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REGULAR FIRST QUARTER HOUSEHOLD SURVEY STARTS  
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THE FIRST QUARTER 1983 GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY IS BEING CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT FROM THIS MONTH TO APRIL, THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS ANNOUNCED TODAY.

STARTED IN AUGUST 1981, QUARTERLY SURVEYS ARE CARRIED OUT ON A CONTINUOUS BASIS BY THE PERMANENT FIELD STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION, HE EXPLAINED.

A RANDOM SAMPLE OF ABOUT 16 500 HOUSEHOLDS HAS BEEN SELECTED THROUGHOUT ALL DISTRICTS IN HONG KONG FOR PARTICIPATION IN THIS SURVEY. SOME OF THE HOUSEHOLDS WERE INCLUDED IN THE FOURTH QUARTER 1982 SURVEY (NOVEMBER 1982 - JANUARY 1983) AND WILL BE INTERVIEWED FOR THE SECOND TIME IN THE COMING SURVEY TO MEASURE MORE ACCURATELY THE CHANGES THAT HAVE SINCE OCCURRED.

OFFICIAL LETTERS IN BOTH CHINESE AND ENGLISH HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE SAMPLE HOUSEHOLDS TO EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY AND TO SEEK THEIR COOPERATION.

ASSISTANT CENSUS AND SURVEY OFFICERS, WHO WILL IDENTIFY THEMSELVES WITH DEPARTMENTAL IDENTITY CARDS, WILL VISIT THE SAMPLE HOUSEHOLDS DURING THIS PERIOD TO COLLECT THE INFORMATION.

QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED IN THE SURVEY INCLUDE THE CORE QUESTIONS ON LABOUR FORCE AND OTHER CHARACTERISTICS SUCH AS : AGE, SEX AND EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF INDIVIDUALS; ACTIVITY STATUS, OCCUPATION, INDUSTRY, EARNINGS, AND HOURS OF WORK FOR THOSE WORKING; TENURE, RENT AND INCOME OF HOUSEHOLDS.

OTHER QUESTIONS ON DEMAND FOR HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME FLATS AND PUBLIC RENTAL HOUSING; AWARENESS OF PROVISION OF ADVISORY AND PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICES AND PARTICIPATION IN YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE ACTIVITIES; NUMBER OF RADIOS WITH VHF/FM RECEPTION; GAS WATER HEATERS; CIGARETTE SMOKING AND HEALTH AND LIVING AREA AND TYPE OF ACCOMMODATION, WILL ALSO BE ASKED.

ALL INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE TREATED IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE AND WILL NOT BE REVEALED TO ANY PERSON OR ORGANISATION OUTSIDE THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, HE SAID.

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FOUR BILLS FOR LEGCO MEETING  
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FOUR BILLS, DEALING WITH A VARIETY OF MATTERS, WILL BE INTRODUCED AT TOMORROW'S (WEDNESDAY'S) LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING AND READ A SECOND TIME. DEBATE ON THEM WILL BE ADJOURNED.

THE BILLS ARE:

- \* INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983, BASING THE COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAX ON ACTUAL RENT RECEIVED
- \* MATRIMONIAL CAUSES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983, EXTENDING THE POWERS OF THE COURTS WITH REGARD TO CHILD CUSTODY
- \* PROTECTION OF INVESTORS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983, PROVIDING GREATER PROTECTION TO THE PUBLIC ON CERTAIN INVESTMENT SCHEMES,
- \* REGISTRATION OF PERSONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983, EMPOWERING THE GOVERNMENT TO INTRODUCE NEW AND MORE SECURE IDENTITY CARDS.

TWO OTHER BILLS ARE DUE FOR FINAL READING:

THE INSURANCE COMPANIES BILL 1982, PROVIDING A FRAMEWORK FOR THE PRUDENT SUPERVISION OF THE INSURANCE BUSINESS, AND

THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (RECRUITING OF SEAMEN) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983, INCREASING THE ANNUAL FEE FOR LICENSED CREW DEPARTMENTS OF SHIPPING COMPANIES.

THIRTEEN QUESTIONS WILL BE ASKED BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS.

THEY WILL DEAL WITH SUCH MATTERS AS THE LAY ASSESSORS SCHEME IN THE MAGISTRACIES, AMUSEMENT GAME CENTRES, RISKS TO CHILDREN AT CONSTRUCTION SITE OPEN PITS, EMISSION OF HARMFUL EXHAUST FROM VEHICLES, CONTROL OF DANGEROUS DRUGS IN CHINESE PATENT MEDICINES, AND POLICY ON SUBVENTION FOR SOCIAL CENTRES, MULTI-SERVICE CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY.

OTHER QUESTIONS WILL CONCERN THE RIGHT OF ABODE IN HONG KONG, LOW COST CLINICS IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, USE OF SPACE UNDER FLYOVERS, LEGAL ABORTIONS ON GIRLS UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE, THE ANTI-SMOKING PROGRAMME, THE TUEN MUN LIGHT RAIL SCHEME, AND THE SAFETY OF EQUIPMENT AT THE PRINCE PHILIP DENTAL HOSPITAL.

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CANDIDATES TO PRESENT PLATFORMS

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THREE CANDIDATES FOR THE MARCH 8 URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS WILL PRESENT THEIR PLATFORMS AT A SERIES OF SEMINARS TO BE ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE FROM TOMORROW TO EARLY MARCH.

THE CANDIDATES, MR FRANCIS CHAINE, MR CHIU BUT-YORK AND MR JOSEPH CHAN WILL CONTEST THE SEAT IN THE SOUTHERN CONSTITUENCY.

ALL THE 48 727 REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE DISTRICT ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE SEMINARS, WHICH WILL LAST ABOUT TWO HOURS, STARTING AT 8 PM.

THE CANDIDATES WILL ANSWER QUESTIONS FOLLOWING A BRIEF SELF INTRODUCTION AND AN OUTLINE OF THEIR PLATFORMS.

THE SCHEDULE FOR THE SEMINARS IS AS FOLLOWS:

- \* TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT ABERDEEN KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTRE, 180B, ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD;
- \* ON FEBRUARY 3 (THURSDAY) AT C.K. LAW MEMORIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL, BLOCK 5, SHEK PAI WAN ESTATE;
- \* ON FEBRUARY 8 (TUESDAY) AT WONG CHUK HANG YOUTH CENTRE, THE FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS, BLOCK 10, WONG CHUK HANG ESTATE;
- \* ON FEBRUARY 21 (MONDAY) AT CHI FU COMMUNITY HALL, CHI FU FA YUEN;
- \* ON FEBRUARY 24 (THURSDAY) AT CARITAS SOCIAL CENTRE, ABERDEEN, 20, TIN WAN STREET;
- \* ON FEBRUARY 28 (MONDAY) AT MATTEO RICCI COLLEGE, 55, WAH FU ROAD, WAH FU ESTATE; AND
- \* ON MARCH 2 (WEDNESDAY) AT STANLEY SUB-OFFICE, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE, 88, STANLEY VILLAGE ROAD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINARS.

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FURTHER ACTION AGAINST DTC'S  
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THE COMMISSIONER OF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES HAS TODAY REVOKED THE REGISTRATION OF THREE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES. THEIR NAMES ARE:

AXONA INTERNATIONAL CREDIT AND COMMERCE LIMITED  
HONG KONG DEPOSIT AND GUARANTY COMPANY LIMITED  
TETRA FINANCE (HK) LIMITED

THE REVOCATION OF THE REGISTRATION OF THESE COMPANIES FOLLOWS THE SUSPENSION OF THEIR REGISTRATION ON JANUARY 3, ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE COMPANIES HAD FAILED TO MAINTAIN THE MINIMUM LEVEL OF SPECIFIED LIQUID ASSETS REQUIRED BY LAW DURING NOVEMBER 1982.

IN ADDITION, THE COMMISSIONER HAS ALSO SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE THE REGISTRATION OF FIRST HONG KONG CREDIT LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY, ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE COMPANY HAS FAILED TO MAINTAIN THE MINIMUM LEVEL OF SPECIFIED LIQUID ASSETS REQUIRED BY LAW DURING DECEMBER 1982.

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CHINA GROUP VISITS REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT  
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A SIX-MEMBER DELEGATION LED BY MR HU XING ZHANG, THE TRADE MARK DIVISION CHIEF, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND TRADE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, FOREIGN TRADE ADMINISTRATION, VISITED THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT THIS AFTERNOON (TUESDAY).

THE DELEGATION DISCUSSED VARIOUS ASPECTS OF TRADE MARK LAW AND PRACTICE AND VISITED THE TRADE MARKS REGISTRY IN THE UNITED CENTRE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

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OUTSTANDING YOUTH LEADERS REWARDED  
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TEN OUTSTANDING YOUTH LEADERS WERE THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING PRESENTED WITH OUTWARD BOUND SCHOLARSHIPS BY A LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR CHARLES YEUNG, WHO IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT.

THEY ARE MESSRS: LAW KEUNG, LO WING-CHAK, HO SIU-WING, FUNG SIK-LEUNG, CHEUNG KA-FAI, CHAU CHIU-POR AND LEUNG PING-KI, AND MISS KO PUI-KING, MISS LAI MAN-CHI AND MISS SO KAN-MEI.

AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY HELD THIS EVENING, MR YEUNG PRAISED THE YOUTHS FOR THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY DURING THE 1982 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

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+THE 10 YOUTH LEADERS WITH US HERE TODAY ARE EXAMPLES OF SUCH COMMUNITY SPIRITED INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED THEIR TIME AND EFFORTS IN MAKING THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR EVENTS OF THE YEAR,+ MR YEUNG SAID.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE DONATED ANNUALLY BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB IN RECOGNITION OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS BY YOUNG PEOPLE DURING THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

EACH OUTWARD BOUND SCHOLARSHIP IS MADE UP OF FEES FOR A STANDARD COURSE OFFERED AT THE OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL, MEDICAL EXAMINATION FEES AND POCKET MONEY FOR MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES, AMOUNTING TO ABOUT \$4 000.

THE STANDARD COURSES COVER 18 DAYS OF TRAINING FOR THE 16 TO 26 YEARS OLD AGE GROUP, AND ARE DESIGNED TO FOSTER THE QUALITIES OF CO-OPERATION, INITIATIVE, AND SELF-AWARENESS THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF A SUSTAINED CHALLENGE.

THEY WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE OUTWARD BOUND SHIP 'JI FUNG' WHERE THE YOUTHS WILL UNDERGO VIGOROUS TRAINING.

THERE WILL BE SCALING, RIGGING AND LONG NIGHT WATCHES ALOFT OR AT THE END OF A DIPPING BOWSPRIT.

LIFE ABOARD THE VESSEL WILL CALL FOR COMMUNITY LIVING, TOLERANCE, LOYALTY AND DEDICATION.

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#### CHECK KEPT ON REMOVAL OF HOUSEHOLD REFUSE

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THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR JOHN HEYWOOD, WENT TO CHEUNG CHAU TODAY (TUESDAY) TO CHECK ON WORK BEING DONE IN TRANSPORTING HOUSEHOLD REFUSE BY BARGE TO TSING YI ISLAND FOR DISPOSAL.

MR HEYWOOD FIRST WENT TO THE PIER AT TAI SHEK HAU AND SAW TONS OF HOUSEHOLD REFUSE BEING LOADED ONTO A CONTRACTOR'S BARGE.

HE THEN TOURED A PROPOSED SITE FOR A MODERN CREMATORIUM NEXT TO THE CHEUNG CHAU PUBLIC CEMETERY.

THE CREMATORIUM WILL INCLUDE A COLUMBARIUM ACCOMMODATING 500 TO 1 000 NICHES AND A LANDSCAPED GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE.

LATER, HE WENT TO THE WATERFRONT AREA AND SAW RECLAMATION WORK BEING CARRIED OUT TO PROVIDE LAND FOR A MARKET, AND A COOKED FOOD BAZAAR TO RESITE ELIGIBLE STREET TRADERS.

BEFORE LEAVING CHEUNG CHAU MR HEYWOOD ALSO INSPECTED A NUMBER OF PUBLIC RECREATIONAL FACILITIES UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING THE CHEUNG CHAU SPORTSGROUND AND THE GAZETTED BEACHES AT TUNG WAN AND KWUN YUM WAN.

ACCOMPANYING MR HEYWOOD ON TODAY'S TOUR WERE THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR JOHN TELFORD, THE SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT, SOUTH REGION, MR LEE SAI-HEI, AND THE DEPUTY URBAN SERVICES OFFICER, ISLANDS, MR MA KWONG-CHOI.

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REFRESHER COURSES FOR MATHEMATICS TEACHERS  
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FOUR COURSES ON THE TEACHING OF MATHEMATICS WILL BE ORGANISED FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S MATHEMATICS TEACHING CENTRE FROM MARCH TO JUNE THIS YEAR.

THESE COURSES, EACH OF WHICH WILL LAST TWO DAYS, ARE AIMED AT INTRODUCING NEW APPROACHES TO MATHEMATICS TEACHING, PARTICULARLY LEARNING THROUGH ACTIVITY AND DISCOVERY.

THE CONTENTS OF THE COURSES, WHICH WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CANTONESE, WILL INCLUDE LECTURES, SESSIONS FOR PRACTICAL WORK AND DISCUSSIONS.

THE COURSES FOR UPPER PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 10 AND 17, AND MAY 12 AND 19; WHILE THOSE FOR LOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS WILL BE CONDUCTED ON APRIL 14 AND 21, AND JUNE 2 AND 9 AT THE MATHEMATICS TEACHING CENTRE AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT, HONG KONG.

EACH COURSE CAN ONLY ACCOMMODATE 30 TEACHERS AND APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

HEADMASTERS WISHING TO SEND THEIR TEACHERS TO ATTEND THE COURSES SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR NOMINATIONS TO THE MATHEMATICS SECTION, ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, ROOM 419, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 8.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE COURSES MAY BE MADE WITH THE MATHEMATICS SECTION, TEL. 5-8392488.

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PRIMARY PUPILS JOIN VEGETABLE GROWING CONTEST  
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THE JUDGING OF THIS YEAR'S URBAN PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN VEGETABLE GROWING COMPETITION WILL BE HELD AT NOON TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S TEACHING CENTRE AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT.

AN HORTICULTURIST FROM THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR C.S. PAO, WILL HEAD A PANEL OF ADJUDICATORS AT THE JUDGING.

MORE THAN 80 URBAN PRIMARY SCHOOLS HAVE TAKEN PART IN THIS YEAR'S COMPETITION. AFTER RECEIVING SEEDS FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT LAST SEPTEMBER, PARTICIPATING STUDENTS HAVE SUCCESSFULLY GROWN TOMATO, BUSH BEAN, CABBAGE AND BROCCOLI IN POTS.

ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE VEGETABLE GROWING COMPETITION WAS ORGANISED TO GIVE STUDENTS A CHANCE TO PRACTISE WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNED FROM TEXTBOOKS AND TO AROUSE THEIR AWARENESS OF THE NEED TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT.

AN EXHIBITION OF SELECTED ENTRIES WILL BE HELD AT THE TEACHING CENTRE FROM 2.30 PM TOMORROW TO 5 PM ON FRIDAY, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

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**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES OFFICERS COMPLETE HOSPITAL TRAINING  
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THIRTEEN ASSISTANT OFFICERS OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WHO HAVE COMPLETED AN IN-SERVICE HOSPITAL TRAINING COURSE AND PASSED THE FIRST AID AND HOME NURSING EXAMINATIONS WERE TODAY (TUESDAY) PRESENTED WITH CERTIFICATES.

AT A CEREMONY HELD AT THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS, WOMAN SUPERINTENDENT, MISS BONNIE WONG, DISTRIBUTED THE CERTIFICATES.

THE 10-WEEK CONDENSED COURSE, CONDUCTED BY THE ST JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION, INCLUDED EIGHT WEEKS' THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL TRAINING AS WELL AS TWO WEEKS' FIELD TRAINING AT THE TAI LAM CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION HOSPITAL.

THE OFFICERS WILL BE POSTED TO WORK IN HOSPITALS AND SICK BAYS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

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**KWUN TONG DB MEMBERS TO STUDY ENVIRONMENT  
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MEMBERS OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE WILL TOUR THE TING HONG AREA IN NGAU TAU KOK TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO IDENTIFY ENVIRONMENTAL DEFICIENCIES.

THE VISIT WILL ENABLE MEMBERS TO UNDERSTAND THE GENERAL SITUATION BETTER IN THE AREA AND TO RECOMMEND IMPROVEMENTS.

THEIR MAIN CONCERN WILL BE OVER ILLEGAL HAWKING, CONTROL OF HAWKERS, PARKING FACILITIES, PUBLIC AMENITIES, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES.

A PRE-VISIT BRIEFING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MUSIC OFFICE ON TING FU STREET.

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NEW PLAYGROUND, SITTING-OUT AREA FOR WAN CHAI  
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A THREE-LEVEL PLAYGROUND AND SITTING-OUT AREA WILL SOON BE BUILT ON A 321-SQUARE-METRE SITE IN SHIP STREET TO SERVE THE RECREATIONAL NEEDS OF RESIDENTS IN WAN CHAI.

THE DESIGN FOR THE PROJECT WAS DICTATED BY THE INCLINE OF THE AREA, A BUILDING DEVELOPMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED TODAY.

FACILITIES TO BE INCLUDED IN THE FIRST LEVEL ARE A STOREROOM, A DUAL-CONTOUR SLIDE, WALL-MOUNTED FITNESS EQUIPMENT AND A CONCRETE CLIMB, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

A PUBLIC TOILET, CHESS TABLES, A SADDLE MATE AND SWINGS WILL BE LOCATED ON THE SECOND LEVEL.

THE THIRD LEVEL, WILL BE TURFED AND PLANTED AND WILL BE RESERVED FOR SEATING.

TENDERS ARE NOW BEING CALLED FOR THE PROJECT AND WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN MARCH AND BE READY BY THE END OF THIS YEAR.

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FOUR HOURS WATER CUT  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO ALL PREMISES IN SHUN TIN ESTATE, SHUN LEE ESTATE, SHUN ON ESTATE AND CHOI WAN ESTATE IN EAST KOWLOON WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FOUR HOURS FROM 10 AM TO 2 PM ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 3) FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

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INTELPOST - THE FASTEST MAIL IN THE WORLD  
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IMAGINE YOU WISH TO SEND A PERSONALISED GREETING CARD TO SOMEONE DEAR WHO IS GETTING MARRIED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM THE NEXT DAY. HOW CAN IT BE DELIVERED IN TIME?

THE ANSWER IS +INTELPOST+ - A NEW ELECTRONIC MAIL FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION SERVICE OFFERED BY THE POST OFFICE IN CO-OPERATION WITH CABLE AND WIRELESS (HK) LTD.

+THE OTHER DAY A COUPLE USED THE INTELPOST SERVICE TO SEND A BEAUTIFUL HAND-PREPARED GREETING CARD TO THEIR SON WHO WAS GETTING MARRIED THE FOLLOWING DAY. AND IT REACHED HIM IN TIME,+ ACCORDING TO MR P.C. LUK, SENIOR CONTROLLER (MANAGEMENT SERVICES).

THE HONG KONG POST OFFICE ENTERED A NEW PHASE IN POSTAL HISTORY ON DECEMBER 6 LAST YEAR WHEN THE INTELPOST SERVICE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND 60 CENTRES IN BRITAIN WAS LAUNCHED. IT ALSO BECAME THE FIRST POSTAL ADMINISTRATION OUTSIDE OF EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA TO HAVE SUCH A SERVICE.

+INTELPOST PROVIDES HIGH-SPEED FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION OF BUSINESS PAPERS, DOCUMENTS, REPORTS, CHARTS, DIAGRAMS, LETTERS, GREETINGS, AND, IN FACT, ANY PRINTED MATERIAL OR MANUSCRIPT,+ MR LUK EXPLAINED.

ON JANUARY 11, THE SERVICE WAS EXTENDED TO FIVE MAJOR CENTRES IN THE UNITED STATES: CHICAGO, HOUSTON, NEW YORK, SAN FRANCISCO AND WASHINGTON.

MR LUK DISCLOSED THAT PLANS ARE IN HAND FOR SIMILAR SERVICES TO CANADA, SINGAPORE, GERMANY AND OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

THE RESPONSE TO THE SERVICE HAS BEEN ENCOURAGING AND A VARIETY OF CUSTOMERS RANGING FROM BUSINESS CONCERNS, SOLICITORS FIRMS AND MUSIC COMPANIES TO PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS HAVE SO FAR USED IT.

+THE SERVICE IS ESPECIALLY USEFUL TO STOCKBROKERS, NEWS AGENCIES, BANKERS, PUBLISHERS, PRINTERS, ARCHITECTS, DESIGNERS AND SOLICITORS WHO HAVE OVERSEAS CONNECTIONS,+ MR LUK SAID.

DOCUMENTS ACCEPTED AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE OR THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE OVERSEAS DESTINATIONS WITHIN ONE HOUR.

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DURING THE ACTUAL TRANSMISSION, THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT IS SCANNED BY THE FACSIMILE MACHINE. THE VARIATIONS OF PRINT DENSITY ON THE DOCUMENT CAUSE THE SCANNER TO GENERATE ANALOGOUS ELECTRICAL VIDEO SIGNALS WHICH ARE THEN TRANSMITTED TO THE DISTANT END THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE NETWORK.

THESE SIGNALS ARE RECEIVED AND USED TO MODULATE THE DENSITY OF PRINT PRODUCED BY A PRINTING DEVICE OF THE RECEIVING FACSIMILE MACHINE. AS A RESULT A FACSIMILE COPY OF THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT IS PRODUCED.

+THE ENTIRE PROCESS OF TRANSMISSION IS COMPLETED IN A MATTER OF MINUTES. THAT'S WHY INTELPOST IS THE FASTEST MAIL SERVICE IN THE WORLD,+ MR LUK SAID.

ON ARRIVAL, THE FACSIMILE COPIES WILL EITHER BE DELIVERED BY SPECIAL MESSENGER TO ADDRESSEES WITHIN THE SPECIFIED DELIVERY AREAS OR CAN BE COLLECTED AT THE NEAREST INTELPOST OFFICE OR FORWARDED BY FIRST CLASS MAIL.

AT THE SENDER'S REQUEST, THE ORIGINALS CAN BE EITHER RETURNED TO HIM OR FORWARDED TO THE ADDRESSEE BY FIRST CLASS AIR MAIL AT NO ADDITIONAL COST TO THE SENDER.

THE COST OF INTELPOST IS \$50 FOR THE FIRST SIDE OF PAPER UP TO A4 SIZE, AND \$25 FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT SIDE BEING SENT AT THE SAME TIME TO THE SAME ADDRESSEE. THIS COST IS VERY REASONABLE, COMPARED WITH THAT OF OTHER EXPRESS TRANSMISSION METHODS, ACCORDING TO MR LUK.

HE STRESSED THAT INTELPOST, LIKE OTHER FIRST CLASS MAIL SERVICES OPERATED BY THE HONG KONG POST OFFICE, IS SECURE AND CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE ITEMS IS RESPECTED.

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