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HECTIC TRADE YEAR AHEAD

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+1986 IS LIKELY TO BE A HECTIC YEAR ON THE TRADE FRONT,+ SAID DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD TODAY.

THE CURRENT MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT (MFA) WHICH GOVERNS A LARGE PART OF WORLD TRADE IN TEXTILES, IS DUE TO EXPIRE IN JULY 1986 AND NEGOTIATIONS ON ITS FUTURE STARTED LAST YEAR.

IN THE COURSE OF THESE PRELIMINARY TALKS, HONG KONG HAS BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH OTHER DEVELOPING TEXTILE-EXPORTING COUNTRIES TO PUSH FOR LIBERALISATION OF TRADE IN TEXTILES AND CLOTHING, HE SAID. +WHILE IT WOULD NOT BE REALISTIC TO EXPECT FREE TRADE IN THIS SECTOR, WE ARGUE THAT AT LEAST WE SHOULD SEE A SIGNIFICANT MOVEMENT IN THIS DIRECTION - ANY NEW ARRANGEMENT SHOULD BE LESS RESTRICTIVE THAN IN THE PAST.

+CLEARLY PROTECTIONIST PRESSURES IN THE USA IN PARTICULAR WILL NOT MAKE THIS EASY TO ACHIEVE- IN PARTICULAR THEY CLEARLY SIGNALLED IN JULY THEIR WISH TO HAVE THE PROBLEM (AS THEY SEE IT) OF NON-MFA TEXTILES SUCH AS SILK, RAMIE AND LINEN ADDRESSED. NEVERTHELESS, THERE IS A STRONG BODY OF OPINION THAT WE MUST MOVE IN A LIBERAL DIRECTION, EVEN AMONG SOME IMPORTING COUNTRIES.+

DURING THE PAST YEAR, THERE WERE ALSO EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS IN THE GATT ON BEGINNING A NEW ROUND OF MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS TO FURTHER LIBERALISE WORLD TRADE AND REAFFIRM THE COMMITMENT OF CONTRACTING PARTIES TO OBSERVE THE DISCIPLINES OF THE AGREEMENT.

AGREEMENT WAS REACHED AT THE GATT'S ANNUAL MEETING IN GENEVA TO SET UP A PREPARATORY COMMITTEE TO PAVE THE WAY FOR A NEW ROUND OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE TALKS. THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE IS DUE TO REPORT ITS FINDINGS IN JULY 1986.

THE CURRENT BILATERAL TEXTILES AGREEMENT BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY WILL EXPIRE BY THE END OF THIS YEAR AND SUBSTANTIVE TALKS WILL BE HELD WITH THE EEC COMMISSION ON A POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR AGREEMENT.

+THE EEC COMMISSION HAS SIGNALLED A CERTAIN DEGREE OF FLEXIBILITY TOWARDS THE MFA AND THE BILATERAL TEXTILES NEGOTIATIONS. BUT IT'S STILL EARLY DAYS AND THERE IS NO ROOM FOR COMPLACENCY GIVEN THE CONFLICTING INTERESTS BETWEEN DIFFERENT MEMBER STATES IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, WHICH HAS BEEN ENLARGED THIS YEAR THROUGH THE ACCESSION OF SPAIN AND PORTUGAL,+ MR MACLEOD SAID.

THE OTHER MAJOR TEXTILES AGREEMENT TO EXPIRE IN 1986 IS THAT WITH CANADA, WHERE PROTECTIONIST SENTIMENT IS QUITE HIGH. THE EEC'S 1986 GENERALISED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES CONTINUES TO GIVE PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT TO HONG KONG IN RESPECT OF ALL PRODUCTS, ALBEIT AT A REDUCED QUOTA LEVEL FOR 12 ITEMS FOR WHICH EXCLUSION WAS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION.

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HE SAID, HONG KONG'S TRADE IN 1985 WAS CHARACTERISED BY A DECLINE IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS, SLIGHT INCREASE IN IMPORTS AND SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH IN RE-EXPORTS.

+HOWEVER,+ HE SAID, +IN TERMS OF TOTAL TRADE, HONG KONG'S PERFORMANCE IN 1985 WAS COMPARABLE WITH THAT IN 1984, WHICH WAS AN EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD YEAR FOR TRADE IN HONG KONG'S RECENT HISTORY.+

MR MACLEOD EXPLAINED THAT THE DECLINE IN HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN 1985 IN COMPARISON WITH A 32 PER CENT INCREASE IN 1984 WAS LARGELY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE RELATIVELY LOW GROWTH RATES OF MAJOR OVERSEAS ECONOMIES, PARTICULARLY THE UNITED STATES - HONG KONG'S LARGEST EXPORT MARKET.

+THE STRENGTH OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR, AGAINST THE CURRENCIES OF HONG KONG'S MAJOR MARKETS (EXCEPT THE UNITED STATES) AS WELL AS AGAINST THE CURRENCIES OF MANY OF HONG KONG'S COMPETITORS, ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO THE EXPORT PERFORMANCE,+ HE ADDED.

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CHINA, HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO PRACTICALLY ALL OF ITS MAJOR MARKETS DECLINED.

ON THE OTHER HAND, DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA CONTINUED ON ITS UPWARD TREND THOUGH THERE WAS A DECELERATION IN THE YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH RATE IN REAL TERMS.

+THIS REFLECTS PARTLY CHINA'S TIGHTENING OF CONTROL OVER ITS FOREIGN EXCHANGE SPENDING, AND PARTLY THE DIFFICULTY IN MAINTAINING A HIGH GROWTH RATE GIVEN HONG KONG'S EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD EXPORT PERFORMANCE TO CHINA IN 1984.+

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#### REGIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS APPOINTED

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT TEN MEN AND TWO WOMEN, ALL ACTIVE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE, HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO THE 36-MEMBER REGIONAL COUNCIL WHICH WILL COME INTO BEING ON APRIL 1.

THE 12 APPOINTED MEMBERS ARE:

- \* MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, A MERCHANT AND A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD;
- \* MR NATHAN MA NING-HEI, PRINCIPAL OF THE YUEN LONG LUTHERAN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND A FORMER MEMBER OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD;
- \* MR LAU HON-KIT, A MERCHANT, CHAIRMAN OF THE SHA TIN RURAL COMMITTEE AND A MEMBER OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD;

/+ MR TANG .....

- \* MR TANG CHI-LEUNG, A MERCHANT, CHAIRMAN OF THE KAM TIN RURAL COMMITTEE AND A MEMBER OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD;
- \* MR YOUNG WING-YAU, AN INDUSTRIALIST AND AN APPOINTED MEMBER OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD;
- \* MRS CHAN HO ON-NEI, CHAIRWOMAN OF THE SOUTH KWAI CHUNG YIN NGAI SOCIETY;
- \* MR WILLIAM CHAU CHUN-WING, A MERCHANT AND A FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE YAN CHAI HOSPITAL;
- \* MR CARLOS CHEUNG HON-KAU, A CONSULTING CIVIL AND STRUCTURAL ENGINEER AND A FORMER MEMBER OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD;
- \* MR CHONG KAM-NING, A MERCHANT AND A FORMER MEMBER OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD;
- \* DR RICHARD HO MAN-WUI, A LECTURER IN CHINESE LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG;
- \* MRS MIRIAM LAU KIN-YEE, A SOLICITOR WHO HOLDS OFFICE IN SEVERAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, AND
- \* DR PANG HOK-TUEN, A MEDICAL PRACTITIONER AND A FORMER MEMBER OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD.

MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG AND MR NATHAN MA ARE AT PRESENT CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE TEN OTHER PEOPLE APPOINTED ARE ALSO SERVING AS APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL.

THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE NEWLY APPOINTED MEMBERS WILL BE ONE YEAR FROM APRIL 1.

THE REST OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP WILL COMPRISE NINE MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED BY THE NINE DISTRICT BOARDS IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AREA, THREE EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS, WHO ARE THE CHAIRMAN AND THE TWO VICE-CHAIRMEN OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK, AND 12 MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED DIRECTLY TO THE COUNCIL FROM CONSTITUENCIES IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AREA IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTION IN MARCH.

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### BABY SCREENING PROGRAMME EXTENDED

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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT ITS COMBINED NEONATAL SCREENING PROGRAMME FOR NEW BORN BABIES HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO PRIVATE HOSPITALS AND MATERNITY HOMES.

BEGINNING THIS MONTH, PRIVATE HOSPITALS AND MATERNITY HOMES ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT BLOOD SPECIMENS OF THEIR NEW BORN TO THE GOVERNMENT NEONATAL SCREENING UNIT FOR SCREENING OF CONGENITAL HYPOTHYROIDISM AND G-6-PD DEFICIENCY.

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CONGENITAL HYPOTHYROIDISM IS A DEFICIENCY IN THYROID HORMONES PRODUCTION WHICH MAY RESULT IN MENTAL RETARDATION IN CHILDREN, WHILE BABIES WITH G-6-PD DEFICIENCY MAY RESULT IN HAEMOLYSIS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE INITIAL LABORATORY SCREENING AND REPORTING SERVICE ARE PROVIDED FREE TO PRIVATE HOSPITALS AND MATERNITY HOMES.

THESE INSTITUTIONS HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THE AVAILABILITY OF THE PROGRAMME, AND PROVIDED WITH GUIDELINES FOR THE FORWARDING OF BLOOD SPECIMENS.

THE DEPARTMENT'S COMBINED NEONATAL SCREENING PROGRAMME FOR G-6-PD AND CONGENITAL HYPOTHYROIDISM WAS FIRST LAUNCHED IN PHASES IN MARCH 1984 TO COVER ALL LIVE BIRTHS IN GOVERNMENT AND SUBVENTED HOSPITALS.

BETWEEN MARCH 1984 AND DECEMBER 1985, SOME 70 000 NEW BORN BABIES HAD BEEN SCREENED UNDER THE PROGRAMME.

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HAWKER GIVEN ONE MONTH'S JAIL FOR ASSAULTING GDT MEMBERS

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ONE OF THREE HAWKERS ARRESTED FOLLOWING A CLASH WITH GENERAL DUTIES TEAM MEMBERS IN NULLAH ROAD, MONG KOK, LAST OCTOBER HAS BEEN SENTENCED TO ONE MONTH'S IMPRISONMENT.

+THIS IS THE FIRST TIME ANYBODY HAS BEEN SENT TO JAIL FOR AN ATTACK ON A MEMBER OF A GD TEAM,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

THE HAWKER, SURNAMED LEUNG, HAS BEEN REFUSED BAIL PENDING APPEAL. THE REMAINING TWO HAWKERS WERE DISCHARGED AFTER THE HEARING, IN NORTH KOWLOON MAGISTRACY.

THE COURT ORDERED THAT SEVERAL EXHIBITS, COMPRISING IRON BARS AND AN UMBRELLA, BE CONFISCATED.

ALL THREE MEN HAD PLEADED NOT GUILTY AT THE FIRST HEARING ON NOVEMBER 5. THEY WERE CHARGED WITH ASSAULTING PUBLIC OFFICERS OCCASIONING BODILY HARM AND OBSTRUCTING PUBLIC OFFICERS IN THE EXECUTION OF THEIR DUTY.

IN THE INCIDENT ON OCTOBER 3, THREE GDT MEMBERS OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT WERE INJURED WHILE ON ANTI-ILLEGAL HAWKING DUTY, AND HAD TO BE ADMITTED TO QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT.

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RATEPAYERS REMINDED TO PAY FIRST QUARTER RATES

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RATEPAYERS ARE REMINDED THAT RATES FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1986 MUST BE PAID BY 4 PM ON JANUARY 31.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TREASURY SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT LATE PAYMENTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO A FIVE PER CENT SURCHARGE AND A FURTHER SURCHARGE OF 10 PER CENT ON ACCOUNTS STILL OUTSTANDING SIX MONTHS AFTER THE DUE DATE.

HE SAID RATEPAYERS SHOULD HAVE BY NOW RECEIVED DEMAND NOTES.

THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED DEMAND NOTES SHOULD APPLY FOR A COPY AT THE RATES SECTION OF THE TREASURY, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), NINTH FLOOR, 11 ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG- THE YAU MA TEI SUB-TREASURY, FOURTH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON- OR THE KOWLOON CITY SUB-TREASURY, MAN SANG COMMERCIAL BUILDING, FIRST FLOOR, 348-352 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD (CORNER OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AND JUNCTION ROAD), KOWLOON.

+NON-RECEIPT OF THE DEMAND NOTE DOES NOT ALTER THE REQUIREMENT THAT RATES MUST BE PAID BEFORE THE DUE DATE,+ HE POINTED OUT.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT RATES ARE PAYABLE ON VACANT PREMISES BUT ARE REFUNDABLE UNDER CONDITIONS SPECIFIED IN THE RATING ORDINANCE.

HOWEVER, THERE WILL BE NO REFUND IN THE CASE OF A VACANT TENEMENT LAST USED OR INTENDED TO BE USED WHOLLY OR PRIMARILY FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES OR FOR THE PARKING OF VEHICLES, UNLESS IT IS VACANT BY REASON OF AN ORDER OF THE GOVERNMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO POINTED OUT THAT RATEPAYERS WHO HAD SUBMITTED A VALID DIRECT DEBIT AUTHORISATION SHOULD NOTE THAT PAYMENT SHOULD BE MADE BY POST OR IN PERSON AS STIPULATED IN THE DEMAND NOTE UNLESS THE WORDING +PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY AUTOPAY+ WAS SHOWN IN THE NOTE.

IN THIS CASE THEIR PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY DIRECT DEBIT TO THEIR BANK ACCOUNTS ON JANUARY 31, 1986.

IN THIS CONNECTION, RATEPAYERS SHOULD ENSURE THAT THEIR ACCOUNTS CONTAIN THE NECESSARY FUNDS ON THAT DATE.

TO AVOID QUEUEING, RATEPAYERS ARE URGED TO PAY BY CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER SENT BY POST OR BY EARLY PERSONAL ATTENDANCE AT ANY OF THE OFFICES LISTED ON THE BACK OF THE DEMAND NOTE.

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NEW PROCEDURES TO SPEED UP RESTAURANT LICENSING PROCESS  
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THE URBAN COUNCIL'S FOOD HYGIENE SELECT COMMITTEE TODAY ENDORSED THE ADOPTION OF NEW PROCEDURES WHICH IT IS HOPED WILL GREATLY SPEED UP THE PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR RESTAURANT LICENCES.

THE NEW PROCEDURES, WHICH HAVE BEEN AGREED BY THE THREE DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED -- THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE AND URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT -- WILL BE PUT INTO FORCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON A TRIAL BASIS, AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

+UNDER THE NEW SYSTEM, THE THREE DEPARTMENTS WILL MEET REGULARLY TO REVIEW ANY APPLICATIONS WHICH ARE OUTSTANDING FOR MORE THAN THREE MONTHS,+ A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

+THE AIM WILL BE TO HOLD THESE MEETINGS EVERY MONTH.

+APPLICANTS WILL ALSO BE INVITED TO ATTEND THE MEETING IF AND WHEN ANY OF THE THREE DEPARTMENTS FEEL THAT THE PRESENCE OF THE APPLICANT WILL FACILITATE THE DISCUSSION AND/OR THE PROCESSING OF THE APPLICATION.

+IN ADDITION, THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS WILL ENABLE THE THREE DEPARTMENTS TO COLLECTIVELY EXAMINE THEIR OWN PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS IN THE LIGHT OF OPERATIONAL DIFFICULTIES AND PROBLEMS.+

THE SPOKESMAN WARNED, HOWEVER, THAT THESE NEW PROCEDURES WOULD NOT IMMEDIATELY END THE BACKLOG OF APPLICATIONS.

+APPLICATIONS CAN ONLY BE APPROVED IF THE APPLICANT HAS COMPLIED WITH ALL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE THREE DEPARTMENTS,+ HE SAID.

+CASE HISTORIES SHOW THAT THE MAIN REASON FOR LONG-DELAYED APPLICATIONS IS THAT APPLICANTS SIMPLY HAVE NOT MET ALL OF THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.

+THIS NEW PROCEDURE WILL NOT OFFER ANY 'CORNER-CUTTING' TO APPLICANTS -- THE SPEED WITH WHICH THEIR APPLICATIONS ARE DEALT WITH WILL, AS BEFORE, DEPEND MAINLY ON THEIR FULFILLING ALL REQUIREMENTS.+

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WOMEN'S TURN AGAIN TO GET NEW I.D. CARD  
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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT WOMEN BORN IN 1943, 1944, 1945 AND 1946 WILL HAVE TO APPLY FOR NEW I.D. CARDS FROM JANUARY 13 TO FEBRUARY 7.

THEY ARE THE FIRST AGE-GROUP TO BE AFFECTED BY THE SECOND FEMALE CYCLE OF THE NEW I.D. CARD ISSUE SCHEME.

THE SECOND FEMALE CYCLE OF THE SCHEME, DEALING WITH WOMEN BORN IN 1946 OR BEFORE, WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN EIGHT PHASES AND WILL LAST FOR NINE MONTHS.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT GREEN SEAL I.D. CARD HOLDERS MUST FOLLOW THE SAME APPLICATION SCHEDULE AND WILL NOT BE TREATED SEPARATELY.

+APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO BRING ALONG THEIR OLD CARDS WHEN THEY CALL AT ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT ISSUE OFFICES,+ HE SAID.

THESE OFFICES, OPEN DAILY FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, ARE:

- HONG KONG : BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI.
- EAST KOWLOON : AMOY GARDEN PLAZA, SECOND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD.
- WEST KOWLOON : CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR, 393 CANTON ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.
- TSUEN WAN : EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, 29-37 TSUEN FU STREET.
- SHA TIN : SHATIN CENTRE, PODIUM FLOOR, 2-16 WANG POK STREET.
- YUEN LONG : HOP YICK CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK ROAD.
- TUEN MUN : CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, CHI LOK FA YUEN.
- SHEUNG SHUI : TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR, 82-84 SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THOSE WISHING TO ALTER THEIR LAST NAMES WHEN APPLYING FOR NEW CARDS AS A RESULT OF A CHANGE IN MARITAL STATUS SHOULD BRING ALONG RELEVANT DOCUMENTS SUCH AS MARRIAGE OR DIVORCE CERTIFICATES TO SUPPORT THEIR CASES.

HOWEVER, THOSE WHO ONLY WISH TO HAVE THEIR DAMAGED CARDS REPLACED OR THEIR PERSONAL DATA CHANGED SHOULD GO TO THE REGULAR REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICES AND NOT THE LISTED ISSUE CENTRES.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REITERATED THAT NO AMNESTY WOULD BE GRANTED TO ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS. +ONCE DETECTED,+ HE SAID, +THEY WILL BE REPATRIATED.+

MOBILE EXHIBITION ON FIGHT CRIME  
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A LARGE POLICE VAN WILL BE MOBILISED IN MONG KOK TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO BRING THE FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE TO RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE EXHIBITION VAN WILL DISPLAY VARIOUS UP-TO-DATE DEVICES AND EQUIPMENT FOR DETECTING THEFT AND BURGLARY, WHICH ARE PARTICULARLY ACTIVE WITH THE APPROACH OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

RESIDENTS WHO VISIT THE VAN CAN TRY OUT THESE DEVICES TO OBTAIN FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ON CRIME PREVENTION.

IT WILL BE STATIONED AT THE JUNCTION OF NATHAN ROAD AND SHANTUNG STREET FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR CHAN LAI-SANG, AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL BE ON HAND TO DISSEMINATE THE FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE AND EXPLAIN THE IMPORTANCE OF CO-OPERATIVE EFFORTS BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND THE POLICE IN DETECTING CRIME AND APPREHENDING CRIMINALS.

THEY WILL ALSO EXPLAIN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME WHICH WAS NEWLY LAUNCHED IN THE DISTRICT TO HELP PREVENT CRIME IN MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS.

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FIGHT CRIME NIGHT AT VICTORIA PARK  
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THE EASTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE WILL HOLD A VARIETY SHOW TOMORROW (SATURDAY) NIGHT AT VICTORIA PARK TO PROMOTE CRIME PREVENTION IN THE DISTRICT.

THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME NIGHT WILL FEATURE A SPECTACULAR GOLDEN DRAGON DANCE, LION DANCES, PERFORMANCES AND A RECITAL BY THE POLICE.

AT THE SAME TIME, PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES OR OWNERS' CORPORATIONS OF BUILDINGS WITH THE BEST SECURITY AND CRIME PREVENTION SYSTEMS AND THE WINNERS OF A RECENT SLOGAN DESIGN COMPETITION.

EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BOWEN LEUNG, AND POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER (EASTERN), MR G.W. ROPER, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING AND PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONIES TOMORROW NIGHT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EASTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME NIGHT AT 7.45 PM TOMORROW AT VICTORIA PARK.

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URBAN COUNCIL NURSERIES OPEN TO PUBLIC

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STARTING THIS SUNDAY (JANUARY 5), MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE INTERESTED IN HORTICULTURE ARE BEING INVITED TO VISIT URBAN COUNCIL NURSERIES.

OPEN DAY THIS SUNDAY WILL BE STAGED AT THE BOUNDARY STREET NURSERY IN KOWLOON, WHICH SPECIALISES IN CULTIVATING ANNUALS.

NEXT SUNDAY (JANUARY 12), THE BRAEMAR HILL NURSERY ON HONG KONG ISLAND, WHICH SPECIALISES IN SHRUBS, WILL BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC, WHILE ON SUNDAY JANUARY 19 THE HO MAN TIN NURSERY IN KOWLOON, WHICH SPECIALISES IN SHRUBS AND TREES, WILL BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC.

VISITING HOURS ON ALL THREE OPEN DAYS WILL BE FROM 9 A.M. TO NOON, AND 1 P.M. TO 4 P.M.

+NURSERY STAFF WILL BE AVAILABLE TO BRIEF VISITORS IN ENGLISH AND CANTONESE ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF HORTICULTURE,+ SAID A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN TODAY.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED WOULD-BE VISITORS THAT PLANTS IN THE NURSERIES WOULD NOT BE FOR SALE.

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DISTRICT FESTIVAL CLOSES TOMORROW

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THE THREE-WEEK KWUN TONG FESTIVAL '85 WILL CONCLUDE WITH A LARGE-SCALE VARIETY SHOW TOMORROW (SATURDAY) EVENING.

APART FROM PERFORMANCES BY WELL-KNOWN SINGING ARTISTES, A 100-MEMBER CALLISTHENICS TEAM WILL DEMONSTRATE THEIR SKILLS DURING THE SHOW.

FINALISTS OF THE RECENT +19-DISTRICT AMATEUR SINGING CONTEST+ WILL ALSO PERFORM SONGS AND DANCES.

BEFORE THE VARIETY SHOW, THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE KWUN TONG FESTIVAL '85.

THE +KWUN TONG FESTIVAL '85 CLOSING CEREMONY AND VARIETY SHOW+, TO START AT 7.30 PM IN THE TSUI PING ROAD PLAYGROUND, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG FESTIVAL '85 ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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CARNIVAL AND EXHIBITION IN TAI KOK TSUI  
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THE MONG KOK NORTH AREA CIVIC DAY FEATURING AN EXHIBITION ON CIVIC EDUCATION AND A CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD FOR 1 200 RESIDENTS IN MONG KOK TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON AT THE TONG MEI ROAD CHILDREN PLAYGROUND IN TAI KOK TSUI.

THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE NORTH AREA COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF THE +CIVIC EDUCATION 30+ CAMPAIGN WHICH AIMS AT ENHANCING RESIDENTS' CIVIC AWARENESS.

THERE WILL BE A VARIETY SHOW FEATURING CHINESE DANCES, MODERN DANCE AND A LION DANCE, AND AN EXHIBITION DEPICTING RESIDENTS' CIVIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES AS WELL AS THE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

GAMES STALLS WHICH ARE SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO PUBLICISE MESSAGES OF CIVIC EDUCATION WILL BE SET UP TO ATTRACT PARTICIPANTS OF ALL AGES.

DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR LAU TAK-KI, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT WHICH STARTS AT 2 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

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BALLET DEMONSTRATION IN KWAI CHUNG  
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A NUMBER OF BALLET CLASSES HAVE BEEN ARRANGED FOR CHILDREN LIVING IN KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT.

THE TRAINING CLASSES, ORGANISED BY THE NEWLY-FORMED TSING YI DISTRICT BALLET GROUP, WILL BE HELD IN CHEUNG CHING COMMUNITY CENTRE, TAI WO HAU COMMUNITY CENTRE, KAI KING COMMUNITY HALL AND SHEK YAM COMMUNITY HALL.

AS A TOKEN OF SUPPORT FOR BALLET ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN IN THE DISTRICT, THE DISTRICT OFFICE WILL PROVIDE THE VENUES FREE.

TO AROUSE CHILDREN'S INTEREST IN BALLET, A DEMONSTRATION WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) IN THE TAI WO HAU COMMUNITY CENTRE. MORE THAN 50 DANCERS WILL PERFORM VARIOUS BALLET EXERCISES AND DANCES.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, MR HO TUNG-CHING, AND DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN COAK, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE DEMONSTRATION.

A SIMILAR DEMONSTRATION WILL BE HELD NEXT SATURDAY (JANUARY 11) AT 2.30 PM IN THE CHEUNG CHING COMMUNITY CENTRE.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE DEMONSTRATIONS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE BALLET DEMONSTRATION TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) IN THE TAI WO HAU COMMUNITY CENTRE.

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PAINTING COMPETITIONS FOR TAI PO CHILDREN

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CHILDREN TALENTED IN PAINTING ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A SERIES OF COMPETITIONS STAGED AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN TAI PO.

THE COMPETITIONS ENTITLED +MY HOME+ ARE BEING HELD TO PROMOTE DISTRICT IDENTITY AND A SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG RESIDENTS.

THEY ARE PART OF A SERIES OF ON-GOING ACTIVITIES OF THE CURRENT TAI PO FESTIVAL.

THE FIRST PAINTING COMPETITION WILL TAKE PLACE AT TAI YUEN ESTATE TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON.

CHILDREN LIVING NEARBY ARE ALSO WELCOME TO BRING ALONG THEIR PAINTING EQUIPMENT TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR TALENT.

ATTRACTIVE PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE WINNERS.

OTHER COMPETITIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE SHUEN WAN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA ON JANUARY 5; TAI PO MARKET ON JANUARY 19 YUE KOK TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA ON JANUARY 25, AND THE KWONG FUK ESTATE ON JANUARY 26.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FIRST +MY HOME+ PAINTING COMPETITION IN TAI YUEN ESTATE AT 2 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

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OPEN JUDO COMPETITION FOR THE YOUNG IN FEBRUARY  
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THE 1985-86 JUDO DEVELOPMENT SCHEME FOR JUNIORS WILL CULMINATE IN A TERRITORY-WIDE COMPETITION TO BE HELD AT MACPHERSON STADIUM, MONG KOK, ON FEBRUARY 2.

THE SCHEME, CO-ORGANISED BY THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH AND THE HONG KONG JUDO ASSOCIATION, IS AIMED AT PROMOTING THE SPORT AND DISCOVERING YOUNG TALENTS.

A SERIES OF ELEMENTARY JUDO TRAINING COURSES HAD BEEN LAUNCHED IN THE PAST SIX MONTHS FOR ABOUT 300 YOUTHS.

THE COMPETITION IS OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS BETWEEN 10 AND 16 YEARS OF AGE WHO ARE HOLDERS OF YELLOW BELTS OR ORANGE BELTS.

PARTICIPANTS OF VARIOUS AGE GROUPS WILL BE SUBDIVIDED INTO DIFFERENT WEIGHT CATEGORIES. OUTSTANDING CONTESTANTS IN EACH SECTION WILL BE AWARDED PRIZES.

APPLICANTS SHOULD ATTEND A WEIGHT TEST ON JANUARY 31 AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM, FIRST FLOOR, QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM.

THE CLOSING DATE OF APPLICATION IS JANUARY 18.

FORMS AND FURTHER DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE MSB OFFICE ON THE 14TH FLOOR OF RUTTONJEE HOUSE, 11 DUDELL STREET, CENTRAL. FOR ENQUIRIES CALL 5-224415 OR 5-8913879.

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CARE FOR OLD CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED  
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ABOUT 1 000 SENIOR RESIDENTS OF WAN CHAI WILL ATTEND THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE DISTRICT'S +CARE FOR THE OLD+ CAMPAIGN TO BE HELD AT 2 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE TRUE LIGHT MIDDLE SCHOOL, TAI HANG ROAD.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE PROGRAMME WILL BE CANTONESE OPERATIC SINGING BY WELL-KNOWN ARTISTES.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR HO FAI.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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QUEEN'S PIER STOREROOM FOR RENT

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THE GOVERNMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE TENANCY OF THE EASTERN AND WESTERN STOREROOM AT QUEEN'S PIER, HONG KONG.

THE PROPERTY HAS A TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF 42 SQUARE METRES AND IS TO BE USED FOR STORAGE PURPOSES ONLY. TENANCY WILL BE FOR ONE YEAR AND MONTHLY THEREAFTER.

TENDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY NOON ON JANUARY 31 AND TENDER FORMS, TENDER NOTICES AND CONDITIONS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SECTION, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE PREMISES WILL BE OPEN FOR VIEWING FROM 10.30 AM TO NOON ON JANUARY 6 AND 13.

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YUEN LONG SITE UP FOR TENDER

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A SITE FOR A PRIVATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING A MARKET AND SHOPPING CENTRE AT YUEN LONG IS BEING OFFERED FOR TENDER BY THE GOVERNMENT.

THE 4 574 SQUARE-METRE SITE, KNOWN AS YUEN LONG TOWN LOT NO. 442, IS AT THE JUNCTION OF HOP CHOI STREET AND FAU TSOI STREET.

UNDER THE BUILDING COVENANT IT WILL HAVE TO BE DEVELOPED TO PROVIDE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF AT LEAST 16 322 SQUARE METRES BY MARCH 1990.

THE PLANS CALL FOR A MARKET, SHOPS, SUPERMARKETS AND RESTAURANTS ON THE GROUND AND FIRST FLOORS, NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING GODOWN) DEVELOPMENT OF THE SECOND FLOOR AND PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE REMAINING FLOORS.

TENDERS CLOSE AT NOON ON JANUARY 31. TENDER FORMS, TENDER NOTICES AND CONDITIONS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, SURVEY DIVISION, MURRAY BUILDING, FIFTH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, OR THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON, YAU MA TSI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

TENDER DOCUMENTS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF SHA TIN, TAI PO, YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN, TUEN MUN, SAI KUNG, NORTH AND ISLANDS.

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LAI CHI KOK ROAD TRAFFIC CHANGES  
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LAI CHI KOK ROAD BETWEEN CHEUNG SHUN STREET AND TAI NAN WEST STREET, EXCEPT THE SERVICE ROAD ON THE SOUTH-WEST BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF LAI CHI KOK ROAD, WILL BE MADE A RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY STARTING FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 6).

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE, VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS AND GOODS.

MEANWHILE, WITH EFFECT FROM 10 AM ON THE SAME DAY, THE EXISTING 7 AM TO 10 AM AND 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY RESTRICTION ON LAI CHI KOK ROAD BETWEEN CHEUNG LAI STREET AND TAI NAN WEST STREET WILL BE LIFTED.

TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A ROUNDABOUT AT THE JUNCTION OF MA CHAI HANG ROAD AND FUNG MO INTERCHANGE FLYOVER, SLIP ROAD B LEADING FROM FUNG MO INTERCHANGE FLYOVER NORTHBOUND TO LUNG CHEUNG ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON JANUARY 6 FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS.

TRAFFIC, INCLUDING KMB BUS ROUTES 2F AND 3C ON FUNG MO INTERCHANGE FLYOVER NORTHBOUND HEADING FOR LUNG CHEUNG ROAD EASTBOUND, WILL BE DIVERTED VIA MA CHAI HANG ROAD EASTBOUND, WONG TAI SIN ROAD SOUTHBOUND AND LUNG CHEUNG ROAD EASTBOUND.

KMB ROUTES 1 AND 11C ON FUNG MO INTERCHANGE FLYOVER NORTHBOUND HEADING FOR CHUK YUEN BUS TERMINUS WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE MA CHAI HANG ROAD WESTBOUND TO RESUME NORMAL ROUTEING.

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NIGHT CLOSURE OF SHAM TSENG INTERCHANGE  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT TWO ROAD SECTIONS AT SHAM TSENG INTERCHANGE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC NEXT WEEK TO FACILITATE ROAD WORK.

THESE ARE:

- \* THE SECTION OF THE SLIP ROAD FROM THE TUEN MUN BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TUEN MUN ROAD LEADING TO SHAM TSENG WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10 PM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 6) TO 5.30 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY. THE CLOSURE WILL BE REPEATED FROM 10 PM ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 7) TO 5.30 AM THE NEXT DAY.
- \* THE SECTION OF THE SLIP ROAD FROM SHAM TSENG LEADING TO THE TUEN MUN BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TUEN MUN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10 PM ON WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 8) TO 5.30 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY. THE MEASURE WILL BE IN FORCE AGAIN FROM 10 PM ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 9) TO 5.30 AM THE NEXT MORNING.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES FROM TSUEN WAN HEADING FOR SHAM TSENG AND VEHICLES FROM SHAM TSENG HEADING FOR TUEN MUN VIA TUEN MUN ROAD WILL HAVE TO TRAVEL ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

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ROAD CLOSURE IN FANLING

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ROAD 2506 IN ON LOK TSUEN, FANLING, WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 6) TO FACILITATE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORK.

THE MEASURE WILL LAST FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS.

MEANWHILE, FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 7) TO 10 AM ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 9), MAN WUI STREET BETWEEN MAN SING STREET AND FERRY STREET IN YAU MA TEI WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC TO FACILITATE ROAD REPAIR WORKS.

TRAFFIC ON MAN SING STREET SOUTHBOUND HEADING FOR FERRY STREET WILL BE DIVERTED VIA MAN YUEN STREET AND THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS TERMINUS ADJACENT TO MAN WUI STREET.

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SALT WATER CUT

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN HO MAN TIN WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9 AM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 6) TO 9 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES IN HO MAN TIN HILL ROAD AND HO MAN TIN STREET.

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