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TWO AIR CONTROL ZONES APPROVED
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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS APPROVED THE DECLARATION OF TWO AIR CONTROL ZONES UNDER THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE.

THEY ARE THE HARBOUR AIR CONTROL ZONE AND THE TSUEN WAN-KWAI CHUNG AIR CONTROL ZONE WHICH WILL BE FORMALLY DECLARED IN THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL (AIR CONTROL ZONE) (DECLARATION) ORDER 1986 TO BE GAZETTED TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THESE TWO ARE THE FIRST OF 10 AIR CONTROL ZONES WHICH HAVE BEEN DRAWN UP AND WILL BE DECLARED IN PHASES TO ALLOW LIMITED RESOURCES TO BE FOCUSED ON THOSE AREAS WHICH REQUIRE URGENT ACTION AND TO ALLOW TIME FOR ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE NETWORK OF AIR QUALITY MONITORING STATIONS.

THE OTHER ZONES ARE SOUTH HONG KONG ISLAND-LAMMA, JUNK BAY, TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG, FANLING-SHA TAU KOK, TOLO, PORT SHELTER AND LANTAU.

THE HARBOUR AND TSUEN WAN-KWAI CHUNG AIR CONTROL ZONES COVER 11 DISTRICTS, SOME OF WHICH ARE KNOWN TO HAVE SERIOUS AIR POLLUTION PROBLEMS, SUCH AS KWUN TONG AND KWAI CHUNG-TSING YI.

OTHER DISTRICTS COVERED BY THESE TWO ZONES INCLUDE KOWLOON CITY, MONG KOK, SHAM SHUI PO, WONG TAI SIN, YAU MA TEI, CENTRAL AND WESTERN, WAN CHAI, EASTERN DISTRICT AND TSUEN WAN.

THESE 11 DISTRICTS CONTAIN SOME FOUR MILLION PEOPLE AND INCLUDE THE MOST INDUSTRIALISED AREAS IN HONG KONG.

AIR QUALITY OBJECTIVES FOR THE HARBOUR AND TSUEN WAN-KWAI CHUNG AIR CONTROL ZONES WILL BE GAZETTED EARLY NEXT YEAR AND WILL FACILITATE THE FORMULATION OF AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLANS IN THE TWO ZONES.

AIR QUALITY OBJECTIVES ARE EXPRESSED IN TERMS OF THAT CONCENTRATION OF AIR POLLUTANTS WHICH SHOULD NOT BE EXCEEDED IN THE INTERESTS OF PUBLIC HEALTH. THESE POLLUTANTS INCLUDE SULPHUR DIOXIDE, SUSPENDED PARTICULATES (I.E. DUST), NITROGEN DIOXIDE, CARBON MONOXIDE, LEAD AND PHOTOCHEMICAL OXIDANTS (DETERMINED BY THE MEASUREMENT OF OZONE).

THE AIR QUALITY OBJECTIVES THAT WILL BE ESTABLISHED ARE COMPARABLE TO STANDARDS EMPLOYED BY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION AND THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) HAS SET UP FIVE AIR QUALITY MONITORING STATIONS IN THE HARBOUR AIR CONTROL ZONE AND WILL BE SETTING UP TWO MORE AIR QUALITY MONITORING STATIONS IN THE TSUEN WAN-KWAI CHUNG AIR CONTROL ZONE NEXT YEAR.

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EACH OF THE TEN AIR CONTROL ZONES HAS ITS OWN CHARACTERISTIC AIR POLLUTANT EMISSIONS, METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS AND TOPOGRAPHICAL FEATURES.

ON THE BASIS OF THESE CRITERIA, THE TERRITORY HAS BEEN DIVIDED INTO A NUMBER OF IDENTIFIABLE AIRSHED AREAS, WHICH ARE MORE OR LESS SELF-CONTAINED AS REGARDS DISPERSION OF AIR POLLUTANTS. CARE HAS ALSO BEEN TAKEN TO MATCH THE PROPOSED ZONES, WHERE POSSIBLE, WITH DISTRICT BOARD BOUNDARIES.

IT IS INTENDED THAT A SINGLE SET OF AIR QUALITY OBJECTIVES SHOULD APPLY TO ALL TEN ZONES.

AIR QUALITY MONITORING STATIONS WILL PROGRESSIVELY BE ESTABLISHED THROUGHOUT HONG KONG. WHEN AIR QUALITY MONITORING DATA SHOWS THAT LIMITS ARE BEING EXCEEDED IN ANY ONE ZONE, THE EPD WILL ESTABLISH AN APPROPRIATE AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN TO CONTROL EMISSIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, REGULATIONS MAY BE INTRODUCED TO CONTROL THE VARIOUS TYPES AND COMPOSITION OF FUEL USED BY EMITTERS.

A TOTAL OF 33 INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATIONS AND THE 11 DISTRICT BOARDS COVERED BY THE FIRST PHASE OF DECLARATION OF AIR CONTROL ZONES WERE CONSULTED ON THE PROPOSALS.

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U.S., AUSTRALIA RECOGNISE BN(O) PASSPORT
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THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE HAS INFORMED THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT THAT IT HAS RECEIVED A NOTE FROM THE AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STATING THAT, AS U.S. VICE PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH STATED AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE IN HONG KONG ON OCTOBER 14 LAST YEAR, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL RECOGNISE THE BRITISH NATIONAL (OVERSEAS) PASSPORT.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN WELCOMED THIS CONFIRMATION OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT'S RECOGNITION OF THE BN(O) STATUS AND THE PASSPORT THAT GOES WITH IT. THE UNITED STATES IS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR DESTINATIONS OF HONG KONG RESIDENTS TRAVELLING FOR BUSINESS OR PLEASURE.

/IN RESPONSE

IN RESPONSE TO A STATEMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) FROM THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT THAT IT RECOGNISES THE BRITISH NATIONAL (OVERSEAS) STATUS AND PASSPORT THAT GOES WITH IT, A HONG KONG GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID HE WELCOMED THE MOVE NOTING THAT AUSTRALIA WAS THE FIRST NEIGHBOUR IN THE REGION TO ACCEPT THE NEW STATUS.

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SERVICE EXTENDED

THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR R.N. ANNING, HAS AGREED TO EXTEND HIS SERVICE FOR ONE YEAR UNTIL APRIL 15, 1989.

MR ANNING SERVED AS ONE OF HER MAJESTY'S INSPECTORS OF CONSTABULARY FOR ENGLAND AND WALES AT THE UNITED KINGDOM HOME OFFICE BEFORE JOINING THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE IN JULY 1983 AS DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE. HE BECAME COMMISSIONER OF POLICE IN APRIL 1985.

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STOCK TO ACT AS SOLICITOR GENERAL

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR MICHAEL THOMAS, QC, TODAY (TUESDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT FOLLOWING THE APPOINTMENT OF MR JOSEPH DUFFY, QC, AS DEPUTY JUDGE OF THE HIGH COURT, MR FRANK STOCK, QC, HAD BEEN APPOINTED TO ACT AS SOLICITOR GENERAL.

BEFORE COMING TO HONG KONG, MR STOCK (41) PRACTISED AT THE BAR IN LONDON AND WAS APPOINTED CROWN COUNSEL IN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS IN 1978. HE WAS PROMOTED TO SENIOR CROWN COUNSEL IN OCTOBER 1979, AND TO ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CROWN COUNSEL THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

IN MAY 1980, MR STOCK WAS APPOINTED DEPUTY PRINCIPAL CROWN COUNSEL IN THE PROSECUTIONS DIVISION OF CHAMBERS AND IN 1984 WAS PROMOTED TO PRINCIPAL CROWN COUNSEL.

HE CURRENTLY OCCUPIES THE POST OF DEPUTY CROWN SOLICITOR IN THE CIVIL DIVISION.

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WIDE-RANGING TALKS ON WATER HELD

THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR GRAHAM BARNES, AND THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR TOM TOMLINSON, RETURNED AT THE WEEK-END FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS WITH OFFICIALS OF THE GUANGZHOU PROVINCIAL BUREAU OF WATER CONSERVANCY AND ELECTRIC POWER.

THE DISCUSSIONS, HELD IN A FRIENDLY AND CO-OPERATIVE ATMOSPHERE, WERE WIDE-RANGING AND FOCUSSED PRIMARILY ON A REQUEST FROM THE CHINESE AUTHORITY FOR AN INCREASE IN WATER FEES AND AN APPROACH FROM THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT FOR AN INCREASE IN DELIVERY OF WATER ON ACCOUNT OF THE UNFAVOURABLE STORAGE POSITION IN HONG KONG.

PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON THE REQUEST FOR AN INCREASE IN THE BASIC UNIT PRICE OF WATER SUPPLIED. WHILE THE AMOUNT OF ADDITIONAL WATER THAT CAN BE PROVIDED THIS SUPPLY PERIOD WAS SOMEWHAT LESS THAN THAT REQUESTED THIS IS PART COMPENSATED FOR BY AN AGREED HIGHER RATE OF DRAW-OFF AT THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT SUPPLY PERIOD STARTING MAY 1, 1987.

ALL EXTRA WATER SUPPLIED TO THE QUANTITIES COVERED BY THE WATER AGREEMENT WILL BE PAID FOR AT A HIGHER RATE BECAUSE OF THE ADDITIONAL COSTS INVOLVED IN MAKING THE EXTRA SUPPLY AVAILABLE.

RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE AND COVERING WATER SUPPLY PROPOSALS IN HONG KONG FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE DRY SEASON WILL BE MADE TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND, AFTER RATIFICATION BY THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES, A DETAILED ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE.

IN THE MEANTIME THE GENERAL PUBLIC, TRADE CONSUMERS AND INDUSTRIALISTS ARE URGED TO BE AS ECONOMIC AS POSSIBLE IN THE USE OF WATER.

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LETTER OF THANKS FOR WEDDING PRESENT

HRH THE PRINCE ANDREW AND THE DUCHESS OF YORK HAVE THANKED THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF HONG KONG FOR THE CARPET THEY HAD SENT THEM AS THEIR WEDDING PRESENT.

THE DUCHESS OF KENT HAS SENT THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES:

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+WE WERE ABSOLUTELY DELIGHTED TO RECEIVE YOUR WEDDING GIFT OF A BEAUTIFUL CARPET.

+IT IS VERY KIND OF YOU TO SEND US SUCH A LOVELY PRESENT, WHICH I KNOW WILL BE GREATLY TREASURED, AND WHICH WE SHALL MUCH ENJOY HAVING IN OUR FUTURE HOME.

+WE SHOULD BE VERY GLAD IF YOU WOULD CONVEY OUR WARMEST THANKS TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF HONG KONG FOR THIS SUPERB PRESENT.+

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DUTCH DELEGATION VISITING KWAI TSING

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A FOUR-MEMBER MUNICIPAL DELEGATION FROM THE NETHERLANDS WILL VISIT KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) MORNING TO LEARN ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE DELEGATION FROM ROTTERDAM IS LED BY AN ENGINEER DESIGNER OF THE CITY'S PLANNING AND URBAN DESIGN DEPARTMENT, MR STEFAN GALL.

THE VISITORS WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE DISTRICT'S DEVELOPMENT OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOUSING PROJECTS BY THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN COAK.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE VISIT. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICE (NEXT TO KWAI HING MTR STATION) TOMORROW AT 9.15 AM.

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ACTION ON KING'S ROAD FIRE HAZARD

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UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES AT THE YARDS AND DRIVEWAYS OF THE RITZ BUILDING, 909-939 KING'S ROAD, NORTH POINT, WILL BE CLEARED.

THE BUILDING AUTHORITY WILL APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER TO VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT ON FEBRUARY 26.

NOTICES INFORMING OCCUPANTS OF THE AUTHORITY'S INTENTION WERE POSTED ON THE STRUCTURES TODAY (TUESDAY).

TWO PREVIOUS ORDERS TO DEMOLISH THE STRUCTURES WERE ISSUED BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE IN DECEMBER 1985 AND MAY 1986, BUT HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLIED WITH.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BUILDING AUTHORITY SAID THE STRUCTURES OBSTRUCTED ESCAPE ROUTES AT GROUND LEVEL AND POSED A FIRE HAZARD TO THE BUILDING'S OCCUPANTS.

+EASTERN DISTRICT BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE FULLY SUPPORTS THE ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN VIEW OF THE HAZARD THEY POSE,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THE CLOSURE ORDER WAS NECESSARY SO THAT DEMOLITION COULD TAKE PLACE WITHOUT ENDANGERING THE OCCUPANTS OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

THE STRUCTURES WOULD BE DEMOLISHED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE COURT MADE A CLOSURE ORDER.

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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TO BRIGHTEN UP VICTORIA PARK

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VICTORIA PARK WILL BE BRIGHTENED UP WITH COLOURFUL CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND DECORATIONS FOR A CARNIVAL TO BE HELD AT THE NO. 3 FOOTBALL PITCH AT 8.30 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

ACCOMPANIED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE X'MAS CARNIVAL WORKING GROUP, MR ERIC LI, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL, MADAME CHRISTINA TING, THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BOWEN LEUNG, WILL SWITCH ON THE LIGHTS.

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THE LIGHTINGS AND DECORATIONS WILL BE PUT UP ON TWO EIGHT-METRE-HIGH CHRISTMAS TREES AT THE CENTRE OF THE PARK AND BETWEEN LAMP POLES AT THE FOOTBALL PITCH. FESTIVE PICTURES FEATURING SANTA CLAUS AND HIS REINDEER CARRIAGE WILL ALSO BE STAGED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE PITCH.

THE PROGRAMME OF +1986 CHRISTMAS EVE IN VICTORIA PARK+ WILL INCLUDE CAROLS BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CHOIR, DANCE PERFORMANCES BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT DANCE TROUPE AND AN +ALL STAR SHOW+.

THE DISTRICT BOARD HAS SPONSORED \$40 000 FOR THE FESTIVE LIGHTING AND DECORATION WHILE ANOTHER \$40 000 HAVE BEEN SPENT FOR STAGING THE VARIETY SHOW.

FESTIVE LIGHTING WILL BE ON BETWEEN 8.30 PM TO MIDNIGHT ON CHRISTMAS EVE, AND BETWEEN 6 PM TO 10 PM ON DECEMBER 25 AND 26.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF +1986 CHRISTMAS EVE IN VICTORIA PARK+ AT 8.30 PM TOMORROW.

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**CAPACITY CROWD FOR CLOSE OF YOUTH BAND FESTIVAL

THE 1986 HONG KONG YOUTH BAND FESTIVAL ENDED TONIGHT (TUESDAY) IN A GALA FINALE BEFORE A CAPACITY AUDIENCE AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM.

BEFORE THE START OF PERFORMANCES, THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, MR JOHN CHAN, PRESENTED CASH PRIZES TO OVERALL WINNERS OF THE BAND FESTIVAL'S SYMPHONIC BAND CONTEST AND MARCHING BAND CONTEST.

HIGHLIGHT OF THE PROGRAMME WAS A MASS BAND PERFORMANCE OF POPULAR PIECES SUCH AS +MARCHE TRIOMPHALE+, +WHITE CHRISTMAS+ AND +WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS+.

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THE HAKATA GIRLS' COMMERCIAL HIGH SCHOOL WIND BAND FROM JAPAN, ALSO DELIGHTED THE AUDIENCE WITH THEIR PERFORMANCES.

THE FESTIVAL, ORGANISED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF TOM LEE MUSIC CO., LTD. IS A MAJOR ACTIVITY OF THE MUSIC OFFICE TO STIMULATE AN INTEREST IN BAND MUSIC, TO RAISE THE STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE AND TO ENCOURAGE SCHOOLS AND YOUTH ORGANISATIONS TO FORM BANDS.

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MUSIC OFFICE RECEIVES A PICCOLO
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THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH TODAY (TUESDAY) RECEIVED AN ADDITIONAL MUSICAL INSTRUMENT - A BRAND NEW PICCOLO FROM THE HONG KONG MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR, MRS DORIS HO, SAID SHE WAS DELIGHTED TO RECEIVE THE VALUABLE GIFT WHICH WOULD BE USEFUL TO THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA IN THEIR TRAINING SESSIONS AND PUBLIC PERFORMANCES.

IN THANKING THE PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, DR RAYMOND WU, FOR THE GENEROUS SPONSORSHIP, MRS HO SAID THAT SHE HOPED OTHER PROFESSIONAL GROUPS WOULD FOLLOW THE ASSOCIATION'S LEAD IN SHARING THEIR CONCERN FOR THE TRAINING OF HONG KONG'S YOUNG PEOPLE IN MUSIC AND THE ARTS.

THE PICCOLO WAS PRESENTED IN APPRECIATION OF THE MUSIC OFFICE HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA'S PERFORMANCE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE FIRST HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON MEDICAL ADVANCES WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD.

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DB MEMBERS SING SONGS OF GOODWILL
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MEMBERS OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD TODAY (TUESDAY) SANG CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND DISTRIBUTED GIFTS TO MENTALLY HANDICAPPED AND ELDERLY PEOPLE AT FOUR WELFARE ORGANISATIONS.

KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDDY CHAN, AND STAFF OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE ALSO JOINED THE GOODWILL VISIT. TWO MEMBERS OF THE PARTY WERE DRESSED AS SANTA CLAUS.

THE FOUR WELFARE ORGANISATIONS VISITED WERE THE NEIGHBOURHOOD ADVICE-ACTION COUNCIL MARTHA BAKER SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY, WONG CHAN SOOK-YING CARE AND ATTENTION HOME FOR THE ELDERLY, KAI NANG SHELTERED WORKSHOP AND HOSTEL, AND KAI YIP HOSTEL FOR THE ELDERLY.

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THREE UNIVERSITIES TO JOIN DEBATE
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A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF A DEBATE AMONG THREE UNIVERSITIES IN CANTON, MACAU AND HONG KONG WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 26).

THE THREE INSTITUTIONS WHICH WILL TAKE PART IN THE +POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL DEBATE+, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF STUDENTS, ARE GUANGZHOU JINAN UNIVERSITY, EAST ASIA UNIVERSITY OF MACAU AND UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

PRESENT AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HEAD OF RADIO 1, RTHK, MRS AVA CHIU; PRESIDENT OF HONG KONG FEDERATION OF STUDENTS, MR NG WAI-KAI; AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEBATING TEAMS FROM THE THREE UNIVERSITIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT RTHK BROADCASTING HOUSE AT 3 PM ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 26).

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NEW ROADS TO PROVIDE HOSPITAL ACCESS
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NEW ROADS ARE PLANNED TO PROVIDE VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO THE EASTERN DISTRICT HOSPITAL BEING BUILT IN CHAI WAN.

THE WORK INVOLVES CONSTRUCTION OF INTERNAL ACCESS ROADS PROVIDING ENTRY FROM ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR, AND ENTRY AND EXIT TO LOK MAN ROAD, TOGETHER WITH FOOTPATHS AND ASSOCIATED STORMWATER DRAINAGE WORKS.

THE ROADWORKS ARE INTENDED TO BE CARRIED OUT UNDER THE MAIN HOSPITAL BUILDING CONTRACT.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED ROAD BUILDING WAS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GAZETTE.

WRITTEN OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSALS MUST REACH THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT BY FEBRUARY 17.

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DANCERS TO TEST SKILLS

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MORE THAN 350 DANCE ENTHUSIASTS WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR SKILL IN THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT DANCE COMPETITION AT THE KO SHAN THEATRE ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 25).

THE WINNING TEAMS WILL BE AWARDED PRIZES AND INVITED TO PERFORM IN THE KOWLOON CITY DANCE APPRECIATION NIGHT TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 10.

BOTH EVENTS, BEING HELD FOR THE FOURTH TIME, ARE INTENDED TO PROMOTE THE COMMUNITY'S INTEREST IN DANCING AND HELP YOUNG PEOPLE TO DEVELOP THEIR TALENTS.

THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO FOUR SECTIONS: OPEN SECTION FOR ALL AGES, YOUTH SECTION FOR THOSE BETWEEN 13 AND 18, CHILDREN SECTION FOR THOSE BETWEEN SIX AND 12, AND KINDERGARTEN FOR THOSE UNDER SIX.

STUDENTS AND OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING OR WORKING IN KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT HAVE FORMED 55 TEAMS TO PERFORM ORIENTAL AND WESTERN DANCES IN THE COMPETITION.

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BOTH FUNCTIONS ARE ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE. THEY ARE SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT DANCE COMPETITION STARTING AT 2 PM ON THURSDAY AT THE KO SHAN THEATRE.

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**BOOK EARLY FOR YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL-GOERS WHO DO NOT WANT TO MISS ANY SHOW IN THE COMING YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL ARE ADVISED TO BOOK THEIR TICKETS EARLY BY MAIL.

MAIL ORDER FORMS CONTAINING INFORMATION ON THE VENUES, TICKET PRICES AND SEATING PLANS FOR PERFORMANCES ARE AVAILABLE AT PUBLIC ENQUIRIES COUNTERS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT, YUEN LONG TOWN HALL AND LUT SAU HALL.

APPLICANTS SHOULD RETURN THE FORMS BY JANUARY 10, BY MAIL OR BY HAND, TO THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL AT 4 TAI YUK ROAD, YUEN LONG.

THE THREE-WEEK YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL, BEGINNING ON FEBRUARY 10, INCLUDES A WIDE VARIETY OF MUSIC, DRAMA AND DANCE PERFORMANCES.

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YOUTH CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN SHA TIN
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ABOUT 200 SHA TIN RESIDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN A YOUTH CONFERENCE AT THE HOTEL RIVERSIDE PLAZA IN JANUARY.

THE CONFERENCE IS PART OF THE YOUTH ACTIVITIES SCHEME ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

A SPOKESMAN OF THE YOUTH ACTIVITIES WORKING GROUP SAID THE CONFERENCE WOULD PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HONG KONG'S CHANGING POLITICAL SYSTEM AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SHA TIN COMMUNITY.

+THE MOST ESSENTIAL OBJECTIVE IS TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES,+ HE ADDED.

THE CONFERENCE IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SESSIONS-LECTURES AND GROUP DISCUSSION. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER, MR MARTIN LEE, AND THE ACTING DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR C.M. LEUNG, WILL DELIVER SPEECHES.

OTHER GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, DR FANNY CHEUNG, AND THE DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (SHA TIN), MRS HUNG LEE PIK-SUEN.

AFTER THE LECTURES, PARTICIPANTS WILL BE DIVIDED IN GROUPS TO DISCUSS VARIOUS PROBLEMS CONCERNING THE COMMUNITY.

SHA TIN RESIDENTS AGED BETWEEN 18 AND 35 ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE BEFORE DECEMBER 31.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL COMMUNITY HALLS AND THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE.

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