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DIRECT ELECTION DEALT WITH IN GREEN PAPER

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THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE QUESTION OF DIRECT ELECTION WOULD BE ADDRESSED IN THE GREEN PAPER ON POLITICAL REFORMS, WHICH WOULD PROBABLY BE PUBLISHED IN MAY.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE +WALK FOR LUCK+ AT THE SHA TIN RACECOURSE, MR FORD SAID THE WHITE PAPER IN 1984 HAD MENTIONED THAT THE SUBJECT OF DIRECT ELECTION SHOULD BE ADDRESSED IN THE GREEN PAPER.

+IT IS A GENUINE EXERCISE IN SOUNDING PUBLIC OPINION AND THE SUBJECTS WHICH WE SAID WE WOULD INCLUDE, WE WOULD INCLUDE,+ HE SAID.

ON REPORTS THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT OPPOSED DIRECT ELECTION, MR FORD SAID: +I THINK THE BEST ADVICE I CAN GIVE ON THE WHOLE QUESTION OF THE GREEN PAPER EXERCISE IS FOR PEOPLE TO IGNORE SPECULATION AND TO LISTEN TO WHAT IS BEING SAID.

+THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAVE MADE THEIR POSITION VERY CLEAR AND THAT IS THAT THEY HAVEN'T YET MADE UP THEIR MIND ABOUT WHAT SHOULD GO INTO THE BASIC LAW. THEY ARE WAITING FOR THE RESULT OF THE BASIC LAW CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE AND MR XU (JIATUN) HIMSELF SAID THIS WEEK THAT NO DECISIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND NO VIEWS HAVE BEEN TAKEN.

+AS FAR AS THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED, WE HAVE NOT YET MADE UP OUR MINDS EITHER. WE ARE GOING INTO AN EXERCISE OF CONSULTATION ON THE GREEN PAPER, AND UNTIL THOSE TWO EXERCISES ARE COMPLETE, I THINK THE BEST ADVICE I CAN GIVE IS FOR PEOPLE TO MAKE UP THEIR OWN MINDS AND NOT BE INFLUENCED BY SPECULATION.+

MR FORD STRESSED THAT THE POLITICAL REVIEW WOULD NOT BE DELAYED.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD SEEK PUBLIC OPINION ON THE GREEN PAPER, THE OPINION WOULD BE ASSESSED THROUGH A VARIETY OF CHANNELS AND THEN IN THE LIGHT OF THE OPINION, A WHITE PAPER WOULD BE PUBLISHED.

+I THINK WE ARE LOOKING AT ALL POSSIBLE WAYS OF ASSESSING PUBLIC OPINION. IT COULD INCLUDE THE OPTION OF AN ASSESSMENT OFFICE, A PUBLIC OPINION POLLS, AND THROUGH OUR NORMAL CHANNELS+, HE SAID.

+WE ARE WORKING ON THIS NOW. WE HAVEN'T YET COME TO A CONCLUSION ON IT.+

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COMMENTING ON REPORTS THAT CHINA WOULD LIKE TO SEE A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG, MR FORD SAID THEY WERE ENTIRELY SPECULATIVE.

AS TO WHETHER THERE WERE ANY DIRECT CONTACTS BETWEEN THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND CHINA AFTER THE DEATH OF THE LATE GOVERNOR, MR FORD SAID : +REGULAR CONTACTS, AS YOU KNOW, HAVE CONTINUED ON A VARIETY OF LEVELS. THAT WILL NO DOUBT CONTINUE THROUGH THE YEAR. THAT IS NOTHING UNUSUAL.+

TURNING TO THE TOPIC OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES, THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY DISAGREED WITH A SUGGESTION THAT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAD COME TO A HALT.

+IN FACT, AS A RESULT OF THE REPRESENTATIONS WHICH WERE MADE IN THE LEGCO DEBATE ON THE SUBJECT, THERE IS VERY SERIOUS CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN NOW TO THE PROBLEM IN HONG KONG AND AS THE ACTING GOVERNOR SAID WHEN HE CAME BACK, THIS MATTER IS BEING TAKEN VERY SERIOUSLY BY SIR GEOFFREY HOWE PERSONALLY,+ HE ADDED.

ASKED ABOUT THE POST OF A DEPUTY GOVERNOR, MR FORD SAID HE THOUGHT THERE WAS SOME MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT SUCH A POST.

+THERE IS NOT UNDER CONSIDERATION WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT THE QUESTION OF ESTABLISHING A DEPUTY GOVERNOR. THAT WILL BE A MAJOR CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE, AND IT'S NOT ONE WHICH WE ENVISAGE HAPPENING CERTAINLY IN THE SHORT TERM.

+SEPARATE TO THAT QUESTION IS THE QUESTION OF WHETHER SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES' EXPERIENCE AND HIS WISDOM SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO THE NEW GOVERNOR ON HIS ARRIVAL. IF YOU ASK FOR MY PERSONAL OPINION ON THAT, I THINK IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IF SIR DAVID'S ADVICE WERE AVAILABLE TO SEE THE NEW GOVERNOR IN FOR A SHORT WHILE, BUT THAT IS A QUESTION WHICH IS PRESENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION.+

ON THE NEW DEFENCE PACT BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, HE POINTED OUT THAT THE EXISTING DEFENCE COST AGREEMENT WOULD SOON EXPIRE.

+WE WILL OBVIOUSLY BE THINKING ABOUT HOW THAT SHOULD BE RENEWED, AND HOW NEGOTIATION SHOULD BE CONDUCTED,+ HE ADDED.

ASKED WHETHER THERE WOULD BE ANY FURTHER RESTRUCTURING IN THE GOVERNMENT, MR FORD SAID: +THE RESTRUCTURING WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY HAPPENED, SO I DON'T THINK WE HAVE ANOTHER ONE PLANNED AT THE MOMENT.+

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TRADE OFFICIALS BOUND FOR GENEVA

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A TEAM OF TRADE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS WAS DUE TO LEAVE FOR GENEVA LATER TODAY (SUNDAY) FOR TARIFF TALKS WITH THE UNITED STATES UNDER THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE (GATT).

THE UNITED STATES IS PROPOSING CHANGES IN ITS TARIFF RATES AS A RESULT OF ADJUSTMENTS IN CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS.

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR TONY MILLER, WHO IS LEADING THE HONG KONG DELEGATION, EXPLAINED THAT A NEW SYSTEM OF CLASSIFICATION OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS - THE HARMONISED SYSTEM - WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING TARIFF SCHEDULE OF THE UNITED STATES.

THE HARMONISED COMMODITY DESCRIPTION AND CODING SYSTEM IS BEING INTRODUCED INTERNATIONALLY AND IS PROMOTED BY THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL IN BRUSSELS. IT AIMS TO PROVIDE A SYSTEM OF CLASSIFICATION OF TRADE WHICH IS ACCEPTED INTERNATIONALLY, WITHOUT COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY VARIATIONS. THIS WILL SIMPLIFY WORLD TRADE - IN PARTICULAR CUSTOMS TARIFFS AND INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL REQUIREMENTS.

THE UNITED STATES WILL CHANGE TO THE HARMONISED SYSTEM IN JANUARY, 1988.

SOME OF THE PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO TARIFF RATES WHICH ARE REQUIRED IN MAKING THIS CHANGE WOULD RESULT IN ALTERATIONS TO THE DUTY PAYABLE ON MAJOR HONG KONG PRODUCTS IMPORTED INTO THE U.S.A.

FOR INSTANCE, A PRODUCT NOW IN A GROUP SUBJECT TO A PARTICULAR DUTY MAY FIND ITSELF MOVED TO A HARMONISED SYSTEM GROUP WITH A HIGHER DUTY AND SOME MOVES WOULD RESULT IN LOWER DUTIES.

HONG KONG HAS REQUESTED CONSULTATIONS UNDER THE GATT TO DISCUSS CHANGES WHICH WOULD RESULT IN INCREASED DUTIES BEING PAYABLE, MR MILLER SAID.

HONG KONG WILL ALSO ADOPT THE HARMONISED SYSTEM IN JANUARY, 1988 - TOGETHER WITH THE UNITED STATES AND MANY OTHER GATT MEMBER COUNTRIES INCLUDING THE E.E.C. AND CANADA.

THE ADVANTAGES OF THE NEW SYSTEM INCLUDE THE FACT THAT COMMON INTERNATIONAL NOMENCLATURE WILL HELP STANDARDISE TRADE DOCUMENTATION AND MAKE IT EASIER TO COLLECT MORE ACCURATE DATA.

SUCH DATA WILL BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND IN SIMPLIFYING THE APPLICATION AND INTERPRETATION OF CUSTOMS AGREEMENTS.

UNDER THE GATT, ANY NATION WITH SIGNIFICANT INTEREST IN PRODUCTS BECOMING SUBJECT TO CHANGES IN TARIFF DUTIES AS A RESULT OF THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW SYSTEM CAN SEEK CONSULTATIONS WITH THE IMPORTING COUNTRY CONCERNED.

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SUBVENTIONS OFFERED FOR ADULT EDUCATION COURSES
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NON-PROFIT-MAKING VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR GOVERNMENT SUBVENTIONS IN THE 1987-88 EDUCATION SESSION FOR THE OPERATION OF ADULT EDUCATION COURSES AND ACTIVITIES UNDER THE SUBVENTION SCHEME.

THE SUBVENTION SCHEME, WHICH WILL BE IN ITS EIGHTH YEAR OF OPERATION BY SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, PROVIDES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO ENABLE THEM TO COMPLEMENT AND SUPPLEMENT GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES IN THE ADULT EDUCATION FIELD.

THE SCHEME SPONSORS COURSES DESIGNED TO IMPROVE BASIC LITERACY IN CHINESE; GENERAL EDUCATION FOR PARTICULAR GROUPS, SUCH AS FACTORY WORKERS AND FISHERFOLK; RE-ORIENTATION AND CANTONESE LANGUAGE COURSES FOR NEWCOMERS TO HONG KONG FROM OTHER PARTS OF ASIA; SOCIAL AND MORAL EDUCATION; AND LABOUR EDUCATION INCLUDING LEGAL KNOWLEDGE.

IT ALSO COVERS PRE-VOCATIONAL TRAINING; SPECIAL EDUCATION FOR PHYSICALLY OR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED ADULTS; CAREERS EDUCATION, PRE-RETIREMENT AND RETIREMENT EDUCATION; ADULT EDUCATION COURSES AND ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED ON AN EXPERIMENTAL BASIS; JOB-ORIENTED COURSES; AND ACTIVITIES IN GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS NOT COVERED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S SERVICES.

THE SUBVENTION COVERS MAINLY THE COST OF TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE AND CLERICAL STAFF COSTS; THE COST OF BASIC TEACHING AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT; HIRE CHARGES FOR ACCOMMODATION AT THE EXISTING GOVERNMENT RATE; AND A SUM OF ABOUT \$500 PER QUARTER TO COVER TELEPHONE, WATER AND ELECTRICITY CHARGES.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED EITHER IN PERSON OR BY POST FROM THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, FIFTH FLOOR, 33-37 HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY.

APPLICATIONS MUST REACH THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BY APRIL 30.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE BY CONTACTING MR H.H. WOO OR MR S.K. TSUI ON 5-8392304 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

DURING THE CURRENT SESSION, FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TOTALLING \$4.1 MILLION WAS SET ASIDE FOR AROUND 50 VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS IN ORGANISING 159 PROJECTS WHICH WERE BENEFITTING MORE THAN 10 000 ADULTS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

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MORE YOUNG PEOPLE RECEIVE APPRENTICE TRAINING
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THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED APPRENTICES IN HONG KONG LAST YEAR INCREASED BY FOUR PER CENT, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT REPORTED.

THERE WERE OVER 9 400 REGISTERED APPRENTICES UNDER THREE OR FOUR YEARS TRAINING IN LOCAL INDUSTRIES.

+MORE AND MORE EMPLOYERS RUN PROPER APPRENTICESHIP SCHEMES TO TRAIN THEIR WORKERS AND SUBMIT THEIR CONTRACTS OF APPRENTICESHIP TO THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT FOR REGISTRATION AND SERVICES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

UNDER THE APPRENTICESHIP ORDINANCE, EMPLOYERS IN 42 DESIGNATED TRADES SHOULD DRAW UP AN APPRENTICESHIP CONTRACT WHEN ENGAGING YOUNG PEOPLE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 14 AND 18 AND HAVE IT REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

HE ADDED THAT CONTRACTS FOR APPRENTICES AGED OVER 19 OR FOR NON-DESIGNATED TRADES COULD ALSO BE REGISTERED VOLUNTARILY.

REGISTERED APPRENTICES WOULD BE GRANTED PAID LEAVE BY THEIR EMPLOYERS TO ATTEND RELEVANT PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE COURSES AT TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OR THE POLYTECHNIC. EMPLOYERS WOULD ALSO PAY TUITION FEES.

INSPECTORS FROM THE APPRENTICESHIP SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT WOULD PAY REGULAR VISITS TO EMPLOYERS AND APPRENTICES TO SUPERVISE THEIR TRAINING PROGRESS AND TO ASSIST EMPLOYERS IN DEALING WITH PROBLEMS ARISING FROM THE TRAINING, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT APPRENTICE TRAINING OR THE ORDINANCE CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE FIVE BRANCH OFFICES OF THE APPRENTICESHIP SECTION AT: HONG KONG OFFICE (5-8932341 EXT. 325); TO KWA WAN OFFICE (3-7151249); TSIM SHA TSUI OFFICE (3-667463); TSUEN WAN OFFICE (0-297039) AND KWUN TONG OFFICE (3-491246).

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LOCAL BODIES HELP PROMOTE RECREATION
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THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS BRENDA FUNG SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) SUPPORT FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS IS ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES ON RECREATION AND SPORTS.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT NEW YEAR CARNIVAL, MRS FUNG SAID CONCERTED EFFORTS BY THESE ORGANISATIONS HELPED FOSTER A KEEN INTEREST IN SPORTS AND ALSO PROMOTE THE TRAINING OF ATHLETES.

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SHE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE CARNIVAL'S ORGANISER, THE MONG KOK DISTRICT CULTURAL RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION, FOR PLAYING A LEADING ROLE IN BOOSTING WHOLESOME RECREATION IN THE DISTRICT.

THE ASSOCIATION ALSO JOINED OTHER LOCAL BODIES, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND THE URBAN COUNCIL IN ORGANISING SPORT EVENTS, COMPETITIONS AND TRAINING CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTHS, SHE NOTED.

+THE LIM POR YEN CENTRE, WHICH IS OPERATED BY THE ASSOCIATION, PROVIDES THE MOST VALUABLE VENUES AND FACILITIES FOR ORGANISING SUCH ACTIVITIES,+ MRS FUNG SAID.

EACH YEAR MORE THAN 10 000 PEOPLE TOOK PART IN ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE ASSOCIATION.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WERE THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI; URBAN COUNCILLOR, DR RONALD LEUNG; CHAIRMAN OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT CULTURAL RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION, MR LAM KIN-MING; AND MANAGER, MONG KOK BRANCH OF HONGKONG BANK, MR M.D. ELDRIDGE.

ABOUT 3 000 RESIDENTS PACKED THE MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND TO TAKE PART IN GAMES AND WATCH VARIOUS PERFORMANCES.

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FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME

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VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, SCHOOLS, AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS AND ORGANISATIONS IN EASTERN DISTRICT ARE BEING INVITED TO APPLY FOR FUNDS TO ORGANISE ACTIVITIES FOR THIS YEAR'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

THE THEME FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME, WHICH IS SPONSORED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, IS +TO SHARE THE JOY OF SERVING THE COMMUNITY+.

THE EASTERN DISTRICT YOUTH RECREATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE, WHICH IS THE CO-ORDINATING BODY FOR THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME, WILL CONSIDER THE APPLICATIONS IN LATE FEBRUARY AND THE RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN MID-MARCH.

ANY ORGANISATION WHICH WANTS TO APPLY FOR FUNDS TO ORGANISE SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT CAN OBTAIN APPLICATION FORMS AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY COUNTERS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

THE DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 21, AND APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT YOUTH RECREATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE, GROUND FLOOR OF 884-886, KING'S ROAD, QUARRY BAY.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT HOLDING YOUTH CHOIR CONCERT
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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT YOUTH CHOIR WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL CONCERT AT 8 PM ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE.

THE CONCERT IS BEING PRESENTED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION AND SPONSORED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

THE TWO-HOUR SHOW WILL FEATURE A NUMBER OF CHINESE AND WESTERN FOLK AND CLASSICAL SONGS PERFORMED IN SOLO, DUET, GROUP OR MIXED CHORUS.

THE YOUTH CHOIR WAS FORMED IN 1983, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE DISTRICT BOARD FOR MUSIC LOVERS OVER 16. MEMBERS PRACTISE WEEKLY AND HAVE ALSO FORMED THEIR OWN ROCK BAND.

THE CHOIR HAS GIVEN A NUMBER OF CONCERTS AND PERFORMED AT VARIOUS JOINT DISTRICT FUNCTIONS AND LOCAL VARIETY SHOWS.

TICKETS PRICED AT \$5 AND \$10 ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE IN ABERDEEN CENTRE AND AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION AT LEE CHAK HOUSE, AP LEI CHAU ESTATE.

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CARNIVAL FOR YAU MA TEI RESIDENTS
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YAU MA TEI RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO A FUN-FILLED LUNAR NEW YEAR CARNIVAL NEXT SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 15) AT THE KOWLOON PARK SOCCER PITCH.

ORGANISED BY THE YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI CULTURE AND ARTS ASSOCIATION AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE EVENT WILL PROVIDE FREE ENTERTAINMENT TO THE PUBLIC.

THERE WILL BE SINGING AND DANCING AS WELL AS ACROBATIC AND MAGIC SHOWS. TEN GAMES STALLS WILL BE SET UP BY AREA COMMITTEES AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS WILL INCLUDE LANTERN RIDDLES, WORD PROPHECY AND FORTUNE TELLING.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE AT 490 NATHAN ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI SUB-OFFICE AT 40 CARNARVON ROAD AND THE ASSOCIATION'S ACTIVITY CENTRE AT 33 SALISBURY ROAD.

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MAN CLAN ANCESTRAL HALL BEING RESTORED

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WORK ON THE RESTORATION OF THE MAN LUN FUNG ANCESTRAL HALL IN SAN TIN, YUEN LONG, HAS STARTED AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

THE ANCESTRAL HALL IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN BUILT OVER 200 YEARS AGO IN HONOUR OF MAN LUN FUNG, ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE CLAN, AND IS ONE OF THE FINEST EXAMPLES OF CHINESE TRADITIONAL ARCHITECTURE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, INTENDED FOR WORSHIP OF ANCESTORS, FESTIVALS, CEREMONIES AND MEETINGS OF THE VILLAGE ELDERS.

THE BUILDING WAS GAZETTED AS A MONUMENT, AND STRUCTURALLY RENOVATED WITH GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, IN 1983.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD, MR JASON YUEN, NOTED THAT THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME A CHINESE TRADITIONAL FAMILY HAD ALLOWED THEIR PREMISES TO BE PRESERVED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

IT WAS HOPED THAT MORE TRADITIONAL FAMILIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WOULD FOLLOW SUIT, MR YUEN ADDED.

THE RESTORATION PROJECT HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE BY A DONATION OF AROUND \$700 000 FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

WITH THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD AS EXPERT ADVISERS, THE RESTORATION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH.

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YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL OPENS TUESDAY

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THE SEVENTH YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL WILL BEGIN ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 10) EVENING WITH A FREE PERFORMANCE BY THE HONG KONG CHINESE ORCHESTRA AT LUT SAU HALL.

PRIOR TO THE CONCERT, THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, DR JAMES HAYES, WILL OFFICIATE AT A FESTIVAL OPENING CEREMONY.

IN THE FOLLOWING THREE WEEKS, ABOUT 40 PROGRAMMES COVERING OPERAS, DRAMA, FILMS, EXHIBITIONS AND MUSICAL PERFORMANCES WILL BE STAGED AT VARIOUS VENUES IN THE DISTRICT.

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TICKETS FOR 13 PERFORMANCES IN THE FESTIVAL ARE NOW ON SALE AT LUT SAU HALL AND YUEN LONG TOWN HALL.

THEY INCLUDE MIME THEATRE BY NOLA RAE AND JOHN MOWAT; AN INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT BY THE CENTRAL CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC IN PEKING AND THE POPULAR +THE GREAT EARTH+ CONCERT CONDUCTED BY MR NG TAI-KONG.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY AT LUT SAU HALL, TAI YUK ROAD, YUEN LONG. A RECEPTION WILL BE HELD IN THE YUEN LONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION PREMISES OPPOSITE THE HALL AT 6.30 PM PRIOR TO THE CEREMONY.

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IMMIGRATION INVESTIGATION SUB-DIVISION MOVING
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WITH EFFECT FROM MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, THE INVESTIGATION SUB-DIVISION SECTIONS OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT CURRENTLY SITUATED AT THE LI PO CHUN CHAMBERS, CENTRAL AND PARK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, CAUSEWAY BAY, WILL BE REMOVED TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES:

GENERAL INVESTIGATION AND

REPLACEMENT OF IDENTITY CARD INVESTIGATION SECTION

SIXTH FLOOR, GUARDIAN HOUSE,
32 OI KWAN ROAD,
WAN CHAI,
HONG KONG.

SPECIAL INVESTIGATION SECTION

FIFTH FLOOR, GUARDIAN HOUSE,
32 OI KWAN ROAD,
WAN CHAI,
HONG KONG.

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+AFTER THE REMOVAL, THE INVESTIGATION HOT-LINE WILL CHANGED FROM 5-420412 TO 5-8933744. EMPLOYERS WHO ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO INSPECT IDENTITY DOCUMENTS OF EMPLOYEES ARE REMINDED THAT THEY CAN SEEK ADVICE FROM THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT BY CALLING ITS NEW HOT-LINE: 5-8933744 DURING OFFICE HOURS,+ AN IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

+BY USING THE INVESTIGATION HOT-LINE TO CHECK ON ANY DOUBTFUL IDENTITY CARDS, EMPLOYERS ARE NOT ONLY FULFILLING THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE LAW BUT ALSO HELPING IN THE FIGHT AGAINST ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION,+ HE ADDED.

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+CLEAN HK+ COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS WIDER REPRESENTATION
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THE URBAN COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO DISCUSS AMONG OTHER THINGS THE POSSIBILITY OF WIDENING REPRESENTATION OF THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL-REGIONAL COUNCIL STEERING COMMITTEE.

IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MILITARY FORCES BE INVITED TO SIT ON THE STEERING COMMITTEE.

NOTE TO EDITORS :

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM IN CONFERENCE ROOM 2, FOURTH FLOOR, URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EDINBURGH PLACE.

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YAU MA TEI HOLDING SPRING RECEPTION

THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE WILL HOLD A SPRING RECEPTION FOR DISTRICT BOARD AND AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS AS WELL AS COMMUNITY LEADERS TOMORROW (MONDAY) AT THE OCEAN PALACE RESTAURANT.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, WILL ATTEND THE FUNCTION WHICH WILL START AT 3 PM. HE WILL ALSO PRESENT SOUVENIRS TO CHAIRMEN OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS FOR THEIR SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DISTRICT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SPRING RECEPTION WHICH STARTS AT 3 PM TOMORROW AT THE OCEAN PALACE RESTAURANT, FOURTH FLOOR, OCEAN CENTRE, CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

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KOWLOON CITY DO SPRING RECEPTION

THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE WILL HOLD A SPRING RECEPTION TOMORROW (MONDAY) FROM 4 PM TO 6 PM AT THE MARTHA BOSS COMMUNITY HALL.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, WILL ATTEND THE RECEPTION.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE RECEPTION AT 4 PM TOMORROW AT THE MARTHA BOSS COMMUNITY HALL, 89 CHUNG HAU STREET, HO MAN TIN.

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FOOTBRIDGE BEING BUILT ACROSS NULLAH
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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$900 000 CONTRACT FOR BUILDING A 19-METRE-LONG FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS TAI TONG ROAD NULLAH AT YUEN LONG, ADJACENT TO THE EXISTING ROAD BRIDGE.

THE PRE-STRESSED CONCRETE BRIDGE WILL BE ABOUT TWO METRES WIDE AND PROVIDE A SEGREGATED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FOR NEARBY RESIDENTS.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT IS REPLACEMENT OF ROAD BRIDGE FENCING WITH VEHICLE PARAPET FENCING TO ENHANCE ROAD SAFETY.

WORK STARTED THIS MONTH AND WILL TAKE SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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ROAD CLOSED FOR FOOTBRIDGE CONSTRUCTION
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TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE, TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ALONG TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD FROM 1.30 AM TO 4.30 AM ON FEBRUARY 11, 13 AND 14.

ON FEBRUARY 11, THE BUS ONLY ROAD BY THE WESTERN SIDE OF TUEN MUN CENTRAL BUS STATION (ADJACENT TO THE TAXI STAND) WILL BE CLOSED.

ON FEBRUARY 13, THE SOUTHBOUND SECTION OF TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD BETWEEN THE ENTRY AND EXIT OF THE TUEN MUN CENTRAL BUS STATION WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC. MOTORISTS WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE THE BUS ONLY ROAD.

THE NORTHBOUND SECTION OF TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD BETWEEN TUEN HING ROAD AND PUI TO ROAD WILL BE CLOSED THE FOLLOWING DAY. MOTORISTS ON NORTHBOUND TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD AND TUEN MUN ROAD HEADING FOR PUI TO ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TUEN HING ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

THOSE ON NORTHBOUND CASTLE PEAK ROAD SOUTH OF TUEN HING ROAD HEADING FOR PUI TO ROAD SHOULD DRIVE STRAIGHT AHEAD ALONG CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN WONG CHUK HANG
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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN WONG CHUK HANG FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 10) TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW.

NO VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT FROM HEUNG YIP ROAD EASTBOUND ON TO NAM LONG SHAN ROAD SOUTHBOUND, WHILE U-TURNS FROM THE EASTBOUND LANE OF WONG CHUK HANG ROAD TO THE WESTBOUND LANE WILL ALSO BE BANNED AT THE JUNCTION WITH NAM LONG SHAN ROAD.

VEHICLES ON HEUNG YIP ROAD EASTBOUND HEADING FOR NAM LONG SHAN ROAD SOUTHBOUND WILL HAVE TO TRAVEL VIA HEUNG YIP ROAD EASTBOUND, OCEAN PARK ROAD AND WONG CHUK HANG ROAD WESTBOUND.

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LION ROCK TUNNEL TUBE TO CLOSE FOR REPAIR
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TO FACILITATE URGENT REPAIR WORK, THE SHA TIN-BOUND TUBE OF THE LION ROCK TUNNEL WILL BE CLOSED FROM FEBRUARY 11 (WEDNESDAY) TO MARCH 13, BETWEEN 11 PM AND 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY, EXCEPT ON SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, THE KOWLOON-BOUND TUBE OF THE LION ROCK TUNNEL WILL BE USED FOR TWO-WAY TRAFFIC.

MEANWHILE, THE SHA TIN-BOUND BUS STOP NEAR LION ROCK TUNNEL PLAZA WILL BE SUSPENDED.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO DRIVE WITH UTMOST CARE AND TEMPORARY TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PROVIDED TO GUIDE THEM.

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