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LINK WITH NORTHWEST NT TRANSPORT PRIORITY
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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE PRIORITY IN CONSTRUCTION OF TRANSPORT FACILITIES IS TO LINK UP URBAN AREAS AND THE NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE NEW LO WU TERMINAL, HE SAID: +THE PRIORITY REALLY IS TO DEVELOP A LINK BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE NORTHWEST AND THEN TO LOK MA CHAU BRIDGE AND UP TO GUANGZHOU.

+SO THE FIRST THING IS REALLY WHAT IS KNOWN AS ROUTE X WHICH IS THE ROAD OR RAIL OR BOTH, FROM TSUEN WAN TO YUEN LONG. THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE TO DO NEXT.+

ON OTHER TRANSPORT FACILITY DEVELOPMENTS, SIR DAVID NOTED THAT ONE OF THE OPTIONS IN THE STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT STUDIES CONCERNED DEVELOPMENT IN THE WEST OF HONG KONG.

+AS I MENTIONED THE OTHER DAY, FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE PORT IS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF OUR DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY. AND ONE OF THE POSSIBILITIES IS TO DEVELOP TO THE WESTWARD. AND IF WE DEVELOP TO THE WESTWARD, THEN THIS WOULD INVOLVE A WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING, SO THESE PROPOSALS HAVE ALREADY BEEN GIVEN PRELIMINARY STUDY DURING OUR STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT STUDY,+ HE SAID.

ASKED WHETHER THE POSSIBLE CONSTRUCTION OF THE THIRD HARBOUR CROSSING WOULD ENHANCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROPOSED NEW AIRPORT, SIR DAVID SAID THAT THE THIRD HARBOUR CROSSING AND THE AIRPORT WERE NOT DIRECTLY CONNECTED, AND HE BELIEVED THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PORT CAME FIRST.

ASKED TO CONFIRM WHETHER THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEW GOVERNOR WOULD BE MADE TOMORROW, SIR DAVID SAID: +I THINK YOU MIGHT NOT BE FAR WRONG IF I SAID THAT TOMORROW EVENING WE MIGHT KNOW THE RESULT.+

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SIR DAVID OPENS LO WU TERMINAL
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THE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS PASSING THROUGH LO WU HAS DOUBLED SINCE THE OPENING OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION'S ELECTRIFIED RAIL SERVICE TWO-AND-A-HALF YEARS AGO, THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE \$110 MILLION LO WU TERMINAL THE CEREMONY MARKED COMPLETION OF REDEVELOPMENT OF LO WU STATION AT A TOTAL COST OF \$260 MILLION.

/OTHER WORK

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OTHER WORK AT THE TERMINAL TO BE COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER WILL SIGNIFY THE END OF ALL PHYSICAL WORK ON THE KCRC MODERNISATION AND ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT AT A TOTAL COST OF \$3 000 MILLION.

SIR DAVID SAID OVER 18 MILLION PASSENGERS TRAVELLED BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA BY RAIL IN 1986, MORE THAN BY ANY OTHER MODE OF TRANSPORT.

THE KCR HAD CARRIED OVER THREE MILLION TONNES OF FREIGHT BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA IN 1985, COMPARED WITH 2.4 MILLION IN 1983; THIS WAS PROJECTED TO REACH SIX MILLION TONNES BY 1990-91.

+THESE INCREASES ARE ONLY ONE ASPECT OF AN EXTREMELY RAPID OVERALL GROWTH IN PASSENGER AND FREIGHT TRAFFIC BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA BY LAND, SEA AND AIR,+ HE SAID.

+THESE DRAMATIC DEVELOPMENTS ARE A REFLECTION OF THE VERY GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA AND UNDERLINE ONCE AGAIN THE IMPORTANT ROLE HONG KONG PLAYS AS A GATEWAY TO CHINA.+

THE TERMINAL WAS ONE OF MANY PROJECTS EITHER IN HAND OR PLANNED WHICH WERE RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE.

THE NEXT FIVE YEARS WOULD SEE COMPLETION OF A NEW CROSS-BORDER ROAD LINK AT LOK MA CHAU, THE CHINA FERRY TERMINAL IN TSIM SHA TSUI, THE FINAL STAGES OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD, THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL, THE ROUTE 5 TUNNEL LINKING TSUEN WAN AND SHA TIN AND THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING.

HONG KONG COULD ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO THE DEVELOPMENT IN THE 1990'S OF A MAJOR ROUTE LINKING YUEN LONG WITH TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG AND POSSIBLY TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A THIRD HARBOUR CROSSING.

ALL THESE WOULD NOT ONLY BE SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS TO HONG KONG'S INTERNAL TRANSPORT SYSTEM, BUT WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE INCREASING FLOW OF PEOPLE AND GOODS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND SHENZHEN, AND FURTHER INTO CHINA.

+THE COMPLETION OF THIS TERMINAL IS AN IMPORTANT STEP IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ONE OF THE MOST MODERN HIGH-CAPACITY TRANSPORT SYSTEMS IN THE WORLD,+ SIR DAVID SAID.

HE SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SAY A FEW WORDS OF THANKS FOR THE CO-OPERATION OF VILLAGERS AT LO WU, WHO HAD HAD TO LIVE NEXT DOOR TO A CONSTRUCTION SITE FOR THE LAST FIVE-AND-A-HALF YEARS.

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THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO DO SO UNTIL THE END OF THIS YEAR, WHEN DEMOLITION AND OTHER WORKS WOULD BE COMPLETED. BY THEN A SUBWAY WOULD BE PROVIDED FOR THEM TO WALK FROM THE STATION TO THE FOOTBRIDGE OVER THE RIVER, HE SAID.

THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES, DR K.F. NIP, SAID PLANNING FOR THE PROJECT BEGAN IN 1976.

CONSTRUCTION WORK AT LO WU STARTED IN JULY 1981, AND THE LATE GOVERNOR OFFICIATED AT THE OPENING OF THE ELECTRIC TRAIN SERVICE TO LO WU EXACTLY TWO-AND-A-HALF YEARS AGO.

THE NEW CROSS-BORDER FOOTBRIDGE WAS OPENED IN JUNE 1985, AT THE SAME TIME AS THE NEW SHENZHEN IMMIGRATION BUILDING.

DR NIP SAID CONSTRUCTION WORK AT LO WU HAD BEEN DIFFICULT BECAUSE THE SITE WAS VERY RESTRICTED AND USE OF THE TEMPORARY STATION AND PASSENGER PROCESSING FACILITIES HAD HAD TO BE MAINTAINED.

+GREAT CREDIT IS DUE TO ALL THOSE DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH THE PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION WORK, AND TO THE MEMBERS OF THE IMMIGRATION, POLICE, CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENTS AND KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION BASED AT LO WU FOR THEIR HELP, PATIENCE AND COOPERATION,+ HE SAID.

THE SIX-STORY TERMINAL BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION OF WHICH STARTED IN APRIL 1985, OCCUPIES AN AREA OF ABOUT HALF A HECTARE. IT IS LINKED TO THE CHINESE SIDE BY A TWO-TIER, CROSS-BORDER FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS SHENZHEN RIVER.

DEPARTING PASSENGERS PASS FROM THE PLATFORMS INTO THE GROUND FLOOR STATION CONCOURSE THROUGH THE IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS PROCESSING HALL, AND CROSS THE LOWER DECK OF THE FOOTBRIDGE TO SHENZHEN.

ARRIVAL PASSENGERS FROM SHENZHEN COME UP ESCALATORS FROM THE TOP DECK OF THE FOOTBRIDGE, INTO THE SECOND FLOOR PROCESSING HALL, THROUGH THE UPPER STATION CONCOURSE, WHICH INCLUDES THE BOOKING OFFICE, AND THEN DOWN ESCALATORS TO THE PLATFORMS.

EACH PROCESSING HALL COVERS AN AREA OF 2 400 SQUARE METRES AND HAS 44 IMMIGRATION COUNTERS, ALLOWING THE PROCESSING OF ABOUT 5 000 PASSENGERS PER HOUR IN EACH DIRECTION.

THERE ARE 24 CUSTOMS CHECKING COUNTERS IN THE ARRIVAL HALL AND 10 IN THE DEPARTURE HALL.

BOTH STATION CONCOURSE HAVE AUTOMATIC TICKET-OPERATED GATES AS IN OTHER STATIONS.

/OTHER FACILITIES

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OTHER FACILITIES INCLUDE A STAFF CARPARK, SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT, OFFICE SPACE, STAFF CANTEEN, RESTAURANT AND PLANT ROOMS.

BUILDING SERVICES INCLUDE A CENTRAL AIR-CONDITIONING SYSTEM; BAGGAGE HANDLING FACILITIES; CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION, PUBLIC ADDRESS AND SECURITY SYSTEMS; FIRE SERVICES INSTALLATIONS; AND LIFTS FOR STAFF AND DISABLED PERSONS.

AS A RESULT OF CLOSER RELATIONS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA, TRAVEL BETWEEN THE TWO PLACES HAS GROWN WITH THE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS THROUGH LO WU IN BOTH DIRECTIONS RISING FROM 2.66 MILLION IN 1978 TO 18.81 MILLION AT THE END OF 1986.

IT WAS ANTICIPATION OF THIS HEAVY CROSS-BORDER AND LOCAL PASSENGER TRAFFIC VOLUME WHICH LED TO THE MODERNISATION AND ELECTRIFICATION OF THE RAILWAY BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS BY A CONSULTANCY STUDY.

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KMB FARE REVISION APPLICATION APPROVED
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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS APPROVED AN APPLICATION FOR AN INCREASE IN FARES BY THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY WHICH WILL TAKE EFFECT FROM FEBRUARY 1. KMB'S LAST GENERAL FARE REVISION WAS IN FEBRUARY 1985.

UNDER THE NEW FARE SCALE, 1.3 PER CENT OF KMB PASSENGERS WILL BE UNAFFECTED BY THE FARE REVISION, 94.5 PER CENT OF PASSENGERS WILL PAY AN ADDITIONAL 10 CENTS TO 30 CENTS AND 3.9 PER CENT OF PASSENGERS, 40 CENTS TO 50 CENTS. THE REMAINING 0.3 PER CENT OF PASSENGERS, MOSTLY ON THE AIRPORT COACH SERVICES, WILL HAVE TO PAY AN ADDITIONAL FARE OF MORE THAN 50 CENTS.

DUE TO A SUB-DIVISION OF THE FARE BANDS, SOME OF THE LONG DISTANCE NT RURAL ROUTES WILL HAVE NO INCREASE, E.G. NOS. 52M, 57M, 67M AND 74A, AND SOME ONLY 10 CENTS INCREASE E.G. NOS. 59A, 66, 74X AND 75X.

WHILE FARES ON CROSS-HARBOUR ROUTES JOINTLY OPERATED BY KMB AND CMB WILL INCREASE FROM \$2.50 TO \$2.80, THE EXISTING +AFTER TUNNEL+ SECTION FARES OF THESE SERVICES WILL BE MAINTAINED.

THE REVISED FARES ON THE AIRPORT COACH ROUTES REFLECT THE CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENTS MADE RECENTLY TO THESE SERVICES WITH THE DEPLOYMENT OF AIR-CONDITIONED COACHES, THE PROVISION OF GREATER LUGGAGE SPACE, AND FASTER SERVICES BETWEEN THE AIRPORT AND HOTEL DISTRICTS AS A RESULT OF ROUTE ADJUSTMENTS.

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID A GENERAL FARE REVISION WAS CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME TO ENABLE KMB TO MAINTAIN ITS STANDARD AND LEVELS OF SERVICE, AND TO CONTINUE WITH NECESSARY ROUTE EXPANSION AS WELL AS CAPACITY AND FREQUENCY IMPROVEMENTS.

HE SAID THAT THE FINANCIAL AND OTHER DATA SUBMITTED BY KMB IN SUPPORT OF ITS APPLICATION HAD BEEN EXAMINED IN DETAIL BY GOVERNMENT AND BY THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE WAS SATISFIED THAT THE FARE SCALE PROPOSED BY KMB WAS FAIR AND APPROPRIATE AFTER STUDYING INTO THE PROPOSED FARE LEVELS FOR INDIVIDUAL BUS ROUTES AND THE PERCENTAGES OF FARE INCREASES FOR VARIOUS FARE BANDS.

THE REVISED FARE SCALE WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ON JANUARY 23.

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CHINA TO PROVIDE EXTRA WATER
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HONG KONG IS TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES OF WATER FROM CHINA - BUT AT INCREASED COST, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE EXTRA WATER WOULD BE SUPPLIED FOLLOWING TALKS DURING A VISIT TO GUANGDONG PROVINCE LAST MONTH BY A FOUR-MAN DELEGATION LED BY THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR GRAHAM BARNES, AND INCLUDING THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR TOM TOMLINSON.

THE SPOKESMAN DESCRIBED THE PRESENT STORAGE SITUATION AS +UNSATISFACTORY FOR THE TIME OF YEAR.+

WITHOUT ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES, THE AMOUNT OF WATER IN HONG KONG RESERVOIRS COULD BE EXPECTED TO DROP TO 190 MILLION CUBIC METRES AT THE BEGINNING OF MAY.

THIS COMPARED WITH A STORAGE LEVEL OF 264 MILLION CUBIC METRES TO ENSURE A MINIMAL RISK OF NOT BEING ABLE TO MAINTAIN FULL SUPPLY THROUGH TO THE BEGINNING OF THE WET SEASON IN MAY 1988.

+WITH STORAGE OF ONLY 190 MILLION CUBIC METRES THERE WOULD BE EVERY CHANCE THAT RESTRICTIONS WOULD NEED TO BE IMPOSED NEXT DRY SEASON,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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HOWEVER, HE SAID, AT THE DISCUSSIONS IN GUANGDONG IT WAS AGREED AN ADDITIONAL 10 TO 20 PER CENT WOULD BE PROVIDED THIS MONTH AND NEXT, AND FROM MAY TO JULY THE AVERAGE DAILY DELIVERY RATE WOULD BE INCREASED BY 200 000 CUBIC METRES.

+WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL FOR THE READY WAY IN WHICH THE WATER AUTHORITIES IN GUANGDONG HAVE AGREED TO SUPPLY US WITH THIS ADDITIONAL WATER,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THE EXTRA WATER WOULD IMPROVE THE SITUATION TO THE EXTENT THAT IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN A FULL SUPPLY FOR THE WHOLE OF THE NEXT WET AND DRY SEASONS PROVIDED THE YIELD IN THE COMING SUMMER WAS AT LEAST AVERAGE.

IN THE EVENT OF A DROUGHT DURING THE SUMMER, MORE RESOURCES WOULD STILL BE REQUIRED OR SUPPLY WOULD HAVE TO BE REDUCED.

+A FURTHER REVIEW WILL BE MADE IN LATE JUNE,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE CHARGE FOR WATER FROM CHINA HAD BEEN REVISED TO \$1.03 PER CUBIC METRE AS COMPARED WITH THE CURRENT RATE OF RM0.33, WHICH WAS EQUIVALENT TO \$0.91 WHEN THE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED IN 1985, BUT WAS NOW EQUIVALENT TO \$0.71 AT THE CURRENT EXCHANGE RATE.

HE SAID THE CHARGE WOULD BE 10 PER CENT HIGHER FOR THE EXTRA WATER TO BE SUPPLIED IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY AND FROM MAY TO JULY.

+IT IS INEVITABLE THAT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES LOCAL WATER CHARGES WILL HAVE TO BE REVISED,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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MEDICAL CARE FOR ELDERLY TO BE EXPANDED
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THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO PROVIDE A FURTHER 2 400 INFIRMARY BEDS, 600 GERIATRIC BEDS AND 400 DAY HOSPITAL PLACES IN THE NEXT 10 YEARS TO MEET THE INCREASING MEDICAL NEEDS OF THE ELDERLY.

THE REQUIREMENT AND PROVISION OF MEDICAL CARE FOR PEOPLE AGED 65 AND OVER WAS ONE OF THE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED BY THE MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MDAC) TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE MEETING WAS INFORMED OF THE FINDINGS OF A SURVEY CARRIED OUT LAST JULY TO ASSESS THE DEMANDS FOR INFIRMARY BEDS. THIS IDENTIFIED A TOTAL REQUIREMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL 1 486 INFIRMARY BEDS.

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AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 1 015 GENERAL INFIRMARY BEDS IN HONG KONG. THEY ARE PROVIDED FOR THE CHRONICALLY ILL OR DISABLED WHO NO LONGER NEED ACUTE TREATMENT BUT NEED LONGER TERM HOSPITALISATION.

AS FOR GERIATRIC BEDS, IT IS PLANNED TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL 600 BEDS BY 1995. AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 580 GERIATRIC BEDS IN VARIOUS PUBLIC HOSPITALS, INCLUDING SUBVENTED ONES.

HOWEVER, THE MDAC NOTED THAT GERIATRICS, WHICH IS A COMPARATIVELY NEW SPECIALTY, IS NOT THE ONLY SPECIALTY OFFERING HOSPITAL CARE FOR THE ELDERLY.

ELDERLY PATIENTS IN NEED OF HOSPITALISATION ARE ALSO TAKEN CARE OF IN WARDS OF VARIOUS SPECIALTIES SUCH AS MEDICINE, SURGERY, ORTHOPAEDICS, RADIOTHERAPY AND ONCOLOGY, AND GYNAECOLOGY.

TO SUPPLEMENT IN-PATIENT TREATMENT AND TO RELIEVE OVERCROWDING IN HOSPITALS, GERIATRIC DAY HOSPITAL CARE IS PROVIDED FOR THE ELDERLY WHO DO NOT REQUIRE FULL-TIME INTENSIVE MEDICAL CARE.

THERE ARE AT PRESENT 170 GERIATRIC DAY PLACES IN VARIOUS HOSPITALS AND CLINICS.

THE MDAC WAS INFORMED THAT AN ADDITIONAL 415 DAY PLACES WOULD BE PROVIDED BY 1995.

ANOTHER TOPIC DISCUSSED AT TODAY'S MEETING CONCERNED ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES.

MEMBERS WERE TOLD THAT ACCORDING TO A SURVEY CONDUCTED LAST YEAR TO ASSESS THE INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICE, IT WAS FOUND THAT ONLY NINE PER CENT OF THE TOTAL ATTENDANCE OF 64 208 PATIENTS AT FIVE MAJOR HOSPITALS WERE IDENTIFIED AS NON-EMERGENCY CASES.

HOWEVER, IT WAS FELT THAT INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICE WAS NOT EXCESSIVE AS OVERSEAS EXPERIENCE SHOWED A FIGURE OF ABOUT 20 TO 30 PER CENT.

DESPITE THIS LOW PERCENTAGE, CONTINUING EFFORTS WILL BE TAKEN TO DETER THE INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES. THESE INCLUDE HEALTH EDUCATION AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MORE EVENING AND HOLIDAY CLINICS.

THE MDAC ALSO DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF IMPOSING CHARGES FOR THE ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICE AS A MEANS TO DETER INAPPROPRIATE USE. IT WAS NOTED THAT CHARGING FEES WOULD BRING ABOUT OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS, ADMINISTRATIVE DIFFICULTIES AND ADDITIONAL RECURRENT EXPENSES SUCH AS THE SETTING UP OF 24-HOUR SHROFF OFFICES.

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ON THE PROVISION OF OBSERVATION BEDS IN THE ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS, MEMBERS WERE TOLD THAT IN FUTURE HOSPITAL PROJECTS, OBSERVATION BEDS WOULD BE A STANDARD FEATURE.

AT PRESENT, OBSERVATION BEDS ARE PROVIDED IN ALL HOSPITALS WITH 24-HOUR ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL WHERE THERE ARE PHYSICAL CONSTRAINTS.

TO SUPPORT THE ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES, EMERGENCY LABORATORY AND X-RAY FACILITIES ARE PROVIDED ROUND-THE-CLOCK IN ALL REGIONAL HOSPITALS.

PLASTICS SERVICES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE TO RENDER PROMPT TREATMENT FOR SIMPLE ORTHOPAEDIC FRACTURE CASES.

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INSOLVENCIES SHOWING A DOWNWARD TREND
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A TOTAL OF 2 778 INSOLVENCIES WERE BEING HANDLED BY THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER'S OFFICE AT THE END OF LAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

THESE INVOLVED 1 557 COMPULSORY COMPANY WINDING-UPS AND 1 221 PERSONAL BANKRUPTCIES.

FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 1986, THERE WERE 304 COMPULSORY WINDING-UP OF COMPANIES AND 391 NEW PERSONAL BANKRUPTCIES REPRESENTING A COMBINED SLIGHT DECREASE OF 0.57 PER CENT IN THE TOTAL NUMBER OF NEW INSOLVENCIES OVER THE 325 NEW COMPULSORY WINDING-UP OF COMPANIES AND 374 NEW PERSONAL BANKRUPTCIES IN 1985.

+THE YEAR 1986 HAD SEEN THE FIRST SIGN OF A DOWNWARD TREND IN THE NUMBER OF NEW INSOLVENCIES REACHING THE COURTS SINCE 1979 AND MOST OF THESE WERE SMALL OR MEDIUM IN SIZE BY COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS,+ THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, MR NOEL GLEESON, SAID.

HE SAID THAT BECAUSE EXPORTS AND THE ECONOMY WERE GENERALLY PERFORMING WELL, IT WOULD BE LIKELY THAT THE DOWNWARD TREND WOULD CONTINUE AND THAT THERE WOULD BE FEWER INSOLVENCIES THIS YEAR.

/FUNDS ADMINISTERED

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FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER AT THE END OF THE YEAR TOTALLED \$1 352 MILLION, AN INCREASE OF OVER 7.64 PER CENT AS AGAINST \$1 256 MILLION AT THE END OF 1985.

TOTAL DIVIDENDS PAID BY THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER DURING 1986 AMOUNTED TO \$43.2 MILLION IN 211 INSOLVENCIES, AS AGAINST \$41.8 MILLION IN 190 INSOLVENCIES IN 1985.

NOTABLE COMPANY FAILURES DURING THE YEAR INCLUDED BEACONS FINANCE LTD, CHEUNG KEE BUILDING CONTRACTORS CO. LTD, OPALBRIGHT INVESTMENTS LTD, KLASSE GROUP OF COMPANIES, KING'S DYEING AND WEAVING FTY LTD, FINANCIAL AND INVESTMENT SERVICES FOR ASIA LTD, DA DA GROUP OF COMPANIES AND AFEA LINE LTD.

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UNDER-UTILISED FERRY SERVICES TO CEASE OPERATION * * * * *

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS ENDORSED A PROPOSAL TO WITHDRAW THREE UNDER-UTILISED PASSENGER FERRY SERVICES PLYING BETWEEN HONG KONG ISLAND AND KOWLOON.

NO DATES HAVE YET BEEN FIXED FOR THE CESSATION OF THE SERVICES, WHICH ARE CENTRAL TO KWUN TONG; SAI WAN HO TO KOWLOON CITY AND WAN CHAI TO JORDAN ROAD.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE ENDORSEMENT TO END THE SERVICES CORRESPONDED WITH THE FINDINGS OF THE 1986 STUDY OF CROSS HARBOUR PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES (CHAPTS).

THE UNDER-UTILISED ROUTES, OPERATED BY THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY, HAVE BEEN INCURRING PASSENGER LOSSES SINCE 1972 FOLLOWING THE OPENING OF THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL AND OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY IN 1979.

+THE STUDY CONCLUDED THAT A FURTHER AND SIGNIFICANT DROP IN THE COMPANY'S PATRONAGE IS EXPECTED AFTER THE OPENING OF THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING,+ HE SAID.

THE SURVEY SHOWED THAT THE AVERAGE UTILISATION RATES OF THE THREE SERVICES FOR THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1986 WERE 15.6 PER CENT, 5.5 PER CENT AND 7.8 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

BY WITHDRAWING THESE SERVICES, THE COMPANY IS EXPECTED TO SAVE ABOUT \$6 MILLION ANNUALLY.

/THE SPOKESMAN

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THE SPOKESMAN ASSURED COMMUTERS THAT ADDITIONAL BUS SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED BEFORE THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE CENTRAL-KWUN TONG AND SAI WAN HO-KOWLOON CITY CROSS-HARBOUR FERRY SERVICES.

IN ADDITION TO THE 101 BUS ROUTE PLYING BETWEEN KENNEDY TOWN AND KWUN TONG, A NEW PEAK-HOUR EXPRESS CROSS-HARBOUR BUS ROUTE 141 TO RUN BETWEEN KWUN TONG AND MACAU FERRY PIER WILL BE INTRODUCED TO COINCIDE WITH THE STOPPAGE OF THE CENTRAL-KWUN TONG FERRY SERVICE.

THE 106 CROSS-HARBOUR BUS ROUTE WILL BE IMPROVED WITH THE DEPLOYMENT OF JUMBO BUSES WHEN THE SAI WAN HO TO KOWLOON CITY FERRY SERVICE CEASES OPERATION.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT IT IS INTENDED THAT THE WAN CHAI-JORDAN ROAD FERRY SERVICE WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE UNTIL A NEW FERRY ROUTE BETWEEN WAN CHAI AND KOWLOON POINT -- PROPOSED BY THE TWO FERRY COMPANIES -- IS IMPLEMENTED.

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SIR DAVID INSPECTS SHA TIN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE
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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED THE SHA TIN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, MR CHAN KAM-CHUEN, AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MR MORRIS MORGAN, SIR DAVID EXAMINED VOCATIONAL EDUCATION FACILITIES AT THE INSTITUTE WHICH OPENED IN SEPTEMBER.

HE HAD A CLOSE LOOK AT THE COMPUTER ROOM OF THE COMPUTING STUDIES DEPARTMENT, PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITIES AT THE DESIGN DEPARTMENT AND THE HAIRDRESSING SALON OF THE GENERAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT.

HE WAS ALSO IMPRESSED BY THE FACILITIES AND AMENITIES PROVIDED FOR STUDENTS.

THE SHA TIN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE OCCUPIES AN AREA OF 2.9 HECTARES AND HAS A FIVE-STOREY MAIN BUILDING HOUSING CLASSROOMS, LABORATORIES, WORKSHOPS, LECTURE THEATRES AND LIBRARIES.

AMENITIES SUCH AS COMMON ROOMS, CLUB ROOMS AND SPORTING FACILITIES ARE CONTAINED IN A PURPOSE-BUILT COMPLEX SEPARATED FROM THE MAIN BUILDING.

THE INSTITUTE AND THE OTHER SIX TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OPERATED BY THE COUNCIL ARE PROVIDING TECHNICAL EDUCATION AT CRAFT AND TECHNICIAN LEVELS FOR MORE THAN 50 000 YOUNG PEOPLE.

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YOUTH PROBLEMS PUT IN FOCUS

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A CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEMS OF UNRULY YOUTH AND TO PROVIDE POSITIVE GUIDELINES TO DISSUADE YOUTHS FROM BECOMING DELINQUENTS WILL BE HELD IN TSUEN WAN ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 17).

THE CONFERENCE WILL ALSO INTRODUCE A SERIES OF FIGHT CRIME ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT IN THE COMING TWO WEEKS.

THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR DAVID JEAFFRESON, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY IN THE EXHIBITION GALLERY OF THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL AT 10 AM.

SPEAKERS IN THE MORNING SESSION INCLUDE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, DR ROBERT ANDRY WHO WILL SPEAK ON PSYCHOLOGICAL AND CORRECTIVE TREATMENTS; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER OF TSUEN WAN, MR HUI CHIU-YIN WHO WILL TALK ON JUVENILE CRIME TRENDS AND PREVENTIVE WORK; AND TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR NORMAN SIN WHO WILL DEAL WITH THE +PROBLEM+ SIDE OF YOUTH AND ITS IMPLICATIONS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH POLICY.

OTHER TOPICS INCLUDE MORAL EDUCATION AND GUIDANCE IN SCHOOLS.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY GROUP DISCUSSIONS AND A PLENARY SESSION IN THE AFTERNOON.

THE CONFERENCE IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

AN EXHIBITION ON JUVENILE CRIME STATISTICS AND RELATED SUBJECTS ON YOUTH BEHAVIOUR WILL BE HELD IN THE TOWN HALL AND WILL CONTINUE THE NEXT WEEK IN VARIOUS VENUES SUCH AS COMMUNITY HALLS.

RESIDENTS IN TSUEN WAN WILL ALSO BE ENTERTAINED AT A FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL IN THE YEUNG UK ROAD SPORTS GROUND ON SUNDAY.

THE CARNIVAL WILL FEATURE PERFORMANCES BY THE POLICE BAND, A DISPLAY OF POLICE EQUIPMENT, POLICE DOG DEMONSTRATION AND A STAGE SHOW BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG DISC JOCKEYS AND OTHER ARTISTES TO REINFORCE FIGHT CRIME MESSAGES.

THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE (OPERATIONS), MR LI KWAN-HA, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 2.30 PM.

PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO WINNERS OF AN ANTI SHOP-LIFTING POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION.

JUNIOR POLICE CALL MEMBERS WILL HELP DISTRIBUTE FIGHT CRIME PUBLICITY LEAFLETS AT THE SPORTS GROUND.

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YOUDE FUND RECEIVES GRASSROOTS SUPPORT
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DISTRICT BODIES HAVE RESPONDED ENTHUSIASTICALLY TO THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE FUND.

AT A RECENT MEETING OF THE SAN PO KONG (INDUSTRIAL) AREA COMMITTEE, A DONATION OF \$11 450 WAS COLLECTED FROM MEMBERS IN RESPONSE TO THE +\$10 DRIVE+. THE SUM WAS HANDED OVER TO THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICHOLAS YEK.

+THE OTHER 12 AREA COMMITTEES IN THE DISTRICT HAVE PLANS FOR SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS,+ A WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS ALSO SUPPORTED THE DRIVE, HE ADDED.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE TOOK THE LEAD BY CONTRIBUTING DURING A MEETING EARLIER IN THE WEEK. THE DONATION WILL BE SENT TO THE FUND IN THE NAME OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD AFTER DONATIONS FROM OTHER DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS ARE COLLECTED.

STAFF OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE ALSO MADE DONATIONS AS A MARK OF RESPECT TO SIR EDWARD, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

MEANWHILE, THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE TODAY RECEIVED A DONATION TO THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE FUND FROM A CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY.

THE CONTRIBUTION, AMOUNTING TO \$2 617, CAME FROM 140 RESIDENTS OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION ADVICE COUNCIL MARTHA BAKER SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY IN UPPER NGAU TAU KOK ESTATE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE THANKED THE ELDERLY PEOPLE FOR THEIR DONATION. HE ALSO CALLED ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN THE DISTRICT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FUND, NO MATTER HOW LARGE OR SMALL THE CONTRIBUTIONS MIGHT BE.

IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT, STAFF OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE ALSO GAVE GENEROUSLY TO THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE FUND.

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MORE CENTRES FOR YOUDE FUND DONATIONS
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PEOPLE WISHING TO DONATE TO THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE FUND WILL FIND IT MORE CONVENIENT TO DO SO WITH THE OPENING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) OF ADDITIONAL CENTRES TO COLLECT CONTRIBUTIONS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID A TOTAL OF 53 SUB-OFFICES AND DISTRICT OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY HAVE NOW SET UP DONATION BOXES FOR THE FUND.

HE NOTED THAT THE FUND WOULD SUPPORT THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATION TO WHICH THE LATE GOVERNOR ATTACHED MUCH IMPORTANCE.

+NO AMOUNT IS TOO SMALL IN MEMORY OF A MAN WHO CONTRIBUTED SO MUCH TO HONG KONG,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

RECEIPTS WILL NOT BE ISSUED UNLESS REQUESTED, AND THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED DONORS THAT CONTRIBUTIONS OF \$100 OR MORE ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

DONATION BOXES WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 4.30 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 9 AM TO 11.30 AM ON SATURDAYS.

HOWEVER, THE CHEUNG CHAU AND MUI WO SUB-OFFICES IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT WILL ONLY ACCEPT DONATIONS ON MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS.

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ILLEGAL ROOFTOP STRUCTURE TO BE DEMOLISHED
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING THE CLOSURE OF AN ILLEGAL STRUCTURE ON THE ROOF OF A BUILDING AT 8 PING SHING LANE, KWUN TONG, SO THAT IT CAN BE DEMOLISHED.

THIS FOLLOWS THE OWNER'S FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ORDERS ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE IN NOVEMBER 1985, REQUIRING THE STRUCTURE'S DEMOLITION.

A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT ON MARCH 27 WAS POSTED ON THE STRUCTURE TODAY (THURSDAY).

DEMOLITION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT IMMEDIATELY A CLOSURE ORDER IS MADE.

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EXHIBITION TO CLOSE FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN

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A TWO-DAY EXHIBITION ON +SECURITY AT HOME+ WILL BE HELD IN THE LOBBY OF HENNESSY CENTRE IN CAUSEWAY BAY ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY (JANUARY 17 AND 18).

THE EXHIBITION IS THE FINAL EVENT IN WAN CHAI DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN.

THERE WILL BE DISPLAYS OF ANTI-BURGLARY DEVICES SUITABLE FOR HOMES, AND THE POLICE CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU'S MOBILE EXHIBITION CAR WILL BE STATIONED OUTSIDE THE VENUE.

IN ADDITION, WINNING ENTRIES IN A STUDENTS' FIGHT CRIME SLOGAN CONTEST WILL BE ON DISPLAY.

THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE CRIME PREVENTION CAMPAIGN WILL BE HELD AT 2.15 PM ON SATURDAY. WINNERS OF THE SLOGAN CONTEST WILL RECEIVE AWARDS AND THREE CITIZENS WHO HAVE ASSISTED THE POLICE IN PREVENTING CRIME WILL RECEIVE THE DISTRICT'S +FIGHT CRIME AWARDS+.

FOLLOWING THE CLOSING CEREMONY, THE THIRD PHASE OF WAN CHAI DISTRICT'S NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME WILL BE INAUGURATED AT 3.15 PM AT THE RUBY RESTAURANT.

ABOUT 300 HOUSEHOLDS FROM FOUR BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT WILL JOIN THE SCHEME TO PREVENT CRIME.

AMONG THOSE OFFICIATING AT THE TWO CEREMONIES WILL BE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA, WAN CHAI POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR LAU TO-YEE, CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR CHENG HOK-YIN; AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN TO BE HELD AT 2.15 PM ON SATURDAY AT HENNESSY CENTRE IN CAUSEWAY BAY AND THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE THIRD PHASE OF THE DISTRICT'S NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME AT 3.15 PM ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF RUBY RESTAURANT, CAUSEWAY BAY.

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SEMINAR ON ELECTRONICS MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY
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A SEMINAR ON APPLICATION SPECIFIC INTEGRATED CIRCUITS (ASIC) AND SURFACE MOUNT TECHNOLOGY (SMT), TWO ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES BEING APPLIED BY MANUFACTURERS IN THE PRODUCTION OF ELECTRONICS CONSUMER PRODUCTS, WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 9, 1987 IN THE NEW WORLD HOTEL.

ON THE ADVICE OF THE ELECTRONICS SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD, THE SEMINAR IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL TO INFORM LOCAL MANUFACTURERS OF THE NEW TECHNOLOGIES, THEIR DEVELOPMENT TRENDS, AREAS FOR APPLICATION AND BENEFITS THAT MIGHT BE DERIVED.

SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE EXPERTS IN THE FIELD, INDUSTRIALISTS PRESENTLY APPLYING THESE TECHNOLOGIES IN THEIR OWN OPERATION AND SUPPLIERS OF THE TECHNOLOGIES AND RELEVANT EQUIPMENT.

DETAILS REGARDING APPLICATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SEMINAR WILL BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY.

IN THE MEANTIME, INTERESTED PARTIES MAY CONTACT THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT OR THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

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RESIDENTS URGED TO KEEP SEWERS FREE OF WASTES
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MONG KOK RESIDENTS TODAY (THURSDAY) SAW HOW SEWER BLOCKAGES WERE CLEARED OF GREASE AND DIRT IN A DEMONSTRATION STAGED IN SHANTUNG STREET.

THE DEMONSTRATION WAS CONDUCTED BY A TEAM OF SEWER CLEANSING WORKERS, SUPERVISED BY AN ENGINEER FROM THE URBAN DRAINAGE DIVISION, MR CHUNG HO-KWAN.

HIGH PRESSURE WATER JETS WERE AMONG THE EQUIPMENT USED TO REMOVE RUBBISH THAT CLOGGED THE PIPES.

A BUCKET ATTACHED TO A WINCH WAS ALSO USED.

+THE DEMONSTRATION ALLOWS RESIDENTS TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES HOW SEWERS ARE BLOCKED UP WITH ALL KINDS OF WASTES WHICH SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN CARELESSLY DUMPED INTO THE DRAINS IN THE FIRST PLACE,+ MR CHUNG SAID.

/+THESE INCLUDE

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+THESE INCLUDE OLD CLOTHES, ROTTEN VEGETABLES AND FRUIT AND WASTES FROM MARKET STALLS, SAND AND MUD FROM CONSTRUCTION SITES, AS WELL AS FOOD REMAINS FROM COOKED FOOD STALLS,+ HE SAID.

MR CHUNG POINTED OUT THAT APART FROM ACTING ON COMPLAINTS, THE DIVISION ALSO CONDUCTED REGULAR CLEANSING OPERATIONS TO MAINTAIN THE FREE FLOW OF WASTE WATER IN UNDERGROUND SEWERS AND STORM WATER DRAINS.

HE URGED RESIDENTS TO AVOID DISCHARGING SOLID WASTES, GREASE AND OIL INTO THE DRAINS, AS THEY THEMSELVES WOULD EVENTUALLY SUFFER INCONVENIENCE IN CASE OF BLOCKAGE.

THE DEMONSTRATION WAS ORGANISED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN, TO FOSTER RESIDENTS' AWARENESS OF THE DRAINAGE PROBLEM IN THE DISTRICT.

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JURORS LIST TO BE PUT UP
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THE ACTING REGISTRAR OF THE SUPREME COURT, MR COLIN JAMES PERRIOR, ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT A FURTHER LIST OF COMMON JURORS WOULD BE POSTED ON THE NOTICE BOARD OF THE SUPREME COURT BUILDING AT 38 QUEENSWAY NEXT WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 21).

THE LIST WILL REMAIN POSTED FOR 14 DAYS DURING WHICH PERIOD ANY PERSON MAY APPLY BY WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE REGISTRAR REQUIRING THAT HIS NAME OR THE NAME OF SOME OTHER PERSON BE POSTED OR REMOVED UPON CAUSE DULY ASSIGNED IN SUCH NOTICE.

THE REGISTRAR SHALL IN HIS DISCRETION, POST OR REMOVE SUCH NAME ACCORDINGLY, AND SHALL IF NECESSARY ALTER THE LIST.

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SOUTHERN TO STAGE FIRST SINGING CONTEST FINAL
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SOUTHERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS WILL BE ENTERTAINED TO AN EVENING OF FREE MUSIC AT THE FINAL OF THE FIRST DISTRICT SINGING CONTEST TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 17).

THE COMPETITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION, THE MUSIC OFFICE AND THE URBAN COUNCIL AS ONE OF THE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROGRAMMES OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

SIX GROUPS AND 12 SOLOISTS, SELECTED FROM 250 ENTRIES, WILL BE COMPETING AND THERE WILL ALSO BE A GUEST PERFORMANCE BY THE BAND EQUATOR.

FINALISTS WILL PERFORM WESTERN AND CHINESE POPULAR AND FOLK SONGS AND THE TOP THREE PERFORMERS IN EACH SECTION WILL BE AWARDED TROPHIES AND GIFT COUPONS.

THE ORGANISERS SAID THE AIM OF THE COMPETITION WAS TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNICATIONS AND PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING AMONG THE ABLE-BODIED AND DISABLED.

ENCOURAGING RESPONSE HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM A NUMBER OF LOCAL REHABILITATION INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS THE HONG KONG PHAB ASSOCIATION AND THE EBENEZER SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND.

ADJUDICATORS FOR THE COMPETITION INCLUDE ASSISTANT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS OLIVIA NIP, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MUSIC OFFICE, THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION AND THE RECORDING AND BROADCASTING SECTORS.

OFFICIATING GUESTS INCLUDE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MRS SO CHOW YIM-PING, AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CONTEST STARTING FROM 7.30 PM TO 10 PM ON SATURDAY IN THE SCHOOL HALL OF CHAN PAK SHA SCHOOL, NO 1, SHUM WAN ROAD, WONG CHUK HANG.

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FIRE-FIGHTING BRIEFING FOR SAI KUNG RESIDENTS
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ABOUT 40 SAI KUNG RESIDENTS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM VILLAGES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS WILL VISIT THE SAI KUNG FIRE STATION TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO LEARN MORE ABOUT FIRE-FIGHTING AND FIRE PREVENTION.

ORGANISED AS PART OF THE SAI KUNG FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN, THE VISIT IS AIMED AT INCREASING RESIDENTS' KNOWLEDGE OF THE WORK OF THE FIRE SERVICES AND REMINDING THEM OF THE NEED TO HELP PREVENT FIRE.

THE VISITORS WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE WORK AND FACILITIES OF THE FIRE STATION, A FIRE-FIGHTING DEMONSTRATION WILL ALSO BE GIVEN.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE VISIT, TRANSPORT FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL LEAVE AT 9.15 AM FROM THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER, TSIM SHA TSUI.

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PASSING-OUT PARADE
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THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR PATRICK WILLIAMSON, WILL INSPECT A PASSING-OUT PARADE OF CUSTOMS INSPECTORS AND OFFICERS ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 17) AT 10.30 AM, AT THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE TRAINING SCHOOL, 16-MILESTONE, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TAI LAM CHUNG, NEW TERRITORIES.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. TRANSPORT (AM 5822) FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE LEAVING FROM THE HUNG HOM FERRY PIER BY 9 AM ON SATURDAY.

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LAI CHI KOK BRIDGE RAMPS TO CLOSE TEMPORARILY
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THE EASTERN DOWN-RAMP AND THE WESTERN UP-RAMP OF LAI CHI KOK BRIDGE IN MEI FOO SUN CHUEN WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC SEPARATELY TO FACILITATE BRIDGE WORK.

THE EASTERN DOWN-RAMP WILL BE CLOSED ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 18) FROM 8 AM TO 9 PM WHILE THE WESTERN UP-RAMP WILL BE CLOSED ON JANUARY 25 DURING THE SAME PERIOD.

DURING THE EASTERN DOWN-RAMP CLOSURE, MOTORISTS ON KWAI CHUNG ROAD HEADING FOR MEI FOO SUN CHUEN WILL BE DIVERTED TO KWAI CHUNG ROAD EASTBOUND, LAI CHI KOK ROAD, CHEUNG MOU STREET, CHEUNG SHUN STREET, CHEUNG LAI STREET, CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD WESTBOUND, THE FLYOVER, TO REJOIN CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD WESTBOUND.

EXISTING BUS STOPS FOR EASTBOUND BUSES ON THE UNNAMED ROAD OUTSIDE TAK YAN COLLEGE OF MEI FOO SUN CHUEN WILL BE TEMPORARILY RELOCATED TO LAI CHI KOK BRIDGE AHEAD OF THE EASTERN DOWN-RAMP.

DURING THE WESTERN UP-RAMP CLOSURE, MOTORISTS ON WESTBOUND CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD AND LAI CHI KOK ROAD HEADING FOR KWAI CHUNG SHOULD PROCEED VIA KWAI CHUNG ROAD. MOTORISTS FROM PO LUN STREET, MEI LAI ROAD AND BROADWAY STREET HEADING FOR KWAI CHUNG WILL BE DIVERTED TO CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD EASTBOUND, LAI CHI KOK ROAD, CHEUNG MOU STREET, CHEUNG SHUN STREET, CHEUNG LAI STREET, CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD WESTBOUND, THE FLYOVER, AND KWAI CHUNG ROAD.

EXISTING BUS STOPS FOR WESTBOUND BUSES ON THE UNNAMED ROAD OUTSIDE THE GOOD WORLD RESTAURANT OF MEI FOO SUN CHUEN WILL BE SUSPENDED. A TEMPORARY BUS STOP WILL BE PROVIDED ON LAI CHI KOK BRIDGE AHEAD OF THE WESTERN UP-RAMP.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES ON HONG KONG ISLAND
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EDINBURGH PLACE NORTH BETWEEN QUEEN'S PIER AND HMS TAMAR WILL BE CLOSED ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 17) AND SUNDAY (JANUARY 18) FOR TWO DIFFERENT FUNCTIONS.

THE CLOSURE ON SATURDAY WILL START FROM 8 AM TO 6 PM WHILE ON SUNDAY IT WILL LAST FROM 6 AM TO MIDNIGHT.

THE MEASURE IS FOR THE HMS TAMAR NAVY DAY OVER THE WEEKEND AS WELL AS THE GALA OPENING OF 1987 HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL ON SUNDAY.

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MEANWHILE, A SERIES OF TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL TAKE EFFECT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY:

- * THE ACCESS ROAD TO MURRAY ROAD MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH COTTON TREE DRIVE TO A POINT ABOUT 25 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE MADE A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY. NO VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP WITHIN THE ROAD SECTION FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.
- * TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN WAN CHAI, NO VEHICLE ON BOWRINGTON ROAD WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT TO HENNESSY ROAD EASTBOUND, WHILE THE SECTION OF HENNESSY ROAD EASTBOUND BETWEEN HOUSE NO. 415 AND 441 WILL BE MADE A 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY.
- * IN STANLEY, THE UNNAMED ROAD LINKING STANLEY VILLAGE ROAD AND CARMEL ROAD WILL BE REROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND. AT THE SAME TIME, NO VEHICLE ON STANLEY NEW STREET WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER STANLEY MAIN STREET.

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RIGHT-TURN BAN IN TUEN MUN
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RIGHT-TURN MOVEMENT AT SEVERAL JUNCTIONS IN TUEN MUN WILL BE BANNED FOR ABOUT TEN DAYS FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO ENABLE ROAD WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT.

VEHICLES WILL BE PROHIBITED TO TURN RIGHT FROM PUI TO ROAD EASTBOUND TO TIN HAU ROAD. MOTORISTS SHOULD DRIVE VIA KIN TAI STREET, KIN WING STREET AND TSUN WEN ROAD BEFORE REJOINING TIN HAU ROAD.

RIGHT-TURN MOVEMENT FROM TSUN WEN ROAD TO PUI TO ROAD WESTBOUND WILL ALSO BE BANNED. TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED TO TIN HAU ROAD AND HUNG CHEUNG ROAD TO REJOIN PUI TO ROAD WESTBOUND.

AS RIGHT-TURN MOVEMENT FROM TIN HAU ROAD TO PUI TO ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE PROHIBITED, TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA PUI TO ROAD WESTBOUND, TSING WUN ROAD, AND WONG CHU ROAD TO TSUEN WAN. TRAFFIC HEADING FOR TUEN MUN TOWN CENTRE WILL BE DIVERTED TO TSUN WEN ROAD AND CHOY YEE BRIDGE.

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