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JAN-MAR UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS RELEASED

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THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE ROSE WHILE THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE REMAINED STABLE AT A LOW LEVEL DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY - MARCH 1990.

THE LATEST LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SUGGEST THAT THE LABOUR MARKET HAS BECOME LESS TIGHT.

THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR JANUARY - MARCH 1990 WAS 1.7 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH 1.3 PER CENT FOR BOTH THE THREE MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 1989 AND THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER.

THE INCREASES OF 0.4 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE PRECEDING THREE-MONTH PERIOD AND THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER ARE BOTH STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN JANUARY - MARCH 1990 WAS ESTIMATED AT 46,300, COMPARED WITH 35,800 IN BOTH THE THREE MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 1989 AND THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1989.

THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE FOR JANUARY - MARCH 1990 WAS 0.7 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH 0.8 PER CENT FOR BOTH THE THREE MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 1989 AND THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER.

THE DECREASES OF 0.1 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT BELOW THE PRECEDING THREE-MONTH PERIOD AND THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER ARE BOTH STATISTICALLY NOT SIGNIFICANT.

THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS IN JANUARY - MARCH 1990 WAS 18,300, COMPARED WITH 22,800 IN THE THREE MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 1989 AND 21,300 IN THE THREE MONTHS ENDING MARCH 1989.

CONSISTENT WITH THE CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (ILO), PERSONS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS A WEEK DUE TO ECONOMIC REASONS (SUCH AS SLACK WORK, MATERIAL SHORTAGE, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWN AND INABILITY TO FIND FULL-TIME WORK) WERE REGARDED AS UNDEREMPLOYED ONLY IF THEY WERE EITHER SEEKING OR AVAILABLE FOR MORE WORK.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS SAID THAT BECAUSE THE PROPORTION OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS (FOR EXAMPLE PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST LEFT SCHOOL) VARIES FROM MONTH TO MONTH, UNEMPLOYMENT RATES THAT HAD BEEN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE VARIATIONS IN THE NUMBER OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS SHOULD BE USED IN MAKING COMPARISONS OVER TIME.

THE COMMISSIONER ADDED THAT, BASED ON A SYSTEM OF PROVISIONAL COUNTS, THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES COVERING THE LATEST THREE-MONTH PERIOD COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHIN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE SURVEY.

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THESE PROVIDE AN EARLY INDICATION OF THE LATEST UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION.

THE PROVISIONAL SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR FEBRUARY - APRIL 1990 WAS 1.7 PER CENT AND THE PROVISIONAL UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 0.7 PER CENT.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE OBTAINED FROM A CONTINUOUS GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SURVEY FOR JANUARY - MARCH 1990 COVERED A QUARTERLY SAMPLE OF SOME 11,000 HOUSEHOLDS OR 41,000 PERSONS, SELECTED SCIENTIFICALLY TO REPRESENT THE LAND-BASED CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION IN HONG KONG.

PERSONAL AND LABOUR FORCE DATA WERE OBTAINED IN THE SURVEY BY INTERVIEWING EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AGED 15 AND ABOVE IN THE HOUSEHOLDS SAMPLED. IN THE SURVEY, THE DEFINITIONS USED IN MEASURING UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOLLOW CLOSELY THOSE RECOMMENDED BY THE ILO.

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS IS GIVEN IN THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY WHICH IS PUBLISHED FOUR TIMES A YEAR. THE NEXT REPORT COVERING THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 1990 WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AROUND JUNE 20 AT \$11.50 PER COPY.

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CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF KIDNEY DONATION

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A PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN WILL BEGIN THIS WEEK TO PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF KIDNEY TRANSPLANTATION AND DONATION.

THE CAMPAIGN'S SLOGAN IS, "GIVE HOPE -- GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE", THROUGH KIDNEY DONATION.

THE HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, IS LAUNCHING THE CAMPAIGN THROUGH TELEVISION AND RADIO ANNOUNCEMENTS OF PUBLIC INTEREST (API), LEAFLETS AND POSTERS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID A 30-SECOND API ON KIDNEY DONATION WILL BE SHOWN FROM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) ON THE CHINESE AND ENGLISH CHANNELS OF THE TWO TELEVISION STATIONS.

A RADIO API WILL ALSO BE BROADCAST FROM TOMORROW.

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"WE HOPE THE TV AND RADIO API'S WILL HELP ENHANCE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF KIDNEY DONATION AND PUT ACROSS THE MESSAGE THAT BY DONATING, WE ARE GIVING NEW LIFE TO OTHERS.

"MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN GET A LEAFLET ON ORGAN TRANSPLANTATION FROM THE NEAREST PUBLIC HOSPITAL OR GOVERNMENT CLINIC IF THEY WANT TO OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION ON KIDNEY TRANSPLANT AND DONATION."

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THOSE WHO WANT TO SIGN UP TO INDICATE THEIR WISH TO DONATE THEIR KIDNEYS AFTER THEY HAVE PASSED AWAY CAN OBTAIN A KIDNEY DONATION CARD FROM THE FOLLOWING PLACES:

- DISTRICT OFFICES;
- CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SEVENTH FLOOR, SOUTHOEN CENTRE, HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI);
- LICENSING OFFICES OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT;
- IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT OFFICES;
- HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE: DONOR CENTRES; AND
- ENQUIRY OFFICES OF ALL PUBLIC HOSPITALS AND GOVERNMENT CLINICS.

"AFTER THEY HAVE SIGNED UP, THEY SHOULD CARRY THE DONATION CARD WITH THEM ALL THE TIME SO THAT THEIR WISH WOULD BE KNOWN AND FOLLOWED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ACCORDING TO HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT STATISTICS, ABOUT 1,000 PATIENTS ARE CURRENTLY ON DIALYSIS IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS, AND MOST OF THEM ARE SUITABLE FOR TRANSPLANT.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THERE ARE TWO SOURCES OF DONORS AVAILABLE IN HONG KONG: LIVING DONORS, WHO ARE CLOSE FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE PATIENTS, AND CADAVERS.

"IN THE PAST FEW YEARS, THE NUMBER OF KIDNEY TRANSPLANTS CARRIED OUT IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS WAS STEADY AT AROUND 40 TO 50 EACH YEAR. OF THE 46 TRANSPLANTS LAST YEAR, ONLY 24 WERE CADAVERIC KIDNEYS, AND THE REST CAME FROM THE PATIENTS' LIVING RELATIVES WHO WERE WILLING TO DONATE A HEALTHY KIDNEY.

"THIS SITUATION IS FAR FROM SATISFACTORY. IN FACT, MANY MORE LIVES COULD HAVE BEEN SAVED IF THE FAMILIES OF THOSE WHO DIED IN ACCIDENTS OR WHO DIED OF SUDDEN ILLNESS WERE WILLING TO DONATE AND GIVE NEW LIFE TO THOSE IN NEED.

"FOR EXAMPLE, A TOTAL OF 338 PEOPLE WERE KILLED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS LAST YEAR, AND SOME OF THESE PEOPLE WERE POTENTIAL DONORS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE HOPED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WOULD DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF KIDNEY DONATION AMONG THEMSELVES AND WITH THEIR FAMILIES SO THAT A QUICK DECISION COULD BE MADE WHEN A DEATH OCCURRED.

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APPOINTMENTS TO SFC AND SECURITIES AND FUTURES APPEALS PANEL

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR PIERS JACOBS, ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED MR DAVID GLEDHILL TO SUCCEED MR FRANK FRAME, AND MR LEE HON-CHIU TO SUCCEED MR THOMAS CHEN TSENG-TAO AS NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION, AND IN ADDITION, AS MEMBERS OF THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES APPEALS PANEL, FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS.

THE APPOINTMENT OF MR GLEDHILL WILL COMMENCE ON JUNE 1 AND MR LEE ON AUGUST 1 THIS YEAR.

"THE GOVERNOR HAS ALSO RE-APPOINTED MR THOMAS CHEN TSENG-TAO TO THE COMMISSION AND THE PANEL FOR A PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS FROM MAY 1 TO JULY 31 THIS YEAR," SIR PIERS SAID.

"AT THE TIME OF MR CHEN'S ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT HE HAD INDICATED THAT HE WAS EXPECTING TO RETIRE FROM ACTIVE BUSINESS IN ABOUT A YEAR'S TIME BUT HIS PLANS HAVE BEEN DELAYED AND I AM PLEASED THAT HE HAS AGREED TO CONTINUE TO SERVE ON THE COMMISSION FOR A FURTHER FEW MONTHS," HE SAID.

"I AM MOST GRATEFUL TO MR FRAME FOR HIS SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION AND WISH HIM ALL THE BEST IN HIS FUTURE ENDEAVOURS," HE ADDED.

MR DAVID GLEDHILL, AGED 55, IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SWIRE GROUP IN HONG KONG. HE HAS BEEN A RESIDENT OF HONG KONG SINCE 1958.

MR LEE HON-CHIU, AGED 61, IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HYSAN DEVELOPMENT CO. LTD.

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DISTRICT OFFICE WORKS CLOSELY WITH LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

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VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS HAVE BEEN DOING A GOOD JOB IN BUILDING A CARING COMMUNITY AND IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE, THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEVE BARCLAY, SAID TODAY (MONDAY) DURING A VISIT TO THE EASTERN DISTRICT WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB.

THE VISIT IS ONE IN A SERIES OF COURTESY CALLS THAT MR BARCLAY, WHO TOOK OFFICE LAST MONTH, IS MAKING ON LOCAL BODIES.

"THE DISTRICT OFFICE WILL WORK HAND IN HAND WITH DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS TO FORGE CLOSER TIES BETWEEN RESIDENTS AND THE GOVERNMENT," HE SAID.

THE 35-YEAR-OLD EASTERN DISTRICT WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB OPERATES A DAY NURSERY FOR 100 CHILDREN IN NORTH POINT, AND A HOSTEL AND A RECREATION CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY IN SHEUNG SHUI.

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IT ALSO RUNS VARIOUS KINDS OF VOCATIONAL CLASSES AND ORGANISES COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS.

MR BARCLAY WAS PLEASED TO LEARN THAT THE CLUB IS EXPANDING ITS SERVICES TO THE SHAU KEI WAN FOOTHILLS WHERE A HOME AND CARE-AND-ATTENTION UNIT FOR THE ELDERLY WOULD BE SET UP, AND BE SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN 1993-94.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE CLUB CHAIRMAN, MS CHRISTINA TING, AND THE PRESIDENT, MRS LEUNG WONG CHUI-MEI, MR BARCLAY TOURED THE CLUB PREMISES AND SAW CHILDREN LEARNING AND PLAYING AT THE NURSERY.

IN THE COMING WEEKS, MR BARCLAY WILL ALSO VISIT VARIOUS KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS, THE HONG KONG ENDEAVOURERS, THE EASTERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION AND THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG CHAI WAN AREA SOCIETIES.

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REVIEW ON TAR AND NICOTINE YIELDS OF CIGARETTES

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THE AVERAGE TAR YIELD AMONG THE 110 TOP BEST-SELLING CIGARETTES IN HONG KONG HAS INCREASED BY 0.2 MG/CIGARETTE TO 15 MG/CIGARETTE COMPARED WITH THE FIGURE OF 14.8 MG/CIGARETTE IN THE LAST ANALYSIS, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST SIX-MONTH REVIEW OF TAR AND NICOTINE YIELDS OF CIGARETTES RELEASED BY GOVERNMENT TODAY (MONDAY).

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE AVERAGE NICOTINE YIELD OF CIGARETTES HAS DECREASED BY 1.68 PER CENT FROM 1.29 MG/CIGARETTE IN THE LAST ANALYSIS TO 1.27 MG/CIGARETTE IN THE CURRENT SURVEY.

"DESPITE SLIGHT VARIATIONS IN THE AVERAGE TAR AND NICOTINE YIELDS WHICH ARE PROBABLY DUE TO THE INCLUSION OF SOME BRANDS NOT COVERED IN THE PREVIOUS TEST, THE PRESENT SURVEY HAS NOT SHOWN ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE FROM THE POSITION SIX MONTHS AGO," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"AS IN PREVIOUS SURVEYS, NO HIGH TAR CIGARETTES WERE FOUND IN THIS TEST PROGRAMME AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF BRANDS OF VARIOUS TAR GROUPS BETWEEN THE CURRENT AND PREVIOUS SURVEYS REMAINS VERY MUCH THE SAME," HE ADDED.

"IT IS IMPORTANT TO ACHIEVE PROGRESSIVE TAR AND NICOTINE REDUCTIONS IN CIGARETTES BECAUSE THESE SUBSTANCES ARE HAZARDOUS TO HEALTH. LEGISLATION TO IMPOSE AN UPPER LIMIT ON THE TAR AND/OR NICOTINE CONTENT OF CIGARETTES WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THE NEXT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SESSION.

"THE TAR GROUP DESIGNATIONS WILL ALSO BE RESTRUCTURED TO BRING THEM INTO LINE WITH THE UK PRACTICE. THUS, CIGARETTES WITH A TAR CONTENT OF 18 MG AND ABOVE WILL BE DESIGNATED IN THE HIGH TAR GROUP (AT PRESENT 29 MG AND ABOVE)," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

A FULL REPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FINDINGS ON TAR AND NICOTINE YIELDS HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST EDITION OF "CHOICE" MAGAZINE.

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CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT COMMENDATION

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THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE, MR PATRICK WILLIAMSON, TODAY (MONDAY) RECEIVED A PLAQUE IN RECOGNITION OF THE EFFORTS OF HIS OFFICERS IN COMBATING A TWELVE MILLION DOLLAR COUNTERFEIT CANNED GINSENG RACKET.

IN MARCH AND APRIL, A TERRITORY-WIDE OPERATION WAS MOUNTED BY OFFICERS OF THE CUSTOMS INVESTIGATION BRANCH AND A SYNDICATE INVOLVED IN MANUFACTURING AND DISTRIBUTING COUNTERFEIT CANNED GINSENG BEARING FORGED TRADE MARKS SMASHED.

IN THE OPERATION, WHICH FOLLOWED THREE MONTHS OF INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION, 130 OFFICERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT WERE MOBILISED. TWO MANUFACTURING AND STORAGE SITES, PLUS 117 RETAIL OUTLETS, WERE RAIDED AND 2,457 CANS OF THE COUNTERFEIT PRODUCT SEIZED.

SIX MEN AND A WOMAN, INCLUDING THE ALLEGED MASTERMIND OF THE GANG, AND ALL THE KEY FIGURES IN THE DISTRIBUTION NETWORK WERE ARRESTED.

IN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE "EXEMPLARY EFFORT" OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE IN PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF HIS TRADEMARK, AS WELL AS THE INTERESTS OF CONSUMERS, MR HONG DOO-PYO, PRESIDENT OF THE KOREA TOBACCO AND GINSENG CORPORATION, PAID A SPECIAL VISIT FROM KOREA TO PRESENT THE PLAQUE TO MR WILLIAMSON AND EXPRESS HIS GRATITUDE.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS EXPENDITURE FORECAST

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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S FINANCE AND GENERAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE FIVE-YEAR FORECAST OF RECURRENT EXPENDITURE AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR PRINTING A TERM REPORT.

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD FOR 1989-90 AND A FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1990-91 WILL BE TABLED.

ANOTHER AGENDA ITEM WILL BE A REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON PUBLIC RELATIONS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S FINANCE AND GENERAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE SIXTH FLOOR OF KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION, NEW TERRITORIES.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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YUEN LONG DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS LAYOUT PLAN
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THE TOWN PLANNING AND AREA DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE KAU HUI LAYOUT PLAN AT A MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 16).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO STUDY THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN FAIRVIEW PARK.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S TOWN PLANNING AND AREA DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 16) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, 13TH FLOOR, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT
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THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE WILL BE BRIEFED ON CLEARANCE OF BACK LANE STRUCTURES BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AT A MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

A REPORT BY THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT ON THE MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR WILL ALSO BE TABLED FOR DISCUSSION.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, KWAI CHUNG.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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KEEP CLEAN ACTIVITIES ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF THIS YEAR'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS INCLUDING PUTTING UP VILLAGE NAME PLATES, CONSTRUCTION OF A SITTING-OUT AREA IN LUNG YEUK TAU, FANLING, AND ROAD WORKS IN ON PO VILLAGE, SHEUNG SHUI.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE PROGRESS REPORTS ON VILLAGE LIGHTING INSTALLATIONS AND SQUATTER AREA IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 41.2 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 241.731 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 228.091 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 38.9 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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CONVERSION OF METERED PARKING SPACES IN WAN CHAI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 16), THE EXISTING TWO-HOUR METERED PARKING SPACES NOS. 1407AB, 1408AB AND 1409AB ON LEE TUNG STREET IN WAN CHAI WILL BE CONVERTED TO HALF-HOUR METERED PARKING SPACES.

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