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LONGER MEETINGS HELD IN PEKING: GOVERNOR  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SPEAKING AT THE AIRPORT ON HIS RETURN FROM PEKING TODAY (SUNDAY), SAID:

+GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. I AM SORRY TO BRING YOU OUT ON A SUNDAY MORNING. BUT SINCE IT IS RAINING SO HARD, PERHAPS YOU DON'T MIND TOO MUCH.

+WELL, THIS WAS THE FIRST ROUND OF TALKS FOLLOWING THE VISIT TO PEKING BY SIR GEOFFREY HOWE AND WE HAD PLENTY TO DO IN FOLLOWING UP THE TALKS WITH THE CHINESE LEADERS WHICH HE HAD THERE.

+YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED THAT SOME OF OUR MEETINGS RAN ON A LITTLE LONGER THAN USUAL, AND WE ALSO CONTINUED OUR INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS OVER THE DINNER WHICH SIR RICHARD GAVE LAST NIGHT.

+ON THE CONTENT OF THE TALKS AND THE WAY AHEAD, YOU ALL HAVE SEEN SIR GEOFFREY'S STATEMENT AND PRESS CONFERENCE, AND THERE IS NOTHING I CAN ADD TO THAT AT THIS STAGE.

+BUT THERE IS STILL PLENTY OF WORK TO BE DONE, AND FOR THAT PURPOSE I SHALL BE GOING BACK TO PEKING IN ABOUT 10 DAYS' TIME.

+IN THE MEANTIME, AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE ANOTHER GUEST, ANOTHER MINISTER -- MR JOHN STANLEY -- WHO ARRIVED FROM CHINA THIS MORNING. SO IF YOU WILL EXCUSE ME, I WILL GO AND CATCH UP AND SEE IF I CAN MEET HIM.+

SIR EDWARD WAS MET AT THE AIRPORT BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR SZE-YUEN CHUNG, THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR ROGER LOBO, AND THE VICE-CHIEF EDITOR OF THE XINHUA NEWS AGENCY (HONG KONG BRANCH), MR TAN GAN.

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AG STRESSES PUBLIC ROLE IN FIGHT AGAINST CRIME  
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HONG KONG IS WELL SERVED BY ITS POLICE FORCE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME AND IN COMPARATIVE TERMS SHOWS UP FAVOURABLY WHEN COMPARED WITH OTHER MODERN CITIES AND TERRITORIES.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE HON MICHAEL THOMAS, IN HIS ADDRESS AT THE GOOD CITIZEN AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY HELD AT AP LEI CHAU COMMUNITY HALL THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

+BUT IF THE POLICE ARE TO BE AT THEIR MOST EFFECTIVE THEY MUST HAVE THE OTHER AGENCIES OF GOVERNMENT AND THE WHOLE COMMUNITY BEHIND THEM,+ HE SAID.

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+THIS IS WHERE THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE IS A VITAL INSTRUMENT IN THE COMMUNITY,+ HE ADDED.

THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE HAS BEEN SET UP FOR MANY YEARS AND ONLY ABOUT A YEAR AGO, THE COMMITTEE'S STATUS AND MEMBERSHIP WERE UPGRADED WITH ITS CHAIRMANSHIP BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE.

+IT IS A POWERFUL INSTRUMENT IN THE BATTLE AND MUCH WORK AND RESEARCH IS BEING DONE BY IT,+ MR THOMAS SAID.

+IN THE DISTRICTS, TOO, THE FIGHT IS BEING EFFECTIVELY PURSUED BY DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEES,+ HE CONTINUED.

MR THOMAS NOTED THAT THE FCC WAS A VITAL INSTRUMENT IN THE COMMUNITY BY DEVISING SCHEMES TO PROMOTE AND ASSIST POLICE IN THEIR ALREADY VERY EXTENSIVE COMMUNITY RELATIONS WORKS.

THE COMMITTEE ALSO SETS UP WORKING PARTIES TO PROMOTE SOLUTIONS TO LAW AND ORDER PROBLEMS AS WELL AS ENSURES THAT THE LAWS NEEDED BY THE COMMUNITY ARE IN PLACE, EFFECTIVE AND UP-TO-DATE.

WHILE HE HOPED THE FCC WOULD SPAWN MANY NEW SUCCESSFUL INNOVATIONS, MR THOMAS DISCLOSED THAT THE GOOD CITIZEN AWARD SCHEME SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1973 HAD AWARDED 1 516 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR PERSONAL ASSISTANCE IN FIGHTING CRIME.

+IT IS A SUCCESS STORY BECAUSE IN TEN YEARS OR SO THE SCHEME HAS BEEN IN OPERATION, THE NUMBER OF ARRESTS DIRECTLY RELATED TO HELP RECEIVED FROM PRIVATE CITIZENS HAS SHOT UP FROM 3.4 PER CENT TO 12.9 PER CENT,+ HE SAID.

+POLICE FORCES FROM OVERSEAS ENVY THIS ACHIEVEMENT AND STUDY THE SCHEME IN ORDER TO ADOPT IT IN THEIR TERRITORIES,+ HE ADDED.

AS NO ONE IS ENCOURAGED TO RISK ONE'S LIFE OR THE SAFETY OF OTHERS IN FIGHTING CRIME, MR THOMAS SUGGESTED OTHER WAYS OF HELPING THE POLICE.

+THERE IS MUCH THAT CAN BE DONE IN REPORTING CRIME, IN RAISING THE ALARM AND INFORMING POLICE WHEN ACTS OF CRIME OR SUSPICIONS OF CRIME ARE OBSERVED, AND ALSO IN THE VITAL ROLE OF BEING PREPARED TO COME FORWARD AS A WITNESS,+ HE EXPLAINED.

PAYING RESPECT TO THE INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE 21 AWARD WINNERS, MR THOMAS NOTED THAT THEY DID NOT DO IT TO RECEIVE A MONEY REWARD.

+THE MONEY REWARD IS MERELY SOCIETY'S RECOGNITION OF THEIR ACTIONS,+ HE SAID, HOPING THAT MANY MORE IN SOCIETY WOULD BE INSPIRED TO SIMILAR ACHIEVEMENTS BY THEIR EXAMPLES.

THE 21 RECIPIENTS, SHARED CASH AWARDS TOTALLING \$39 500. AMONG THEM, THREE WERE EACH ADDITIONALLY PRESENTED WITH +ATV GOLDEN WHISTLE AWARD+ BY MR LEE SIL-HONG, REPRESENTATIVE OF ASIA TELEVISION LIMITED.

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INSPECTIONS MAKE LIFE TOUGH FOR SMUGGLERS  
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STRICT CARGO INSPECTIONS AND STRINGENT NEW LEGISLATION ARE MAKING LIFE TOUGH FOR DRUG SMUGGLERS.

LAST YEAR THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT EXAMINED MORE THAN ONE MILLION AIR CARGO PACKAGES AND A SIMILAR NUMBER OF SEABORNE ITEMS.

LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN JANUARY 1983, ENABLES LEGAL ACTION TO BE TAKEN AGAINST THE OWNERS OF SHIPS INVOLVED IN THE SMUGGLING OF NARCOTICS.

DRUG SMUGGLERS OBVIOUSLY GOT THE MESSAGE, AND LAST YEAR ONLY SMALL QUANTITIES OF DANGEROUS DRUGS WERE DISCOVERED IN TWO AIR CARGO CONSIGNMENTS AND NONE IN SEA CARGO.

'ACTION IS TAKEN SELECTIVELY TO INSPECT THE CARGO OF INCOMING VESSELS, OTHER THAN THOSE BERTHED AT THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINAL,' ACCORDING TO MR DUDLEY LEONARD SHAW, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF THE SEA CARGO EXAMINATION DIVISION. CONTAINER GOODS AT THE CONTAINER TERMINAL ARE INSPECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S CONTAINER CARGO EXAMINATION DIVISION.

'CARGO EXAMINATIONS ARE ALSO CARRIED OUT ON MACAU TRADING VESSELS AND CHINA COASTAL VESSELS AT VARIOUS CARGO HANDLING BASINS ON HONG KONG ISLAND,' HE SAID.

ON THE OTHER HAND, GOODS COMING IN BY PASSENGER FLIGHTS AND AIR FREIGHTERS ARE EXAMINED BY THE AIR CARGO EXAMINATION DIVISION.

'AS HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IS THE ONLY ENTRANCE BY AIR INTO HONG KONG, TIGHT CONTROL CAN BE EXERCISED OVER AIR CARGO,' SAID MR YUEN KING-TONG, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF THE DIVISION. 'AS A RESULT, FEWER PEOPLE WILL TAKE THE RISK OF SMUGGLING IN DANGEROUS DRUGS BY AIR.'

THOUGH HONG KONG IS A FREE PORT, CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS HAVE TO BE IMPOSED TO PROTECT PUBLIC INTERESTS AND TO COMPLY WITH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND AGREEMENTS.

NARCOTICS ARE AMONG PROHIBITED IMPORTS AND DETECTION OF ILLICIT DRUGS IS THE PRINCIPAL TASK OF THE SEA AND AIR CARGO EXAMINATION DIVISIONS.

OFFICERS ARE ON THE ALERT PARTICULARLY FOR AIR AND SEA CARGO FROM SUSPECT PORTS - PLACES WHICH ARE KNOWN DRUG PRODUCERS OR EXPORTERS.

BESIDES NARCOTICS, THEY ALSO WATCH OUT FOR ITEMS SUCH AS FIREARMS, DUTIABLE COMMODITIES, ACETYLATED SUBSTANCES, COUNTERFEIT GOODS AND UNMANIFESTED CARGO.

/THEIR OPERATIONS .....

THEIR OPERATIONS WITH THE HELP OF METAL DETECTORS AND DETECTOR DOGS WERE FURTHER ENHANCED BY THE INSTALLATION OF X-RAY MACHINES EARLY LAST YEAR. THESE ADVANCED ELECTRONIC DEVICES ARE PARTICULARLY EFFECTIVE IN THE DETECTION OF NARCOTICS AND FIREARMS.

WHERE NECESSARY, ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS SUCH AS THE GOVERNMENT LABORATORY AND ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES IS ALSO ENLISTED. THEIR EXPERTISE AND ADVICE ARE OFTEN REQUIRED FOR EXAMINATION OF TOXIC CHEMICALS AND MACHINERY.

THE LARGEST SEIZURE MADE BY THE SEA CARGO EXAMINATION DIVISION LAST YEAR WAS A CASE OF 43 UNMANIFESTED SILVER INGOTS WEIGHING 398.6 KILOGRAMS, THE INGOTS HAD A MARKET VALUE OF OVER \$700 000, MR SHAW SAID.

COUNTERFEIT GOODS, ITEMS INFRINGING COPYRIGHT OR BEARING FALSE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS AND OBJECTIONABLE PUBLICATIONS ARE AMONG THE PRINCIPAL ILLICIT AIR CARGOES SEIZED.

'HOWEVER, THE ACTION CANNOT BE COUNTED AS COMPLETE AT THE TIME OF SEIZURE AS MOST CASES ARE REFERRED TO OTHER UNITS OR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS FOR FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION WHICH OFTEN LEADS TO FURTHER SEIZURES AND ARRESTS,' MR YUEN POINTED OUT.

'WE ALSO PERFORM AGENCY DUTIES FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS, SUCH AS AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, IN DETECTING AND DETAINING PROHIBITED ITEMS UNDER THEIR BAILIWICK,' MR YUEN SAID.

THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE ALSO WORKS CLOSELY WITH SOME 50 OVERSEAS CUSTOMS AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. THIS COOPERATION ENABLES A SPEEDY EXCHANGE OF INTELLIGENCE ON DRUG TRAFFICKING, SMUGGLING AND IMPORT AND EXPORT VIOLATIONS AND PROVIDES TIP-OFFS IN SEA AND AIR CARGO EXAMINATION OPERATIONS.

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#### INDUSTRIAL, BUILDING SURVEYS UNDERWAY \* \* \* \*

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS NOW CONDUCTING TWO SEPARATE SURVEYS -- ONE OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, AND THE OTHER OF BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE -- FOR INFORMATION RELATING TO THE YEAR 1983.

BOTH SURVEYS FOLLOW SIMILAR ONES HELD FOR THE YEAR 1982.

THE SURVEY OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IS PART OF A CONTINUOUS PROGRAMME TO COLLECT ECONOMIC STATISTICS ON THE STRUCTURE AND PERFORMANCE OF THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

+THE AIM IS TO OBTAIN DATA FOR UPDATING THE ESTIMATES OF THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR'S CONTRIBUTION TO HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT AND ASCERTAINING THE OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS OF DIFFERENT INDUSTRIES,+ HE ADDED.

ABOUT 8 000 ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE ENUMERATED IN THE SECTORS OF MINING AND QUARRYING, MANUFACTURING, AND ELECTRICITY, GAS AND WATER.

INFORMATION SOUGHT IN THE SURVEY INCLUDES TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF INVESTMENT, FLOOR AREA, EMPLOYMENT, MAN-HOURS WORKED, COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES (I.E. WAGES, SALARIES AND OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS), CONTRACT AND COMMISSION WORK, PURCHASES OF MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES, OTHER EXPENSES, SALES AND WORK DONE, OTHER RECEIPTS, STOCKS AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

REFERRING TO THE SURVEY OF BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE SECTORS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID ITS AIM IS TO COLLECT STATISTICS FOR ASCERTAINING THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE SECTORS TO HONG KONG'S GDP, FOR STUDYING THE COST STRUCTURE, OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS AND OUTPUT LEVELS OF DIFFERENT TRADES IN THE SECTOR, AND FOR ANALYSING THE COST AND OUTPUT IN CONSTRUCTION AND PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

+THESE STATISTICS ARE REQUIRED BY BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE ENTERPRISES IN THE FORMULATION OF THEIR DECISIONS,+ HE SAID.

THE SURVEY COVERS ESTABLISHMENTS ENGAGED IN THE FOLLOWING TRADES:

- \* BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION;
- \* REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT;
- \* ARCHITECTURAL, SURVEYING AND PROJECT ENGINEERING; AND
- \* REAL ESTATE LEASING, BROKERAGE AND MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT

ABOUT 5 300 CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE ENUMERATED IN THE SURVEY, COMPRISING A FULL COVERAGE OF THE PROMINENT CONCERNS AND A RANDOM SAMPLE OF THE SMALLER ESTABLISHMENTS.

FOUR VERSIONS OF THE SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES ARE USED TO COLLECT ESTABLISHMENT STATISTICS OF DIFFERENT TRADES.

IN ADDITION, THERE ARE TWO PROJECT RETURNS TO OBTAIN DATA ON INDIVIDUAL CONSTRUCTION SITES AND PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

INFORMATION SOUGHT IN THE SURVEY INCLUDES : THE TYPE OF OWNERSHIP; NUMBER OF DIRECT EMPLOYEES; LABOUR COSTS; CONSUMPTION OF MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES FOR CONSTRUCTION; PAYMENTS FOR SUB-CONTRACT WORK; OPERATING EXPENSES; VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED; VALUE OF PROPERTY UNDER DEVELOPMENT AND ITS ASSOCIATED PROJECT OUTLAYS (INCLUDING LAND VALUE); OTHER FORMS OF BUSINESS RECEIPTS; CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY THE ESTABLISHMENTS SURVEYED AND FLOOR AREA OCCUPIED FOR BUSINESS OPERATION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE QUESTIONNAIRES FOR BOTH SURVEYS ARE SENT BY RECORDED DELIVERY TO THE ESTABLISHMENTS CONCERNED.

+MANAGEMENTS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THEM TO THE DEPARTMENT PROMPTLY. UPON REQUEST, CENSUS OFFICERS MAY VISIT ESTABLISHMENTS AND ASSIST IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRE,+ HE SAID.

HE APPEALED TO MANAGEMENTS TO CO-OPERATE WITH CENSUS OFFICERS IN THE COURSE OF ENUMERATION.

INFORMATION RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WILL ONLY BE USED IN AN AGGREGATE FORM FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES, HE SAID.

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KINDERGARTENS TO CLOSE ON NO. 3 STORM SIGNAL  
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ALL KINDERGARTENS WILL IN FUTURE CLOSE AT THE HOISTING OF THE NO. 3 STORM WARNING SIGNAL.

THIS INSTRUCTION IS GIVEN TOGETHER WITH OTHER PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO BE TAKEN DURING STORMS, IN A CIRCULAR RECENTLY SENT BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION TO ALL SCHOOLS.

THE OBJECTIVE OF THIS NEW MEASURE IS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF VERY YOUNG CHILDREN WHO NEED EXTRA PROTECTION UNDER POOR WEATHER CONDITIONS.

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS CONSULTED KINDERGARTEN OPERATORS WHO FULLY SUPPORT THE DECISION.

THE NEW MEASURE SHOULD ALSO HELP REDUCE TRAFFIC CONGESTION BY ALLOWING KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN TO RETURN HOME AHEAD OF OTHER PUPILS, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

+BESIDES ANNOUNCING THIS CHANGE, CIRCULARS SENT TO SCHOOLS ALSO GIVE DETAILED ADVICE ON ACTION TO BE TAKEN WHEN TROPICAL CYCLONES, PERSISTENT HEAVY RAIN AND THUNDERSTORMS AFFECT HONG KONG,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN GENERAL THE FOLLOWING WILL APPLY:

SITUATION	ACTION TO BE TAKEN
HOISTING OF NO. 1 SIGNAL	ALL KINDERGARTENS AND SCHOOLS WILL OPERATE AS NORMAL.
HOISTING OF NO. 3 SIGNAL	ALL KINDERGARTENS WILL CLOSE. OTHER SCHOOLS WILL OPERATE AS NORMAL.

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HOISTING OF NO. 8 OR HIGHER SIGNAL ALL SCHOOLS WILL CLOSE.

LOWERING TO NO. 3 SIGNAL ALL SCHOOLS TO RESUME WITH THE NEXT SESSION. KINDERGARTENS TO REMAIN CLOSED.

LOWERING TO NO. 1 SIGNAL OR LOWERING OF ALL SIGNALS ALL KINDERGARTENS AND SCHOOLS WILL RESUME WITH THE NEXT SESSION.

IF SCHOOLS ARE NOT IN SESSION WHEN A TROPICAL CYCLONE IS APPROACHING HONG KONG, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION WILL, IF THE CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT IT, MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT OVER ALL RADIO AND TELEVISION CHANNELS, ADVISING PARENTS WHETHER OR NOT TO SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE IN THE EVENING OR THE EARLY MORNING, AND WILL BE TIMED, WHENEVER POSSIBLE, BEFORE CHILDREN SET OUT FROM THEIR HOME.

THE FIRST RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE MORNING FOR A.M. AND WHOLE-DAY SCHOOLS WILL BE NOT LATER THAN 6.15 AM, AND FOR P.M. SCHOOLS (INCLUDING P.M. SESSIONS) NOT LATER THAN 11.00 AM.

THESE ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE REPEATED AT REGULAR AND FREQUENT INTERVALS THROUGH RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS.

IN THE CASE OF PERSISTENT HEAVY RAIN AND THUNDERSTORMS, THE SAME PROCEDURES WILL APPLY IF THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION CONSIDERS THAT A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT IS WARRANTED.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE DIRECTOR RESERVES THE DISCRETION TO CLOSE ALL SCHOOLS IF THERE IS DANGER FROM EXCESSIVE RAIN AND STORM CONDITIONS.

SEPARATE ANNOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS WILL BE MADE BY THE HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT ANY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT WILL ONLY CONCERN KINDERGARTENS, PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS INCLUDING ENGLISH SCHOOLS FOUNDATION SCHOOLS, BRITISH FORCES SCHOOLS, EVENING SCHOOLS, POST-SECONDARY COLLEGES (LINGNAN AND SHUE YAN), TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, THE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION, THE TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE AND THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION.

TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS (THE UNIVERSITIES, POLYTECHNICS AND BAPTIST COLLEGE) WILL MAKE THEIR OWN ARRANGEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS,

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FINAL WORK DUE ON CHA KWO LING ROAD  
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WORK WILL START IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF THIS FINANCIAL YEAR ON THE FINAL SECTION OF CHA KWO LING ROAD, FROM SHELL OIL DEPOT TO CHA KWO LING QUARRY.

THE PROJECT, WHICH WILL BE UPGRADED TO CATEGORY 'A' OF THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME IN MAY, INVOLVES CONSTRUCTION OF AN 1 100-METRE-LONG STRETCH OF DUAL TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY WITH FOOTPATHS AND BUS BAYS ON EACH SIDE.

A LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH SPOKESMAN SAID THE REMAINING SECTION OF CHA KWO LING ROAD HAD YET TO BE PROVIDED WITH PROPER SURFACE AND DRAINAGE.

WHEN COMPLETED, IT WOULD SERVE AS AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE BETWEEN THE KWUN TONG AND YAU TONG AREAS, FOR WHICH LEI YUE MUN ROAD WAS NOW THE ONLY LINK, HE SAID.

IT WOULD ALSO PROVIDE LOCAL ACCESS TO CHA KWO LING VILLAGE AND THE FUTURE CARGO HANDLING AREA ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE DRAINAGE ASPECTS OF THE ROAD PROJECT WOULD HELP TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE AREA, WHICH WAS PRONE TO FLOODING DURING HEAVY RAIN.

HE SAID BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF PROPER ROAD SURFACE, THE ACCESS TO PREMISES ALONG THIS STRETCH OF THE ROAD WAS OFTEN MUDDY AFTER RAIN AND THIS HAD BEEN THE CAUSE OF FREQUENT LOCAL COMPLAINT.

+AS A RESULT OF THESE CONDITIONS KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD STRONGLY SUPPORTS EARLY COMPLETION OF THIS PROJECT ON ENVIRONMENTAL GROUNDS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID SOME TEMPORARY HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES ERECTED WITHIN THE PROJECT LIMITS WOULD HAVE TO BE CLEARED.

A TOTAL OF 1 313 PEOPLE, 428 OF THEM VICTIMS OF A FIRE WHICH OCCURRED IN THE AREA LAST DECEMBER, WOULD REQUIRE REHOUSING AND 72 BUSINESSES WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR COMPENSATION.

+ELIGIBILITY FOR REHOUSING AND COMPENSATION WOULD BE HANDLED ACCORDING TO EXISTING POLICY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IT WAS HOPED THAT CLEARANCE COULD BE EFFECTED IN SEPTEMBER.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS VITAL THAT THE PROJECT SHOULD PROCEED AS PLANNED OR ELSE THERE WOULD BE DELAY IN BRINGING RELIEF TO THE INCREASING VOLUME OF TRAFFIC USING LEI YUE MUN ROAD.

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ALSO, WITH MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS, INCLUDING LAM TIN ESTATE EXTENSION AND JUNK BAY AND SAM KA TSUEN DEVELOPMENTS, ALL OF WHICH WERE PLANNED FOR COMPLETION IN STAGES FROM 1986 ONWARDS, LEI YUE MUN ROAD WOULD REACH FULL CAPACITY IN 1986-87.

+EARLY COMPLETION OF CHA KWO LING ROAD, BESIDES PROVIDING ANOTHER DIRECT LINK BETWEEN THE INDUSTRIAL AREAS OF KWUN TONG AND YAU TONG AND SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVING THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT, WOULD ALSO BE OF LONG-TERM BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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PRIVATE CLEANSING FOR SQUATTER AREA ON THE WAY  
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SIXTY-FOUR CLEANSING FIRMS HAVE BEEN INVITED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL TO TAKE PART IN RESTRICTED TENDER FOR THE COUNCIL'S TRIAL SCHEME TO PRIVATISE CLEANSING OPERATIONS IN SHAU KEI WAN SQUATTER AREAS.

THE CONTRACTORS ON THE SHORT LIST ARE THOSE KNOWN TO THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL PROVIDE CLEANSING SERVICES IN KAU FU, NAM ON FONG AND MA SHAN VILLAGES FOR A PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS FROM JULY ON A TRIAL BASIS.

IF ITS PERFORMANCE IS CONSIDERED SATISFACTORY, THE CONTRACT WILL BE EXTENDED TO A FULL YEAR WITH POSSIBLE RENEWAL FOR TWO MORE YEARS.

THE FULL CONTRACT WILL PROVIDE FOR CLEANSING SERVICE IN ALL SHAU KEI WAN SQUATTER AREAS.

A CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE EXPERIMENTAL PROJECT IS TO UPGRADE STANDARDS OF CLEANSING SERVICE IN SQUATTER AREAS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE URBAN COUNCIL WAS NOT OBLIGED TO ACCEPT THE LOWEST TENDER AND THAT IT HAD THE RIGHT TO TERMINATE THE CONTRACT AT 14 DAYS' NOTICE IF THE CONTRACTOR FAILED TO FULFIL HIS OBLIGATIONS.

+THE CONTRACT ALSO SPELLS OUT CLEARLY ALL THE DUTIES INVOLVED AS WELL AS THE FREQUENCY OF PERFORMING THOSE DUTIES,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THESE DUTIES INCLUDE KEEPING THE DRAINS, STREAMS, NULLAHS, PUBLIC TOILETS, AND REFUSE BIN SITES CLEAN AND PROVIDING REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICES.

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+WHILE ON DUTY, THE CLEANERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR AN ARMBAND, BADGE OR APRON FOR IDENTIFICATION, AND TO ACT UNDER THE DIRECTION OF A SUPERVISOR AND FOUR ASSISTANT SUPERVISORS.+

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER OF THE FULL YEAR CONTRACT MUST INDICATE IN WRITING 120 DAYS BEFORE THE CONTRACT EXPIRES WHETHER OR NOT HE WISHES TO CONTINUE HIS SERVICE FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS CLAUSE IS TO ENSURE CONTINUATION IN THE PROVISION OF CLEANSING SERVICES WITHOUT INTERRUPTION, HE POINTED OUT.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS MAY 11.

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FAITH AND WILL BEHIND PROSPERITY  
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FAITH AND AN ENDURING WILL ARE TWO ESSENTIAL FACTORS FOR A SOCIETY'S CONTINUED PROSPERITY, THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM YAP, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

MANY OF HONG KONG'S PAST SUCCESSES HAD BEEN BUILT ON THESE TWO FACTORS, HE ADDED.

+IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH OF US TO ADOPT A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS LIFE, AND TO CONTRIBUTE IN PROMOTING THE CONTINUED PROSPERITY OF OUR SOCIETY,+ HE SAID.

MR YAP WAS SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY OF A LONG DISTANCE RACE HELD ON SOUTH LANTAU THIS MORNING.

HE SAID TAKING ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND LOCAL AFFAIRS, AND GIVING CONSTRUCTIVE VIEWS WOULD HELP IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DISTRICT.

+I HOPE THAT ALL OF YOU WILL PERFORM YOUR CIVIC DUTY AND REGISTER AS VOTERS WHEN THE REGISTRATION EXERCISE BEGINS IN AUGUST, AND VOTE IN NEXT YEAR'S ELECTION,+ HE SAID.

MORE THAN 200 ATHLETES TOOK PART IN THIS MORNING'S SIX-KILOMETRE RUN, WHICH WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD, POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICE (ISLANDS), RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICE, ISLANDS DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION YOUTH CAMP.

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DB TO DISCUSS TAXI, HOUSING REVIEWS  
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TWO RECENTLY PUBLISHED REVIEWS ON TAXI AND HOUSING POLICIES WILL BE DISCUSSED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AT THEIR MEETING ON TUESDAY (MAY 1) AFTERNOON.

THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR CHRISTOPHER WONG, AND THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR JAMES SO, WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE 1983 TAXI REVIEW, AND THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOUSING (ADMINISTRATION), MISS ELAINE CHUNG, ON THE REVIEW OF HOUSING POLICY.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE TWO REVIEWS ARE BEING DISCUSSED AT AN OPEN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING.

AT THE MEETING, BOARD MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE GUIDELINES FOR THE SETTING UP OF FLATS OWNERS INCORPORATIONS BY THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (GENERAL) OF CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR C.M. LEUNG.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WILL INCLUDE THE REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN FOR NEXT YEAR'S DISTRICT BOARD ELECTION, THE RECENT ELECTRICITY BLACKOUT, THE ICAC'S LIAISON WORK PLAN FOR THE CURRENT YEAR, AND THE BOARD'S FUNDING POLICY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 2 PM ON TUESDAY (MAY 1) AT THE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES HALL OF TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL.

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SEVENTH PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR ESTATES  
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A SEVENTH PRIMARY SCHOOL WILL BE BUILT FOR ON TING AND YAU OI ESTATES, TUEN MUN, WHICH HAVE A COMBINED POPULATION OF 60 000.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE WORK.

THE SCHOOL WILL BE BUILT ON A 0.39-HECTARE SITE ON RECLAIMED LAND IN THE VICINITY OF YAU OI ESTATE AND THE TEMPORARY HOVERFERRY PIER.

THE SIX-STORY BUILDING WILL HAVE 24 CLASSROOMS AND AN ASSEMBLY HALL.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A COVERED AND AN EXTERNAL PLAY AREA WITH BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL COURTS.

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WORK WILL COMMENCE IN JUNE AND BE COMPLETED IN ONE YEAR.

THERE ARE 33 PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN AT PRESENT.

TUEN MUN'S POPULATION IS 190 000, AND IS FORECAST TO GROW TO OVER 500 000 BY 1990.

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#### FOOTBRIDGE FOR SHA TAU KOK

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A 15-METRE-LONG FOOTBRIDGE IS TO BE BUILT ACROSS SHA TAU KOK ROAD BETWEEN GALLIPOLI LINES AND BURMA LINES, FANLING.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN JUNE AND BE COMPLETED IN FOUR MONTHS.

THE FOOTBRIDGE WILL BE FOR USE BY SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILIES LIVING AT THE TWO CAMPS.

TENDER FORMS MUST REACH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC WORKS TENDER BOARD IN MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, NOT LATER THAN NOON ON MAY 18.

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#### TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

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FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (MAY 1), THE JUNCTION OF CARPENTER ROAD AND SOUTH WALL ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH, TO FACILITATE DRAINAGE CONSTRUCTION.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE SECTION OF SOUTH WALL ROAD, BETWEEN CARPENTER ROAD AND NGA TSIN WAI ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC.

DURING CLOSURE, MOTORISTS FROM CARPENTER ROAD HEADING FOR LOK SIN ROAD SHOULD PROCEED VIA LUNG KONG ROAD, NGA TSIN WAI ROAD, TAK KU LING ROAD AND LOK SIN ROAD.

ON THE SAME DAY, THE SECTION OF ROAD L2 BETWEEN ROAD D5 AND THE FANLING ROUNDABOUT WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 12.30 AM AND 4.30 PM FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK.

VEHICLES TRAVELLING BETWEEN FANLING KCR STATION AND LUEN WO HUI SHOULD GO VIA ROAD D5 AND ROAD D1.

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