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25 UNOFFICIALS TO SPEAK ON BUDGET

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TWENTY-FIVE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL BE SPEAKING IN THE TWO DAYS OF THE BUDGET DEBATE WHICH RESUMES TOMORROW AND CONTINUES ON THURSDAY.

IN ADDITION, ONE QUESTION WILL BE ASKED BY THE HON ALLEN LEE, WHO WILL WANT TO KNOW IF THE GOVERNMENT WILL INVITE THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, TO VISIT HONG KONG, BEFORE AS WELL AS AFTER HIS IMPENDING VISIT TO CHINA.

AND A MOTION WILL BE MOVED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE HON SIR JOHN BREMIDGE, TO INCREASE THE BETTING DUTY BY AMENDING THE BETTING DUTY ORDINANCE.

SPEAKING TOMORROW WILL BE THE FOLLOWING 13 UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS:

DR THE HON HARRY FANG, DR THE HON FRANCIS TIEN, THE HON S.L. CHEN, THE HON LYDIA DUNN, THE REV THE HON PATRICK MCGOVERN, THE HON PETER C. WONG, THE HON WONG LAM, THE HON CHARLES YEUNG, DR THE HON HO KAM-FAI, THE HON ALLEN LEE, THE HON ANDREW SO, THE HON F.K. HU AND THE HON WONG PO-YAN.

THE FOLLOWING 12 UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL BE SPEAKING ON THURSDAY:

THE HON W.C.L. BROWN, THE HON CHAN KAM-CHUEN, THE HON J.J. SWAINE, THE HON STEPHEN CHEONG, THE HON CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, THE HON SELINA CHOW, DR THE HON HENRIETTA IP, THE HON CHAN YING-LUN, THE HON RITA FAN, THE HON PAULINE NG, THE HON PETER POON, AND THE HON YEUNG PO-KWAN.

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PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR FEBRUARY

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THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN FEBRUARY 1984 INCREASED BY 22 PER CENT, OR \$1 253 MILLION, OVER FEBRUARY 1983 TO REACH \$6 822 MILLION, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES PUBLISHED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS ALSO INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY, BY 48 PER CENT, OR \$1 658 MILLION, TO \$5 093 MILLION.

THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS -- DOMESTIC EXPORTS PLUS RE-EXPORTS -- AT \$11 915 MILLION, WAS 32 PER CENT, OR \$2 911 MILLION, HIGHER THAN A YEAR AGO.

THE VALUE OF IMPORTS IN FEBRUARY WAS \$14 748 MILLION, AN INCREASE OF 45 PER CENT OR \$4 582 MILLION OVER FEBRUARY 1983.

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THUS, THE VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT FOR FEBRUARY THIS YEAR WAS \$2 833 MILLION.

THE VISIBLE TRADE GAP, THAT IS THE PROPORTION OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS NOT COVERED BY THAT OF TOTAL EXPORTS, IN FEBRUARY 1984 WAS 19 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH 11 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY LAST YEAR.

PUTTING THE MONTH'S TRADE FIGURES INTO CONTEXT, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT BECAUSE OF THE EFFECT OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS ON FEBRUARY'S FIGURES, IT WAS PROBABLY MORE USEFUL TO CONSIDER THE FIGURES OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY TOGETHER.

ON THIS BASIS, THE VALUES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND OF RE-EXPORTS IN THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF THIS YEAR WERE 47 PER CENT AND 55 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF 1983.

THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS WAS THUS 50 PER CENT HIGHER, INDICATING THAT THE STRONG EXPORT PERFORMANCE HAS CONTINUED.

THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, ON THE OTHER HAND, INCREASED BY 41 PER CENT OVER THE SAME PERIOD.

THE VISIBLE TRADE GAP IN THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF 1984, AT SIX PER CENT, WAS SMALLER THAN THAT IN THE SAME PERIOD OF 1983, AT 12 PER CENT.

EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF COMPARISON TO THE 12 MONTHS ENDING IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR WITH THE 12 MONTHS ENDING IN FEBRUARY 1983, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE INCREASES IN VALUE WERE 31 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, 35 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS, 32 PER CENT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS AND 29 PER CENT FOR IMPORTS.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE PRESENTS THE PROVISIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FIGURES FOR FEBRUARY 1984:-

|                     |                  |                                 |
|---------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| <u>MERCHANDISE:</u> | DOMESTIC EXPORTS | : \$ 6 822 MILLION              |
|                     | RE-EXPORTS       | : \$ 5 093 MILLION              |
|                     | TOTAL EXPORTS    | : \$11 915 MILLION              |
|                     | IMPORTS          | : \$14 748 MILLION              |
|                     | TRADE BALANCE    | : \$ 2 833 MILLION (IN DEFICIT) |

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COMPARATIVE FIGURES

| <u>LATEST 3 MONTHS</u>                   | DECEMBER 1983<br>TO<br>FEBRUARY 1984 | DECEMBER 1982<br>TO<br>FEBRUARY 1983 | INCREASE OR<br>DECREASE |          |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
|  | <u>\$ MN.</u>                        | <u>\$ MN.</u>                        | <u>\$ MN.</u>           | <u>%</u> |
| DOMESTIC EXPORTS                         | 28 535                               | 20 399                               | + 8 136                 | +39.9    |
| RE-EXPORTS                               | 17 284                               | 11 650                               | + 5 634                 | +48.4    |
| TOTAL EXPORTS                            | 45 819                               | 32 049                               | +13 770                 | +43.0    |
| IMPORTS                                  | 49 570                               | 35 747                               | +13 823                 | +38.7    |
| TRADE BALANCE                            | - 3 751                              | - 3 698                              | - 53                    |          |
| <u>SAME MONTH LAST YEAR</u>              | FEBRUARY<br>1984                     | FEBRUARY<br>1983                     | INCREASE OR<br>DECREASE |          |
|  | <u>\$ MN.</u>                        | <u>\$ MN.</u>                        | <u>\$ MN.</u>           | <u>%</u> |
| DOMESTIC EXPORTS<br>(% OF TOTAL EXPORTS) | 6 822<br>(57.3%)                     | 5 569<br>(61.9%)                     | + 1 253                 | +22.5    |
| RE-EXPORTS                               | 5 093                                | 3 435                                | + 1 658                 | +48.3    |
| TOTAL EXPORTS                            | 11 915                               | 9 004                                | + 2 911                 | +32.3    |
| IMPORTS                                  | 14 748                               | 10 166                               | + 4 582                 | +45.1    |
| TRADE BALANCE                            | - 2 833                              | - 1 162                              | - 1 671                 |          |
| <u>LAST MONTH</u>                        | FEBRUARY<br>1984                     | JANUARY<br>1984                      | INCREASE OR<br>DECREASE |          |
|  | <u>\$ MN.</u>                        | <u>\$ MN.</u>                        | <u>\$ MN.</u>           | <u>%</u> |
| DOMESTIC EXPORTS<br>(% OF TOTAL EXPORTS) | 6 822<br>(57.3%)                     | 10 791<br>(64.4%)                    | - 3 969                 | -36.8    |
| RE-EXPORTS                               | 5 093                                | 5 976                                | - 883                   | -14.8    |
| TOTAL EXPORTS                            | 11 915                               | 16 767                               | - 4 852                 | -28.9    |
| IMPORTS                                  | 14 748                               | 15 899                               | - 1 151                 | - 7.2    |
| TRADE BALANCE                            | - 2 833                              | + 868                                | - 3 701                 |          |

/CALENDAR YEAR .....

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| CALENDAR YEAR TO-DATE                    | JAN.-FEB.<br>1984 | JAN.-FEB.<br>1983 | INCREASE OR<br>DECREASE |       |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------|
|  | \$ MN.            | \$ MN.            | \$ MN.                  | %     |
| DOMESTIC EXPORTS<br>(% OF TOTAL EXPORTS) | 17 613<br>(61.4%) | 12 009<br>(62.7%) | + 5 604                 | +46.7 |
| RE-EXPORTS                               | 11 068            | 7 153             | + 3 915                 | +54.7 |
| TOTAL EXPORTS                            | 28 681            | 19 162            | + 9 519                 | +49.7 |
| IMPORTS                                  | 30 647            | 21 703            | + 8 944                 | +41.2 |
| TRADE BALANCE                            | - 1 966           | - 2 541           | + 575                   |       |

| LAST 12 MONTHS   | MARCH 1983<br>TO<br>FEBRUARY 1984 | MARCH 1982<br>TO<br>FEBRUARY 1983 | INCREASE OR<br>DECREASE |       |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------|
|                  | \$ MN.                            | \$ MN.                            | \$ MN.                  | %     |
| DOMESTIC EXPORTS | 110 010                           | 84 108                            | +25 902                 | +30.8 |
| RE-EXPORTS       | 60 209                            | 44 591                            | +15 618                 | +35.0 |
| TOTAL EXPORTS    | 170 219                           | 128 699                           | +41 520                 | +32.3 |
| IMPORTS          | 184 386                           | 143 353                           | +41 033                 | +28.6 |
| TRADE BALANCE    | - 14 167                          | - 14 654                          | + 487                   |       |

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## LADY YOUDE PRESENTS AWARD TO SIR SHIU-KIN TANG

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IN HER CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF THE GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION, LADY YOUDE, WIFE OF THE GOVERNOR, TODAY (TUESDAY) PRESENTED THE ASSOCIATION'S GOLD CARP AWARD TO ITS HONOURARY VICE-PRESIDENT, SIR SHIU-KIN TANG, IN RECOGNITION OF HIS SERVICE TO THE MOVEMENT.

THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WAS HELD AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE WHERE OTHER GIRL GUIDES LEADERS AND REPRESENTATIVES ALSO ATTENDED.

SIR SHIU-KIN HAS SUPPORTED THE GIRL GUIDES FOR OVER 50 YEARS.

IN 1932 THE FIRST GIRL GUIDES HEADQUARTERS WAS BUILT IN CENTRAL WITH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM HIM AND SOME OF HIS FRIENDS.

HE ALSO DONATED TOWARDS THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE GUIDES' NEW HEADQUARTERS BUILDING IN GASCOIGNE ROAD, YAU MA TEI, IN 1982.

THE LATEST PROJECT BEING SET UP WITH HIS FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS THE TANG SHIU-KIN SCOUTS AND GUIDES CENTRE IN TSUEN WAN WHICH WILL BE READY TOWARDS THE END OF THIS YEAR.

THE CENTRE WILL PROVIDE LECTURE, RECREATIONAL AND TRAINING FACILITIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

GOVERNOR RETURNING TOMORROW  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON AFTER ATTENDING ANOTHER TWO DAYS OF SINO-BRITISH TALKS ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

SIR EDWARD WILL BE TRAVELLING ON FLIGHT CA 103, ETA 1.55 PM. A FACILITY HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN TO COVER SIR EDWARD'S RETURN.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO MAKE USE OF THE FACILITY SHOULD ASSEMBLE IN THE AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM BY 12.55 PM.

GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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MORE BEDS FOR POK OI HOSPITAL IN YUEN LONG  
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A FURTHER STAGE IN THE EXTENSION PROGRAMME OF POK OI HOSPITAL IN YUEN LONG WAS COMPLETED TODAY WITH THE ADDITION OF FIVE STOREYS TO THE CENTRAL BLOCK, PROVIDING 113 NEW BEDS AND ANOTHER FULLY-EQUIPPED OPERATING THEATRE.

THE ADDITIONAL BEDS BRING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF BEDS IN THE HOSPITAL TO 331.

THE LATEST ADDITIONS FORM PART OF THE SECOND PHASE OF THE HOSPITAL'S EXTENSION PROGRAMME AND COST \$21 MILLION. THE FULL FOUR-PHASE EXTENSION PROGRAMME WILL COST \$100 MILLION.

PERFORMING THE OPENING CEREMONY TODAY, THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR K.L. THONG, SAID THAT THOUGH THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE PAYING MOST OF THE CONSTRUCTION COSTS, THE REMAINING SUM WOULD HAVE TO BE RAISED BY THE HOSPITAL'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OTHER PUBLIC SPIRITED CITIZENS.

HE PRAISED THE CHAIRMAN AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS AND URGED THEM TO CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS IN RAISING MORE FUNDS FOR FUTURE EXTENSION PROJECTS.

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NEW TECHNOLOGY FOR NOISE POLLUTION STUDY

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY IS NOW APPLYING A NEW TECHNOLOGY IN THEIR STUDY OF PUBLIC DEVELOPMENT PLANS INTENDED TO PROTECT RESIDENTS IN NEW HOUSING AND OTHER NOISE SENSITIVE BUILDINGS FROM UNACCEPTABLE LEVEL OF TRAFFIC NOISE.

THIS WORK WILL ASSIST THE EPA IN ADVISING PLANNERS ON THE NOISE EFFECTS OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS AND THE MEASURES WHICH CAN BE TAKEN TO REDUCE THEM.

SPECIAL INSTRUMENTS, DEVELOPED BY THE MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, HAVE BEEN IMPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES TO BACK UP THE TECHNOLOGY, KNOWN AS ACOUSTICAL SCALE MODELLING (ASM).

+THE USE OF THIS SOPHISTICATED SYSTEM MARKS A MAJOR STEP FORWARD IN THE EPA'S EFFORT TO CHANGE THE TRADITIONAL BELIEF THAT NOTHING MUCH CAN BE DONE IN HONG KONG TO PROTECT PEOPLE FROM ROAD TRAFFIC NOISE BECAUSE OF THE TERRITORY'S CROWDED CONDITION,+ SAID DR LEX BROWN, SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER.

DR BROWN, AN EXPERT IN NOISE-CONTROL PLANNING, CAME TO HONG KONG OVER TWO YEARS AGO TO HEAD THE PROJECT SECTION OF THE EPA'S NOISE AND VIBRATION GROUP.

DR BROWN SPOKE OF THE WORK HE HAD DONE BEFORE HIS RETURN THE OTHER DAY TO THE AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY FROM WHICH HE WAS SECONDED, TO CONTINUE HIS ACADEMIC CAREER.

DR BROWN COMMENCED A STUDY IN JUNE LAST YEAR USING A TECHNIQUE DEVELOPED BY THE EPA - KNOWN AS OPTICAL SCALE MODELLING (OSM) - TO PUT INTO PRACTICE THE USE OF BUILDING POSITIONING AND DESIGNS TO SOLVE NOISE POLLUTION.

THE NEW ASM SYSTEM WILL LEND GREAT IMPETUS TO THE EPA'S STUDY PROJECT OF THESE FACTORS WHICH IS BEING CONDUCTED BY A TEAM OF SPECIALISTS, DR BROWN SAID.

BOTH ASM AND OSM INVOLVE THE USE OF TOWN DEVELOPMENT MODELS FOR ASSESSING THE NOISE LEVEL AT THE FACADES OF BUILDINGS, USING ALTERNATIVE LAYOUT PLANS TO OBTAIN OPTIMUM SOLUTIONS.

DR BROWN EXPLAINED THAT WITH THE OSM SYSTEM, LIGHTING IS USED TO SIMULATE NOISE. WHEN LIGHTS ARE PLACED ON THE PROPOSED ROADWAYS IN A TOWN MODEL, THE NOISE IMPACT ON BUILDINGS BECOMES VISIBLE IN THE FORM OF DIFFERENT LIGHTING SHADES.

+WITH THE MORE ADVANCED ASM SYSTEM, A SCALE NOISE SOURCE IS USED AND ITS IMPACT IS INDICATED BY A METER IN PRECISE FIGURES, THUS GIVING US ACCURATE DATA, TO COMPARE THE MERITS OF VARIOUS LAYOUTS AND DESIGNS.+

USING OSM, THE PROJECT SECTION OF THE EPA'S NOISE AND VIBRATION GROUP HAS SO FAR INVESTIGATED TWO PUBLIC HOUSING BLOCK LAYOUTS FOR PROJECTS IN JUNK BAY.

STAFF OF THE SECTION WILL TEST THE ASM SYSTEM FOR SEVERAL MONTHS BEFORE APPLYING IT TO ACTUAL STUDIES.

DR BROWN'S WORK ON THE SUBJECT WAS INSPIRED BY A VISIT TO JAPAN IN MARCH OF LAST YEAR, WHERE HE WAS ABLE TO SEE THE MODELLING TECHNIQUES WHICH ENGINEERS WERE USING TO PREDICT THE NOISE IMPACT OF TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES.

IN COMMON WITH TOKYO AND OTHER JAPANESE CITIES, HONG KONG HAS A HIGH POPULATION DENSITY. BUT THE TERRITORY'S URBAN FORM IS DIFFERENT IN THAT MUCH OF ITS POPULATION HAVE DIRECT LINE OF SIGHT TO BUSY ROADWAYS.

ALSO, THE HIGHRISE DEVELOPMENT HERE DOES NOT PROVIDE THE URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE WHICH NORMALLY PROTECTS URBAN POPULATIONS FROM ROAD TRAFFIC NOISE IN OTHER CITIES SO THAT AN INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO NOISE CONTROL IS REQUIRED.

DR BROWN EXPLAINED THAT CREATING A +BUFFER ZONE+ BETWEEN BUILDINGS AND ROADWAYS IS UNREALISTIC IN HONG KONG BECAUSE OF LAND SHORTAGES.

ON THE OTHER HAND, NOISE INSULATION SUCH AS DOUBLE GLAZING WIDELY ADOPTED FOR BUILDINGS IN COLDER COUNTRIES, IS OFTEN IMPRACTICAL IN HONG KONG'S TROPICAL CLIMATE, AS AIR-CONDITIONING OR VENTILATION SYSTEMS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ENSURE ADEQUATE AIR SUPPLY IN THE INNER ROOMS.

+FOR THESE REASONS, WE MUST ADOPT DRASTICALLY DIFFERENT SOLUTIONS,+ DR BROWN STRESSED.

+ON THE OTHER HAND, HONG KONG HAS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY THAT OTHER COUNTRIES LACK: WE HAVE COMPREHENSIVE NEW TOWN PLANNING IN WHICH THE LAYOUT OF BUILDINGS AND ROADWAYS CAN OFTEN BE DETERMINED SIMULTANEOUSLY.

+THIS MEANS THAT WE CAN INCORPORATE LARGE-SCALE NOISE CONTROL IN OUR NEW URBAN DESIGNS, RELYING ON THE FORMS AND POSITIONING OF BUILDINGS AND ROADWAY ENCLOSURE TO REDUCE RESIDENTS' EXPOSURE TO TRAFFIC NOISE,+ DR BROWN SAID.

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STUDY ROOMS TO OPEN ON WEEKENDS

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TWO TEMPORARY STUDY ROOMS IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT WILL BE OPEN FOR STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE WEEK FOR THREE MONTHS STARTING NEXT MONTH.

PREVIOUSLY, ALL TEMPORARY STUDY ROOMS WERE ONLY OPEN ON WEEKDAYS DURING THE EXAMINATION PERIODS.

THE TWO 40-SEAT STUDY ROOMS ARE AT HOK SANG PRIMARY SCHOOL IN WAH FU ESTATE AND TANG SHIU KIN PRIMARY SCHOOL IN WONG CHUK HANG ESTATE.

UNDER THIS PILOT SCHEME, THE TWO STUDY ROOMS WILL BE OPEN FROM 1 PM TO 6 PM EVERY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY BETWEEN APRIL 1 AND JUNE 30.

THE WEEKEND OPENINGS ARE MADE POSSIBLE BY THE ASSISTANCE OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD, WHICH HAS CONTRIBUTED \$10 000 TOWARDS THE ADMINISTRATIVE COST.

A DISTRICT BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THE SCHEME WILL GIVE SOME INDICATION OF THE NEED FOR SUCH WEEKEND STUDY ROOMS BY STUDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE TWO STUDY ROOMS HAVE BEEN CHOSEN FOR THE PILOT SCHEME BECAUSE THEY HAVE THE LARGEST NUMBER OF STUDENTS USING THEM, HE SAID.

DURING THE THREE-MONTH EXAMINATION PERIOD STARTING FROM APRIL, THE STUDY ROOM IN HOK SANG PRIMARY SCHOOL WILL ALSO OPEN FROM 7 PM TO 10 PM FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS.

THE ONE IN TANG SHIU KIN PRIMARY SCHOOL WILL OPEN FROM 7 PM TO 9 PM FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY FOR BOTH PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

NEW PRISON FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS

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LAI SUN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION ON HEI LING CHAU, A NEWLY-BUILT MEDIUM SECURITY PRISON FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS, WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR DAVID JEAFFRESON ON FRIDAY (MARCH 30) AT 3 PM.

YOU ARE INVITED TO NOMINATE A REPORTER OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY.

FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY, A TOUR WILL BE CONDUCTED ROUND THE VARIOUS FACILITIES OF THE INSTITUTION.

/NO PHOTOGRAPHING .....

NO PHOTOGRAPHING OF FACILITIES INSIDE THE INSTITUTION WILL BE ALLOWED. PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE ISSUED BY THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

A LAUNCH WITH 25 AVAILABLE SEATS WILL TAKE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO HEI LING CHAU TO COVER THE EVENT.

AND BECAUSE OF THE LIMITED SEATING, MEDIA ORGANISATIONS WISHING TO COVER THE EVENT SHOULD TELEPHONE THE NAME AND IDENTITY CARD NUMBER OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT PUBLIC RELATIONS UNIT (5-757195 EXTENSION 24 OR 25) DURING OFFICE HOURS, BUT NOT LATER THAN 5 PM ON THURSDAY (MARCH 29). SEATS WILL BE RESERVED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

NOMINATED MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT QUEEN'S PIER ON FRIDAY BEFORE 1.30 PM WHEN THE LAUNCH WILL LEAVE FOR HEI LING CHAU.

SPECIAL LAPEL BADGES WILL BE ISSUED AT THE ASSEMBLY PLACE.

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TAI O MAINS WORK

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN TAI O WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM ON FRIDAY (MARCH 30) FOR MAINS WORK.

THE AREAS AFFECTED ARE ALONG SHEK TSAI PO STREET, INCLUDING TAI O POLICE STATION, TAI O FIRE STATION, TAI O JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC, TAI O SCHOOL AND TAI O PUBLIC SCHOOL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

LUNCHEON SPEECH TOMORROW

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THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR JOHN YAXLEY, WILL ADDRESS THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ZONTA CLUB OF HONG KONG TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT 12.45 PM, 4TH FLOOR, FURAMA HOTEL, CENTRAL.

THE TOPIC OF MR YAXLEY'S SPEECH WILL BE +AN EVOLVING POLICY IN A CHANGING ERA+.

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