TO THE FUNCTIONS OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

THEY ALSO TALKED ABOUT STAFF SITUATIONS IN DISTRICT OFFICES, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS OFFICES, AND THE APPOINTMENT OF AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

THE BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM HANG-FAI, SAID AFTER THE MEETING THAT THE INFORMAL GATHERING WAS USEFUL IN FOSTERING BETTER COMMUNICATIONS AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS AND THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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MANPOWER SURVEY TO START NEXT WEEK

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THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL WILL BE CONDUCTING A SURVEY NEXT WEEK TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON THE MANPOWER NEEDS OF THE ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING INDUSTRY.

+THE DATA COLLECTED WILL ASSIST THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE ON ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING TRAINING TO FORMULATE APPROPRIATE TRAINING PLANS TO MEET DEMANDS FROM THE INDUSTRY. EMPLOYERS ARE THEREFORE URGED TO COOPERATE IN SUPPLYING INFORMATION,+ THE COMMITTEE'S CHAIRMAN, MR J.E. STRICKLAND SAID.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY NOTES HAVE BEEN SENT TO ABOUT 1 500 ESTABLISHMENTS INCLUDING MANUFACTURERS, SUPPLIERS, CONSULTANCY COMPANIES, SERVICE BUREAUS IN THE INDUSTRY AND COMPUTER USERS IN DIFFERENT INDUSTRIES.

DURING THE SURVEY, FROM NOVEMBER 29 TO DECEMBER 18, INTERVIEWERS OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL CALL AT THE SELECTED COMPANIES TO COLLECT AND ASSIST IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES.

INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

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FIRST IN LINE FOR NEW STAMPS
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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, MR MICHAEL SANDBERG, WILL BE BUYING THE FIRST SET OF SPECIAL STAMPS TO BE ISSUED ON NOVEMBER 27, A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE ACTING POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR DAVID LAN, MR SANDBERG WILL ARRIVE AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE AT 7.45 AM ON THAT DAY TO BUY THE SPECIAL STAMPS ON NEW BUILDINGS.

AS POST OFFICES ARE EXPECTED TO BE CROWDED ON THAT DAY, ADDITIONAL COUNTERS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR NORMAL POSTAL BUSINESS AT 17 POST OFFICES.

THEY ARE THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HENNESSY ROAD, MORRISON HILL, NORTH POINT, QUEEN'S ROAD AND SHEUNG WAN POST OFFICES ON HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON CENTRAL, CHEUNG SHA WAN, GILLIES AVENUE, KOWLOON CITY, KWUN TONG, MONG KOK, SHAM SHUI PO, TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICES IN KOWLOON AND THE TSUEN WAN POST OFFICE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT EXTRA STAFF WILL BE ON DUTY AT MOST POST OFFICES THAT DAY.

AS QUEUES ARE EXPECTED, HE REQUESTED THE PUBLIC TO SHOW TOLERANCE, AND TO TRANSACT THEIR NORMAL POSTAL BUSINESS ON THE DAY BEFORE OR AFTER THE DATE OF SPECIAL STAMP ISSUE IF POSSIBLE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE EASTERN MAIN GATE NEAR THE STAR FERRY CONCOURSE TO THE YARD OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE AT 7.30 AM ON NOVEMBER 27.

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TRANSPORT ASSISTANTS RETIRE
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THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR PETER LEEDS, TODAY (FRIDAY) PRESENTED SOUVENIRS TO TWO TRANSPORT ASSISTANTS, MR KO HUNG AND MR LEUNG WAH, WHO ARE RETIRING FROM GOVERNMENT SERVICE.

MR KO JOINED THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN 1952 AND MR LEUNG JOINED THE SAME DEPARTMENT IN 1956. BOTH WERE TRANSFERRED TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IN 1975 AND WERE PROMOTED TO TRANSPORT ASSISTANTS I IN 1981.

AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY HELD AT THE LION ROCK TUNNEL CONTROL ROOM, MR LEEDS PRAISED THEM FOR THEIR LONG AND DEDICATED SERVICE IN THE DEPARTMENT.

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RSD PROJECTS TO START WORK NEXT YEAR
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WORK ON 20 CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WORTH A TOTAL OF \$291.4 MILLION IS EXPECTED TO START IN THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE RSD'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (HEADQUARTERS), MR GEOFFREY ORR, AT A MEETING OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL TODAY.

AMONG THE MAJOR ONES ARE THE YEUNG UK ROAD MARKET, OFFICE AND INDOOR GAMES HALL IN TSUEN WAN (\$60 MILLION) AND A CIVIC AND CULTURAL COMPLEX IN TUEN MUN (\$40 MILLION).

THE OTHERS INCLUDE A NUMBER OF PARKS, SUCH AS THE LARGE TOWN PARK RECENTLY OPENED AT TUEN MUN.

AT THE MEETING, THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF \$138 800 FOR THE REGIONAL COUNCIL LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION.

THE BUDGET INCLUDES \$97 300 FOR PUBLICITY ON THE COMPETITION AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, A CASH PRIZE OF \$30 000 FOR THE WINNER AND TROPHIES FOR THE WINNER AND RUNNERS-UP.

ON THE TRAINING RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO RSD STAFF AT THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TRAINING SCHOOL, THE PRINCIPAL OF THE SCHOOL, MR ALBERT WONG, SAID THE RSD'S TRAINING ESTIMATES FOR 1986/87 PROVIDED FOR 23 OVERSEAS AND 66 LOCAL TRAINING PROGRAMMES. THE ESTIMATED COSTS FOR THESE AMOUNT TO \$4.87 MILLION.

HE SAID THE SCHOOL HAD STARTED A RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE TO IMPROVE EXISTING TRAINING PROGRAMMES AND INTRODUCE NEW PROGRAMMES TO MEET CHANGING OPERATIONAL NEEDS THROUGH INCREASING AND CHANGING DEMANDS FOR SERVICES FROM THE PUBLIC.

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BOARD MEMBERS MEET PUBLIC
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THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD HAS HANDLED SOME 50 CASES SINCE APRIL IN THE MEET THE PUBLIC SCHEME.

THE MOST COMMON CASES WERE ON HOUSING AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT MATTERS, REPRESENTING ABOUT 30 PER CENT AND 25 PER CENT OF THE CASE LOAD RESPECTIVELY.

OTHER SUBJECTS INCLUDED TRAFFIC, ENVIRONMENT AND LAND MATTERS. SOME 20 PER CENT OF THE CASES WERE ON PERSONAL MATTERS.

/FOUR MEET

FOUR MEET THE PUBLIC SESSIONS ARE HELD EACH MONTH,
ALL ON FRIDAY AFTERNOONS.

TODAY, THE BOARD'S SESSION WAS HELD AT THE NEW PREMISES
OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE AT THE TSUEN WAN STATION
MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING IN CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, MR CHAU
HOW-CHEN, SAID APART FROM ENQUIRIES, COMPLAINTS AND REQUESTS
FOR ASSISTANCE, SUGGESTIONS TO THE BOARD WERE ALSO WELCOMED.

MR CHAU SAID CASES WOULD BE DEALT WITH PROMPTLY WHILE
OTHERS WOULD BE REFERRED TO THE BOARD OR ITS COMMITTEES IF
NECESSARY. MATTERS THAT REQUIRED FURTHER ATTENTION WOULD BE
PASSED TO RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, HE ADDED.

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ISLANDS ATHLETIC MEET ON SUNDAY
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MORE THAN 200 ATHLETES FROM THE ISLANDS DISTRICT WILL BE
COMPETING IN THE 8TH ISLANDS DISTRICT ATHLETIC MEET ON SUNDAY
(NOVEMBER 24) AT THE WONG CHUK HANG SPORTS GROUND IN ABERDEEN.

THE ANNUAL EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS
DISTRICT BOARD, THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE ISLANDS
DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

THERE WILL BE ABOUT 70 TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS IN THE
THE PROGRAMME WHICH INCLUDE A 1 500-METRE RACE, LONG JUMP AND
A 4 BY 400-METRE RELAY RACE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ISLANDS DISTRICT ATHLETIC MEET
STARTING AT 10.30 AM ON SUNDAY. THE ASSISTANT ISLANDS DISTRICT
OFFICER, MR ANDREW PYNE, AND OTHER LOCAL DIGNITARIES WILL
OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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STUDENTS' ART WORKS ON DISPLAY
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ABOUT 800 PIECES OF ART WORKS WILL BE ON DISPLAY IN A JOINT
SCHOOL ARTS EXHIBITION IN SHAM SHUI PO FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

ITEMS ON DISPLAY INCLUDE TRADITIONAL CHINESE PAINTINGS,
SEAL CARVINGS, CALLIGRAPHY, MODERN SCULPTURES, PHOTOGRAPHS,
HANDICRAFT AND CERAMICS.

/THE EXHIBITS

THE EXHIBITS ARE PRODUCED MAINLY BY STUDENTS AND ART TEACHERS FROM 38 KINDERGARTENS, PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT.

PRESENTED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE, THE TWO-DAY EXHIBITION IS ORGANISED IN SUPPORT OF THE 1985 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MR FAN KAM-PING, SAID THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE EXHIBITION WAS TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS IN THE DISTRICT TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE AND OPINIONS IN ART CREATION AND APPRECIATION.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPENED FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM IN CONCORDIA LUTHERAN SCHOOL AT 12 TAI HANG TUNG ROAD. ADMISSION IS FREE.

DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR STEPHEN CHENG= DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SYLVESTER TSE, AND OTHER LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 10 AM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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KOWLOON CITY ANTI-DRUGS FAIR
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KOWLOON CITY RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO AN AFTERNOON OF FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT AT THE DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS FAIR TO BE HELD AT THE ARGYLE STREET PLAYGROUND AT 2.30 PM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 24).

THERE WILL BE 20 GAMES STALLS, AN EIGHT-METRE TALL INFLATABLE ELEPHANT FOR CHILDREN, MAGIC, MIME AND ACROBATIC SHOWS AND PERFORMANCES BY THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL BAND.

THE FAIR IS ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT'S ANTI-NARCOTICS COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE THE THEME OF THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR GORDON MORTIMER= KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GORDON JONES= THE DISTRICT'S POLICE COMMANDER, MR BENNY NG, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS COMMITTEE, MR WONG WING-PUI, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS FAIR AT 2.30 PM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 24) AT THE ARGYLE STREET PLAYGROUND.

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SPORTS WEEKEND FOR TSUEN WAN

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PROGRAMMES OF THE 1985 TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG SPORTS FESTIVAL WILL CONTINUE THIS WEEKEND WITH A MINI-TENNIS DEMONSTRATION AND A VOLLEYBALL COMPETITION.

THE MINI-TENNIS DEMONSTRATION WILL TAKE PLACE AT 2 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE SHA TSUI ROAD FOOTBALL FIELD IN TSUEN WAN.

KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN COAK, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, MR HO TUNG-CHING, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING.

ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 24) AT 1 PM, SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT, MR PATRICK LAU; DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, YAU HON-KEE, SIN CHUN-KAI AND LAM YUK-TONG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE VOLLEYBALL INVITATION COMPETITION AT THE OSMAN RAMJU SADICK INDOOR GAMES HALL, HING FONG ROAD IN KWAI CHUNG.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER BOTH EVENTS.

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CHARITY WALK IN NT WEST

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THE YUEN LONG AND TUEN MUN COMMUNITY CHEST WALK WILL TAKE PLACE THIS SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 24) TO RAISE \$750 000 FOR THE CHEST.

THE WALK WILL START AT THE SHEUNG TSUEN PARK, YUEN LONG AND END AT THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE TRAINING SCHOOL, TAI LAM CHUNG COVERING A DISTANCE OF 20 KILOMETRES.

SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR IAN MACPHERSON, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE STARTING CEREMONY AT 9.15 AM IN SHEUNG TSUEN PARK AT THE JUNCTION OF KAM SHEUNG ROAD AND KAM TIN ROAD, YUEN LONG.

ABOUT 5 000 RESIDENTS OF YUEN LONG AND TUEN MUN WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE WALK.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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ELDERLY CARNIVAL TO BE STAGED IN CENTRAL
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A CARNIVAL FOR MORE THAN 2 000 ELDERLY PEOPLE WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 24) AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT IN CENTRAL.

THE THREE-HOUR PROGRAMME, STARTING AT 2 PM, WILL INCLUDE CANTONESE OPERA PERFORMANCES, TELEMATCH GAMES, LIONS DANCE, HANDICRAFT EXHIBITION AND GAMES STALLS.

SPONSORED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE LIONS CLUB OF CAMERON MOUNT, THE CARNIVAL IS AIMED AT PROMOTING A BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND CARE FOR THE ELDERLY, AND AT THE SAME TIME PROVIDING ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE AGED.

ADMISSION TO THE CARNIVAL IS FREE.

THE CARNIVAL IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS (CENTRAL AND WESTERN), SIX AREA COMMITTEES IN THE DISTRICT, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN AND ISLANDS REHABILITATION AND ELDERLY SERVICES CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE.

GUESTS WILL INCLUDE THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, CENTRAL AND WESTERN, MISS WINDY KWOK, URBAN COUNCILLOR, MISS MARIA TAM, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, MR VINCENT KO.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE ELDERLY CARNIVAL FOR CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 24) AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT IN CENTRAL.

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CHILDREN'S STORY TELLING COMPETITION
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THE FINAL OF THE CHILDREN'S STORY TELLING COMPETITION WILL BE HELD AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL THIS SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 24) AFTERNOON.

THE COMPETITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG.

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THE HEAD OF THE CHINESE PROGRAMME SERVICE OF THE RTHK, MR CHU PUI-HING, AND WIFE OF THE ASSOCIATION'S TREASURER, MRS ANTHEA STRICKLAND, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO THE WINNERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE COMPETITION WHICH WILL START AT 2.30 PM AT TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL.

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IMPROVEMENT PLANNED FOR MAN KAM TO ROAD
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THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO IMPROVE THE SECTION OF MAN KAM TO ROAD FROM JOCKEY CLUB ROAD TO LIN MA HANG ROAD.

THE IMPROVEMENT WILL INCLUDE WIDENING OF THE THREE-KILOMETRE CARRIAGEWAY FROM SIX METRES TO 10.3 METRES TO CATER FOR THREE-LANE TRAFFIC.

IT ALSO INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 1.6-METRE WIDE FOOTPATH ALONG THE CARRIAGEWAY, THE PROVISION OF RETAINING WALLS AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE WORKS.

TWO EXISTING BRIDGES ON JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FIVE REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS AND A VEGETABLE STATION ALONG MAN KAM TO ROAD WILL BE RECONSTRUCTED.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, NORTH AND AT THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING ROUNDABOUT, FANLING, NEW TERRITORIES.

OBJECTIONS TO THE WORKS OR THE USE SHOULD BE SENT IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY JANUARY 21.

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EARLY MORNING CLOSURE OF TUEN MUN ROAD
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TO FACILITATE ROAD SURFACING WORK, THE KOWLOON BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TUEN MUN ROAD BETWEEN ROAD D8 AND SIU LAM INTERCHANGE WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 11.30 PM AND 5 AM THE FOLLOWING MORNING ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 25 AND 26).

TRAFFIC HEADING FOR TSUEN WAN WILL BE DIVERTED TO CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

KMB ROUTES 57M, 59A, 59M, 59S, 60, 60M, 66, 66M, 67M, 68 AND 68M WILL ALSO BE DIVERTED TO OPERATE VIA CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN WAN CHAI

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN WAN CHAI ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 24) IN CONNECTION WITH THE CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING TO BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG STADIUM.

THE FOLLOWING MEASURES (UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED) WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 1 PM AND LAST UNTIL CROWDS HAVE DISPERSED AFTER THE EVENT:

- * CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN LEIGHTON ROAD AND STADIUM PATH WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND FROM 1 PM TO 3.45 PM. THE SAME ROAD SECTION WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND FROM 5.15 PM UNTIL THE DISPERSAL OF MOST PARTICIPANTS.
- * CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD AND COTTON PATH WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND; WHILE THE SECTION OF CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN COTTON PATH AND LEIGHTON ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC EXCEPT FOR VEHICLES REQUIRING ACCESS TO PREMISES.
- * EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD BETWEEN STADIUM PATH AND TUNG LO WAN ROAD WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND, BUT VEHICLES WILL STILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE CAR PARK OF ST PAUL'S HOSPITAL FROM TUNG LO WAN ROAD.
- * LINK ROAD BETWEEN CAROLINE HILL ROAD AND BROADWOOD ROAD WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY UPHILL. VEHICLES LEAVING THE UPPER SECTION OF BROADWOOD ROAD, HAPPY VIEW TERRACE AND LEIGHTON HILL SHOULD PROCEED VIA BROADWOOD ROAD TO WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD.

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ROAD CLOSURE IN WAN CHAI

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BURROWS STREET BETWEEN JOHNSTON ROAD AND WAN CHAI ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC DAILY FROM MONDAY (NOVEMBER 25) TO NOVEMBER 29, BETWEEN 8 PM AND 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR DRAINAGE WORK.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES ON JOHNSTON ROAD WESTBOUND HEADING FOR WAN CHAI ROAD MAY USE THE SLIP ROAD LINKING JOHNSTON ROAD AND WAN CHAI ROAD NEAR FLEMING ROAD.

THE METERED PARKING SPACES ALONG THE CLOSED ROAD SECTION WILL ALSO BE SUSPENDED.

IN ADDITION, TRIANGLE STREET BETWEEN JOHNSTON ROAD AND WAN CHAI ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 25) TO 4 PM ON DECEMBER 7 FOR ROAD WORK.

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