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CS: GOVT INTENDS TO INTRODUCE BILL OF RIGHTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THE GOVERNMENT FULLY INTENDS TO INTRODUCE THE BILL OF RIGHTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS EXAMINING THE BEST WAY OF INCORPORATING THE FREEDOMS INTO THE LEGISLATION AND DETAILS OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS WOULD BE REVEALED BY THE GOVERNOR IN HIS OCTOBER SPEECH.

"WE HAVEN'T YET DECIDED QUITE HOW THAT SHOULD BE DONE. BUT THAT'S WHAT THE STUDY IS ABOUT. WE FULLY INTEND TO PUSH AHEAD WITH IT AS SOON AS WE POSSIBLY CAN," HE SAID.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION GOLDEN JUBILEE EXHIBITION.

ON THE RIGHT OF ABODE ISSUE, SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG AS LONG AS HONG KONG PEOPLE WANTED THAT RIGHT OF ABODE.

"AND I THINK OUR JUDGEMENT IS AT THE MOMENT THAT IS STILL A WAY IN WHICH CONFIDENCE COULD BE RE-ESTABLISHED IN HONG KONG, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR IT.

"THAT DOESN'T MEAN TO SAY THAT WE SHOULD TURN AWAY FROM ANYTHING THAT'S OFFERED IN THE MEAN TIME AS I MADE CLEAR IN MY SPEECH YESTERDAY.

"IF THERE'S AN INTERIM PACKAGE, THEN I THINK WE SHOULD TAKE THAT AND LOOK AT IT, AND SEE WHETHER IT WILL HELP US. BUT IT'S BY NO WAY A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE GRANTING OF THE RIGHT OF ABODE TO HONG KONG PEOPLE HERE," SIR DAVID SAID.

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TODAY'S TEACHERS HAVE GREATER RESPONSIBILITIES: CS

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TEACHERS THESE DAYS ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE ON MANY MORE RESPONSIBILITIES THAN JUST TEACHING - THEY MUST BE ALERT TO CHANGES IN SOCIETY AND PREPARE OUR YOUNGSTERS FOR A RAPIDLY EVOLVING ADULT WORLD, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SIR DAVID WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE GOLDEN JUBILEE EXHIBITION AND OPEN DAY OF THE NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION.

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HE SAID THAT LIKE ITS SISTER COLLEGES, NORTHCOTE HAD BEEN TASKED WITH ENSURING THAT ITS STUDENTS ACQUIRED NOT ONLY UP-TO-DATE PROFESSIONAL SKILLS TO TEACH PARTICULAR SCHOOL SUBJECTS, BUT ALSO TO EQUIP THEM WITH SUPPORTING SKILLS.

THESE SUPPORTING SKILLS WOULD ALLOW THEM TO PERFORM EFFECTIVELY IN THE SOCIAL AND CORPORATE LIFE OF THEIR SCHOOLS, INTERACT WITH STUDENTS OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM, AND ESTABLISH POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH PARENTS AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE WORK OF THE COLLEGE, SIR DAVID SAID: "VERY FEW EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN HONG KONG CAN CLAIM SUCH A LONG AND DISTINGUISHED HISTORY OF EDUCATION AS THE NORTHCOTE COLLEGE. FROM AN INSTITUTION WITH A VERY MODEST ENROLMENT OF 48 STUDENTS IN 1939, THE COLLEGE NOW TRAINS MORE THAN 1,400 STUDENTS.

"THE GROWTH IN NUMBERS IS PHENOMENAL; WHAT IS MORE IMPORTANT IS THE PROGRESS MADE IN PROVIDING QUALITY OF THE TRAINING FOR OUR TEACHERS, IN STEP WITH HONG KONG'S PROGRESS."

SIR DAVID ALSO REFERRED TO THE IMPROVEMENTS MADE IN TEACHER EDUCATION AT THE COLLEGE, SAYING: "YOU HAVE EXTENDED THE DURATION OF INITIAL TEACHER EDUCATION COURSES FOR CERTIFICATE-LEVEL ENTRANTS FROM TWO TO THREE YEARS. YOU HAVE DEVELOPED A NEW TWO-YEAR COURSE FOR ENTRANTS WITH A-LEVEL REQUIREMENTS.

"YOU HAVE BROADENED THE SCOPE OF ALL COURSES TO ENCOMPASS A MUCH WIDER SPECTRUM, FROM CIVIC AND MORAL EDUCATION TO SEX EDUCATION AND A WHOLE RANGE OF EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

"YOU HAVE ALSO ADDED A NEW COURSE, SINCE 1983, TO PROVIDE SYSTEMATIC RETRAINING FOR SERVING NON-GRADUATE AND GRADUATE SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS."

ALL THESE STEPS HAD HELPED TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF NEW TEACHERS AND TO KEEP IN-SERVICE TEACHERS ABREAST OF CONTEMPORARY METHODS IN EDUCATION AND IN CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT.

IN CONCLUSION, SIR DAVID SAID: "A GOLDEN JUBILEE IS NOT ONLY A TIME TO REJOICE, BUT ALSO A TIME TO LOOK TO EVEN GREATER ACHIEVEMENTS AHEAD. I CONGRATULATE MOST WARMLY THE PAST AND PRESENT STAFF AND THE STUDENTS OF NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION ON THIS AUSPICIOUS OCCASION AND I WISH YOU ALL CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE YEARS TO COME."

ALSO ADDRESSING THE GATHERING, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, GAVE A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE HISTORY OF NORTHCOTE COLLEGE.

MR LI RECALLED THAT THE COLLEGE WAS FOUNDED IN 1939 AS THE FIRST FULL-TIME TEACHER TRAINING INSTITUTION IN HONG KONG. IT HAD VERY HUMBLE BEGINNINGS AND WAS OPENED IN TEMPORARY PREMISES IN HOSPITAL ROAD WITH ONLY THREE LECTURERS AND 24 STUDENTS IN EACH OF THE ENGLISH AND CHINESE SECTIONS.

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THE COLLEGE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY MOVED TO A BUILDING AT BONHAM ROAD IN 1940 AND THIS WAS NOW AN ANNEXE OF THE COLLEGE. THE PRESENT PREMISES AT SASSOON ROAD WERE OPENED IN 1962.

NOTING THAT THE COLLEGE HAD PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN TEACHER EDUCATION, MR LI SAID IT HAD PRODUCED MORE THAN 8,500 QUALIFIED TEACHERS IN ITS FULL-TIME COURSES AND OVER 5,500 QUALIFIED TEACHERS IN ITS PART-TIME COURSES DURING THE LAST 50 YEARS.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY LATER UNVEILED A PLAQUE OUTSIDE THE COLLEGE'S AUDITORIUM TO COMMEMORATE THE GOLDEN JUBILEE. SIR DAVID ALSO PERFORMED A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE GOLDEN JUBILEE EXHIBITION AND OPEN DAY.

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CALL TO REINFORCE ECONOMIC STRENGTHS

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THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR ANDREW K.P. LEUNG, HAS CALLED ON LOCAL MANUFACTURERS TO CONCENTRATE ON REINFORCING THE TERRITORY'S ECONOMIC STRENGTHS.

SPEAKING AT A LUNCH MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG SOUTH TODAY (THURSDAY), MR LEUNG OUTLINED THE LIKELY DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL MANUFACTURING AND ADDED THAT THE TASK AHEAD WOULD BE BOTH "INTENSIVE AND EXTENSIVE".

"IT WILL REQUIRE THE SUPPORT OF ALL THOSE WHO ARE CONCERNED NOT ONLY WITH OUR LONG-TERM MANUFACTURING COMPETITIVENESS BUT WITH THE ECONOMIC FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

"AS WE REFLECT UPON THE RECENT EVENTS IN CHINA, IT IS AS IMPORTANT TO BE FULLY AWARE OF OUR VULNERABILITY AS OUR STRENGTHS.

"WE MUST CONCENTRATE ON THOSE THINGS THAT WOULD REINFORCE, RATHER THAN WEAKEN, OUR ECONOMIC STRENGTHS," HE SAID.

ON MARKET TRENDS, MR LEUNG POINTED OUT THAT OUR PAST COMPETITIVENESS IN LOW-VALUE-ADDED AND HIGH-VOLUME PRODUCTION WAS BEING FAST ERODED BY OTHER LOW-COST MANUFACTURING CENTRES IN THE REGION, INCLUDING GUANGDONG.

SECONDLY, HE SAID, THERE WAS FIERCE INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION IN HIGH VALUE ADDED CONSUMER GOODS, ESPECIALLY ELECTRONICS.

MOREOVER, CONSUMERS IN OUR MAIN OVERSEAS MARKETS WERE PLACING INCREASING EMPHASIS ON RECOGNISED STANDARDS OF QUALITY IN SUCH ASPECTS AS HEALTH, SAFETY AND FUNCTIONABILITY.

"IN PARTICULAR, THERE IS MORE ADHERENCE TO ACCEPTED INTERNATIONAL QUALITY STANDARDS SUCH AS THOSE ADOPTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION FOR STANDARDISATION IN ISO GUIDE 9000.

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"THESE REQUIRE QUALITY TO PREMEATE EVERY ASPECT OF INDIVIDUAL ENTERPRISE, INCLUDING DESIGN, PROCUREMENT OF MATERIALS, TESTING, MARKETING AND AFTER-SALE SERVICE," HE SAID.

MR LEUNG SAID THAT SINCE THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD ENDORSED A QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME LAST DECEMBER, THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN ITS IMPLEMENTATION.

"WE ARE IMPROVING THE ALREADY ESTABLISHED QUALITY SERVICES, NAMELY THE PRODUCTS STANDARDS INFORMATION BUREAU, THE STANDARDS AND CALIBRATION LABORATORY (SCL) AND THE HONG KONG LABORATORY ACCREDITATION SCHEME (HOKLAS)," HE SAID.

THE SCL HAD BEEN ACCREDITED BY THE UK NATIONAL PHYSICAL LABORATORY IN A NUMBER OF SERVICES AND A MUTUAL RECOGNITION AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED IN MARCH BETWEEN HOKLAS AND ITS UK COUNTERPART.

"WE WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK ADDITIONAL INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR OUR LABORATORY SERVICES," HE SAID.

ON THE CAMPAIGN SIDE, MR LEUNG SAID THE DEPARTMENT WOULD MOUNT A SUSTAINED QUALITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN OVER A NUMBER OF YEARS TO PROMOTE THE CONCEPT OF ISO 9000 IN INDUSTRY.

HE SAID THE CAMPAIGN, WHICH WAS SCHEDULED FOR A FORMAL LAUNCH NEXT MARCH, WOULD PRIMARILY BE TARGETTED AT CHIEF EXECUTIVES IN MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND WOULD SEEK TO EDUCATE MANAGERS, SUPERVISORS AND WORKERS IN THE CONCEPT OF TOTAL QUALITY ASSURANCE.

MR LEUNG SAID THE DEPARTMENT WAS ALSO DEVELOPING A VOLUNTARY SCHEME OF ACCREDITATION FOR QUALITY MANAGEMNT SYSTEMS IN FACTORIES CONFORMING TO THE APPROPRIATE PARTS OF ISO 9000. ONCE THE SCHEME HAD ESTABLISHED A TRACK RECORD, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD SEEK ITS MUTUAL RECOGNITION WITH OVERSEAS COUNTERPARTS.

HE ALSO SAID THAT THE DEPARTMENT WAS IN THE PROCESS OF FORMING A GOVERNMENT SUBVENTED AGENCY, LIMITED BY GUARANTEE, TO PROVIDE AN INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT SERVICE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCREDITATION.

"PLANNING FOR THE AGENCY'S ESTABLISHMENT IS WELL ADVANCED AND IT IS EXPECTED TO BE OPERATIONAL LATER THIS YEAR," HE SAID.

MR LEUNG ADDED THAT ASSESSMENT OF THE FIRST GROUP OF FACTORIES WAS TARGETTED FOR MID-1990 AND ACCREDITATION OF A NUMBER OF THESE WAS EXPECTED SHORTLY THEREAFTER.

"WHERE NECESSARY, ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR MANUFACTURERS TO HAVE ACCESS TO APPROPRIATE PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANCIES.

"THE SCHEME IS EXPECTED TO EXPAND CONSIDERABLY AS THE QUALITY MESSAGE BECOMES MORE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD AND BETTER APPRECIATED," HE SAID.

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REVISION OF OFFICIAL RECEIVER'S OFFICE FEES

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CERTAIN MINOR FEES PAYABLE TO THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER'S OFFICE RELATING TO BANKRUPTCY AND COMPANIES WINDING UP PROCEEDINGS WILL BE REVISED FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY), A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE REVISIONS ARE CONTAINED IN THE BANKRUPTCY (FEES AND PERCENTAGES) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 1989 AND THE COMPANIES (FEES AND PERCENTAGES) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 1989, WHICH HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

"APART FROM INCREASING CERTAIN MINOR FEES, EACH ORDER ALSO PRESCRIBES ONE NEW FEE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE FORMER INTRODUCES A NEW FEE PAYABLE FOR INSERTION IN THE GAZETTE OF A NOTICE RELATING TO BANKRUPTCY AT A LEVEL OF \$175.

"THE LATTER PRESCRIBES A NEW FEE WHICH IS PAYABLE ON AN APPLICATION FOR RELEASE BY A LIQUIDATOR FOR EVERY \$1,000 OR FRACTION OF \$1,000 OF THE GROSS AMOUNT OF ASSETS REALISED AND BROUGHT TO CREDIT AT A LEVEL OF \$5," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE TWO ORDERS WILL BE GAZETTED TOMORROW. THE NEW FEES AND THE REVISED ONES WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON THE SAME DATE EXCEPT FOR THE NEW COMPANIES FEE ON APPLICATION FOR RELEASE BY A LIQUIDATOR WHICH WILL ONLY APPLY TO WINDING UP CASES COMMENCING AFTER THAT DATE," HE ADDED.

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'BOUGHT PLACES' SCHEME FOR PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY

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A "BOUGHT PLACES" SCHEME FOR RESIDENTIAL PLACES IN PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR, A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

"OPERATORS OF PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY WILL BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHEME AFTER THE DETAILS HAVE BEEN FINALISED," HE SAID.

THE SUBVENTION AND LOTTERIES FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAS ALLOCATED, AT ITS RECENT MEETING, A TOTAL OF \$30.6 MILLION FOR A TWO-YEAR PILOT PROJECT TO FACILITATE PURCHASE OF UP TO 500 PLACES FROM PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY PEOPLE.

THE SCHEME WILL BE REVIEWED SIX MONTHS AFTER IMPLEMENTATION TO DECIDE WHETHER THE NUMBER OF "BOUGHT PLACES" SHOULD BE ADJUSTED.

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PLACES BOUGHT UNDER THIS SCHEME WILL BE FOR THE BENEFIT OF ELDERLY PEOPLE MOST IN NEED OF RESIDENTIAL CARE AND ATTENTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR PRIORITY ORDER ON THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S LIST.

SERVICE RECIPIENTS ARE EXPECTED TO PAY A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF FEES CHARGED BY THE HOME, RANGING FROM \$650 TO \$800 PER MONTH.

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS PREPARED TO PAY \$3,050 TO \$3,900 A MONTH FOR EACH PLACE BOUGHT FROM PRIVATE HOMES OF AN ACCEPTABLE STANDARD.

"THE GOVERNMENT AIMS TO BUY PLACES FROM NEW OR EXISTING HOMES THAT ARE NOT YET REGISTERED, PROVIDING THAT NO PLACES WILL BE BOUGHT UNTIL THE CONCERNED HOME IS UP TO STANDARD AND REGISTERED," HE CONTINUED.

THE AIM OF THIS PILOT SCHEME IS NOT ONLY TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL INCENTIVE FOR EXISTING PRIVATE HOMES TO RAISE THEIR SERVICE STANDARDS BUT ALSO TO ENCOURAGE ADDITIONAL PRIVATE PLACES OF AN ACCEPTABLE STANDARD TO BE ESTABLISHED SO AS TO EXPAND THE SUPPLY OF PLACES.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO DISTRIBUTE SUCH PLACES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY AND TO REFRAIN FROM CONCENTRATING ON BUYING PLACES FROM ONLY A FEW HOMES.

AT PRESENT THERE ARE 255 PRIVATE HOMES WITH A KNOWN CAPACITY OF ABOUT 8,000 BEDS WITH SOME 7,000 RESIDENTS. THE GOVERNMENT SEPARATELY PROVIDES 1,860 SUBVENTED CARE AND ATTENTION PLACES AND 3,759 SUBVENTED AGED HOME PLACES FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT AN ADDITIONAL PROVISION OF AROUND 3,400 SUBVENTED PLACES IN CARE AND ATTENTION HOMES AND IN HOMES FOR THE AGED WILL BE AVAILABLE BY NEXT YEAR.

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VILLAGE ACCESS ROAD TO BE REBUILT

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO RECONSTRUCT AND WIDEN THE VILLAGE ACCESS ROAD AT CHUEN LUNG, TSUEN WAN.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THE PROPOSED WORKS ARE PROGRAMMED TO START LATER THIS YEAR AND BE COMPLETED IN MID-1990.

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THE WORKS ALSO INCLUDE:

- * DEMOLITION OF A SMALL PORTION OF THE VILLAGE ACCESS ROAD AT CHUEN LUNG;
- * CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTPATH ALONG A SECTION OF THE VILLAGE ACCESS ROAD;
- * PROVISION OF LAY-BYS; AND
- * PERMANENT CLOSURE AND TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF SECTIONS OF THE ACCESS ROAD.

FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE WORKS, ABOUT 2,837 SQUARE METRES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND WILL HAVE TO BE RESUMED.

THE FOLLOWING PROJECTIONS OR OBSTRUCTIONS WILL HAVE TO BE REMOVED:

- THE STRUCTURE, ADVERTISING SIGN AND FENCE AT LOT NO. 619 IN DEMARCATION DISTRICT (DD) NO. 360;
- THE COVERED CARPARK ADJACENT TO LOT NO. 625 IN DD NO. 360;
- THE FENCE AT LOT NOS. 605, 628, 625 AND 624 IN DD NO. 360;
- THE RUBBLE FENCE WALL AT LOT NO. 598 IN DD NO. 360;
- THE FENCE GATE AT LOT NO. 553 IN DD NO. 360;
- THE RAILING AT LOT NO. 51 IN DD NO. 435; AND
- THE SECTION OF FENCE AT LOT NO. 128 IN DD NO. 435 WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE WORKS AREA.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME OF THE PROPOSED WORKS MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;
- * TSUEN WAN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON WHO OBJECTS TO THE WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 22 THIS YEAR.

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GOVERNOR ON PRIVATE VISIT TO THAILAND

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL SPEND THE COMING WEEKEND IN THAILAND FOR A PRIVATE VISIT WITH LADY WILSON.

THEY WILL LEAVE FOR BANGKOK TOMORROW (FRIDAY) EVENING AND RETURN ON MONDAY (JULY 10).

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TYPHOON SHELTER OUT OF BOUNDS TO DWELLING BOATS

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THE YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER WILL BECOME A CLOSED AREA TO DWELLING BOATS UNDER A SHIPPING AND PORT CONTROL (DWELLING VESSELS) REGULATIONS ORDER WHICH WILL BE GAZETTED TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

A CLEARANCE EXERCISE IS BEING CO-ORDINATED BY A WORKING GROUP COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE, MARINE, HOUSING, IMMIGRATION, SOCIAL WELFARE, EDUCATION, AND LABOUR DEPARTMENTS, AS WELL AS THE POLICE. THE LICENSED BOAT DWELLERS WERE INFORMED OF THIS FROM JULY LAST YEAR.

THE WORKING GROUP IS ALSO ASSISTING THE BOAT DWELLERS WITH THEIR REHOUSING AND OTHER NEEDS.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP, YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICER MR WONG HON-HO, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THE CLEARANCE WAS AIMED AT IMPROVING THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT OF THE BOAT DWELLERS AS WELL AS THE TYPHOON SHELTER ITSELF.

AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND A MEMBER OF THE WORKING GROUP, MR LAU PO-CHI, POINTED OUT THAT THE NUMBER OF LICENSED DWELLING BOATS HAD IN FACT DECREASED FROM 539 (WITH A POPULATION OF 2,500) IN 1983 TO ABOUT 40 AS A RESULT OF THE THREE VOLUNTARY REHOUSING EXERCISES CONDUCTED BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT SINCE SEPTEMBER 1984.

THE REMAINING LICENSED BOAT DWELLERS WOULD BE REHOUSED IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND URBAN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, DEPENDING ON ELIGIBILITY.

AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MARINE AND A MEMBER OF THE WORKING GROUP, MR BERNARD TANG, SAID THAT A NUMBER OF WORKING BOATS HAD BEEN USED AS HOUSE BOATS IN THE TYPHOON SHELTER SINCE 1983.

HE STRESSED THAT THESE BOATS COULD NOT BE TREATED THE SAME WAY AS THE LICENSED DWELLING VESSELS BECAUSE THEY ONLY CAME INTO BEING AND USED FOR DWELLING PURPOSES AFTER THE ENACTMENT OF THE DWELLING VESSELS REGULATIONS IN 1983.

THOSE UNLICENSED DWELLING BOATS MUST BE RESTORED TO THEIR INTENDED PURPOSE BY THE DWELLERS RENEWING OR OBTAINING A VALID WORKING BOAT LICENCE. ALTERNATIVELY, THEY MAY SURRENDER THEIR BOATS TO THE MARINE DEPARTMENT.

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IF THESE UNLICENSED BOAT DWELLERS BECOME HOMELESS BECAUSE OF THIS, THEY WILL BE REHOUSED IN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL HELP FIND SCHOOL PLACES FOR BOAT DWELLERS' CHILDREN IN THEIR NEW HOME WHILE THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL OFFER OTHER WELFARE ASSISTANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH INDIVIDUAL NEEDS.

THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS ALSO PREPARED TO OFFER WHATEVER ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED.

SINCE APRIL, THE WORKING GROUP HAS ARRANGED FOR FAMILIES FROM UNLICENSED DWELLING BOATS TO HAVE A FIRST-HAND LOOK AT TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS WHERE THEY MAY BE REHOUSED.

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CNTA HEADQUARTERS WILL MOVE TO NEW ADDRESS
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THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS AND THE NEW TERRITORIES REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS WILL MOVE TO THEIR NEW ADDRESS IN WAN CHAI ON MONDAY (JULY 10).

THE NEW ADDRESS IS 29TH TO 31ST FLOOR, SOUTHOEN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG. AND THE NEW ENQUIRY TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 5-8351444.

MEANWHILE, THE TRUST FUNDS GENERAL OFFICE, THE CHINESE TEMPLES COMMITTEE AND THE CHINESE PERMANENT CEMETERIES OFFICE HAVE MOVED TO THE 29TH FLOOR THERE AND THEIR NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER ARE:-

TRUST FUNDS GENERAL OFFICE: 5-8351524

CHINESE TEMPLES COMMITTEE: 5-8351519

CHINESE PERMANENT CEMETERIES OFFICE: 5-8341116

AT THE SAME TIME, THE CIVIC EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE OF CNTA WILL ALSO MOVE TO THE SAME ADDRESS.

THE CNTA HEADQUARTERS PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE WILL BE DISBANDED FROM MONDAY, JULY 10, UPON THE REMOVAL TO THIS NEW ADDRESS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO OBTAIN THIS SERVICE SHOULD APPROACH THE TSIM SHA TSUI SUB-OFFICE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE AT 40 CARNARVON ROAD, GROUND FLOOR, TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON OR TELEPHONE 3-661908.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE NEW PRESS ENQUIRY TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE NEWS AND PUBLICITY DIVISION OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION ARE 5-8351467 AND 5-8351468.

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CARNIVAL TO START OFF SYP IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT
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THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME (SYP) IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT WILL START OFF ON SATURDAY (JULY 8) WITH A CARNIVAL AT WAH HONG SQUARE IN WAH FU ESTATE.

ALL LOCAL YOUNGSTERS ARE WELCOME TO TAKE PART IN THE FOUR-HOUR LONG EVENT WHICH WILL INCLUDE A "STORY CORNER", A "TOYS CORNER" AND A NUMBER OF GAME STALLS. A GIGANTIC ELEPHANT TRAMPOLINE WILL ALSO BE SET UP AS AN ADDITIONAL ATTRACTION.

THE OPENING CEREMONY FOR THE DISTRICT'S SYP WILL TAKE PLACE AT 11 AM, FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY THE CARNIVAL WHICH WILL LAST UNTIL 3 PM.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE CHAIRMAN OF THE SYP COMMITTEE, MR PETER LEE; CHAIRMAN OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT SYP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR HUI YUNG-CHUNG; SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS MAUREEN CHAN; EXECUTIVE SECRETARY (HONG KONG ISLAND) OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS ASSOCIATION, MR MUI WAI-SZE; AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ROTARY CLUB, HONG KONG SOUTH, AND VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

UNDER THE SYP, MORE THAN 750 ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD FOR YOUNGSTERS IN THE DISTRICT. DETAILS OF THESE ACTIVITIES ARE CONTAINED IN A COLOURFUL BRACHURE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME TO BE HELD AT 11 AM ON SATURDAY (JULY 8) AT WAH HONG SQUARE IN WAH FU ESTATE AND THE CARNIVAL THAT FOLLOWS.

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VARIED SUMMER PROGRAMME FOR TSUEN WAN YOUTH
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A FUN-FILLED AND MEANINGFUL SUMMER HOLIDAY IS IN STORE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING IN TSUEN WAN.

YOUNG PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 25 CAN CHOOSE FROM A WIDE RANGE OF RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR THEM UNDER THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME (SYP) THIS YEAR.

ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT SYP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, WITH SPONSORSHIP OF \$211,860 FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, THE YOUTH ACTIVITIES ARE IN LINE WITH THE THEME "SHARE THE FUN, SERVE THE COMMUNITY".

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"THE VARIOUS FUNCTIONS, 239 IN NUMBER, INCLUDE LEADERSHIP TRAINING, VISITS, OUTINGS, CAMPING, EXHIBITIONS, SPORTS AND GAME COMPETITIONS, SEMINARS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES." THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SYP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR CHAN WAI-MING, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

"IN ORDER TO BOOST THE COMMUNITY SPIRIT OF YOUNG VOLUNTEERS AND VARIOUS PARTICIPATING VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, AWARDS ON 'OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS' AND 'EXCELLENT ACTIVITIES' WILL BE GIVEN TO DESERVING YOUNGSTERS AND AGENCIES," MR CHAN SAID.

TO LAUNCH THE 1989 TSUEN WAN DISTRICT SYP, AN OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 9.30 AM ON SATURDAY (JULY 8) AT THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE OPENING PROGRAMME WILL BE THE GRASS-CUTTING DAY WHICH WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE OPENING CEREMONY.

ABOUT 350 YOUNG VOLUNTEERS WILL BE MOBILISED FOR THIS AT 15 LOCATIONS IN THE RURAL AREAS OF TSUEN WAN, AS A FORM OF COMMUNITY SERVICE.

INFORMATION PAMPHLETS ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE 1989 TSUEN WAN SYP ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED FREE AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE AND VARIOUS VOLUNTARY AGENCY OFFICES IN THE DISTRICT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE 1989 TSUEN WAN SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME OPENING CEREMONY AND GRASS-CUTTING DAY TO BEGIN AT 9.30 AM ON SATURDAY (JULY 8) AT THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE, TAI HO ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

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AN EVENTFUL DAY FOR TUEN MUN RESIDENTS
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ABOUT 300 SCHOOL CHILDREN IN TUEN MUN WILL TAKE PART IN A CLEAN BEACH COMPETITION TO PUT ACROSS THE CLEAN HONG KONG MESSAGE ON SATURDAY (JULY 8).

CLAD IN SPECIALLY DESIGNED T-SHIRTS, THE CHILDREN WILL START CLEANING UP BUTTERFLY BEACH AT 10 AM. THERE WILL BE AN OPENING AND PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT 11 AM.

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OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN WAN; LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR LAU WONG-FAT; REGIONAL COUNCILLOR, MR ALFRED TSO; AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CLEAN BEACH EXERCISE, A SPECIAL PROGRAMME HOSTED BY TWO DISC JOCKEYS FROM RTHK WILL BE HELD FROM 2 PM TO 4 PM. THE PROGRAMME WILL FEATURE POPULAR SONGS, WHILE SPREADING THE KEEP CLEAN MESSAGE TO BEACH-GOERS.

ANOTHER EVENT IN TUEN MUN THAT AFTERNOON WILL BE THE 1989 TUEN MUN DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME OPENING CEREMONY AND GIRL GUIDES TALENT SHOW.

IT WILL BE HELD FROM 3 PM TO 5.30 PM AT THE TUEN MUN PLAYGROUND IN TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE HUI ROAD.

ABOUT 2,000 CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN EIGHT AND 12 WILL BE TREATED TO DANCES AND SONGS. THE BROWNIES WILL LEAD THE PARTICIPANTS IN A JAPANESE DANCE AND WILL GIVE A SINGING PERFORMANCE.

GAME STALLS WILL BE SET UP IN THE VENUE AND COUPONS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED THERE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

A MAJOR ITEM WILL BE THE DESIGN COMPETITION FOR THE 10 STALLS SET UP BY GIRL GUIDES ON THE THEME OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

AN OPENING CEREMONY AND PRIZE PRESENTATION OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WILL TAKE PLACE AT 3.45 PM IN THE PLAYGROUND.

THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDWARD YAU; VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE, MR TO KAM-CHAU; DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR WONG SHUE; AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

THE CLEAN BEACH DAY AND THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME ARE ORGANISED BY THE RESPECTIVE ORGANISING COMMITTEES, AND ARE SPONSORED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONIES OF THE CLEAN BEACH DAY AND SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT ON SATURDAY (JULY 8).

THEY WILL BE HELD AT 11 AM ON THE BUTTERFLY BEACH AND AT 3.45 PM AT THE TUEN MUN PLAYGROUND IN TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE HUI ROAD RESPECTIVELY.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO TAKE GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT TO BUTTERFLY BEACH SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT 10.30 AM AT THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE SECOND FLOOR, GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN.

GAMES DAY TO START YUEN LONG SUMMER PROGRAMME

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MORE THAN 1,000 YOUNGSTERS IN YUEN LONG WILL TAKE PART IN A GAMES DAY ON SATURDAY (JULY 8) TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME (SYP).

THE EVENT WILL START AT 2 PM AT THE FUNG KAM STREET INDOOR GAMES HALL, YUEN LONG.

YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROBIN IP, AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR TAI KUEN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING. ALSO PRESENT WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE 1989 YUEN LONG SYP CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE, MR CHENG HOI-CHUEN.

THIS YEAR, A TOTAL OF 144 RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD BY 27 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS DURING THE TWO-MONTH PROGRAMME.

THESE INCLUDE STUDY CAMPS, TRAINING COURSES, SEMINARS, EXHIBITIONS, VISITS, CONCERTS, VARIETY SHOWS, AND GAMES AND SPORTS COMPETITIONS.

A PROGRAMME PAMPHLET CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE. THE LONG PING COMMUNITY HALL AND THE FAIRVIEW PARK PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE.

THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB HAS DONATED MORE THAN \$230,000, AND THE DISTRICT BOARD HAS ALLOCATED \$50,000, TO SPONSOR THIS YEAR'S SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE YUEN LONG SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME OPENING CEREMONY AND GAMES DAY. INFORMATION OFFICER, MR KENNY LAM, WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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PUPILS TO HELP CREATE A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

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MORE THAN 100 SECONDARY SCHOOL PUPILS WILL TAKE PART IN A "CONSERVE THE ENVIRONMENT" PROJECT ON SUNDAY (JULY 9) ON A PIECE OF BARREN LAND ADJACENT TO THE BRAEMAR HILL RAIN SHELTER.

TOGETHER WITH EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, THEY WILL PLANT 300 TREE SEEDLINGS ON THE SITE UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF STAFF FROM THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

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THE EVENT IS AMONG ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE WORKING GROUP ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD TO SUPPORT THE 1989 WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WORKING GROUP SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT SAPLINGS OF TWO DIFFERENT INDIGENOUS SPECIES, MOUNTAIN TALLOW AND POND SPICE, HAD BEEN CHOSEN TO ALERT PARTICIPANTS TO THE IMPORTANCE OF PRESERVING LOCAL PLANTS.

HE ADDED THAT RECYCLED PAPER WAS USED FOR INVITATION LETTERS AND MAPS FOR THE FUNCTION SO AS TO UNDERLINE THE NEED TO REDUCE POLLUTION AND TO PROTECT THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.

"EACH PARTICIPATING PUPIL WILL ALSO BE GIVEN A SOUVENIR PACKAGE CONTAINING SEVERAL MINI GARDENING TOOLS, SOME SEEDS AND A PLANTING INSTRUCTION LEAFLET FOR THEM TO PRACTISE AT HOME," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

OFFICIATING GUESTS AT THE EVENT WILL BE THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GARY YEUNG; AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR K.C. IU; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG; AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MS MA LAI-WAH.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TREE PLANTING EVENT ON SUNDAY (JULY 9) BEGINNING AT 9.30 AM AT THE BRAEMAR HILL RAIN SHELTER IN NORTH POINT. PLEASE NOTE THAT IT WILL TAKE 10 MINUTES' WALK FROM PO LUEN PATH TO THE SHELTER.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO TUEN MUN DB STANDING ORDERS
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THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL SEEK MEMBERS' VIEWS ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE DISTRICT BOARD STANDING ORDERS AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS INVOLVED THE PROCEDURES FOR REVIVING ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION AT MEETINGS AND THE INCLUSION INTO THE STANDING ORDERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR THE ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN.

MEMBERS WILL CONSIDER THE SETTING UP OF A JOINT DISTRICT BOARD WORKING GROUP TO IMPROVE THE MONITORING ON THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION.

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THEY WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE REVISED ESTIMATES OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS AND A LIST OF PROPOSED MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

IN ADDITION, THE REPORTS OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE VARIOUS DISTRICT BOARD COMMITTEES WILL BE TABLED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR, GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM.

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MEASURES TO EASE LION ROCK TUNNEL CONGESTION
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ALL GOODS VEHICLES TRAVELLING FROM KOWLOON TO THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE BANNED FROM USING THE SLIP ROAD LINKING LUNG CHEUNG ROAD WESTBOUND WITH WATERLOO ROAD NORTHBOUND LEADING TO THE LION ROCK TUNNEL DURING THE HOUR FROM 7 AM TO 8 AM ON WEEKDAYS FROM MONDAY (JULY 10) FOR THREE WEEKS UNTIL JULY 28, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE RESTRICTION IS TO ALLOW THE EXISTING TIDAL FLOW ARRANGEMENT AT THE LION ROCK TUNNEL TO BE EXTENDED FOR 10 MINUTES IN AN EXPERIMENT TO FURTHER INCREASE THE VOLUME OF TRAFFIC TRAVELLING FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES TO KOWLOON VIA THE TUNNEL DURING THE MORNING PEAK PERIOD.

THE TEMPORARY BAN, ONLY FOR ONE HOUR FROM MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS, MEANS THAT WESTBOUND GOODS VEHICLES ON LUNG CHEUNG ROAD CANNOT ENTER THE LION ROCK TUNNEL VIA THE SLIP ROAD JUST OUTSIDE THE TUNNEL'S KOWLOON ENTRANCE.

COPIES OF A MAP SHOWING THE AREA OF THE GOODS VEHICLE BAN HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO NEW TERRITORIES BOUND GOODS VEHICLE DRIVERS AT THE LION ROCK TUNNEL TOLL BOOTHS.

DURING THE RESTRICTION PERIOD, GOODS VEHICLES TRAVELLING WESTBOUND ON LUNG CHEUNG ROAD CAN STILL ENTER THE LION ROCK TUNNEL BY USING ALTERNATIVE ROUTES.

HOWEVER, GOODS VEHICLES ARE ADVISED TO USE TAI PO ROAD INSTEAD OF LION ROCK TUNNEL TO TRAVEL TO THE NEW TERRITORIES AS THERE IS STILL SPARE CAPACITY ON TAI PO ROAD TO ACCOMMODATE ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC.

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IT IS HOPED THAT THE BAN WILL REDUCE THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES USING LION ROCK TUNNEL NORTHBOUND DURING THE MORNING PEAK HOURS, THUS ENABLING THE EXTENSION OF THE TIDAL FLOW ARRANGEMENT.

THIS MEASURE IS ALSO EXPECTED TO IMPROVE THE FLOW OF NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC AT THE JUNCTION OF WATERLOO ROAD NORTHBOUND AND THE SLIP ROAD.

AT PRESENT, ONE OF THE TWO LANES AT THE NORTHBOUND TUBE OF THE TUNNEL IS CONVERTED FOR SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC FROM 6 AM TO 7.30 AM FROM MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS. WITH A REDUCED VOLUME OF NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC AT THE TUNNEL RESULTING FROM THE RESTRICTION ON GOODS VEHICLES, THIS TIDAL FLOW ARRANGEMENT CAN BE EXTENDED TO 7.40 AM.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID THE TRAFFIC PATTERN AT THE TUNNEL WILL BE MONITORED CLOSELY TO ASSESS WHETHER THE EXPERIMENTAL MEASURES ARE ABLE TO EASE CONGESTION AT THE TUNNEL AND WHETHER THEY SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED ON A PERMANENT BASIS.

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FARES ON THREE GMB ROUTES TO BE REVISED
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE FARES ON THREE GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES OPERATING IN YUEN LONG WILL BE REVISED FROM SATURDAY (JULY 8).

THE AFFECTED ROUTES ARE ROUTES 33, 34 AND 35 RUNNING BETWEEN YUEN LONG (TAI FUNG STREET) AND HA PAK NAI, LAU FAU SHAN AND SHA KIU (TSIM BEI TSUI) RESPECTIVELY.

AFTER REVISION, THE FARES ON ROUTE 33 WILL BE \$4.80 FOR ADULTS AND \$3 FOR CHILDREN WHILE ON ROUTE 35 THE FARES WILL BE \$3.50 FOR ADULTS AND \$2 FOR CHILDREN.

THE SECTION FARES ON THESE TWO ROUTES WILL ALSO BE ADJUSTED.

ROUTE 34 WILL CHARGE A FLAT RATE OF \$2 PER SINGLE JOURNEY.

NOTICES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT TERMINAL POINTS AND INSIDE THE VEHICLES TO INFORM PASSENGERS OF THE NEW FARES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID THE FARE INCREASES WERE APPROVED IN VIEW OF THE RISING OPERATING COSTS AND CONTINUING LOW PATRONAGE.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN HAPPY VALLEY AND CHAI WAN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JULY 8), BROADWOOD ROAD SOUTHBOUND IN HAPPY VALLEY BETWEEN LINK ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 265 METRES TO THE SOUTH WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY ROUND-THE-CLOCK.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

MEANWHILE, THE SLIP-ROAD LEADING FROM CHAI WAN ROAD WESTBOUND TO THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON THE SAME DAY (SATURDAY) FOR TWO DAYS TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS.

MOTORISTS TRAVELLING ON CHAI WAN ROAD WESTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA ALDRICH STREET, PO MAN STREET, MONG LUNG STREET, TUNG HEI ROAD AND NAM ON LANE BEFORE JOINING THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR.

ON SATURDAY, THE WESTBOUND ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR EXPRESS BUS ROUTE 780 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SHAU KEI WAN ROAD, TAIKOO SHING ROAD, TAI MOU AVENUE AND TAIKOO WAN ROAD BEFORE JOINING THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR.

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TEMPORARY RE-ROUTEING OF TAI HANG SAI STREET

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT BECAUSE OF THE LAYING OF A GAS PIPELINE, THE RE-ROUTEING OF TAI HANG SAI STREET BETWEEN NAM CHEONG STREET AND NAM SHAN CHUEN ROAD, SHAM SHUI PO, FROM TWO-WAY TRAFFIC TO ONE-WAY EASTBOUND WILL REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL THE END OF AUGUST.

MOTORISTS ON TAI HANG TUNG ROAD HEADING FOR NAM CHEONG STREET WILL BE DIVERTED VIA WOH CHAI STREET AND WAI CHI STREET.

PAK TIN-BOUND GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 12 WILL CONTINUE TO BE DIVERTED VIA TONG YAM STREET, WOH CHAI STREET, WAI CHI STREET AND NAM CHEONG STREET.

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GRADING OF BEACH WATER QUALITY
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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF ALL BATHING BEACHES IN HONG KONG.

AN EPD SPOKESMAN SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE GRADING SYSTEM IS TO INFORM SWIMMERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT THE STATE OF BACTERIAL POLLUTION AT VARIOUS BEACHES.

THE GRADING WILL BE ANNOUNCED BIWEEKLY DURING THE BATHING SEASON, TO COINCIDE WITH THE FREQUENCY AT WHICH BEACH WATERS ARE USUALLY SAMPLED.

THE GRADING IS BASED ON THE MOST RECENT BACTERIA DATA OBTAINED BY THE EPD IN ITS ROUTINE MONITORING PROGRAMME.

THIS YEAR, FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE GRADING ALSO INCLUDES AN ESTIMATE OF THE RISK OF SUFFERING SOME MINOR SKIN OR GASTROINTESTINAL COMPLAINTS AS A RESULT OF SWIMMING AT A BEACH WHICH HAS SOME DEGREE OF POLLUTION.

THE ESTIMATE IS BASED ON A VERY LARGE BODY OF STATISTICAL INFORMATION GATHERED IN HONG KONG DURING RECENT BATHING SEASONS.

THE GRADING OF SOME BEACHES MAY VARY DURING THE SUMMER. THIS REPRESENTS A NATURAL FLUCTUATION IN THE BACTERIAL QUALITY OF BATHING WATERS IN MOST CASES, AS RAIN AND TIDES BRING MORE OR LESS POLLUTION TO THE BEACHES.

BATHING WATERS COMMONLY BECOME WORSE DUE TO HEAVY USAGE DURING THE SUMMER. HOWEVER, THE GRADES GIVE A GOOD GENERAL PICTURE OF THE WATER QUALITY AT BATHING BEACHES AT THE TIME OF REPORTING AND FORM THE BEST AVAILABLE FORECAST FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

THE SYSTEM FOR GRADING BEACH WATER QUALITY IS AS FOLLOWS:

"A" GRADE INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS GOOD. THE MEAN E.COLI COUNT IS LESS THAN 100 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS LESS THAN SEVEN CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

"B" GRADE INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS ACCEPTABLE. THE MEAN E.COLI COUNT IS LESS THAN 1,000 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS LESS THAN 18 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

"C" GRADE INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS POOR. THE MEAN E.COLI COUNT IS 1,000 OR MORE PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS 18 OR MORE CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

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THE DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO CLOSE A BEACH TO SWIMMERS IS BASED ON A JUDGEMENT OF WHAT DEGREE OF POLLUTION IS ACCEPTABLE.

NORMALLY, A RECOMMENDATION ON CLOSURE WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED BY THE URBAN OR REGIONAL COUNCIL IF A "C" GRADING OCCURRED REPEATEDLY, SO THAT THE AVERAGE HEALTH RISK OVER THE BATHING SEASON EXCEEDED 15 CASES PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

SIMILARLY, A RECOMMENDATION TO RE-OPEN A CLOSED BEACH WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED IF A "B" GRADE OR BETTER WERE CONSISTENTLY OBTAINED.

AT PRESENT, SIX BATHING BEACHES HAVE BEEN DECLARED UNSUITABLE FOR SWIMMING PURPOSES, BASED ON THE WATER QUALITY DURING PAST SEASONS.

THESE BEACHES ARE ANGLERS', CASTLE PEAK, SILVERMINE BAY, OLD CAFETERIA, ROCKY BAY AND TING KAU.

THEY ARE POLLUTED BY FAECAL WASTES AND FAILED TO ACHIEVE CONSISTENTLY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION AND HONG KONG STANDARDS. THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED NOT TO SWIM IN THESE SIX BEACHES. THEY ARE IDENTIFIED BY AN "X" IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE.

THE GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF VARIOUS BEACHES IN HONG KONG AS AT TODAY AND TWO WEEKS AGO ARE LISTED BELOW:

BEACH -----	LAST GRADING ----- (AS AT 22.6.89)	PRESENT GRADING ----- (AS AT 6.7.89)
HONG KONG SOUTH -----		
BIG WAVE BAY	B	B
CHUNG HOM KOK	A	A
DEEP WATER BAY	A	A
HAIRPIN	B	B
MIDDLE BAY	B	B
REPULSE BAY	B	A
SHEK O	B	B
SOUTH BAY	A	A
ST. STEPHEN'S	A	A
TURTLE COVE	A	A
STANLEY MAIN	B	A

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ROCKY BAY	X	X
TO TEI WAN*	A	A
ISLANDS DISTRICT		

CHEUNG SHA UPPER	A	A
CHEUNG SHA LOWER	B	B
DISCOVERY BAY*	A	A
HUNG SHING YEH	A	A
KWUN YAM WAN	A	A
TONG FUK	A	A
LO SO SHING	A	A
PUI O	A	A
SILVERMINE BAY	X	X
TUNG WAN, CHEUNG CHAU	B	A
TUNG O*	A	A
SAI KUNG DISTRICT		

CAMPERS	B	A
CLEAR WATER BAY 1ST BEACH	B	A
CLEAR WATER BAY 2ND BEACH	A	A
HAP MUN BAY	A	A
KIU TSUI	A	A
PAK SHA CHAU	A	A
SILVERSTRAND	C	B
TRIO (HEBE HAVEN)	B	B

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ANGLERS'	X	X
APPROACH	B	B
CASAM	B	B
GEMINI	A	B
HOI MEI WAN	B	B
LIDO	B	A
TING KAU	X	X
TUNG WAN, MA WAN	A	A

TUEN MUN DISTRICT

OLD CAFETERIA	X	X
NEW CAFETERIA	B	B
CASTLE PEAK	X	X
KADOORIE BEACH	B	B
BUTTERFLY	B	B

NOTE: "X" THE BEACH HAS BEEN DECLARED UNSUITABLE FOR SWIMMING
* NON-GAZETTED BEACHES.

THE FOLLOWING BEACHES HAVE CHANGED GRADING ON THIS OCCASION:

REPULSE BAY, STANLEY MAIN, TUNG WAN BEACH ON CHEUNG CHAU, CAMPERS, CLEAR WATER BAY 1ST AND LIDO, FROM "B" TO "A", GEMINI, FROM "A" TO "B", AND SILVERSTRAND, FROM "C" TO "B"

THE CHANGES ARE WITHIN THE NORMAL RANGE OF FLUCTUATION OF THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF THESE BEACHES.

SILVERSTRAND BEACH IS AFFECTED BY STREAMS CARRYING SEPTIC TANK EFFLUENT FROM THE BUILDINGS IN ITS HINTERLAND. THE PREVIOUS GRADE WAS DUE TO THE RECENT HEAVY RAINS FLUSHING THE POLLUTANTS FROM THE STREAMS INTO THE BEACH.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT MR WALLACE CHEUNG, ACTING PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER (WATER POLICY) OF EPD, ON 5-8351234.

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JUNE 1989 SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL BEING CONDUCTED
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS CONDUCTING THE JUNE 1989 ROUND OF THE SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL IN MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY.

THE SURVEY COVERS ABOUT 114,000 ESTABLISHMENTS WHICH ARE DRAWN FROM VARIOUS SECTORS INCLUDING THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR (MINING AND QUARRYING; MANUFACTURING; ELECTRICITY AND GAS), THE DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES SECTOR (WHOLESALE, RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS) AND THE SERVICES SECTOR (TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATIONS; FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES; COMMUNITY, SOCIAL AND PERSONAL SERVICES).

QUESTIONNAIRES WERE MAILED TO INDIVIDUAL SAMPLE ESTABLISHMENTS AT THE END OF LAST MONTH. REMINDERS ARE NOW BEING SENT TO ESTABLISHMENTS NOT RESPONDING TO THE INITIAL QUESTIONNAIRES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDER 1982 (LEGAL NOTICE NO.69 OF 1982, GAZETTED ON MARCH 5, 1982), ESTABLISHMENTS RECEIVING QUESTIONNAIRES ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THEM TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD.

INFORMATION IS BEING SOUGHT ON THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED AND EXISTING VACANCIES ON JUNE 30, THIS YEAR FOR EACH SAMPLE ESTABLISHMENT.

ABOUT 10,000 ESTABLISHMENTS HAVE BEEN RANDOMLY SELECTED FROM THIS SAMPLE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PAYROLL IN EACH OF THE THREE MONTHS DURING THE REFERENCE PERIOD APRIL-JUNE 1989.

ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES SECTOR (WHOLESALE, RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS) WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO FURTHER PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE MAJOR KIND OF BUSINESS ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS ENDING JUNE 1989.

SHOULD RESPONDENTS FIND DIFFICULTIES IN COMPLETING THE FORMS, THEY ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE ON 5-8235076.

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VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE TO BE BUILT IN KOWLOON BAY
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WORK HAS JUST STARTED ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MODERN VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE IN KOWLOON BAY.

THIS FOLLOWS THE RECENT AWARD OF A \$25.89 MILLION CONTRACT BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR ITS CONSTRUCTION, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS.

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THE CENTRE, LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF WANG CHIU ROAD AND CHEUNG YIP STREET, COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 10,000 SQUARE METRES.

IT WILL COMPRISE A TWO-STOREY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AND A COVERED SINGLE-STOREY INSPECTION HALL, AND WILL PROVIDE 10 COVERED INSPECTION LANES, WAITING AREAS, A COMPUTER CONTROL ROOM, OFFICE SPACE. A CANTEEN AND ANCILLARY FACILITIES.

UPON COMPLETION, THE CENTRE WILL BE HANDED OVER TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, WHICH NOW OPERATES FIVE VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

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COMBINED HOSTEL AND SHELTERED WORKSHOP IN SAI KUNG

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A COMBINED HOSTEL AND SHELTERED WORKSHOP IS TO BE BUILT AT RAZOR HILL IN SAI KUNG TO CATER TO THE MODERATELY MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE.

TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION WORKS, WHICH MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE NOON ON JULY 28, ARE NOW BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE WORKS IT WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A THREE-STOREY HOSTEL TO ACCOMMODATE 100 MODERATELY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED ADULTS AND A SINGLE-STOREY SHELTERED WORKSHOP FOR 140 MODERATELY MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED ADULTS.

WORK ON THE PROJECT, WHICH WILL OCCUPY A SITE AREA OF ABOUT 3,500 SQUARE METRES, IS EXPECTED TO START IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER.

THE HOSTEL WILL BE HANDED OVER TO THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT UPON AND WORKSHOP COMPLETION IN MID-1991.

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN NORTH POINT TO BE CLOSED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE SOME ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN NORTH POINT, HONG KONG SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND TO THE PUBLIC.

THESE STRUCTURES ARE ERECTED ON THE FLAT ROOF ON THE SECOND FLOOR ADJACENT TO FLATS C, D AND E, WANG FAI MANSION, 2-12 WANG ON ROAD.

THE CLOSURE IS PART OF AN EXERCISE TO ENFORCE ORDERS ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE IN DECEMBER 1984 AND JULY 1986 REQUIRING THE REMOVAL OF THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON SEPTEMBER 12 THIS YEAR WAS POSTED ON A CONSPICUOUS PART OF THE STRUCTURES TODAY (THURSDAY).

IT IS INTENDED THAT DEMOLITION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT ONCE THE CLOSURE ORDERS ARE OBTAINED.

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