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PRELIMINARY REPORT ON VR DEBATE SENT TO FCO -- SIR DAVID

A PRELIMINARY REPORT ON YESTERDAY'S LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL DEBATE ON THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEE PROBLEM IN HONG KONG HAS ALREADY BEEN SENT TO THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

HE ADDED THAT THE VARIOUS OPINIONS EXPRESSED IN THE DEBATE WOULD BE COLLATED AND TRANSMITTED TO LONDON AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OPENING THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND'S ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB CENTRE FOR THE BLIND, SIR DAVID SAID THIS PROCESS WOULD NOT TAKE VERY LONG.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT SEND ANY OFFICIAL TO LONDON AT THIS STAGE TO LOBBY MINISTERS. +I THINK WE MUST WAIT UNTIL WE HAVE ALLOWED MINISTERS IN LONDON TIME TO REFLECT UPON THE OPINIONS WHICH WERE EXPRESSED.+

SIR DAVID DESCRIBED YESTERDAY'S DEBATE AS +A VERY USEFUL EXPRESSION OF OPINION+ IN HONG KONG.

+I THINK MEMBERS REFLECTED THE VIEWS OF THE COMMUNITY ABOUT THIS QUESTION. THEY WEREN'T HYSTERICAL REQUESTS. THEY ARE VERY SENSIBLE, VERY RATIONAL REQUESTS IN THE FACE OF A VERY DIFFICULT PROBLEM.+

ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S POSITION ON THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEE ISSUE, SIR DAVID SAID BRITAIN HAD A PROBLEM WITH MANY PEOPLE GOING THERE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD, NOT JUST FROM HONG KONG.

+SO WE HAVE TO HAVE AN APPRECIATION OF BRITAIN'S PROBLEM AS WELL AS OUR OWN,+ HE SAID, ADDING THAT A RATIONAL APPROACH TO THIS WAS VERY NECESSARY.

ASKED WHETHER HE WAS IN FAVOUR OF THE IDEA OF REPATRIATION, HE SAID: +IF IT CAN BE ACHIEVED IN A WAY THAT WE CAN BE SURE IN HONG KONG THAT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE REPATRIATED AREN'T VICTIMISED IN A WAY WHICH WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO US.+

ON THE QUESTION OF HONG KONG'S NEXT GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID SAID THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DID NOT DISCUSS THE MATTER AT ITS MEETING ON TUESDAY. HE REITERATED THAT AN ANNOUNCEMENT WAS EXPECTED IN A WEEK OR TWO.

HE POINTED OUT THAT SIR GEOFFREY HOWE AND THE BRITISH PRIME MINISTER HAD BEEN HAVING A VERY BUSY HOLIDAY SEASON WITH SIR GEOFFREY HAVING BEEN IN SOUTH AMERICA, +AND THEREFORE COMING TO A FINAL DECISION MUST WAIT UNTIL THESE VARIOUS PEOPLE COME TOGETHER IN LONDON.+

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ASKED ABOUT THE NEW POLITICAL ADVISER, MR RICHARD CLIFT, SIR DAVID SAID: +HE IS AN OLD FRIEND OF HONG KONG. HE IS VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THE HONG KONG SITUATION AND ABOUT THE JOINT DECLARATION AND ALL ITS DETAILS.

+SO I HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE THAT MR CLIFT WILL BE ABLE TO PICK UP FROM JOHN BOYD EXACTLY WHERE HE LEFT OFF.+

HE DISAGREED THAT THERE WOULD BE ANY CHANGES IN HIS ROLE AND WORK. +I AM SURE CONTINUITY WILL BE WELL MAINTAINED,+ HE ADDED.

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NEW CENTRE WILL HELP BLIND TO INTEGRATE
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THE VARIOUS REHABILITATION SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB CENTRE FOR THE BLIND WILL HELP TO ACHIEVE THE AIM OF INTEGRATING BLIND PEOPLE INTO THE MAINSTREAM OF SOCIETY, THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

OFFICIALLY OPENING THE CENTRE, SIR DAVID SAID ITS REHABILITATION SERVICES WOULD ENABLE THE BLIND TO DEVELOP THE PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND SOCIAL CAPABILITIES OF BLIND PEOPLE TO THE FULLEST EXTENT THAT THEIR DISABILITY PERMITTED.

+THIS BUILDING IS UNIQUE IN MANY WAYS,+ HE SAID, +IT IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG TO PROVIDE A MULTI-FACETED SERVICE FOR THE TRAINING AND REHABILITATION OF THE BLIND, WITH MEDICAL, SOCIAL, RECREATIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES ALL UNDER ONE ROOF.

+BOTH THE CONCEPT OF THIS CENTRE AND THE SERVICES WHICH IT PROVIDES HAVE PUT IT IN THE FOREFRONT OF PROVISION FOR THE BLIND.

+PARTICULARLY NOTEWORTHY ARE THE CENTRALISED COMPUTERISED BRAILLE PRODUCTION UNIT, WHICH WILL BENEFIT BLIND PEOPLE ALL OVER THE TERRITORY, AND THE HOSTEL FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED BLIND, WHICH IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG.+

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT IT WAS AN EXPENSIVE PROJECT, MADE POSSIBLE BY GENEROUS DONATIONS FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, THE LOTTERIES FUND AND THE BRADBURY TRUST FUND, AMONG OTHER SOURCES.

+RECOGNITION MUST ALSO BE GIVEN TO THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND UNDER THE CAPABLE LEADERSHIP OF ITS DIRECTOR, MR K.L. STUMPF, WHO HAS WORKED SO HARD TO MAKE THIS PROJECT A SUCCESS,+ HE SAID.

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CIVIL SERVICE OFFERS CHALLENGING CAREERS

THE RAPID SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG HAS MADE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AN EVEN MORE CHALLENGING JOB FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING THE PUBLIC, THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

+AT THE SAME TIME, THE INCREASED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES HAS MADE JOBS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE MORE EXCITING AND REWARDING,+ HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE CIVIL SERVICE CAREERS EXHIBITION AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, MR LIAO SAID THAT WHEN JOINING THE SERVICE CIVIL SERVANTS WERE NORMALLY EXPECTED TO COMMIT THEMSELVES TO A LIFE-LONG CAREER IN SERVING THE PUBLIC.

THEY WERE REQUIRED TO GIVE SERVICE WITH A HIGH DEGREE OF EFFICIENCY AND PRODUCTIVITY.

+TO MEET THE DEMAND FOR IMPROVED PUBLIC SERVICES AS WELL AS THE GROWTH IN COMPLEXITY AND VOLUME OF WORK, GOVERNMENT HAS TO CAST ITS NET WIDE TO RECRUIT WELL-QUALIFIED, TALENTED AND HARDWORKING YOUNG PEOPLE EVERY YEAR,+ MR LIAO SAID.

HE NOTED THAT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC HAD ALWAYS BEEN FORTHCOMING IN PROVIDING NEW RECRUITS OF THE RIGHT CALIBRE AND TRAINING TO FILL GOVERNMENT POSTS.

BY OFFERING A GREAT NUMBER OF COURSES IN A WIDE SPECTRUM OF DISCIPLINES, THE POLYTECHNIC HAD CATERED FOR THE NEED FOR TRAINED PERSONNEL IN VARIOUS PROFESSIONS WITHIN THE SERVICE.

IN 1985, ABOUT NINE PER CENT OF THE 2 600 POLYTECHNIC GRADUATES JOINED THE GOVERNMENT, AND MR LIAO WAS CONFIDENT THAT MORE GRADUATES WOULD BE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CIVIL SERVICE IN THE FUTURE.

+ON THE WHOLE, MOST OF THE JOBS FOR THE PROFESSIONALS AND ADMINISTRATORS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE HAVE GROWN IN COMPLEXITY,+ HE SAID.

+QUALITY DECISION-MAKING OFTEN REQUIRES GOOD 'POLITICAL' SENSE AND A GOOD CIVIL SERVANT IS OFTEN SAID TO REQUIRE SUCH QUALIFICATIONS AS DETERMINATION, SOUND JUDGEMENT, PERSISTENCE, 'ALL-ROUNDEDNESS' AS WELL AS 'SENSE AND SENSITIVITY'.

+BESIDES THE REQUISITE KNOWLEDGE OF THE JOB AND INTER-PERSONAL SKILLS, HE OR SHE IS ALSO EXPECTED TO HAVE AN APPRECIATION OF THE FEELINGS OF THE MAN-ON-THE-STREET.+

MR LIAO SAID A TOTAL OF 29 GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WERE TAKING PART IN THE CAREERS EXHIBITION WHICH PROVIDED A FULL PANORAMA OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CIVIL SERVICE THAT WERE RELEVANT TO THE TRAINING OF HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC GRADUATES.

+THE EXPOSURE AND CHALLENGE THAT ONE FINDS IN A CIVIL SERVICE JOB IS VERY REWARDING,+ HE ADDED.

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ANTI-SMOKING FACT SHEETS DETAIL HEALTH RISKS

A NEW SERIES OF EIGHT UPDATED FACT SHEETS, ENTITLED +HEALTH OR SMOKING: THE FACTS+, HAS BEEN PUBLISHED BY THE GOVERNMENT AS PART OF THE 1986-7 ANTI-SMOKING PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN.

THE FACT SHEETS ARE: +SMOKING STATISTICS+, +TOBACCO AND DISEASE - AN OVERVIEW+, +SMOKING AND DISEASES OF THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM+, +TOBACCO AND HEART DISEASE+, +SMOKING AND REPRODUCTION+, +PASSIVE SMOKING+, +LOWER TAR CIGARETTES AND CIGARETTE SUBSTITUTES+ AND +THE ECONOMICS OF SMOKING+.

THE LATEST RESEARCH FINDINGS ON THE HEALTH RISKS ARE HIGHLIGHTED BY STATISTICS AND OTHER FACTS GIVEN THROUGHOUT THE SHEETS, FOR EXAMPLE:

- * ONE IN EVERY FOUR SMOKERS WILL DIE PREMATURELY BECAUSE OF TOBACCO-RELATED DISEASES;
- * THE RISK OF A SMOKER DYING BEFORE 65 IS ALMOST TWICE AS GREAT AS THE RISK FOR A NON-SMOKER;
- * BABIES BORN TO WOMEN WHO SMOKE DURING PREGNANCY ARE NEARLY A QUARTER OF A KILOGRAM LIGHTER AND ARE MORE LIKELY TO DIE AFTER BIRTH;
- * THE RISK OF SUDDEN DEATH FROM A HEART ATTACK IS UP TO FIVE TIMES AS GREAT AS IN NON-SMOKERS;
- * CIGARETTE SMOKING IS THE MAJOR AVOIDABLE CAUSE OF ILL HEALTH AND PREMATURE MORTALITY IN COUNTRIES WHERE IT IS WIDESPREAD; IN HONG KONG THE NUMBER OF SMOKING RELATED DEATHS IS ESTIMATED TO BE AS HIGH AS 3 000 A YEAR.

FACT SHEETS NO. 3, 4 AND 5 GIVE DETAILED MEDICAL EVIDENCE OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE DIRECT HEALTH RISKS. THE ALARMING INCREASE OF OVER 72 PER CENT IN LUNG CANCER DEATHS OVER THE 10 YEAR PERIOD FROM 1975 TO 1984 IS HIGHLIGHTED.

CORONARY HEART DISEASE IS LISTED AS THE THIRD LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH IN HONG KONG WITH A QUARTER OF THESE DEATHS ASSOCIATED WITH SMOKING.

MOREOVER, THE KNOWN EFFECTS ON PREGNANT WOMEN AND THEIR BABIES, TOGETHER WITH THE ILL-EFFECTS OF SMOKING MOTHERS ON CHILDREN, ARE EXPLAINED.

FACT SHEET NO. 6 CONCENTRATES ON AN ISSUE WHICH IS OF INCREASING CONCERN TO NON-SMOKERS. APART FROM NOTING THAT MANY NON-SMOKERS EXPERIENCE NOSE, THROAT AND EYE IRRITATIONS FROM PASSIVE SMOKING, IT ALSO SPELLS OUT THE LATEST MEDICAL INDICATIONS THAT NORMAL HEALTHY NON-SMOKERS MAY BE PHYSICALLY HARMED BY CONSTANT EXPOSURE TO THE SMOKE FROM CIGARETTES, CIGARS OR PIPES, BELONGING TO OTHER PERSONS SMOKING IN THEIR ENVIRONMENT.

THIS FACT SHEET CONCLUDES WITH LAST YEAR'S RESOLUTION BY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION +THAT PASSIVE, ENFORCED OR INVOLUNTARY SMOKING VIOLATES THE RIGHT TO HEALTH OF NON-SMOKERS, WHO MUST BE PROTECTED AGAINST THIS NOXIOUS FORM OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION+.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE EVIDENCE ON THE EFFECTS OF ACTIVE AND PASSIVE SMOKING FULLY JUSTIFIES THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF DISCOURAGEMENT OF SMOKING IN GENERAL AND IN PARTICULAR THE PROHIBITIONS AGAINST SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES AND THE DESIGNATION OF NO-SMOKING AREAS IN CINEMAS, PUBLIC TRANSPORT, AND SO ON.

OTHER FACT SHEETS ELABORATE ON THE PRODUCTION OF TAR TABLES WHICH ARE PUBLISHED EVERY SIX MONTHS IN NEWSPAPERS AND IN THE CONSUMER COUNCIL'S OFFICIAL MAGAZINE, AND OUTLINE THE COST OF THE SMOKING HABIT TO THE COMMUNITY AS WELL AS TO THE INDIVIDUAL.

A TOTAL OF 45 000 SETS OF FACT SHEETS (30 000 SETS IN CHINESE AND 15 000 SETS IN ENGLISH) HAVE BEEN PRINTED AND ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED FREE-OF-CHARGE TO THE PUBLIC THROUGH DISTRICT OFFICES, THE CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, THE MARKETING SECTION OF INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS.

+THIS SERIES OF ANTI-SMOKING FACT SHEETS, COMPILED BY THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH AND DESIGNED BY THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, REPRESENTS A VERY IMPORTANT FORM OF EDUCATIONAL PUBLICITY IN THE TERRITORY-WIDE ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

OTHER ANTI-SMOKING PUBLICITY MATERIALS INCLUDE TELEVISION AND RADIO API'S (ANNOUNCEMENTS OF PUBLIC INTEREST), POSTERS, LEAFLETS AND STICKERS.

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\$60 MILLION DONATION FOR ART, PHYSICAL EDUCATION SCHOOL * * * * *

THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB HAS MADE A \$60 MILLION DONATION FOR BUILDING AND OPERATING A SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN WITH TALENT IN EITHER VISUAL ARTS OR PHYSICAL EDUCATION.

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE JOCKEY CLUB, GENERAL GUY WATKINS, WILL PRESENT A CHEQUE FOR THIS AMOUNT TO THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, AT A CEREMONY AT THE LEE GARDENS HOTEL IN CAUSEWAY BAY, AT 3 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

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THE PRESENTATION WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A PRESS CONFERENCE GIVEN JOINTLY BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE JOCKEY CLUB TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE PROJECT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT AT CAROLINE ROOM, LEE GARDENS HOTEL, FIRST FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, AT 3 PM TOMORROW.

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SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR JUNK BAY
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A SECONDARY SCHOOL, OCCUPYING A 6 445 SQUARE METRES SITE, IS TO BE BUILT AT YAU YUE WAN IN JUNK BAY.

IT WILL HAVE ONE BLOCK FOR 24 CLASSROOMS AND ANOTHER FOR SPECIAL ROOMS, INCLUDING SCIENCE LABORATORIES, TECHNICAL WORKSHOPS, A LIBRARY, MUSIC ROOM, DOMESTIC SCIENCE ROOM AND OFFICES.

AN ASSEMBLY HALL, BASKETBALL COURTS AND STAFF QUARTERS WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED.

WHEN COMPLETED IN 16 MONTHS THE SCHOOL WILL SERVE THE HEAD OF THE BAY AND PO LAM ROAD AREAS WHICH WILL ACCOMMODATE 75 000 PEOPLE BY 1990.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN MARCH.

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AMERICANS TOLD OF INVESTMENT ATTRACTIONS
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CONTINUED ECONOMIC GROWTH, A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINA AND INCREASING FOREIGN INVESTMENT ARE SERVING TO ENHANCE HONG KONG'S STATUS AS AN INTERNATIONAL CROSSROADS IN ASIA, ONE THAT WILL CONTINUE INTO THE NEXT CENTURY.

THIS WAS EMPHASISED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OFFICE IN SAN FRANCISCO, MR BILLY LAM, AT A SEMINAR HELD IN LOS ANGELES EARLIER THIS WEEK.

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IN HIS TALK ON HONG KONG BEFORE AND AFTER 1997, MR LAM OUTLINED THE CONCRETE STEPS THAT HAD BEEN TAKEN TO IMPLEMENT THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION SIGNED IN 1984.

HE ALSO DESCRIBED TO THE AUDIENCE OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIAN BUSINESS EXECUTIVES ATTENDING THE TRADE AND INVESTMENT SEMINAR, ORGANISED BY MR LAM'S OFFICE, HOW AMERICAN BUSINESS INFLUENCE IN THE TERRITORY WAS INCREASING.

IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT MORE THAN US\$800 MILLION HAD BEEN INVESTED IN HONG KONG, IN 142 MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS EMPLOYING SOME 40 000 PEOPLE. THIS REPRESENTED 53 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL DIRECT OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

HE NOTED THAT WHILE THE UNITED STATES WAS HONG KONG'S LARGEST EXPORT MARKET, ACCOUNTING FOR MORE THAN 45 PER CENT OF TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS, IT WAS ALSO HONG KONG'S THIRD LARGEST SUPPLIER PROVIDING 11 PER CENT OF ITS IMPORTS, ON THIS BASIS, EACH PERSON IN HONG KONG BOUGHT US\$577 WORTH OF U.S. PRODUCTS A YEAR.

+ABOVE ALL, THE UNITED STATES AND HONG KONG SHARE THE SAME BELIEF IN FREE AND FAIR TRADE, IN OPEN MARKETS AND FREE COMPETITION AND ARE ALLIES IN ENDEAVOURING TO LIBERALISE WORLD TRADE AND INVESTMENT,+ MR LAM EMPHASISED.

A FORMER CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF A MAJOR AMERICAN COMPANY PRAISED HONG KONG AS A FINE PLACE FOR DOING BUSINESS.

MR ROBERT LUNDEEN, FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY, SAID THAT BASED ON DOW'S LONG EXPERIENCE IN HONG KONG THE TERRITORY WAS A +WINNER+ AS A REGIONAL CENTRE 20 YEARS AGO AND WOULD BE A WINNER BY A SUBSTANTIAL MARGIN TODAY AND TOMORROW.

HE OUTLINED THAT QUALITIES THAT MADE HONG KONG IDEAL FOR A REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS AND ADDED THAT HE BELIEVED A REASONABLE, PRAGMATIC SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT WOULD EVOLVE IN THE TERRITORY AFTER 1997.

INVESTMENTS SUCH AS THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY HAD MADE IN HONG KONG SERVED AS A MAGNET TO ATTRACT TALENTED HONG KONG CHINESE GRADUATES OF AMERICAN AND BRITISH COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITIES BACK TO HONG KONG, MR LUNDEEN SAID, POINTING OUT THAT THE COMPANY'S LARGE MODERN POLYSTYRENE MANUFACTURING PLANT LOCATED ON TSING YI ISLAND WAS STAFFED AND MANAGED ENTIRELY BY HONG KONG CHINESE.

ALSO TAKING PART IN THE SEMINAR WERE THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT'S PRINCIPAL CONSULTANT, MR ROBERT ASHWORTH, WHO DISCUSSED INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE TERRITORY; HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION OFFICIAL, MR SIMON EDWARDS, TALKING ON HONG KONG AS THE GATEWAY TO CHINA; AND HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE AMERICA'S, MR ANDREW MA, WHO PINPOINTED TWO-WAY TRADE OPPORTUNITIES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND HONG KONG.

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+LAI SEE+ DISTRIBUTED TO THE NEEDY
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SOME 9 000 NEEDY PEOPLE ARE TO RECEIVE NEW YEAR +LAI SEE+ FROM THE TANG SHIU-KIN AND HO TIM CHARITABLE FUND THIS YEAR.

THEY COMPRISE WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN AND WHO ARE ON PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, RESIDENTS IN SELECTED ELDERLY INSTITUTIONS AND AGED PATIENTS IN THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS.

AT A CEREMONY HELD IN PO LEUNG KUK TODAY (THURSDAY), 175 WIDOWED FAMILIES FROM THE EASTERN-WANCHAI DISTRICT RECEIVED RED PACKETS OF \$50 EACH.

DISTRIBUTION TO OTHER BENEFICIARIES WILL TAKE PLACE FROM NEXT MONDAY (JANUARY 12) ONWARDS.

ABOUT \$500 000 HAS BEEN ALLOCATED BY THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE FUND FOR DISTRIBUTION PURPOSE.

ASSISTING MR HO TIM, A FOUNDER OF THE FUND, AT TODAY'S DISTRIBUTION WERE LADY SHIU-KIN TANG; DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND TRUSTEE OF THE FUND, MRS ANSON CHAN; MR CHARLES LUI, ADVISER OF THE FUND, AND MOVIE STAR SYLVIA CHANG.

THE FUND, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, PROVIDES IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS OR FAMILIES IN COPING WITH HARDSHIP BROUGHT ABOUT BY UNEXPECTED CIRCUMSTANCES.

GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE TO PUT A CHILD THROUGH EDUCATION, TO PURCHASE SPECIAL EQUIPMENT OR TO MEET HIGH COSTS FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT OR OTHER NEEDS.

PAYMENTS ARE ALSO MADE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ARISING FROM PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITY OR CHRONIC ILLNESS.

IN PARTICULAR, THE FUND HELPS VICTIMS OF NATURAL DISASTERS WITH URGENT NEEDS.

APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE FUND CAN BE MADE TO THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, PO LEUNG KUK OR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

SOCIAL WORKERS OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES MAY ALSO REFER HARDSHIP CASES TO THE SECRETARY OF THE FUND OR THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE.

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COLOURFUL START TO ARTS FESTIVAL

COLOURFUL CEREMONIES WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 11) TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE NINTH ANNUAL TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL.

AS A PRELUDE TO THE FESTIVAL, THERE WILL BE A SPECTACULAR PROCESSION THROUGH THE TOWN.

THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO WATCH THE PROCESSION, WHICH WILL START FROM SHA TSUI ROAD AT 5.30 PM.

IT WILL END IN THE SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND WHERE THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL OFFICIALLY OPEN THE FESTIVAL AT 8 PM.

AROUND 600 PERFORMERS WILL ENTERTAIN THE CROWD ALONG THE ROUTE. THE ENTERTAINMENT WILL INCLUDE MARTIAL ARTS, UNICORN DANCE, AND CHIU CHOW MUSIC.

AT THE JUNCTION OF CHUNG ON STREET AND SHA TSUI ROAD, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, DR JAMES HAYES, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, WILL TAKE THE SALUTE AS THE PROCESSION PASSES A SPECIAL DAIS.

THE FESTIVAL IS JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE TSUEN WAN CULTURE AND RECREATIONAL CO-ORDINATING ASSOCIATION.

DURING THE FESTIVAL, A WIDE RANGE OF INDOOR AND OUTDOOR EVENTS WILL BE HELD THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.

INDOOR PERFORMANCES WILL BE GIVEN MAINLY IN THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL. THEY INCLUDE PIANO RECITALS BY FOU TS'ONG, BALLET, ACROBATIC SHOWS, A CONCERT BY THE SHANGHAI SYMPHONIC ORCHESTRA, AND PERFORMANCES BY OTHER WELL-KNOWN LOCAL AND OVERSEAS ARTISTS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE FILM SHOWS AND A GRAPHIC DESIGN EXHIBITION WITH THEMES ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH OF TSUEN WAN.

FREE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES WILL ALSO BE STAGED WIDELY IN THE DISTRICT.

A FRINGE-TYPE CULTURAL DISPLAY AND PERFORMANCES ON VARIOUS TRADITIONAL CHINESE ARTS SUCH AS ARTISTIC MASK MAKING, PAPER CUTTING AND FLOUR-DOLL MAKING WILL BE HELD AT THE SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND ON SUNDAY, STARTING AT 2 PM.

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THE FESTIVAL WILL CLOSE ON FEBRUARY 22.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE NINTH TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL ON SUNDAY.

THERE ARE FIXED PRESS POSITIONS FOR COVERING THE PROCESSION ALONG SHA TSUI ROAD. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BE IN POSITION BY 5 PM.

BECAUSE OF ROAD CLOSURES, THEY SHOULD ENTER THE AREA AT CHUNG ON STREET FROM YEUNG UK ROAD.

THOSE COVERING THE OPENING CEREMONY SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND IN SHA TSUI ROAD AT 7.15 PM.

TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED TO TAKE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SALUTING DAIS AREA TO THE SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND AS SOON AS THE LAST PROCESSION UNIT HAS PASSED.

PRESS BADGES FOR SUNDAY ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT THE NEWS AND PUBLICITY DIVISION OF THE CNTA HEADQUARTERS ON THE 12TH FLOOR OF WORLD SHIPPING CENTRE, 7 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

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SIR DAVID TO ATTEND AMS ANNUAL DINNER
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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL BE GUEST OF HONOUR AT THE ANNUAL AMS DINNER ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 10) AT THE MAXIM'S PALACE RESTAURANT, WORLD TRADE CENTRE, CAUSEWAY BAY.

THE AMS COMMISSIONER, DR K.L. THONG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AND SIR DAVID WILL PRESENT CIVIL DEFENCE LONG SERVICE MEDALS AND CLASPS TO 32 AMS OFFICERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE GLOUCESTER ROAD MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE BY 7.30 PM.

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LUNAR NEW YEAR MAIL DELIVERIES
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THERE WILL BE ONE DELIVERY OF LETTERS ON JANUARY 30 (FRIDAY) AND FEBRUARY 1 (SUNDAY) DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR, THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

HOWEVER, ALL POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE HOLIDAYS, EXCEPT ON THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 1 (SUNDAY), WHEN 42 POST OFFICES WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO NOON.

THE 42 POST OFFICES INCLUDE THE GENERAL POST OFFICE OF HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON CENTRAL AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICES IN KOWLOON, AND TSUEN WING STREET, SHA TIN CENTRAL AND TAI PO POST OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

DETAILS OF THE 42 POST OFFICES CAN BE OBTAINED FROM LOCAL POST OFFICES OR FROM THE POST OFFICE ENQUIRY BUREAU AT 5-231071.

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COMMITTEE CONSIDERS +CLEAN+ IDEAS FROM ABROAD
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FRESH CAMPAIGN IDEAS FROM OVERSEAS WERE THE TOPIC OF DISCUSSION AT TODAY'S (THURSDAY) MEETING OF THE JOINT URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN COMMITTEE.

THEY WERE BROUGHT BACK TO HONG KONG BY THE COMMITTEE'S CHAIRMAN, MR WALTER SULKE, AFTER A RECENT TOUR OF AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND THE UNITED STATES.

MOST OF THE IDEAS INTRODUCED BY MR SULKE WERE ANTI-LITTER CAMPAIGNERS IN THOSE COUNTRIES USED TO BROADEN COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE SUPPORT.

ONE SUCH MEASURE, FOR EXAMPLE, IF APPLIED IN HONG KONG WOULD HAVE LARGE CORPORATIONS +ADOPTING+ PUBLIC PLACES LIKE STATUE SQUARE AND TAKING ON THE RESPONSIBILITY OF KEEPING THEM CLEAN.

MR SULKE FURTHER SUGGESTED THAT AS IN OTHER COUNTRIES REPRESENTATIVES FROM INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE BE MORE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN CAMPAIGN DECISION-MAKING.

THE COMMITTEE TOOK NO FIRM DECISIONS ON THE PROPOSALS BUT DECIDED TO CONSIDER THEM FOR USE IN FUTURE CAMPAIGN.

THEY DID ENDORSE, HOWEVER, A SIX-PHASE OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR 1987-88 WHICH WAS EARLIER APPROVED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN COMMITTEE.

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BANNERS FOR GOOD DEEDS IN ABERDEEN FIRE

BANNERS WILL BE PRESENTED TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO VOLUNTEER FIRE WATCH TEAMS, KAIFONGS AND DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS WHICH HELPED IN FIGHTING THE ABERDEEN TYPHOON SHELTER FIRE ON BOXING DAY AND IN CO-ORDINATING EMERGENCY RELIEF.

THE PRESENTATION WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE ABERDEEN FIRE STATION AT 3 PM.

IT HAS BEEN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SIMON LORD, AND THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER (HONG KONG), MR BRIAN FENDER, WILL OFFICIATE.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, HOUSING DEPARTMENT, SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, POLICE, MARINE POLICE, CIVIL AID SERVICES AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL ATTEND.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE BANNER PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT 3 PM TOMORROW AT THE ABERDEEN FIRE STATION, WONG CHUK HANG ROAD.

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VICE-ESTABLISHMENTS ON COMMITTEES AGENDA

THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DISCUSS THE DRAFTING OF LEGISLATION TO DEAL WITH NUISANCES CREATED BY VICE-RELATED ESTABLISHMENTS.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN THE DISTRICT AND THE PROVISION OF SITTING-OUT AREA AT FERRY POINT.

THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS A LANDSCAPE SCHEME AT THE JUNCTION OF WATERLOO ROAD AND WYLIE ROAD.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, 490 NATHAN ROAD.

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BRIEFING FOR DB ON CIVIC EDUCATION PROGRESS
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MEMBERS OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE BRIEFED ON PROGRESS OF THE DISTRICT'S CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION PROMOTION COMMITTEE, MRS ANITA CHAN, WILL ALSO BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE COMMITTEE'S WORK.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE A REPORT BY THE BOARD'S REGIONAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE, MR WAN YUET-KAU, AND A REPORT BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

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

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SHAM SHUI PO ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE TO MEET
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THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO REVIEW PROGRESS OF THE +REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SHAM SHUI PO PRIVATE BUILDING STUDIES+.

THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO ALLOCATE BOARD FUNDS TO SPONSOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE REPORT LAST NOVEMBER. THE REPORT IS EXPECTED TO BE READY BY THE END OF THIS FEBRUARY AND MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS WAYS TO PUBLICISE IT TOMORROW.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE DEMAND FOR COMPENSATION FROM SHOP TENANTS OF BLOCK 15, PAK TIN ESTATE.

OTHER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED INCLUDE PROVISION OF STREET LIGHTS AT REAR LANES PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTPATH ON CHAK ON ROAD WATER CHANNEL DECKING AND PROBLEMS OF INSUFFICIENT WATER PRESSURE AT UPPER FLOORS OF PAK TIN ESTATE.

THE MEETING WILL START AT 2.15 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD, 39 TONKIN STREET, SECOND FLOOR, KOWLOON.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING.

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SLOGAN CONTEST TO PROMOTE CRIME PREVENTION
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APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR A FIGHT CRIME SLOGAN COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

AIMED AT AROUSING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO COMBAT CRIME, THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS — A JUNIOR SECTION FOR PARTICIPANTS UNDER 12 YEARS OLD AND A SENIOR ONE FOR THOSE AGED 13 AND ABOVE.

THE SLOGAN, IN CHINESE ONLY, SHOULD BE CONCISE AND DIRECT IN PROMOTING THE FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE.

THREE WINNING AND 10 OUTSTANDING ENTRIES WILL BE CHOSEN FROM EACH SECTION, WITH THE BEST ENTRIES BEING PRINTED ON BOOKMARKS LATER.

RESIDENTS WISHING TO TAKE PART SHOULD SEND THEIR ENTRIES TO THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, C/O TSIM SHA TSUI SUB-OFFICE, 40 CARNARVON ROAD BY JANUARY 23. EACH PARTICIPANT IS LIMITED TO ONE ENTRY ONLY.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-695259.

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DETAILS OF TOURISM SURVEY TO BE ANNOUNCED

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ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MICHAEL WU, WILL HOLD A PRESS BRIEFING ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 10) TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF A SURVEY ON TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN ISLANDS DISTRICT.

THE SURVEY WAS COMMISSIONED BY DISTRICT OFFICE AS PART OF A CAMPAIGN TO IMPROVE TOURISM AND TO FIND OUT THE DISTRICT'S POTENTIAL AND VISITORS' PREFERENCE AND COMPLAINTS.

COPIES OF THE SURVEY REPORT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE BRIEFING AT 10 AM ON SATURDAY AT THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, 20TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

A SITE VISIT HAS ALSO BEEN ARRANGED FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES AFTER THE BRIEFING. THOSE INTERESTED SHOULD CONTACT THE DISTRICT'S INFORMATION OFFICER ON 5-8524334.

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SOUTHERN RESIDENTS TO AIR VIEWS AT SEMINAR
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THE WONG CHUK HANG AND BAYS AREA COMMITTEE IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT WILL HOLD A SEMINAR ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 10) SO THAT RESIDENTS' ORGANISATIONS CAN EXCHANGE VIEWS ON DISTRICT AFFAIRS.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE AREA COMMITTEE, THE SEMINAR WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM IN THE CHAN PAK SHA SECONDARY SCHOOL HALL.

IT WILL BE THE LAST OF SIX SEMINARS THAT THE DISTRICT OFFICE ORGANISED WITH THE DISTRICT'S AREA COMMITTEES THIS FINANCIAL YEAR.

+A SEMINAR FOR DISTRICT BOARD AND AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL BE HELD LATER AS A FINALE TO THE CURRENT EXERCISE OF STRENGTHENING TIES AMONG THE BOARD, AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND RESIDENT BODIES,+ A SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

SATURDAY'S SEMINAR WILL FEATURE A VIDEO -- +THE NEW FACES OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT+ -- WHICH HIGHLIGHTS DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT AND WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

GROUP DISCUSSIONS ON TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND COMMUNITY BUILDING WILL FOLLOW.

ABOUT 80 REPRESENTATIVES FROM MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS' CORPORATIONS AND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WILL ATTEND.

THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SIMON LORD, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING.

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VARIETY SHOW WINDS UP CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN
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A VARIETY SHOW WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE TAI PO COMMUNITY CENTRE TO MARK THE CLOSING OF THE DISTRICT'S CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.

THE SHOW WILL FEATURE PERFORMANCES BY WINNERS OF A SINGING CONTEST, CHINESE SONGS AND A TONGUE-TWISTER GAME.

PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO WINNERS OF A COLOURING COMPETITION AND A CARTOON DESIGN COMPETITION.

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OFFICIATING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY WILL BE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN BURRETT, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, MR CHEUNG HOK-MING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN AT 3 PM TOMORROW AT THE TAI PO COMMUNITY CENTRE, HEUNG SZE WUI STREET, TAI PO MARKET.

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TSIM TUNG FIRE STATION OPENED

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A SUB-DIVISIONAL FIRE STATION IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, NAMED THE TSIM TUNG FIRE STATION, WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY MR CHENG YU-TUNG.

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, MR CHENG SAID THAT AN EFFECTIVE FIRE SERVICE HAD MUCH TO DO WITH THE PROSPERITY OF THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC STABILITY, AND THE SAFETY OF THE PEOPLE.

THE NEW STATION COULD BETTER SERVE THE GROWING TSIM SHA TSUI EAST AREA WHICH WAS NOW A POPULAR BUSINESS CENTRE THAN THE FORMER STATIONS IN HUNG HOM AND TSIM SHA TSUI, HE SAID.

LOCATED AT 1 HONG CHONG ROAD, THE STATION LIES NEXT TO THE KOWLOON ENTRANCE OF THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL.

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CAS TO HOLD INTER-UNIT COMPETITION

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THE CIVIL AID SERVICES WILL HOLD AN INTER-UNIT FIRST AID AND CASUALTY HANDLING COMPETITION ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 11), STARTING AT 9.15 AM.

THE COMPETITION, LASTING FOR ABOUT THREE AND A HALF HOURS, AIMS AT PROMOTING THE INTEREST OF CAS MEMBERS IN FIRST AID AND CASUALTY HANDLING AND AT RAISING THEIR PROFICIENCY IN THE FIELD.

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A TOTAL OF 18 TEAMS WILL TAKE PART. THE WINNING TEAM WILL BE PRESENTED THE +CAS CUP+ BY THE HONG KONG REGIONAL COMMANDER, MR NORMAN LEUNG.

THE COMPETITION WILL BE HELD AT THE CAS CADET TRAINING CENTRE IN KOWLOON.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE COMPETITION AND PRESENTATION CEREMONY TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY AT THE CAS CADET TRAINING CENTRE, 325 CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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REMINDER GIVEN ON OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT
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ALL EMPLOYERS AND THEIR AGENTS MUST FOLLOW THE REQUIREMENTS STIPULATED IN THE CONTRACTS FOR EMPLOYMENT OUTSIDE HONG KONG ORDINANCE WHEN THEY RECRUIT LOCAL MANUAL WORKERS FOR EMPLOYMENT OUTSIDE HONG KONG.

A REMINDER ON THIS WAS GIVEN BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY).

UNDER THE ORDINANCE, AN EMPLOYER OR HIS AGENT MUST ENTER INTO A WRITTEN CONTRACT WITH THE WORKER AND PRESENT THE CONTRACT TO THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT FOR ATTESTATION BEFORE THE WORKER'S DEPARTURE, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT.

THE EMPLOYER OR HIS AGENT ALSO COMMITS AN OFFENCE IF HE INDUCES A MANUAL WORKER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WHICH DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THE ORDINANCE OR COUNSELS A WORKER TO TAKE UP EMPLOYMENT BEFORE THE CONTRACT IS ATTESTED.

THE MAXIMUM FINE IN EITHER CASE IS \$50 000 ON CONVICTION.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO ADVISED LOCAL MANUAL WORKERS THAT IN THEIR OWN INTEREST THEY SHOULD ENSURE THEIR EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN ATTESTED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT BEFORE THEY LEAVE HONG KONG.

ENQUIRIES ON THE PROCEDURE FOR THE ATTESTATION OF CONTRACTS MAY BE MADE TO THE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ON 12TH FLOOR OF HARBOUR BUILDING, PIER ROAD, CENTRAL OR ON 5-8523535 AND 5-8523537.

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BAZAAR TO RAISE FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY CHEST

A FUND-RAISING BAZAAR FOR THE COMMUNITY CHEST WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 11) AT THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND IN SHAM SHUI PO.

THE BAZAAR, INVOLVING 40 BOOTHS AND FIVE GAME STALLS, WILL BE OPEN FROM 10.30 AM TO 7 PM. ITEMS ON SALE WILL INCLUDE GARMENTS, FOOD, TOYS AND HOME ACCESSORIES.

BOOTHS HAVE BEEN ARRANGED BY SOCIAL ORGANISATIONS, FACTORIES AND COMPANIES IN SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT, AS WELL AS THE ISLAND LIONS AND LIONESS CLUBS.

THE BAZAAR IS CO-ORGANISED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, SHAM SHUI PO COMMUNITY CHEST BAZAAR ORGANISATION COMMITTEE, SHAM SHUI PO INDUSTRIAL LIAISON COMMITTEE, AND SHAM SHUI PO KAI FONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHAM SHUI PO COMMUNITY CHEST BAZAAR ON SUNDAY AT MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND.

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FREE FILM SHOW FOR WAN CHAI ELDERLIES

ABOUT 1 000 ELDERLY RESIDENTS OF WAN CHAI DISTRICT WILL BE INVITED TO A FREE FILM SHOW AT THE NANYANG THEATRE ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 10) MORNING.

THIS IS ONE OF THE PROGRAMMES OF THE DISTRICT'S +CARE FOR THE OLD+ CAMPAIGN ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

DURING THE FILM SHOW, EACH PARTICIPANT WILL ALSO RECEIVE A NEW YEAR GIFT AND A +LAI SEE+.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE WAN CHAI ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS CARMAN CHIU, CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR CHOW WAI-KAM, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, MR HSU CHUNG-CHI, AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT TO BE HELD AT 9.30 AM ON SATURDAY.

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OPEN DANCE CONTEST BEGINS SATURDAY

NINETY-EIGHT DANCING TEAMS WILL COMPETE IN CLASSICAL, MODERN, ORIENTAL OR WESTERN DANCES IN THE 16TH TERRITORY-WIDE OPEN DANCE CONTEST WHICH WILL BEGIN THIS SATURDAY (JANUARY 10), UNTIL JANUARY 13.

THE ANNUAL EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT CULTURE AND RECREATION PROMOTION ASSOCIATION, CO-ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AND SPONSORED BY THE KWUN TONG ROTARY CLUB TO PROMOTE THE ART OF DANCING.

THE CONTEST IS DIVIDED INTO A CHILDREN, YOUTH AND OPEN SECTION AND PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO PERFORM A DANCE OF THEIR CHOICE.

WINNING GROUPS WILL BE INVITED TO PERFORM AT THE CITY HALL IN MARCH.

TO LAUNCH THE CONTEST, AN OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY AT 8 PM AT THE LEUNG SHEK CHEE COLLEGE IN HIU KWONG STREET, SAU MAU PING, KWUN TONG.

KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDDY CHAN- LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS, MR POON CHI-FAI, AND PRESIDENT OF THE KWUN TONG ROTARY CLUB, MR CHU CHO-ON, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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HK WALK FOR MILLIONS TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON HONG KONG ISLAND ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 11) IN CONNECTION WITH THE WALK FOR MILLIONS ORGANISED BY THE COMMUNITY CHEST OF HONG KONG.

UNDER THE ARRANGEMENTS, A NUMBER OF ROAD SECTIONS WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC:

- * TAI TAM RESERVOIR ROAD EAST OF THE GATE OF HOUSE NO. 1
REPULSE BAY ROAD WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 8 AM AND 3 PM.
- * UPPER BLUE POOL ROAD SOUTH OF TAI HANG ROAD WILL BE
CLOSED BETWEEN 8 AM AND 5.30 PM.

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- * LINK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM 8.45 AM TO 9.30 AM.
- * MOUNT PARKER ROAD WILL BE CLOSED AT ITS JUNCTION WITH QUARRY BAY STREET FROM 9 AM TO 2.30 PM. NO VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO PROCEED NORTH BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH QUARRY BAY STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 2.2 KILOMETRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION BETWEEN 9 AM AND 2 PM.
- * MOUNT BUTLER DRIVE AND PRICE ROAD WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM.

FROM 7.30 AM TO 5.30 PM, THE FOLLOWING RE-ROUTING MEASURES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED:

- * EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD BETWEEN HONG KONG STADIUM AND TUNG LO WAN ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.
- * CAROLINE HILL ROAD WEST FROM LEIGHTON ROAD TO HONG KONG STADIUM WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY EASTBOUND.
- * LINK ROAD FROM BROADWOOD ROAD TO CAROLINE HILL ROAD WEST WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND DOWNHILL. THE MEASURE, HOWEVER, WILL NOT BE IN FORCE BETWEEN 8.45 AM AND 9.30 AM DURING WHICH TIME THE ROAD IS CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC.
- * BROADWOOD ROAD FROM TAI HANG ROAD TO LINK ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND UPHILL.
- * TAI HANG ROAD FROM BROADWOOD ROAD TO BLUE POOL ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.
- * MOUNT BUTLER ROAD FROM TAI HANG ROAD TO HENDERSON ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.
- * WONG NAI CHUNG GAP ROAD FROM THE URBAN COUNCIL TENNIS COURTS TO THE ENTRANCE TO THE HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB WILL BE CONVERTED TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND UPHILL.
- * TRAFFIC ENTERING TAI HANG ROAD FROM STUBBS ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED NORTH DOWN BLUE POOL ROAD EXCEPT CMB ROUTE 41 AND GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 24M.

ALL PARKING SPACES IN PRICE ROAD, MOUNT BUTLER DRIVE, HONG KONG STADIUM SLIP ROAD, AND TAI TAM RESERVOIR ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 6 AM TO 6 PM.

ALSO, BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND 5 PM, LEARNER DRIVERS WILL BE BANNED FROM TAI HANG ROAD, CAROLINE HILL ROAD, WONG NAI CHUNG GAP ROAD SOUTHBOUND, AND THE STUBBS ROAD FLYOVER SOUTHBOUND.

AS A RESULT OF THE ABOVE ROAD CLOSURES AND TRAFFIC RE-ROUTINGS, BUSES ON CMB ROUTES 11 AND 41 AND GREEN MINIBUSES ON ROUTES 5, 14M, 24M, 28M AND 30 WILL BE DIVERTED.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES FOR TSUEN WAN FESTIVAL OPENING
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN TSUEN WAN ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 11) BECAUSE OF THE OPENING CEREMONY AND PROCESSION IN THE TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL.

THE ARRANGEMENTS WILL INCLUDE ROAD CLOSURES, TRAFFIC RE-ROUTING, DIVERSION OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES AND SUSPENSION OF PARKING SPACES.

FROM 4 PM TO 8 PM, A NUMBER OF ROADS WILL BE CLOSED. THESE ARE: SHA TSUI ROAD BETWEEN TEXACO ROAD AND TAI HO ROAD; CHUNG ON STREET BETWEEN HOI PA STREET AND HO PUI STREET; KWU HANG ROAD BETWEEN WANG WO TSAI STREET AND SHA TSUI ROAD; HAM TIN STREET BETWEEN HO PUI STREET AND TAK WAH STREET; KWAN MUN HAU STREET BETWEEN TAK WAH STREET AND SHA TSUI ROAD; CHUEN LUNG STREET BETWEEN SAN TSUEN STREET AND HAU TEI SQUARE; WO TIK STREET BETWEEN SAI LAU STREET AND SHA TSUI ROAD; AND TAI UK STREET.

LUEN YAN STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 8 AM TO 8 PM.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ROAD CLOSURE, TRAFFIC RE-ROUTING WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 4 PM TO 8 PM.

CHUNG ON STREET BETWEEN YEUNG UK ROAD AND HO PUI STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND TO ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.

WO TIK STREET BETWEEN SAI LAU STREET AND YEUNG UK ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

TAK WAH STREET BETWEEN KWAN MUN HAU STREET AND HAM TIN STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY WESTBOUND TO TWO-WAY.

ALSO, VEHICLES ON YEUNG UK ROAD WESTBOUND WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT INTO CHUNG ON STREET.

BECAUSE OF THE ROAD CLOSURE, BUS AND GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES WILL BE DIVERTED FROM 4 PM TO 8 PM. KMB ROUTES 30, 31, 32B, 33, 33A, 34A, 35, 36, 43 AND 46A OPERATING ALONG SHA TSUI ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA YEUNG UK ROAD IN BOTH DIRECTIONS. TEMPORARY BUS STOPS WILL BE SET UP ALONG YEUNG UK ROAD.

GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES ON SHA TSUI ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA YEUNG UK ROAD OR CASTLE PEAK ROAD, WHILE THOSE ON CHUNG ON STREET WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TAI HO ROAD OR TEXACO ROAD.

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THE GREEN MINIBUS STAND IN CHUEN LUNG STREET BETWEEN SHA TSUI ROAD AND SAN TSUEN STREET FOR ROUTES 83 AND 86 WILL BE SUSPENDED. A TEMPORARY STAND WILL BE PROVIDED IN SAN TSUEN STREET BETWEEN WO TIK STREET AND CHUEN LUNG STREET.

THE GREEN MINIBUS STAND IN HAM TIN STREET BETWEEN SHA TSUI ROAD AND HO PUI ROAD FOR ROUTES 87 AND 87M WILL BE SUSPENDED. THESE ROUTES WILL SHARE THE STAND WITH ROUTES 91 AND 93 IN HAM TIN STREET BETWEEN HO PUI STREET AND YEUNG UK ROAD.

IN ADDITION, THREE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS STANDS ALONG WO TIK STREET WILL BE SUSPENDED AND A TEMPORARY STAND WILL BE PROVIDED IN SAI LAU STREET. ANOTHER PLB STAND IN TIK WAH STREET WILL ALSO BE SUSPENDED AND A TEMPORARY STAND WILL BE SET UP IN THE SOUTH PORTION OF YAN CHAI STREET.

ON PARKING, THE PARKING SPACES IN LUEN YAN STREET WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 8 AM. ALSO, FROM 4 PM, PARKING SPACES IN MAJOR ROADS IN THE AREA WILL BE SUSPENDED.

THESE ARE AT: CHUNG ON STREET; SHIU WO STREET; CHUEN LUNG STREET; HO PUI STREET; WO TIK STREET; SAI LAU STREET; TSUEN WAN MARKET STREET; HOI PA STREET BETWEEN TAI HO ROAD AND CHUNG ON STREET; TAK WAH STREET; HAU TEI SQUARE; HAM TIN STREET; SAN TSUEN STREET; TAI UK STREET AND KWU HANG ROAD.

DURING THIS PERIOD, THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED TO MAKE FULL USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES OPERATING TO THE TSUEN WAN AREA.

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TUEN MUN ROAD STOPPAGES
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ALL TRAFFIC ON TUEN MUN ROAD NORTH OF ROAD P2 INTERCHANGE (NEAR THE TUEN MUN HOSPITAL) WILL BE STOPPED INTERMITTENTLY FOR ABOUT 15 MINUTES BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5 AM ON JANUARY 11 (SUNDAY) AND JANUARY 12.

THE MEASURE WILL FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE.

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TSING YI BRIDGE MONITORING
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TSING YI BRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED FOR SEVERAL HOURS ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 11) TO MONITOR THE STRUCTURE OF THE BRIDGE.

IT WILL BE CLOSED FROM 12.30 AM TO 2.30 AM; 6.30 AM TO 7.30 AM AND 3 PM TO 4 PM.

DURING THE CLOSURE, THE BRIDGE WILL BE REOPENED TO GENERAL TRAFFIC AT FIVE-MINUTE INTERVALS AND IMMEDIATELY FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES.

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