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HOSPITAL AUTHORITY BRINGS BENEFITS TO COMMUNITY

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THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID THAT CONCERNS OVER PARTICULAR ASPECTS IN ESTABLISHING THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY SHOULD NOT LEAD HONG KONG TO LOSE SIGHT OF THE BENEFITS IT WOULD BRING TO THE COMMUNITY.

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON WEST TODAY (WEDNESDAY), MRS WONG OUTLINED THE MAIN BENEFITS OF SETTING UP THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY WOULD PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK FOR BRINGING THE EXISTING GOVERNMENT AND SUBVENTED HOSPITALS TOGETHER IN AN INTEGRATED PUBLIC HOSPITAL SYSTEM, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME PRESERVING THE TRADITIONS AND CHARACTERISTICS OF INDIVIDUAL HOSPITALS.

"THIS WILL ENABLE THE BEST USE TO BE MADE OF EACH HOSPITAL'S FACILITIES, WITH BETTER CO-ORDINATION AND DEPLOYMENT OF MANPOWER AND RESOURCES," SHE SAID.

MRS WONG SAID THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY'S SECOND BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY WOULD BE THE GREATER FLEXIBILITY AND QUICKER RESPONSE TO CHANGING DEMANDS THAN WOULD OTHERWISE BE POSSIBLE IF CIVIL SERVICE REGULATIONS WERE TO APPLY.

THE THIRD BENEFIT WAS THAT A MORE EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM WOULD BE INTRODUCED, PROVIDING FOR GREATER DEVOLUTION OF AUTHORITY FROM THE CENTRAL TO THE OPERATIONAL LEVELS.

"THE NEW SYSTEM WILL SEEK TO DRAW UPON THE DIFFERENT SKILLS THAT VARIOUS GRADES OF STAFF CAN CONTRIBUTE AND ENGENDER A CO-OPERATIVE TEAM SPIRIT," SHE SAID.

FINALLY, THE NEW SYSTEM WOULD PROVIDE AMPLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND SCRUTINY IN THE OPERATION OF PUBLIC HOSPITAL SERVICE.

THE NEW MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND MANAGEMENT CONCEPT OF THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY WOULD BRING ABOUT INCREASED EFFICIENCY, BETTER ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES AND IMPROVED CONDITIONS IN HOSPITAL WARDS, SHE POINTED OUT.

HAVING STATED THE BENEFITS THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS TRYING TO ACHIEVE, MRS WONG PROCEEDED TO DISPEL CERTAIN MISCONCEPTIONS, THE FIRST BEING THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS AIMING TO RELINQUISH ITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCING PUBLIC HOSPITALS.

"NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH. GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON PUBLIC HOSPITAL SERVICES HAS RISEN EVERY YEAR AND NOW STANDS AT SOME \$6 BILLION.

"SETTING UP THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY MAY COST \$2 BILLION IN ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE AND CASH OUTFLOW, AND FURTHER GROWTH IS FORECAST IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

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"IN ORDER TO BRING TO OUR HOSPITAL PATIENTS THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF CARE AND TO MAKE THEIR STAY MORE COMFORTABLE, COSTS MAY HAVE TO RISE EVEN FASTER," SHE SAID.

MRS WONG SAID THE GOVERNMENT FELT THAT IT SHOULD MODIFY THE PROVISIONAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY'S RECOMMENDATION FOR HIGHER FEES.

"IN THE GOVERNMENT'S VIEW, THE FIRST NEED IS TO HAVE A BROAD STRATEGIC PLAN FOR FEE AND WAIVER ARRANGEMENTS, TO ENSURE THAT ALL THOSE WHO WOULD FIND DIFFICULTY IN PAYING A HIGHER LEVEL OF FEES ARE ADEQUATELY PROTECTED.

"NEW WAIVER ARRANGEMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS IN SERVICES SHOULD BE IN PLACE BEFORE ANY REAL INCREASE IN FEES IS CONTEMPLATED," SHE SAID.

"TO ENSURE THAT ANY INCREASE IN FEES IS FULLY JUSTIFIED AND ACCEPTABLE TO THE COMMUNITY, THE GOVERNMENT WILL RETAIN THE POWER TO GIVE DIRECTION TO THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY ON THE LEVEL OF FEES TO BE CHARGED," MRS WONG STRESSED.

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#### HOUSEHOLD VISITS IN YAU TSIM FOR ELECTIONS

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STAFF OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE WILL START TOMORROW (THURSDAY) VISITING HOUSEHOLDS IN THE DISTRICT TO VERIFY THE PARTICULARS OF REGISTERED VOTERS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE SAID COMMUNITY ORGANISERS, CARRYING IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, WILL CONDUCT DOOR-TO-DOOR VISITS IN THE EVENINGS.

"THE VISITS, LASTING UNTIL LATE SEPTEMBER, WILL SERVE THE DUAL PURPOSE OF UPDATING THE ADDRESSES OF THE REGISTERED VOTERS AS WELL AS REGISTERING NEW VOTERS," HE SAID.

THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS IN YAU TSIM DISTRICT AS AT MARCH 31 THIS YEAR STOOD AT 35,318.

"THE VERIFICATION IS NECESSARY BECAUSE THE LAST REGISTRATION EXERCISE WAS CARRIED OUT ALMOST A YEAR AGO AND THE ACCURACY OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL WILL HAVE A DIRECT BEARING ON THE VOTER TURNOUT RATE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

CITIZENS AGED 21 AND ABOVE, WHO ARE HONG KONG PERMANENT RESIDENTS OR HAVE RESIDED IN THE TERRITORY FOR SEVEN YEARS OR MORE, ARE ELIGIBLE FOR REGISTRATION AS VOTERS.

THE DOOR-TO-DOOR VISITS WILL TIE IN WITH THE VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN TO BE LAUNCHED IN AUGUST, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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NORTH DB TO CONSIDER FUND APPLICATIONS

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THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL CONSIDER ALLOCATING \$600,000 FOR FOUR MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO APPOINT AN EDITORIAL BOARD TO PUBLISH THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD TRIENNIAL REPORT 1988-91.

A REPORT ON THE NORTH DISTRICT COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES SHOW, HELD LAST MONTH, WILL BE TABLED.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE REPORTS BY THE NORTH DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE NORTH DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TOMORROW (THURSDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM.

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FUND APPLICATIONS ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (THURSDAY) 51 APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS FOR ORGANISING ACTIVITIES IN THE COMING MONTHS.

THESE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE A TALK ON VOTER REGISTRATION, A SEMINAR ON PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION, A BUILDING MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE COURSE AND OTHER CIVIC EDUCATION AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

IF APPROVED, THE TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED WILL TOTAL AROUND \$400,000.

THE URBAN COUNCIL COMMUNITY RECREATION AND SPORTS PROGRAMME FOR THE DISTRICT IN 1990-91 AND PROGRESS REPORTS BY THE COMMITTEE'S WORKING GROUPS WILL BE TABLED FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT THE SHEK KIP MEI COMMUNITY HALL, BLOCK 42, SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE, NAM CHEONG STREET.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS FESTIVE LIGHTING  
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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE AND SPORTS COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS TOMORROW (THURSDAY) THE FESTIVE LIGHTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CHRISTMAS AND LUNAR NEW YEAR.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO STUDY PROGRESS REPORTS FROM THE SHA TIN ARTS AND SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE AND SPORTS COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW (THURSDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE SIXTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION, BEGINNING AT 9.30 AM.

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OVERSTAYERS AND II'S FROM CHINA ARRESTED  
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ACTING ON INFORMATION, IMMIGRATION INVESTIGATORS ARRESTED TWO OVERSTAYERS AND TWO ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FROM CHINA YESTERDAY (TUESDAY).

THE ARRESTED PERSONS, ALL FEMALES, WERE APPREHENDED AT A RESIDENTIAL FLAT IN NORTH POINT.

THE TWO OVERSTAYERS, AGED 17 AND 58, ARE NATIVES OF FUKIEN HOLDING TWO-WAY PERMITS. THEY HAVE OVERSTAYED FOR ABOUT FIVE WEEKS.

THE TWO ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS, AGED 18 AND 48, ARE ALSO FROM FUKIEN AND CLAIMED TO HAVE SNEAKED INTO HONG KONG FROM CHINA THIS MONTH. UPON INVESTIGATION, ONE OF THEM WAS FOUND TO POSSESS A FORGED TWO-WAY PERMIT.

THE OWNER OF THE RESIDENTIAL FLAT IS ASSISTING WITH INVESTIGATIONS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT REITERATED THAT THERE WILL BE NO AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

HE ADDED THAT OVERSTAYERS ARE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5,000 AND TWO YEARS' IMPRISONMENT. PERSONS WHO AID AND ABET PEOPLE TO COMMIT THESE OFFENCES ARE ALSO LIABLE TO PROSECUTION AND PENALTY.

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THREE GOVT LOTS TO LET BY TENDER

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT-TERM TENANCY OF THREE LAND LOTS, TWO IN KOWLOON AND ONE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE FIRST LOT IS LOCATED AT SHUNG SHUN STREET, SAM KA TSUEN, KOWLOON.

COVERING AN AREA OF ABOUT 4,750 SQUARE METRES, THE SITE IS FOR A FEE-PAYING PUBLIC PARKING AREA FOR PRIVATE MOTOR VEHICLES, TAXIS AND GOODS VEHICLES CURRENTLY LICENSED UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE, EXCLUDING CONTAINER VEHICLES WITH TRAILERS/CHASSIS ATTACHED.

THE TENANCY IS FOR TWO YEARS, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

THE SECOND LOT IS LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF CHO YUEN STREET AND SZE SHAN STREET IN YAU TONG, KOWLOON.

WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 3,025 SQUARE METRES, IT IS FOR OPEN STORAGE OF NON-DANGEROUS GOODS.

THE TENANCY IS FOR ONE YEAR, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

THE THIRD LOT, IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, IS LOCATED NEXT TO TSUI LAI GARDEN IN AREA 6B OF SHEUNG SHUI.

IT COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 8,150 SQUARE METRES AND IS FOR A FEE-PAYING PUBLIC CARPARK FOR MOTOR VEHICLES AND LORRIES CURRENTLY LICENSED UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE, EXCLUDING CONTAINER VEHICLES WITH TRAILERS/CHASSIS ATTACHED.

THE TENANCY IS FOR ONE YEAR, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON JULY 6.

FORMS OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND TENDER PLANS INSPECTED AT THE NORTH DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, BLOCK 3, TEMPORARY OFFICE ACCOMMODATION, PIK FUNG ROAD, FANLING, NEW TERRITORIES; THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND THE KOWLOON DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

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CHANGES IN HOURS OF NEW ID CARD ISSUE OFFICES

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THE BUSINESS HOURS OF THE HONG KONG AND THE WEST KOWLOON NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES WILL BE CHANGED FROM JULY 2 TO BRING THEM IN LINE WITH THE OTHER SIX NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES, THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THE NEW BUSINESS HOURS OF THE TWO OFFICES WILL BE FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM, MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS, AND FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM ON SATURDAYS, EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

"THE CHANGES IN BUSINESS HOURS OF THESE TWO NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES ARE MADE AS A RESULT OF STAFF REDEPLOYMENT TO MEET THE INCREASING COMMITMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT," A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"FOR THEIR OWN CONVENIENCE, APPLICANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MAKE USE OF THE PHONE-IN SERVICE TO OBTAIN AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING THE OFFICES OF THEIR CHOICE DURING OFFICE HOURS," HE ADDED.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS IN WESTERN DISTRICT

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JUNE 22), THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF ROADS IN WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS 24 HOURS DAILY:

- \* THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF DES VOEUX ROAD WEST FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH HILL ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 70 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION; AND
- \* THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF HILL ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH DES VOEUX ROAD WEST TO A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

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

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BAN ZONES IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JUNE 22), THE ISLAND ROAD CARPARK OFF HOUSE NO. 55 AND THE SOUTH BAY ROAD CARPARK OFF HOUSE NO. 17, IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT, WILL BE DESIGNATED BAN ZONES TO PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AND GOODS VEHICLES.

ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AND GOODS VEHICLES, EXCEPT THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE BAN ZONES 24 HOURS DAILY.

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CANCELLATION OF BAN ZONE ON GASCOIGNE ROAD FLYOVER

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT WITH EFFECT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JUNE 22), THE 24-HOUR DAILY BAN ZONE DESIGNATED ON THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF GASCOIGNE ROAD FLYOVER FOR ALL VEHICLES EXCEEDING 11 METRES IN LENGTH, WILL BE CANCELLED.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS IN TAI PO

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JUNE 22), THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF WAN TAU STREET IN TAI PO WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY:

- \* THE SECTION OF THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH KWONG FUK ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 45 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION; AND
- \* THE SECTION OF THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE BETWEEN ITS JUNCTIONS WITH KWONG FUK ROAD AND KWONG FUK SQUARE.

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

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