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MORE STAFF TO DEAL WITH LIKELY LO WU RUSH  
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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT WILL PLACE ADDITIONAL STAFF AT ITS LO WU COUNTERS DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR PERIOD TO COPE WITH THE EXPECTED INCREASE IN PASSENGER TRAFFIC.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID 56 MORE STAFF WILL BE POSTED AT ITS 36 COUNTERS AT LO WU.

HE SAID SINCE THE OPENING OF THE TEMPORARY TERMINAL AT LO WU LAST NOVEMBER, THE NUMBER OF IMMIGRATION COUNTERS THERE HAD BEEN INCREASED FROM 19 TO 36 AND THE WORKING HOURS EXTENDED.

DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR PERIOD, HE SAID, EARLY WORKING HOURS WILL ALSO BE INTRODUCED, SOMETIMES STARTING AS EARLY AS 2.40 AM OR 3 AM, TO CLEAR DEPARTING PASSENGERS, AS AGREED WITH THE SHENZHEN AUTHORITIES AT A MEETING HELD RECENTLY.

THE OPENING HOURS AT LO WU COUNTERS DURING THE COMING LUNAR NEW YEAR PERIOD ARE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPENING HOURS</u>
5-2-83	0630
6-2-83	
7-2-83	0600
8-2-83	0500
9-2-83	0300
10-2-83	0240
11-2-83	
12-2-83	
13-2-83	
14-2-83	0300
15-2-83	
16-2-83	0500
17-2-83	0630
18-2-83	0730
19-2-83	
20-2-83	
21-2-83	0800 (RESUME NORMAL)

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED HOLDERS OF DOCUMENTS OF IDENTITY TO COMPLETE THEIR ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE CARDS PRIOR TO IMMIGRATION CLEARANCE TO AVOID UNNECESSARY DELAY.

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HE ALSO REMINDED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE EXPIRY DATE OF THEIR HONG KONG RE-ENTRY PERMITS.

+IF THE RE-ENTRY PERMIT HAS EXPIRED THE HOLDER SHOULD APPROACH THE NEAREST IMMIGRATION BRANCH OFFICE FOR RENEWAL. THIS WOULD SAVE THE RISK OF BEING NOT ALLOWED TO LEAVE AT LO WU,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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### ENQUIRY INTO FERRY INCIDENT \* \* \*

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) CONFIRMED THAT THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR PERCY DAVY, HAS ORDERED A +LOCAL MARINE ENQUIRY+ TO BE CONDUCTED, UNDER SECTION 58 OF THE SHIPPING AND PORT CONTROL ORDINANCE, INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES ATTENDING THE GROUNDING OF THE FERRY VESSEL +MAN WAI+ AT KAU YI CHAU ON FEBRUARY 1.

THE ENQUIRY IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN FOUR WEEKS.

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### RESULTS OF LATEST TAXI TENDERS \* \* \* \*

RESULTS OF THE LATEST TAXI LICENCE TENDERING EXERCISE WILL BE GAZETTED TOMORROW (FRIDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID.

THIS INCLUDES THE 20 TAXIS ON LANTAU ISLAND WITH 36 TENDERS SEEKING 45 LICENCES. THE HIGHEST BID ACCEPTED WAS \$33 333 AND THE LOWEST \$21 390, GIVING AN AVERAGE PREMIUM OF \$24 944.8.

AS FOR THE 300 URBAN TAXI LICENCES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT 742 TENDERS WERE LODGED FOR 788 LICENCES.

SUCCESSFUL BIDS RANGED FROM A HIGH OF \$197 000 TO A LOW OF \$180 000.

THIS GAVE AN AVERAGE PREMIUM OF \$182 674.65, WHICH REPRESENTED A DECREASE OF 11.56 PER CENT ON THE PREVIOUS EXERCISE.

A TOTAL OF 150 NEW TERRITORIES TAXI LICENCES WERE ALSO PUT UP, AND 503 TENDERS SEEKING 559 LICENCES HAD BEEN RECEIVED.

THE HIGHEST TENDER WAS \$88 300 AND THE LOWEST ACCEPTABLE BID WAS \$63 599.

THE AVERAGE PREMIUM WAS \$68 542.35, REPRESENTING A DECREASE OF 30.75 PER CENT ON THE PREVIOUS EXERCISE.

DETAILS OF SUCCESSFUL TENDERERS FOR THESE TAXI LICENCES AND THE AMOUNTS OFFERED WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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CORRECTIONAL SERVICES PASSING-OUT PARADE

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THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A PASSING-OUT PARADE OF RECRUIT OFFICERS AT THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 5).

ON PARADE WILL BE 96 ASSISTANT OFFICERS WHO HAVE COMPLETED SIX MONTHS' BASIC TRAINING AT THE INSTITUTE.

THE COMMISSIONER (DESIGNATE) FOR TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING, MR ROBERT SUN, WILL BE THE INSPECTING OFFICER AND WILL PRESENT SILVER WHISTLES TO THE TWO BEST RECRUITS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PASSING-OUT PARADE AT THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE AT 47 TUNG TAU WAN ROAD, STANLEY, AT 10 AM ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 5).

PRESS TRANSPORT WILL LEAVE THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS AT GUARDIAN HOUSE, 32 01 KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI AT 9.15 AM SHARP.

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SHORT-TERM LAND TENANCIES OFFERED

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE LANDS DEPARTMENT FOR SHORT-TERM TENANCIES OF THREE PIECES OF CROWN LAND IN KOWLOON AND YUEN LONG.

THE KOWLOON SITE, AT HING WAH STREET, CHEUNG SHA WAN, HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 8 600 SQUARE METRES. IT IS TO BE USED FOR A FEE-PAYING GOODS VEHICLE PARK.

BOTH SITES IN YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL AREA ARE FOR THE REPAIR, MAINTENANCE AND PAINTSPRAYING OF VEHICLES. THEY ARE OF ABOUT 644 AND 375 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY.

THE TENANCIES FOR THE THREE SITES ARE FOR TWO YEARS INITIALLY AND MONTHLY THEREAFTER.

CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS FOR THESE SITES IS 12 NOON ON FEBRUARY 18.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND TENDER PLANS INSPECTED AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (KOWLOON WEST), KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON.

DETAILS FOR THE YUEN LONG SITES MAY ALSO BE OBTAINED FROM THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (YUEN LONG) AT YUEN LONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICE, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG, NEW TERRITORIES.

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REMINDER ABOUT PROTECTED ANIMALS AND PLANTS

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LOCAL RESIDENTS VISITING FOREIGN COUNTRIES DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR PERIOD ARE REMINDED NOT TO BRING BACK SPECIES OF PROTECTED ANIMALS AND PLANTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SAID THAT ANY PERSON FOUND GUILTY OF IMPORTING OR POSSESSING ENDANGERED SPECIES OF ANIMALS AND PLANTS WITHOUT AUTHORISATION IS LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$5 000. THE PENALTY FOR A SUBSEQUENT OFFENCE COULD BE \$10 000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT, HE ADDED.

BETWEEN APRIL LAST YEAR AND JANUARY THIS YEAR THE COURTS DEALT WITH 222 CASES UNDER THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) ORDINANCE, AND IMPOSED FINES TOTALLING \$95 500. GOODS CONFISCATED TOTALLED \$170 000. EIGHTY-TWO OTHER CASES ARE STILL TO BE HEARD.

AMONG THE CONFISCATED GOODS WERE 39 LIVE AND DEAD PANGOLINS, 43 LIVE AND DEAD OWLS, 391 SEA TURTLE EGGS, 22 SEA TURTLE SPECIMENS, 265 PIECES OF CROCODILE SKIN AND THREE KILOGRAMS OF WILD AMERICAN GINSENG.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON FRIDAY

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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF FORMING A LOCAL DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AT ITS THIRD MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

BOARD MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE CONSULTED ON THE ELECTION OF UNOFFICIAL CHAIRMEN TO THE BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNITY BUILDING AND TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEES.

THEY WILL CONTINUE TO DISCUSS THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT STRATEGY REPORT SINCE THE FIRST HALF WAS DISCUSSED IN THE LAST MEETING.

BOARD MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE INFORMED AT THE MEETING OF THE SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION OF A PIECE OF LAND AT STANLEY IN JUNE THIS YEAR FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES.

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HI-FI CONCERT WITH COMPACT DISC  
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THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT WILL PRESENT A HI-FI CONCERT WITH A COMPACT DISC SYSTEM AT ITS YAU MA TEI MUSIC CENTRE AT 8 PM ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 5).

MR CHAN HO-CHOI, A WELL-KNOWN LOCAL DJ WILL BE THE PRESENTER.

THE COMPACT DISC OR DIGITAL AUDIO DISC SYSTEM IS A NEWLY-INVENTED TECHNOLOGY OF SOUND AND LIGHT WHICH ENABLES A HIGH-QUALITY OF REPLAYED SOUND.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE EXCERPTS FROM 'ALSO SPRACH ZARATHUSTRA' BY R. STRAUSS; THEME SONG FROM 'THE WAY WE WERE' AND 'CHARIOTS OF FIRE'; 'THE BLUE DANUBE' BY J. STRAUSS; FIRST MOVEMENT OF THE 'NEW WORLD' SYMPHONY BY DVORAK; 'HAPPY NEW YEAR' SUNG BY ABBA.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE YAU MA TEI MUSIC CENTRE, GOLDEN GATE COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 138 AUSTIN ROAD, SECOND FLOOR, AND MONG KOK MUSIC CENTRE, 84 WATERLOO ROAD, FIRST FLOOR, CAMBRIDGE COURT, KOWLOON. FOR ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CALL 3-7149255.

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FLYOVER TO BE CLOSED TO HEAVY VEHICLES  
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TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW ON PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER IN KOWLOON, ALL VEHICLES EXCEEDING 2.5 TONS WILL BE BANNED FROM USING THIS OVERHEAD LINK FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 6).

HEAVY VEHICLES TRAVELLING SOUTHBOUND WILL BE DIRECTED TO THE GROUND LEVEL CARRIAGEWAY TO REACH PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT THE NORTHBOUND SECTION OF THE FLYOVER HAD BEEN PROHIBITED TO SLOW MOVING HEAVY VEHICLES FOR SOME TIME ALREADY AND THE LATEST MOVE TO INCLUDE THE OPPOSITE LANE WAS BECAUSE THE OVERHEAD LINK WAS DESIGNED FOR FAST AND THROUGH TRAFFIC.

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MARINE DEPARTMENT HOLIDAY HOURS

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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT ITS OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS (FEBRUARY 12, 13, 14 AND 15) WITH THE EXCEPTION OF:-

- \* THE MACAU FERRY TERMINAL WHICH WILL BE OPEN CONTINUOUSLY ;
- \* THE ENTRY AND CLEARANCE OFFICE WHICH WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 11 AM ON FEBRUARY 14 (MONDAY) ;
- \* THE VICTORIA MARINE OFFICE WHICH WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 11 AM ON FEBRUARY 14 FOR ENTRY AND OUTWARD CLEARANCE ONLY ; AND
- \* THE PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREAS AT WAN CHAI, YAU MA TEI, KWUN TONG, TSUEN WAN, WESTERN DISTRICT AND RAMBLER CHANNEL WHICH WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 8 PM ON FEBRUARY 12 (SATURDAY). THESE AREAS WILL BE RE-OPENED FOR NORMAL OPERATION AT 7 AM ON FEBRUARY 15 (TUESDAY).

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF BROADWOOD ROAD

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A SECTION OF BROADWOOD ROAD IN HAPPY VALLEY, ABOUT 80 METRES NORTH FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO HOUSE NO. 20, WILL BE CLOSED TO MOTORISTS FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 4) FOR ABOUT FIVE MONTHS FOR ROAD WORKS.

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