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HONG KONG PRESS CONSCIOUS OF FREEDOM : BRAY
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THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DENIS BRAY POINTED OUT TODAY THAT MEMBERS OF THE PRESS IN HONG KONG ARE CONSCIOUS OF THEIR FREEDOM AND VERY SENSITIVE TO INTERFERENCE.

+IT FOLLOWS THAT, WHILE THE GOVERNMENT MAY STRIVE HARD TO CHANNEL INFORMATION TO THE MEDIA, AND TO ARGUE ITS CASE, THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT THE INFORMATION WILL BE PUT TO THE PUBLIC, AND IF IT IS, THAT IT WILL BE PRESENTED IN THE FORM WHICH THE GOVERNMENT ITSELF CONSIDERS BEST OR WHICH IS FAVOURABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT.

+IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, IT IS EDITORIAL JUDGEMENT AND EDITORIAL OPINION THAT HAS THE FINAL SAY,+ HE SAID.

MR BRAY WAS SPEAKING TO THE HONG KONG MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION ON THE GOVERNMENT'S PUBLIC RELATIONS ACTIVITIES.

+IT IS OUR JOB TO ENSURE THAT THE MEDIA UNDERSTAND WHAT WE ARE SAYING. IT IS UP TO THEM TO REPORT ACCURATELY AND SAY WHAT THEY THINK ABOUT WHAT WE HAVE TO SAY,+ HE SAID.

MR BRAY GAVE AN ACCOUNT OF THE WORK OF THE HOME AFFAIRS BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, WHICH HAS OVERALL POLICY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE GOVERNMENT'S RELATIONS WITH THE MEDIA, AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATING THE WORK OF THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND MUCH OF THE WORK OF THE TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY.

+OUR FUNDAMENTAL OBJECTIVES ARE TO PROMOTE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND ITS PEOPLE= TO MAINTAIN AND STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR AND CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT, AND TO PROJECT AN ACCURATE IMAGE OF HONG KONG BOTH LOCALLY AND OVERSEAS,+ HE EXPLAINED.

+WE ARE TASKED WITH INFORMING THE PUBLIC, THROUGH THE MEDIA, OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PHILOSOPHIES, POLICIES AND PLANS, AND EXPLAINING THE REASONS FOR THEM. WE RESPOND TO CRITICISM AND MISLEADING COMMENTS, WE ASSESS PUBLIC OPINION AND ANTICIPATE ISSUES WHICH ARE OF PUBLIC INTERESTS. WE DO ALL THIS BECAUSE WE CARE,+ HE SAID.

MR BRAY LISTED THE DIFFERENT WAYS BY WHICH THE OBJECTIVES ARE PURSUED:

- * PRESS RELEASES AND PERSONAL PRESS CONTACTS
- * PRESS ENQUIRY SERVICES
- * PRESS CONFERENCES, BRIEFINGS AND INTERVIEWS
- * MEDIA RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS
- * OVERSEAS PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PUBLICITY
- * PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMES, AND
- * SURVEYS ON PEOPLE'S ATTITUDES AND PERSONAL CONTACTS WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS.

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HE EXPLAINED THAT THERE IS A 24-HOUR ENQUIRY SERVICE FOR THE PRESS AT GIS HEADQUARTERS AND IN THE POLICE PUBLIC RELATIONS BUREAU. BETWEEN THEM AND THE 22 DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION UNITS, UP TO 50 000 QUESTIONS ARE ANSWERED EACH MONTH.

THE NETWORK OF DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION UNITS ALSO PROVIDES THE GOVERNMENT WITH A MEANS OF OBTAINING FEEDBACK AND INFORMATION ON A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS.

+THIS IS AN AREA WHERE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SHOULD BE OF HELP. WE SHALL PROBABLY NEED A COMPUTER BASED DATA LIBRARY FOR OUR OWN USE BEFORE LONG.

+IF WE DO GO FOR THIS -- AND WE HAVE ONLY RECENTLY STARTED A STUDY -- THERE IS NO REASON WHY THE MEDIA SHOULD NOT HAVE THEIR OWN TERMINALS AND GET DIRECT ACCESS TO THE LIBRARY AND I HOPE THIS WILL BE POSSIBLE,+ MR BRAY SAID.

ON THE GOVERNMENT'S RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS EFFORTS, MR BRAY POINTED OUT THAT MEDIA SUMMARIES AND ASSESSMENTS ARE ONLY THE OUTWARD EVIDENCE OF WHAT IS PRODUCED.

+THE CONTENTS OF THE NEWS MEDIA ARE CAREFULLY ANALYSED EACH DAY= THE SUMMARIES PREPARED DO NOT JUST PROVIDE THE BASIS OF PAPERS INTENDED TO GIVE ASSESSMENTS OF MEDIA REACTION AND LIKELY PUBLIC OPINION. THEY DO A GREAT DEAL MORE= THEY FORM THE BASIS ON WHICH POLICY-MAKING WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT IS FORMED,+ HE SAID.

ELABORATING ON OVERSEAS PR AND PUBLICITY, MR BRAY EXPLAINED THAT GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES TAKE PLACE IN TWO FIELDS, LOCALLY AND THROUGH HK GOVERNMENT OFFICES OVERSEAS.

THE OVERSEAS PR DIVISION OF GIS ASSISTED SOME 600 VISITING JOURNALISTS IN 1982. A PRESS RELATIONS OFFICE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR SOME TIME IN THE LONDON OFFICE AND OTHERS HAVE BEEN SET UP RECENTLY IN THE UNITED STATES AND IN EUROPE. GIS ALSO HAS A PR CONSULTANT IN JAPAN AND AN EXECUTIVE PR CONSULTANT IN SAN FRANCISCO.

+COORDINATION WITH ORGANISATIONS LIKE THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE TOURIST ASSOCIATION, THE GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON OVERSEAS PR IS ALSO CARRIED OUT BY A WORKING GROUP CHAIRED BY MYSELF.

+IN ADDITION THE VISITS SECTION OF THE HOME AFFAIRS BRANCH BRIEFS PERSONALITIES OF INFLUENCE FROM OVERSEAS SO THAT THEY CAN ACHIEVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE MOOD AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG,+ MR BRAY SAID.

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BANK GIVES \$5M FOR WELFARE PROJECT

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WING LUNG BANK HAS MARKED ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR BY DONATING \$5-MILLION TOWARDS THE CAPITAL COST OF A HOME FOR MENTALLY RETARDED ADULTS WHICH IS DUE FOR COMPLETION IN 1988.

THE HOME, WHICH IS A MAJOR GOVERNMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT WILL BE CONSTRUCTED ON A SITE AT RAZOR HILL IN SAI KUNG, AND WILL BE NAMED +WING LUNG BANK GOLDEN JUBILEE SHELTERED WORKSHOP AND HOSTEL+.

IT WILL PROVIDE 100 RESIDENTIAL PLACES AND 140 SHELTERED WORKSHOP PLACES FOR MODERATELY MENTALLY RETARDED ADULTS.

WHEN COMPLETED, THE HOME WILL PROVIDE A MAJOR BOOST TO THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO EXPAND SERVICES FOR THE MENTALLY DISABLED, A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THERE IS AT PRESENT A SHORTFALL OF NEARLY 2 000 RESIDENTIAL PLACES FOR THE MODERATELY MENTALLY RETARDED GROUP, AND AN EVEN GREATER SHORTFALL OF SHELTERED WORKSHOP PLACES.

TO LESSEN THE SHORTFALL, THE GOVERNMENT HOPES TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL 200 RESIDENTIAL PLACES EACH YEAR AND AN ADDITIONAL 550 SHELTERED WORKSHOP PLACES.

THE CHEQUE FOR \$5 MILLION WAS PRESENTED THIS (MONDAY) MORNING TO THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, AT THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS.

IT WAS HANDED OVER BY MR FRANCIS H.B. WONG, CHAIRMAN OF THE WU YEE SUN CHARITABLE FOUNDATION LTD. AND THE WU JIEH YEE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION LTD, BOTH OF WHICH JOINED THE BANK TO CONTRIBUTE THE SUM.

THE TWO CHARITABLE FOUNDATIONS ARE NAMED AFTER THE DONORS, MR WU YEE SUN, FOUNDER AND FORMER CHAIRMAN OF WING LUNG BANK AND HIS YOUNGER BROTHER, MR WU JIEH YEE, WHO RETIRED IN APRIL 1982 AS CHAIRMAN AFTER SERVING THE BANK FOR 46 YEARS.

THE BANK AND THE TWO CHARITABLE FOUNDATIONS HAD PREVIOUSLY MADE OTHER DONATIONS TO COMMUNITY PROJECTS, INCLUDING CLINICS IN TSZ WAN SHAN AND LEI MUK SHUE AND THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS MRS WU YORK YU MEMORIAL COLLEGE AT KWAI CHUNG.

ON THE BANK'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY, IT MADE DONATIONS OF \$1 MILLION EACH TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG TO ESTABLISH THE +WING LUNG BANK MEDICAL RESEARCH FUND+, AND TO THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG TO ESTABLISH THE +WING LUNG BANK FUND FOR PROMOTION OF CHINESE CULTURE+.

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FROM CONTROLLED TIPS TO LEISURE PARKS

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TODAY'S CONTROLLED TIPS WILL BE TOMORROW'S LEISURE PARKS, THE COMMISSIONER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DR STUART REED, SAID TODAY.

DR REED WAS GIVING HIS KEYNOTE SPEECH TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ECOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL, WHICH STARTED TODAY AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

+TO ACHIEVE THIS, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE AFTERUSE OF CONTROLLED TIPS IS TREATED AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE PLANNING OF SUCH WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES RIGHT FROM THE INITIAL SELECTION OF THE SITE THROUGH TO THE TIME WHEN IT IS COMPLETELY FILLED AND HANDED OVER FOR ITS EVENTUAL BENEFICIAL USE,+ DR REED SAID.

+THIS IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S POLICY IN THE WASTE MANAGEMENT FIELD.+

MANY OF THE PAPERS AT THE CONFERENCE DEAL WITH NEW METHODS OF WASTE TREATMENT, THE RESTORATION OF LANDFILL SITES AND PROBLEMS CAUSED BY ILL-CONSIDERED DISPOSAL OF WASTES.

IN THIS CONTEXT, DR REED STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THOROUGH AND CONTINUING MONITORING PROGRAMME FOR WASTES OF ALL TYPES AND THE NEED FOR A COMPREHENSIVE LONG-TERM PLAN.

+THESE ESSENTIAL INGREDIENTS OF A GOOD WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM PROVIDE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH NOVEL TREATMENT PROCESSES CAN BE INCORPORATED, AS WELL AS BASIS FOR AVOIDING MANY OF THE PROBLEMS THAT CAN BE CREATED BY POOR PLANNING.+ HE SAID.

REFERRING TO THE SIGNIFICANCE OF WASTE RECOVERY AND RECYCLING IN THE OVERALL WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, DR REED POINTED OUT THAT RECOVERED AND RECYCLED WASTES SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED BENEFICIAL ONLY IN TERMS OF ECONOMY OF RESOURCES. SUCH RECOVERY OF MATERIALS MEANS ALSO THAT FACILITIES DO NOT HAVE TO BE PROVIDED FOR THE DISPOSAL OF THESE WASTES.

+INVESTIGATIONS BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY HAVE SHOWN THAT HONG KONG IS INDEED VERY EFFICIENT IN REUSING WASTE MATERIALS AND OVER 1 000 TONNES OF PAPER, METAL AND GLASS ARE RECOVERED EACH DAY FROM THE WASTE STREAM IN HONG KONG.+

+THE DANGER HERE+, DR REED WARNED, +IS THAT IF SUCH RECOVERY BECOMES UNPROFITABLE BECAUSE OF CHANGES IN MARKET CONDITIONS, WE WOULD HAVE TO PROVIDE DISPOSAL FACILITIES FOR THE WASTES INVOLVED.+

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SOMETHING FOR CAR LICENCE BUFFS

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VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS 1997 AND HK 1997 WERE BEING CONSIDERED FOR AUCTION, MR PETER LEEDS, COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT'S NEW LICENSING OFFICE AT SHA TIN, MR LEEDS SAID THE TWO REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE NOT ALLOCATED AT THE MOMENT AND HE WAS CONSIDERING PUTTING THEM UP FOR AUCTION IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

+ONE ASPECT OF VEHICLE LICENSING IN HONG KONG WHICH NEVER FAILS TO INTRIGUE NEW-COMERS OR VISITORS IS THE POLICY OF AUCTIONING LUCKY NUMBERS, WITH THE PROCEEDS GOING TO THE LOTTERIES FUND. DURING THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR A TOTAL OF \$3 225 400 WAS HANDED OVER FROM THIS SOURCE,+ HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE HIGHEST AMOUNT PAID SO FAR FOR ANY NUMBER WAS \$1.03 MILLION. THAT NUMBER WAS NO. 3.

REFERRING TO THE NEW SHA TIN OFFICE, MR LEEDS SAID THAT IT WAS THE DEPARTMENT'S FOURTH LICENSING OFFICE AND THE FIRST IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+AT PRESENT THE DUNDAS STREET OFFICE BEARS THE BRUNT OF THE DEMAND FOR LICENSING SERVICES FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES AND IT IS HOPED THAT THE OPENING OF THE OFFICE WILL ALLEVIATE THE PRESSURE THERE,+ HE SAID.

THE NEW OFFICE WILL CATER FOR THE FULL RANGE OF DRIVER AND VEHICLE LICENSING TRANSACTIONS.

+HERE WE HAVE FOUR COMPUTER TERMINALS GIVING ACCESS TO THE VALID (VEHICLE AND DRIVER LICENSING INTEGRATED DATA SYSTEM),+ SAID MR LEEDS, ADDING THAT WHEN STAFF RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE, WRITTEN TESTS AND DRIVING TEST APPOINTMENTS WILL BE PROCESSED THERE.

HE RECALLED THAT WHEN THE FIRST TRANSPORT OFFICE WAS SET UP IN 1966/1967, THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED VEHICLES WAS ABOUT 90 000 AND THE NUMBER OF LICENSED DRIVERS ABOUT 200 000. BUT BY THE END OF NOVEMBER THIS YEAR, THERE WERE 328 987 VEHICLES AND 804 425 LICENSED DRIVERS.

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COMMUNITY BUILDING BEHIND SOCIAL PROGRESS

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COMMUNITY BUILDING AT THE GRASSROOT LEVEL WILL BECOME THE DOMINANT FORCE PROPELLING SOCIAL PROGRESS IN THE YEARS TO COME, THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR DONALD TSANG, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

HE STRESSED THAT COMMUNITY BUILDING IS AN AREA TO WHICH ANY SELF-RESPECTING CIVIL SERVANT, SOCIAL WORKER IN THE WIDEST SENSE AND FAR-SIGHTED POLITICIAN SHOULD PAY UNDIVIDED ATTENTION.

SPEAKING TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW TERRITORIES, MR TSANG NOTED THAT COMMUNITY BUILDING AT THE DISTRICT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD LEVELS FORMED THE CENTRAL THEME OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME AND THE MISSION OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS.

LORD MACLEHOSE HAD DEFINED COMMUNITY BUILDING SIMPLY AS BUILDING A SOCIETY IN WHICH THERE WAS MUTUAL CARE AND RESPONSIBILITY, HE SAID.

A HAPPY COMMUNITY, HE ADDED, PROVIDES NOT ONLY THE FULL RANGE OF SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES, BUT ALSO UNDERSTANDS THE ASPIRATIONS AND FEARS OF THE PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT.

+IT IS THE TASK OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE TO GUIDE THE PUBLIC, THROUGH THE DISTRICT BOARD AND OTHER FORUMS, TO MONITOR THE QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES.

+THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND FAILURES OF THE PHYSICAL ASPECT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IS READILY MEASURABLE BY SIMPLY COUNTING THE ROADS, BUILDINGS, CEMENT AND MORTAR AGAINST POPULATION BUILDUP.

+QUALITATIVELY, ONE GETS A FAIRLY ACCURATE ASSESSMENT IN HONG KONG THROUGH THE MASS MEDIA.+

MR TSANG EMPHASISED INTERACTION OR TRANSACTION AS THE HUMAN ASPECT OF COMMUNITY BUILDING.

AS A SIMPLE EXAMPLE, HE SAID: +COMMUNITY BUILDING TAKES PLACE WHEN A HOUSEWIFE DISCUSSES A DISTRICT MEASURE IN A MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE (MAC) MEETING WITH A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT.

+THIS SIMPLE EXERCISE, IF DONE WELL, ACCOMPLISHES THE OBJECTIVES OF BOTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.+

MR TSANG ALSO SAID THAT THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT BOARD MUST BE VERY SELECTIVE AND NOT DUPLICATE WORK MORE ABLY PERFORMED BY OTHERS IN THE AREA OF +CULTURE, FUN AND GAMES+.

THUS IN SHA TIN, THE DISTRICT BOARD HAS SUPPORTED NEW ACTIVITIES SUCH AS CYCLING AND LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL THIS YEAR AND IS THINKING OF EMBARKING ON ARCHERY AND HOCKEY FOR GIRLS NEXT YEAR.

THE RIGHT FUN AND GAMES ARE ESSENTIAL CATALYST TO COMMUNITY BUILDING, BUT ARE NOT THE PERMANENT COMPONENTS OF THE COMMUNITY STRUCTURE, HE SAID.

MR TSANG SAID HE BELIEVED THE ROLE OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE WOULD GO ON CHANGING STEADILY, IN THE FUTURE.

+WITH AN UNOFFICIAL CHAIRMAN ON THE DISTRICT BOARD, MORE CHANGES WILL TAKE PLACE.

+I AM A STRONG ADVOCATE OF MOVEMENTS TOWARDS GIVING THE PEOPLE A COMMANDING VOICE ON THE DISTRICT BOARD AND A STRONGER INFLUENCE IN THE MANAGING OF DISTRICT AFFAIRS.

+MY COLLEAGUES AND I IN THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL REVIEW AND ADJUST OUR WORK AND PRIORITIES TO SUPPORT THESE CHANGES,+ HE ADDED.

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DISTRICT BOARD TO DISCUSS ERP SCHEME

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DETAILS OF THE ELECTRONIC ROAD PRICING TRIAL SCHEME WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 21).

CENTRAL AND THE ADMIRALTY VICINITY HAVE BEEN SELECTED AS A TEST AREA FOR THE TRIAL SCHEME WHICH WILL BE INSTALLED NEXT SUMMER.

AT THE MEETING, BOARD MEMBERS WILL ADVISE ON THE PRIORITIES OF PROVISION OF VARIOUS PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT BEFORE ENDORSING A PROPOSED DISTRICT STRATEGY.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMME AND POLICY, AS WELL AS THE LATEST POSITION OF THE CLEARANCE OF HOI PONG VILLAGE SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE EARLY NEXT YEAR.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WILL INCLUDE A SECOND REVIEW OF THE +MEET THE PUBLIC+ SCHEME, AND PROGRESS REPORTS ON THE BOARD'S COMMITTEES.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ATTEND THE MEETING SHOULD CONTACT THE BOARD'S SECRETARY AT 5-450868 FOR SEATING ARRANGEMENTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 4 PM ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 21) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF WILLIE BUILDING, 222-224 DES VOEUX ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

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AVIATION BOARD MEMBERS VISIT CARGO TERMINAL

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MEMBERS OF THE AVIATION ADVISORY BOARD TODAY (MONDAY) VISITED THE AIR CARGO COMPLEX AT HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO SEE THE OPERATION OF THE CARGO TERMINAL AND THE EXPANSION WORK WHICH IS FORGING AHEAD.

ACCOMPANIED BY MR BRIAN KEEP, DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, AND MR A.C. CHARTER, GENERAL MANAGER OF HONG KONG AIR CARGO TERMINALS LTD., THE MEMBERS - MR ALEX WU, MR JOHN PAIN, MR MARTIN BARROW, MR H.M.P. MILES AND MRS MAXINE KWOK - SAW HOW CONSIGNMENTS OF PREPACKED CARGO WERE LOADED AND UNLOADED AT THE TRUCK DOCK AND PROCESSED IN THE CARGO TERMINAL.

THEY ALSO VISITED THE CONSTRUCTION SITE WHERE A THREE-STOREY EXTENSION TO THE EXISTING CARGO COMPLEX IS TAKING SHAPE.

THIS NEW EXTENSION WILL BE COMMISSIONED IN ABOUT THREE MONTHS, PROVIDING ABOUT 32 000 SQUARE METRES OF ACCOMMODATION FOR FUTURE EXPANSION.

OPERATED BY HACTL, THE CARGO TERMINAL HANDLES OVER 350 000 TONNES OF FREIGHT ANNUALLY, OR NEARLY 1 000 TONNES A DAY, WHICH RANKS IT ONE OF THE BUSIEST TERMINALS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

IT WILL EVENTUALLY BE DEVELOPED TO A THROUGHPUT CAPACITY OF 700 000 TONNES OF CARGO ANNUALLY, BRINGING IT TO PAR WITH THE LARGEST SINGLE TERMINALS IN THE WORLD.

FOLLOWING THE VISIT, THE AVIATION ADVISORY BOARD HELD ITS QUARTERLY MEETING AT THE AIRPORT'S PASSENGER TERMINAL, WHERE THE CHAIRMAN, MR KEEP WELCOMED MR BARROW, MR MILES AND MRS KWOK TO THEIR FIRST REGULAR BOARD MEETING.

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LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR SITES AUCTIONED

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MOST OF THE 209 STALL SITES TAKEN UP BY TRADERS FOR THE FORTHCOMING YUEN LONG LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR FETCHED HIGHER THAN THE UPSET PRICE AT A PUBLIC AUCTION TODAY (MONDAY).

THE HIGHEST PRICE PAID FOR A FLOWER STALL WAS \$1 450 WHILE THE LOWEST WAS \$100, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE HIGHEST PRICE FOR A DRY GOODS STALL WAS \$180 AND THE LOWEST WAS ALSO \$100.

THE AUCTION CONDUCTED BY THE STAFF OF YUEN LONG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE, WAS HELD AT THE OFFICE OF PING SHAN RURAL COMMITTEE.

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TRADERS WHO WISH TO TAKE UP THE SIX UNSOLD STALL SITES SHOULD CONTACT THE YUEN LONG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICE BUILDING, MAIN ROAD, YUEN LONG, DURING OFFICE HOURS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE COMING NEW YEAR FAIR WILL BE HELD AT THE YUEN LONG SPORTS GROUND AND THE OPEN CARPARK IN FRONT OF YUEN LONG STADIUM BETWEEN JANUARY 26 AND FEBRUARY 2 NEXT YEAR.

MEANWHILE, 100 STALLS TO BE ERECTED AT THE TUEN MUN PLAYGROUND FAIR SITE WILL BE AUCTIONED AT THE TAI HING COMMUNITY HALL AT TAI HING ESTATE IN TUEN MUN TOMORROW (TUESDAY) STARTING 9.30 AM.

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CHAI WAN LIGHTS UP FOR FESTIVE CHEER
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A SMILING SNOWMAN FLANKED BY TWO LARGE GLOWING CHRISTMAS TREES, SEASONAL GREETINGS AND THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD LOGO, FORM THIS YEAR'S FESTIVE LIGHTING DECORATIONS IN THE HEART OF CHAI WAN.

THE COLOURFUL DISPLAY WENT AGLOW THIS EVENING, AFTER BEING SWITCHED ON BY THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN NG.

SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AT \$30 000, THE DECORATIVE LIGHTS CONCENTRATE MAINLY ON THE NEWLY-BUILT PEDESTRIAN FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS WAN TSUI ROAD AND WILL CONTINUE TO ILLUMINATE THE AREA FOR 17 DAYS UNTIL JANUARY 4.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE SAID SIMILAR DECORATIONS LAST YEAR HAD PROVED EXTREMELY POPULAR AMONG LOCAL RESIDENTS.

+TOGETHER WITH A SERIES OF LOCAL ACTIVITIES, THE RESIDENTS NEED NOT TRAVEL LONG DISTANCE FOR ENTERTAINMENT DURING THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD.+

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS WILL INCLUDE TWO EVENINGS OF ENTERTAINING PROGRAMMES, FEATURING SINGING OF CAROLS, MUSIC AND DANCE PERFORMANCES, MAGIC SHOWS AND ACROBATICS ON DECEMBER 24 AND 25.

ORGANISED BY THE CHAI WAN NORTH AND CHAI WAN SOUTH AREA COMMITTEES, IN CONJUNCTION WITH SCHOOLS, RELIGIOUS BODIES AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN THE DISTRICT, THE SHOWS WILL BEGIN AT 7.30 PM AT THE CHAI WAN COMMUNITY HALL EACH NIGHT.

+APART FROM VIVIDLY INSTILLING A FESTIVE MOOD IN THE DISTRICT, THE LIGHTING DISPLAY AND ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME WILL HELP PROJECT THE IMAGE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD AMONG LOCAL RESIDENTS,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

FESTIVE LIGHTING DETAILS

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DETAILS OF THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL LIGHTING AND ENTERTAINMENT ACTIVITIES FOR THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS, AND SPECIAL TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT 3 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE 12TH FLOOR OF WORLD SHIPPING CENTRE AT 7 CANTON ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, WILL CHAIR THE CONFERENCE WITH CHIEF TRANSPORT OFFICER, MRS DOROTHY CHAN.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CONFERENCE.

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OLD 10-CENT COIN NOT LEGAL NEXT YEAR

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THE PUBLIC WERE REMINDED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE OLD TEN-CENT COIN WILL CEASE TO BE LEGAL TENDER AS FROM NEXT MONTH (JANUARY 1984).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT FROM JANUARY 1, THERE WILL BE NO LEGAL OBLIGATION TO ACCEPT THESE OLD COINS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED TO EXCHANGE THEIR OLD TEN-CENT COINS AT BANKS.

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TENDERS AWARDED FOR SITTING-OUT AREAS

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TWO CONTRACTS FOR BUILDING SITTING-OUT AREAS WERE AWARDED TODAY BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

ONE AREA, AT FUNG WONG NEW VILLAGE, MEASURES 520 SQUARE METRES AND IS SITUATED AT KAM FUNG STREET.

IT WILL INCLUDE TREES, BENCHES, CONCRETE FLOWER BEDS, AN ORNAMENTAL RAILING AND WOODEN ARBOURS, AND COST \$334 000.

THE OTHER AREA IS TO BE BUILT AT SHEK O ON A 190 SQUARE METRE SITE NEAR MAN SUN SCHOOL. IT WILL INCLUDE A REST GARDEN WITH ARBOURS, SEATING AND PLANTING AREAS AND CHILDREN'S PLAY EQUIPMENT AND COST \$231 000.

WORK ON BOTH PROJECTS WILL TAKE FOUR MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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FIREMEN TO HOLD RELAY RACE
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THE FIRE SERVICES' ANNUAL PEAK RELAY RACE ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S HONG KONG FIRE COMMAND WILL BE HELD AT 3 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

SOME 200 OFFICERS AND MEN AS WELL AS CIVILIAN STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE PART IN THE EVENT STARTING FROM HARLECH ROAD NEAR THE PEAK CAFE AND FINISHING AT THE STARTING POINT.

THE RUNNERS WILL EACH HAVE TO COMPLETE 3.5 KILOMETRES AROUND THE PEAK.

THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER OF FIRE SERVICES HEADQUARTERS, MR JOHN MARCH, WILL START OFF THE RELAY RACE AND THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR ROBERT HOLMES, WILL PRESENT TROPHIES AND BANNERS TO THE WINNERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT, WHICH WILL START AT 3 PM. THE FIRE SERVICES' INFORMATION OFFICER WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE MEDIA.

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ARCHERY INSTRUCTORS' COURSE
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A COURSE FOR ARCHERY INSTRUCTORS WILL BE CONDUCTED FROM JANUARY 4 NEXT YEAR.

ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG ARCHERY ASSOCIATION, THE COURSE IS FOR THOSE AGED 18 AND ABOVE.

A TOTAL OF 10 TRAINING SESSIONS WILL BE HELD BETWEEN 7.30 PM AND 9.30 PM ON MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS.

THE FEE IS \$20 PER PERSON AND THE CLASSES WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE LAI CHI KOK PARK INDOOR GAMES HALL.

THOSE WHO HAVE ATTENDED THE CLASSES REGULARLY, PASSED AN EXAMINATION AND HAVE COACHED BEGINNERS IN ARCHERY FOR MORE THAN 20 HOURS WITHIN A YEAR WILL BE AWARDED CERTIFICATES.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE HEAD OFFICE AND FROM ITS 19 DISTRICT OFFICES. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, TELEPHONE 5-458511.

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TAI PO MARKETS LAUNCH CLEAN-UP
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MORE THAN 500 STALL HOLDERS AT FOUR MARKETS AND HAWKER BAZAARS IN TAI PO DISTRICT STARTED A THREE-DAY CLEAN-UP EXERCISE TODAY (MONDAY).

THE FOUR MARKETS ARE TAI PO GOVERNMENT MARKET, TAI PO TEMPORARY MARKET, KUK TENG MARKET AND CHE PING HAWKER BAZAAR, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE CLEAN-UP HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE NTSD AND SPONSORED BY ALL FOUR TAI PO HAWKER AND TRADER ASSOCIATIONS TO KEEP UP THE MOMENTUM OF THE CURRENT CLEAN HONG KONG DRIVE.

A STREET WASHING VEHICLE WAS SENT TO HELP WITH THE WASH UP.

PEST CONTROL STAFF OF THE NTSD ALSO JOINED IN THE EFFORT, TO CLEAR POTENTIAL MOSQUITO AND RODENT BREEDING NUISANCE AT THE MARKETS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

ARTS FESTIVAL DETAILS
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DETAILS OF THE SHAM SHUI PO ARTS FESTIVAL, TO BE HELD IN MID-FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR, WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT 2 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SYLVESTER TSE AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR KWOK CHEONG WILL ATTEND THE CONFERENCE IN THE CHING ROOM, FOURTH FLOOR OF THE SHERATON HOTEL.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE.

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WATER FIGURES
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 92.0 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 539.170 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 444.251 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 75.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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ONE TRAFFIC LANE ONLY
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TAI HANG ROAD FROM HOUSE NO. 10 TO 26 WILL BE RESTRICTED TO ONE LANE FOR TWO WAY TRAFFIC FROM 9 PM TO 11 PM TOMORROW AND ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 21), TO FACILITATE ROAD WIDENING WORKS.

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