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BILLS PROPOSE CERTAIN CHANGES TO PUBLICATIONS ORDINANCE
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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO REPEAL A NUMBER OF PROVISIONS CONSIDERED OUTDATED IN THE CONTROL OF PUBLICATIONS CONSOLIDATION ORDINANCE.

AT THE SAME TIME AMENDMENTS WILL BE MADE TO THE DEPOSITS, FEES AND PENALTIES RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF NEWSPAPERS AND NEWS AGENCIES REGULATIONS AND TO THE NEWSPAPERS DISTRIBUTION REGULATIONS.

THE CHANGES ARE CONTAINED IN THE CONTROL OF PUBLICATIONS CONSOLIDATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 AND THE PUBLIC ORDER (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 TO BE PUBLISHED TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AND IN THE NEWSPAPERS REGISTRATION AND DISTRIBUTION (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1987 AND THE NEWS AGENCIES REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 1987 TO BE MADE LATER.

UNDER THE CONTROL OF PUBLICATIONS CONSOLIDATION ORDINANCE, THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO REPEAL SECTIONS OR REGULATIONS WHICH:

- * MAKE IT AN OFFENCE TO PRINT OR PUBLISH ANYTHING OF A SUBVERSIVE NATURE;
- * PROVIDE FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF NEWSPAPERS AND THE SUSPENSION OF THEIR PUBLICATION;
- * PROVIDE FOR THE PROHIBITION OF IMPORTATION OF PUBLICATIONS;
- * PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRAR TO REFUSE OR SUSPEND THE REGISTRATION OF NEWS AGENCIES;
- * PROVIDE FOR THE SEIZURE OF PRINTING PRESSES;
- * PROVIDE FOR THE SEARCH, SEIZURE, FORTFEITURE AND DISPOSAL OF ARTICLES; AND
- * ALLOW THE REGISTRAR TO REFUSE TO LICENSE OR CANCEL THE LICENCE OF THE DISTRIBUTOR.

IT IS ALSO PROPOSED THAT THE SECTION DEALING WITH MALICIOUS PUBLICATION OF FALSE NEWS WHICH IS LIKELY TO ALARM OR DISTURB PUBLIC OPINION BE REPEALED FROM THE ORDINANCE, BUT THAT A COMPENSATORY PROVISION BE MADE TO THE PUBLIC ORDER ORDINANCE, WHICH ALSO DEALS WITH PUBLIC MISCHIEF.

IT WAS FELT THAT SINCE THE PURPOSE OF THE PROVISION WAS THE PRESERVATION OF PUBLIC ORDER, THE SECTION WOULD PERHAPS BELONG MORE NATURALLY TO THE PUBLIC ORDER ORDINANCE.

/THE SECRETARY

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THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR JAMES SO, SAID THAT THIS EXERCISE IS MAINLY AIMED AT UPDATING OUTDATED LEGISLATION. HE SAID THAT THE CONTROL OF PUBLICATIONS CONSOLIDATION ORDINANCE WAS ENACTED IN 1951 AND MANY OF ITS PROVISIONS ARE NOW OUT OF DATE.

HE ADDED THAT THE PROVISIONS WHICH DEAL WITH THE SUPPRESSION OF NEWSPAPERS AND THE SUSPENSION OF THEIR PUBLICATION HAD BEEN USED SPARINGLY, AND NOT AT ALL SINCE 1967 IN WHICH YEAR THREE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS WERE SUSPENDED FOR SIX MONTHS FOLLOWING THE CONVICTION OF THEIR PUBLISHERS, PRINTERS AND EDITORS ON CHARGES OF SEDITION.

IN FACT THE SECTION DEALING WITH THE PROHIBITION OF THE IMPORTATION OF PUBLICATIONS HAD NEVER BEEN INVOKED AND IT WAS DOUBTFUL IF IT EVER WOULD BE INVOKED. AND PARTS RELATING TO THE PUBLICATION OF MATERIAL WHICH COULD INDUCE SOMEONE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF AN UNLAWFUL SOCIETY PRESENT PROBLEMS OF ENFORCEMENT BECAUSE THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL IS NOT EMPOWERED TO MAKE SUCH DECLARATIONS EXCEPT UNDER EMERGENCY REGULATIONS.

MR SO SAID THE ADMINISTRATION WAS SATISFIED THAT ACTION TO REPEAL THE PROVISIONS WAS JUSTIFIED BASICALLY ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT WAS WRONG IN PRINCIPLE TO RETAIN OBSOLETE PROVISIONS ON THE STATUTE BOOK.

HE ADDED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAD ALSO EXAMINED THE PROVISION FOR THE REGISTRATION OF NEWSPAPERS AND FELT THAT THEY SHOULD BE RETAINED IN THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE AND SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS FOR LOCAL NEWSPAPERS AND NEWS AGENCIES.

HOWEVER, IT IS PROPOSED TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR A DEPOSIT TO BE MADE TO THE REGISTRATION OF A LOCAL NEWSPAPER (\$10 000) AND OF A NEWS AGENCY (\$1 000) WHILE RETAINING THE PROVISIONS REQUIRING THEIR REGISTRATION.

IT WAS NOTED THAT THE LEVEL OF FEES FOR THE REGISTRATION OF NEWSPAPERS AND NEWS AGENCIES HAD REMAINED UNALTERED SINCE 1951 AND MR SO SAID THE PROPOSED INCREASES RAISE THE LEVEL OF ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEES FROM \$100 TO \$450 AND THE ANCILLARY FEES FOR SEARCHES, EXTRACTS AND THE CHANGE OF PARTICULARS ON THE REGISTERS TO WITHIN A RANGE OF \$15 TO \$65.

IT IS ALSO PROPOSED TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM FINES UNDER THE ORDINANCE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION FROM \$2 000 TO \$5 000= AND UPON CONVICTION ON INDICTMENT FROM \$10 000 TO \$15 000 WITH THE RELEVANT TERMS OF IMPRISONMENT REMAINING AT ONE YEAR AND THREE YEARS RESPECTIVELY. AGAIN, SAID MR SO, THIS IS BECAUSE THE PENALTIES WERE FIXED IN 1951 AND HAD NOT BEEN ALTERED SINCE.

+WITH MANY SECTIONS OF THE CONTROL OF PUBLICATIONS CONSOLIDATION ORDINANCE BEING REPEALED AND ITS CONTENTS BEING CONFINED TO MATTERS RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF NEWSPAPERS IT IS PROPOSED TO RETITLE THE ORDINANCE THE REGISTRATION OF LOCAL NEWSPAPERS ORDINANCE,+ SAID MR SO.

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SPAIN RECOGNISES BN(O) PASSPORT

THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY THE CONSUL-GENERAL OF SPAIN THAT THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO RECOGNISE THE NEW BRITISH NATIONAL (OVERSEAS) STATUS AND THE PASSPORT THAT GOES WITH IT.

THE SPANISH AUTHORITIES HAVE ALSO DECIDED THAT, AS FROM JANUARY 15, 1987 HOLDERS OF BRITISH DEPENDENT TERRITORIES CITIZEN PASSPORT WILL NOT REQUIRE A VISA TO ENTER SPAIN FOR PERIODS OF UP TO 30 DAYS.

SUCH VISA-FREE ARRANGEMENT WILL BE EXTENDED TO COVER HOLDERS OF BN(O) PASSPORT WHEN THE PASSPORT COMES INTO BEING FROM JULY 1, 1987 ONWARDS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT SAID THAT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT VERY MUCH WELCOMED THIS POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM SPAIN, THE SECOND COUNTRY, AFTER SWITZERLAND, FORMALLY TO RECOGNISE THE BN(O) PASSPORT.

HONG KONG TRAVELLERS WITH BRITISH DEPENDENT TERRITORIES CITIZEN AND BRITISH NATIONAL (OVERSEAS) PASSPORTS WILL GREATLY APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT THEY WILL NO LONGER HAVE TO GET VISAS FOR VISITS TO SPAIN FOR UP TO 30 DAYS.

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STUDY WILL SPELL OUT TRANSPORT NEEDS

THE SECOND COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORT STUDY WHICH BEGAN LAST MONTH WILL DETERMINE WHAT POLICIES AND INVESTMENT IN TRANSPORT FACILITIES WILL BE REQUIRED IN THE 1990'S.

IT WILL ALSO SEEK TO ACHIEVE A BALANCE BETWEEN THE DEMAND FOR AND SUPPLY OF TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES UP TO THE END OF THE CENTURY.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR DAVID LAN, AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG NORTH.

THE STUDY, CARRIED OUT BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WITH ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE FROM CONSULTANTS, WILL TAKE TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE.

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IT WOULD REVIEW THE CURRENT PRIORITY OF TRANSPORT ITEMS IN THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME TO ENSURE THAT THE BEST VALUE WAS OBTAINED FROM THE PROPOSED INVESTMENT, MR LAN SAID.

IT WOULD ALSO EXAMINE WHAT ADDITIONAL MAJOR TRUNK ROADS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO MEET DEMAND UP TO THE YEAR 2001.

AMONG THE PROJECTS CONSIDERED WILL BE A NEW HIGHWAY CONNECTING THE NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES AND KWAI CHUNG SOUTH, THE WEST KOWLOON EXPRESSWAY LINKING UP TSUEN WAN AND WEST KOWLOON, A THIRD HARBOUR CROSSING LINKING THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF HONG KONG ISLAND WITH WEST KOWLOON AND ROUTE SEVEN LINKING SAI YING PUN AND ABERDEEN.

GIVING AN ACCOUNT OF SOME NEWLY COMPLETED TRUNK ROADS AND VARIOUS MAJOR HIGHWAY PROJECTS WHICH WERE UNDER CONSTRUCTION, MR LAN NOTED THAT OVER 80 PER CENT OF THE MEASURES RECOMMENDED IN THE FIRST COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORT STUDY IN 1976 HAD BEEN IMPLEMENTED.

+AT PRESENT, THE TOTAL VALUE OF PROJECTS BEING PLANNED AND DESIGNED BY THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT AMOUNTS TO OVER \$5 BILLION,+ HE SAID.

+AMONG THESE, A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE SECOND ROAD LINK BETWEEN SHA TIN AND EAST KOWLOON, KNOWN AS THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL, HAS JUST BEEN COMPLETED. DETAILED DESIGN AND SITE INVESTIGATION WORK IS EXPECTED TO START SOON.+

TO MEET THE ANTICIPATED INCREASE IN TRAVEL DEMAND IN THE NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES, CONSTRUCTION WORK ON A NEW TRUNK ROAD LINKING AU TAU AND TUEN MUN, WITH CONNECTIONS TO YUEN LONG AND TIN SHUI WAI, WOULD START IN EARLY 1988.

IN THE 1987-88 FINANCIAL YEAR, WORK WOULD START ON SOME 20 NEW HIGHWAY PROJECTS WITH A TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST OF ABOUT \$1.3 BILLION.

+MAJOR HIGHWAY PROJECTS UNDER THIS CATEGORY INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE REMAINING SECTION OF THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN AND PAK CHAI WAN AND PHASE IV OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD BETWEEN FAIRVIEW PARK AND MAI PO,+ HE SAID.

TURNING TO ROAD MAINTENANCE, MR LAN SAID THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT PUT CONSIDERABLE EMPHASIS ON RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN ORDER TO UPGRADE THE APPROACH TO HIGHWAY DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION AND TO IMPROVE STANDARDS AND PLANNING OF MAINTENANCE WORK.

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HE NOTED THAT AN ANNUAL EXPENDITURE OF ABOUT \$300 MILLION HAD BEEN INCURRED IN ROAD MAINTENANCE IN PAST YEARS.

+A COMPUTERISED INVENTORY OF ROADS, WHICH INCLUDES AN ASSESSMENT OF THE PRESENT PAVEMENT CONDITION, HAS NOW BEEN ESTABLISHED, WHICH PROVIDES A SOUND BASIS FOR MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT AND BUDGETING USING OBJECTIVE PRIORITY RATINGS.

+A STUDY HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF A SPECIALIST FROM THE TRANSPORT AND ROAD RESEARCH LABORATORY OF THE U.K. TO INVESTIGATE THE EFFECT OF HEAVY VEHICLES ON THE DURABILITY OF ROADS IN HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

MR LAN NOTED THAT HONG KONG HAD MADE A SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT IN THE EXPANSION OF ITS HIGHWAY NETWORK, ESPECIALLY WHEN CONSIDERED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE LIMITED RESOURCES AVAILABLE.

HE POINTED OUT THAT ALL IMPROVEMENTS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE INVOLVING PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION, WERE FUNDED BY PUBLIC EXPENDITURE WITHOUT RECOURSE TO EXTERNAL LOANS.

HOWEVER, HE SAID, IT WAS NOT PHYSICALLY, FINANCIALLY OR ENVIRONMENTALLY POSSIBLE IN HONG KONG TO MEET TOTALLY UNRESTRAINED DEMAND FOR TRANSPORT SERVICES.

THE FISCAL MEASURES INTRODUCED IN 1982 AND 1983 BROUGHT ABOUT SOME RELIEF IN CONGESTION, BUT THERE WERE SIGNS THAT ANNUAL VEHICLE MILEAGE WAS INCREASING, AND THAT THE DROP IN THE NUMBER OF PRIVATE CARS WAS BEING OFFSET TO SOME EXTENT BY AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT VEHICLES.

+ALSO, EVEN GIVEN CONTINUED HEAVY INVESTMENT IN ROADS, TRUNK ROADS ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY MORE EXPENSIVE TO BUILD BECAUSE OF THE SHORTAGE OF SPACE, DENSITY OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE EXISTING URBAN AREA AND THE USUALLY DIFFICULT TOPOGRAPHICAL CONDITIONS,+ MR LAN SAID.

BUT HE STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO INVEST A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF RESOURCES AND EFFORT IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE ROAD SYSTEM WHICH WAS ESSENTIAL TO THE TERRITORY'S CONTINUED ECONOMIC WELL-BEING.

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THREE LOTS SOLD FOR \$75.8 MILLION
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THREE LOTS OF GOVERNMENT LAND ON HONG KONG ISLAND WERE SOLD FOR \$75.8 MILLION AT AN AUCTION TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE HIGHEST PRICE PAID WAS \$51.5 MILLION FOR AN INDUSTRIAL SITE ON CHAI WAN RECLAMATION. BIDDING OPENED AT \$30 MILLION.

THE BUYER WAS TOP SALES DEVELOPMENT LIMITED.

THE SITE HAS AN AREA OF 3 000 SQUARE METRES. UNDER THE TERMS OF THE SALE, THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE AT LEAST 21 500 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA FOR GODOWN OR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1990.

THE OTHER TWO LOTS, WHICH ARE FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL USE, ARE LOCATED AT DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL AND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST. SALE CONDITIONS BAR THEM FROM BEING DEVELOPED AS GODOWNS.

THE 209.7 SQUARE METRE SITE AT 258-262, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, WAS SOLD FOR \$17.5 MILLION. BIDDING BEGAN AT \$14 MILLION.

IT WAS SOLD TO QUANTON LIMITED, WHO ARE REQUIRED UNDER THE CONDITIONS OF SALE TO BUILD A MINIMUM OF 1 000 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA BY DECEMBER 31, 1989.

THE LOT AT 108-110, DES VOEUX ROAD WEST, WAS BOUGHT BY NEWLINE COMPANY LIMITED FOR \$6.8 MILLION.

BIDDING FOR THE 112.5 SQUARE METRE SITE STARTED AT \$3.5 MILLION. THE PURCHASER IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE NOT LESS THAN 250 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA ALSO BY DECEMBER 31, 1989.

COMMENTING ON THE SALE RESULTS, THE AUCTIONEER, DISTRICT LANDS OFFICER, MR ROGER NISSIM, SAID THE BIDDING WAS GOOD AND STEADY AND HE WAS HAPPY WITH THE PRICES.

THE AUCTION TOOK PLACE AT THE FURAMA HOTEL.

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MINIMUM RENT PROVISION COMES INTO EFFECT
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A PROVISION UNDER THE LANDLORD AND TENANT (CONSOLIDATION) ORDINANCE REGARDING A CHANGE IN MINIMUM RENT WILL COME INTO OPERATION TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE AMENDMENT, ENACTED IN JULY, CHANGES THE MINIMUM RENT FROM 55 PER CENT TO 60 PER CENT OF THE PREVAILING MARKET RENT IN THE FORMULA REGULATING RENT INCREASES UNDER PART II OF THE ORDINANCE.

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THIS ENABLES CONTROLLED RENTS TO REACH AT LEAST 60 PER CENT OF THE PREVAILING MARKET RENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT SAID ANYONE WANTING TO MAKE ENQUIRIES ON THE SUBJECT COULD OBTAIN ASSISTANCE FROM RENT OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT ON 5-7957888 OR FROM STAFF OF DISTRICT OFFICES.

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MEET-THE-MEDIA
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THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR HAIDER BARMA, WILL REVIEW CIVIL SERVICE MATTERS AT A YEAR-END MEET-THE-MEDIA SESSION AT 2.15 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONFIELD HOUSE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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KWUN TONG DB MEMBERS TOUR SAU MAU PING AREA

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MEMBERS OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD TOURED SAU MAU PING AREA TODAY (THURSDAY) TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH THE ENVIRONMENT AND FACILITIES IN THE AREA.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GARY YEUNG, THEY FIRST VISITED SAU MING HOUSE WHICH WAS PRIMARILY BUILT TO PROVIDE REHOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR TENANTS AFFECTED BY THE REDEVELOPMENT OF SAU MAU PING ESTATE.

A TWIN TOWER BUILDING, THE HOUSE WAS BUILT ON A FORMER BASKETBALL PLAYGROUND NEXT TO BLOCK 20 OF SAU MAU PING ESTATE. UP TO OCTOBER THIS YEAR, 700 FLATS HAD BEEN OCCUPIED, REPRESENTING A 95 PER CENT OCCUPANCY RATE.

/MEMBERS THEN

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MEMBERS THEN VISITED THE SAU MAU PING (CENTRAL) ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE AND A ROADSIDE AMENITY PLOT.

SITUATED NEAR THE CENTRAL SAU MAU PING BUS TERMINUS, THE PLOT WAS ONE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

IT OCCUPIES AN AREA OF 600 SQUARE METRES, AND WAS BUILT AT A COST OF ABOUT \$360 000.

MEMBERS LATER TOURED THE ON LOK AND TAI SHING SQUATTER AREAS TO SEE IMPROVEMENT WORKS THAT HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND THE DISTRICT BOARD.

IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS INCLUDED PROVISION OF STREET LIGHTING, FOOTPATHS, PUBLIC TOILETS, LETTER BOXES, SITTING OUT AREAS AND IMPROVEMENT TO THE DRAINAGE SYSTEMS.

RESIDENTS ALSO ENJOYED LEGAL ELECTRICITY AND METERED WATER SUPPLY UNDER THE SCHEME. FIRE WATCH TEAMS HAD ALSO BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO THESE SQUATTER AREAS.

DURING THE VISIT, MEMBERS ALSO SAW ILLEGAL HAWKING ACTIVITIES AT THE LANE NEXT TO BLOCK 36 OF SAU MAU PING ESTATE.

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CLEARANCE OF ABANDONED SIGNBOARDS STARTS
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A TWO-DAY OPERATION TO REMOVE 27 ABANDONED SIGNBOARDS AT 11 BUILDINGS IN YAU MA TEI STARTED TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE OPERATION, PART OF THE DISTRICT'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN, WAS AIMED AT AROUSING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING A PLEASANT LIVING ENVIRONMENT.

TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION OF OWNERS' CORPORATIONS OF BUILDINGS, THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD HAD ALLOCATED \$30 000 TO MEET MORE THAN 80 PER CENT OF REMOVAL COSTS OF SIGNBOARDS.

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AS PART OF THE CURRENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT DRIVE, A CLEANSING DAY TO PUBLICISE THE +KEEP CLEAN+ MESSAGE AMONG RESIDENTS WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 20).

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE YAU MA TEI ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS SANDY HO, AND SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT (KOWLOON SOUTH) OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR WONG TAK-FAN.

THEY WILL ALSO HELP IN STREET CLEANSING AFTER THE CEREMONY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE CLEANSING DAY AT 10 AM ON SATURDAY AT THE BASKETBALL COURT OF HENRY G. LEONG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE, 60 PUBLIC SQUARE STREET.

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REVIEW OF TAXI FARES, OPERATION

THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO REVIEW THE OVERALL POLICY ON TAXI FARES AND OPERATION.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING AT 10 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON THE THIRD FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, NO. 1, TUEN HI ROAD.

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BRIEFING ON DISTRICT BOUNDARIES, ELECTORAL CONSTITUENCIES

THE ACTING DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION,
MR C.M. LEUNG, WILL HOLD A PRESS BRIEFING TOMORROW (FRIDAY)
ON DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AND ELECTORAL CONSTITUENCIES.

MR Y.S. WEN, PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER (ELECTORAL SERVICES)
OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL AND ELECTORAL DIVISION, WILL ALSO ATTEND
THE BRIEFING AT 11 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF CNTA HEADQUARTERS,
12TH FLOOR, WORLD SHIPPING CENTRE, NO. 7 CANTON ROAD, HARBOUR
CITY, TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE BRIEFING.

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DISCUSSION ON YUEN LONG TRANSPORT

THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE
WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DISCUSS A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS RAISED
BY MEMBERS CONCERNING TRANSPORT SERVICES AND FACILITIES IN THE
DISTRICT.

QUESTIONS RANGE FROM FREQUENT BREAKDOWN OF KMB BUSES TO
TRAFFIC CONDITIONS AT THE JUNCTION OF CASTLE PEAK AND PING
HA ROADS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT
10 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD
SECRETARIAT, 13TH FLOOR, TAI KIU GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING,
YUEN LONG.

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NUMEROUS YULETIDE ACTIVITIES ARRANGED FOR PUBLIC
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VARIOUS CARNIVALS AND SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES HAVE BEEN ARRANGED FOR THE PUBLIC'S ENJOYMENT DURING THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS, THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR KEVIN MAK, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

+WITH A VARIETY OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES SPANNING A LONG PERIOD THERE IS PLENTY OF TIME FOR PEOPLE TO ENJOY AND APPRECIATE THE FESTIVE LIGHTING AND THE ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES,+ MR MAK SAID AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR ENTERTAINMENT.

WHILE THE ENTERTAINMENT AND THE FESTIVE LIGHTING WERE THERE FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF ALL RESIDENTS, MR MAK SAID FAMILIES WITH ELDERLY OR VERY YOUNG MEMBERS MIGHT WISH TO AVOID THE CROWDS AT POPULAR SPOTS SUCH AS TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, PARTICULARLY ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

+PAST EXPERIENCE SHOWS THAT MOST PEOPLE LIKE TO GO OUT TO SEE THE FESTIVE LIGHTING ON CHRISTMAS EVE AND THAT TSIM SHA TSUI EAST HAS BY FAR THE BIGGEST CROWDS THAT EVENING,+ HE SAID.

+AS MOST OF THE LIGHTS WILL BE UP FOR SOME TIME PEOPLE CAN ENJOY THEM AT THEIR LEISURE ON OTHER DAYS.

+IN ADDITION TO THE CENTRES OF ATTRACTION IN TSIM SHA TSUI AND CENTRAL, THERE ARE NUMEROUS PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES IN THE DISTRICTS WHICH PEOPLE CAN ENJOY WITHOUT TRAVELLING TOO FAR FROM THEIR HOMES.+

MR MAK NOTED THAT CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND DECORATIONS WERE BEING PUT UP IN TSIM SHA TSUI, CENTRAL, CAUSEWAY BAY, EASTERN, SHA TIN AND TSUEN WAN BY LEADING FIRMS AND ALSO BY ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS DISTRICT BOARDS AND THE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

+THEY PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN PHOTOGRAPHY TO CAPTURE THE SPLENDID NIGHT SCENES OF HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

AMONG THE INTERESTING ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES, HE MENTIONED THE ALL-STAR SHOW AND CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL IN VICTORIA PARK, A SPECIAL CONCERT FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE YEAR IN THE URBAN COUNCIL CENTENARY GARDEN IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, AND A DISCO NIGHT IN QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM.

MR MAK ALSO URGED RESIDENTS TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT WHEN GOING OUT TO VIEW THE FESTIVE LIGHTING TO AVOID TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS SUCH AS PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT SCHEMES AND ROAD CLOSURES WILL BE DESCRIBED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD BY THE POLICE NEXT MONDAY (DECEMBER 22).

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TV SPECIAL TO FOCUS ON KWAI TSING FESTIVAL

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THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD, THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE AND TELEVISION BROADCASTS LIMITED WILL JOINTLY PRESENT A TWO-HOUR TELEVISION PROGRAMME, +ENJOY YOURSELF TONIGHT- KWAI TSING SPECIAL+ AT 9.50 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

TO LAUNCH THE FIRST DISTRICT FESTIVAL, THE PROGRAMME WILL PORTRAY THE DIFFERENT ASPECTS AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DISTRICT INCLUDING THE TSING YI BRIDGE, CONTAINER TERMINAL, DOCKYARD AND PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES IN THE AREA.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING WHICH WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE.

MRS JACOBS WILL OFFICIATE AT THE SWITCH-ON CEREMONY OF THE FESTIVAL LIGHTING AT KWAI CHUNG ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

TAKING PART AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE CHAIRMAN OF THE KWAI TSING FESTIVAL CENTRAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR CHENG WING-CHUN, HONORARY PRESIDENT, MR LAM KIN-MING, CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HO TUNG-CHING, AND KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN COAK.

THE FESTIVAL, COSTING \$1.5 MILLION, IS SUPPORTED BY DISTRICT BOARD, REGIONAL COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY LEADERS AND IS CO-ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S SPORTS AND ARTS ASSOCIATIONS, KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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TRANSPORT SERVICES EXTENDED FOR CHRISTMAS, NEW YEAR

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES WILL BE STEPPED UP OVER CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR WITH SOME SERVICES EXTENDED WELL INTO THE EARLY HOURS OF DECEMBER 25, 26 AND JANUARY 1 TO COPE WITH FESTIVE CROWDS.

ON CHRISTMAS EVE, THE MTR, STAR FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN EDINBURGH PLACE AND KOWLOON POINT AND TRAM SERVICES, EXCEPT THOSE ROUND THE HAPPY VALLEY LOOP, WILL RUN ALL NIGHT.

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ALSO OPERATING OVERNIGHT ARE KMB ROUTES 5, 6, 70M AND 82M AS WELL AS GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES 37M IN KOWLOON AND 61M IN THE NEW TERRITORIES. MOST OF THESE ROUTES EITHER LINK TSIM SHA TSUI WITH OTHER PARTS OF KOWLOON OR THE KOWLOON TONG MTR STATION WITH SHA TIN.

KCR SERVICES WILL BE EXTENDED TO 1 AM WHILE PEAK TRAMS WILL RUN UNTIL 1.30 AM.

MEANWHILE, MANY BUS AND GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR WILL FINISH LATER THAN USUAL.

ON HONG KONG ISLAND, THE OPERATION OF CMB ROUTES 4, 23, 90M AND 92 WILL BE EXTENDED BY ABOUT 30 MINUTES, ROUTES 2 AND 10 BY 45 MINUTES, ROUTES 70 AND 72 BY ABOUT AN HOUR AND ROUTE 7 BY AN-HOUR-AND-A-HALF. OF THESE, THE LAST BUS ON ROUTES 4, 70 AND 90M WILL DEPART CENTRAL AT 1 AM, WHILE THAT ON ROUTES 2 AND 7 AT 2 AM AND 2.30 AM RESPECTIVELY.

IN KOWLOON, KMB ROUTES 3C, 31M, 43M, 59M AND 60M WILL RUN ON FOR ANOTHER 30 MINUTES AFTER THE NORMAL SCHEDULES, ROUTE 68M FOR ANOTHER 45 MINUTES, ROUTES 1, 1A, 9, 14, 28, 66M, 80K, 81K AND 88K FOR ANOTHER HOUR, AND ROUTES 5C AND 26 FOR ANOTHER ONE-AND-A-HALF HOURS.

AMONG ROUTES TO TSIM SHA TSUI, THE LAST KMB BUS ON ROUTES 1, 1A AND 9 WILL DEPART STAR FERRY AT AROUND 1.30 AM WHILE THAT ON ROUTE 5C AT 1.50 AM. THE LAST DEPARTURES FROM TSIM SHA TSUI FOR ROUTES 28 AND 26 WILL BE AT 1.20 AM AND 2.10 AM RESPECTIVELY.

AT THE TSUEN WAN MTR STATION, THE LAST BUS ON ROUTES 60M AND 68M WILL DEPART AT 1 AM WHILE THOSE ON ROUTES 59M AND 66M AT AROUND 1.15 AM. THE LAST DEPARTURE OF ROUTES 31M AND 43M FROM KWAI FONG MTR STATION WILL BE AROUND 12.40 AM.

FOR GREEN MINIBUSES, ROUTES 16M, 19, 20 AND 20M ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL OPERATE UP TO 12.40 AM WHILE IN KOWLOON, ROUTES 1M AND 8 WILL FINISH AT 1 AM AND 1.30 AM RESPECTIVELY; ROUTES 6 AND 7 AT 2 AM; ROUTE 3 AT 2.30 AM AND ROUTES 16 AND 33M AT 3 AM.

IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES 67K, 66K, 85 AND 97A WILL STOP RUNNING AT MIDNIGHT, 12.30 AM, 12.45 AM AND 1 AM RESPECTIVELY. ROUTES 20K, 22K, 65K AND 96M WILL STOP OPERATING AROUND 1.30 AM AND ROUTES 81, 82 AND 83 AT 2 AM.

ON CHRISTMAS DAY EVENING, BOTH THE MTR AND KCR WILL RUN UNTIL 1 AM WHILE THE STAR FERRY SERVICES BETWEEN EDINBURGH PLACE AND KOWLOON POINT WILL OPERATE UP TO 3.30 AM.

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KMB SERVICES ON ROUTES 6 AND 5 WILL ALSO BE EXTENDED, WITH THE LAST BUS DEPARTING TSIM SHA TSUI AT 1.15 AM AND 2 AM RESPECTIVELY.

THE OPERATING HOURS OF HONG KONG GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES 16M, 19, 20 AND 20M WILL AGAIN BE EXTENDED TO 12.40 AM WHILE KOWLOON GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 1M, A CIRCULAR SERVICE IN TSIM SHA TSUI, WILL OPERATE UNTIL 1 AM.

IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 61M WILL PROVIDE AN OVERNIGHT TRANSPORT LINK BETWEEN THE KOWLOON TONG MTR STATION AND LEK YUEN-WO CHE WHILE ROUTES 20K, 22K, 65K, 66K AND 67K WILL ALSO FINISH LATE AS ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

THE SCHEDULES OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES ON DECEMBER 26 WILL BE LARGELY THE SAME AS THOSE ON NORMAL PUBLIC HOLIDAYS. HOWEVER, HONG KONG GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES 16M, 19, 20 AND 20M WILL CONTINUE THEIR SERVICES UP TO 12.40 AM.

ON NEW YEAR'S EVE, STAR FERRY SERVICES BETWEEN EDINBURGH PLACE AND KOWLOON POINT WILL AGAIN RUN ALL NIGHT. WHILE THE MTR AND THE KCR WILL CLOSE FOR THE DAY AROUND 1 AM, PEAK TRAMS WILL OPERATE UP TO 1.30 AM. TRAM SERVICES WILL CARRY ON UNTIL 2 AM BUT THEY WILL NOT OPERATE ROUND THE HAPPY VALLEY LOOP.

CMB ROUTES 2, 4, 7, 10, 23, 70, 72, 90M AND 92 WILL FINISH LATER THAN THEIR NORMAL SCHEDULES, THOUGH MOST OF THEM WILL CLOSE EARLIER THAN ON CHRISTMAS EVE. OF THESE SERVICES, THE LAST BUS ON ROUTES 4, 70 AND 90M WILL LEAVE CENTRAL AT 1 AM AND THAT ON ROUTES 2 AND 7 AT 1.30 AM.

IN KOWLOON, KMB WILL EXTEND SERVICES ON SEVEN ROUTES - 1A, 5, 5C, 6, 80K, 81K AND 88K. FOR THE TSIM SHA TSUI ROUTES, THE LAST DEPARTURES FROM STAR FERRY FOR ROUTES 1A, 5C AND 6 IS AROUND 1.30 AM AND ROUTE 5 AROUND 2 AM.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR EXTENSION OF GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES IN THE TERRITORY ARE IDENTICAL TO THOSE ON CHRISTMAS EVE, EXCEPT THAT ROUTES 33M AND 37M IN KOWLOON WILL NOT BE RUNNING EXTRA SERVICES.

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURES FACE DEMOLITION
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APPLICATIONS FOR CLOSURE ORDERS AGAINST ROOFTOP ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ARE TO BE MADE IN KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT ON FEBRUARY 24 AND 25.

ONE ORDER RELATES TO STRUCTURES ON THE ROOF ADJACENT TO FLAT A, FIRST FLOOR, 81 CHATHAM ROAD.

THE OCCUPANTS HAVE IGNORED A DEMOLITION ORDER MADE UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE IN JUNE LAST YEAR.

THE OTHER ORDER CONCERNS A STRUCTURE ON THE ROOF OF FLAT 25, SECOND FLOOR, 98 - 100, WATERLOO ROAD, FOR WHICH A DEMOLITION ORDER WAS ISSUED IN OCTOBER, 1985.

IN BOTH CASES, CLOSURE OF THE STRUCTURES IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO DEMOLITION TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OCCUPANTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BUILDING AUTHORITY SAID IT WAS EXPECTED THAT DEMOLITION WOULD GO AHEAD AS SOON AS THE CLOSURE ORDERS WERE MADE.

HE SAID NOTICES INFORMING OCCUPANTS OF THE AUTHORITY'S INTENTION TO APPLY FOR THE CLOSURE ORDERS WERE POSTED ON THE STRUCTURES TODAY (THURSDAY).

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REGISTRATION OFFICE TO MOVE
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THE HONG KONG BRANCH OF THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT WILL BE LOCATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF PROVIDENT CENTRE, NORTH POINT, FROM DECEMBER 29 (MONDAY).

THE OFFICE, NOW AT THE THIRD AND FIFTH FLOORS OF CAUSEWAY BAY MAGISTRACY BUILDING, PROVIDES SERVICES FOR REGISTRATION FOR ADULT AND JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS, APPLICATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF LOST, DEFACED OR DAMAGED CARDS AND APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATES OF REGISTERED PARTICULARS.

IT ALSO PROVIDES SERVICES FOR REGISTRATION FOR IDENTITY CARDS FOR NEW ARRIVALS WITH ENTRY PERMITS, AFFIDAVITS, DOCUMENTS OF IDENTITY FOR VISA PURPOSES, OR STATELESS TRAVEL DOCUMENTS.

THE NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE OFFICE IS 5-642374.

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SOUTHERN RESIDENTS TO AIR VIEWS ON DISTRICT AFFAIRS
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THE WAH FU AREA COMMITTEE IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT WILL HOLD A SEMINAR TOMORROW (FRIDAY) EVENING SO THAT RESIDENTS' ORGANISATIONS CAN EXCHANGE VIEWS ON DISTRICT AFFAIRS.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE AREA COMMITTEE, THE SEMINAR WILL BEGIN AT 7.45 PM IN THE WAH FU COMMUNITY HALL, WAH FU ESTATE.

THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAS ORGANISED SIMILAR SEMINARS WITH OTHER AREA COMMITTEES EARLIER IN THE YEAR.

ANOTHER SEMINAR WILL BE HELD IN THE REMAINING AREA OF WONG CHUK HANG AND BAYS IN JANUARY.

+A SEMINAR FOR DISTRICT BOARD AND AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL BE HELD EARLY NEXT YEAR AS A FINALE TO THE CURRENT EXERCISE TO STRENGTHEN TIES,+ A SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

TOMORROW'S SEMINAR WILL INCLUDE A VIDEO, +THE NEW FACES OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT+, WHICH IS ABOUT THE DISTRICT'S DEVELOPMENT AND THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY GROUP DISCUSSIONS ON TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND COMMUNITY BUILDING.

ABOUT 90 REPRESENTATIVES FROM MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS CORPORATIONS AND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND. REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WILL ALSO ATTEND.

THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SIMON LORD, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING.

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VARIETY SHOW CLOSING FORTNIGHT FOR ELDERLY
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A VARIETY SHOW WILL BE HELD IN THE CHEUNG WAH COMMUNITY HALL IN FANLING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO MARK THE CLOSING OF THE NORTH DISTRICT FORTNIGHT FOR THE ELDERLY.

THE SHOW, FEATURING CANTONESE DRAMA, CHINESE FOLK SONGS, ORIENTAL DANCE AND TAI-CHE PERFORMANCES, IS ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR ACTIVITIES FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE.

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+THERE WAS AN ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE WITH MORE THAN 3 000 RESIDENTS, YOUNG AND OLD, PARTICIPATING IN EIGHT EVENTS ORGANISED DURING THE FORTNIGHT,+ A COMMITTEE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY AND PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS OF THE DISTRICT'S +TEN OUTSTANDING ELDERLY+ COMPETITION.

OTHER GUESTS WILL INCLUDE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR RAYMOND PANG; VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK, MR LIU CHING-LEUNG; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD'S RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE, MR CHEUNG HON-CHUNG.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CLOSING CEREMONY FOR THE NORTH DISTRICT FORTNIGHT FOR THE ELDERLY AT 3 PM TOMORROW IN THE CHEUNG WAH COMMUNITY HALL, CHEUNG WAH ESTATE, FANLING.

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STUDENTS TO LEARN ABOUT NORTH DISTRICT

TWO HUNDRED STUDENTS FROM EIGHT SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN NORTH DISTRICT WILL BE ABLE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR DISTRICT WHEN A STUDY CAMP IS HELD AT THE BAPTIST ASSEMBLY IN FANLING ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 20).

HAVING A THEME OF +GET TO KNOW NORTH DISTRICT+, THE TWO-DAY CAMP IS AMONG ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL HEADMASTERS' CONFERENCE TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS WILL CARRY OUT PROJECTS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DISTRICT ON THE FIRST DAY, WITH AN EXHIBITION AND A SLIDE PRESENTATION THE NEXT DAY, A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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SUBJECTS TO BE COVERED INCLUDE HISTORICAL FEATURES, AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, WATER POLLUTION, SERVICE FOR THE ELDERLY, RECREATION AND CULTURAL FACILITIES AND SHA TAU KOK RE-DEVELOPMENT.

+THROUGH ACTUAL INVOLVEMENT, WE HOPE THAT PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR COMMUNITY AND GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR CIVIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

OTHER ACTIVITIES PLANNED INCLUDE A SEMINAR ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND TOWN PLANNING OF THE DISTRICT AND A TALENT SHOW.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE DISTRICT OFFICER MR MATTHEW CHEUNG, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN MR RAYMOND PANG AND SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER (TAI PO AND NORTH), MR KWAN KI-TAI.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE STUDY CAMP AT 12 NOON ON SATURDAY AT THE BAPTIST ASSEMBLY IN FANLING. A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE WILL LEAVE THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING AT 11.15 AM.

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FIRE SERVICES ATHLETIC MEET
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THE ANNUAL FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S ATHLETIC MEET WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE WAN CHAI SPORTS GROUND.

MORE THAN 400 UNIFORM AND CIVILIAN MEMBERS WILL TAKE PART IN 20 TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS.

THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR ROBERT HOLMES, WILL OFFICIALLY DECLARE THE MEET OPEN AT 10 AM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT TOMORROW AT 10 AM.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES IN SHA TIN
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TO FACILITATE A FLOAT PARADE TO BE HELD IN SHA TIN AS PART OF SHA TIN FESTIVAL 1986, THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 12.30 PM TO 4 PM ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 21):

- * THE SOUTHERN CARRIAGEWAY OF YUEN WO ROAD BETWEEN BANYAN BRIDGE AND SAND MARTIN BRIDGE.
- * THE EASTERN AND THE WESTERN CARRIAGEWAYS OF SAND MARTIN BRIDGE.
- * THE NORTHERN CARRIAGEWAY OF TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD BETWEEN SAND MARTIN BRIDGE AND YUEN CHAU KOK ROAD.

DURING THE CLOSURES, VEHICLES CROSSING SHING MUN RIVER VIA SAND MARTIN BRIDGE WILL BE DIVERTED TO LION BRIDGE AND BANYAN BRIDGE.

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