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UC AND RC ELECTIONS ON THURSDAY

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FIFTY-THREE CANDIDATES HAVE BEEN NOMINATED FOR THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS ELECTIONS ON THURSDAY, MARCH 9.

HOWEVER, ONLY 46 CANDIDATES WILL BE CONTESTING SEATS BECAUSE SEVEN OF THE 27 ONE-SEAT CONSTITUENCIES ARE UNCONTESTED.

OF THESE, 26 WILL CONTEST SEATS IN 11 URBAN COUNCIL CONSTITUENCIES AND 20 IN NINE REGIONAL COUNCIL CONSTITUENCIES.

VOTING WILL BEGIN FROM 7.30 AM UNTIL 10.30 PM AT 245 POLLING STATIONS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO FACILITATE PRESS COVERAGE OF THE ELECTIONS.

PRESS CENTRE

A PRESS CENTRE WILL BE SET UP AT THE CITY HALL EXHIBITION HALL ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE CITY HALL LOW BLOCK. THE CENTRE WILL BE OPEN FROM 7 AM ON MARCH 9 UNTIL ALL ELECTION RESULTS ARE KNOWN.

A WORKING AREA WITH TYPEWRITERS, AND FORMS FOR VOTER TURNOUT AND ELECTION RESULTS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES. SEPARATE BOOTHS FOR RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED AT THE PRESS CENTRE. STATIONS REQUIRING ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT CAN HAVE IT INSTALLED AFTER 9 AM ON MARCH 8. ALL EQUIPMENT MUST BE REMOVED BEFORE 3 PM ON MARCH 10.

AN AREA WILL BE RESERVED AS A BRIEFING AREA.

TELEVISION SETS, PHOTO-COPIERS, FACSIMILE MACHINES AND TELEPHONES WILL BE INSTALLED AT THE CENTRE FOR USE BY THE MEDIA.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

THERE WILL BE A GIS DESK IN THE PRESS CENTRE FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION OF ELECTION INFORMATION. ALL PRESS ENQUIRIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE ELECTIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO GIS OFFICERS ON DUTY THERE ON THAT DAY. THEIR TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE 5-8457561, 5-8457564 AND 5-8457567.

DISPLAY BOARDS WILL BE PUT UP INSIDE THE PRESS CENTRE TO SHOW THE HOURLY VOTER TURNOUT FIGURES.

THE COUNTING OF VOTES WILL BEGIN AFTER VOTING IS CLOSED AT 10.30 PM. ELECTION RESULTS WILL ALSO BE SHOWN ON THE DISPLAY BOARDS AT THE PRESS CENTRE.

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ALL VOTER TURNOUT FIGURES AND ELECTION RESULTS WILL BE ISSUED THROUGH THE GIS TELEPRINTER NETWORK AS SOON AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE.

NO PHOTOGRAPHY OR FILMING INSIDE POLLING STATIONS

PLEASE NOTE THAT IT IS ILLEGAL TO TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS OR DO FILMING INSIDE A POLLING STATION, OR TO ENTER IT OTHER THAN AS A REGISTERED VOTER OR ELECTION OFFICIAL. HOWEVER, SEPARATE ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER VOTING BY SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS FROM OUTSIDE POLLING STATIONS (SEE VIP VOTING BELOW).

COUNTING CENTRES

ARRANGEMENTS WILL ALSO BE MADE FOR THE MEDIA TO VISIT TWO COUNTING CENTRES AFTER POLLING IS CLOSED, TO TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE OPENING OF BALLOT BOXES. BUT THE MEDIA MUST LEAVE THE CENTRES BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF COUNTING OF VOTES.

THE FIRST COUNTING CENTRE IS AT THE QUARRY BAY INDOOR GAMES HALL, 7TH FLOOR, URBAN COUNCIL COMPLEX, 38 QUARRY BAY STREET, HONG KONG. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE OUTSIDE THE CENTRE AT 10.30 PM WHEN GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

THE SECOND COUNTING CENTRE IS AT THE KIANGSU CHEKIANG COLLEGE, WO CHE ESTATE, SHA TIN. A PRESS COACH WILL LEAVE YMCA AT THE JUNCTION OF HANKOW ROAD AND MIDDLE ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI AT 10 PM TO TAKE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES THERE.

PRESS MEMBERS ENTERING THE COUNTING CENTRES WILL BE REQUIRED TO SIGN A FORM OF DECLARATION OF SECRECY, WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE CENTRES.

VIP VOTING

A PRESS COACH, RC828, WILL LEAVE KOWLOON TONG KCR STATION AT 7.15 AM SHARP FOR THREE POLLING STATIONS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

THE FIRST STOP WILL BE AT THE JUBILEE COURT SHOPPING CENTRE, LEVEL 4, JUBILEE GARDEN, SHA TIN WHERE THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR JOHN CHAN, WILL CAST HIS VOTE. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL THEN BE TAKEN TO BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CENTRE, CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG TO COVER VOTING BY THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR ALLEN LEE, AT 8.30 AM. THE LAST STOP WILL BE AT THE ALLIANCE PRIMARY SCHOOL-SHEUNG SHUI AT 30 LUNG SUM AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI, SHEUNG SHUI WHERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, WILL CAST HIS VOTE AT 9.30 AM.

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IN THE AFTERNOON, THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, MR CHUI KAM, WILL CAST HIS VOTE AT THE POLLING STATION AT SWISS TOWER, 113 TAI HANG ROAD, JARDINE'S LOOKOUT, HONG KONG AT 4.30 PM. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE PRESENT TO ASSIST MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.

A LIST OF ALL CANDIDATES, A TABLE SHOWING THE LOCATIONS OF POLLING STATIONS IN DIFFERENT CONSTITUENCIES, AND A LAYOUT PLAN OF THE PRESS CENTRE WILL BE BOXED TODAY.

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BALLOON TO PUBLICISE MC ELECTIONS

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A HELIUM BALLOON CARRYING A VOTING MESSAGE WILL BE FLOATED OVER THE SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND IN TSUEN WAN TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO REMIND ELIGIBLE ELECTORS TO CAST VOTES IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS ON THURSDAY (MARCH 9).

THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI, WILL OFFICIATE AT A BRIEF CEREMONY AT 11 AM TOMORROW. ALSO PRESENT WILL BE MISS ASIA PACIFIC HONG KONG, MISS LOH PUI.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, A DECORATED VEHICLE WILL START OFF FROM THE VENUE TO TOUR SOME DISTRICTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO PROMOTE THE ELECTIONS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 11 AM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT THE SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND, TSUEN WAN (OPPOSITE TO TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL).

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EPD ANNOUNCES BATHING BEACHES WATER QUALITY REPORT

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) ANNOUNCED DETAILS OF A REPORT ON MICROBIOLOGICAL WATER QUALITY OF BATHING BEACHES IN HONG KONG, 1988.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (MONDAY), THE DEPARTMENT'S PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER, MR PAUL HOLMES, SAID THE REPORT REVIEWED THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF THE BATHING BEACHES IN HONG KONG IN THE 1988 BATHING SEASON.

/THE REPORT

THE REPORT EVALUATED THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY TRENDS OF THE BATHING BEACHES. IT ALSO DISCUSSED THE SOURCES OF POLLUTION OF BEACHES IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS AND THE REMEDIAL ACTIONS REQUIRED.

THE REPORT RECOMMENDED THAT :

- (A) THOSE BEACHES WHICH ARE AT PRESENT "CLOSED" TO SWIMMERS - NAMELY ROCKY BAY, ANGLERS', OLD CAFETERIA, SILVERMINE BAY AND CASTLE PEAK - SHOULD REMAIN "CLOSED" UNTIL THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT THEIR WATER QUALITY HAS BEEN IMPROVED.
- (B) TING KAU BEACH SHOULD BE "CLOSED" TO SWIMMERS UNTIL THE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SCHEME SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN 1992 IS COMPLETED AND THE WATER QUALITY HAS BEEN IMPROVED.
- (C) IN VIEW OF THE REMEDIAL MEASURES EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR, MIDDLE BAY BEACH SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN OPEN, BUT THE PUBLIC SHOULD BE INFORMED OF THE LEVEL OF HEALTH RISK.
- (D) THE STANDARD OF PROVISION OF BEACH TOILETS, AND ESPECIALLY THEIR WASTEWATER DISPOSAL FACILITIES (SUCH AS SEPTIC TANKS AND SOAKAWAY SYSTEMS) SHOULD BE UPGRADED, AND THEY SHOULD BE CONNECTED TO NEARBY PUBLIC FOUL SEWERS.

THESE RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

MR HOLMES SAID THE REPORT PRESENTED A NEW ANNUAL RANKING SYSTEM BASED ON SWIMMING-ASSOCIATED HEALTH RISK LEVELS, DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FINDINGS OF THE EPIDEMIOLOGICAL-MICROBIOLOGICAL STUDIES OF BEACH WATER POLLUTION UNDERTAKEN FOR NINE BEACHES IN 1987.

A SUMMARY OF THE RANKING FOR ALL THE GAZETTED BEACHES IN HONG KONG, LISTED IN THE ORDER OF INCREASING LEVELS OF FAECAL POLLUTION OR HEALTH RISK, WAS PRESENTED IN THE REPORT, HE SAID.

THE MICROBIAL WATER QUALITY TREND FOR ALL THE BATHING BEACHES IN HONG KONG WERE ALSO ANALYSED. THE PREVIOUS DECLINING TRENDS IN BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF 11 OUT OF 13 BATHING BEACHES ON THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF HONG KONG ISLAND HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY HALTED.

OF THE 30 GAZETTED BEACHES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF 10 GAZETTED BEACHES IS DECLINING.

THE MICROBIAL WATER QUALITY OF SILVERMINE BAY BEACH HAS BEEN IMPROVED RECENTLY, AS A RESULT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL SCHEME. HOWEVER, THE ACCEPTABILITY CRITERION HAS STILL NOT BEEN ATTAINED BY THE END OF THE 1988 BATHING SEASON.

MUCH MORE EFFORT AND INVESTMENT IS NEEDED TO RESTORE THE QUALITY OF ALL OF THESE BEACHES.

THE BEACH WATER QUALITY REPORT CONTAINED USEFUL INFORMATION FOR PROFESSIONALS SUCH AS SCIENTISTS, ENGINEERS AND TOWN PLANNERS WHOSE WORK IS RELATED TO BEACH WATER QUALITY.

IT ALSO SERVED AS REFERENCE FOR RESEARCHERS, TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC WHO ARE CONCERNED ABOUT BEACH WATER POLLUTION.

THE REPORT, AT \$22 A COPY, IS AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

IN ADDITION TO THIS ANNUAL REPORT, BI-WEEKLY GRADING OF THE WATER QUALITY OF ALL THE BATHING BEACHES IN HONG KONG WILL CONTINUE TO BE ANNOUNCED, STARTING FROM MARCH 30 THIS YEAR.

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CALL TO GUARD AGAINST PROTECTIONISM

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THE WORD "PROTECTIONISM" MAY SOUND ALL-TOO-FAMILIAR, BUT FAMILIARITY MUST NOT BREED CONTEMPT BECAUSE THE DANGERS ARE REAL, THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

MR MACLEOD WAS SPEAKING AT A DINNER OF THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG GARMENT MANUFACTURERS.

"THE DEFEAT OF THE U.S. TEXTILE BILL IN THE LAST U.S. CONGRESS WAS A RELIEF, BUT WE NEED TO MONITOR AND FIGHT ATTEMPTS BY THE TEXTILES LOBBY TO RESURRECT THE BILL IN THE NEW CONGRESS," HE SAID.

"WE APPRECIATE THE POSITION OF THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION ON THE LAST BILL AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUED RESISTANCE BY THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION TO SUCH PROTECTIONIST APPEALS."

MR MACLEOD SAID THE DANGERS OF PROTECTIONISM WERE REAL AND THAT THERE WAS A NEED TO BEWARE OF PROTECTIONISM IN NEW GUISES.

"THE RECENT SPATE OF ANTI-DUMPING ACTIONS BY THE EEC (EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY) ON HONG KONG EXPORTS OF NON-TEXTILE PRODUCTS MAY EXTEND IN THE FUTURE TO TEXTILE PRODUCTS," HE SAID.

"PROHIBITIVE ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES AND THE UNCERTAINTIES OVERHANGING THE TRADE DURING INVESTIGATIONS CAN ALSO EFFECTIVELY DAMAGE OUR CLOTHING EXPORTS AND ACHIEVE THE EFFECTS OF QUOTA RESTRICTIONS."

MR MACLEOD SAID IT DID NOT MAKE ECONOMIC SENSE TO SUPPOSE THAT OUR TRADERS CARRIED OUT DUMPING.

"AS A GOVERNMENT, WE ARE A SIGNATORY TO THE GATT (GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE) ANTI-DUMPING CODE WHICH OUTLAW DUMPING BY SIGNATORIES," HE SAID.

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ON THE PRESENT URUGUAY ROUND OF GATT TALKS, MR MACLEOD SAID THERE WAS NO SPECIFIC LINKAGE TO THE MULTI FIBRE ARRANGEMENT BUT THAT THE OUTCOME OF THE FORMER WOULD AFFECT THE LATTER.

"PROGRESS SO FAR HAS NOT BEEN ENCOURAGING. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IN PARTICULAR THE U.S. AND THE EEC, HAVE PLAYED A DEFENSIVE ROLE AND SUBSTANTIAL NEGOTIATIONS HAVE YET TO COMMENCE.

"THE MID-TERM REVIEW OF THE URUGUAY ROUND IN MONTREAL FAILED TO PRODUCE A CONSENSUS ON TEXTILES AND CLOTHING, PARTLY DUE TO THE DEADLOCK OVER NEGOTIATIONS IN AGRICULTURE."

HOWEVER, HONG KONG WAS WORKING HARD TO FORGE AN AGREEMENT ON THE WAY FORWARD BEFORE THE REVIEW WAS RECONVENED IN APRIL, HE SAID. AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT WOULD BE TO STRENGTHEN GATT RULES AND DISCIPLINES AND THERE SHOULD BE AGREEMENT THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO NEW RESTRICTIVE MEASURES.

"WE ARE NOT UNDERESTIMATING THE DIFFICULTIES AND OBSTRUCTIONS TO BE ENCOUNTERED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, BUT WE MAINTAIN OUR FAITH IN THE GATT AND WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH ALLIES IN BOTH THE MULTILATERAL FORUM AND IN OUR MAJOR EXPORT MARKETS FOR A MORE LIBERALISED REGIME," HE SAID.

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SINGAPORE HOLIDAY FOR 'FIGHT CRIME' WINNERS

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TWO STUDENTS AND TWO RESIDENTS FROM THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT WERE EACH AWARDED A FIVE-DAY TRIP TO SINGAPORE AT THE DISTRICT'S GOOD STUDENT/GOOD CITIZEN AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON.

ANOTHER 16 STUDENTS AND RESIDENTS WERE PRESENTED WITH BOOK COUPONS AND CASH PRIZES.

THE RECIPIENTS WERE COMMENDED FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN.

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, PRAISED MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (DFCC) FOR HAVING SACRIFICED THEIR TIME AND EFFORT IN ORGANISING FIGHT CRIME ACTIVITIES.

A MEMBER OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, DR HO KAM-FAI, SAID IT WAS GRATIFYING TO SEE THAT THE PRIZES WENT TO THE YOUNG AS WELL AS SENIOR RESIDENTS.

"THIS SHOWS THAT ALL CITIZENS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR AGE, PLAY AN IMPORTANT AND MEANINGFUL ROLE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME," HE ADDED.

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DR HO SUGGESTED THAT MORE ANTI-CRIME PUBLICITY SHOULD BE TARGETED AT YOUNG PEOPLE IN ORDER TO PREVENT THEM FROM BEING LURED INTO THEFT AND TRIAD ACTIVITIES.

THE GOOD STUDENT/GOOD CITIZEN AWARD SCHEME ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DFCC WAS HELD BETWEEN NOVEMBER 1 AND DECEMBER 15 LAST YEAR.

WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICES OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN POLICE DISTRICTS, THE SCHEME WAS AIMED AT AROUSING RESIDENTS' AWARENESS OF THE DFCC'S WORK THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN VARIOUS ANTI-CRIME ACTIVITIES.

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KLN CITY CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN CLOSES ON SUNDAY

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THE FIVE-MONTH-LONG KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN WILL CONCLUDE AMID SONGS AND DANCES ON SUNDAY (MARCH 12).

THE ACTIVITIES DAY TO MARK THE CLOSING OF THE CAMPAIGN WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE ARGYLE STREET PLAYGROUND FROM 2 PM TO 7 PM.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE A CIVIC EDUCATION SONG CONTEST AS WELL AS PERFORMANCES BY ARTISTES AND THE DISTRICT'S DANCE GROUPS AND CHILDREN'S CHORUS. THERE WILL ALSO BE GAME STALLS, EXHIBITIONS, VIDEO SHOWS AND A LUCKY DRAW.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, DR DANIEL TSE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CAMPAIGN'S CLOSING CEREMONY. HE WILL BE JOINED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SIK-KONG; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALEX FONG; AND MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT'S CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE.

STARTING TOMORROW (TUESDAY), FREE TICKETS FOR THE EVENT WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS FROM THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AT 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, ITS HUNG HOM SUB-OFFICE AT 81 BULKELEY STREET, HO MAN TIN SUB-OFFICE AT BLOCK 8, HO MAN TIN ESTATE, AND LUNG SHING SUB-OFFICE AT 68 JUNCTION ROAD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN'S CLOSING CEREMONY WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM AT THE ARGYLE STREET PLAYGROUND ON SUNDAY (MARCH 12).

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DB COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER FUND APPLICATIONS

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THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WILL CONSIDER A NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE FUNDS WILL BE USED TO FINANCE VARIOUS PROJECTS TO BE HELD IN THE DISTRICT.

THESE INCLUDE PLACING ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE DISTRICT NEWSPAPER; PUBLICATION OF A DISTRICT BOARD BULLETIN FOR STUDENTS; PRODUCING A "GOOD CHILDREN" AUDIO-VISUAL PROGRAMME; HOLDING A FAMILY GAMES DAY, POP CONCERTS, A CIVIC EDUCATION CARNIVAL AND A STUDY CAMP ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO REVIEW THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS WORKING GROUPS IN THE PAST YEAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE, EIGHTH FLOOR, TUNG WAH MANSION, 201 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI.

IT WILL BEGIN AT 4 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS SERVICES FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED

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THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED IN THE DISTRICT AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

TWO MEMBERS WILL ENQUIRE ABOUT THE PLANS OF THE EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENTS TO COPE WITH THE NEEDS OF MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN.

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THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF UNDERSTAFFING OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT'S ELECTRICAL FAULTS STANDBY TEAM AND CONSIDER THE CLOSURE OF THE GOVERNMENT EVENING SECONDARY SCHOOL COURSE CENTRE AT FUNG KAI NO. 1 SECONDARY SCHOOL, SHEUNG SHUI.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING. IT WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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PROGRESS OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ON AGENDA

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THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE PROGRESS OF THE 23 MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN IN THE PRESENT FINANCIAL YEAR AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

A REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE MEETING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, 490 NATHAN ROAD.

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¹ TWO NEW TYPE SECONDARY SCHOOLS BEING BUILT IN SHA TIN

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WORK HAS JUST STARTED ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO NEW TYPE SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN LUNG HANG ESTATE, SHA TIN.

THE NEW DESIGN WILL PROVIDE MORE FACILITIES THAN THE EXISTING STANDARD SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

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THE TWO SCHOOLS WILL BE BUILT ADJACENT TO EACH OTHER. EACH WILL HAVE A GENERAL CLASSROOM BLOCK WITH 26 CLASSROOMS AND THREE REMEDIAL TEACHING ROOMS, AND A SPECIAL BLOCK WITH 14 SPECIAL ROOMS, AN ASSEMBLY HALL AND A BASKETBALL COURT.

IN THE EXISTING STANDARD SECONDARY SCHOOLS, THE GENERAL SCHOOL BLOCK PROVIDES ONLY 24 CLASSROOMS WHILE THE SPECIAL BLOCK HOUSES ONLY 13 SPECIAL ROOMS.

THE NEW SCHOOLS IN SHA TIN ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN JULY NEXT YEAR.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 36.1 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 217.723 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 297.298 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 50.7 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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SUSPENSION OF WATER SUPPLY IN THREE DISTRICTS
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BOTH FRESH AND SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES ON TSING YI ISLAND WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 8 PM ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 8) TO 8 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE WATER WORKS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT TAI WONG HA VILLAGE, SUN UK VILLAGE, LAM TIN VILLAGE, YIM TIN KOK VILLAGE, LIU TO VILLAGE, FUNG SHUE WO TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, TSING FAI TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, TSING KIN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, TSING YI ESTATE, CHEUNG ON ESTATE PHASES ONE AND TWO, CHING TAI COURT, TSING YI GARDEN, TSING YI NORTH SHIPYARDS AND NGA YING CHAU OIL DEPOT.

ALSO TO FACILITATE WATER WORKS, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 8 PM ON THE SAME DAY TO 8 AM THE NEXT DAY.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY POPLAR STREET, FUK WA STREET, LAI CHI KOK ROAD AND MAPLE STREET INCLUDING 12-23 BOUNDARY STREET.

MEANWHILE, FROM 11 PM ON THE SAME DAY TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE SUSPENDED TO FACILITATE NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT AN AREA BOUNDED BY KWAI LUEN ROAD, INCLUDING BLOCKS 12-14, KWAI SHING EAST ESTATE AND BLOCKS 6-10, KWAI SHING WEST ESTATE.

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INSTALLATION OF PARKING METERS ON KCR KOWLOON STATION PODIUM

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT 18 PARKING METERS WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE COACH PARK ON THE KCR KOWLOON STATION PODIUM FROM NOON ON THURSDAY (MARCH 9) TO REGULATE THE UTILISATION OF THE PARKING SPACES.

THE HALF-HOUR PARKING METERS FOR COACHES WILL OPERATE FROM 8 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

THE PARKING FEE WILL BE \$2 PER 30 MINUTES.

IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE INSTALLATION OF PARKING METERS, THE COACH PARK WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10 AM TO NOON ON THAT DAY (THURSDAY).

MOTORISTS MAY USE THE COACH PARKING FACILITY OFF SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

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SCHOOL DANCE FESTIVAL WINNERS PERFORMANCES

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A TOTAL OF 367 WINNING TEAMS OF THE 25TH SCHOOL DANCE FESTIVAL WILL RECEIVE THEIR PRIZES AND SHOW THEIR SKILLS AT EIGHT WINNERS PERFORMANCES TO BE HELD BETWEEN MARCH 9 AND APRIL 2.

A GOOD COMBINATION OF CHINESE, ORIENTAL, CREATIVE AND WESTERN DANCES WILL BE PRESENTED AT EACH PERFORMANCE.

THE SCHOOL DANCE FESTIVAL WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS SPORTS COUNCIL UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS.

A TOTAL OF 4,093 STUDENTS FROM 271 SCHOOLS PARTICIPATED IN THE FESTIVAL. OF THESE, 1,545 STUDENTS WERE FROM 92 SECONDARY SCHOOLS, 2,417 STUDENTS WERE FROM 162 PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND 131 STUDENTS WERE FROM 17 SPECIAL SCHOOLS.

THE WINNERS INCLUDED 20 TEAMS IN THE HONOUR CATEGORY, AND 125 TEAMS IN THE HIGH COMMENDATION AND 207 TEAMS IN THE COMMENDATION LISTS RESPECTIVELY. ANOTHER 15 TEAMS RECEIVED CHOREOGRAPHY AWARDS.

THE OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SECONDARY SCHOOL SECTION WENT TO THE BISHOP HALL JUBILEE SCHOOL WITH SKH BISHOP MOK SAU TSENG SECONDARY SCHOOL AND SACRED HEART CANOSSIAN COLLEGE IN SECOND AND THIRD PLACES. THE PRIZE OF THE MOST PROGRESSIVE SCHOOL WAS AWARDED TO THE CHUEN YUEN COLLEGE.

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IN THE PRIMARY SECTION, ST PAUL'S CONVENT SCHOOL WON THE OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP. THE SECOND AND THIRD PLACES WENT TO TACK CHING PRIMARY SCHOOL AND SAM SHUI NATIVE ASSOCIATION PRIMARY AM SCHOOL RESPECTIVELY. SKH KEI HIN PRIMARY PM SCHOOL WAS AWARDED THE MOST PROGRESSIVE SCHOOL PRIZE.

THE FIRST FOUR PRIZE PRESENTATION AND WINNERS PERFORMANCES WILL BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG CITY HALL CONCERT HALL FROM MARCH 9 TO 12.

ANOTHER PERFORMANCE WILL BE HELD AT THE LYRIC THEATRE OF THE ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS IN WAN CHAI ON MARCH 21, WHILE THE REMAINING THREE PERFORMANCES WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE AUDITORIUM OF THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL FROM MARCH 31 TO APRIL 2.

ALL EIGHT PERFORMANCES WILL COMMENCE AT 7.30 PM.

TICKETS AT \$10, \$15 AND \$20 FOR THE CITY HALL AND SHA TIN TOWN HALL PERFORMANCES AND AT \$40 (ADULTS) AND \$15 (STUDENTS) FOR THE ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS PERFORMANCE ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL URBIX OUTLETS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRIZE PRESENTATION AND WINNERS PERFORMANCES HELD AT THE VARIOUS VENUES.

DETAILS OF EACH PERFORMANCE ARE OBTAINABLE FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AT THE BACK STAGE OF EACH VENUE BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF EACH SHOW.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF SHIP STREET, WAN CHAI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT SHIP STREET IN WAN CHAI WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 7 AM TO 11 PM ON THURSDAY (MARCH 9) BECAUSE OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC ON JOHNSTON ROAD HEADING FOR QUEEN'S ROAD EAST WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LI CHIT STREET OR LEE TUNG STREET.

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CERTAIN KMB ROUTES CONTINUE TO BE DIVERTED

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A NUMBER OF KMB ROUTES, WHICH ARE SCHEDULED TO RESUME THEIR NORMAL ROUTEINGS FROM 10 AM TODAY (MONDAY), WILL CONTINUE TO BE DIVERTED UNTIL 10 AM ON MARCH 13 BECAUSE OF ROAD WORKS AT THE JUNCTION OF PAK TIN STREET AND WOH CHAI STREET.

THE AFFECTED BUS ROUTES ARE: 2B, 2F, 6D, 40, 86 AND 86A.

THEY ARE ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO RESUME NORMAL ROUTEINGS IN CONNECTION WITH THE RE-OPENING OF PAK TIN STREET BETWEEN TAI PO ROAD AND BERWICK STREET.

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