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STI TO ATTEND INFORMAL MINISTERIAL MEETING ON URUGUAY ROUND
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THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR JOHN CHAN, LEFT TODAY (MONDAY) FOR MEXICO WHERE HE WILL ATTEND AN INFORMAL MINISTERIAL MEETING ON THE URUGUAY ROUND OF MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS HELD UNDER THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE (GATT).

AT THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT PUERTO VALLARTA FROM APRIL 18 TO 20, MR CHAN WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE, MR T.H. CHAU; THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF HONG KONG TO GATT, MR KEITH BROADBRIDGE; AND THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE, MR PATRICK LAU.

THE MEETING IS THE LATEST IN A SERIES OF INFORMAL GATHERINGS OF TRADE AND ECONOMIC MINISTERS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GATT.

IT WILL BE ATTENDED BY DELEGATIONS FROM THOSE COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WHICH HAVE BEEN PLAYING AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE GATT URUGUAY ROUND OF MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

THE URUGUAY ROUND WAS LAUNCHED IN 1986 AND IS DUE FOR COMPLETION THIS DECEMBER. AGRICULTURE, TEXTILES AND CLOTHING, ANTI-DUMPING, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AND TRADE IN SERVICES ARE AMONG THE SUBJECTS COVERED BY THIS ROUND OF TRADE TALKS INVOLVING OVER 100 COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE MEETING WOULD BE SIMILAR IN NATURE TO THE LAST ONE WHICH TOOK PLACE IN TOKYO IN NOVEMBER, 1989.

"IT WILL BE A TIMELY GATHERING FOR MINISTERS TO REVIEW PROGRESS IN THE URUGUAY ROUND NEGOTIATIONS AND TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON ACCELERATING THE PACE OF THE TALKS IN GENEVA TO FACILITATE COMPLETION OF DRAFT FRAMEWORK AGREEMENTS COVERING THE 15 NEGOTIATING SUBJECTS BY JULY THIS YEAR," HE SAID.

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NOISE ABATEMENT WORK IN SCHOOLS OPEN TO TENDER
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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR NOISE ABATEMENT WORKS IN FOUR GROUPS OF SCHOOLS UNDER THE NOISE ABATEMENT PROGRAMME THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

A TOTAL OF 24 SCHOOLS WOULD BE INVOLVED.

THE WORKS ARE DEEMED NECESSARY TO MINIMISE NOISE CREATED BY TRAFFIC. THE WORK ON ONE SCHOOL IS TO ABATE AIRCRAFT NOISE.

THE WORKS WOULD INCLUDE INSTALLATION OF DOUBLE WINDOWS AND AIR-CONDITIONING UNITS TO CLASSROOMS AND SPECIAL ROOMS AFFECTED BY NOISE.

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IN SOME SCHOOLS, THE CONTRACTORS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO UNDERTAKE WORKS TO CONSTRUCT TRANSFORMER ROOM.

THE WORKS OF 13 SCHOOLS ARE SCHEDULED TO START IN JUNE AND BE COMPLETED IN AUGUST THIS YEAR WHILE WORK ON 11 SCHOOLS WOULD START IN JUNE AND BE COMPLETED IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR.

TENDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE CENTRAL TENDER BOARD BEFORE NOON ON APRIL 27, 1990.

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ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT RECRUITS NEW MEMBERS

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THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS) WILL START ITS ANNUAL RECRUITMENT EXERCISE TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE REGIMENT IS LOOKING FOR ABOUT 130 MALE RECRUITS AND 25 FEMALE RECRUITS THIS YEAR.

THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED SHOULD BE 18 YEARS OLD OR ABOVE, HAVE COMPLETED SECONDARY EDUCATION AND HAVE A REASONABLE KNOWLEDGE OF SPOKEN ENGLISH. THEY SHOULD ALSO HAVE REGULAR EMPLOYMENT AND SHOULD HAVE OBTAINED THEIR EMPLOYERS' CONSENT TO JOIN THE FORCE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE VOLUNTEERS SAID: "SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL RECEIVE TRAINING IN BASIC MILITARY SKILLS INCLUDING DRILL, HANDLING RIFLES AND SUB-MACHINE GUNS, AND USE OF VEHICLES AND ASSAULT BOATS. TRAINING IN OPERATING RADIO EQUIPMENT, AND IN MAP READING AND FIRST AID IS ALSO GIVEN."

"THIS NO DOUBT HELPS IN BUILDING UP ONE'S PHYSIQUE AS WELL AS CULTIVATING A MORE MATURE AND CAPABLE PERSONALITY.

"VOLUNTEERS WILL ALSO GAIN VALUABLE EXPERIENCE IN SUPERVISORY SKILLS, JUDGEMENT AND DECISION-MAKING," HE ADDED.

TRAINING FOR NEW RECRUITS WILL BE CARRIED OUT ON FOUR EVENINGS AND ONE WEEKEND PER MONTH FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE MONTHS. THEY WILL ALSO HAVE TO ATTEND TWO 9-DAY TRAINING CAMPS BEFORE PASSING.

THE MAJORITY OF TRAINING WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE SCENIC COUNTRY PARKS OF HONG KONG ISLAND AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ON COMPLETION OF BASIC TRAINING, VOLUNTEERS WILL TRAIN TWO EVENINGS AND ONE WEEKEND A MONTH. THERE ARE TWO CAMP PERIODS, ONE OF WHICH IS SPENT ON MANNING THE HONG KONG - CHINA BORDER.

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APPLICATION FORMS AND INFORMATION LEAFLETS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND THE REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS AT SPORTS ROAD, HAPPY VALLEY.

THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS JUNE 30, 1990.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE VOLUNTEERS' HEADQUARTERS ON 576 1371.

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\$14.51 MILLION EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE PAID TO FACTORY TENANTS

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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HAS SO FAR PAID OUT MORE THAN \$14.51 MILLION EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE TO 117 TENANTS OF CHEUNG SHA WAN FACTORY BLOCK ONE WHICH IS PLANNED FOR DEMOLITION THIS YEAR.

A HOUSING SPOKESMAN SAID THE AMOUNT REPRESENTS ABOUT 42 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL \$34.18 MILLION ALLOWANCE ALLOCATED TO HELP THE 254 TENANTS WHO ARE REQUIRED TO MOVE OUT OF THE BLOCK BEFORE JUNE 1.

A TOTAL OF 80 TENANTS HAVE ALSO SUCCEEDED IN GETTING ALTERNATIVE FACTORY UNITS TO CONTINUE THEIR BUSINESS IN RESTRICTED TENDERING EXERCISES SPECIALLY ARRANGED FOR THEM SINCE LAST YEAR WHEN IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE BLOCK WILL BE DEMOLISHED.

THEY INCLUDED FIVE TENANTS WHO SUCCEEDED IN TENDERING FOR ALTERNATIVE FACTORY UNITS IN A RECENT EXERCISE HELD AT TAI HANG TUNG COMMUNITY CENTRE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THIS WAS THE SEVENTH RESTRICTED TENDERING EXERCISE HELD FOR THE TENANTS AND A TOTAL OF 93 FACTORY UNITS OF VARYING SIZES LOCATED IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES WERE MADE AVAILABLE FOR TENDERING.

ALL OF THE UNITS TAKEN UP BY THE TENANTS IN THE EXERCISE WERE IN THE URBAN AREA AND MOST OF THEM WERE AWARDED TO BIDS EQUIVALENT TO THE UPSET MONTHLY RENT, INCLUDING RATES.

THESE UNITS, WITH AREAS RANGING FROM 19 TO 76 SQUARE METERS, WERE LET AT MONTHLY RENTS OF BETWEEN \$2,220 AND \$5,540.

"SOME TENANTS HAVE ALREADY MOVED OUT AND SURRENDERED THEIR UNITS TO THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT. NOTICES TO QUIT WILL BE ISSUED TO THE REMAINING TENANTS THIS WEEK," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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KAM YING COURT ON SALE UNDER PHASE 12A

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ABOUT 1 000 FLATS AT KAM YING COURT IN THE FAST DEVELOPING MA ON SHAN ARE CURRENTLY ON SALE UNDER PHASE 12A OF THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME.

RESIDENTS OF KAM YING COURT CAN ENJOY EASY ACCESS TO SHA TIN NEW TOWN AND THE CONVENIENCE OF CITY LIFE.

THEY CAN ALSO ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL SCENERY OF TOLO HARBOUR AND A PLEASANT LIVING ENVIRONMENT.

THE ENTIRE COURT WILL EVENTUALLY COMPRISE TEN NEW CRUCIFORM BLOCKS WITH 3 500 TWO-BEDROOMED AND THREE-BEDROOMED FLATS. ON SALE UNDER THE CURRENT PHASE ARE 1 050 FLATS IN BLOCKS 1, 2 AND 3.

WITH GROSS AREAS RANGING FROM 47.8 TO 76.8 SQUARE METRES AND SALEABLE AREAS FROM 37.3 TO 59.9 SQUARE METRES, FLATS ARE PRICED FROM \$304,700 TO \$609,200.

THE COURT WILL HAVE ITS OWN SHOPPING CENTRE OFFERING VARIOUS TRADES AND SERVICES TO CATER FOR THE DAILY NECESSITIES OF RESIDENTS WHILE THE SHOPPING CENTRES IN THE ADJACENT YIU ON ESTATE AND SHA TIN TOWN CENTRE ARE CONVENIENT SHOPPING ALTERNATIVES.

MOREOVER, A LARGE SHOPPING CENTRE WITH A WIDE RANGE OF SHOPPING AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IS PLANNED FOR COMPLETION IN MA ON SHAN IN THE 90'S FOR THE RESIDENTS.

BUS SERVICES TO KOWLOON AND SHA TIN KCR STATION ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BUS TERMINUS IN KAM YING COURT.

UPON THE COMPLETION OF THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL AND ROUTE 5, TRANSPORTATION LINK OF THE DISTRICT TO KOWLOON AND TSUEN WAN WILL BE FURTHER IMPROVED.

A KINDERGARTEN AND A PRIMARY SCHOOL WILL BE BUILT IN KAM YING COURT. THERE ARE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE SURROUNDING AREAS, PROVIDING SUFFICIENT SCHOOL PLACES FOR CHILDREN.

ASPIRING HOME BUYERS CAN VISIT A SHOW FLAT OF KAM YING COURT ON THE PODIUM OF WANG LOK HOUSE, WANG TAU HOM (II) ESTATE ADJOINING LOK FU SHOPPING CENTRE.

APPLICATIONS FOR HOS PHASE 12A WILL CLOSE ON APRIL 24.

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FOOD RETAILERS RECEIVED MOST COMPLAINTS

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MOST COMPLAINTS ABOUT INACCURATE WEIGHING OR MEASURING INSTRUMENTS WERE LODGED AGAINST FOOD RETAILERS, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED BY THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY).

SINCE THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ORDINANCE CAME INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 1989, THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED 126 COMPLAINTS, OF WHICH 88 WERE DIRECTED AGAINST RETAILERS OF FRUIT, VEGETABLES, SEAFOOD, POULTRY AND MEAT.

THE PRINCIPAL TRADE CONTROLS OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT'S TRADING STANDARDS INVESTIGATION BUREAU, MR ANDREW WONG, SAID THE REMAINING CASES WERE IN RESPECT OF BUSINESSES SUCH AS RESTAURANTS, DEPARTMENT STORES, SUPERMARKETS AND HAWKING.

"NEARLY ALL THE CASES WERE ABOUT THE USE OF INACCURATE WEIGHING AND MEASURING EQUIPMENT AND ON THE SHORT WEIGHT OF GOODS," HE SAID.

MR WONG SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAD SO FAR PROSECUTED 17 RETAILERS, WHO HAD BEEN FINED A TOTAL OF \$43,050.

THE LATEST CASES INVOLVED A FRUIT RETAILER, A FISH RETAILER AND A POULTRY RETAILER, WHO WERE FINED A TOTAL OF \$6,500 FOR USING INACCURATE WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS.

THE DEFENDANTS, WHO ALL PLEADED GUILTY, WERE MS HUI SIU-FONG, A FRUIT RETAILER AT 80 CHUNG ON STREET, TSUEN WAN; MR HO PING-LAM, A POULTRY RETAILER AT 10A POPLAR STREET, SHAM SHUI PO; AND MR CHOI KONG, THE OPERATOR OF A FISH STALL AT TO KWA WAN MARKET, 165 MA TAU WEI ROAD.

IN ALL THREE CASES, THE DEFENDANTS' WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS WERE FOUND TO BE INACCURATE ON PRELIMINARY CHECKS. TESTS BY THE GOVERNMENT LABORATORY LATER SHOWED THAT THE ERRORS RANGED FROM 18.75 PER CENT TO 20.16 PER CENT IN EXCESS OF THE ACTUAL WEIGHT.

MR WONG SAID ANY PERSON WANTING TO COMPLAIN ABOUT MALPRACTICES IN RESPECT TO WEIGHTS AND MEASURES SHOULD CONTACT EITHER THE TRADING STANDARDS INVESTIGATION BUREAU OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. 714 6146) OR THE CONSUMER COUNCIL.

"COMPLAINTS MAY ALSO BE MADE TO DUTY OFFICERS OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT ON 852 3185 AFTER NORMAL OFFICE HOURS.

"TO HELP PUBLICISE THE COMPLAINTS HOTLINE, THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT HAS DISPLAYED POSTERS IN PROMINENT PLACES IN ALL RETAIL AND WHOLESALE MARKETS IN THE TERRITORY," HE ADDED.

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TUNG LUNG CHAU PAMPHLET AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION

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TO ENABLE HOLIDAY MAKERS AND VISITORS TO TUNG LUNG CHAU TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MONUMENTS AND UNEARTHED RELICES ON THE ISLAND, A PAMPHLET HAS BEEN PRODUCED BY THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH.

ILLUSTRATED WITH PHOTOGRAPHS, MAPS AND DIAGRAM, THE BILINGUAL PAMPHLET GIVES AN ACCOUNT OF THE HISTORY OF AN OLD FORT SITUATED AT THE NORTHERN CORNER OF THE ISLAND.

THERE WILL ALSO BE AN INTRODUCTION OF THE STRIKING ROCK CARVING AT THE NORTHERN COAST OF THE ISLAND WHICH IS THE LARGEST ROCK CARVING KNOWN IN THE TERRITORY.

TUNG LUNG CHAU WAS CONSIDERED AN IMPORTANT STRATEGIC POINT AS LONG AS IN THE SUNG DYNASTY (960-1279 A.D.) BECAUSE JUNKS GOING TO GUANGZHOU USED TO SAIL THROUGH THE NEARBY PASSAGE OF THE FAT TONG MUN CHANNEL INTO THE SHELTERED WATERS OF HONG KONG.

AS THE PROBLEM OF PIRACY WAS VERY SERIOUS IN THE AREA DURING THE QING DYNASTY, A FORT WAS BUILT AT TUNG LUNG CHAU TO GUARD AGAINST PIRATES DURING THE REIGN OF EMPEROR KANG XI (1662-1722 A.D.).

THE FORT WAS ABANDONED IN 1810 A.D. BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTY IN KEEPING THE FORT SUPPLIED AND MAINTAINED ON AN ISLAND SO REMOTE FROM ITS HEADQUARTERS.

THE FORT WAS DECLARED AS A MONUMENT ON JULY 25, 1980 BECAUSE OF ITS HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE ON THE ADVICE OF THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD. THE RESTORATION WORK WAS COMPLETED IN APRIL 1982.

ADORNING THE NORTHERN COAST OF TUNG LUNG CHAU IS A 180 CM BY 140 CM ROCK CARVING WHOSE HISTORY CAN BE DATED TO THE DISTANT PAST. IT WAS RECORDED IN THE XIN-AN GAZETTEER COMPILED BY WANG CHONG XI IN 1819.

THE DESIGN OF THE CARVING, WHICH IS BELIEVED TO REPRESENT A DRAGON, CONSISTS OF COMPLICATED AND TORTUOUS LINES.

THE PAMPHLET INTRODUCING THE FORT AND THE ROCK CARVING ON TUNG LUNG CHAU IS NOW AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE AT VARIOUS DISTRICT OFFICES, MUSEUMS OF BOTH THE URBAN COUNCIL AND REGION COUNCIL, AND THE OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH.

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SPECIAL CELEBRATION FOR TIN HAU FESTIVAL

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A TWO-DAY CELEBRATION TO HONOUR SEAFARERS' PATRON GODDESS "TIN HAU" WILL BE HELD AT JOSS HOUSE BAY, SAI KUNG, STARTING ON TUESDAY (APRIL 17).

ABOUT 60,000 WORSHIPPERS AND SIGHTSEERS ARE EXPECTED TO FLOCK TO THE TIN HAU TEMPLE AT JOSS HOUSE BAY DURING THE PERIOD.

IN VIEW OF THE LARGE CROWD, THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR FREDERICK TONG, URGED WORSHIPPERS TO MAKE USE OF SEA TRANSPORT.

SPECIAL FERRY SERVICES WOULD BE ARRANGED BY THE HONGKONG & YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY TO TAKE WORSHIPPERS TO JOSS HOUSE BAY, HE SAID.

THE FIRST FERRY WILL DEPART NORTH POINT EAST FERRY PIER AT 10 AM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 17) AND THE LAST FERRY WILL LEAVE JOSS HOUSE BAY AT THE END OF THE FESTIVAL AT 4 PM THE NEXT DAY.

MR TONG POINTED OUT THAT SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE CARRIED OUT ALONG CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD AND THERE WOULD BE NO PARKING FACILITIES FOR THE PUBLIC.

HE ALSO REMINDED WORSHIPPERS THAT TAKING MORE THAN THREE BURNING JOSS STICKS INTO, AND THE BURNING PAPER OF OFFERINGS INSIDE, THE TEMPLE WERE PROHIBITED SO AS TO REDUCE FIRE RISKS. HOWEVER, SUFFICIENT INCINERATORS WOULD BE PROVIDED OUTSIDE THE TEMPLE FOR BURNING PAPERS AND JOSS STICKS.

MR TONG ALSO ADVISED WORSHIPPERS TO DISCARD RUBBISH AND INCENSE ASH IN LITTER BINS, AND NOT TO USE LOUD-SPEAKERS OR BROADCAST CASSETTE TAPES WITHIN THE TEMPLE AREA.

MR TONG, AND THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WILLIAM WAN, WILL ATTEND A WORSHIP CEREMONY AT THE JOSS HOUSE BAY TIN HAU TEMPLE AT 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 18), AND THEN CELEBRATE THE FESTIVAL AT LEUNG SHUEN WAN IN THE AFTERNOON.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WORSHIP CEREMONY FOR THE TIN HAU FESTIVAL AT JOSS HOUSE BAY, SAI KUNG, ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 18). TRANSPORT FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL LEAVE THE CARPARK OF SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES AT 34 CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN AT 9.30 AM SHARP.

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FESTIVAL TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS ON CHA KWO LING ROAD
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT SPECIAL TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON CHA KWO LING ROAD FROM 8 AM TO 6 PM ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 18) IN CONNECTION WITH THE TIN HAU FESTIVAL.

A SECTION OF CHA KWO LING ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH WING FOOK STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 900 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.

MOTORISTS ON WAI YIP STREET HEADING FOR THE YAU TONG AREA WILL BE DIVERTED TO TRAVEL VIA CHA KWO LING ROAD, ROAD CK1, LEI YUE MUN ROAD WESTBOUND, KWUN TONG ROAD WESTBOUND, ROUNDABOUT, KWUN TONG ROAD EASTBOUND AND LEI YUE MUN ROAD EASTBOUND.

CONSEQUENT UPON THE CLOSURE, U-TURNING FROM CHA KWO LING ROAD WESTBOUND ONTO CHA KWO LING EASTBOUND OUTSIDE THE CHUNG HWA SHIPYARD WILL BE PERMITTED.

THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS (SCHEDULED SERVICE) STAND FOR ROUTES 23, 23A AND 23B OUTSIDE HOUSE NOS. 179-193 CHA KWO LING ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED.

PASSENGERS ARE ADVISED TO MAKE USE OF THE APPROVED STOPPING PLACE IN FRONT OF THE SHELL OIL DEPOT ON WESTBOUND CHA KWO LING ROAD FOR BOARDING OR ALIGHTING ACTIVITIES.

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ENTRY TO TSUEN WAN DRAGON BOAT RACE TO CLOSE SOON
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ORGANISATIONS AND RESIDENTS WHO WISH TO TAKE PART IN THE TSUEN WAN DRAGON BOAT RACE SHOULD SEND IN THEIR APPLICATIONS TO THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE BEFORE APRIL 23.

THE EVENT IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE TSUEN WAN DRAGON BOAT RACE AND CO-SPONSORED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

THE RACE WILL TAKE PLACE ALONG A 300-METRE CHANNEL OFF THE WATERFRONT OF THE TSUEN WAN RIVIERA GARDENS ON MAY 27 (SUNDAY), BETWEEN 8 AM AND 1 PM.

THE RACE IS DIVIDED INTO LARGE-BOAT AND MEDIUM-BOAT DIVISIONS, WITH THE LATTER SUB-DIVIDED INTO MEN'S OPEN, WOMEN'S OPEN AND INVITATION SECTIONS.

ENTRY FORMS AND INFORMATION LEAFLETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 492 8364 OR 414 9662.

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SENDING OF HEAVY PARCELS AT POST OFFICES

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WITH EFFECT FROM APRIL 23, PARCELS WEIGHING UP TO 20 KILOGRAMS CAN BE POSTED AT ALL POST OFFICES, EXCEPT THE THREE MOBILE POST OFFICES, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR DOMINIC S.W. WONG, ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY).

THE COUNTRIES TO WHICH THESE HEAVY PARCELS CAN BE SENT ARE LISTED IN THE POSTAGE RATES AND SERVICES LEAFLET WHICH MAY BE OBTAINED AT ANY POST OFFICE FREE OF CHARGE.

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DISTRICT BOARD TO DISCUSS BILL OF RIGHTS

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THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE DRAFT HONG KONG BILL OF RIGHTS ORDINANCE 1990 AT A MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE DISTRICT'S CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES FOR THE 1991 DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

SOME MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO ASK QUESTIONS ON THE 1990-91 BUDGET, BEDSPACE APARTMENTS, AND POOR STREET ENVIRONMENT IN THE DISTRICT.

PROGRESS REPORTS BY THE DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMITTEES AND A REPORT OF THE LAST DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE TABLED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW IN THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM, 21ST FLOOR, SOUTHORN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, HONG KONG.

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SCHOOLS ENGLISH DRAMA PROJECT WINNERS' PERFORMANCE

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NINETEENTH CENTURY RUSSIA, THE PLANET VENUS, AND HEAVEN ARE THE IMAGINATIVE SETTINGS CHOSEN BY THREE SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR THEIR ENTRIES IN THE SCHOOLS ENGLISH DRAMA PROJECT.

AND THE HIGH QUALITY OF THEIR PERFORMANCES BEFORE A SCHOOL AUDIENCE HAS ENSURED THESE PLAYS A PLACE IN A SPECIAL GALA EVENING SHOW BEFORE AN INVITED AUDIENCE AT THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE ON THURSDAY (APRIL 19).

THE THREE SCHOOLS WERE AMONG 12 WHICH TOOK PART IN THE SCHOOLS ENGLISH DRAMA PROJECT WHICH IS SPONSORED BY THE HONG KONG LANGUAGE CAMPAIGN AND STEERED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE CHUNG YING THEATRE COMPANY. THE PROJECT AIMS AT ENCOURAGING SCHOOLS TO USE DRAMA AS A MEANS OF AROUSING INTEREST IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING.

"ALL THE SCHOOLS TAKING PART HAVE BEEN MOST ENTHUSIASTIC," SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE STEERING COMMITTEE. "THE JUDGES HAVE BEEN VERY IMPRESSED BY THE HARD WORK AND IMAGINATION THAT STUDENTS AND TEACHERS HAVE PUT INTO THEIR PRODUCTIONS - PARTICULARLY AS FEW OF THEM HAVE ANY PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE DRAMA.

"SEVERAL OF THOSE TAKING PART HAVE TOLD US THEY INTEND TO STAGE AN ENGLISH PLAY AGAIN NEXT YEAR."

THE THREE PRODUCTIONS SELECTED FOR THE GALA EVENING ARE "THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR", ADAPTED BY SACRED HEART CANOSSIAN COLLEGE FROM THE PLAY BY NIKOLAI GOGOL; "A VILLA ON VENUS", ADAPTED BY KWUN TONG GOVERNMENT SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL FROM A PLAY BY KENNETH LILLINGTON; AND "THE MAN WHO WOULDN'T GO TO HEAVEN" BY ST CLARE'S GIRLS' SCHOOL.

FOLLOWING SCHOOL PERFORMANCES OF THE 12 PLAYS, A JUDGING PANEL COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT, THE BRITISH COUNCIL AND THE CHUNG YING THEATRE COMPANY HAS MADE AWARDS TO SEVEN SCHOOLS FOR NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENT IN A PARTICULAR CATEGORY:

ORIGINALITY/INTERPRETATION	CARMEL PAK U SECONDARY SCHOOL, TAI PO
COMMUNICATION/DELIVERY	HO TUNG TECHNICAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS
ENTHUSIASM	ST CLARE'S GIRLS' SCHOOL
EXTENT OF PARTICIPATION	YAN CHAI HOSPITAL LIM POR YEN SECONDARY SCHOOL, TSUEN WAN
COSTUME	SACRED HEART CANOSSIAN COLLEGE

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KWUN TONG GOVERNMENT SECONDARY
TECHNICAL SCHOOL

LIGHTING AND SOUND

RHENISH CHURCH COLLEGE

"THE AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE GALA EVENING, WHEN ONE OF THE THREE SELECTED PLAYS WILL ALSO BE CHOSEN AS THE OVERALL BEST," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"ONE FURTHER AWARD, FOR THE BEST PRODUCTION DIARY, WILL BE MADE IN MAY. THIS WILL GIVE SCHOOLS TIME TO PUT TOGETHER WRITTEN AND PICTORIAL MATERIAL RELATING TO THE PRODUCTION."

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ALSO SAID THAT PLANS WERE BEING DRAWN UP FOR A REGULAR SCHOOLS DRAMA FESTIVAL TO BUILD ON THE MOMENTUM GENERATED BY THE PROJECT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SCHOOLS ENGLISH DRAMA PROJECT GALA EVENING WHICH WILL BE HELD IN STUDIO THREE, HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE, AT 7.15 PM ON THURSDAY, APRIL 19.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE EVENT ARE REQUESTED TO TELEPHONE MR HANNY LEE, SENIOR INFORMATION OFFICER, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, ON 839 2276 FOR ADMISSION TICKETS.

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FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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THE 1990 SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE IS INVITING LOCAL ORGANISATIONS TO APPLY FOR FUNDS TO ORGANISE YOUTH ACTIVITIES BETWEEN JUNE 23 AND SEPTEMBER 16.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID THE ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE FOR THOSE AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 25.

"THEY SHOULD AIM AT DEVELOPING THE YOUNGSTERS' POTENTIALS AND INTEREST; ENHANCING THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF HUMAN RELATIONSHIP AND THE COMMUNITY; AS WELL AS CULTIVATING AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE A GREATER SENSE OF COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY," HE NOTED.

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THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME IS "TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY AND TO SHARE THE FUN".

THE SUBSIDIES, WHICH WILL BE DONATED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, SHOULD BE USED FOR SPORTS, RECREATIONAL OR EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AT 37-39 TONKIN STREET AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

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TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS IN LAM TIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT, WITH THE PARTIAL OPENING OF THE LAM TIN TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE ON LEI YUE MUN ROAD OPPOSITE THE LAM TIN MTR STATION, A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 18).

THE INTERCHANGE WILL BE DESIGNATED A BAN ZONE 24 HOURS DAILY FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AND VEHICLES WITH HEIGHT OVER 4.2 METRES.

TO FACILITATE THE ACCESS OF BUSES TO THE BUS TERMINUS WITHIN THE INTERCHANGE, THE SECTION OF THE NEARSIDE LANE OF THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO THE LAM TIN TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE FROM A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH LEI YUE MUN ROAD TO THE LAM TIN TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE BUS TERMINUS WILL BE DESIGNATED A BUS LANE.

ALL VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE BUS LANE AND THE BUS TERMINUS 24 HOURS DAILY.

GENERAL TRAFFIC MAY MAKE USE OF THE GENERAL LOADING BAY SITUATED AT THE WESTERN END OF THE TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE FOR PICKING UP AND SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS. NO SUCH ACTIVITIES WILL BE ALLOWED BEYOND THE LOADING BAY 24 HOURS DAILY.

KMB BUS ROUTES 14, 14A, 14B, 14C, 14X, 15, 15A, 15B, 15C, 15X, 62X, 93M AND CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL ROUTES 601 AND 606 NOW STOPPING ON LEI YUE MUN ROAD EASTBOUND OUTSIDE THE INTERCHANGE WILL BE TEMPORARILY RESITED TO THE BUS BAYS INSIDE THE INTERCHANGE UNTIL THE FULL OPENING OF THE INTERCHANGE.

GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 24M PLYING BETWEEN SAM KA TSUEN FERRY AND LAM TIN MTR STATION WILL CEASE TO BE A CIRCULAR ROUTE AND WILL TERMINATE AT THE GREEN MINIBUS STAND IN THE INTERCHANGE.

TAXIS MAY MAKE USE OF THE TWO TAXI STANDS WITHIN THE INTERCHANGE FOR PICKING UP AND SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN NORTH POINT

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 18), THE EXISTING RIGHT TURNING FROM TIN CHIU STREET SOUTHBOUND ONTO KING'S ROAD WESTBOUND IN NORTH POINT WILL BE BANNED.

VEHICLES ON TIN CHIU STREET SOUTHBOUND HEADING FOR KING'S ROAD WESTBOUND MAY TRAVEL VIA MARBLE ROAD WESTBOUND AND KAM HONG STREET.

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN TUEN MUN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT IN CONNECTION WITH THE CELEBRATION OF THE TIN HAU FESTIVAL, SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN TUEN MUN AREA 12 FROM 8 AM TO 5 PM ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 18).

THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF ROADS WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC:

- * TIN HAU ROAD SOUTH OF SAN HOP LANE;
- * SAN ON STREET BETWEEN HING WONG STREET AND ITS SOUTHERN JUNCTION WITH HUNG CHEUNG ROAD;
- * HUNG CHEUNG ROAD BETWEEN ITS SOUTHERN JUNCTION WITH SAN PING CIRCUIT AND TIN HAU ROAD; AND
- * SAN PING CIRCUIT BETWEEN SAN YICK LANE AND SAN LIK STREET.

ALL PARKING SPACES AT HUNG CHEUNG ROAD CARPARK WILL BE SUSPENDED.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN CENTRAL

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE SECTION OF GARDEN ROAD BETWEEN LOWER ALBERT ROAD AND QUEENSWAY IN CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED FROM 1 AM TO 5.30 AM ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 18) TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TEMPORARY FOOTBRIDGE.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS ON GARDEN ROAD HEADING FOR CENTRAL WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LOWER ALBERT ROAD AND ICE HOUSE STREET.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURES IN SHA TIN

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE ENGINEERING WORK CARRIED OUT BY THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION ON THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TOLO HIGHWAY NEAR MA LIU SHUI, A SECTION (ABOUT 200 METRES) OF THE SLOW LANE OF THE CARRIAGEWAY WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED FROM 9 AM ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 18) TO 5 PM ON APRIL 20.

ON THE OTHER HAND, IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE INSTALLATION OF PRECAST BEAMS ON SHA TIN WAI ROAD, THE INNER-MOST AND CENTRE LANES OF WESTBOUND SHA TIN WAI ROAD BETWEEN NGAU PEI SHA STREET AND NGAN SHING STREET WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 18), THURSDAY AND FRIDAY.

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WATER CUT IN MONG KOK

FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN MONG KOK WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 18) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT CERTAIN PREMISES BOUNDED BY NATHAN ROAD, SOY STREET, FA YUEN STREET, NELSON STREET, YIM PO FONG STREET AND ARGYLE STREET, INCLUDING SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET SOUTH, TUNG CHOI STREET AND SHANTUNG STREET.

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