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HK POPULARITY WITH JAPANESE INVESTORS GROWS

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JAPANESE COMPANIES ARE INCREASINGLY AWARE OF HONG KONG'S ADVANTAGES AND ATTRACTIONS FOR INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT, THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR JOHN YAXLEY, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE NISSIN FOODS COMPANY LIMITED AT TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, MR YAXLEY SAID JAPANESE COMPANIES PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING SECTOR, WITH 59 WHOLLY-OWNED AND 62 JOINT VENTURE FACTORIES.

+JAPAN IS THE SECOND LARGEST SOURCE COUNTRY FOR OVERSEAS INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT, AND ACCOUNTS FOR 21 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL, AMOUNTING TO ABOUT $2 400 MILLION.

+SINCE APRIL THIS YEAR, NEW INVESTMENT AND RE-INVESTMENT FROM JAPAN HAS TOTALLED $160 MILLION. IN ADDITION THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT IS ASSISTING WITH 30 OTHER PROJECTS WHICH ARE STILL IN THE PLANNING STAGE.

+THERE ARE GOOD CHANCES THAT FURTHER INVESTMENT IN THE ORDER OF $100 MILLION WILL BE ATTRACTED TO HONG KONG OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.+

HE NOTED THAT JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN HAD ALWAYS SHOWN CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG AS AN ATTRACTIVE AND PROFITABLE PLACE IN WHICH TO DO BUSINESS.

+THERE ARE MORE THAN 800 JAPANESE CORPORATIONS IN HONG KONG, AND THEIR OPERATIONS SPAN THE ENTIRE SPECTRUM OF OUR ECONOMIC LIFE.

+FIFTY-THREE JAPANESE BANKS AND THEIR ASSOCIATED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES, AND 12 LEADING JAPANESE SECURITY HOUSES HAVE SET UP OFFICES IN HONG KONG,+ HE ADDED.

+EIGHT OF THE LARGEST JAPANESE INSURANCE COMPANIES UNDERWRITE RISKS IN HONG KONG'S INSURANCE AND REINSURANCE MARKETS AND ALL MAJOR JAPANESE SHIPPING COMPANIES ARE ALSO REPRESENTED.

+JAPANESE COMPANIES ARE PROMINENTLY REPRESENTED IN HONG KONG'S CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AS WELL.+

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OCTOBER ORDERS-ON-HAND, JOB AND PAYROLL FIGURES OUT

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THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) IN THE 200 LARGEST FIRMS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR DECLINED SLIGHTLY IN OCTOBER 1985 COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THERE WERE DECLINES IN THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES. ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE WAS SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN THE ORDERS POSITION IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRIES, AND NO CHANGE IN THE WEARING APPAREL INUDSTRY.

EMPLOYMENT IN MOST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES FELL AS SOME FIRMS LAID OFF WORKERS. THE SLIGHT DECLINE IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRY WAS DUE TO SEASONAL EFFECTS, AS TEMPORARY WORKERS IN MOON-CAKE BAKERIES LEFT EMPLOYMENT AFTER THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL.

THE WEARING APPAREL AND TEXTILES INDUSTRY REPORTED A STABLE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION.

THERE WERE INCREASES IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN MOST INDUSTRIES. IN THE WEARING APPAREL AND TEXTILES INDUSTRIES, THE INCREASES IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS AS WELL AS IN TOTAL PAYROLL MAINLY REFLECTED OVERTIME PAY IN SOME FACTORIES. IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY, A NUMBER OF FIRMS REPORTED INCREASED PAYROLL BECAUSE OF SEVERANCE PAY GIVEN TO LAID-OFF WORKERS.

IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, THE NUMBER OF OPERATIVES DECLINED AS SOME PROJECTS WERE COMPLETED.

PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR AND PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES DROPPED BECAUSE THERE HAD BEEN PAYMENT OF BONUSES IN THE PRECEDING MONTH.

SLIGHT INCREASES IN EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS WERE RECORDED FOR HOTELS.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDER-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS ARE SHOWN IN THE TABLES BELOW.

THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND THE 50 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICES SECTORS CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT IN MARCH 1983.

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AS THE SAMPLE WAS NOT DRAWN ON A RANDOM BASIS, THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT RESULTS ON MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE MIGHT NOT REFLECT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE, ALTHOUGH THEY SHOULD GIVE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1985 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, AT $1.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT AT 3-7212854.

FOLLOWING ARE THE TABLES:

A. ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	(% CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH) AUG. 1985	SEPT. 1985	OCT. 1985	ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) FOR OCTOBER 1985
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	1	-2	*	4.40
TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	2	*	8	2.37
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	*	-7	-5	3.80
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	-1	-5	-3	3.15
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	*	-3	-2	4.86
OTHERS	*	*	*	4.39
ALL ABOVE INDUSTRIES	*	-3	-1	4.15

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B. EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY/ SERVICES	PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED (% CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH)			PER CAPITA EARNINGS (% CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH)			PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR OCTOBER 1985 HK $
	AUG. 1985	SEPT. 1985	OCT. 1985	AUG. 1985	SEPT. 1985	OCT. 1985	
MANUFACTURING	-2	-3	-1	1	-1	2	3 056
FOOD AND DRINKS	1	*	-1	-1	-2	*	3 792
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	-2	*	*	3	-5	5	2 622
TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	1	*	*	-2	1	3	3 140
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	-2	-11	-2	9	-7	1	2 719
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	-4	-4	-1	-2	6	7	2 969
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	-2	-3	-3	*	*	*	2 845
OTHERS	-1	-2	-1	3	-1	2	4 119
CONSTRUCTION **	-1	-2	-1	*	2	-4	4 364
SERVICES	*	*	*	-2	4	-4	5 503
BANKS	*	*	*	-2	1	-1	4 910
HOTELS	*	1	1	*	-1	2	3 622
PUBLIC UTILITIES	X	*	*	-6	12	-6	5 784
OTHERS	*	*	1	5	-8	-1	6 572

* CHANGES WITHIN $\pm$ 0.5 PER CENT

** PERSONS ENGAGED COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS NOT INCLUDED.

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OPERATION DATE OF UNIFIED EXCHANGE EXTENDED
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THE STOCK EXCHANGES UNIFICATION (EXTENSION OF PERIOD) ORDER 1985 WHICH EXTENDS TO JUNE 30, 1986 THE STATUTORY PERIOD SPECIFIED UNDER THE STOCK EXCHANGES UNIFICATION ORDINANCE FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF OPERATION OF THE UNIFIED EXCHANGE WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UNDER THE STOCK EXCHANGES UNIFICATION (EXTENSION OF PERIOD) ORDER 1983, THE UNIFIED EXCHANGE WAS TO COMMENCE OPERATION BY DECEMBER 31, 1985 THE LATEST.

+HOWEVER, THE UNIFIED EXCHANGE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO START OPERATION AT THE END OF THIS YEAR BECAUSE MATTERS SUCH AS FAMILIARISING ITS MEMBERS WITH THE USE OF THE COMPUTER SYSTEM, PREPARATION OF THE RULES RELATING TO MEMBERSHIP, LISTING, TRADING, FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS AND DISCIPLINE HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLETED,+ HE SAID.

NEVERTHELESS, THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT, THE SECURITIES COMMISSION AND THE UNIFIED EXCHANGE WERE ALL KEEN TO SEE AN EARLY OPENING OF THE UNIFIED EXCHANGE.

+EVERY EFFORT IS BEING MADE BY ALL PARTIES CONCERNED TO ACHIEVE THIS IN GOOD TIME BEFORE JUNE 30, 1986,+ HE ADDED, NOTING THAT THE EXCHANGE HAD INDICATED THAT ACTION ON ALL OUTSTANDING MATTERS SHOULD BE COMPLETED OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

ALSO PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY WAS THE STOCK EXCHANGES UNIFICATION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1985 (COMMENCEMENT) (NO. 2) NOTICE 1985 WHICH BRINGS INTO FULL OPERATION WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT THIS ORDINANCE, EXCEPT SECTION 9.

THE STOCK EXCHANGES UNIFICATION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE, PASSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON AUGUST 7, 1985 GIVES EFFECT TO CHANGES IN THE MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE AND CRITERIA OF THE UNIFIED EXCHANGE.

SECTION 9 WHICH RENDERS VOID ANY DEED OF TRUST ARRANGEMENTS CREATING THIRD PARTY CONTROL WILL COME INTO FORCE WHEN THE UNIFIED EXCHANGE COMMENCES OPERATION.

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MORE GUIDANCE, COUNSELLING SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS PROVIDED ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND FACILITIES FOR SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS FOR THE PROMOTION OF GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING SERVICE FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE FIRST CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CAREERS MASTERS AT SHANGRI-LA HOTEL, MR LEUNG SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD ADVANCED BY ONE YEAR THE PROVISION OF THE FOURTH AND FIFTH ADDITIONAL TEACHERS FOR ALL GOVERNMENT AND AIDED SECTOR STANDARD-SIZE SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FOURTH TEACHER IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR AND THE FIFTH TEACHER IN SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR WOULD ENABLE THE SCHOOLS TO IMPROVE THE SPECIFIC SERVICES THEY PROVIDED FOR THEIR PUPILS, HE SAID.

+ONE OF THE TARGET SERVICES IS GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING FOR ALL SECONDARY PUPILS,+ MR LEUNG SAID.

TO ASSIST THE TEACHERS IN CARRYING OUT THIS IMPORTANT TASK, MR LEUNG SAID THE SPECIAL EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WOULD PROVIDE THEM WITH PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE AND THE CAREERS EDUCATION SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT WOULD PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT.

+THE CAREERS EDUCATION SECTION WILL BE EXPANDED FURTHER FOR THE NEW SERVICE,+ HE ADDED.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF HELPING TEACHERS TO PERFORM THEIR DUTIES, MR LEUNG SAID THE CAREERS EDUCATION SECTION WAS ACTIVELY FORMULATING A +SUGGESTED GUIDELINES AND DUTY LIST FOR GUIDANCE TEACHERS AND THEIR TERMS+ AND THIS WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS AS SOON AS IT WAS FINALISED.

TURNING TO THE NEED OF TRAINING FOR GUIDANCE TEACHERS, MR LEUNG SAID A ONE-YEAR CERTIFICATE COURSE IN COUNSELLING AND GUIDANCE ORGANISED BY THE EXTRA-MURAL DEPARTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG WAS SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR THE TRAINING OF SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS WHO WERE INTERESTED IN STUDENT GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING.

HE SAID THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT REFUNDED HALF OF THE TUITION FEE TO EACH SUCCESSFUL PARTICIPANT AT PRESENT AND FUNDS WERE BEING SOUGHT TO COVER THE FULL COST OF THIS COURSE BY THE DEPARTMENT IN THE FUTURE.

+IF APPROVED, THE 1987 COURSE AND COURSES THEREAFTER WILL BE COMPLETELY FREE OF CHARGE FOR OUR TEACHERS,+ HE SAID.

IN ADDITION, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL ORGANISE CONFERENCE, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS ON A REGULAR BASIS, TO RAISE THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARD OF THE GUIDANCE TEACHERS.

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THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CAREERS MASTERS NOW HAS MORE THAN 390 MEMBERS, EACH REPRESENTING A SECONDARY SCHOOL IN HONG KONG.

SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1959, THE ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN WORKING TO THE FULLEST EXTENT IN THE COORDINATION OF THE CAREERS GUIDANCE PROGRAMMES OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

TO PROMOTE YET ANOTHER SERVICE, MR LEUNG SAID THE ASSOCIATION ESTABLISHED A GUIDANCE DIVISION IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR UNDER ITS AEGIS FOR GUIDANCE TEACHERS AND MUCH EFFORT HAD BEEN PUT INTO THIS NEW SERVICE.

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HONG KONG RAILWAY MUSEUM OPENS

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THE HONG KONG RAILWAY MUSEUM, BUILT THROUGH THE RESTORATION OF THE OLD TAI PO MARKET RAILWAY STATION, WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, SAID THAT THE MUSEUM, OCCUPYING AN AREA OF 6 500 SQUARE METRES, HAD PRESERVED THE OLD RAILWAY STATION WHICH WAS GAZETTED A HISTORICAL BUILDING IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR.

+METICULOUS CARE HAS BEEN TAKEN TO RESTORE THE OLD STATION, BUILT IN 1913, TO ITS ORIGINAL CONDITION,+ HE SAID.

THE MUSEUM CONSISTS OF AN EXHIBITION HALL INTRODUCING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY, SUPPLEMENTED BY AN OFFICE BLOCK AND A NEW EXHIBITION SHED FOR THE DISPLAY OF HISTORICAL COACHES.

THE AREA IN FRONT OF THE STATION, WHICH HAS OVER THE YEARS SERVED AS A KIND OF TOWN SQUARE FOR RESIDENTS OF TAI PO MARKET, HAS BEEN EXTENSIVELY LANDSCAPED AND TURNED INTO A SITTING OUT AREA FOR MUSEUM VISITORS.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE OPENING, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION, MR GERRY FORSGATE SAID: +BESIDES EXHIBITS NOW ON DISPLAY, KCRC WILL DONATE A DIESEL ENGINE TO THE MUSEUM WHEN THE ENGINE RETIRES FROM SERVICE. IN ADDITION, THE CORPORATION WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE TECHNICAL SUPPORT AND ADVICE ON THE MAINTENANCE OF THE RAILWAY EQUIPMENT IN THE MUSEUM.+

MR FORSGATE SAID THE OPENING OF THE MUSEUM THIS YEAR COINCIDED WITH THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

+THE MUSEUM WILL NOT ONLY ENABLE FUTURE GENERATIONS TO REVIEW THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LOCAL RAILWAY SYSTEM BUT ALSO REMIND THEM OF THE TREMENDOUS CHANGES THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN HONG KONG,+ HE ADDED.

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EARLIER, THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES, MR MICHAEL SUEN, THANKED THE KCRC FOR DONATING THE MAJOR EXHIBITS, AND THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOR CONTRIBUTING TO THE RAILWAY MUSEUM PROJECT.

THE MUSEUM, WHICH WILL BE MANAGED BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) BETWEEN 9 AM AND 4 PM DAILY, INCLUDING SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS. IT WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAYS FOR ROUTINE MAINTENANCE. ADMISSION IS FREE.

OTHER GUESTS AT TODAY'S OPENING INCLUDED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD, MR STEPHEN WONG YUEN-CHEUNG AND THE FINANCE DIRECTOR OF THE KCRC, MR FELIX CHOW.

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SHAM SHUI PO ACTIVITIES FOR FESTIVE SEASON

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A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES AND ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES WILL BE PRESENTED FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) FOR RESIDENTS IN SHAM SHUI PO DURING THE FORTHCOMING CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

THE EVENTS, OFFERED AT NOMINAL ADMISSION CHARGES, ARE SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND ORGANISED BY VARIOUS LOCAL BODIES INCLUDING MUTUAL AID AND AREA COMMITTEES, OWNERS' INCORPORATIONS, KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS, YIN NGAI SOCIETIES AND OTHER COMMUNITY GROUPS.

DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR STEPHEN CHENG, SAID THE PROGRAMMES WERE AIMED AT PROMOTING A SENSE OF HARMONY AND TO PROVIDE POPULAR FORMS OF ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES DURING THE FESTIVE SEASON.

DETAILS AND ADMISSION TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE BY CALLING 3-7204251.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE EVENTS IS AS FOLLOWS:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
DECEMBER 21 (SATURDAY)	8 PM	DISCO FOR NAM CHEONG EAST	SHEK KIP MEI COMMUNITY HALL
DECEMBER 24 (TUESDAY)	7 PM	CHRISTMAS BALL FOR YOUTHS	SHEK KIP MEI COMMUNITY HALL

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	7 PM	CHRISTMAS BALL FOR MEI FOO	BASKETBALL COURT UNDER MEI FOO FLYOVER
	8 PM	CHRISTMAS DANCING NIGHT	LAI KOK COMMUNITY HALL
DECEMBER 25 (WEDNESDAY)	7 PM	CHRISTMAS DISCO FUN	SHEK KIP MEI COMMUNITY HALL
	7 PM	CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR FAMILIES	MEI FOO SUN CHUEN COMMUNITY HALL
	7.15 PM	CHRISTMAS FUN NIGHT	LAI KOK COMMUNITY HALL
	8 PM	DISCO NIGHT	PAK TIN COMMUNITY HALL
DECEMBER 26 (THURSDAY)	7 PM	CHRISTMAS GATHERING	CHEUNG SHA WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE
DECEMBER 27 AND 28 (FRIDAY AND SATURDAY)	-	CHRISTMAS CAMP FOR TEACHERS	LADY MACLEHOSE HOLIDAY VILLAGE
DECEMBER 31 (TUESDAY)	7 PM	NEW YEAR EVE DANCING PARTY	SHEK KIP MEI COMMUNITY HALL

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE EVENTS.

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CIVIC EDUCATION CAMP FOR TUEN MUN YOUTHS

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ABOUT 300 YOUNGSTERS IN TUEN MUN WILL PARTICIPATE IN A TWO-DAY CIVIC EDUCATION CAMP STARTING TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE PAK TAM CHUNG PO LEUNG KUK HOLIDAY CAMP IN SAI KUNG.

THE MAIN FEATURE OF THE CAMP WILL BE A +MOCK LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL+, THROUGH WHICH YOUNG PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND HOW TO DEVELOP A SENSE OF BELONGING AND BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE DISTRICT.

THE +DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION CIVIC EDUCATION CAMP+ IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, TUEN MUN DISTRICT 1985 IYY ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT GROUP AND COMMUNITY COORDINATING COMMITTEE.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO 15 FUNCTIONAL GROUPS SUCH AS MEDICAL SERVICE, HOUSING, LAW AND ORDER, TRANSPORT AND EDUCATION TO CARRY OUT DISCUSSIONS OF DISTRICT PROBLEMS.

CANDIDATES OF EACH FUNCTIONAL GROUPS WILL COMPETE FOR A SEAT IN THE +MOCK LEGCO+ THROUGH PERFORMANCE AND ROLE-PLAYING TO REFLECT THEIR POLITICAL PLATFORMS.

WINNERS OF THE 15 FUNCTIONAL GROUPS WILL FORM THE YOUNG ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE +MOCK LEGCO+ WHILE THE OTHER 15 MEMBERS FROM THE COMMUNITY LEADERS GROUP WILL FORM THE APPOINTED MEMBERS.

THEY WILL THEN DISCUSS AND DEBATE ON THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO THE 15 DISTRICT FUNCTIONAL PROBLEMS WHICH WILL REFLECT THEIR VIEWS AND THE DEGREE OF CONCERN TO EACH PROBLEM AREA.

THE AIM OF THE WHOLE CIVIC EDUCATION CAMP IS TO GIVE YOUNGSTERS A CHANCE TO TACKLE DISTRICT PROBLEMS THROUGH ELECTION AND COMMITTEE SYSTEM.

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CHAI WAN LIGHTS UP FOR CHRISTMAS

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A GLITTERING CHRISTMAS TREE WITH SEASONAL GREETINGS FROM THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD FORM THIS YEAR'S FESTIVE LIGHTING DECORATIONS IN THE HEART OF CHAI WAN.

THE COLOURFUL LIGHTS WERE SWITCHED ON BY THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, DR SIMON VICKERS= THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE, MR LEE KWONG-LAM; AND SENIOR HOUSING MANAGER, MR YEUNG KWING-CHIU AT A CEREMONY THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

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SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AT $45 000, AND ORGANISED BY THE CHAI WAN SOUTH, WEST AND NORTH AREA COMMITTEES, THE DECORATIVE LIGHTS HAVE BEEN PUT UP MAINLY ON THE PEDESTRIAN FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS WAN TSUI ROAD AND WILL BE ON UNTIL JANUARY 3.

+RESIDENTS IN THE AREA WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY THE FESTIVE LIGHTS WITHOUT HAVING TO TRAVEL LONG DISTANCE DURING THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD,+ A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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PEACE RALLY TO MARK CLOSING OF IYY

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE AND LADY YOUDE WILL ATTEND THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR PEACE RALLY AT THE HAPPY VALLEY SPORTS GROUND ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 22).

ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE ON THE 1985 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR (CCCIYY) IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE 19 DISTRICT BOARDS, THE PEACE RALLY WILL BE A FOUR-HOUR LONG CARNIVAL STARTING AT 3 PM. IT WILL MARK THE CLOSING OF THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR HERE IN HONG KONG.

OVER 50 LOCAL ARTISTES AND GROUPS WILL PERFORM IN THE FIRST PART OF THE PEACE RALLY WHICH FEATURES DANCING, SINGING, DRAMA AND MIME.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE GALA WILL BE A SPECTACULAR MULTI-MEDIUM SHOW ENTITLED +PEACE AND LOVE+ STAGED BY THE CITY CONTEMPORARY DANCE COMPANY TOGETHER WITH STUDENTS OF THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS AND MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG CHILDREN'S CHOIR.

THE AUDIENCE WILL THEN BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN A PARADE LED BY SINGER MICHAEL KWAN AND DISC JOCKEYS FROM BOTH RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND COMMERCIAL RADIO. EVERYONE WILL SING TOGETHER THE THEME SONG OF THE PEACE RALLY SPECIALLY WRITTEN FOR THE EVENT.

THOSE WHO WILL BE GOING TO THE PEACE RALLY ARE WELCOME TO BRING ALONG TORCHES TO ENHANCE THE EFFECT OF THE PARADE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT WHICH WILL START AT 3 PM. THOSE WISHING TO COVER THE GOVERNOR'S ARRIVAL ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE JOCKEY CLUB'S ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AT SPORTS ROAD AT 4 PM.

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QUARTERLY HOUSEHOLD SURVEY REPORT OUT

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THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY FOR THE QUARTER JULY-SEPTEMBER 1985 IS NOW ON SALE.

THE REPORT CONTAINS STATISTICS ON EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOR THE QUARTER.

IT ALSO CONTAINS DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LABOUR FORCE, INCLUDING THEIR AGE AND SEX STRUCTURE, EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, ACTIVITY STATUS, OCCUPATION, INDUSTRY, HOURS WORKED PER WEEK, MONTHLY EMPLOYMENT EARNINGS AS WELL AS REASON FOR AND DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT.

COPIES OF THE REPORT CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING.

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LABOUR RELATIONS SYMPOSIUM FOR CATERING INDUSTRY

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL ORGANISE A SYMPOSIUM NEXT MONTH ON LABOUR RELATIONS FOR PEOPLE ENGAGED IN RESTAURANT AND CATERING INDUSTRY.

THE HALF-DAY SYMPOSIUM, TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 7 AT THE SHERATON HOTEL, IS DESIGNED FOR EMPLOYERS, PERSONNEL AND MANAGEMENT STAFF, AS WELL AS TRADE UNION OFFICIALS IN THE FIELD.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION UNIT SAID THE SYMPOSIUM WOULD PROVIDE A FORUM FOR BOTH SIDES IN THE TRADE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON MANAGEMENT AND LABOUR PROBLEMS.

IT WOULD ALSO ENABLE THE PARTICIPANTS TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

TRADE UNION OFFICIALS, PERSONNEL OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVES IN THE TRADE WILL BE INVITED TO SPEAK ON DIFFERENT TOPICS.

A FEE OF $80 PER HEAD WILL BE CHARGED FOR THE SYMPOSIUM.

PEOPLE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE SYMPOSIUM MAY CONTACT THE LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION UNIT ON 5-8523511 FOR APPLICATION AND ENQUIRIES.

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CHRISTMAS DISCO TO BID FAREWELL TO IYY

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ABOUT 200 YOUNGSTERS WILL BID FAREWELL TO THE 1985 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR AT A DISCO PARTY SPECIALLY ORGANISED FOR THOSE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TOWARDS THE SUCCESSFUL ORGANISATION OF YOUTH ACTIVITIES IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

THE YOUTHS COME FROM SCHOOLS, LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WHO HAVE HELPED IN THE ORGANISING OF INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR ACTIVITIES DURING THE PAST YEAR.

THS DISCO PARTY, TO BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) EVENING, MARKS THE GRAND FINALE TO A WIDE RANGE OF PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES ARRANGED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR IN WHICH MORE THAN 10 000 PEOPLE HAVE TAKEN PART.

THESE ACTIVITIES, CENTRED ON THE THEME OF +PARTICIPATION, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE+, COVER A VARIETY OF EVENTS RANGING FROM EDUCATIONAL AND ENTERTAINMENT ACTIVITIES TO THE PROVISION OF SERVICES.

+IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT THE IYY PROGRAMME SHOULD END WITH A JOYOUS GATHERING DURING THE FESTIVE AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS SEASON,+ A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+TOMORROW'S PARTY WILL ALSO FEATURE LIVE PERFORMANCES BY SINGERS,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT IYY ACTIVITIES IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT WERE ALSO AIMED AT PROMOTING CIVIC EDUCATION AND ENHANCING THE UNDERSTANDING OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

+THE COMMITTEE VALUES THE SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS AND MANY OF THE ACTIVITIES WERE EITHER JOINTLY ORGANISED WITH SCHOOLS OR AIMED PARTICULARLY AT STUDENTS,+ HE SAID.

+THESE INCLUDE A YOUTH TRAINING CAMP ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, ARRANGEMENTS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS TO ATTEND DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS AND THE PRODUCTION OF A TEACHING KIT ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION,+ HE ADDED.

ACTIVITIES WERE ALSO ARRANGED TO PROMOTE DISTRICT IDENTITY AND A SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE. THESE INCLUDED AN OUTSTANDING ATHLETES SCHEME, A YOUTHS SCHEME AWARD, A SOCIAL SERVICE AWARD, ONE-DAY DISTRICT TOUR, AND SLOGAN AND POSTER DESIGN COMPETITIONS.

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OFFICIATING AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT IYY CLOSING CEREMONY WILL BE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDDY CHAN; SOUTHERN DISTRICT IYY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR KEITH LAM, AND VICE-CHAIRMAN, MR PAUL YOUNG; AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR JASPER LAM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR CLOSING CEREMONY AND CHRISTMAS BALL TO BE HELD AT 7 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) IN THE ABERDEEN KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE, 180B ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD.

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CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES IN CENTRAL, WESTERN

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APART FROM GLITTERING CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS AND FESTIVE LIGHTS IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT, A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN ARRANGED STARTING THIS SUNDAY (DECEMBER 22) AFTERNOON.

TWO CHRISTMAS CARNIVALS WILL BE HELD AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY IN SHEUNG WAN AND KENNEDY TOWN.

IN SHEUNG WAN, A CARNIVAL FOR FAMILIES WILL BE HELD AT BLAKE GARDEN IN PO HING FONG WHERE MORE THAN 3 000 RESIDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND.

THE CARNIVAL WILL FEATURE A VARIETY SHOW, A LUCKY DRAW AND GAMES STALLS WITH THE THEME ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION.

IN KENNEDY TOWN, A CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL FOR CHILDREN WILL BE HELD IN THE FORBES STREET PLAYGROUND WHERE MORE THAN 4 000 CHILDREN ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A VARIETY SHOW, GAMES STALLS FOR CHILDREN AND AN EXHIBITION ON THE WINNING ENTRIES OF THE CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN COMPETITION AND CIVIC EDUCATION DRAWING COMPETITION.

ON DECEMBER 26 (THURSDAY) A CHRISTMAS FAMILY TELEGAMES WILL BE HELD AT THE POKFULAM ROAD PLAYGROUND FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM. ABOUT 1 000 PEOPLE WILL BE ENTERTAINED WITH SEVEN TELEGAME MATCHES.

ADMISSION TO THESE CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES ARE FREE, AND RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO SHARE IN THE SPIRIT OF JOY AND FUN.

THE CARNIVALS AND TELEGAMES ARE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND VARIOUS LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

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CHARITY CHRISTMAS TREE DECKED OUT

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THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR NICKY CHAN, COMPLETED THE DECKING OUT OF A UNIQUE CHRISTMAS TREE MADE OF SOFT-DRINK CANS TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE CANS WERE COLLECTED FROM SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS AROUND THE SHA TIN AND TAI PO AREAS AND BY OTHER INDIVIDUALS.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE PROJECT WOULD RAISE ABOUT $25 000 FOR THE ST. CHRISTOPHER'S HOME IN TAI PO.

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY AT THE NEW TOWN PLAZA, SHA TIN, MR CHAN DESCRIBED THE PROJECT AS AN INDICATION OF HONG KONG STUDENTS' ENTHUSIASM TOWARDS COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND CARE FOR OTHERS.

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SAI KUNG FESTIVAL FOR ELDERLY TO CLOSE

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THE FOUR-WEEK FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY IN SAI KUNG IS DRAWING TO A CLOSE THIS WEEL WITH THREE FEASTS ORGANISED FOR ELDERLY RESIDENTS.

ABOUT 600 ELDERS ATTENDED A BANQUET IN SAI KUNG TOWN YESTERDAY (THURSDAY) TO CELEBRATE THE FESTIVAL. ANOTHER FEAST WAS HELD IN CHAN SHAN MONASTERY, HANG HAU AT NOON TODAY, AND A BANQUET WILL BE HELD IN RENNIE'S MILL MIDDLE SCHOOL AT 3 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

DURING THE FESTIVAL VARIOUS ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES HAVE BEEN ORGANISED FOR ELDERLY RESIDENTS, INCLUDING A CARNIVAL, PICNICS, VISITS TO OTHER ELDERLY PEOPLE, BIRTHDAY PARTIES, OPEN DAYS AT ELDERLY CENTRES AND MEDICAL CHECK-UPS.

MORE THAN 2 500 ELDERLY RESIDENTS IN SAI KUNG WOULD ALSO BENEFIT FROM A SPECIAL DISCOUNTS SCHEME, WHILE 150 ELDERS WOULD RECEIVE FREE MEDICAL CHECK-UP SERVICES PROVIDED BY HEAVEN OF HOPE HOSPITAL.

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'MINI GRAND PRIX' IN KWUN TONG

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A +MINI GRAND PRIX+ IN KWUN TONG'S TSUI PING ROAD PLAYGROUND ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 22) WILL FEATURE SOME 140 REMOTE-CONTROL MODEL CARS COMPETING FOR THE +KWUN TONG FESTIVAL '85 CUP+.

A +TOP QUALIFIER'S+ CUP WILL ALSO BE AWARDED TO THE TEAM CLOCKING THE FASTEST TIME.

PART OF THE CURRENT KWUN TONG FESTIVAL '85, THE MODEL CAR RACING COMPETITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE FESTIVAL'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND THE HONG KONG MODEL CAR RACING ASSOCIATION, AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE COMPETITION WILL START FROM 10 AM UNTIL 5 PM AND RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO WATCH THE RACES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE COMPETITION AT 10 AM ON SUNDAY AT THE TSUI PING ROAD PLAYGROUND.

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FREE CHRISTMAS POP CONCERT TREAT

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KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO A FREE CHRISTMAS POP CONCERT AT THE KO SHAN THEATRE ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 23) EVENING.

IT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, THE DISTRICT'S ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

THE TWO-HOUR CONCERT WILL FEATURE PERFORMANCES BY WELL-KNOWN POP SINGERS AND WINNING TEAMS OF A FOLK SONG SINGING COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE SAID THE CONCERT WAS ORGANISED TO PROVIDE FREE ENTERTAINMENT FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS AND TO CREATE A FESTIVE ATMOSPHERE DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.

IT WOULD ALSO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG TALENTS IN KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT TO GAIN STAGE PERFORMING EXPERIENCE AND HELP THEM DEVELOP THEIR SINGING SKILL AND INTEREST.

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THE ASSISTANT KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS DIANA TONG; THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SIK-KONG; THE URBAN SERVICE DEPARTMENT'S CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT MANAGER (KOWLOON EAST), MR T.S. LO, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL, MR WU WING-KAI, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT CHRISTMAS POP CONCERT TO BE HELD AT THE KO SHAN THEATRE AT 8 PM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 23).

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ARTS FESTIVAL FOR YUEN LONG

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A WIDE VARIETY OF FIRST CLASS ART PERFORMANCES WILL BE OFFERED IN THE SIXTH YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL, WHICH BEGINS ON FEBRUARY 21.

THE DISTRICT BOARD - SPONSORED FESTIVAL WILL INCLUDE ABOUT 40 ITEMS OF MUSIC, DRAMA, DANCE AND EXHIBITION, A VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR ALAN WONG SAID AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR WONG URGED RESIDENTS TO MAKE USE OF A MAIL ORDER BOOKING SYSTEM WHICH WILL START ON DECEMBER 28, SO AS TO AVOID MISSING THE SHOW.

MAIL ORDER FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY COUNTERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND DISTRICT OFFICE, YUEN LONG TOWN HALL AND LUT SAU HALL.

THE FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL AT 4 TAI YUK ROAD, YUEN LONG, BEFORE JANUARY 23.

THE YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL WAS BECOMING A POPULAR TREND IN THE DISTRICT'S CULTURAL LIFE AND RESIDENTS SHOULD SUPPORT IT BY ATTENDING THE VARIOUS PROGRAMMES, HE SAID.

IT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL, THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT ARTS COMMITTEE AND THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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ADVANCE PAYMENT OF WELFARE ALLOWANCES

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RECIPIENTS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCES HOLDING CASH COUPONS MAY RECEIVE EARLIER PAYMENT IF THEIR PAYMENT DATES FALL ON THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THOSE DUE TO RECEIVE PAYMENTS ON DECEMBER 25 AND 26 MAY CASH THEIR COUPONS ON DECEMBER 23 AND 24 OR AFTER, AT DESIGNATED POST OFFICES, NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICES OR TREASURY SUB-OFFICES.

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MUSICAL CHEERS FOR HANDICAPPED, ELDERLY

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MEMBERS OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) FORMED AN IMPROMPTU CHOIR AND SANG CHRISTMAS CAROLS TO THE HANDICAPPED AND THE ELDERLY IN THE DISTRICT.

THE CAROLLING TOOK THEM TO THE MARGARET TRENCH MEDICAL REHABILITATION CENTRE, THE PO LEUNG KUK KO CHIU ROAD CENTRE AND THE KWUN TONG KWONG YUM HOME FOR THE AGED.

SANTA CLAUS, PLAYED BY A MEMBER OF THE BOARD, MR WONG PING-KUEN, WAS THE MOST POPULAR FIGURE DURING THE VISITS, ESPECIALLY WHEN CHRISTMAS GIFTS WERE DISTRIBUTED TO RESIDENTS OF THE INSTITUTIONS.

THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD HAS BEEN CAROLLING EVERY YEAR SINCE IT WAS SET UP IN 1981 TO BRING FESTIVE JOY TO THE LESS FORTUNATE RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT.

DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN MAK, AND OTHER DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF ALSO JOINED THE CAROLLING THIS AFTERNOON.

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REGISTRATION REVOKED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF MUNZING FINANCE (HONG KONG) LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 14(2) OF THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ORDINANCE.

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HENRY MOORE POSTERS ON DISPLAY

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THIRTY POSTERS OF THE WORKS OF BRITISH SCULPTOR HENRY MOORE WILL BE ON DISPLAY IN THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL EXHIBITION GALLERY FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO DECEMBER 26.

THE EXHIBITION, PRESENTED JOINTLY BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE BRITISH COUNCIL, WILL OPEN FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM DAILY.

ADMISSION WILL BE FREE.

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RSD LIBRARIES TO CLOSE DURING HOLIDAYS

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ALL PUBLIC LIBRARIES RUN BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL CLOSE ON TWO PUBLIC HOLIDAYS ON DECEMBER 25 AND 26.

THEY WILL, HOWEVER, OPERATE AS USUAL ON DECEMBER 24, THE DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS, EXCEPT FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARY IN SHEUNG SHUI, WHICH CLOSES EVERY TUESDAY.

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NGAU CHI WAN ZONING PLAN AMENDED

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD HAS AMENDED THE DRAFT NGAU CHI WAN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN.

A BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID THE AMENDMENTS, GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY), WOULD:

* PROVIDE MORE OPEN SPACE AT THE JUNCTIONS OF FUNG SHING STREET, PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD AND PING TING ROAD.

* IMPROVE VEHICULAR ACCESS FROM PING TING ROAD TO THE SERVICE RESERVOIR AT HAMMER HILL.

* PROVIDE SPACE FOR THE NGAU CHI WAN FRESH WATER PUMPING STATION AT CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD.

* PROVIDE LAND AT FUNG SHING STREET FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

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* DELINEATE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE NGAU CHI WAN HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME AND THE HAMMER HILL PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME DEVELOPMENTS ON THE PLAN.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE NOTES ATTACHED TO THE PLAN HAD BEEN REVISED TO PERMIT SCHOOLS TO BE OPERATED IN THE AREAS ZONED AS RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A) AND COMMERCIAL-RESIDENTIAL. A SCHEDULE OF USES FOR THE RESIDENTIAL (GROUP B) ZONE HAS ALSO BEEN INTRODUCED IN THE PLAN.

THE AMENDED PLAN CAN BE INSPECTED AT THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR AND FOURTH FLOOR, KING FUK STREET, SAN PO KONG, KOWLOON; THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG; AND THE TOWN PLANNING DIVISION, LANDS DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

OBJECTIONS MAY BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY OF TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, BY JANUARY 9.

COPIES OF THE DRAFT PLAN ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SURVEY SECTION, LANDS DEPARTMENT, FIFTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, OR THE KOWLOON MAP SALES SECTION AT 382 NATHAN ROAD AT $10 EACH UNCOLOURED AND $60 EACH COLOURED.

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RESTRICTED ZONES SET UP

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THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF ROADS WILL BE DESIGNATED RESTRICTED ZONES 24 HOURS DAILY FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 23):

* THE UNNAMED ACCESS ROAD BETWEEN CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD AND THE VEHICULAR EXIT OF ST. JOSEPH'S HOME FOR THE AGED.

* THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH THE UNNAMED ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO ST. JOSEPH'S HOME FOR THE AGED AND A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES TO THE EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

MOTOR VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS AND GOODS.

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HO MAN TIN TAPS OFF

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN HO MAN TIN WILL BE TURNED OFF BETWEEN 9 AM AND NOON ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 23) FOR MAINS WORK.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY WATERLOO ROAD, HO MAN TIN STREET AND PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD.

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