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TEXTILES TRADE FACING UP TO CHALLENGE

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HONG KONG'S TEXTILES AND GARMENT INDUSTRIES SHOULD CONTINUE TO DO WELL THIS YEAR PROVIDED THAT THE MOST SERIOUS THREAT TO THE TERRITORY'S EXPORTS - PROTECTIONISM IN THE UNITED STATES - CAN BE CONTAINED, THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR E.P. HO, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL SPRING DINNER OF THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG GARMENT MANUFACTURERS, MR HO NOTED THAT PROTECTIONIST FORCES WERE STILL AT WORK.

+FOR THIS REASON WE MUST NOT RELAX OUR VIGIL, BUT MUST WORK ALL THE HARDER FOR FREE AND FAIR INTERNATIONAL TRADE,+ HE SAID.

MR HO SAID HONG KONG'S TEXTILES AND GARMENT TRADE AND INDUSTRY HAD RIDDEN MANY WAVES IN THE PAST AND HAD ALWAYS COME BACK IN BETTER SHAPE TO FACE FURTHER CHALLENGES.

+I AM CONFIDENT THAT IN THE YEARS AHEAD WE WILL BE ABLE TO LOOK BACK ON 1986 AND 1987 AND COME TO THE SAME CONCLUSION.+

ON THE REVIEW OF THE TEXTILE QUOTA SYSTEM, MR HO SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD MONITOR THE EFFECTS OF THE LATEST CHANGES AND REVIEW THE APPROPRIATENESS OF CERTAIN GROUPINGS IN THE U.S. MARKET WITHIN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS.

+BUT I PERSONALLY DO NOT ENVISAGE ANY FURTHER CHANGES TO THE BASIC RULES IN THE NEAR FUTURE AS A PERIOD OF CERTAINTY FOR THE TRADE IS ESSENTIAL.+

HE NOTED THAT IT WAS EASY TO DEVISE RULES WHICH PROVIDED FLEXIBILITY TO THE TRADE ON THE ONE HAND AND YET AVOIDED EXCESSIVE AND UNPRODUCTIVE SPECULATION IN QUOTAS ON THE OTHER.

+THEREFORE, IT WOULD BE STRANGE IF ALL MEMBERS OF THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD (TEXTAB) SHOULD HAVE UNANIMITY OF VIEWS, ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE QUOTA TRANSFER RULES, AT ALL TIME,+ HE SAID.

+HOWEVER, EVEN WHEN WE SOMETIMES AGREE TO DIFFER, WE ALL, IN OUR SEPARATE WAYS, STRIVE FOR A CONCLUSION WHICH IS IN THE OVERALL INTEREST OF HONG KONG.+

MR HO PAID TRIBUTE TO TEXTAB MEMBERS AND TO THE VARIOUS INDUSTRIAL AND TRADE ASSOCIATIONS FOR THE ADVICE THEY HAD GIVEN DURING THE REVIEW.

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QUARTERLY BUSINESS SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED
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FIRMS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR EXPERIENCED AN IMPROVEMENT IN GENERAL BUSINESS IN THE FOURTH QUARTER AS COMPARED WITH THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1986, ACCORDING TO SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF SEASONAL FACTORS AND THE FACT THAT BUSINESS PERFORMANCE IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1986 WAS PARTICULARLY STRONG, MANUFACTURING FIRMS EXPECT THAT THE BUSINESS SITUATION IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987 WILL NOT BE AS GOOD AS IN THE FOURTH QUARTER.

FIRMS IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR REPORTED A CONTINUED UPTREND IN BUSINESS DURING THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1986 AND THE BUSINESS SITUATION IS EXPECTED TO IMPROVE FAVOURABLY IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR.

THE MAJORITY OF FIRMS IN THE WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR INDICATED THAT THE GENERAL BUSINESS SITUATION HAD IMPROVED IN THE FOURTH QUARTER. AS REGARDS BUSINESS PROSPECTS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987, OPINION OF FIRMS ARE DIVIDED, BUT ON BALANCE THEY EXPECT THE BUSINESS SITUATION TO REMAIN STABLE.

BANKS AND FIRMS IN THE REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED SERVICES BUSINESS REPORTED AN IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS SITUATION IN THE FOURTH QUARTER AND EXPECT THE BUSINESS CONDITION TO IMPROVE FURTHER IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987.

THE EXTENT OF IMPROVEMENT HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT IN THE CASE OF THE BANKS.

FIRMS IN THE TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION BUSINESS ALSO INDICATED THAT THE GENERAL BUSINESS SITUATION HAD IMPROVED IN THE FOURTH QUARTER. HOWEVER, SOME DETERIORATION IN BUSINESS IS EXPECTED FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987.

ABOUT 1 000 FIRMS FROM VARIOUS INDUSTRIES AND BUSINESSES, FORMING A CROSS-SECTION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, PARTICIPATED IN THE SURVEY AND WERE ASKED ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS EXPERIENCES AND EXPECTATIONS.

WITHIN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, ALL INDUSTRIES, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY ACHIEVED IMPROVEMENTS IN BUSINESS IN THE FOURTH QUARTER. IMPROVEMENTS IN BUSINESS WERE PARTICULARLY REMARKABLE IN THE CASE OF THE WEARING APPAREL, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, ELECTRONICS, AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS INDUSTRIES.

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REGARDING BUSINESS OUTLOOK FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987, FIRMS IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS INDUSTRIES ON THE WHOLE EXPECT THE BUSINESS SITUATION TO REMAIN STABLE WHILE FIRMS IN THE PRINTING AND ELECTRONICS INDUSTRIES EXPRESS OPTIMISM ABOUT THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK. IN CONTRAST, FIRMS IN OTHER INDUSTRIES EXPECT SOME DECLINE IN BUSINESS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987.

THE MAJORITY OF FIRMS IN THE WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS BUSINESSES REPORTED THAT THE GENERAL BUSINESS SITUATION IN THE FOURTH QUARTER HAD IMPROVED.

AS REGARDS EXPECTATION OF THE GENERAL BUSINESS SITUATION, VIEWS OF FIRMS IN THE WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANT BUSINESSES ARE DIVIDED. THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF HOTELS, HOWEVER, EXPECT THE GENERAL BUSINESS SITUATION IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987 TO DETERIORATE, DUE MAINLY TO SEASONAL FACTORS.

THE SURVEY ALSO COVERED BUSINESS PROBLEMS FACED BY FIRMS.

FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR AS A WHOLE, FIRMS CONTINUED TO BE AFFECTED BY FOUR MAJOR BUSINESS PROBLEMS IN THE FOURTH QUARTER. THEY WERE SHORTAGE OF SKILLED LABOUR, HIGH MATERIAL PRICES, PRICE COMPETITION FROM FIRMS IN HONG KONG AND PRICE COMPETITION FROM FIRMS OVERSEAS. THESE PROBLEMS ARE EXPECTED TO REMAIN PROMINENT IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987.

AS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF FIRMS REPORTED THE PROBLEMS OF PRICE COMPETITION FROM LOCAL AND FOREIGN FIRMS IN HONG KONG AS MAJOR PROBLEMS FOR BOTH THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1986 AND THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987. ADDITIONALLY, THE INTENSITY OF THE PROBLEMS OF SHORTAGE OF SKILLED LABOUR, HIGH WAGE RATES AND HIGH MATERIAL PRICES AMONG CONSTRUCTION FIRMS HAVE BEEN INCREASING.

AS REGARDS THE WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS BUSINESSES, PRICE COMPETITION REMAINED THE MOST PREVAILING PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED BY FIRMS IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1986.

OTHER RELATIVELY MORE SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS CITED BY FIRMS IN THE WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS BUSINESSES WERE UNCERTAINTIES THROUGH EXCHANGE RATES FLUCTUATIONS AND HIGH STAFF TURNOVER RESPECTIVELY. THESE PROBLEMS ARE EXPECTED TO REMAIN EXTENSIVE IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987.

IN THE CASE OF THE OTHER SERVICES SECTOR, PRICE COMPETITION WAS CONSIDERED A COMMON PROBLEM FACED BY FIRMS IN THE TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION AND BANKS BUSINESSES.

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ACCORDING TO THE DEPARTMENT, THE SURVEY RESULTS, OBTAINED WITH A MINIMUM TIME LAG, ARE INTENDED TO PROVIDE A SOURCE OF REFERENCE FOR QUICK ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION IN HONG KONG.

IN THE SURVEY, PARTICIPATING FIRMS WERE ASKED TO INDICATE WHETHER, IN THEIR OPINION, THE GENERAL BUSINESS SITUATION AND LEVEL OF CAPACITY UTILISATION HAD IMPROVED, REMAINED THE SAME OR DETERIORATED IN THE QUARTER JUST ENDED AS COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER. FOR THE FORTHCOMING QUARTER, THEY WERE ALSO ASKED TO INDICATE WHETHER THE SITUATION WOULD IMPROVE, REMAIN THE SAME OR DETERIORATE.

THE BALANCE OF OPINIONS OF RESPONDENTS WERE TABULATED AND ANALYSED. THE SURVEY REPORT CONTAINS A SECTION ON THE BUSINESS PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED AND EXPECTED BY FIRMS IN DIFFERENT ECONOMIC SECTORS AND A BREAKDOWN OF THE VIEWS OF FIRMS BY SIZE GROUPS.

THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT, IN A SURVEY OF THIS NATURE, RESULTS SHOULD BE INTERPRETED WITH CARE AS IT IS DIFFICULT TO ESTABLISH PRECISELY THE EXTENT TO WHICH RESPONDENTS' PERCEPTION OF THE PAST AND THE FUTURE ACCORDS WITH THE UNDERLYING TRENDS.

COPIES OF THE REPORT, CONTAINING AN ANALYSIS OF THE SURVEY FINDINGS AND STATISTICAL TABLES, HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO FIRMS TAKING PART IN THE SURVEY AND TO OTHER BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY OBTAIN COPIES FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, AT \$3 PER COPY.

FURTHER DETAILS OF THE QUARTERLY BUSINESS SURVEY MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE NATIONAL INCOME BRANCH OF THE DEPARTMENT ON 5-423401.

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AIRPORT ADOPTING NEW MONEY CHANGING SYSTEM * * * * *

A NEW SYSTEM WILL BE INTRODUCED AT THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT MONEY CHANGING CONCESSIONS FROM MARCH 15 TO OFFER MORE EQUITABLE EXCHANGE RATES TO CUSTOMERS.

FOLLOWING A RECENT TENDER EXERCISE, LARK INTERNATIONAL FINANCE LTD., WHICH IS A SUBSIDIARY OF DEAK INTERNATIONAL INCORPORATED, HAS BEEN AWARDED A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT TO RUN THE SIX MONEY CHANGING BOOTHS IN THE PASSENGER TERMINAL BUILDING.

UNDER THE NEW SCHEME, A MONITOR WILL BE INSTALLED AT EACH MONEY CHANGING BOOTH AND THE EXCHANGE RATES OF THE 15 MOST POPULAR CURRENCIES WILL BE PUBLICLY DISPLAYED.

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THE EXCHANGE RATES SHOWN ON THE SCREEN WILL BE CALCULATED ACCORDING TO CURRENT BANKNOTE RATES. THEY WILL BE REGULARLY UPDATED THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

REUTERS HAS BEEN COMMISSIONED TO OPERATE THE TELEVISION INFORMATION SYSTEM INDEPENDENTLY.

IN MAKING TRANSACTIONS, CONCESSIONAIRES WILL BE REQUIRED TO USE THE EXCHANGE RATES PROVIDED BY THIS INFORMATION SYSTEM.

THEY WILL BE ALLOWED TO LEVY A SERVICE CHARGE NOT EXCEEDING FIVE PER CENT OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR VALUE OF THE TRANSACTION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT SAID THE NEW SYSTEM WAS INTENDED TO EXERCISE TIGHTER CONTROL OVER MONEY CHANGING OPERATIONS AT THE AIRPORT.

+CUSTOMERS CAN EASILY SEE THE BUYING AND SELLING RATES OF THE MAJOR CURRENCIES.

+RATES OF CURRENCIES NOT ON DISPLAY WILL BE PROVIDED TO CUSTOMERS IN PRINT THROUGH THE REUTERS COMPUTER DATA SYSTEM,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THE TENANCY AGREEMENT ALSO REQUIRES THE CONCESSIONAIRE TO CLEARLY OUTLINE THE METHOD OF CALCULATING THE SERVICE CHARGE IN THE SALES NOTE.

+IT WOULD BE A BREACH OF CONTRACT TERMS IF THE LISTED RATES ARE NOT FOLLOWED.+

THREE OF THE MONEY CHANGING BOOTHS ARE LOCATED IN THE PUBLIC AREAS OF THE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE HALLS WHILE THE OTHER THREE ARE IN THE CUSTOMS AREAS.

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NO PROSECUTION

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS CONFIRMED THIS (MONDAY) MORNING THAT NO PROSECUTION OF MR ALAN BOND WILL TAKE PLACE IN RESPECT OF HIS STATEMENTS ALLEGEDLY MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ASSET VALUE OF BCIL.

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REGISTRATION REVOKED
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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF LU'S (HONG KONG) FINANCE LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED TODAY AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 31(2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE 1986.

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TV, RADIO SURVEY STARTS TODAY
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A SURVEY ON THE PUBLIC'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF TELEVISION AND RADIO PROGRAMMES STARTED TODAY (MONDAY).

COMMISSIONED BY THE TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY (TELA), THE SURVEY WILL COVER ABOUT 2 500 HOUSEHOLDS SELECTED BY PROBABILITY SAMPLING TECHNIQUES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR TELA SAID: +THIS IS ONE OF THE REGULAR SURVEYS UNDERTAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT TO COLLECT THE LATEST PUBLIC OPINION ON TELEVISION AND RADIO PROGRAMMES.

+THE INFORMATION WILL SERVE AS GUIDELINES FOR IMPROVING TELEVISION AND SOUND BROADCASTING.+

THE SURVEY FINDINGS, EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE AT THE END OF APRIL, WILL BE DISCUSSED BY THE TELEVISION ADVISORY BOARD, AND ALSO SENT TO LOCAL TELEVISION AND RADIO STATIONS FOR THEIR REFERENCE.

THE INDEPENDENT RESEARCH ORGANISATION, AGB MCNAIR, RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SURVEY HAD ALREADY SENT LETTERS TO SELECTED HOUSEHOLD A FEW DAYS BEFORE TODAY'S VISIT. THE ENTIRE FIELD WORK WILL LAST FOR SIX WEEKS.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED FAMILY MEMBERS OF SELECTED HOUSEHOLDS TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE INTERVIEWERS SO THAT MEANINGFUL FINDINGS COULD BE COLLECTED.

+ANY INFORMATION GATHERED WILL BE ANALYSED COLLECTIVELY AND WILL BE KEPT IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE,+ HE ADDED.

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TWO MORE BY-CENSUS REPORTS RELEASED

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) RELEASED TWO OTHER BY-CENSUS REPORTS, ENTITLED +HONG KONG 1986 BY-CENSUS: DISTRICT BOARD DISTRICT SUMMARY TABLES+ AND +HONG KONG 1986 BY-CENSUS: DISTRICT BOARD CONSTITUENCY AREA SUMMARY TABLES+.

FIVE ADVANCED REPORTS ON THE 1986 BY-CENSUS WERE ISSUED IN OCTOBER.

THE NEW REPORTS CONTAIN SETS OF TABLES SUMMARISING THE DEMOGRAPHIC, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION IN EACH DISTRICT OR CONSTITUENCY AREA.

TABLES COVER SUCH INFORMATION AS HOUSEHOLD SIZE, HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION, HOUSEHOLD INCOME, TENURE AND RENT OF HOUSEHOLDS, AGE AND SEX, PLACE OF BIRTH, MARITAL STATUS, OCCUPATION, INDUSTRY, INCOME FROM EMPLOYMENT AND ACTIVITY STATUS OF POPULATION.

MAPS SHOWING THE BOUNDARIES OF DISTRICTS AND CONSTITUENCY AREAS ARE ATTACHED TO THE REPORTS.

+THE BY-CENSUS RESULTS ARE PUBLISHED FOR THE FIRST TIME AT ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT LEVELS TO MEET INCREASING PUBLIC DEMANDS,+ A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

+A SET OF THREE REPORTS CONTAINING SIMILAR INFORMATION AT THE TERTIARY PLANNING AREA LEVEL WILL BE PUBLISHED IN APRIL 1987.

+MORE DETAILED CROSS-TABULATIONS OF THE BY-CENSUS DATA AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL WILL BE PUBLISHED IN A SET OF 19 REPORTS TO BE RELEASED IN JUNE THIS YEAR,+ HE ADDED.

THE TWO REPORTS ARE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR ROUTE 5 SHA TIN CONNECTION

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WORK ON THE SHA TIN CONNECTION FOR ROUTE FIVE LINKING THE NEW TOWN WITH TSUEN WAN IS EXPECTED TO START THE MIDDLE OF THIS YEAR.

PHASE ONE OF THE PROJECT STARTS NEAR THE BOUNDARY OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN, NORTH OF HEUNG FAN LIU, AND JOINS THE EXISTING TAI PO ROAD NEAR SHA TIN TOWN CENTRE.

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WORKS INCLUDE A 2.2-KILOMETRE DUAL, TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY, OF WHICH 1.2 KILOMETRES WILL BE ELEVATED.

ALSO INCLUDED ARE TWO FLYOVERS CONNECTING ROUTE FIVE WITH TAI WAI AND A FLYOVER CONNECTING THE HIGHWAY WITH THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TAI PO ROAD IN FRONT OF TUNG LO WAN.

OTHER WORKS COMPRISE A 250-METRE-LONG FOOTPATH AND CYCLETRACK ALONG THE WESTERN BANK OF THE SHING MUN RIVER OPPOSITE MEI LAM ESTATE, A 180-METRE-LONG CYCLETRACK IN TAI WAI, WIDENING A 200-METRE-LONG SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD IN FRONT OF THE TOWN CENTRE AND SLOPE AND DRAINAGE WORKS.

THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN LATE 1989.

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SEAWATER MAINS, SEWER FOR HOSPITAL
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A SEAWATER MAINS AND A NEW SEWER WILL BE LAID THIS YEAR AS PART OF THE QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT SCHEME.

WORK ON THE SEAWATER SUPPLY AND SEWER, AS WELL AS OTHER ESSENTIAL SERVICE CONNECTIONS, WILL TAKE ABOUT 10 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT SOME ENVIRONMENTAL NUISANCE AND DISRUPTION TO TRAFFIC MAY BE CAUSED DURING THE PERIOD, BUT HE SAID EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO KEEP IT TO A MINIMUM.

THE \$676 MILLION QMH REDEVELOPMENT WILL INCLUDE THE ADDITION OF TWO NEW MULTI-STORY BLOCKS AND MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HOSPITAL'S FACILITIES.

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HIGH PRAISE FOR YOUNG CLEAN CAMPAIGNERS

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YOUNG CAMPAIGNERS FOR A CLEANER HONG KONG RECEIVED THEIR AWARDS TODAY (MONDAY) AT A PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY FOR THE 1986 CLEAN SCHOOL COMPETITION HELD AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE.

OFFICIATING THE CEREMONY, CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT URBAN-REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE, MR W.M. SULKE, SAID THAT THOSE WHO WERE OLDER BUT NOT NECESSARILY WISER COULD LEARN FROM THE WORK OF THE STUDENTS.

IN EACH PARTICIPATING SCHOOL A TEAM OF STUDENTS CONCEIVED AND EXECUTED EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGNS FOR ENCOURAGING CLEANLINESS.

THE INDIVIDUAL CAMPAIGNS WERE JUDGED FOR THEIR CREATIVITY, EFFECTIVENESS AND ABILITY TO OVERCOME DIFFICULTIES.

MR SULKE, WHO HAD VISITED SOME OF THE WINNING SCHOOLS, TOLD THE STUDENTS PRESENT THAT THEIR METHODS OF ORGANISING, THEIR MEANS OF EVALUATING EFFECTIVENESS, AND ABOVE ALL THEIR CREATIVE ARTWORK, COULD STAND WITH ANY CAMPAIGN.

IN THE SECONDARY SECTION THE CHAMPIONS HONOURED TODAY WERE ST. PAUL'S CONVENT SCHOOL IN HONG KONG, MING KEI COLLEGE IN KOWLOON AND KEI YUEN COLLEGE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE THREE PRIMARY SECTION WINNERS WERE ST. CLARE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL IN HONG KONG, FUK WING ST. GOVERNMENT PRIMARY A.M. SCHOOL IN KOWLOON AND THE NTW AND JWA LEUNG SING TAK SCHOOL IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

TEAM MEMBERS FROM THE SIX TOP SCHOOLS WERE AWARDED \$1 500 IN BOOK COUPONS.

IN ADDITION 12 RUNNERS-UP AND 30 MERIT AWARD WINNERS RECEIVED CONSOLATION PRIZES.

JOINING MR SULKE IN OFFICIATING DUTIES WERE THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE JUC-RC STEERING COMMITTEE, MR CARLOS CHEUNG, UC VICE-CHAIRMAN, MRS ELSIE TU, RC VICE-CHAIRMAN, MR MA NING-HEI, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EDUCATION AND INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENTS.

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SOUVENIRS FOR RETIRING FIRE OFFICERS
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FOUR SENIOR FIRE OFFICERS, WHO WILL BE RETIRING IN THE COMING MONTHS, WERE PRESENTED WITH SOUVENIRS BY THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR ROBERT HOLMES, AT A CEREMONY AT FIRE SERVICES HEADQUARTERS TODAY (MONDAY).

THEY ARE MR BRIAN FENDER, MR THOMAS GARDINER, MR KENNETH HODGKINS AND MR CYRIL PULLINGER.

MR FENDER JOINED THE DEPARTMENT IN 1958 AND BECAME CHIEF FIRE OFFICER IN 1975. HE WAS AWARDED THE COLONIAL POLICE MEDAL FOR GALLANTRY IN 1963 AND THE QUEEN'S FIRE SERVICES MEDAL IN 1978.

MR GARDINER JOINED IN 1963 AND HAS HELD THE PRESENT RANK OF CHIEF FIRE OFFICER SINCE 1984. HE WAS AWARDED THE COLONIAL POLICE MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN 1979 AND THE QUEEN'S FIRE SERVICES MEDAL IN 1986.

MR HODGKINS JOINED IN 1960 AND ROSE TO THE PRESENT RANK OF DEPUTY CHIEF FIRE OFFICER IN 1984. HE WAS AWARDED THE COLONIAL POLICE MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN 1978.

MR PULLINGER JOINED THE DEPARTMENT IN 1966 AND WAS PROMOTED TO THE PRESENT RANK OF DIVISIONAL OFFICER IN 1980. HE WAS AWARDED THE COLONIAL POLICE MEDAL IN 1984.

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TSUEN WAN IMMIGRATION OFFICE MOVING
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THE TSUEN WAN OFFICE OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT, AT PRESENT LOCATED IN THE FAR EAST BANK BUILDING AND KAPOK BUILDING IN CASTLE PEAK ROAD, WILL BE MOVED TO NEW PREMISES THIS MONTH.

FROM NEXT MONDAY (FEBRUARY 23), THE OFFICE WILL BE LOCATED AT LEVEL 3, TSUEN WAN FERRY PIER, TSUEN WAN WATERFRONT.
TEL: 0-4924664.

THE OFFICE PROVIDES NORMAL IMMIGRATION SERVICES SUCH AS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR BRITISH (HK) PASSPORTS, CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY, RE-ENTRY PERMITS, EXTENSION OF STAY AND VISAS FOR RE-ENTRY TO HONG KONG.

WITH EFFECT FROM THE SAME DAY, OTHER OFFICES ALSO LOCATED IN THE FAR EAST BANK BUILDING IN CASTLE PEAK ROAD, WILL BE MOVED TO NEW PREMISES AS FOLLOWS:

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REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE, TSUEN WAN BRANCH, LEVEL 4, TSUEN WAN FERRY PIER, TSUEN WAN WATERFRONT. TEL: 0-4984242.

TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BIRTHS AND DEATHS REGISTRY AND TSUEN WAN MARRIAGE REGISTRY, LEVEL 4, TSUEN WAN FERRY PIER, TSUEN WAN WATERFRONT. TEL: 0-4922229 (BIRTHS AND DEATHS), 0-4939929 (MARRIAGE).

THE OPERATING HOURS OF THE THREE OFFICES WILL BE UNCHANGED. THEY ARE:

TSUEN WAN OFFICE (FOR NORMAL IMMIGRATION SERVICES) AND REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE, TSUEN WAN BRANCH: MONDAY TO FRIDAY 9 AM - 12.45 PM, AND 2 PM - 4.30 PM; SATURDAY 9 AM - 12.30 PM; SUNDAY AND PUBLIC HOLIDAY CLOSED.

TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BIRTHS AND DEATHS REGISTRY AND TSUEN WAN MARRIAGE REGISTRY: MONDAY TO FRIDAY 8.45 AM - 12.45 PM AND 2 PM - 4.45 PM; SATURDAY 9 AM - 11.30 AM; SUNDAY AND PUBLIC HOLIDAY CLOSED.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO MAKE ENQUIRIES MAY CALL THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION OFFICE ON 3-7333111.

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DB MEMBERS VISIT EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING SITE
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MEMBERS OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD AND ITS WORKS PROJECTS COMMITTEE VISITED THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING SITE TODAY (MONDAY) TO LEARN ABOUT THE PROGRESS OF CONSTRUCTION WORK.

THE GROUP WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDDY CHAN, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM HANG-FAI, AND THE ENGINEER, EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING, MR ERIC GLENVILLE.

FOLLOWING A BRIEFING BY MR R.J. BLACK AND MR PETER POON FROM THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING MANAGEMENT CO. LTD., THE GROUP TOURED THE SITE AND SAW THE CHA KWO LING ROAD BRIDGE DIVERSION, CHANNEL EXCAVATION, DRY DOCK AND IMMERSSED TUBE UNITS UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

THEY ALSO WENT TO THE TOP OF THE CHA KWO LING QUARRY TO LOOK AT THE DRY DOCK AND SAI TSO WAN ROAD WHERE THEY SAW WORKS ALONG LEI YUE MUN ROAD.

WHEN COMPLETED IN JANUARY 1990, THE \$3 000 MILLION CROSSING WILL LINK QUARRY BAY ON THE ISLAND WITH CHA KWO LING IN KOWLOON.

EARLIER, ON THEIR WAY TO THE SITE, THE PARTY PASSED THROUGH KWUN TONG ROAD, LEI YUE MUN ROAD, YAU TONG ROAD WHERE THEY SAW THE EFFECTS OF TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS BECAUSE OF MTR WORKS.

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DB MEMBERS VISIT KOWLOON CITY COMPLEX
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MEMBERS OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD TODAY (MONDAY) VISITED THE URBAN COUNCIL'S KOWLOON CITY COMPLEX WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE READY FOR OCCUPATION IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS YEAR.

LED BY KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SIK-KONG, AND DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALEX FONG, THEY WENT TO THE COMPLEX AT THE JUNCTION OF HAU WONG ROAD AND NGA TSIN LONG ROAD.

ON ARRIVAL THEY WERE BRIEFED BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (KOWLOON) OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR TOMMY CHOY, ON PROGRESS IN BUILDING THE COMPLEX AND THE FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED.

THE THREE-STOREY COMPLEX HAS A FLOOR AREA OF 4 593 SQUARE METRES. IT WILL COMPRISE A MARKET AND COOKED FOOD CENTRE, INDOOR GAMES HALL, GAMES ROOM AND SQUASH COURTS, AND LIBRARY.

THE MARKET, ON THE GROUND AND FIRST FLOORS, WILL HAVE 84 MARKET STALLS AND 584 MINI-STALLS. THE COOKED FOOD CENTRE WILL ACCOMMODATE 10 STALLS ON THE SECOND FLOOR.

THE MARKET WAS DESIGNED TO REPROVISION THE STALLS OF THE KOWLOON CITY TEMPORARY MARKET IN CARPENTER ROAD AND TO ABSORB, AS MANY AS POSSIBLE, LICENSED ON-STREET HAWKERS IN THE AREA.

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HAWKER NOISE PROBLEM UNDER STUDY
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NUISANCES CASUED BY ON-STREET HAWKING AND NIGHT-TIME COOKED FOOD STALLS WILL BE DISCUSSED FURTHER BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

PROBLEMS CREATED BY HAWKERS IN ARGYLE STREET OPPOSITE THE MONG KOK MARKET, AS WELL AS BY COOKED FOOD STALLS IN FA YUEN STREET AND PLAYING FIELD ROAD, HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF FREQUENT COMPLAINT.

FOLLOWING EARLIER DISCUSSIONS BY THE COMMITTEE, RAIDING OPERATIONS AND INSPECTIONS WERE STEPPED UP BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL ASSESS THE EFFECT OF THE ENFORCEMENT ACTION AND CONSIDER WHETHER FURTHER STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN.

THEY WILL ALSO BE TOLD OF SURVEY FINDINGS CONCERNING DRAINAGE PROBLEMS IN THE DISTRICT AND CONSIDER WHAT ACTION IS NEEDED TO ALLEVIATE THE PROBLEM.

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A BRIEFING WILL BE GIVEN ON THE PRIVATE STREET RESUMPTION PROGRAMME TO BE CONDUCTED IN THE DISTRICT IN THE COMING FINANCIAL YEAR.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE RELOCATION OF PUBLIC LIGHT BUS STANDS IN SHANGHAI STREET, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, PROVISION OF A PEDESTRAIN SIGNAL SYSTEM AT THE JUNCTION OF LAI CHI KOK ROAD AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, AND AN AMENITY PROJECT IN NELSON STREET.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, 157, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD.

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DB TO CONSIDER REFUGEE ISSUE
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MEMBERS OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WILL TOMORROW (TUESDAY) CONSIDER A PROPOSAL THAT THE BOARD SUPPORT THE OMELCO CALL FOR AN EARLY SOLUTION TO THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEE PROBLEM.

THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR S.Y. CHUNG, IS EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE MEETING.

SUGGESTIONS FOR A CHANGE IN THE INCOME TAX SYSTEM AND THE PROVISION OF GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO VOLUNTARY AGENCIES FOR OUTREACHING SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED.

IN ADDITION, MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE URBAN COUNCIL'S FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME, AND PROGRESS REPORTS WILL BE MADE BY THE BOARD'S COMMITTEES, DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND AREA COMMITTEES.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE AT 201 HENNESSY ROAD, EIGHTH FLOOR, TUNG WAH MANSION, WAN CHAI.

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DETAILS OF OPINION SURVEY RESULTS
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THE COMMITTEE ON PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO ANNOUNCE RESULTS OF A RECENT OPINION SURVEY ON THE SUBJECT AND GIVE DETAILS OF A COMING CIVIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE.

PRESENT AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MRS RITA FAN, A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE, MR CHAN WING-TAI, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR PETER TAM, AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AGB MCNAIR HONG KONG LTD., DR BETTY CHUNG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 10.30 AM IN ROOM 150. CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (EAST WING), CENTRAL. SUMMARY REPORT OF THE SURVEY WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE VENUE 15 MINUTES BEFORE THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

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EDUCATION REPORT TO BE DISCUSSED

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THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2 AND COMMENTS ON PRE-PRIMARY SERVICES FROM A GROUP OF CHILD CARE CENTRE WORKERS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AT A MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 18).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO LOOK INTO THE ADEQUACY OF FACILITIES AT THE SIU HONG COURT CHILD CARE CENTRE AND YOUTH CENTRE AND THE PROBLEM OF POSTAL SERVICES IN BUTTERFLY AREA.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING AT 2.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON THE THIRD FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, NO. 1, TUEN HI ROAD.

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SEMINAR TO EXAMINE YOUTH PROGRAMME
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A SEMINAR WILL BE HELD IN TSUEN WAN ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 18) TO DISCUSS A RECENTLY COMPLETED ASSESSMENT OF HOW SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT ARE ORGANISED AND IMPLEMENTED.

LAST SUMMER AROUND 22 000 PEOPLE TOOK PART IN NUMEROUS SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES ORGANISED IN TSUEN WAN.

MANY OF THE ACTIVITIES EMPHASISED COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, AND OTHERS TOOK THE THEME OF TRANSFORMING TSUEN WAN'S LIVING ENVIRONMENT AND OF NURTURING THE YOUNGER GENERATION.

THE SEMINAR WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM IN THE HALL OF THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE, 60 TAI HO ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

AMONG THOSE ATTENDING WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE 1986 TSUEN WAN SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME ORGANISING COMMITTEE, DR FRANK CHEUNG, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ANGUS MIU, AND MEMBERS OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WHICH HELPED TO ORGANISE ACTIVITIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR.

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CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN VARIETY SHOW
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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN CLOSING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE KO SHAN THEATRE ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 21).

THE THREE-HOUR PROGRAMME, FEATURING A VARIETY SHOW AND THE PREMIERE OF A VIDEO ON +BETTER KOWLOON CITY+ IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE, DISTRICT OFFICE AND SPONSORED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD.

THE VARIETY SHOW FEATURES POPULAR SINGERS INCLUDING PATRICIA CHAN, SAMANTHA LAM AND ALBERT AU, THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CHORUS, THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT DANCE GROUP AND A DRAMA BY THE HO MAN TIN SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE.

THE VIDEO IS COMPERED BY FAMOUS TELEVISION ARTISTE MISS LIZA WANG WHO WILL ALSO TAKE PART IN THE VARIETY SHOW.

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AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY, WINNERS OF THE STUDENT AMBASSADOR SCHEME AND COURTESY CAMPAIGN WILL BE PRESENTED PRIZES.

FREE TICKETS FOR THE VARIETY SHOW AND CLOSING CEREMONY WILL BE DISTRIBUTED FROM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS AT THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AT KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, HUNG HOM SUB-OFFICE AT BULKELEY STREET AND HO MAN TIN SUB-OFFICE IN HO MAN TIN ESTATE.

OFFICIATING GUESTS AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY WILL INCLUDE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, MRS RITA FAN, MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS, DR DANIEL TSE, KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SIK-KONG, AND KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALEX FONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CLOSING CEREMONY AT 7.30 PM ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 21) AT THE KO SHAN THEATRE.

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DETAILS OF TUEN MUN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT SURVEY
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THE CHAIRMAN OF TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE, MR YIP HING-CHUNG, WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE ON DETAILS OF A SURVEY REPORT ON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN TUEN MUN ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 19).

THE SURVEY, CONDUCTED BY THE COMMITTEE WITH DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS, IS AIMED AT MONITORING THE GENERAL PERFORMANCE OF INDUSTRIAL AREAS, AND THE NEEDS OF LOCAL INDUSTRIES AND WORKERS, AS WELL AS IDENTIFYING PROBLEMS.

THE CONVENOR OF THE SURVEY, MR TSE SHIU-WAI, ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDWARD YAU, AND THE PROJECT MANAGER (NT/NW) OF THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, MR SIU CHUEN, WILL ALSO ATTEND.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON THE THIRD FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING, NO. 1, TUEN HI ROAD.

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SPRING RECEPTION FOR COMMUNITY LEADERS, EDUCATORS
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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, TODAY (MONDAY) HOSTED A SPRING RECEPTION AT THE CLUBHOUSE OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB FOR COMMUNITY LEADERS AND EDUCATORS TO THANK THEM FOR THE ADVICE AND SUPPORT THEY GAVE THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN THE PAST YEAR.

MORE THAN 300 GUESTS INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE EDUCATION COMMISSION, BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT BOARDS, SCHOOL COUNCILS, UNIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS OF TEACHING PROFESSION, COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB AND DISTRICT COMMITTEES AND SCHOOL SPONSORING BODIES ATTENDED THE RECEPTION.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 57.0 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 334.135 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 359.063 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 61.3 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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FRESH AND SALT WATER CUTS
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FRESH AND SALT WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN BEACON HILL AND KOWLOON TONG WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 19) FOR MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT BEACON HILL ROAD, EDE ROAD, EASTBOURNE ROAD, ALNWICK ROAD, BROADCAST DRIVE, MARCONI ROAD, FESSENDEN ROAD, CHAK YAN CENTRE, KOWLOON KITCHEN OF SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, CHAK ON ESTATE, TAI WOH PING TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, SHEK KIP MEI PARK AND CORNWALL STREET TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA.

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