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VISITORS WELCOMED TO SEE HONG KONG - SIR DAVID  
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AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE SHOULD COME TO HONG KONG AND SEE THIS PLACE AS IT IS TODAY, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID THIS (MONDAY) MORNING WHEN ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE FORTHCOMING VISIT BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE HONG KONG AND MACAU AFFAIRS OFFICE OF CHINA'S STATE COUNCIL, MR LU PING.

THIS APPLIES TO PEOPLE FROM AMERICA, TO PEOPLE FROM BRITAIN AND TO PEOPLE FROM CHINA, HE TOLD REPORTERS AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE TOPPING-OUT CEREMONY OF THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING IN QUEENSWAY.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON CRITICISMS BY SOME URBAN COUNCILLORS AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS THAT THEY HAD LITTLE CHANCE TO TALK TO STATE COUNCILLOR MR JI PENGFEI AT THE RECENT LUNCH HOSTED BY THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, SIR DAVID SAID MR JI HAD HAD AN EXTREMELY BUSY PROGRAMME SINCE HE WAS HERE.

+I UNDERSTAND THAT HIS PROGRAMME FOR THE REST OF THIS WEEK IS REALLY VERY FULL INDEED, AND THAT HE IS MAKING A TREMENDOUS EFFORT TO SEE AND LISTEN TO AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE,+ HE SAID.

ON MR JI'S VISIT, SIR DAVID SAID HE WAS VERY GLAD THAT +THE WEATHER AFTER THE FIRST THREE RAINY WET DAYS HAS PICKED UP NOW AND HE IS SEEING HONG KONG AT ITS BEST+.

ON WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT WOULD TAKE ACTION AGAINST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE 26 PUBLIC HOUSING BLOCKS FOUND TO BE SUB-STANDARD, SIR DAVID SAID THE PROBLEM WAS BEING THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND BY OTHER INVESTIGATORY AUTHORITIES SUCH AS THE ICAC.

+I AM SURE THE INVESTIGATION WILL BE COMPLETELY THOROUGH.

+BUT YOU MUST REMEMBER THAT THESE BUILDING BLOCKS WERE PUT UP WELL OVER 15 YEARS AGO+, HE SAID, +THE CONTRACTORS PERHAPS ARE NO LONGER HERE AND PEOPLE WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR BUILDING THEM ARE NO LONGER HERE. IT IS A VERY MISTY PAST. IT IS A LONG WAY AWAY.+

TURNING TO THE NEW GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING WHICH WAS TOPPED OUT TODAY, SIR DAVID SAID THE PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT WAS TO BUILD A LARGE BUILDING WHICH WOULD ABSORB MANY OF THE OFFICES WHICH WERE IN LEASED ACCOMMODATION ALL AROUND CENTRAL.

SIR DAVID SAID SUCH LEASED OFFICES WERE SUBJECT TO RISING RENTS AND THE RENEWAL OF LEASES EVERY THREE OR FOUR YEARS.

SO IT WAS MUCH BETTER REALLY IN TERMS OF PERMANENCE TO HAVE OUR OWN PURPOSE-BUILT OFFICE, HE SAID.

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AS FOR HOW MUCH MONEY THE NEW OFFICE BUILDING WOULD SAVE FOR THE GOVERNMENT, SIR DAVID SAID IT MUST BE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OVER A PERIOD OF TIME.

+THERE MUST BE OVER THE LIFE OF THE BUILDING TREMENDOUS SAVING FOR GOVERNMENT. AND OF COURSE IT IS MUCH MORE CONVENIENT FOR THE PUBLIC TO HAVE A BUILDING IN WHICH THEY CAN FIND 10 OR 12 GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ALL IN ONE BUILDING. SO IT IS VERY BENEFICIAL TO THE PUBLIC AND THE GOVERNMENT,+ HE ADDED.

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DEPENDENCE ON PRIVATE OFFICE ACCOMMODATION TO DROP  
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THE GOVERNMENT'S OFFICE BUILDING PROGRAMME WOULD REDUCE ITS DEPENDENCE ON LEASED PRIVATE OFFICE ACCOMMODATION, THE AVAILABILITY OF WHICH WAS NOT ALWAYS READY AND CERTAIN, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID THIS (MONDAY) MORNING.

SPEAKING AT THE TOPPING-OUT CEREMONY OF THE QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICE, SIR DAVID SAID THAT IN THE LONG RUN SUCH DELEASING WOULD RESULT IN SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL SAVINGS.

THE NEW BUILDING, STANDING AT A HEIGHT OF 202 METRES ABOVE QUEENSWAY, IS THE TALLEST TO BE BUILT BY THE GOVERNMENT AND ONE OF THE HIGHEST IN HONG KONG.

IT CONSISTS OF SEVEN FLOORS OF LOW BLOCK AND A 49-STOREY HIGH BLOCK SITTING ON TOP OF A FOUR-STOREY PODIUM CAR PARK.

TO BE COMPLETED IN THREE STAGES, THE FIRST PHASE TO BE READY FOR OCCUPATION BY THE END OF THIS MONTH INCLUDES THE LOW BLOCK AND 16 FLOORS OF THE HIGH BLOCK. THIS WOULD ALLOW A USABLE FLOOR AREA OF 19 500 SQUARE METRES.

+THIS BUILDING IS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S DELIBERATE AND COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMME TO PROVIDE PURPOSE-BUILT OFFICES IN CONVENIENT LOCATIONS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF HONG KONG IN PLACES AS FAR APART AS SAI KUNG, TUEN MUN AND CENTRAL,+ SIR DAVID SAID.

+THIS PARTICULAR BUILDING WILL ABSORB 14 DIFFERENT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IN AND AROUND CENTRAL.

+THIS IS A VISUAL SYMBOL OF THE GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION TO PROVIDE CONTINUOUS, EFFICIENT AND CLOSE-AT-HAND SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC,+ HE ADDED.

THE SECOND PHASE OF THE 56-STOREY BUILDING IS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED BY MID-1986 TO GIVE AN ADDITIONAL 17 250 SQUARE METRES OF OFFICE SPACE, WHILE THE FINAL PHASE TO PROVIDE THE SAME FLOOR AREA WOULD BE READY BY THE END OF NEXT YEAR.

THE LOW BLOCK OF THE \$366 MILLION BUILDING IS LINKED TO THE HIGH BLOCK BY A SYSTEM OF ESCALATORS WHICH WOULD ENABLE PEDESTRIANS FROM QUEENSWAY TO HAVE EASY ACCESS TO THE HIGH BLOCK.

THERE IS ALSO A PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY NETWORK WHICH CONNECTS THE BUILDING WITH THE NEW SUPREME COURT TO THE WEST AND TO FUTURE PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT BEING CONSTRUCTED TO THE EAST.

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FS STRESSES NEED FOR 'SOUND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT'  
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THE NEED FOR DEPARTMENTAL CONTROLLING OFFICERS TO EXERCISE SOUND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT -- TO BE MODERN MANAGERS -- WAS STRESSED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR JOHN BREMRIDGE.

OPENING A SEMINAR ON +FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT IN THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, + SIR JOHN TOLD THE GATHERING OF SECRETARIES OF POLICY BRANCHES AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS THAT PROPER FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COULD ONLY BE EXERCISED IN DEPARTMENTS.

+THIS IS THE PLACE TO DEVELOP NEW IDEAS, IMPROVE COST EFFECTIVENESS AND RATIONALISE PROGRAMMES.+ SIR JOHN SAID THAT ALL MANAGERS DID THEIR BEST +IN A FREEISH REGIME,+ AND HE SAW THE FINANCE BRANCH'S ROLE AS MONITORING AND GUIDING OVERALL FINANCIAL POLICY.

SIR JOHN SAID HE COULD SEE NO REASON WHY NEW INITIATIVE SHOULD NOT BE GRADUALLY INTRODUCED INTO THE GOVERNMENT'S DEVELOPMENT PLANS.

THESE, HE SAID, COULD INCLUDE:

- \* INJECTING SOME INITIAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE TO ACHIEVE LONGER TERM RECURRENT SAVING
- \* INCURRING SLIGHTLY HIGHER RECURRENT SPENDING TO GENERATE SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS TO SERVICES PROVIDED
- \* A RATIONALISATION GENERALLY OF SERVICES PROVIDED REQUIRING THE CUTTING BACK OF SOME SERVICES IN ORDER TO IMPROVE OTHERS.

+WE ALL KNOW THAT ZERO-BASED BUDGETING IS IMPOSSIBLE. NEVERTHELESS SCOPE FOR CHANGE IS ENORMOUS THOUGH NEW ACCEPTABLE INITIATIVES ARE ONLY LIKELY TO ORIGINATE FROM WELL-FOUNDED PLANS.

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+THIS MEANS THAT CONTROLLING OFFICERS AND THEIR SUBORDINATE STAFF HAVE TO HAVE A THOROUGH GRASP OF THE DAY TO DAY FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF THEIR DEPARTMENT IN ORDER TO ASSESS THE FULL IMPLICATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH NEW IDEAS,+ SIR JOHN SAID.

THIS, HE ADDED, INCLUDED PROPER CAPITAL EXPENDITURE APPRAISALS, CAREFUL MONITORING OF RECURRENT EXPENDITURE, AND WHERE APPROPRIATE, MEASURING PRODUCTIVITY.

+IN OTHER WORDS, THEY MUST EXERCISE SOUND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT: THEY MUST BE MODERN MANAGERS,+ HE SAID.

THE SEMINAR WAS ARRANGED BY THE TREASURY IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CIVIL SERVICE TRAINING DIRECTOR, AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

A MORE INTENSIVE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD FOR MIDDLE MANAGERS IN DEPARTMENTS NEXT YEAR.

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PEACE - THROUGH HIGH-TECH  
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THE IDEA OF USING HIGH-TECHNOLOGY TO ILLUSTRATE THE ABSTRACT NOTION OF PEACE AND PROJECT THE THEME IN A MULTIPLE MANNER WAS ORIGINAL AS WELL AS STIMULATING, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY.

AND TO TURN THIS IDEA INTO REALITY HAD INVOLVED A LOT OF IMAGINATION, COURAGE AND HARD WORK, SIR DAVID SAID, WHEN OPENING AT THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR PEACE HI-TOUCH EXHIBITION TODAY.

HE CONGRATULATED THE ORGANISERS AND ALL THE HI-TECH PROFESSIONALS IN ACHIEVING THIS.

+I AM ALSO IMPRESSED BY THE EXTENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN THIS PROJECT, WHICH IS CO-ORGANISED BY THE 19 DISTRICT BOARDS AND SPONSORED BY LEADING COMPANIES IN HONG KONG,+ SIR DAVID SAID.

THIS COMMUNITY SPIRIT, SIR DAVID SAID, EXEMPLIFIED THE THEME OF THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR: PARTICIPATION, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE, THREE WORDS WHICH HAD SUCH DEPTH OF MEANING IN HONG KONG.

+I HOPE EVERY VISITOR TO THE EXHIBITION WILL COME AWAY WITH THEIR RESOLVE STRENGTHENED TO FOLLOW THESE HIGH IDEALS,+ SIR DAVID SAID.

THE +PEACE HI-TOUCH EXHIBITION+, ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE ON THE 1985 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE 19 DISTRICT BOARDS, IS ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR.

FOLLOWING TONIGHT'S OPENING CEREMONY, THE EXHIBITION AT THE CITY HALL EXHIBITION HALL WILL BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC FROM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO DECEMBER 19 FROM 10 AM TO 9 PM DAILY AND FROM 10 AM TO 5.30 PM ON DECEMBER 20.

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COMMERCIAL CRIME SELECT COMMITTEE NAMED  
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THE GOVERNOR AS PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HAS NOMINATED MR PETER C. WONG AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 20 TO CONSIDER FURTHER AND REPORT ON THE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO BE TAKEN TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN THE PROSECUTION AND TRIAL OF COMPLEX COMMERCIAL CRIMES, INCLUDING CHANGES IN THE PROCEDURES BEFORE AND DURING TRIAL AND THE MODE OF TRIAL.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE UNOFFICIAL COUNCILLORS MR JOHN SWAINE, QC, MR STEPHEN CHEONG, MRS RITA FAN, MR PETER POON, MR CHUNG PUI-LAM, MR HO SAI-CHU, DR RICHARD LAI, MR MARTIN LEE, QC, AND MR NGAI SHIU-KIT, AND THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR JOHN BREMRIDGE.

MR WONG CHAIRED THE PREVIOUS SELECT COMMITTEE APPOINTED ON MAY 1, 1985 AND DISSOLVED AT THE END OF THE 1984/85 COUNCIL SESSION. THIS COMMITTEE HAD BEEN FORMED FROM MEMBERS OF THE UMELCO AD HOC GROUP TO HEAR REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON THE TRIAL OF COMMERCIAL CRIMES BILL 1985.

THE FIRST MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 19) AT 11 AM AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BUILDING, CHATER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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ASIAN TEXTILE WORKERS DISCUSS PROTECTIONISM THREAT  
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WEAKENING MARKET DEMAND AND THE CONTINUING TREND TO PROTECTIONISM IN THE TEXTILE SECTOR WERE THREATS, THAT AFFECTED NOT ONLY OUR LOCAL ECONOMY, BUT ALSO THAT OF HONG KONG'S ASIAN NEIGHBOURS, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR RON BRIDGE SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE TEXTILES WORKERS' ASIAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE, MR BRIDGE SAID THESE THREATS WERE OF CONCERN TO GOVERNMENTS, WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS ALIKE.

+I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THIS IS ONE OF THE THEMES YOU WILL BE WISHING TO DISCUSS DURING YOUR CONFERENCE,+ HE SAID.

MR BRIDGE RECALLED THAT 23 YEARS AGO THE TEXTILES WORKERS' ASIAN REGIONAL ORGANISATION HAD HELD ITS FIRST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING IN HONG KONG.

/SINCE THEN .....

SINCE THEN MANY PLACES IN ASIA, INCLUDING HONG KONG, HAD UNDERGONE CONSIDERABLE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGES, CREATING FRESH CHALLENGES FOR TEXTILE WORKERS, HE SAID.

+TO TAKE HONG KONG AS AN EXAMPLE, DURING THE FIRST PART OF THE PERIOD, WE SAW A CONTINUED INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE EMPLOYED IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY COMPARED WITH THE REST OF THE ECONOMY.+

IN 1962, HE SAID, HONG KONG HAD 70 000 PEOPLE ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF TEXTILES, ACCOUNTING FOR 28 PER CENT OF THE MANUFACTURING WORKFORCE. BY 1976, THIS NUMBER HAD DOUBLED TO 137 000.

+HOWEVER IN THE LATE SEVENTIES, THE FIGURE TENDED TO STABILISE AT ABOUT 126 000. BY MARCH THIS YEAR, THE FIGURE STOOD AT 113 000, WHICH STILL REPRESENTED 13 PER CENT OF EMPLOYEES IN OUR MANUFACTURING SECTOR.+

MR BRIDGE SAID THAT AT ONE TIME STRUCTURAL ECONOMIC CHANGE WAS A TOPIC OF KEEN CONCERN TO LOCAL INDUSTRIALISTS AND WORKERS, SOME OF WHOM WERE WORRIED THAT TEXTILES MIGHT GRADUALLY GIVE WAY TO OTHER HIGH-TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRIES.

+IN PRACTICE THIS FEAR HAS SO FAR PROVED TO BE TOO PESSIMISTIC.

+OUR INDUSTRY AS A WHOLE HAS BEEN ABLE TO ABSORB THE RE-DISTRIBUTION OF MANPOWER FROM ONE SECTOR TO ANOTHER, AND ADAPT TO NEW TECHNOLOGY AND CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES,+ MR BRIDGE SAID.

+TODAY TEXTILE REMAINS OUR SECOND LARGEST INDUSTRY, SECOND ONLY TO THE GARMENT INDUSTRY AND TOGETHER THESE TWO INDUSTRIES MAKE UP OVER 40 PER CENT OF OUR WORKFORCE,+ HE ADDED.

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### THREE-DAY LANGUAGE SEMINAR STARTS

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A THREE-DAY SEMINAR BEGAN TODAY (MONDAY) FOR LOCAL LANGUAGE EDUCATIONALISTS AND THEIR COUNTERPARTS FROM 15 COUNTRIES TO EXCHANGE IDEAS ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENT IN LANGUAGE TEACHER EDUCATION WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO ENGLISH AND CHINESE.

THE +LANGUAGE TEACHER EDUCATION : FUTURE DIRECTIONS+ SEMINAR HELD AT SHANGRI-LA HOTEL WAS ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND OPEN BY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBER MR CHEN SHOU-LUM.

MR CHEN, IN HIS SPEECH, GAVE AN ACCOUNT OF WHAT HAD RECENTLY BEEN DONE IN HONG KONG TO RAISE THE STANDARD OF LANGUAGE TEACHING. HE REVEALED THAT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WAS IN THE PROCESS OF CARRYING OUT A NUMBER OF RESEARCH PROJECTS TO ASCERTAIN THE EFFECTS OF LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION ON EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF STUDENTS.

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ALSO ADDRESSING THE GATHERING, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, SAID LANGUAGE PLANNING WAS THE SUBJECT OF GROWING INTEREST TO LINGUISTS, SOCIOLOGISTS, AND ADMINISTRATORS INVOLVED IN FORMULATING EDUCATION POLICIES.

HE NOTED THAT HONG KONG HAD INTRODUCED A NUMBER OF MEASURES TO IMPROVE LANGUAGE STANDARDS AND WAS READY TO CONSIDER MORE NEW IDEAS OF PRACTICAL VALUE AND APPROPRIATE TO THE LOCAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

ABOUT 60 PAPERS, HALF OF WHICH ARE FROM OVERSEAS SPEAKERS, WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE SEMINAR. DISCUSSIONS TODAY CENTRED ON THE THEME +SOCIAL LINGUISTIC PERSPECTIVES IN LANGUAGE TEACHER EDUCATION+.

TOMORROW, PARTICIPANTS WILL EXAMINE DEVELOPMENT IN LANGUAGE TEACHING. ON WEDNESDAY, THEY WILL EXPLORE THE NEW DIRECTIONS IN THIS DISCIPLINE OF EDUCATION BEFORE THEY ATTEND THE CLOSING CEREMONY WITH AN ADDRESS BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER MR PETER C. WONG IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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APPROVED MARKINGS FOR IVORY TRADE REQUIRED  
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NEW ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED FROM JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR TO REQUIRE IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF RAW IVORY TO CARRY APPROVED IDENTIFICATION MARKINGS, THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE MOVE IS TO CONFORM WITH A RESOLUTION RECENTLY ADOPTED BY THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA (CITES) ON THE CONTROL OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN RAW IVORY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS WERE +ESSENTIAL FOR MAINTAINING THE ACCEPTABILITY OF HONG KONG IVORY PRODUCTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET.+

APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCES TO IMPORT UNMARKED RAW IVORY WILL NO LONGER BE CONSIDERED AND ALL IVORY TUSKS HAVE TO BE PROPERLY MARKED BEFORE THEY ARE ALLOWED TO BE EXPORTED FROM HONG KONG, HE SAID.

IN ADDITION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, ALL EXISTING STOCKS OF RAW IVORY MUST BE REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31, IF THERE IS ANY LIKELIHOOD THAT SUCH STOCKS WILL BE EXPORTED IN FUTURE.

THESE STOCKS WILL SUBSEQUENTLY BE INSPECTED BY STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT.

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LOCAL TRANSACTION OF EXISTING RAW IVORY STOCK, TAKING PLACE AFTER JANUARY 1, SHOULD ALSO BE MADE KNOWN TO THE DEPARTMENT IN A PRESCRIBED FORM. THIS SHOULD BE DONE IMMEDIATELY UPON COMPLETION OF EACH TRANSACTION.

LOCAL TRADERS HAVE BEEN INFORMED IN WRITING OF THESE NEW ARRANGEMENTS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE AND COPIES OF THE PRESCRIBED FORM OBTAINED BY TELEPHONING THE DEPARTMENT'S FAUNA CONSERVATION SECTION AT 3-688111 EXT. 201 OR 158.

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#### CONCRETE REPAIRERS LIST PLANNED \* \* \* \*

THE GOVERNMENT IS TO DRAW UP A NEW LIST OF APPROVED CONTRACTORS FOR CONCRETE REPAIR.

A LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH SPOKESMAN SAID: +THE LIST IS DESIGNED TO OBTAIN A POOL OF SPECIALIST CONTRACTORS AND TO ENCOURAGE HIGH STANDARDS IN ORDER THAT THE MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS IS CARRIED OUT EFFECTIVELY AND ECONOMICALLY.+

A WORKING PARTY FORMED LAST FEBRUARY RECOMMENDED TO THE LANDS AND WORKS STANDING COMMITTEE FOR CONCRETE TECHNOLOGY THAT SUCH A LIST BE DRAWN UP. THE WORKING PARTY SAID THAT SUCH A GROUP OF CONTRACTORS WAS NECESSARY TO DEAL WITH THIS SKILLED WORK.

CONTRACTORS WISHING TO BE INCLUDED IN THE LIST WILL BE VETTED FOR THE TECHNICAL EXPERTISE OF THEIR PROFESSIONAL OFFICERS, SUPERVISORS, SKILLED LABOUR, AND THE ADEQUACY OF THEIR EQUIPMENT.

THEY WILL UNDERGO A PERIOD OF PROBATION AND A TRADE TEST BEFORE THEIR NAMES ARE INCLUDED IN THE LIST.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT HIGH LEVELS OF SPECIALIST SKILL ARE MAINTAINED, THE PERFORMANCE OF CONTRACTORS WILL BE MONITORED NOT ONLY DURING PROBATIONARY CONTRACTS BUT ALSO DURING SUBSEQUENT CONTRACTS.+

A NOTICE INVITING INTERESTED CONTRACTORS TO APPLY FOR INCLUSION IN THE LIST HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS IN COMMONWEALTH SCHEME

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NOMINATIONS ARE BEING CALLED FOR THE BEST TWO COMMUNITY PROJECTS TO REPRESENT HONG KONG IN THE COMMONWEALTH YOUTH SERVICE AWARDS SCHEME WHICH WAS LAUNCHED TO MARK THE 1985 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR.

THE AWARDS SCHEME, INITIATED BY THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH YOUTH PROGRAMME IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, WILL OFFER UP TO FIVE AWARDS ANNUALLY WITH NOT MORE THAN TWO AWARDS BEING MADE TO COUNTRIES OF ANY ONE REGION.

THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CO-ORDINATING THE NOMINATIONS IN HONG KONG.

+THE AWARDS SCHEME HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO RECOGNISE AND REWARD THE CONTRIBUTION MADE BY YOUNG PEOPLE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR SOCIETIES; FOSTER CO-OPERATION, EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND EXPERIENCE AMONG COMMONWEALTH YOUTHS,+ A CNTA SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE AWARDS WILL BE IN THE FORM OF OVERSEAS STUDY TOURS NOT EXCEEDING ONE MONTH FOR UP TO TWO MEMBERS OF AWARD WINNING TEAMS; AS WELL AS PERSONAL MEMENTOES LIKE MEDALLIONS TO ALL TEAM MEMBERS.

FOR PROJECTS TO BE SELECTED, THEY SHOULD BE EXAMPLES OF EFFECTIVE TEAMWORK BY YOUNG PEOPLE, PREFERABLY AGED 15 TO 25, THE SPOKESMAN NOTED.

+IN THIS REGARD, PARTICIPANTS SHOULD DEMONSTRATE THEIR ABILITY IN CO-OPERATING, PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF THEIR PROJECT; ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THEIR WORK UNDER AN AGREED PLAN; COMBINING ADVENTUROUS INNOVATIONS TO ACHIEVE THEIR OBJECTIVES; AND EVALUATING AND ALLOWING FOR FLEXIBILITY IN THE PROJECT AS IT PROCEEDS,+ HE EXPLAINED.

APART FROM THAT, THE PROJECTS SHOULD REFLECT AND RESPOND TO LOCAL NEEDS, THUS CONTRIBUTING TO SOLUTIONS TO A TERRITORY-WIDE PROBLEM.

OTHER CRITERIA INCLUDE POTENTIAL LONG-TERM EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROJECT AND HOW THEY PROVIDE A MODEL OR INSPIRATION TO OTHER PLACES, BOTH NATIONALLY AND COMMONWEALTH-WIDE.

NOMINATIONS ARE BEING INVITED FROM THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH DIVISION OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICES, THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE DISTRICT OFFICES.

+HOWEVER, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN THE AWARDS SCHEME CAN ALSO CONTACT THE DISTRICT OFFICES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION WITHIN THIS MONTH,+ THE SPOKEMAN SAID.

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NOMINATIONS WILL BE ASSESSED BY A SELECTION BOARD IN JANUARY FOR SUBMISSION TO THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

A GROUP OF MEMBERS DRAWN FROM THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT WILL SERVE AS AN INTERNATIONAL ASSESSMENT PANEL AND THE AWARDS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN MAY NEXT YEAR.

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CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL AT VICTORIA PARK  
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A LARGE-SCALE CARNIVAL, FEATURING A WIDE VARIETY OF ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES, WILL BE STAGED AT VICTORIA PARK ON CHRISTMAS EVE (DECEMBER 24) TO CELEBRATE THE FESTIVE SEASON.

THE +CHRISTMAS EVE AT VICTORIA PARK+ IS THE SECOND REGIONAL CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL ORGANISED ON HONG KONG ISLAND, FOLLOWING ITS SUCCESS LAST YEAR.

THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE EASTERN DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL AND THE URBAN COUNCIL, AND ASSISTED BY THE DISTRICT BOARDS OF WAN CHAI, SOUTHERN, AND CENTRAL AND WESTERN, AND THE LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG NORTH.

DETAILS OF THE CARNIVAL'S PROGRAMME WERE ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) AT A PRESS CONFERENCE BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF THE CARNIVAL, MADAM CHRISTINA TING.

+THE AIM OF THE CARNIVAL IS TO PROVIDE FREE ENTERTAINMENT TO RESIDENTS ON CHRISTMAS EVE AND AT THE SAME TIME FOSTER COMMUNITY SPIRIT AMONG LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND INTERESTED BODIES,+ SHE SAID.

+THIS YEAR, ONE OF THE MAIN ATTRACTIONS IS A LASER SHOW WHICH WILL FOCUS ON CARTOON CHARACTERS TO BRING ABOUT A FESTIVE ATMOSPHERE.+

THERE WILL ALSO BE SINGING PERFORMANCES BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CHOIR, ORIENTAL DANCES, AND VARIOUS OTHER ENTERTAINMENT.

THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 8 PM WILL BE OFFICIATED BY EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BOWEN LEUNG.

HIGHLIGHT OF THE NIGHT'S PROGRAMME WILL BE A TWO-HOUR ALL-STAR EXTRAVAGANZA FEATURING SOME OF HONG KONG'S TOP ARTISTES. THE SHOW IS PRODUCED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL.

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THE FINAL PROGRAMME OF THE CARNIVAL WILL BE CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING AT MIDNIGHT BY THE BAPTIST COLLEGE CHRISTIAN CHOIR.

EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BOWEN LEUNG SAID TRAMS AND BUSES WILL BE RUNNING UNTIL THE CARNIVAL IS OVER.

HE URGED THE PUBLIC TO MAKE USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN GETTING TO AND FROM VICTORIA PARK, AND TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE ORGANISERS BY MAINTAINING ORDER DURING AND AFTER THE EVENT.

THE CARNIVAL IS BEING STAGED AT A COST OF ABOUT \$56 000, OF WHICH \$50 000 COMES FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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PREQUALIFICATION CALLED FOR DIAPHRAGM WALLING WORK  
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THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR INCLUSION IN A LIST OF PREQUALIFIED CONTRACTORS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DIAPHRAGM WALLING FOR THE PEDDER STREET UNDERPASS.

THE UNDERPASS, WHICH FORMS PART OF THE UPGRADED CONNAUGHT ROAD PROJECT, WOULD CARRY TWO LANES OF TRAFFIC IN EACH DIRECTION ALONG CONNAUGHT ROAD BENEATH THE GROUND LEVEL JUNCTION WITH PEDDER STREET.

A DIAPHRAGM WALLING OF ABOUT 600 METRES LONG WOULD HAVE TO BE INSTALLED FOR THE PEDDER STREET UNDERPASS CONSTRUCTION.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE MAIN CONTRACT WOULD START IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1986 AND THAT CONSTRUCTION OF DIAPHRAGM WALLS WOULD START SHORTLY AFTER THAT AND TAKE ABOUT 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR PREQUALIFICATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM MESSRS. PETER Y.S. PUN AND ASSOCIATES, FIRST FLOOR, LOCKHART CENTRE, 301-307 LOCKHART ROAD, WAN CHAI, THE DESIGNERS FOR THE WORKS, WHO WILL ALSO BE SUPERVISING IT FOR THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN, CENTRAL TENDER BOARD, AND PLACED IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX AT THE LIFT LOBBY ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE NOON ON JANUARY 10.

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CABLE TO BE LAID ACROSS DEEP BAY  
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ABOUT NINE KILOMETRES OF SUBMARINE ELECTRICITY CABLE ARE TO BE LAID ACROSS DEEP BAY FOR THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY TO SHEKOU IN CHINA.

THE PROPOSED CABLE WOULD BE LAID BY CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY LIMITED ABOUT TWO METRES UNDER THE SEABED NEAR LAU FAU SHAN TO THE SHEKOU COAST.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEA-BED INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS BEFORE FEBRUARY 12.

THE NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED WORK TOGETHER WITH ITS RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY DIVISION, FIFTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, AND THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE, YUEN LONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, 269 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG.

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CONTEST WILL LAUNCH FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN  
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WONG TAI SIN RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN A CROSS-WORD PUZZLE COMPETITION WHICH WILL LAUNCH THE DISTRICT'S ANNUAL FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN.

THE CAMPAIGN IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN PLANNED TO EMPHASISE THE IMPORTANCE OF FIRE PREVENTION IN THE DISTRICT, AND TO REMIND THE FIRE WATCH TEAMS IN SQUATTER AREAS OF THEIR DUTY AND VIGILANCE AS FIRE WATCHERS.

ENTRY FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE AT THE BRANCH OFFICES OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE. CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS THIS FRIDAY (DECEMBER 20).

OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE CAMPAIGN INCLUDE SLIDE SHOWS, SEMINARS AND A VARIETY SHOW.

THE SLIDE SHOWS WILL BE HELD AT THE LAU HEUNG YUEN SITTING-OUT AREA IN TAI HOM VILLAGE ON DECEMBER 22 AT 8.30 PM AND AT FIRE BREAK (B), SOCIAL AVENUE ON DECEMBER 29 AT 8.30 PM.

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THESE SLIDE SHOWS, SPECIALLY PREPARED FOR RESIDENTS IN THE SQUATTER AREAS, WILL FEATURE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AND EMERGENCY MEASURES IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE.

FROM JANUARY, A SERIES OF SEMINARS WILL BE HELD. MEMBERS OF AREA COMMITTEES IN THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT WILL BE ABLE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON FIRE PREVENTION.

AN INAUGURATION CEREMONY FOR FIRE WATCH TEAMS AND FIRE PREVENTION VARIETY SHOW WILL ALSO BE HELD ON JANUARY 5.

MEANWHILE, THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAVE PUT UP POSTERS AND BANNERS IN THE SQUATTER AREAS.

BOOKLETS ON +FIRE PREVENTION IN THE HOME+ HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO THE RESIDENTS AND THE FIRE WATCH TEAMS.

THE BOOKLETS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FREE AT THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE BRANCH OFFICE.

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#### STUDENTS TO TAKE PART IN MOCK DB EXERCISE

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SECONDARY STUDENTS IN TAI PO WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO ACT AS DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND DISCUSS DISTRICT PROBLEMS IN A MOCK DISTRICT BOARD EXERCISE TO BE HELD NEXT MONTH.

THE EXERCISE IS AIMED AT PROMOTING STUDENTS' UNDERSTANDING ON THE FUNCTIONING OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE STRUCTURE OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

THIRTY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES HAD THEIR FIRST MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT WORKING GROUP ON REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT AT THE TAI PO COMMUNITY CENTRE THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON.

THEY WERE BRIEFED ON THE ROLE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD BY THE SECRETARY OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD, MR CHAN KA-YIU, AND LATER DISCUSSED THE SETTING UP OF A MOCK DB EXERCISE.

A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN PLANNED FOR THE STUDENTS INCLUDING ATTENDING AN ACTUAL DB MEETING, DISCUSSIONS ON THE DB STRUCTURE AND REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT AND A MOCK DB MEETING.

THE WORKING GROUP WAS FORMED TO PROMOTE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING ON THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

FOUR COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN SET UP TO ORGANISE SEMINARS, MOCK DB EXERCISE, COMMUNITY RESEARCH PROJECTS AND AN ESSAY COMPETITION.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS INCLUDE INCUMBENT DB MEMBERS, SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, SOCIAL WORKERS AND LOCAL PERSONALITIES.

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MUSICAL GALA NIGHT  
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A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE GALA NIGHT OF THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY RADIO PROGRAMME +MUSIC WHILE YOU WORK+ WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT RTHK, BROADCASTING HOUSE, BROADCAST DRIVE.

THE PROGRAMME IS JOINTLY ORGANISED FOR THE THIRD SUCCESSIVE YEARS BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND RTHK TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AMONG WORKERS AND THE PUBLIC AT LARGE.

SPEAKING AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MR YIP YUK-LUN, AND HEAD OF THE CHINESE PROGRAMME SERVICE OF RTHK MR CHU PUI-HING.

SINGERS JENNY YAN, LUI FONG, LOWELL LO AND THE ISLAND BAND, AND DISC JOCKEY MR FRANCIS MAK, WILL ALSO BE PRESENT AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FUNCTION.

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LORD YOUNG TO MEET PRESS  
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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EMPLOYMENT, LORD YOUNG, WILL ARRIVE IN HONG KONG TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AFTER VISITING CHINA.

HE WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, AT 3 PM TOMORROW.

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HONG KONG RAILWAY MUSEUM TO OPEN FRIDAY  
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THE HONG KONG RAILWAY MUSEUM WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 20), FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF RESTORATION AND FITTING-OUT WORK AT THE OLD TAI PO MARKET RAILWAY STATION.

SPEAKING AT A MEETING OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL, THE ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (LEISURE SERVICES), MR ALEX NG, SAID: +THE FACILITIES OF THE MUSEUM WILL INCLUDE THE ORIGINAL STATION BUILDING CONSTRUCTED IN 1913, A MUSEUM OFFICE BLOCK CONVERTED FROM THE FORMER STATION STAFF QUARTERS, A NEW EXHIBITION SHED AND A FULL-SIZED MOCK-UP OF AN ELECTRIC TRAIN COACH.+

THE 1913 STATION BUILDING, WHICH WAS BUILT IN A TRADITIONAL CHINESE STYLE AND GAZETTED A HISTORICAL BUILDING IN NOVEMBER 1984, HAD BEEN RESTORED IN ITS ORIGINAL COLOUR SCHEME WITH DECORATIVE FEATURES PRESERVED, HE ADDED.

THE MUSEUM WOULD BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 4 PM DAILY, INCLUDING SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS. IT WOULD BE CLOSED ON TUESDAYS FOR ROUTINE MAINTENANCE.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE SELECT COMMITTEE ENDORSED THE PROPOSED POLICY ON THE DEMARCATION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUNDING SPORTS BETWEEN THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT (CRS), THE REGIONAL AND URBAN COUNCILS.

UNDER THE PROPOSED POLICY, THE CRS SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR NATIONAL COMPETITIVE SPORTING ACTIVITIES AND THE REGIONAL AND URBAN COUNCILS FOR REGIONAL, LOCAL AND RECREATIONAL EVENTS.

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WAYS AND MEANS SELECT COMMITTEE TO MEET  
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THE WAYS AND MEANS SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL WILL HOLD A MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

IT WILL DISCUSS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE APPOINTMENT OF A BANKER FOR THE FINANCIALLY AUTONOMOUS REGIONAL COUNCIL WHICH WILL COME INTO BEING NEXT APRIL.

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THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, WILL START AT 2.30 PM IN THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBER AT THE SECOND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK AND GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING. SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED.

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DETAILS OF FESTIVE LIGHTINGS  
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A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF ALL CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR LIGHTINGS AND SPECIAL TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE HELD AT 11 AM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, 12TH FLOOR, WORLD SHIPPING CENTRE, 7 CANTON ROAD.

DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, WILL BRIEF THE PRESS ON THE PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES PREPARED BY THE DISTRICTS.

ALSO PRESENT WILL BE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG, AND CHIEF TRANSPORT OFFICER (KOWLOON), MR SAM CHAN.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

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TWO LABOUR DEPARTMENT OFFICES MOVING

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TWO OFFICES OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL MOVE IN TO THE CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN KOWLOON NEXT WEEK.

THE HUNG HOM DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS DIVISION AT SHOPS 14-16 HUNGHOM BAY CENTRE WILL MOVE TO THE FOURTH FLOOR OF THE CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 18).

THE OFFICE OF THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ASSESSMENT UNIT, AT PRESENT LOCATED IN KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WILL OCCUPY THE FIFTH FLOOR OF THE CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 19).

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ENQUIRING ABOUT THE EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS IN HUNG HOM MAY CALL 3-688756 FROM WEDNESDAY; THOSE ENQUIRING ON MATTERS RELATING TO EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ASSESSMENT MAY TELEPHONE 3-688111 EXT. 436 OR 437 FROM THURSDAY.

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SQUATTER INSPECTION

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OFFICERS OF THE KOWLOON FIRE COMMAND WILL BE INSPECTING A NUMBER OF SQUATTER AREAS IN KWUN TONG TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO IDENTIFY FIRE HAZARDS AND FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH THE ENVIRONMENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE INSPECTION. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT KWUN TONG FIRE STATION AT 426 KWUN TONG ROAD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) BEFORE 10.30 AM.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE  
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 70.0 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 410.266 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 439.819 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 75.0 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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TSUEN KWAI STREET CLOSED  
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TSUEN KWAI STREET BETWEEN TSUEN WAH STREET AND TSUEN FU STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC ON DECEMBER 19 AND 20 (THURSDAY AND FRIDAY) BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 6 AM THE FOLLOWING MORNING TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORK.

TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE TSUEN WAH STREET AND TSUEN FU STREET.

THE SAME MEASURES WILL BE REPEATED ON JANUARY 9 AND 10.

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