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SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL PROFESSIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL GAZETTED

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A BILL WHICH MAINLY CONTAINS ENABLING PROVISIONS TO FACILITATE THE MAKING OF REGULATIONS BY THE FIVE PARAMEDICAL PROFESSIONAL BOARDS SET UP UNDER THE SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL PROFESSIONS ORDINANCE WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY)

THE SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL PROFESSIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989 SEEKS TO PROVIDE POWER TO THE FIVE PROFESSIONAL BOARDS OF THE PARAMEDICAL PROFESSIONS, NAMELY, MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGISTS, RADIOGRAPHERS, PHYSIOTHERAPISTS, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AND OPTOMETRISTS, TO HOLD EXAMINATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FULL REGISTRATION AND PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION.

EXPLAINING THE PROVISIONS OF THE BILL, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT FULL REGISTRATION WOULD BE GRANTED TO THOSE WITH REGISTRABLE QUALIFICATIONS.

"PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION IS A STATUS TO BE GRANTED TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN PRACTISING IN A PROFESSION FOR A CERTAIN NUMBER OF YEARS BUT WHO DO NOT HAVE THE FORMAL QUALIFICATIONS OR TRAINING FOR FULL REGISTRATION," HE SAID.

UNDER THE AMENDMENT BILL, APPLICANTS OF PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION WILL BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE TO PRACTISE WITHOUT BEING SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION WHILE THEIR APPLICATIONS ARE BEING PROCESSED.

"THE BILL FURTHER EMPOWERS THE FIVE PARAMEDICAL PROFESSIONAL BOARDS TO PROVIDE FOR GUIDELINES REGULATING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PROFESSIONALS CONCERNED IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CODES OF PRACTICE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE BILL ALSO ENABLES THE SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS TO CREATE CATEGORIES OF REGISTERED PERSONS ACCORDING TO THEIR QUALIFICATIONS, TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE AS WELL AS TO LAY DOWN RESTRICTIONS ON PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE WITHOUT SUPERVISION, HE SAID.

UNDER THE AMENDED PROVISIONS, CONTROL IS EXTENDED TO COVER PARAMEDICAL PROFESSIONALS WORKING IN THE CIVIL SERVICE, SUBVENTED ORGANISATIONS AND TEACHING INSTITUTES.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE BILL WAS FIRST INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JULY 6 LAST YEAR.

"IN THE EVENT, HOWEVER, IT FAILED TO COMPLETE ITS PASSAGE THROUGH THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BEFORE THE DISSOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL AT THE END OF THE 1987-88 SESSION AND THEREFORE LAPSED.

"IT WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR THE SECOND TIME ON JANUARY 11 THIS YEAR," HE SAID.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO COMMENT ON THE BILL SHOULD WRITE TO OMELCO, 8 JACKSON ROAD, CENTRAL OR TO THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, SEVENTH FLOOR, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, CENTRAL.

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NEW ID CARDS FOR WOMEN BORN BETWEEN 1957-59

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT WOMEN BORN IN 1957, 1958 OR 1959 WOULD BE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS FROM JANUARY 16 TO MARCH 11.

"WOMEN OF THE ABOVE AGE GROUP CAN CALL AT ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW ID CARD ISSUE OFFICES DURING THIS PERIOD," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE OFFICES ARE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM DAILY, EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

"THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE VERY CROWDED IN THE EVENINGS. TO AVOID HAVING TO QUEUE UP FOR A LONG TIME AT THE ISSUE OFFICES OR TO COME BACK ON ANOTHER DAY, APPLICANTS ARE ADVISED TO GO TO THESE OFFICES IN THE MORNINGS AND AFTERNOONS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

APPLICANTS MAY ALSO MAKE USE OF THE PHONE-IN SERVICE TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING THE OFFICE OF THEIR CHOICE.

THE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE:

HONG KONG : BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI.
TEL. NO. 5-747070

EAST KOWLOON : AMOY PLAZA, SECOND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD.
TEL. NO. 3-7553679

WEST KOWLOON : CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR,
393 CANTON ROAD, YAU MA TEI.
TEL. NO. 3-7232424

TSUEN WAN : EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, 29-37
TSUEN FU STREET.
TEL. NO. 0-4981259

SHA TIN : SHOP 8A, SECOND FLOOR, CHANWAY SHOPPING CENTRE,
11-17, SHATIN CENTRE STREET, SHA TIN.
TEL. NO. 0-6059108

YUEN LONG : HOP YICK CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK ROAD.
TEL. NO. 0-793291 (BEFORE JANUARY 21)
0-4771543 (JANUARY 21 ONWARDS)

TUEN MUN : CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, CHI LOK FA
YUEN.
TEL. NO. 0-4580862

SHEUNG SHUI : TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR, 82-84 SAN FUNG
AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI.
TEL. NO. 0-927191 (BEFORE JANUARY 21)
0-6727191 (JANUARY 21 ONWARDS)

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THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED WOMEN BORN IN 1960, 1961 OR 1962 WHO HAVE NOT APPLIED FOR THEIR NEW IDENTITY CARDS TO COME FORWARD WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY AS THERE IS ONLY ONE MORE WEEK LEFT BEFORE THE CURRENT PHASE CLOSES ON JANUARY 14.

HE POINTED OUT THAT FAILURE TO APPLY FOR A NEW IDENTITY CARD WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD IS AN OFFENCE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$3,000.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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COMPANY APPOINTED TO MANAGE BYPASS CONSTRUCTION
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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT HAS ASSIGNED A PROJECT MANAGEMENT COMPANY TO MANAGE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE KWUN TONG BYPASS PHASE II.

A \$12 MILLION AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED TODAY (FRIDAY) BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT ENGINEER, MR MICHAEL TURNER, ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT, AND THE REPRESENTATIVE OF EHC PROJECT MANAGEMENT COMPANY, MR DOUGLAS OAKERVEE.

MR TURNER SAID THIS WAS THE FIRST PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BY THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT AND IT REPRESENTED A MOVE TOWARDS MORE EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT OF LARGE FAST-TRACKED HIGHWAYS PROJECTS.

THE KWUN TONG BYPASS, AN ELEVATED URBAN TRUNK ROAD, WILL FORM THE HIGHWAY LINK BETWEEN THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING AND TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL, AND IS BEING BUILT IN THREE PHASES.

PHASE I, NOW BEING BUILT, COVERS THE CONSTRUCTION OF JUNK BAY ROAD/LEI YUE MUN ROAD INTERCHANGE AND PROVIDES AN ELEVATED SECTION OF THE BYPASS AS FAR AS WAI YIP STREET.

THE MAIN FLYOVER FROM LEI YUE MUN ROAD TO WAI YIP STREET WILL BE COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER TO MEET THE TENTATIVE OPENING DATE OF THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING.

PHASE II WILL CONNECT PHASE I AT WAI YIP STREET VIA A DUAL THREE-LANE CARRIAGEWAY ALONGSIDE THE KWUN TONG TYPHOON SHELTER SEAWALL (ADJACENT TO HOI BUN ROAD), TO KAI FUK ROAD AT KOWLOON BAY.

MR TURNER SAID THE MAIN CONSTRUCTION WORKS UNDER PHASE II WERE EXPECTED TO START THIS MONTH AND TO BE COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER 1991 TO TIE IN WITH THE OPENING OF TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL.

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PHASE III CONSISTS OF A DUAL TWO-LANE ELEVATED ROAD ACROSS KOWLOON BAY INDUSTRIAL AREA TO LINK PHASE II OF THE BYPASS AT KAI FUK ROAD WITH THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL APPROACH ROAD AT RICHLAND GARDENS.

WORK IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN MARCH AND BE COMPLETED BY LATE 1991.

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MR MCLAREN TO ACCOMPANY LORD GLENARTHUR

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MR ROBIN MCLAREN, THE BRITISH SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP, WILL BE ACCOMPANYING LORD GLENARTHUR DURING THE LATTER'S VISIT TO HONG KONG BETWEEN JANUARY 7 AND 11. MR MCLAREN WILL TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY DURING HIS STAY TO MEET THE CHINESE SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE, AMBASSADOR KE ZAISHUO TO DISCUSS CURRENT JLG MATTERS.

THEIR MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON JANUARY 7 AND MR MCLAREN WILL BE ACCOMPANIED, AMONGST OTHERS, BY MR ALAN PAUL, WHO WILL REPLACE MR CHRISTOPHER HUM AS HEAD OF THE HONG KONG DEPARTMENT OF THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE ON JANUARY 18. MR PAUL WILL ALSO SUCCEED MR HUM AS A MEMBER OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP.

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COMPLAINTS AGAINST POLICE DROPPED LAST YEAR

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LAST YEAR (1988) WAS THE SECOND SUCCESSIVE YEAR IN WHICH COMPLAINTS AGAINST POLICE DECREASED BY MORE THAN 15 PER CENT, THE CHIEF STAFF OFFICER, COMPLAINTS AND INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS, MR MARTIN BROWN, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE PASSING OUT PARADE OF THE FOXTROT COMPANY AT THE POLICE TACTICAL UNIT HEADQUARTERS IN FANLING, MR BROWN NOTED THAT THE DECREASE WAS SPREAD ACROSS THE FORCE AND INCLUDED OFFICERS ON PTU ATTACHMENT.

"IT OCCURRED AT A TIME DURING WHICH THE FORCE CONTINUED TO GROW AND DURING WHICH PRODUCTIVITY IN ALL AREAS CONTINUED TO INCREASE."

NOTING THAT IT WAS SOMEWHAT UNUSUAL THAT DURING MOST OF A POLICE OFFICER'S CAREER HE WAS TRAINED TO DEAL WITH SITUATIONS AS AN INDIVIDUAL, MR BROWN SAID THAT WHEREAS AT PTU HE WAS TAUGHT TO RESPOND AS A MEMBER OF A SECTION, COLUMN OR PLATOON.

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"THIS IS ONE OF THE UNIQUE FEATURES OF BEING A POLICE OFFICER AND IS ONE OF THE REASONS THAT POLICE OFFICERS STILL GET PAID MORE THAN MEMBERS OF OTHER DISCIPLINED SERVICES, ALTHOUGH NOT AS MUCH MORE AS MANY POLICE OFFICERS WOULD ARGUE SHOULD BE THE CASE.

"WITH THE INCREASE IN THE ROLE OF PTU AND PTU TRAINED OFFICERS IN THE FUTURE IT IS HOPED THAT THIS IS A FACTOR THAT THE STANDING COMMITTEE WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT IN DECIDING THE APPROPRIATE DIFFERENTIALS IN SALARY," HE CONCLUDED.

THE FOXTROT COMPANY, COMMANDED BY SUPERINTENDENT KEVIN COOPER, COMPRISED 170 OFFICERS OF VARIOUS RANKS DRAWN FROM KOWLOON WEST REGION. THEY HAVE JUST COMPLETED 10 WEEKS' BASIC TRAINING.

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KWAI TSING DISTRICT ARTS FESTIVAL TO BEGIN TOMORROW

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THE SECOND KWAI TSING DISTRICT ARTS FESTIVAL WILL BE OPENED TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE HING FONG ROAD PLAYGROUND IN KWAI CHUNG WITH TRADITIONAL CHINESE CULTURAL PERFORMANCES BY A FAMOUS ART TROUPE FROM XIANGXI IN CHINA.

AN EXHIBITION OF ARTIFACTS OF CHINESE HANDICRAFTS WILL ALSO BE STAGED AT THE VENUE.

THE FESTIVAL FEATURING MORE THAN 30 PROGRAMMES WILL BE HELD BETWEEN JANUARY 7 AND 29. THE HIGHLIGHTS ARE PERFORMANCES BY THE XIANGXI ART TROUPE AND A CHINESE OPERA TROUPE FROM SHANGHAI.

OTHER EVENTS INCLUDE DRAMA, CANTONESE OPERAS AND DANCING, FILM SHOWS AND LASER DISCS MUSIC CONCERT, AND COMPETITIONS IN CALLIGRAPHY, PAINTING, SINGING AND CHINESE CHESS.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY TOMORROW WILL BE THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR MICHAEL SUEN; KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PAUL TANG; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE FESTIVAL, MR LO YAN-SHING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SECOND KWAI TSING DISTRICT ARTS FESTIVAL TO BEGIN AT 2 PM AT THE HING FONG ROAD PLAYGROUND (NEAR KWAI FONG MTR STATION) IN KWAI CHUNG.

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SAI KUNG DB TO DISCUSS HANG HAU TOWN CLEARANCE

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MEMBERS OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO DISCUSS THE HANG HAU TOWN CLEARANCE AND COMPENSATION MATTERS.

SAI KUNG DISTRICT LANDS OFFICER, MR LYALL ALEXANDER-WEBBER, WILL BE PRESENT TO BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMPENSATION.

LAYOUT PLANS FOR THE SAI KUNG SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT AS WELL AS THE TUI MIN HOI RURAL INDUSTRIAL AREA WILL BE TABLED FOR MEMBERS' REFERENCE AND DISCUSSION.

THE PROJECT MANAGER/NEW TERRITORIES SOUTH OF THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, MR CHOW CHI-KING, WILL ANSWER QUERIES RAISED BY MEMBERS ON THE TWO LAYOUT PLANS.

OTHE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE DISCUSSION ON THE LICENSING GUIDELINES FOR AMUSEMENT GAMES CENTRES; THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE DISTRICT BOARD; AND PROGRESS REPORTS BY THE BOARD'S REGIONAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE, MR WAN YUET-KAU, SAI KUNG DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE BOARD'S WORKING GROUP ON JUNK BAY NEW TOWN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TOMORROW (SATURDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN. THE MEETING WILL START AT 10 AM.

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FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL AT POLICE STATION

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RESIDENTS OF TAI PO ARE INVITED TO SHARE THE FUN OF A CARNIVAL PROMOTING THE FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE IN THE TAI PO POLICE STATION AT NO.4 ON PO LANE TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THEY CAN ALSO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TOUR THE POLICE STATION ON ITS OPEN DAY.

THE EVENT, ONE OF THE CONTINUING ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN GROUP, WILL BE HELD FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM.

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THE CARNIVAL WILL FEATURE SHORT PLAYS, GAME STALLS, BRASS BAND PERFORMANCES AND DANCING.

THERE WILL BE A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR WINNERS OF POSTER DESIGN AND COLOURING CONTESTS HELD RECENTLY IN THE DISTRICT TO PUBLICISE THE ANTI-SHOPTHEFT MESSAGE.

WINNING ENTRIES IN THE TWO CONTESTS WILL BE ON DISPLAY.

ITEMS PROVIDED BY THE CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU, ROAD SAFETY SECTION, MARINE POLICE, NARCOTICS BUREAU, COMMERCIAL CRIME BUREAU, JUNIOR POLICE CALL AND THE POLICE DOG UNIT WILL ALSO BE EXHIBITED.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS, MRS ROSANNA TAM; TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN BURRETT; CHAIRMAN OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD, MR HO YUNG-SANG; TAI PO POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR LEUNG FUNG-SHUN; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR TANG PUI-TAT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL AND THE TAI PO POLICE STATION OPEN DAY TO BE HELD IN THE TAI PO POLICE STATION, NO. 4 ON PO LANE, TAI PO, AT 10 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITION TO BE HELD AT LOK FU

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THE FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD AT THE OPEN DECK OF THE LOK FU SHOPPING CENTRE, KOWLOON CITY, ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 8) FROM NOON TO 3 PM.

THE EXHIBITION, ORGANISED BY THE FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP, AIMS AT AROUSING THE PUBLIC'S AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF FIRE PREVENTION AND HOW TO REACT IF A FIRE OCCURS.

"THIS IS THE THIRD IN A SERIES OF EIGHT FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITIONS TO BE HELD ON ALTERNATE SUNDAYS IN DENSELY POPULATED AREAS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WORKING GROUP SAID.

ON DISPLAY WILL BE PANELS CONTAINING GRAPHICS AND PHOTOGRAPHS ON GENERAL FIRE PREVENTION AND COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PREVENTION, WITH EMPHASIS ON THIS YEAR'S THEME "WHEN THERE IS A FIRE, SOUND THE ALARM".

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"OFFICERS FROM THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WILL BE ON HAND TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

VISITORS TO THE EXHIBITION WILL RECEIVE A NEW FIRE PREVENTION LEAFLET AND SOUVENIRS SPONSORED BY THE KWONG ON BANK LTD.

THE NEXT EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 22 AT THE CITYPLAZA IN TAIKOO SHING.

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SINGING CONTEST TO BE HELD IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT

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MUSICALLY-TALENTED PEOPLE LIVING, STUDYING OR WORKING IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT HAVE ONLY A FEW DAYS LEFT TO JOIN A LOCAL SINGING CONTEST TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 26.

THE CONTEST, AIMED AT PROMOTING INTEREST IN SINGING AND DISCOVERING SINGING TALENTS IN THE DISTRICT, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS (SOUTHERN) AND THE MUSIC OFFICE.

IT IS DIVIDED INTO TWO CATEGORIES - SOLO AND GROUP SINGING - AND IS OPENED TO PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 35.

PARTICIPANTS ARE FREE TO SELECT A SONG WHICH SHOULD HAVE A POSITIVE THEME. NO ACCOMPANIMENT, EXCEPT PIANO, JAZZ DRUM SET AND ELECTRIC ORGAN, WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE CONTESTANTS.

AUDITIONS WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 14. CONTESTANTS OF A SATISFACTORY STANDARD WILL BE QUALIFIED TO ENTER THE FINALS TO BE HELD AT THE AP LEI CHAU ESTATE COMMUNITY HALL ON FEBRUARY 26.

THE CHAMPION, THE FIRST RUNNER-UP AND THE SECOND RUNNER-UP IN EACH GROUP WILL BE AWARDED TROPHIES AND GIFT COUPONS OF \$500, \$400 AND \$300 RESPECTIVELY. ALL FINALISTS WILL ALSO RECEIVE SOUVENIRS.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES, THE HONG KONG MUSIC CENTRE OF THE MUSIC OFFICE, THE ABERDEEN CARITAS COMMUNITY CENTRE AND THE HONG KONG PHAB ASSOCIATION.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES IS JANUARY 10. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-283257.

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YOUNG MUSICIAN TO JOIN AUSTRALIA MUSIC CAMP
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A 15-YEAR-OLD TALENT VIOLINIST, NG KWOK-LEUNG, WILL LEAVE FOR AUSTRALIA TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PAN PACIFIC MUSIC CAMP.

THE MUSIC CAMP, A ROTARY INTERNATIONAL'S MUSIC EXCHANGE PROGRAMME, WILL BE HELD AT THE COLLAROY CONFERENCE CENTRE IN SYDNEY FROM JANUARY 9 TO 20.

THE MUSIC OFFICE WAS INVITED TO SEND A YOUNG MUSICIAN FROM HONG KONG TO JOIN THE CAMP WHERE HE CAN SHARE MUSICAL EXPERIENCE WITH OTHER YOUNG MUSICIANS AS WELL AS RECEIVE TRAINING FROM PROFESSIONAL MUSICIANS AND GUEST TUTORS.

A FORM FOUR STUDENT OF DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL, NG KWOK-LEUNG JOINED THE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING SCHEME OF THE MUSIC OFFICE IN 1981.

LIKE MANY OTHER FRESH TRAINEES, HE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT VIOLIN PLAYING BEFORE JOINING THE TRAINING PROGRAMME. HOWEVER, HE PROGRESSED RAPIDLY AND WAS SELECTED TO JOIN THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA IN 1984.

HE IS NOW LEADER OF "SECOND VIOLIN" ON THE ORCHESTRA, AND HAS RECENTLY ACQUIRED OUTSTANDING RESULT IN HIS GRADE VIII ROYAL SCHOOL OF MUSIC EXAMINATION.

"I AM VERY HAPPY TO HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO JOIN THE CAMP AS IT PROVIDES A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR ME TO IMPROVE MY PLAYING TECHNIQUE AND WIDEN MY HORIZON," NG KWOK-LEUNG SAID.

HE WILL TRAVEL TO SYDNEY UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON NORTH WHILE FEES FOR THE CAMP WILL BE MET BY THE CAMP ORGANISER. HE IS EXPECTED TO RETURN ON JANUARY 22.

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NEW INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE IN TAI PO BEING BUILT

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WORK ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE NEAR SAN WAI TSAI IN AREA 22, TAI PO HAS BEGUN THIS WEEK.

THE CONTRACT FOR THIS \$25 MILLION PROJECT WAS SIGNED LAST MONTH AND WORK IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN APRIL NEXT YEAR.

THE TWO-STOREY CENTRE WILL COMPRISE A MULTI-PURPOSE GAMES HALL AND THREE SQUASH COURTS.

OTHER FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE FITNESS TRAINING ROOMS, ACTIVITY ROOMS, TOILETS AND CHANGING ROOMS.

THE CENTRE, WHICH WILL BE MANAGED BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL UPON COMPLETION, WILL PROVIDE ABOUT 2,900 SQUARE METRES OF GAMES AREA FOR RESIDENTS IN THE NEARBY TAI YUEN AND TAI WO ESTATES AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

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SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO INDONESIA EXTENDED

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THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO INDONESIA WILL BE EXTENDED TO PONTIANAK FROM MONDAY (JANUARY 9), THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO THE COUNTRY WHICH IS AT PRESENT AVAILABLE TO 11 CITIES WILL THEN COVER BALIKPAPAN, BANDUNG, BATAM, DENPASAR, JAKARTA, MEDAN, PALEMBANG, PONTIANAK, SEMARANG, SURABAYA, UJUNGPIANDANG, AND YOGYAKARTA.

THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE IS A FAST AND RELIABLE MEANS FOR FORWARDING BUSINESS DOCUMENTS, SAMPLES AND MERCHANDISE OVERSEAS. A FREE PICK-UP SERVICE IS ALSO AVAILABLE.

CUSTOMERS REQUIRING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE MAY CONTACT THE POSTAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES ON 5-8683868.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE NORTHBOUND INNER-MOST LANE OF TAI PO ROAD (TAI WO) NEAR WO HOP SHEK INTERCHANGE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC ON MONDAY (JANUARY 9) AND THE NEXT DAY FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS.

ON HONG KONG ISLAND, TO FACILITATE THE HOLDING OF THE CEREMONIAL OPENING OF THE LEGAL YEAR 1989, NO VEHICLES EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND THOSE WITH LABELS ISSUED BY THE JUDICIARY WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER EDINBURGH PLACE NORTH BETWEEN QUEEN'S PIER AND HMS TAMAR FROM 3 PM TO 9 PM ON MONDAY.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN TSUI LAM ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 9), TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN TSUI LAM ROAD IN JUNK BAY FOR THE DESIGNATION OF A TEMPORARY BUS TERMINUS.

TSUI LAM ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO ONE-WAY EASTBOUND.

THE SECTION OF TSUI LAM ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH PO LAM ROAD NORTH TO A POINT ABOUT 140 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BECOME AN URBAN CLEARWAY ROUND-THE-CLOCK.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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CLOSURE OF BAILEY BRIDGE IN FANLING

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BRIDGE, THE EXISTING BAILEY BRIDGE N167 ACROSS NG TUNG RIVER NEAR KWAN TEI IN FANLING WILL BE CLOSED FROM SUNDAY (JANUARY 8) TO JANUARY 21.

DURING THE CLOSURE, ACCESS TO KWAN TEI NORTH VILLAGE WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SHA TAU KOK ROAD, PING CHE ROAD AND THE ACCESS ROAD NEAR WANG LENG.

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