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FIRM BASIS FOR HK TO DEVELOP OWN EDUCATION SYSTEM

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THE SINO-BRITISH DRAFT AGREEMENT PROVIDED A SOUND AND FIRM BASIS FOR HONG KONG TO CONTINUE DEVELOPING AN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM TAILORED TO THE TERRITORY'S OWN NEEDS, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG TODAY (MONDAY).

+IT WILL ENSURE THAT WE WILL HAVE THE EXPERTISE AND SKILL REQUIRED TO ENABLE HONG KONG TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE ITS POSITION IN THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND TRADING ENVIRONMENT WITHIN WHICH HONG KONG OPERATES,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

FOR THOSE WHO WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE EDUCATION SYSTEM IN HONG KONG AFTER 1997, HE REITERATED THAT THE DRAFT AGREEMENT HAD SPELT OUT, IN NO UNCERTAIN TERM, THAT THE ESSENTIALS OF THE EXISTING SYSTEM WOULD CONTINUE.

+IT WILL OPERATE SEPARATELY AND DIFFERENTLY FROM THAT IN OTHER PARTS OF CHINA. CONTINUITY WILL BE MAINTAINED IN THE APPLICATION OF OUR PRESENT EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS, AND IN THE USE OF TEACHING MATERIALS FROM OVERSEAS. THE FREEDOM TO PURSUE EDUCATION OUTSIDE HONG KONG WILL BE PRESERVED,+ HE EXPLAINED.

SIR EDWARD SAID THAT THE CREATIVITY, INTELLIGENCE AND ADAPTABILITY OF ITS PEOPLE CONSTITUTED HONG KONG'S GREATEST NATURAL ASSETS.

+THESE ATTRIBUTES NEED TO BE STIMULATED AND FOSTERED BY EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES WHICH BROADEN THE HORIZON OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND STRETCH THEIR IMAGINATION.

+IN CONSEQUENCE OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM, ITS QUALITY AND DIRECTION, ARE MATTERS OF THE HIGHEST IMPORTANCE TO OUR FUTURE.

+IF WE ARE TO MAINTAIN OUR POSITION IN THIS HIGHLY COMPETITIVE WORLD, WE MUST PRODUCE PROFESSIONALS, TECHNOLOGISTS, MANAGERS AND ADMINISTRATORS WHO ARE NOT ONLY ABLE BUT HIGHLY TRAINED,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THE CITY POLYTECHNIC WOULD MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THIS OBJECTIVE.

THE NEW PREMISES IN THE ARGYLE CENTRE WILL PROVIDE PLACES FOR 2 500 FULL-TIME STUDENTS AND A SIMILAR NUMBER OF PART-TIME STUDENTS OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.

WHEN THE PERMANENT CAMPUS IN KOWLOON TONG IS READY FOR OCCUPATION IN OCTOBER 1988, IT WILL HAVE AN INITIAL CAPACITY OF 8 000 FULL-TIME-EQUIVALENT STUDENTS WITH A POTENTIAL FOR EXPANSION TO ACCOMMODATE A FURTHER 5 500 FULL-TIME-EQUIVALENT STUDENTS.

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SIR EDWARD SAID THAT ULTIMATELY, THE RANGE OF COURSES WOULD BE EXPANDED TO COVER A WIDER VARIETY OF ACADEMIC SUBJECTS AT DEGREE, PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMA, HIGHER DIPLOMA AND HIGHER CERTIFICATE LEVELS.

IN LINE WITH THE NEEDS OF HONG KONG'S SOCIETY, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND THE GOVERNMENT, ALL THE COURSES WOULD HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL PRACTICAL CONTENT, HE ADDED.

HE ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE LED BY SIR S.Y. CHUNG, AND THE DIRECTORATE OF THE CITY POLYTECHNIC, UNDER THE FOUNDING DIRECTOR DR DAVID JOHNS, AND HIS SENIOR STAFF FOR THEIR HARD WORK.

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DRAFT AGREEMENT PROVIDES
FOR CONTINUATION OF ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS
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THE DRAFT AGREEMENT ON HONG KONG'S FUTURE PROVIDED FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THOSE ELEMENTS WHICH THE COMMUNITY HERE REGARDED AS ESSENTIAL, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

+IN DOING SO IT HAS REMOVED THE UNCERTAINTY ABOUT 1997 WHICH, FOR A WHILE, HAD DETERRED CONFIDENCE AND PROGRESS,+ SIR PHILIP SAID.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE THIRD CONFERENCE OF HEADS OF COMMONWEALTH VALUATION DEPARTMENTS AT THE REGENT HOTEL.

SIR PHILIP TOLD DELEGATES FROM SOME 20 COUNTRIES THAT A SENSE OF UNCERTAINTY BEGAN TO EMERGE AS HONG KONG ENTERED THE 1980'S. HE THEN BRIEFED THE DELEGATES THE PROBLEMS CONCERNING HONG KONG'S FUTURE AND THE EVENTS LEADING TO THE INITIALLING OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT.

+NOW AFTER TWO WORRYING YEARS, HONG KONG CAN MOVE AHEAD ONCE MORE,+ SIR PHILIP SAID.

+OF COURSE, INTENTIONS HAVE TO BE CONVERTED INTO REAL LIFE DECISIONS, BUT THERE ARE COMPELLING REASONS TO SUPPOSE THEY WILL BE.

+SO I BELIEVE HONG KONG'S DESTINY REMAINS TO BE THE COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL CAPITAL CITY OF EAST AND SOUTHEAST ASIA AND, AMONG OTHER THINGS, WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY HOST TO, AND AN ACTIVE ROLE IN, INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES SUCH AS THIS CONFERENCE,+ HE SAID.

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HE SAID THAT FOR MANY YEARS, HONG KONG HAD PROVIDED FERTILE GROUND FOR THE PRACTITIONER OR THE SERIOUS STUDENT OF PROFESSIONAL VALUATION.

+FURTHERMORE, THE COMPLEXITY AND VOLATILITY OF THE HONG KONG PROPERTY MARKET IN RECENT YEARS HAS PROVIDED A UNIQUE CASE STUDY FOR THE VALUER, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS THE WAY IN WHICH BASE VALUES SHIFTED ABSOLUTELY AND RELATIVELY,+ HE SAID.

THE WEEK-LONG CONFERENCE IS HOSTED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND ORGANISED BY THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT.

IT AIMS TO PROVIDE A FORUM TO ENABLE LEADERS OF COMMONWEALTH VALUATION DEPARTMENTS TO DISCUSS AND EXCHANGE IDEAS AND TECHNIQUES IN AN AGE WHERE THE COST AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE VALUATION SERVICE IS BEING CLOSELY EXAMINED.

THE FIRST CONFERENCE WAS HOSTED BY MALAYSIA IN KUALA LUMPUR IN 1977 AND THE SECOND BY CANADA IN OTTAWA IN 1980.

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KAIFONGS URGED TO JOIN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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THE KAIFONGS WERE IN A POSITION TO ASSESS THE POLITICAL STRUCTURES AND LIFESTYLE DESIRED BY THE COMMUNITY AND TO CONVEY THEIR ASSESSMENTS TO THE GOVERNMENT, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DENIS BRAY, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE 35TH ANNUAL KAIFONG DAY CELEBRATION THIS EVENING, MR BRAY SAID HONG KONG SOCIETY WAS UNDERGOING RAPID SOCIAL AND POLITICAL CHANGES.

HE URGED EVERY MEMBER OF KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

+THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSALS THAT WILL EMERGE IN A WHITE PAPER ON REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT WILL ONLY BE A FIRST STEP. THE KAIFONGS SHOULD OFFER GUIDANCE ON THE NEXT STEPS,+ HE SAID.

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF MR BRAY'S SPEECH:

+I AM HONOURED TO BE INVITED TO OFFICIATE AT THE 35TH ANNUAL KAIFONG DAY CELEBRATION THIS EVENING.

+OVER THE PAST 30 YEARS, THE KAIFONG MOVEMENT, WITH ITS FOUR MAJOR PRINCIPLES, HAS ACHIEVED OUTSTANDING RESULTS. THE ENTHUSIASM AND PUBLIC-SPIRITEDNESS OF KAIFONG LEADERS WHO CHOOSE TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY DILIGENTLY AND SELFLESSLY ARE HIGHLY APPRECIATED.

/+I HAVE .....

+I HAVE AN ADMIRATION FOR THE KAIFONG MOVEMENT, AND HAVE WITNESSED ITS GRADUAL EXPANSION OVER THE YEARS MAINLY THROUGH THE EFFORT, HARDWORK AND INITIATIVE OF OUR KAIFONG LEADERS. ITS MAJOR EFFORTS TODAY ARE NO LONGER CONFINED TO WELFARE ACTIVITIES. KAIFONGS ALSO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN REFLECTING PEOPLE'S OPINION ON PUBLIC ISSUES.

+HONG KONG SOCIETY IS NOW UNDERGOING RAPID SOCIAL AND POLITICAL CHANGES. EVERY MEMBER OF KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS SHOULD NOW TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS. THE KAIFONGS ARE IN A POSITION TO ASSESS THE POLITICAL STRUCTURES AND LIFESTYLE DESIRED BY THE COMMUNITY AND TO CONVEY THEIR ASSESSMENTS TO THE GOVERNMENT. THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSALS THAT WILL EMERGE IN A WHITE PAPER ON REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT WILL ONLY BE A FIRST STEP. THE KAIFONGS SHOULD OFFER GUIDANCE ON THE NEXT STEPS. THIS IS WHAT I EXPECT FROM THE KAIFONG MOVEMENT AT THE PRESENT DAY.

+MAY I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH THE KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS EVERY SUCCESS AND TO WISH YOU ALL HAPPINESS AND GOOD HEALTH. THANK YOU!+

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CIVIL SERVICE OFFERING CHALLENGE

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YOUNG PEOPLE JOINING THE CIVIL SERVICE NOW WOULD FACE THE CHALLENGE AND EXCITEMENT OF TAKING PART IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A GOVERNMENT, FOR WHICH THERE WAS NO PRECEDENT ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD, THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

BUT HE SAID, +THIS WILL BE NO TIME FOR THE FAINT HEARTED, OR THE GRADUATE LOOKING FOR AN EASY RIDE.+

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 12TH CIVIL SERVICE CAREERS EXHIBITION AT LOKE YEW HALL, HE NOTED THERE HAD BEEN QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT KIND OF GOVERNMENT AND CIVIL SERVICE HONG KONG WOULD HAVE IN THE FUTURE.

+WE NOW KNOW THAT NOT ONLY WILL THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THOSE EMPLOYED IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE BEFORE 1997 BE PRESERVED AFTER 1997, BUT THAT THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF RECRUITMENT, EMPLOYMENT, ASSESSMENT, DISCIPLINE, TRAINING AND MANAGEMENT SHALL BE MAINTAINED,+ HE SAID.

MR AKERS-JONES SAID REASSURANCES THAT THE ESSENTIAL QUALITIES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEM WOULD BE RETAINED +PROVIDE US WITH CONFIDENCE TO GO ON PLANNING AND RECRUITING FOR THE FUTURE.+

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THOSE WHO WERE AT THE START OF THEIR CAREERS COULD DEVOTE THEIR LIVES, WITH CONFIDENCE, TO THE SERVICE OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG, HE ADDED.

THEY WOULD BE PARTICIPATING IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A GOVERNMENT WHICH WOULD ENDURE AS ONE OF THE SYSTEM WITHIN THE CONCEPT OF 'ONE COUNTRY, TWO SYSTEMS', HE SAID.

+AND THERE IS SATISFACTION IN TAKING PART IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STRUCTURE WHICH WILL BE RUN BY THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG THEMSELVES UNDER THE DIRECTION OF LEGISLATURE 'CONSTITUTED BY ELECTIONS' FROM AMONG THE PEOPLE.

+TO INTRODUCE THESE CHANGES WITHOUT DISTURBING, INDEED, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, WHILE INCREASING THE PACE OF SOCIAL CHANGE AND ECONOMIC EXPANSION WILL REQUIRE SENSITIVITY AND IMAGINATION, AND A HIGH DEGREE OF ADMINISTRATIVE SKILL,+ MR AKERS-JONES SAID.

THESE CHANGES WOULD TAKE PLACE AS PART OF THE OVERALL GROWING DIMENSION OF HONG KONG'S DEVELOPING RELATIONS WITH CHINA, AND THE IMMENSE CHANGES TAKING PLACE WITHIN CHINA AS THE PROCESS OF MODERNISATION GATHERED MOMENTUM.

+FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO TAKE PART IN THIS GREAT ENDEAVOUR, TO EMBARK UPON A VOYAGE WHICH HAS NO PRECEDENT IN THE HISTORY OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT, A CAREER IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF HONG KONG WILL BE A REWARDING EXPERIENCE.

+THIS YEAR'S EXHIBITION HAS, THEREFORE, A SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE ABOUT TO DECIDE ON THEIR CAREERS,+ HE SAID.

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ANOTHER SCHOOL FOR TAI PO

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ANOTHER PRIMARY SCHOOL IS TO BE BUILT IN TAI PO NEW TOWN, ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING AREAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SCHOOL, WHICH WILL BRING THE NUMBER OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN TAI PO TO 28.

THE SIX-STOREY BUILDING, TO BE BUILT ON A 3 000-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF PLOVER COVE ROAD AND TUNG CHEONG STREET, WILL HAVE 24 CLASSROOMS AND AN ASSEMBLY HALL.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A PAVED PLAY AREA WHICH WILL BE PARTLY COVERED, A BASKETBALL-VOLLEYBALL COURT AND OTHER ANCILLARY ACCOMMODATION.

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO START AT THE END OF THE YEAR AND BE COMPLETED BY DECEMBER 1985.

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POLICE STATION TO BE EXPANDED

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THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATION FOR SHEK KIP MEI POLICE STATION.

THE CONTRACT INVOLVES THE BUILDING OF A THREE-STOREY ANNEX TO THE STATION.

THE ANNEX WILL PROVIDE A FLOOR AREA OF ABOUT 1 500 SQUARE METRES FOR DINING-RECREATION, LIVING QUARTERS AND CHANGING FACILITIES.

THE WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN JANUARY 1985 AND BE COMPLETED IN APRIL 1986.

TENDERS MUST BE ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN, CENTRAL TENDER BOARD, AND PLACED IN THE SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX SITUATED IN THE LIFT LOBBY ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (EAST WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG BEFORE NOON ON NOVEMBER 9 (FRIDAY).

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YUEN LONG DB MEETING TOMORROW

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THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO DISCUSS HOUSING AND TRANSPORT PLANS FOR THE DISTRICT.

BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON A PILOT PROJECT TO IMPROVE LIVING STANDARDS OF SOME 90 000 PEOPLE LIVING IN TEMPORARY STRUCTURES ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF YUEN LONG TOWN.

THEY WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON A RURAL PUBLIC HOUSING PLAN.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR ADOLF HSU, WILL ATTEND THE MEETING TO EXPLAIN VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE NEW REGIONAL COUNCIL.

A REPORT ON THE 'MEET THE PUBLIC' SCHEME IN YUEN LONG WILL BE PRESENTED TO MEMBERS FOR DISCUSSION.

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MONG KOK FESTIVAL STARTING FRIDAY

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A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN ORGANISED FOR THE MONTH-LONG MONG KOK CULTURE AND SPORTS FESTIVAL WHICH WILL BE LAUNCHED WITH A VARIETY SHOW ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 26).

THE VARIETY SHOW WILL BE HELD AT THE CHAN HING SOCIAL SERVICES CENTRE, BEECH STREET, STARTING AT 8 PM.

CULTURAL EVENTS FOR THE FESTIVAL INCLUDE ORCHESTRAL PERFORMANCES, CHINESE OPERA, DRAMA, GUITAR MUSIC AND LECTURES ON POPULAR MUSIC.

ON THE SPORTS SIDE, THERE WILL BE COMPETITIONS IN TABLE TENNIS, BASKETBALL AND SQUASH. PARTICIPANTS CAN ALSO ENJOY A DAY OF HORSE RIDING AT POK FU LAM AND EXECURSIONS TO COUNTRY PARKS.

DETAILS OF THE FESTIVAL WERE ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR LAM KIN-MING.

AMONG THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FESTIVAL WILL BE A PERFORMANCE BY THE GUANGXI GYMNASTIC TEAM, TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, STARTING AT 7.30 PM AT MCPHERSON STADIUM, YIM PO FONG STREET.

THE FESTIVAL, WHICH WILL COST OVER $100 000, IS ORGANISED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION, THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, THE MONG KOK COUNTRYMEN AND CLANSMEN ASSOCIATION, THE MONG KOK KAIFONG ASSOCIATION. THE SPONSOR IS THE LOCAL DISTROCT BOARD.

FREE TICKETS FOR ALL EVENTS CAN BE OBTAINED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS AT THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, TUNG PING MANSION AND THE MONG KOK BRANCH OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, SHAN TUNG STREET, ROOM 705, CHUNG KIU BUILDING.

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SEMINAR ON ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION

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TEACHERS OF ECONOMIC AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND SOCIAL STUDIES IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A SEMINAR ON ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION.

THE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3 (SATURDAY), AT GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION IN KOWLOON.

A TEACHING KIT ON ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION, WHICH WAS JOINTLY PRODUCED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, THE POLICE, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, THE ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, WILL BE INTRODUCED TO TEACHERS ATTENDING THE SEMINAR.

+THE KIT HAS BEEN DESIGNED FOR USE IN JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND WILL BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL WHEN TEACHING ROAD SAFETY TOPICS COVERED BY THE ECONOMIC AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND SOCIAL STUDIES SYLLABUSES,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

SCHOOL HEADS ARE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT THE NAME OF TEACHERS WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR TO SENIOR INSPECTOR (ECONOMICS-EPA), EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, 5/F, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG, BEFORE OCTOBER 27.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT 5-8392500.

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$46-M POOL COMPLEX NEARING COMPLETION

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THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE $46-MILLION SHAM SHUI PO SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX IS NOW IN ITS FINAL STAGES.

THE COMPLEX IS EXPECTED TO BE READY WHEN THE SWIMMING SEASON STARTS IN JUNE NEXT YEAR.

THE PROJECT IS THE THIRD SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX PROVIDED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL FOR KOWLOON WEST. THE OTHER TWO ARE IN LEI CHENG UK AND LAI CHI KOK.

LOCATED NEXT TO THE SHAM SHUI PO PARK, THE NEW COMPLEX HOUSES A MAIN POOL OF INTERNATIONAL STANDARD, A SECONDARY POOL, A TRAINING POOL, TWO TEACHING POOLS, A DIVING POOL, AND TWO PADDLING POOLS.

TO MEET THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR WINTER SWIMMING FACILITIES, MOST OF THE POOLS IN THE NEW COMPLEX WILL BE HEATED IN WINTER MONTHS.

OTHER FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED INCLUDE A SUN-BATHING AREA, A SPECTATOR STAND, A RESTAURANT, A SODA FOUNTAIN, AND CHANGING AND TOILET FACILITIES FOR THE DISABLED.

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ROAD CLOSURE TO FACILITATE MTR WORK

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LEE CHUNG STREET BETWEEN CHAI WAN ROAD AND KUT SHING STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM MIDNIGHT ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 24) UNTIL 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WORK ON THE MTR ISLAND LINE.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC ON CHAI WAN ROAD HEADING FOR LEE CHUNG STREET WILL BE DIVERTED VIA HONG MAN STREET.

VEHICLES IN HONG MAN STREET WESTBOUND WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT INTO CHAI WAN ROAD EASTBOUND.

AT THE SAME TIME, CMB ROUTE 8 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CHAI WAN ROAD.

THESE MEASURES WILL BE REPEATED ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 25) NIGHT.

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TRAFFIC DIVERSION IN SHA TIN

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TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED INTO ONE LANE ON THE SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD OUTSIDE SHA TIN RACECOURSE TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORK.

THE DIVERSION WILL BE FROM 12 MIDNIGHT TO 5 AM ON OCTOBER 23 (TUESDAY), 25, 27 AND 30, AND ON NOVEMBER 1 AND 3.

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LEAKAGE TEST IN CENTRAL

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN CENTRAL WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 25) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, ICE HOUSE STREET, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL AND POTTINGER STREET, INCLUDING 1-9 ON HING TERRACE, 24-38 ICE HOUSE STREET AND 18-28 WYNDHAM STREET.

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WATER FIGURES

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 83.3 PER CENT OF CAPACITY, OR 488.1 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 577.999 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 98.6 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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