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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO THE QUEEN

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THE DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, HAS SENT A MESSAGE OF BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG VIA THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS.

THE MESSAGE READS:

+ON THE OCCASION OF THE OFFICIAL OBSERVANCE IN HONG KONG OF THE BIRTHDAY OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN, I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD SUBMIT TO HER MAJESTY WITH MY HUMBLE DUTY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS FROM THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.+

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URBAN VOTER REGISTRATION PASSES 600 000 MARK

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THE REGISTRATION OF VOTERS FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER HAS JUST PASSED THE 600 000 MARK WHICH REPRESENTS 30 PER CENT OF THE TWO MILLION ELIGIBLE ELECTORS.

DISCLOSING THE LATEST FIGURE TODAY (WEDNESDAY), THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR GRAHAM BARNES, DESCRIBED THE RESPONSE AS +MOST ENCOURAGING AND BETTER THAN EXPECTED+.

HE APPEALED TO ELIGIBLE VOTERS WHO HAD NOT YET REGISTERED TO MAKE USE OF THE REMAINING 10 DAYS BEFORE THE REGISTRATION CLOSES ON APRIL 30.

+THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS ALREADY EXCEEDED OUR EARLIER TARGET OF HALF OF A MILLION A WEEK AGO,+ MR BARNES SAID.

+IF THE PRESENT RATE OF REGISTRATION CONTINUES, IT IS VERY LIKELY THAT THE OVERALL FIGURE WILL EXCEED 670 000 OR MORE THAN A THIRD OF THE ELIGIBLE ELECTORATE IN THE URBAN AREA.+

THE NUMBER OF 605 000 VOTERS WAS RECORDED AT THE END OF YESTERDAY (TUESDAY) WHICH INCLUDED THE 81 000 PEOPLE WHO HAD REGISTERED IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR AND ABOUT 30 000 URBAN COUNCIL ELECTORS WHOSE NAMES WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY TRANSFERRED TO THE REGISTER.

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QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

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THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE OF ALL AGES AND PHYSICAL ABILITIES CONVERGED ON VICTORIA PARK AND OTHER RECREATION GROUNDS TODAY TO TAKE PART IN A DAY OF FUN AND GAMES TO MARK THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

ABOUT 100 SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL EVENTS WERE ORGANISED FOR MASS PARTICIPATION THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY. IN ADDITION, A BAND PERFORMANCE WAS HELD AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM IN THE AFTERNOON AND THE HONG KONG CHINESE YOUTH ORCHESTRA WILL GIVE A CONCERT AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL THIS EVENING.

THE FIRST EVENT KICKED OFF AT 9.15 AM FOLLOWING A CEREMONY AT VICTORIA PARK, PRESIDED OVER BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR JOHN BREMRIDGE, AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM.

IN HIS ADDRESS, MR BREMRIDGE SAID THE SPORTS-FOR-ALL DAY, ORIGINATED SIX YEARS AGO ON THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY, WAS NOW AN ANNUAL EVENT.

+I AM DELIGHTED TO SEE MORE RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC,+ HE SAID.

+OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS, THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE HAS ORGANISED SOME 22 000 PROJECTS FOR A TOTAL OF 2.5 MILLION PARTICIPANTS.

+THE SUPPORT FROM LOCAL LEADERS AND ORGANISATIONS HAS BEEN VITAL. SOME OF THE LEADERS ARE WITH US TODAY, AND I WOULD LIKE TO PAY MY TRIBUTE TO THEIR EFFORTS AND PUBLIC SPIRIT,+ HE SAID.

MR WIGGHAM IN HIS WELCOMING ADDRESS SAID THE MAIN OBJECTIVE BEHIND THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT'S TERRITORY-WIDE PROGRAMME OF SPORTS AND RECREATION EVENTS, HELD IN 38 VENUES ALL OVER THE TERRITORY TODAY, WAS TO PROVIDE A DAY OF FUN AND ENJOYMENT FOR AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE.

HE ADDED THAT THROUGH EXTENSIVE PROMOTIONAL EFFORTS BY THE DEPARTMENT, MORE AND MORE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN INSPIRED, NOT ONLY INTO BECOMING SPECTATORS, BUT ALSO INTO PARTICIPATING, EITHER IN SPORT AND PHYSICAL RECREATION, OR IN MUSIC PERFORMANCE.

IN KOWLOON, THE MAJOR EVENTS WERE HELD IN KOWLOON PARK AND KWUN TONG RECREATION GROUND. IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THEY TOOK PLACE IN SHA TSUI ROAD AND FANLING PLAYGROUNDS.

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INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TAKES A FRONT SEAT
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS LEADING AN ALL-OUT CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

IN DOING SO, IT IS ARMED WITH A SET OF SAFETY REGULATIONS WHICH CARRY FINES THAT HAVE BEEN INCREASED FIVE-FOLD THROUGH RECENT AMENDMENTS.

THE REGULATIONS NOW PROVIDE FOR MAXIMUM PENALTIES OF UP TO \$50 000, AND ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE A GREATER DETERRENT EFFECT THAN PREVIOUSLY.

MR CHAN SHIU-LAP, CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR, SAID THE INCREASE IN FINES WAS PROMPTED PARTLY BY THE FACT THAT MANY BIG MANUFACTURERS APPARENTLY FOUND IT FAR MORE ECONOMICAL TO PAY THE OLD FINES THAN TO MAKE COSTLY ADJUSTMENTS TO CONFORM WITH SAFETY REGULATIONS.

+BUT IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER THE INCREASED FINES WILL PROVE TO HAVE AN ADEQUATE DETERRENT EFFECT ON MANUFACTURERS AND BIG CONSTRUCTORS ENGAGED IN MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR PROJECTS WITH CLOSE DEADLINES TO MEET,+ HE SAID.

FACTORY INSPECTORS MAKE THEIR INSPECTION VISITS NORMALLY WITHOUT PRIOR ANNOUNCEMENTS EXCEPT WHEN IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST TO CHECK ON THE WORKING ENVIRONMENT OF A PARTICULAR ESTABLISHMENT.

IN 1981 THEY MADE 59 000 VISITS AND INITIATED 3 800 PROSECUTIONS AGAINST VIOLATORS. OVER 95 PER CENT OF THE CASES RESULTED IN CONVICTIONS WHICH BROUGHT A TOTAL FINE OF \$4.78 MILLION UP FROM THE \$4.24 MILLION IN 1980.

IN A ROUTINE INSPECTION OF A WORKPLACE, THE INSPECTOR WOULD CHECK ON THE EFFICIENCY OF GUARDS FOR MACHINES, HOUSEKEEPING, CONDITIONS OF TOOLS, LIGHTING AND VENTILATION, PROVISIONS FOR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT, EXIT FACILITIES, STORAGE OF DANGEROUS MATERIALS, EXCESSIVE NOISE AND CONDITIONS OF FLOORS, STAIRS AND WALKWAYS.

NORMALLY, THE INSPECTOR ADVISES THE FACTORY MANAGEMENT ON ALL BREACHES OF SAFETY REGULATIONS OBSERVED AND DISCUSSES WITH THEM ABOUT THE NECESSARY REMEDIAL MEASURES TO BE ADOPTED. LEGAL ACTION IS RESORTED TO ONLY IN CASES WHICH ARE LIKELY TO CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR WHERE THE MANAGEMENT SHOWS A TOTAL DISREGARD FOR THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE.

TO ENABLE BETTER DEPLOYMENT OF MANPOWER RESOURCES, THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE HAS INTRODUCED A +HAZARD RATING SYSTEM+ WHICH TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION THE RISK OF THE INDUSTRY, THE SIZE OF THE WORK FORCE AND FACTORY PREMISES AND RECORD OF VIOLATIONS AND ACCIDENTS.

BASED UPON A POINTS SYSTEM, THE GREATER BULK OF THE ESTABLISHMENTS INSPECTED FELL BETWEEN 60-90 POINTS WITH THE HIGHEST RISK ONES RATED UP TO 130 POINTS.

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THE RATING SYSTEM IS A COST-EFFICIENT TECHNIQUE IN VIEW OF THE HUGE GAP BETWEEN THE NUMBER OF QUALIFIED INSPECTORS AND MANUFACTURING AND RELATED ESTABLISHMENTS, WHICH STOOD AT 58 000 AS OF SEPTEMBER 1981. THE NUMBER OF FACTORY INSPECTORS, MEANWHILE, HAS JUST TOPPED THE 200-MARK.

IT TAKES ABOUT TWO TO THREE YEARS OF TRAINING BEFORE A CANDIDATE CAN SIT FOR THE INSPECTOR QUALIFICATION TESTS.

UNDER A FIVE-YEAR FACTORY INSPECTORATE EXPANSION PLAN BEGAN IN 1979/80, WHEN THERE WERE ONLY 145 INSPECTORS, STAFF STRENGTH WILL BE INCREASED TO 250 BY 1983/84.

+WE WOULD LIKE TO STRESS, HOWEVER, THAT OUR PRIMARY OBJECT IS NOT TO TAKE PEOPLE TO COURT BUT TO RAISE THE SAFETY CONSCIOUSNESS OF BOTH EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES. WIELDING A BIG STICK MAY NOT NECESSARILY BE THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO GO ABOUT IT. ENFORCEMENT MUST BE BACKED WITH PUBLIC EDUCATION AND SPECIALISED SAFETY TRAINING COURSES,+ THE HEAD OF THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE ADDED.

A HOST OF PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES PROMOTING WORKER SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE IS ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S PUBLICITY UNIT AND INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE, WHICH IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR CONDUCTING TRAINING COURSES IN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY FOR FACTORY INSPECTORS, SAFETY OFFICERS AND PERSONNEL AT SUPERVISORY LEVEL IN PRIVATE INDUSTRY.

THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE BEGAN ADOPTING A NEW APPROACH LAST YEAR BY COMBINING ENTERTAINMENT WITH INDUSTRIAL SAFETY PUBLICITY. THIS HAS GENERATED UNPRECEDENTED PUBLIC INTEREST IN A SERIES OF PUBLICITY EXERCISES, INCLUDING THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TELEMATCH (A 10-EPIISODE TV SERIES), SIX INDUSTRIAL SAFETY PICTURE QUIZ CONTESTS, AN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY GALA NIGHT AND OTHERS.

AND AN 11-DAY +SAFETY EXTRAVAGANZA+, A MULTI-VISION, AUDIO-VISUAL PRESENTATION MIXING EDUCATION ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY WITH ENTERTAINMENT AND PRIZES FOR AUDIENCES, WAS SO WELL-RECEIVED EARLY THIS YEAR THAT IT WAS DECIDED TO CARRY THE PROJECT TO FOUR OTHER INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS.

THE CENTRE ALSO MAINTAINS A PERMANENT EXHIBITION OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY DEVICES AND DEMONSTRATIONS BY SCALED-DOWN MODELS OF SAFE WORKING PRACTICE. IT HAS ALSO A +BLACK MUSEUM+ IN WHICH ARE SHOWN THE REMAINS OF APPLIANCES AND EQUIPMENT WHICH CAUSED FATAL OR SERIOUS ACCIDENTS.

THESE VIVID REMINDERS OF THE DIRE CONSEQUENCES OF UNSAFE WORKING PRACTICES AND THE PERMANENT EXHIBITS ARE LOCATED AT THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, THIRD FLOOR, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON (TEL. 3-688111 EXT. 347).

LAST YEAR, THE CENTRE CONDUCTED 255 INDUSTRIAL SAFETY COURSES FOR 7 900 PERSONS, INCLUDING 22 SPECIAL PURPOSE COURSES FOR APPRENTICES IN SEVEN FACTORIES, THREE GOVERNMENT WORKSHOPS, ONE SCHOOL AND TWO CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES.

ADDITIONALLY, 123 SAFETY TALKS WERE GIVEN TO 10 200 PERSONS FROM 38 ORGANISATIONS, INCLUDING INSTITUTES OF HIGHER EDUCATION, VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOLS, AND EMPLOYEES' AND EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATIONS.

ALL THESE COURSES ARE OFFERED AT NO COST TO THE PARTICIPANTS. THE ONLY CONTRIBUTION EMPLOYERS NEED TO MAKE IS TO RELEASE THEIR WORKERS TO ATTEND THE COURSES, WHICH MAY LAST FROM ONE TO THREE DAYS, DEPENDING ON THE TYPE OF SAFETY TRAINING REQUIRED.

AN EXTENSIVE REFERENCE LIBRARY ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY IS ALSO MAINTAINED BY THE CENTRE, INCLUDING TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS, FILMS AND OTHER TEACHING AIDS. THESE ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL WHO ATTEND THE COURSES.

MR CHAN SAID, +EMPLOYERS WILL FIND THE FEW HOURS THEY 'LOST' IN PRODUCTIVITY WILL BE ONE OF THE MOST WORTHWHILE INSURANCE INVESTMENTS THEY CAN MAKE. WE INVITE ALL WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS INTERESTED IN OUR COURSES AND LECTURES TO APPROACH US THROUGH THE CENTRE.+

+EDUCATION TO PROMOTE SAFETY CONSCIOUSNESS, HOWEVER, MUST IDEALLY START AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT WE SPONSOR AN ANNUAL INDUSTRIAL SAFETY POSTER COMPETITION OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS,+ HE ADDED.

LAST YEAR, 45 659 PERSONS WERE INJURED AND 141 OTHERS WERE KILLED IN INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS, DOWN FROM THE FIGURES OF 48 571 INJURED AND 120 KILLED IN 1980.

ABOUT 40 PER CENT OF THE ACCIDENTS OCCURRED IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, A LARGE NUMBER OF THEM RESULTING FROM FALLS.

TO TIGHTEN WORK SAFETY PRACTICES AT HEIGHTS, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS DRAFTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTRUCTION SITE (SAFETY) REGULATIONS AT HEIGHT WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE APPROVED THIS YEAR.

SUPPLEMENTING THE WORK OF THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE IS THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH DIVISION, WHICH PROVIDES AN ADVISORY SERVICE TO GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY ON MATTERS CONCERNING THE HEALTH OF WORKERS AND THE HYGIENE OF THE WORKPLACE. IT ALSO HAS A SUPERVISORY FUNCTION IN OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH STANDARDS AND PRACTICE.

A PRIME RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DIVISION IS THE INVESTIGATION OF OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES AND POTENTIAL HAZARDS REPORTED BY THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE TO DETERMINE PREVENTIVE ACTION. IT ALSO MONITORS WORK PROCESSES THAT POSE ANY PHYSICAL, CHEMICAL OR BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS, SUCH AS COTTON DUST IN TEXTILE INDUSTRY, CHROMIUM PLATING, USE OF MANGANESE, CARBON MONOXIDE EXPOSURE IN GARAGES, SOLDERING AND OTHERS.

THE DIVISION ISSUES CERTIFICATES OF FITNESS UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS REGULATION FOR UNDERGROUND WORKERS.

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IT ALSO ISSUES, UNDER OTHER ORDINANCES, LICENSES TO INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS FOR RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES AND MEDICAL CERTIFICATES FOR AIR CREW OR AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS.

THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH OFFICERS AND NURSES OF THE DIVISION ARE ALSO INVOLVED IN THE ASSESSMENT AND REHABILITATION OF INJURED WORKERS AND STAFFING THE MEDICAL BOARDS REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE.

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KCR TO START SIMULATION RUNS TOMORROW
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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY WILL START SIMULATION RUNS OF THE NEW ELECTRIC TRAINS BETWEEN HUNG HOM AND SHA TIN AS FROM TOMORROW (THURSDAY) TO PREPARE FOR THE COMMISSIONING OF THE ELECTRIFIED INNER SUBURBAN SERVICE ON MAY 6.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A KCR SPOKESMAN SAID THE ELECTRIC TRAINS WILL RUN BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5.38 PM FROM APRIL 22 TO 26, AND BETWEEN 9 AM AND 10.18 PM ON APRIL 27, 29 AND 30. THERE WILL ONLY BE MORNING RUNS ON APRIL 28 BECAUSE OF A RACE MEETING AT SHA TIN THAT EVENING.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT NORMAL TRAIN SERVICES MIGHT BE SLIGHTLY AFFECTED BY THE SIMULATION RUNS DURING THIS PERIOD AND KCR COMMUTERS ARE REMINDED NOT TO ATTEMPT TO BOARD THE ELECTRIC TRAINS STOPPING AT THE STATIONS.

HE ALSO WARNED THE PUBLIC, PARTICULARLY SCHOOL CHILDREN, TO KEEP OFF THE TRACKS AT ALL TIMES BECAUSE TEST RUNS OF THE ELECTRIC TRAINS ARE FAST WITH A MAXIMUM SPEED OF 120 KILOMETRES PER HOUR.

+YOU ARE PLAYING A DANGEROUS GAME IF YOU WALKED ON OUR TRACK BECAUSE WHEN YOU SEE AN ELECTRIC TRAIN APPROACHING IT WILL BE TOO LATE,+ THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED.

MEANWHILE, THE KCR ARE CONTINUING THEIR MASSIVE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN THROUGH THE MEDIA, RADIO AND TELEVISION WARNING THE PUBLIC OF THE DANGER OF THE HIGH VOLTAGE OVERHEAD WIRES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE KCR IS MOST CONCERNED ABOUT THE SAFETY OF SCHOOL CHILDREN AND THEREFORE +WE ARE STILL VISITING SCHOOLS NEAR THE RAILWAY TO GIVE SAFETY LECTURES SUPPLEMENTED BY FILMS AND SLIDE SHOWS.+

WARNING POSTERS ARE ALSO PUT UP IN STRATEGIC LOCATIONS, HE SAID.

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REMOVAL OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN TSZ WAN SHAN

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GREAT IMPROVEMENT IS EXPECTED IN THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT OF TSZ WAN SHAN WHEN ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AND EXTENSIONS ARE REMOVED FROM THE BACKLANE OF PO KING LANE AND YUK WAH CRESCENT TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

+THIS IS THE SECOND PHASE OF A THREE-PHASE CLEARANCE OPERATION IN TSZ WAN SHAN WHICH IS INITIATED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD AND ITS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WONG TAI SIN CITY DISTRICT OFFICE.

+A PRIVATE CONTRACTOR HAS BEEN HIRED TO DEMOLISH THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES.+

HE EXPLAINED THAT SUFFICIENT NOTICE HAS ALREADY BEEN GIVEN TO THE OWNERS TO MOVE OUT BEFORE THE CLEARANCE.

THE OPERATION HAS BEEN CO-ORDINATED BY THE WONG TAI SIN CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, ASSISTED BY THE URBAN SERVICES AND FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENTS, CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, HIGHWAYS OFFICE AND THE POLICE.

AFTER THE CLEARANCE, THE SURFACE OF THE BACKLANE WILL BE REPAVED BY THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE.

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN NORTH POINT

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THE SECTION OF HEALTHY STREET EAST, NORTH OF JAVA ROAD, WILL BE TURNED INTO A PROHIBITED ZONE FOR ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (APRIL 23) TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW.

ALL SOUTHBOUND VEHICLES FROM THAT SECTION WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN INTO JAVA ROAD.

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LAMMA ISLAND TO HOLD TREE PLANTING DAY
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SOME 100 STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS OF LAMMA ISLAND WILL TAKE PART IN A TREE PLANTING DAY ON FRIDAY (APRIL 23) IN SUPPORT OF THE CURRENT MEI FA PHASE OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN.

THE DISTRICT-WIDE TREE PLANTING DAY, WHICH IS ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND SPONSORED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD, WILL BE HELD AT THE LAMMA SOUTH COMMUNITY CENTRE, SOK KWU WAN, LAMMA ISLAND.

A TOTAL OF 70 ALEURITES MOLUCCANA WILL BE PLANTED DURING THE CEREMONY.

THE EXERCISE IS AIMED AT ENLISTING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HELP MAKE THEIR ENVIRONMENT MORE ATTRACTIVE, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NTSD.

THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR JIMMY SWEETMAN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY AND PLANT A YOUNG TREE TO HIGHLIGHT THE EVENT.

ALSO TAKING PART IN THE TREE PLANTING ACTIVITIES WILL BE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, ISLANDS, MR RICKY FUNG, THE CHAIRMAN OF LAMMA ISLAND (SOUTH) RURAL COMMITTEE, MR CHAU YUK-TONG, AND THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER, ISLANDS, MR LAW TAK-LAU.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE ISLANDS DISTRICT TREE PLANTING DAY TO BE HELD AT THE LAMMA SOUTH COMMUNITY CENTRE, SOK KWU WAN, LAMMA ISLAND, ON FRIDAY (APRIL 23) AT 10.15 AM.

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YAU MA TEI DB TO HOLD SECOND MEETING
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THE RE-ORDERING OF ON-STREET COOKED FOOD STALLS IN YAU MA TEI AND THE FINDINGS OF A SURVEY ON THE LUNCH SITUATION FOR TSIM SHA TSUI WORKERS WILL BE AMONG TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE SECOND MEETING OF THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY (APRIL 23).

DURING THE MEETING DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL CONSIDER A PROPOSAL TO RESITE THE COOKED FOOD STALLS TO A TEMPORARY SITE AT WOOSUNG STREET, AND SUGGESTIONS TO PROVIDE BETTER LUNCH FACILITIES IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

THE BOARD WILL ALSO DISCUSS WAYS TO MAKE GOOD THE LOSS OF INDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES DUE TO THE IMPENDING CLOSURE OF THE INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE AT THE HUNG HOM MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK.

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ON OTHER MATTERS, BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE INFORMED OF THE TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BE INTRODUCED AT AUSTIN ROAD AND THE PROGRESS OF THE TSIM SHA TSUI CULTURAL COMPLEX PROJECT.

PROGRESS REPORTS OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AND THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SECOND MEETING OF THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD TO BE HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE YAU MA TEI CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AT 490-492 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON ON FRIDAY (APRIL 23) AT 3.30 PM.

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NT CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN EXHIBITION

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AN EXHIBITION ON THE WORK OF THE CURRENT CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE MOUNTED AT TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL BETWEEN FRIDAY (APRIL 23) AND MONDAY (APRIL 26).

THE EXHIBITION, ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, IS AIMED AT AROUSING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

THROUGH AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS AT THE EXHIBITION, VISITORS WILL LEARN OF THE EFFORTS SPENT IN CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS TO CLEAR VARIOUS LITTER-RIDDEN BLACKSPOTS IN THE NEW TOWNS, RURAL AREAS, BEACHES AND HEAVILY-POLLUTED RIVER COURSES.

OTHER MATERIALS WILL INCLUDE PICTURES ON MEASURES ADOPTED TO MAKE WELL-WATER SAFE FOR DRINKING, ANTI-MOSQUITO CAMPAIGNS AND COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATION PROJECTS SUCH AS FOOD HYGIENE.

ALSO ON DISPLAY WILL BE THE PRIZE-WINNING AND OUTSTANDING ENTRIES OF THE RURAL CLEANSING DESIGN COMPETITION HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN. THESE WILL INCLUDE MODELS AND SKETCHES OF LITTER BINS, VILLAGE-TYPE PUBLIC TOILETS AND REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS.

ATTRACTIVE AND BRIGHTLY COLOURED MURAL PAINTINGS ON THE THEME OF 'CLEAN HONG KONG' BY A GROUP OF SAI KUNG SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL ALSO BE DISPLAYED.

THE OPENING HOURS OF THE FOUR-DAY EXHIBITION AT THE EXHIBITION GALLERY OF TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL ARE FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM DAILY. ADMISSION IS FREE.

SIMILAR EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD AT THE MAIN HALL OF YUEN LONG TOWN HALL BETWEEN MAY 7 AND 10 UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE TOWN HALL.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD FLYOVER
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SEVERAL TRAFFIC LANES ON PRINCE EDWARD ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 1 AM TO 5 AM ON FRIDAY (APRIL 23) FOR DRAINAGE WORKS.

THEY ARE:

- * THE EASTBOUND TRAFFIC LANE OF THE PRINCE EDWARD ROAD FLYOVER LEADING FROM KOWLOON CITY INTERCHANGE NEAR THE JUNCTION OF ARGYLE STREET AND STIRLING ROAD ONTO PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST NEAR KAI TAK ROAD-
- * THE WESTBOUND TRAFFIC LANE OF THE PRINCE EDWARD ROAD FLYOVER LEADING FROM KOWLOON CITY INTERCHANGE NEAR TAK KU LING ROAD ONTO ARGYLE STREET NEAR STIRLING ROAD- AND
- * THE WESTBOUND TRAFFIC LANE OF THE PRINCE EDWARD ROAD FLYOVER LEADING FROM KOWLOON CITY INTERCHANGE NEAR TAK KU LING ROAD ONTO MA TAU CHUNG ROAD NEAR FU NING STREET.

DURING THE CLOSURE, EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON PRINCE EDWARD ROAD FROM ARGYLE STREET FOR SAN PO KONG, WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ON PRINCE EDWARD ROAD FROM SAN PO KONG FOR ARGYLE STREET AND WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ON PRINCE EDWARD ROAD FROM SAN PO KONG FOR MA TAU CHUNG ROAD CAN PROCEED ON GROUND LEVEL ROADS AS USUAL, AND WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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