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PERMANENT HOME FOR REGIONAL COUNCIL AND DEPARTMENT

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A PERMANENT HOME FOR THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND ITS EXECUTIVE ARM, THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WILL BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT TWO YEARS UNDER A CONTRACT TO BE SIGNED TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE CONTRACT FOR THE PROJECT'S SUPERSTRUCTURE, WORTH \$133.6 MILLION, IS TO BE AWARDED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

SITE FORMATION AND PILING WORK ARE DUE TO BE COMPLETED SOON UNDER A SEPARATE CONTRACT.

THE PROJECT SITE, SITUATED ADJACENT TO THE SHA TIN KCRC STATION AND TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE, WAS CHOSEN FOR ITS EASY ACCESSIBILITY BY VARIOUS PUBLIC TRANSPORT MODES FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE TERRITORY. IT IS ALSO WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE FROM THE SHA TIN TOWN CENTRE.

THE LINK UP OF THE TWO MAIN COMPONENTS - A FIVE-STORY COUNCIL CHAMBERS BUILDING WITH AN 18-STORY DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS - WILL RESULT IN EASY INTERNAL COMMUNICATION.

IT WILL ALSO HAVE FAVOURABLE STRUCTURAL AND COST IMPLICATIONS, ACCORDING TO THE PROJECT ARCHITECT, MR PETER KEEPING.

"THE VISUAL SEPARATION OF THE TWO ELEMENTS IS MAINTAINED THROUGH BOTH THE DESIGN AND IN THE FINISHES TO ENSURE THAT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER IS THE FOCAL POINT OF THE WHOLE DEVELOPMENT," MR KEEPING ADDED.

EXPLAINING HOW SOME OF THE SITE CONSTRAINTS WERE OVERCOME, HE SAID THE NOISE POLLUTION FROM THE ADJACENT FLYOVER AND THE KCRC STATION WILL BE BLOCKED BY EXTENSIVE PLANTING AND A GARDEN, WHICH WILL SERVE BOTH AS A NOISE AND VISUAL BUFFER FROM THE TRAFFIC.

ENTRANCE TO THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS WILL BE GUARDED BY TWO STATUES OF PEKING LIONS. CONSIDERATION HAS ALSO BEEN GIVEN TO ACCESSIBILITY FOR THE DISABLED.

THE ROUND SHAPED CHAMBER ITSELF WILL BE TOPPED BY A NATURALLY-LIT ATRIUM.

APART FROM SEPARATE OFFICES FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE COUNCIL SECRETARIAT, AND THE USUAL SUPPORT FACILITIES, THERE WILL BE PRESS AND PUBLIC GALLERIES, A LIBRARY AND CUSTOM DESIGNED AREAS TO HOLD RECEPTIONS, EXHIBITIONS, AUDIO-VISUAL PRESENTATIONS AND OTHER COUNCIL FUNCTIONS.

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INCLUDING SITE FORMATION AND PILING WORK, THE ENTIRE PROJECT ON THE RECTANGULAR 0.4 HECTARE SITE WILL COST ABOUT \$187 MILLION. IT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN MAY 1991.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CONTRACT SIGNING WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE TRAINING ROOM OF ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, 41/F., QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

AMONG THOSE WHO WILL SIGN THE CONTRACT WILL BE DIRECTOR OF ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, MR JOSE LEI AND THE CHAIRMAN OF REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG.

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SITE SAFETY OPERATION LAUNCHED

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL LAUNCH THE FIRST PHASE OF A SIX-MONTH OPERATION TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO IMPROVE SAFETY STANDARDS ON BUILDING SITES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

"IN VIEW OF THE INCREASING NUMBER OF CONSTRUCTION ACCIDENTS IN RECENT YEARS, THE DEPARTMENT HAS DECIDED TO STEP UP ENFORCEMENT ACTION TO TACKLE PROBLEM AREAS IN THE INDUSTRY," A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

STATISTICS SHOW THAT ONE OUT OF EVERY THREE CONSTRUCTION WORKERS WAS INJURED IN ACCIDENTS LAST YEAR.

UNDER THE SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMME, FOUR TASK FORCE TEAMS MADE UP OF 14 EXPERIENCED FACTORY INSPECTORS HAVE BEEN FORMED.

"THEY WILL VISIT SITES WITH POOR SAFETY PERFORMANCE AND ACCIDENT RECORDS IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE TERRITORY TO BRING HOME THE MESSAGE OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TO BOTH CONTRACTORS AND WORKERS.

"PROSECUTION WILL BE TAKEN OUT WHERE NECESSARY AGAINST BLATANT OFFENDERS," THE SPOKESMAN WARNED.

THE FIRST PHASE OF THE OPERATION, LASTING FOR FOUR WEEKS, IS AIMED AT ADVISING WORKERS WORKING AT HAZARDOUS EDGES LIKELY TO CAUSE FALLS OF PERSONS.

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THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE PROMOTIONS OF WORK SAFETY IN CAISSONS, SHAFT OPENINGS AND STRUCTURES OVER THREE STOREYS HIGH UNTIL OCTOBER.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE SPECIAL OPERATION WILL IN NO WAY AFFECT NORMAL INSPECTIONS ON BOTH MANUFACTURING AND CONSTRUCTION ESTABLISHMENTS.

"WE HOPE THAT THE STEPPED-UP ENFORCEMENT ACTION COULD HELP AVERT THE SOARING TREND OF SITE ACCIDENTS AND FURTHER ENHANCE THE SAFETY AWARENESS OF CONTRACTORS AND WORKERS," HE SAID.

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COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS TRANSPORT STUDY PROPOSAL

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MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO DISCUSS A PROPOSAL FOR A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY ON THE TRANSPORT NEEDS IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

THEY WILL ALSO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM A GROUP OF SHOP OWNERS TO RELAX THE NO STOPPING RESTRICTION OUTSIDE A SECTION OF ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD BETWEEN SHOP NOS. 68 AND 112.

IN A LETTER TO THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE SHOP OWNERS SAID THE 24-HOUR NO STOPPING RESTRICTION THERE HAD HINDERED THE LOADING AND UNLOADING OF GOODS AND ADVERSELY AFFECTED THEIR BUSINESS.

OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS INCLUDE THE PROPOSED RELOCATION OF PARKING SPACES AT ABERDEEN WATERFRONT IN THE VICINITY OF JUMBO PIER.

IN ADDITION, A MEMBER WILL NOTE THAT THE ABSENCE OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT THE KERBSIDE OF NO. 128 ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD, POSES A HAZARD TO MOTORISTS.

ANOTHER MEMBER WILL ASK ABOUT THE OPERATION OF TOLL BOOTHS AT ABERDEEN TUNNEL AND THE WATER SEEPAGE PROBLEM INSIDE THE TUNNEL.

ALSO ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE AN INFORMATION PAPER ON THE PROFIT CONTROL SCHEME APPLIED TO FRANCHISED BUS COMPANIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMMORROW (MONDAY) AT THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, 2ND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, ABERDEEN CENTRE, NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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1989 HONG KONG YOUNG MUSICIANS' AWARDS

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THE 1989 HONG KONG YOUNG MUSICIANS' AWARDS, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND THE COMPOSERS AND AUTHORS SOCIETY OF HONG KONG (CASH), ARE INVITING CONTESTANTS TO APPLY FOR THE AWARDS.

THE AWARDS ARE OPEN TO ALL MUSICIANS WHO ARE UNDER 30 YEARS AS AT DECEMBER 31 THIS YEAR AND ARE EITHER HONG KONG RESIDENTS OR HAVE RESIDED IN HONG KONG SINCE JANUARY 1 LAST YEAR.

THE CONTEST IS AIMED AT RAISING THE STANDARD OF COMPOSING AND PERFORMING SERIOUS MUSIC IN THE TERRITORY AND WILL ALSO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO AROUSE INTEREST IN THE APPRECIATION OF SERIOUS MUSIC.

THERE ARE SIX CATEGORIES FOR THE AWARDS : COMPOSITION (WESTERN MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS), COMPOSITION (CHINESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS), COMPOSITION (MIXED INSTRUMENTATION), COMPOSITION (ELECTRO-ACOUSTICAL WORKS), ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE (WESTERN MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS) AND ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE (CHINESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS).

AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, CASH AWARDS WILL BE DONATED BY CASH. THE THREE WINNERS IN EACH CATEGORY WILL BE AWARDED \$6,000, \$3,000 AND \$1,000, AMOUNTING TO A TOTAL OF \$60,000.

A JURY PANEL CONSISTING OF RENOWNED LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MUSICIANS WILL JUDGE THE COMPOSITION IN THREE STAGES WITH THE FINALS TO BE HELD IN DECEMBER THIS YEAR.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM ALL MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO :

1989 HONG KONG YOUNG MUSICIANS' AWARDS,
MUSIC OFFICE,
HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, 9TH FLOOR,
2 HARBOUR ROAD,
WAN CHAI.

THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS SEPTEMBER 15, 1989. FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED BY CALLING 5-283257.

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TSUEN WAN RESUMES DRAGON BOAT RACE AFTER 15-YEAR LAPSE

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AFTER A LAPSE OF OVER 15 YEARS CAUSED BY RECLAMATION WORKS, THE DRAGON BOAT RACE IN TSUEN WAN DISTRICT WILL BE RESUMED THIS YEAR.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW INVITED FOR TEAMS TO TAKE PART IN THE RACE ON JUNE 4 TO CELEBRATE THE TUEN NG FESTIVAL.

THE EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE TSUEN WAN DRAGON BOAT RACE AND CO-SPONSORED BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD.

THE RACE WILL TAKE PLACE ALONG THE WATERFRONT OFF THE TSUEN WAN RIVIERA GARDENS. IT IS DIVIDED INTO "OPEN TROPHY RACE", "INVITATION TROPHY RACE", "TSUEN WAN, MA WAN AND TSING YI FISHERMEN INVITATION TROPHY RACE" AND "WOMEN INVITATION TROPHY RACE".

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, AND THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS MAY 1.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 0-4928364 OR 0-4926193.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS VETTING GUIDELINES

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THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GUIDELINES FOR VETTING APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS TO FINANCE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS AT ITS MEETING ON TUESDAY (APRIL 18).

MEMBERS WILL CONSIDER THE FORMATION OF WORKING GROUPS TO CARRY OUT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES IN THE DISTRICT THIS YEAR.

ALSO, THEY WILL ELECT A CHAIRMAN TO HEAD THE COMMITTEE FOR THE CURRENT ONE-YEAR TERM AND NOMINATE CO-OPTED MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE.

ANOTHER ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED IS THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR IMPLEMENTING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS IN THE PRESENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

A BRIEF CEREMONY WILL BE HELD DURING THE MEETING TO PRESENT AWARDS TO TWO OUTSTANDING CIVIC EDUCATION PROJECTS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD IN THE PAST YEAR.

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THE TWO WINNING PROJECTS ARE THE CIVIC EDUCATION FORTNIGHT AND THE GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD CAMPAIGN ORGANISED BY THE NORTH POINT NORTH AREA COMMITTEE AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD ADVICE-ACTION COUNCIL'S CHAI WAN CENTRE RESPECTIVELY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 18) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES
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THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1989-90 AT ITS MEETING ON TUESDAY (APRIL 18).

IF ENDORSED BY MEMBERS, THE EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES, WHICH INVOLVE A SUM OF ABOUT \$233,000 WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE DISTRICT BOARD'S FINANCE AND GENERAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION ON APRIL 25.

THE MEETING WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICES AND THE IMPORT OF LABOUR INTO HONG KONG.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE FORMATION OF WORKING GROUPS AS WELL AS FUNDS FOR MINOR PROJECTS AND FOR THE COMMUNITY HEALTH PROMOTION ASSOCIATION.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 18) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE, FOURTH FLOOR, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, KING FUK STREET.

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FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES
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LOCAL ORGANISATIONS IN SHAM SHUI PO ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR SUBSIDIES FROM THE DISTRICT'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE ON SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME TO HOLD ACTIVITIES BETWEEN JUNE 24 AND SEPTEMBER 17 THIS YEAR.

THE ACTIVITIES SHOULD CATER FOR THE INTERESTS OF THOSE AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 25, PROVIDING THEM WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO INVOLVE THEMSELVES IN COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECTS.

THEY SHOULD ALSO HELP DEVELOP YOUNGSTERS' POTENTIALS, THEIR INTER-PERSONAL SKILLS AND SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE COMMUNITY.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE. COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE BEFORE NOON ON APRIL 29.

A SUM OF MORE THAN \$370,000 HAS BEEN SET ASIDE FOR SUBSIDISING THIS YEAR'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME IN SHAM SHUI PO.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE ON TAI PO ROAD TAI WO
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A VEHICULAR BRIDGE AT KIU TAU, SECTIONS OF ABOUT 120 METRE OF THE SLOW LANES ON BOTH SIDES OF TAI PO ROAD TAI WO OFF KIU TAU ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FOR SIX MONTHS FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 18).

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF TAI CHEONG STREET
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TO FACILITATE WATER MAIN LAYING WORKS, TAI CHEONG STREET BETWEEN WAI HANG STREET AND SHAU KEI WAN ROAD WILL CONTINUE TO BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC UNTIL MID-MAY.

DURING THE PERIOD, THE EXISTING TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN TAI FOO STREET, WAI HANG STREET AND SAI WAN HO STREET WILL REMAIN IN FORCE.

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