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GOVERNOR VISITS LABOUR DEPARTMENT

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAW FOR HIMSELF THE WORK DONE BY THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE AND THE HIGHER EDUCATION EMPLOYMENT SERVICE WHEN HE VISITED THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON.

SIR DAVID WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND, WHO SHOWED HIM ROUND THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS IN HARBOUR BUILDING, CENTRAL.

THE GOVERNOR WAS BRIEFED ON THE WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES PROVIDED TO EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS, AND YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE GETTING READY TO JOIN THE WORKFORCE.

IN 1987, ABOUT 1.1 MILLION VISITS WERE MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO THE 40 OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

ON THE LABOUR RELATIONS FRONT, SIR DAVID SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO NOTE THAT IN THE WHOLE OF HONG KONG THERE WERE ONLY 14 WORK STOPPAGES IN 1987, RESULTING IN NO MORE THAN 2,800 WORKING DAYS BEING LOST.

HOWEVER, THE NUMBER OF WORKING DAYS LOST AS A RESULT OF OCCUPATIONAL ACCIDENTS IN THAT YEAR WAS 780,000.

"THIS SHOWS THAT GREATER EFFORT NEEDS TO BE MADE TO ENSURE A HIGHER STANDARD OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY," HE SAID.

"IN THIS THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE HAS AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY. SO WILL THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COUNCIL."

DURING HIS VISIT, SIR DAVID WAS ALSO BRIEFED ON THE COMPREHENSIVE BODY OF LABOUR LEGISLATION COVERING CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT, SAFETY AND HEALTH AND EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION.

HE PRAISED THE DEPARTMENT'S SUSTAINED EFFORTS OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS TO IMPROVE LABOUR STANDARDS IN HONG KONG AND URGED THE DEPARTMENT STAFF TO CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS TO RAISE STANDARDS.

SIR DAVID THEN VISITED THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE WHICH OFFERS COURSES ON SAFETY AND HEALTH TO PEOPLE IN INDUSTRY. LAST YEAR, ABOUT 12,000 TRAINEES ATTENDED SUCH COURSES AT THE CENTRE. SIR DAVID SPOKE TO SOME OF THE TRAINEES AS HE WAS SHOWN ROUND THE CLASSROOMS.

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BEFORE CONCLUDING HIS VISIT, SIR DAVID CALLED AT THE HIGHER EDUCATION EMPLOYMENT SERVICE, WHICH PROVIDES EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE TO HONG KONG STUDENTS WITH POST-SECONDARY OR PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS, INCLUDING THOSE RETURNING FROM OVERSEAS.

HE ALSO SAW SOME JOB SEEKERS MAKING USE OF THE SERVICE AND A DEMONSTRATION OF COMPUTER JOB-MATCHING.

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ELECTORS RECEIVE POLL CARDS THIS WEEK

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ELECTORS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO TAKE PART IN THIS MONTH'S LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS WILL BE RECEIVING A POLL CARD BY THE END OF THIS WEEK.

"A TOTAL OF 16,833 POLL CARDS HAVE BEEN SENT OUT - 388 FOR ELECTORAL COLLEGE CONSTITUENCIES AND 16,445 FOR FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES," THE REGISTRATION OFFICER OF THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION, MR LAI KWAN-TAT, SAID.

"THE POLL CARDS CONTAIN INFORMATION ON WHERE AND WHEN AN ELECTION TAKES PLACE, AND THEY ARE SENT ONLY TO THOSE ELECTORS IN CONTESTED CONSTITUENCIES.

"IF VOTERS IN THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE CONSTITUENCIES, OR IN THE COMMERCIAL I, ACCOUNTANCY, MEDICAL AND HEALTH CARE FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES DO NOT RECEIVE A POLL CARD BY SEPTEMBER 12, THEY SHOULD ENQUIRE FROM THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION BY TELEPHONE AT 5-8932837," HE SAID.

MR LAI ADVISED ELECTORS TO BRING ALONG THEIR POLL CARDS TO THE POLLING STATIONS ON ELECTION DAY - SEPTEMBER 22.

"ALTHOUGH PRODUCTION OF THE POLL CARD IS NOT MANDATORY, IT CERTAINLY FACILITATES PROCESSING AND AVOIDS DELAY," HE SAID.

INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO VOTE AND THE CORRECT WAY TO MARK A BALLOT PAPER WILL BE SENT TO ELECTORS NEXT WEEK.

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ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION CONTINUING

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THE ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION TEAM HEADED BY THE DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF ACCIDENTS, MR PETER BIRKETT, IS CONTINUING ITS INVESTIGATION INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO THE ACCIDENT INVOLVING A TRIDENT AIRCRAFT AT HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LAST WEDNESDAY.

THE TEAM COMPRISES INSPECTORS OF ACCIDENT, MR PHILIP GILES AND MR PETER CLAUDEN FROM THE AIR ACCIDENTS INVESTIGATION BRANCH OF THE UNITED KINGDOM DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT; AND MR JAMES HUI, MR JEFFREY TO, MR EDDIE CHU, AND MR NORMAN LO FROM THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT, AND ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE, MR TANG ZHAOXUN (DIRECTOR OF FLIGHT SAFETY AND INSPECTION DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION OF CHINA), AND ADVISER, MR LU GUANGHUA (DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS OF THE CIVIL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION OF CHINA).

A SPOKESMAN SAID THE DETAILED AND COMPREHENSIVE INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED WOULD TAKE SOME TIME TO COMPLETE. NO PIECEMEAL RELEASE OF FINDINGS WILL BE MADE AS THIS WOULD ONLY CAUSE SPECULATION ON THE CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT WHICH WILL NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE IMPARTIALITY AND OBJECTIVITY OF THE INVESTIGATION.

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TIGER CUBS MAKE CONSERVATION HISTORY

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TWO TIGER CUBS AND TWO BEAR CUBS WERE AMONG 29 ANIMALS OF ENDANGERED SPECIES FLOWN TO ENDANGERED ANIMAL SANCTUARIES IN CHINA THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING.

THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME IN LOCAL CONSERVATION HISTORY THAT TIGERS WERE LANDED IN HONG KONG AND SENT FROM HERE TO A CITES-MEMBER COUNTRY.

THE YOUNG TIGERS ARE BELIEVED TO BE OF INDOCHINA ORIGIN WHILE THE TWO BEAR CUBS ARE MALAY SUN BEAR AND ASIATIC BLACK BEAR SPECIES.

THEY WERE CONFISCATED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN JULY AS A RESULT OF A COURT CASE IN WHICH A TAIWANESE SEAMAN WAS CHARGED WITH CRUELTY TO THE ANIMALS ON BOARD A FREIGHTER THAT STOPPED IN HONG KONG EN ROUTE TO TAIWAN FROM THAILAND.

IN THE SAME CONSIGNMENT SENT TO THE ENDANGERED ANIMALS BREEDING CENTRE IN PEKING WERE FIVE RHESUS MONKEYS, ONE LONG-TAILED MACAQUE AND ONE SLOW LORIS.

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ALSO LEAVING FOR CHINA THIS MORNING WERE 18 BURMESE PYTHONS WHICH WOULD BE CARED FOR BY THE CANTON OFFICE OF CHINA'S ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA IMPORT AND EXPORT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE.

THESE ANIMALS ARE PROTECTED UNDER THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) ORDINANCE WHICH ENFORCES THE SPIRIT OF THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA (CITES).

BOTH HONG KONG AND CHINA ARE PARTICIPANTS IN CITES, UNDER WHICH THEY HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO CONSERVE ENDANGERED BIRDS, ANIMALS AND PLANTS.

AT A BRIEF CEREMONY THIS MORNING, THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CONSERVATION AND COUNTRY PARKS), MR K.C. IU, HANDED OVER THE ENDANGERED SPECIES TO THE HONG KONG REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHINA'S ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA IMPORT AND EXPORT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, DR EDGAR LIENG.

SPEAKING AFTER THE CEREMONY, MR IU SAID: " TODAY'S OCCASION MARKS A FURTHER STEP FORWARD IN OUR LONG-TERM CLOSE CO-OPERATION WITH THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES IN THE WORLD EFFORT TO SAVE ENDANGERED SPECIES FROM EXTINCTION."

HE SAID THE RARE ANIMALS INVOLVED IN THE EXERCISE CAME INTO THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT AS A RESULT OF STRICT ENFORCEMENT OF HONG KONG'S CONSERVATION AND ANIMAL WELFARE LAWS.

MR IU POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS ILLEGAL TO IMPORT, EXPORT OR POSSESS AN ENDANGERED SPECIES WITHOUT A LICENCE ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

OFFENDERS WOULD BE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5,000 FOR A FIRST OFFENCE AND \$10,000 PLUS SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT FOR A REPEATED OFFENCE. IN ADDITION, THE SPECIMENS WOULD BE FORFEITED, HE ADDED.

TODAY'S CONSIGNMENTS WERE THE 16TH AND 17TH BATCHES OF LIVING ENDANGERED SPECIES TRANSPORTED TO CHINA SINCE 1984.

THE PREVIOUS 15 CONSIGNMENTS INVOLVED 225 RARE ANIMALS, INCLUDING BEARS, PYTHONS, CROCODILES, GIANT SALAMANDERS AND SERPENT EAGLES.

SINCE 1984, 141 LIVING RARE ANIMALS HAVE BEEN SENT TO SUCH COUNTRIES AS MALAYSIA, UNITED KINGDOM, THAILAND, UNITED STATES, WEST GERMANY AND DENMARK.

THESE ANIMALS INCLUDED ASIATIC BONY TONGUE FISH, MARMOSET AND SLOW LORIS.

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DEVELOPMENT DEADLINE FOR SHA TIN SITE EXTENDED

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL EXTEND FOR THREE MONTHS THE DEADLINE BEFORE WHICH THE PURCHASER OF A SHA TIN LOT HAS TO DEVELOP A HOSPITAL THERE.

THE LOT IN QUESTION WAS PURCHASED BY THE UNION MEDICAL CENTRE LIMITED IN 1982.

THE EXTENSION IS TO ENABLE EITHER DEVELOPMENT OF A HOSPITAL TO COMMENCE OR THE LOT TO BE SOLD FOR THAT PURPOSE.

THE EARLIER DEADLINE FOR DEVELOPMENT HAD BEEN SEPTEMBER 30 THIS YEAR BUT UNTIL NOW THE SITE HAS LAIN VACANT.

IF THE CONDITIONS OF THE THREE-MONTH EXTENSION ARE COMPLIED WITH, FURTHER EXTENSIONS AT THE USUAL PREMIUM WILL BE GRANTED UNTIL THE HOSPITAL IS COMPLETED.

IF THESE CONDITIONS ARE NOT MET, THE GOVERNMENT WILL RE-ENTER THE SITE AND DEVELOP IT. THE GOVERNMENT'S PRIMARY AIM IS FOR A HOSPITAL ON THIS SITE. RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN RULED OUT.

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PROCESSING OF TAXI TENDERS COMPLETED

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THE AVERAGE PREMIUM ACCEPTED IN THE LATEST TENDERS FOR 100 URBAN TAXI LICENCES IS \$694,443.13, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

THIS REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 15.57 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE AVERAGE OF \$600,886 IN THE LAST TENDER EXERCISE IN JANUARY THIS YEAR.

A TOTAL OF 212 TENDERS HAD BEEN RECEIVED WHEN TENDERS CLOSED ON AUGUST 5.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE HIGHEST TENDER ACCEPTED WAS \$694,661 AND THE LOWEST \$694,218.

DETAILS OF SUCCESSFUL TENDERERS AND THE AMOUNTS OFFERED WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL DECIDED IN JULY 1986 THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VEHICLES WHICH MIGHT BE REGISTERED AND LICENSED AS URBAN TAXIS SHOULD BE LIMITED TO 14,400 UNTIL JULY THIS YEAR.

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IN A REVIEW EARLIER THIS YEAR, THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL DECIDED THAT THE ISSUE OF NEW LICENCES FOR URBAN TAXIS WOULD CONTINUE AT A RATE OF NOT MORE THAN 200 PER YEAR.

THIS MEANT THAT THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES WHICH MIGHT BE REGISTERED AS URBAN TAXIS FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS WOULD BE LIMITED TO 14,800.

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POLICE INSTALLING NEW TELEPHONE EXCHANGE NETWORK

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THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE'S TELEPHONE SYSTEM, THE LARGEST IN GOVERNMENT, IS UNDERGOING A MAJOR REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME WHICH WILL SEE A NEW AND MODERN NETWORK OF TELEPHONE EXCHANGES INSTALLED FORCE-WIDE.

THE 44 NEW SYSTEMS RANGE FROM SMALL 50-LINE EXCHANGES AT SUB-DIVISIONS TO THE MASSIVE 3,500 LINE CAPACITY BEING INSTALLED AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS.

THE FIRST OF THE NEW TELEPHONE EXCHANGES IN THE REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME, WHICH WILL START OPERATING AT POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL LATER THIS YEAR, WILL HAVE A MAXIMUM CAPACITY OF 250 LINES.

MR. STUART READ, SENIOR STAFF OFFICER, IN-SERVICES MANAGEMENT AND FIXED COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION OF THE POLICE COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH, COMMENTED: "THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT LEAP FORWARD IN THE TELEPHONE SYSTEM OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE.

"TENDERS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED FOR ONE CONTRACT FOR ALL 44 EXCHANGES AND THE SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR WILL BE SELECTED SOON."

THE NEW EXCHANGES ARE PART OF THE INTEGRATED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM BEING INTRODUCED IN THE PROVISION OF THE SECOND GENERATION COMMAND AND CONTROL PROGRAMME.

SAID MR. READ : "THE FORCE TELEPHONE SYSTEM IS SOMEWHAT DECREPIT AND NEEDS REPLACING. EACH NEW POLICE STATION WHICH OPENS IS EQUIPPED WITH A MODERN TELEPHONE EXCHANGE. WE NOW HAVE A REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME FOR EXISTING BUILDINGS."

EACH OF THE NEW REGIONAL COMMAND AND CONTROL CENTRES IN HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL HAVE A SWITCHING CENTRE ASSOCIATED WITH IT WHILE THE OTHER 41 EXCHANGES WILL BE DIGITAL, SOFTWARE-CONTROLLED MODERN TELEPHONE SWITCHES.

A MAJOR FEATURE OF THE EXCHANGES AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, AND KOWLOON AND NEW TERRITORIES HEADQUARTERS, SAID MR. READ, WOULD BE THE CENTRALLY OPERATED SYSTEMS WHICH WOULD ALLOW CALLERS DIRECT ACCESS TO EXTENSIONS WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF GOING THROUGH AN OPERATOR.

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A DIRECTORY SERVICE FOR REFERRING CALLERS WOULD OPERATE SEPARATELY FROM THE DIRECT DIALLING SYSTEM.

ONE OF THE ADVANTAGES OF THIS FACILITY WOULD BE THAT CERTAIN VITAL LINES WOULD NOT BE SUBJECT TO TIME CONSUMING DELAYS BY ROUTINE CALLS.

"YOU WON'T GET AN OPERATOR UNLESS YOU REQUIRE AN OPERATOR," SAID MR. READ.

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TELEVISION SERVICES FOR HOTELS

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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS DECIDED TO PERMIT HOTEL TELEVISION SERVICES TO CARRY PAID ADVERTISING, AND THAT IN FUTURE HOTELS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO PROVIDE TELEVISION SERVICES ON A PAY-PER-VIEW BASIS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (THURSDAY) EXPLAINED THAT THE STANDARD CONDITIONS IN THE CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION LICENCE FOR HOTEL ENTERTAINMENT DID NOT PERMIT THE LICENSEE TO INCLUDE PAID ADVERTISING, NOR WAS THE LICENSEE ALLOWED TO CHARGE INDIVIDUAL VIEWERS ON A TIME BASIS.

"FOLLOWING THE LATEST DECISION, THESE RESTRICTIONS WOULD BE RELAXED SO THAT A WIDER VARIETY OF COMPETITIVE SERVICES CAN BE PROVIDED IN LOCAL HOTELS," HE SAID.

"THE SORT OF ADVERTISING TO BE PERMITTED WOULD HAVE TO COMPLY WITH PRESENT ADVERTISING STANDARDS NOW APPLIED TO LOCAL TELEVISION BROADCASTS.

"ADVERTISING OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED AND ADVERTISING OF ALCOHOL PRODUCTS WILL BE LIMITED.

"IN ADDITION, WHERE FILMS ARE SHOWN, ADVERTISING BREAKS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT APPLICATIONS FOR SUCH LICENCES WOULD ONLY BE PERMITTED WHERE THE SERVICE WAS TO BE PROVIDED IN HOTELS WITH 50 OR MORE GUEST ROOMS.

"THIS WILL PERMIT THE GREAT MAJORITY OF HOTELS REGISTERED WITH THE HONG KONG HOTEL ASSOCIATION AND THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION TO BE COVERED," HE SAID.

"SOME SERVICES TO HOTELS ARE NOW BEING PROVIDED UNDER STANDARD LICENCES AND THE LICENSEE WILL BE PERMITTED TO APPLY FOR A NEW LICENCE COVERING HIS OPERATION AND INCORPORATING THE NEW CONDITIONS."

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SAI KUNG DO VISITS RESIDENTS IN JUNK BAY

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MORE THAN 1,750 RESIDENTS IN JUNK BAY NEW TOWN HAVE SO FAR REGISTERED AS ELECTORS IN THIS YEAR'S VOTER REGISTRATION EXERCISE, BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS IN SAI KUNG DISTRICT TO NEARLY 17,000.

THESE FIGURES WERE GIVEN BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHRISTOPHER MUNN, WHO JOINED DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING IN THEIR VISITS TO HOUSEHOLDS IN THE PO LAM AND TSUI LAM ESTATES AS PART OF THE VOTER REGISTRATION EXERCISE.

MR MUNN DESCRIBED THE RESPONSE OF RESIDENTS IN JUNK BAY TO THE REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN AS "MOST ENCOURAGING, AND A SIGN THAT THE RESIDENTS ARE KEEN TO PARTICIPATE IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS".

MR MUNN SAID THAT LIAISON OFFICERS AND COMMUNITY OFFICERS HAD VISITED SOME 3,000 HOUSEHOLDS IN JUNK BAY SINCE THE MIDDLE OF LAST MONTH AND WOULD, BY THE END OF THE EXERCISE LATER THIS MONTH, HAVE BEEN TO EVERY HOUSEHOLD IN THE NEW TOWN.

"ALL THE RESIDENTS VISITED ARE NEW TO THE DISTRICT, WHICH IS WHY THE REGISTRATION EXERCISE IN JUNK BAY THIS YEAR HAS BEEN SO THOROUGH AND ENERGETIC," HE SAID.

MR MUNN NOTED THAT DURING THE VISITS DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE NEEDS OF THE RESIDENTS AND TO PAVE WAY FOR THE SETTING UP OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES.

"IN ADDITION TO THE 10,000 OR SO PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN LIVING IN THE VILLAGES AND SETTLEMENTS IN THE JUNK BAY AREA FOR MANY YEARS, SOME 15,000 NEW RESIDENTS HAVE MOVED INTO THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED PO LAM AND TSUI LAM HOUSING ESTATES IN THE PAST SIX MONTHS. ABOUT HALF OF THESE MOVED IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST ALONE.

"WITH SUCH A RAPID INTAKE OF POPULATION AND WITH CONSTRUCTION STILL GOING ON AROUND THEM, IT IS ONLY NATURAL THAT MANY NEW RESIDENTS WILL FACE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF DISRUPTION IN THEIR FIRST FEW MONTHS," HE EXPLAINED.

DURING THEIR VISITS, DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF HAVE ENCOURAGED RESIDENTS TO BRING UP PROBLEMS AND COMPLAINTS ARISING FROM THEIR NEW ENVIRONMENT.

PROBLEMS RAISED INCLUDE TEMPORARY SHORTAGES OF KINDERGARTEN PLACES, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, AND MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE NEW TOWN IN GENERAL AND DIFFICULTIES WITH TRANSPORT SERVICES AND SHOPPING FACILITIES IN THE TSUI LAM ESTATE IN PARTICULAR.

"COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS BY RESIDENTS ARE BEING TAKEN VERY SERIOUSLY BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING AND DAILY ADMINISTRATION OF THE NEW TOWN, AND MANY OF THE PROBLEMS WILL BE ALLEVIATED IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE," MR MUNN SAID.

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IN ADDITION TO THE THREE KINDERGARTENS ALREADY IN OPERATION IN THE PO LAM AND TSUI LAM ESTATES, ANOTHER THREE ARE DUE TO OPEN OVER THE NEXT SIX MONTHS.

"LANDSCAPING AND PLANTING WORK IS ALREADY PROCEEDING IN THE TWO ESTATES AND WOULD ENABLE ADDITIONAL RECREATIONAL FACILITIES TO BE INSTALLED IN THE COMING FEW MONTHS," MR MUNN SAID.

"A CLINIC WILL BE OPENED IN THE PO LAM ESTATE BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

"AND THE TRANSPORT AND SHOPPING PROBLEMS AT TSUI LAM WILL BE EASED CONSIDERABLY IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE COMMERCIAL CENTRE AND BUS STATION.

"MEANWHILE, TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE TO PROVIDE RESIDENTS OF TSUI LAM WITH DIRECT AND CONVENIENT TRANSPORT SERVICES TO THE URBAN AREA.

"THESE TEMPORARY SERVICES ARE BEING CAREFULLY MONITORED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AND THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY TO ENSURE THAT THEY MEET THE NEEDS OF THE RESIDENTS.

"SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS HAVE ALSO BEEN MADE TO PROVIDE A TEMPORARY MARKET IN THE ESTATE TO SERVE RESIDENTS UNTIL THE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX IS OPEN."

AS FOR THE FORMATION OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN THE TWO HOUSING ESTATES, THE DISTRICT OFFICE WILL ASSIST IN THE FORMATION OF SUCH COMMITTEES AND THE RECENT HOUSEHOLD VISITS HAVE ENABLED STAFF TO DO SOME OF THE PREPARATORY WORK.

MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES FORM A LINK BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND RESIDENTS; THEY BRING PROBLEMS AND SUGGESTIONS TO THE ATTENTION OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND PROVIDE RESIDENTS WITH A MEANS OF ORGANISING SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

"WE NEED TO GIVE RESIDENTS TIME TO SETTLE IN AND GET TO KNOW THEIR NEIGHBOURS, OTHERWISE IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO ELECT OFFICE-BEARERS," MR MUNN SAID.

"BUT WE THINK THAT ONE OR TWO OF THE BLOCKS - THOSE WHOSE RESIDENTS MOVED IN EARLIER IN THE YEAR - ARE READY TO FORM MAC'S. WE HOPE TO SEE PROGRESS IN THE NEXT MONTH OR TWO.

"JUDGING FROM THE ENTHUSIASM AND WILLINGNESS OF RESIDENTS TO CONTRIBUTE COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS WE HAVE SEEN OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS, I AM SURE THAT THERE WILL BE MANY PEOPLE INTERESTED IN TAKING PART," HE ADDED.

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CS VISITS TIN SHUI WAI DEVELOPMENT

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT, MR KENNETH KWOK, TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED THE DEVELOPMENT AT TIN SHUI WAI.

TIN SHUI WAI IS A NEW TOWN BEING DEVELOPED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN A JOINT VENTURE WITH A PRIVATE DEVELOPER (MIGHTYCITY COMPANY LTD) TO ACCOMMODATE A PLANNED POPULATION OF 140,000.

A MASSIVE QUANTITY OF FILLING MATERIALS IS REQUIRED FOR THE FORMATION OF THE SITE WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY OCCUPIED BY FISH PONDS.

LAND FORMATION WORKS ARE PROGRESSING UNDER A \$1 BILLION CONTRACT WHICH WAS WON BY A SINO/WEST GERMAN JOINT VENTURE COMPANY, CHINA STATE CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING CORPORATION/BILFINGER BERGER BAUACTINENGESELSHAFT.

SIR DAVID WAS BRIEFED BY THE PROJECT MANAGER, MR Y.Y. NG, AND CHIEF RESIDENT ENGINEER, MR HUGH CHILDERS, ON THE ENGINEERING WORKS IN PROGRESS.

THESE INCLUDED THE FORMATION OF THE SITE WHICH INVOLVES THE DREDGING OF SOME 20 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF SAND AT THE MOUTH OF DEEP BAY, THE TRANSPORT OF THE MARINE FILL BY BARGES AND ITS FINAL CONVEYANCE AND DEPOSITION ONTO THE SITE BY PUMPING THROUGH PIPELINES SOME SIX KILOMETRES LONG.

AROUND 750,000 CUBIC METRES OF SAND WILL BE DEPOSITED ON THE FORMATION EVERY MONTH IN THIS WAY.

SIR DAVID NOTED WITH INTEREST THE EFFICACY OF THIS TECHNIQUE WHICH WAS BEING USED IN HONG KONG NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT FOR THE FIRST TIME AND SEEMED TO OFFER GOOD POTENTIAL FOR FUTURE LARGE RECLAMATION/FORMATION PROJECTS.

HE WAS ALSO TOLD THAT THE LAND, WHICH WOULD BE FORMED AT A RATE OF 10 HECTARES PER MONTH, WOULD BE MADE READY IN STAGES TO ENABLE BUILDING AND INFRASTRUCTURAL WORKS TO PROCEED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

SITE INVESTIGATION WORKS FOR BUILDING DEVELOPMENT WERE CURRENTLY IN HAND AND PILING WORK WOULD COMMENCE BY THE END OF THIS YEAR. THE FIRST RESIDENTS WERE EXPECTED TO MOVE INTO TIN SHUI WAI IN EARLY 1992.

SIR DAVID WAS ALSO BRIEFED ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF LARGE STORMWATER CHANNELS AND DRAINAGE MEASURES TO PROVIDE FLOOD PROTECTION FOR THE LOWLYING VILLAGES NEAR THE FRINGE OF THE NEW TOWN.

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GRADING OF BEACH WATER QUALITY

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED THE LATEST GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF ALL BATHING BEACHES IN HONG KONG.

THE PURPOSE OF THE GRADING SYSTEM IS TO INFORM SWIMMERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT THE STATE OF BACTERIAL POLLUTION AT VARIOUS BEACHES.

THE GRADING IS BASED ON THE E. COLI DATA OBTAINED BY THE EPD IN ITS ROUTINE BEACH WATER QUALITY MONITORING PROGRAMME.

THE E. COLI DATA USED FOR GRADING ARE BASED ON THE MEDIAN VALUES OF THE MOST RECENT FIVE RESULTS, OBTAINED OVER A TWO AND A HALF MONTH PERIOD ACCORDING TO THE USUAL SAMPLING FREQUENCY.

THE GRADES FOR SOME BEACHES MAY FLUCTUATE. THIS REPRESENTS A NATURAL FLUCTUATION IN THE BACTERIAL QUALITY OF THE BEACHES IN MOST CASES, AS RAIN AND TIDES BRING MORE OR LESS POLLUTION TO THE SWIMMING AREAS.

NEVERTHELESS, THE GRADES GIVE A GOOD GENERAL PICTURE OF THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF BEACHES, AND FORM THE BEST AVAILABLE FORECAST OF BEACH WATER QUALITY IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

THE SYSTEM FOR GRADING BEACH WATER QUALITY IS AS FOLLOWS:

"A" GRADE INDICATES THE MEDIAN E. COLI COUNT IS BETWEEN 0-99 PER 100 MILLILITRES, AND THE WATER QUALITY IS GOOD.

"B" GRADE INDICATES THE MEDIAN E. COLI COUNT IS BETWEEN 100-999 PER 100 MILLILITRES, AND THE WATER QUALITY IS ACCEPTABLE.

"C" GRADE INDICATES THE MEDIAN E. COLI COUNT IS 1,000 OR MORE PER 100 MILLILITRES, AND THE WATER QUALITY IS POOR.

THE DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO CLOSE A BEACH TO SWIMMERS IS BASED ON A JUDGEMENT OF WHAT DEGREE OF POLLUTION IS ACCEPTABLE.

NORMALLY, A RECOMMENDATION ON CLOSURE WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED BY THE URBAN OR THE REGIONAL COUNCIL IF A "C" GRADING OCCURRED REPEATEDLY. SIMILARLY, A RECOMMENDATION TO REOPEN A CLOSED BEACH WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED IF A "B" GRADE OR BETTER WERE CONSISTENTLY OBTAINED.

AT PRESENT, FIVE BATHING BEACHES HAVE BEEN DECLARED UNSUITABLE FOR SWIMMING PURPOSES, BASED ON THE WATER QUALITY DURING PAST SEASONS.

/THESE BEACHES

THESE BEACHES ARE ANGLERS', CASTLE PEAK, SILVERMINE BAY, OLD CAFETERIA AND ROCKY BAY. THEY ARE POLLUTED BY FAECAL WASTES AND FAILED TO ACHIEVE CONSISTENTLY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION AND HONG KONG STANDARDS. THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED NOT TO SWIM IN THESE FIVE BEACHES. THEY ARE IDENTIFIED BY AN "X" IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE.

THE GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF VARIOUS BEACHES IN HONG KONG AS AT TODAY AND TWO WEEKS AGO ARE LISTED BELOW :

BEACH -----	LAST GRADING ----- (AS AT 25.8.88)	PRESENT GRADING ----- (AS AT 8.9.88)
HONG KONG SOUTH -----		
BIG WAVE BAY	A	A
CHUNG HOM KOK	A	A
DEEP WATER BAY	B	B
HAIRPIN	A	A
MIDDLE BAY	C	C
REPULSE BAY	C	C
SHEK O	B	B
SOUTH BAY	B	B
ST STEPHEN'S	A	A
TURTLE COVE	A	A
STANLEY MAIN	A	A
ROCKY BAY	X	X
TO TEI WAN*	A	A
ISLAND DISTRICT -----		
CHEUNG SHA UPPER	A	A
CHEUNG SHA LOWER	B	B
DISCOVERY BAY*	A	A

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HUNG SHING YEH	A	A
KWUN YAM WAN	A	A
TONG FUK	A	B
LO SO SHING	A	A
PUI O	B	B
SILVERMINE BAY	X	X
TUNG WAN, CHEUNG CHAU	B	B
TUNG O*	A	A

SAI KUNG DISTRICT

CAMPERS	A	A
CLEAR WATER BAY 1ST BEACH	B	B
CLEAR WATER BAY 2ND BEACH	B	B
HAP MUN BAY	A	A
KIU TSUI	A	A
PAK SHA CHAU	A	A
SILVERSTRAND	B	C
TRIO (HEBE HAVEN)	A	B

TSUEN WAN DISTRICT

ANGLERS'	X	X
APPROACH	B	B
CASAM	B	B
GEMINI	B	B
HOI MEI WAN	B	B
LIDO	B	B

/TING KAU

TING KAU	C	C
TUNG WAN, MA WAN	A	A
TUEN MUN DISTRICT		

OLD CAFETERIA	X	X
NEW CAFETERIA	B	B
CASTLE PEAK	X	X
KADOORIE	B	B
BUTTERFLY	B	B

NOTE: "X" THE BEACH HAS BEEN DECLARED UNSUITABLE FOR SWIMMING.
 * NON-GAZETTED BEACHES.

THE FOLLOWING BEACHES HAVE CHANGED GRADING ON THIS OCCASION:

TONG FUK AND TRIO (HEBE HAVEN), FROM "A" TO "B".

THE CHANGES ARE WITHIN THE NORMAL RANGE OF FLUCTUATION OF THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF THESE BEACHES.

SILVERSTRAND, FROM "B" TO "C".

THE USUAL GRADING OF SILVERSTRAND BEACH IS EITHER "A" OR "B".

THE BEACH IS AFFECTED BY STORMWATER DRAINS DISCHARGING IMPROPERLY TREATED SEWAGE EFFLUENT FROM THE BUILDINGS IN ITS HINTERLAND. THE RECENT HEAVY RAINS CAUSED THE POLLUTANTS IN THE STORMWATER DRAINS TO BE WASHED TO THE BEACH.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT DR CATHERINE LAM, ACTING PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER (WATER POLICY) OF EPD, AT 3-7211044.

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PROVISIONAL SFC DIRECTOR APPOINTED

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THE PROVISIONAL SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION LIMITED HAS APPOINTED MISS BARBARA MEYNERT AS A DIRECTOR OF THE COMPANY.

SHE WILL BE ASSISTING MR ROBERT OWEN, THE GOVERNMENT SECURITIES CONSULTANT, WHO, TOGETHER WITH THE SPECIAL UNIT OF THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH, IS WORKING ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PROPOSED SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REPORT OF THE SECURITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE.

MISS MEYNERT IS A MEMBER OF THE SECURITIES COMMISSION AND WAS UNTIL THE END OF LAST YEAR MANAGING DIRECTOR OF BARCLAYS DE ZOETE WEDD (ASIA) LIMITED.

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MAN KAM TO ROAD WIDENED

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THE NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC FLOW ON MAN KAM TO ROAD WILL BE CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED UPON THE OPENING OF THE WIDENED SECTION OF THE ROAD BETWEEN JOCKEY CLUB ROAD AND FU TEI AU ROAD FROM NOON TODAY (THURSDAY).

A SENIOR ENGINEER OF THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT, MR PETER SO, SAID THE SECTION WAS THE SECOND AND LAST STAGE OF THE SCHEME TO IMPROVE MAN KAM TO ROAD, FROM JOCKEY CLUB ROAD TO LIN MA HANG ROAD.

COMPLETION OF THE SCHEME WOULD EASE THE EXISTING DIFFICULTIES EXPERIENCED BY LOCAL TRAFFIC ON MAN KAM TO ROAD BETWEEN SHEUNG SHUI AND MAN KAM TO AS TWO LANES WERE NOW AVAILABLE FOR NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC, MR SO SAID.

THIS MEANT ANY QUEUEING OF CROSS-BORDER TRAFFIC WOULD BE SEGREGATED FROM THE LOCAL TRAFFIC WHEREBY THE INTERACTION OF THE TWO TYPES OF TRAFFIC IN THE AREA WAS REDUCED TO THE MINIMUM.

THE MAJOR PART OF THE OLD MAN KAM TO ROAD WAS A SUB-STANDARD TWO-WAY, TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY WITHOUT FOOTPATHS.

IN RECENT YEARS, THE RAPID GROWTH IN CROSS-BORDER TRAFFIC, PARTICULARLY OF HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES, HAS RESULTED IN SERIOUS CONGESTION AND RAPID ROAD SURFACES DETERIORATION.

THE PREDOMINANTLY HEAVY GOODS VEHICLE TRAFFIC AND THE LACK OF FOOTPATHS ALSO POSED A SAFETY HAZARD TO PEDESTRIANS.

/THE IMPROVEMENT

THE IMPROVEMENT SCHEME MAINLY INVOLVED THE WIDENING OF ABOUT THREE KILOMETRES OF A SIX-METRE, TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY TO A 10.3-METRE, THREE-LANE CARRIAGEWAY WITH BUS BAYS AT APPROPRIATE LOCATIONS.

WORKS ALSO INCLUDED THE BUILDING OF FOOTPATHS, RETAINING WALLS AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE WORKS; AND RECONSTRUCTION OF TWO BRIDGES, REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS AND A VEGETABLE STATION ALONG MAN KAM TO ROAD AFFECTED BY THE ROAD WORKS.

THE PROJECT COST ABOUT \$37 MILLION.

STAGE I INVOLVED THE SECTION BETWEEN FU TEI AU ROAD AND LIN MA HANG ROAD. IT BEGAN IN 1986 AND WAS COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR.

THE SECOND STAGE BEGAN IN OCTOBER 1986.

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EXHIBITION TO BEGIN EYE CARE CAMPAIGN
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AN EXHIBITION WHICH AIMS AT EDUCATING THE PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY SENIOR CITIZENS, ON PROPER EYE CARE WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 10) AT THE LOK WAH ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE, KWUN TONG.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPENED BY THE OUTGOING REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON), MR T.H. CHAU.

IT WILL LAUNCH THE TWO-WEEK KWUN TONG DISTRICT EYE-CARING CAMPAIGN FOR THE ELDERLY CO-ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD AND THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS.

ALSO ATTENDING THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE CAMPAIGN'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MRS WINNIE POON AND MR SAMMY POONE; KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHRIS WAN; CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, MR PAUL YU SHIU-TIN; AND PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION, MR JAMES TANG.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, SENIOR CITIZENS WILL BE GIVEN FREE EYE CHECK-UPS THERE BY OPTOMETRISTS FROM THE HONG KONG OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT EYE-CARING CAMPAIGN STARTING AT 11 AM ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 10) AT THE LOK WAH ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE IN CHUN WAH ROAD, NGAU TAU KOK.

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TUEN MUN TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT ON AGENDA
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THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DISCUSS THE DRAFT 1989-90 PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR TUEN MUN DISTRICT.

VIEWS OF RESIDENTS COLLECTED BY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE REFLECTED IN THE MEETING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING, SCHEDULED FOR 10 AM IN THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR, GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, NO. 1 TUEN TI ROAD, TUEN MUN.

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YUEN LONG DB TO RESUME MEETING
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MEMBERS OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD A RESUMED MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO CLEAR THE BACKLOG OF MATTERS CARRIED OVER FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD'S MEETING LAST MONTH.

ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE A CONSULTATION DOCUMENT ON WHETHER THE LAW ON HOMOSEXUAL OFFENCES SHOULD BE CHANGED AND PROGRESS REPORTS FROM THE BOARD'S NINE COMMITTEES.

QUESTIONS TO BE RAISED BY MEMBERS CONCERN VILLAGE EXTENSION AREAS, CONTROL OF FLOODLIGHTS AT PLAYGROUNDS AND DISPOSAL OF PREMISES AND FACILITIES OF VACANT SUBSIDISED PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S RESUMED MEETING TO BEGIN AT 10 AM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 13TH FLOOR, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

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CELEBRATION OF FESTIVAL ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) ACTIVITIES TO MARK THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TERRITORY'S FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY.

MEMBERS WILL CONSIDER A PROPOSAL BY THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE THAT THE DISTRICT BOARD PARTICIPATE IN A "SPECIAL OFFER" SCHEME FOR THE ELDERLY, INVOLVING SHOPPING, FACILITIES AND SERVICES.

PUBLICITY FOR THE FESTIVAL AND MESSAGES OF SHOWING RESPECT AND CONCERN FOR SENIOR CITIZENS WILL ALSO BE CONSIDERED.

MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROVISION OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES IN KWUN TONG, AND ON THE PROGRESS OF LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING STARTING AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, TUNG YAN STREET.

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VARIETY SHOW TO CLOSE TUEN MUN SYP

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THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME ORGANISING COMMITTEE WILL PRESENT A VARIETY SHOW FOR 1,400 RESIDENTS TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO MARK THE CLOSING OF THE DISTRICT'S THREE-MONTH SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

THE SHOW WILL BEGIN IN THE TUEN MUN TOWN HALL AT 8 PM AFTER A CLOSING CEREMONY.

OFFICIATING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY WILL BE THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN WAN; HEUNG YEE KUK CHAIRMAN, MR LAU WONG-FAT; TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR TSO SIU-WAI; DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MR STEPHEN LAM; POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER, MR WONG LAI-SUNG; AND SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER, MR TSE WAI-LOK.

/PERFORMANCES WILL

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PERFORMANCES WILL BE GIVEN BY THE CRYSTAL ZONE POP GROUP, POP SINGER MAK TAK-WOO, TUEN MUN CHILDREN'S CHOIR, TUEN MUN ARTS PROMOTION ASSOCIATION (DANCING), AND THE TUEN MUN JUNIOR POLICE CALL (JUDO).

BEARING THE SAME THEME AS LAST YEAR, "SHARE THE FUN, SERVE THE COMMUNITY", THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME THIS YEAR COST \$280,000, WHICH WAS MET BY FUNDS DONATED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

AROUND 430 EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES WERE ORGANISED DURING THE SUMMER VACATION.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROGRAMME INCLUDED THE GIRL GUIDES OUTDOOR CHALLENGE DAY IN THE TUEN MUN TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND AND A GOLD COAST CARNIVAL NEAR PEARL ISLAND.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT MORE THAN 50,000 YOUNG PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES.

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