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JUNK BAY NEW TOWN TO HAVE MODERN FACILITIES

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RESIDENTS OF JUNK BAY NEW TOWN CAN LOOK FORWARD TO ENJOYING IN THE NEAR FUTURE SOME OF THE MOST MODERN AND ATTRACTIVE NEW TOWN FACILITIES IN THE TERRITORY, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID DURING A VISIT TO THE NEW TOWN TODAY (MONDAY).

SIR DAVID SAID THAT IN ADDITION TO THE SCHOOLS, KINDERGARTENS AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES WHICH HAD ALREADY OPENED, THERE WOULD BE EXTENSIVE SHOPPING AND MARKET FACILITIES, AN INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE, AN OPEN-AIR THEATRE AND NUMEROUS OPEN-AIR GAMES AND RECREATION FACILITIES.

THE GOVERNOR SAID HE WAS AWARE THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME INITIAL DIFFICULTIES IN THE PROVISION OF TRANSPORT AND MARKET FACILITIES AT THE TSUI LAM ESTATE. THESE WERE CAUSED BY DELAY IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX AND BUS TERMINUS IN THE ESTATE.

THE FACILITIES WERE NOW DUE TO BE COMPLETED AROUND FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR, SIR DAVID SAID. IN THE MEANTIME, TEMPORARY MARKET FACILITIES AND BUS STOPS WERE BEING PROVIDED.

ACCOMPANIED BY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR MICHAEL SUEN, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD, MR WILLIAM WAN, THE GOVERNOR STARTED OFF HIS TOUR OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BY VISITING TSAM CHUK WAN.

HE WAS BRIEFED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHRISTOPHER MUNN, ON HOW A LOCAL POLLUTION PROBLEM THERE WAS BEING DEALT WITH THROUGH THE CO-OPERATION AND INITIATIVE OF VILLAGERS.

SIR DAVID THEN WENT TO TAI MONG TSAI TO SEE THE NEWLY OPENED CYCLE PARK.

AFTER A TOUR OF SAI KUNG TOWN, SIR DAVID VISITED PAK KONG VILLAGE, WHERE A VILLAGE EXPANSION PROJECT WAS IN PROGRESS.

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT A NUMBER OF IMPROVEMENTS TO VILLAGE FACILITIES HAD BEEN MADE THROUGHOUT SAI KUNG AND OTHER DISTRICTS THROUGH THE LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS AND URBAN FRINGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMMES.

"MORE COMPREHENSIVE PROPOSALS ARE NOW BEING WORKED OUT THROUGH THE RURAL PLANNING AND IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY (RPIS). IN THIS WAY PLANNING AND LAND USE CONTROL CAN BE IMPROVED SO AS TO PROVIDE BASIC AMENITIES IN ALL PARTS OF THE RURAL NEW TERRITORIES," HE SAID.

"VILLAGE EXPANSION PROGRAMMES, DESIGNED TO MEET THE DEMAND FOR SMALL HOUSE SITES FOR INDIGENOUS VILLAGERS, ARE ALSO BEING CONSIDERED BY THE RPIS AS ONE POSSIBLE METHOD OF PRODUCING BETTER CONDITIONS IN THE VILLAGES," HE ADDED.

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BEFORE CONCLUDING HIS TOUR WITH A VISIT TO JUNK BAY NEW TOWN, SIR DAVID STOPPED AT HO CHUNG RIVER, WHERE JOINT EFFORTS BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND THE FACTORIES THERE HAD ACHIEVED SOME IMPROVEMENTS IN THE QUALITY OF THE RIVER.

COMMENTING ON THE STATE OF THE RIVER, SIR DAVID SAID: "MORE STILL NEEDS TO BE DONE. WE CANNOT RELAX OUR EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH ENVIRONMENTAL BLACK SPOTS.

"GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ARE CONFIDENT THAT THERE WILL BE VISIBLE IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS."

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER THE VISIT, SIR DAVID SAID IN PERCENTAGE TERMS SAI KUNG WAS GROWING FASTER THAN ANY OTHER DISTRICTS IN THE WHOLE TERRITORY OF HONG KONG AND THE DEVELOPMENTS WOULD LEAD TO "A LOT OF PROBLEMS OF ADJUSTMENTS" IN THE DISTRICT.

THE GOVERNOR SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT BOTH TO LOOK AFTER THE NEEDS OF THE NEW POPULATION GOING INTO THE DISTRICT AND TO MAKE SURE THAT THE OLDER POPULATION WHO HAD LIVED THERE FOR A LONG TIME DID NOT FEEL NEGLECTED.

ASKED IF THERE WAS A PLAN TO APPROVE THE EXTENSION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY TO JUNK BAY, THE GOVERNOR SAID WHILST THIS HAD NOT GOT TO THE POINT OF BEING FORMALLY APPROVED, THE MTR WAS VERY KEEN TO BUILD THE EXTENSION.

"AND IF PHASE THREE OF THE JUNK BAY PLAN GOES AHEAD THEN THERE WILL BE AN ADEQUATE POPULATION TO JUSTIFY IT.

"AT THE MOMENT THERE ARE DISCUSSIONS GOING ON BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE MTR BEFORE THEY GET TO THE STAGE OF FINAL APPROVAL AND FORMAL GO-AHEAD ON THE WHOLE PLAN," SIR DAVID SAID.

ON HO CHUNG RIVER POLLUTION, SIR DAVID SAID WHILST THERE WOULD BE SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENTS TO IT BY NEXT YEAR, THERE WAS ALSO A PLAN TO BRING IN A WATER CONTROL ZONE FOR THE AREA.

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT IT WAS ALSO ENCOURAGING TO SEE THAT VILLAGERS AT TSAM CHUK WAN HAD GOT TOGETHER TO DEAL WITH THE POLLUTION PROBLEM AND TO TURN A SERIOUSLY POLLUTED AREA INTO A PLACE FOR BREEDING FISH.

"AND THAT WAS AN ENCOURAGING SIGN OF WHAT CAN BE DONE BY VILLAGERS THEMSELVES IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT WITHOUT THE NEED TO USE LEGISLATION," HE SAID.

ASKED ABOUT THE PROBLEM OF ILLEGAL MOTOR RACING IN SAI KUNG AT NIGHT-TIME, SIR DAVID SAID THE POLICE DID KEEP A WATCH ON IT AND TOOK ACTION TO DEAL WITH IT WHEREVER IT HAPPENED.

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SIR DAVID ALSO REFERRED TO THE SCHEME OF PROVIDING PEDAL CYCLING FACILITIES IN SAI KUNG, SAYING IT WAS A VERY GOOD ONE WHICH COULD BE DEVELOPED IN OTHER COUNTRY PARKS IF THE SCHEME WORKED IN THE DISTRICT.

ASKED WHETHER THERE WOULD BE ANY SPECIAL REHOUSING ARRANGEMENTS FOR RESIDENTS AT RENNIE'S MILL, SIR DAVID SAID THEY WOULD BE REHOUSED UNDER THE NORMAL ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WERE MADE FOR ANY REHOUSING RESETTLEMENT PROGRAMMES.

"THEY HAVE TO BE DEALT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE NORMAL POLICY IN DISCUSSION WITH THE PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA," HE ADDED.

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AGRICULTURE ISSUE PUTS USEFUL GATT RESULTS AT RISK

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USEFUL RESULTS IN A NUMBER OF AREAS OF INTEREST TO HONG KONG WERE PUT AT RISK BY THE STALEMATE ON TRADE IN AGRICULTURE AT THE LATEST ROUND OF TRADE NEGOTIATIONS HELD IN MONTREAL.

THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, WHO LED THE HONG KONG DELEGATION WHICH RETURNED AT THE WEEKEND, SAID THIS TODAY (MONDAY).

MR MACLEOD SAID THAT IN A WEEK OF INTENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH TOWARDS THE END WENT ON ROUND THE CLOCK, PROVISIONAL AGREEMENTS WERE REACHED ON TARIFFS, DISPUTE SETTLEMENT, SERVICES AND FUNCTIONING OF THE GATT SYSTEM.

"THIS ALONE WOULD HAVE REPRESENTED A GOOD OUTCOME FOR HONG KONG, GIVEN OUR DESIRE TO SEE THE GATT STRENGTHENED," HE SAID.

"OUR TEAM WAS FULLY ENGAGED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, INCLUDING BEING MEMBERS OF MOST OF THE KEY SMALL DRAFTING GROUPS, AND WE WERE PARTICULARLY ENCOURAGED BY OUR SUCCESS IN OBTAINING (AFTER A CONSIDERABLE BATTLE) EXPLICIT WORDING TO ENSURE THAT ANY SETTLEMENT OF A DISPUTE MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH THE GATT.

"I WOULD HAVE TO CONFESS TO SOME DISAPPOINTMENT THAT THESE ACHIEVEMENTS WERE IN EFFECT MADE ONLY PROVISIONAL BY THE DECISION TO DEFER THE OUTCOME UNTIL ALL SUBJECTS ARE READY TO ADVANCE TOGETHER."

MR MACLEOD SAID THAT SOME PROGRESS WAS ALSO MADE ON THE COMPLEX NEW SUBJECT OF TRADE-RELATED ASPECTS OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS.

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"THIS IS AN AREA IN WHICH HONG KONG HAS BEEN PLAYING A POSITIVE ROLE AND ON WHICH, HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THE BREAKDOWN ON AGRICULTURE, WE WOULD HAVE WELCOMED SOME CONCRETE ADVANCE AT MONTREAL," HE SAID.

"EVEN THE TRADITIONALLY DIFFICULT AREAS OF TEXTILES AND SAFEGUARDS MIGHT HAVE COME OUT REASONABLY SATISFACTORILY HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THE INFLEXIBILITY IN THE POSITIONS OF ONE OR TWO OF THE MAJOR PARTICIPANTS IN NEGOTIATIONS ON AGRICULTURAL TRADE.

"A LONG-TERM COMMITMENT TO LIBERALISATION IN THAT FIELD SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN TOO MUCH TO ASK, PARTICULARLY AFTER THE ENCOURAGEMENT WE HAD FROM AN EARLY BREAKTHROUGH IN MONTREAL ON TROPICAL PRODUCTS."

MR MACLEOD SAID THE GATT SYSTEM WAS NOW EFFECTIVELY ON PROBATION.

"IT IS NOW VITAL THAT WE GET SOME CLEAR RESULTS IN APRIL, WHEN THE MEETING RESUMES IN GENEVA AT SENIOR OFFICIAL LEVEL," HE SAID.

"FOR OUR PART WE WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE HONG KONG'S INTERESTS VIGOROUSLY AND CONSTRUCTIVELY WHEN THE TRADE NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE RESUMES."

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DB DELEGATION LEAVES FOR PEKING

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A SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD DELEGATION LEFT FOR PEKING AND TIANJIN TODAY (MONDAY) ON A SEVEN-DAY VISIT TO CHINA.

LED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR TAI TUNG-NGOK, THE DELEGATION COMPRISES SEVEN OTHER BOARD MEMBERS AND TWO AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS. IT IS ACCOMPANIED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GREGORY LEUNG.

IN PEKING, THE GROUP WILL MEET OFFICIALS OF THE HONG KONG AND MACAU AFFAIRS OFFICE OF THE STATE COUNCIL TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND ENHANCE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING.

THE GROUP WILL ALSO CALL ON MEMBERS OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE (CPPCC) AND DISTRICT OFFICIALS, AND VISIT A NURSERY.

ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 16), THE GROUP WILL LEAVE FOR TIANJIN WHERE IT WILL VISIT CPPCC MEMBERS AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO LEARN ABOUT DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION THERE.

THE DELEGATION WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 18).

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APPEAL TO CHINESE AUTHORITIES TO DISPEL RUMOURS

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THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR GEOFFREY BARNES, TODAY (MONDAY) APPEALED TO THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES AND THE MEDIA TO HELP DISPEL UNFOUNDED RUMOURS WHICH HAD LED TO MORE EX-CHINA VIETNAMESE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ARRIVING IN HONG KONG FROM CHINA.

"I WOULD LIKE TO APPEAL TO THEM TO MAKE KNOWN THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S POLICY AS WIDELY AS POSSIBLE, PARTICULARLY IN THOSE AREAS OF GUANGXI IN CHINA WHERE THESE UNFOUNDED RUMOURS ARE CIRCULATING," HE SAID.

MR BARNES REITERATED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO CHANGE TO THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TOWARDS THE TREATMENT OF EX-CHINA VIETNAMESE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ARRIVING IN HONG KONG.

"THE PROCESSES OF THE LIBERALISATION PROGRAMME, WHICH ARE BEING PURSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT, APPLY ONLY TO PERSONS CLASSIFIED AS REFUGEES BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT," HE SAID.

"THIS CLASSIFICATION DOES NOT EXTEND TO FORMER VIETNAMESE REFUGEES WHO HAVE BEEN SETTLED IN CHINA.

"SUCH PEOPLE WILL NOT BE GIVEN REFUGEE STATUS IN HONG KONG AND WILL NOT BENEFIT IN ANY WAY FROM THE LIBERALISATION PROGRAMME; NOR WILL THEY HAVE ACCESS TO RESETTLEMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

"THEY WILL BE TREATED AS ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AND WILL BE RETURNED TO CHINA AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE."

YESTERDAY (SUNDAY) ANOTHER 94 EX-CHINA VIETNAMESE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ARRIVED IN HONG KONG, BRINGING TO 255 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SUCH ARRIVALS SO FAR THIS MONTH.

IN NOVEMBER THERE WERE 61 SUCH ARRIVALS, COMPARED WITH 19 IN OCTOBER AND THREE IN SEPTEMBER.

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TUEN MUN HOSPITAL NEARING COMPLETION

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THE LARGEST LOCAL HOSPITAL TO BE BUILT IN THE LAST 10 YEARS IS NEARING COMPLETION IN TUEN MUN.

THE TUEN MUN HOSPITAL, OCCUPYING AN APPROXIMATELY EIGHT-HECTARE SITE - EXCLUSIVE OF STAFF QUARTERS AND LAUNDRY - WILL PROVIDE A TOTAL OF 1,656 BED SPACES.

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SITUATED SOUTHEAST OF CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL, THE LOCATION WAS CAREFULLY SELECTED TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE ACCESS TO PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES, INCLUDING BUSES AND THE LIGHT RAIL SYSTEM.

IT WILL CATER MAINLY TO THE NEEDS OF RESIDENTS IN THE NORTHWESTERN NEW TERRITORIES.

THE HOSPITAL HAS COST \$1.2 BILLION TO BUILD.

THE DESIGN CONCEPT WAS BASED ON THE NEED TO SEPARATE THE PSYCHIATRIC BEDS FROM THE GENERAL BEDS, THE PROJECT ARCHITECT, MR IAIN MACBETH, OF THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, SAID.

"THIS IS ACHIEVED BY LOCATING THE GENERAL WARDS IN AN 11-STORY DOUBLE CRUCIFORM MAIN BLOCK, AND THE SPECIAL BLOCK WITH THE PSYCHIATRIC AND MENTALLY RETARDED BEDS IN ANOTHER FOUR-STORY RECTANGULAR BLOCK," MR MACBETH SAID.

"A MAIN ENTRANCE BLOCK LINKS BOTH BLOCKS AND PROVIDES DISTRIBUTION TO EACH BLOCK FROM A SINGLE MAIN ENTRY POINT.

"THERE IS ALSO A FOUR-STORY PATHOLOGY BLOCK AS WELL AS A DETACHED BASEMENT LEVEL BLOCK TO HOUSE THE RADIO-THERAPY AND NUCLEAR MEDICINE FACILITIES.

"A TUNNEL LINKS THE HOSPITAL AND NURSES QUARTERS PASSING UNDER THE ADJACENT PUBLIC ROAD."

MR MACBETH SAID THE BUILDINGS PROVIDED A TOTAL OF ABOUT 115,000 SQUARE METRES OF AREA, AND HAD BEEN CAREFULLY PLANNED TO ALLOW FOR FUTURE EXPANSION.

"DESIGN ALLOWANCES HAVE BEEN PROVIDED FOR FUTURE EXPANSION," HE SAID.

"COMPREHENSIVE BUILDING SERVICES INSTALLATIONS ARE PROVIDED IN LINE WITH THE MOST UP-TO-DATE PLANNING AND TECHNIQUES FOR MODERN HOSPITAL PROJECTS.

"THE HOSPITAL IS FULLY AIR-CONDITIONED IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN A HIGH STANDARD OF CARE AND TREATMENT FOR THE PATIENTS AS WELL AS TO MAINTAIN STAFF EFFICIENCY."

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PRIOR TO IT BEING HANDED OVER TO THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS IN TUEN MUN WILL BE INVITED TO TOUR THE HOSPITAL SEPARATELY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS ORGANISING A TOUR OF TUEN MUN HOSPITAL FOR THE MEDIA ON DECEMBER 15 (THURSDAY).

THE DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW THE MEDIA TYPICAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES IT BUILDS IN NEW TOWNS.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE BRIEFED BY THE DIRECTOR OF ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, MR JOSE LEI, DURING THE HOSPITAL TOUR WHICH WILL START AT 2.30 PM.

AFTER TOURING THE HOSPITAL, THE MEDIA GROUP WILL BE TAKEN TO VIEW A PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAY ON THE THEME OF "PUBLIC ARCHITECTURE IN A NEW COMMUNITY".

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVE TO JOIN THE TOUR, VIEW THE PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAY AND MEET MR LEI WHO WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWS.

TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. A PRESS COACH AND A VAN WILL LEAVE FROM HANKOW ROAD, NEXT TO THE PENINSULA HOTEL, AT 1 PM SHARP.

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DEMAND FOR COMPUTERS IN GOVT RISES SHARPLY

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THE DEMAND FOR COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY IN GOVERNMENT HAS RISEN SO SHARPLY THAT APPROVED EXPENDITURE OF \$388 MILLION HAD BEEN GIVEN FOR DEPARTMENTS TO FURTHER DEVELOP COMPUTERISATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR, THE DATA PROCESSING MANAGER, DR COLIN GREENFIELD, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

"THIS IS ABOUT DOUBLE THAT FOR THE PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR," HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT A MEET-THE-MEDIA SESSION, DR GREENFIELD SAID THAT THE USE OF COMPUTERS IN GOVERNMENT HAD INCREASED AT A RAPID RATE IN THE PAST THREE YEARS, WITH NEARLY ALL DEPARTMENTS EMPLOYING THIS TECHNOLOGY TO ASSIST IN THEIR DEPARTMENTAL FUNCTIONS.

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"GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, WHICH HAVE EMBARKED ON MAJOR COMPUTERISATION ACTIVITIES IN RECENT YEARS, INCLUDE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, FIRE SERVICES, THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, THE ICAC, JUDICIARY, LABOUR, LEGAL, MARINE, MEDICAL & HEALTH, RATING & VALUATION AND THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

"THE GOVERNMENT DATA PROCESSING AGENCY ADVISES THE GOVERNMENT'S COMPUTER COMMITTEE ON COMPUTER NEEDS AND COMPUTERISATION PLANS," HE ADDED.

"IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT DEPARTMENTAL OBJECTIVES ARE FULLY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE PROCESS OF COMPUTERISATION AND TO MAXIMISE THE BENEFITS OF THE PROCESS, IT HAS ADOPTED A TOP-DOWN APPROACH FOR SELECTED DEPARTMENTS," DR GREENFIELD SAID.

IN THE PAST THREE YEARS, THE GDPA HAD PROVIDED VALUABLE INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE TO VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS THROUGH NUMEROUS STUDIES ON FEASIBILITY, PLANNING STRATEGIES AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW SYSTEMS.

DR GREENFIELD SAID THAT INFORMATION SYSTEM STRATEGIC STUDIES WERE CONDUCTED FOR THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, INLAND REVENUE AND THE POLICE FORCE, WHILE THOSE FOR FOUR OTHER DEPARTMENTS WERE EITHER IN PROGRESS OR BEING ORGANISED.

"WE ALSO CARRIED OUT 80 PROJECT DEFINITION STUDIES ON A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS, MANY OF WHICH HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED AND IMPLEMENTED.

"THESE INCLUDE THE REVISED IDENTITY CARD INFORMATION SYSTEM, IMMIGRATION CONTROL ENFORCEMENT, LAND REGISTRATION, GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT, PHARMACEUTICAL SUPPLIES, COMPANY REGISTRATION, PRUDENTIAL SUPERVISION AND RATES REVALUATION," HE SAID.

DR GREENFIELD SAID THE GDPA HAD ENCOURAGED THE INSTALLATION OF MICROCOMPUTERS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT EXTENSIVELY WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT TO ENHANCE PRODUCTIVITY AND TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF SERVICE.

"BY THE END OF 1988, 1,200 MICROCOMPUTERS AND 650 WORD PROCESSORS WILL HAVE BEEN INSTALLED, AND THIS TREND IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE AND TO GROW IN FUTURE," HE SAID.

DR GREENFIELD NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ANALYST-PROGRAMMERS IN GOVERNMENT HAD INCREASED BY 45 PER CENT IN THE PAST 18 MONTHS, THE TOTAL WAS STILL RELATIVELY SMALL, AT 363, BY INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS.

"MOREOVER, THERE IS A WORLD-WIDE SHORTAGE OF SUCH PROFESSIONALS RESULTING IN A HIGH TURNOVER OF STAFF FROM WHICH GOVERNMENT HAS NOT BEEN IMMUNE," HE EXPLAINED.

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DR GREENFIELD SAID A MAJOR CONSULTANCY WAS COMMISSIONED IN APRIL TO REVIEW ALL ASPECTS OF GOVERNMENT'S CURRENT APPROACH TO COMPUTERISATION BECAUSE OF THE RAPIDLY CHANGING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY.

"RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE ON SUCH ISSUES AS AN INFRASTRUCTURAL APPROACH RATHER THAN A PIECE-MEAL PROJECT-BY-PROJECT APPROACH TO COMPUTERISATION; ON THE ISSUE OF CENTRALISATION AS AGAINST DECENTRALISATION AND THE POSSIBILITY OF CORPORATISATION OF GDPA; CHARGING FOR COMPUTER SERVICES, AND ON PERSONNEL MATTERS AMONG OTHER THINGS," HE SAID.

"THESE WILL BE CONSIDERED BY GOVERNMENT DURING THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, AND WHATEVER DECISIONS ARE FINALLY TAKEN, THE OUTLOOK FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN COMPUTERISATION IN GOVERNMENT IS EXCITING," DR GREENFIELD SAID.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR SIR DAVID TRENCH

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A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR FORMER GOVERNOR, THE LATE SIR DAVID TRENCH, WILL BE HELD AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, GARDEN ROAD, ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 17).

THE SERVICE WILL BEGIN AT 9.15 AM.

ADMISSION WILL BE BY TICKET ONLY. TICKETS MAY BE COLLECTED FROM THE PROTOCOL DIVISION, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (ROOM 324), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM.

DONATIONS IN SIR DAVID'S MEMORY MAY BE MADE TO THE COMMUNITY CHEST.

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NEW FLOATING CLINIC DELIVERED

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RESIDENTS OF OUTLYING ISLANDS CAN BEFORE LONG EXPECT TO BE SERVED BY A NEW FLOATING CLINIC WHICH WILL REPLACE THE OLD "CHEE HONG" WHICH HAS GIVEN 30 YEARS OF SERVICE.

THE GOVERNMENT NEW CONSTRUCTION SECTION OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT HAS JUST TAKEN DELIVERY OF THE REPLACEMENT VESSEL FOLLOWING A SEA TRIAL SUPERVISED BY ITS SURVEYORS.

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THE NEW FLOATING CLINIC, WHICH WILL BEAR THE OLD NAME CHEE HONG, WILL BE HANDED OVER TO THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT LATER THIS MONTH.

THE NEW CHEE HONG WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE REGULAR MEDICAL SERVICES TO RESIDENTS IN SUCH PLACES AS TIN HA WAN, TUNG LUNG ISLAND, PO TOI ISLAND, PO TOI O, KAU SAI, LEUNG SHEUNG WAN, MA WAN, PENNY'S BAY AND SOK KWU WAN.

THE NEW VESSEL WAS BUILT AT A LOCAL SHIPYARD AT A COST OF \$3,199,000 DONATED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB. IT TOOK ONE YEAR TO COMPLETE.

"THE VESSEL IS SIMILAR IN SIZE TO THE EXISTING ONE, MEASURING 23.5 METRES IN LENGTH, 6.5 METRES IN WIDTH AND HAS A DRAUGHT OF 1.6 METRES," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

"HOWEVER, THE SPEED OF THE NEW BOAT, AT 12 KNOTS, IS 50 PER CENT FASTER THAN THAT OF THE OLD ONE," HE ADDED.

THE NEW CHEE HONG HAS SEPARATE ROOMS FOR CONSULTATION, TREATMENT AND DISPENSARY.

"THE VESSEL IS FULLY AIR-CONDITIONED AND THERE IS ALSO THE DESIGN OF A LARGE OPEN DECK AFT OF THE WHEELHOUSE FOR PLACING STRETCHERS IN EMERGENCY RESCUE DUTIES.

"ALL THIS WILL PROVIDE A BETTER WORKING ENVIRONMENT AND THUS ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF MEDICAL SERVICES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AS IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF ALL GOVERNMENT CRAFT, THE MARINE DEPARTMENT WAS IN CHARGE OF THE PRELIMINARY DESIGN OF THE NEW CHEE HONG, TENDERING, SELECTING BUILDER, PLAN APPROVAL AND SUPERVISION THROUGHOUT THE CONSTRUCTION.

THIS ENSURED HIGH QUALITY STANDARD AND TAILOR-MADE DESIGNS TO MEET THE OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENT OF THE USER DEPARTMENT.

THE VESSEL IS MANNED BY A MARINE DEPARTMENT CREW.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE DEPARTMENT EXPECTED TO TAKE DELIVERY NEXT MONTH OF YET ANOTHER NEW VESSEL WHICH WOULD REPLACE THE CHEE HONG'S SISTER BOAT - THE CHEE WAN.

THE CHEE WAN SERVES RESIDENTS OF OUTLYING ISLANDS IN THE NORTHEASTERN NEW TERRITORIES.

THE NEW CHEE WAN COSTS THE SAME AS THE CHEE HONG, AND THE FUNDS WERE ALSO DONATED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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INVESTMENT IN LINKAGE INDUSTRIES ENCOURAGED

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THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR K.Y. YEUNG, TODAY (MONDAY) WELCOMED THE "NOTICEABLE AND ENCOURAGING GROWTH IN INVESTMENT IN THE LINKAGE INDUSTRIES" AND PAID TRIBUTE TO THE ROLE OF JAPANESE MANUFACTURERS IN HONG KONG.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF HONG KONG NUKABE LTD., THE FIRST AUTOMOBILE PARTS MANUFACTURER TO START UP IN ONE OF HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL ESTATES.

MR YEUNG POINTED OUT THAT THE TREND OF INVESTMENT IN LINKAGE INDUSTRIES COULD NOT ONLY MAKE IT MORE ADVANTAGEOUS FOR MANUFACTURERS TO BUY PARTS AND COMPONENTS LOCALLY THAN TO IMPORT THEM.

"JUST AS IMPORTANT, IT REFLECTS GROWING CONFIDENCE ON THE PART OF JAPANESE MANUFACTURERS IN THE CAPABILITIES OF OUR WORKFORCE.

"WE WELCOME JAPAN'S INCREASING INTEREST, PARTICULARLY AS JAPANESE INVESTMENT CONTINUES TO BE A FRUITFUL SOURCE OF USEFUL TECHNOLOGY FOR OUR MANUFACTURING COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

THE 1988 SURVEY OF OVERSEAS INVESTMENT, PUBLISHED LAST MONTH, SHOWED THAT JAPAN'S SHARE OF TOTAL OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES HAD RISEN SIGNIFICANTLY, FROM 20.5 PER CENT IN 1986 TO 26.6 PER CENT IN 1987.

MR YEUNG SAID THE GOVERNMENT, WHICH HAD TENDED TO FOCUS ITS INVESTMENT PROMOTION ACTIVITIES AT OVERSEAS MANUFACTURERS WHOSE TECHNOLOGY WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO THE TERRITORY, UNDERSTOOD WELL THAT THESE MANUFACTURERS WOULD NOT COME UNLESS THEY COULD GET THE RIGHT KIND OF TECHNOLOGICAL SUPPORT.

"THE HIGHER THE LEVEL OF TECHNOLOGY INVOLVED IN THE BUSINESS, THE MORE EXACTING THE INVESTOR WILL BE IN TERMS OF HIS REQUIREMENT FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES, LABORATORY FACILITIES AND TRAINED MANPOWER," HE SAID.

WITH THE IMPROVING SERVICES PROVIDED BY LOCAL INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS, MR YEUNG WAS CONFIDENT THAT OVERSEAS INVESTORS WOULD FIND IN HONG KONG NOT ONLY OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACHIEVING EARLY PROFITABILITY BUT ALSO AN ENVIRONMENT SUPPORTING INCREASINGLY UP-MARKET PRODUCTION.

THE NEW HONG KONG NUKABE MANUFACTURING IN TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE WILL INITIALLY PRODUCE FOR EXPORT PRECISION PARTS FOR POWER STEERING MECHANISMS AND FUEL PUMP UNITS.

MANUFACTURING OF COLD FORGED ENGINE PARTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE IS BEING PLANNED.

"WITH ITS HIGHLY AUTOMATED MACHINERY AND SOPHISTICATED PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY, I AM CONFIDENT THAT NUKABE MANUFACTURING WILL BECOME A SUCCESSFUL AND PROFITABLE OPERATION," MR YEUNG SAID.

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FESTIVAL, LIGHTING ARRANGEMENTS ON COMMITTEE AGENDA
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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE AND SPORTS COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 14) MORNING TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SHA TIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL AS WELL AS LIGHTING DECORATIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS, NEW YEAR AND LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

THE MEETING WILL ALSO DISCUSS A REVISED APPLICATION FOR \$8,200 TO SUBSIDISE THE SHA TIN CHILDREN'S CHOIR ANNUAL CONCERT TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 28.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE EXPENDITURE HEADS AND TENTATIVE CEILINGS FOR 1989-90 AS WELL AS PROGRESS REPORTS FROM THE SHA TIN SPORTS AND ARTS ASSOCIATIONS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE AND SPORTS COMMITTEE MEETING TO BEGIN AT 9.30 AM ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 14) AT THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE SIXTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION.

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HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT TO MOVE
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THE CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL MOVE TO ITS NEW ADDRESS AT SOUTHERN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, SEVENTH FLOOR, ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 16).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE UNIT'S ENQUIRIES HOTLINES, WHICH HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED TEMPORARILY, WILL RESUME SERVICE NEXT MONDAY (DECEMBER 19). THE NUMBERS WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 39.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 233.235 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 366.863 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 62.6 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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KWAI CHUNG RECLAMATION PUBLIC DUMP OPENS

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THE PUBLIC DUMP AT THE KWAI CHUNG RECLAMATION OPENED TODAY (MONDAY).

MATERIALS WILL BE TIPPED AT THE BACK-UP AREA RECLAMATION SITE BEHIND KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINAL NO. 6.

THE ENTRANCE AND EXIT TO THE DUMP IS AT THE SOUTHERN END OF CONTAINER PORT ROAD.

THE OPENING HOURS ARE FROM 8.30 AM TO 6 PM ON WEEKDAYS ONLY. THE DUMP WILL BE CLOSED ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

HOLDERS OF VALID DUMPING LICENCES FOR PUBLIC DUMPS IN HONG KONG AND KOWLOON ARE PERMITTED TO DUMP THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS:

- * EARTH AND BUILDING DEBRIS.
- * STONE UP TO 250 MM IN SIZE PROVIDING IT IS WELL MIXED WITH EARTH.

THE ABOVE MATERIALS SHOULD BE FREE FROM MARINE MUD, HOUSEHOLD REFUSE, TIMBER, PLASTICS, INDUSTRIAL AND CHEMICAL WASTES, ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATTER, AND OTHER MATERIALS CONSIDERED UNSUITABLE BY THE DUMP SUPERVISORS.

DUMPING LICENCES MAY BE OBTAINED FREE OF CHARGE ON APPLICATION TO THE CHIEF ENGINEER, PORT WORKS DIVISION, CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT EIGHTH FLOOR, EMPIRE CENTRE, 68 MODY ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, KOWLOON.

THE DUMP WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE TO VEHICLES DISPLAYING VALID WINDSHIELD STICKERS ISSUED TOGETHER WITH THE DUMPING LICENCES.

ALL DUMPING MUST BE CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTION OF THE DUMP SUPERVISORS.

THE RIGHT IS RESERVED TO CANCEL DUMPING LICENCES AT ANY TIME OR TO CLOSE THE DUMP WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURE OF TUEN MUN ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE ROAD RESURFACING WORKS ON TUEN MUN ROAD EASTBOUND NEAR YAU KAM TAU BRIDGE, SCHEDULED TO BE CARRIED OUT FROM JANUARY 8 TO 18, WILL BE ADVANCED TO DECEMBER 15 (THURSDAY) TO 22.

DURING THE WORKS PERIOD, THE THREE TRAFFIC LANES ON THIS SECTION OF TUEN MUN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED IN ROTATION.

TWO TRAFFIC LANES WILL BE MAINTAINED ON THE AFFECTED SECTION FROM 6.30 AM TO 9 PM WHILE AT LEAST ONE TRAFFIC LANE WILL REMAIN OPEN FROM 9 PM TO 6.30 AM THE NEXT DAY. MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO USE THE ALTERNATIVE ROUTEING VIA CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURE OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TO FACILITATE WATERWORKS, THE EASTBOUND TRAFFIC LANES ON LUNG CHEUNG ROAD BETWEEN WONG TAI SIN MTR STATION AND CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD WILL BE CLOSED IN TURN FROM 11.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 14) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY.

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SHAN KWONG ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 15), NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN HAPPY VALLEY TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION.

SHAN KWONG ROAD BETWEEN YIK YAM STREET AND KING KWONG STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC.

ALSO, THE RIGHT-TURN FROM SHAN KWONG ROAD NORTHBOUND TO YIK YAM STREET WILL BE BANNED, EXCEPT DURING TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS FOR HAPPY VALLEY RACE MEETINGS.

VEHICLES ON KING KWONG STREET HEADING FOR YIK YAM STREET WILL BE DIVERTED VIA PO SHIN STREET, VILLAGE ROAD AND SHAN KWONG ROAD.

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