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MANY PRIVATE BUILDINGS NEED REPAIR, SURVEY FINDS

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MORE THAN 8,000 PRIVATE BUILDINGS IN HONG KONG ARE IN A DEFECTIVE STATE OF REPAIR, ACCORDING TO A SURVEY UNDERTAKEN BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE.

THE SURVEY FINDINGS WERE GIVEN TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS, MR GRAHAM BARNES, WHEN HE ADDRESSED A CONFERENCE ON BUILDING MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF SURVEYORS AND THE ROYAL INSTITUTION OF CHARTERED SURVEYORS (HONG KONG BRANCH).

MR BARNES SAID SOME 22,500 PRIVATE BUILDINGS HAD BEEN INSPECTED SINCE OCTOBER. THE SURVEY TEAM FOUND THAT SEVEN OF THEM HAD TO BE CLOSED AND SOME 67 WERE IN A DANGEROUS STATE REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ACTION.

SOME 14,000 DID NOT NEED MAJOR REPAIRS FOR ANOTHER FIVE YEARS.

THERE WERE ABOUT 60,000 PRIVATE BUILDINGS IN HONG KONG AND THE SURVEY WOULD COVER ALL OF THEM, MR BARNES SAID.

AFTER THIS INITIAL SURVEY, A FULL SURVEY ON ALL THOSE BUILDINGS FOUND TO BE DEFECTIVE WOULD BE CARRIED OUT.

"THIS FULL SURVEY WILL RESULT IN A DECISION WHETHER TO ISSUE REPAIR NOTICES OR, IN VERY SERIOUS CASES, CLOSURE ORDERS AND DEMOLITION NOTICES," HE SAID.

MR BARNES SAID FLAT OWNERS WERE NOW CO-OPERATING BETTER WITH THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE IN EFFECTING REPAIRS RATHER THAN WAITING FOR THE OFFICE TO PUT IN ITS OWN CONTRACTORS.

THIS WAS EVIDENCED BY LOWER DRAWINGS ON THE VOTE WHICH WAS PROVIDED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE GOVERNMENT CONTRACTOR.

"THE SURVEY IS A START AND I BELIEVE IT WILL LEAD TO MUCH MORE ACTION, AND IT MAY EVEN LEAD TO A SITUATION WHERE A LAW ENFORCING MAINTENANCE WOULD BE GENERALLY MORE ACCEPTABLE. FOR THIS IS WHAT HONG KONG NEEDS," MR BARNES ADDED.

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\$170 MILLION BEING SPENT ON YOUTH SERVICES
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A TOTAL OF \$170 MILLION HAS BEEN ALLOCATED IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR TO SERVICES PROVIDED BY CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES WHICH PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE BALANCED DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ROSE GOODSTADT, SAID THIS (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE CHINESE YMCA KWONG FUK CENTRE IN TAI PO, MRS GOODSTADT SAID THIS REFLECTED THE GREAT IMPORTANCE THE GOVERNMENT ATTACHED TO THE SERVICES.

"THROUGH PARTICIPATING IN ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE CENTRES, IT IS HOPED THAT YOUNG PEOPLE CAN BECOME RESPONSIBLE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY.

"THE AIM HAS BEEN SET OUT CLEARLY IN THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN FOR SOCIAL WELFARE DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG," SHE SAID.

MRS GOODSTADT POINTED OUT THAT TO ACHIEVE THIS AIM, THE CENTRES ORGANISED VARIOUS ACTIVITIES WHICH OFFERED LEARNING AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE BALANCED DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

"BESIDES, THE CENTRES ORGANISE A SERIES OF FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION ACTIVITIES TO INSTIL IN YOUNG PEOPLE A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY AND OBLIGATION TOWARDS THE FAMILY.

"COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES ARE ALSO ORGANISED WITH A VIEW TO ENCOURAGING YOUNG PEOPLE TO PLAY AN ACTIVE PART IN SERVING THE COMMUNITY," SHE SAID.

MRS GOODSTADT NOTED THAT THERE WERE NOW OVER 200 CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES IN HONG KONG, AND 22 MORE WOULD BE OPENED IN THE NEXT THREE YEARS.

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NEW APPOINTMENT TO PRIVATE SCHOOLS REVIEW COMMITTEE
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AN EXPERIENCED EDUCATIONALIST, MR LUKE YIP JING-PING, HAS BEEN APPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED PRIVATE SCHOOLS REVIEW COMMITTEE, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY).

MR YIP, WHO IS THE PRINCIPAL OF ST STEPHEN'S COLLEGE IN STANLEY, WILL REPLACE MR TIMOTHY HA WING-HO WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE.

/THE COMMITTEE

THE COMMITTEE, SET UP IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR, HAS FOUR UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS AND THREE OFFICIAL MEMBERS.

THE OTHER MEMBERS ARE: DR LEONG CHE-HUNG, A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL; MR TAM MAN-KWUN, PRINCIPAL OF YUEN LONG PAK KAU ENGLISH SCHOOL; PROFESSOR TO CHO-YEE OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG; MR CHRIS GODWIN OF THE EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH; MR BRIAN BRESNIHAN OF THE FINANCE BRANCH; AND MR CHAN YAM-PANG OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS SOLD BY AUCTION

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TWENTY-ONE SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE PUT UP FOR AUCTION THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING FOR A TOTAL OF \$8,980,000 WHICH WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE, SAW THE REGISTRATION NUMBER 11 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$1,100,000.

ANOTHER NUMBER, 15, WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$930,000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$190,000 FOR 1313.

FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF TODAY'S AUCTION:

2828	\$ 490,000	818	\$ 290,000	1188	\$ 290,000
178	220,000	223	380,000	15	930,000
988	250,000	8833	320,000	822	310,000
1313	190,000	11	1,100,000	939	270,000
67	330,000	983	300,000	27	700,000
886	360,000	388	380,000	813	300,000
2222	540,000	89	680,000	399	350,000

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WERE REQUIRED TO PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

THE NUMBERS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 146TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR CHARITY REALISED SO FAR TO \$97,770,305.

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PROPER MANAGEMENT OF MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS URGED

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THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GARY YEUNG, TODAY (SATURDAY) CALLED ON PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS TO MAKE COLLECTIVE EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE MANAGEMENT OF THEIR BUILDINGS.

ADDRESSING A SEMINAR FOR MEMBERS OF OWNERS' CORPORATIONS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN EASTERN DISTRICT, MR YEUNG SAID AS SOCIETY ADVANCED RESIDENTS ATTACHED GREATER IMPORTANCE TO THE PROPER MANAGEMENT OF BUILDINGS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE PROBLEMS OF BLOCKAGE OF FIRE EXITS, LACK OF MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC FACILITIES, UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS AND IMPROPER MANAGEMENT OFTEN AFFECTED RESIDENTS' SAFETY AND PROPERTIES.

"IT IS NOW TIMELY FOR PROPERTY OWNERS AND TENANTS TO WORK TOGETHER TO TAKE CARE OF THEIR BUILDINGS AND ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS," HE SAID.

OUTLINING THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS IN THIS AREA, MR YEUNG SAID IT HAD BEEN WORKING ON AN EFFECTIVE LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR FLAT OWNERS TO LOOK AFTER THEIR PROPERTIES.

"SPECIFIC GUIDELINES FOR THE DRAFTING OF NEW DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT WERE INTRODUCED IN DECEMBER 1987 AND LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS ARE BEING MADE TO THE MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS (OWNERS INCORPORATION) ORDINANCE," HE SAID.

AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE WAS ESTABLISHED IN NOVEMBER 1988 TO ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT ON PRIVATE BUILDING MANAGEMENT MATTERS AND REVIEW THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE EXISTING POLICY.

THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HAD ALSO ESTABLISHED BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAMS IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS TO OFFER ADVICE TO RESIDENTS, MR YEUNG SAID.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE SEMINAR, A LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR CHUNG PUI-LAM, GAVE AN ACCOUNT OF THE WORK OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

THE SEMINAR WAS CO-ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION AND THE EASTERN DISTRICT FEDERATION OF MULTI-STOREY BUILDING ORGANISATIONS TO GIVE RESIDENTS A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT MATTERS.

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YOUTH SERVICES NEED TO ADJUST TO CHANGING NEEDS

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YOUTH SERVICE AGENCIES SHOULD ADJUST THEIR SERVICES TO ASSIST YOUNG PEOPLE IN FACING THE CHALLENGES IN THE 1990'S, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR KWOK KA-CHI, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT A SEMINAR ORGANISED BY THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG (KOWLOON REGION) IN TSIM SHA TSUI, MR KWOK SAID THE AGENCIES NEEDED TO CONSIDER THREE ASPECTS WHEN DEVISING THE DIRECTION IN WHICH THEIR SERVICES SHOULD BE DEVELOPED.

"THE FIRST ASPECT IS CIVIC EDUCATION. THE AGENCIES SHOULD HELP YOUNG PEOPLE TO BECOME RESPONSIBLE AND CIVIC-MINDED CITIZENS OF THE SOCIETY THROUGH THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION," HE SAID.

"THE SECOND ASPECT IS PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL AFFAIRS. YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE PART IN ACTIVITIES OF THEIR DISTRICT AND HENCE DEVELOP A SENSE OF BELONGING TOWARDS THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

"THE THIRD ASPECT IS PROGRAMME DESIGN. AS THE LIVING STANDARD IMPROVES, YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE GREATER CHOICES OF PASTIME ACTIVITIES.

"HENCE, THERE IS A NEED TO DEVISE PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES TO MEET THEIR CHANGING NEEDS,"

MR KWOK NOTED THAT IN VIEW OF THE CHANGES IN HONG KONG, YOUTH LEADERS WILL HAVE A NEW ROLE TO PLAY IN THE 1990'S.

HE URGED THEM TO EQUIP THEMSELVES WELL TO PREPARE FOR THE CHALLENGES AHEAD AND TO ASSIST THEIR PEER GROUP TO CONTRIBUTE TO SOCIETY.

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ENVIRONMENTAL, MANAGEMENT SEMINAR FOR FACTORY OPERATORS

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ABOUT 100 FACTORY OPERATORS AND MEMBERS OF OWNERS' CORPORATIONS TODAY (SATURDAY) ATTENDED A SEMINAR ON INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ORGANISED BY THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD AND THE INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATING TEAM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

SPEAKING AT THE SEMINAR, THE HOUSING MANAGER OF THE CO-ORDINATING TEAM, MR LEE KANG-SUM, SAID KWAI TSING DISTRICT, BEING A MAJOR INDUSTRIAL AREA, CONTAINED VARIOUS KINDS OF INDUSTRIES, INCLUDING OFFENSIVE TRADES OF DYEING AND BLEACHING, ELECTROPLATING, LEATHER TANNING AND BOILING OF LARD.

THESE TRADES, PARTICULARLY DYEING AND BLEACHING, WERE THE CAUSE OF MANY ENVIRONMENTAL AND MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS, MR LEE SAID.

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COMMON PROBLEMS FOUND IN DYEING AND BLEACHING FACTORIES WERE ILLEGAL CONNECTION TO RAIN WATER PIPES, IMPROPER DISCHARGE OF INDUSTRIAL EFFLUENT AND BLOCKAGE OF DRAINAGE PIPES.

AN OPERATOR OF A DYEING FACTORY WAS INVITED TO TALK ABOUT THE INDUSTRY'S DIFFICULTIES IN COMPLYING WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S REGULATIONS AND THE ASSISTANCE WHICH THE OPERATORS HOPED THE GOVERNMENT COULD PROVIDE.

A SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, DR ELLEN CHAN, AND BUILDING SURVEYOR OF THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE, MR DAVY YUEN, IN RESPONSE, ADVISED THE OPERATORS ON WAYS TO OVERCOME THESE DIFFICULTIES.

TWO SLIDE SHOWS ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND EFFLUENT DISCHARGE WERE SHOWN TO GIVE PARTICIPANTS A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF COMMON PROBLEMS AND RELEVANT GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS.

THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD AND THE CO-ORDINATING TEAM ALLOCATED ABOUT \$100,000 THIS FINANCIAL YEAR TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

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STUDENTS INVITED TO ENTER HEALTH EDUCATION COMPETITIONS

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LOCAL STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE 1990 INTER-SECONDARY SCHOOL HEALTH EDUCATION PROJECT EXHIBITION COMPETITION AND THE 1990 INTER-PRIMARY SCHOOL HEALTH EDUCATION PAINTING COMPETITION TO BE HELD IN THE COMING MONTHS.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH, THE COMPETITIONS ARE AIMED AT AROUSING STUDENTS' AWARENESS AND CONCERN TOWARDS PERSONAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES.

"SCHOOLS COULD ALSO MAKE USE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PROMOTE STUDENTS' INTEREST IN SOCIAL STUDIES, HEALTH EDUCATION, CIVIC EDUCATION AND MORAL/ETHICAL EDUCATION," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

IN THE 1990 INTER-SECONDARY SCHOOL HEALTH EDUCATION PROJECT EXHIBITION COMPETITION, PARTICIPATING SECONDARY SCHOOLS MAY CHOOSE ANY ONE OF THE THREE THEMES FOR THEIR PROJECTS, NAMELY THE "MULTI-STOREY RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS OF TOMORROW", "POLLUTION IN HONG KONG AND ITS PREVENTION" AND "DEVELOPING A HEALTHY PERSONALITY".

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COMPETING SCHOOLS ARE REQUIRED TO SET UP THEIR DISPLAYS IN THEIR SCHOOLS DURING THE JUDGING PERIOD FROM FEBRUARY 12 TO 16. THEY ARE RECOMMENDED TO EXHIBIT THEIR PROJECTS LONGER THAN THE STIPULATED PERIOD TO ALLOW STUDENTS FROM OTHER SCHOOLS, PARTICULARLY FROM PRIMARY SCHOOLS, TO SEE THEM.

MARKS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE PROJECTS ACCORDING TO FOUR CRITERIA: RESEARCH (RELEVANCE, ACCURACY, EXTENT AND DEPTH); THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE EXHIBITS ILLUSTRATE APTLY AND GRAPHICALLY THE CHOSEN THEME; ARTISTRY, SKILL AND INGENUITY OF PRESENTATION; AND OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS INCLUDING LAYOUT.

A SUBSIDY OF \$250 WILL BE GIVEN TO EACH PARTICIPATING SCHOOL FOR THE PURCHASE OF ART MATERIALS FOR THE COMPETITION.

A TRANSPORT SUBSIDY UP TO \$300 WILL ALSO BE GRANTED TO EACH OF THE PRIZE-WINNING SCHOOLS WHICH ARE OBLIGATED TO PARTICIPATE IN A JOINT EXHIBITION OF THE PRIZE-WINNING PROJECTS TO BE HELD IN MARCH.

COMPLETED ENTRY FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT AT 123A, FA YUEN STREET, EIGHTH FLOOR, URBAN COUNCIL FA YUEN STREET COMPLEX, KOWLOON ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 12.

BOOK COUPONS AND TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FIRST FIVE PRIZE-WINNING SCHOOLS IN THE HEALTH EDUCATION PROJECT EXHIBITION COMPETITION. UP TO 10 MERIT PRIZES WHICH INCLUDE SOUVENIR PLAQUES AND BOOK COUPONS WILL ALSO BE AWARDED IF THE JUDGES ARE SATISFIED THAT THE STANDARDS OF THE PROJECTS ARE SUFFICIENTLY HIGH.

IN ADDITION, A BEST ARTWORK DESIGN PRIZE WILL BE SPECIALLY AWARDED TO ONE OF THE 15 PRIZE-WINNING PROJECTS WITH THE BEST ARTWORK DURING THE JOINT EXHIBITION.

AS FOR THE 1990 INTER-PRIMARY SCHOOL HEALTH EDUCATION PAINTING COMPETITION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS OPEN TO ALL PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS.

"THERE IS NO RESTRICTION ON THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES SUBMITTED BY EACH SCHOOL. BUT ONLY ONE ENTRY IS ALLOWED FOR EACH STUDENT," HE POINTED OUT.

EACH PARTICIPANT MAY CHOOSE ANY ONE OF THE THEMES INCLUDING "GOOD HYGIENE HABITS"; "LOVE OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT" AND "ENJOY LIFE IN A GROUP".

THE IDEA OF THE THEME MUST BE EXPRESSED THROUGH A COLOUR PAINTING ON WHITE PAPER MEASURING 420 MM BY 594 MM. THERE IS NO RESTRICTION ON THE KIND OF DRAWING MATERIALS USED.

THE ADJUDICATION CRITERIA FOR THIS COMPETITION INCLUDE CREATIVITY, PAINTING TECHNIQUE, RELEVANCE OF THE HEALTH MESSAGE AND ABILITY TO CONVEY IT IN THE PAINTING.

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HEADS OF THE PARTICIPATING PRIMARY SCHOOLS ARE REQUIRED TO SEND THE COMPLETED ENTRY FORM TOGETHER WITH ALL ENTRIES TO THE HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 9.

BOOK COUPONS AND TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FIVE TOP WINNERS. ANOTHER 10 MERIT PRIZES WHICH INCLUDE BOOK COUPONS AND SOUVENIR PLAQUES WILL ALSO BE AWARDED.

ALL WINNING PAINTINGS WILL BE EXHIBITED JOINTLY WITH THE WINNING PROJECTS OF THE HEALTH EDUCATION PROJECT EXHIBITION COMPETITION AT THE CITY HALL EXHIBITION HALL FROM MARCH 16 TO 19. THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 16.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING BOTH COMPETITIONS CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 7871229 OR 7871230.

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REVIEW ON SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICE NECESSARY

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THERE IS A NEED TO REVIEW THE PRESENT SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICE AND MAP OUT THE DIRECTION FOR WELFARE POLICY FOR THE NEXT DECADE, THE REGIONAL OFFICER (NEW TERRITORIES EAST) OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, MR ANTHONY CHAN, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TIN PING CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE IN SHEUNG SHUI, MR CHAN SAID THAT A WHITE PAPER WOULD BE ISSUED IN THE SECOND HALF OF THIS YEAR.

"THIS DOCUMENT WILL BE NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT WELFARE SERVICES WILL CONTINUE TO MEET NEEDS OF THE HONG KONG COMMUNITY INTO THE 1990'S AND BEYOND," HE SAID.

MR CHAN POINTED OUT THAT A WORKING PARTY HAD BEEN SET UP TO CONDUCT THE REVIEW, BUT THE OPINIONS COMING FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WOULD BE MOST IMPORTANT.

"THE SWD IS NOW INVITING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SUBMIT THEIR VIEWS ON DEVELOPMENT OF VARIOUS SOCIAL SERVICES.

"THE REVIEW COULD NOT BE A SUCCESS WITHOUT SUPPORT FROM INTERESTED PARTIES AND VARIOUS SOCIAL COMMUNITIES," HE SAID.

HE URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO MAKE WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS AND SET OUT THEIR PRIORITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT IN SERVICES.

MR CHAN COMMENDED THE HONG KONG CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES FOR PROMOTING AND PROVIDING YOUTH SERVICES OVER THE YEARS. THE TIN PING CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE, WHICH STARTED OPERATION LAST FEBRUARY, IS POPULAR, AND HAS REGISTERED A MEMBERSHIP OF 2,000.

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REMINDER ON NEED FOR IVORY POSSESSION LICENCE

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND IVORY TRADERS WHO ARE IN POSSESSION OF RAW OR WORKED IVORY, INCLUDING ANTIQUE ITEMS, ARE REMINDED THEY HAVE TO APPLY FOR A POSSESSION LICENCE FROM THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT (AFD) BEFORE NEXT FRIDAY (JANUARY 12).

"THE ONLY EXEMPTION FROM THE POSSESSION LICENCE REQUIREMENT IS WORKED IVORY FOR PERSONAL USE WEIGHING NOT MORE THAN FIVE KILOGRAMS," A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

"THE LICENCE FEE IS \$55," HE ADDED.

THE POSSESSION LICENCE REQUIREMENT SUPPLEMENTS THE DEPARTMENT'S BID TO REGISTER ALL EXISTING IVORY STOCKS AND WILL HELP DETER IVORY SMUGGLING AS WELL AS PREVENT NEW IVORY OF DUBIOUS ORIGIN FROM ENTERING THE MARKET.

FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE APPLICATIONS IN TIME AND THE POSSESSION OF IVORY WITHOUT A VALID LICENCE IS AN OFFENCE WHICH CARRIES A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$25,000 PLUS MANDATORY FORFEITURE OF THE IVORY CONCERNED. THE PENALTY FOR A REPEATED OFFENCE IS A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$50,000 PLUS SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE DEPARTMENT'S FAUNA CONSERVATION SECTION ON 7332123 OR 7332124.

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FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITION TO BE HELD IN SHA TIN

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FIRE PREVENTION MESSAGES WILL BE DISSEMINATED THROUGH AN EXHIBITION TO BE HELD AT SHA KOK ESTATE, SHA TIN, TOMORROW (SUNDAY) FROM 11 AM TO 3.30 PM.

THIS IS THE THIRD IN A SERIES OF NINE FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITIONS BEING ORGANISED THIS WINTER BY THE FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP.

"THE EXHIBITIONS AIM TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF FIRE PREVENTION AND THE POTENTIAL HAZARD OF ELECTRICAL FAULT WHICH REMAINS A MAJOR CAUSE OF DOMESTIC AND INDUSTRIAL FIRES," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WORKING GROUP SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

"ELECTRIC FAULTS CAN BE AVOIDED IF REGULAR MAINTENANCE OF POWER POINTS AND APPLIANCES IS CARRIED OUT BY PROFESSIONALS," HE SAID.

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"IN ORDER TO HELP THE PUBLIC OBTAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE SUBJECT, OFFICERS FROM THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL BE PRESENT AT THE EXHIBITION TO ANSWER QUESTIONS," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO TAKE PART IN THE EXHIBITION TO ADVISE THE PUBLIC ON HOW TO PREVENT HILL FIRES.

VISITORS TO THE EXHIBITION WILL RECEIVE A BOOKLET ON THE PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC FIRES AND SOUVENIRS SPONSORED BY KWONG ON BANK LTD.

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24-HOUR PORT PATROLS DURING LUNAR NEW YEAR

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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE 24-HOUR PATROLS FOR THE MAJOR FISHING PORTS OF ABERDEEN AND SHAU KEI WAN OVER A TWO-WEEK PERIOD DURING THE UPCOMING LUNAR NEW YEAR, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR IAN STRACHAN, SAID THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING.

"THE PATROLS WILL ASSIST FISHING VESSELS RETURNING FOR THE FESTIVITIES TO FIND SAFE MOORINGS," MR STRACHAN SAID. HE WAS OFFICIATING AT THE 26TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHAI WAN FISHERMEN'S RECREATION CLUB.

NOTING THAT THE ASSOCIATION HAD SERVED ITS MEMBERS' NEEDS FOR OVER 25 YEARS, MR STRACHAN SAID THE ASSOCIATION HAD FORMED AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE CONSULTATIVE MACHINERY BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND THE INTERESTS OF THE FISHING COMMUNITY IN CHAI WAN.

CITING THE LOCAL CRAFT REVIEW AS AN EXAMPLE, HE SAID THE MARINE DEPARTMENT HAD PROPOSED A RADICAL CHANGE IN THE LOCAL CRAFT REGULATORY SYSTEM AIMED AT IMPROVING AND SIMPLIFYING PROCEDURES IN THE AREAS OF LICENSING, PROFICIENCY AND SAFETY.

"FOR EXAMPLE THE PROPOSAL TO ABOLISH THE PLYING RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED ON OPEN SAMPANS INVOLVED IN THE MARICULTURE INDUSTRY HAS BEEN WELCOMED BY THE FISHING COMMUNITY.

"FURTHER CONSULTATION WITH ASSOCIATIONS SUCH AS YOURS WILL BE UNDERTAKEN IN THE FUTURE AS THE LOCAL CRAFT REVIEW PROGRESSES," MR STRACHAN SAID.

THE MARINE DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE AND ENABLE BOTH LONG AND SHORT TERM IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE TO THE OPERATION OF THE FISHING FLEET. AS REGARDS THE LATTER, IMPROVEMENTS WOULD BE SEEN SOON IN THE INTRODUCTION OF A SIMPLIFIED SYSTEM OF APPROVED SEA-TIME FOR CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY AS MASTER OR ENGINEER ON ALL LOCAL VESSELS.

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"THIS WILL MAKE THE CREW BOOK REDUNDANT. LEGISLATIVE STEPS ARE NOW UNDERWAY TO ELIMINATE THE NEED TO MAINTAIN CREW BOOKS AND THE NEED TO REGISTER THE ENGAGEMENT AND DISCHARGE OF MASTERS AND ENGINEERS ON SMALL CRAFT INCLUDING FISHING VESSELS," HE ADDED.

MOREOVER, THE UPGRADING OF THE FISHING FLEET AND ITS MODE OF OPERATION WAS VITALLY IMPORTANT.

"THE TREND TO REPLACE WOODEN HULLED FISHING VESSELS WITH STEEL HULLED TRAWLERS IS WELCOMED," MR STRACHAN SAID.

"THIS WILL PROVIDE IMPROVED SAFETY FOR THOSE ENGAGED IN FISHING AND A BETTER EQUIPPED AND MORE PRODUCTIVE FISHING FLEET FOR HONG KONG."

TO THIS END, HE SAID, COURSES HAD BEEN INITIATED TO ENABLE MASTERS AND ENGINEERS QUALIFIED TO OPERATE TRADITIONAL WOODEN FISHING VESSELS TO UPGRADE THEIR SKILLS TO A STANDARD SUFFICIENT FOR MANNING THESE NEW STEEL TRAWLERS.

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BRIEFING ON EFFECT OF DIVERTING RIVER COURSES

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MEMBERS OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT WORKS COMMITTEE WILL BE BRIEFED AT A MEETING ON MONDAY (JANUARY 8) ON THE EFFECT THAT DIVERTING RIVER COURSES TO WATER CATCHMENTS WILL HAVE ON THE WATER QUALITY OF TOLO HARBOUR.

THE BRIEFING WILL BE GIVEN BY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (WASTE AND WATER POLICY) OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, MR MIKE STOKOE.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO EXAMINE A PROGRESS REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE TAI PO ENVIRONMENT CONTROL WORKING GROUP AND DISCUSS PROPOSED MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR 1989-90.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE MEETING OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND WORKS COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON MONDAY (JANUARY 8) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 152 KWONG FUK ROAD, TAI PO.

THE MEETING WILL START AT 2.30 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS TRAFFIC ACCIDENT STATISTICS

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AN ANALYSIS OF ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENT STATISTICS BY DISTRICT BOARD AREA WILL BE TABLED FOR DISCUSSION AT A MEETING OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE ON MONDAY (JANUARY 8).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS AT THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED TAI WO ESTATE.

A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE ACCESSIBILITY PROBLEM AT TAI WO STATION.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON MONDAY (JANUARY 8) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, THIRD FLOOR, TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 152 KWONG FUK ROAD, TAI PO.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM.

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88 PAIRS TO COMPETE IN DANCE CONTEST

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EIGHTY-EIGHT PAIRS OF DANCERS WILL TAKE PART IN A TERRITORY-WIDE SOCIAL DANCE COMPETITION TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE COMPETITION, SPONSORED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD, HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO ARTS ASSOCIATION AND THE SHAM SHUI PO KAIFONG WELFARE ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION AS A MAJOR EVENT OF THE MONTH-LONG SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

THE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO THREE GROUPS: BEGINNERS, PRE-AMATEURS AND AMATEURS. THEY WILL COMPETE IN WALTZ, TANGO, JIVE OR CHA-CHA.

THE COMPETITION WILL BEGIN AT 4.30 PM IN THE CRYSTAL BALLROOM OF THE HOLIDAY INN GOLDEN MILE IN TSIM SHA TSUI.

A PRIZE PRESENTATION WILL BE HELD AT 7.45 PM AND AFTER THIS THERE WILL BE A HALF-HOUR DEMONSTRATION BY THE WINNERS IN EACH GROUP.

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IN ANOTHER EVENT, THE SHAM SHUI PO ARTS ASSOCIATION YOUTH CHOIR WILL GIVE A CONCERT ON MONDAY (JANUARY 8) AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL, FROM 8 PM TO 10 PM, TO MARK THE CLOSING OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FESTIVAL. THE ASSOCIATION'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR WILL ALSO PERFORM AT THE FUNCTION.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SOCIAL DANCE COMPETITION TO BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE CRYSTAL BALLROOM OF THE HOLIDAY INN GOLDEN MILE, BEGINNING AT 4.30 PM.

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AREA COMMITTEE CARNIVAL IN CAUSEWAY BAY
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A CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON IN CLEVELAND STREET IN CAUSEWAY BAY BY THE CAUSEWAY BAY CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE.

THE EVENT, ORGANISED WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE AND SPONSORSHIP FROM THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD, AIMS AT CULTIVATING A SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG CAUSEWAY BAY RESIDENTS, AS WELL AS PROVIDING FREE ENTERTAINMENT TO THE PUBLIC.

IT WILL BEGIN WITH A DRAGON AND LION DANCE, TO BE FOLLOWED BY A PROGRAMME OF BALLET, POP SONGS, FOLKS SONGS, CANTONESE OPERATIC SONGS AND PERFORMANCES BY WELL-KNOWN POP SINGERS.

IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE A NUMBER OF INTERESTING STREET SHOWS, FEATURING ACROBATICS BY THE "HONG KONG BROTHERS", MIME BY MEMBERS OF THE FRINGE CLUB, MASK THEATRE BY OWEN LEE, CLOWN MAGIC BY ALEX YU, AND STREET THEATRE BY THE "TOGETHER TRY" GROUP.

VISITORS CAN ALSO HAVE THEIR CARICATURES DRAWN, ASK A CHINESE CALLIGRAPHER TO WRITE THEM "FAI CHUNS", OR INQUIRE ABOUT THEIR FORTUNE AT A PALM READING STALL, ALL FREE OF CHARGE.

THE CARNIVAL WILL BEGIN AT 1 PM AND ADMISSION IS FREE.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PETER MANN; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE CAUSEWAY BAY CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE, MR PANG KING-WO.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CAUSEWAY BAY CENTRAL CARNIVAL WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 1 PM TOMORROW IN CLEVELAND STREET (BETWEEN FOOD STREET AND THE DAIMARU DEPARTMENT STORE), CAUSEWAY BAY.

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CHINESE ROWING TEAMS COMPETING AT SHA TIN

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ROWING TEAMS FROM SHANGHAI AND GUANGDONG WILL COMPETE WITH NINE WELL-KNOWN ROWING TEAMS IN HONG KONG IN THE SHA TIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS 1990 ON THE SHING MUN RIVER TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE LOCAL TEAMS WILL COME FROM THE SHA TIN SPORTS ASSOCIATION, ROYAL HONG KONG YACHT CLUB, HONG KONG NATIONAL SQUAD CHING YING ROWING CLUB, LION ROCK ROWING CLUB, HONG KONG ISLAND SCHOOL, ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE ROWING CLUB, FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT ROWING CLUB, PUI YING COLLEGE AND CHONG HEEP ROWING CLUB.

THE FINALS WILL BE HELD AT ABOUT 2.15 PM.

OTHER ROWING COMPETITIONS WILL BEGIN AT 9 AM. THE FINISHING POINT WILL BE AT THE ROWING CENTRE OF THE HONG KONG AMATEUR ROWING ASSOCIATION NEXT TO THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE.

A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE ROWING CENTRE AT 3 PM.

OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VICTOR YUNG; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR NG CHAN-LAM; DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR WONG PO-MING; LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR ANDREW WONG; AND PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG AMATEUR ROWING ASSOCIATION, MR ROBERT WILSON.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS ON SHING MUN RIVER TOMORROW (SUNDAY). THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 3 PM AT THE ROWING CENTRE OF THE HONG KONG AMATEUR ROWING ASSOCIATION NEAR JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE, SHA TIN.

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NEW FARES FOR YI LONG WAN FERRY SERVICES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE NEW FARES CHARGED ON THE LICENSED FERRY SERVICES FROM SEA RANCH (YI LONG WAN) ON LANTAU TO CENTRAL WILL BE \$22 PER SINGLE JOURNEY FOR MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS AND \$26 PER SINGLE JOURNEY FOR SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS WITH EFFECT FROM MONDAY (JANUARY 8).

ALSO EFFECTIVE FROM THE SAME DATE, THE FARES FROM SEA RANCH (YI LONG WAN) TO CHEUNG CHAU WILL BE \$8 PER SINGLE JOURNEY FOR MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS AND \$10 PER SINGLE JOURNEYS FOR SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

THE FARES ARE THE SAME FOR BOTH ADULTS AND CHILDREN.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF EDINBURGH PLACE NORTH

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT EDINBURGH PLACE NORTH BETWEEN QUEEN'S PIER AND HMS TAMAR WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND THOSE WITH LABELS ISSUED BY THE JUDICIARY ON MONDAY (JANUARY 8).

THE CLOSURE WILL LAST FROM 2 PM TO 9 PM ON THAT DAY FOR HOLDING THE CEREMONIAL OPENING OF THE LEGAL YEAR 1990.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN WAN CHAI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 8), THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF WING FUNG STREET FROM QUEEN'S ROAD EAST TO HOUSE NO. 15 WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY FOR TWO WEEKS TO FACILITATE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS.

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

ALSO TO FACILITATE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS, WING FUNG STREET WEST BETWEEN WING FUNG STREET AND MONMOUTH PATH WILL BE MADE A CUL-DE-SAC WITH ACCESS FROM MONMOUTH PATH ON MONDAY FOR TWO WEEKS.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN WESTERN DISTRICT

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 8), THE EXISTING LEFT TURNING FROM THE SOUTHERN LANES OF WESTBOUND CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST INTO WING LOK STREET WILL BE BANNED FOR FIVE WEEKS BECAUSE OF ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS.

VEHICLES ON WESTBOUND CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST HEADING FOR WING LOK STREET WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE NORTHERN LANES OF WESTBOUND CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST AND THE TEMPORARY U-TURN LOOP ROAD WEST OF THE JUNCTION OF CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST AND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST TO JOIN WING LOK STREET.

AT THE SAME TIME, TWO-WAY TRAFFIC WILL BE INTRODUCED ON THE SECTION OF CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST BETWEEN DES VOEUX ROAD WEST AND WESTERN STREET.

ALSO, THE SECTION OF WESTERN STREET BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST AND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

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TOLO HIGHWAY PARTIALLY CLOSED

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT SEVERAL SECTIONS OF TOLO HIGHWAY IN TAI PO WILL BE PARTIALLY CLOSED TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS.

A SECTION OF ABOUT 1.4 KILOMETRES OF THE SLOW LANE OF TOLO HIGHWAY SOUTHBOUND NEAR ISLAND HOUSE INTERCHANGE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY (JANUARY 8).

A SECTION OF ABOUT 1.9 KILOMETRES OF THE OUTERMOST LANE OF TOLO HIGHWAY NORTHBOUND NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI PO TAI WO ROAD WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 9).

A SECTION OF ABOUT 1.3 KILOMETRES OF THE SLOW LANE OF TOLO HIGHWAY NORTHBOUND NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI PO TAI WO ROAD WILL BE CLOSED ON JANUARY 15 (MONDAY).

A SECTION OF ABOUT 1.6 KILOMETRES OF THE OUTERMOST LANE OF TOLO HIGHWAY SOUTHBOUND NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI PO TAI WO ROAD WILL BE CLOSED ON JANUARY 16 (TUESDAY).

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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