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QUEEN'S COMMONWEALTH DAY MESSAGE

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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF THE QUEEN'S COMMONWEALTH DAY MESSAGE,
AND IS EMBARGOED UNTIL EARLY TOMORROW (MONDAY) MORNING:

+TODAY ALL OF US IN THE COMMONWEALTH ARE CELEBRATING OUR
PARTNERSHIP IN THIS GREAT FAMILY OF PEOPLES WHICH REACHES ACROSS
OCEANS, LANGUAGES AND RACES. IT INCLUDES MANY WITH DIFFERENT
VIEWS AND WAYS OF LIFE BUT ALL OF THEM HAVE ONE THING IN COMMON;
THEY HAVE DISCOVERED HOW TO WORK THINGS OUT TOGETHER.

+ONE OF THE GREAT STRENGTHS OF THE COMMONWEALTH LIES IN
ITS ABILITY TO FIND SOLUTIONS BASED ON THE FUNDAMENTAL GOOD
WILL OF ITS INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS AND ITS WILLINGNESS TO REACH
COMPROMISES ON DIFFICULT PROBLEMS.

+I THINK IT IS TRUE TO SAY THAT THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A YOUNG
GENERATION MORE AWARE OF THE NEEDS OF THE LESS FORTUNATE AMONG
YOU AND MORE WILLING TO HELP THEM. IT IS YOU WHO SHOW THAT THE
COMMONWEALTH IS NOT SIMPLY A MATTER OF POLITICS OR MONEY OR EVEN
JUST COMMON SENSE -- IT IS A MATTER OF THE HEART.

+SO TODAY, I WOULD ASK ALL OF YOU, WHEREVER YOU MAY BE, TO
DO ALL YOU CAN TO HELP THE CAUSE OF HUMAN GOODNESS, TO SHARE WITH
OTHERS YOUR ENTHUSIASMS AND VISIONS, YOUR THOUGHTS AND HOPES, AND
ABOVE ALL YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

+JUST OVER 50 YEARS AGO MY GRANDFATHER KING GEORGE V SAID
TO THE YOUTH OF HIS DAY 'BE READY AND PROUD TO GIVE TO YOUR
COUNTRY THE SERVICES OF YOUR WORK, YOUR MIND AND YOUR HEART'.
TODAY I ASK YOU TO GIVE THEM ALSO TO THE COMMONWEALTH.+

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ACHIEVEMENTS OF YIN NGAI SOCIETIES PRAISED

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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY (SUNDAY)
PRAISED THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE YIN NGAI SOCIETIES AND THANKED
THEM FOR THEIR RECENT SUPPORT FOR THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE FUND.

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE YIN NGAI
SOCIETIES SOME SIX YEARS AGO, THERE HAS BEEN MARKED DEVELOPMENT IN
THEIR ACTIVITIES MAINLY DUE TO THE EFFORTS OF THE YIN NGAI MEMBERS.

THE MESSAGE WAS CONVEYED TO THE YIN NGAI MEMBERS BY THE
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES
ADMINISTRATION, MRS CARRIE YAU, AT THE SOCIETIES' ANNUAL SPRING
GATHERING.

/YIN NGAI

YIN NGAI SOCIETIES ARE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS FORMED TO PROVIDE AVENUES FOR HOUSEWIVES TO GET TOGETHER, EXCHANGE VIEWS IN HOUSECRAFT, HELP ONE ANOTHER AND BETTER USE THEIR SPARE TIME.

IN THE EARLY DAYS, THESE ASSOCIATIONS WERE MAINLY SET UP IN NEW TOWNS, WHERE HOUSEWIVES WERE FACING BOREDOM AND INVOLUNTARY ISOLATION IN A NEW ENVIRONMENT WITH UNFAMILIAR NEIGHBOURS.

SINCE THE YIN NGAI MOVEMENT BEGAN IN 1981, IT HAS SPREAD FROM THE NEW TOWNS INTO THE URBAN AREAS AND THEIR OBJECTIVES HAVE EXPANDED FROM PROMOTING WOMEN'S WELFARE TO ENCOURAGING THEIR PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 30 YIN NGAI SOCIETIES WITH ABOUT 4 000 MEMBERS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY AND A CENTRAL COUNCIL WAS FORMED IN 1985 TO MAINTAIN THE SOLIDARITY OF THE YIN NGAI SOCIETIES AS THE ORGANISATION GROWS.

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TWO CENTRES FOR SHAM SHUI PO ELDERLY PLANNED

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING TO BOOST FACILITIES FOR THE ELDERLY IN SHAM SHUI PO BY SETTING UP A MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY ON THE SHAM SHUI PO RECLAMATION AND A SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY AT TAI PO ROAD IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT CONSTRUCTION WORK FOR THESE PROJECTS IS WELL UNDERWAY AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY 1988-89.

THE SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY, LOCATED AT 70 TAI PO ROAD, WILL BE OPERATED ON A NEIGHBOURHOOD BASIS TO MEET THE RECREATIONAL AND SOCIAL NEEDS OF THE ELDERLY IN THE AREA.

THE MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY, WITH FACILITIES AND SERVICES EQUIVALENT TO TWO SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY, WILL BE HOUSED IN THE SHAM SHUI PO COMMUNITY CENTRE OFF THE WESTERN KOWLOON CORRIDOR.

THIS MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE WILL PROVIDE A FULL RANGE OF SERVICES INCLUDING HOME HELP, COUNSELLING, SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, CANTEEN, FACILITIES FOR LAUNDRY, BATHING AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION ON A DISTRICT BASIS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT WITH THE COMPLETION OF THESE CENTRES, THE ELDERLY RESIDENTS IN SHAM SHUI PO, INCLUDING THOSE FROM NAM CHEONG AREA, WOULD FIND MORE PLACES TO ENJOY THEMSELVES IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD.

IN ADDITION, THE DEPARTMENT IS ALSO AIMING AT SETTING UP TWO MORE SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY AND A HOSTEL FOR THE AGED IN THE DISTRICT WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE ONE MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY, EIGHT SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY, THREE SOCIAL CLUBS, TWO AGED HOSTELS, ONE AGED HOME, ONE AGED HOME FOR THE BLIND, AND ONE TEMPORARY SHELTER FOR AGED WOMEN IN SHAM SHUI PO AND CHEUNG SHA WAN.

VARIOUS SERVICES UNITS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT, PROVIDE THE ELDERLY RESIDENTS WITH VARIOUS COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES SUCH AS ASSISTANCE IN HOUSING AND EMPLOYMENT.

BESIDES, OUTREACHING SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY ARE OFTEN RENDERED IN CASE OF NEED.

MEANWHILE, ANYONE INTERESTED IN WELFARE SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY IN SHAM SHUI PO MAY CALL THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT WELFARE OFFICE ON 3-7209294.

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MORE PEOPLE MEETING MONG KOK BOARD MEMBERS

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MORE AND MORE MONG KOK RESIDENTS ARE SEEKING ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE FROM DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

IN THE PAST 10 MONTHS ENDING FEBRUARY, 238 COMPLAINTS CASES WERE HEARD BY MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS IN ITS MEET THE PUBLIC SCHEME, AVERAGING ALMOST 24 CASES A MONTH.

+THE FIGURE REPRESENTS A 24 PER CENT INCREASE COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR,+ DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI, SAID TODAY.

MOST COMPLAINTS WERE ABOUT HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS, ENVIRONMENTAL NUISANCES, BUILDING MANAGEMENT, HAWKERS AND MARKETS FACILITIES. THESE ACCOUNTED FOR MORE THAN THREE-QUARTERS OF CASES HEARD.

OTHER CASES WERE MOSTLY ON TENANCY DISPUTES, GRIEVANCES ON SOCIAL SERVICES, COMPLAINTS ON PUBLIC OFFICERS, OR COUNSELLING ON SUCH PERSONAL MATTERS AS IMMIGRATION, LABOUR DISPUTES AND CRIMINAL RECORDS.

+WE FEEL OUR EFFORTS ARE BEING RECOGNISED WHEN MORE PEOPLE COME TO CONFIDE TO US ABOUT THEIR PROBLEMS.

+ALSO, WE ARE GLAD THAT PEOPLE ARE ADOPTING A MORE POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS IMPROVING THEIR LIVING CONDITIONS, INSTEAD OF SITTING BACK AND BEING NONCHALANT TOWARDS THE SITUATION,+ HE SAID.

MR CHOW SAID THE SCHEME HAD DEVELOPED FROM A MODEST ATTEMPT AT A VITAL LINK BETWEEN THE BOARD AND THE PUBLIC OVER THE YEARS.

THE MEET THE PUBLIC SESSION IS HELD EVERY THURSDAY IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE BY TWO BOARD MEMBERS ON A ROSTER. A MAXIMUM OF 12 CASES ARE HANDLED AT EACH SESSION.

WHILE NOTING THE POPULARITY OF THE SERVICE, MR CHOW, HOWEVER, STRESSED THAT THEY WERE NOT COMPLACENT WITH THE SUCCESS.

PRESENTLY A LARGE-SCALE PUBLICITY PROGRAMME IS BEING LAUNCHED TO FURTHER PROMOTE THE SCHEME.

COPIES OF A NEWLY-DESIGNED POSTER AND APPOINTMENT CARDS ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED TO BUILDINGS AND ORGANISATIONS TO ADVERTISE THE SERVICE. SHOW WINDOWS OF THE TWO DISTRICT OFFICES AND NOTICE BOARDS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT ARE DISPLAYING MESSAGES OF THE SCHEME.

+WE URGE MORE PEOPLE TO BRING FORTH THEIR PROBLEMS AND VIEWS TO US SO THAT THEY CAN BENEFIT FROM IMPROVEMENTS MADE,+ MR CHOW SAID.

RESIDENTS CAN EITHER PHONE IN OR WRITE TO THE DISTRICT BOARD FOR AN APPOINTMENT TO MEET BOARD MEMBERS. FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-809731.

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TAXI OPERATORS URGED TO CO-OPERATE IN SURVEY

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS URGED TAXI OPERATORS TO CO-OPERATE IN A LARGE-SCALE SURVEY ON THE OPERATIONS OF BOTH URBAN AND NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS.

THE SURVEY COVERS THE ENTIRE FLEET OF NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS WHILE ONE IN EVERY FOUR URBAN TAXIS HAVE BEEN RANDOMLY SELECTED FOR THE EXERCISE, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

+IT IS IMPORTANT FOR TAXI OPERATORS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SURVEY AS IT WILL HELP THE DEPARTMENT ASSESS CORRECTLY THE OPERATING CONDITIONS OF THE TRADE, + THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED, ADDING THAT INFORMATION COLLECTED WOULD BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL AND WOULD ONLY BE USED IN STATISTICAL ANALYSIS.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE SURVEY CONSISTS OF TWO PARTS. FIRST, TAXI OPERATORS ARE REQUIRED TO FILL IN A QUESTIONNAIRE ON THEIR OPERATIONS WHICH INCLUDE SUCH ITEMS AS OPERATING HOURS, DRIVERS' WAGES AND FUEL AND MAINTENANCE COSTS.

SECOND, OPERATORS HAVE TO PRESENT THEIR TAXIS TWICE FOR A METER-READING SURVEY ON SPECIFIED DATES.

THE FIRST METER-READING EXERCISE FOR NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS WAS COMPLETED ON MARCH 3 AND 4 AND THE SECOND IS SET TO TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY (MARCH 10 AND 11) FROM 9.30 AM TO 12.30 PM AND FROM 2 PM TO 4.30 PM.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED NEW TERRITORIES TAXI OPERATORS TO COME FOR THE SECOND METER-READING AT ANY OF THE CENTRES LISTED BELOW:

- * TAI YUK ROAD, YUEN LONG
- * TAI HING ESTATE, TUEN MUN
- * TAI YUEN ESTATE, TAI PO
- X YI CHUN STREET, SAI KUNG
- * CHOI YUEN ROAD, SHEUNG SHUI

HE GAVE AN ASSURANCE THAT ADDITIONAL MANPOWER WOULD BE DEPLOYED AT THE POPULAR CENTRES TO SHORTEN THE WAITING TIME FOR METER-READING.

MEANWHILE, METER-READINGS FOR URBAN TAXIS WILL BE TAKEN BETWEEN MARCH 23 AND 27 AND BETWEEN MARCH 30 AND APRIL 3 RESPECTIVELY.

THE SEVEN METER READING CENTRES FOR URBAN TAXIS ARE:

- * CAR PARK OUTSIDE TIN KWONG ROAD DRIVING TEST CENTRE
- * PITT STREET NEAR KWONG WAH HOSPITAL
- * TAXI STAND AT PO ON ROAD OPPOSITE SO UK ESTATE

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- * STADIUM PATH NEAR SO KON PO VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE
- * TAXI STAND AT HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI
- * TAXI STAND AT TSUEN WAN FERRY PIER AND
- * LEK YUEN STREET NEAR FUN CITY, SHA TIN.

A SIMILAR SURVEY WOULD BE CONDUCTED ON LANTAU TAXIS IN MAY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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TAXI CONVERSION TABLES READY FOR COLLECTION
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CONVERSION TABLES SHOWING EXISTING URBAN TAXI FARES AS AGAINST THE NEW FARE SCALE DUE TO COME INTO EFFECT ON MARCH 15 WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION BY TAXI OPERATORS FROM TUESDAY (MARCH 10). THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

THE TABLES ALSO SHOW THE NEW SURCHARGES FOR LUGGAGE, BIRDS AND ANIMALS AND RADIO CALL, WHICH WILL BE INTRODUCED IN URBAN AS WELL AS NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS AS FROM THE SAME DATE.

URBAN TAXI OPERATORS MAY COLLECT THE TABLES AT ANY OF THE DEPARTMENT'S LICENSING OFFICES OR THE PUBLIC VEHICLE SECTION AT ROOM 906-909, HUTCHISON HOUSE, 10 HARCOURT ROAD, HONG KONG.

THESE TABLES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT PUBLIC ENQUIRY COUNTERS OF ALL URBAN DISTRICT OFFICES AND OF THE SHA TIN, KWAI TSING AND TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICES.

FOR NEW TERRITORIES TAXI OPERATORS, NOTICES OF THE NEW TAXI SURCHARGES CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE LICENSING OFFICES, THE PUBLIC VEHICLE SECTION AND THE PUBLIC ENQUIRIES COUNTERS OF ALL NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICES EXCEPT THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE FROM TUESDAY.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED TAXI OPERATORS TO BRING ALONG THEIR TAXI REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS WHEN COLLECTING THE CONVERSION TABLES OR NOTICES.

HE ALSO ADVISED THEM TO DISPLAY THE TABLES AND NOTICES AS APPROPRIATELY AS POSSIBLE IN THEIR VEHICLES BEFORE THEIR METERS ARE RECALIBRATED.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME SHOWING RESULTS
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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD HAS SPENT MORE THAN \$300 000 IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE DISTRICT, ACCORDING TO A REVIEW OF THE WORK OF ITS ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE.

APART FROM LAUNCHING ANTI-POLLUTION CAMPAIGNS AND A SERIES OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SQUATTER IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, THE COMMITTEE WAS ALSO INVOLVED IN INITIATING PROGRAMMES TO CLEAR ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AND OBSTRUCTIONS IN BACK LANES AND STREETS.

FOUR VILLAGES - SHEK O, TELEGRAPH BAY IN POK FU LAM, AND SAN WAI AND KAU WAI IN WONG CHUK HANG - WERE SURVEYED UNDER THE COMMITTEE'S COMPREHENSIVE SQUATTER IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

IN-DEPTH STUDIES HAVE ALSO BEEN CONDUCTED TO LOOK INTO BASIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES PROVIDED IN THE VILLAGES AND MEASURES REQUIRED TO MEET DEMANDS WERE RECOMMENDED.

A SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID WORKS SUCH AS REPAIR OF FOOTPATHS, ACCESSES AND DRAINS, AND PROVISION OF SITTING-OUT AREAS AND RAIN SHELTERS WERE BEING CARRIED OUT TO IMPROVE THE GENERAL CONDITION IN THESE AREAS.

+CONDITIONS IN 17 SQUATTER AREAS HAVE ALSO BEEN IMPROVED SINCE THE SCHEME STARTED IN 1982,+ HE ADDED.

THE COMMITTEE WAS ALSO INSTRUMENTAL IN SOLVING URGENT LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS INVOLVING MORE THAN ONE DEPARTMENT. IN THE PAST YEAR, THE COMMITTEE COMPLETED 22 SUCH PROJECTS, MOSTLY IN SQUATTER AREAS.

THESE INCLUDED THE RESURFACING OF A WATER NULLAH IN KAU WAI VILLAGE, REPAIRING OF FOOTPATH AND FOOTSTEPS IN PEEL RISE VILLAGE, AND THE INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTS AT TAI TAM TUK VILLAGE AND POSTAL NEST BOXES IN WONG CHUK HANG PATH VILLAGE.

POLLUTION OF THE HEUNG YIP ROAD NULLAH AND THE ABERDEEN TYPHOON SHELTER WERE ALSO MATTERS OF CONCERN. THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HAS SET UP A WORKING GROUP TO LOOK INTO THE PROBLEM AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT WILL CONDUCT A THOROUGH SURVEY LATER THIS YEAR TO INVESTIGATE MEASURES TO CONTROL POLLUTION OF THE NULLAH.

TO STEP UP PUBLIC EDUCATION, THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE DISTRIBUTED GARBAGE BAGS CARRYING THE +KEEP HONG KONG WATERS CLEAN+ MESSAGE TO BOAT DWELLERS AND FISHING VESSELS IN THE ABERDEEN TYPHOON SHELTER.

A REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE FOR FISHING VESSELS DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR ACHIEVED ENCOURAGING RESULTS AND THE COMMITTEE DECIDED THAT SUCH SERVICES SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT DURING OTHER MAJOR CHINESE FESTIVALS WHEN MOST FISHING VESSELS RETURNED TO THE TERRITORY.

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1 000 ATTEND CHILDREN'S CHOIR CONCERT
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ABOUT 1 000 PEOPLE WERE TREATED TO DELIGHTFUL PERFORMANCES BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CHOIR AT ITS ANNUAL CONCERT THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS ALSO TOOK PART AND SANG THE +KOWLOON CITY SONG+ WITH THE CHOIR DURING THE CONCERT WHICH WAS HELD AT THE KO SHAN THEATRE.

THE CHOIR SANG A WIDE RENDITION OF SONGS INCLUDING FOLK SONGS, HYMNS AND CLASSICAL MUSIC. THE CONCERT WAS FOLLOWED BY A GATHERING FOR PARENTS AND INSTRUCTORS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE CHILDREN'S STANDARD IN MUSIC.

THE CHOIR WITH 70 MEMBERS, AGED BETWEEN NINE AND 16, WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1982 WITH SUPPORT FROM THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD, MUSIC OFFICE, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND LOCAL LEADERS.

ITS AIM IS TO PROMOTE CHILDREN'S INTEREST IN MUSIC AND TO RAISE THE STANDARD OF MUSIC THROUGH PARTICIPATION AND PERFORMANCES.

TODAY'S EVENT WAS SPONSORED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD AND JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE, THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CHOIR.

KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SIK-KONG, ASSISTANT KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS DIANA TONG, AND URBAN COUNCIL MEMBER, MR PAO PING-WING, OFFICIATED AT TODAY'S CEREMONY.

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REFRESHER COURSE FOR NON-GRADUATE ENGLISH TEACHERS
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THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FROM NON-GRADUATE TEACHERS OF ENGLISH TO ATTEND TWO IDENTICAL REFRESHER COURSES WHICH WILL INCLUDE AN OVERSEAS LANGUAGE LEARNING AND TEACHING PROGRAMME IN BRITAIN.

THE 16-WEEK FULL-TIME REFRESHER COURSES' EACH LIMITED TO 50 PARTICIPANTS, ARE TO FAMILIARISE TEACHERS WITH PRESENT TRENDS AND DEVELOPMENT IN LANGUAGE TEACHING AND TO STRENGTHEN THEIR LANGUAGE SKILLS. THE FIRST COURSE WILL START IN SEPTEMBER. NO FEES WILL BE CHARGED.

/PARTICIPANTS

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE INTRODUCED TO NEW PERSPECTIVES IN LANGUAGE LEARNING SO THAT THEIR REPERTORY OF TEACHING TECHNIQUES MAY BE IMPROVED.

THEY WILL NOT ONLY BE DEVELOPING THEIR ABILITY TO CREATE TEACHING MATERIALS BUT WILL BE PROVIDED WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE THEIR OWN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY.

IT IS INTENDED THAT THE COURSES WILL BE FOLLOWED BY RESIDENTIAL INTENSIVE COURSES IN HONG KONG BETWEEN JUNE AND JULY NEXT YEAR AND IN BRITAIN BETWEEN JULY AND AUGUST NEXT YEAR.

ON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE, TEACHERS WILL BE ISSUED A TEACHER REFRESHER COURSE CERTIFICATE.

SCHOOL HEADS ARE REQUESTED TO PUT FORWARD NOMINATIONS TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE HAD AT LEAST FIVE YEARS POST-QUALIFICATION TEACHING EXPERIENCE, HAVE NOT ATTENDED A FULL-TIME REFRESHER COURSE FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS, AND HAVE DEVOTED AT LEAST 50 PER CENT OF THEIR TEACHING TIME TO THE TEACHING OF ENGLISH DURING THE LAST TWO ACADEMIC YEARS.

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SHA TIN TOWN PARK TO BE COMPLETED BY YEAR END
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THE SHA TIN TOWN PARK WILL BECOME A MAJOR ATTRACTION FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN THE NEW TOWN AND THE URBAN AREAS WHEN IT IS FULLY COMPLETED BY THE END OF THIS YEAR.

THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$9 MILLION CONTRACT TO ENABLE REMAINING BUILDING WORK TO BE COMPLETED IN THE PARK.

TAKING SHAPE BETWEEN SHA TIN TOWN CENTRE AND THE NORTH BANK OF THE SHING MUN RIVER, THE WESTERN HALF OF THE PARK WILL HOLD ITS FIRST FUNCTION - THE HONG KONG FLOWER SHOW - FROM MARCH 14 TO 17 AND THEN BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BY MID-1987.

THE BLEND OF OLD AND NEW, FORMALITY AND FUN, AND TRANQUILITY AND SHEER HIGH SPIRITS WILL BE THE MAIN FEATURES OF THE EIGHT-HECTARE PARK WHICH WILL COST NEARLY \$70 MILLION TO CONSTRUCT.

IN ADDITION TO VARIOUS MODERN FACILITIES, IT WILL INCORPORATE AN ABERDEEN-BUILT JUNK THAT WILL NEVER SAIL ANYWHERE, A SECTION OF THE +GREAT WALL OF CHINA+, TWO FORTS, WATERFALLS AND A BRIGHT YELLOW PLASTIC +BANDSTAND+ FROM THE UNITED STATES.

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DIVIDED INTO SIX AREAS, THE PARK WILL BE VERY MUCH A PLACE FOR EXPLORING, WITH ONE AREA LEADING TO ANOTHER BUT WITH THE THEME AND EMPHASIS QUITE DIFFERENT IN EACH SECTION.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A PROMENADE RUNNING THE LENGTH OF THE PARK BY THE RIVERSIDE FOR EARLY-MORNING JOGGERS AND EVENING STROLLERS.

A COMPUTER-CONTROLLED IRRIGATION SYSTEM WILL BE PROVIDED TO WATER ALL GARDENS AT NIGHT WHEN THE PARK IS EMPTY.

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STUDENTS PUT ON CONCERN FOR SOCIETY EXHIBITION
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A THREE-DAY EXHIBITION DEMONSTRATING YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERN FOR SOCIETY WILL BE HELD AT THE SHUN TAK CENTRE FROM THURSDAY (MARCH 12).

ENTITLED '+WE LOVE OUR HOME+', THE EXHIBITION IS PREPARED BY STUDENTS OF 13 SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT.

A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS WILL BE PRESENTED IN AN IMAGINATIVE MANNER. THESE INCLUDE CIVIC RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITY, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT FRAMEWORKS, YOUTH'S PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, INTEGRATION OF THE DISABLED, TRAFFIC PROBLEMS AND THE PLAGUE OF WAR AND FAMINE.

AS PART OF THE PROGRAMME FOR A COMMUNITY PROJECT KNOWN AS THE '+CIVIC EDUCATION SUITE+', THE EXHIBITION IS ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD COMMUNITY BUILDING AND SERVICES COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE BOARD AND THE SHUN TAK ENTERPRISES CORPORATION LIMITED.

+IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE STUDENTS INVOLVED IN A COMMUNITY PROJECT AS THE EXPERIENCE AND SATISFACTION THEY GET WILL INCREASE THEIR ENTHUSIASM TO SERVE SOCIETY IN FUTURE,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANISERS SAID.

+THEY WILL ALSO SET A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR OTHER STUDENTS LESS INTERESTED IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS,+ HE ADDED.

THE EXHIBITION IS CO-ORGANISED BY THE COUNCIL OF CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT SCHOOL HEADS, THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND ICAC.

IT WILL BE HELD AT THE SHUN TAK CENTRE FROM 1.30 PM TO 7 PM ON THURSDAY, FROM 10 AM TO 7 PM ON FRIDAY AND FROM 10 AM UNTIL 5 PM ON SATURDAY.

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OUTDOOR EDUCATIONAL CAMPS PLANNED

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A SERIES OF OUTDOOR CAMPS FOR ABOUT 6 500 UNDERPRIVILEGED SCHOOL CHILDREN AND CHILDREN FROM SPECIAL SCHOOLS IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

THE PROJECT IS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH A \$100 000 ALLOCATION FROM THE SIR ROBERT HO TUNG CHARITABLE FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT.

THE CAMPS AIM TO PROMOTE INTEGRATION OF SCHOOL SUBJECTS UNDER CAMPING SITUATION AND TO PROVIDE SCHOOL CHILDREN WITH EXPERIENCE OF SOCIAL LIVING IN A NATURAL OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENT.

CAMPS WILL BE HELD AT 10 SITES INCLUDING GAUDETE HOUSE AT CHEUNG CHAU, SILVERMINE BAY OUTDOOR RECREATION CAMP, YWCA YOUTH CAMP, WU KWAI SHA YOUTH VILLAGE, MA WAN YOUTH CAMP, SUEN DOUH CAMP, PO LEUNG KUK HOLIDAY CAMP, HIGH ROCK CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BGCA BRADBURY CAMP IN SAI KUNG AND POKFULAM PHAB CENTRE.

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COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE TO MEET

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A REVIEW OF GUIDELINES FOR THE GRANT OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS TO ORGANISE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES WILL BE ON THE AGENDA OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING TOMORROW (MONDAY).

BOARD MEMBERS WILL ALSO REVIEW THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS IN ORGANISING COMMUNITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES IN 1986-87 AND THE URBAN COUNCIL PLANS TO PROMOTE DISTRICT CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT ACTIVITIES IN 1987-88.

OTHER ITEMS INCLUDE A REVIEW OF THE USE OF DISTRICT BOARD AND AREA COMMITTEE NOTICE BOARDS AND THE PLACING OF ADVERTISEMENT IN THE DISTRICT NEWSPAPER IN 1987-88.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.15 PM TOMORROW IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD.

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ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ON THE AGENDA
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THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO DISCUSS PROPOSED ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT MEASURES AT FUK MAN ROAD IN SAI KUNG TOWN.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DELIBERATE MEASURES TO BE TAKEN IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPENING OF A MULTI-STOREY CARPARK IN THE TOWN.

A PROPOSAL TO TRIM SLOPES ALONG CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TOMORROW AT 10 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF SAI KUNG DISTRICT ROAD, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN.

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SITE PREPARATION FOR JUNK BAY CONTROLLED TIP
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SITE PREPARATION FOR THE SECOND STAGE OF THE JUNK BAY CONTROLLED TIP WILL START IN MAY TO PROVIDE A FURTHER 30 HECTARES OF RECREATIONAL LAND.

WORK WILL INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF A ONE-KILOMETRE-LONG CATCHWATER, A 150-METRE BOX CULVERT AND 600 METRES OF SEAWALL.

ALSO INCLUDED WILL BE CONTROLLED TIPPING WHICH CONSISTS OF SPREADING AND COMPACTING REFUSE IN LAYERS, COVERING EACH LAYER WITH EARTH AS TIPPING PROCEEDS.

TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE PROJECT WHICH WILL TAKE 27 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

DISPOSAL OF REFUSE WILL BEGIN IN EARLY 1989. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE CONTROL TIP WILL REACH ITS FULL CAPACITY IN SIX YEARS.

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DANCE CONTEST WINNERS TO PERFORM TUESDAY

SEVENTEEN WINNING TEAMS OF THE 16TH OPEN DANCE CONTEST WILL PERFORM AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL ON TUESDAY (MARCH 10) EVENING.

DURING THE TWO-HOUR SPECIAL, WINNERS WILL PERFORM VARIOUS TYPES OF DANCES INCLUDING WESTERN, ORIENTAL, CLASSICAL AND MODERN.

THE GROUPS, SELECTED FROM 98 DANCING TEAMS THAT TOOK PART IN THE TERRITORY-WIDE CONTEST IN JANUARY, WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED PRIZES THAT EVENING.

THE 16TH OPEN DANCE CONTEST WAS ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE KWUN TONG CULTURE AND RECREATION PROMOTION ASSOCIATION AND CO-ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL.

OFFICIATING AT THE PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE THE ACTING DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR. GREGORY LEUNG, KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. EDDY CHAN, LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER, MR. POON CHI-FAI, CHIEF MANAGER (LEISURE SERVICES) KOWLOON EAST, MR. JOHNNY WOO, AND THE FOUNDING PRESIDENT OF THE KWUN TONG ARTS ASSOCIATION, MRS. NG CHU LIN-FUN.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY AND WINNERS' PERFORMANCE AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY IN THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL.

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COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO PARKING PROBLEMS

CAR PARKING PROBLEMS ALONG ROUTE TWISK WILL BE DISCUSSED AT A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSPORT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD TOMORROW (MONDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS A REQUEST BY A TSUEN WAN WEST AREA COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR THE RE-ROUTING OF KMB BUS ROUTE 39A TO MEET THE NEEDS OF RESIDENTS IN THE AREA.

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IN ADDITION, A PROGRESS REPORT ON WORKS OF MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS WILL BE TABLED.

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 10 AM IN THE MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE 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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ROAD CLOSED FOR BEAM INSTALLATION

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THE WESTBOUND SECTION OF LAI CHI KOK ROAD IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM TUESDAY (MARCH 10) TO MARCH 15 BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5 AM DAILY FOR BEAM INSTALLATION WORK.

THE AFFECTED SECTION RUNS FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI NAN WEST STREET TO CHEUNG SHUN STREET.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TAI NAN WEST STREET BETWEEN LAI CHI KOK ROAD AND CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD WILL BE CONVERTED TO ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.

MEANWHILE, VEHICLES ON LAI CHI KOK ROAD WESTBOUND HEADING FOR MEI FOO OR KWAI CHUNG WILL BE DIVERTED TO TAI NAN WEST STREET AND CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD. LEFT TURN FROM TAI NAN WEST STREET NORTHBOUND TO CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD WESTBOUND WILL BE ALLOWED.

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SHA TAU KOK ROAD PARKING SPACES SUSPENDED

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THE ON-STREET GOODS VEHICLE AND PRIVATE CAR PARKING SPACES IN SHA TAU KOK ROAD, NEW TERRITORIES, WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 11).

THESE PARKING SPACES ARE LOCATED AT THE NORTHERN SIDE OF SHA TAU KOK ROAD (SHEK CHUNG AU) BETWEEN THE CROSS BORDER LINK ROAD AND SHUN LUNG STREET.

MOTORISTS CAN MAKE USE OF THE NEW PUBLIC CAR PARK AT THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF SHA TAU KOK ROAD NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH CROSS BORDER LINK ROAD.

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