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LESS TUBERCULOSIS CASES LAST YEAR
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THE TOTAL NUMBER OF NEW NOTIFICATIONS AND DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS HAD DROPPED IN HONG KONG LAST YEAR, THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR K.L. THONG, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HONG KONG TUBERCULOSIS, CHEST AND HEART DISEASES ASSOCIATION, DR THONG SAID THAT, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS, NEW NOTIFICATIONS OF THE DISEASE HAD DECREASED FROM 7 843 IN 1984 TO 7 545 IN 1985 AND THE NOTIFICATION RATE FROM 146.2 TO 139.1 PER 100 000 POPULATION.

DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS ALSO DROPPED FROM 420 IN 1984 TO 409 IN 1985 AND THE DEATH RATE FROM 7.8 TO 7.5 PER 100 000 POPULATION.

DR THONG, WHO IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION, SAID THAT THE INCREASED NOTIFICATIONS IN 1984 HAD PROBABLY ALERTED THE POPULATION TO PAY MORE ATTENTION TO THEIR GENERAL HEALTH AND PUBLIC HYGIENE.

THE CONTROL AND TREATMENT PROGRAMME FOR TUBERCULOSIS HAD CONTINUED TO BE MAINTAINED AND IMPROVED, HE ADDED.

TURNING TO STATISTICS ON CANCER, DR THONG REPORTED THAT THERE WERE 1 593 DEATHS FROM LUNG CANCER IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1985, COMPARED WITH 1 589 DEATHS IN THE SAME PERIOD OF 1984.

HE NOTED THAT WHILE IT WAS A LITTLE COMFORTING TO SEE THAT DEATHS FROM CANCER DID NOT CONTINUE TO RISE, IT WOULD NOT BE WISE TO DRAW ANY CONCLUSION AT THIS STAGE.

HE HOPED THAT WITH ANTI-SMOKING MEASURES SUSTAINED, THE EFFECT WOULD BE REFLECTED BY DECLINING DEATHS IN THE FUTURE.

ON CARDIAC SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE GRANTHAM HOSPITAL, DR THONG SAID IT HAD EXPANDED AGAIN LAST YEAR.

A TOTAL OF 565 OPEN HEART OPERATIONS WERE CARRIED OUT AND THE SUCCESS RATE WAS VERY HIGH. THERE WERE ALSO REFERRAL CASES COMING FROM OTHER COUNTRIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

IN ADDITION, TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS FROM NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES WERE ARRANGED IN THE CARDIAC CENTRE.

ON THE ASSOCIATION'S NEW PROJECT, DR THONG SAID THAT REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE RUTTONJEE HOSPITAL WAS PROGRESSING SMOOTHLY AS PLANNED.

SITE FORMATION WORK WAS COMPLETED IN MID-OCTOBER 1985 AND THE \$9.98 MILLION FOUNDATION WORK HAD STARTED IN NOVEMBER.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE SUPERSTRUCTURE OF THE HOSPITAL BUILDING AND THE STAFF QUARTERS IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN LATER THIS YEAR.

DR THONG SAID HE EXPECTED THE NEW HOSPITAL TO BE COMPLETED IN 1989.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR FEBRUARY

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) ROSE BY 3.2 PER CENT AND THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) BY 3.6 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY 1986 COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1985, ACCORDING TO FIGURES PUBLISHED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE CPI(A) AND CPI(B) FOR FEBRUARY 1986 WERE 162.9 AND 163.7 RESPECTIVELY. COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1986 AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, CPI(A) INCREASED BY 1.3 PER CENT AND CPI(B), BY 1.2 PER CENT.

THE AVERAGE CPI(A) AND AVERAGE CPI(B) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY 1986, AT 160.5 AND 161.0 RESPECTIVELY, WERE 3.1 PER CENT AND 3.5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGES FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY 1985.

DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED FEBRUARY 1986, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI(A) INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 0.2 PER CENT PER MONTH AND THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI(B), AT 0.3 PER CENT PER MONTH.

DURING FEBRUARY, FOOD PRICES, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND LIVE POULTRY, WERE HIGHER. PRIVATE DWELLING RENTALS AND CHARGES FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES, CINEMA ENTERTAINMENT AND HAIRDRESSING ALSO WENT UP. ON THE OTHER HAND, PRICES OF CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR WERE LOWER.

THE CPI(A) AND CPI(B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1979/80 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY. THE CPI(A) REFERS TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$1 000 AND \$3 499 A MONTH AT THAT TIME, AND THE CPI(B), BETWEEN \$3 500 AND \$6 499 A MONTH.

CHANGES IN THE INDEXES FOR FEBRUARY 1986 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES, AS COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1986 AND FEBRUARY 1985, ARE GIVEN BELOW.

/(OCTOBER 1979

(OCTOBER 1979 TO SEPTEMBER 1980 AVERAGE = 100)

SECTION	CPI(A)			CPI(B)		
	INDEX FOR FEB 86	% CHANGE OVER JAN 86	% CHANGE OVER FEB 85	INDEX FOR FEB 86	% CHANGE OVER JAN 86	% CHANGE OVER FEB 85
FOODSTUFFS	157.6	+2.2	+1.3	158.9	+2.0	+1.6
HOUSING	157.8	+0.2	+3.0	157.5	+0.5	+3.0
FUEL AND LIGHT	145.2	-0.2	-1.1	145.5	-0.2	-0.8
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	234.5	+0.0*	+12.0	225.1	-	+11.7
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	168.9	-1.0	+4.7	171.0	-1.1	+5.6
DURABLE GOODS	125.3	+0.1	+1.2	130.1	-	+1.5
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	153.1	+0.7	+1.8	151.3	+0.8	+3.5
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	186.5	+0.4	+6.5	187.6	+0.3	+6.0
SERVICES	198.5	+2.6	+8.8	192.6	+2.5	+7.9
ALL ITEMS	162.9	+1.3	+3.2	163.7	+1.2	+3.6

* LESS THAN 0.05 PER CENT

COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1986, THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY 2.2 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND TWO PER CENT IN CPI(B). THIS WAS MAINLY DUE TO THE INCREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES, LIVE POULTRY, PORK AND SALT-WATER FISH AROUND THE LUNAR NEW YEAR, AND IN THE AVERAGE CHARGES FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES. THE EFFECT OF MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS ON THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS WAS INSIGNIFICANT.

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THE INDEX FOR HOUSING ROSE BY 0.2 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND 0.5 PER CENT IN CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER RENTS FOR SOME PRIVATE DWELLINGS.

THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR DECREASED BY ONE PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND 1.1 PER CENT IN CPI(B) DUE TO LOWER PRICES OF MEN'S AND WOMEN'S OUTERCLOTHING.

THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS INCREASED BY 0.7 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND 0.8 PER CENT IN CPI(B) BECAUSE OF HIGHER PRICES OF JEWELLERY AS WELL AS HIGHER PRICES OF FRESH FLOWERS AROUND THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

THE INDEX FOR TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES WENT UP BY 0.4 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND 0.3 PER CENT IN CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER PUBLIC LIGHT BUS FARES DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES ROSE BY 2.6 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND 2.5 PER CENT IN CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER CHARGES FOR HAIRDRESSING, PACKAGE TOURS AND CINEMA ENTERTAINMENT AROUND THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER SECTIONS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

(FIGURES HEREIN REFER TO CPI SERIES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. ALL PERCENTAGE CHANGES ARE DERIVED FROM CPI FIGURES TO TWO DECIMAL PLACES.)

MORE DETAILS ARE GIVEN IN THE +CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT+ FOR FEBRUARY 1986, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$3 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, ROOM 1904, KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 317 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, BASKERVILLE HOUSE, DUDDLELL STREET, HONG KONG FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAILINGS.

FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE INDEXES, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT 3-7216512.

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DIVERSIFIED WELFARE SERVICES FOR SHA TIN
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WELFARE SERVICE IN SHA TIN WILL ACHIEVE A BALANCED DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE CLOSE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND WELFARE AGENCIES, DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ANSON CHAN, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE JOINT OPENING OF THE SHA KOK DAY NURSERY AND THE SUN CHUI DAY NURSERY OPERATED BY THE NEW KOWLOON WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION IN SHA TIN, SHE SAID EIGHT SUBVENTED NURSERIES WERE EXPECTED TO OPEN IN THE AREA DURING THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

+THESE NEW NURSERIES WILL PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL 850 PLACES TO MEET THE DEMAND OF RESIDENTS,+ SHE SAID.

AT PRESENT THERE ARE 12 SUBVENTED NURSERIES IN SHA TIN PROVIDING 1 320 PLACES.

ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES, MRS CHAN SAID IT WAS PLANNED TO OPEN 15 CHILDREN'S CENTRES AND 14 YOUTH CENTRES IN SHA TIN IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

TWELVE HOMES, HOSTELS AND SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY WERE ALSO PLANNED IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS TO SUPPLEMENT THE 12 EXISTING INSTITUTIONS SERVING THE AGED IN THE AREA.

+THIRTEEN REHABILITATION CENTRES OF ALL KINDS ARE ALSO PLANNED FOR THE DISTRICT WITHIN THE NEXT FEW YEARS,+ MRS CHAN SAID.

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EXCELLENT RESPONSE TO +OPERATION PEN-FRIEND+
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THE ORGANISERS OF +OPERATION POSTCARD+ - THE WORLD'S BIGGEST PEN-FRIEND EXERCISE TARGETTED AT THE ESTIMATED 14 MILLION PEOPLE EXPECTED TO VISIT EXPO '86 IN CANADA - SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT IT WAS PROVING TO BE A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS.

+SO MUCH SO THAT A FURTHER 500 000 POSTCARDS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE EASTER HOLIDAYS+, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANISERS SAID.

AS AN INDICATION OF THE EXCELLENT RESPONSE, THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT UP TO LAST SATURDAY (MARCH 22) WELL IN EXCESS OF 540 000 CARDS HAVE ALREADY BEEN COLLECTED BY 463 PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS.

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AS THE INTER-SCHOOL CONTEST DRAWS TO A CLOSE AT 5 PM THIS WEDNESDAY (MARCH 26), HE REMINDED HEADS OF SCHOOLS TO SUBMIT THE COMPLETED CARDS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THE WINNING SCHOOL WILL BE ABLE TO SEND A TEAM, COMPRISING FIVE STUDENTS AND A TEACHER, TO TOUR THE EXPOSITION DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS IN JULY.

THE RESPONSE FROM THE PUBLIC HAS BEEN EQUALLY ENCOURAGING WITH OVER 100 000 CARDS ALREADY COLLECTED FROM THE TWO DISPENSING BOOTHS LOCATED OUTSIDE THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES HEADQUARTERS AT BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, AND AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE IN CONNAUGHT PLACE.

HE ASSURED THE PUBLIC THAT THESE CARDS WILL BE AVAILABLE RIGHT UP TO THE FINAL DAYS OF THE EXPOSITION WHICH WILL BE HELD IN VANCOUVER, CANADA, FROM MAY 2 TO OCTOBER 13.

MESSAGES ON THE BLANK SIDE OF THE CARD CAN TAKE MANY FORMS. IT CAN BE A SKETCH, A WRITTEN TEXT OR A POEM.

IN ADDITION, THERE WILL ALSO BE A FREE DELIVERY SERVICE. COMPLETED CARDS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE DISPENSING BOOTHS AS THEY ALSO SERVE AS COLLECTION BOXES.

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LANDMARK TO STRENGTHEN MONG KOK IDENTITY OPENED
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THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO TODAY (MONDAY), OFFICIATED AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SIX-METRE TALL DISTRICT LANDMARK OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD.

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI, SAID THE LANDMARK WOULD HELP FOSTER A SENSE OF DISTRICT IDENTITY AND ENHANCE RESIDENTS' SENSE OF BELONGING TO MONG KOK.

HE SAID IT SYMBOLISED THE UNITY OF BOARD MEMBERS, STRIVING FOR A CONTINUAL AIM TO BETTER THE WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY.

THE LANDMARK IS A CIRCULAR COLUMN COATED WITH MARBLE SLATS AND CARRIES THE DISTRICT BOARD LOGO ON FOUR SIDES. IT STANDS ON A TRAFFIC ISLAND AT THE INTERSECTION OF LAI CHI KOK ROAD AND NATHAN ROAD.

DISCLOSING PLANS FOR THE COMING FINANCIAL YEAR, MR CHOW SAID THE BOARD WOULD CONTINUE TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE DISTRICT. IT WOULD CLOSELY MONITOR VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS' RESPONSIBLE FOR DISMANTLING ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN BACKLANES, AND WOULD URGE THEM TO CLEAR RUBBISH ON CANOPIES AND LIGHT WELLS.

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+TO FOLLOW UP ON THE SURVEY OF PORNOGRAPHIC PUBLICATIONS, THE BOARD WOULD ORGANISE A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES, IN COLLABORATION WITH VARIOUS INTEREST AND WELFARE GROUPS IN THE DISTRICT, WITH THE AIM OF INSTILLING THE CORRECT CONCEPT OF HEALTHY LIFE,+ MR CHOW SAID.

THE LANDMARK PROJECT COSTS \$132 000 WITH \$50 000 SPONSORED BY THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION AND \$82 000 ALLOCATED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WERE THE DISTRICT MANAGER MONGKOK OF THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, MR C.L.F. BAMFORD; CHAIRMAN OF THE LANDMARK OPENING CEREMONY SUB-COMMITTEE, MR YIP KAM-CHIU, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, MR CLEMENT TAO.

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WORKING GROUP TOURS PRIVATE STREETS
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MEMBERS OF A WORKING GROUP ON PRIVATE STREETS OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD TOURED TO KWA WAN TODAY (MONDAY) TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS THERE.

LED BY THE ASSISTANT KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR TOMMY YUEN, AND THE WORKING GROUP CHAIRMAN, MR TANG TAI-CHUEN, WHO IS ALSO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, THE GROUP VISITED FOUR PRIVATE STREETS WHICH WERE RESUMED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN 1984 AS WELL AS OTHER PRIVATE STREETS IN THE AREA.

THE FOUR STREETS THAT THE GOVERNMENT RESUMED IN 1984 UNDER A PILOT SCHEME TO IMPROVE ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS ARE: SHIM LUEN STREET, YIN ON STREET, TSUN FAT STREET AND HOK LING STREET. ABOUT \$1 MILLION WAS SPENT TO REPAIR ROAD SURFACES AND OTHER UTILITIES.

THE GOVERNMENT WILL RESUME ANOTHER FOUR PRIVATE STREETS IN TO KWA WAN IN THE 1986-87 RESUMPTION PROGRAMME. DETAILS OF THE RESUMPTION WILL BE GAZETTED SHORTLY.

THERE ARE ALTOGETHER 44 PRIVATE STREETS IN THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT INCLUDING FOUR THAT WERE RESUMED AND FOUR OTHERS THAT WILL BE RESUMED IN THE NEXT PROGRAMME.

IN VIEW OF SATISFACTORY RESULTS OF THE PILOT SCHEME AND DEEP CONCERN BY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, THE WORKING GROUP WAS FORMED LAST MONTH AND ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE ARE:

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- * TO MONITOR AND EVALUATE THE PILOT SCHEME OF PRIVATE STREET RESUMPTIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS;
- * TO SUGGEST POSSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT MEASURES TO BE TAKEN AFTER THE 1986-87 PROGRAMME;
- * TO CONSIDER WAYS OF ASSISTING RESIDENTS OF THE PRIVATE STREETS WHICH ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE 1986-87 PROGRAMME; AND
- * TO SUGGEST PRIORITIES REGARDING THE RESUMPTION OF THE REMAINING PRIVATE STREETS IN THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT.

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WINNING FESTIVE PHOTOGRAPHS ON DISPLAY
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COLOURFUL CHRISTMAS AND CHINESE NEW YEAR LIGHTINGS CAPTURED IN PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE ON DISPLAY AT THE SHA TIN RAILWAY STATION THIS WEDNESDAY (MARCH 26).

MORE THAN 30 PHOTOGRAPHS DEPICTING THE DEVELOPMENT, HISTORICAL LEGENDS AND BEAUTIFUL SCENERIES OF SHA TIN WILL ALSO BE EXHIBITED FOR 22 DAYS UNTIL APRIL 15.

THE EXHIBITS WILL MOVE TO THE LUNG HANG ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE FROM APRIL 2 TO 8 AND THE SHA KOK COMMUNITY HALL FROM APRIL 9 TO 15.

THE PHOTOGRAPHS MEASURING 16 BY 20 INCHES ARE THE WINNING ENTRIES OF THE RECENT PHOTOGRAPH COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD.

THE PARTICIPANTS ARE RESIDENTS EITHER WORKING OR STUDYING IN THE SHA TIN DISTRICT. THE PHOTOGRAPHS WERE SPECIALLY SELECTED BY A GROUP OF EXPERTS AND MEMBERS OF THE FESTIVE LIGHTINGS COMMITTEE.

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TONNOCHY ROAD FLYOVER TO BE BUILT
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THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR A SERIES OF ROADWORKS IN WAN CHAI TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS.

THIS INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TONNOCHY ROAD FLYOVER, THE WIDENING OF THE FLEMING ROAD FLYOVER AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE STEWART ROAD AND TONNOCHY ROAD NORTH FOOTBRIDGES.

THE TONNOCHY ROAD FLYOVER WILL PROVIDE DIRECT VEHICULAR ACCESS FROM GLOUCESTER ROAD WESTBOUND ON TO TONNOCHY ROAD WHILE THE WIDENING OF THE FLEMING ROAD FLYOVER WILL PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL LANE AT THE NORTH END OF THE ELEVATED ROAD.

THE STEWART ROAD FOOTBRIDGE IS AN ADDITIONAL FACILITY FOR CROSSING GLOUCESTER ROAD TO REACH THE WAN CHAI RECLAMATION WHILE THE OTHER FOOTBRIDGE IS FOR ACCESS TO TONNOCHY ROAD.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN JUNE AND TAKE 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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DREDGING WORK AT CASTLE PEAK BAY
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AN AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEABED COVERING 566 HECTARES AT CASTLE PEAK BAY IN TUEN MUN IS TO BE DREDGED TO ALLOW THE PASSAGE OF SUPER BULK COAL CARRIERS OF UP TO 120 000 DEADWEIGHT TONNES.

CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY LIMITED WILL CARRY OUT THE DREDGING WORKS IN MAY, AND ON COMPLETION IN ABOUT A YEAR'S TIME LARGER COAL-CARRYING VESSELS WILL BE ABLE TO REACH ITS CASTLE PEAK POWER STATION JETTY.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN THE LATEST GAZETTE. THOSE WISHING TO OBJECT TO THE WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS BY MAY 20.

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PRESS CONFERENCE ON MEDICAL SERVICES
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A PRESS CONFERENCE TO RELEASE A GOVERNMENT COMMISSIONED CONSULTANT'S REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF THE DELIVERY OF MEDICAL SERVICES IN PUBLIC HOSPITALS WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT 3 PM IN THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL.

THE CONFERENCE WILL BE ATTENDED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR K. L. THONG, AND THE PROJECT DIRECTOR OF THE CONSULTING TEAM, W.D. SCOTT AND CO PTY LTD, DR RICHARD FREYER.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PRESS CONFERENCE. COPIES OF THE REPORT, IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH, WILL BE AVAILABLE AT 2 PM FOR ADVANCE READING ONLY.

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TRAFFIC WORKING GROUP TO MEET
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THE NEW TERRITORIES EAST INTERDISTRICT WORKING GROUP ON THE LION ROCK TUNNEL TRAFFIC PROBLEM WILL HOLD A MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT 2.30 PM.

THEY WILL DISCUSS THE PROGRESS REPORT ON VARIOUS PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF THE LION ROCK TUNNEL SUCH AS THE PRE-PAID TUNNEL TICKET SCHEME, TRAFFIC FLOW ON LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD AND AUTO-TOLL AT TUNNEL.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING ON THE SIXTH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE AT THE KCR HOUSE.

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DISTRICT COMMITTEE TO MEET WEDNESDAY
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THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL WILL HOLD ITS MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 26) MORNING.

TOPICS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE ROLE OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN STREAM AND NULLAH CLEANSING IN THE DISTRICT AND THE PROGRESS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TUEN MUN SWIMMING POOL.

THE OPEN MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK AND GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING, SECOND FLOOR, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, AT 9.30 AM ON WEDNESDAY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING.

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RE-OPENING OF TAI HANG ROAD
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THE SECTION OF TAI HANG ROAD BETWEEN BLUE POOL ROAD AND THE STUBBS ROAD ROUNDABOUT WHICH HAD BEEN CLOSED TO WEST-BOUND TRAFFIC WILL BE RE-OPEN FROM NOON TOMORROW (MARCH 25) TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC FOR VEHICLES NOT EXCEEDING 5.5 TONNES GROSS.

THE RE-OPENING IS POSSIBLE BECAUSE PART OF THE ROAD REPAIR WORKS THERE HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

THE WEIGHT RESTRICTION ON THIS ROAD SECTION WILL BE IN FORCE UNTIL THE FULL WIDTH OF THE CARRIAGEWAY IS RE-OPEN ON COMPLETION OF THE ROAD WORKS.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS IN CENTRAL
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THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS IN CENTRAL WILL BE MADE 24-HOUR DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (MARCH 27):

- * QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL FROM A POINT ABOUT 60 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH ICE HOUSE STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 40 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- * THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF ICE HOUSE STREET FROM A POINT ABOUT 165 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL TO A POINT ABOUT 40 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- * THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF ICE HOUSE STREET FROM A POINT ABOUT 85 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL TO A POINT ABOUT 40 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- * DUDELL STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL TO A POINT ABOUT 15 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

NO VEHICLE OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS AND GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONES.

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KWUN TONG WATER CUT
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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KWUN TONG WILL BE TURNED OFF BETWEEN 9 AM AND 7 PM ON THURSDAY (MARCH 27) FOR MAINS WORK.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE HIP WO STREET BETWEEN HIU KWONG STREET AND SAU MAU PING ROAD, HIU KWONG STREET, KUNG LOK ROAD, HONG NING ROAD, HONG LEE ROAD AND NEW PO LAM ROAD.

LAM TIN ESTATE, SAU MAU PING ESTATE, SHUN ON ESTATE, SHUN TIN ESTATE, SHUN CHI COURT, CHOI WAN ESTATE, SHUN LEE TSUEN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA AND THE UNITED CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL WILL ALSO BE AFFECTED.

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PLB RESTRICTED ZONES IN YUEN LONG

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A NUMBER OF ROAD SECTIONS IN YUEN LONG WILL BE DESIGNATED 24-HOUR DAILY PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONES FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (MARCH 27).

THESE ARE:

- * PING HA ROAD BETWEEN CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO KIU TAU WAI;
- * THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO KIU TAU WAI, FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH PING HA ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 300 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- * PING HA ROAD NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO KIU TAU WAI;
- * THE ACCESS ROADS LEADING FROM PING HA ROAD TO HANG TAU, HANG MEI TSUEN, AND TONG FONG TSUEN; AND
- * THE LOOP ROAD FROM ABOUT 10 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING FROM PING HA ROAD TO KIU TAU WAI, TO ABOUT 25 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

NO PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 52.4 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 306.881 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 359.875 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 61.4 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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