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'REAL FUND OF GOODWILL FOR HK' -- SIR DAVID
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THERE WAS +A TREMENDOUS INTEREST+ IN, AND A REAL FUND OF GOODWILL FOR HONG KONG IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT ON HIS RETURN FROM HIS WEEK-LONG VISIT TO NORTH AMERICA, SIR DAVID SAID HE HAD MET U.S. SENATORS, CONGRESSMEN, BUSINESSMEN AND OFFICIALS. AND IN MONTREAL, CANADA, HE HAD SPOKEN TO MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG-CANADA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION.

SPEAKING OF HIS MEETING IN MONTREAL, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS FIRST CLASS, SIR DAVID SAID HE HAD BEEN ABLE TO TALK TO ABOUT 200 PERSONS WHO +HAD COME FROM ALL OVER CANADA TO ATTEND THAT MEETING+.

HE ADDED: +SO I THINK THAT DEMONSTRATES THE INTEREST THAT THERE IS, BECAUSE IT WAS VERY COLD, SNOWY WEATHER, AND THEY HAD COME FROM ALL OVER CANADA TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY OF LISTENING TO WHAT I HAD TO SAY.+

ASKED HOW HONG KONG COULD FURTHER PROMOTE TRADE WITH NORTH AMERICA, SIR DAVID SAID THIS WAS ALREADY HAPPENING BECAUSE OF THE INCREASING NUMBER OF AMERICAN ORGANISATIONS WHICH ARE COMING TO HONG KONG TO SET UP THEIR HEADQUARTERS AND TO DO BUSINESS.

+AND, OF COURSE, THE MORE THAT OUR OWN REPRESENTATIVES IN NORTH AMERICA AND IN THE UNITED STATES GENERALLY KNOW ABOUT HONG KONG, THEN THE MORE WE CAN PROMOTE HONG KONG'S INTERESTS.

+SO I THINK WE MUST DO MORE. WE ARE DOING A LOT ALREADY, BUT WE MUST DO MORE,+ HE ADDED.

ASKED ABOUT PROTECTIONISM IN THE UNITED STATES, SIR DAVID SAID IT WAS +ANOTHER MATTER+, AND THAT IT WAS +A REQUIREMENT OF AMERICA'S OWN DOMESTIC PROBLEMS AND POLITICS+.

+BUT THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THERE IS A FUND OF GOODWILL RUNNING FOR HONG KONG IN NORTH AMERICA,+ HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID HIS TRIP WAS +MARVELLOUS AND VERY USEFUL+ IN THAT HE WAS ABLE TO SEE +A GREAT MANY PEOPLE IN MONTREAL, WASHINGTON AND PHILADELPHIA+.

IN WASHINGTON, SIR DAVID SAID, HE HAD A CONFERENCE WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, INDUSTRIAL OFFICES AND HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES; AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS AND THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANK IN THE UNITED STATES.

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THE CONFERENCE WAS +TO GET THEM ALL TOGETHER TO BE ABLE TO TALK TO THEM AND TO BRING THEM UP-TO-DATE ON WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON IN HONG KONG IN THE LAST YEAR, AND TO GET THEIR VIEWS ON HOW WE CAN FURTHER DEVELOP HONG KONG'S INTEREST IN NORTH AMERICA,+ HE SAID.

+IT WAS A VERY USEFUL FAMILY GATHERING, AND IT WAS THE FIRST MEETING OF ITS KIND AND I'M SURE THAT THE MEMBERS WHO ATTENDED THAT MEETING WILL WANT TO HOLD SIMILAR MEETINGS LIKE THAT IN FUTURE, SO THAT WE CAN INCREASE AN UNDERSTANDING OF HONG KONG, AND ALSO PROMOTE OUR TRADE AND INVESTMENT WITH NORTH AMERICA, HE ADDED.

ASKED ABOUT THE VISITS BY BRITISH MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT IN RECENT MONTHS, SIR DAVID SAID THE PRACTICE OF INVITING BRITISH MP'S TO HONG KONG HAD BEEN GOING ON FOR A VERY LONG TIME.

IT WAS ALSO THE PRACTICE OF INVITING PEOPLE FROM OTHER COUNTRIES TO COME AND SEE HONG KONG FOR THEMSELVES.

+AND THIS WILL GO ON,+ HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID WAS MET AT THE AIRPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, MR JOHN CHAN AND THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, MR ALAN SANDERS.

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FS TO PRESENT BUDGET WEDNESDAY
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HONG KONG'S BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1986-87 WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 26).

THE PROCEEDINGS WILL START AT 2.30 PM, WHEN THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE HON SIR JOHN BREMIDGE MOVES THE FIRST AND SECOND READINGS OF THE APPROPRIATION BILL 1986 AND OUTLINES HONG KONG'S ESTIMATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR 1986-87.

THE ESTIMATED HEADS OF EXPENDITURE WILL BE SET OUT IN THE SCHEDULE OF THE BILL TO BE PUBLISHED IN AN EXTRAORDINARY GAZETTE THE SAME AFTERNOON.

DEBATE ON THE BILL WILL BE ADJOURNED UNTIL MARCH 26 AND 27, WHEN UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE BUDGET PROPOSALS.

ON APRIL 23, OFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL REPLY TO POINTS RAISED BY THEIR UNOFFICIAL COLLEAGUES. IF NECESSARY, THE DEBATE WILL CONTINUE THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING OF THE BILL ON MAY 7.

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S SPEECH ON WEDNESDAY WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE OVER RTHK'S RADIO 1 (CHINESE) AND RADIO 3 (ENGLISH).

RTHK WILL ALSO BROADCAST LIVE THE OTHER BUDGET SITTINGS ON MARCH 26 AND 27, APRIL 23, 24 (IF NECESSARY) AND MAY 7 ON RADIO 1 (CHINESE) AND RADIO 3 (ENGLISH).

THE BUDGET SITTINGS WILL ALSO BE COVERED, IN NORMAL NEWSCASTS AND BULLETINS OF RTHK, COMMERCIAL RADIO, HK-TV8 AND ATV.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

TO AFFORD MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES AS MUCH TIME AS POSSIBLE TO PREPARE THEIR BUDGET STORIES ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 26), A CLOSED WORKING SESSION WILL BE HELD IN THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, 5TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL.

THE GROUND RULES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. NO PART OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S SPEECH OR RELATED DOCUMENTS IS TO BE PUBLISHED OR BROADCAST PRIOR TO DELIVERY IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.
2. REPORTERS WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE CLOSED WORKING SESSION SHOULD BE AT THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM BY 11.15 AM TO REGISTER.

AT 11.30 AM, THE FIRST, BACKGROUND, PART OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S SPEECH WILL BE DISTRIBUTED.

AT 12.30 PM, EVENING NEWSPAPER REPORTERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE TO FILE STORIES BASED ON THIS PART OF THE SPEECH.

OTHER REPORTERS WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SESSION THAT AFTERNOON WILL ALSO LEAVE AT THIS POINT.

BOTH GROUPS MUST BEAR IN MIND THE EMBARGO STATED IN PARAGRAPH 1.

3. AFTER DEPARTURE OF THE ABOVE TWO GROUPS, THE REMAINING REPORTERS WILL BE GIVEN THE SECOND PART OF THE SPEECH, CONTAINING THE BUDGET PROPOSALS. NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM UNTIL AFTER THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY HAS FINISHED SPEAKING. A SANDWICH LUNCH, AND SOFT DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED.
4. ON COMPLETION OF DELIVERY, THE CLOSED SESSION WILL END AND REPORTERS MAY LEAVE.

ALL MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES REGISTERING FOR THE CLOSED WORKING SESSION WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE ACCEPTED IN FULL THE ABOVE CONDITIONS.

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ELECTION COUNTDOWN PUBLICITY STARTS

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THE COUNTDOWN HAS STARTED FOR PUBLICITY IN SUPPORT OF THE MARCH 6 REGIONAL COUNCIL AND URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS WITH THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF OUTDOOR PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES TODAY.

TWO HOT-AIR BALLOONS, CO-SPONSORED BY THE HONG KONG BALLOON AND AIRSHIP CLUB AND TELEVISION BROADCASTS LIMITED AND BEARING BANNERS WITH VOTING MESSAGES ON THEM, MADE A TOKEN FLIGHT OVER THE NEW TERRITORIES TO SYMBOLICALLY MARK THE BEGINNING OF THE COUNTDOWN.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED BY MR C.M. LEUNG, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (GENERAL), CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP CO-ORDINATING THE PUBLICITY PROGRAMME.

+IN ADDITION TO A TERRITORY-WIDE PUBLICITY PROGRAMME WHICH INCLUDES TELEVISION AND RADIO ANNOUNCEMENTS, POSTERS DISPLAYED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY AND AT MTR AND KCR STATIONS, AND THE BROADCASTING OF APPEAL MESSAGES IN THE 19 ELECTORAL DISTRICTS, A CHAIN-SERIES OF PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES CO-SPONSORED BY LOCAL TELEVISION AND RADIO STATIONS WILL BE LAUNCHED IN A PUBLICITY BLITZ,+ MR LEUNG SAID.

+PROMINENT TELEVISION STARS AND POPULAR RADIO DISC-JOCKEYS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THESE OUTDOOR PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES IN APPEALING TO REGISTERED VOTERS TO CAST THEIR BALLOT ON MARCH 6.

+FOLLOWING THE HOT-AIR BALLOON FLIGHT, THE PUBLICITY PROGRAMME WILL FEATURE, DURING THE PERIOD LEADING TO THE ELECTION, TWO BUS-TOURS BY ASIA TELEVISION ARTISTES AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG DISC-JOCKEYS AROUND HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES DELIVERING APPEAL MESSAGES, ON MARCH 4 AND 5,+ HE ADDED.

RTHK DISC-JOCKEYS WILL ALSO VISIT TAI PO AND SHA TIN DISTRICTS ON A FREE TRAIN-RIDE SPONSORED BY THE KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY TO PUBLICISE THE ELECTIONS.

ON MARCH 5, DURING THE MID-DAY PERIOD, A CLASSIC TRAM WILL TAKE COMMERCIAL RADIO ARTISTES ON A FULL-ROUTE TRAM JOURNEY ON HONG KONG ISLAND TO DELIVER VOTING APPEAL MESSAGES CALLING ON REGISTERED VOTERS TO SUPPORT THE ELECTIONS ON MARCH 6.

+EACH ACTIVITY IS AN EVENT IN ITSELF AND WILL HELP ENHANCE PUBLICITY FOR THE ELECTIONS,+ MR LEUNG ADDED.

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FORUMS FOR CENTRAL, WESTERN UC CANDIDATES
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THE TWO CANDIDATES STANDING IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN CONSTITUENCY OF THE URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS ON MARCH 6 WILL ATTEND TWO OPEN FORUMS ARRANGED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AND ON SATURDAY (MARCH 1).

TOMORROW'S FORUM WILL BE HELD AT 8 PM IN THE KENNEDY TOWN KAI FONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION, 14A BELCHER'S STREET, KENNEDY TOWN.

THE SECOND FORUM WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (MARCH 1) AT 7.30 PM IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE, 36A WESTERN STREET, SAI YING PUN.

THE CANDIDATES WILL INTRODUCE THEIR PLATFORMS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS.

THE TWO CANDIDATES CONTESTING THE SINGLE SEAT IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN CONSTITUENCY ARE MR CHOW WAI-KEUNG AND MR HUNG WING-TAT BOTH OF WHOM ARE SERVING MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD.

THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM KAM-KWONG, WILL BE THE MODERATOR OF BOTH FORUMS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENTS.

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RC CANDIDATES TO MEET THE PUBLIC
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THE FOUR CANDIDATES COMPETING IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT CONSTITUENCY WILL MEET THE PUBLIC IN TWO FORUMS THIS WEEK.

THE FIRST FORUM WILL BE HELD IN THE CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE YOUTH CENTRE, TUNG WAN ROAD AT 7.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) WHILE THE OTHER WILL BE IN THE TAI O TOWN HALL, SHEK TSAI PO, TAI O, AT 2.30 PM ON SATURDAY (MARCH 1).

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THE FORUMS ARE ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE. THE FOUR CANDIDATES, MR SO YIU-KWAN, MR YIU KAI-HUNG, MR KWONG PING-YAU AND MR CHU CHEONG-HAY; WILL PRESENT THEIR POLITICAL PLATFORMS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TWO FORUMS ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE MARINE LAUNCH, THE +CLEMENTI+ WILL LEAVE THE MARINE DEPARTMENT PIER IN CENTRAL TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT 6 PM FOR CHEUNG CHAU AND ON SATURDAY (MARCH 1) AT 12.15 PM FOR MUI WO. YOU ARE WELCOME TO MAKE USE OF THE TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES.

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NORTH DISTRICT STEPS UP ELECTION EFFORT
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THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE IS STEPPING UP ITS EFFORTS TO PUBLICISE THE MARCH 6 REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS BY LAUNCHING A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES.

CANDIDATES' FORUMS WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (MARCH 1) AT THE CHOI YUEN ESTATE, SHEUNG SHUI AND ON SUNDAY (MARCH 2) AT THE CHEUNG WAH ESTATE, FANLING.

THE FORUMS, MODERATED BY STAFF OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, ARE TO INTRODUCE THE FOUR CANDIDATES TO THE PUBLIC, AND TO GIVE THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN THEIR ELECTION PLATFORMS.

ALSO FROM MARCH 1, EXHIBITION BOARDS WILL BE DISPLAYED AT THE FANLING AND THE SHEUNG SHUI RAILWAY STATIONS TO TELL MORE ABOUT THE ELECTIONS.

COPIES OF A DISTRICT NEWSPAPER SUPPLEMENT AND LEAFLET WILL BE DISTRIBUTED, WHILE BROADCASTING VANS WILL TOUR THE DISTRICT TO ENCOURAGE ELECTORS TO COME OUT AND CAST THEIR BALLOTS ON THE ELECTION DAY.

+THESE, TOGETHER WITH THE POSTING OF ELECTION BANNERS AND POSTERS, COULD HELP MAINTAIN A FAIRLY GOOD ELECTION ATMOSPHERE,+ THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR IAN WOTHERSPOON SAID.

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SPECIAL COMET STAMPS OUT WEDNESDAY

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A SPECIAL SET OF FOUR STAMPS TO COMMEMORATE THE RETURN OF HALLEY'S COMET IN 1986 WILL BE ISSUED BY THE POST OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 26).

AS ALL POST OFFICES ARE EXPECTED TO BE CROWDED, ADDITIONAL COUNTERS FOR NORMAL BUSINESS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

- * HONG KONG ISLAND -- GENERAL POST OFFICE, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HENNESSY ROAD, MORRISON HILL, NORTH POINT, QUEEN'S ROAD AND SHEUNG WAN.
- * KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES -- KOWLOON CENTRAL, CHEUNG SHA WAN, GILLIES AVENUE, KOWLOON CITY, KWUN TONG, MONG KOK, SHAM SHUI PO, TSIM SHA TSUI AND TSUEN WAN.

+IN ADDITION TO THE ISSUE OF FOUR SPECIAL STAMPS, A SOUVENIR SHEET WILL ALSO BE ON SALE THAT DAY,+ A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE URGED THE PUBLIC TO SHOW THEIR USUAL TOLERANCE AND IF POSSIBLE, TRY TO TRANSACT THEIR NORMAL POSTAL BUSINESS ON THE DAY BEFORE OR AFTER THE SPECIAL STAMPS ISSUE DATE.

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PAPUA NEW GUINEA JOINS INTELPOST NETWORK

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THE INTELPOST (INTERNATIONAL ELECTRONIC POST) NETWORK FROM HONG KONG WILL BE EXTENDED TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA FROM WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 26), A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY.

INTELPOST ITEMS POSTED AT NOON AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION BY THE ADDRESSEE AT THE INTELPOST CENTRES THE SAME DAY, HE SAID.

+SPECIAL COURIER DELIVERY IS AVAILABLE TO SELECTED AREAS IN BOROKO AND PORT MORESBY THE SAME DAY,+ HE ADDED.

THE CHARGE FOR THE SERVICE TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA WILL BE:

- SHORT MESSAGE FACILITY \$42
- FOR THE FIRST SIDE OF AN A4 SHEET OF PAPER \$55
- FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT A4 SIDE SENT TO THE SAME ADDRESSEE AT THE SAME TIME \$25

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PEOPLE WISHING TO USE THE SERVICE SHOULD HAND IN THEIR DOCUMENTS AT ANY ONE OF THE 23 ACCEPTANCE OFFICES.

INTELPOST IS NOW AVAILABLE TO 37 COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE U.S., UK, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, JAPAN AND CHINA.

THOSE HAVING FACSIMILE MACHINES IN THEIR OFFICES CAN MAKE USE OF INTELPOST TO RETRANSMIT MESSAGES DIRECT TO OVERSEAS INTELPOST CENTRES FOR DELIVERY IN A FEW HOURS.

FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE INTELPOST MANAGER ON TELEPHONE 5-2671148.

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NEW POLLUTION MONITORING SYSTEM TO BE INTRODUCED
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A PRESS CONFERENCE TO INTRODUCE A TELEMETRY SYSTEM TO MONITOR AIR POLLUTION IN HONG KONG WILL BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, EMPIRE CENTRE, 11TH FLOOR, TSIM SHA TSUI, EAST, AT 11 AM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE NEW SYSTEM IS ONE OF THE MOST ADVANCED OF ITS KIND IN THE WORLD.

THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A TOUR OF THE COMPUTER SYSTEM CENTRE AND A VISIT TO THE AIR MONITORING STATION IN CENTRAL-WESTERN.

SPECIAL VISUAL DISPLAYS WILL BE ARRANGED IN THE COMPUTER SYSTEM CENTRE AND AT THE CENTRAL-WESTERN STATION.

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DB MEMBERS SEE LAND DEVELOPMENTS
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KOLWOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON VISITED THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (KOWLOON WEST) AND THE WHAMPOA DEVELOPMENT SITE TO SEE THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE VISIT WAS PART OF A PROGRAMME ARRANGED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE TO ACQUAINT BOARD MEMBERS WITH THE WORKING PROCEDURES AND OPERATIONS OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND PRIVATE ENTERPRISES.

LED BY BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SIK-KONG AND ACCOMPANIED BY THE ASSISTANT KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR TOMMY YUEN, MEMBERS FIRST WENT TO THE KOWLOON WEST DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AT THE YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING.

THEY WERE BRIEFED BY DISTRICT LANDS OFFICER, MR JOHN DILLEY ON THE ORGANISATION AND MAJOR FUNCTIONS OF THE OFFICE.

THEY THEN WENT TO THE WHAMPOA GARDEN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AND SITE WHERE THEY WERE MET BY THE COMPANY MANAGING DIRECTOR, MR J.D. JOHNSTON.

BOARD MEMBERS WERE TOLD THAT THE WHAMPOA GARDEN DEVELOPMENT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY 1991 WITH ABOUT 11 200 FLATS IN 94 RESIDENTIAL TOWERS TO HOUSE AN ESTIMATED POPULATION OF 40 000.

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SEMINARS ORGANISED FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD TWO IDENTICAL HALF-DAY SEMINARS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS OF ENGLISH IN APRIL IN SUPPORT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REVISED PRIMARY ENGLISH LANGUAGE SYLLABUS FOR PRIMARY FOUR TO SIX.

SCHOOL HEADS, PANEL-CHAIRMEN AND TEACHERS OF ENGLISH IN SENIOR CLASSES ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE SEMINARS TO BE HELD AT THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE OF THE DEPARTMENT AT TO KWA WAN MARKET AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 165 MA TAU WAI ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE SEMINARS AIM TO FAMILIARISE TEACHERS OF ENGLISH IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS WITH THE REVISED SYLLABUS.

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THERE WILL BE A SHORT TALK ON THE PRINCIPLES OF THE REVISION AND A GROUP DISCUSSION ON THE PROCEDURES AND TECHNIQUES IN THE TEACHING OF ENGLISH WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO PRIMARY FOUR TO SIX.

SCHOOL HEADS WISHING TO NOMINATE TEACHERS TO THE SEMINARS SHOULD SEND THEIR APPLICATIONS TO THE SENIOR INSPECTOR, ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE, 9A, BONHAM ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE MARCH 13.

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NEW SHRINE FOR SHUN FUNG WAI VILLAGERS
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AN ENSHRINEMENT CEREMONY WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) MORNING TO MARK THE COMPLETION OF A NEW SHRINE IN SHUN FUNG WAI VILLAGE IN TUEN MUN.

THE SHRINE WAS ERECTED AT SITE NEAR THE VILLAGE, AT 22-AND-A-HALF MILESTONE IN CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TO REPLACE ONE WHICH WOULD BE DEMOLISHED TO MAKE WAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM IN TUEN MUN.

THE CEREMONY WILL CONSIST OF A LION DANCE, RITUALS, AND THE PLANTING OF A BANYAN TREE, WHICH IS TRADITIONALLY ACCEPTED BY VILLAGERS AS THEIR GODFATHER. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A FEAST FOR ABOUT 700 VILLAGERS AND GUESTS.

TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN SELBY; CHAIRMAN OF THE TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE, MR LAU WONG-FAT; PROJECT MANAGER, MR KWEI SZE-KAN; DISTRICT LANDS OFFICER, MR RON CROSS; AND THE POLICE DIVISIONAL COMMANDER, MR MARTIN BROWN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY AT 10 AM.

SHUN FUNG WAI VILLAGE, WITH MORE THAN 1 000 INDIGENOUS VILLAGERS, IS AT THE NORTH-EASTERN PART OF TUEN MUN AND HAS A HISTORY OF SEVERAL HUNDRED YEARS.

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SELECT COMMITTEE TO MEET TOMORROW

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THE WAYS AND MEANS SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL WILL HOLD A MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE A MURAL DESIGN AND PAINTING COMPETITION TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE SHA TIN CENTRAL LIBRARY, THE EMPLOYMENT OF STUDENTS AS TEMPORARY WORKERS AND AN OVERSEAS MANAGEMENT TRAINING SCHEME FOR SENIOR STAFF OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE MEETING WILL START AT 2.30 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT TSUEN WAN MULTI-STOREY CARPARK AND GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING, SECOND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING. SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED.

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BUS SERVICES DURING TUNNEL WORK

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A NUMBER OF BUS ROUTES WILL NOT BE USING THE BUS STOPS IN FRONT OF THE TOLL PLAZA OF THE LION ROCK TUNNEL ON THEIR SOUTHBOUND AND NORTHBOUND JOURNEYS FROM 8 PM TODAY (MONDAY) TO 2 AM ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 28) TO FACILITATE THE RECABLING WORK AT THE TUNNEL, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

THESE ARE KMB ROUTES NO. 70, 70M, 72B, 74A, 80, 81M, 85A, 87 AND 89A. SOUTHBOUND PASSENGERS WISHING TO SWITCH TO OTHER ROUTES CAN DO SO AT ONE BUS STOP EARLIER, WHILE THOSE FOR NORTHBOUND CAN DO SO AT A STOP LATER.

MEANWHILE, KMB ROUTES NO. 82M, 85, 87A, 89 AND 170 WILL CONTINUE TO USE THE BUS STOPS IN FRONT OF THE TOLL PLAZA ON THEIR SOUTHBOUND AND NORTHBOUND JOURNEYS.

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YUEN LONG WATER CUT
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES AND VILLAGES IN YUEN LONG WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 27) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED AREAS ARE BOUNDED BY LAU FAU SHAN, FUK LO TSUEN, HANG HAU TSUEN, SHA KONG TSUEN, SAN HING TSUEN, NGAU HOM, SHA KONG WAI, FUNG KONG TSUEN, TUNG TAU TSUEN, SAN WAI, LO UK TSUEN, SIK KONG TSUEN, SIK KONG WAI, SAN UK TSUEN, LEI UK TSUEN, DEEP BAY ROAD, PING HA ROAD AND TIN HA ROAD.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 60.6 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 355.199 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 401.363 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 68.5 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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