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GOVERNOR VISITING TWO SCHOOLS
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WILL VISIT TWO SCHOOLS ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 6) AFTERNOON.

HE WILL ARRIVE AT THE SHAU KEI WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL AT 2.20 PM AND THE MARDEN FOUNDATION CARITAS PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL - CHAI WAN AT 2.55 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE OUTSIDE LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG, WHERE TWO VANS WILL LEAVE AT 1.30 PM SHARP.

GIS OFFICERS WILL ASSIST.

THE SHAU KEI WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL IS AT 42 CHAI WAN ROAD, HONG KONG AND THE MARDEN FOUNDATION CARITAS PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL - CHAI WAN IS AT 330 SAN HA STREET, HONG KONG.

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PRESS VISIT TO POLLING STATION
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ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE PRESS TO VISIT THE LADY TRENCH TRAINING CENTRE POLLING STATION AT 44 OI KWAN ROAD IN WAN CHAI, ON HONG KONG ISLAND TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION, MR LEE LAP-SUN WILL BE AT THE POLLING STATION TO ANSWER ANY QUERIES FROM THE PRESS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE VISIT.

PRESS MEMBERS WISHING TO COVER THE VISIT SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CENTRE AT JOHNSTON ROAD AT 2.45 PM SHARP.

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS ON EXPENDITURE PROPOSALS
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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL BEGIN THE FIRST OF ITS FOUR SPECIAL MEETINGS TO EXAMINE IN PUBLIC THE DRAFT ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1985-86 ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6.

THE MEETING WILL CONSIDER PROVISIONS SOUGHT FOR LAW AND ORDER ITEMS.

A LEGCO UNOFFICIAL LAW AND ORDER ESTIMATES STUDY TEAM HAS BEEN FORMED UNDER THE CONVENORSHIP OF HON PETER C WONG TO SCRUTINISE THE EXPENDITURE PROPOSALS.

OTHER MEMBERS IN THE TEAM ARE HON DR HO KAM-FAI, HON ANDREW SO, HON WONG PO-YAN, HON J J SWAINE, HON STEPHEN CHEONG, HON MARIA TAM, HON MRS PAULINE NG, HON YEUNG PO-KWAN AND HON KEITH LAM.

THE TEAM HAS PUT UP A TOTAL OF 41 QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLIES AND ANOTHER 27 QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLIES BY THE CONTROLLING OFFICERS.

THE CONTROLLING OFFICERS EXPECTED TO APPEAR IN PERSON BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ARE THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES; THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION; THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT; THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE; REGISTRAR, SUPREME COURT; THE SOLICITOR GENERAL AND THE COMMISSIONER OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION.

ITEMS TO BE COVERED INCLUDE EXPENDITURE ON MANAGING CLOSED CENTRES FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES; THE REASONS FOR OPENING A NEW CENTRE WHEN SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN REFUGEE POPULATION IS NOT EXPECTED; CREATION OF NEW POSTS IN THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT; MAINTENANCE OF GARRISON PROPERTY; EXPENDITURE FOR IDENTIFYING AND REPATRIATING OVERSTAYERS FROM CHINA; IMPROVEMENTS AND EXTENSIONS OF EXISTING CUSTOMS FACILITIES AT MAN KAM TO AND LO WU; MANPOWER INVOLVED IN ISSUING NEW ID CARDS; PROVISIONS FOR THE NEW UNIT IN THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT TO LOOK INTO THE INTERNATIONAL TREATIES AFFECTING HONG KONG; AND THE DRAFTING OF BILINGUAL LEGISLATION AS WELL AS THE TRANSLATION OF ALL HONG KONG LAWS INTO CHINESE.

OTHER QUESTIONS CONCERN THE NUMBER OF IMMIGRATION STAFF DEPLOYED TO ENSURE THAT TWO-WAY PERMIT HOLDERS FROM CHINA DO NOT OVERSTAY; STAFF REDEPLOYMENT TO COPE WITH AIRPORT PEAK HOUR DEMANDS; DECREASE OF ICAC PUBLICITY VOTE; INCREASE OF ICAC CASES REQUIRING OVERSEAS INVESTIGATION AND EXPENDITURE ON THE POLICE CADET SCHOOL.

THREE OTHER SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ARE SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 8, 11 AND 12 ON EXPENDITURE PROPOSALS FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, AND GENERAL SERVICES.

ALL MEETINGS WILL START AT 2.30 PM AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

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PUBLIC HELP IN SURVEYS URGED
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THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS, MR COLIN GREENFIELD TODAY (MONDAY) CALLED FOR PUBLIC COOPERATION IN TWO MAJOR SURVEYS BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE DEPARTMENT.

THE FIRST SURVEY IS THE 1984-85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY (HES) WHICH STARTED IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR AND WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THE END OF SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

+A MAJOR USE OF THE SURVEY RESULTS WILL BE TO UP-DATE THE WEIGHTS AND BASKET OF GOODS AND SERVICES OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDICES (CPI) A AND B, AND THE HANG SENG CPI,+ MR GREENFIELD EXPLAINED, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE.

+THE RESULTS ARE OF IMPORTANCE TO EVERYONE AND SO WE ALL HAVE AN INTEREST IN MAKING THEM AS ACCURATE AS POSSIBLE,+ HE ADDED.

THE TARGET SAMPLE SIZE FOR THE WHOLE SURVEY IS 4 700 HOUSEHOLDS, OUT OF WHICH SOME 1 800 HAD SO FAR TAKEN PART IN THE SURVEY.

+IT IS PLANNED TO RELEASE NEW CPI SERIES BASED ON THE SURVEY RESULTS IN APRIL 1986,+ HE SAID.

THE OTHER SURVEY IS THE 1985 PILOT POPULATION CENSUS.

+THIS WILL BE CONDUCTED FROM MARCH 8 TO 17, WITH THE PURPOSE OF TESTING ALL ASPECTS OF A CENSUS OPERATION IN PREPARATION FOR UNDERTAKING A BY-CENSUS IN MARCH 1986,+ MR GREENFIELD SAID.

A SAMPLE OF 12 000 HOUSEHOLDS HAD BEEN RANDOMLY SELECTED FROM EIGHT DISTRICTS.

+AGAIN, THE COOPERATION OF HOUSEHOLDS SELECTED IS SOUGHT. CENSUS DATA IS FUNDAMENTAL IN PLANNING HOUSING, MEDICAL, EDUCATIONAL AND MANY OTHER FACILITIES. IT IS THEREFORE IN THE INTEREST OF ALL THAT THE CENSUS SHOULD BE A SUCCESS,+ HE EXPLAINED.

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'MODEST GROWTH' IN AUTO WORKERS
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THE WORKFORCE IN THE COMMERCIAL AND PASSENGER VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SECTOR WOULD CONTINUE TO GROW AT A MODEST RATE, ACCORDING TO THE 1984 MANPOWER SURVEY REPORT ON THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY.

AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TOWNS AND BETTER ROAD SYSTEMS, THE INCREASING USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND THE INCREASE IN HONG KONG-BASED COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES OVER THE BORDER WOULD RESULT IN GREATER DEMAND FOR COMMERCIAL AND PASSENGER VEHICLES, SAID THE REPORT PUBLISHED BY THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

HOWEVER, THE MANPOWER REQUIRED IN THE PRIVATE CAR MAINTENANCE SECTOR WOULD REMAIN STAGNANT IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE BECAUSE OF THE REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF THE PRIVATE CARS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRAINING BOARD SAID.

THE SURVEY REVEALED THAT SINCE THE GOVERNMENT TOOK MEASURES TO CURB THE GROWTH OF PRIVATE CARS IN 1982, THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY WORKFORCE DECREASED FROM 13 300 IN 1982 TO 12 200 IN 1984.

BASED ON THE FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY, THE BOARD ALSO FORECAST THAT AN ADDITIONAL 370 CRAFTSMEN, 40 TECHNICIANS AND SIX TECHNOLOGISTS WOULD BE REQUIRED EACH YEAR UP TO 1990 TO MEET THE MANPOWER DEMAND FOR THE INDUSTRY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRE, ADMINISTERED BY THE BOARD, WOULD PROVIDE ONE-YEAR BASIC SKILL TRAINING IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR TO SOME 310 CRAFT AND 30 TECHNICIAN TRAINEES ANNUALLY.

THE BOARD CONSIDERED THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TRAINING CENTRE WOULD BRING ABOUT A REGULAR SUPPLY OF PROPERLY TRAINED TECHNICIAN AND CRAFT TRAINEES, HE ADDED.

THE 1984 MANPOWER SURVEY REPORT ON THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$9.50 A COPY.

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'STUDENTS AGAINST DRUGS'
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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, MR KARL STUMPF WILL ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE +STUDENTS AGAINST DRUGS MOVEMENT+ PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY AND CONCERT, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT 3 PM ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 6) AT ROSE ROOM, SHANGRI-LA HOTEL, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, KOWLOON.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

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PARENTS MAY SOON TRY FOR PRIMARY PLACES
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PARENTS WISHING TO SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO PRIMARY 2 TO 6 IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS IN 1985-86 MAY APPLY BETWEEN MARCH 8 AND 15.

AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT CHILDREN AGED EIGHT YEARS SIX MONTHS AND ABOVE ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1985 MAY BE ADMITTED TO THE PRIMARY 2 TO 6 LEVEL.

ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE MADE AT INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS IN HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES TO SEE WHETHER THERE WERE VACANCIES, HE SAID.

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

CHILDREN WILL NORMALLY BE ADMITTED TO SCHOOLS WHICH SERVE THE DISTRICT IN WHICH THEY LIVE, AND CARE WILL BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT THOSE FROM THE SAME FAMILY ARE NOT SEPARATED.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THOSE GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOLS WITH VACANCIES FROM MARCH 8 TO 15, EXCLUDING GENERAL HOLIDAYS.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL TO WHICH ADMISSION IS DESIRED.

SELECTION OF PUPILS WILL BE CONDUCTED ON MARCH 22.

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

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JOINT EXERCISE

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A JOINT GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS EXERCISE WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 6, 13, 14 AND 15. THIS IS ONE OF A SERIES OF ROUTINE EXERCISES DESIGNED TO TEST THE USE OF GOVERNMENT, POLICE AND MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS.

THERE WILL BE NO DEPLOYMENT OF POLICE OR MILITARY UNITS ON THE GROUND DURING THE EXERCISE, AND THERE WILL BE NO INTERFERENCE WITH TRAFFIC OR INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC.

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LITTERBUGS PAY \$6 MILLION IN FINES

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A TOTAL OF 38 282 LITTERBUGS WERE CONVICTED BY COURTS FOR VARIOUS LITTER OFFENCES LAST YEAR RESULTING IN FINES OF MORE THAN \$6 MILLION. THIS COMPARED WITH 42 820 AND 42 065 IN 1983 AND 1982 RESPECTIVELY.

+WE ARE VERY ENCOURAGED BY THE FIGURE, AS IT SHOWS THAT OUR MESSAGE TO KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN IS GETTING ACROSS TO THE PUBLIC AND THAT BAD HABITS CAN BE BROKEN,+ SAID A USD SPOKESMAN.

SINCE THE RECORDS OF LITTER OFFENDERS WERE COMPUTERISED IN SEPTEMBER 1982, THE SPOKESMAN SAID SOME 6 000 RECIDIVISTS WERE REGISTERED AND MORE THAN \$1.6 MILLION IN FINES COLLECTED.

APART FROM PROVIDING ACCURATE DATA OF THOSE BROUGHT UP BEFORE THE COURTS, THE COMPUTERISED RECORDS ALSO THREW UP MANY INTERESTING POINTERS OF THE +REPEATING OFFENDERS.+

ONE RECIDIVIST WHO HAD A RECORD OF 12 CONVICTIONS HAD BEEN FINED A TOTAL OF \$4 635 SINCE SEPTEMBER 1982.

THE BULK OF RECIDIVISTS ARE MEN AND ALMOST HALF THE REPEATER OFFENDERS ARE THOSE AGED BETWEEN 40 AND 59, FOLLOWED BY THE 30-39 AGE GROUP.

AND MOST OF THE REPEATER OFFENDERS ARE FROM THE SHAM SHUI PO, YAU MA TEI AND KOWLOON CITY DISTRICTS.

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CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS TO MEET
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A PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT 3 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT GIS TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF COMMONWEALTH CORRECTIONAL ADMINISTRATORS TO BE HELD IN HONG KONG BETWEEN MARCH 18 AND 22.

THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR THOMAS GARNER, WHO IS THE CONVENOR OF THE MEETING; ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER, MR BARRY HIGGINBOTTOM, THE SECRETARY; AND SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT, MR PI WING-LEE, WILL BE PRESENT AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT 3 PM.

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BOARD TO DISCUSS ENVIRONMENT REPORT
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TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS A REPORT ON THE TSUEN WAN TOWN CENTRE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT STUDY AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE TSING YI TOWN/CENTRE OUTLINE DEVELOPMENT PLAN - THE IMPROVEMENT TO THE INTERSECTION OF CASTLE PEAK AND KWAI CHUNG ROADS AND THE WORK ON ROUTE 5 (TSUEN WAN SECTION) WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE PAPERS ON A SURVEY ON UNRULY YOUTHS IN THE DISTRICT, THE PROVISION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES AND REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT OFFICE ON 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES (NEXT TO THE MTR KWAI HING STATION), 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

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AUXILIARY AIR FORCE SEEKS NURSING RECRUITS

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THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE IS SEEKING WOMEN VOLUNTEERS FROM AMONG REGISTERED -- OR REGISTRABLE -- NURSES BETWEEN 25 AND 35 YEARS OF AGE TO SERVE IN ITS MEDICAL SECTION.

THE RECRUITS WILL BE REQUIRED TO UNDERGO TRAINING OVER THE WEEKENDS. AFTER THEIR TRAINING, THEY WILL BE GIVEN THE JOB OF RUNNING THE FORCE'S MEDICAL CENTRE, KEEPING MEDICAL RECORDS, PROVIDING FIRST AID TREATMENT, AND ASSISTING MEDICAL OFFICERS IN THE AIRCREW MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS.

IN ADDITION TO BEING ABLE TO PUT IN THE TRAINING TIME NECESSARY FOR THEM TO ATTAIN THE HIGH STANDARD OF PROFICIENCY REQUIRED FOR THE JOB, THE RECRUITS MUST ALSO HAVE A GOOD COMMAND OF ENGLISH, **AN RHKAAF SPOKESMAN SAID.**

THEY SHOULD ALSO SHOW AN INTEREST IN AVIATION, HE ADDED.

APPLICANTS SHOULD SUBMIT FULL PERSONAL DETAILS WITH PHOTOGRAPH TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER, RHKAAF, HONG KONG AIRPORT, AIRPORT TUNNEL EAST EXIT, KOWLOON.

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SPRING RECEPTION

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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL HOST A SPRING RECEPTION AT THE MAXIM'S RESTAURANT TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WILL ATTEND THE RECEPTION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE SPRING RECEPTION TO BE HELD AT 3.30 PM AT MAXIM'S RESTAURANT, BASEMENT 1, CONNAUGHT CENTRE, CONNAUGHT PLACE.

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NEW AIR COMPRESSOR HOUSE FOR ABATTOIR
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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AN AIR COMPRESSOR HOUSE AT THE KENNEDY TOWN ABATTOIR.

WORK ON THE SINGLE-STOREY STRUCTURE IS EXPECTED TO START IN APRIL AND TAKE FIVE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

TENDERS MUST BE ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC WORKS TENDER BOARD, AND PLACED IN THE PUBLIC WORKS TENDER BOX AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, BY MARCH 22.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURES
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 67.2 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 393.867 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 476.562 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 81.3 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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REPULSE BAY TAPS OFF
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN REPULSE BAY WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 PM ON THURSDAY (MARCH 7).

ALL PREMISES ALONG SOUTH BAY CLOSE, INCLUDING SOUTH BAY VILLAS, AND 101 - 119A REPULSE BAY ROAD WILL BE AFFECTED.

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