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NOMINATIONS FOR DB ELECTIONS TO START NEXT WEEK

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NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR THE 1991 DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED BETWEEN JANUARY 7 AND 21, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR PETER TSAO, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

ANNOUNCING THE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS, HE SAID: "SUBJECT TO CERTAIN SPECIFIED DISQUALIFICATIONS, ANY REGISTERED ELECTOR WHO HAS ORDINARILY RESIDED IN HONG KONG FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS CAN BE NOMINATED AS A CANDIDATE.

"A CANDIDATE MAY STAND FOR ELECTION IN ANY CONSTITUENCY, BUT MUST BE NOMINATED BY A TOTAL OF 10 ELECTORS WHO ARE REGISTERED FOR THE CONSTITUENCY CONCERNED.

"HE WILL HAVE TO COMPLETE A CONSENT FORM AND HAND IN HIS NOMINATION PAPERS FOR VALIDATION BY THE RETURNING OFFICER WHO IS THE DISTRICT OFFICER OF THE DISTRICT CONCERNED."

MR TSAO SAID THE LEVEL OF ELECTION DEPOSIT FOR DB ELECTIONS HAD BEEN INCREASED FROM \$2,000 TO \$3,000.

"A CANDIDATE WILL HOWEVER BE ENTITLED TO A REFUND IF HE SECURES NOT LESS THAN FIVE PER CENT OF THE TOTAL VALID VOTES CAST IN THE CONSTITUENCY CONCERNED."

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE LIMIT OF ELECTION EXPENSES HAD ALSO BEEN INCREASED BY 50 PER CENT TO \$30,000.

ON OVERALL NUMBER OF ELECTED SEATS OF THE 19 DISTRICT BOARDS FOR 1991-94, HE SAID THE FIGURE WOULD INCREASE BY 10 FROM 264 TO 274 DUE TO POPULATION CHANGES.

THE EIGHT DISTRICTS WHICH WILL BE GIVEN MORE ELECTED SEATS ARE EASTERN (2), ISLANDS (1), KWAI TSING (2), SAI KUNG (2), SHA TIN (2), TAI PO (2), TSUEN WAN (1), TUEN MUN (1) AND THE TWO URBAN DISTRICTS THAT HAVE LESS SEATS ARE SOUTHERN (-1) AND WONG TAI SIN (-2).

TURNING TO PUBLICITY, MR TSAO SAID A CAMPAIGN WOULD BE MOUNTED TO PROMOTE THE NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES AND THE ELECTIONS, INCLUDING THE PRODUCTION OF POSTERS AND API'S (ANNOUNCEMENTS IN PUBLIC INTEREST).

"THE DISTRICT OFFICES WILL ALSO ORGANISE THEIR OWN PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES SUCH AS ELECTION FORUMS, BUS PARADES AND EXHIBITIONS ON THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME," HE ADDED.

THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE IS NOW BUSY RECRUITING POLLING AND COUNTING STAFF AND MAKING THE NECESSARY LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SETTING UP OF POLLING STATIONS.

IT IS PLANNED THAT ABOUT 5,000 PEOPLE WILL BE MOBILISED TO MAN THE 356 POLLING STATIONS ON ELECTION DAY TERRITORY-WIDE.

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"THE WHOLE EXERCISE, INCLUDING THE PUBLICITY AND LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS, WILL COST ABOUT \$6.9 MILLION," MR TSAO SAID.

HE DESCRIBED AS "VERY ENCOURAGING" THE RESULTS OF THE REGISTRATION DRIVE LAUNCHED LAST AUGUST AS THE SIZE OF THE ELECTORATE TERRITORY-WIDE HAS INCREASED BY ABOUT 250,000 NEW REGISTERED VOTERS TO ABOUT 1.85 MILLION.

ELECTIONS TO THE 1991-94 TERM OF THE DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, MARCH 3. THIS WILL BE THE FIRST SUNDAY POLLING FOR HONG KONG.

MR TSAO URGED ALL REGISTERED ELECTORS TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHTS AND TO CAST THEIR VOTES ON THE POLLING DAY.

"A VOTE IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE AND DIRECT WAY OF EXERCISING OUR CIVIC RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES. REMEMBER, EVERY VOTE COUNTS!" HE STRESSED.

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LORD CAITHNESS TO VISIT HONG KONG

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, LORD CAITHNESS, WILL VISIT HONG KONG FROM JANUARY 29 TO FEBRUARY 1, 1991 AS PART OF A VISIT TO THE REGION.

THIS WILL BE THE MINISTER'S SECOND VISIT TO HONG KONG.

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PAY COMMISSION MEMBERS RE-APPOINTED

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THE GOVERNOR HAS RE-APPOINTED TO THE STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE FOUR SERVING MEMBERS WHOSE CURRENT TERMS OF SERVICE EXPIRE THIS MONTH.

THEY ARE MR ANDREW SO KWOK-WING, MR WILFRED CHAN SIU-YUEN, PROFESSOR ROBERT TRICKER AND MRS NELLIE FONG WONG KUT-MAN, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE STANDING COMMISSION ADVISES THE GOVERNOR ON THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES GOVERNING NON-DIRECTORATE CIVIL SERVICE PAY AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE.

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CONTRACT SIGNED FOR YUEN LONG - TUEN MUN
EASTERN CORRIDOR TUEN MUN SECTION

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$310 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TUEN MUN SECTION OF THE YUEN LONG - TUEN MUN EASTERN CORRIDOR.

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED TODAY (THURSDAY) BETWEEN THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS, MR KWEI SEB-KAN, AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF AOKI CORPORATION, MR SEIYA YAMAMOTO.

THE YUEN LONG - TUEN MUN EASTERN CORRIDOR IS A 5.5 KILOMETRE-LONG DUAL TWO-LANE EXPRESSWAY RUNNING ALONG THE EASTERN SIDE OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

MR KWEI SAID IT WOULD CONNECT THE EXISTING CASTLE PEAK ROAD IN TUEN MUN NEAR TO YUEN WAI AND THE EXISTING WANG TAT ROAD/MA WANG ROAD IN YUEN LONG NEAR SHUI PIN WAI.

"ON COMPLETION OF THE CORRIDOR, IT WILL RELIEVE THE HEAVY TRAFFIC ON THE EXISTING CASTLE PEAK ROAD BETWEEN YUEN LONG AND TUEN MUN."

HE SAID THE TUEN MUN SECTION OF THE CORRIDOR COVERED BY THE CONTRACT SIGNED TODAY WOULD BE A 2.5 KILOMETRE-LONG DUAL TWO-LANE EXPRESSWAY EXTENDING FROM TO YUEN WAI TO TAN KWAI TSUEN.

"THE WORKS ALSO INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GRADE-SEPARATED INTERCHANGE NEAR TO YUEN WAI, SIX ROAD BRIDGES, FOUR PEDESTRIAN SUBWAYS AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE WORKS.

"THE FIRST CONTRACT, INVOLVING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE YUEN LONG SECTION OF THE CORRIDOR AND YUEN LONG WEST LINK, WAS AWARDED AT A CONTRACT SUM OF \$390 MILLION IN MAY 1989."

BOTH CONTRACTS ARE SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN LATE 1993.

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COMPLEX PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES AN IMPORTANT CHALLENGE

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THE MOST IMPORTANT CHALLENGE FOR MANUFACTURING IN THE 1990'S IS HOW TO MANAGE THE MORE COMPLEX PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES WHICH GO WITH INDUSTRIAL UPGRADING, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR WILFRED WONG, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE 1991 INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE PENINSULA JAYCEES, MR WONG SAID: "WE MUST ENSURE THAT HONG KONG PRODUCES MEN AND WOMEN WHO CAN GET THE BEST OUT OF THE MORE SOPHISTICATED RESOURCES AT THEIR DISPOSAL."

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HE SAID WE MUST KEEP IN MIND THAT TECHNOLOGY, HOWEVER ADVANCED, WAS ONLY A MEANS TO AN END AND IT MUST BE PROPERLY EXPLOITED.

"WE NEED EFFECTIVE MANAGERS AND LEADERS, WHO CAN PRODUCE AND MARKET QUALITY GOODS EFFICIENTLY.

"WE NEED TO ATTRACT MORE OF HONG KONG'S BEST AND BRIGHTEST YOUNG GRADUATES INTO MANUFACTURING.

"GROUPS LIKE THE JAYCEES, WHICH AIM TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR THEIR MEMBERS, CAN MAKE A VITAL CONTRIBUTION HERE: YOU CAN GET ACROSS THE MESSAGE THAT A MANAGEMENT CAREER IN MANUFACTURING IS AT LEAST AS CHALLENGING AND REWARDING AS IN OTHER FIELDS," HE SAID.

MR WONG SAID HE DID NOT EXPECT THAT HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING SECTOR WOULD BE RADICALLY DIFFERENT IN THE YEAR 2000.

HONG KONG WOULD STILL BE PRODUCING LIGHT CONSUMER GOODS FOR EXPORT, AND AMERICA AND EUROPE WOULD PROBABLY STILL BE THE TERRITORY'S MAIN MARKETS, THOUGH ASIA WOULD NO DOUBT ACCOUNT FOR A LARGER SHARE OF HONG KONG'S EXPORTS THAN IT DID NOW.

"WE SHOULD STILL HAVE OVER HALF A MILLION PERSONS EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING, AND OUR MANUFACTURING SECTOR WILL CONTINUE, BOTH IN ITS OWN RIGHT AND THROUGH ITS PARTNERSHIP WITH GUANGDONG, TO PROVIDE MUCH OF THE WORK WHICH KEEPS OUR SERVICES SECTOR IN BUSINESS.

"IT WILL BE MORE PRODUCTIVE THAN TODAY; IT WILL CONTINUE TO CONTAIN A LARGE NUMBER OF OVERSEAS INVESTORS, PARTICULARLY AMERICAN AND JAPANESE COMPANIES, AND THESE INVESTORS WILL CONTINUE TO BRING INTO HONG KONG ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES," HE SAID.

MR WONG SAID THE 1990'S SHOULD BE, LIKE THE 1980'S A DECADE IN WHICH HONG KONG MOVED ON TO EVEN GREATER PROSPERITY.

"AND, JUST AS IN THE 1980'S OUR SUCCESS WILL BE IN LARGE MEASURE DUE TO THE ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT OF OUR MANUFACTURERS.

"THEY HAVE ALREADY SHOWN THAT THEIR PARTNERSHIP WITH CHINA CAN BE PROFITABLE, AND I AM SURE THAT IN THE 1990'S THIS PARTNERSHIP WILL BECOME EVEN CLOSER, TO THE BENEFIT OF BOTH HONG KONG AND CHINA.

"WE SHOULD THEREFORE LOOK TO THE FUTURE WITH CONFIDENCE," HE SAID.

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CIVIC EDUCATION CARNIVAL IN SHAM SHUI PO

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A CIVIC EDUCATION CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD AT THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND IN SHAM SHUI PO ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 5), BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM.

ORGANISED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION AS PART OF THE CURRENT DISTRICT FESTIVAL, THE CARNIVAL WILL INCLUDE STALL GAMES, STAGE PERFORMANCES, COMPUTER GAMES, KARAOKE AND A CIVIC EDUCATION EXHIBITION.

OFFICIATING AT THE EVENT WILL BE THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR TAI TUNG-NGOK; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALAN FUNG; A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, MR RAYMOND CHAN; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FESTIVAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR CHAU MUN.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CARNIVAL WHICH WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 5) AT THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND. IT WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM..

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YOUTH CARNIVAL IN MONG KOK

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A CARNIVAL TO DRIVE HOME THE ANTI-JUVENILE DELINQUENCY MESSAGE WILL BE HELD AT THE MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND IN MONG KOK ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 5). IT WILL BEGIN AT 1 PM.

SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE CARNIVAL IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (DFCC), THE MONG KOK POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

ADMISSION TO THE CARNIVAL IS FREE. THERE WILL BE SINGING, DANCING, A BAND PARADE, KUNG-FU, DEMONSTRATION, HANDICRAFT MAKING AND STALL GAMES. DISCIPLINED FORCES WILL ALSO SET UP RECRUITMENT COUNTERS AT THE VENUE.

A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR THE DISTRICT'S "GOOD CITIZENS AWARDS" AND THE "BEWARE OF PICKPOCKETING POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION" WILL BE HELD DURING THE CARNIVAL.

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THE OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE THE POLICE KOWLOON REGIONAL COMMANDER, MR PETER LEE; MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS LORNA MA; POLICE MONG KOK DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR JAMES WALKER; THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI; AND THE DFCC CHAIRMAN, MRS TAM CHEUNG KIT-YING.

ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MONG KOK GOOD YOUTH CARNIVAL WHICH WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 5) AT THE MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND, SAI YEE STREET. IT WILL BEGIN AT 1 PM.

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