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DAY CAMP TO PROMOTE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

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COMMUNITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES HELP TO PROMOTE THE SPIRIT OF MUTUAL HELP, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION DAY CAMP AT THE LEI YUE MUN HOLIDAY VILLAGE, MR LAN SAID COMMUNITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES PROVIDED OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESIDENTS TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER, AND HELPED STRENGTHEN THEIR SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE COMMUNITY.

"IT IS HOPED THAT THE INDIFFERENT ATTITUDE OF CITY PEOPLE COULD BE BROKEN THROUGH TAKING PART IN ACTIVITIES AND SHARING EXPERIENCES.

"THEY ARE ENCOURAGED TO CARE FOR EACH OTHER AND THEIR AWARENESS OF THE ESSENCE OF GREGARIOUS LIFE IS AROUSED." MR LAN SAID.

"I AM PLEASED TO SEE THAT MEMBERS OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD AND AREA COMMITTEES WORK CLOSELY TO PROMOTE THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME BY ORGANISING THIS DAY CAMP," HE ADDED.

THE CAMP WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

MORE THAN 470 RESIDENTS FROM 15 AREAS IN THE DISTRICT TOOK PART IN THE EVENT AND ENJOYED THE WIDE RANGE OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE HOLIDAY VILLAGE. THERE WERE ALSO TELEMATCHES ON THE THEME OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

ALSO ATTENDING THE DAY CAMP WERE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHRIS WAN, AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM HANG-FAI.

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DEC ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL FIGURES RELEASED

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IN DECEMBER 1989, THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND REPORTED BY THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1989 BUT DECREASED BY 2 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1988, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (SUNDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1989, THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IN DECEMBER 1989 INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE ORDERS POSITION IMPROVED SLIGHTLY IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY, AND SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

ON THE OTHER HAND, SLIGHT DECREASES IN ORDERS WERE RECORDED IN THE WEARING APPAREL AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1988, THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IN DECEMBER 1989 INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

ACCORDING TO INFORMATION PROVIDED BY SOME PLASTICS MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED, THIS COULD BE DUE TO AN ADVANCEMENT OF ORDER-PLACING IN DECEMBER 1989, WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE TAKE PLACE IN JANUARY 1990. THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY ALSO SHOWED AN INCREASE.

ON THE OTHER HAND, ORDERS DECREASED MODERATELY IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY AND SLIGHTLY IN THE WEARING APPAREL AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES OVER THE SAME PERIOD.

THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IS MEASURED IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF MONTHS AND REFERS TO ORDERS OUTSTANDING AS AT THE END OF THE REFERENCE MONTH.

ON EMPLOYMENT, THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED REPORTED THAT THEIR TOTAL WORKFORCE IN DECEMBER 1989 DECREASED BY 1 PER CENT AND 9 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1989 AND DECEMBER 1988 RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING DECEMBER 1989 WITH NOVEMBER 1989, EMPLOYMENT DECREASED MODERATELY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY AND SLIGHTLY IN THE WEARING APPAREL, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE FOOD AND DRINKS AND TEXTILES INDUSTRIES SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT.

COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1988, EMPLOYMENT IN DECEMBER 1989 DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN MOST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, WITH THE LARGEST DECREASE RECORDED IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

ON THE OTHER HAND, A SLIGHT INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT WAS RECORDED IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRY.

IN DECEMBER 1989, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SURVEYED INCREASED BY 20 PER CENT, IN MONEY TERMS, WHEN COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1989. SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS WERE RECORDED IN MOST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED MAINLY DUE TO THE ISSUE OF DOUBLE PAY AND YEAR-END BONUSES BY SOME MANUFACTURING COMPANIES IN DECEMBER 1989.

ON THE OTHER HAND, ONLY A SLIGHT INCREASE IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS WAS RECORDED IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY, PROBABLY BECAUSE MOST COMPANIES SURVEYED IN THIS INDUSTRY USUALLY ISSUE DOUBLE PAY AND YEAR-END BONUSES TO THEIR EMPLOYEES IN JANUARY INSTEAD OF DECEMBER.

COMPARING DECEMBER 1989 WITH DECEMBER 1988, PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED BY 23 PER CENT IN MONEY TERMS. MOST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED REPORTED SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS, WITH THE LARGEST INCREASES RECORDED IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS AND THE FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRIES.

HOWEVER, THESE INCREASES WERE PARTLY BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE DIFFERENCE IN THE TIMING OF ISSUING DOUBLE PAY AND YEAR-END BONUSES BY SOME COMPANIES BETWEEN 1988 AND 1989.

IN 1989, THE CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS WERE IN EARLY FEBRUARY AND MOST COMPANIES ISSUED DOUBLE PAY AND YEAR-END BONUSES IN JANUARY 1989. IN 1990, THE CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS BEGAN IN LATE JANUARY AND A NUMBER OF COMPANIES SURVEYED HAD THEIR DOUBLE PAY AND YEAR-END BONUSES ISSUED IN DECEMBER 1989. THIS HAS TENDED TO DISTORT THE YEAR-ON-YEAR COMPARISONS FOR THE DECEMBER 1989 FIGURES.

IN THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES SURVEYED, EMPLOYMENT IN DECEMBER 1989 SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1989, BUT DECREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1988. PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN DECEMBER 1989 INCREASED SLIGHTLY OVER NOVEMBER 1989 BUT SIGNIFICANTLY OVER DECEMBER 1988.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT FIGURES FOR THIS SECTOR COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

IN THE SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS, THE OVERALL EMPLOYMENT IN DECEMBER 1989 AS REPORTED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED REMAINED ALMOST THE SAME AS IN NOVEMBER 1989, BUT INCREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1988.

PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN DECEMBER 1989 INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY OVER NOVEMBER 1989 DUE TO THE ISSUE OF DOUBLE PAY AND YEAR-END BONUSES BY SOME COMPANIES SURVEYED, WITH THE LARGEST INCREASE RECORDED IN BANKS.

COMPARING DECEMBER 1989 WITH DECEMBER 1988, PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY FOR THE SERVICE SECTORS AS A WHOLE, THOUGH THE COMPARISON IS AGAIN SOMEWHAT AFFECTED BY THE TIMING OF THE ISSUE OF DOUBLE PAY AND YEAR-END BONUSES IN 1988 AND 1989.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS ARE SHOWN IN THE ATTACHED TABLES 1 TO 3.

THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND THE 50 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS, CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZES IN SEPTEMBER 1986.

THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT AS THE SURVEY IS NOT BASED ON A SCIENTIFICALLY SELECTED SAMPLE, THE MAGNITUDES OF CHANGE INDICATED BY THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE MERELY A REFLECTION OF THE EXPERIENCE OF THE COMPANIES SURVEYED.

HOWEVER, GIVEN THE COMPOSITION OF THE PANEL, IT SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR MAKING A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR DECEMBER 1989 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT \$2 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 8234820.

TABLE 1: ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	ORDERS-ON-HAND		
	AS AT THE END OF	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
	DECEMBER 1989	NOV. 89	DEC. 88
	(MONTHS)	(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	4.26	*	-2
WEARING APPAREL	4.64	-2	-2
TEXTILES	2.37	+3	+1
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	3.09	+20	+28
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4.33	-2	-7
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5.07	*	-2
OTHERS	4.10	*	-3

\* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5 %

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TABLE 2: EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY/SERVICES	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
	NOV. 89	DEC. 88
	(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	-1	-9
FOOD AND DRINKS	*	+2
WEARING APPAREL	-1	-10
TEXTILES	*	-3
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	-5	-13
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	-1	-11
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	-1	-16
OTHERS	*	+2
CONSTRUCTION#	*	-3
SERVICES	*	+3
BANKS	*	+2
HOTELS	*	-1
PUBLIC UTILITIES	*	+1
OTHERS	*	+8

\* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

# PERSONS ENGAGED COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

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TABLE 3: PER CAPITA EARNINGS

INDUSTRY/SERVICES	PER CAPITA EARNINGS		
	AVERAGE AS IN DECEMBER 1989 (HK\$)	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH NOV. 89 (%)	DEC. 88 (%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	6,209	+20	+23
FOOD AND DRINKS	8,914	+50	+27
WEARING APPAREL	5,108	+17	+18
TEXTILES	5,631	+18	+11
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	5,600	+11	+19
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	5,108	+1	+14
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	6,335	+25	+32
OTHERS	7,526	+13	+19
CONSTRUCTION#	7,939	+2	+14
SERVICES	12,953	+49	+24
BANKS	14,283	+70	+19
HOTELS	6,765	+20	+11
PUBLIC UTILITIES	12,797	+45	+33
OTHERS	13,239	+38	+18

# PER CAPITA EARNINGS COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

NOTES TO TABLES 1-3: UNLIKE "ORDERS-ON-HAND" AND "PER CAPITA EARNINGS", WHICH ARE AVERAGE FIGURES AMONGST THE COMPANIES SURVEYED, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED IS NOT MEANINGFUL INFORMATION ON ITS OWN (BECAUSE THIS IS A PANEL SURVEY) AND IS THEREFORE NOT SHOWN.

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10 MORE DAYS TO SUBMIT VIEWS ON LANGUAGE REPORT

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FEBRUARY 28 IS THE LAST DAY OF SUBMISSION OF VIEWS ON THE LANGUAGE IMPROVEMENT MEASURES REPORT, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WERE REMINDED TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE 88-PAGE REPORT WAS PUBLISHED ON OCTOBER 31, 1989.

IT EXAMINES THE LANGUAGE STANDARD ISSUE UNDER FOUR MAJOR TOPICS - THE LEARNING AND USE OF CHINESE AND ENGLISH IN HONG KONG; MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION; THE QUALITY OF TEACHING AND LEARNING CHINESE AND ENGLISH AS SUBJECTS; AND THE PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE OF LANGUAGE TEACHERS AND THE LANGUAGE COMPETENCE OF TEACHERS OF OTHER SUBJECTS.

THE WORKING GROUP WHICH COMPILED THE REPORT PROPOSES 78 RECOMMENDATIONS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID MORE THAN 20 SUBMISSIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANISATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED SO FAR.

"VIEWS EXPRESSED IN THE FORM OF EDITORIALS AND SHORT COMMENTARIES BY COLUMNISTS, LETTERS TO THE EDITOR AND NEWSPAPER REPORTS ARE ALSO BEING COMPILED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHOULD SEND THEIR SUBMISSIONS TO THE INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF LEE GARDENS AT HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HE ADDED.

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DEVELOPMENT OF TAI PO BEYOND 1997 RECOMMENDED

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THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN TAI PO SHOULD BE EXTENDED BEYOND 1997, A WORKING GROUP ON THE STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OF TAI PO IN THE 1990'S HAS RECOMMENDED.

THE WORKING GROUP, WHICH WAS FORMED UNDER THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD, HAD SPENT 18 MONTHS STUDYING THE STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE DISTRICT IN THIS DECADE.

FINDINGS OF THE PROJECT ARE DISPLAYED AT AN EXHIBITION WHICH BEGAN TODAY (SUNDAY) AT TAI PO TOWN LOT 18 SQUARE.

THE WORKING GROUP SUGGESTED THAT ALTHOUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF TAI PO WOULD BE COMPLETED BEFORE 1997, THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD DRAW UP A LONGER TERM DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE DISTRICT AS THERE IS STILL POTENTIAL FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT.

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THE DISTRICT BOARD SHOULD ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT TO INVESTIGATE THE FEASIBILITY OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND SHOULD MONITOR THE PRESENT CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME TO ENSURE THAT WORKS ON THE INFRASTRUCTURAL AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WOULD BE COMPLETED ON SCHEDULE.

THE DISTRICT BOARD SHOULD ALSO DETECT PROBLEMS ARISING FROM THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT, GATHER PUBLIC OPINIONS AND REFLECT THEM TO THE RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, THE WORKING GROUP NOTED.

THERE WERE ALSO RECOMMENDATIONS ON IMPROVEMENTS TO TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT, SOCIAL SERVICES, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND PROTECTION, AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

EARLIER, A DRAWING COMPETITION, AN ESSAY COMPETITION AND AN INTER-SCHOOL MODEL DESIGN CONTEST HAD BEEN HELD TO PROMOTE THE PROJECT.

WINNERS OF THE CONTESTS WERE PRESENTED WITH PRIZES BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HO YUNG-SANG; AND THE ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS MARY CHOW, AT A CEREMONY TODAY.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD AT TAI PO TOWN LOT 18 SQUARE UNTIL TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 20). IT WILL BE MOVED TO THE TAI PO COMMUNITY CENTRE AT HEUNG SZE WUI STREET ON FEBRUARY 25 AND WILL REMAIN THERE UNTIL FEBRUARY 27.

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TWO NEW 'FLEXI-DESIGN' SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR TAI PO AND SHA TIN

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TWO NEW "FLEXI-DESIGN" SECONDARY SCHOOLS ARE BEING BUILT IN TAI PO AND SHA TIN UNDER TWO SEPARATE CONTRACTS AWARDED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE FIRST CONTRACT, COSTING ABOUT \$29.8 MILLION, IS FOR BUILDING A SECONDARY SCHOOL AT A 5,840-SQUARE-METRE SITE IN TAI WO ESTATE, TAI PO.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SECONDARY SCHOOL OF THE SAME DESIGN AT A 5,990-SQUARE-METRE SITE IN AREA 75, MA ON SHAN, SHA TIN WILL COST ABOUT \$30.6 MILLION.

EACH OF THE SCHOOLS WILL HAVE A GENERAL CLASSROOM BLOCK WITH 26 CLASSROOMS AND THREE REMEDIAL TEACHING ROOMS, A SPECIAL BLOCK WITH 14 SPECIAL ROOMS, AN ASSEMBLY HALL, A BASKETBALL COURT AND A COVERED PLAYGROUND.

BOTH SCHOOLS ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN AUGUST 1991.

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ENTRIES TO COMMONWEALTH YOUTH SERVICE AWARDS SCHEME SELECTED

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A SERVICE PROJECT FOR THE ELDERLY AND AN ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION CAMPAIGN HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO REPRESENT HONG KONG IN THE COMMONWEALTH YOUTH SERVICE AWARDS SCHEME.

THESE TWO COMMUNITY PROJECTS WERE PICKED FROM SEVEN NOMINATIONS SUBMITTED BY THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND DISTRICT OFFICES.

THE AWARD SCHEME WAS STARTED BY THE COMMONWEALTH YOUTH PROGRAMME IN THE UNITED KINGDOM IN 1985 AS AN ENDURING COMMEMORATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR. WINNERS OF THE SCHEME WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN JUNE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HONG KONG CO-ORDINATING BODY, THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE AIM OF THE SCHEME WAS TO FOSTER CO-OPERATION AND THE EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCES AMONG THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

"EACH YEAR, THE SCHEME OFFERS UP TO FIVE AWARDS WITH NOT MORE THAN TWO BEING AWARDED TO ANY COUNTRY IN THE REGION," HE ADDED.

THE WINNING TEAMS WILL BE GIVEN A GRANT OF 1,000 POUNDS STERLING TO BE USED TO FURTHER THE TEAM'S WORK. MEDALLIONS AND CERTIFICATES WILL ALSO BE GIVEN TO EACH MEMBER OF THE TEAM.

HONG KONG'S TWO ENTRIES ARE ENTITLED "BEAUTIFUL AND COLOURFUL SUNSET IN MID-SUMMER -- A SERVICE PROJECT FOR THE ELDERLY" AND "GREEN MOVEMENT -- ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION CAMPAIGN".

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NEW ARRANGEMENT IN APPLYING FOR COMMERCIAL VEHICLE LICENCES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS RECENTLY INTRODUCED A NEW ARRANGEMENT FOR APPLICANTS FOR COMMERCIAL VEHICLE LEARNER DRIVING LICENCES AND DRIVING TESTS WHICH ARE AIMED AT CURBING TOUTING ACTIVITIES AT THE SHA TIN LICENSING OFFICE WHERE SUCH APPLICATIONS ARE PROCESSED.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THESE LEARNER DRIVING LICENCES AND FOR DRIVING TESTS FOR COMMERCIAL VEHICLES ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE AT THE SHA TIN LICENSING OFFICE.

THE FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL POST OFFICES, ENQUIRY CENTRES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, AND TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT LICENSING OFFICES.

/THESE LICENSING .....

THESE LICENSING OFFICES ARE AT THE GROUND FLOOR OF 2 MURRAY ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG; AND AT THE NINTH FLOOR OF PARK-IN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 56 DUNDAS STREET, MONG KOK AND THE FIFTH FLOOR OF THE KOWLOON EAST GOVERNMENT OFFICE, 12 LEI YUE MUN ROAD, KWUN TONG IN KOWLOON.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITH THE NECESSARY REMITTANCE TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT AT P.O. BOX 73323, KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE, FOR PROCESSING. APPLICATIONS IN PERSON WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

A SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD RECEIVED NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS FROM COMMERCIAL VEHICLE DRIVING INSTRUCTORS THAT SOME INSTRUCTORS GAINED MORE BUSINESS BY SENDING SALES AGENTS TO TOUT FOR THEM IN THE WAITING HALL OF THE SHA TIN LICENSING OFFICE.

FROM LAST DECEMBER, THE DEPARTMENT HAD REQUIRED ALL APPLICATIONS FOR COMMERCIAL VEHICLE LEARNER DRIVING LICENCES AND FOR DRIVING TESTS TO BE SUBMITTED BY POST.

HOWEVER, TOUTING ACTIVITIES HAD STILL TAKEN PLACE, BUT TO A LESSER EXTENT, AT THE SHA TIN LICENSING OFFICE AS APPLICANTS CAME TO COLLECT APPLICATION FORMS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE NEW ARRANGEMENT APPLIES TO APPLICATIONS CONCERNING PRIVATE OR PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, TAXIS, PRIVATE OR PUBLIC BUSES, MEDIUM OR HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES AND ARTICULATED VEHICLES.

APPLICANTS WHO WISH TO MAKE ENQUIRIES MAY TELEPHONE THE SHA TIN LICENSING OFFICE ON 6061027.

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NEW WONG CHUK HANG ACCESS ROAD ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA  
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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S WORKS PROJECTS COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ACCESS ROAD TO WONG CHUK HANG ESTATE AND ASSOCIATED WORKS AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE PROPOSED NEW ROAD, WHICH LINKS HEUNG YIP ROAD WITH POLICE SCHOOL ROAD AND NAM LONG SHAN ROAD, WILL ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION ALONG NAM LONG SHAN ROAD, PARTICULARLY AT ITS JUNCTIONS WITH HEUNG YIP ROAD AND WONG CHUK HANG ROAD.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROGRESS REPORTS ON HIGHWAYS, ENGINEERING, BUILDING, PUBLIC HOUSING AS WELL AS URBAN COUNCIL PROJECTS BEING CARRIED OUT IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S WORKS PROJECTS COMMITTEE TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, 7-11 NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN CENTRE. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS SERVICES FOR SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES

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THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL LOOK INTO THE SOCIAL SERVICES PROVIDED FOR SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES IN THE DISTRICT AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (MONDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS RESIDENTS' COMPLAINTS ABOUT SHARP INCREASES IN THEIR WATER BILLS.

MEANWHILE, A REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE TUEN MUN HOSPITAL PROJECT AND A PAPER ON CARE HOMES FOR MENTAL PATIENTS WILL BE TABLED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, THIRD FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SHA TIN, TUEN MUN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN SHA TIN AND TUEN MUN FROM TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 20) BECAUSE OF ROAD WORKS.

SHA TIN WAI ROAD WESTBOUND BETWEEN NGAN SHING STREET AND SHA TIN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR TWO NIGHTS BETWEEN 11 PM AND 6 AM THE NEXT DAY ON FEBRUARY 20 AND 22.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS ON WESTBOUND SHA TIN WAI ROAD HEADING FOR KOWLOON WILL BE DIVERTED VIA NGAN SHING STREET, SIU LEK YUEN ROAD, TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD AND SHA TIN ROAD.

AT THE SAME TIME, MOTORISTS ON SOUTHBOUND NGAN SHING STREET HEADING FOR SHA KOK ESTATE WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SHA TIN WAI ROAD EASTBOUND, SIU LEK YUEN ROAD, TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD, SHA TIN WAI ROAD EASTBOUND AND SHA KOK STREET.

IN TUEN MUN, WESTBOUND TSING LUN ROAD BETWEEN CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO SAN MING TSUEN WILL BE CLOSED FOR FIVE NIGHTS BETWEEN 1.30 AM AND 5.30 AM FROM FEBRUARY 20 TO 24.

VEHICLES ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD HEADING FOR TSING LUN ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA ROAD P2, TSUN WEN ROAD AND TSING CHUNG KOON ROAD.

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