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GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT WITH PRIME MINISTER

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IN ANSWER TO PRESS QUERIES ABOUT THE PROGRAMME OF THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, DURING HIS VISIT TO LONDON FROM JANUARY 22 TO 28, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT THE GOVERNOR WOULD BE DISCUSSING HONG KONG MATTERS WITH OFFICIALS AND MINISTERS IN THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE AND WOULD TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER, MRS MARGARET THATCHER, ON JANUARY 28.

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METRIC CAMPAIGN IS BIG SUCCESS

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THE METRICATION COMMITTEE'S +METRIC 10 DAYS+ PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN WILL CLOSE TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

IN THE PAST NINE DAYS, MORE THAN 200 000 PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN THE VARIOUS METRIC-ORIENTED EVENTS PRESENTED BY THE CAMPAIGN, WHILE MANY THOUSANDS OF OTHERS SHARED THE FUN THROUGH THE MASS MEDIA.

TOMORROW'S FINISH TO THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE MARKED BY TWO MORE EXCITING EVENTS, THE LYRICS COMPETITION FINALS AND THE SCREENING OF THE GRAND FINALE TV VARIETY SHOW.

OUT OF MORE THAN 2 400 ENTRIES TO THE LYRICS COMPETITION, THREE OUTSTANDING PIECES WILL BE SELECTED AS WINNERS. THESE WINNING SONGS WILL THEN BE SUNG BY POPULAR SINGERS, YEUNG SIU-CHING AND JOHNNY YIP ON RADIO ONE, RTHK AT 7 PM TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE SONGS WILL ALSO BE USED AS RADIO TRAILERS FOR PROMOTING THE METRIC SYSTEM IN FUTURE.

THE $200 000 +THINK METRIC, GO METRIC+ TV VARIETY SHOW, OPENED BY THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MR P. JACOBS, AND PRODUCED BY RTHK BEFORE A PACKED ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL LAST NIGHT (FRIDAY), WILL BE SCREENED ON TVB-JADE AT 8.30 PM TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE HOUR-LONG SHOW STARS SUCH POPULAR ARTISTES AS AGNES CHAN, LESSIE CHEUNG, ROWENA CORTES, ELIZA CHAN, HUNG KAM-PO AND LAM KAR-WAH.

COMMENTING ON THE BIG RESPONSE PARTICULARLY BY THE YOUNGER GENERATION TO THE VARIOUS METRIC EVENTS, A METRICATION COMMITTEE SPOKESMAN SAID, +WE ARE VERY PLEASED THAT WE HAVE APPARENTLY PUT ACROSS OUR DESIRED MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

+THOUGH THIS PARTICULAR CAMPAIGN CONCLUDES TOMORROW, IT IS DEFINITELY NOT THE END OF THE METRICATION ROAD. IT JUST BRINGS US ONE STEP NEARER TO A MORE ADVANCED ERA.+

/THE $500 000 .....

THE $500 000 +METRIC 10 DAYS+ PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN, A RESULT OF NINE MONTHS' PREPARATION BY THE METRICATION COMMITTEE IN CONJUNCTION WITH VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND COMMERCIAL SPONSORS, WAS OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED ON JANUARY 14, AT THE WORLD WIDE PLAZA. OFFICIATING GUESTS INCLUDED THE COMMITTEE'S CHAIRMAN, MR JAMES WU; SENIOR UNOFFICIAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, THE HON R.H. LOBO AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CAMPAIGN'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MISS OPHELIA CHEUNG.

APART FROM THE TWO MAJOR FUNCTIONS TO BE STAGED TOMORROW, THE CAMPAIGN INCLUDED TWO METRIC GAMES DAYS, POSTER DESIGN AND GUESS THE CAN COMPETITIONS, NEWSPAPER AND RADIO QUIZZES, A SEMINAR, A TELEVISED NURSERY RHYME CONTEST, A 10-KILOMETRE RACE AND SPECIAL DISPLAYS AT 18 PUBLIC MARKETS IN HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ONE MAJOR ATTRACTION OF THE CAMPAIGN WAS THE FAMILY QUIZ HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HK TVB-ORGANISED NURSERY RHYME CONTEST. THE WINNER OF THE POPULAR QUIZ WILL BE AWARDED WITH A GOLD MEDAL WORTH $30 000, DONATED BY CHOW TAI FOOK JEWELLERY LTD.

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FURTHER SECTION OF KCR ENERGIZED

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FURTHER ENERGIZATION OF OVERHEAD LINE EQUIPMENT ON THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY WILL TAKE PLACE AS FROM 0001 HOUR ON MONDAY (JANUARY 24).

THE SECTION TO BE ENERGIZED COVERS THE ENTIRE FO TAN AREA AND NORTHWARDS TO A POINT BEYOND UNIVERSITY STATION, AT KM 15.818 ON THE RAILWAY FROM KOWLOON STATION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE KCR SAID ALL OVERHEAD WIRES ALONG THIS SECTION MUST BE CONSIDERED LIVE AT 25 000 VOLTS AT ALL TIMES.

+ONCE ENERGIZED IT WILL REMAIN PERMANENTLY ENERGIZED,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID, +AND ANYONE GETTING TOO CLOSE TO THE OVERHEAD WIRES OR TAMPERING WITH THE EQUIPMENT COULD BE SEVERELY INJURED OR KILLED.+

THE SECTION TO BE ENERGIZED WILL BE COMPLETELY FENCED IN.

THE SPOKESMAN WARNED THE PUBLIC, PARTICULARLY SCHOOL CHILDREN, NOT TO ATTEMPT TO DAMAGE THE FENCES IN ORDER TO TAKE SHORT CUTS WHICH COULD EASILY MEAN +A SHORT CUT TO DEATH+.

MEANWHILE, POSTERS ARE BEING PUT UP AT STRATEGIC LOCATIONS TO AROUSE PEOPLE'S AWARENESS OF HIGH VOLTAGE OVERHEAD WIRES.

THE ENERGIZATION OF THIS SECTION IS A STEP CLOSER TO THE COMMISSIONING OF THE SECOND STAGE OF ELECTRIFIED TRAIN SERVICES BETWEEN SHA TIN AND TAI PO LATER THIS YEAR, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

ENERGIZATION OF THE REMAINDER OF THE RAILWAY WILL FOLLOW IN PHASES AND THE ENTIRE RAILWAY UP TO LO WU IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETELY ELECTRIFIED THIS SUMMER.

/THE KCR .....

THE KCR ALSO ANNOUNCED THE CLOSURE OF AN OVERHEAD FOOTBRIDGE AT TAI PO MARKET STATION AS FROM MONDAY, JANUARY 24 TO FACILITATE PREPARATORY WORK FOR DEMOLISHING THE FOOTBRIDGE AND MAKE WAY FOR ERECTING OVERHEAD WIRES AT THE STATION.

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO GUIDE PASSENGERS TO USE TEMPORARY CROSSINGS AT THE STATION PLATFORMS.

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KWUN TONG ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN

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AN ANTI-NARCOTICS EXHIBITION AND CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD IN KWUN TONG TOMORROW (SUNDAY) TO PUBLICISE THE ILL EFFECTS OF DRUG ABUSE, ESPECIALLY AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT.

THE THREE-HOUR CARNIVAL, BEGINNING AT 2 PM AT THE YUET WAH STREET PLAYGROUND, WILL FEATURE GAME STALLS AND EXHIBITION STALLS ON NARCOTICS, A FILM SHOW AND FREE CONSULTATION ON DRUG MATTERS BY A MEDICAL DOCTOR.

THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, AND THE KWUN TONG COMMUNITY HEALTH PROJECT AS ONE OF THE 20-PLUS EVENTS IN THE MONTH-LONG KWUN TONG ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PETER PANG, AND THREE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

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CONFERENCE ON EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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A TWO-DAY CONFERENCE ON EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL HEADS WILL BE HELD AT THE END OF MARCH.

THE CONFERENCE, ORGANISED BY THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY'S SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND CONDUCTED IN CANTONESE, WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 30 AND 31 AT THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION IN GASCOIGNE ROAD, KOWLOON.

SCHOOL HEADS WHO WISH TO TAKE PART IN THE CONFERENCE SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR NAMES TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE AT 5/F, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 4.

PARTICIPANTS ARE LIMITED TO 200 AND WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE CONFERENCE MAY BE MADE TO MR C.L. HO ON TELEPHONE NO. 5-8392451.

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HONG KONG YOUNG MUSIC-MAKERS' TALENT QUEST

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THE FINAL CONTEST OF THE SECOND HONG KONG YOUNG MUSIC-MAKERS' TALENT QUEST WAS HELD AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL TONIGHT (SATURDAY).

COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM; DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, MR STUART WILKINSON; CHAIRMAN OF COMPOSER' AND AUTHORS' SOCIETY OF HONG KONG, MR MALCOM BARNETT; AND MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR, MR CLIVE OXLEY, OFFICIATED AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

THE VOCAL WINNERS, MISS LI SAU-LIN, MISS YUEN MIU-FUN AND MISS LEE YEE-MAN WERE AWARDED CASH PRIZES OF $3 000, $1 500 AND $500 RESPECTIVELY.

COMMENTING ON THE PERFORMANCE, AN ADJUDICATOR OF THE PANEL SAID THE STANDARD OF THESE AMATEUR SIGNERS WAS +MOST ENCOURAGING+.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RCD SAID, +IN VIEW OF THE SUCCESS OF THIS CONTEST, THE THREE CO-ORGANISERS ARE PLANNING AHEAD FOR THE THIRD HONG KONG YOUNG MUSIC-MAKERS' TALENT QUEST, TO PROMOTE FURTHER THE TALENTS OF LOCAL AMATEUR MUSICIANS.+

IN THE INSTRUMENTAL COMPOSITION GROUPS, THE WINNING COMPOSERS FOR THE CHINESE SECTION WERE MR. CHAN KAM BIU (COMPOSITION: GAME), MR DU HEY-CHOY (COMPOSITION: LANTERN FESTIVAL REVELRY) AND MR LEE WAN-HIP (COMPOSITION: STARS SO BRIGHT) WHO ALSO GAINED CASH PRIZES FOR THEIR WINNING COMPOSITIONS.

IN THE WESTERN INSTRUMENTS COMPOSITION, MR CHAN WAI-KWONG (COMPOSITION: DIVERTIMENTO FOR TWO FLUTES, CLARINET, BASSOON AND PIANO) WON THE FIRST PRIZE, FOLLOWED BY MR CHAN HAY-WAH (COMPOSITION: WANDERING AT THE PIER) AND MR LEUNG FAI-TO (COMPOSITION: POLIFONICA).

APART FROM THE CASH AWARDS DONATED BY THE COMPOSERS' AND AUTHORS' SOCIETY OF HONG KONG, ALL WINNERS OF THE THREE CATEGORIES WERE AWARDED CERTIFICATES.

THE TALENT QUEST WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND THE COMPOSERS' AND AUTHORS' SOCIETY OF HONG KONG.

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CHEUNG CHAU REFUSE BARGE SCHEME EXTENDED

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THE PILOT SCHEME BY WHICH CHEUNG CHAU'S HOUSEHOLD REFUSE IS SENT BY BARGE TO TSING YI ISLAND FOR DISPOSAL, LAUNCHED IN JANUARY LAST YEAR, HAS PROVED SUCCESSFUL.

THE SERVICE WILL, THEREFORE, BE EXTENDED FOR ONE YEAR STARTING APRIL, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

TENDERS ARE NOW BEING INVITED FOR THE SUPPLY OF A MOTORISED BARGE COMPLETE WITH CREW FOR TRANSPORTING REFUSE FROM CHEUNG CHAU TO TSING YI ISLAND.

THE BARGE IS REQUIRED TO TRANSPORT ABOUT 18 TONNES OF REFUSE IN BASKETS EVERYDAY.

THE ONE-YEAR CONTRACT IS WORTH ABOUT $560 000, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

TENDER FORMS FOR THE CONTRACT CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE SOUTH REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE NTSD AT THE 10TH FLOOR OF FOURSEAS BUILDING, 208-212 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

COMPLETED TENDER FORMS MUST BE PLACED IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX SITUATED IN THE LIFT LOBBY ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (EAST WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, BEFORE NOON ON FEBRUARY 18 (FRIDAY).

FURTHER ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE WITH THE SOUTH REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE NTSD ON TELEPHONE 3-7211837.

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LAND TO BE FORMED FOR HOUSING ESTATE

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ABOUT 13 HECTARES OF LAND WILL SOON BE FORMED IN SHEK WU HUI FOR A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS NOW INVITING TENDERS FOR THIS PROJECT AS WELL AS FOR THE FORMATION OF A 600-METRE LONG EMBANKMENT STRIP ON THE NORTHEAST SIDE OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY TRACKS FOR THE LAYING OF WATER MAINS BY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT.

WORK ON THE PROJECTS, EXPECTED TO START IN APRIL AND BE COMPLETED 15 MONTHS LATER, IS PART OF THE CONTINUING PROGRAMME FOR DEVELOPMENT OF FANLING/SHEK WU HUI NEW TOWN.

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TENDERS SOUGHT FOR ROAD WORKS

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THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS, DRAINAGE SYSTEMS AND ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPING IN THE KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION AREA.

THE WORKS WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT 1.5 KILOMETRES OF RAISED PLANTING BEDS AND SEWER AND STORMWATER DRAINAGE SYSTEMS IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE RECLAMATION AREA NEAR THE KAI TAK AIRPORT CARGO COMPLEX.

THE PLANTING BEDS WOULD FORM AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE LANDSCAPING WORK IN THE AREA WHILE THE DRAINAGE SYSTEMS WOULD SERVE THE ADJACENT DEVELOPMENT SITES AND THE TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN MARCH THIS YEAR AND BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

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291 PARKING METERS FOR SHAM SHUI PO

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A TOTAL OF 291 PARKING METERS WILL BE INSTALLED IN SHAM SHUI PO OVER A TWO-DAY PERIOD STARTING MONDAY (JANUARY 24).

THIS IS TO REGULATE THE USE OF ON-STREET PARKING SPACES IN THE AREA, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE PARKING METERS AT SHUN NING ROAD, FUK WING STREET, FUK WA STREET, HING WAH STREET AND CHEUNG WAH STREET WILL BE IN OPERATION FROM 9 AM THAT DAY.

METERS WILL BE IN OPERATION ALONG KWONG LEE ROAD, WAI WAI ROAD, TONKIN STREET AND CHEUNG FAT STREET FROM 9 AM ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 25).

MORE METERS WILL BE INSTALLED LATER THIS YEAR IN OTHER AREAS OF SHAM SHUI PO, TAI KOK TSUI, MONG KOK, FUNG WONG VILLAGE AND KWUN TONG.

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AIR-SUPPORT STRUCTURE AT FAN LING SWIMMING POOL

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FINISHING TOUCHES ARE NOW BEING PUT TO HONG KONG'S FIRST AIR-SUPPORT STRUCTURE, ERECTED OVER THE MAIN POOL OF THE FAN LING SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX.

WHILE THE STRUCTURE, IN THE FORM OF AN INFLATABLE DOME, HAS NOW COVERED THE MAIN POOL, OTHER CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED EARLY NEXT MONTH, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE $2.35 MILLION PROJECT WAS UNDERTAKEN BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE NTSD.

THE AIR-SUPPORT STRUCTURE PROVIDES A SHELTER FOR WINTER BATHERS IN THE HEATED MAIN POOL OF THE PUBLIC SWIMMING COMPLEX.

THE RE-OPENING OF THE COVERED AND HEATED POOL WILL BE ANNOUNCED AS SOON AS ALL CONSTRUCTION WORK INSIDE THE INFLATABLE DOME IS COMPLETED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE PRESS ARE INVITED TO TOUR THE FACILITIES AT 11 AM ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8.

TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED AND MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO USE THE TRANSPORT SHOULD CONTACT MR JOSEPH POON OF NTSD ON TELEPHONE 3-675847 BEFORE THE END OF THIS MONTH.

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FIRING PRACTICE

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE FROM MONDAY (JANUARY 24) TO FRIDAY (JANUARY 28).

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING.

THE DATES AND TIMES OF THE PRACTICE ARE:

DATE	TIME
JANUARY 24 (MONDAY)	8 AM TO 5 PM
JANUARY 25 (TUESDAY)	8 AM TO 5 PM
JANUARY 26 (WEDNESDAY)	8 AM TO 11 PM
JANUARY 27 (THURSDAY)	8 AM TO 5 PM
JANUARY 28 (FRIDAY)	8 AM TO 11 PM

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WATER SUPPLY CUT

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO ALL HOUSES IN TAI HOM VILLAGE AND SHEUNG YUEN LENG WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SIX HOURS FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 24) FOR WATER MAINS CONNECTION.

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