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HONG KONG HAS FOURFOLD ATTRACTION TO BUSINESS

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HONG KONG'S SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE IN NORTH AMERICA TODAY (TUESDAY, OTTAWA TIME) GAVE A CANADIAN AUDIENCE FOUR REASONS ON TOP OF ITS FREE TRADING STATUS WHY THE TERRITORY CONTINUED TO ATTRACT FOREIGN BUSINESSMEN.

SPEAKING AT A SEMINAR ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG/CANADA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION IN OTTAWA, THE MINISTER FOR HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE AFFAIRS, MR PETER LO CITED HONG KONG'S GROWING ROLE AS A MARKET IN ITS OWN RIGHT; AS A LOCATION FOR MANUFACTURING COMPETITIVE PRODUCTS; AS A GATEWAY TO THE POTENTIALLY VAST ECONOMY OF CHINA; AND AS A BASE FROM WHICH TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION AS A WHOLE.

HE NOTED THAT IMPORTS FROM CANADA LAST YEAR INCREASED BY 39 PER CENT TO C\$923 MILLION, WHILE EXPORTS TO CANADA ROSE BY 16 PER CENT TO C\$396 MILLION. SOME 400 CANADIAN COMPANIES HAVE BUSINESS INTERESTS IN HONG KONG AND MOST OF CANADA'S MAJOR BANKS HAVE LOCATED THEIR REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS HERE.

"OUR GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION IS IDEAL," HE SAID. "WE HAVE EXCELLENT TRANSPORT AND TELECOMMUNICATION LINKS. WE HAVE ONE OF THE WORLD'S BUSIEST CONTAINER PORTS....WE ARE IN MANY WAYS A SERVICES CENTRE, IN PARTICULAR A FINANCIAL CENTRE, FOR THE REGION."

MR LO SAID THE TERMS OF THE SINO-BRITISH DECLARATION ON HONG KONG'S FUTURE HAD PROVED REASSURING TO BUSINESSMEN, ALLOWING FOR BUSINESS TO CONTINUE "JUST AS IT DOES TODAY".

ALREADY HONG KONG HAD BECOME A SEPARATE CONTRACTING PARTY TO GATT, A SEPARATE MEMBER OF THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL, HAD BEGUN NEGOTIATING ITS OWN AIR SERVICES AGREEMENTS, AND WAS SETTING UP ITS OWN SHIPPING REGISTER.

"ALL OF THESE ACHIEVEMENTS IN TRADE AND COMMUNICATIONS ARE, OF COURSE, VITAL TO UNDERPIN ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT OBJECTIVES OF THE JOINT DECLARATION -- THAT HONG KONG SHOULD MAINTAIN ITS INTERNATIONAL LINKS AND ITS OWN IDENTITY," HE SAID.

"THEY ARE THEREFORE IMPORTANT TO THE BUSINESSMAN CONSIDERING HIS DEALINGS WITH HONG KONG."

MR LO SAID HONG KONG'S RECENT DECISIONS ON THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT PROVIDED A FIRM BASIS FOR MAINTAINING HONG KONG'S HIGH DEGREE OF AUTONOMY AFTER THE TRANSITION IN 1997.

WHILE THERE WERE BOUND TO BE WORRIES ABOUT THE FUTURE, MR LO REFUTED SUGGESTIONS THAT HONG KONG WAS FACING "MASS EMIGRATION".

HE SAID A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF THOSE EMIGRATING DID SO TO OBTAIN AN INSURANCE POLICY IN THE FORM OF A NEW NATIONALITY SO AS TO "RETURN TO THEIR OWN CULTURE WITH AN INCREASED PEACE OF MIND".

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"WE ARE ALSO FORTUNATE IN THAT OUR STRONG ECONOMY AND STRATEGIC POSITION ALLOW US TO OFFSET ANY LOCAL LOSS WITH AN INCREASING NUMBER OF 'OVERSEAS BRAINS' STAYING AND WORKING IN HONG KONG," HE ADDED.

ON THE QUESTION OF CAPITAL OUTFLOW, MR LO SAID IT WAS A NATURAL PHENOMENON OF A STRONG ECONOMY THAT ENTREPRENEURS SHOULD DIVERSIFY, AND MUCH OF THE CAPITAL LEAVING HONG KONG WAS GOING INTO CHINA -- ACCOUNTING FOR MORE INVESTMENT THERE THAN ALL OTHER EXTERNAL INVESTORS IN CHINA PUT TOGETHER.

AT THE SAME TIME, THERE HAD BEEN NO DEARTH OF CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG. "LAST YEAR," HE SAID, "240 NEW FOREIGN FUNDED COMPANIES WERE REGISTERED IN HONG KONG (WHILE) RETAINED IMPORTS OF CAPITAL GOODS GREW BY 25 PER CENT."

MR LO CONCLUDED: "THE CONTINUING IMPORTANCE AND DYNAMISM OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION, AND THE POTENTIAL OF CHINA, PROVIDE A SOLID BASIS FOR THE CONTINUING PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG."

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GOVERNMENT COMMITTED TO IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE

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THE GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN HONG KONG AND THIS MEANS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE CREATION OF A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FREE FROM POLLUTION.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, AT THE OPENING OF "INTERNATIONAL WATERTech", THE FIRST WATER POLLUTION TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION STAGED IN THE FAR EAST.

"AS COUNTRIES IN THE REGION BEGIN TO RECOGNISE THE HUMAN AND ECONOMIC COSTS OF POLLUTION, THERE IS AN INCREASING NEED FOR TECHNOLOGY TO HELP THEM COMBAT THE GROWING THREAT TO THE ENVIRONMENT," MR CHAMBERS SAID.

AS A RESULT, HE ADDED, THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT HAD INCREASED ITS STAFFING AND EXPENDITURE BY OVER FOUR TIMES IN RECENT YEARS.

"SPECIAL ATTENTION IS NOW BEING GIVEN TO CONTROLLING THE DISCHARGE OF UNTREATED, SOMETIMES TOXIC, WASTES FROM FACTORIES AND THE UNCONTROLLED DISPOSAL OF LIVESTOCK WASTE," HE SAID.

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MR CHAMBERS SAID SCHEMES WERE ALSO BEING PREPARED TO TACKLE THE SEWAGE PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY IN THE OLDER URBAN AREAS, AND THE COST OF THE PROGRAMME WOULD BE AS MUCH AS \$10 BILLION OVER THE NEXT DECADE.

"INTERNATIONAL WATERTech" WILL BE HELD FROM TODAY TO MARCH 4 AT THE HONG KONG EXHIBITION CENTRE, CHINA RESOURCES BUILDING, WAN CHAI.

ITS AIM IS TO BRING TOGETHER EXPERTS, IN THE FIELDS OF INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT FROM AROUND THE WORLD TO EXAMINE WAYS OF COMBATING ASIA'S POLLUTION CONTROL AND WATER SUPPLY PROBLEMS.

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FS DUTY VISIT TO U.K.
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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, WILL LEAVE HONG KONG ON SATURDAY (MARCH 5) FOR A TWO-WEEK DUTY VISIT TO THE UNITED KINGDOM.

WHILE IN LONDON, MR JACOBS WILL RENEW CONTACTS WITH THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS OFFICIALS IN THE LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE, THE BANK OF ENGLAND, THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND THE TREASURY.

HE WILL ALSO DELIVER A SPEECH ON "THE INVESTMENT OUTLOOK FOR HONG KONG" TO THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION.

MR JACOBS MADE SIMILAR VISITS TO LONDON IN 1986 AND 1987.

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JLG TO MEET IN HK THIS MONTH
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THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE ANNOUNCED THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING THAT THE NINTH MEETING OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP ON HONG KONG WILL TAKE PLACE IN HONG KONG FROM MARCH 8 TO 11.

THE BRITISH TEAM WILL BE LED BY THE SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE, MR ROBIN MCLAREN, ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE (ASIA), FCO.

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OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH TEAM WILL BE THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO; THE POLITICAL ADVISER, MR DICK CLIFT; THE HEAD OF THE HONG KONG DEPARTMENT AT THE FCO, MR CHRISTOPHER HUM; AND A COUNSELLOR AT THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN PEKING, MISS ALYSON BAILES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH TEAM WILL BE ARRIVING BY FLIGHT BR 382, ETA 6.30 PM ON THURSDAY (MARCH 3) AND ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THEIR ARRIVAL.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE AIRPORT PRESS ROOM ON THAT DAY AT 5.45 PM.

DETAILS OF OTHER PRESS ARRANGEMENTS FOR COVERING THE JLG MEETINGS WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

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MEMORIAL TO SIR EDWARD YOUDE

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LADY YOUDE AND THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (TUESDAY) ATTENDED A SERVICE AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL WHICH MARKED THE DEDICATION OF A MEMORIAL TABLET TO THE LATE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE.

THE BISHOP OF HONG KONG, THE RT REV PETER KWONG, OFFICIATED AT THE SERVICE, WHICH WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY MANY MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE AND OTHER GUESTS.

THE MEMORIAL HAS BEEN INSTALLED IN ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL WITH FUNDS RAISED WITHIN THE CIVIL SERVICE TO MARK SIR EDWARD'S OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP OF THE CIVIL SERVICE DURING HIS TIME AS GOVERNOR.

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PADS STUDY LAUNCHED

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A \$44 MILLION STUDY TO PRODUCE A LONG TERM PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (PADS) FOR HONG KONG WAS LAUNCHED TODAY (TUESDAY) FOLLOWING THE SIGNING OF A CONSULTANCY AGREEMENT BY THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR GRAHAM BARNES.

SIGNING ON BEHALF OF THE CONSULTANTS WAS MR JOHN WHITEFIELD, DIRECTOR OF MOTT, HAY AND ANDERSON HONG KONG LIMITED WHO ARE WORKING IN ASSOCIATION WITH SHANKLAND COX.

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, MR BARNES SAID HONG KONG HAD FARED MIRACULOUSLY WELL WITH WHAT MANY HAD CONSIDERED FAR TOO LITTLE PLANNING, CERTAINLY MUCH BETTER THAN MANY COUNTRIES WHICH HAD ATTEMPTED TO PLAN MUCH MORE.

"SO THE AIM OF THIS STUDY TOO MUST NOT BE TO CHANNEL HONG KONG INTO AN ENORMOUS BOOM OR BUST SPECULATION PREDICATED ON A SUPPOSEDLY EVER-RISING PROSPERITY GRAPH, BUT TO PROVIDE A RANGE OF RATIONAL AND FEASIBLE COURSES OF ACTION AND A PROPER APPRECIATION OF THE CONSEQUENCES AND COSTS OF EACH.

"THAT WE HAVE TO INVEST HEAVILY AND EARLY IN BOTH PORT AND AT SOME STAGE THE AIRPORT IS BEYOND DOUBT, BUT THE EXTENT TO WHICH INVESTMENT CAN BE MADE TO SERVE THE TOTAL ECONOMY COULD WELL BE CRITICAL TO HONG KONG'S FUTURE.

"WITH THIS IN MIND A CRITICAL PART OF THESE STUDIES WILL BE THE INTERCHANGE WITH COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORT STUDY AND ALSO THE METROPLAN," MR BARNES SAID.

THE ENTIRE STUDY WOULD TAKE 22 MONTHS TO COMPLETE BUT, OVER THAT TIME, THERE WOULD BE CERTAIN MILESTONE EVENTS WHICH WOULD CALL FOR HIGH LEVEL DECISIONS AND GUIDANCE.

"IN PARTICULAR, WE WILL NEED TO COME TO AN EARLY DECISION ON WHERE TO SITE CONTAINER TERMINALS 8 AND 9 IN ORDER TO KEEP APACE WITH OUR RAPIDLY ESCALATING PORT TRADE.

"THE NEED FOR AN EARLY STRATEGY FOR BACK-UP LAND FOR THE CONTAINER PORT IS ALSO A CRITICAL SUB-ITEM," MR BARNES SAID.

THE STUDY WILL ASSUME A TIME HORIZON OF 2011 AND WILL PRODUCE ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES FOR TWO BROAD SCENARIOS. THE FIRST COMPRISES PORT EXPANSION AND THE RETENTION OF THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND THE SECOND COMPRISES PORT EXPANSION AND THE RELOCATION OF THE AIRPORT.

UNDER THE AIRPORT RELOCATION SCENARIO, TWO OPTIONS WILL BE EXAMINED.

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ONE WILL BE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK, NORTH LANTAU, IN WHICH THE GOVERNMENT HAS PREVIOUSLY UNDERTAKEN DETAILED STUDIES AND WHICH WILL NOW BE UPDATED.

THE SECOND IS A SITE ON RECLAIMED LAND TO THE EAST OF LANTAU ISLAND, A CONCEPT ADVANCED IN LATE 1986 BY A CONSORTIUM LED BY HOPEWELL HOLDINGS LIMITED.

AS A FURTHER ELABORATION, THE IMPLICATIONS OF COMMISSIONING A NEW AIRPORT BY EITHER 2001 OR 2011 WILL BE EXAMINED.

THE PADS STUDY HAS BEEN INITIATED IN THE REALISATION THAT THE EMPHASIS OF INVESTMENT IN THE 1990'S MUST SWITCH TOWARDS ENSURING THAT THE TERRITORY CAN PROVIDE EFFICIENT SERVICES TO UNDERPIN ITS ECONOMIC GROWTH, WHICH IS LIKELY TO BE INCREASINGLY RELATED TO DEVELOPMENT IN THE WIDER HINTERLAND.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE STUDY, THERE COULD BE UP TO FIVE RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES EACH OF WHICH WILL BE EVALUATED TO PROVIDE A BASIS FOR DECISION BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAVING REGARD TO OVERALL DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES AND POTENTIAL RESOURCE AVAILABILITY.

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CONTRACT TO BE AWARDED TO IMPROVE NT CIRCULAR ROAD

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT WILL AWARD A \$213 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A ROAD FROM FAIRVIEW PARK TO AU TAU AS PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

THE CONTRACT WILL BE SIGNED TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) BETWEEN THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS, MR HAROLD BEATON, AND THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CHINA FUJIAN CORPORATION FOR INTERNATIONAL TECHNO-ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION, MR HUANG XUNGENG.

A HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE \$1.3 BILLION NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WAS BEING CARRIED OUT IN FIVE PHASES.

THE FIRST FOUR PHASES INVOLVED THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 12-KILOMETRE-LONG HIGH CAPACITY TRUNK ROAD FROM FAN KAM ROAD TO AU TAU, RUNNING ALONG THE ALIGNMENT OF THE EXISTING CASTLE PEAK ROAD THROUGH KWU TUNG, SAN TIN, MAI PO AND SAN WAI. THE FIFTH PHASE WAS THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE AU TAU BYPASS.

THE WORKS COVERED BY THE NEW CONTRACT WOULD FORM THE FOURTH PHASE OF THE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

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THE ROAD UNDER THIS PHASE WOULD BE ABOUT THREE KILOMETRES LONG.

THE SECTION BETWEEN FAIRVIEW PARK AND THE FUTURE AU TAU BYPASS WAS DESIGNED AS A HIGH CAPACITY TRUNK ROAD WITH NO FRONTAGE ACCESS.

INITIALLY IT WOULD BE A DUAL TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY WITH A TWO-WAY SERVICE ROAD ON EACH SIDE.

PROVISION HAD BEEN MADE FOR ADDITIONAL LANES TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT A LATER DATE FOR WIDENING THE CARRIAGEWAY TO DUAL THREE-LANE.

THE REMAINING SECTION BETWEEN THE FUTURE AU TAU BYPASS AND AU TAU WAS DESIGNED AS A DISTRICT DISTRIBUTOR WITH A DUAL TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY.

A VEHICULAR UNDERPASS WOULD BE PROVIDED AT FUNG KAT HEUNG AND VEHICULAR OVERBRIDGES WOULD BE PROVIDED ACROSS THE KAM TIN RIVER AND THE FUTURE AU TAU BYPASS.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FACILITIES WOULD BE PROVIDED AT POK WAI, MO FAN TSUEN, SHA PO AND AU TAU.

OTHER ASSOCIATED WORK WOULD INCLUDE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, LANDSCAPING AND ROAD LIGHTING.

CONSTRUCTION WOULD START SOON AND BE COMPLETED IN LATE 1990.

THE FIRST PHASE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WAS FROM FAN KAM ROAD TO PAK SHEK AU. IT WAS OPENED TO TRAFFIC IN APRIL LAST YEAR.

THE SECOND PHASE, FROM PAK SHEK AU TO MAI PO, AND THE THIRD PHASE, FROM MAI PO TO FAIRVIEW PARK, WERE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND WERE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY EARLY 1989 AND EARLY 1990 RESPECTIVELY.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIFTH PHASE, AU TAU BYPASS WAS SCHEDULED TO START IN LATE 1989 FOR COMPLETION BY 1992.

UPON FULL COMPLETION, THE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY RELIEVE CONGESTION ALONG CASTLE PEAK ROAD. IT WOULD BECOME PART OF A DIRECT ROUTE FOR TRAFFIC BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA VIA THE BORDER CROSSING AT LOK MA CHAU WHICH WAS BEING CONSTRUCTED AND DUE FOR COMPLETION AT THE SAME TIME AS THE SECOND PHASE, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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CUSTOMS WINS BATTLE AGAINST FAKE GOODS

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THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS AGAINST COMMERCIAL COUNTERFEITING HAVE NOT ONLY WON UNANIMOUS APPLAUSE ABROAD, BUT HAVE ALSO WIPED OUT HONG KONG'S NOTORIOUS NAME AS A CENTRE OF COUNTERFEIT GOODS.

THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR K.S. TONG, SAID THIS TODAY (TUESDAY) AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG NORTHWEST.

REVIEWING COUNTERFEITING ACTIVITIES IN HONG KONG, HE SAID COMMERCIAL COUNTERFEITING WERE NOT, AS RUMOURS ALLEGED, CONFINED ONLY TO HONG KONG OR SOUTHEAST ASIA. THE MANUFACTURING PLACES OF AND THE MARKETS FOR COUNTERFEITS SPREAD ALL OVER THE WORLD.

MR TONG ALSO COMPARED THE HARMFUL EFFECTS BROUGHT ABOUT BY COMMERCIAL COUNTERFEITING TO THOSE OF THE GLOBAL DRUG MENACE, NOTING THAT THE VOLUME OF COUNTERFEIT GOODS TRADE HAD ACCOUNTED FOR ALMOST THREE PER CENT, OR US\$60 BILLION, OF THE TOTAL GLOBAL TRADE IN RECENT YEARS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD WALKED A THORNY PATH OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS IN FIGHTING COUNTERFEIT GOODS AND HAD MADE REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS.

"THE NUMBER OF PROSECUTIONS INVOLVING FAKE GOODS HAS INCREASED FROM 330 IN 1982 TO 889 LAST YEAR, AND THE VALUE OF SEIZURES INCREASED FROM \$16 MILLION TO \$56 MILLION.

"MOST OF THE GOODS SEIZED ARE GARMENTS, LEATHER GOODS, WATCHES, FOOD STUFFS, ELECTRONIC CALCULATORS, COMPUTER PARTS, PATENT MEDICINES AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS. THEIR RETAIL PRICES IN THE LOCAL MARKET ARE 50 PER CENT TO 90 PER CENT CHEAPER THAN THE GENUINE ONES."

COMMENTING ON THE ONCE SERIOUS PROBLEM OF HAWKING OF COUNTERFEIT GOODS, MR TONG SAID THE SELLING OF SUCH GOODS BY HAWKERS IN THE STREET WAS NOW CLOSE TO TOTAL ELIMINATION.

"THE YEAR 1985 WAS A VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR IN STRIKING AT HAWKERS SELLING FAKE GOODS WHEN A MAJOR OPERATION WAS LAUNCHED IN APRIL AND A SPECIAL OPERATION UNIT SET UP IN MAY TO CONDUCT RAIDS ON HAWKERS.

"BY JULY 1985, NEARLY 90 PER CENT OF STREET HAWKERS NO LONGER TOOK PART IN THE SELLING OF COUNTERFEIT GOODS. A TOTAL OF 385 HAWKERS WERE PROSECUTED AND \$1.6 MILLION WORTH OF COUNTERFEIT GOODS SEIZED DURING THE YEAR.

"AS A RESULT OF VIGOROUS CUSTOMS ACTIONS AGAINST MANUFACTURERS OF COUNTERFEIT GOODS IN 1985, SOME OF THEM WERE FORCED TO MOVE THEIR BASE TO CHINA, AND SMUGGLED THEIR PRODUCTS BACK FOR SALE OR RE-EXPORT."

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TURNING TO COMPUTER COUNTERFEITING, MR TONG NOTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST COUNTERFEIT COMPUTERS WERE UNEQUALLED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

"ACTIONS WERE TAKEN IN 1985 AND 1986 AGAINST SOME 200 SHOPS SELLING FAKE COMPUTERS, RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF COMPUTERS AND PARTS VALUED AT ABOUT \$400,000."

HOWEVER, HE POINTED OUT THAT ONE OF THE GREATEST DIFFICULTIES IN TAKING CRIMINAL ACTIONS AGAINST COMPUTER COUNTERFEITERS WAS THE NEED TO ASCERTAIN THE LEGAL COPYRIGHT HOLDERS WHO MUST THEN WITNESS AGAINST THE IMITATORS AND ASSIST IN IDENTIFYING THE AUTHENTICITY OF GOODS.

"ONLY ABOUT 10 OUT OF THE EXISTING MORE THAN 50 GENUINE COMPUTER DEALERS IN THE WORLD ARE IN THE POSITION TO TESTIFY AGAINST THOSE ILLEGAL IMITATORS.

"THE SAME SITUATION ALSO HAPPENS TO THE PROPERTY RIGHT OWNERS OF SOME PRESTIGIOUS HANDBAGS AND GARMENTS. WITHOUT THEIR CO-OPERATION, OUR HANDS ARE TIED TOWARDS SOME KNOWINGLY COUNTERFEIT PRODUCTS AND OUR WORK CANNOT PROGRESS."

MR TONG WARNED THAT COMMERCIAL COUNTERFEITING WAS ALSO EXTENDED TO THE MARKET OF HOUSEHOLD NECESSITIES, POSING A THREAT TO THE HEALTH OF THE PUBLIC.

"SEVERAL SYNDICATES AND WORKSHOPS MANUFACTURING COUNTERFEIT PACKAGED RICE, DETERGENTS, SOYA SAUCE AND EVEN MINERAL WATER AND DISTILLED WATER WERE SMASHED BY CUSTOMS IN 1986," HE ADDED.

"THE VALUE OF COUNTERFEIT GOODS SEIZURES REACHED A RECORD HIGH OF \$66 MILLION IN 1986 AND MORE RESOURCES WERE RE-ALLOCATED IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR TO ATTACK MANUFACTURERS AND SUPPLIERS OF SUCH GOODS.

"CONSEQUENTLY, A TOTAL OF 210 CASES OF MANUFACTURING OF FAKE GOODS WERE DETECTED IN 1987, WITH SEIZURES AMOUNTED TO \$30 MILLION."

ALTHOUGH NEW WAYS IN THE MARKETING OF COUNTERFEIT GOODS WERE ADOPTED RECENTLY, MR TONG SAID SUCH ACTIVITIES WERE CLOSELY MONITORED AND WOULD BE GIVEN A HARD BLOW BY THE DEPARTMENT.

HE ALSO REMINDED THOSE WHO TRAVEL ABROAD NOT TO BRING BACK COUNTERFEIT GOODS, NOTING THAT SOME 200 INCOMING PASSENGERS WERE ARRESTED LAST YEAR FOR SUCH OFFENCES.

WITH THE CO-OPERATION AND SUPPORT OF THE PUBLIC AND PROPERTY RIGHT OWNERS OF GENUINE GOODS, MR TONG WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE DEPARTMENT COULD BE EVEN MORE SUCCESSFUL IN THE FIGHT AGAINST COMMERCIAL COUNTERFEITING IN HONG KONG.

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ACCIDENTS INVOLVING LIGHT GOODS VEHICLES INCREASE

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THE INCREASE IN INVOLVEMENT OF LIGHT GOODS VEHICLES IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INDICATES AN AREA WHERE GREATER ENFORCEMENT IS REQUIRED, MR PEDRO CHING, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRAFFIC OF THE POLICE FORCE SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

RELEASING THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS REPORT FOR LAST YEAR, MR CHING SAID THE NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING LIGHT GOODS VEHICLES (5611) WAS THE HIGHEST AMONG ALL TYPES OF VEHICLES.

IN 1987, LIGHT GOODS VEHICLES ACCOUNTED FOR 23.4 PER CENT OF ALL ACCIDENTS AND 28.4 PER CENT OF ACCIDENTS INVOLVING FATALITIES, COMPARED WITH 20.1 PER CENT AND 25.4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN 1986.

MR CHING POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE 17 FEWER FATAL ACCIDENTS IN 1987 THAN IN 1986 - 272 COMPARED WITH 289, OR A DROP OF 5.9 PER CENT.

THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO DIED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS ALSO DECREASED FROM 310 TO 281, DOWN BY 9.4 PER CENT.

HOWEVER, OVERALL TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS CAUSING DEATH AND INJURY (16,037) INCREASED BY 8.8 PER CENT OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR. THERE WAS ALSO AN 11 PER CENT RISE IN THE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES (21,563).

THESE WERE THE FIRST INCREASES SINCE 1982 AND CONFIRMED THAT THE FIGURES WHICH LEVELLED OFF TOWARDS THE END OF 1986 WERE NOW RISING AGAIN, MR CHING SAID.

PEDESTRIANS REMAIN THE HIGHEST GROUP AT RISK IN FATAL ACCIDENTS, ACCOUNTING FOR 77.6 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL FATALITIES AS AGAINST 68.7 PER CENT FOR 1986.

MR CHING SAID MOST PEDESTRIANS INVOLVED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS WERE INJURED WHEN THEY WERE CROSSING THE ROADS.

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FORUMS FOR TAI PO CANDIDATES
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THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE WILL HOLD SIX FORUMS FROM FRIDAY (MARCH 4) TO INTRODUCE CANDIDATES IN THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS TO VOTERS.

THE CANDIDATES WILL PRESENT THEIR PLATFORMS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR.

RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE FORUMS AND TO ASK QUESTIONS.

DETAILS OF THE FORUMS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

CONSTITUENCY -----	DATE/TIME -----	VENUE -----	CANDIDATE -----
TAI PO CENTRAL	MARCH 4 (FRIDAY) 8 PM	TAI YUEN COMMUNITY HALL, TAI YUEN ESTATE	MR TANG PUI-TAT MR CHENG CHUN-PING MR WONG YUNG-KAN MR TSUI SIU-KEUNG
TAI PO NORTH EAST	MARCH 4 (FRIDAY) 8 PM	SHUEN WAN EU TONG SEN SCHOOL, SHUEN WAN	MR CHAN KOON-YAU MR CHEUNG TIN-FUK MR PETER LEE KEE-FAT
TAI PO SOUTH AND SAI KUNG NORTH	MARCH 5 (SATURDAY) 8 PM	TAI PO COMMUNITY CENTRE, HEUNG SZE WUI STREET	MR YAU FOOK-PING MR LAM CHUNG-KWONG MR HO TAI-WAI MR WONG MUK-LIN
TAI PO EAST	MARCH 5 (SATURDAY) 8 PM	FU SHIN COMMUNITY HALL, FU SHIN ESTATE	MR SO CHI-KEUNG MR MO YUK-FAI MR TSUI SZE-KIT MR CHAN PING
TAI PO NORTH	MARCH 7 (MONDAY) 8 PM	LAM TSUEN PUBLIC SCHOOL FIRST SCHOOL, LAM TSUEN	MR CHEUNG HOK-MING MR CHAN HING
TAI PO SOUTH EAST	MARCH 7 (MONDAY) 8 PM	KWONG FUK COMMUNITY HALL, KWONG FUK ESTATE	MR CHOW FONG MR LEE HO-FAI MISS TONG SHUK-YIN MR WONG YIU-CHEE

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FORUMS.

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EMPLOYERS URGED TO RELEASE STAFF TO VOTE

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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDDY CHAN, TODAY (TUESDAY) CALLED ON EMPLOYERS IN THE DISTRICT TO RELEASE THEIR STAFF TO VOTE ON DISTRICT BOARD ELECTION DAY.

"IT IS A VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR REGISTERED VOTERS TO EXERCISE THEIR CIVIC RIGHT TO ELECT A CANDIDATE WHO WOULD WORK TOWARDS IMPROVING THEIR WELL-BEING," MR CHAN SAID.

"THE VOTING PROCEDURE IS VERY SIMPLE AND WILL TAKE ONLY A FEW MINUTES, BUT THE IMPLICATIONS ARE SIGNIFICANT AND FAR-REACHING," HE STRESSED.

MR CHAN URGED EMPLOYERS TO SUPPORT THE ELECTIONS BY GIVING THEIR STAFF SOME TIME OFF DURING WORK TO VOTE SO THAT THEY COULD AVOID THE PEAK HOURS IN THE EVENING.

TWENTY-FOUR POLLING STATIONS IN THE DISTRICT WILL BE OPEN FROM 7.30 AM TO 10.30 PM ON MARCH 10.

LETTERS CONTAINING MR CHAN'S APPEAL HAVE BEEN SENT TO INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE DISTRICT WHICH HAVE MORE THAN 200 WORKERS.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE OVER 7,000 INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS EMPLOYING MORE THAN 163,000 WORKERS IN KWUN TONG.

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FEAST FOR TUEN MUN ELDERLY

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MORE THAN 1,100 OLD PEOPLE TONIGHT (TUESDAY) ATTENDED A BANQUET AND WERE TREATED TO A CANTONESE OPERATIC SONGS PERFORMANCE ORGANISED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT RESPECT FOR THE AGED ASSOCIATION.

THE OLD FOLKS WERE ALSO EACH GIVEN A LAISSEE PACKET AND A GIFT PACK. THE OLDEST MALE AND FEMALE PARTICIPANTS, AGED 98 AND 94 YEARS RESPECTIVELY, WERE AWARDED A GOLDEN PEACH EACH WHILE THE OTHER 20 OLDEST PEOPLE WERE PRESENTED WITH A SOUVENIR.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION, MR WONG SHUE, SAID AT THE BANQUET THAT MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION HAD PAID VISITS TO 150 SINGLE ELDERLY RECEIVING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND HELPED TO CLEAN THEIR FLATS DURING THE PAST TWO MONTHS.

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HE SAID THE ASSOCIATION WOULD ALSO ORGANISE PHOTOGRAPHY, DRAWING AND SLOGAN COMPETITIONS FOR STUDENTS TO AROUSE THEIR LOVE AND CONCERN FOR THE ELDERLY LATER THIS YEAR.

ACTIVITIES CATERING FOR THE OLD PEOPLE WILL ALSO BE ORGANISED. THESE INCLUDE A GOOD FRIENDS AWARD SCHEME, A TRAINING SCHEME FOR THE AGED VOLUNTEERS AS WELL AS A SPORTS DAY ORGANISED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

OFFICIATING AT TONIGHT'S FUNCTION WILL BE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN SELBY; LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR LAU WONG-FAT; DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MR LAM WING-CHEUNG; DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR SIT HO-YIN; AND REV. HAU PO-WOON OF CHING CHUNG KOON TAOIST MONASTERY.

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EASTERN DB TO DISCUSS FLYOVER PROJECT

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT HAS STUDIED A NUMBER OF WAYS TO MODIFY THE PROPOSED LAU SIN STREET FLYOVER TO MINIMISE ITS POSSIBLE ADVERSE EFFECTS TO THE PUBLIC.

THE STUDY WAS CARRIED OUT IN RESPONSE TO RESIDENTS' OBJECTION TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FLYOVER. THE DEPARTMENT WILL SEEK THE VIEWS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD ON THE SCHEME AT THE BOARD'S MEETING ON THURSDAY (MARCH 3) AFTERNOON.

THE MODIFICATIONS CONSIDERED INCLUDE CHANGING THE ROAD SURFACE FROM CONCRETE TO BITUMINOUS MATERIALS; CHANGING THE PROPOSED OPEN STEEL ROAD SAFETY BARRIERS TO SOLID CONCRETE SAFETY BARRIERS; ERECTING THREE-METRE HIGH NOISE SCREENS; AND ERECTING A TRANSLUCENT ENCLOSURE TO COVER THE SECTION OF FLYOVER ADJACENT TO THE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS.

ALSO, DR K.C. LAM, A CHINESE UNIVERSITY LECTURER IN CHARGE OF CONDUCTING A TRAFFIC NOISE SURVEY IN EASTERN DISTRICT, WILL PRESENT THE FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY AT THE MEETING.

THE SURVEY WAS ORGANISED BY THE NOISE POLLUTION SURVEY WORKING GROUP OF THE BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE TO ESTIMATE TRAFFIC NOISE EXPOSURE AND TO ASSESS THE DEGREE OF ANNOYANCE OF TRAFFIC NOISE TO RESIDENTS.

THE SENIOR HOUSING MANAGER (CLEARANCE), MR JACKIE CHAN, WILL ALSO BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE PROGRESS OF THE SHAU KEI WAN FOOTHILLS (WEST) CLEARANCE.

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OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE POSTAL SERVICE IN QUARRY BAY AREA AND THE SECURITY PROBLEMS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DESIGN OF CORRIDORS IN PHASE III OF WAN TSUI ESTATE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY (MARCH 3) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, FIRST FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD.

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KOWLOON CITY DB TO MEET

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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD ITS CURRENT TERM'S LAST MEETING ON THURSDAY (MARCH 3) TO REVIEW A NIGHT-TIME TELEPHONE ENQUIRY RECORDING SERVICE TRIAL SCHEME.

THE PILOT SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED LAST SEPTEMBER AND UP TO FEBRUARY 12 THIS YEAR, A TOTAL OF 68 TELEPHONE CALLS WERE RECEIVED. OF THESE CALLS, 22 WERE GENUINE COMPLAINTS OR REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE AND WERE REFERRED TO DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE STANDARDISATION OF FLOOR NUMBERING AND WATER WORKS AND FLUSH WATER SUPPLY IN MAN TAI STREET, HUNG HOM.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.15 PM ON THURSDAY (MARCH 3) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, TO KWA WAN.

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SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE TO MEET

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THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO DISCUSS THE PROGRESS OF VARIOUS CIVIC EDUCATION ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

THESE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE AN INTER-SCHOOL DEBATE CONTEST, AN EXHIBITION ON "AIDS", THE OPENING OF THE CIVIC EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE, A CHRISTMAS FUN FAIR AND DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLICITY MATERIAL ON CIVIC EDUCATION.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO STUDY A PROGRESS REPORT ON DISTRICT BOARD-SPONSORED SOCIAL ACTIVITIES HELD IN YUEN LONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD WHICH WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT 3 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD, 13TH FLOOR, TAI KIU GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

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KOWLOON CITY CHILDREN'S CHORUS TO HOLD CONCERT

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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CHORUS WILL HOLD ITS FOURTH ANNUAL CONCERT AT THE KO SHAN THEATRE ON SUNDAY (MARCH 6) AFTERNOON.

FREE TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AT KAU PUI LUNG ROAD; ITS SUB-OFFICES AT BULKELEY STREET AND HO MAN TIN ESTATE AND THE MUSIC OFFICE AT 138 AUSTIN ROAD.

THE 30-MEMBER CHORUS WILL PERFORM 20 PIECES OF MUSIC INCLUDING FOLK SONGS, HYMN, CLASSICAL MUSIC AND A SPECIALLY-COMPOSED 'KOWLOON CITY SONG', WHICH WILL BE SUNG OUT TOGETHER WITH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND GUESTS.

AIMED AT ENHANCING CHILDREN'S INTEREST AND STANDARD IN MUSIC, THE CHORUS WAS SET UP IN 1982 WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD, VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS.

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MEANWHILE, THE CHORUS IS INVITING CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN FOUR AND 16 RESIDING OR STUDYING IN KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT TO JOIN THE SINGING GROUP.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS TWO SUB-OFFICES. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-7110171 EXTENSION 33.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CHORUS ANNUAL CONCERT TO BE HELD AT 3 PM ON SUNDAY (MARCH 6) AT THE KO SHAN THEATRE, TO KWA WAN.

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DANCING, SINGING TO CLOSE NEW YEAR ACTIVITIES
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THE TAI PO DISTRICT LUNAR NEW YEAR PROGRAMME WILL BE CONCLUDED TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) WITH A DANCING AND SINGING NIGHT AT THE TAI PO CIVIC CENTRE.

STARTING AT 8 PM, THE EVENT WILL FEATURE DANCES BY MEMBERS OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION AND STUDENTS OF KINDERGARTENS AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT, AS WELL AS SONGS BY POP SINGERS.

THE LUNAR NEW YEAR PROGRAMME WAS ORGANISED BY DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TAI PO DISTRICT LUNAR NEW YEAR PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE 1988. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL HAD GIVEN ASSISTANCE AND THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD HAD PROVIDED SPONSORSHIP.

THE PROGRAMME WAS AIMED AT PROMOTING A SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG RESIDENTS AND CULTIVATING A FESTIVE ATMOSPHERE DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

APART FROM TOMORROW'S SINGING AND DANCING NIGHT, THE LUNAR NEW YEAR PROGRAMME ALSO FEATURED NINE GALA AND CARNIVAL EVENTS, VARIETY SHOWS, A DISCO NIGHT, A PHOTOGRAPH AND ART EXHIBITION, AND A BANQUET FOR ABOUT 1,350 OLD PEOPLE.

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR MICHAEL SUEN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY AND THE SINGING AND DANCING NIGHT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT TO BE HELD AT 8 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT THE TAI PO CIVIC CENTRE, ON PONG ROAD, TAI PO.

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JOINT SPRING RECEPTION IN NORTH DISTRICT

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A JOINT SPRING RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT THE CHEUNG WAH COMMUNITY HALL IN FANLING.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES, MR MICHAEL SUEN, WILL PROPOSE A TOAST AT THE RECEPTION.

ALSO OFFICIATING WILL BE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG AND CHAIRMAN OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD, MR RAYMOND PANG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE JOINT SPRING RECEPTION WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 3.30 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT THE CHEUNG WAH COMMUNITY HALL, CHEUNG WAH ESTATE, FANLING.

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SHA TIN SPRING RECEPTION

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A SPRING RECEPTION WILL BE GIVEN BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE AT THE TREASURE RESTAURANT, NEW TOWN PLAZA, ON THURSDAY (MARCH 3), BEGINNING AT 3.30 PM.

DURING THE FUNCTION, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VICTOR YUNG, WILL SPEAK ON THE ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE DISTRICT LAST YEAR.

INVITED GUESTS INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, DISTRICT PERSONALITIES AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY (NEW TERRITORIES), MR PETER NG, WILL BE THE GUEST OF HONOUR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE SPRING RECEPTION.

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KWUN TONG MUSIC GALA

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TWENTY-FIVE TEAMS OF YOUNG MUSICIANS IN KWUN TONG WILL DEMONSTRATE THEIR TALENTS IN THE FOURTH KWUN TONG DISTRICT MUSIC GALA TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY (MARCH 5 AND 6).

THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE KWUN TONG CHILDREN'S CHORUS, WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

IT WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM AT THE DELIA MEMORIAL SCHOOL IN HIP WO STREET ON SATURDAY, AND AT THE SKH KEI HAU SECONDARY SCHOOL IN LAM TIN ON SUNDAY.

THE PROGRAMMES WILL INCLUDE BAND PERFORMANCES, HYMN AND CHORUS SINGING, AND PIANO AND FLUTE PERFORMANCES.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

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GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOLS INVITE APPLICANTS

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ADMISSION TO PRIMARY 2 TO PRIMARY 6 OF ALL GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOLS FOR THE 1988-89 ACADEMIC YEAR WILL BE OPEN TO APPLICATION LATER THIS WEEK.

CHILDREN WHO ARE 6 YEARS 8 MONTHS AND ABOVE BY WESTERN RECKONING ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1988 MAY APPLY TO THE APPROPRIATE PRIMARY 2 TO PRIMARY 6 LEVELS.

ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE MADE DIRECT WITH INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS TO SEE IF THERE ARE VACANCIES AT ANY LEVEL.

LEVELS OF CLASSES OPEN TO APPLICATION WILL BE CLEARLY SPECIFIED IN A NOTICE POSTED UP AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOLS HAVING VACANCIES IN PRIMARY 2 TO PRIMARY 6 FROM FRIDAY (MARCH 4) TO MARCH 11, EXCLUDING GENERAL HOLIDAYS.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL TO WHICH ADMISSION IS SOUGHT. SELECTION OF PUPILS WILL BE MADE ON MARCH 18 (FRIDAY).

CHILDREN WOULD NORMALLY BE ADMITTED TO SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT WHERE THEY LIVE, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, WHO ADDED THAT CARE WOULD BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT CHILDREN FROM THE SAME FAMILY WOULD NOT BE SEPARATED.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE REQUESTED TO CO-OPERATE BY PROVIDING ALL THE PARTICULARS ASKED FOR IN THE APPLICATION FORM.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE FREE AND NO ENTRANCE FEE IS CHARGED FOR ADMISSION TO ANY GOVERNMENT SCHOOL.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE REMINDED THAT ALL CHILDREN IN THE 6 TO 12 AGE GROUP WHO ARE NOT IN SCHOOL SHOULD APPLY FOR ADMISSION.

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TECHNICAL INSTITUTES HOLD OPEN DAYS

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STUDENTS, PARENTS AND EMPLOYERS ARE INVITED TO VISIT THE SEVEN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL ON THEIR OPEN DAYS THIS MONTH.

THE WORKSHOPS, LABORATORIES AND SPECIAL ROOMS OF THE INSTITUTES WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. GUIDED TOURS, EXHIBITIONS AND TALKS ON VARIOUS COURSES OF STUDY WILL ALSO BE ORGANISED FOR VISITORS BY INDIVIDUAL INSTITUTES.

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THE DATE AND TIME OF THE OPEN DAYS ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

* MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

MARCH 4 9 AM - 5 PM

MARCH 5 9 AM - NOON

* KWAI CHUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

MARCH 11 10 AM - 5 PM

* KWUN TONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

MARCH 4 10 AM - 5 PM

* HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

MARCH 3 9.30 AM - 4.30 PM

* LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

MARCH 4 2 PM - 5 PM

MARCH 5 10 AM - 5 PM

* TUEN MUN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

MARCH 6 10 AM - 5 PM

MARCH 7 10 AM - 5 PM

* CHAI WAN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

MARCH 30 10 AM - 5 PM

ANOTHER TECHNICAL INSTITUTE OF THE VTC, THE SHA TIN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, HAD ALREADY HELD ITS OPEN DAY IN FEBRUARY.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN TUEN MUN

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THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM TSING WUN ROAD TO WONG CHU ROAD IN TUEN MUN WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (MARCH 4) FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS TO FACILITATE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO DRIVE VIA PUI TO ROAD EASTBOUND, TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD SOUTHBOUND AND THE INTERNAL ROADS IN TUEN MUN AREA 16 TO WONG CHU ROAD.

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