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LAST DAY FOR NT DISTRICT BOARD NOMINATIONS

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A REMINDER THAT TOMORROW IS THE LAST DAY FOR NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS WAS GIVEN BY NEW TERRITORIES REGIONAL SECRETARY, MR IAN MACPHERSON, TODAY (MONDAY).

MR MACPHERSON SAID NOMINATIONS AFTER 5 PM COULD NOT BE ACCEPTED AND URGED ANYONE THINKING OF STANDING AS A CANDIDATE TO +ACT QUICKLY+.

HE SAID 161 CANDIDATES HAD BEEN NOMINATED SO FAR, AND ALTHOUGH THIS FIGURE WAS HIGHLY SATISFACTORY, +WE WOULD LIKE TO FEEL THAT EVERYONE WHO HAS CONSIDERED STANDING FOR ELECTION HAS BEEN NOMINATED.

MR MACPHERSON SAID AS EXPECTED NOMINATIONS HAD STARTED SLOWLY, BUT THERE HAD BEEN A RUSH AS THE CLOSING DATE DREW CLOSER.

+WE EXPECTED A FINAL FLURRY BEFORE TOMORROW'S CLOSE,+ HE ADDED.

HE SAID A FULL LIST OF CANDIDATES WOULD BE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE LATER THIS MONTH.

HE SAID THE MOST INTERESTING PHASE OF THE ELECTIONS, WHICH TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY, MARCH 4, WOULD NOW BEGIN.

+CAMPAIGNING IS UNDERWAY AND WILL INTENSIFY AS MARCH 4 GETS NEARER,+ MR MACPHERSON SAID.

+I THINK IT WILL BE AN EXCITING PERIOD+.

HE URGED ALL 200 000 REGISTERED VOTERS TO VOTE.

HE SAID TO MAKE VOTING AS CONVENIENT AS POSSIBLE, A TOTAL OF 125 POLLING STATIONS WOULD BE SET UP THROUGHOUT THE NEW TERRITORIES AND THEY WOULD OPEN AT 7 AM ON MARCH 4 AND NOT CLOSE UNTIL 10 PM.

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REGIONAL SECRETARY ATTENDS TAI PO NEW YEAR PROGRAMME

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON, AND MRS MACPHERSON, ATTENDED A LUNAR NEW YEAR RECEPTION THIS EVENING (MONDAY) AND ALSO OFFICIATED AT A CEREMONY MARKING THE CLOSING OF THE TAI PO NEW YEAR PROGRAMME.

DURING THE RECEPTION, HELD AT A LOCAL RESTAURANT, MR MACPHERSON SAID TAI PO HAD UNDERGONE CONSIDERABLE CHANGES SINCE HIS DAYS AS DEPUTY DISTRICT NEW TERRITORIES COMMISSIONER.

HE SAID A GREAT DEAL OF DEVELOPMENT WORK HAD TAKEN PLACE AND MANY MORE PEOPLE HAD MOVED INTO TAI PO, BUT DESPITE THESE CHANGES THE COMMUNITY SPIRIT OF THE TOWN HAD BEEN MAINTAINED.

+YOUR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE WORK AND ACTIVITIES OF TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD IS A GOOD CASE IN POINT,+ MR MACPHERSON SAID.

+IN FACT, IN A SHORT WHILE, I SHALL WITNESS ONE OF THIS YEAR'S LUNAR NEW YEAR PROGRAMMES IN TAI PO, WHICH I UNDERSTAND HAS BEEN ANOTHER RESOUNDING SUCCESS.+

HE SAID LOOKING AHEAD THERE WOULD BE EVEN MORE DEVELOPMENT WORK AND CHANGES TAKING PLACE IN TAI PO.

+I HOPE YOU WILL ALL KEEP UP YOUR SPIRIT AND HELP TO MAKE TAI PO A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN,+ MR MACPHERSON SAID.

THE RECEPTION WAS ATTENDED BY OVER 300 GUESTS, INCLUDING LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN, SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, LOCAL LEADERS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND BUSINESSES.

THE CLOSING CEREMONY AND NEW YEAR PROGRAMME VARIETY SHOW WAS HELD AT TAI PO SPORTSGROUND AND ATTENDED BY ABOUT 5 000 PEOPLE.

THE PROGRAMME STARTED WITH A PARADE OF 200 LANTERNS AND THE SWITCHING ON OF LIGHTS BY MR MACPHERSON.

OTHER PROGRAMME EVENTS INCLUDED A LION DANCE, MODERN AND CHINESE DANCES, POP SONG SINGING, ACROBATIC AND MAGIC SHOWS.

DURING THE PROGRAMME, MRS MACPHERSON PICKED OUT FIVE SPECIAL PRIZE WINNERS AT A LUCKY DRAW, EACH OF WHOM WILL RECEIVE EITHER A WATCH OR AN ELECTRONIC CALCULATOR. THERE WERE 30 OTHER LUCKY DRAW PRIZES.

MRS MACPHERSON WAS ALSO PRESENTED WITH A LANTERN WHICH WON FIRST PRIZE IN A DESIGN COMPETITION HELD LAST MONTH.

THE COMPETITION ATTRACTED A TOTAL OF 300 ENTRIES, ALL OF WHICH WERE ON DISPLAY DURING THIS EVENING'S FUNCTION.

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SAFETY EXTRAVAGANZA TO BE HELD
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL STAGE A SPECTACULAR AUDIO-VISUAL PRESENTATION ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY LATER THIS MONTH AS A MAJOR EFFORT TO PROMOTE SAFETY AT WORK.

THE 11-DAY EXHIBITION, KNOWN AS "SAFETY EXTRAVAGANZA", WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, AT 3 PM ON FEBRUARY 19 AT THE KESWICK HALL OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON, THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR DAVID LIN, POINTED OUT THAT THE AIM OF THE EXHIBITION, APART FROM PROVIDING VIVID AND LIVELY ENTERTAINMENT, IS TO SHOW VISITORS, ESPECIALLY EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS, THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFETY AT WORK.

"SAFETY EXTRAVAGANZA" WILL BE A SPECTACULAR SOUND-ON-SLIDE SHOW WITH SPECIAL EFFECTS AND DISSOLVES, PROJECTED ONTO A HUGE, MULTI-SCREEN FROM 22 PROJECTORS CONTROLLED BY COMPUTERISED PROGRAMMES.

BY UTILISING MODERN TECHNIQUE AND MORE THAN 1 000 SLIDES, THIS 12-MINUTE SHOW WILL PROVIDE AN EXTREMELY ENTERTAINING AUDIO-VISUAL PRESENTATION, AND AT THE SAME TIME UNDERLINE THE IMPORTANCE OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

"SAFETY EXTRAVAGANZA" WILL BE HELD FROM 10 AM TO 10 PM DAILY FROM FEBRUARY 20 TO 28 AND FROM 3.30 PM TO 10 PM ON FEBRUARY 19 AND 10 AM TO 6 PM ON MARCH 1.

SHOWS WILL BE HELD AT HALF-HOUR INTERVALS FOR UP TO 300 PEOPLE AT A TIME, OR MORE FREQUENTLY DURING WEEKENDS IF THERE IS A HEAVY DEMAND.

ADMISSION WILL BE FREE, BUT TICKETS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ENTER THE KESWICK HALL FOR THE SHOW IN ORDER TO ATTAIN BETTER CROWD CONTROL. THE TICKETS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT OR AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE KESWICK HALL BEFORE EACH SHOW.

IN ADDITION TO THE SHOW, A STATIC DISPLAY WITH PHOTOGRAPHS, GRAPHICS AND SAFETY EQUIPMENTS WILL BE STAGED IN A ROOM NEXT TO THE KESWICK HALL. ADMISSION IS FREE.

MR LIN STRESSED : "THE DEPARTMENT IS DETERMINED TO CREATE MORE INNOVATIVE AND IMAGINATIVE PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES IN THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR TO REDUCE THE ACCIDENT RATE. TO THIS END MORE MONEY HAS BEEN ALLOCATED FOR INDUSTRIAL SAFETY EDUCATION IN 1982/83."

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CONFERENCE, THE CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MR CHAN SIU-LAP, STRESSED THAT THE MAIN HOPE FOR REDUCING THE ACCIDENT RATE IS IN ADEQUATE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF EVERYONE IN INDUSTRY.

"WHILE SAFETY AND HEALTH LEGISLATION AND STRICT ENFORCEMENT ARE INDISPENSABLE IN THE PROTECTION OF WORK PEOPLE IN INDUSTRY, THE FIRST PREREQUISITE OF ACCIDENT PREVENTION IS SAFETY CONSCIOUSNESS OF ALL PEOPLE AT THE WORKPLACE."

TO ENSURE THAT SAFETY MESSAGES ARE GIVEN THE WIDEST ATTENTION, THE GOVERNMENT HAS, FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS, BEEN MOUNTING LARGE SCALE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

MR CHAN OBSERVED THAT NO HEADWAY TOWARDS REDUCTION IN INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS CAN BE MADE UNLESS ALL PEOPLE ENGAGED IN INDUSTRY, BE THEY EMPLOYERS, SUPERVISORS OR GRASSROOT WORKERS, ACCEPTED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR OWN SAFETY AS WELL AS FOR THOSE WHO WORKED WITH THEM.

"MOST OF THE ACCIDENTS COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED BY COMMON SENSE AND I HOPE THIS PRESENTATION WILL IMPART TO EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE, THE GENERAL KNOWLEDGE OF SAFETY AT WORK AND THE COMMON PRECAUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED TO MAKE HIS WORKING ENVIRONMENT SAFER," HE CONCLUDED.

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ROLLER SKATING OPEN COMPETITION * * *

ENTRIES ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE FORTHCOMING 1982 HONG KONG ROLLER SKATING OPEN COMPETITION TO BE HELD AT THE ROLLER SKATING RINK OF FANLING PLAYGROUND ON MARCH 14 (SUNDAY).

THE COMPETITION, ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND SPONSORED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD, IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS : THE YOUTH SECTION FOR YOUNGSTERS AGED 10 TO 16, AND THE ADULT SECTION, FOR PEOPLE AGED 17 OR ABOVE.

MORE THAN 100 ENTRIES HAVE SO FAR BEEN RECEIVED FOR THE EVENT. THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRY WILL BE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21.

THERE WILL BE SIX SEPARATE CATEGORIES INCLUDING MEN'S SINGLE RACE, WOMEN'S SINGLE RACE, MIXED TEAM RACE, MEN'S FREE STYLE, WOMEN'S FREE STYLE AND MIXED DOUBLE FREE STYLE.

PEOPLE WISHING TO ENTER CAN REGISTER WITH THE RECREATION PROMOTION UNIT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT ON THE 9TH FLOOR OF FOUR SEAS BUILDING, 208-212 NATHAN ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI (TELEPHONE 3-7211769).

THEY CAN ALSO APPROACH THE TUEN MUN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE AT 'TOP COURT', FIRST FLOOR, TAK CHING COURT, TUEN MUN- FANLING PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL- YUEN LONG STADIUM- SHA TIN JOCKEY CLUB PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL- KWAI SHING SWIMMING POOL- YEUNG UK ROAD SPORTS GROUND AT TSUEN WAN, AND THE SQUASH COURTS OF VICTORIA PARK ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

COMPLETED ENTRY FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE RECREATION PROMOTION UNIT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT BEFORE FEBRUARY 21.

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PWD CONTRACTS FOR 1981 EXCEEDED \$5 100 MILLION
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAD A BUSY YEAR LAST YEAR, AWARDING A TOTAL OF 877 CONTRACTS -- AN AVERAGE OF MORE THAN TWO CONTRACTS A DAY.

THIS SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 369 CONTRACTS WHEN COMPARED WITH THE NUMBER OF CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 1980.

THE TOTAL VALUE OF LAST YEAR'S CONTRACTS EXCEEDED \$5 100 MILLION AS AGAINST \$4 667 MILLION IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

MOST OF THE MAJOR CONTRACTS ARE FOR ROAD PROJECTS. THESE INCLUDE THE SHA TIN-TAI PO COASTAL HIGHWAY, PHASE ONE OF THE SECOND STAGE OF THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR, STAGE TWO OF THE TSUEN WAN BYPASS, TAI HANG ROAD FLYOVER, AN INTERCHANGE AT WO HOP SHEK ON TAI PO ROAD AND A DUAL CARRIAGEWAY BETWEEN YUEN LONG NEW TOWN AND AU TAU.

AMONG OTHER MAJOR CONTRACTS ARE A MULTI-PURPOSE COMPLEX AT ABERDEEN AND A 5 200-METRE LONG WATER TUNNEL RUNNING FROM TSING TAM IN YUEN LONG TO YAU KOM TAU IN TSUEN WAN.

IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR, THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AWARDED A TOTAL OF 79 CONTRACTS WORTH MORE THAN \$726 MILLION.

THE LARGEST CONTRACT AWARDED IN THE MONTH, WORTH ABOUT \$290 MILLION, WAS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SECOND STAGE OF THE TSUEN WAN BYPASS.

IT COVERS THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 2.5 KILOMETRE-LONG ELEVATED HIGHWAY, 500 METRES OF WHICH WILL BE OVER THE SEA AND THE REST OVER THE RECENTLY RECLAIMED LAND AND NATURAL GROUND.

THIS DUAL TWO-LANE HIGHWAY WILL CONNECT STAGE ONE OF THE TSUEN WAN BYPASS AT TEXACO ROAD WITH TUEN MUN ROAD AT CHAI WAN KOK.

OF THE CONTRACTS AWARDED IN DECEMBER, 38 WERE RECOMMENDED BY THE CENTRAL TENDER BOARD AND THE OTHERS BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TENDER BOARD.

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BIG COMMUNITY PROJECT FOR EASTERN DISTRICT

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A MASSIVE COMMUNITY PROJECT WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BENEFIT 100 000 RESIDENTS ON THE EASTERN PART OF HONG KONG WILL BE LAUNCHED ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 14), BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD.

GIVEN THE NAME +NEW YEAR EASTERN 82+, THE NINE-PROGRAMME PROJECT IS AIMED AT BUILDING UP LOCAL DISTRICT IDENTITY AND FOSTERING A GREATER SENSE OF COMMUNITY SPIRIT, A SPOKESMAN SAID.

A SUM OF \$200 000 HAS BEEN EARMARKED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD FOR THE ACTIVITIES, WHICH WILL START OFF WITH AN +EASTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT DAY+ ON SUNDAY, AT THE VICTORIA PARK, STARTING AT 2 PM.

THE MAIN THEME OF THE DAY ITSELF WILL BE TO ENLIST SUPPORT FOR THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME AND FIGHTING YOUTH CRIMES.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY (CITY), MR GRAHAM BARNES AND THE REGIONAL POLICE COMMANDER (HONG KONG ISLAND), MR LI KWAN-HA, WILL JOINTLY SET OFF TWO HUGE BALLOONS CARRYING PUBLICITY BANNERS TO MARK THE OPENING CEREMONY, BEFORE AN EXPECTED GATHERING OF 10 000 PEOPLE.

OTHER EVENTS OF THE SUNDAY AFTERNOON WILL INCLUDE PERFORMANCES BY THE FLUTE AND PIPE BAND OF THE 1ST BATTALION SCOTS GUARDS, THE CHAI WAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR, THE HONG KONG JING YING DANCE COMPANY, THE PUI SING CHINESE ORCHESTRA AND A TEKWUNDO DISPLAY BY JUNIOR POLICE CALL MEMBERS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A SPECTACULAR STATIC DRILL BY 600 STUDENTS FROM THE ISLAMIC COLLEGE, AND 3 000 BALLOONS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO CHILDREN BY ARTISTES DRESSED IN WALT DISNEY CHARACTER COSTUMES.

+NEW YEAR EASTERN 82+ WILL CONSIST OF NINE MAJOR ACTIVITIES WHICH WILL INCLUDE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT EFFORT FOR THE SQUATTER AREAS, AND A CLEAN-UP OF SOME HIGH-RISE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, AS WELL AS A MOBILE EXHIBITION ENTITLED +EASTERN DISTRICT IN PROGRESS+.

THE MAIN DISTRICT-WIDE ACTIVITIES WILL BE SUPPLEMENTED WITH A SERIES OF AREA-BASED FRINGE EVENTS ORGANISED BY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

THE WHOLE PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES WILL CONCLUDE ON THE EVENING OF MARCH 6 (SATURDAY) WITH A LARGE-SCALE CARNIVAL AT CHAI WAN PARK, FEATURING A DRAGON DANCE ALONG THE THOROUGHFARE OF CHAI WAN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EASTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT DAY OPENING CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 14) AT NO. 6 FOOTBALL PITCH AT VICTORIA PARK. CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (EASTERN) STAFF WILL ASSIST MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.

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CASH RELIEF FOR FIRE VICTIMS
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GRANTS FROM THE SING TAO FAT CHOY SPECIAL AID FUND WILL BE MADE TO FIRE VICTIMS IN SHAM SHUI PO, KOWLOON CITY AND MONG KOK DISTRICTS ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 11), THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCED TODAY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID SOME 600 FIRE VICTIMS WILL BE GIVEN \$50 EACH FROM THE FUND AT THREE CITY DISTRICT OFFICES ON THAT DAY BETWEEN 10 AM AND 5 PM.

FIRE VICTIMS OF PAK TIN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA SHOULD COLLECT THEIR GRANTS FROM THE NAM SHAN CITY DISTRICT SUB-OFFICE AT 21-24 NAM ON HOUSE, NAM SHAN ESTATE, WHILE VICTIMS OF SAI TAU TSUEN SQUATTER AREA MAY COLLECT THEIR GRANTS FROM THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AT MA TAU KOK GOVERNMENT OFFICES. VICTIMS OF ROOF-TOP STRUCTURES ON HOI HING BUILDING, KOK CHEUNG STREET, SHOULD GO TO THE MONG KOK CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AT 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD TO COLLECT THEIR GRANTS.

FIRE VICTIMS SHOULD BRING ALONG THEIR IDENTITY CARDS AND REGISTRATION CARDS TO COLLECT THEIR GRANTS.

THE SING TAO FAT CHOY SPECIAL AID FUND MAKES AN ANNUAL ALLOCATION TO CITY DISTRICT OFFICES TO PROVIDE CASH ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF NATURAL DISASTERS.

THIS YEAR THE FUND HAS BEEN BOOSTED BY SOME PRIVATE DONATIONS AND A GRANT OF \$200 000 FROM THE CHINESE TEMPLES COMMITTEE.

SO FAR MORE THAN \$1.1 MILLION HAVE ALREADY BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO OVER 22 600 FIRE VICTIMS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 11) AT THE THREE CITY DISTRICT OFFICES BETWEEN 10 AM AND 5 PM.

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WATER FIGURES
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 43.1 PER CENT OF CAPACITY, OR 248.873 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THE STORAGE IS EQUIVALENT TO 216 DAYS' CONSUMPTION.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 277.074 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 47.9 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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