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RIGHT ENVIRONMENT FOR SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS PROVIDED - FS

THE GOVERNMENT HAS ACHIEVED ITS AIM TO PROVIDE THE RIGHT ENVIRONMENT FOR SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS OPERATIONS, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 13TH GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE EAST ASIAN INSURANCE CONGRESS, MR JACOBS SAID THAT OVER THE YEARS HONG KONG HAD SEEN THE GROWTH OF A COMMERCIAL AND COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE LENDING ITSELF READILY TO A WIDE VARIETY OF BUSINESS OPERATIONS.

+THE CORPORATE TAX RATE IS ONLY 18.5 PER CENT AND THERE IS NO GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE IN THE FLOW OF CAPITAL.

+OUR COMMERCIAL LAWS AND LEGAL SYSTEMS ARE BY AND LARGE MODELLED UPON THOSE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM MODIFIED AS NECESSARY TO SUIT OUR OWN CIRCUMSTANCES.

+WE HAVE IN HONG KONG MANY CREATIVE AND ENTERPRISING BUSINESSMEN AND A HARDWORKING LABOUR FORCE,+ HE SAID.

MR JACOBS SAID HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT HAD ENJOYED AN AVERAGE ANNUAL GROWTH RATE OF NINE PER CENT OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS AND IN PER CAPITA TERMS THE GROWTH RATE WAS 6.7 PER CENT.

+BY ANY STANDARDS THIS RECORD IS RESPECTABLE,+ HE SAID, ADDING THAT WHILE THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR HAD GROWN RAPIDLY OVER THIS PERIOD, THE SERVICES SECTORS GENERALLY AND THE FINANCIAL SECTOR IN PARTICULAR HAVE EXPANDED EVEN FASTER.

+ALSO, RE-EXPORTS OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE ANNUAL RATE OF 20 PER CENT IN REAL TERMS, OFTEN REFLECTING THE CHINA TRADE,+ HE SAID.

+ALL THIS ACTIVITY HAS GENERATED A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF BUSINESS FOR THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY,+ HE ADDED.

MR JACOBS SAID HONG KONG, BEING A MAJOR WORLD FINANCIAL AND FREE TRADE CENTRE, HAD BECOME A NATURAL BASE FOR A LARGE VOLUME OF INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE BUSINESS AND ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT INSURANCE CENTRES IN EAST ASIA.

+LOOKING AHEAD, I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT CHINA'S MODERNISATION PROGRAMMES AND OPEN-DOOR POLICY, AND THE CONTINUED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE PACIFIC BASIN, WILL GENERATE FURTHER BUSINESS.

+HONG KONG WITH ITS PROXIMITY TO CHINA AND ITS POSITION IN THE EAST ASIAN REGION WILL STAND TO BENEFIT,+ HE SAID.

MR JACOBS SAID HONG KONG CHERISHED ITS INTERNATIONAL LINKS AND WORKED HARD TO MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONSHIPS.

+HONG KONG'S FUTURE ROLE IN WORLD INSURANCE CAN ONLY GAIN IN IMPORTANCE AND RECOGNITION AS HONG KONG CONTINUES TO PROSPER,+ HE SAID.

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CO-ORDINATED TRANSPORT NETWORK THE AIM
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HONG KONG'S PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEM IS BASICALLY HEALTHY AND NO RADICAL CHANGES TO ITS REGULATIONS AND CONTROL ARE NECESSARY, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR DAVID LAN, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT A LUNCH MEETING OF THE VICTORIA ROTARIANS, MR LAN SAID THIS WAS THE CONCLUSION REACHED IN A RECENT REVIEW OF THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY RELATING TO THE PROVISION AND CO-ORDINATION OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT PROVIDED BY THE MAJOR OPERATORS.

+THE REVIEW CONFIRMS THE NEED TO CONTINUE THE CURRENT POLICY OF PROVIDING A CO-ORDINATED NETWORK OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES,+ HE SAID.

MR LAN SAID THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY COULD PERHAPS BE BEST SUMMARISED IN THE FORM OF GENERAL OBJECTIVES:

- * TO MAINTAIN A BALANCED PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEM, AND IN PARTICULAR A RANGE AND THEREFORE CHOICE OF SERVICES;
- * TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A GEOGRAPHICALLY COMPREHENSIVE AND ECONOMICALLY EFFECTIVE NETWORK;
- * TO ENCOURAGE THE USE OF OFF-STREET MODES OF TRANSPORT;
- * TO PRESERVE THE FERRY SYSTEM AS FAR AS IS COMMERCIALY POSSIBLE AND SOCIALLY NECESSARY;
- * TO CONTINUE TO HAVE PUBLIC TRANSPORT PROVIDED BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR OR BY PUBLIC CORPORATIONS WORKING ON COMMERCIAL LINES;
- * TO HAVE THE MINIMUM LEVEL OF BUREAUCRATIC INTERVENTION COMPATIBLE WITH THE POLICY OBJECTIVES AND TO AVOID PAYING DIRECT SUBSIDIES;
- * TO AVOID UNNECESSARY CHANGE, AND
- * TO KEEP THE TRAVELLING COST TO THE PUBLIC AS LOW AS POSSIBLE AND TO GIVE DUE WEIGHT TO CONSUMER CONVENIENCE, CONSISTENT WITH OTHER OBJECTIVES.

MR LAN SAID THAT IN ORDER TO MEET THESE OBJECTIVES, IT WAS NECESSARY IN PARTICULAR TO MAXIMISE THE ECONOMIES OF SCALE OF THE RAILWAYS.

+THIS MEANS THAT ON RAILWAY CORRIDORS WHERE OVERALL PUBLIC TRANSPORT CAPACITY IS ADEQUATE, NEW BUS ROUTES WILL CONTINUE TO BE DISCOURAGED IF THEY PARALLEL A RAILWAY CORRIDOR FOR A SUBSTANTIAL PART OF THEIR LENGTH, OR IF THE PARALLEL ROAD CORRIDORS ARE ALREADY CONGESTED,+ HE SAID.

/+THE OPERATION

+THE OPERATION OF RAILWAY AND FERRY FEEDER SERVICES WILL BE ENCOURAGED WHERE THESE ARE ECONOMICALLY USEFUL, AND WHEREVER POSSIBLE THROUGH CLOSER WORKING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE BUS, FERRY AND RAIL OPERATORS,+ HE ADDED.

IN ADDITION, HE SAID, THERE SHOULD BE A RATIONALISATION OF HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY'S FRANCHISED FERRY SERVICES, PARTICULARLY TO REFLECT PATRONAGE DECLINES ON SOME OF ITS CROSS-HARBOUR ROUTES CAUSED BY INCREASED COMPETITION, AND THUS TO ENSURE THAT FARE LEVELS ON REMAINING CROSS-HARBOUR SERVICES AND THOSE TO THE OUTLYING ISLANDS CAN BE MAINTAINED AT A REASONABLE LEVEL.

MR LAN STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY HAD BEEN TO DO ITS BEST TO PROVIDE THE TRANSPORT TO MEET THE DEMAND AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE.

+THE BASIC PHILOSOPHY HAS BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE THAT THE OPERATION OF THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEM SHOULD BE BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR OR BY PUBLIC CORPORATIONS WORKING ON COMMERCIAL LINES, WITH THE GOVERNMENT PROVIDING A STATUTORY FRAMEWORK, REGULATION AND A DEGREE OF CO-ORDINATION BETWEEN DIFFERENT MODES,+ HE SAID.

+THE FUTURE EFFICIENCY OF TRANSPORT IN HONG KONG MUST LIE IN THE CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN ITS VARIOUS FORMS SO AS TO MEET THE FULL RANGE OF DEMANDS OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

+IT IS IN THIS DIRECTION THAT WE WILL CONTINUE, IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND TO MAINTAIN THE EFFICIENT MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE SO NECESSARY TO THE MAINTENANCE OF PROSPERITY IN HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

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GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL TO OBSERVE NUCLEAR CONFERENCE
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A SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL LEFT HONG KONG TONIGHT (MONDAY) TO ATTEND THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY (IAEA) GENERAL CONFERENCE IN VIENNA BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 24 AND 26.

PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (ECONOMIC SERVICES), MRS EMMELINE MOK, WILL ATTEND THE SPECIAL SESSION, HELD AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL TO DISCUSS GENERAL QUESTIONS OF NUCLEAR SAFETY, AS AN OBSERVER ATTACHED TO THE UNITED KINGDOM DELEGATION TO THE CONFERENCE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IN THE LIGHT OF THE GREAT INTEREST IN HONG KONG IN NUCLEAR SAFETY SINCE THE CHERNOBYL INCIDENT, AND OF THE IMPENDING CONTRACT SIGNING FOR THE DAYA BAY PROJECT, MRS MOK'S ATTENDANCE WILL PROVE USEFUL AND PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH CONTACTS WITH THE IAEA SECRETARIAT AND LEARN MORE ABOUT IAEA'S ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR SAFETY MATTER.

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BOARD AGREES TO EXTEND SCOPE OF FUND
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THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD MET TODAY (MONDAY) TO FURTHER CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE PROTECTION OF WAGES ON INSOLVENCY ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE SCOPE OF THE INSOLVENCY FUND TO COVER WAGES IN LIEU OF NOTICE.

AT THE MEETING, CHAIRED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND, BOARD MEMBERS EXAMINED SEVERAL OPTIONS AND STUDIED IN GREATER DETAIL THE STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF WAGE CLAIMS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE SO FAR AND THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSAL.

USEFUL VIEWS WERE EXCHANGED ON THE PROS AND CONS OF THE ISSUE. THE MAJORITY OF MEMBERS AGREED THAT THE FUND SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO COVER WAGES IN LIEU OF NOTICE, BUT NO CONSENSUS WAS REACHED AS TO HOW FAR THIS COVERAGE SHOULD BE EXTENDED.

DURING THE MEETING, MEMBERS AGREED TO ASK THE GOVERNMENT TO WAIVE THE SUPERVISION FEE CHARGED TO THE FUND BOARD.

THE ADVICE GIVEN BY MEMBERS WILL BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BY THE GOVERNMENT IN GIVING FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO THE MATTER.

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CALL TO REPORT DOG BITES WITHOUT DELAY

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ANY DOG BITING INCIDENT SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE NEAREST POLICE STATION WITHOUT DELAY AND THE ANIMAL TAKEN TO ANY ONE OF THE FOUR KENNELS OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT FOR OBSERVATION.

SENIOR VETERINARY OFFICER OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, DR NORMAN CHENG, GAVE THE ADVICE TODAY (MONDAY) FOLLOWING A RECENT SUSPECTED RABIES CASE.

DR CHENG SAID REPORTING SUCH INCIDENTS WAS NOT ONLY A LEGAL REQUIREMENT BUT WAS ALSO IN THE INTEREST OF THE PERSON AFFECTED AND THE PUBLIC.

HE SAID PROMPT REPORTING WOULD ENABLE EARLY DETECTION AND DIAGNOSIS OF THE DISEASE, AND REMEDIAL MEASURES OR TREATMENT COULD BE INTRODUCED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

DR CHENG ADDED THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD CARRIED OUT INTENSIVE STRAY SWEEPING OPERATIONS IN FANLING AND NEIGHBOURING AREAS OVER THE WEEKEND, RESULTING IN EIGHT STRAY DOGS BEING CAUGHT.

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+THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN CARRYING OUT STRINGENT MEASURES AND SINCE AUGUST, 465 DOGS IN THESE AREAS HAVE BEEN INOCULATED AGAINST RABIES AND 124 STRAY DOGS ROUNDED UP,+ HE SAID.

DR CHENG URGED DOG OWNERS TO HAVE THEIR ANIMALS INOCULATED AND TO KEEP THEIR PETS UNDER PROPER CONTROL.

+INOCULATION AGAINST RABIES AND CONTROL OF STRAYS ARE DESIGNED TO PREVENT AN OUTBREAK OF THE DISEASE.

+ANY PERSON WHO KEEPS A DOG OVER FIVE MONTHS' OLD WHICH IS NOT INOCULATED AGAINST RABIES, OR WHO LETS HIS DOG STRAY, IS LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$5 000 AND TO SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT,+ HE SAID.

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ON LOK TSUEN OFFERS SCOPE FOR INDUSTRY

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NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG, TODAY (MONDAY) URGED INDUSTRIALISTS TO GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AT ON LOK TSUEN BY BIDDING FOR TWO SITES TO BE AUCTIONED ON FRIDAY.

THE SITES, COVERING 1 096 AND 2 029 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY AND WITH A PLOT RATIO RANGING FROM THREE TO FIVE, ARE THE FIRST INDUSTRIAL LOTS TO BE SOLD IN THE FANLING-SHEUNG SHUI NEW TOWN.

SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE NT NORTH DISTRICT MANUFACTURER'S ASSOCIATION, MR CHEUNG SAID THE ON LOK TSUEN INDUSTRIAL AREA IN PARTICULAR AND NORTH DISTRICT IN GENERAL HAD GREAT POTENTIAL FOR DEVELOPMENT.

THE GOVERNMENT HAD EARMARKED \$137 MILLION FOR THE BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE OF ROADS AND DRAINAGE IN ON LOK TSUEN AND SO FAR \$95 MILLION HAD BEEN SPENT, HE SAID.

+NO DOUBT NOW IS THE TIME FOR INDUSTRIALISTS TO MAKE THEIR INVESTMENT,+ HE SAID.

MR CHEUNG CITED AN ABUNDANT SUPPLY OF WORKERS AS ONE OF SEVERAL FACTORS IN ON LOK TSUEN'S FAVOUR.

WITH THE COMPLETION OF NEW HOUSING ESTATES AND OTHER, PRIVATE DEVELOPMENTS, THE POPULATION OF THE DISTRICT WOULD RISE FROM THE PRESENT 175 000 TO 250 000 BY 1995, HE SAID.

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QUOTING A RECENT SURVEY OF THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SITUATION CONDUCTED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD, MR CHEUNG SAID THAT NORTH DISTRICT NEEDED TO PROVIDE MORE JOB OPPORTUNITIES.

+OF THE TOTAL WORKING POPULATION, 75.5 PER CENT HAD JOBS OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT. HOWEVER, THE MAJORITY HAD INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD RATHER WORK INSIDE THE DISTRICT IF SUFFICIENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES EXISTED, THUS MINIMISING THEIR TRAVELLING TIME AND EXPENSES,+ HE SAID.

MR CHEUNG POINTED OUT THAT GIVEN ITS CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE SHENZHEN SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE, NORTH DISTRICT WAS ALSO WELL PLACED FOR DEVELOPING TRADE WITH CHINA.

+CROSS BORDER LINK WILL BE FURTHER IMPROVED WHEN THE \$42-MILLION EXTENSION WORK PROJECT ON MAN KAM TO ROAD IS COMPLETED NEXT SEPTEMBER,+ HE SAID.

+THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD WOULD ALSO PROVIDE BETTER ROAD CONNECTION BETWEEN ON LOK TSUEN WITH OTHER PARTS OF THE TERRITORY, ESPECIALLY THE AIRPORT AND THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINAL,+ HE ADDED.

MR CHEUNG COMMENDED THE ASSOCIATION FOR ITS WORK AND WISHED IT EVERY SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.

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DB MEMBERS TO SEE SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES

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TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL VISIT VARIOUS SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO LEARN ABOUT THE TREATMENT OF EFFLUENTS DISCHARGED INTO THE TUEN MUN NULLAH, AND THE PROGRESS MADE IN TACKLING ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION.

THEY WILL VISIT THE PAK KOK PUMPING STATION NEAR MELODY GARDEN, THE PILLAR POINT SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT NEAR SIU LANG SHUI AND THE PUMPING STATION ADJACENT TO SIU HONG COURT.

MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED BY OFFICERS OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ON THE DESIGN AND FUNCTION OF THESE FACILITIES AND EXISTING MEASURES TO REDUCE POLLUTION.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE VISIT TOMORROW BY TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS TO SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES. THOSE INTERESTED SHOULD ASSEMBLE BY 10 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON THE THIRD FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 1 TUEN HI ROAD. TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED TO TAKE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO THE VARIOUS SPOTS.

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HO MAN TIN POLICE STATION TO BE IMPROVED

FACILITIES AT HO MAN TIN POLICE STATION IN PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD ARE TO BE IMPROVED WITH THE REFURBISHMENT OF EIGHT OF ITS 14 STOREYS.

THE WORK WILL INVOLVE IMPROVEMENT TO OFFICES, CORRIDORS, KITCHEN, JUNIOR POLICE OFFICERS' CANTEEN, OFFICERS' MESS, TELEVISION ROOM, READING ROOM, RECREATION ROOM AND LAUNDRY.

AN EXTERNAL COVERED COMPOUND WILL BE CONSTRUCTED AND THE DOG KENNELS EXPANDED.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT WHICH WILL START IN NOVEMBER AND BE COMPLETED IN JULY NEXT YEAR.

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TRANSPORT TAKINGS TO BOOST HOSPITAL PROJECT

MORE THAN 700 PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AND MAXICABS, AND ABOUT 800 TAXIS WILL TAKE PART IN A +CHARITY RIDE+ ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 26) TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE UNITED CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL EXTENSION PROJECT.

THIS IS ONE OF THE NUMEROUS FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES LAUNCHED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD IN SUPPORT OF THE PROJECT, WITH THE AIM OF RAISING \$5 MILLION.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (MONDAY), THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FUND RAISING ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR LAM HANG-FAI, WHO IS ALSO THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, SAID NEARLY \$4 MILLION HAD ALREADY BEEN RAISED SINCE FUND-RAISING BEGAN IN MAY.

HE HOPED THE CHARITY RIDE, WITH THE SUPPORT FROM TAXI AND MINIBUS DRIVERS, WOULD GREATLY BOOST THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS BEING RAISED.

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE CHARITY RIDE, THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR LI WAH-MING, SAID THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AND MAXICABS TAKING PART WOULD COME FROM 17 COMPANIES AND MOST WERE PLYING IN KWUN TONG.

THE 800 TAXIS, PLYING IN THE URBAN AREA, WERE OPERATED BY MEMBERS OF THE URBAN TAXI ASSOCIATIONS JOINT COMMITTEE.

THE CHARITY RIDE INVOLVING PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AND MAXICABS WOULD TAKE PLACE FROM 7 AM TO 10 PM AND THAT FOR TAXIS FROM 8 AM TO 9 PM.

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THE VEHICLES WOULD CARRY FLAGS WITH THE WORDING +FUND RAISING CHARITY RIDE+ AND POSTERS WOULD ALSO BE PUT UP ON EITHER THE WINDOW OR THE BODY OF THE VEHICLES.

PEOPLE BOARDING THESE VEHICLES WOULD BE REQUESTED TO PUT THE FARE INTO A SPECIALLY DESIGNED COLLECTION BOX. THEY COULD CONTRIBUTE MORE THAN THE AMOUNT REQUIRED, IF THEY SO DESIRED.

PROCEEDS OF THE DAY WOULD GO TO THE FUNDS FOR THE UCH EXTENSION PROJECT.

TO REMIND RESIDENTS ABOUT THE CHARITY RIDE, A BROADCASTING VAN WILL BE OPERATING KWUN TONG ON SEPTEMBER 26.

A SPECIAL PROGRAMME ON THE UCH EXTENSION WILL ALSO BE BROADCAST ON A TELEVISION SHOW THAT NIGHT.

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RECOGNITION FOR GOOD CITIZENS PLANNED

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PEOPLE IN WONG TAI SIN WHO HAVE DEMONSTRATED THEIR CIVIC AWARENESS IN COURTESY, NEIGHBOURLINESS AND CLEANLINESS WILL BE RECOGNISED UNDER A DISTRICT BOARD ORGANISED GOOD CITIZENS AWARD SCHEME.

AN OUTSTANDING CITIZEN AWARD AND SEVERAL GOOD CITIZEN AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN OUT AT EACH OF THE 13 AREAS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE SCHEME IS ONE OF THE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE BOARD'S WORKING GROUP ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION SET UP UNDER THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE.

GROUP LEADER, MR LI SZE-TAY, SAID AWARD WINNERS WOULD BE SELECTED DEPENDING ON THEIR CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS PROMOTING COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND CIVIC EDUCATION, AND THE DEGREE OF THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

NOMINATIONS COULD BE MADE BY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, URBAN COUNCILLORS, MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP, AREA COMMITTEES, CIVIC EDUCATION TEAMS, CHAIRMEN OF KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES OR OWNERS INCORPORATIONS, HE SAID.

THE LAST DAY FOR NOMINATION IS OCTOBER 6. AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE WINNERS ON NOVEMBER 7 AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT THE WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE.

TO PUBLICISE THE SCHEME, A PUBLICITY VAN WILL TOUR THE DISTRICT AT THE END OF THE MONTH TO AROUSE RESIDENTS' CIVIC AWARENESS AND TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO BECOME GOOD CITIZENS.

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BOOKMARKS WITH THE LYRICS OF THE CIVIC EDUCATION THEME SONG AND THE 'WONG TAI SIN IS MY HOME' SONG WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO RESIDENTS BY CIVIC EDUCATION TEAMS.

MR LI SAID THE TEAMS, COMPRISING ABOUT 130 MEMBERS, WERE SET UP RECENTLY IN EACH OF THE 13 AREAS IN THE DISTRICT.

THEY HAD ASSISTED IN A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES ORGANISED IN THE DISTRICT AND HELPED SPREAD THE CIVIC EDUCATION MESSAGE.

THE WORKING GROUP ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION WAS SET UP LAST DECEMBER AND HAD ORGANISED A NUMBER OF THE PUBLIC MEETINGS AND A CIVIC EDUCATION SEMINAR WITH GOOD RESPONSE FROM RESIDENTS, HE SAID.

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ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN PLANNED FOR ELDERLY
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THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD WILL CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS FOR A NUMBER OF PROJECTS, INCLUDING A ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN FOR THE ELDERLY, AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN PROPOSED BECAUSE OF THE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS INVOLVING ELDERLY PEOPLE.

IT WOULD AIM AT EDUCATING SENIOR CITIZENS ABOUT THE CORRECT WAYS TO USE ROADS, AND HOW TO READ TRAFFIC SIGNS.

AN EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY DRIVE, AND GAMES AND COMPETITIONS WOULD BE ORGANISED TO REINFORCE THE SAFETY MESSAGE.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO CONSIDER THE MERITS OF HOLDING A RECREATION AND SPORTS FORTNIGHT IN NOVEMBER TO PROMOTE RESIDENTS' INTEREST IN GAMES AND ACTIVITIES.

THE FORTNIGHT WOULD FEATURE A DEMONSTRATION OF SKILLS IN VARIOUS SPORTS, AN ATHLETICS MEETING, MINI-SOCCER MATCH, TABLE TENNIS MATCH, MODERN DANCE PERFORMANCES AND A VARIETY SHOW.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS FOR ORGANISING A CONCERT TO PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL PEACE YEAR, AND FOR A CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN AND SOCIAL GATHERINGS FOR STRENGTHENING DISTRICT TIES.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD.

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BRIEFING ON SPORTS FESTIVAL

MEMBERS OF THE RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE BRIEFED AT A MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) ON ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS FOR THE COMING TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL.

THEY WILL CONSIDER THE PROGRAMME AND BUDGET OF THE FESTIVAL WHICH WILL START IN EARLY NOVEMBER. THE DISTRICT BOARD HAS INITIALLY ALLOCATED \$200 000 FOR THE MONTH-LONG EVENT.

A REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE SPORTS NURTURE SCHEME CURRENTLY HELD IN THE DISTRICT WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED FOR DISCUSSION.

OTHER ITEMS INCLUDE THE CONSIDERATION FOR THE APPLICATION OF FUNDS BY LOCAL BODIES TO RUN ACTIVITIES.

THE MEETING WILL START AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 70.7 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 414.496 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 464.540 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 79.3 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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FRESH, SALT WATER SUPPLY CUT
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FRESH AND SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TAI PO WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 PM ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 25) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR REPAIR WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES ALONG TAI PO ROAD FROM WAN TAU STREET TO TAI PO KAU, INCLUDING KWONG FUK ESTATE, WANG FUK COURT, WONG YI AU, MEI WOON SAN TSUEN, YIN TSZ LANE AND STRAFFORD HOUSE.

TAI PO KAU, TAI PO KAU SAN WAI, LOOKOUT LANE, ST CHRISTOPHER'S HOME, ISLAND HOUSE, TAI PO POLICE STATION, TAI PO KCR STATION AND SHAN TONG TSUEN WILL ALSO BE AFFECTED.

ON THE SAME DAY, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN YAU MA TEI WILL BE STOPPED FROM 11 PM TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY JORDAN ROAD, CANTON ROAD, SAIGON STREET AND SHANGHAI STREET, INCLUDING BATTERY STREET, RECLAMATION STREET, NING PO STREET AND NANKING STREET.

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