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TAC ENDORSES BIGGER PUBLICITY PLAN  
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THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TODAY ENDORSED AN EXPANDED PROGRAMME OF PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC EDUCATION AIMED AT REDUCING THE NUMBER OF ROAD ACCIDENTS AND CASUALTIES.

A TOTAL OF 18 310 PEOPLE DIED OR WERE INJURED IN 13 892 ACCIDENTS DURING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1982.

THIS MEANS THAT ON AVERAGE EACH DAY, ABOUT 67 PEOPLE LOST THEIR LIVES OR WERE INJURED IN 50 ACCIDENTS AS A RESULT OF CARELESSNESS WHICH COULD WELL HAVE BEEN PREVENTED.

THESE FIGURES ARE OVER 6 PER CENT HIGHER THAN FOR THE SAME PERIOD IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR AND PROBABLY WOULD HAVE BEEN EVEN HIGHER IF IT HAD NOT BEEN FOR THE INTENSIVE ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN WHICH WAS CONDUCTED DURING 1982.

ROAD SAFETY HAS AGAIN THEREFORE BEEN CHOSEN BY THE GOVERNMENT AS THE SUBJECT OF A MAJOR PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN IN THE COMING FINANCIAL YEAR 1983/84.

THE ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN PROGRAMME AGREED BY TAC TODAY WAS DRAWN UP BY THE ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL WHICH COMPRISES REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED AND IS ATTENDED BY MOTORING AND ROAD SAFETY ORGANISATIONS.

THE YEAR-ROUND CAMPAIGN WILL CONTINUE TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE VULNERABILITY OF PEDESTRIANS AND WILL STRESS THE PROPER WAY TO USE THE ROADS. IT WILL BE BASED ON RESEARCH AND ADVICE FROM PROFESSIONAL ROAD SAFETY ENGINEERS.

IT WILL BE CARRIED FORWARD ON THREE FRONTS: FIRST, MEDIA PUBLICITY, EMPLOYING TELEVISION, RADIO AND OTHER MEANS OF SPREADING SAFETY MESSAGES; SECOND, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, TO BE FURTHER HELPED BY THE NEW DISTRICT BOARDS; AND THIRD, EDUCATION, MAINLY DIRECTED AT THE MORE RECEPTIVE YOUNG AUDIENCE.

IN ADDITION, A SPECIAL CAMPAIGN WILL BE CONDUCTED TO PREPARE FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF COMPULSORY WEARING OF SEAT BELTS LATER THIS YEAR.

IN THEIR REGULAR MEETING TODAY, TAC MEMBERS ALSO STUDIED THE PROGRESS OF THE CONTRACT HIRE CAR SCHEME INTRODUCED IN 1981 TO LEGITIMISE PAK PAI HIRE CAR OPERATIONS.

THEY NOTED THAT PAK PAI ACTIVITY HAD REMAINED AT A LOW LEVEL ALTHOUGH IT STILL EXISTED IN THE REMOTER PARTS OF KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES WHERE LAW ENFORCEMENT IS HAMPERED BY THE GREAT CAUTION OF OPERATORS WHO ACCEPT HIRE ONLY FROM KNOWN CUSTOMERS. THE POLICE HAVE BEEN KEEPING A CLOSE WATCH OVER LICENSED HIRE CARS OPERATING IN BREACH OF THE CONDITIONS OF PERMIT. A TOTAL OF 147 PROSECUTIONS WERE TAKEN OUT IN THE 5 MONTHS OF JULY - NOVEMBER LAST YEAR; A HIGH PROPORTION OF THESE WERE OPERATING IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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### RECALIBRATION OF TAXI METERS

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TO SIMPLIFY AND FACILITATE THE RECALIBRATION OF TAXI METERS, MINOR ADJUSTMENT WILL BE INTRODUCED TO THE URBAN TAXI FARE SCALE ON A DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE 12.5 PER CENT INCREASE WHICH WAS APPROVED IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

THE PURPOSE OF THE ADJUSTMENT IS TO MAKE THE RECALIBRATION OF TAXI METERS CHEAPER AND QUICKER — IN THIS CASE WITHIN SIX MONTHS.

THE FARE WILL STILL BE \$4.50 FOR THE FIRST TWO KILOMETRES, 60 CENTS FOR EVERY SUBSEQUENT 266.66 METRES, INSTEAD OF THE PRESENT SCALE OF 90 CENTS FOR EVERY 400 METRES.

HE ADDED THAT SINCE THE NEW MEASURE IS A TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT, THE CONVERSION TABLE IN CURRENT USE WILL REMAIN VALID UNTIL THE RECALIBRATION OF TAXI METERS.

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### LABOUR LAW OFFENCES

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A TOTAL OF 660 PROSECUTION CASES FOR BREACHES OF LABOUR LAWS TAKEN OUT BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT RESULTED IN COURT CONVICTIONS LAST (DECEMBER) MONTH, WITH FINES EXCEEDING \$539 000.

MOST OF THE CASES CONCERNED BREACHES OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE AND ITS VARIOUS SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS, THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE AND THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS.

CASES CONCERNING VIOLATIONS OF SAFETY REGULATIONS TOTALLED 243, WITH \$306 056 IN FINES. THESE INCLUDED 100 CASES (WITH \$127 100 IN FINES) FOR BREACH OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (GUARDING AND OPERATION OF MACHINERY) REGULATIONS AND 70 CASES (WITH \$120 100 IN FINES) FOR BREACH OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS.

CASES RELATING TO BREACHES OF THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS TOTALLED 319, WITH \$172 450 IN FINES.

OF THE OTHER PROSECUTIONS, 23 CASES CONCERNED FAILURE TO KEEP RECORDS OF EMPLOYEES, LEADING TO \$12 050 IN FINES.

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THREE MORE DAYS FOR U.C. NOMINATIONS  
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THE DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR THE MARCH URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS IS NOW ONLY THREE DAYS AWAY.

+NOMINATIONS CLOSE AT 5.30 PM ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 28), SO THOSE CANDIDATES WHO HAVE NOT YET REGISTERED SHOULD CONTACT THEIR LOCAL DISTRICT OFFICES FOR NOMINATION FORMS NOW,+ THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR GRAHAM BARNES SAID TODAY.

+THE ELECTIONS PROVIDE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR CAPABLE AND ENTHUSIASTIC PEOPLE WHO CARE ABOUT PUBLIC AFFAIRS TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY,+ HE ADDED.

UP TO 5 PM TODAY (TUESDAY), 29 CANDIDATES HAD REGISTERED FOR 14 OF THE 15 CONSTITUENCIES.

THE ONLY CONSTITUENCY FOR WHICH NO CANDIDATE HAS YET BEEN NOMINATED IS KOWLOON CITY EAST, WHICH HAS AN ELECTORATE OF 41 812, MR BARNES SAID.

FOUR OTHER CONSTITUENCIES - CENTRAL AND WESTERN, WAN CHAI, KWUN TONG WEST AND WONG TAI SIN SOUTH - HAVE ONLY ONE CANDIDATE EACH.

THE REMAINING 10 CONSTITUENCIES ARE BEING CONTESTED BY BETWEEN TWO AND FOUR CANDIDATES EACH.

MR BARNES REITERATED THAT ANYONE WHO IS A REGISTERED ELECTOR AND WHO HAS LIVED IN HONG KONG FOR AT LEAST 10 YEARS MAY STAND FOR ELECTION. HE HOPED THAT MANY MORE CANDIDATES WOULD COME FORWARD.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS ARE BEING HELD ON A CONSTITUENCY BASIS. A TOTAL OF 708 119 RESIDENTS IN THE URBAN AREAS ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THE ELECTIONS.

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HONG KONG EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE CORPORATION  
MOVES TO TSIM SHA TSUI EAST  
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THE GROWTH OF THE HONG KONG EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE CORPORATION (ECIC) WAS ILLUSTRATED BY COMPARING ITS \$3.8 BILLION INSURED TURNOVER AND ISSUE OF 1 200 POLICIES IN 1981/82, WITH ITS FIRST YEAR TURNOVER OF \$260 MILLION AND 83 POLICIES ISSUED IN 1966/67.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR BILL DORWARD WHEN OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE ECIC NEW OFFICES AT SOUTH SEA CENTRE, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

/+THE FACT .....

+THE FACT THAT THE PREMISES ARE MUCH LARGER THAN THE OLD OFFICE SPACE IN INTERNATIONAL BUILDING IN CENTRAL DISTRICT, REFLECTS THE GROWTH OF THE CORPORATION AND THE DEMAND FOR ITS SERVICES,+ MR DORWARD REMARKED.

+THE SECOND SYMBOLIC ASPECT, IT SEEMS TO ME, IS THAT THIS NEW OFFICE IS IN TSIM SHA TSUI, REFLECTING THE WAY IN WHICH THE COMMERCIAL CENTRE OF HONG KONG HAS SPREAD IN RECENT YEARS FROM THE FEW BLOCKS OF CONNAUGHT ROAD, DES VOEUX ROAD AND QUEEN'S ROAD, WHICH ONCE MARKED ITS LIMITS.

+IF ANYONE HAS ANY LINGERING DOUBTS ABOUT THE WISDOM OF THIS MOVE, I CAN ONLY SAY THAT OUR EXPERIENCE WHEN WE MOVED THE OLD TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT FROM CENTRAL TO TSIM SHA TSUI SOME YEARS AGO WAS VERY SATISFACTORY AND APPARENTLY APPRECIATED BY MOST OF OUR CUSTOMERS,+ SAID MR DORWARD.

+BUT JUST BECAUSE EVERYTHING IS DIFFERENT DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING HAS CHANGED, AND FOR THE EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE CORPORATION IT IS VERY MUCH BUSINESS AS USUAL. I AM SURE THE COMMISSIONER AND HIS STAFF WILL ATTEND TO THAT BUSINESS WITH THEIR USUAL ENTHUSIASM, ENHANCED BY THE STIMULATION OF THEIR NEW SURROUNDINGS,+ HE CONCLUDED.

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#### ADMINISTRATION COURSES FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADS \* \* \* \* \*

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS LINED UP FIVE COURSES ON SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADS DURING THE 1983/84 SCHOOL YEAR.

THESE COURSES, EACH OF WHICH WILL LAST FOR TWO WEEKS, ARE AIMED AT HELPING SCHOOL HEADS TO ACQUIRE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS RELATED TO SCHOOL MANAGEMENT AND TO IMPROVE THEIR EFFICIENCY IN SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION.

THE CONTENT OF THE COURSES WILL INCLUDE GENERAL KNOWLEDGE ON EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION, MANAGEMENT CONCEPTS AND APPLICATION OF MANAGEMENT SKILLS WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO SCHOOLS.

THE MAIN EMPHASIS IS ON PARTICIPATION AND DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE USE OF CASE STUDIES, SIMULATION TECHNIQUES AND GROUP DISCUSSION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ALL SERVING HEADS OF AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS TO TAKE PART IN THESE COURSES, BUT PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN APPOINTED IN THE LAST SIX YEARS.

FOR DETAILS, SUPERVISORS AND HEADS OF SCHOOLS MAY CONTACT THEIR DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICERS OR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S TRAINING UNIT ON TELEPHONE NO. 5-724379.

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SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TOMORROW

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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS A PROPOSAL TO SET UP A WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW LAW AND ORDER IN THE DISTRICT AT ITS FIFTH MEETING TOMORROW.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WILL INCLUDE DISCUSSIONS ON THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN IN SIU LEK YUEN VALLEY AND AN APPLICATION FOR SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDS FOR FESTIVE LIGHTING DECORATIONS.

PAPERS ON SIGNIFICANT CASES FROM THE +MEET THE PUBLIC+ SCHEME AND PUBLIC COMPLAINTS RECEIVED ON TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT MATTERS WILL ALSO BE TABLED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 9.30 AM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE FUNCTION ROOM OF THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE. A 14-SEATER GOVERNMENT VAN AM 5797 WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 8.15 AM FOR SHA TIN.

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CAS HOLDING AIR CRASH DISASTER EXERCISE

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OVER 600 CIVIL AID SERVICES MEMBERS FROM THE KOWLOON REGION WILL BE TAKING PART IN AN OVERNIGHT AIR CRASH DISASTER EXERCISE, FROM 3 PM ON SATURDAY TO 4 AM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 30), AT THE CAS TRAINING CENTRE IN ARGYLE STREET.

THE EXERCISE IS AIMED AT TESTING THE SKILLS AND EFFICIENCY OF CAS MEMBERS IN DEALING WITH SUCH AN OCCURRENCE, A CAS SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

THE EXERCISE WILL INVOLVE RESCUE, TREATMENT OF CASUALTIES, EXTRICATION OF TRAPPED PERSONS AND EVACUATION OF VICTIMS FROM THE SCENE. IT IS EXPECTED TO REACH A PEAK BETWEEN 8 PM AND 9 PM ON SATURDAY, AND END AT ABOUT 4 AM ON SUNDAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CAS KOWLOON REGION AIR CRASH DISASTER EXERCISE WHICH WILL BE HELD FROM 3 PM ON SATURDAY AND END AT 4 AM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 30), AT THE CAS KOWLOON TRAINING CENTRE AT 204 ARGYLE STREET, NEXT TO THE KOWLOON CITY POLICE STATION.

CAS TRAINING OFFICER MR NG YIU-LUN WILL ASSIST MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES AT THE CENTRE.

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### FRESH AND SALT WATER SUPPLY SUSPENSION

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FRESH AND SALT WATER SUPPLY WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR SEVERAL HOURS IN TWO AREAS ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY (JANUARY 28 AND 29) TO ENABLE WATER MAINS WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT.

THE FRESH WATER SUPPLY SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT PREMISES IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY CHIU KWONG STREET, DES VOEUX ROAD WEST, HILL ROAD AND QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, INCLUDING THOSE ALONG SIU CHEUNG FONG IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT. THE PERIOD OF SUSPENSION WILL LAST FROM 11 PM ON FRIDAY UNTIL 6 AM THE FOLLOWING MORNING.

IN TSUEN WAN, SALT WATER SUPPLY WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR 17 HOURS FROM 9 AM ON FRIDAY UNTIL 2 PM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT PREMISES BOUNDED BY CHUNG ON STREET, MA TAU PA ROAD, TEXACO ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD. IT WILL ALSO AFFECT BLOCKS ONE TO 19 OF TAI WO HAU ESTATE, KWAI SHING ESTATE (EAST AND WEST), AND ALL THE PREMISES ALONG TAI HA STREET AND KWAI HOP STREET.

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### FANLING SWIMMING POOL RE-OPENS ON THURSDAY

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THE SECONDARY, OPEN-AIR SWIMMING POOL AT THE FANLING SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX WILL BE RE-OPENED FROM THURSDAY (JANUARY 27).

THERE WILL BE THREE OPENING SESSIONS DAILY FROM 9 AM TO 11.30 AM, 12.30 PM TO 3 PM AND 3.30 PM TO 6 PM, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

MEANWHILE, THE HEATED MAIN POOL IN THE COMPLEX WILL BE RE-OPENED IN THE AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 8 (TUESDAY) AFTER THE ERECTION OF AN AIR SUPPORT STRUCTURE TO GIVE SHELTER TO WINTER BATHERS. THE MAIN POOL WILL THEN REPLACE THE OPEN-AIR SECONDARY POOL.

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PARTIAL CLOSURE OF EAST KOWLOON WAY AND AIRPORT TUNNEL  
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THE NORTHBOUND SECTION OF EAST KOWLOON WAY AND THE AIRPORT TUNNEL'S EASTBOUND TUBE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 12.01 AM TO 5 AM ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY (JANUARY 28 AND 29) FOR INSTALLATION OF GANTRY SIGNS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES FROM THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL AND HUNG HOM AREA HEADING FOR NGAU TAU KOK AND KWUN TONG WILL HAVE TO USE CHATHAM ROAD NORTH, MA TAU WAI ROAD, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST AND KWUN TONG ROAD.

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PARKING METERS IN WAN CHAI  
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PARKING METERS WILL BE IN OPERATION ON HUNG HING ROAD IN WAN CHAI FROM 8 AM ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 27).

THESE ON-STREET SPACES NUMBERING 27 WILL BE EXCLUSIVELY FOR GOODS VEHICLES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE HOURLY METER CHARGE WILL BE \$1.

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