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RIGHT OBJECTIVES PURSUED FOR INDUSTRIAL POLICIES

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THE CYNICS ARE WRONG IN SAYING THAT THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT CARE THAT HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL POLICIES HAVE EVOLVED IN A RATIONAL AND PRAGMATIC MANNER, THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR K.Y. YEUNG, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG, HE SAID THAT HONG KONG HAD AN EFFICIENT MECHANISM FOR FORMULATING AND REVIEWING THOSE POLICIES AND THAT, IN SEEKING TO DO MORE TO SUPPORT INDUSTRIES, +WE ARE PURSUING THE RIGHT OBJECTIVES, WHICH ARE CENTRED UPON FOSTERING AND REMOVING THE OBSTACLES TO GROWTH+.

MR YEUNG SAID THE GOVERNMENT TOOK THE VIEW THAT, BECAUSE OF THE EXTERNAL ORIENTATION OF THE ECONOMY AND THE NEED TO PROTECT ITS ABILITY TO ADJUST EFFICIENTLY, THE PERFORMANCE OF THE ECONOMY WOULD BE DAMAGED IF THE GOVERNMENT ATTEMPTED TO FRUSTRATE MARKET FORCES OR TO PLAN THE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES.

+WHILE THIS DOES NOT RULE OUT INTERVENTION IT CLEARLY MEANS THAT INTERVENTION SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN ONLY WHEN IT IS IN THE LONG-TERM INTERESTS OF THE ECONOMY.

+IN PRACTICE THIS GENERAL APPROACH MEANS THAT, APART FROM ENSURING THE PROVISION OF THE PHYSICAL AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH PRIVATE ENTERPRISE CAN OPERATE SUCCESSFULLY, THE GOVERNMENT'S MAIN CONCERN IS TO AVOID FRUSTRATING INDIVIDUAL ENTERPRISE AND TO SEEK TO MAINTAIN INCENTIVES.

+TO THIS END, THE SIZE OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR HAS BEEN CONSTRAINED AND THE TAX BURDEN KEPT LOW. DIRECT SUBSIDIES TO BUSINESS ARE AVOIDED AND MARKET FACTORS DETERMINE ENTREPRENEURIAL DECISIONS,+ HE SAID.

IN RELATION TO MANUFACTURING, THE GENERAL APPROACH HAD HAD THE EFFECT OF LIMITING THE SCOPE FOR THE GOVERNMENT'S INDUSTRIAL POLICIES TO PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, AS OPPOSED TO THE EXERCISE OF DIRECT INFLUENCE OVER BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT DECISIONS SO OFTEN ASSOCIATED WITH PUBLIC POLICIES THAT ATTEMPT TO PICK SO-CALLED DESERVING AND PIONEERING INDUSTRIES.

+THE SUPPORT WE PROVIDE IS PARTLY INFRASTRUCTUAL - AS REPRESENTED BY OUR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES, THE PROVISION OF INDUSTRIAL LAND AND OTHER PUBLIC WORKS, AND A VARIETY OF PUBLICITY FUNDED BUSINESS SERVICES (INCLUDING THOSE OF THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE CORPORATION) - AND PARTLY DEVELOPMENT - AS REPRESENTED BY SPECIFIC SCHEMES OF INDUSTRIAL TRAINING, THE PRODUCTIVITY ENHANCEMENT SERVICES OF THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL, AND THE QUALITY PROMOTION AND INWARD INVESTMENT SERVICES OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT,+ HE SAID.

/+WHEN WE .....

+WHEN WE TALK ABOUT DOING ANYTHING TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OR DIVERSIFICATION OF OUR MANUFACTURING OUTPUT WE MEAN, IN EFFECT, DOING THAT WHICH IS NECESSARY TO FACILITATE THEIR GROWTH, PARTICULARLY EXPORT-LED GROWTH, BY FOSTERING THEIR COMPETITIVE STRENGTH, ON THE ONE HAND, AND REMOVING IDENTIFIABLE OBSTACLES TO GROWTH, ON THE OTHER.

+THIS HAS BEEN AND REMAINS THE ULTIMATE OBJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S INDUSTRIAL POLICIES.

+TO ACHIEVE THIS OBJECT THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT AND THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD RELY ON A CONTINUING SERIES OF TECHNO-ECONOMIC STUDIES OF VARIOUS INDUSTRIES.

+THE FIRST CYCLE OF THESE IS NEARING COMPLETION. WE LOOKED AT ELECTRONICS IN 1983, PLASTICS IN 1986, THE STUDY ON TEXTILES AND GARMENTS IS NEARING COMPLETION AND THE STUDY ON METALS FABRICATION WILL BEGIN SOON.

+AS A RESULT A CLEARER PICTURE OF THE STRENGTHS AND THE WEAKNESSES OF THE MAJOR MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IS BEGINNING TO EMERGE,+ HE SAID.

MR YEUNG SAID THE PICTURE SHOWED, ON THE ONE HAND, THAT HONG KONG INDUSTRIES NEEDED NO ENCOURAGEMENT TO EXPAND PRODUCTION CAPACITY WHEN EXPORTS WERE PICKING UP.

ON THE OTHER HAND THERE WERE INDICATIONS THAT MANUFACTURERS WERE LESS READY TO INVEST IN THE KIND OF EQUIPMENT AND MANAGEMENT AND TECHNICAL SYSTEMS ASSOCIATED WITH IMPROVED INDUSTRIAL EFFICIENCY AND BETTER QUALITY.

+ACCORDINGLY THE FOCUS OF OUR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES IS CENTRED UPON STIMULATING INVESTMENT IN PRODUCTIVITY ENHANCEMENT AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT, AND WE SEEK TO CREATE THE NECESSARY STIMULUS BY INFLUENCING MANPOWER TRAINING, BY PROVIDING PRODUCTIVITY ENHANCEMENT SERVICES AND QUALITY PROMOTION SERVICES, AND BY ENCOURAGING INWARD INVESTMENT.

+IN PROVIDING INFRASTRUCTURAL SUPPORT FOR OUR INDUSTRIES, THE GOVERNMENT SEEKS TO ENSURE AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF RESOURCES FOR OUR INDUSTRIES.

+THESE INCLUDE TREATED WATER, POWER AND OTHER ENERGY SUPPLIES, INDUSTRIAL LAND AND CAPITAL.

/+WHILE MANY .....

+WHILE MANY OF THESE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED BY OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT AND THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD TOGETHER EXERCISE A MONITORING ROLE,+ MR YEUNG SAID.

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GREATER PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN YOUDE FUND APPEAL URGED
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THE SPONTANEOUS RESPONSE TO THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE FUND OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS HAS BEEN VERY ENCOURAGING, THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

BUT HE CALLED FOR EVEN WIDER COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN ORDER TO FULFIL THE AIMS OF THE FUND WHICH WOULD BENEFIT HONG KONG'S FUTURE GENERATIONS.

+TAKING THE LEAD IN ENCOURAGING MORE PEOPLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS WORTHWHILE CAUSE, MANY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS HAVE INITIATED DONATIONS FROM AMONG THEIR STAFF,+ HE SAID.

HE ALSO SAID IT WAS HEARTENING TO LEARN THAT MANY ORGANISATIONS, BIG AND SMALL, WERE ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO DONATE TO THE FUND AT DISTRICT LEVEL.

+INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS OF ANY AMOUNT ARE ALSO MUCH APPRECIATED AND I SINCERELY HOPE TO SEE GREATER PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THIS CAUSE WHICH WILL BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE,+ HE ADDED.

MR LIAO WAS SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY AT WHICH HE PRESENTED A CHEQUE FOR OVER $17 800, REPRESENTING DONATIONS FROM THE STAFF OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE FUND COMMITTEE, SIR S.Y. CHUNG. THE CEREMONY WAS HELD AT THE OMELCO OFFICE IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BUILDING.

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EXTRA PROVISION SOUGHT FOR AUXILIARY POLICE PAY

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL BE ASKED TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO APPROVE A SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION OF $6.4 MILLION TO MEET ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE AS A RESULT OF ADJUSTMENTS IN AUXILIARY POLICE RATES OF PAY THAT TOOK EFFECT FROM JANUARY 1 AND APRIL 1 LAST YEAR.

PROVISION OF $70 MILLION HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE 1986-87 ESTIMATES FOR PAY AND ALLOWANCES FOR THE AUXILIARY POLICE, BASED ON AN AVERAGE DAILY TURNOUT OF ABOUT 700 AUXILIARIES.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TWO SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION:

* $4 445 000 TO MEET EXPENDITURE IN CONNECTION WITH THE LEGAL AID SCHEME;

* $31 000 000 FOR CONVEYANCE OF MAILS BY THE POST OFFICE;

IN ADDITION, IT WILL BE ASKED TO APPROVE AN INCREASE IN COMMITMENTS OF $5 974 000 AND $4 423 000 TO ASSIST CARITAS-HONG KONG TOWARDS BUILDING AND EQUIPPING TWO PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, IN FANLING AND YUEN LONG. TOTAL COMMITMENTS FOR THE SCHOOLS WILL BE $22 044 000 AND $20 493 000.

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LEGCO DEBATE ON EDUCATION REPORT

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TWELVE MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO SPEAK AT THE ADJOURNMENT DEBATE ON THE +EDUCATION COMMISSION REPORT NO. 2+ IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

FIVE BILLS AND 14 QUESTIONS WILL BE AMONG MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE MEETING.

OF THE FIVE BILLS, FOUR DUE FOR COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING ARE THE MAGISTRATES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986, THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986, THE PROBATION OF OFFENDERS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 AND THE ROADS (WORKS, USE AND COMPENSATION) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986.

THE RATING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987 WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READING.

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NOVEMBER ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL FIGURES OUT

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THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) IN THE 200 LARGEST FIRMS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED IN NOVEMBER 1986 COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1985 AS WELL AS WITH OCTOBER 1986, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARING NOVEMBER 1986 WITH THE SAME MONTH IN 1985, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN THE VOLUME OF ORDERS WERE REPORTED IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, TEXTILES AND WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRIES AND, TO A LESS EXTENT, IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

HOWEVER, THE VOLUME OF ORDERS IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY WAS STILL SIGNIFICANTLY BELOW THAT IN THE SAME MONTH IN 1985, ALTHOUGH IT HAD RISEN CONSIDERABLY OVER THAT IN OCTOBER 1986.

THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY SHOWED NO CHANGE IN THE VOLUME OF ORDERS COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1986, WHILE OTHER INDUSTRIES SURVEYED RECORDED SOME INCREASES OVER THE PERIOD.

THE LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR DECLINED SLIGHTLY IN NOVEMBER 1986 COMPARED WITH THE SAME MONTH IN 1985 AND THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

THE MOST SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN EMPLOYMENT IN NOVEMBER 1986 OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH OCCURRED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY, MAINLY DUE TO REDUCED DEMAND FOR LABOUR IN THE LOW SEASON.

THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRY ALSO RECORDED A SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN EMPLOYMENT COMPARED WITH THE SAME MONTH IN 1985.

ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED RECORDED A DECREASE IN BOTH PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1986, MAINLY DUE TO A REDUCTION IN OVERTIME WORK.

HOWEVER, PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN NOVEMBER 1986 WERE GENERALLY ABOVE THOSE IN THE SAME MONTH IN 1985, EXCEPT FOR THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY IN WHICH A DECLINE WAS RECORDED.

IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, THERE WAS INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN NOVEMBER 1986 OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH AS WELL AS OVER THE SAME MONTH IN 1985, AS SOME FIRMS STARTED WORK ON NEW PROJECTS.

IN THE SERVICES SECTORS AS A WHOLE, THE LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS WERE HIGHER THAN THOSE IN THE SAME MONTH IN 1985. COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1986, THERE WAS LITTLE CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT BUT A DECLINE IN BOTH PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS.

/THE PERCENTAGE .....

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS ARE SHOWN IN THE TABLES BELOW.

THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND THE 50 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICES SECTORS, CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT IN MARCH 1983.

AS THE SAMPLE WAS NOT DRAWN ON A RANDOM BASIS, THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT RESULTS ON THE MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE MIGHT NOT REFLECT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE.

NEVERTHELESS, THESE RESULTS ARE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 1986 IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, AT $1.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT ON 3-7212854.

A. ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	ORDERS-ON-HAND		
		% INCREASE/ DECREASE OVER	
INDUSTRY	IN TERMS OF MONTHS FOR NOVEMBER 1986	OCT. 86	NOV. 85
WEARING APPAREL	4.85	1	12
TEXTILES	2.90	3	22
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	3.28	12	-12
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4.08	1	30

/ELECTRICAL AND .....

ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5.05	*	5
OTHERS	4.43	*	*
ALL ABOVE INDUSTRIES	4.43	2	8

B. EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS

	PERSONS ENGAGED AT THE END OF NOVEMBER 1986		PER CAPITA EARNINGS		
INDUSTRY/ SERVICES	% INCREASE/ DECREASE OVER OCT. 86	% INCREASE/ DECREASE OVER NOV. 85	AS IN NOVEMBER 1986 (HK$)	% INCREASE/ DECREASE OVER OCT. 86	% INCREASE/ DECREASE OVER NOV. 85
MANUFACTURING	-1	-1	3 354	-2	8
FOOD AND DRINKS	*	4	3 879	-2	6
WEARING APPAREL	-1	-9	2 939	*	12
TEXTILES	*	2	3 453	-3	9
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	-10	-3	3 098	-4	20
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	-1	-4	3 038	-2	-3
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	1	5	3 109	-2	7
OTHERS	*	3	4 459	-2	3
CONSTRUCTION**	2	2	4 988	5	13

/SERVICES .....

SERVICES	*	2	5 851	-4	9
BANKS	1	5	5 428	*	10
HOTELS	*	-2	3 919	1	11
PUBLIC UTILITIES	*	-1	5 860	-9	8
OTHERS	1	5	7 115	-2	9

* CHANGES WITHIN $\pm$ 0.5 PER CENT

** PERSONS ENGAGED COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS NOT INCLUDED.

NOTE: UNLIKE +ORDERS-ON-HAND+ AND +PER CAPITA EARNINGS+ WHICH ARE AVERAGE FIGURES, THE TOTAL NO. OF PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE FIRMS SURVEYED IS NOT MEANINGFUL INFORMATION ON ITS OWN BECAUSE THIS IS A PANEL SURVEY AND IS THEREFORE NOT SHOWN.

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CHE KUNG TEMPLE TO BE REDEVELOPED

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CHE KUNG TEMPLE IN SHA TIN, BUILT 300 YEARS AGO, WILL REDEVELOPED NEXT YEAR TO PROVIDE MORE SPACE AND FACILITIES BE FOR WORSHIPPERS.

THE REDEVELOPMENT, COSTING ABOUT $15 MILLION, WILL TREBLE THE TEMPLE'S SIZE BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW HALL, COURTYARD AND LANDSCAPED POOL.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CHINESE TEMPLES COMMITTEE SAID THAT WITH ABOUT 200 000 PEOPLE VISITING THE TEMPLE YEARLY IT CAN NO LONGER ADEQUATELY COPE WITH THE DEMAND.

+THIS IS ESPECIALLY SO DURING LUNAR NEW YEAR WHEN ABOUT 130 000 PEOPLE VISIT THE TEMPLE CAUSING CROWD CONTROL PROBLEMS,+ HE SAID.

/THE COMMITTEE .....

THE COMMITTEE APPLIED TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR ADDITIONAL LAND AND THE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO START IN MID-1988 AND TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

UNDER THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN, THE TEMPLE'S MAIN HALL WILL BE PRESERVED WITH THE ALTAR IN ITS ORIGINAL PLACE.

+A LARGE NEW HALL WILL BE BUILT AT THE FRONT OF THE EXISTING MAIN HALL, WITH CORRIDORS EXTENDING FROM EITHER SIDE TO THE ENTRANCE DOORWAY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THE CORRIDORS WILL BE TWO-STOREY STRUCTURES AND WILL HOUSE AN INCENSE SALE COUNTER, SOOTHSAYER BOOTHS, EXHIBITION GALLERIES AND COURTYARDS.+

IN FRONT OF THE DOORWAY ENTRANCE WILL BE AN ADJOINING STONE BRIDGE OVER A LANDSCAPED POOL, WHILE THE OPEN COURT FROM THE NEW HALL TO THE DOORWAY WILL PROVIDE SPACE FOR PEOPLE TO GATHER AND OPEN-AIR WORSHIP.

WITHIN THE COURT AT STRATEGIC LOCATIONS WILL BE ALTARS, SPINNING FAN-LIKE ITEMS, SACRIFICIAL BURNERS AND INCENSE AND JOSS STICK HOLDERS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE CHINESE TEMPLES COMMITTEE WOULD LAUNCH A PROMOTION AND DONATION CAMPAIGN AT THE END OF THIS MONTH TO RECOVER PART OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COST AND TO ALLOW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE PROJECT.

AN EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD AT THE TEMPLE FROM JANUARY 29, THE FIRST DAY OF LUNAR NEW YEAR, TO FEBRUARY 15.

MODELS OF THE REDEVELOPED TEMPLE WILL BE ON DISPLAY.

A DONATION BOX WILL BE SET UP DURING THE EXHIBITION AND SELF-ADHESIVE ENVELOPES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO DONORS, WHO CAN ASK FOR A RECEIPT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID DONATIONS OF $1 000 OR MORE WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED BY INSCRIPTIONS ON A MARBLE PLAQUE IN THE TEMPLE.

DONATIONS MAY ALSO BE SENT BY POST, IN THE FORM OF CROSSED CHEQUES MADE PAYABLE TO +THE CHINESE TEMPLE COMMITTEES,+ TO ROOM 601, YARDLEY COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 3 CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST, HONG KONG.

+THERE WILL BE NO DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITING OF DONATIONS,+ THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED.

/CHE KUNG .....

CHE KUNG TEMPLE DATES BACK TO THE END OF THE MING DYNASTY WHEN SHA TIN WAS INHABITED BY FARMERS MOST OF WHOM HAD COME FROM GUANGDONG PROVINCE.

CHE KUNG WAS A LEGENDARY GENERAL IN THE SUNG DYNASTY WHO WAS HONOURED BY THE EMPEROR FOR SUPPRESSING A REBELLION IN SOUTHERN CHINA. IT WAS SAID THAT A PLAGUE BROKE OUT IN SHA TIN AND THE FARMERS PRAYED TO CHE KUNG TO ERADICATE THE PLAGUE.

THE PLAGUE ENDED, AND THE VILLAGERS BUILT THE TEMPLE TO COMMEMORATE THIS EVENT AND TO SEEK BLESSINGS FROM CHE KUNG.

FOUR FESTIVALS ARE HELD EVERY YEAR TO WORSHIP CHE KUNG. THESE WHICH FALL ON THE SECOND DAY OF THE FIRST LUNAR MONTH, THE 27TH DAY OF THE THIRD LUNAR MONTH, THE SIXTH DAY OF THE SIXTH LUNAR MONTH AND THE 16TH DAY OF THE EIGHTH LUNAR MONTH.

THE TEMPLE HAS BECOME A LANDMARK IN SHA TIN, ATTRACTING BOTH WORSHIPPERS AND VISITORS TO THE NEW TOWN.

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ANOTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING FOR WAN CHAI

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A THIRD GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING AT HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO START IN MAY AND ON COMPLETION IN EARLY 1990 THE 49-STOREY BUILDING WILL PROVIDE 75 000 SQUARE METRES OF ACCOMMODATION FOR THE TREASURY AND THE IMMIGRATION, WATER SUPPLIES, AUDIT AND RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENTS.

THE PROJECT FORMS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S OFFICE BUILDING PROGRAMME TO REDUCE ITS DEPENDENCE ON LEASED PRIVATELY-DEVELOPED OFFICE ACCOMMODATION.

/OTHER BUILDINGS .....

OTHER BUILDINGS IN THE PROGRAMME INCLUDE AN EIGHT-STOREY BLOCK IN SAI KUNG, THE 27-STOREY HARBOUR BUILDING IN CENTRAL AND THE 56-STOREY QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT BUILDING.

THE HARBOUR ROAD DEVELOPMENT SCHEME, OCCUPYING 20 000 SQUARE METRES, IS THE LARGEST GOVERNMENT COMPLEX IN HONG KONG.

THE FIRST BUILDING UNDER THE SCHEME WAS A SUB-DIVISIONAL FIRE STATION COMPLETED LAST JUNE. THE SECOND, A 30-STOREY TOWER BLOCK TO BE USED AS DISTRICT AND MAGISTRATES' COURTS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES, IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED NEXT MONTH.

THE FINAL BUILDING IS STILL IN THE PLANNING STAGE.

HARBOUR ROAD WILL EVENTUALLY BE LINKED TO VARIOUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE DEVELOPMENTS BY FOOTBRIDGES AND WALKWAYS.

THE COST OF THE WHOLE DEVELOPMENT IS ESTIMATED AT $1.3 BILLION.

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NEW ROADS PLANNED FOR MA ON SHAN

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NEW ROADS TOTALLING 1.7 KILOMETRES ARE TO BE BUILT IN MA ON SHAN TO PROVIDE VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO DEVELOPMENT AREAS.

THE WORK WILL INVOLVE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO DUAL TWO-LANE ROADS, TOTALLING 1.2 KILOMETRES.

THEY WILL RUN WESTWARD FROM LOK WO SHA TO LINK WITH OTHER ROADS UNDER CONSTRUCTION TO FORM A ROAD NETWORK TO MA ON SHAN TOWN CENTRE.

ALSO PROPOSED IS A 500-METRE, THREE-LANE ROAD LEADING TO A FUTURE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME DEVELOPMENT.

IN ADDITION, A NEW FOOT-CYCLE BRIDGE, THREE NEW FOOT-CYCLE SUBWAYS AND TWO PEDESTRIAN SUBWAYS WILL BE BUILT ALONG THESE ROADS.

OTHER WORKS WILL INCLUDE FOOTPATHS, CYCLE TRACKS, TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN AIDS, EARTHWORKS, DRAINAGE, PAVEMENTS AND RETAINING WALLS.

EXISTING FOOTWAYS AND TRACKS WILL BE CLOSED. HOWEVER, TEMPORARY ALTERNATIVE FOOTPATHS WILL BE MAINTAINED DURING CONSTRUCTION TO MINIMISE INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC.

/A NOTICE .....

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GAZETTE.

ANY OBJECTION SHOULD REACH THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT BY MARCH 17.

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APPLICATIONS SOUGHT FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS

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LOCAL ORGANISATIONS IN KWAI TSING DISTRICT ARE REMINDED THAT THEY CAN APPLY FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS TO BE HELD BETWEEN APRIL AND JULY 1987. APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

ORGANISATIONS INCLUDING MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS' CORPORATIONS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, YIN NGAI SOCIETIES AND VARIOUS COMMUNITY GROUPS ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR FUNDS TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

A LETTER WAS SENT TO MORE THAN 500 ORGANISATIONS IN THE DISTRICT RECENTLY REMINDING THEM THEY CAN APPLY FOR GRANTS.

FOR PROJECTS TO BE LAUNCHED BETWEEN AUGUST AND NOVEMBER, APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY JUNE 1. FOR THOSE PLANNED AFTER NOVEMBER APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY OCTOBER 1.

THIS NEW ARRANGEMENT, WHICH HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD, IS AIMED AT PLANNING FOR A BETTER AND EVEN DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.

EARLIER IN DECEMBER, THE NEW SCHEDULE WAS HIGHLIGHTED IN A COLOUR SUPPLEMENT FEATURING THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARD. A TOTAL OF 36 000 COPIES OF THE SUPPLEMENT WAS CIRCULATED TOGETHER WITH THE DISTRICT NEWSPAPER IN TSUEN WAN, KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI, AND AVAILABLE FREE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICES.

PROJECTS THAT HAD RECEIVED SPONSORSHIP UNDER DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS RANGED FROM SEMINARS AND SURVEYS ON PUBLIC ISSUES, EDUCATIONAL TALKS AND CAMPAIGNS TO VARIETY SHOWS AND TRAINING CLASSES.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE AT THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE AND SEVEN SUB-OFFICES, AND DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 0-257223 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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WORK-AT-HEIGHT SAFETY EXERCISE UNDER WAY

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THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS CARRYING OUT A SPECIAL EXERCISE TO PROMOTE WORK-AT-HEIGHT SAFETY IN CONSTRUCTION SITES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

THE EXERCISE IS AIMED AT ENSURING THE PROVISION OF SAFE WORKING PLACES FOR CONSTRUCTION WORKERS.

A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT OF THE 60 FATAL ACCIDENTS IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IN 1986, 30 WERE DUE TO FALLS FROM HEIGHT AT CONSTRUCTION SITES.

DURING THE EXERCISE, FACTORY INSPECTORS WOULD VISIT SITES IN WHICH BUILDING WORK IS IN PROGRESS, TO URGE SITE MANAGEMENT STAFF TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY SAFETY PRECAUTIONS TO PROVIDE A SAFE WORKING PLACE FOR WORKERS.

+THEY WILL BE ASKED BY INSPECTORS TO FENCE OFF ALL FLOOR EDGES, LIFT SHAFTS, STAIR EDGES, AND OTHER PLACES WHERE WORKERS ARE LIABLE TO FALL OVER TWO METERS AND TO PROVIDE SAFE WORKING PLATFORMS AND GANGWAYS,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO APPEALED TO CONTRACTORS TO OBSERVE SUCH REQUIREMENTS WHICH ARE PART OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT ANY CONTRACTOR WHO CONTRAVENES ANY OF THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF $50 000 ON CONVICTION.

SO FAR, 253 CONSTRUCTION SITES HAVE BEEN INSPECTED AND LEGAL ACTIONS AGAINST CONTRACTORS OF A NUMBER OF SITES ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR CONTRAVENING THE RESPECTIVE REGULATIONS.

CONTRACTORS AND WORKERS WHO AT ANY TIME HAVE QUERIES REGARDING THE SAFETY ASPECTS OF THEIR CONSTRUCTION SITES SHOULD CONTACT THE DIVISIONAL FACTORY INSPECTOR OF THEIR DISTRICT FOR ADVICE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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PUBLIC REMINDED NOT TO CUT TREES

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED TODAY (TUESDAY) NOT TO CUT ANY TREES OR PLANTS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE FOR DECORATIVE PURPOSE DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

THE COUNTRY PARKS PROTECTION OFFICER OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR C.W. LAI, SAID THAT CUTTING TREES OR PLANTS ILLEGALLY WAS AN OFFENCE UNDER THE FOREST AND COUNTRYSIDE ORDINANCE.

+CONTRAVENTION OF THE ORDINANCE MAY LEAD TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF $2 000 AND ONE YEAR'S JAIL SENTENCE,+ HE SAID.

+ALTHOUGH THE PUBLIC IS BECOMING MORE AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF CONSERVING THE COUNTRYSIDE ENVIRONMENT, EIGHT PEOPLE WERE PROSECUTED LAST YEAR FOR CUTTING TREES AND PLANTS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE.

+SOME OF THESE CASES INVOLVED FLOWERING BRANCHES OF 'TIU CHUNG' TREES WHICH ARE SOUGHT AS ORNAMENTAL FLOWER DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR,+ HE ADDED.

MR LAI SAID THAT WILD FLOWERS AND TREES ARE BEST APPRECIATED IN THEIR NATURAL HABITAT AND SHOULD NOT BE PICKED OR CUT.

HE APPEALED TO THE PUBLIC TO REPORT ANY SUCH ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES TO THE NEAREST COUNTRY PARK MANAGEMENT CENTRE.

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REMINDER ON POSSESSION OF FIREWORK

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT THEY ARE PROHIBITED FROM UNLICENSED POSSESSION OR DISCHARGE OF FIREWORK, FIRE-CRACKERS, PISTOL CAPS AND PARTY POPPERS.

UNDER THE DANGEROUS GOODS ORDINANCE, ANY PERSON WHO POSSESSES OR DISCHARGES FIREWORK WITHOUT A LICENCE IS LIABLE, ON CONVICTION, TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF $25 000 AND SIX-MONTH IMPRISONMENT.

A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT SPOT CHECKS WOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY EXPLOSIVES OFFICERS OF THE MINES DIVISION, ESPECIALLY AROUND LUNAR NEW YEAR, OF SHOPS AND PREMISES SUSPECTED OF SELLING OR STORING SUCH GOODS.

+ANY UNLICENSED DANGEROUS GOODS FOUND WOULD BE SEIZED AND THE OFFENDERS WOULD BE PROSECUTED,+ HE ADDED.

HE URGED THOSE IN POSSESSION OF ANY FIREWORKS OR ANY CATEGORY 1 DANGEROUS GOODS TO HAND THEM OVER TO THE MINES DIVISION IMMEDIATELY.

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LAUNCHING OF YEAR-END CLEAN-UP IN YAU MA TEI

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A CLEAN-UP DRIVE WILL BE LAUNCHED BY THE YAU MA TEI ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 22) TO REMIND RESIDENTS OF THE PROPER WAYS TO DISPOSE OF THEIR REFUSE AND BULKY JUNKS.

TWELVE TEMPORARY REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS WILL BE SET UP AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE DISTRICT TO COPE WITH THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR DISPOSAL FACILITIES AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR WHEN MOST HOUSEHOLDS WILL BE CLEANING UP THEIR PREMISES FOR THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CLEAN-UP DRIVE WILL BE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG, URBAN COUNCIL MEMBER, DR PHILIP KWOK, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (KOWLOON) OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR T.K. CHOY, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, MR CHAN WAI-WANG. THEY WILL HELP DISPOSE SOME OF THE RUBBISH AFTER THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CLEAN-UP LAUNCHING CEREMONY AT 10 AM ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 22) AT THE REFUSE COLLECTION POINT AT MARKET STREET (NEXT TO THE YAU MA TEI MULTI-STOREY CARPARK).

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BRIEFING FOR DB ON REHOUSING FIRE VICTIMS

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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE BRIEFED ON PROGRESS IN REHOUSING VICTIMS OF THE ABERDEEN TYPHOON SHELTER FIRE AT A MEETING ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 22).

BOARD MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS POLICY GUIDELINES FOR GRANTING AMUSEMENT GAME CENTRE LICENCES.

AT A PREVIOUS MEETING, SOME MEMBERS SAID THEY FELT THE TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY HAD IGNORED LOCAL VIEWS IN GRANTING A LICENCE FOR A GAME CENTRE IN ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD.

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MEMBERS WILL ALSO LOOK INTO THE IMPACT ON TRAFFIC OF RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS IN REPULSE BAY AND POK FU LAM.

ALSO TO BE DISCUSSED IS THE PROGRAMME OF VISITS TO DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS. THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT HAS SO FAR ORGANISED 21 SUCH VISITS FOR THE BOARD.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE URBAN COUNCIL'S CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME 1986-87 TO 1990-91 AND REPORTS OF MEETINGS OF THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, THE DISTRICT'S SIX AREA COMMITTEES AND THE DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMITTEES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, ABERDEEN CENTRE, 7-11 NAM NING STREET.

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DB COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER FUNDING REQUEST

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THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 22) TO DISCUSS AN APPLICATION FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FROM THE CARITAS SOCIAL CENTRE, AS WELL AS A REPORT ON THE SALE AND OCCUPANCY OF FLATTED FACTORY UNITS IN TUEN MUN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TO BEGIN AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON THE THIRD FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 1 TUEN HI ROAD.

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SEVEN DAYS LEFT FOR ID CARD RENEWAL
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THERE ARE SEVEN MORE WORKING DAYS LEFT BEFORE THE EXTENSION FOR THE RENEWAL FOR IDENTITY CARDS ENDS ON JANUARY 28.

THE FIVE-WEEK EXTENSION BEGAN ON DECEMBER 29 FOLLOWING THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE IDENTITY CARD REPLACEMENT EXERCISE.

AN IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN NOTED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THIS PERIOD WAS ARRANGED TO CATER FOR PEOPLE WHO HAD MISSED THEIR RESPECTIVE CARD RENEWAL PHASES DUE TO THEIR ABSENCE FROM HONG KONG.

+THERE MIGHT BE OTHERS WHO HAD MISSED THEIR TURN FOR SOME OTHER REASONS AND THESE CASES WOULD BE LOOKED INTO THOROUGHLY AND DEALT WITH ON THEIR OWN MERITS,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAD NOT YET RENEWED THEIR IDENTITY CARDS TO MAKE USE OF THIS LAST OPPORTUNITY.

+OTHERWISE THEY WILL HAVE TO APPLY TO THE REGULAR REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICES AFTER JANUARY 28,+ HE SAID.

NO AMNESTY WOULD BE GRANTED TO ANY ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT DETECTED, THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED.

THE EIGHT IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES WILL BE OPEN MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM.

THE PHONE-IN-SERVICE WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE TO APPLICANTS FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS AND FROM 9 AM TO NOON ON SATURDAYS.

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SCHEME FOR PLB'S TO CARRY GOODS UNDER STUDY
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MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO DISCUSS A PROPOSED SCHEME ALLOWING LICENSED PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES ON SCHEDULED ROUTES TO CARRY GOODS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE SCHEME WILL BE OUTLINED BY SENIOR TRANSPORT OFFICER (NT NORTHEAST), MR MICHAEL CHIU.

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MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER A PROPOSED EXTENSION OF KMB ROUTE 77K, PLYING FROM SHEUNG SHUI TO YUEN LONG (WEST), TO CHEUNG WAH ESTATE AND A SUPPLEMENTARY GREEN MINIBUS SERVICE FOR HOK TAU, WO HANG-MAN UK BIN AND TAN CHUK HANG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING TOMORROW AT 2 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING.

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DETAILS OF YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL
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THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE SEVENTH YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS FRIDAY (JANUARY 23) TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THIS YEAR'S ARTS FESTIVAL BEGINNING ON FEBRUARY 10.

THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HOSTED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, DR TANG SIU-TONG, THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALDAN KWOK, AND CONVENORS OF THE VARIOUS WORKING GROUPS OF THE FESTIVAL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE AT 11.30 AM ON FRIDAY IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT, 13TH FLOOR, TAI KIU GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, YUEN LONG.

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RESTRICTED ZONES IN KWAI CHUNG, SHEUNG SHUI

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FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 23), TWO SECTIONS OF HING FONG ROAD IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE DESIGNATED PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONES FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY.

THEY ARE : THE SECTION OF THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO KWAI HING MTR STATION AND KWAI HING ROAD; AND THE SECTION OF THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH THE ACCESS ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 300 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH KWAI HING ROAD.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE OF SAU FU STREET IN YUEN LONG, BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 70 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH TUNG LOK STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 120 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION, WILL BE MADE A 24-HOUR DAILY RESTRICTED ZONES. NO VEHICLE OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN SHEUNG SHUI, WILL BE DESIGNATED RESTRICTED ZONES FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY, ALSO WITH EFFECT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY.

THEY ARE : ROAD D3 BETWEEN JOCKEY CLUB ROAD AND ROAD L9; AND ROAD L9 FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH ROAD D3 TO A POINT ABOUT 50 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION. ALL VEHICLES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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RESTRICTED ZONES SET UP

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TWO SECTIONS OF YIM PO FONG STREET IN MONG KOK WILL BE DESIGNATED RESTRICTED ZONES FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 23).

YIM PO FONG STREET NORTHBOUND BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH WATERLOO ROAD AND ARGYLE STREET WILL BE MADE A GOODS VEHICLE RESTRICTED ZONES FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY.

NO GOODS VENICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREA.

YIM PO FONG STREET NORTHBOUND BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH WATERLOO ROAD AND KWONG WAH STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED A PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

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NO PLB WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS THERE.

THE TSUI PING ROAD BUS TERMINUS IN KWUN TONG AND THE FU SHIN ESTATE BUS TERMINUS IN TAI PO WILL BE DESIGNATED PROHIBITED ZONES FROM 10 AM ON THE SAME DAY.

NO VEHICLE OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE BUS TERMINI.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CHANGES IN MONG KOK

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN NULLAH ROAD AND FA YUEN STREET, MONG KOK, FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) FOR FIVE DAYS.

THE MOVE WILL FACILITATE CABLE REPAIR WORK AT THE JUNCTION OF NULLAH ROAD AND TUNG CHOI STREET.

NULLAH ROAD AT ITS JUNCTION WITH TUNG CHOI STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC WHILE FA YUEN STREET BETWEEN BUTE STREET AND NULLAH ROAD WILL BE CONVERTED TO A TWO-WAY CUL-DE-SAC.

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PLB RESTRICTIONS IN WONG CHUK HANG

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PUBLIC LIGHT BUS (PLB) DRIVERS SHOULD WATCH OUT FOR TRAFFIC CHANGES IN WONG CHUK HANG FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 23).

NO PLB'S WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER YIP FAT STREET 24 HOURS DAILY. HOWEVER, THEY MAY ENTER WESTBOUND HEUNG YIP STREET BETWEEN OCEAN PARK ROAD AND NAM LONG SHAN ROAD ALTHOUGH THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PICK UP OR SET GOWN PASSENGERS AT ANY TIME OF THE DAY.

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SALT WATER CUT

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN NORTH POINT AND LAI TAK TSUEN WILL BE SUSPENDED ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 23) FOR EIGHT HOURS, FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM, FOR MAINS WORK.

PREMISES ALONG BRAEMAR HILL ROAD, CLOUD VIEW ROAD, TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD, YEE KING ROAD AND LAI TAK TSUEN ROAD WILL BE AFFECTED, INCLUDING THOSE IN LAI TAK TSUEN.

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