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HK TEAM VISITS DAYA BAY SITE

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A TEAM OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS LED BY THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MR PIERS JACOBS, RETURNED TO HONG KONG AFTER A TWO-DAY VISIT TO GUANGDONG WHERE THEY HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH CHINA'S VICE MINISTER FOR WATER RESOURCES AND ELECTRIC POWER, MR PENG SHI LU, ABOUT THE NUCLEAR POWER STATION IN GUANGDONG AND VISITED THE SITE OF THE PROJECT AT DAYA BAY.

THIS WAS THE FIRST CONTACT BETWEEN OFFICIALS OF THE TWO SIDES SINCE THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED ITS WILLINGNESS TO ENDORSE A SUITABLE OFFTAKE AGREEMENT AND SINCE THE FORMATION OF HONG KONG NUCLEAR INVESTMENT COMPANY.

COMMENTING ON THE VISIT, MR JACOBS SAID HE WAS VERY PLEASED TO HAVE MET MR PENG AND HIS TEAM AND THAT THE DISCUSSIONS WERE RELAXED AND FRIENDLY. DURING THE MEETING IT WAS AGREED THAT LIAISON SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY AND THE RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS ON THE CHINESE SIDE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RADIATION MONITORING FACILITIES.

+VICE MINISTER PENG SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THE CONCERN OF HONG KONG PEOPLE ABOUT SAFETY AND REAFFIRMED THAT THE STATION WOULD BE BUILT TO THE HIGHEST INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS,+ HE SAID.

MR JACOBS SAID DISCUSSIONS WOULD CONTINUE BETWEEN CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY AND THE GUANGDONG GENERAL POWER COMPANY AND IT WAS EXPECTED THAT THE JOINT VENTURE COMPANY WHICH WOULD BUILD AND OPERATE THE STATION WOULD BE FORMED EARLY NEXT YEAR.

THE VISIT WAS AT THE INVITATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE GUANGDONG NUCLEAR POWER STATION, MR SHEN JIAN SHENG, WHO CONDUCTED MR JACOBS AND HIS COLLEAGUES ON A TOUR OF THE SITE. MR JACOBS WAS GIVEN A FULL BRIEFING ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE PROJECT, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO THE CHOICE OF THE SITE.

+WE WERE TOLD THAT, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF EXPERTS FROM SEVERAL COUNTRIES, THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES HAD LOOKED AT ABOUT A DOZEN SITES BEFORE DECIDING ON DAYA BAY. THE SITE WAS CHOSEN AS IT IS IN A STABLE ZONE, IS BY DEEP WATER WHICH PROVIDES THE NECESSARY COOLANT AND FACES A MOUNTAIN RANGE OF ABOUT 800 METRES WITH A WIND FACTOR WHICH WILL KEEP EMISSIONS AWAY FROM BOTH SHENZHEN AND HONG KONG,+ MR JACOBS EXPLAINED.

IN ADDITION, THE SITE IS OVER 50 KILOMETRES FROM HONG KONG WHICH IS COMFORTABLY IN EXCESS OF INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE.

+IT IS CLEAR THAT THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES HAVE TAKEN HONG KONG'S INTERESTS VERY MUCH INTO ACCOUNT BEFORE ARRIVING AT THEIR FINAL CHOICE,+ HE SAID.

MR JACOBS EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE TO THE CHINESE OFFICIALS FOR THEIR HOSPITALITY AND FOR DEMONSTRATING THE RESULTS OF THE SEVERAL YEARS OF PREPARATORY WORK WHICH HAD GONE INTO THE PROJECT.

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DISTRICT FESTIVAL WELL RECEIVED
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A HIGH STANDARD OF COMMUNITY SPIRIT WAS SHOWN BY THE 60 000 PARTICIPANTS AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS TAKING PART IN THIS YEAR'S WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FESTIVAL'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR ALBERT LI SAID THIS (SUNDAY) EVENING.

+MOST OF THE ACTIVITIES WERE WELL RECEIVED BY THE RESIDENTS AND THIS HAS CERTAINLY HELPED TO PUT ACROSS THE THEME OF THE FESTIVAL -- 'WONG TAI SIN IS MY HOME' -- TO EVERYONE,+ HE SAID.

+THIS IN TURN WILL FURTHER CONSOLIDATE THE DISTRICT IDENTITY BROUGHT ALONG BY THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME.+

MR LI WAS SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING OF THE TWO-MONTH FESTIVAL HELD AT THE LOK SIN TONG WONG CHUNG MING SECONDARY SCHOOL.

THIRTY-THREE ACTIVITIES, FEATURING A BALANCED MIXTURE OF PERFORMANCES BY OVERSEAS AND LOCAL ARTISTS, WERE ORGANISED DURING THE FESTIVAL TO CATER FOR EVERY SECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY.

SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED PERFORMANCES BY THE HONG KONG CHINESE ORCHESTRA, THE HONG KONG DANCE COMPANY, THE WONG TAI SIN CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND THE CHOR FUNG MING OPERA TROUPE, A PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION BY THE RENOWNED PHOTOGRAPHER MR WATER POON, AND PERFORMANCES BY VISITING GROUPS.

THERE WERE ALSO VISITS AND ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES SPECIALLY ARRANGED FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE.

MOST OF THE ACTIVITIES WERE PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE OR AT NOMINAL ADMISSION FEES.

THE FESTIVAL WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL, THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS COUNCIL, THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

TONIGHT'S CLOSING CEREMONY INCLUDED A TWO-HOUR ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME FEATURING A SYMPHONIC BAND PERFORMANCE, A CHILDREN'S BALLET SHOW, MODERN DANCE AND SINGING BY TV ARTISTES AND WINNERS OF THE FESTIVAL'S SINGING CONTESTS.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PHILIP CHOK, AND THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR, MR CLIVE OXLEY, PRESENTED PRIZES TO WINNERS OF COMPETITIONS HELD DURING THE FESTIVAL.

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COMPULSORY INSURANCE NOTICES AVAILABLE
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WHEN THE LEGISLATION ON COMPULSORY INSURANCE FOR EMPLOYEES INJURED OR KILLED AT WORK COMES INTO OPERATION ON JANUARY 1, AN EMPLOYER MUST DISPLAY AT A CONSPICUOUS PLACE ON HIS PREMISES A NOTICE, IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, GIVING DETAILS OF HIS INSURANCE POLICY.

COPIES OF SUCH NOTICE ARE NOW AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE FROM OFFICES OF THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (SUNDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT REITERATED THAT THE NOTICE SHOULD CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- * THE NAME OF THE EMPLOYER;
- * THE NAME OF THE INSURER;
- * THE POLICY NUMBER;
- * THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES INSURED; AND
- * THE EXTENT OF THE LIABILITY INSURED.

THE PENALTY FOR FAILING TO PUT UP THE NOTICE IS \$10 000, HE SAID.

THIS NOTICE REQUIREMENT, HOWEVER, DOES NOT APPLY TO HOUSEHOLDS EMPLOYING DOMESTIC SERVANTS.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE REQUIRES AN EMPLOYER TO BE INSURED IN RESPECT OF ALL HIS EMPLOYEES FOR THE FULL AMOUNT OF HIS LIABILITIES FOR BOTH COMPENSATION UNDER THE ORDINANCE AND COMMON LAW DAMAGES FOR INJURIES AND DEATH AS A RESULT OF AN ACCIDENT AT WORK.

EMPLOYERS MUST BEAR THE FULL COST OF THEIR INSURANCE POLICIES AND ARE NOT ALLOWED TO DEDUCT THE COST FROM THE EARNINGS OF THEIR EMPLOYEES.

+THE PURPOSE OF REQUIRING AN EMPLOYER TO TAKE OUT AN INSURANCE POLICY IS TO ENSURE THAT AN EMPLOYEE WHO IS INJURED OR KILLED AT WORK WOULD OBTAIN COMPENSATION TO WHICH HE IS ENTITLED UNDER THE ORDINANCE.

+AN EMPLOYER WHO EMPLOYS ANYONE WITHOUT AN INSURANCE POLICY AFTER JANUARY 1, NEXT YEAR, COMMITS AN OFFENCE AND IS LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF \$50 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR TWO YEARS, + THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED.

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UNDER THE ORDINANCE, OFFICERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT ARE EMPOWERED TO ENTER AND INSPECT PREMISES, OTHER THAN DOMESTIC PREMISES, TO TAKE COPIES OF RECORDS, AND TO REQUIRE INFORMATION TO BE GIVEN, FOR ENSURING THAT EMPLOYERS HAVE TAKEN OUT AN INSURANCE POLICY AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

EMPLOYERS ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO PRODUCE FOR INSPECTION THE POLICY OF INSURANCE AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THEIR EMPLOYEES ON RECEIVING A WRITTEN NOTICE FROM THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID A LEAFLET ON THE PROVISIONS OF COMPULSORY INSURANCE, TOGETHER WITH THE NOTICE OF INSURANCE, ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES OF THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION DIVISION:

HONG KONG ISLAND

7TH FLOOR, HENNESSY CENTRE, 500 HENNESSY ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY-

KOWLOON

9TH FLOOR, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 395 CANTON ROAD, YAU MA TI; AND 100 TUNG FU STREET, 3RD FLOOR, YEU HAN BUILDING, KWUN TONG;

NEW TERRITORIES

EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 1ST FLOOR, TEXACO ROAD, TSUEN WAN- AND 167-173 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, 2ND FLOOR, CHEUNG YIU BUILDING, TSUEN WAN.

HE ADVISED EMPLOYERS TO CONSULT THEIR INSURERS OR GET IN TOUCH WITH THE DIVISION BY TELEPHONE 5-7955920, 3-688466 OR 0-4677776 IF THEY HAVE ENQUIRIES ABOUT THEIR INSURANCE POLICIES.

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FOOTBRIDGE SYSTEM TO BE BUILT IN KWAI CHUNG

CONSTRUCTION WORK WILL START IN FEBRUARY ON A FOOTBRIDGE SYSTEM OVER WO YI HOP ROAD AT ITS JUNCTION WITH CHEUNG WING ROAD IN KWAI CHUNG.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT SAID THE SYSTEM WOULD NOT ONLY PROVIDE A SAFE MEANS OF CROSSING WO YI HOP ROAD BUT WOULD ALSO BE LINKED WITH A SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION NEAR THE JUNCTION OF THE TWO ROADS.

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THE FOOTBRIDGE WOULD BE COVERED TO GIVE PROTECTION AGAINST THE WEATHER, HE ADDED.

UNDER THE PROJECT, THE ROAD JUNCTION WILL BE LANDSCAPED AND MODIFIED.

TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE WORK WHICH WILL TAKE ABOUT A YEAR TO COMPLETE.

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ADDICTS URGED TO TAKE METHADONE TREATMENT

DRUG ADDICTS ARE URGED TO MAKE USE OF THE METHADONE TREATMENT WITH THE ULTIMATE AIM OF GETTING RID OF THE ADDICTION HABIT.

THE APPEAL WAS MADE TODAY (SUNDAY) BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, MR WONG SIK-KONG, AT A ROUND-THE-DISTRICT WALK ORGANISED TO PUBLICISE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGES.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THREE OF THE TERRITORY'S 24 METHADONE CLINICS ARE LOCATED IN KOWLOON CITY.

A DAILY AVERAGE OF 333 PEOPLE SOUGHT METHADONE TREATMENT FROM THE THREE CLINICS LAST MONTH, REPRESENTING ABOUT 70 PER CENT OF THE 482 REGISTERED PATIENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

+THESE PEOPLE SHOULD KEEP UP THEIR FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS TO CREATE FOR THEMSELVES A BETTER AND HAPPIER FUTURE,+ HE SAID.

ABOUT 550 RESIDENTS WEARING TRACK SHIRTS WITH ANTI-NARCOTICS MESSAGES JOINED TODAY'S PARADE AS PART OF A TWO-WEEK KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN WHICH BEGAN ON DECEMBER 3.

THE PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES FROM 30 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, BEGAN THE 4 000-METRE WALK FROM SUNG WONG TOI PLAYGROUND VIA TAM KUNG ROAD, MOK CHEONG STREET, TO KWA WAN ROAD, MA TAU WAI ROAD, WUHU STREET, YAN FUNG STREET, VALLEY ROAD ESTATE AND CHUNG HAU STREET TO OI MAN ESTATE.

THE EVENT WAS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS COUNCIL, AND RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE.

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STUDY TOUR FOR SOUTHERN DB MEMBERS
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SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL NEXT WEEK BE ABLE TO SEE DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF JAPAN'S ELECTORAL SYSTEM AND COMPARE THEM WITH THE ELECTIONS OF THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARDS.

LED BY THE CHAIRMAN, MR K.C. KWONG, FIVE OFFICIAL AND NINE UNOFFICIAL BOARD MEMBERS LEFT FOR JAPAN THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON FOR A ONE-WEEK STUDY TOUR.

THE VISITING PERIOD FALLS JUST BEFORE JAPAN'S PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS WHICH WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 18.

THE PARTY WILL SPEND THE FIRST THREE DAYS IN OSAKA WHERE THEY WILL VISIT AN ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION MONITORING CENTRE AND BE BRIEFED ON VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND PROTECTION MEASURES.

THEY WILL ALSO VISIT THE FERNI NEW TOWN, ADJACENT TO OSAKA, TO SEE HOW A BALANCED TOWNSHIP IS PLANNED, DEVELOPED AND MANAGED, AND HOW PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH DEVELOPMENTS ARE DEALT WITH.

AT HYOGO PREFECTURE, MEMBERS WILL VISIT THE PREFECTORAL OFFICE AND THE HYOGO ASSEMBLY AND BE BRIEFED ON THE MACHINERY OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT, THEIR ELECTORAL SYSTEM, COMMUNITY BUILDING EFFORTS, COLLECTION OF PUBLIC OPINION AND DISSEMINATION OF GOVERNMENT INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC, RUNNING OF VOLUNTARY SERVICES, AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT MEASURES.

THEY WILL ALSO TOUR KOBE AND HIMIE TO SEE THE MANAGEMENT OF THE TWO CITIES.

+THE TOUR WILL PROVIDE BOARD MEMBERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BROADEN THEIR OUTLOOK AND ENRICH THEIR KNOWLEDGE ON HOW THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTORAL SYSTEM IN OTHER COUNTRIES WORK,+ MR K.C. KWONG SAID.

+IT WILL ALSO ENABLE MEMBERS TO OBSERVE, LEARN AND COMPARE HOW PROBLEMS OF A COMMUNITY ARE TACKLED,+ HE ADDED.

THE PARTY WILL RETURN ON DECEMBER 17.

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PROJECT COMPETITION ON COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS
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STUDENTS TAKING COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS ARE BEING INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A PROJECT COMPETITION FEATURING 'BUSINESS ACTIVITIES IN HONG KONG'.

THE COMPETITION, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CHINESE GOLD AND SILVER EXCHANGE SOCIETY AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AIMS AT AROUSING THE INTEREST OF SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN VARIOUS BUSINESS ACTIVITIES IN HONG KONG.

THERE WILL BE TWO DIVISIONS FOR THE COMPETITION.

DIVISION 'A' WILL BE FOR F.4 AND 5 STUDENTS TAKING ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS : COMMERCE, PRINCIPLES OF ACCOUNTS, SHORTHAND AND TYPEWRITING.

DIVISION 'B' WILL BE FOR STUDENTS TAKING BUSINESS STUDIES AND/OR PRINCIPLES OF ACCOUNTS AT F.6, M.6 AND F.7 LEVELS.

PARTICIPANTS MAY CHOOSE ANY TYPE OF BUSINESS ACTIVITIES IN HONG KONG -- PRIMARY AND MANUFACTURING PRODUCTION, COMMERCIAL SERVICES OR DIRECT SERVICES.

THE PROJECT MAY BE PRESENTED IN ENGLISH OR CHINESE IN THE FORM OF ESSAY, SLIDES, SOUND TAPES, MODELS, PHOTOGRAPHS, DRAWINGS OR A COMBINATION OF THESE METHODS OR ANY OTHER METHODS WHICH MAY BE APPROVED BY THE ORGANISERS.

THE PROJECT MAY BE DONE BY ONE STUDENT OR A GROUP OF STUDENTS FROM ONE OR DIFFERENT SCHOOLS.

ALL ENTRIES MUST BEAR THE NAME AND THE CLASS OF THE PARTICIPANTS AS WELL AS THE NAME OF THEIR SCHOOL.

ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED BY A PANEL OF ADJUDICATORS ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA : EVIDENCE OF CAREFUL AND RELEVANT RESEARCH AND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PRESENTATION METHOD.

THE WINNER WILL BE AWARDED \$1 000, WHILE THE FIRST AND SECOND RUNNERS-UP WILL BE GIVEN \$500 AND \$300 RESPECTIVELY.

MERIT PRIZES OF \$200 EACH WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED FOR OUTSTANDING SUBMISSIONS.

IN ADDITION, ALL PRIZE-WINNERS WILL RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE OF MERIT.

PARTICIPANTS SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR ENTRY FORMS TO THE COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS SECTION, ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY BY MARCH 15, 1984 AND THEIR ENTRIES SHOULD REACH THE SECTION BEFORE MAY 1.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT THE SECTION ON 5-8392434.

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NEW MARKET FOR YUEN LONG READY SOON
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THE FIRST PERMANENT PUBLIC MARKET IN YUEN LONG IS BEING GIVEN FINISHING TOUCHES AND WILL SOON BE OPENED.

THE TAI KIU MARKET IS LOCATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF A 15-STOREY GOVERNMENT OFFICES COMPLEX AT SAU FU STREET IN THE HEART OF THE NEW TOWN.

THE \$60-MILLION COMPLEX WAS DESIGNED AND BUILT BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

ON COMPLETION, THE MARKET FACILITIES ON THE GROUND FLOOR, TWO SQUASH COURTS ON THE MEZZANINE FLOOR, AND AN OPEN SPACE WITH FLOWER BEDS, ARBOURS, TENNIS TABLES AND TWO BADMINTON COURTS ON THE FIRST FLOOR WILL BE HANDED OVER TO THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR MANAGEMENT.

THE MARKET WITH A FLOOR AREA OF 4 300 SQUARE METRES WILL PROVIDE NEAT PREMISES FOR SOME 420 STALLS COVERING A WIDE RANGE OF TRADES.

BESIDES EIGHT ENTRANCES, THE MARKET HAS THREE RAMPS FOR HANDICAPPED SHOPPERS IN WHEELCHAIRS.

THE MARKET WILL TAKE IN ALL TRADERS NOW OPERATING IN PAU CHEUNG STREET TEMPORARY MARKET AND HAWKER BAZAAR.

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BOARD MEMBERS TO DISCUSS 'ERPS'
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ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON THE PROPOSED ELECTRONIC ROAD PRICING SYSTEM AT THEIR MEETING ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 13).

AT THE MEETING, THEY WILL ALSO REVIEW THE +MEET-THE-PUBLIC+ SCHEME ON CHEUNG CHAU.

A TOTAL OF 32 CASES HAS BEEN HANDLED BY UNOFFICIAL BOARD MEMBERS SINCE THE SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED IN JULY THIS YEAR.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE OUTLINE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR CHEUNG CHAU, AS WELL AS THE LAYOUT PLANS FOR THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN PARTS OF THE ISLAND.

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OTHER TOPICS ON THE AGENDA WILL INCLUDE THE NAMING OF A ROAD AT NGONG PING ON LANTAU, THE QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORTS OF THE BOARD'S COMMITTEES, AND THE ALLOCATION OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR A NUMBER OF RECREATION AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 2 PM ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 13) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE 16TH FLOOR OF SINCERE BUILDING, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.

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DEADLINE FOR CHRISTMAS POSTINGS
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THE LATEST DATE FOR POSTING CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR LOCAL DELIVERY BEFORE CHRISTMAS IS DECEMBER 21 (WEDNESDAY), THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY).

POSTINGS AFTER THIS DATE CANNOT BE GUARANTEED DELIVERY BEFORE CHRISTMAS, AND THE PUBLIC ARE URGED TO SEND THEIR CARDS EARLY TO AVOID LAST-MINUTE RUSH.

THERE WILL BE DELIVERIES OF LETTERS AND PARCELS ON DECEMBER 18 (SUNDAY) AND 26 AND JANUARY 2. BUT THERE WILL BE NO DELIVERY ON DECEMBER 25 AND 27 AND ON NEW YEAR'S DAY.

ALL POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE HOLIDAYS EXCEPT ON DECEMBER 26 AND JANUARY 2 WHEN 36 OFFICES WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO NOON.

THESE 36 OFFICES INCLUDE THE GENERAL POST OFFICE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON CENTRAL AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICES AND TSUEN WAN AND TAI PO POST OFFICES.

DETAILS OF POST OFFICES WHICH WILL BE OPEN DURING THE HOLIDAY PERIOD CAN BE OBTAINED FROM INDIVIDUAL POST OFFICES OR FROM THE POST OFFICE ENQUIRY BUREAU ON 5-2671222.

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POPULAR SPORTS CENTRE OPEN AGAIN
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THE CITY LIONS SPORTS CENTRE IN HAPPY VALLEY -- OPERATED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT -- IS THE MOST POPULAR CENTRE OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG.

THIS WAS SAID THIS (SUNDAY) MORNING BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR PATRICK WILLIAMSON DURING A CEREMONY TO MARK THE RE-OPENING OF THE CENTRE NOW HOUSED UNDER THE NORTH STAND OF THE HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB'S STADIUM.

THE SPORTS-AND-FITNESS CENTRE WAS PREVIOUSLY LOCATED UNDER THE STADIUM'S SOUTH STAND WHICH WAS DEMOLISHED RECENTLY FOR REDEVELOPMENT.

ALSO TAKING PART IN THE CEREMONY WERE THE WIFE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FOOTBALL CLUB, MRS EVE DUNCAN AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY LIONS CLUB, DR H.W. FUNG.

MR WILLIAMSON SAID THAT FROM MARCH 1981 TO AUGUST 1983, BEFORE THE SOUTH STAND WAS DEMOLISHED, THE CENTRE ENROLLED 34 833 PARTICIPANTS WHO TOOK PART IN A VARIETY OF COURSES WITH A TOTAL SESSIONAL ATTENDANCE RECORD OF 227 928.

+THESE FIGURES SHOW THAT, IN SPITE OF THE SIZE OF THE CENTRE, IT IS BEYOND DISPUTE THE MOST POPULAR CENTRE OF ITS KIND THROUGHOUT HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

NOR DID ENTHUSIASM WANE DURING THE SHORT PERIOD WHEN ACTIVITIES HAD TO BE SUSPENDED PENDING THIS PRESENT MOVE TO THE NORTH STAND, HE SAID.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FITTING OUT WORK HAD BEEN COMPLETED, OLD AND NEW PARTICIPANTS FLOODED BACK TO THE CENTRE, HE POINTED OUT.

+IN NOVEMBER, WE RECORDED AN ALL-TIME HIGH FIGURE OF 4 155 PARTICIPANTS WHOSE SESSIONAL ATTENDANCE REACHED 10 202.

+THIS INDEED IS A FORMIDABLE FITNESS WORKSHOP CHURNING OUT FIT CITIZENS AT MASS PRODUCTION RATES.+

MR WILLIAMSON ALSO THANKED THE FOOTBALL CLUB FOR SUGGESTING TO THE DEPARTMENT TO UTILISE THE SPACE UNDER THE SOUTH STAND AT THE END OF 1980 WHEN ITS PREVIOUS OCCUPANTS, THE HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION, MOVED OUT.

HE THANKED THE CITY LIONS CLUB AS WELL FOR ITS GENEROUS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND FOR DESIGNING THE INTERIOR OF THE CENTRE.

MR WILLIAMSON SAID TWO MORE LARGER CENTRES WILL COME INTO OPERATION EARLY NEXT YEAR.

THEY ARE THE NEW TO KWA WAN SPORTS CENTRE, WHICH WILL REPLACE THE FORMER HUNG HOM CAR PARK SPORTS CENTRE, AND THE CHEUNG WAH ESTATE SPORTS CENTRE IN FANLING.

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SOCCER PITCHES FOR TSING YI

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THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$2 MILLION CONTRACT FOR BUILDING AN OPEN SPACE WITH TWO MINI-SOCCER PITCHES ON TSING YI ISLAND.

THE OPEN SPACE, MEASURING ABOUT 4 800 SQUARE METRES, WILL BE BUILT ON THE DECK OF TSING YI EAST SERVICE RESERVOIR NEAR CHING HONG ROAD.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL TAKE 10 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

BESIDES THE SOCCER PITCHES, THERE WILL BE EIGHT SPECTATOR STANDS AND NINE OVERHANGING FLOODLIGHTS.

OTHER FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE AN OFFICE, A STORE ROOM, A CHANGING ROOM AND A TOILET.

THE OPEN SPACE HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND WILL BE BUILT BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE.

IT WILL BE MANAGED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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SLIP ROAD TO BE CLOSED

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FROM 0.01 AM TO 5 AM ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 13), THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM GARDEN ROAD NORTHBOUND TO COTTON TREE DRIVE NEAR HELENA MAY INSTITUTE WILL BE CLOSED FOR ROAD WORKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE SLIP ROAD OUTSIDE MURRAY BUILDING.

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