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NOTE TO EDITORS:

GOVERNOR TO OPEN NEW SCHOOL
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE NEW TERRITORIES HEUNG YEE KUK TAI PO DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL AT TAI YUEN ESTATE AT 10 AM ON MONDAY (MAY 7).

BEFORE THE CEREMONY, SIR EDWARD WILL ALSO VISIT CHOI YUEN ESTATE IN FANLING.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TWO EVENTS.

GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL LEAVE FOR FANLING AT 7.30 AM SHARP FROM THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER IN TSIM SHA TSUI.

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TEACHER TRAINING CRUCIAL TO LANGUAGE LEARNING
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TEACHER TRAINING WAS THE MOST CRUCIAL FACTOR DETERMINING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF LANGUAGE LEARNING IN FORMAL EDUCATION, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SEMINAR ON +INNOVATIONS IN LANGUAGE TEACHER EDUCATION+ ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF APPLIED LINGUISTICS.

A MAJOR EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVE IN HONG KONG, MR HAYE SAID, WAS TO PROVIDE FOR ALL CHILDREN THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACHIEVE THE MAXIMUM DEGREE OF COMPETENCE IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH.

TO ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAD STARTED A LANGUAGE PACKAGE, HE SAID.

THIS IS A SET OF INTERRELATED MEASURES, WITH CHANGES IN THE CURRICULUM AND THE SYLLABUS SUPPORTED BY PROVISION FOR MORE TEACHERS AND TEACHER TRAINING STAFF, THE INTRODUCTION OF UP-TO-DATE TECHNOLOGY, NEW TEACHING MATERIALS AND TESTS AS WELL AS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION (ILE).

THIS INSTITUTE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RE-TRAINING OF TEACHERS OF CANTONESE, PUTONGHUA AND ENGLISH.

FOR CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHING, MR HAYE SAID THE PRIMARY SCHOOL SYLLABUS WAS BEING REVISED TO UNDERLINE THE IMPORTANCE OF PUPIL-CENTRED TEACHING AND ACTIVITY APPROACHES.

+NEW SOFTWARE IS BEING PREPARED FOR USE WITH THE WIRELESS LOOP SYSTEM.

+IN THE TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR PRE-SERVICE AND IN-SERVICE TEACHERS OF CHINESE RUN BY THE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION AND THE ILE, THERE HAS BEEN PIONEERING WORK IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND ORGANISATION OF SPECIAL COURSES IN REMEDIAL LANGUAGE TEACHING,+ HE SAID.

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ON ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING, MR HAYE SAID A NEW ENGLISH SYLLABUS WHICH EMPHASISED THE IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPING THE COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS OF THE PUPILS WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED BY STAGES LATER THIS YEAR.

+MORE EMPHASIS IS BEING PLACED ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF PUPIL'S LISTENING COMPREHENSION SKILLS THROUGH USE OF THE WIRELESS LOOP INDUCTION SYSTEM. WORKSHOPS FOR TEACHERS ARE ARRANGED ON A REGULAR BASIS BY OUR ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE TO HELP TEACHERS TO DEVELOP EXPERTISE IN THE USE OF THIS NEW TECHNOLOGY.

+THE SYLLABUSES OF THE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION HAVE BEEN REVISED SO THAT THE TEACHERS ENROLLED IN THEIR PRE-SERVICE AND IN-SERVICE RE-TRAINING COURSES ARE INTRODUCED TO THE COMMUNICATIVE APPROACH AND TO THE SYLLABUS, METHODOLOGY, MATERIALS AND EVALUATION PROCEDURES THAT RELATE TO IT,+ MR HAYE SAID.

ON THE WORK OF THE ILE, MR HAYE SAID THE INSTITUTE WOULD HAVE RE-TRAINED 900 EXPERIENCED TEACHERS OF ENGLISH AND CHINESE BY MARCH NEXT YEAR.

IN ADDITION, FROM SEPTEMBER 1986 ONWARD, IT WOULD ORGANISE COURSES FOR 1 000 PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS A YEAR AND WOULD HAVE EXPANDED ITS PROGRAMME TO INCLUDE SECONDARY TEACHERS, HE SAID.

HE CONGRATULATED THE ASSOCIATION FOR BRINGING TOGETHER A LIVELY GROUP OF LANGUAGE TEACHING PROFESSIONALS AND EDUCATIONALISTS.

HE SAID THE SEMINAR WAS PARTICULARLY USEFUL AND INTERESTING BECAUSE THE PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE DISCUSSING NEW IDEAS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF LANGUAGE TEACHER EDUCATION AND APPRAISING THEM FOR THEIR PRACTICALITY.

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SOCIAL RECREATION IMPORTANT TO ELDERLY PEOPLE

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SOCIAL RECREATION WAS IMPORTANT TO ELDERLY PEOPLE AS IT COULD GIVE THEM A BALANCED PHYSICAL AND MENTAL DEVELOPMENT, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

MR CHAMBERS WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE PAK TIN SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY, RUN BY THE NEIGHBOURHOOD ADVICE-ACTION COUNCIL.

THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR, HE SAID, HAD PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE ELDERLY.

+HONG KONG'S WELFARE SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY, UNDER THE JOINT EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, HAVE CONTINUED TO EXPAND,+ HE SAID.

THE HOUSING SCHEMES FOR THE ELDERLY IN SHA TIN AND WAN CHAI, WHICH PROVIDE RESIDENTIAL PLACES FOR 575 ELDERLY PERSONS, ARE RECENT ATTEMPTS BY THE GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE MORE SERVICES FOR THE SENIOR CITIZENS.

/THESE CITIZENS

THESE CITIZENS WITH FINANCIAL PROBLEMS MAY RECEIVE HELP FROM THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SCHEME.

MR CHAMBERS SAID THAT RECREATIONAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY WERE AIMED AT IMPROVING THEIR LIFE.

HE SUGGESTED THAT AN ELDERLY VOLUNTEER SERVICE BE PROMOTED AS MOST ELDERLY PEOPLE WOULD WISH TO BE SEEN AS +GIVERS+ RATHER THAN +RECEIVERS+.

+EDUCATION ON PRE-RETIREMENT PREPARATION IS ALSO NECESSARY FOR RELIEVING THE ELDERLY OF THE FEELING OF DISENGAGEMENT,+ HE SAID.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD ADVICE-ACTION COUNCIL, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1967, PROVIDES VARIOUS SERVICES FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS, FROM ADVICE ON COMMUNITY INFORMATION, GRASS-ROOT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO WELFARE SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY.

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PROGRAMME TO PUBLICISE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION
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A \$78 000-PUBLICITY PROGRAMME IS BEING LAUNCHED IN SAI KUNG TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN NEXT YEAR'S DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHAN SUI-JEUNG, SAID THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING.

THE PROGRAMME FEATURES AN OPINION SURVEY ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION; VISITS, SEMINARS AND BRIEFINGS FOR VILLAGERS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE MEMBERS; AND THE PRODUCTION OF A BOOKLET, A SLIDE SHOW AND EXHIBITIONS ON THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

SPEAKING AT THE DISTRICT'S PRELIMINARY SINGING CONTEST, WHICH FORMS PART OF THE PUBLICITY PROGRAMME, MR CHAN POINTED OUT THAT BECAUSE OF SAI KUNG'S SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS AND A SPARSELY DISTRIBUTED POPULATION, THE SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION OF LOCAL RESIDENTS IN PROMOTING DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION WAS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE.

+LIKE THIS SINGING CONTEST, THE SUCCESS OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION RELIES ON THE SUPPORT OF EACH INDIVIDUAL,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THE DISTRICT BOARD HAD BEEN WORKING QUIETLY FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS TOWARDS IMPROVING COMMUNITY BUILDING WORK AND THE LIVELIHOOD OF THE RESIDENTS.

MR CHAN URGED PEOPLE TO SUPPORT THE DISTRICT BOARD BY REGISTERING AS VOTERS AND VOTING FOR THE CANDIDATES OF THEIR CHOICE IN NEXT YEAR'S ELECTIONS.

TONIGHT'S CONTEST, THE SIXTH OF 18 DISTRICTS' PRELIMINARIES BEING HELD UNTIL LATE JULY, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND SING TAO NEWSPAPERS LIMITED.

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SUPPORT FOR ACCOUNTANCY TRAINEESHIP SCHEME SOUGHT
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THE ACCOUNTANCY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL (VTC) IS INVITING EMPLOYERS TO JOIN THE ACCOUNTANCY TRAINEESHIP SCHEME NOW BEING IMPLEMENTED.

+EMPLOYERS ARE REQUESTED TO HELP TRAIN YOUNGSTERS WITH FORM FIVE EDUCATION BACKGROUND TO BECOME MID-LEVEL ACCOUNTING PERSONNEL BY OFFERING THEM A THREE-YEAR ON-THE-JOB TRAINING PROGRAMME,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID.

+IT IS ESSENTIAL TO INTRODUCE ORGANISED TRAINING INTO THE ACCOUNTING SECTOR BECAUSE AT PRESENT MANY SECONDARY SCHOOL LEAVERS HAVE NEVER TAKEN ANY ACCOUNTANCY COURSES BEFORE JOINING THE PROFESSION,+ HE SAID.

THE TRAINEESHIP SCHEME WILL PROVIDE INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE WITH WELL-TRAINED ACCOUNTING STAFF, HE ADDED.

UNDER THE SCHEME, EMPLOYERS WITHOUT EXPERIENCE IN STAFF DEVELOPMENT WILL GET HELP FROM VTC STAFF TO SET UP A WELL-DEvised TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR THEIR TRAINEES.

APART FROM PRACTICAL TRAINING, TRAINEES WILL ALSO BE SENT TO ATTEND RELATED COURSES ON A PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE BASIS FOR TWO YEARS AT TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

+COURSES OFFERED AT TECHNICAL INSTITUTES ARE GEARED TO THE EXAMINATIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF ACCOUNTING TECHNICIANS (AAT) AND ALL TRAINEES COMPLETING THE SCHEMES ARE GRANTED EXEMPTION FROM THE LEVEL 1 EXAMINATION OF AAT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+TO JOIN THE SCHEME, EMPLOYERS AND TRAINEES ARE REQUIRED TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT AND HAVE IT REGISTERED WITH THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING TO ENSURE ORGANISED TRAINING IS CARRIED OUT, THE RIGHTS OF BOTH PARTIES ARE PROTECTED AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES FULFILLED,+ HE SAID.

THE ACCOUNTANCY TRAINEESHIP SCHEME IS THE SECOND SCHEME LAUNCHED BY THE VTC AFTER THE INSURANCE TRAINING BOARD INTRODUCED THE SAME FORM OF TRAINING FOR THE INSURANCE SECTOR THIS JANUARY.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES ON THE SCHEME CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE ACCOUNTANCY TRAINING BOARD ON 5-8932341, EXT. 260 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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FOOD ESTABLISHMENT OPERATORS URGED TO OBSERVE HYGIENE
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THIRTY FOOD ESTABLISHMENT OPERATORS IN SHA TIN WHO HAD JUST COMPLETED A FOOD HYGIENE COURSE WERE URGED TODAY TO FOLLOW HYGIENE RULES AND KEEP THEIR PREMISES CLEAN.

THE CALL WAS MADE BY THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE COMMITTEE OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD, MR CHEUNG CHI-YUEN, WHEN HE OFFICIATED AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE CLASS HELD AT THE SHA TIN HEALTH EDUCATION CENTRE.

PRESENTING CERTIFICATES TO THE ATTENDANTS, MR CHEUNG URGED THEM TO GET THE MESSAGE OF FOOD HYGIENE ACROSS TO THEIR COLLEAGUES.

THE FOUR-SESSION COURSE, ORGANISED BY THE HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WAS AIMED AT MAKING THE PUBLIC AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF FOOD HYGIENE, PARTICULARLY THOSE IN THE FOOD CATERING BUSINESS.

THE COURSE COVERED SUCH TOPICS AS MICROBIOLOGY, FOOD HANDLING PRACTICES, PREVENTION OF FOOD POISONING, CLEANLINESS OF UTENSILS AND FOOD BUSINESS LAWS.

DURING THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, SIMILAR COURSES WILL BE HELD AT OTHER DISTRICTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, AN NTSD SPOKESMAN SAID.

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TWO MORE YIN NGAI SOCIETIES SET UP
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THE WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY VARIOUS YIN NGAI SOCIETIES THROUGHOUT HONG KONG REFLECT THE DYNAMIC NATURE OF EACH SOCIETY AND THE WAY IT RESPONDS TO THE NEEDS OF ITS MEMBERS AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

MRS JANE AKERS-JONES, WIFE OF THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, SAID THIS TODAY (SATURDAY) AT THE JOINT INAUGURATION CEREMONY FOR THE FIRST-TERM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES OF THE MING WAH DAI HA AND LAI TAK TSUEN YIN NGAI SOCIETIES.

+EACH YIN NGAI SOCIETY HAS DEVELOPED ITS OWN CHARACTERISTICS. SOME PLACE MORE EMPHASIS ON LEISURE AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, OTHERS ON SOCIAL PROJECTS, EDUCATIONAL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT,+ SHE SAID.

WITH TODAY'S INAUGURATION OF THE TWO SOCIETIES WHICH HAVE A TOTAL OF 200 MEMBERS, THERE ARE NOW 19 YIN NGAI SOCIETIES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

MRS AKERS-JONES SAID THAT PERHAPS THE TIME HAD COME WHEN MEMBERS SHOULD MEET TOGETHER TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE DIRECTION OF THE YIN NGAI MOVEMENT.

+YOU ARE ALL MAKING THE IDEAL OF YIN NGAI COME TRUE,+ SHE SAID.

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SHE POINTED OUT THAT THE AIM OF YIN NGAI SOCIETIES IS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR WOMEN LIVING IN THE SAME NEIGHBOURHOOD, TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS, TO ORGANISE SO THAT THEY CAN INITIATE POSITIVE ACTION TO HELP EACH OTHER IN TIMES OF DIFFICULTIES, AND TO ENRICH THEIR LIVES.

+THROUGH INVOLVEMENT IN THE SOCIETY THEY MAY DISCOVER NEW STRENGTHS IN THEMSELVES ; SELF-ESTEEM AND CONFIDENCE WILL GROW.

+DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY, THROUGH COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, ACTIVITIES AND SOCIAL SERVICE, YIN NGAI MEMBERS ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE,+ SHE SAID.

THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY WAS FOLLOWED BY A PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION ON THE WORK AND ACTIVITIES OF THE TWO SOCIETIES DURING THE PAST YEAR.

ALSO ON DISPLAY WERE SOME OF THE HANDICRAFTS PRODUCED BY THE MEMBERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

DB TO DISCUSS TAXI REVIEW
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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE THE FIRST URBAN DB TO DISCUSS THE +1983 TAXI REVIEW+ AT ITS FULL BOARD MEETING ON MONDAY (MAY 7).

PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR RAFAEL HUI, AND ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR K.S. LI, WILL BE PRESENT.

AT THE MEETING, BOARD MEMBERS WILL GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON A DRAFT PROGRAMME OF SQUATTER AREA IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR 1984-85 AND 1985-86.

THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS A REPORT ON +OPERATION FAR FLING+, A MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY (MAY 7) AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, TUNG YAN STREET.

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BIDS INVITED FOR MARKET STALLS
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FORTY-FOUR MARKET STALLS IN SHA TIN WILL BE PUT UP FOR PUBLIC BIDDING ON TUESDAY (MAY 8).

THE BIDDING WILL START AT 10 AM AT THE LEK YUEN COMMUNITY HALL OF LEK YUEN ESTATE IN SHA TIN, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

THREE OF THE STALLS ARE LOCATED AT FO TAN EAST COOKED FOOD MARKET, 11 AT FO TAN WEST COOKED FOOD MARKET AND THE REMAINING 30 AT TAI WAI TEMPORARY MARKET.

+THERE WILL BE NO FIXED UPSET RENTS BUT THE DEPARTMENT WILL ACCEPT BIDS THAT REACH THE RESERVED FIGURES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MAY START BUSINESS ON JUNE 1, ON A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT FOR THE STALLS AT FO TAN EAST AND FO TAN WEST MARKETS, AND ON A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT FOR THOSE AT TAI WAI MARKET.

THEY MUST PAY THE RENTAL FOR JUNE PLUS ONE-MONTH DEPOSIT IMMEDIATELY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

BIDDERS SHOULD BRING ALONG THEIR IDENTITY CARDS AND FIVE PHOTOGRAPHS.

FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE SHA TIN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE OF NTSD ON TELEPHONE 0-6065745.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

CHORUS OFFICE-BEARERS TO BE SWORN IN
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MR KEVIN MAK, THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, AND MR WONG LAM, A LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY OF THE SIXTH-TERM OFFICE-BEARERS OF THE KWUN TONG CHILDREN'S CHORUS TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, THE 150-STRONG CHILDREN'S CHORUS WILL STAGE A CONCERT AND A MEMBER, WHO WAS A WINNER IN THE RECENT SCHOOL MUSIC FESTIVAL, WILL GIVE AN INSTRUMENTAL PERFORMANCE.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY WHICH WILL START AT 4 PM AT KEI CHI MIDDLE SCHOOL, 20 SHUI NING STREET, KWUN TONG TOWN CENTRE.

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FUK YUEN STREET TO BE CLOSED
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FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (MAY 7), FUK YUEN STREET WILL BE PERMANENTLY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC TO MAKE WAY FOR A NEW PEDESTRIAN FOOTBRIDGE.

FROM THAT DAY, VEHICLES ON KING'S ROAD EASTBOUND HEADING FOR QUARRY BAY SHOULD TRAVEL VIA SHELL STREET, MERLIN STREET, ELECTRIC ROAD AND JAVA ROAD.

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