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ECONOMIC SUCCESS A REFLECTION OF SOUND EDUCATION SYSTEM

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HONG KONG HAS THE RIGHT TO BE PROUD OF ITS ACHIEVEMENTS IN EDUCATION, AND SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENTS MADE IN THIS AREA IN THE LAST 10 YEARS HAVE VERY PROFOUND EFFECTS ON THE SOCIETY AT LARGE, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR DAVID LAN, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, MR LAN SAID HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC SUCCESS WAS ITSELF A SIGN OF THE FUNDAMENTAL SOUNDNESS OF THE EDUCATION SYSTEM.

HE SAID OUR WORK FORCE WAS THE ENVY OF THE WORLD. "WHETHER THEY ARE LABOURERS, CLERKS, ENGINEERS OR TOP MANAGERS, THEIR PRODUCTIVITY, ADAPTABILITY AND DYNAMISM ARE ALL CONTRIBUTING TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS MODERN MIRACLE KNOWN AS HONG KONG."

"WITHOUT A GOOD, SOUND FUNDAMENTAL EDUCATION, HOW CAN PEOPLE OF SUCH CALIBRE BE PRODUCED?" MR LAN ASKED.

ON THE COSTS OF EDUCATION, MR LAN SAID THE TOTAL EDUCATION BUDGET WAS $9,180 MILLION IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. THIS REPRESENTED 18 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE AND A FIVE-AND-A-HALF FOLD INCREASE OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS.

"OUR RECURRENT EXPENDITURE PERCENTAGES OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS HAVE ONLY BEEN EQUALLED OR SURPASSED BY NOT MORE THAN 12 COUNTRIES OF THE 182 LISTED IN THE 1986 UNESCO STATISTICAL YEARBOOK," HE CONTINUED.

ON THE PROVISION OF NINE YEARS' FREE AND COMPULSORY EDUCATION, MR LAN SAID ONLY TWO OUT OF 42 REGIONS IN ASIA HAD MORE THAN NINE YEARS OF COMPULSORY EDUCATION, ACCORDING TO THE 1986 UNESCO STATISTICAL YEARBOOK.

"FROM THE SAME SOURCE WE FIND THAT ONLY 53 OUT OF THE 200 MAJOR COUNTRIES OR REGIONS HAVE LONGER PERIODS OF COMPULSORY EDUCATION," HE ADDED.

TURNING TO SUBSIDISED SENIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION IN HONG KONG, MR LAN SAID 95 PER CENT OVERALL PROVISION AS OPPOSED TO THE PRESENT 72 PER CENT WOULD HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED BY 1991.

BY THAT YEAR, 85 PER CENT AS OPPOSED TO TODAY'S 65 PER CENT WOULD CONTINUE TO BE IN THE GENERAL STREAM AND 10 PER CENT WOULD BE IN THE TECHNICAL STREAM.

THESE TARGETS OF PROVISION WERE CERTAINLY RESPECTABLE BY WORLD STANDARDS, MR LAN SAID, ADDING THAT STRICT COMPARISONS WERE NOT POSSIBLE BECAUSE DIFFERENT COUNTRIES HAD DIFFERENT EDUCATION SYSTEMS CATERING FOR DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS.

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"THE PLANNED EXPANSION OF SCHOOL PLACES AT THE SENIOR SECONDARY LEVEL WILL BRING US INTO THE LEAGUE OF SUCH DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AS THE UNITED KINGDOM, CANADA, THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN WHERE GROSS ENROLMENT RATIOS RANGE FROM 85 PER CENT UPWARDS."

ON THE SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAMME IN THE PAST DECADE, MR LAN SAID IT HAD BEEN PHENOMENAL AS THE GOVERNMENT HAD BUILT 218 SCHOOLS DURING THE PERIOD. OF THESE, 118 WERE SECONDARY SCHOOLS WHILE THE OTHER 100 WERE PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

HE SAID ANOTHER 147 SCHOOLS WOULD BE BUILT IN THE NEXT SEVEN YEARS. SEVENTY-FIVE OF THESE WILL BE SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND THE REMAINING 72 PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

"THE CONSTRUCTION OF THESE SCHOOLS HAS BEEN PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PLAN TO MEET REGIONAL DEMAND FOR PLACES AS WELL AS TO IMPROVE THE SCHOOLING ENVIRONMENT," MR LAN SAID.

ALL THESE WENT TO SHOW THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TOWARDS EDUCATION AND ITS BELIEF IN THE PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION, HE SAID.

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## NEW SEAFARERS BILL IN PIPELINE

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A COMPREHENSIVE SEAFARERS BILL, WHICH WILL EMBRACE ALL LEGISLATION APPERTAINING TO SEAFARERS, IS CURRENTLY UNDER PREPARATION AND IS EXPECTED TO BECOME LAW IN APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS' TIME.

THIS WAS DISCLOSED BY THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR GERRY HIGGINSON, WHEN HE OFFICIALLY OPENED THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT WORKERS' FEDERATION ASIA/PACIFIC SEAFARERS' REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING AT THE HONG KONG MERCHANT NAVY OFFICERS' GUILD THIS (MONDAY) MORNING.

MR HIGGINSON SAID AMENDMENTS TO SEAMEN'S RECRUITING OFFICE (SRO) PROCEDURES WOULD BE REFLECTED IN THE DRAFTING OF THE BILL AS WOULD A REQUIREMENT FOR ALL BOARDS AND COMMITTEES CONSTITUTED THEREUNDER TO BE TRIPARTITE COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES OF SHIPOWNING EMPLOYERS, SEAFARERS AND THE GOVERNMENT.

"LEGISLATIVE PROVISION HAS BEEN MADE IN RESPECT OF THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF SEAFARERS TOGETHER WITH PROVISIONS FOR THEIR REPATRIATION UNDER SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES," MR HIGGINSON SAID.

THIS WOULD LEAVE THE DOOR OPEN FOR FURTHER PROVISION TO BE MADE IN RESPECT OF THE CONVENTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT THE 74TH (MARITIME) SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (ILO) HELD IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR, HE ADDED.

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MR HIGGINSON SAID HONG KONG WAS UNIQUE IN THE REGION IN THAT ITS SEAFARERS WERE PROCESSED THROUGH THE MARINE DEPARTMENT'S SRO TO SERVE ON, CURRENTLY, SOME 760 FOREIGN-GOING SHIPS REGISTERED WITH 24 DIFFERENT FLAG STATES.

"THESE PROCEDURES ENABLE SEAFARERS TO OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT WITHOUT THE PAYMENT OF ANY CONSIDERATION (OTHER THAN A NOMINAL OFFICIAL FEE) BY THE SEAFARER EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY FOR SUCH EMPLOYMENT, AND PROVIDES FREEDOM OF CHOICE FOR BOTH SHIPOWNERS IN THE SELECTION OF CREWS AND SEAFARERS IN THE SELECTION OF SHIPS.

"CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT ARE GOVERNED BY STANDARDISED CONTRACTUAL CLAUSES AND TERMS OF SERVICE THAT ARE COMPATIBLE WITH BOTH HONG KONG LEGISLATION AND THE MARITIME LAWS OF THE FLAG STATES CONCERNED," HE SAID.

HOWEVER, MR HIGGINSON SAID THAT HAD NOT ALWAYS BEEN THE CASE. HE TOLD THE MEETING THAT BOTH NEPOTISM AND MALPRACTICES EXISTED IN SEAMEN'S RECRUITMENT IN HONG KONG PRIOR TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SRO, WHICH WAS EVENTUALLY SET UP IN MAY 1966 AS A RESULT OF RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE FIRST ASIAN MARITIME CONFERENCE OF THE ILO.

MR HIGGINSON THEN OUTLINED THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ROLE OF THE SRO SINCE ITS INTRODUCTION AND THE ESTABLISHMENT AND EXPANSION OF ITS CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE - A CHANNEL THROUGH WHICH REPRESENTATIVES OF SHIPOWNING EMPLOYERS, SEAFARERS AND THE GOVERNMENT COULD CONSULT, EXCHANGE INFORMATION AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE EMPLOYMENT AND WELFARE OF SEAFARERS.

HE SAID THIS TRIPARTITE CONSULTATION HAD ALSO PROGRESSED IN OTHER AREAS OF THE INDUSTRY SUCH AS IN-SERVICE AND PRE-SEA TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR SEAFARERS.

IN THIS CONTEXT, MR HIGGINSON NOTED THAT THE OPENING OF A NEW AND PERMANENT SEAMEN'S TRAINING CENTRE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL HONG KONG RATINGS' PRE-SEA TRAINING REQUIREMENT WOULD REPLACE THE TEMPORARY CENTRE.

"THE TRAINING WILL CONTINUE TO BE FREE OF CHARGE AND GEARED TO STCW (STANDARDS OF TRAINING CERTIFICATION AND WATCH-KEEPING) REQUIREMENTS," HE ADDED.

MR HIGGINSON SAID MAJOR CHANGES HAD TAKEN PLACE IN THE LOCAL SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CLIMATE SINCE THE SRO AND ITS PROCEDURES WERE INTRODUCED IN 1966.

"RESPONSIBLE ORGANISATIONS REPRESENTING BOTH SEAFARERS AND EMPLOYERS HAVE EVOLVED, AND SEAFARERS TODAY ARE BOTH BETTER EDUCATED AND HAVE A MORE HEIGHTENED SENSE OF SOCIAL AWARENESS THAN THEIR PREDECESSORS.

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"WITH THIS IN MIND, A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF ALL SRO ACTIVITIES HAS RECENTLY BEEN COMPLETED TO DETERMINE WHETHER CHANGES IN THE PRESENT SYSTEM WERE NEEDED IN ORDER TO STREAMLINE PROCEDURES AND, IF SO, HOW BEST TO BALANCE A MIXTURE OF CONTROL, COMPATIBLE WITH ILO REQUIREMENTS, WITH FREEDOM OF EMPLOYMENT," HE SAID.

THROUGH CONSULTATIONS, CERTAIN PROCEDURES AND PROCESSES HAD BEEN SIMPLIFIED AND STREAMLINED TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF BOTH EMPLOYERS AND SEAFARERS WHILST REMAINING WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF ORIGINAL ILO RESOLUTIONS.

THIS THEREBY MINIMISED DOCUMENTATION YET PERMITTED THE INDUSTRY, IN RESPECT OF ITS EMPLOYMENT OF HONG KONG SEAMEN, TO FUNCTION MORE EFFICIENTLY THROUGH PARTIAL DEREGULATION, SAID MR HIGGINSON.

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## CHAIRMAN-DESIGNATE OF HOUSING AUTHORITY APPOINTED

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THE APPOINTMENT OF SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES AS THE CHAIRMAN-DESIGNATE OF THE HONG KONG HOUSING AUTHORITY.

SIR DAVID, WHO WILL BE THE FIRST NON-OFFICIAL CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, IS EXPECTED TO TAKE UP THE APPOINTMENT ON APRIL 1 THIS YEAR FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET THE MEDIA AT 3 PM ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 24) AT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY CHAMBERS ON THE 15TH FLOOR OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HEADQUARTERS AT 101 PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, KOWLOON.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND THE SESSION.

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DISTRICT POLICE STATION OPENS IN TAI PO
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THE OPENING OF THE NEW TAI PO DISTRICT POLICE STATION REFLECTS THE PROGRESS MADE BY THE POLICE IN PROVIDING BETTER SERVICES TO PEOPLE IN THE NEW TOWNS.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MANAGEMENT, MR ERIC BLACKBURN, THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE $37 MILLION COMPLEX -- THE HEADQUARTERS FOR THE NEWLY-CREATED TAI PO POLICE DISTRICT.

OBSERVING THAT TAI PO HAD DEVELOPED FROM A TRADITIONAL MARKET TOWN INTO A NEW TOWN OF 160,000 PEOPLE OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS, MR BLACKBURN POINTED OUT THAT THE BUILDING OF NEW ROADS, PROVISION OF MODERN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, AND CREATION OF INDUSTRIAL AREAS HAD MADE THE DISTRICT A VERY POPULAR PLACE TO LIVE AND INVEST IN.

HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE POPULATION GROWTH HAD CAUSED THE LOW CRIME RATE IN TAI PO TO INCREASE BY 10 TO 15 PER CENT OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS, "BUT IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE TO KEEP THE CRIME PROBLEM VERY MUCH UNDER CONTROL."

NOTING THAT THE POPULATION OF TAI PO WOULD REACH 300,000 BY THE MID-1990'S, THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER SAID THAT THE SAFETY OF NEW-COMERS, INDIGENOUS VILLAGERS AND THE LARGE NUMBER OF HOLIDAY-MAKERS FROM THE URBAN AREA, WAS ONE OF THE MANY RESPONSIBILITIES THAT THE LOCAL POLICE HAD TO SHOULDER.

"TO COPE WITH THIS INCREASING DEMAND, IT IS NECESSARY TO EXPAND POLICE MANPOWER IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE POLICE COVERAGE," HE ADDED.

THE NUMBER OF POLICE AND CIVILIAN STAFF EMPLOYED IN THE DISTRICT HAD THEREFORE INCREASED BY 30 PER CENT TO 370, AND THAT THE NEW 16-STOREY BUILDING WOULD PROVIDE MUCH IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS, OFFICE ACCOMMODATION, AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

"THROUGH THE PROVISION OF MODERN EQUIPMENT AND ADEQUATE TRAINING, THE POLICE FORCE CAN GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS COMBATTING CRIME. HOWEVER, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE SECURE MAXIMUM CO-OPERATION FROM THE PUBLIC TO ACHIEVE MAXIMUM SUCCESS," MR BLACKBURN SAID.

GIVING ASSURANCE THAT OFFICERS WORKING IN THE NEW POLICE STATION WOULD DO THEIR BEST TO FOSTER THE COMMUNITY SPIRIT, MR BLACKBURN SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT PEOPLE IN TAI PO WOULD OFFER FULL CO-OPERATION TO THE POLICE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF ALL.

AFTER THE SPEECH, A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY WAS OFFICIATED BY MR BLACKBURN; THE REGIONAL COMMANDER FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR RICHARD SMALLSHAW; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD, MR STEPHEN WONG; TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN BURRETT; THE CHAIRMAN OF TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE, MR DAVID HO; THE CHAIRMAN OF SAI KUNG NORTH RURAL COMMITTEE, MR NAM PAK-PING; THE CHAIRMAN OF TAI PO DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR RAYMOND HO; AND THE DISTRICT COMMANDER FOR TAI PO, MR BASIL LIM.

PUBLIC FORUMS FOR SOUTHERN DB CANDIDATES

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A SERIES OF SEVEN FORUMS HAS BEEN PLANNED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE SO THAT CANDIDATES IN THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS CAN INTRODUCE THEIR PLATFORMS TO ELECTORS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS.

THE FIRST FORUM WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 24).

"THE FUNCTIONS WILL PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ELECTORS AND CANDIDATES TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON DISTRICT MATTERS, AND ENABLE ELECTORS TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE CANDIDATES BEFORE CASTING THEIR VOTES ON MARCH 10," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE SAID.

A TOTAL OF 26 CANDIDATES ARE CONTESTING 13 SEATS IN THE DISTRICT'S SEVEN CONSTITUENCIES.

DETAILS OF THE SEVEN FORUMS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

| CONSTITUENCY | DATE | TIME | VENUE |
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| POK FU LAM | FEB. 24 (WED.) | 8.30 PM | YU CHUN KEUNG MEMORIAL COLLEGE, CHI FU CLOSE, POK FU LAM |
| WAH FU | FEB. 26 (FRI.) | 8.30 PM | WAH FU COMMUNITY HALL, WAH FU ESTATE |
| TIN WAN AND SHEK PAI WAN | FEB. 27 (SAT.) | 3 PM | PUI TAK CANOSSIAN COLLEGE, 200 PEEL RISE, ABERDEEN |
| AP LEI CHAU | FEB. 29 (MON.) | 8 PM | LEI TUNG COMMUNITY HALL, LEI TUNG ESTATE, AP LEI CHAU |
| WONG CHUK HANG | MAR. 3 (THUR.) | 8 PM | SHUE YAN SECONDARY SCHOOL, 2 POLICE SCHOOL ROAD, WONG CHUK HANG |
| ABERDEEN AND HARBOUR | MAR. 5 (SAT.) | 3 PM | PUI TAK CANOSSIAN COLLEGE, 200 PEEL RISE, ABERDEEN |
| STANLEY, SHEK O AND BAYS | MAR. 7 (MON.) | 8 PM | ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE, TUNG TAU WAN ROAD, STANLEY |

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ELECTION FORUMS.

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PUBLICITY ON DB ELECTIONS IN KWAI TSING
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THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE WILL ORGANISE A SERIES OF FORUMS FROM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) FOR THE DISTRICT'S 33 DISTRICT BOARD CANDIDATES TO INTRODUCE THEIR PLATFORMS TO THE PUBLIC.

THERE WILL BE A FORUM FOR EACH OF THE NINE CONSTITUENCIES STARTING WITH KWAI CHUNG EAST AT 8 PM TOMORROW.

THE FORUM FOR TSING YI SOUTH WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 24, TSING YI CENTRAL ON FEBRUARY 25, KWAI CHUNG NORTH ON FEBRUARY 27, KWAI CHUNG SOUTH AND KWAI CHUNG CENTRAL ON MARCH 1, KWAI SHING ON MARCH 2, KWAI CHUNG WEST ON MARCH 3, AND TSING YI NORTH ON MARCH 4.

THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN COAK, WHILE URGING RESIDENTS TO CAST THEIR VOTES ON MARCH 10, ALSO CALLED ON THEM TO ATTEND THE FORUMS TO GAIN AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE BACKGROUND AND PLATFORMS OF THE CANDIDATES.

MR COAK SAID A NEWSPAPER SUPPLEMENT INTRODUCING KWAI TSING DISTRICT, THE ROLE OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, AND DETAILS OF THE CANDIDATES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE FORUMS. RESIDENTS MAY ALSO OBTAIN COPIES OF THE SUPPLEMENT FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

THE DISTRICT OFFICE WILL ALSO PUT UP SIGNBOARDS AND BANNERS AT PROMINENT LOCATIONS IN THE DISTRICT, HOLD AN EXHIBITION AND A VIDEO SHOW AT THE KWAI FONG MTR STATION, SEND A BROADCASTING VAN TO TOUR THE DISTRICT ON POLLING DAY, AND SET UP SPECIAL WINDOW DISPLAYS AT ITS VARIOUS OFFICES TO PUBLICISE THE ELECTION MESSAGE OF "A VOTE IS A VOICE".

SOUVENIR ITEMS, SUCH AS STICKERS AND BALLOONS, WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE VARIOUS OFFICES AND DURING LOCAL FUNCTIONS.

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KOWLOON CITY CANDIDATES TO MEET MEDIA
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TWENTY-FOUR KOWLOON CITY CANDIDATES FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS WILL MEET THE MEDIA AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD.

DURING THE SESSION, THE CANDIDATES WILL INTRODUCE THEIR PLATFORMS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE MEET-THE-MEDIA SESSION.

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## SEMINAR ON VICE ESTABLISHMENT'S EFFECT ON COMMUNITY

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A SEMINAR FOCUSSING ON THE EFFECTS THAT A VICE ESTABLISHMENT HAS ON ITS NEIGHBOURHOOD WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT THE GRAND TOWER HOTEL IN MONG KOK.

THE SEMINAR IS PART OF THE "COMMUNITY-IN-PERSPECTIVE" PROJECT ORGANISED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE TO STUDY ISSUES THAT ARE OF SERIOUS CONCERN TO RESIDENTS.

SPEAKING AT THE SEMINAR WILL BE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR AND FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE MEMBER, MRS ROSANNA TAM; POLICE DEPUTY DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR ROBIN LEUNG; AND A SENIOR LECTURER FROM THE CITY POLYTECHNIC, DR ALEX Y.H. KWAN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR ON VICE ESTABLISHMENTS TO BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) ON THE SIXTH FLOOR, GRAND TOWER HOTEL, 627-641 NATHAN ROAD. IT WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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## DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS RESITING OF HAWKERS

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WILL TOMORROW (TUESDAY) DISCUSS PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS FOR RESITING HAWKERS IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS.

THE LOCATIONS INCLUDE WAN CHAI ROAD, STONE NULLAH LANE, TSING KAI LANE, TAI YUEN STREET, TAI WO STREET, TRIANGLE STREET, CROSS STREET AND WAN CHAI ROAD HAWKERS BAZAAR.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF RESITING HAWKERS TRADING IN THE CARPARK NEAR TIGER BALM GARDEN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE, EIGHTH FLOOR, TUNG WAH MANSION, WAN CHAI. IT WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM.

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TAI PO SPRING RECEPTION
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THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE WILL HOLD A SPRING RECEPTION AT THE TAI PO COMMUNITY CENTRE, HEUNG SZE WUI STREET, TAI PO MARKET, ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 24).

THE GATHERING WILL START AT 4 PM. THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR PETER NG, WILL ATTEND.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE'S SPRING RECEPTION.

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KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT SPRING RECEPTION
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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE WILL HOLD A SPRING RECEPTION ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 24) FROM 4 PM TO 6 PM AT THE MARTHA BOSS COMMUNITY HALL, 89 CHUNG HAU STREET, HO MAN TIN.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, WILL ATTEND THE RECEPTION.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE EVENT.

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CANTONESE OPERA FOR SAI KUNG RESIDENTS

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SAI KUNG RESIDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY TWO CANTONESE OPERA SHOWS TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AND ON WEDNESDAY AT THE SAI KUNG JOCKEY CLUB TOWN HALL.

THE SHOWS, ARGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT FESTIVAL PREPARATORY COMMITTEE, WILL START AT 7 PM.

THE HON FUNG CANTONESE OPERA GROUP WILL PERFORM TWO OPERAS BASED ON WELL-KNOWN CHINESE STORIES. THERE WILL BE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS TO PROJECT THE VERSES OF THE OPERA ON TO THE SIDE WALL OF THE STAGE TO HELP THE AUDIENCE BETTER UNDERSTAND AND FOLLOW THE STORIES.

FREE TICKETS FOR THE SHOWS HAVE ALREADY BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO RURAL COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

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LANDMARK IN STONE NULLAH LANE BRINGS HAPPINESS TO RESIDENTS

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THE URBAN COUNCIL'S STONE NULLAH LANE SITTING-OUT AREA IN WAN CHAI HAS QUICKLY BECOME A POPULAR SPOT AMONG LOCAL RESIDENTS AND A LANDMARK IN THE AREA SINCE ITS OPENING LAST NOVEMBER.

"THE 1,200-SQUARE METRE TWO-LEVEL PROJECT HAS BEEN SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO COPE WITH THE ENVIRONMENT AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE LANDFORM THERE," SAID A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN TODAY.

"ITS TRADITIONAL CHINESE 'PAI LAU' AT THE ENTRANCE AND THE PALACE-STYLE PAVILION ECHO PERFECTLY WELL WITH THE 'MAN-MO TEMPLE' JUST NEXT TO IT.

"ALSO A CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA WITH SAFETY MATTINGS AS WELL AS CONCRETE BENCHES UNDER THE SHADE OF THE PERGOLAS PROVIDE LEISURE FACILITIES FOR THE YOUNG AND THE OLD.

"ENTRY TO THE SITTING-OUT AREA IS MOST CONVENIENT, EITHER FROM QUEEN'S ROAD EAST OR VIA A STAIRCASE FROM THE KENNEDY ROAD."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT TO ENHANCE THE GREENERY THERE, THE AREA WAS LANDSCAPED WITH VARIOUS PLANTATIONS INCLUDING TREES, SHRUBS, PALMS, GROUND COVERS AND CLIMBERS.

"OTHER FACILITIES PROVIDED INCLUDE PARK LIGHTS, VIEWING PLATFORM, ACCESS FOR THE HANDICAPPED, RAISED PLANTERS, FLOWERS AND STORE ROOM."

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## 22,449 TONNES OF URBAN REFUSE

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URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT REFUSE COLLECTION STAFF TODAY WERE ABLE TO TAKE SOMETHING OF A BREATHER AND WORK OUT JUST HOW MUCH JUNK AND REFUSE THEY TOOK AWAY BETWEEN LAST THURSDAY AND SATURDAY, FOLLOWING URBAN HOUSEHOLDERS' TRADITIONAL SPRING CLEANING.

"THE TOTAL WAS A QUITE ASTONISHING 22,449 TONNES -- A HUGE INCREASE ON THE AVERAGE DAILY REFUSE TOTAL OF ABOUT 2,800 TONNES," SAID AN URBAN COUNCIL SPOKESMAN.

"FOLLOWING THEIR CUSTOMARY DAY OFF ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR -- THE ONLY DAY OF THE YEAR WHEN THE REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE IS SUSPENDED -- STAFF BEGAN WORK EARLY ON THURSDAY MORNING TO BEGIN THEIR MAMMOTH TASK.

"EVERY AVAILABLE VEHICLE WAS PRESSED INTO SERVICE, AND BY SATURDAY WE HAD CLEARED THE MOUNTAINS OF JUNK PILED UP AT ALL PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS ON EITHER SIDE OF THE HARBOUR."

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## WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 53.4 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 312.884 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 331.855 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 56.6 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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## WATER CUT IN KWUN TONG

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KWUN TONG WILL BE TURNED OFF ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 25) FROM 8 AM TO 5 PM FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT SAU LAI STREET AND TAK WO STREET, INCLUDING BLOCKS NO. 1 TO 17 SAU MAU PING ESTATE.

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## RECREATIONAL PATH COMPLETED IN TUEN MUN

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THE CHAIRMAN OF TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, MR TSAO SHIU-WAI, AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL VISIT ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 24) A NEWLY COMPLETED PATH WHICH WAS CONSTRUCTED AT THE COMMITTEE'S INITIATION.

LOCATED AT A SCENIC SPOT IN TUEN MUN, THE PATH RUNS BY THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER CO. PROPERTY AND THE MARINE LICENSING OFFICE, AND LINKS UP WITH THE MACLEHOSE TRAIL.

THE 500-METRE PATH OFFERS ADDITIONAL RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR RESIDENTS.

THE $180,000 PROJECT WAS CARRIED OUT BY THE WORKS SECTION OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, WITH FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE VISIT OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE TO THE PATH LEADING TO THE MACLEHOSE TRAIL ON FEBRUARY 24 (WEDNESDAY).

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT 9.45 AM IN THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE SECOND FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, NO. 1, TUEN HI ROAD,TUEN MUN, WHERE TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED.

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## TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES IN CAUSEWAY BAY

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TWO SLIP ROADS IN CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC DURING THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIED PERIODS TO FACILITATE ROAD RESURFACING WORK.

THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL TO CANAL ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 1 AM AND 6 AM ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 24).

VEHICLES LEAVING THE TUNNEL WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CAUSEWAY BAY EXIT ROAD, GLOUCESTER ROAD EASTBOUND, CAUSEWAY BAY FLYOVER, GLOUCESTER ROAD WESTBOUND TO JOIN CANAL ROAD FLYOVER.

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THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM GLOUCESTER ROAD EASTBOUND TO CANAL ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 1 AM AND 6 AM DAILY FROM FEBRUARY 25 TO 29.

VEHICLES ON GLOUCESTER ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CAUSEWAY BAY FLYOVER, GLOUCESTER ROAD WESTBOUND TO JOIN CANAL ROAD FLYOVER.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KOWLOON CITY

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT THE EXISTING TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KOWLOON CITY, WHICH HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED DUE TO A WATER MAIN BURST AT THE JUNCTION OF GRAMPIAN ROAD WITH DUMBARTON ROAD, WILL CONTINUE TO BE IN FORCE FOR ANOTHER TWO WEEKS.

UNDER THE ARRANGEMENTS, WHICH HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED SINCE LAST SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 20), THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS ARE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC:

* GRAMPIAN ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH DUMBARTON ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

* DUMBARTON ROAD EASTBOUND BETWEEN GRAMPIAN ROAD AND JUNCTION ROAD.

* DUMBARTON ROAD WESTBOUND BETWEEN GRAMPIAN ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

VEHICLES TRAVELLING FROM JUNCTION ROAD TO DUMBARTON ROAD ARE DIVERTED TO GRAMPIAN ROAD SOUTHBOUND, WHILE THOSE ON BOUNDARY STREET HEADING FOR JUNCTION ROAD ARE ADVISED TO PROCEED FURTHER ALONG BOUNDARY STREET BEFORE TURNING LEFT ON TO JUNCTION ROAD.

IN ADDITION, INVERNESS ROAD HAS BECOME A CUL-DE-SAC WITH ACCESS FROM NGA TSIN WAI ROAD ONLY. VEHICLES ON INVERNESS ROAD ARE NOT ALLOWED TO PASS THROUGH DUMBARTON ROAD FOR ACCESS TO GRAMPIAN ROAD OR JUNCTION ROAD.

AS FOR BUS SERVICES, KMB ROUTES NO. 3, 7B AND 12B ON THEIR JOURNEYS TO WONG TAI SIN ARE DIVERTED VIA BOUNDARY STREET AND JUNCTION ROAD.

KMB ROUTE NO. 1 IS DIVERTED VIA BOUNDARY STREET, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST, KOWLOON CITY ROUNDABOUT, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST EASTBOUND AND JUNCTION ROAD ON ITS JOURNEYS TO LOK FU.

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