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NO HASTY DECISION ON OIL DEPOT RELOCATION PROPOSAL - SIR DAVID

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NO HASTY DECISION WILL BE MADE ON A PROPOSAL TO RELOCATE OIL DEPOTS IN KWUN TONG TO TSING YI ISLAND, AND LOCAL RESIDENTS AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE CONSULTED ON THE MATTER, THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER TOURING THE ISLAND, SIR DAVID SAID THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAD ONLY APPROVED THE CONCEPT OF LOOKING INTO THE PROPOSAL IN GREATER DETAIL AND HAD NOT GIVEN ANY GREEN LIGHT YET.

+CERTAINLY WE WON'T MOVE AN OIL DEPOT TO TSING YI WITHOUT THINKING VERY CAREFULLY ABOUT IT. THE WHOLE OBJECT OF MOVING THE OIL DEPOT, IF IT IS TO BE MOVED, IS TO MOVE IT AWAY FROM A RESIDENTIAL AREA IN KWUN TONG TO A PLACE WHERE IT IS AT A DISTANCE FROM RESIDENTIAL AREAS,+ HE SAID.

SIR DAVID STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE LOOKING VERY CAREFULLY AT THE QUESTION OF LOCATION AND THE DISTANCE FROM RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

+BUT HAVING SAID THAT, WE ARE SHORT OF LAND IN HONG KONG WHICH HAS DEEP WATER ALONGSIDE THAT WE CAN BRING SHIPS IN AND UNLOAD THEIR CARGOES.

+SO WE MUST MAKE THE BEST USE OF OUR FACILITIES,+ HE SAID.

ASKED WHETHER TSING YI WAS A SUITABLE PLACE FOR OIL DEPOTS, SIR DAVID SAID: +IT IS A VERY GOOD PLACE IN THE RESPECT THAT IT HAS VERY DEEP WATER AND WE CAN TIE UP SHIPS ALONGSIDE. AND WE MUST MAKE THE BEST USE OF THESE FACILITIES.

+BUT OF COURSE, AT THE SAME TIME, WE MUSTN'T ENDANGER THE INHABITANTS,+ HE STRESSED.

ASKED ABOUT GOVERNMENT ACTION ON THE MATTER, SIR DAVID SAID: +FIRST OF ALL, IT'S A VERY COMPLICATED LAND TRANSACTION TO BEGIN WITH, SWOPPING ONE PIECE OF LAND FOR ANOTHER PIECE OF LAND.

+BUT WE'LL ALSO HAVE TO LOOK INTO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS AND THEN CONSULT THE LOCAL PEOPLE. THERE'S NO QUESTION OF A STEAM-ROLLER HERE. THERE'LL BE PROPER CONSULTATION.+

ON THE QUESTION OF A POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE LOCATION FOR THE OIL DEPOTS, SIR DAVID NOTED THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT TO FIND A PLACE IN HONG KONG WHICH HAD BOTH DEEP WATER, SAFE WATER AND ROAD ACCESS.

+THAT'S THE PROBLEM. AND, OF COURSE, OUR ENERGY SUPPLIES ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR US BECAUSE OUR INDUSTRY DEPENDS UPON THEM,+ HE SAID.

/+AND IT'S

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+AND IT'S NO USE FINDING AN OUT-OF-THE-WAY ISLAND WHICH WILL PUT UP THE COST OF TRANSPORTING FUEL AND POWER FROM THAT ISLAND.+

SIR DAVID STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT +STEAM-ROLLER+ A DECISION THROUGH.

+IT'LL BE LOOKED AT VERY CAREFULLY AND THE LOCAL PEOPLE AND THE DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE FULLY CONSULTED+.

ASKED ABOUT A MEETING SIR DAVID EARLIER HAD WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS, HE SAID THEY TALKED ABOUT A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS INCLUDING POLLUTION, NOISE POLLUTION, ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON BUILDINGS AND THE RELOCATION OF THE OIL DEPOTS TO TSING YI.

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SIR DAVID LOOKS AT TSING YI DEVELOPMENT
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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, TOURED TSING YI THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON TO LOOK AT LATEST DEVELOPMENT ON THE ISLAND.

ON HIS ARRIVAL BY HELICOPTER AT THE TSING YI ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION SOCCER PITCH, SIR DAVID WAS MET BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, DR JAMES HAYES, KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN COAK, AND PROJECT MANAGER, DR EDWARD PRYOR.

THE PARTY WENT TO THE SITE OFFICE OF THE TSING YI NORTHERN BRIDGE WHERE HE WAS BRIEFED ON PROGRESS OF DEVELOPMENT OF THE BRIDGE AND POLITICAL AND SOCIOLOGICAL MATTERS RELATED TO THE DISTRICT.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE \$200 MILLION BRIDGE STARTED IN 1984 AND WHEN COMPLETED LATER THIS YEAR, WILL PROVIDE A SECOND LINK BETWEEN TSING YI AND THE MAINLAND.

AT THE ROOF-TOP OF TSING YI GARDENS, A PRIVATE HOUSING PROJECT WHICH WOULD HOUSE 8 000 PEOPLE, SIR DAVID HAD A PANORAMIC VIEW OF NORTH-EASTERN TSING YI WHERE OTHER MAJOR DEVELOPMENT WORKS WERE IN PROGRESS BESIDE THE NEW BRIDGE.

FURTHER RECLAMATION WORK WHICH STARTED LAST YEAR WOULD BE COMPLETED IN 1990 AND PROVIDE SOME 64 HECTARES OF LAND FOR COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS, TOGETHER WITH SCHOOLS, RECREATION FACILITIES AND OPEN SPACE.

/SIR DAVID

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SIR DAVID WAS TOLD THAT THE POPULATION OF TSING YI, WHEN FULLY DEVELOPED INTO A MODERN SELF-CONTAINED TOWNSHIP IN FEW YEARS' TIME, COULD INCREASE TO ABOUT 200 000.

BEFORE ENDING HIS VISIT, SIR DAVID HAD AN INFORMAL MEETING WITH THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD AND LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS AT THE CHEUNG CHING ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

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FINAL REGISTER OF ELECTORS PUBLISHED

THE 1986 FINAL REGISTER OF ELECTORS HAS BEEN PUBLISHED AND COPIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT DISTRICT OFFICES AND THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION FROM TODAY (FRIDAY) UNTIL IT IS REPLACED NEXT JANUARY.

A TOTAL OF 1 446 212 ELECTORS WERE LISTED ON THE REGISTER, REPRESENTING OVER 44 PER CENT OF AN ESTIMATED POTENTIAL ELECTORATE OF 3 271 420, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THE 1986 REGISTRATION EXERCISE ENDING ON NOVEMBER 20 HAS RESULTED IN AN ADDITION OF 21 092 ENTRIES TO THE ELECTORAL ROLL. OFFSET BY 16 420 OMISSIONS DUE TO DEATH, EMIGRATION AND LOSS OF CONTACT, THERE IS A NET INCREASE OF 4 672 ELECTORS,+ HE SAID.

+THE REGISTRATION FIGURES INDICATE A MOVEMENT OF POPULATION FROM ESTABLISHED DISTRICTS TO THE NEW TOWNS, WITH A NET LOSS OF 4 014 ELECTORS FROM URBAN DISTRICTS TO DISTRICTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+THERE ARE NOW 994 530 ELECTORS IN THE 10 URBAN DISTRICTS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN URBAN COUNCIL AND URBAN AREA DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

+THE OTHER 451 682 ELECTORS ARE ENTITLED TO VOTE IN REGIONAL COUNCIL AND DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.+

THE THREE URBAN DISTRICTS WITH THE LARGEST REGISTERED ELECTORATE ARE KWUN TONG (181 812), EASTERN (145 284) AND WONG TAI SIN (139 588).

/KWAI CHUNG

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KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI REMAINS HAVING THE LARGEST REGISTERED ELECTORATE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, WITH A TOTAL OF 90 977 ELECTORS, FOLLOWED BY TUEN MUN (77 881) AND SHA TIN (70 597).

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE NEXT REGISTRATION EXERCISE WOULD BE CONDUCTED IN AUGUST TO SEPTEMBER, APPLICATIONS MIGHT BE SUBMITTED AT ANY TIME IN THE YEAR.

PROSPECTIVE ELECTORS MAY OBTAIN APPLICATION FORMS AT ANY DISTRICT OFFICE, HOUSING DEPARTMENT ESTATE OFFICE, IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT BRANCH OFFICE, TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT LICENSING OFFICE, WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ENQUIRY CENTRE, TREASURY COLLECTION OFFICE, PUBLIC LIBRARY AND INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT COLLECTION OFFICE.

ALL APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BETWEEN NOW AND AUGUST WILL BE PROCESSED TOGETHER WITH THOSE RECEIVED DURING THE REGISTRATION EXERCISE FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT PROVISIONAL REGISTER TO BE PUBLISHED IN NOVEMBER.

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\$60 MILLION DONATED FOR SPECIAL SECONDARY SCHOOL
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THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB HAS DONATED \$60 MILLION TOWARDS THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A SPECIAL SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN WITH TALENT AND POTENTIAL IN THE VISUAL ARTS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION.

THE SCHOOL, TO BE BUILT ON A 1.6 HECTARE SITE IN SHA TIN NEAR THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE, WILL FOLLOW THE NORMAL SECONDARY SCHOOL CURRICULUM BUT WITH AN ENRICHED PROGRAMME OF ARTS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION DESIGNED TO DEVELOP TO THE MAXIMUM STUDENTS' APTITUDE AND TALENT.

TO ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE THE SCHOOL WILL OFFER BETTER FACILITIES AND MORE TEACHING PERIODS FOR THE TWO SUBJECTS.

FOR ADMISSION TO THE SCHOOL, STUDENTS WILL BE EXPECTED TO POSSESS APTITUDE AND TALENT IN EITHER THE VISUAL ARTS OR PHYSICAL EDUCATION. A GOOD COMMAND OF ENGLISH AND CHINESE WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED.

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PRESENTING THE CHEQUE TODAY (FRIDAY) TO THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE JOCKEY CLUB, GENERAL GUY WATKINS, SAID THE STEWARDS OF THE CLUB HAD FOR MANY YEARS TAKEN A VERY KEEN INTEREST IN THE WELFARE AND EDUCATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN HONG KONG.

+MANY DONATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE TO HELP IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR YOUNG CITIZENS AND THE STEWARDS REGARD THESE DONATIONS AS INVESTMENTS IN THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG AND THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE.+

GENERAL WATKINS SAID EXAMPLES OF THESE GRANTS HAD BEEN THE SUPPORT GIVEN BY THE CLUB FOR CLINICS, SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, THE ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS AS WELL AS DONATIONS FOR MANY SCHOLARSHIPS.

THE NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL WILL BE BUILT BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, CHARGING THE FULL COST TO THE \$60 MILLION DONATION. THE BALANCE OF THE DONATION, CURRENTLY ESTIMATED AT \$17 MILLION, WILL GO TOWARDS AN ENDOWMENT FUND TO BE SET UP WITH A \$14.4 MILLION CONTRIBUTION FROM THE GOVERNMENT.

THE LATTER AMOUNT REPRESENTS THE NORMAL GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE CAPITAL COST OF BUILDING AND EQUIPPING A STANDARD SECONDARY SCHOOL OUTSIDE HOUSING ESTATES.

REVENUE YIELDED FROM THE ENDOWMENT FUND WILL BE USED TO COVER THE COSTS OF PROVIDING SPECIALISED FACILITIES IN ART AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION OVER AND ABOVE THOSE OF AN ORDINARY AIDED SECONDARY SCHOOL. THE SCHOOL WILL ALSO RECEIVE THE GOVERNMENT'S STANDARD RECURRENT SUBSIDY FOR AN ORDINARY AIDED SECONDARY SCHOOL.

THE SCHOOL WILL CONSIST OF FOUR BLOCKS WITH THE CLASSROOM BLOCK HAVING 26 CLASSROOMS AND ANCILLARY FACILITIES.

IN ADDITION TO THE NORMAL SUBJECT TEACHING ROOMS, THE SPECIAL ROOM BLOCK WILL HOUSE ENHANCED SPECIALIST FACILITIES FOR THE TEACHING OF VARIOUS FORMS OF VISUAL ARTS INCLUDING DRAWING, PAINTING, SCULPTURE, PHOTOGRAPHY, CERAMICS AND GRAPHIC DESIGN. IT WILL ALSO INCLUDE EXHIBITION AREAS AND A COMPUTER ROOM.

A GYMNASIUM AND AN ASSEMBLY HALL WILL BE HOUSED IN A SEPARATE BLOCK WHILE THE DORMITORY BLOCK WILL PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION FOR 100 STUDENTS AND TEACHING STAFF.

OUTDOOR FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE A SWIMMING POOL, THREE BASKETBALL COURTS AND THREE TENNIS COURTS.

THE SCHOOL IS EXPECTED TO BECOME OPERATIONAL BY SEPTEMBER 1989. WHEN FULLY DEVELOPED, IT WILL HAVE AN ENROLMENT OF ABOUT 1 000 STUDENTS.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDERS SCHEME LAUNCHED

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EXPERIENCED PROBATION OFFICERS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT FOR THE OPERATION OF THE TWO-YEAR PILOT SCHEME ON COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDERS (CSO) LAUNCHED ON JANUARY 1.

OUTLINING THE WORKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SCHEME TO THE HONG LONG FEDERATION OF WOMEN LAWYERS, SENIOR SOCIAL WORK OFFICER (CSO), MRS IRENE SIH, SAID THAT COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDER, AS A NEW FORM OF SENTENCE, HAD SINCE THAT DATE BECOME AVAILABLE TO THREE MAGISTRACIES AT CENTRAL, KWUN TONG AND TSUEN WAN.

SHE NOTED THAT AS PROVIDED BY THE COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDERS ORDINANCE, A COURT MIGHT SENTENCE AN OFFENDER OF OR OVER 14 YEARS OF AGE CONVICTED OF AN OFFENCE PUNISHABLE WITH IMPRISONMENT TO PERFORM UNPAID WORK OF BANEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY FOR A NUMBER OF HOURS NOT EXCEEDING 240. THE SUPERVISION OF THE OFFENDER PLACED UNDER THE ORDER WOULD BE DONE BY THE PROBATION OFFICER.

THE ORDINANCE ALSO SPECIFIES, AMONG OTHER REQUIREMENTS, THAT THE SENTENCING COURT SHALL CONSIDER A REPORT BY A PROBATION OFFICER ON THE OFFENDER AND HIS CIRCUMSTANCES BEFORE THE MAKING OF SUCH AN ORDER.

+THIS RESPONSIBILITY IS GIVEN TO THE PROBATION SERVICE AS THE ORDER AIMS AT BEING BOTH PUNITIVE AND REHABILITATIVE, AND THE PROBATION SERVICE HAS RICH EXPERIENCE IN REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS UNDER PROBATION ORDER.

+THE PROBATION OFFICERS ARE THEREFORE CONSIDERED BEST SUITABLE FOR TAKING UP THIS RESPONSIBILITY,+ SHE SAID.

MRS SIH SAID A COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDER OFFICE HAD BEEN SET UP AT THE CHOI WAN ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE TO DEAL WITH MATTERS RELATING TO THE ORDER AND THE SUPERVISION OF OFFENDERS PLACED UNDER THE ORDER.

THIS INCLUDES ARRANGEMENT OF WORK PLACEMENT FOR THE OFFENDERS UNDER THE ORDER, PROVISION OF REHABILITATIVE COUNSELLING AND GUIDANCE TO THESE OFFENDERS, AND HANDLING BREACH, VARIATION AND REVOCATION OF THE ORDER.

PROBATION OFFICERS ATTACHED TO THE THREE MAGISTRACIES WHERE CSO MAY BE MADE WILL TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO CONSIDER, AMONG OTHER ALTERNATIVES, WHETHER THE OFFENDER WOULD BE SUITABLE TO BE PLACED UNDER AN ORDER, AND WILL, IN SUITABLE CASES, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PROBATION OFFICER OF THE CSO OFFICE MAKE A RECOMMENDATION FOR THE MAKING OF THE ORDER IN THE PROBATION OFFICER'S REPORT TO COURT.

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+THE COURT MAY STILL CONTINUE WITH ITS PRESENT PRACTICE OF CALLING FOR A PROBATION OFFICER'S REPORT ON THE OFFENDER BEFORE SENTENCING.

+YET IF THE COURT SPECIFICALLY WOULD LIKE TO CONSIDER CSO FOR AN OFFENDER, THE COURT MAY CALL FOR A SUITABILITY REPORT ON CSO ON THE OFFENDER, AND THE PROBATION OFFICER OF THE CSO OFFICE WILL THEN PREPARE THE SUITABILITY REPORT TO COURT.+ SHE EXPLAINED.

+IT IS CLEARLY NOT NECESSARY FOR THE COURT TO CALL FOR BOTH A PROBATION OFFICER'S REPORT AND A SUITABILITY REPORT ON CSO ON THE SAME OFFENDER AT THE SAME TIME,+ SHE ADDED.

IN CONSIDERING SUITABILITY FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDER, SHE SAID, PROBATION OFFICERS WOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE NATURE OF THE OFFENCE, THE CHARACTER, SOCIAL BACKGROUND AND OTHER RELEVANT CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE OFFENDER, AND ALSO SEE IF THERE WAS SUFFICIENT STABILITY IN THE OFFENDER'S SITUATION FOR HIM TO COMPLETE THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ORDER, AS WELL AS THE INTERESTS OF THE COMMUNITY.

+ON THE SUPERVISION OF OFFENDERS PLACED UNDER CSO, THE PROBATION OFFICERS OF THE CSO OFFICE WILL ARRANGE FOR THE OFFENDERS (KNOWN AS COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKERS) TO PERFORM WORK AND ENSURE THAT THEY WOULD COMPLETE THE STIPULATED NUMBER OF HOURS OF WORK IN A SATISFACTORY MANNER AS WELL AS COMPLY WITH OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS IN THE ORDER.

+THE PROBATION OFFICER WILL ALSO PROVIDE COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKERS WITH COUNSELLING AND GUIDANCE AND HELP THEM TO REHABILITATE MAINLY THROUGH THE COMMUNITY SERVICE THEY PERFORM,+ SHE SAID.

MRS SIH POINTED OUT THAT THE WORK WOULD BE ARRANGED DURING THE LEISURE TIME OF THE WORKERS, NORMALLY OVER THE WEEKENDS, PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, OR WEEKDAY EVENINGS, IN SESSIONS OF FOUR TO EIGHT CONSECUTIVE HOURS, AND WOULD NOT DISRUPT THE EMPLOYMENT, SCHOOLING OR OTHER TRAINING OF THE OFFENDER.

THE WORK WOULD BE PROVIDED BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES, AND THE PLACES OF WORK MIGHT BE AT HOSPITALS, BEACHES, COUNTRY PARKS, HOMES FOR CHILDREN, THE DISABLED, AND THE ELDERLY, SHE ADDED.

ON THE NATURE OF WORK, SHE SAID: +THERE ARE TWO CATEGORIES OF WORK, THE FIRST IS WORK NOT INVOLVING DIRECT CONTACT WITH PEOPLE SUCH AS CLEANSING, GRASS-CUTTING, MINOR REPAIRS, AND THE OTHER IS WORK INVOLVING DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE SERVICE RECIPIENTS SUCH AS ASSISTANCE IN RUNNING PROGRAMMES AND CARING FOR THE DISABLED AND THE ELDERLY.+

/SHE EXPLAINED

SHE EXPLAINED THAT WORKERS WOULD NORMALLY BE ARRANGED TO WORK EITHER IN A GROUP OF SIX TO EIGHT PERSONS ON A WORK PROJECT UNDER THE ON-THE-SPOT SUPERVISION OF A PART-TIME SITE SUPERVISOR EMPLOYED BY SWD, OR INDIVIDUALLY BY HIMSELF ON A TASK WITH MINIMAL SUPERVISION FROM THE STAFF OF THE WORK-PROVIDING ORGANISATION.

THE OFFENDER MIGHT ALSO BE ARRANGED TO WORK ALONGSIDE OTHER VOLUNTEERS FROM THE COMMUNITY.

+WHILE AT WORK, THE IDENTITY OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKER WILL ONLY BE REVEALED ON A NEED-TO-KNOW BASIS TO THE RESPONSIBLE STAFF OF THE WORK-PROVIDING ORGANISATION, AND OTHERS WILL ONLY KNOW HIM AS A VOLUNTEER FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT OR FROM THE COMMUNITY,+ SHE SAID.

PROBATION OFFICERS WILL VISIT WORK SITES FROM TIME TO TIME TO CHECK ABOUT THE WORK PROGRESS AND WORK PERFORMANCE, AND MAKE THEMSELVES AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATION.

+THE PROBATION OFFICERS WILL TRY TO ARRANGE FOR THE COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKERS TO COMPLETE THE STIPULATED NUMBER OF HOURS OF WORK WITHIN 12 MONTHS WHICH IS THE NORMAL DURATION OF THE ORDER.

+THE ORDER WILL EXPIRE UPON THE COMPLETION OF THE STIPULATED NUMBER OF HOURS OF WORK, OR THE EXPIRATION OF THE 12-MONTH PERIOD, OR IF THE ORDER IS EXTENDED, THE EXPIRATION OF THE EXTENDED PERIOD, OR UPON REVOCATION OF THE ORDER, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST,+ MRS SIH SAID.

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ACTION TAKEN TO CLOSE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY WILL APPLY IN KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT ON MARCH 25 FOR CLOSURE ORDERS ON ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN TO KWA WAN.

THE STRUCTURES ARE ON THE FLAT ROOF ADJACENT TO FLATS A, B, C AND D ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF 32 - 38, KO SHAN ROAD.

TO AVOID DANGER TO THE OCCUPANTS OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, THE BUILDING AUTHORITY WANTS THE STRUCTURES CLOSED PRIOR TO HAVING THEM DEMOLISHED.

/A SPOKESMAN

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A SPOKESMAN SAID THE OCCUPIERS WERE TOLD IN 1984 TO DEMOLISH THE STRUCTURES THEMSELVES UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE, BUT HAD NOT DONE SO.

NOTICES ABOUT THE APPLICATION FOR CLOSURE ORDERS WERE POSTED ON THE STRUCTURES TODAY (FRIDAY).

IT WAS INTENDED THAT DEMOLITION WOULD BEGIN IMMEDIATELY CLOSURE ORDERS WERE OBTAINED, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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VOLUNTEERS PRAISED FOR FIRE RESCUE WORK
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BANNERS WERE PRESENTED AT A CEREMONY THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON TO VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS AND RESIDENT ORGANISATIONS WHO HAD HELPED IN THE RESCUE AND RELIEF WORK FOR VICTIMS OF THE ABERDEEN TYPHOON SHELTER FIRE.

THE CEREMONY, HELD AT THE ABERDEEN FIRE STATION, WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SIMON LORD, THANKED THE LOCAL FIRE WATCH TEAMS FOR THEIR WORK, THE HARBOUR MISSION CHURCH FOR OPENING ITS PREMISES AS A TEMPORARY SHELTER FOR THE REGISTRATION OF FIRE VICTIMS AND KAIFONGS FOR ASSISTING IN THE CO-ORDINATION OF EMERGENCY RELIEF.

HE PRESENTED BANNERS TO THE AP LEI CHAU KAIFONG ASSOCIATION, THE ABERDEEN AND AP LEI CHAU AREA COMMITTEE AND THE HARBOUR MISSION CHURCH.

THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER (HONG KONG), MR BRIAN FENDER, PRESENTED BANNERS TO THE EASTERN, CENTRAL AND WESTERN FIRE WATCH TEAMS OF THE AP LEI CHAU NORTHERN SHORE SQUATTER AREA.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MARINE, HOUSING AND SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENTS, THE POLICE, MARINE POLICE, CIVIL AID SERVICES AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS ALSO ATTENDED TODAY'S CEREMONY.

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RESIDENTS URGED TO PLAY PART IN COMMUNITY
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TAI PO RESIDENTS WERE TODAY (FRIDAY) URGED TO TAKE AN INTEREST IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND TO PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAMMES PROMOTING CIVIC EDUCATION.

SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING OF THE DISTRICT'S CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN, DISTRICT OFFICER MR JOHN BURRETT SAID VIEWS ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION EXPRESSED BY RESIDENTS AND THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS HAD AN IMPORTANT BEARING ON THE POLITICAL REVIEW BEING CARRIED OUT THIS YEAR.

TURNING TO THE DISTRICT CAMPAIGN, MR BURRETT PRAISED THE TAI PO DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE FOR ITS EFFORTS IN PROMOTING CIVIC EDUCATION AND ENHANCING CIVIC-MINDEDNESS AMONG RESIDENTS.

HE SAID MANY RESIDENTS NOW HAD A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF CIVIC EDUCATION BY TAKING PART IN ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE.

MR BURRETT SAID HE HOPED THE CAMPAIGN COULD ALSO ENCOURAGE MORE ORGANISATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

THE CAMPAIGN WAS LAUNCHED IN NOVEMBER. ACTIVITIES HELD INCLUDED A SINGING CONTEST, TRAINING CAMP, EXHIBITION, COLOURING COMPETITION, CARTOON DESIGN CONTEST, CIVIC EDUCATION COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION SCHEME, CIVIC EDUCATION GAMES DAY AND FORUMS.

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KWUN TONG EYE-SORE CLEARED
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A MAJOR EYE-SORE IN KWUN TONG INVOLVING SOME 100 ILLEGAL STRUCTURES WERE CLEARED TODAY (FRIDAY) AFTER TWO SUCCESSFUL OPERATIONS.

THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES, SOME THREE-STOREY HIGH, HAD BEEN PUT UP AT WAN HON STREET. AN OPERATION LAST MONTH CLEARED 57 STRUCTURES AND THE REMAINING 50 WERE SUCCESSFULLY CLEARED THIS MORNING.

THE OPERATION TODAY WAS PART OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME INITIATED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND WAS JOINTLY CARRIED OUT BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE.

OF THE PEOPLE AFFECTED BY TODAY'S OPERATION, 27 PEOPLE WERE RESETTLED IN PUBLIC HOUSING UNITS AND 70 WERE ALLOCATED TEMPORARY HOUSING UNITS.

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RABIES INOCULATION DRIVE IN FISHING PORTS

A SPECIAL INOCULATION DRIVE WILL BE MOUNTED NEXT WEEK FOR FISHERMEN WHO WANT TO HAVE THEIR DOGS INOCULATED AGAINST RABIES.

ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT FOR THE FIFTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR, THE DRIVE IS CONVENIENT AT THIS TIME FOR FISHERMEN AS MOST OF THEM WILL BE BACK IN PORT FOR THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

IT WILL TAKE THE FORM OF BOAT-TO-BOAT VISITS AND WILL LAST FOR NINE WORKING DAYS BETWEEN JANUARY 12 AND 23, FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM DAILY.

THE DEPARTMENT'S MOBILE INOCULATION TEAMS WILL VISIT THE FISHING PORTS OF ABERDEEN ON JANUARY 12 AND 13, SHAU KEI WAN ON JANUARY 15 AND 16, AND SHA TAU KOK AND CASTLE PEAK BAY ON JANUARY 19, 20 AND 21 RESPECTIVELY.

THE TEAMS WILL THEN CALL ON FISHING BOATS IN CHEUNG CHAU, SAM MUN TSAI AND SAI KUNG ON JANUARY 21, 22 AND 23.

THE SENIOR VETERINARY OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT, DR NORMAN CHENG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE DRIVE IS PART OF GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUING EFFORTS TO PREVENT THE RE-INTRODUCTION OF THE DISEASE INTO HONG KONG.

+DOGS ON BOARD FISHING VESSELS ARE VULNERABLE TO RABIES BECAUSE OF THE POSSIBILITY OF THEIR BEING IN CONTACT WITH OTHER ANIMALS OUTSIDE HONG KONG.+

+IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THEY ARE INOCULATED AGAINST THE DISEASE EVERY THREE YEARS TO KEEP UP THEIR IMMUNITY,+ DR CHENG SAID.

IN ADDITION, THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE ITS DISTRICT ANTI-RABIES CAMPAIGN THIS MONTH IN TAI PO AND YUEN LONG.

FREE INOCULATION SERVICES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO DOG OWNERS IN TAI PO VILLAGES INCLUDING TAI PO KAU, CHUNG TSAI YUEN, SHAN TONG AND NEARBY SQUATTER AREA, TSIU HANG AND NEARBY SQUATTER AREA, CHEUNG SHUE TAN AND TAI PO MEI.

YUEN LONG VILLAGES COVERED BY THE DISTRICT CAMPAIGN ARE YUEN KONG SAN TSUEN, YUEN KONG, TIN SUM, TAI WO, CHEUNG PO, HO PUI, KAP LUNG AND MA ON KONG.

DR CHENG URGED FISHERMEN AND VILLAGERS IN TAI PO AND YUEN LONG TO MAKE FULL USE OF THE SPECIAL SERVICES TO HAVE THEIR DOGS INOCULATED.

+THE LAW REQUIRES ALL DOGS OVER FIVE MONTHS' OLD TO BE LICENSED, INOCULATED AGAINST RABIES AND KEPT UNDER CONTROL AT ALL TIMES. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RENDER THE OWNER LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5 000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT,+ HE POINTED OUT.

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VTC TO TRAIN EDP STAFF
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THE ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING TRAINING CENTRE OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL WILL OFFER PRACTICAL TRAINING FOR COMPUTER PERSONNEL FROM NEXT MONTH. THE AIM IS TO MEET PART OF THE MANPOWER NEEDS OF THE ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING INDUSTRY.

+THE COURSES RUN BY THE CENTRE AIM TO UPGRADE THE SKILLS OF SERVING COMPUTER PERSONNEL, TO ENABLE NEW ENTRANTS TO GAIN INITIAL EXPERIENCE THROUGH WORK-RELATED TRAINING AND TO PREPARE FRESH UNIVERSITY GRADUATES FOR EMPLOYMENT IN THE INDUSTRY,+ A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN THE FIRST TWO MONTHS, THE CENTRE WILL RUN SIX COURSES OF TWO TO FIVE DAYS FOR 200 EDP PERSONNEL SUCH AS PROGRAMMERS, SYSTEM ANALYSTS, AND COMPUTER OPERATORS.

IN ADDITION, A 14-WEEK COURSE TO BE OFFERED AT THE END OF MARCH WILL PROVIDE BASIC TRAINING TO 20 NEW GRADUATES WHO WISH TO FOLLOW A CAREER IN EDP.

WHEN FULLY OPERATIONAL, THE CENTRE WILL ORGANISE 20 COURSES, FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME, TO TRAIN 1 100 PEOPLE A YEAR.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THERE IS AN URGENT NEED TO TRAIN MORE EDP STAFF AS WELL AS TO UPGRADE THEIR SKILLS TO COPE WITH THE STEADY GROWTH OF THE INDUSTRY.

ACCORDING TO THE COUNCIL'S SURVEY IN DECEMBER 1985, THE OVERALL MANPOWER OF THE EDP INDUSTRY ROSE FROM 11 400 IN 1984 TO 12 300 IN 1985, REPRESENTING A 7.3 PER CENT GROWTH.

THE COUNCIL FORECASTS THAT THE MANPOWER DEMAND WILL INCREASE STEADILY EACH YEAR, REQUIRING AN ADDITIONAL 1 400 NEW ENTRANTS IN 1986, 1 500 IN 1987, 1 600 IN 1988 AND EVEN UP TO 2 100 IN 1991.

THE SURVEY ALSO SHOWED THERE WAS AT THAT TIME A SERIOUS SHORTAGE OF TRAINED EDP PERSONNEL, PARTICULARLY IN SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT.

THE SURVEY REPORT, CONTAINING DETAILS OF EDP MANPOWER STRUCTURE AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON TRAINING REQUIREMENTS, HAS BEEN PUBLISHED AND IS AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IN CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AT \$12 A COPY.

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MONG KOK CHILDREN CHOIR TO HOST CONCERT
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THE MONG KOK CHILDREN'S CHOIR WILL HOST A NIGHT OF FREE ENTERTAINMENT FOR MUSIC LOVERS AT THEIR ANNUAL CONCERT IN CHANG HING SOCIAL SERVICES CENTRE ON JANUARY 17.

THE EVENING'S PROGRAMMES INCLUDE PERFORMANCES OF PERCUSSION ENSEMBLES, SONG AND PLAY, CHINESE FOLK DANCING AND CHORUS SINGING.

SONGS RANGING FROM WESTERN AND CHINESE FOLK MUSIC, FESTIVE SONGS FOR THE LUNAR NEW YEAR AND POPULAR CONTEMPORARY TUNES COMPOSED BY LOCAL MUSICIANS WILL BE PERFORMED.

IN THE FINALE THE CHOIR WILL SING +THIS IS MY HOME+ WHICH WAS SUNG BY MORE THAN 1 500 MEMBERS OF OTHER DISTRICT CHOIRS AT THE YOUTH SPECTACULAR DURING THE QUEEN'S VISIT.

THE MONG KOK CHILDREN'S CHOIR HAS A MEMBERSHIP OF 130 AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 16.

IT WAS FIRST ESTABLISHED IN 1975 WITH A MEMBERSHIP OF 60 BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT CULTURAL RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION TO ALLOW CHILDREN TO OBTAIN SYSTEMATIC AND FORMAL TRAINING IN MUSIC.

APART FROM CLASSROOM TRAINING, THE CHOIR HAS BEEN ACTIVELY TAKING PART IN PERFORMANCES TO POLISH THEIR SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE.

DURING PAST YEARS, IT HAS APPEARED IN VARIOUS ARTS FESTIVALS, VARIETY SHOWS AND TELEVISION PRESENTATIONS, AVERAGING ABOUT ONE SHOW EVERY MONTH.

THE ANNUAL CONCERT IS PRESENTED BY THE DISTRICT CULTURAL RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE MONG KOK KAIFONG ASSOCIATION.

TICKETS FOR THE CONCERT ARE AVAILABLE AT MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD; TAI KOK TSUI BRANCH OFFICE, 85 IVY STREET AND LIM POR YEN CENTRE, 110 BEECH STREET.

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HORTICULTURE EXHIBITION STARTS TOMORROW
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A TWO-DAY HORTICULTURE EXHIBITION, FEATURING MORE THAN 100 FLORAL ITEMS WILL BE HELD AT THE CHEUNG WAH COMMUNITY HALL IN FANLING STARTING TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

SPONSORED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD, THE EXHIBITION IS ONE OF THE MAJOR EVENTS ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION.

EXHIBITS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO SIX CATEGORIES COMPRISING BONSAI, ORCHIDS, AFRICAN VIOLETS, POT FLOWER, MINIATURE POT PLANTS AND FLOWER ARRANGEMENT, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE SAID.

APART FROM CONTRIBUTION BY LOCAL GARDENERS, EXHIBITS ALSO INCLUDE WORKS BY STUDENTS FROM A HORTICULTURAL TRAINING CLASS ORGANISED BY THE ASSOCIATION.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE MRS HILDA CHEUNG, WIFE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD, MR CHEUNG HON-CHUNG.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM DAILY AND ADMISSION IS FREE.

THE ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW, WITH AN EXHIBITION OF GOLDFISH AND BIRDS, WOULD ALSO BE HELD IN AUTUMN, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE HORTICULTURE EXHIBITION AT 10.30 AM TOMORROW.

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CARNIVAL ORGANISED FOR TAI PO ELDERLY
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ABOUT 800 SENIOR RESIDENTS IN TAI PO WILL BE TREATED TO A FUN-FILLED CARNIVAL AT THE TAI PO PLAYGROUND ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 11).

SOME ELDERS WILL STAGE A VARIETY SHOW FEATURING CANTONESE OPERA, RHYTHMIC EXERCISE AND CHINESE DANCE.

THERE WILL ALSO BE GAMES STALLS AND AN EXHIBITION ON HOME SAFETY, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE DISTRICT.

ADMISSION IS FREE AND SENIOR RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE.

THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE SALVATION ARMY TAI PO COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN BURRETT, AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR STEPHEN WONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CARNIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY BEGINNING AT 1.30 PM ON SUNDAY AT THE TAI PO PLAYGROUND, HEUNG SZE WUI STREET, TAI PO MARKET.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ FOR WAN CHAI ELDERLIES
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THE FINAL OF THE CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE ORGANISED BY THE CONCERN FOR THE AGED WORKING GROUP OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE TANG SHIU KIN SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE AT OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI.

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE QUIZ ARE TO ENCOURAGE SENIOR RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, TO AROUSE THEIR INTERESTS IN CURRENT AFFAIRS AND DISTRICT MATTERS AND TO CULTIVATE A SENSE OF DISTRICT IDENTITY AMONG THEM.

/ALL PARTICIPANTS

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ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE OVER 60 AND RESIDENTS OF WAN CHAI DISTRICT. A TOTAL OF 12 TEAMS, EACH COMPRISING THREE PEOPLE, ENTERED THE PRELIMINARY CONTEST LAST WEEK.

FOUR TEAMS HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO TAKE PART IN TOMORROW'S FINAL CONTEST AND WINNERS WILL RECEIVE SOUVENIRS.

OFFICIATING AT THE PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE THE WAN CHAI ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS CARMAN CHIU, CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, MRS PEGGY LAM, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE CONCERN FOR THE AGED WORKING GOUP, MISS ANNA TANG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT TOMORROW AT 2 PM.

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CLOSURE OF EDINBURGH PLACE NORTH
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NO VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER EDINBURGH PLACE NORTH BETWEEN QUEEN'S PIER AND H.M.S. TAMAR ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 11) AND MONDAY (JANUARY 12) FOR TWO DIFFERENT FUNCTIONS.

THE CLOSURE FROM 11 AM TO 6 PM ON SUNDAY IS TO FACILITATE THE LAUNCHING OF THE +PAINT AND PLAY DAY+ JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE SALVATION ARMY CHILD CARE SERVICE, THE PRE-SCHOOL PLAY GROUP ASSOCIATION, CHUNG WAN AREA COMMITTEE AND DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN), WHILE THE CLOSURE FROM 3 PM TO 9 PM ON MONDAY IS FOR THE CEREMONIAL OPENING OF THE LEGAL YEAR.

MEANWHILE, GLENEALY BETWEEN CAINE ROAD AND THE CATHEDRAL WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT FOR OFFICIAL TRANSPORT ARRANGED BY THE JUDICIARY FROM 3 PM TO ABOUT 5 PM ON MONDAY.

THIS IS AGAIN TO FACILITATE THE OPENING OF THE LEGAL YEAR.

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PARTIAL CLOSURE OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD FLYOVER

THE WESTBOUND SECTION OF THE PRINCE EDWARD ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM MONDAY (JANUARY 12) TO FRIDAY (JANUARY 16) DAILY FROM 8 PM TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY BECAUSE OF REPAIR WORK.

THE SECTION AFFECTED RUNS FROM THE KOWLOON CITY ROUNDABOUT TO SHORT STREET.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS ON PRINCE EDWARD ROAD FLYOVER HEADING WESTWARDS WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE DOWN RAMP AT THE KOWLOON CITY ROUNDABOUT TO GROUND LEVEL PRINCE EDWARD ROAD.

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