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GOVERNOR TO OPEN TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL OPEN THE SECOND TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL, A \$25 MILLION PROJECT WHICH WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED BY PRINCESS ALEXANDRA EARLIER THIS MONTH.

THE TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL IS JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL, TSUEN WAN CULTURE AND RECREATION CO-ORDINATING ASSOCIATION AND THE MUSIC OFFICE. THE FESTIVAL CONSISTS OF 45 PROGRAMMES PERFORMED BY LOCAL AND OVERSEAS GROUPS.

PRIOR TO THE GOVERNOR'S ARRIVAL, SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, AND THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR BRIAN WILSON, WILL PERFORM AN EYE-DOTTING CEREMONY FOLLOWED BY A LION DANCE.

THE GOVERNOR WILL BE MET BY MR AKERS-JONES, MR WILSON, PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SECOND TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL, MR JIMMY HAYES, THE CHAIRMAN, MR CHAN PO FONG, VICE-PRESIDENT, MR HARNAM GREWAL, AND THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR, MRS ELIZABETH WONG.

THE GOVERNOR AND THE OFFICIAL PARTY WILL PROCEED TO THE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES HALL FOR A COCKTAIL RECEPTION. LATER, SIR MURRAY WILL MOVE TO THE AUDITORIUM WHERE MR HAYES WILL ADDRESS THE GATHERING.

FOLLOWING MR HAYES'S SPEECH, THE GOVERNOR WILL DECLARE THE FESTIVAL OPEN AND THEN ATTEND THE OPENING CONCERT OF +CHINESE ARTS SONGS+ BY LEADING HONG KONG SINGERS AND CHORUS.

A FLOWER SHOW WILL ALSO BE HELD DURING THE FIRST THREE DAYS, UNTIL FEBRUARY 26.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SPECIAL PRESS FACILITIES WILL BE ARRANGED FOR THE TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL OPENING CEREMONY ON SATURDAY. THE EYE-DOTTING CEREMONY WILL BE AT 6.35 PM. THE GOVERNOR ARRIVES AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL AT 7.45 PM. THOSE WISHING TO COVER THE EVENT ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL (JUNCTION OF TAI HO ROAD AND SHA TSUI ROAD) BY 6 PM. TWO GOVERNMENT NINE-SEATER VANS, AM2082 AND AM2083, WILL TAKE PRESS REPRESENTATIVES TO THE TOWN HALL. THE VANS WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 5 PM.

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REVISION OF KCR FARES  
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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY IS TO RAISE ITS PASSENGER FARES BY AN AVERAGE OF 30 PER CENT FROM APRIL 1.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (THURSDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE KCR SAID THAT THE FARES HAVE REMAINED UNCHANGED FOR MORE THAN FIVE YEARS AND IS ONLY THE SECOND INCREASE IN 33 YEARS.

HE EMPHASISED THAT THE INCREASE WAS NECESSARY TO OFFSET RISING FUEL, MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING COSTS.

STUDENTS AT PRESENT PAYING \$16 FOR THEIR MONTHLY PASSES WILL NOT BE AFFECTED. HOWEVER, THOSE PAYING BETWEEN \$6 AND \$14 WILL HAVE TO PAY AN EXTRA \$2.

THE NEW FARE STRUCTURE IS AS FOLLOWS:

<u>JOURNEY</u>	<u>EXISTING</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
KOWLOON - MONG KOK	40¢	50¢
" - SHA TIN	70¢	90¢
" - UNIVERSITY	\$1.00	\$1.30
" - TAI PO KAU/TAI PO MARKET	\$1.30	\$1.70
" - FANLING/SHEUNG SHUI	\$1.60	\$2.10
" - LO WU	\$1.90	\$2.50
SHA TIN - UNIVERSITY	40¢	50¢
" - TAI PO KAU/TAI PO MARKET	70¢	90¢
" - FANLING/SHEUNG SHUI	\$1.00	\$1.30
" - LO WU	\$1.30	\$1.70
UNIVERSITY - TAI PO KAU/TAI PO MARKET	40¢	50¢
" - FANLING/SHEUNG SHUI	70¢	90¢
" - LO WU	\$1.00	\$1.30
TAI PO KAU - TAI PO MARKET	30¢	40¢
" - FANLING/SHEUNG SHUI	50¢	60¢
" - LO WU	70¢	90¢
FANLING - SHEUNG SHUI	30¢	40¢
" - LO WU	40¢	50¢

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BALLOT FOR NT BATHING SHEDS

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THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED APPLICANTS FOR BATHING SHEDS ON BEACHES ALONG CASTLE PEAK ROAD TO RETURN THE APPLICATION FORMS BEFORE NOON ON SATURDAY.

THE 45 BATHING SHEDS, FOUR OF WHICH ARE ABOUT 54 SQUARE METRES EACH AND 41 ABOUT 27 SQUARE METRES EACH, ARE FOR RENT FROM APRIL 1 THIS YEAR TO MARCH 31, 1981.

THE OPEN BALLOT WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, AT 11 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT 19-23 AUSTIN AVENUE, AUSTIN CENTRE, FIFTH FLOOR, KOWLOON.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NTSD SAID THAT BALLOT TICKETS AT \$20 EACH ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES SECTION OF THE NTSD HEADQUARTERS ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF AUSTIN CENTRE.

+APPLICATIONS MAY BE MADE BY INDIVIDUALS WHO MUST BE GENUINE RESIDENTS OF HONG KONG, AND ONLY ONE MEMBER OF A FAMILY MAY APPLY,+ HE SAID.

+APPLICATIONS FROM CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT, CHAIRMAN OR SECRETARY.+

RENTAL FEES FOR THE 45 BATHING SHEDS VARY ACCORDING TO SIZE:

\* EACH OF THE 40 BATHING SHEDS OF ABOUT 27 SQUARE METRES IS \$1 125.

\* ONE BATHING SHED OF ABOUT 27 SQUARE METRES IS \$750.

\* EACH OF THE FOUR BATHING SHEDS OF ABOUT 54 SQUARE METRES IS \$1 350.

+FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE BALLOT MAY BE OBTAINED BY PHONING THE NTSD HEADQUARTERS ON 3-678275 DURING OFFICE HOURS,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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RESULTS OF LATEST TENDER FOR 300 URBAN TAXI LICENCES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS COMPLETED PROCESSING THE LATEST TENDERS FOR 300 HONG KONG AND KOWLOON TAXI LICENCES.

A TOTAL OF 434 TENDERS SEEKING 704 TAXI LICENCES HAD BEEN RECEIVED WHEN THE OFFER CLOSED ON FEBRUARY 1. THE HIGHEST TENDER WAS \$240 600 AND THE LOWEST ACCEPTABLE BID WAS \$205 003.

DETAILS OF SUCCESSFUL TENDERERS AND THE AMOUNTS OFFERED WILL BE PUBLISHED IN TOMORROW'S (FRIDAY) GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE AVERAGE PREMIUM IN THE LATEST TENDER EXERCISE WAS \$210 797.80 COMPARED WITH \$233 740 IN THE PREVIOUS TENDER LAST SEPTEMBER.

HE SAID .....

HE SAID THE AVERAGE PREMIUM IN JUNE LAST YEAR WAS \$219 900- IN MARCH IT WAS \$208 500- IN DECEMBER 1978 IT WAS \$258 500- IN AUGUST 1978 IT WAS \$244 000 AND IN APRIL 1978 IT WAS \$208 500.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT LETTERS WILL BE GOING OUT TOMORROW TO SUCCESSFUL TENDERERS AND THAT THE FIRST OF THE 300 TAXIS WILL BE INSPECTED IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT MONTH.

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PUBLIC ADVISED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT  
TO GET TO TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL  
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ATTENDING THE VARIOUS TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL EVENTS HAVE BEEN ADVISED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO GET TO THE NEWLY OPENED TOWN HALL.

THE TOWN MANAGER AND DISTRICT OFFICER TSUEN WAN, MR JAMES HAYES, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT PARKING FACILITIES IN THE NEW TOWN WERE VERY LIMITED DUE TO THE AMOUNT OF REDEVELOPMENT GOING ON IN THE CENTRAL AREA.

THE FESTIVAL WILL BE OPENED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, ON SATURDAY AND WILL LAST THREE WEEKS.

MR HAYES SAID THERE WAS AMPLE PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVING THE TOWN HALL AREA, INCLUDING BUSES AND FERRIES.

HE SAID THE TSUEN WAN BUS TERMINUS WAS LOCATED NEXT TO THE TOWN HALL AND THERE WERE DIRECT SERVICES BETWEEN THE TOWN HALL AND URBAN KOWLOON.

ROUTES 30, 33 AND 40 SERVED THE TOWN HALL FROM JORDAN ROAD FERRY, SHAM SHUI PO AND KWUN TONG RESPECTIVELY AND ROUTES 33M AND 40M CONNECTED THE TOWN HALL WITH THE MTR STATIONS AT MONG KOK AND SHEK KIP MEI.

+FURTHERMORE, THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE LIKELY HEAVIER DEMAND FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SERVICES,+ MR HAYES SAID.

HE SAID PEOPLE COMING FROM HONG KONG ISLAND HAVE BEEN ADVISED TO MAKE USE OF THE DIRECT FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN CENTRAL AND TSUEN WAN, POINTING OUT THAT THE FERRY TERMINAL WAS ALSO CLOSE TO THE TOWN HALL.

AS MOST OF THE FESTIVAL PERFORMANCES WILL END ABOUT 10.30 PM THERE WILL BE ADEQUATE TIME FOR PEOPLE TO CATCH THE 10.45 PM AND 11.30 PM FERRIES BACK TO CENTRAL.

MR HAYES SAID 75 PER CENT OF THE TICKETS FOR FESTIVAL EVENTS HAVE BEEN SOLD UP TO FEBRUARY 19 AND ALREADY 10 OF THE PERFORMANCES HAVE BEEN TOTALLY SOLD OUT.

+THE POPULARITY OF THIS FESTIVAL EMPHASISES THE NEED FOR THE WIDEST POSSIBLE USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT,+ HE SAID.

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ADDITIONAL SHORT COURSES ON CHINESE CULTURE

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SHORT COURSES ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF CHINESE CLASSICS AND CULTURE WILL BE HELD BETWEEN APRIL AND JUNE AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S EVENING SCHOOL OF HIGHER CHINESE STUDIES.

THESE THREE-MONTH COURSES WILL BE RUN IN ADDITION TO THE THREE-YEAR GENERAL ARTS COURSE FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL LEAVERS INTERESTED IN FURTHER STUDIES OF CHINESE LANGUAGE AND CLASSICS.

AMONG THE TOPICS ARE CALLIGRAPHY, BASIC KNOWLEDGE IN CHINESE LITERATURE, CHINESE PAINTING, AN INTRODUCTION TO CHINESE MEDICINE AND A SEMINAR ON MANDARIN.

LECTURERS ARE ALL WELL-KNOWN CHINESE SCHOLARS SPECIALISING IN THEIR PARTICULAR FIELD OF STUDY. THE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION WILL BE CANTONESE.

ATTENDANCE WILL BE REQUIRED FOR TWO EVENINGS A WEEK FROM 7.15 PM TO 9.15 PM AT EITHER QUEEN'S COLLEGE IN CAUSEWAY BAY OR THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION IN KOWLOON.

FEEES FOR EACH COURSE WILL BE \$100.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM:

- \* ADULT EDUCATION SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,  
MA TAU KOK ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, FOURTH FLOOR,  
1 MA TAU KOK ROAD, KOWLOON.
- \* GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION,  
42 GASCOIGNE ROAD, KOWLOON.
- \* EDUCATION DEPARTMENT KOWLOON SUB-OFFICE,  
KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SIXTH FLOOR,  
405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.
- \* EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS,  
LEE GARDENS, THIRD FLOOR,  
HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BEFORE MARCH 15 TO THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MA TAU KOK GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 1 MA TAU KOK ROAD, KOWLOON.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE BY CONTACTING MR K.Y. CHUN OF THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION (TEL NO 3-034222).

ON COMPLETING THE COURSES, STUDENTS WILL BE AWARDED A CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE ISSUED BY THE SECTION.

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EXTRA BUS SERVICES FOR RACE MEETING IN SHA TIN  
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EXTRA RACEDAY BUSES WILL OPERATE THIS SATURDAY TO COPE WITH THE THOUSANDS WHO NORMALLY TRAVEL TO THE SHA TIN RACECOURSE BY TRAIN.

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY HAS SUSPENDED ITS NORMAL SPECIALS ON THAT DAY BECAUSE OF THE ENORMOUS DEMAND BY TRAVELLERS RETURNING FROM CHINA.

TWENTY-FIVE EXTRA DOUBLE-DECKERS FROM BOTH KMB AND CMB WILL STRENGTHEN THE MORE POPULAR RACECOURSE ROUTES. TEN MORE WILL BE DEPLOYED TO MAKE EXTRA TRIPS IF NEEDED.

IN ADDITION, A NEW MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY FEEDER SERVICE, NO. 870M FROM KOWLOON TONG TO SHA TIN, WILL START OPERATING. THE FARE IS FIXED AT \$2.

THE MAIN RACECOURSE ROUTES ARE NO. 881, CROSS-HARBOUR, FROM KENNEDY TOWN \$5- NO. 882, CROSS-HARBOUR, FROM CHAI WAN (EAST) \$5- NO. 880 FROM STAR FERRY \$3, AND NO. 887 FROM TAI KOK TSUI FERRY \$2.

WITH THE EXTRA BUSES, THE TWO COMPANIES WILL OFFER ADDITIONAL CAPACITY FOR ABOUT 3 700 PASSENGERS.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT RACEGOERS SHOULD AVOID GOING TO HUNG HOM RAIL TERMINAL AND, IN VIEW OF THE EXTRA PRESSURE ON BUS SERVICES, THEY SHOULD SET OFF EARLY FOR SHA TIN.

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YAN YAT PARTIES TO BE HELD IN NT  
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YAN YAT --- +EVERYBODY'S BIRTHDAY+ WHICH IS CELEBRATED ON THE SEVENTH DAY OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR --- WILL BE MARKED BY A SERIES OF PARTIES FOR LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL HOST THE FIRST PARTY TOMORROW (FRIDAY) EVENING. EACH OF THE EIGHT DISTRICTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION WILL HOLD LOCALISED RECEPTIONS WITH THE DISTRICT OFFICER AS HOST.

TOMORROW'S YAN YAT PARTY WILL BE HELD IN THE OCEANIA RESTAURANT IN KOWLOON. GUESTS ATTENDING WILL INCLUDE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS, MEMBERS OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK, OFFICIALS OF NEW TERRITORIES ORGANISATIONS AND SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

THE DISTRICT PARTIES WILL BE HELD UP TO THE 15TH DAY OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR (MARCH 1).

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MAXICABS WILL SERVE KWAI CHUNG/TSING YI  
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THREE NEW MAXICAB ROUTES WILL BE INTRODUCED IN KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI BEGINNING FROM SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 24), BRINGING THE NUMBER OF MAXICAB ROUTES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO NINE.

NEW ROUTE NO 89 FROM KWAI SHING NORTH (KWAI HAU STREET) TO TSUEN WAN (HO PUI STREET) WILL START ON SUNDAY WHILE THE OTHER TWO ROUTES, NOS 87 AND 88, FROM KWAI SHING (SHING FONG STREET) TO TSUEN WAN (CHUNG ON STREET) AND FROM TSING YI FERRY TO NAM WAN KOK WILL BEGIN OPERATION THE FOLLOWING DAY (MONDAY).

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE FARE FOR ROUTE NO 87, WHICH OPERATES AT A BASIC FREQUENCY OF FOUR MINUTES, IS 50 CENTS. THE FARES FOR ROUTE NO 88 ARE 30 CENTS AND 50 CENTS. MAXICABS ON THIS ROUTE RUN EVERY 10 MINUTES. FOR ROUTE NO 89 THE FARES ARE \$1 AND \$1.50. THIS SERVICE HAS A BASIC FREQUENCY OF FOUR MINUTES.

AS PART OF THE ARRANGEMENT FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW ROUTES, A SECTION OF HO PUI STREET BETWEEN CHUNG ON STREET AND HAM TIN STREET AS WELL AS KWAI HAU STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED PUBLIC LIGHT BUS PROHIBITED ZONES FROM SUNDAY.

FROM MONDAY, SEVERAL STREETS AND ROADS WILL ALSO BE DESIGNATED PUBLIC LIGHT BUS PROHIBITED ZONES.

THEY ARE THE SECTION OF CHUNG ON STREET BETWEEN HO PUI STREET AND YEUNG UK ROAD, SHING FUK STREET, HING SHING ROAD AND WING FONG ROAD.

ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE RESTRICTED ZONES UNLESS AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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