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GOVERNOR VISITS CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPT

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, VISITED THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON AND WAS BRIEFED ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WORK BY THE COMMISSIONER, MR PATRICK WILLIAMSON, AND HIS SENIOR STAFF.

AMONG THE TOPICS DISCUSSED WAS THE DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSAL TO RE-ORGANISE THE DEPARTMENT SO AS TO MAKE SENIOR OFFICERS RESPONSIBLE FOR SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS PASSENGER CONTROL, RATHER THAN GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS AS AT PRESENT.

THE PROPOSAL WOULD RESULT IN THE STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT BEING REDUCED BY MORE THAN FOUR PER CENT.

SIR DAVID WELCOMED THIS INITIATIVE TO INCREASE THE DEPARTMENT'S PRODUCTIVITY AND EFFICIENCY.

THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, MR K.S. TONG, THEN EXPLAINED THE GROWING IMPORTANCE AND SUCCESS OF INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN CUSTOMS WORK, PARTICULARLY CONCERNING DRUGS.

THE GOVERNOR WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED TO HEAR ABOUT THE REGIONAL LIAISON OFFICE RUN BY THE HONG KONG CUSTOMS. THE OFFICE ACTS AS A CLEARING HOUSE FOR INFORMATION ON DRUG SMUGGLING IN THE PACIFIC REGION.

THESE CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATIONS WHICH ARE PART OF THE REGION ARE NOW CONSIDERING EXPANDING THE LIAISON OFFICE'S ROLE TO INCLUDE TRACING DRUG TRAFFICKERS AS THEY MOVE AROUND THE REGION.

LATER IN THE AFTERNOON, SIR DAVID WATCHED CUSTOMS OFFICERS SEARCH A RECENTLY ARRIVED SHIP FOR DANGEROUS DRUGS.

THE HONG KONG CUSTOMS HAVE AN INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION FOR EFFICIENT SHIP SEARCHING AND HAVE TRAINED MANY CUSTOMS OFFICERS FROM OVERSEAS IN THE TECHNIQUES OF DOING IT.

EARLIER IN THE MONTH THEY DISCOVERED MORE THAN 20 KILOGRAMS OF CANNABIS RESIN CONCEALED IN THE ENGINE ROOM OF A SHIP FROM KARACHI.

SIR DAVID, WHO PUT ON A SET OF CUSTOMS OVERALLS FOR THE VISIT, COMMENTED THAT THE HONG KONG CUSTOMS WERE MAKING A VITAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE WAR AGAINST DANGEROUS DRUGS BOTH IN HONG KONG AND OVERSEAS.

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HONG KONG IS RIGHT PLACE FOR HI-TECH INVESTMENT

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HONG KONG POSSESSES THE RIGHT ENVIRONMENT FOR INVESTMENT INVOLVING HIGH TECHNOLOGY, THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER (DESIGNATE), MR K Y YEUNG, TOLD POTENTIAL INVESTORS IN TOYKO TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE JAPANESE SEMICONDUCTOR INDUSTRY CONFERENCE, MR YEUNG SAID THAT HONG KONG HAD BEEN PROGRESSING TOWARDS GREATER STABILITY AND PROSPERITY IN THE RUN-UP TO 1997, MAKING ITSELF A MANUFACTURING BASE THAT NO ONE COULD AFFORD TO IGNORE.

"THE RESTORATION OF CONFIDENCE SINCE 1984, COUPLED WITH SUBSTANTIAL PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT IN PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AND INCREASED PUBLIC SECTOR SUPPORT, MUST IMPROVE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY TO ATTAIN HIGHER LEVELS OF TECHNOLOGICAL ACHIEVEMENT.

"THESE OPPORTUNITIES ARE PARTICULARLY RELEVANT FOR THE COMPONENTS SECTOR OF THE INDUSTRY," HE SAID.

MR YEUNG CITED MOTOROLA'S "SILICON HARBOUR" PROJECT AS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THIS TYPE OF INVESTMENT.

THE SILICON HARBOUR IN THE HIGH TECHNOLOGY ZONE OF THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, WOULD PROBABLY COST ABOUT US\$100 MILLION AND ON COMPLETION IN EARLY 1990 WOULD HOUSE MOTOROLA'S ASIA PACIFIC HEADQUARTERS, ITS REGIONAL COMPUTER CENTRE AND ITS REGIONAL SEMICONDUCTOR DESIGN AND MANUFACTURE OPERATIONS.

ACCORDING TO MR YEUNG, IT WOULD SPECIALISE IN BIPOLAR AND METAL OXIDE SEMICONDUCTOR (MOS) APPLICATION - SPECIFIC PRODUCTS, BOTH STANDARDISED AND CUSTOMISED.

HE ADDED THAT THE PLANT WAS EXPECTED TO APPLY THE LATEST COMPUTER INTEGRATED MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGIES.

QUOTING A RESEARCH NEWSLETTER OF DATAQUEST, MR YEUNG SAID MOTOROLA CHOSE HONG KONG FOR FOUR MAIN REASONS.

"FIRST IS THE AVAILABILITY OF ADVANCED INFRASTRUCTURAL SUPPORT, PARTICULARLY IN AREAS SUCH AS TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND DATA PROCESSING.

"SECONDLY, MOTOROLA ARE CONFIDENT ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR CONTINUING STABILITY AND PROSPERITY.

"THIRDLY, THEY CLEARLY LIKE THE QUALITY OF OUR TRAINED MANPOWER AS WELL AS OUR COMMITMENT TO HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING, THE LATEST EXAMPLE OF WHICH IS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY," MR YEUNG SAID.

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FINALLY, DATAQUEST'S A FORECAST OF SEMICONDUCTOR CONSUMPTION OUTSIDE THE ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT (OECD) GROUP OF COUNTRIES ASSUMED COMPOUND ANNUAL GROWTH RATES FOR THE PERIOD 1987 TO 1992 OF BETWEEN 16 PER CENT TO 20 PER CENT FOR THE ASIAN NEW INDUSTRIALISED ECONOMIES (NIEs), BUT NEARLY 48 PER CENT FOR CHINA.

THESE ASSUMED GROWTH RATES PLACED HONG KONG'S CONSUMPTION AT ABOUT US\$1.2 BILLION IN 1992, WHICH PLACED THE TERRITORY IN THIRD PLACE AFTER SOUTH KOREA AND TAIWAN.

BUT MR YEUNG SAID THAT A LARGE PROPORTION OF CHINA'S CONSUMPTION OF SEMICONDUCTORS WAS CONSUMED BY MANUFACTURING BUSINESSES THAT WERE PARTLY OWNED BY HONG KONG INTERESTS, THE MARKET REPRESENTED BY HONG KONG'S TOTAL PURCHASES WAS LIKELY TO BE OF THE ORDER OF US\$2.3 BILLION.

ON THESE ASSUMPTIONS, MR YEUNG EXPECTED THAT HONG KONG'S PURCHASES ALONE WERE LIKELY BY 1992 TO RUN CLOSE TO THE FORECAST LEVEL OF CONSUMPTION BY SOUTH KOREA.

"IF ONE ALSO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE ADVANTAGE OF BEING ABLE TO SUPPLY CHINA FROM HONG KONG, ONE WOULD BE CONSIDERING A COMBINED MARKET OF CLOSE TO US\$3.6 BILLION IN 1992.

"CAN WE BE SURPRISED AT MOTOROLA'S CHOICE OF HONG KONG AS A BASE FOR EXPANSION, INSTEAD OF THE ASEAN REGION, WHERE MANY OF THE INVESTORS HAVE GONE?" MR YEUNG ASKED.

IN HIS OPINION, HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES WOULD CONTINUE TO DIVERSIFY OUT OF LABOUR INTENSIVE AND LOW VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTION AND INTO MECHANISED, HIGHER QUALITY PRODUCTION.

HE FELT THE LINKAGE INDUSTRIES SHOULD DEVELOP AS HONG KONG BECAME A SUPPLY BASE FOR PRODUCTION IN CHINA AND AS A MORE SOPHISTICATED PRODUCTION CENTRE IN ITS OWN RIGHT.

"THESE TRENDS HAVE ALREADY MANIFESTED THEMSELVES IN OUR ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY, AND ARE LIKELY TO BE ACCELERATED BY A HIGHER LEVEL OF TECHNOLOGICAL SUPPORT FROM THE GOVERNMENT," MR YEUNG SAID.

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DISKETTE SUBMISSION SCHEME FOR IMPORT/EXPORT DECLARATIONS

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL LAUNCH A SCHEME TO PROVIDE TRADERS WITH AN ADDITIONAL OPTION TO SUBMIT IMPORT AND EXPORT DECLARATIONS ON MICRO-COMPUTER DISKETTES.

THE SCHEME REFERRED TO AS THE "DISKETTE SUBMISSION SCHEME" WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN JULY THIS YEAR AND THE EXACT IMPLEMENTATION DATE WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN A GAZETTE NOTICE SHORTLY.

IN ORDER TO GET THE TRADERS AND THE GOVERNMENT PREPARED FOR THE SCHEME, A PILOT DISKETTE SUBMISSION SCHEME HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH THIS YEAR.

ABOUT 150 LARGE TRADING FIRMS, MANY OF THEM SUBMIT A FEW HUNDRED DECLARATIONS A MONTH, HAVE JOINED THE PILOTScheme AND HAVE FOUND IT VERY CONVENIENT TO THEM. USEFUL FEEDBACKS HAVE ALSO BEEN GATHERED AND INCORPORATED IN THE DESIGN OF THE SCHEME.

THE PURPOSE OF THE DISKETTE SUBMISSION SCHEME IS TO FACILITATE TRADERS IN PREPARING TRADE DECLARATIONS IN A MORE EFFICIENT AND ACCURATE WAY THROUGH THE USE OF COMPUTERS. THE GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE AVAILABLE TO TRADERS A COMPUTER SOFTWARE FOR THIS PURPOSE.

ALTERNATIVELY, TRADERS CAN USE THEIR OWN SOFTWARES TO PREPARE THE DECLARATIONS AS LONG AS THE OUTPUTS CONFORM TO THE FORMATS WHICH HAVE BEEN SPECIFIED IN GAZETTE NOTICE (GN3747) ISSUED ON NOVEMBER 4, 1988.

TO JOIN THE SCHEME, TRADERS NEED A MICRO-COMPUTER SYSTEM WHICH RUNS ON MS-DOS OF VERSION 2.0 OR HIGHER.

IN RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST OF SOME TRADING FIRMS WHICH COULD NOT JOIN THE PILOT SCHEME, A SECOND PILOT SCHEME WILL BE ORGANISED LATER THIS MONTH AND IN MAY.

OTHER FIRMS INTERESTED IN THE SECOND PILOT SCHEME CAN APPLY TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS,
(ATTN.: SENIOR STATISTICIAN (TRADE) 2)
WANCHAI TOWER 1,
12 HARBOUR ROAD,
WAN CHAI,
HONG KONG.
(REF.: DISKETTE SUBMISSION SCHEME)

TRADERS ARE REQUESTED TO INCLUDE IN THEIR APPLICATION LETTER A DESCRIPTION OF THE COMPUTER FACILITIES THEY ARE USING AND THE NUMBER OF DECLARATIONS THEY NORMALLY SUBMIT EACH MONTH.

FOR ENQUIRIES, PLEASE TELEPHONE 5-8234883.

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DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MARINE TO ATTEND PORTS CONFERENCE

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THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR IAN STRACHAN, WILL ATTEND THE 16TH PORTS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN MIAMI, FLORIDA FROM APRIL 22 TO 28.

THE WEEK-LONG CONFERENCE IS ORGANISED BIENNIALLY BY THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PORTS AND HARBORS (IAPH) OF WHICH HONG KONG IS A MEMBER.

MR STRACHAN WILL GIVE AN ADDRESS ON THE CURRENT AND FUTURE PROSPECTS OF THE PORT OF HONG KONG AT THE WORKING SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE.

A MORE DETAILED DISCUSSION PAPER OF THE SAME TITLE, PREPARED EARLIER BY THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR DERICK HALL, WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

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AIRCRAFT CRASH AND RESCUE EXERCISE

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AN EXERCISE WILL BE HELD AT THE AIRPORT IN THE EARLY HOURS OF TOMORROW (FRIDAY) MORNING TO PROVIDE CONTINUATION TRAINING AND FAMILIARISATION IN AIRCRAFT CRASH AND RESCUE TECHNIQUES FOR ALL UNITS WHICH WOULD BE INVOLVED IN SUCH OPERATIONS.

THE EXERCISE, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT MIDNIGHT (TONIGHT) AND END AT ABOUT 4 AM FRIDAY, ALSO SERVES TO TEST THE COORDINATION AND CONTROL PROCEDURES OF THE UNITS INVOLVED IN DEALING WITH SUCH EMERGENCIES.

THE PARTICIPATING UNITS INCLUDE THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT (COORDINATION), FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, POLICE, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MARINE DEPARTMENT, INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, CIVIL AID SERVICES, AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES AND AN AIRLINE COMPANY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT SAID THE EXERCISE WAS NOT EXPECTED TO CAUSE INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC AS IT WOULD BE CONFINED TO THE AIRPORT AREA.

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REGIONAL SECRETARY SPEAKS ON YOUTH PARTICIPATION

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THE INTRODUCTION OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG PROVIDES YOUNG PEOPLE WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TERRITORY.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, WHEN HE MET THE PRESIDENT OF THE JUNIOR CHAMBER INTERNATIONAL, MR ISFAHANI SAMEEN, AND THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, MISS JUNIA HO, TODAY (THURSDAY).

MR LAN TOLD THE VISITORS THAT THE DISTRICT BOARDS ENABLED YOUNG PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN MATTERS THAT AFFECTED THEIR IMMEDIATE ENVIRONMENT.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IN THE 1988 DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS, 59 PER CENT OF THE ELECTED DB MEMBERS WERE BETWEEN 21 AND 40 YEARS OF AGE AS COMPARED WITH 34 PER CENT IN THE 1982 ELECTIONS.

"THIS IS A GOOD INDICATION THAT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ARE TAKING AN INCREASINGLY ACTIVE INTEREST IN THEIR COMMUNITY," HE NOTED.

OUTLINING SOME OF THE WORK OF THE GOVERNMENT IN PREPARING YOUNG PEOPLE FOR THEIR ROLES IN THE COMMUNITY, MR LAN STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD IN FACT LONG ACCORDED PRIORITY TO PROVIDING A FOCAL POINT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES.

THE SETTING UP OF YOUTH CENTRES, THE LAUNCHING OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME AND THE COMMONWEALTH YOUTH EXCHANGE SCHEME DEMONSTRATED THE RECOGNITION OF THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

ON A FUNCTIONAL LEVEL, THE GOVERNMENT'S OBJECTIVE WAS TO EQUIP YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THE NECESSARY SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE TO ENABLE THEM TO PLAY A POSITIVE ROLE IN THE COMMUNITY.

MR LAN NOTED THAT JAYCEES ALL OVER THE WORLD HAD MADE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS CULTIVATING A GENERATION OF WELL-EDUCATED, WELL-MOTIVATED, AND CIVIC-MINDED YOUNG PEOPLE.

"IT MUST BE A COLLECTIVE EFFORT BY ALL CONCERNED - PARENTS, TEACHERS, EMPLOYERS, COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, AND THE GOVERNMENT," HE ADDED.

HE ALSO PRAISED THE LOCAL JAYCEES FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS DEVELOPING YOUNG PEOPLE'S POTENTIAL AND LEADERSHIP, A NOTABLE EXAMPLE OF WHICH BEING THE INTRODUCTION OF THE OUTSTANDING YOUNG PEOPLE AWARD.

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MAJOR DISTRICT FUNCTION TO SUPPORT WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL ORGANISE A WASTE RE-USE COMPETITION TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE CULTIVATE A SENSE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN CONSERVING THE WORLD'S RESOURCES.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED BY A CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR YUEN BUN-KEUNG, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON. MR YUEN IS ALSO CONVENOR OF THE DB WORKING GROUP FOR ORGANISING THE ACTIVITY NEXT MONTH.

"INVOLVEMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE PREVENTION OF GLOBAL POLLUTION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE NATURAL EQUILIBRIUM," HE SAID.

THE QUALITY WASTE RE-USE COMPETITION AND EXHIBITION IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD IN SUPPORT OF THIS YEAR'S WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY.

IT IS SPONSORED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT'S SCHOOL HEADS AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

APART FROM ENABLING PARTICIPANTS TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR CREATIVITY BY MAKING ARTISTIC OR DURABLE ITEMS FROM WASTE MATERIALS, THE COMPETITION IS ALSO INTENDED TO HELP REDUCE RUBBISH.

THE COMPETITION WILL BE DIVIDED INTO SIX GROUPS FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS, ADULTS AND MEMBERS OF LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE, CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR AMBROSE LAU, CALLED ON LOCAL RESIDENTS TO SUPPORT THE COMPETITION.

THE WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT THE SHEUNG WAN CIVIC CENTRE FROM JUNE 3 TO 6.

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DB COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER FUND APPLICATIONS

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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS AND COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER APPLICATIONS BY MAJOR LOCAL ORGANISATIONS FOR ANNUAL ACTIVITY FUNDS AMOUNTING TO \$360,000 AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE ORGANISATIONS INCLUDE THE KWUN TONG SPORTS PROMOTION ASSOCIATION LIMITED, KWUN TONG CHILDREN'S CHORUS, KWUN TONG DISTRICT CULTURE AND RECREATION PROMOTION ASSOCIATION, KWUN TONG SWIMMING CLUB AND KWUN TONG SCHOOLS LIAISON COMMITTEE.

MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE PLANNED ANTI-CORRUPTION SERVICES AND LIAISON WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT BY THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION'S KOWLOON EAST/SAI KUNG REGIONAL OFFICE IN 1989-90.

THEY WILL ALSO GIVE SUGGESTIONS ON THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS AND COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, TUNG YAN STREET.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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SINGAPOREAN DELEGATION VISITS CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

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A VISITING EIGHT-MEMBER DELEGATION FROM SINGAPORE TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED FOUR CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE PARTY, LED BY THE PERMANENT SECRETARY OF HOME AFFAIRS, MR TAN CHIN TIONG, AND THE DIRECTOR OF PRISONS, MR TEE TUA BA, WENT TO SIU LAM PSYCHIATRIC CENTRE AND TAI LAM CENTRE FOR WOMEN IN THE MORNING AND TOURED PIK UK PRISON AND TAI LAM CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION IN THE AFTERNOON.

THEY VISITED TAI TAM GAP CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, STANLEY PRISON AND THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE YESTERDAY.

THEY WILL VISIT MA PO PING PRISON, SHEK PIK PRISON AND SHA TSUI DETENTION CENTRE TOMORROW.

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SAI KUNG DB TO DISCUSS HANG HAU TOWN CLEARANCE

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MEMBERS OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DISCUSS THE HANG HAU TOWN CLEARANCE AND COMPENSATION MATTERS.

THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT (GENERAL), MR ROBERT POPE, AND SAI KUNG DISTRICT LANDS OFFICER, MR LYALL ALEXANDER-WEBBER, BOTH FROM THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, WILL BE PRESENT TO BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE LATEST SITUATION OF THE PROJECT.

THE LOCAL CRAFT REVIEW, A CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT ON LOCAL CRAFT SAFETY AND CONTROL, WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED IN THE MEETING. THE SENIOR MARINE OFFICER, MR DEREK CHADWICK, AND MARINE OFFICER, MR PAUL OWEN, FROM THE MARINE DEPARTMENT WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE DOCUMENT AND ANSWER QUESTIONS.

AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY FROM THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MRS SUSAN MAK, WILL ALSO BRIEF MEMBERS ON PROPOSALS TO REMEDY UNFAIR PROVISIONS IN THE EXISTING DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE NOMINATION OF CO-OPTED MEMBERS TO DISTRICT BOARD COMMITTEES FOR 1989/90; SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS "MEET THE PUBLIC" SCHEME; PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS IN 1989/90; APPLICATION FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR REPAIRING A FOOTPATH AT PAK LAP; AND PROGRESS REPORTS BY THE BOARD'S REGIONAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE, MR WAN YUET-KAU, AND SAI KUNG DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINTS, MR ARTHUR GARCIA, WILL ALSO BE PRESENT TO BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE WORK OF HIS OFFICE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN. THE MEETING WILL START AT 10 AM.

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PROMOTING CIVIC EDUCATION THROUGH DRAMA ACTIVITIES

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TO ACQUAINT PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS WITH KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS ON HOW TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION THROUGH DRAMA ACTIVITIES, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL ORGANISE TWO HALF-DAY SEMINARS FOR THE TEACHERS NEXT MONTH.

PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS RESPONSIBLE FOR ORGANISING DRAMA ACTIVITIES ARE WELCOMED TO TAKE PART IN THE SEMINAR TO BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG TEACHERS' CENTRE AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT, ON MAY 12 (FRIDAY).

THERE WILL BE TALKS AND DISCUSSIONS ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CIVIC EDUCATION AND DRAMA ACTIVITIES AND HOW TO ORGANISE DRAMA ACTIVITIES IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE AT THE SEMINAR.

PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADS ARE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BEFORE APRIL 26.

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CLOSURE OF MURRAY BARRACKS CAR PARK

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THE MURRAY BARRACKS CAR PARK IN CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED BY THE END OF JULY TO MAKE WAY FOR REDEVELOPMENT, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE CAR PARK, HOWEVER, WILL CEASE TO BE A GOVERNMENT CAR PARK ON MAY 1, 1989.

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE CAR PARK TO BE RUN TEMPORARILY BY A COMMERCIAL OPERATOR FROM MAY 1 UNTIL POSSESSION IS GIVEN TO THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER FOR THE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE SITE BY THE END OF JULY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE CAR PARKING CHARGES WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

THE MURRAY BARRACKS CAR PARK IS AT PRESENT PROVIDING PARKING SPACES FOR 101 CARS AND SEVEN MOTOR CYCLES IN AN OPEN AREA BETWEEN GARDEN ROAD AND COTTON TREE DRIVE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE TEMPORARY TRANSFER OF MANAGEMENT OF THE CAR PARK FROM GOVERNMENT TO A COMMERCIAL OPERATOR WAS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO RELIEVE THE CAR PARK STAFF FOR TRAINING IN TIME TO BE REDEPLOYED TO TUNNEL MANAGEMENT IN PREPARATION FOR THE OPENING OF THE SHING MUN AND JUNK BAY TUNNELS NEXT YEAR.

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OPENING OF JUNK BAY ROAD AND SAU MAU PING ROAD INTERCHANGE

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE JUNK BAY ROAD AND SAU MAU PING ROAD INTERCHANGE IN KWUN TONG WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (APRIL 22).

AT THE SAME TIME TRAFFIC BETWEEN SAU MAU PING ROAD AND LIN TAK ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED TO TRAVEL VIA THE FLYOVER OF THE INTERCHANGE; WHILE TRAFFIC ON JUNK BAY ROAD EASTBOUND HEADING TOWARD LIN TAK ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED TO TRAVEL VIA THE SLIP ROAD AND THE FLYOVER OF THE INTERCHANGE BEFORE REJOINING LIN TAK ROAD.

TRAFFIC FROM SAU MAU PING ROAD HEADING TO JUNK BAY WESTBOUND WILL ALSO BE DIVERTED TO TRAVEL VIA THE FLYOVER OF THE INTERCHANGE AND ROAD LT3 BEFORE REJOINING JUNK BAY ROAD.

ON THE OTHER HAND, GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 60 WILL BE DIVERTED TO TRAVEL VIA LIN TAK ROAD AND THE FLYOVER OF THE INTERCHANGE.

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URBAN CLEARWAY ON NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (APRIL 22), THE SOUTHERN SECTION OF NAM NING STREET IN ABERDEEN FROM A POINT ABOUT 35 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH CHENGTU ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 55 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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PUBLIC LIGHT BUS BAN IN KWUN TONG TO BE LIFTED

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE EXISTING PUBLIC LIGHT BUS BAN ON ROAD LT3 IN KWUN TONG WILL BE LIFTED ON SATURDAY (APRIL 22) AT 10 AM.

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