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LABOUR SHORTAGE, 'BRAIN DRAIN' BEING TACKLED: GOVERNOR
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT STEPS HAVE ALREADY BEEN TAKEN TO DEAL WITH PROBLEMS CAUSED BY A LABOUR SHORTAGE AND THE SO-CALLED "BRAIN DRAIN".

IN HIS SPEECH TO THE YOUNG PRESIDENTS' ORGANISATION (YPO) INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY FOR PRESIDENTS, THE GOVERNOR TOLD THE INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LEADERS THAT THOUGH HONG KONG HAD A FLOURISHING ECONOMY, AND WAS AN EXCITING INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY, IT DID HAVE ITS OWN PROBLEMS, JUST LIKE ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD.

THE TWO MOST OBVIOUS WERE PEOPLE'S ANXIETIES ABOUT THE FUTURE AND THE SO-CALLED "BRAIN DRAIN", LINKED TO A RECENT SHORTAGE OF LABOUR IN SOME AREAS OF THE ECONOMY, THE GOVERNOR SAID.

NOTING THAT A LABOUR SHORTAGE MIGHT BE TAKEN AS A SYMPTOM OF A SUCCESSFUL ECONOMY WORKING AT FULL STRENGTH AND THAT HONG KONG'S WORK-FORCE WAS BENEFITTING MUCH FROM THE GROWTH OF THE ECONOMY, SIR DAVID SAID IT MUST BE RECOGNISED THAT A LABOUR SHORTAGE WAS ALSO A CONSTRAINT TO GROWTH.

"WE ARE ALREADY BEGINNING TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM IN TWO WAYS. ONE IS GREATER INVESTMENT IN AUTOMATION," HE SAID.

"THE OTHER IS AN EXPANSION OF LABOUR-INTENSIVE MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS OVER THE BORDER INTO CHINA. IT IS AN EXTRAORDINARY FACT THAT HONG KONG MANUFACTURERS NOW EMPLOY FAR MORE WORKERS IN GUANGDONG PROVINCE THAN THEY DO IN HONG KONG.

"THE IMPLICATION IS THAT HONG KONG'S FUTURE LIES IN THE DIRECTION OF SERVICE INDUSTRIES, MERCHANDISING AND AUTOMATED, HIGH VALUE-ADDED, KNOWLEDGE INTENSIVE MANUFACTURING.

"IN SHORT, OUR ECONOMY WILL NEED TO CONTINUE TO EVOLVE AND ADJUST TO CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES AS IT HAS SO SUCCESSFULLY IN THE PAST."

ON THE SO-CALLED "BRAIN DRAIN", SIR DAVID SAID IT WAS CERTAINLY TRUE THAT SOME PEOPLE WERE EMIGRATING AND THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT UNDERESTIMATE THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS OUTFLOW.

"WE HAVE STEPPED UP OUR EFFORTS IN MANPOWER TRAINING IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE SUPPLY OF SKILLED LABOUR," HE SAID.

"OUR NEW 'OPEN LEARNING INSTITUTE', WHICH WILL BE HONG KONG'S SIXTH DEGREE-AWARDING INSTITUTION, WILL ADMIT ITS FIRST STUDENTS IN 1989.

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"AND OUR THIRD UNIVERSITY, 'THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY', WILL ACCEPT ITS FIRST STUDENTS IN 1991, WELL AHEAD OF THE ORIGINAL PLANNED DATE OF 1994."

ON HONG KONG'S FUTURE, THE GOVERNOR SAID THAT BOTH BRITAIN AND CHINA HAD INVESTED CONSIDERABLE NATIONAL PRESTIGE IN THE JOINT DECLARATION - A LEGALLY BINDING INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT REGISTERED WITH THE UNITED NATIONS.

"THE EVIDENCE OF THEIR COMMITMENT IS CLEAR IF WE LOOK AT WHAT IS BEING DONE TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THE JOINT DECLARATION AND TO TURN THAT VISION OF HONG KONG'S FUTURE INTO REALITY.

"ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FUTURE ARE STEADILY, ALBEIT SELDOM DRAMATICALLY, BEING PUT INTO PLACE," SIR DAVID SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG HAD IN THE PAST TWO OR THREE YEARS BEEN GIVEN ITS OWN SEPARATE STATUS ON SEVERAL INTERNATIONAL BODIES, WHERE PREVIOUSLY IT WAS REPRESENTED BY THE UK.

"PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT EXAMPLES OF THIS ARE THAT HONG KONG BECAME A SEPARATE CONTRACTING PARTY TO THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE IN 1986 AND A SEPARATE MEMBER OF THE CUSTOMS COOPERATION COUNCIL IN 1987.

"SINCE SEPTEMBER 1986, HONG KONG HAS SIGNED ITS OWN SEPARATE AIR SERVICE AGREEMENTS WITH THE DUTCH, SWISS AND CANADIAN GOVERNMENTS. MORE WILL FOLLOW," SIR DAVID SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID ANOTHER IMPORTANT STEP WAS THE PUBLICATION BY THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT IN APRIL OF THE DRAFT BASIC LAW OF THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION.

"THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAVE SHOWN A WELCOME WILLINGNESS TO SEEK THE VIEWS OF THE HONG KONG PEOPLE ON THE DRAFT BASIC LAW," HE SAID.

"THEY HAVE COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO TAKING THESE VIEWS INTO ACCOUNT BEFORE THIS IMPORTANT DOCUMENT IS FINALISED IN 1990."

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT THE COMMITMENTS MADE THREE AND A HALF YEARS AGO IN THE JOINT DECLARATION WERE BEGINNING TO BEAR FRUIT.

"PERHAPS NOT COINCIDENTALLY, THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN HONG KONG HAS DEMONSTRATED CONSIDERABLE CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE OF THE TERRITORY BY INVESTING NOT ONLY IN PLANT AND MACHINERY, BUT ALSO IN MANY LONG-TERM MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR PROJECTS."

NOTABLE EXAMPLES OF THIS WERE THE CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE, THE SECOND CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL, THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL AND THE NEXT TERMINAL AT THE CONTAINER PORT.

THESE FEW MAJOR INVESTMENTS TOTALLED OVER \$12 BILLION. THEY ALL HAD PAY BACK PERIODS STRETCHING WELL BEYOND 1997, SIR DAVID SAID.

RESIDENTS' CONCERN TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL DO ALL IT CAN TO DISCUSS AND EXAMINE THE CONCERNS OF LOCAL RESIDENTS TOWARDS ITS GRADUAL AND PROGRESSIVE RELAXATION OF CONDITIONS IN CLOSED CENTRES FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES WHO ARRIVED IN HONG KONG BEFORE JUNE 16.

THIS ASSURANCE WAS GIVEN TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR ROBERT UPTON, IN A LETTER REPLYING ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNOR TO REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARDS LAST WEEK.

IN THE LETTER, MR UPTON EXPLAINS THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHY THE GOVERNMENT CANNOT ACCEPT THE SUGGESTION BY THE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS THAT THE LIBERALISATION PROGRAMME BE SHELVED.

"I THINK THAT SOME OF THESE CONCERNS WILL PROVE, ON EXAMINATION, TO BE UNFOUNDED," HE SAYS.

"FOR EXAMPLE, THE CHILDREN WITHIN THE CAMPS WILL NOT BE IN COMPETITION WITH LOCAL CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PLACES. THE PLACING OF PEOPLE IN EMPLOYMENT WILL BE A PHASED PROCESS, MANAGED BY THE UNHCR."

MR UPTON SAYS IN HIS LETTER THE GOVERNMENT IS SETTING UP A NUMBER OF LOCAL WORKING GROUPS TO ADVISE ON THE PROGRESS OF LIBERALISATION IN EACH CENTRE, TO CONSIDER ALL POSSIBLE LOCAL CONCERNS AND TO DEVISE PLANS TO MEET ANY PROBLEMS WHICH ARE IDENTIFIED.

"IT IS THEREFORE ESSENTIAL THAT DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS BECOME FULLY INVOLVED, AND TO THIS END THE CHAIRMAN AND ONE OTHER DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER ARE BEING INVITED TO JOIN EACH WORKING GROUP," HE SAYS.

"I BELIEVE THAT IT IS NECESSARY NOW TO TURN THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION IN PRINCIPLE INTO A CAREFULLY PLANNED PROGRAMME FOR EACH CLOSED CENTRE, THROUGH THE OPERATION OF THE NEW WORKING GROUPS."

MR UPTON SAYS THE RELAXATION OF CONDITIONS IN THE CLOSED CAMPS WILL ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE MAJOR COSTS SAVINGS FOR THE HONG KONG PUBLIC AND BY ALLOWING THE REFUGEES TO WORK IT IS INTENDED THAT THEY WILL BECOME ECONOMICALLY INDEPENDENT.

"WE BELIEVE THAT WORK EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING WILL IMPROVE THE PROSPECTS OF RESETTLEMENT FOR THESE PEOPLE. THESE BENEFITS ARE SO IMPORTANT THAT WE BELIEVE THEY JUSTIFY AN IMMEDIATE START TO THE GRADUAL BUT PROGRESSIVE PROCESS OF LIBERALISATION."

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INTER-COMMUNAL VIOLENCE AT HEI LING CHAU CENTRE

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THERE HAS BEEN A SERIES OF VIOLENT INCIDENTS BETWEEN VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE FROM THE HAIPHONG AND QUANGLING AREAS OF NORTH VIETNAM IN THE HEI LING CHAU DETENTION CENTRE.

BETWEEN FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 9) AND TODAY (MONDAY), A TOTAL OF 13 ATTACKS HAVE TAKEN PLACE AND SIX PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT. THESE ATTACKS HAVE NOT BEEN DIRECTED AGAINST CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT STAFF.

SOME OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE CENTRE HAVE REQUESTED THAT THE OVERNIGHT LOCKING OF DORMITORIES BE REINSTITUTED AND THIS WILL COMMENCE THIS EVENING.

A FULL SEARCH OF THE CENTRE FOR WEAPONS WILL TAKE PLACE TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AND ADDITIONAL SECURITY MEASURES ARE IN FORCE.

THE UNHCR HAS BEEN KEPT FULLY INFORMED OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES HAVE VISITED THE CENTRE ON SATURDAY AND TODAY.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT ALL THE VIETNAMESE HELD AT HEI LING CHAU WERE POST-JUNE 16 ARRIVALS AWAITING SCREENING TO DETERMINE THEIR STATUS.

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GOVERNOR TO VISIT KOWLOON CITY

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL VISIT KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 14) TO SEE FOR HIMSELF THE LIFE OF THE PEOPLE LIVING OR STUDYING UNDER THE AIRPORT FLIGHT PATH.

DURING HIS VISIT, SIR DAVID WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE DEVELOPMENTS UNDERWAY IN THE DISTRICT.

THE GOVERNOR LAST VISITED THE DISTRICT IN MAY LAST YEAR FOR GENERAL FAMILIARISATION.

ACCOMPANYING HIM ON THIS WEEK'S VISIT WILL BE THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU; KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SIK-KONG; AND THE DISTRICT OFFICER (KOWLOON CITY), MR ALEX FONG.

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SIR DAVID WILL BEGIN HIS VISIT AT THE BISHOP HALL JUBILEE SCHOOL IN KOWLOON TONG, WHERE HE WILL BE TOLD ABOUT NOISE ABATEMENT MEASURES THAT HAVE RECENTLY BEEN INTRODUCED.

TO SEE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OLD AND NEW HOUSING IN THE DISTRICT, THE GOVERNOR WILL GO TO LUNG SHING, THE OLDER PART OF THE DISTRICT, WHERE HE WILL VISIT A FAMILY LIVING IN A 40-YEAR-OLD BUILDING LOCATED DIRECTLY UNDER THE AIRPORT FLIGHT PATH.

SIR DAVID WILL THEN GO TO THE NEWER PART OF THE DISTRICT AT THE HUNG HOM WATERFRONT, WHERE HE WILL VISIT ANOTHER FAMILY LIVING IN ONE OF THE RECENTLY COMPLETED RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS IN THE WHAMPOA GARDEN.

AFTER THIS VISIT TO A FAMILY, SIR DAVID WILL BE BRIEFED BY A GOVERNMENT TOWN PLANNER ON THE HUNG HOM RECLAMATION, AND ON THE METROPLAN AS IT RELATES TO THE DISTRICT.

BEFORE ENDING HIS VISIT, THE GOVERNOR WILL MEET KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS AT A TEA RECEPTION TO BE HELD AT THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 14).

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE VISIT ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE OUTSIDE THE BISHOP HALL JUBILEE SCHOOL, 20 OXFORD ROAD, KOWLOON TONG, AT 2.15 PM THAT DAY, FROM WHERE GOVERNMENT VEHICLES WILL TAKE THEM TO OTHER PLACES TO BE VISITED.

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MAINLAND DRAFTERS INVITED TO VISIT DEPARTMENTS

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS INVITED THE MAINLAND MEMBERS OF THE BASIC LAW DRAFTING COMMITTEE TO MAKE A NUMBER OF FAMILIARISATION VISITS TO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 16 AND 17) WHILE THEY ARE IN HONG KONG, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THESE VISITS IS TO BRIEF THE MAINLAND DRAFTERS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE WORK OF THE GOVERNMENT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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LEGCO ELECTORS URGED TO CAST VOTES

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THE DEPUTY CHIEF SECRETARY, MR JOHN CHAN, IS APPEALING TO ELIGIBLE VOTERS IN THE FORTHCOMING LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS TO FULFIL THEIR CIVIC OBLIGATION BY GOING TO THE POLL ON SEPTEMBER 22.

IN A PERSONAL LETTER TO THE VOTERS TODAY, MR CHAN THANKED THEM FOR REGISTERING AS ELECTORS, "THUS HELPING TO BUILD UP A SIZEABLE ELECTORATE FOR THE MORE SIGNIFICANT TRADING, INDUSTRIAL AND PROFESSIONAL SECTORS IN THE COMMUNITY".

HE ALSO REMINDED THE VOTERS THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE BY NOW RECEIVED A POLLING CARD INFORMING THEM ABOUT THE HOURS OF THE POLL AND THE LOCATION OF POLLING STATIONS.

A COPY OF THE DIRECTIONS FOR VOTING AND A LEAFLET INTRODUCING THE CANDIDATES IN THE VOTER'S PARTICULAR CONSTITUENCY HAVE ALSO BEEN SENT TOGETHER WITH MR CHAN'S LETTER.

ANY VOTER WHO HAS NOT YET RECEIVED THE POLL CARD OR HAS ENQUIRIES SHOULD CONTACT THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION ON TELEPHONE 5-8932837.

A TOTAL OF 16,833 PEOPLE OUT OF THE 61,519 REGISTERED VOTERS WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE IN THE 13 CONTESTED CONSTITUENCIES.

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WONG TAI SIN LEGCO ELECTION FORUM

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A FORUM TO INTRODUCE THE TWO CANDIDATES SEEKING ELECTION TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FROM THE WONG TAI SIN ELECTORAL COLLEGE CONSTITUENCY WILL BE HELD IN THE DISTRICT TOMORROW (TUESDAY) EVENING.

THE VENUE WILL BE THE WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 104 CHING TAK STREET, LOWER WONG TAI SIN ESTATE.

ELECTORS WHO ARE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL HEAR THE TWO CANDIDATES, DR CONARD LAM KUI-SHING AND MR MICHAEL CHENG TAK-KIN, PRESENT THEIR ELECTION PLATFORMS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ALSO WELCOME TO ATTEND THE FORUM, WHICH WILL START AT 8 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WONG TAI SIN ELECTORAL COLLEGE CONSTITUENCY FORUM WHICH WILL START AT 8 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT THE WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY CENTRE, 104 CHING TAK STREET, LOWER WONG TAI SIN ESTATE.

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YAU TSIM EXHIBITION, FORUM ON LEGCO ELECTIONS

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A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE TO PROMOTE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS WILL BEGIN TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

AN EXHIBITION ON THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL WILL BE STAGED ON THE FIRST LEVEL OF NEW WORLD CENTRE, TSIM SHA TSUI, FROM TOMORROW TO SEPTEMBER 22.

USING PHOTOGRAPHS AND CARTOONS, THE EXHIBITION WILL ILLUSTRATE THE OPERATIONS AND TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COUNCIL AS WELL AS THE STRUCTURE OF THE ELECTORAL COLLEGES AND THE FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE TODAY (MONDAY) URGED RESIDENTS TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL, WHICH IS CLOSELY RELATED TO THEIR EVERY DAY LIFE.

TO ENABLE RESIDENTS TO MEET LEGCO ELECTION CANDIDATES REPRESENTING THEIR DISTRICT, THE DISTRICT OFFICE WILL HOLD AN ELECTION FORUM AT 3 PM ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 18) AT THE HENRY G. LEONG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE.

CANDIDATES FOR THE SOUTH KOWLOON CONSTITUENCY, MR NG KIN-SUN, MR TO KWOK-LAU AND MR SIT HO-YIN, WILL PRESENT THEIR PLATFORMS AND REPLY TO QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR.

TO PUBLICISE THE ELECTIONS, THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAS PRINTED POSTERS AND BANNERS TO BE PUT UP IN THE DISTRICT. INFORMATION SIGNBOARDS AND DISPLAY WINDOWS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE ARE ALSO BEING USED TO PUBLICISE WORK OF THE COUNCIL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ELECTION FORUM TO BE HELD AT 3 PM ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 18) IN THE HENRY G. LEONG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 60 PUBLIC SQUARE STREET.

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DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION TRAINING SCHEME IN KWAI TSING

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THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WILL ORGANISE A DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION TRAINING SCHEME TO BE HELD FROM NEXT MONTH TO EARLY NEXT YEAR.

THE SCHEME IS DESIGNED TO PROMOTE RESIDENTS' UNDERSTANDING OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND TO TRAIN THEM IN LEADERSHIP AND MEETING TECHNIQUES.

THIS YEAR'S DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION TRAINING SCHEME IS DIVIDED INTO THREE STAGES. THE FIRST STAGE, TO BE HELD BETWEEN OCTOBER 7 AND 16, WILL COMPRISE MAINLY SEMINARS AND A TRAINING CAMP.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE SECOND STAGE'S MODEL DISTRICT BOARD AFTER PASSING A TEST BASED ON THE FIRST STAGE.

IN THE MODEL DISTRICT BOARD, PARTICIPANTS WILL PLAY THE ROLE OF DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AT A MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM AND FOCUSING ON KWAI TSING DISTRICT MATTERS. OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS ON THE MEETING WILL BE GIVEN BY SOME KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

IN THE THIRD STAGE, PARTICIPANTS WILL TAKE PART IN THE WORK OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND OF THE WORKING GROUPS UNDER THE DISTRICT BOARD.

ANYONE OVER 16 YEARS OLD WHO IS LIVING, STUDYING OR WORKING IN THE DISTRICT IS INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE SCHEME. THE APPLICATION FEE IS \$30.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE AND SUB-OFFICES. APPLICANTS WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND AN INTERVIEW EITHER ON SEPTEMBER 27 OR SEPTEMBER 28. FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED BY TELEPHONING 0-273093.

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DB COMMITTEE TO STUDY APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS

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THE CULTURE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WILL CONSIDER A NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS AT A MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE FUNDS WOULD BE USED FOR ORGANISING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

THESE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE A BADMINTON TRAINING COURSE, BASKETBALL COMPETITION, "CANTONESE OPERA NITE", SPRING LANTERN FESTIVAL CARNIVAL, MUSIC CLASS FOR CHILDREN, PERFORMANCE BY A CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND A TABLE TENNIS COMPETITION.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE, 201 HENNESSY ROAD, TUNG WAN MANSION, EIGHTH FLOOR, HONG KONG. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 4 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS RECREATION, CULTURAL FACILITIES

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THE RECREATION SPORTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 14) TO DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF RECREATION, SPORTS AND CULTURAL FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

MEMBERS WILL GIVE VIEWS ON THE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES PLANNED BY DIFFERENT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS FOR TAI PO RESIDENTS IN 1988-89.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S RECREATION, SPORTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 152 KWONG FUK ROAD ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 14). THE MEETING WILL START AT 2.30 PM.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES IN NEW TERRITORIES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN TAI PO AND TUEN MUN ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 15) AND FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 16).

IN TAI PO, TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORK, THE INNER-MOST LANE AND CENTRE LANE OF TOLO HIGHWAY SOUTHBOUND NEAR PAK SHEK KOK WILL BE CLOSED FROM 7 PM ON THURSDAY TO 6 AM ON FRIDAY.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO WATCH OUT FOR TEMPORARY TRAFFIC SIGNS AND DRIVE WITH EXTRA CARE AND PATIENCE.

IN TUEN MUN, THE SECTION OF ROAD 44K BETWEEN WU KING ROAD AND THE EGRESS OF THE TUEN MUN PIER HEAD TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE WILL ALSO BE CLOSED DAILY BETWEEN 1.30 AM AND 4.30 AM ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY.

THE MEASURE WILL FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE.

DURING THE CLOSURE, ACCESS TO AND FROM THE TUEN MUN PIER HEAD TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE AND ITS NEARBY DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE MAINTAINED VIA ROAD 44A AND THE EAST SECTION OF ROAD 44K.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE TERMINUS OF THE ALL-NIGHT GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE NO. 47S (TUEN MUN PIER HEAD - MONG KOK) WILL BE TEMPORARILY RELOCATED TO THE SOUTHWEST END OF WU KING ROAD.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN WELLINGTON STREET

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN WELLINGTON STREET IN CENTRAL BETWEEN ABERDEEN STREET AND QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 15).

THIS ROAD SECTION WILL BE DESIGNATED A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY WHERE NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

MOREOVER, THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS STAND THERE WILL BE SUSPENDED.

THESE MEASURES WILL LAST FOR ABOUT FIVE WEEKS FOR ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS.

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FRESH WATER CUT IN SHA TIN
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SHA TIN WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 10 PM ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 14) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR WATER WORKS.

ALL PREMISES ALONG SUI WO ROAD, INCLUDING SUI WO COURT, WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE SUSPENSION.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 45.1 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 264.247 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 438.227 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 74.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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