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PROPOSAL TO ABOLISH DRIVING LICENCES AS IDENTITY DOCUMENTS
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A RESOLUTION WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON MARCH 9 WITH A VIEW TO DELETING DRIVING LICENCES FROM THE LIST OF DOCUMENTS WHICH MAY BE USED AS PROOF OF IDENTITY UNDER THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE.

THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL DECIDED YESTERDAY THAT THE MOVE WAS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE EFFECTIVENESS OF MEASURES TO COMBAT ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION.

IT WAS ALSO DECIDED THAT CONSIDERATION WOULD BE GIVEN TO WHETHER THE LEGAL REQUIREMENT FOR MOTORISTS TO CARRY THEIR DRIVING LICENCES WHILE DRIVING SHOULD BE ABOLISHED.

THE RESOLUTION WAS FORESHADOWED BY THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR DAVID JEAFFRESON, ON JANUARY 5 WHEN HE TOLD THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL THAT AN ESTIMATED 30 300 DUPLICATE DRIVING LICENCES WERE ISSUED IN 1982 TO MOTORISTS WHO HAD LOST THEIR LICENCES.

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON THE SAME DAY AS THE NEW LAWS WHICH PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUE OF A MORE SECURE IDENTITY CARD, DETAILS OF WHICH WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN RECALLED THAT WHEN THE CARRYING OF PROOF OF IDENTITY BECAME A REQUIREMENT IN OCTOBER 1980, DRIVING LICENCES WERE INCLUDED AS ONE OF THE ACCEPTABLE IDENTITY DOCUMENTS FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF LEGAL RESIDENTS.

+THE RISKS INVOLVED IN ALLOWING DRIVING LICENCES AS AN IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENT WERE ACCEPTABLE SO LONG AS THE PRESENT TYPE OF IDENTITY CARD, WITH ITS OUTDATED SECURITY FEATURES, WAS BEING ISSUED,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID 37 FORGED OR COUNTERFEIT DRIVING LICENCES HAD BEEN DETECTED IN THE PAST THREE YEARS.

+HOWEVER, WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THE MORE SECURE IDENTITY CARD, FORGERY SYNDICATES COULD WELL BE EXPECTED TO TURN THEIR ATTENTION TO DRIVING LICENCES, THEREBY UNDERMINING THE OBJECT OF THIS IMPORTANT ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION EXERCISE,+ HE POINTED OUT.

+THEREFORE, TO CONTINUE TO ALLOW DRIVING LICENCES TO ENJOY THE SAME STATUS AS THE IDENTITY CARD WOULD PROVIDE GREATER SCOPE FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS TO AVOID DETECTION, AS WELL AS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PUBLIC SERVICES, SUCH AS MEDICAL CARE.+

CONSIDERATION WAS GIVEN TO UPGRADING THE SECURITY OF DRIVING LICENCES TO A LEVEL COMPARABLE WITH THAT OF THE NEW IDENTITY CARD BUT IT WAS FOUND THAT THIS OPTION WOULD BE BOTH TIME-CONSUMING AND EXPENSIVE.

+THE COST INVOLVED WOULD BE DISPROPORTIONATE TO THE LIMITED USE AND NUMBER OF DRIVING LICENCES, WHICH WERE NOT ORIGINALLY DESIGNED FOR GENERAL PURPOSES OF IDENTIFICATION,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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SIR PHILIP VISITS TRADE DEPARTMENT
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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED THE TRADE DEPARTMENT IN OCEAN CENTRE, KOWLOON.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT, SIR PHILIP TOURED THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICES AND MET STAFF WORKING ON TEXTILE LICENSING, CERTIFICATION AND TRADE CONTROLS, AS WELL AS EXTERNAL COMMERCIAL RELATIONS.

SIR PHILIP SHOWED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THE PROGRESS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CURRENT PROJECT TO COMPUTERISE HONG KONG'S TEXTILE EXPORT LICENSING SYSTEMS.

THE PROJECT, WHICH WAS STARTED IN 1977 AND ESTIMATED TO COST \$5 MILLION, TAKES THE SHAPE OF A THREE-PHASE PROGRAMME BEGINNING WITH THE USA SYSTEM, WHICH BECAME FULLY COMPUTERISED IN 1980.

COMPUTERISATION OF THE EEC SYSTEM IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY MID-1983, AND THE FINAL PHASE COVERING THE OTHER REGIONS IS SCHEDULED TO BE READY BY 1986.

SIR PHILIP LATER MET ALL THE DIRECTORATE STAFF TO DISCUSS CURRENT TRADE ISSUES AND THE DEPARTMENT'S PLANS FOR THE FUTURE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FS TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE
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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR JOHN BREMRIDGE, WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT 4.30 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE G.I.S THEATRE, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE. ALSO ATTENDING WILL BE THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DENIS BRAY.

TELEVISION CREWS SHOULD ARRIVE EARLY TO SET UP THEIR EQUIPMENT.

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PRESS CONFERENCE ON EASTERN DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN
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THE CENTRAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 28) AT 3 PM IN THE GIS THEATRE ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF BEACONSFIELD HOUSE TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF A THREE-WEEK INTENSIVE CAMPAIGN TO BE HELD FROM MARCH 4 TO 28.

MRS ANITA CHAN LAI-LING, CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE WILL CHAIR THE CONFERENCE TOGETHER WITH MR KARL STUMPF, CHAIRMAN OF THE PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE, ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS. ALSO ATTENDING WILL BE MR C.M. LEUNG, ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS MR LUI HAU-TUEN, DISTRICT OFFICER (EASTERN) MR MATTHEW CHEUNG, ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER (EASTERN) AND MR MATTHEW MA, PRESIDENT OF LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG NORTH.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CONFERENCE.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR JANUARY
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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) AND CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) FOR JANUARY 1983 WERE BOTH 135, THE SAME AS IN THE PRECEDING MONTH, ACCORDING TO FIGURES PUBLISHED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY.

COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1982, BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B) INCREASED BY TEN POINTS OR EIGHT PER CENT. DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDING IN JANUARY 1983, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI(A) ROSE 0.6 PER CENT EACH MONTH AND THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI(B), 0.5 PER CENT.

DURING JANUARY, PRIVATE DWELLING RENTALS, ELECTRICITY RATES, TELEPHONE CHARGES AND CHARGES FOR MEALS BOUGHT IN RESTAURANTS INCREASED. ON THE OTHER HAND, PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND FRESH FRUIT DECLINED.

THE CPI(A) AND CPI(B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, DERIVED FROM THE 1979-80 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY. THE CPI(A) REFERRED TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$1 000 AND \$3 499 A MONTH AND THE CPI(B) TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$3 500 AND \$6 499 A MONTH AT THAT TIME.

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THE INDEXES FOR JANUARY 1983 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES ARE GIVEN BELOW, TOGETHER WITH THOSE FOR DECEMBER 1982 AND JANUARY 1982.

(OCTOBER 1979 TO SEPTEMBER 1980 AVERAGE = 100)

SECTION	CPI(A)			CPI(B)		
	JAN.82	DEC.82	JAN.83	JAN.82	DEC.82	JAN.83
FOODSTUFFS	127	138	137	127	139	137
HOUSING	121	131	133	121	130	132
FUEL AND LIGHT	136	140	145	136	140	146
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	123	127	130	122	126	129
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	123	136	135	123	136	136
DURABLE GOODS	108	108	107	109	110	110
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	119	127	128	117	126	127
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	137	145	145	134	146	147
SERVICES	131	141	144	131	141	142
ALL ITEMS	125	135	135	125	135	135

THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS DECREASED BY ONE POINT IN CPI(A) AND BY TWO POINTS IN CPI(B). REDUCTIONS WERE RECORDED IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES OWING TO INCREASED SUPPLY AND IN THOSE OF FRESH FRUIT AS A RESULT OF LOWER PRICES OF ORANGES. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SALT-WATER FISH AND THE AVERAGE CHARGES FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS INCREASED.

THE TWO-POINT INCREASE IN THE INDEX FOR HOUSING IN BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B) WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HIGHER RENTS FOR PRIVATE DWELLINGS.

THE INDEX FOR FUEL AND LIGHT INCREASED BY FIVE POINTS IN CPI(A) AND BY SIX POINTS IN CPI(B) BECAUSE OF HIGHER CHARGES FOR ELECTRICITY.

THE INDEX FOR ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION) INCREASED BY THREE POINTS IN BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B), REFLECTING THE FULL IMPACT OF HIGHER PRICES OF CIGARETTES.

THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR DECREASED BY ONE POINT IN CPI(A) AS A RESULT OF LOWER PRICES OF OUTERCLOTHING.

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THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS INCREASED BY ONE POINT IN BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B) OWING TO HIGHER PRICES OF JEWELLERY, TOILET REQUISITES AND COSMETICS.

HIGHER PRICES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND HIGHER CHARGES FOR CAR INSURANCE CAUSED THE INDEX FOR TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES TO INCREASE BY ONE POINT IN CPI(B).

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES INCREASED BY THREE POINTS IN CPI(A) AND BY ONE POINT IN CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER CHARGES FOR TELEPHONE SERVICES, MEDICAL TREATMENT AND HAIRDRESSING.

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN THE OTHER SECTIONS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

DETAILS OF THESE PRICE MOVEMENTS ARE GIVEN IN THE +CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT+ FOR JANUARY 1983. BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE VERSIONS OF THIS REPORT ARE AVAILABLE AT \$3 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.

FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES, PLEASE CONTACT THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT TELEPHONE NO. 3-7216512.

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UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, FIGURES PRESENTED IN THIS PRESS RELEASE REFER TO CPI SERIES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.

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HONG KONG-SWEDEN TEXTILES TALKS TO RESUME
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NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NEW HONG KONG-SWEDEN TEXTILES AGREEMENT WILL RESUME ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 2) IN STOCKHOLM.

THE HONG KONG DELEGATION WILL AGAIN BE HEADED BY MR JUSTIN YUE, DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY. LEADING THE SWEDISH SIDE WILL BE MR CURT WIJK, DIRECTOR, SWEDISH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

THE CURRENT TWO-YEAR AGREEMENT EXPIRES AT THE END OF MARCH THIS YEAR. NEGOTIATIONS STARTED IN HONG KONG ON JANUARY 31, BUT THE TWO SIDES DID NOT REACH AGREEMENT DURING THAT ROUND.

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UNUSUALLY WET JANUARY

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LAST MONTH'S TOTAL RAINFALL OF 76.3 MM WAS THREE TIMES THE AVERAGE FIGURE AND WAS THE SEVENTH HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR JANUARY, ACCORDING TO THE MONTH'S WEATHER SUMMARY ISSUED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE SUNSHINE DURATION OF 75 HOURS WAS THE FIFTH LOWEST ON RECORD FOR JANUARY, MAKING THE MONTH COOLER THAN NORMAL.

THE WEATHER WAS CLOUDY AND MILD ON NEW YEAR'S DAY, AND THE TEMPERATURE OF 21.1 DEGREES CELSIUS RECORDED IN THE AFTERNOON WAS THE HIGHEST DURING THE MONTH.

THE WEATHER BECAME FINE AND COOLER THE FOLLOWING DAY BUT TURNED CLOUDY AS EASTERLY WINDS STRENGTHENED OFFSHORE DURING THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 3.

WINDS BECAME STRONG IN THE HARBOUR ON JANUARY 4 AND MAXIMUM GUSTS OF 43 KNOTS WERE RECORDED AT THE STAR FERRY PIER IN KOWLOON.

FROM JANUARY 4, THE WEATHER WAS GENERALLY RAINY FOR THREE DAYS, EXCEPT FOR SOME SUNNY INTERVALS ON JANUARY 6.

NORTHERLY WINDS AND MORE RAIN FOLLOWED ON JANUARY 7 AS A SURGE OF THE WINTER MONSOON ARRIVED LATE THAT DAY.

TEMPERATURES FELL CONSIDERABLY ON JANUARY 8 AND THE WEATHER REMAINED COLD AND CLOUDY UNTIL JANUARY 13.

ON JANUARY 14 AND 15 THE WEATHER BECAME FINE AND WARMER BUT CLOUDY CONDITIONS RETURNED ON JANUARY 16, FOLLOWED BY RAIN IN THE MORNING OF JANUARY 17.

MIST OCCURRED EARLY ON JANUARY 18 BUT WAS CLEARED BY A SURGE OF THE WINTER MONSOON LATER THE SAME DAY.

WINDS TURNED NORTHERLY ON JANUARY 18 AND STRENGTHENED IN THE MORNING OF JANUARY 19. TEMPERATURES DROPPED TO 10 DEGREES CELSIUS AND THERE WAS SOME RAIN.

NORTHERLY WINDS PERSISTED FROM JANUARY 20 TO 24 AND THE WEATHER REMAINED COLD AND DRY, WITH TEMPERATURES DROPPING BELOW 10 DEGREES CELSIUS DURING THE PERIOD.

A 52-YEAR-OLD STREET SLEEPER WAS REPORTED TO HAVE DIED ON JANUARY 20 BECAUSE OF THE COLD WEATHER.

THE MONTH'S LOWEST TEMPERATURE OF 7.1 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON JANUARY 22 AND A MINIMUM OF -1 DEGREE CELSIUS WAS RECORDED AT TAI MO SHAN THE SAME MORNING.

THE WEATHER IMPROVED ON JANUARY 23 AND BECAME SUNNY ON JANUARY 24 AND 25.

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A MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 3.9 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED AT SHEUNG SHUI FARM ON JANUARY 26 AND FROST WAS REPORTED AT SAI KUNG AND TAI LUNG FARMS.

THERE WERE SUNNY PERIODS ON JANUARY 27 BUT MOIST EASTERLY WINDS BROUGHT SOME RAIN ON JANUARY 28 AND 29.

COASTAL FOG DEVELOPED ON JANUARY 29 AND SPREAD INTO VICTORIA HARBOUR THE FOLLOWING TWO DAYS. THE VISIBILITY AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY WAS REDUCED TO 200 METRES BETWEEN 1 AND 3 AM ON JANUARY 31.

EASTERLY WINDS STRENGTHENED LATER IN THE MORNING OF JANUARY 31 BUT MISTY CONDITIONS PERSISTED THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND COASTAL FOG APPEARED AGAIN AT NIGHT.

DURING THE MONTH TWO AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG BECAUSE OF FOG.

THE YELLOW FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS ISSUED ON JANUARY 1-3, 8-9, 13, 15-16, 19-20, 23-24 AND 26-28 WHILE THE RED FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS EFFECTIVE ON JANUARY 3, 21-23 AND 24-26.

A FROST WARNING WAS ISSUED ON JANUARY 22.

SIGNALS HOISTED DURING THE MONTH WERE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>WEATHER SYSTEM</u>	<u>SIGNAL</u>	<u>DATE AND TIME OF HOISTING</u>	<u>DATE AND TIME OF LOWERING</u>
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	JAN 3 (11.10 PM)	JAN 4 (5.40 AM)
"	"	JAN 4 (9.45 AM)	JAN 4 (7.05 PM)
"	"	JAN 19 (9.30 AM)	JAN 20 (7.30 AM)
"	"	JAN 31 (10.30 AM)	FEB 1 (6.10 AM)

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

SUNSHINE	75.0 HOURS : 78.5 HOURS BELOW NORMAL
RAINFALL	76.3 MM : 49.4 ABOVE NORMAL
CLOUDINESS	79 PER CENT : 20 PER CENT MORE THAN NORMAL
RELATIVE HUMIDITY	77 PER CENT : 6 PER CENT HIGHER THAN NORMAL
MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE	17.1 DEGREES CELSIUS : 1.6 DEGREES CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN TEMPERATURE	15.0 DEGREES CELSIUS : 0.6 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL

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MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	13.1 DEGREES CELSIUS : 0.1 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	10.8 DEGREES CELSIUS : 1.0 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	77.2 MM : 29.4 MM BELOW NORMAL

A MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 21.1 DEGREES WAS RECORDED ON JANUARY 1 AND A MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 7.1 DEGREES WAS RECORDED ON JANUARY 22.

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RADIO CONTROLLED MODEL CARS POPULAR IN HONG KONG * * * *

RADIO CONTROLLED MODEL CAR RACING IS BECOMING MORE AND MORE POPULAR IN HONG KONG, SAID THE VICE CHAIRMAN OF HONG KONG MODELLERS CLUB, MR LAM CHI TAK, TODAY (THURSDAY).

MR LAM WAS SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE TUEN MUN RESTAURANT TODAY TO INTRODUCE THE COMPETITORS OF THE INTERNATIONAL RADIO CONTROLLED MODEL RACING CAR GRAND PRIX.

THE MODEL CAR RACING COMPETITION, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG MODELLERS CLUB AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WILL BE HELD AT THE TUEN MUN PLAYGROUND ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 26 AND 27).

MORE THAN 150 MODEL CAR EXPERTS FROM 11 COUNTRIES INCLUDING THE PHILIPPINES, THAILAND, INDONESIA, AUSTRALIA, JAPAN, SINGAPORE, MALAYSIA, CHINA, TAIWAN, MACAU AND HONG KONG WILL TAKE PART IN THE TWO-DAY EVENT.

THE GRAND PRIX WAS NOT ONLY AIMED AT PROMOTING THE SPORT BUT ALSO AT PROVIDING A CHANCE FOR LOCAL ENTHUSIASTS TO COMPETE WITH AND TO LEARN NEW TECHNIQUES FROM THEIR OVERSEAS COUNTERPARTS, MR LAM ADDED.

+DESPITE LOCAL PLAYERS HAVING TAKEN PART IN VARIOUS OPEN COMPETITIONS IN MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE AND JAPAN LAST YEAR, THEY STILL HAVE A LOT TO LEARN FROM OVERSEAS EXPERTS,+ HE SAID.

IN ORDER TO AROUSE PARTICIPANTS' INTEREST IN THE COMPETITION, MR LAM DISCLOSED THAT THE WINNER WILL BE AWARDED CASH PRIZE OF US\$3 000 WHILE THE FIRST AND SECOND RUNNERS-UP WILL EACH RECEIVE US\$2 000 AND US\$1 000 RESPECTIVELY.

+THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG SHOULD BE PROUD OF THIS COMPETITION AS IT IS PROBABLY THE FIRST CASH PRIZES TO BE AWARDED TO WINNERS IN AN INTERNATIONAL RADIO CONTROLLED MODEL CAR RACING GRAND PRIX,+ HE SAID.

ALSO TAKING PART IN THE PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY WAS THE REGIONAL AMENITIES OFFICER (RECREATION PROMOTION UNIT) OF NORTH REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE NTSD, MRS HANNY YEUNG.

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URBCO CANDIDATES TO MEET VOTERS

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RESIDENTS IN YAU MA TEI WILL BE ABLE TO MEET THEIR THREE URBAN COUNCIL ELECTION CANDIDATES IN A FORUM ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 25) EVENING.

THIS 90-MINUTE FORUM WILL ALSO ENABLE THE CANDIDATES DR DENNY HUANG, MR KWOK YUEN-PING AND MR YUEN KAM-MING TO OUTLINE THEIR ELECTION PLATFORMS AND DISCUSS WITH THE VOTERS ON DISTRICT OR TERRITORY-WIDE AFFAIRS.

IT WILL BE HELD IN THE HENRY G. LEONG COMMUNITY CENTRE AT THE JUNCTION OF PUBLIC SQUARE STREET AND SHANGHAI STREET FROM 8 PM.

TO PROMOTE THE COMING ELECTIONS, THE CANDIDATES WILL ALSO APPEAR IN A TWO-AND-A-HALF-HOUR VARIETY SHOW WHICH WILL FEATURE PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGERS AND DANCERS AND BEGIN AT 3 PM ON SUNDAY, MARCH 6 AT THE OPEN SPACE OUTSIDE THE INTER-CONTINENTAL PLAZA, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

ADMISSION TO BOTH EVENTS IS FREE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE UC ELECTION FORUM TO BE HELD AT 8 PM ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 25) IN THE HENRY G. LEONG COMMUNITY CENTRE AT THE JUNCTION OF PUBLIC SQUARE STREET AND SHANGHAI STREET AND THE VARIETY SHOW AT 3 PM ON MARCH 6.

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YOUTH PROBLEMS TO BE DISCUSSED

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YOUTH PROBLEMS, SUCH AS CONFLICTS WITH PARENTS AND FAMILIES AND PREPARATION FOR ADULTHOOD, WILL BE DISCUSSED AT A SEMINAR FOR SAI KUNG SECONDARY SCHOOL CHILDREN ON SATURDAY.

SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE URBAN COUNCILLOR MISS MARIA TAM, A CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, MR LAU KA-CHO, AND A CHINESE UNIVERSITY LECTURER, DR YEUNG WAI-CHUN.

IT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY GROUP DISCUSSIONS AND AN OPEN FORUM. ABOUT 150 STUDENTS HAVE BEEN INVITED.

THE SEMINAR, ORGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, WILL START AT 8.30 AM AT THE CHENG CHIK CHEE SECONDARY SCHOOL, HIRAM'S HIGHWAY, SAI KUNG.

A REPORT ON THE SEMINAR WILL BE PUBLISHED FOR THE COMMITTEE AND LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS' REFERENCE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID.

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MEANWHILE, A SEMINAR ON JUVENILE CRIME FOR 250 JUNIOR POLICE CALL MEMBERS WILL BE HELD AT THE FUNG MING HALL, WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE AT 2.30 PM ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 27).

THE DISTRICT'S POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER, MR WONG CHEE-FUNG, MR LUI TAI-LOK OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND TWO OTHER GUEST SPEAKERS WILL TALK ON THE CURRENT SITUATION OF JUVENILE CRIME, ITS EFFECTS ON SOCIETY AND THE ROLE OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN COUNSELLING YOUNG PEOPLE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR TO BE HELD AT 8.30 AM AT THE CHENG CHIK CHEE SECONDARY SCHOOL, SAI KUNG ON SATURDAY. A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE, AM 5797, WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 7.45 AM FOR SAI KUNG.

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YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL OPENS

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MORE CONCERTS, OPERAS AND CULTURAL PERFORMANCES ARE BEING PLANNED FOR A WIDER PUBLIC IN THE RURAL PART OF YUEN LONG, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON, SAID TONIGHT (THURSDAY).

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN ACTIVELY ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS IN THE PURSUITS OF THE ARTS, AND PROVIDING MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN THIS FIELD.

MR MACPHERSON WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE THIRD YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL WHICH FEATURES 17 DAYS OF CONCERTS, CANTONESE OPERAS AND EXHIBITIONS ON CHINESE PAINTING AND CALLIGRAPHY.

+APPRECIATION OF THE ARTS IS BOTH EDUCATIONAL AS A PURSUIT IN ITSELF, AND CHARACTER-BUILDING, AS IT HELPS THE INDIVIDUAL TO DEVELOP A SENSE OF RHYTHM, FORM, GRACE, HARMONY AND BALANCE,+ HE SAID.

MR MACPHERSON SAID IT WAS NO EASY TASK TO CO-ORDINATE THE PROGRAMME AND THAT THE FESTIVAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE DESERVED TO BE CONGRATULATED FOR THE IMAGINATION AND VIGOUR WITH WHICH THEY HAD ACHIEVED THE TASK.

/+THEIR SUCCESS

+THEIR SUCCESS IS WITNESSED BY THE KEEN SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY FOR THE EVENT AND THEIR INTEREST IN AND APPRECIATION OF THE ARTS WHICH THE FESTIVAL HELPS TO STIMULATE,+ HE SAID.

HE NOTED THAT THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT HAD ALWAYS BEEN IN THE FOREFRONT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IT WAS THE FIRST NT DISTRICT TO RUN BALLET TRAINING COURSES, A CHILDREN'S CHOIR, A CANTONESE OPERA TROUPE AND A CHINESE ORCHESTRA.

THE 34-EVENT PROGRAMME, SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AT \$400 000, WILL BE HELD AT THE LUT SAU HALL, YUEN LONG TOWN HALL AND A LOCAL SECONDARY SCHOOL.

ADMISSION TO MOST EVENTS IS FREE.

ALSO PRESENT AT TONIGHT'S CEREMONY WERE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JAMES WILSON, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR MA NING-HEI.

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DB MEMBERS LOOK OVER CLEARED BACKLANES
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ABOUT 20 MEMBERS OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE TODAY (THURSDAY) TOURED EIGHT BACKLANES IN THE DISTRICT WHERE 72 ILLEGAL STRUCTURES HAD BEEN RECENTLY CLEARED.

THE AREA IS BOUNDED BY PAK TAI STREET ON THE EAST, MA TAU WAI ROAD AND MA TAU CHUNG ROAD ON THE WEST, AND SUNG WONG TOI ROAD ON THE NORTH.

THE CLEARANCES WERE THE FIRST STAGE OF A JOINT DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAMME TO CURB UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN BACKLANES, ILLEGAL PARKING, WORK DÉBRIS, PAVEMENT OBSTRUCTION, ILLEGAL HAWKING AND SANITARY NUISANCES.

DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED INCLUDE THE URBAN SERVICES, LANDS, LABOUR AND HOUSING DEPARTMENTS, POLICE AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE DISTRICT BOARD HAS ALLOCATED \$100 000 FOR THIS PROGRAMME UNDER WHICH ALL BACKLANES IN THE DISTRICT HAVE BEEN ZONED INTO 15 PRIORITY AREAS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT WORK.

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LASER SHOW TO PROMOTE UC ELECTIONS
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A LASER SHOW TO PUBLICISE THE FORTHCOMING URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS WILL BE STAGED AT SHAM SHUI PO TOMORROW (FRIDAY) EVENING.

FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE DYNAMIC VISUAL EFFECT OF LASER WILL BE USED TO SYNCHRONISE WITH A SLIDE PRESENTATION TO INTRODUCE THE ELECTIONS AND SERVICES AND FACILITIES PROVIDED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL.

APART FROM A THREE-DIMENSIONAL COLOUR PATTERN PROJECTED IN THE SKY, THE LASER DISPLAY WILL ALSO PORTRAY IMAGES AND SLOGANS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ELECTIONS.

THE +LASER NIGHT+ VARIETY SHOW, SPONSORED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD, IS ALSO ONE OF A SERIES OF ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES FOR RESIDENTS DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

THE SHOW, TO BE HELD AT THE PO ON ROAD PLAYGROUND AT 7.45 PM, WILL ALSO FEATURE THREE HOURS OF SINGING PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR ARTISTES, A DRAMA AND A LUCKY DRAW.

ADMISSION IS FREE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE +LASER NIGHT+ VARIETY SHOW TO BE HELD AT 7.45 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT PO ON ROAD PLAYGROUND.

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VOTERS GET SUPPLEMENT ON ELECTIONS
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MORE THAN 50 000 COPIES OF A SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT ABOUT THE FORTHCOMING URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS AND CANDIDATES IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN CONSTITUENCY WERE SENT TO THE DISTRICT'S VOTERS TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE FOUR-PAGE BILINGUAL SUPPLEMENT CONTAINS PLATFORMS OF THE TWO CANDIDATES, MISS MARIA TAM AND MR WONG CHUN-WAI, A MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR TONY COOPER, AN EXPLANATORY NOTE ON VOTING PROCEDURES, AND A LOCATION MAP OF THE 16 POLLING STATIONS IN THE CONSTITUENCY.

THE HISTORY OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, ITS RESPONSIBILITIES AND STRUCTURES, FACILITIES AND SERVICES PROVIDED IN THE DISTRICT ARE ALSO MENTIONED.

PRODUCED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE SUPPLEMENT IS ONE OF A SERIES OF PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES LINED UP FOR THE MARCH 8 ELECTIONS.

OTHERS INCLUDE AN OPEN FORUM, A VARIETY SHOW, AND DISTRIBUTION OF RULERS WITH ELECTION SLOGANS TO SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT.

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AMS MEMBERS RECEIVE LONG SERVICE MEDALS

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SOME 70 OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICE WILL BE AWARDED LONG SERVICE MEDALS DURING ITS 32ND ANNUAL DINNER ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 26).

MANY WILL RECEIVE THE CIVIL DEFENCE LONG SERVICE MEDAL IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR 15 YEARS OF EFFICIENT SERVICE AND OTHERS WILL BE AWARDED THE FIRST CLASP FOR OVER 27 YEARS OF SERVICE.

THE COMMISSIONER OF THE SERVICE, DR K.L. THONG, WILL PRESENT THE MEDALS TO THE RECIPIENTS AT THE ANNUAL DINNER WHICH WILL BE ATTENDED BY GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY LEADERS.

THE AMS HAS OVER THE PAST YEARS RENDERED USEFUL SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY TOWARD AUGMENTING THE HOSPITAL AMBULANCE SERVICE IN TIMES OF CRISIS AND RAINSTORMS. IT ALSO RENDERS SERVICES AT METHADONE TREATMENT CLINICS AND MEDICAL POSTS IN REFUGEE CAMPS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE ANNUAL DINNER WILL BE HELD AT THE MAXIM'S PALACE RESTAURANT, THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE, CAUSEWAY BAY, STARTING FROM 7.30 PM ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 26).

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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KITE-FLYING FUN DAY FOR YOUNG AND OLD

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ABOUT 150 KOWLOON CITY RESIDENTS WILL BE GIVEN THE CHANCE TO TRY THEIR SKILL IN KITE-FLYING AT THE CHONG HING WATER SPORTS CENTRE IN SAI KUNG ON MARCH 6.

THE EVENT, KNOWN AS THE KOWLOON CITY KITE-FLYING FUN DAY IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND IS SPONSORED BY SAN MIGUEL BREWERY. IT IS OPEN TO ANYONE AGED BETWEEN EIGHT AND 50.

IN ADDITION TO OFFERING BEGINNERS A CHANCE TO LEARN ABOUT KITE-FLYING, THERE WILL BE COMPETITIONS ON KITE-MAKING AND KITE-FLYING.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE KITE-MAKING COMPETITION WILL HAVE TO BRING ALONG THEIR HOME-MADE KITES.

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THOSE WHO COMPETE IN THE KITE-FLYING COMPETITION WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO CATEGORIES, ONE FOR THOSE AGED 16 OR BELOW AND THE OTHER FOR 17 OR ABOVE. MEDALS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE FIRST THREE WINNERS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RSS SAID: +KITE-FLYING USED TO BE POPULAR IN OLD CHINA AND THE MANUFACTURING OF KITES HAS ITS OWN ARTISTIC VALUE.

+IN VIEW OF THE TRADITIONAL VALUES OF THE CHINESE FOLKLORE, WE CONSIDER IT AS WORTH PURSUING.+

THE FEE FOR EACH PARTICIPANT IS \$10.

THOSE WISHING TO TAKE PART IN THE EVENT SHOULD CALL AT THE KOWLOON CITY RSS OFFICE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF MA TAU KOK GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE BY TELEPHONING 3-7128500.

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CROWN LAND SOLD
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FOUR PIECES OF CROWN LAND WERE SOLD AT AN AUCTION HELD BY THE LANDS DEPARTMENT THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON.

TWO OF THE SITES ARE IN STANLEY AND ARE FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING GODOWN) PURPOSES.

THE FIRST SITE, MEASURING ABOUT 135 SQUARE METRES, WAS SOLD TO YU WING CONSTRUCTION AND INVESTMENT CO. FOR \$3.7 MILLION, OR \$27 407.41 PER SQUARE METRE.

THE SECOND SITE, OF ABOUT 117.2 SQUARE METRES, WAS SOLD TO TALLOWAY INVESTMENT CO. LTD. FOR \$2.8 MILLION, OR \$23 890.78 PER SQUARE METRE.

THE REMAINING TWO SITES IN YUEN LONG ARE FOR INDUSTRIAL OR GODOWN PURPOSES.

BOTH HAVE AN AREA OF ABOUT 926.4 SQUARE METRES. ONE WAS SOLD TO SYRA LTD. FOR \$1.3 MILLION OR \$1 403.28 PER SQUARE METRE, WHILE THE OTHER WAS SOLD TO TINQUA LTD. FOR \$1.8 MILLION OR \$1 943.01 PER SQUARE METRE.

A FLAT AT 13 IVY STREET, 5TH FLOOR, KOWLOON, WHICH WAS ALSO OFFERED AT THE AUCTION WAS WITHDRAWN BECAUSE THERE WAS NO BID.

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CROWN LAND TENANCIES OFFERED
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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE LANDS DEPARTMENT FOR THE SHORT-TERM TENANCIES OF TWO PIECES OF CROWN LAND IN THE YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL AREA.

BOTH SITES, EACH MEASURING 375 SQUARE METRES, ARE TO BE USED FOR THE REPAIR OR MAINTENANCE (INCLUDING PAINTSPRAYING) OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

THE TENANCIES ARE FOR TWO YEARS AND QUARTERLY THEREAFTER.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS FOR THE ABOVE SITES IS 12 NOON ON MARCH 11.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND TENDER PLANS INSPECTED AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, FIFTH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (YUEN LONG), AND DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (KOWLOON WEST), KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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ROAD CLOSURE IN CAUSEWAY BAY
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THE SOUTHBOUND SECTION BETWEEN KINGSTON STREET AND VICTORIA PARK ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 27), TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FLYOVER AT GLOUCESTER ROAD.

TRAFFIC ON KINGSTON STREET BETWEEN CLEVELAND STREET AND GLOUCESTER ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED TWO WAY.

VEHICLES ALONG VICTORIA PARK ROAD FLYOVER HEADING FOR CAUSEWAY ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CLEVELAND STREET AND KINGSTON STREET TO RE-JOIN GLOUCESTER ROAD SOUTHBOUND.

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