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HONG KONG ASSUMES MORE IMPORTANT ROLE  
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HONG KONG NOW HAS AN IMPORTANCE FOR THE WESTERN WORLD FAR GREATER THAN AT ANY TIME IN ITS HISTORY, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID IN LONDON TODAY (FRIDAY).

+THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH A BASE IN HONG KONG IN A FAMILIAR ENVIRONMENT OF LANGUAGE AND LAW FOR BUSINESS WITH CHINA AND THROUGHOUT THIS FAST DEVELOPING REGION IN WHICH LIVE ABOUT ONE THIRD OF THE POPULATION OF THE WORLD,+ SIR DAVID SAID IN AN ADDRESS TO THE DIPLOMATIC AND COMMONWEALTH WRITERS ASSOCIATION OF BRITAIN.

HE FOCUSED ON THE POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS THAT HAD TAKEN PLACE SINCE THE SIGNING IN 1984 OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION, AND EXPLAINED WHY HONG KONG FACED THE FUTURE WITH CONFIDENCE.

+FASCINATING THOUGH ITS HISTORY HAS BEEN, IT IS IMPORTANT, NOT FOR WHAT IT HAS BEEN, BUT FOR WHAT IS HAPPENING THERE TODAY AND BECAUSE OF THE FUTURE INTO WHICH IT IS MOVING,+ HE SAID IN DESCRIBING HONG KONG'S IMPORTANCE TO THE WEST AS A WINDOW ON CHINA AND THE PACIFIC.

HE EMPHASISED THAT SHREWD BUSINESSMEN WERE BEGINNING TO PERCEIVE THIS REGIONAL IMPORTANCE IN THE LONGER TERM.

AS EVIDENCE, HE POINTED TO OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN THE SECOND CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL, THE RECENT INVESTMENTS FROM AUSTRALIA IN PROPERTY AND IN NEWSPAPER PUBLISHING, AND THE OPENING OF ADDITIONAL FOREIGN BANKS.

ANOTHER INDICATION WAS THAT THE AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY NOW OUTNUMBERED THE BRITISH.

SIR DAVID SAID THAT HONG KONG'S ECONOMY CONTINUED TO PERFORM CONSISTENTLY AND REMARKABLY WELL, DESPITE THE PROBLEMS THAT WERE BOUND TO ARISE FOR SUCH A SMALL AND CONGESTED PLACE WITH NO COMFORTING SUPPLY OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO ACT AS A SHEET ANCHOR.

AMONG OTHER THINGS, THERE WAS LITTLE DOUBT THAT THE LINKING OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR TO THE UNITED STATES DOLLAR HAD HELPED THE GROWTH OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS.

IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE SHOWING A YEAR ON YEAR GROWTH, IN REAL VALUE TERMS, OF 13 PER CENT. IMPORTS HAD ALSO INCREASED BY 18 PER CENT AND IMPORTS OF CAPITAL GOODS AND RETAINED IMPORTS OF INDUSTRIAL PLANT AND MACHINERY GREW BY 23 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

+THESE FIGURES SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. THEY DO NOT INDICATE AN ECONOMY THAT IS RUNNING DOWN BUT ONE THAT WITH FRESH INVESTMENT IS PREPARING FOR A NEW SURGE AHEAD,+ HE SAID.

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REFERRING TO THE JOINT DECLARATION, SIR DAVID SAID THAT BRITAIN AND CHINA HAD BEEN WORKING TOGETHER ON THE COMPLEX TASK OF CONSTRUCTING THE FRAMEWORK OF INSTITUTIONS AND ARRANGEMENTS NEEDED FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FUTURE SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION.

VARIOUS MATTERS, SUCH AS LAND LEASES, MEMBERSHIP OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE, AND THE FIRST AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT HAD BEEN DEALT WITH, AND THIS WAS A GOOD BEGINNING.

+THE QUESTION WHICH IS MOST OCCUPYING PUBLIC ATTENTION NOW IN HONG KONG IS, HOW THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION SHOULD BE FORMED AND WHAT STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN NOW TOWARDS THAT OBJECTIVE,+ HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT ATTENTION CENTRED ON A GREEN PAPER REVIEW TO BE PUBLISHED BY THE GOVERNMENT NEXT YEAR AND THE PARALLEL WORK OF DRAFTING THE BASIC LAW AS PART OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT'S CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESS AND RESPONSIBILITY.

SIR DAVID STRESSED HOW THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA WAS GROWING. SOME 15 MILLION VISITS WERE MADE FROM HONG KONG TO CHINA EACH YEAR AND EVERY DAY COACH-LOADS OF VISITORS CAME TO THE TERRITORY FROM CANTON.

HONG KONG'S BUSINESSMEN WERE INVESTING IN INDUSTRY AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS THROUGHOUT CHINA, AND PARTICULARLY IN NEIGHBOURING GUANGDONG PROVINCE.

OVERALL, SIR DAVID SAID, HONG KONG HAD TAKEN ON AN INTERNATIONAL LOOK, A CAPITAL CITY OF ASIA AND PROUD OF ITS GROWING STATURE.

IT WAS TRUE THAT SOME PEOPLE WERE LEAVING, BUT HE SAID THIS EMIGRATION SHOULD BE SEEN NOT AS A RECENT PHENOMENON BUT AS SOMETHING THAT HAD BEEN GOING ON FOR A LONG TIME.

CANADA, FOR EXAMPLE, NOW HAD A CHINESE POPULATION OF ABOUT 600 000 WHICH HAD BEEN BUILDING UP OVER THE PAST 30 YEARS, MAINLY FROM HONG KONG AND SOUTHERN CHINA.

ON THE OTHER HAND, UP TO 60 000 HONG KONG GRADUATES OF CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES HAD RETURNED TO THE TERRITORY, AND WERE MAKING THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO ITS PROSPERITY.

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BILLS SEEK AUTHENTIC BILINGUAL VERSIONS OF LAW  
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TWO BILLS WHICH WILL PAVE THE WAY FOR THE PRODUCTION OF AUTHENTIC VERSIONS OF THE LAW IN BOTH CHINESE AND ENGLISH WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE TWO BILLS, KNOWN AS THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 AND THE INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES (AMENDMENT)(NO. 3) BILL 1986, AMEND THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCES UNDER WHICH LEGISLATION ENACTED IN HONG KONG HAS BEEN IN ENGLISH ONLY.

THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGES (AMENDMENT) BILL PROVIDES FOR THE ENACTMENT OF NEW LEGISLATION IN CHINESE AS WELL AS IN ENGLISH, AND FOR THE PUBLICATION OF AUTHENTIC TEXTS IN CHINESE OF LAWS ENACTED IN ENGLISH.

+SUCH PUBLICATION WILL BE AUTHORISED BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL ACTING AFTER CONSULTATION WITH A BILINGUAL LAWS ADVISORY COMMITTEE,+ A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE BILL REQUIRES NEW PRINCIPAL LEGISLATION, BUT NOT BILLS AMENDING ORDINANCES WHICH WERE ENACTED ONLY IN ENGLISH, TO BE IN BOTH LANGUAGES. THIS REQUIREMENT DID NOT APPLY IN THE CASE OF BILLS WHICH THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL DETERMINED WERE URGENT.

BUT IT WAS ENVISAGED THAT WHERE AN ORDINANCE WAS ENACTED IN ONE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE ONLY UNDER THE +URGENCY+ PROVISION, A TEXT IN THE OTHER OFFICIAL LANGUAGE SHOULD BE PUBLISHED AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE, HE ADDED.

THE BILL ALSO PROVIDES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BILINGUAL LAWS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, IN LINE WITH VIEWS EXPRESSED BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS IN AN ADJOURNMENT DEBATE ON THE LAWS ON CHINESE HELD IN JULY.

THE COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIST OF A CHAIRMAN AND OTHER MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, INCLUDING A LEGAL OFFICER, A PRACTISING SOLICITOR, A PRACTISING BARRISTER AND NOT LESS THAN TWO PERSONS WITH APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE SKILLS WHO ARE NOT PUBLIC OFFICERS.

THE BILL PROPOSES THAT THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL BE GIVEN POWERS TO CORRECT ERRORS IN THE NEW AUTHENTIC TEXT PUBLISHED UNDER THE ORDINANCE, AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY AMEND THE EXISTING TEXT IN THE OTHER LANGUAGE, WITHOUT AFFECTING ITS MEANING, TO ENSURE ITS HARMONISATION WITH THE NEW TEXT IN THE OTHER OFFICIAL LANGUAGE.

THE INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL PROVIDES FOR THE INTERPRETATION OF LEGISLATION TO BE PUBLISHED IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE BY VIRTUE OF THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGES (AMENDMENT) BILL.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT IT WOULD CONTAIN A NEW CLAUSE WHICH DECLARES BOTH TEXTS TO BE EQUALLY AUTHENTIC AND PROVIDES FOR RESOLVING DIFFERENCES OF MEANING BETWEEN THE TWO TEXTS.

THE SAME NEW CLAUSE ALSO DEALS WITH ENGLISH LAW EXPRESSIONS IN AN ORDINANCE, AND CORPORATION NAMES, AND ENABLES THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL BY NOTICE IN THE GAZETTE TO SPECIFY WORDS AND EXPRESSIONS IN ONE LANGUAGE THAT ARE TO BE TREATED AS THE EQUIVALENT OF WORDS AND EXPRESSIONS IN THE OTHER.

THE BILL RETAINS, IN MODIFIED FORM, THE EXISTING PROVISION RELATING TO CHINESE WORDS IN THE ENGLISH TEXT OF THE LAWS. IT ALSO ENABLES THE CHINESE AND ENGLISH TEXTS OF PRESCRIBED FORMS TO BE PRINTED AND USED EITHER SEPARATELY OR COMBINED IN ANY MANNER.

DRAFTS OF THE TWO BILLS WERE CONTAINED IN A DISCUSSION PAPER ON THE LAWS IN CHINESE WHICH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS ISSUED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT IN APRIL THIS YEAR.

THE PROPOSALS MADE IN THE DISCUSSION PAPER DREW COMMENT FROM A WIDE CROSS-SECTION OF THE PUBLIC.

IN ADDITION, THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SET UP AN AD HOC GROUP TO STUDY THE PROPOSALS, AND LATER HELD AN ADJOURNMENT DEBATE ON THE SUBJECT. SEVERAL DISTRICT BOARDS ALSO DISCUSSED THE PAPER.

THE PROPOSALS IN THE PAPER WERE WELL RECEIVED, THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID, AND COMMENTS HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY CONSIDERED BY THE WORKING PARTY THAT HAD BEEN FORMED BY THE LAW DRAFTING DIVISION IN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS.

THE TWO BILLS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ARE SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO THE ORIGINAL DRAFTS, BUT CONTAIN A NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS, TAKING ACCOUNT OF COMMENTS RECEIVED AND SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS.

COMMENTS ON THE TWO BILLS MAY BE SENT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 66 QUEENSWAY, OR TO THE OMELCO OFFICE IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BUILDING, NO. 8 JACKSON ROAD.

MINIMUM GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION IN BUSINESS STRESSED

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THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MR JOHN YAXLEY TODAY (FRIDAY) TOLD THE ASIAN ASSOCIATION OF MANAGEMENT ORGANISATIONS - 9TH CONFERENCE IN BANGKOK THAT THE GOVERNMENT BELIEVED THAT THE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES IN THE ECONOMY WAS NORMALLY MOST EFFICIENT IF LEFT TO MARKET FORCES, AND GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION WAS KEPT TO A MINIMUM.

+IN HONG KONG WE BELIEVE THAT BUSINESS DECISIONS ARE BEST MADE BY BUSINESSMEN. PUBLIC SERVANTS SHOULD NOT MAKE BUSINESS DECISIONS FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

+BUSINESSMEN EITHER MAKE A PROFIT OR LOSS BASED ON THEIR JUDGEMENT AND DECISIONS. AS A RESULT, PEOPLE ARE HIGHLY MOTIVATED BECAUSE THEY HAVE A HIGH DEGREE OF FREEDOM AND UNRESTRICTED OPPORTUNITIES TO PURSUE THE GOAL OF INDIVIDUAL BETTERMENT AND ACCUMULATION OF WEALTH,+ MR YAXLEY SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IT WOULD NOT BE FAIR TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WAS A NON-CARING GOVERNMENT BECAUSE IT DID NOT INVOLVE ITSELF IN DIRECTING OR INFLUENCING BUSINESS DECISIONS. +IT IS PRECISELY BECAUSE IT IS A CARING AND RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT THAT IT IS PURSUING ITS HANDS-OFF POLICY.+

HOWEVER, MR YAXLEY POINTED OUT THAT THERE WAS A NEED TO BALANCE THIS PHILOSOPHY WITH THE INTERESTS OF INDIVIDUALS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AND WITH ENTREPRENEURS. +THE ECONOMY, THOUGH AUTONOMOUS IS IN NEED OF GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT TO MAINTAIN A FAVOURABLE ENVIRONMENT.

+BASICALLY THEREFORE WE AIM TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY FACILITIES, THE NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN WHICH THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND THEREFORE INDIVIDUALS CAN PROSPER.

+AT THE SAME TIME LET ME ADD THAT THE GOVERNMENT IN ITS SOCIAL POLICIES AND PROGRAMME ACCEPTS ITS RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARDS THOSE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE DISADVANTAGED THROUGH NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN,+ HE ADDED.

MR YAXLEY STRESSED THAT HONG KONG'S SYSTEM WHICH HAD GROWN UP OVER THE YEARS AS A NATURAL RESPONSE WAS NOT STATIC, BUT EVOLVED TO MEET NEW CIRCUMSTANCES.

+FOR EXAMPLE WE ARE ACUTELY AWARE OF THE NEED TO DIVERSIFY OUR ECONOMY NOT ONLY IN TERMS OF THE GOODS WE PRODUCE BUT ALSO INTO NEW NON-MANUFACTURING ACTIVITIES.

+THUS THE SERVICES SECTOR OF OUR ECONOMY HAS EXPANDED IN RECENT YEARS FOLLOWING THE GENERAL TREND IN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING ECONOMIES. BUT WE HAVE FORCED NO ONE TO STOP MAKING PLASTIC FLOWERS AND BECOME A BANKER. FREE ECONOMIC FORCES HAVE DICTATED THE CHANGE.

+HONG KONG PHILOSOPHY OF NON-INTERFERENCE IS NOT NECESSARILY UNIVERSALLY APPLICABLE. IT IS, I BELIEVE, ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE FOR HONG KONG CIRCUMSTANCES,+ MR YAXLEY SAID.

YEAR-ROUND APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS  
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PROSPECTIVE ELECTORS WILL BE ABLE TO SEND IN APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION AS ELECTORS FOR URBAN-REGIONAL COUNCIL AND DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS AT ANY TIME DURING THE YEAR.

ELECTORAL PROVISIONS (REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1986 GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY) CONTAIN AMENDMENTS TO ENABLE THE REGISTRATION OFFICER TO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS OUTSIDE THE NORMAL REGISTRATION PERIODS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT, UP UNTIL NOW, APPLICATIONS FOR INCLUSION IN THE PROVISIONAL REGISTER FOR ANY YEAR HAD TO BE LODGED BETWEEN AUGUST 15 AND SEPTEMBER 30 IN THAT YEAR. APPLICATIONS FOR INCLUSION IN THE FINAL REGISTER HAD TO BE SUBMITTED DURING THE PERIOD WHEN THE PROVISIONAL REGISTER WAS PUBLISHED IN EARLY NOVEMBER AND ENDING ON NOVEMBER 20 IN THE SAME YEAR.

WHILE THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS WILL ALLOW APPLICATIONS TO BE MADE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, THE FORMAL REGISTRATION PERIODS BETWEEN AUGUST 15 AND NOVEMBER 20 WILL BE RETAINED AS THERE MUST BE A CUT-OFF DATE TO FACILITATE THE ANNUAL COMPILATION OF THE PROVISIONAL REGISTER AND THE FINAL REGISTER.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER NOVEMBER 20 MAY ONLY BE PROCESSED FOR INCLUSION IN THE PROVISIONAL REGISTER IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

THERE IS NO MATERIAL CHANGE IN THE REGISTRATION PROCESS UNDER WHICH ALL NEW APPLICATIONS WILL STILL HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE PROCESS OF PUBLIC INSPECTION TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OBJECTIONS TO BE RAISED.

TO ENABLE PROSPECTIVE ELECTORS TO OBTAIN APPLICATION FORMS MORE EASILY, AS FROM JANUARY 1987, APPLICATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES, POST OFFICES, HOUSING DEPARTMENT ESTATE OFFICES, IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT BRANCH OFFICES, TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT LICENSING OFFICES, WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ENQUIRY CENTRES, TREASURY COLLECTION OFFICES, INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT COLLECTION OFFICES AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

GENERALLY, PERSONS WHO ARE 21 YEARS OF AGE AND WHO HAVE ORDINARILY RESIDED IN HONG KONG FOR SEVEN YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE OF APPLICATION ARE ENTITLED TO BE REGISTERED AS ELECTORS. AS FOR THOSE WHO ARE HONG KONG BELONGERS AS DEFINED IN THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE THE RESIDENTIAL REQUIREMENT WILL NOT BE APPLICABLE.

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APPLICATIONS MAY BE MADE EITHER IN ENGLISH OR CHINESE AND WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED IF LODGED OUTSIDE THE NORMAL REGISTRATION PERIODS BETWEEN AUGUST AND NOVEMBER. EACH QUALIFIED APPLICANT WILL RECEIVE A NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE DURING OCTOBER AND DECEMBER INDICATING THE CONSTITUENCY AND POLLING STATION IN WHICH HE IS REGISTERED TO VOTE.

ELECTORS ARE ALSO URGED TO REPORT TO THE REGISTRATION OFFICER ANY CHANGE OF RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS BY LETTER OR BY COMPLETING THE RELEVANT SECTIONS OF THE APPLICATION FORM.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE TO THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION BY TELEPHONE AT 5-270369 AND 5-270380.

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SIR EDWARD SEES WATER SUPPLIES OPERATIONS  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, VISITED WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS IN CAUSEWAY BAY TODAY (FRIDAY) AND ALSO TOURED THE DEPARTMENT'S DEPOT IN BULLOCK LANE, WAN CHAI.

MET ON ARRIVAL BY THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR T.H. TOMLINSON, AND HIS DEPUTY, MR K.L. WONG, SIR EDWARD VISITED SEVERAL OF THE DIVISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING PLANNING DESIGN AND ACCOUNTS, AND THE CONSUMER ENQUIRY CENTRE, MEETING STAFF AND BEING BRIEFED ON HOW THE DEPARTMENT OPERATED.

MR TOMLINSON TOLD SIR EDWARD HOW THE DEPARTMENT IS ORGANISED AND OUTLINED SOME MAJOR PROJECTS, INCLUDING THE \$1,750 MILLION SCHEME TO INCREASE WATER SUPPLY FROM CHINA.

THERE WERE NOW MORE THAN 1.4 MILLION REGISTERED CONSUMERS - 60 PER CENT MORE THAN EIGHT YEARS AGO - AND NEW ACCOUNTS WERE BEING CREATED AT THE RATE OF ABOUT 7 600 PER MONTH, MR TOMLINSON SAID.

SIR EDWARD THEN TOURED THE BULLOCK LANE DEPOT WHERE THE DEPARTMENT'S HONG KONG REGIONAL OFFICE IS LOCATED TOGETHER WITH THE MAIN WORKSHOP FOR MAINTAINING AND REPAIRING WATERWORKS PLANT.

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INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT TEAM FOR AUSTRALIA  
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TWO OFFICERS OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT LEFT HONG KONG TODAY (FRIDAY) ON A MISSION TO AUSTRALIA TO PROMOTE INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

THE TWO ARE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR IAN HOWARD, AND PRINCIPAL CONSULTANT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S '+ONE STOP UNIT+', MR JOSEPH YIP.

THEY WILL VISIT THE STATES OF VICTORIA AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA FROM NOVEMBER 24 TO DECEMBER 6, CALLING ON A NUMBER OF PRE-SELECTED COMPANIES TO TELL EXECUTIVES OF THE ADVANTAGES THAT HONG KONG OFFERS AS AN OFFSHORE MANUFACTURING BASE.

THEY ALSO INTEND TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH COMPANIES PRODUCING CHEMICALS AND PHARMACEUTICALS, ELECTRONICS AND ELECTRICAL GOODS, METAL AND MACHINERY PRODUCTS, PROCESSED FOODS, FURNITURE AND FIXTURES, RUBBER AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS, AND OTHER LIGHT TO MEDIUM ENGINEERING GOODS.

IN ADDITION, THE TWO OFFICERS WILL RENEW CONTACTS WITH COMPANIES KNOWN TO THE DEPARTMENT AS CONSIDERING EXPANDING MANUFACTURING ACTIVITIES TO HONG KONG.

BESIDES THIS, THEY WILL CALL ON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATIONS AND BANKS TO EXPLAIN HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROMOTION POLICY AND ACTIVITIES, AND TO MEET POTENTIAL INVESTING COMPANIES REFERRED BY THOSE ORGANISATIONS.

REGULAR INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROMOTION MISSIONS TO AUSTRALIA HAVE BEEN ORGANISED BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT SINCE 1976. THIS IS THE THIRD MISSION THIS YEAR.

AUSTRALIA RANKS EIGHTH AMONG OVERSEAS COUNTRIES INVESTING IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY, WITH A TOTAL OF 27 ESTABLISHMENTS AND TOTAL INVESTMENTS VALUED AT ABOUT \$189 MILLION.

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ANTI-SMOKING EXHIBITION STARTS TOMORROW  
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NORTH DISTRICT RESIDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO LEARN ABOUT THE HAZARDS OF SMOKING DURING AN ANTI-SMOKING EXHIBITION WHICH OPENS TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

FEATURING PICTURES, POSTERS AND A SLIDE PRESENTATION ON THE EFFECTS OF NICOTINE TO HEALTH, THE EXHIBITION WILL BE STAGED FOR TWO DAYS AT THE PODIUM OF CHOI YUEN ESTATE.

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ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 24), IT WILL MOVE TO THE CHEUNG WAH COMMUNITY HALL IN CHEUNG WAH ESTATE, FANLING, FOR ANOTHER TWO DAYS.

AS THE TARGET AUDIENCE ARE YOUNG PEOPLE, WHO MAY BE POTENTIAL SMOKERS, ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR LOCAL PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS TO ATTEND THE EXHIBITION, A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE EXHIBITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND SPONSORED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY TOMORROW WILL BE THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER (NORTH), MR PETER TAM, REGIONAL DIRECTOR (NT EAST) OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, DR CHAN TUEN-YIN, CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD, MR ANTHONY YUEN, AND THE SENIOR HOUSING MANAGER (NT NORTH), MR CHAN KWAI-PANG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EXHIBITION TOMORROW AT 11 AM AT THE PODIUM OF CHOI YUEN ESTATE, SHEUNG SHUI.

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SPEEDPOST EXTENDED TO FIVE MORE THAI CITIES

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SPEEDPOST SERVICE WILL BE EXTENDED TO FIVE MORE CITIES IN THAILAND IN ADDITION TO BANGKOK WITH EFFECT FROM MONDAY (NOVEMBER 24), A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE FIVE CITIES ARE MONTHABURI, SAMUT PRAKAN, NAKHON RATCHASIMA, CHIANG MAI AND SONGKHLA. CONTRACT AND ON-DEMAND SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE.

CUSTOMERS SEEKING FURTHER INFORMATION SHOULD CONTACT POSTAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES ON 5-2671108.

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AMENDMENT TO DRAFT POK FU LAM PLAN  
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MINOR RELAXATION OF STATED HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON DEVELOPMENTS AND REDEVELOPMENTS IN POK FU LAM MIGHT BE CONSIDERED BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID IT WOULD BENEFIT DEVELOPMENTS OR REDEVELOPMENTS IN THE RESIDENTIAL (GROUP C) ZONE ON THE DRAFT POK FU LAM OUTLINE ZONING PLAN.

+CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO THE INDIVIDUAL MERITS OF DEVELOPMENT OR REDEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS,+ HE SAID.

THE PROVISION INTRODUCED FLEXIBILITY TO ENCOURAGE BETTER BUILDING DESIGNS RESPECTING THE NATURAL TOPOGRAPHY AND AMENITY OF THE AREA.

WRITTEN OBJECTIONS TO THE PROVISION SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD BY DECEMBER 4.

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HONG KONG ISLAND SITES TO BE AUCTIONED  
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THREE LOTS OF GOVERNMENT LAND ON HONG KONG ISLAND ARE TO BE AUCTIONED BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT ON DECEMBER 18.

ONE, A 3 000-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT SHEUNG ON STREET, CHAI WAN, IS FOR INDUSTRIAL OR GODOWN PURPOSES.

UNDER THE BUILDING COVENANT, THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE AT LEAST 21 500 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1990.

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

SALES CONDITIONS STATE THAT THEY CANNOT BE DEVELOPED AS GODOWNS.

THE CENTRAL SITE MEASURES 210 SQUARE METRES. THE BUYER WILL BE REQUIRED TO BUILD A MINIMUM OF 1 000 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA BY DECEMBER 31, 1989.

FOR THE SITE IN WESTERN THE PURCHASER WILL HAVE TO COMPLETE NOT LESS THAN 250 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA ON THE 112-SQUARE-METRE SITE BY THE SAME DATE.

THE AUCTION WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE JADE BALLROOM OF FURAMA HOTEL AT 2.30 PM.

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CO-OPERATION NEEDED IN IMPROVING MANAGEMENT TRAINING  
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BETTER CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE INDUSTRY AND EDUCATION SECTORS IS NEEDED TO IMPROVE MANAGEMENT TRAINING, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, MR K.C. CHAN, SAID THIS AFTERNOON (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING TO OVER 80 MANAGEMENT TRAINERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF TRAINING BOARDS AT A CONFERENCE ON CO-OPERATION IN MANAGEMENT TRAINING, MR CHAN SAID ALL EMPLOYERS SHOULD TAKE SERIOUSLY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MAKING THEIR MANAGEMENT TRAINING NEEDS KNOWN TO EDUCATION AND TRAINING INSTITUTIONS. MANY CHANNELS WERE OPEN TO THEM.

THOSE PROVIDING MANAGEMENT EDUCATION AND TRAINING NEEDED TO KNOW WHAT EMPLOYERS WANTED IF THEY WERE TO PREPARE PEOPLE FOR EMPLOYMENT AND THEN TO IMPROVE THEIR PERFORMANCE, HE SAID.

+THIS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT IN HONG KONG BECAUSE A GREAT MAJORITY OF OUR FIRMS ARE SMALL AND THEREFORE NOT IN A POSITION TO ORGANISE FORMAL IN-COMPANY TRAINING FOR THEIR MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS.

+THEY HAVE TO RELY HEAVILY ON EDUCATION AND TRAINING INSTITUTIONS TO PROVIDE RELEVANT PROGRAMMES TO TRAIN THEIR MANAGEMENT STAFF,+ MR CHAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT FINDINGS OF SEVERAL SURVEYS CARRIED OUT BY THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE ON MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISORY TRAINING REVEALED A CONSTANT PATTERN IN EMPLOYERS' OPINION THAT MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISORY COURSES SHOULD BE IMPROVED IN QUANTITY AND QUALITY.

THE COUNCIL HAD SET UP THE MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT CENTRE OF HONG KONG TO CARRY OUT THE FUNCTIONS OF RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATION AND PROMOTION OF MANAGEMENT TRAINING. ITS SUCCESS WOULD VERY MUCH DEPEND ON THE SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION OF ALL INVOLVED IN MANAGEMENT EDUCATION AND TRAINING, MR CHAN POINTED OUT.

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SEMINAR TO COLLECT VIEWS ON YOUTH POLICY  
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MORE THAN 300 PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY WILL ATTEND A SEMINAR ON YOUTH POLICY NEXT MONTH.

IT IS PART OF AN EXERCISE OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH (CCY) TO COLLECT VIEWS ON THE NEED FOR A COMPREHENSIVE POLICY.

DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILLORS, REPRESENTATIVES FROM VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, JOURNALISTS, BUSINESSMEN, SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, WORKERS AND STUDENTS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO DISCUSS YOUTH MATTERS AT THE SEMINAR.

CCY'S CHAIRMAN AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER, MRS ROSANNA TAM, CHAIRMAN OF THE YOUTH ACTIVITIES PROMOTION COMMITTEE, MR NG SHUI-LAI, CHAIRMAN OF SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME COMMITTEE, MR PETER LEE, AND CCY MEMBER, DR AGNES NG, WILL START THE SEMINAR BY TALKING ON THE NEEDS OF YOUTH, YOUTH POLICIES AND YOUTH SERVICES.

PARTICIPANTS WILL THEN EXCHANGE VIEWS ON VARIOUS TOPICS IN GROUP DISCUSSIONS AND IN AN OPEN FORUM.

MRS TAM SAID ABOUT 30 PLACES WOULD BE RESERVED FOR INTERESTED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY THOSE AGED BETWEEN 18 AND 25, ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR AT THE HONG KONG CARITAS ON DECEMBER 13.

RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE TO THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION ON 3-662978 BEFORE NOVEMBER 28.

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SEMINAR ORGANISED ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT IN YUEN LONG  
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A SEMINAR ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT WILL BE HELD IN YUEN LONG TOWN HALL ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 23) FOR MEMBERS OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS INCORPORATIONS.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL, THE SEMINAR IS AIMED AT STIMULATING MORE EFFECTIVE SELF-HELP BETWEEN PROPERTY OWNERS AND TENANTS IN MANAGING THEIR BUILDINGS.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH SPEAKERS FROM THE POLICE, A SOLICITOR'S FIRM, A PRIVATE BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMPANY AND THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

TOPICS TO BE COVERED IN THE SEMINAR INCLUDE LEGAL AND CRIME PREVENTION MATTERS, THE ROLE OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, AND THE ROLE OF PRIVATE BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMPANIES.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR TAI CHIN-WAH, WILL BE THE MODERATOR. YUEN LONG ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALDAN KWOK, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, MR LEUNG SHUI-FAT, WILL ACT AS HOSTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM ON SUNDAY IN THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL, YUEN LONG TAI YUK ROAD.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL BEGINS TOMORROW  
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A SPECIAL CEREMONY SYMBOLISING THE UNITY OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS AND A LASER VARIETY SHOW WILL MARK THE OPENING OF THE SECOND SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL AT 7 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) IN THE WONG CHUK HANG HARD-SURFACED SOCCER PITCH.

RESIDENTS REPRESENTING THE DISTRICT'S SIX AREAS WILL PUT TOGETHER A SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD LOGO AND SWITCH ON THE SURROUNDING LIGHTS.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR CHAU TAK-HAY, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AND SWITCH ON THE LIGHTS FOR THE LASER VARIETY SHOW THAT FOLLOWS.

THE THREE-HOUR SHOW, FEATURING A SPECTACULAR LASER BEAM DISPLAY AND PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGERS, IS EXPECTED TO ATTRACT MORE THAN 4 000 RESIDENTS. PERFORMERS AT THE SHOW INCLUDE WELL-KNOWN DISC-JOCKEYS AND SINGERS.

THE LASER BEAM DISPLAY IS A COMBINATION OF LIGHT AND SOUND. TO THE TUNE OF POPULAR MUSIC, LASER BEAMS WILL BE DIRECTED OVER THE HEADS OF SPECTATORS ON TO A SCREEN, WRITING WORDS AND CREATING VARYING THREE-DIMENSIONAL PATTERNS. THERE WILL ALSO BE SPECIAL EFFECTS CREATED BY USING DRY ICE.

AS A PRELUDE TO THE SHOW, SIX DECORATED VANS WILL TOUR THE DISTRICT TO DISTRIBUTE PROGRAMME LEAFLETS. A CHINESE-STYLE ARCH WILL BE PUT UP AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE VENUE TO ENHANCE THE FESTIVAL ATMOSPHERE.

THE LASER VARIETY SHOW WILL ONLY BE A CURTAIN-RAISER FOR THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL WHICH WILL RUN UNTIL DECEMBER 7. THERE WILL BE 12 OTHER CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL, SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES AND INTERESTS.

MOST OF THE PROGRAMMES WILL BE HELD ON WEEKENDS SO THAT MORE PEOPLE CAN ATTEND. ADMISSION IS FREE. PROGRAMME LEAFLETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND SUB-OFFICES. ENQUIRIES CAN ALSO BE MADE ON 5-540271.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT TOMORROW'S OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SIMON LORD SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR JASPER LAM AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MRS SO CHOW YIM-PING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL OPENING CEREMONY AT 7 PM TOMORROW AT THE URBAN COUNCIL'S HARD-SURFACED SOCCER PITCH IN WONG CHUK HANG.

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CALLIGRAPHY GOES ON SHOW AT TEMPLE  
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MORE THAN 100 PIECES OF ART BY CONTEMPORARY CHINESE CALLIGRAPHERS AND PAINTERS WILL BE ON DISPLAY AT THE FUNG MING HALL OF WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO MONDAY.

THE EXHIBITION IS ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE AS PART OF DISTRICT FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES.

WINNING ENTRIES IN A CALLIGRAPHY COMPETITION HELD EARLIER WILL BE DISPLAYED. THE COMPETITION WAS DIVIDED INTO THREE GROUPS: GENERAL, SECONDARY SCHOOL, AND PRIMARY SCHOOL.

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PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE WINNERS AT 3 PM TOMORROW. GUESTS AT THE CEREMONY WILL INCLUDE CHAIRMAN OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR FUNG KWONG-CHUNG, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE ART ACTIVITIES WORKING GROUP, MR ALBERT LI.

FOUR ARTISTS FROM THE HONG KONG CHINESE ART ASSOCIATION WILL ATTEND THE CEREMONY TO GIVE DEMONSTRATE CALLIGRAPHY AND PAINTING.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN FROM 3 PM TO 5 PM TOMORROW AND 10 AM TO 5 PM ON SUNDAY AND MONDAY.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY AND PAINTING EXHIBITION AND THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT 3 PM TOMORROW AT FUNG MING HALL, WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE.

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EASTERN ARTS COUNCIL'S CLUBHOUSE TO OPEN  
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THE EASTERN DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL'S NEW CLUBHOUSE AT BLOCK 11 OF CHAI WAN ESTATE WILL OPEN ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 23).

THE COUNCIL WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1984 WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE. ITS MEMBERS COMPRISE MAINLY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, MUSICIANS, DANCERS, ARTISTS AND PEOPLE INTERESTED IN PROMOTION OF THE ARTS.

ABOUT \$200 000 WAS RAISED BY THE COUNCIL FOR SETTING UP THE CLUBHOUSE. IT CONSISTS OF CLASSROOMS INCLUDING A COMPUTER ROOM AND A DANCE HALL.

CLASSES IN MUSIC AND DANCING AS WELL AS OTHER ACTIVITIES WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE NEW PREMISES.

BEFORE THE OPENING CEREMONY, A +DISTRICT ARTS GALA+ WILL BE HELD AT THE PLAYGROUND ADJACENT TO BLOCK 11.

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THE GALA, STARTING AT 2.30 PM, WILL INCLUDE PERFORMANCES BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND FOLK DANCE GROUPS. THERE WILL ALSO BE A CIVIC EDUCATION PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION AND A HANDICRAFT DISPLAY.

THE GALA HAS BEEN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL AND THE URBAN COUNCIL. IT IS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD. ADMISSION IS FREE.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BOWEN LEUNG; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR G.W. ROPER; CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG; URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR MAN SAI-CHEONG; CHAIRMAN OF EASTERN DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL, MADAM CHRISTINA TING; SENIOR HOUSING MANAGER, MR YEUNG KWING-CHIU AND CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT MANAGER OF URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR DANIEL CHUNG.

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YOUNG MUSICIAN SOUGHT FOR SYDNEY CAMP  
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A TALENTED STRINGS INSTRUMENT PLAYER, PREFERABLY OF DOUBLE BASS OR VIOLA, WILL HAVE THE CHANCE OF JOINING A MUSIC CAMP IN AUSTRALIA EARLY NEXT YEAR.

THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH IS INVITING APPLICANTS TO COMPETE FOR A PLACE FOR THE PAN PACIFIC MUSIC CAMP TO BE HELD AT THE NAAMAROO CONFERENCE CENTRE IN SYDNEY FROM JANUARY 12 TO 23.

A MUSIC OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT WILL BE ABLE TO EXCHANGE NOTES WITH ABOUT 150 OTHER YOUNG MUSICIANS FROM AUSTRALIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES AS WELL AS RECEIVING TRAINING FROM PROFESSIONAL MUSICIANS AND INTERNATIONAL GUEST TUTORS.

HIGHLIGHT OF CAMP ACTIVITIES WILL BE THE FINAL CONCERT TO BE HELD AT THE SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE ON JANUARY 25.

MUSICIANS WHO ARE AGED BETWEEN 14 AND 23 BY JANUARY 12, 1987, HAVE RESIDED IN HONG KONG FOR NOT LESS THAN THREE YEARS, SPEAK REASONABLE GOOD ENGLISH AND HAVE ATTAINED GRADE VIII (PRACTICAL) IN THE ASSOCIATED BOARD OF THE ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC EXAMINATION OR EQUIVALENT ARE INVITED TO APPLY.

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THEY WILL HAVE TO ATTEND AN AUDITION ARRANGED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE IN MID-DECEMBER.

THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT WILL TRAVEL TO SYDNEY UNDER THE AUSPICES OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL AND FEES FOR THE CAMP, TUITION AND BOARD, WILL BE MET BY THE CAMP ORGANISER.

APPLICATION FORMS, OBTAINABLE AT ALL MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE, SHOULD BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE SHA TIN MUSIC CENTRE, FOURTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION, BY DECEMBER 4. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON 0-6065731.

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EXHIBITION TO PROMOTE MUSIC AWARENESS  
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THE MUSIC OFFICE HAS ORGANISED AN EXHIBITION OF WESTERN MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AT THE SHEK KIP MEI COMMUNITY HALL FROM TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 25) TO THURSDAY IN SUPPORT OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

THE EXHIBITION, OPEN FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM, IS AIMED AT PROMOTING PEOPLE'S INTEREST IN MUSIC AND AT ENHANCING THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF DIFFERENT INSTRUMENTS.

DEMONSTRATION CONCERTS WILL BE GIVEN BY A BRASS QUINTET, STRING QUARTET, WOODWIND TRIO AND PERCUSSION DUO.

ON DISPLAY WILL BE 28 INSTRUMENTS SUCH AS VIOLIN, VIOLA, CELLO, DOUBLE BASS, FLUTE, CLARINET, OBOE, TRUMPET, FRENCH HORN AND TROMBONE.

ADMISSION IS FREE. FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED BY CALLING 3-7149255.

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YUEN YUEN INSTITUTE'S POT PLANTS GO ON SHOW

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A THREE-DAY POTTED PLANT EXHIBITION WILL BEGIN TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AS PART OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

OVER 150 ITEMS PROVIDED BY THE YUEN YUEN INSTITUTE WILL BE ON SHOW AT THE OPEN SPACE IN FRONT OF THE LAI CHI KOK PARK INDOOR GAMES HALL.

THE YUEN YUEN INSTITUTE IS FAMOUS FOR ITS POTTED PLANT ARRANGEMENTS, AND THIS WILL BE THE FIRST TIME ITS PLANTS HAVE BEEN EXHIBITED IN THE URBAN AREA.

AN OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 2 PM, WITH SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SYLVESTER TSE, OFFICIATING.

A NUMBER OF OTHER DISTRICT FESTIVAL EVENTS WILL BE HELD TOMORROW.

THEY INCLUDE A SHEK KIP MEI SUB-DISTRICT DAY (1 PM - 5 PM) AT SHEK KIP MEI PLAYGROUND; LAI WAN SUB-DISTRICT DAY (2 PM - 10.30 PM) AT THE OPEN SPACE IN FRONT OF THE LAI CHI KOK PARK INDOOR GAMES HALL; AND HEALTH CARNIVAL (2.30 PM - 4 PM) AT THE NAM SHAN BASKETBALL GROUND.

A FOLK DANCE SHOW WILL BE HELD BETWEEN 7.30 PM AND 10.30 PM AT THE TAI HANG TUNG COMMUNITY CENTRE. RESIDENTS WILL ALSO BE TREATED TO A VARIETY SHOW STAGED BETWEEN 8 PM AND 10.30 PM AT THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ABOVE EVENTS IN THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

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ROUND WONG TAI SIN RACE FOR SUNDAY

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ABOUT 500 RUNNERS WILL SET OFF AT 9.30 AM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 23) IN A NINE-KILOMETRE RUN FROM KAI TAK EAST PLAYGROUND AND ROUND THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT.

THE RACE IS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE TWO-WEEK DISTRICT FESTIVAL IN WONG TAI SIN.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE FESTIVAL'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR FUNG KWONG-CHUNG, SAID THE RUN ON SUNDAY WOULD BE THE FIRST ROUND-THE-DISTRICT RACE ORGANISED IN WONG TAI SIN.

IT WOULD PROVIDE PARTICIPANTS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET ACQUAINTED WITH THE DISTRICT WHILE THEY RAN, HE SAID.

WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICHOLAS YEK, AND SOME DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE STARTING THE RACE.

STARTING FROM THE KAI TAK EAST PLAYGROUND, RUNNERS WILL PASS THROUGH CHOI HUNG ROAD, FUNG MO STREET, WONG TAI SIN ROAD, SHA TIN PASS ROAD, TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD, PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD, THE SUBWAY AT CHOI HUNG MTR STATION, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AND FINISH AT KAI TAK EAST PLAYGROUND.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE RACE AT 9.30 AM ON SUNDAY AT THE KAI TAK EAST PLAYGROUND, KING FUK STREET, SAN PO KONG.

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OPEN DAY FOR TEACHING SPORTING SKILLS  
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AN OPEN DAY FOR SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS IN MONG KOK DISTRICT WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE LIM POR YEN CENTRE IN TAI KOK TSUI.

DEMONSTRATIONS WILL BE GIVEN IN VARIOUS SPORTS OR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING, SQUASH, TRAMPOLING, FENCING, AEROBICS, BALLET, AND SOCIAL DANCING.

SPECTATORS WILL THEN BE ABLE TO TRY OUT THEIR OWN SKILLS.

MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG AMATEUR SHUTTLECOCK ASSOCIATION HAVE BEEN INVITED TO DEMONSTRATE THE ART OF SHUTTLECOCK KICKING.

THE OPEN DAY IS PART OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS FORTNIGHT ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, URBAN COUNCIL, AND MONG KOK DISTRICT CULTURE RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

URBAN COUNCILLORS, DR RONALD LEUNG AND MR CHAN KWOK-MING,  
AND MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN,  
MR HO FEI-CHI, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MONG KOK DISTRICT SPORTS OPEN DAY  
TO BEGIN TOMORROW AT 1 PM AT LIM POR YEN CENTRE, 110 BEECH STREET,  
TAI KOK TSUI.

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WEIGHT LIMIT ON CHA KWO LING ROAD

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FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 23), THE SLIP ROAD LEADING  
FROM EASTBOUND CHA KWO LING ROAD, OPPOSITE THE DAIRY FARM FACTORY,  
WILL BE DESIGNATED A PROHIBITED ZONE FOR VEHICLES OVER 5.5 TONNES.

VEHICLES EXCEEDING 5.5 TONNES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER  
THE PROHIBITED ZONE.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN ABERDEEN FOR ROAD WORK

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A SERIES OF TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN  
ABERDEEN FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 24) TO FACILITATE ROAD  
RECONSTRUCTION.

THE SECTION OF WU PAK STREET BETWEEN CHENGTU ROAD AND TUNG  
SING ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC WHILE THE SECTION OF TUNG SING  
ROAD BETWEEN WU PAK STREET AND SAI ON STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED  
ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND. THE ROAD CLOSURE AND TRAFFIC RE-ROUTING WILL  
LAST FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS.

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TO TIE IN WITH THE RE-ROUTING, THE BUS TERMINUS OF CROSS-HARBOUR BUS ROUTE 107 ON THE WESTERN KERBSIDE OF TUNG SING ROAD BETWEEN WU PAK STREET AND WU NAM STREET WILL BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED AND MOVED TO HOUSE NO. 6-7 WU NAM STREET.

BUSES ON THIS ROUTE WILL ALSO BE DIVERTED TO CHENGTU ROAD, WU NAM STREET, ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD, LOK YEUNG STREET, TUNG SING ROAD AND ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD EASTBOUND BEFORE RESUMING NORMAL ROUTING.

AT THE SAME TIME, CERTAIN ROAD SECTIONS IN ABERDEEN WILL BE DESIGNATED 24-HOUR DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS.

THESE ARE:

- \* THE SECTION OF CHENGTU ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH LOK YEUNG STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 40 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH WU PAK STREET.
- \* THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE SECTION OF LOK YEUNG STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH CHENGTU ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.
- \* THE SECTION OF SAI ON STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH CHENGTU ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.
- \* THE SECTION OF WU PAK STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH CHENGTU ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.
- \* THE SECTION OF NAM NING STREET BETWEEN ITS NORTHERN JUNCTION WITH CHENGTU ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.
- \* THE SECTION OF NAM NING STREET BETWEEN ITS SOUTHERN JUNCTION WITH CHENGTU ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

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

MEANWHILE, THE EXISTING 24-HOUR PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE ON THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE SECTION OF SAI ON STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH CHENGTU ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE TEMPORARILY LIFTED FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS.