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PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR NOVEMBER RELEASED

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HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE CONTINUED TO GROW SUBSTANTIALLY IN NOVEMBER 1987, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES PUBLISHED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARED WITH OCTOBER, THE YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH RATE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS SLOWED DOWN FURTHER, WHILE THOSE OF RE-EXPORTS AND IMPORTS INCREASED.

THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN NOVEMBER 1987 WAS \$17,077 MILLION, 14.8 PER CENT OR \$2,207 MILLION HIGHER THAN IN NOVEMBER 1986, WHILE THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 43.1 PER CENT OR \$5,292 MILLION TO \$17,567 MILLION.

THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS (DOMESTIC EXPORTS PLUS RE-EXPORTS), AT \$34,644 MILLION, WAS 27.6 PER CENT OR \$7,499 MILLION HIGHER THAN IN NOVEMBER 1986.

THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW BY 31.6 PER CENT OR \$8,224 MILLION OVER NOVEMBER 1986 TO \$34,270 MILLION.

AS THE VALUE OF IMPORTS IN NOVEMBER 1987 GREW AT A FASTER RATE THAN THAT OF TOTAL EXPORTS, THE VISIBLE TRADE SURPLUS IN NOVEMBER 1987 WAS REDUCED TO \$374 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 1.1 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS.

THE SURPLUS RECORDED IN NOVEMBER 1986 WAS \$1,099 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 4.2 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS IN THAT MONTH.

PUTTING THE MONTH'S TRADE FIGURES INTO CONTEXT, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS FOR THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF THIS YEAR WAS \$340,129 MILLION, MADE UP OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF \$176,404 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS OF \$163,725 MILLION.

COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1986, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS GREW BY \$91,594 MILLION OR 36.9 PER CENT, THAT OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY \$37,788 MILLION OR 27.3 PER CENT, AND THAT OF RE-EXPORTS BY \$53,806 MILLION OR 49 PER CENT.

OVER THIS PERIOD, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW BY \$90,643 MILLION OR 36.5 PER CENT, TO \$339,130 MILLION.

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A SMALL CUMULATIVE VISIBLE TRADE SURPLUS OF \$999 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 0.3 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED IN THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF THIS YEAR. THIS COMPARED WITH A VIRTUALLY BALANCED VISIBLE TRADE ACCOUNT IN THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SPOKESMAN SAID THE GROWTH RATE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS, ALTHOUGH STILL SIGNIFICANT IN NOVEMBER, HAD SLOWED DOWN GRADUALLY IN RECENT MONTHS.

THIS SLOW-DOWN PARTLY REFLECTED THE HIGH BASE OF COMPARISON IN THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, BUT WOULD ALSO HAVE BEEN EXPECTED AFTER NEARLY 20 MONTHS OF BUOYANT DOMESTIC EXPORT PERFORMANCE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE CONTINUED RAPID GROWTH IN RE-EXPORTS WAS MAINLY DUE TO THE FLOURISHING ENTREPOT TRADE WITH CHINA, IN ITS POSITION BOTH AS A SOURCE AND AS A MARKET FOR HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS.

HE ADDED THAT THE SUSTAINED GROWTH IN IMPORTS WAS PARTLY A REFLECTION OF THE HIGH LEVEL OF DOMESTIC DEMAND, BUT ALSO SUGGESTED THAT EXPORT PERFORMANCE WAS LIKELY TO REMAIN SATISFACTORY IN THE NEXT MONTH OR SO, ALTHOUGH THE SITUATION BEYOND THAT WAS MORE UNCERTAIN.

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TRADE FIGURES FOR NOVEMBER, 1987

The Census and Statistics Department has released the following provisional merchandise trade figures for November:-

MERCHANDISE:	Domestic Exports :	\$17,077 million	
	Re-exports :	\$17,567 million	
	Total Exports :	\$34,644 million	
	Imports :	\$34,270 million	
	Trade balance :	\$374 million	[in surplus]

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Latest 3 months	Sep 87 to	Sep 86 to	Increase	
	Nov 87	Nov 86	HK\$ Mn.	%
	HK\$ Mn.	HK\$ Mn.		
Domestic Exports	53,108	44,173	8,935	20.2
Re-exports	51,150	35,693	15,457	43.3
Total Exports	104,258	79,866	24,392	30.5
Imports	101,746	77,499	24,247	31.3
Trade balance	2,512	2,367	145	

Same month last year	November	November	Increase	
	1987	1986	HK\$ Mn.	%
	HK\$ Mn.	HK\$ Mn.		
Domestic Exports	17,077	14,870	2,207	14.8
(% of Total Exports)	(49.3%)	(54.8%)		
Re-exports	17,567	12,275	5,292	43.1
Total Exports	34,644	27,145	7,499	27.6
Imports	34,270	26,046	8,224	31.6
Trade balance	374	1,099	-725	

Last month	November	October	Increase	
	1987	1987	HK\$ Mn.	%
	HK\$ Mn.	HK\$ Mn.		
Domestic Exports	17,077	18,188	-1,111	-6.1
(% of Total Exports)	(49.3%)	(51.6%)		
Re-exports	17,567	17,082	485	2.8
Total Exports	34,644	35,270	-626	-1.8
Imports	34,270	34,710	-440	-1.3
Trade balance	374	560	-186	

Calendar year to-date	Jan-Nov	Jan-Nov	Increase	
	1987	1986	HK\$ Mn.	%
	HK\$ Mn.	HK\$ Mn.		
Domestic Exports	176,404	138,616	37,788	27.3
(% of Total Exports)	(51.9%)	(55.8%)		
Re-exports	163,725	109,919	53,806	49.0
Total Exports	340,129	248,535	91,594	36.9
Imports	339,130	248,487	90,643	36.5
Trade balance	999	48	951	

Last 12 months	Dec 86 to	Dec 85 to	Increase	
	Nov 87	Nov 86	HK\$ Mn.	%
	HK\$ Mn.	HK\$ Mn.		
Domestic Exports	191,772	150,941	40,831	27.1
Re-exports	176,352	119,384	56,968	47.7
Total Exports	368,124	270,325	97,799	36.2
Imports	366,598	270,867	95,931	35.4
Trade balance	1,526	-342	1,868	

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TSIU HANG SPECIAL AREA DESIGNATED

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TWO STRIPS OF LAND AT TSIU HANG, JOINED BY MA ON SHAN COUNTRY PARK IN THE NORTHERN PART OF PAK SHA WAN PENINSULA, HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED A SPECIAL AREA FOR THEIR EDUCATIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC VALUE.

THE DESIGNATION, MADE UNDER THE COUNTRY PARKS ORDINANCE, WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE SPECIAL AREA COVERS 24 HECTARES OF GOVERNMENT LAND. ITS WESTERN PART COMPRISES MAINLY THE FORMER SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT FARM WHILE ITS EASTERN PORTION IS AN EIGHT-HECTARE SITE OF NATURAL WOODLAND AND GRASSLAND OF HIGH LANDSCAPE VALUE.

IT IS LOCATED NEAR THE SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE RUN BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE FIELD STUDIES CENTRE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE SENIOR DEVELOPMENT OFFICER (COUNTRYSIDE) OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR F. Y. WONG, SAID THAT IN VIEW OF ITS HIGH SCIENTIFIC AND EDUCATIONAL VALUE, THE AREA WILL BE DEVELOPED AS THE FIRST COUNTRYSIDE CENTRE IN THE TERRITORY.

"THE MAIN FEATURE OF THE CENTRE WILL BE A GOOD COLLECTION OF LOCAL AND EXOTIC FRUIT PLANTS, ORNAMENTAL AND TIMBER-PRODUCING TREES AND PLANTS OF MEDICINAL AND BOTANICAL VALUE WHICH HAVE GROWN IN THE AREA FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS.

"OTHER ATTRACTIONS WILL INCLUDE DISPLAYS OF LOCAL ROCKS AND MINERALS, INSECTS, BIRDS AND LOCAL WILDLIFE, AND EXHIBITS ON NATURE CONSERVATION AND RURAL HERITAGE," HE SAID.

MR WONG SAID THERE WERE ALSO PLANS TO BUILD A VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE IN THIS AREA AND TO PROVIDE A VARIETY OF PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES, INCLUDING GUIDED TRAILS AND OUTDOOR DISPLAYS, TO ENHANCE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE IMPORTANCE OF NATURE CONSERVATION.

HE SAID THE COUNTRYSIDE CENTRE WOULD INITIALLY BE OPENED TO SCHOOL PARTIES EARLY NEXT YEAR. WHEN FULLY DEVELOPED BY 1993, IT WOULD PROVIDE AN OUTDOOR EDUCATION AREA FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

THE DESIGNATION OF THE TSIU HANG SPECIAL AREA WAS ENDORSED BY THE COUNTRY PARKS BOARD. THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD ALSO PLEDGED ITS FULL SUPPORT.

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NEW ROADS TO BE BUILT IN SHA TIN

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO CONSTRUCT SEVERAL NEW ROADS IN HEUNG FAN LIU, KUK LIU AND PAK TIN IN SHA TIN TO PROVIDE VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN ROADS FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IN THESE AREAS.

THE SCHEME FORMS PART OF THE CONTINUING PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE SCHEME WILL INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SINGLE TWO-LANE LOOP ROAD WITH FOOTPATHS ON BOTH SIDES TO THE NORTH-WEST OF EXISTING MEI TIN ROAD.

A SECTION OF THE EXISTING PIK TIN STREET WILL BE WIDENED TO A SINGLE TWO-LANE ROAD WITH A TURNING AREA FOR VEHICLES, INCLUDING FOOTPATHS ON BOTH SIDES AND A CYCLE TRACK ON THE NORTH SIDE.

ANOTHER SECTION OF THE SAME STREET ALONG THE NORTH BANK OF SHING MUN RIVER WILL BE MODIFIED TO BECOME AN EMERGENCY VEHICULAR ACCESS WITH A TURNING AREA AT THE END.

A SINGLE TWO-LANE ROAD BRIDGE WITH A FOOTPATH AND A CYCLE TRACK ON ONE SIDE WILL BE BUILT ACROSS SHING MUN RIVER.

THE EXISTING CARPARK AND ACCESS ROAD FOR HEUNG FAN LIU VILLAGE WILL BE MODIFIED.

A COMBINED FOOTPATH AND EMERGENCY VEHICULAR ACCESS WILL BE CONSTRUCTED IN HEUNG FAN LIU.

APART FROM THESE, THERE WILL BE NEW FOOTPATHS AND CYCLE TRACKS.

TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORKS, A SECTION OF EXISTING PIK TIN STREET NEAR MEI TIN ROAD JUNCTION WILL BE CLOSED.

THE EXISTING CARPARK AND ACCESS ROAD FOR HEUNG FAN LIU VILLAGE WILL BE MODIFIED.

A SECTION OF THE EXISTING PIK TIN STREET ALONG THE NORTH BANK OF SHING MUN RIVER WILL BE CHANGED INTO AN EMERGENCY VEHICULAR ACCESS WITH A TURNING AREA AT THE END.

A SECTION OF PIK TIN STREET BETWEEN THE PROPOSED BRIDGE ACROSS SHING MUN RIVER AND THE TURNING AREA FOR THE WIDENED SECTION OF PIK TIN STREET, WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC. FOOTPATHS WILL ALSO BE CLOSED.

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PERMANENT ALTERNATIVE ROADS AND FOOTWAYS WILL BE PROVIDED AND DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD, TEMPORARY ALTERNATIVE FOOTPATHS WILL BE MAINTAINED SO THAT INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC WILL BE MINIMISED.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME MAY BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, SHA TIN, 2 TUNG LO WAN HILL ROAD, SHA TIN, NEW TERRITORIES; AND THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, SIXTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION, NEW TERRITORIES DURING OFFICE HOURS.

ANY PERSON WHO HAS OBJECTIONS TO THE SCHEME SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG BEFORE FEBRUARY 22 NEXT YEAR.

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STREETS IN SAI WAN HO TO BE MODIFIED

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO CLOSE PART OF HOI NING STREET IN SAI WAN HO FOR A PERIOD OF ABOUT THREE-AND-A-HALF YEARS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SITE FORMATION WORKS OF THE SHAU KEI WAN FOOTHILLS (WEST) PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE.

FOR THE SAME PURPOSE, THE WIDTH OF SAI WAN HO STREET BETWEEN HOI NING STREET AND HOLY CROSS PATH WILL BE PERMANENTLY WIDENED.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (THURSDAY).

SITE FORMATION WORKS FOR THE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE WHICH WILL START IN LATE 1988 LASTING UNTIL MID-1992 WILL GENERATE ABOUT ONE MILLION CUBIC METRES OF EXCAVATED MATERIAL TO BE DISPOSED OF.

FOR THIS PURPOSE AN OVERHEAD CONVEYOR SYSTEM ALONG THE FULL LENGTH OF HOI NING STREET WILL BE CONSTRUCTED FOR CONVEYING THE MATERIAL TO THE BARGE LOADING AREA AT ALDRICH BAY.

THE CONVEYOR SYSTEM WHICH WILL BE FULLY ENCLOSED AND PADDED TO REDUCE DUST AND NOISE NUISANCE TO NEARBY RESIDENTS, WILL SPAN ACROSS SAI WAN HO STREET AND SHAU KEI WAN ROAD AT A HEIGHT OF 5.1M AND 6.1M RESPECTIVELY TO ALLOW FOR THE MOVEMENT OF DOUBLE-DECKER BUSES AND TRAMS UNDERNEATH.

PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO PROPERTIES IN AND TRAFFIC ALONG HOI NING STREET WILL BE MAINTAINED BUT THE WIDTH OF HOI NING STREET WILL BE REDUCED TO A MINIMUM WIDTH OF 3.5M AND THERE WILL BE A 24-HOUR VEHICLE NO STOPPING RESTRICTION.

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THE SECTION OF SAI WAN HO STREET BETWEEN HOI NING STREET AND HOLY CROSS PATH WILL BE PERMANENTLY WIDENED FROM ITS PRESENT WIDTH OF 3M TO 7.3M TO PROVIDE VEHICULAR ACCESS TO THE AREA.

AT THE END OF THE SITE FORMATION WORKS, THE CONVEYOR SYSTEM WILL BE DISMANTLED AND THE AFFECTED PORTION OF HOI NING STREET WILL BE REINSTATED.

THE PLAN ON THE PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE/ HONG KONG EAST, 12TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG; AND THE EASTERN DISTRICT SHAU KEI WAN SUB-OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, 347 SHAU KEI WAN ROAD, HONG KONG DURING OFFICE HOURS.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSALS SHOULD SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG BEFORE FEBRUARY 22 NEXT YEAR.

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BANKING COMMISSIONER ISSUES ADVISORY LETTER

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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING, MR TONY NICOLLE, HAS ISSUED AN ADVISORY LETTER URGING BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES (DTC'S) THAT THE CURRENT MARKET SPOT RATE SHOULD BE USED TO LIQUIDATE THE MATURING FOREIGN-EXCHANGE CONTRACTS AND FOR CALCULATING THE NEW FORWARD RATE.

IN A LETTER SENT TO THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF BANKS AND THE HONG KONG DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ASSOCIATION, MR NICOLLE SAID THAT HIS OFFICE WAS AWARE THAT BANKS AND DTC'S HAD ON OCCASION BEEN UNDER PRESSURE FROM COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS TO ROLL OVER MATURING FORWARD CONTRACTS ON THE BASIS OF PREVIOUS, RATHER THAN CURRENT, RATES.

"THERE HAVE BEEN EXAMPLES, TOO, OF HONG KONG BANKS AND DTC'S EXPERIENCING PRESSURE FROM PARENT BANKS OVERSEAS TO ROLL ON FORWARDS AT NON-CURRENT RATES.

"I WOULD STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT, WHEN EXTENDING THE MATURITY OF ANY FORWARD CONTRACT, THE CURRENT MARKET SPOT RATE SHOULD BE USED TO LIQUIDATE THE MATURING CONTRACT AND AS THE BASE FROM WHICH TO CALCULATE THE NEW FORWARD RATE.

"FAILURE TO USE THE CURRENT SPOT RATE MAY RESULT IN A BANK OR DTC EFFECTIVELY COLLABORATING IN THE CONCEALMENT OF A PROFIT OR LOSS," SAID MR NICOLLE IN HIS LETTER.

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FUNDING SCHEME TO INCLUDE SCHOLARSHIPS

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE JOINT FUNDING SCHEME FOR HONG KONG STUDENTS IN BRITAIN WILL BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE A SCHOLARSHIP ELEMENT FOR MERITORIOUS STUDENTS WITH EFFECT FROM THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR OF 1988/89.

THE EXISTING SCHEME WHICH PROVIDES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY STUDENTS WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED, WITH THE TOTAL OF 4 MILLION POUND STERLING PER YEAR BEING SHARED EQUALLY BY THE HONG KONG AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS.

THE NEW SCHOLARSHIP ELEMENT IS INTENDED TO BENEFIT STUDENTS OF OUTSTANDING ABILITY AND LEADERSHIP QUALITY.

FUNDS AVAILABLE WILL BE APPROXIMATELY \$3.5 MILLION, HALF OF WHICH WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

PART OF THE REMAINDER WILL COME FROM THE SIR SHIU-KIN TANG BEQUEST AND PART FROM THE EXISTING FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS SCHEME.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THIS NEW INITIATIVE IN SUPPORTING HONG KONG STUDENTS AT BRITISH UNIVERSITIES AND POLYTECHNICS "ILLUSTRATES THE CONTINUING BRITISH COMMITMENT TO HONG KONG AND THE DETERMINATION OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO ATTRACT HONG KONG'S BEST AND BRIGHTEST TO FURTHER THEIR EDUCATION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM".

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT PREPARATIONS ARE IN HAND TO APPOINT A SELECTION COMMITTEE OF HONG KONG-BASED ACADEMICS AND BUSINESSMEN, TO IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE CRITERIA FOR THE AWARD OF THESE SCHOLARSHIPS AND TO SET UP A SECRETARIAT TO SUPPORT THE SCHEME.

A PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD, PROBABLY AROUND THE END OF FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR, TO ANNOUNCE FULL DETAILS OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS AND INVITE APPLICATIONS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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U.S. HIKERS TO HELP COUNTRYSIDE CLEAN-UP

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A GROUP OF 20 EXPERIENCED HIKERS FROM SIERRA CLUB - A 440,000-MEMBER COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION ORGANISATION IN THE UNITED STATES - HAS PLEDGED FULL SUPPORT TO THE CLEAN COUNTRY PARKS DRIVE CURRENTLY MOUNTED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

THEY WILL JOIN MEMBERS OF THE COUNTRY PARKS BOARD LED BY ITS PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR WILLIAM WAN, TO PICK UP LITTER IN THE SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 26) MORNING.

THEY WILL ALSO CALL ON SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY AT THE SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK VISITOR CENTRE FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON NATURE CONSERVATION AND COUNTRYSIDE RECREATION.

THE GROUP IS THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL HIKING PARTY WHO HAS COME TO HONG KONG SPECIFICALLY FOR A VISIT TO LOCAL COUNTRY PARKS AND THE LANTAU AND MACLEHOSE TRAILS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE LITTER COLLECTION EXPEDITION WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 26).

TRANSPORT FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL LEAVE AFD HEADQUARTERS, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON AT 9 AM.

THOSE MAKING THEIR OWN TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT THE SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK VISITOR CENTRE IN PAK TAM CHUNG, SAI KUNG BY 9.50 AM.

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TUEN MUN DB TO EXAMINE VILLAGE PROBLEMS

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THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS PROBLEMS CONCERNING TIN FU TSAI VILLAGE CREATED BY THE ALIGNMENT OF THE OVERHEAD POWERLINE AT A MEETING ON DECEMBER 28 (MONDAY).

FOLLOWING A SITE VISIT AND CONSULTATIONS RECENTLY WITH THE VILLAGERS BY BOARD MEMBERS, IT WAS CONCLUDED THAT THE BOARD WOULD SUGGEST AN ALTERNATIVE ALIGNMENT TO THE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED AND WOULD URGE THE GOVERNMENT TO HELP IMPROVE THE LIVELIHOOD OF THE VILLAGERS.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING INCLUDE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF LAND ALLOCATION FOR TUEN MUN CLOSED CENTRE; PROPOSED DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO UPSTREAM OF HUNG SHUI KIU RIVER; EXISTING ROADS LEGISLATION AFFECTING THE CONSTRUCTION OF DRAINS AND FOOTBRIDGES IN VARIOUS AREAS; AND RE-SURFACING OF A TENNIS COURT ADJACENT TO TUEN MUN CLINIC.

MEANWHILE, A GUIDE TO THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S DISTRICT FESTIVALS SUBSIDY SCHEME, LAYOUT PLANS FOR AREAS 9 AND 12 (INDUSTRIAL AREAS) STAGE II REPORT ON TRAFFIC PROBLEMS, REVISED LAYOUT PLAN FOR AREA 14 (SOUTH OF ON TING ESTATE), REPORTS OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE BOARD'S RESPECTIVE COMMITTEES WILL ALSO BE TABLED FOR DISCUSSION.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD AT 9.30 AM ON DECEMBER 28 (MONDAY) IN THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM ON THIRD FLOOR, GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, NO. 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN.

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