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GOVERNOR LOOKS OVER YUEN LONG PROJECTS
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, VISITED YUEN LONG TODAY (FRIDAY) TO SEE THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NEW TOWN, WHERE MANY LARGE-SCALE GOVERNMENT PROJECTS ARE UNDERWAY.

SIR EDWARD, ACCOMPANIED BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, DR J.W. HAYES, YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JAMES WILSON AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR TAI KUEN, FIRST VISITED THE LOK MA CHAU POLICE STATION. HE WAS BRIEFED BY THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT HIGH ENGINEER, MR H.C. BEATON ON THE PROGRESS OF THE LOK MA CHAU BORDER CROSSING PROJECT.

SIR EDWARD WAS TOLD THAT THE CROSSING, DESIGNED TO HANDLE AN INCREASING VOLUME OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC TO AND FROM CHINA AND TO SUPPLEMENT THE EXISTING CROSSING AT MAN KAM TO, WOULD INCLUDE A BRIDGE ACROSS THE SHENZHEN RIVER TO BE CONSTRUCTED JOINTLY BY THE HONG KONG AND SHENZHEN AUTHORITIES, A DUAL TWO-LANE HIGHWAY AND AN INTERCHANGE WITH THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD.

THERE IS ALSO PROVISION FOR A SECOND BRIDGE AND THE WIDENING OF THE ROAD ON A DUAL THREE-LANE HIGHWAY AT A LATER STAGE.

ON HIS WAY FROM LOK MA CHAU TO THE YUEN LONG TOWN, SIR EDWARD CALLED AT THE POK OI HOSPITAL WHERE HE WAS TAKEN ON A CONDUCTED TOUR OF THE FACILITIES AND WAS BRIEFED BY THE CHAIRMAN, MR LEUNG ON-FOOK, ON THE REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES FOR THE HOSPITAL.

AT YUEN LONG TOWN EAST, THE GOVERNOR WENT TO THE ROOF OF A PRIVATE BUILDING OVERLOOKING THE SITE OF THE PROPOSED LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT TERMINUS. HERE, HE WAS GIVEN A CONCISE ACCOUNT BY THE KCRC PROJECT MANAGER OF THE DEVELOPMENT, MR S.S. CHOI, ON THE SYSTEM AND HOW IT WOULD OPERATE IN YUEN LONG.

THE GOVERNOR NEXT STOPPED AT THE WANG CHAU SERVICE RESERVOIR FOR A PANORAMIC VIEW OF TIN SHUI WAI, NOW OCCUPIED BY HUNDREDS OF FISHPONDS.

HE WAS TOLD BY MR Y.Y. NG, GOVERNMENT ENGINEER, NEW TERRITORIES THAT THE FISHPONDS WOULD BE FILLED UP WITH MARINE SAND DREDGED FROM DEEP BAY AND THAT LAND WOULD BE FORMED FOR A NEW TOWN WITH A POPULATION OF UP TO 146 000 IN THE LATE 1990'S.

BEFORE ATTENDING AN INFORMAL NEW YEAR RECEPTION HOSTED BY YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AT THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION CLUBHOUSE, SIR EDWARD DROPPED IN AT A LUNAR NEW YEAR FLOWER FAIR NEAR YUEN LONG TAI YUK ROAD.

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\$1.75 BILLION SCHEME KEEPS CHINA WATER FLOWING
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WHEN IT COMES TO WATER BILLS THE GOVERNMENT IS FACED WITH A TOTAL \$1 750-MILLION PAYMENT OVER THE 12-YEAR PERIOD UP TO 1995, TO ENSURE THAT THE TERRITORY'S TAPS DO NOT RUN DRY.

THAT IS THE AMOUNT BEING SPENT BY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ON A MASSIVE SCHEME TO BRING MORE WATER FROM CHINA, WHICH IS ALREADY PROVIDING SLIGHTLY UNDER HALF OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL CONSUMPTION.

AT THE SAME TIME THE DEPARTMENT IS BUILDING A TERRITORY-WIDE WATER GRID SO THAT SUPPLIES FROM THE MAIN RESERVOIRS CAN BE PUMPED ANYWHERE IN THE TERRITORY.

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR WONG KWOK-LAI, EXPLAINED THE REASON FOR THE HUGE OUTLAY ON THE SCHEME. +EACH DAY HONG KONG USES AN AVERAGE OF 1.86 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER,+ HE SAID, +AND CONSUMPTION IS INCREASING AT ABOUT SIX PER CENT A YEAR.

+AT PRESENT WE GET SLIGHTLY LESS THAN 50 PER CENT OF OUR WATER FROM CHINA. UNDER AN AGREEMENT SIGNED IN 1980, WE WILL INCREASE OUR OFFTAKE BY A FIXED AMOUNT EACH YEAR SO THAT BY 1995 CHINA WILL BE SUPPLYING US WITH 60 PER CENT OF OUR NEEDS.+

SO, BY 1995, HONG KONG WILL BE TAKING 620 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER A YEAR FROM ACROSS THE BORDER. IT IS TO RECEIVE AND PROCESS THIS INCREASE THAT PLANNING FOR THE 12-YEAR PROGRAMME WAS STARTED IN JANUARY, 1981.

THE SCHEME INVOLVES CONSTRUCTING SOME 20 KILOMETRES OF TUNNELS THROUGH MOUNTAINS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, LAYING MANY KILOMETRES OF PIPES AND BUILDING SEVEN NEW PUMPING STATIONS.

BESIDES HONG KONG FIRMS, COMPANIES FROM FRANCE, ITALY, BRITAIN, CHINA AND JAPAN HAVE BEEN AWARDED CONTRACTS FOR THE WORK.

THE PROJECT IS THE RESULT OF A COMPUTER ANALYSIS OF ALL AVAILABLE WATER RESOURCES FROM RAINFALL RUN-OFF WITHIN THE TERRITORY AND FROM CHINA. THIS GAVE THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT THE BEST MEANS OF TIMING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHEME, BASED ON PROJECTED DEMANDS IN HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IT WAS BECAUSE OF THE GROWTH OF NEW TOWNS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES THAT IT WAS DECIDED WATER PUMPED FROM CHINA SHOULD BE DISTRIBUTED TO SEVERAL AREAS. THIS MEANT LINKING THE MAIN RESERVOIRS IN A NATIONAL GRID.

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THE ENTIRE SCHEME IS BEING IMPLEMENTED IN THREE STAGES BECAUSE OF THE LARGE CAPITAL COMMITMENT AND BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTIES IN MAKING LONG-TERM PROJECTIONS OF POPULATION GROWTH. SUFFICIENT FLEXIBILITY HAS BEEN BUILT INTO THE EARLY STAGES TO ACCOMMODATE ANY FUTURE CHANGES IN THE PATTERN OF DEVELOPMENT.

STAGE ONE, NOW ALMOST COMPLETED, INCLUDES AN ADDITIONAL PUMPING STATION AT MUK WU ON THE BORDER, WITH A CAPACITY OF 24.7 CUBIC METRES A SECOND. PIPELINES WILL CONNECT THIS WITH THE PRINCIPAL WESTERN AQUEDUCT WHICH WILL CARRY UP TO 910 000 CUBIC METRES OF WATER A DAY TO THE TAI LAM CHUNG RESERVOIR.

THE AQUEDUCT REPRESENTS THE BIGGEST SINGLE CONTRACT IN STAGE ONE. COSTING \$220 MILLION, IT INCLUDES 14 KILOMETRES OF TUNNELS, THE LAYING OF 5.5 KILOMETRES OF 2.2-METRE PIPES AND CONSTRUCTION OF FOUR KILOMETRES OF ACCESS ROADS.

ANOTHER 5.2 KILOMETRES OF TUNNELS ARE ALSO BEING BUILT UNDER STAGE ONE AS WELL AS SEVERAL PUMPING STATIONS.

STAGE TWO, DUE FOR COMPLETION IN 1988, WILL PROVIDE AN ARTERY SERVING THE EASTERN PART OF THE TERRITORY AND A MEANS OF DELIVERING WATER FROM PLOVER COVE IN THE EAST TO THE WESTERN AQUEDUCT DURING THE TWO MONTHS EACH YEAR THAT CHINA SHUTS DOWN ITS DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS.

IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE A MEANS OF TRANSFERRING WATER FROM CHINA THROUGH PLOVER COVE TO THE NEW TOWN AT JUNK BAY, TO EASTERN KOWLOON AND THE EASTERN PART OF HONG KONG ISLAND BY MEANS OF A SUBMARINE PIPELINE ACROSS THE HARBOUR.

THIS INVOLVES BUILDING A TREATMENT WORKS WITH AN ULTIMATE CAPACITY OF 727 000 CUBIC METRES A DAY.

STAGE THREE, STILL IN THE PLANNING STAGE, IS DUE TO BEGIN IN 1988 AND WILL INCLUDE A SUBMARINE PIPELINE BETWEEN TAI LAM CHUNG RESERVOIR AND LANTAU ISLAND.

HONG KONG'S PHENOMENAL GROWTH IN THE PAST TWO DECADES IS THE ENVY OF MANY COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD. BUT, AS PROSPERITY INCREASES, SO DOES HONG KONG'S THIRST BECAUSE THE GROWTH OF INDUSTRY AND HIGHER STANDARDS OF LIVING MEAN INCREASED DEMANDS FOR WATER.

FOR HONG KONG WATER SUPPLY IS A GROWING PROBLEM IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE. BUT WITH IMAGINATIVE FORWARD PLANNING, SUCH AS THE CHINA SCHEME, THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS KEEPING AHEAD OF IT.

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HOTEL AMONG 37 BUILDING PLANS APPROVED
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A 600-ROOM, 26-STOREY HIGH HOTEL AT CITY GARDEN IN NORTH POINT WAS AMONG 37 PLANS APPROVED BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE IN DECEMBER.

OF THE APPROVED PLANS, 24 WERE FOR APARTMENT, APARTMENT-COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS.

OTHER PLANS INCLUDED A 35-STOREY COMMERCIAL BLOCK AT HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI; A 24-STOREY APARTMENT-COMMERCIAL BLOCK AT TAI TAM RESERVOIR ROAD; 21 RESIDENCES AT STANLEY VILLAGE ROAD; A 12-STOREY CINEMA-OFFICE BLOCK AT CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD-FUK WA STREET-KWONG CHEUNG STREET AND 50 APARTMENT BLOCKS AT DISCOVERY BAY, LANTAU ISLAND.

DURING THE MONTH, THE OFFICE GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 41 PROJECTS, NINE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, SIX IN KOWLOON AND 26 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE PROJECTS INCLUDED A HOTEL AT LOCKHART ROAD-JAFFE ROAD IN WAN CHAI, A WORKSHOP IN KOWLOON CITY, A GODOWN ON TSING YI ISLAND, A CHURCH AND KINDERGARTEN IN TUEN MUN AND A NEW WING FOR POK OI HOSPITAL IN YUEN LONG.

THE 41 PROJECTS COVER 271 474 SQUARE METRES - 176 715.1 SQUARE METRES FOR DOMESTIC AND THE REMAINDER FOR NON-DOMESTIC PURPOSES.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE OFFICE ISSUED 42 OCCUPATION PERMITS FOR NEWLY-COMPLETED BUILDINGS.

INCLUDED WERE TWO APARTMENT BLOCKS FOR THE KORNHILL DEVELOPMENT, SIX APARTMENT BLOCKS WITH HEALTH CLUB AND CLUB HOUSE AT KENNEDY ROAD, AND THREE APARTMENT-COMMERCIAL BLOCKS AT LOK MAN ROAD, CHAI WAN.

THE FLOOR AREA OF THE NEWLY-COMPLETED BUILDINGS TOTALLED 326 985.7 SQUARE METRES - 172 422.6 SQUARE METRES FOR DOMESTIC AND THE REMAINDER FOR NON-DOMESTIC USE.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS ABOUT \$955.4 MILLION.

ALSO DURING THE MONTH, THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ISSUED 21 DEMOLITION ORDERS IN RESPECT OF 53 BUILDINGS.

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NEW MTRC BOARD MEMBER NAMED
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THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED MR P.J. WRANGHAM AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS FROM MARCH 1, 1986.

MR WRANGHAM IS REPLACING MR W.C.L. BROWN, WHO HAS SERVED ON THE BOARD SINCE 1982. MR BROWN HAS DECIDED TO RESIGN FROM THE BOARD FROM MARCH 1, 1986 BECAUSE OF HIS OTHER COMMITMENTS.

MR WRANGHAM IS THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF BANKS. HE CURRENTLY SERVES ON A NUMBER OF PUBLIC BOARDS AND COMMITTEES, WHICH INCLUDE THE BANKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THE HONG KONG EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE CORPORATION ADVISORY BOARD, THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL AND THE COMMUNITY CHEST OF HONG KONG.

THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WHICH IS CHAIRED BY MR WILFRID NEWTON, ARE MR OSWALD CHEUNG, MR G.M. MACWHINNIE, MR C.H. TUNG, MR YEUNG PO-KWAN, MR D.A.C. NENDICK (SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS), THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT AND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE CORPORATION.

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VISIT TO FIRE SERVICES
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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY - DESIGNATE, MR PIERS JACOBS, PAID A HALF-DAY VISIT TO VARIOUS FIRE SERVICES FORMATIONS TODAY.

IT WAS PART OF A SERIES OF VISITS HE IS MAKING TO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR ROBERT HOLMES, MR JACOBS TOURED THE SHEUNG WAN FIRE STATION, THE CHEUNG SHA WAN AMBULANCE DEPOT, THE COMMUNICATION CENTRE AND A WORKSHOP.

MR JACOBS WAS BRIEFED ON DETAILS ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT AND SAW HOW THE FIRE SERVICES OFFICERS WORKED.

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BRIGHT FUTURE SEEN FOR CRAFTSMEN
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CRAFT APPRENTICES AND TECHNICIANS COULD LOOK FORWARD TO A BRIGHT FUTURE IN HONG KONG, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR K.L. WONG, SAID TODAY.

MR WONG WAS PRESENTING CERTIFICATES AND TROPHIES TO 84 CRAFT APPRENTICES FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THEIR TRAINING COURSE, AT THE CRAFT APPRENTICES GRADUATION CEREMONY AT CIVIL AID SERVICES HEADQUARTERS.

+HONG KONG HAS NOW DEVELOPED INTO AN INDUSTRIAL CITY OF INTERNATIONAL REPUTE, AND FOR THE YOUNG MEN GRADUATING TODAY THE FUTURE HAS NEVER BEEN BRIGHTER,+ MR WONG SAID.

+A CONTINUATION IN THE GROWTH OF TECHNICAL EXPERTISE IS ESSENTIAL FOR A SUCCESSFUL ECONOMY IN HONG KONG AND THEREFORE IT IS ON YOUR SKILLS THAT THE FUTURE OF ALL OF US DEPENDS.+

+THERE IS STILL A LOT OF HARD WORK AHEAD FOR YOU,+ MR WONG POINTED OUT. +THE FUTURE WILL HOLD AN INTERESTING AND DEMANDING CHALLENGE, BUT I AM SURE THAT YOU ARE NOW WELL-EQUIPPED TO MEET THIS CHALLENGE.+

THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE SCHEME, MR WONG NOTED, WAS TO PROVIDE TRAINED CRAFTSMEN AND TECHNICIANS FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE AS WELL AS TO MEET THE EVER INCREASING DEMAND OF INDUSTRIES IN HONG KONG.

TWO TYPES OF APPRENTICESHIP ARE OFFERED UNDER THE SCHEME - TECHNICAL APPRENTICESHIP, FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AT FORM V LEVEL AND CRAFT APPRENTICESHIP FOR THOSE COMPLETING FORM III.

THE YOUTHS UNDERGO A FOUR-YEAR COURSE WHICH BLENDS THEIR ACADEMIC LEARNING WITH PRACTICAL TRAINING.

PRESENT ANNUAL RECRUITMENT TOTALS 50 TECHNICIAN APPRENTICES AND 160 CRAFT APPRENTICES, MR WONG SAID.

CURRENTLY, 758 APPRENTICES ARE RECEIVING TRAINING - 166 TECHNICIAN AND 592 CRAFT.

THE TRAINING CENTRE HAD IN 16 YEARS PRODUCED 349 TECHNICIANS AND 1 247 CRAFTSMEN WHO WERE MAKING A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO INDUSTRY, MR WONG SAID.

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RUNNING START FOR SAI KUNG FESTIVAL
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THE 1986 SAI KUNG DISTRICT FESTIVAL WILL BE LAUNCHED WITH A LUNAR NEW YEAR MARATHON ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 13), THE FIFTH DAY ON THE CALENDAR.

ABOUT 400 RUNNERS WILL SET OFF AT 10.30 AM ON THE 10-KILOMETRE EVENT FROM THE LADY MACLEHOSE HOLIDAY VILLAGE, AND FINISH AT THE TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND IN SAI KUNG TOWN.

THE FESTIVAL OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT NOON AT THE FINISHING POINT OF THE RACE, FOLLOWED BY PRESENTATION OF PRIZES TO THE RUNNERS.

THE NEW SAI KUNG TOWN HALL WILL BE THE VENUE FOR MANY FESTIVAL FUNCTIONS, INCLUDING A CANTONESE OPERA NIGHT= VARIETY SHOWS= AND A FOLK SONG MUSIC CONCERT.

OTHER FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDE A CHILDREN GAMES DAY= A TELEMATCH DAY= A CARNIVAL AT RENNIE'S MILL= AND THE HANG HAU NEW YEAR FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT.

THE CLOSING CEREMONY WILL CONCLUDE WITH A VARIETY SHOW ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 17) AT 7.30 PM IN THE SAI KUNG TOWN HALL.

DETAILS OF THE 1986 SAI KUNG DISTRICT FESTIVAL EVENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
FEBRUARY 13 (THURSDAY)	
10.30 AM - 12 NOON	NEW YEAR MARATHON STARTING OFF FROM LADY MACLEHOSE HOLIDAY VILLAGE AND FINISH AT TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND, SAI KUNG TOWN.
12 NOON - 1 PM	OPENING CEREMONY OF 1986 SAI KUNG DISTRICT FESTIVAL AT TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND.
2.30 PM - 5 PM	CHILDREN GAMES DAY AT SAI KUNG MAN YEE REHOUSING PLAYGROUND, SAI KUNG TOWN.
7.30 PM - 9.30 PM	CANTONESE OPERA NIGHT AT SAI KUNG TOWN HALL, SAI KUNG TOWN.
FEBRUARY 14 (FRIDAY)	
2 PM - 5 PM	TELEMATCH DAY AT TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND.
7.30 PM - 9.30 PM	VARIETY SHOW AT SAI KUNG TOWN HALL.

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FEBRUARY 15 (SATURDAY)

2 PM - 3.30 PM

FOLK SONG MUSIC CONCERT AT SAI KUNG TOWN HALL.

2 PM - 6 PM

RENNIE'S MILL CARNIVAL AT RENNIE'S MILL MIDDLE SCHOOL.

FEBRUARY 15 (SATURDAY)
AND
FEBRUARY 16 (SUNDAY)

9 AM - 5 PM

HANG HAU NEW YEAR FOOTBALL LEAGUE AT CHENG CHEK CHEE SECONDARY SCHOOL.

FEBRUARY 16 (SUNDAY)

7 PM - 9.30 PM

VARIETY SHOW AT CHENG CHEK CHEE SECONDARY SCHOOL.

FEBRUARY 17 (MONDAY)

7.30 PM - 9.30 PM

CLOSING CEREMONY OF 1986 SAI KUNG DISTRICT FESTIVAL - VARIETY SHOW AT SAI KUNG TOWN HALL.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE ABOVE ACTIVITIES OF THE 1986 SAI KUNG DISTRICT FESTIVAL. TRANSPORT FROM TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND TO LADY MACLEHOSE HOLIDAY VILLAGE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR COVERAGE OF THE NEW YEAR MARATHON ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 13). THE COACH WILL LEAVE TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND AT 9.30 AM.

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EFFORTS TO PROMOTE ELECTIONS

THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE HAS LAUNCHED A PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN FOR THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS ON MARCH 6.

BEGINNING FROM TODAY (FRIDAY), RESIDENTS CAN OBTAIN FREE LAI-SEE PACKETS, WITH A SLOGAN URGING PEOPLE TO VOTE, AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BRANCH OFFICE AT CHEUNG CHAU AND MUI WO.

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THERE ARE FOUR CANDIDATES IN THE SINGLE-SEAT ISLAND DISTRICT CONSTITUENCY.

THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAS ARRANGED TWO FORUMS FOR THE CANDIDATES TO MEET THE PUBLIC AND PRESENT THEIR POLITICAL PLATFORMS.

THEY WILL BE HELD IN THE TAI O TOWN HALL ON FEBRUARY 22 (SATURDAY) AND IN THE CHEUNG CHAU YOUTH CENTRE ON MARCH 1 (SATURDAY).

THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAS ALSO ARRANGED A MOBILE BROADCASTING CART TO PROMOTE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ELECTION ON THE VARIOUS ISLANDS AND ABOARD FERRIES.

A VARIETY SHOW FEATURING THE SAME THEME WILL BE HELD AT CHEUNG CHAU AND TAI O ON MARCH 2 (SUNDAY).

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STAMP COVER ON SALE FEBRUARY 12
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OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVERS FOR THE FORTHCOMING SET OF FOUR NEW STAMPS ON HALLEY'S COMET WILL BE ON SALE, AT 50 CENTS EACH, AT ALL POST OFFICES ON FEBRUARY 12.

THE NEW STAMPS WILL BE ISSUED ON FEBRUARY 26.

THEY ARE NOW ON DISPLAY AT THE PHILATELIC CENTRE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AND AT THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE, MIDDLE ROAD.

ADVANCE ORDERS FOR FIRST DAY TREATMENT OF THE COVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM FEBRUARY 12 TO 21, THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED.

A MINIMUM ORDER OF FIVE COVERS IS REQUIRED FOR THIS SERVICE.

A SOUVENIR SHEET FEATURING THE FULL SET OF STAMPS WILL ALSO BE ISSUED. IT WILL COST \$8.50 EACH.

THE NEW STAMPS ARE IN DENOMINATIONS OF 50 CENTS, \$1.30, \$1.70 AND \$5.

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IMPROVEMENT WORK AT AIRPORT

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A PROJECT TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE OPERATIONAL SAFETY AT KAI TAK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WILL COMMENCE IN MAY.

ADDITIONAL PAVEMENT WIDTH IS TO BE BUILT DOWN BOTH SIDES OF THE RUNWAY AND THE MAIN TAXIWAYS ARE TO BE RESURFACED.

ALSO, THE KOWLOON CITY END OF THE RUNWAY IS TO BE RECONSTRUCTED.

THE PROJECT INCLUDES IMPROVEMENTS TO LIGHTING AND SIGNALLING INSTALLATIONS.

A LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH SPOKESMAN SAID THAT, IN ORDER THAT OPERATION OF THE AIRPORT WOULD NOT BE SERIOUSLY AFFECTED, AND TO RETURN IT TO NORMAL OPERATION IN THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME, MOST OF THE WORK WOULD BE CARRIED OUT AT NIGHT. WORK WHICH COULD BE CARRIED OUT DURING THE DAY WOULD CONTINUE ON GENERAL HOLIDAYS.

HE SAID, NORMALLY, CONSTRUCTION WORK AT NIGHT AND ON GENERAL HOLIDAYS WAS RESTRICTED, BUT THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAD ORDERED AN EXEMPTION UNDER SECTION 13 OF THE SUMMARY OFFENCES ORDINANCE, SUBJECT TO VARIOUS CONDITIONS COVERING NOISE LEVELS AT NIGHT AND MEASURES TO REDUCE THE NOISE OF CONSTRUCTION PLANT.

+CONSTRUCTION NOISE WILL BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM AND CLOSELY MONITORED DURING THE 22-MONTH CONSTRUCTION PERIOD,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE PROJECT HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY STAFF OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND AIRPORT DIVISION OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE WHICH IS PART OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

TENDERS WILL BE INVITED SHORTLY AND THE CLOSING DATE WILL BE MARCH 14.

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TOP PRIZES FOR TOP FISH CATCHES

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TWENTY-SIX FISHERMEN WHO LANDED THE TOP CATCHES IN THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION'S WHOLESALE MARKETS LAST YEAR WILL BE AWARDED PRIZES TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

SIX OF THEM WILL ALSO RECEIVE AWARDS FOR WINNING THE TITLES OF CHAMPION FISHERMEN ON A TERRITORY BASIS.

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THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR JOHN RIDDELL-SWAN AND MRS RIDDELL-SWAN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT THE ABERDEEN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET.

DR RIDDELL-SWAN WILL ALSO PRESENT PRIZES TO TWO OTHER FISHERMEN FOR SAVING LIVES AT SEA LAST YEAR, AND LONG SERVICE MEDALS TO STAFF OF THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT THE ABERDEEN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET, 102 SHEK PAI WAN ROAD, ABERDEEN AT 11 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

TRANSPORT FOR PRESS WILL LEAVE AFD HEADQUARTERS AT CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, KOWLOON AT 10.15 AM SHARP.

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DISCO TO PROMOTE ANTI-DRUG FIGHT
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AN ANTI-DRUG DISCO EVENING, ORGANISED BY THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE POLICE, WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 22 (SATURDAY) FROM 8 PM AT THE NORTH KWAI CHUNG TANG SHIU KIN INDOOR GAMES HALL.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID A SIMILAR FUNCTION RECENTLY HELD IN SYDNEY HAD PROVED TO BE A SUCCESS WITH GOOD RESPONSE FROM YOUNGSTERS.

A VIDEO TAPE SHOWING THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF DRUG TAKING WILL BE SHOWN DURING THE EVENT.

AN ANTI-NARCOTIC QUIZ WILL ALSO BE HELD. THOSE WHO CAN GIVE THE PROPER ANSWERS DURING THE QUIZ TIME WILL BE GIVEN PRIZES.

TICKETS OF THE DISCO, WHICH COSTS \$5 EACH, WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES FROM FEBRUARY 13.

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SHA TIN DISTRICT COMMITTEE TO MEET

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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL WILL EXAMINE THE SCHEDULES OF CULTURAL, RECREATION AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES TO BE ORGANISED IN SHA TIN DURING MARCH AND APRIL AT A MEETING ON FEBRUARY 12 (WEDNESDAY).

THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS AN INTER-SCHOOL MURAL DESIGN AND PAINTING COMPETITION TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE SHA TIN CENTRAL LIBRARY IN OCTOBER.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING WHICH WILL START AT 2.30 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK AND GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, 2ND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES.

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TAI HANG ROAD PARTIALLY RE-OPENED

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE SECTION OF TAI HANG ROAD BETWEEN BLUE POOL ROAD AND STUBBS ROAD ROUNDABOUT, WHICH HAS BEEN CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR WATER WORKS FOLLOWING A WATER MAIN BURST ON JANUARY 30, WILL BE PARTIALLY RE-OPENED FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (FEBRUARY 8).

VEHICLES NOT EXCEEDING 5.5 TONNES GROSS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE RE-OPENED WESTBOUND LANE. TRAFFIC WILL BE ONE-WAY EASTBOUND ONLY.

AT THE SAME TIME, VEHICLES EXCEEDING 5.5 TONNES GROSS ON STUBBS ROAD EASTBOUND AND WONG NAI CHUNG GAP ROAD WESTBOUND HEADING FOR TAI HANG ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE STUBBS ROAD ROUNDABOUT TO OTHER DESTINATIONS.

VEHICLES EXCEEDING 5.5 TONNES GROSS WILL CONTINUE TO BE BANNED FROM THE SECTION OF TAI HANG ROAD BETWEEN MOUNT BUTLER ROAD AND BLUE POOL ROAD AND THE SECTION OF BLUE POOL ROAD BETWEEN GREEN LANE AND TAI HANG ROAD.

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TWO SITES OFFERED FOR LEASE

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A SITE FOR A FLOATING RESTAURANT AND ONE FOR A PETROL FILLING STATION ARE BEING OFFERED FOR LEASE BY TENDER.

THE RESTAURANT SITE IS AT SHING MUN RIVER, SHA TIN. MEASURING 7 709 SQUARE METRES, IT INCLUDES SPACE ON LAND FOR LANDSCAPING AND CAR PARKS.

IT IS NEAR THE LOCATION OF THE OLD FLOATING RESTAURANT WHICH WAS EARLIER SOLD AND TAKEN TO GUANGZHOU.

THE LEASE TERM WILL START FROM THE DATE OF THE AGREEMENT AND EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2047.

THE FILLING STATION SITE, WHICH CAN ALSO BE USED FOR LUBRICATING OR SERVICING FACILITIES, MEASURES 1 708 SQUARE METRES AND IS IN TONG YAN SAN TSUEN, NEAR 26 MILESTONE CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG.

THE LEASE TERM IS 21 YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THE AGREEMENT.

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CHEUNG CHAU FERRY PIER TO BE EXTENDED

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WORK WILL START IN APRIL ON EXTENDING CHEUNG CHAU FERRY PIER.

THE EXTENSION WILL BE BUILT ALONGSIDE THE EXISTING FERRY PIER WHICH WILL BE MODIFIED. IT WILL INCREASE THE PASSENGER WAITING AREA AND ENABLE INSTALLATION OF A LIFT AND RAMPS WHICH WILL INCREASE PASSENGER FLOW.

THE IMPROVED PIER WILL CONTINUE TO BE USED ONLY BY FERRY SERVICES.

THE WORK, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS, HAS BEEN DESIGNED BY THE PORT WORKS DIVISION OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, WHICH WILL SUPERVISE THE PROJECT.

A NOTICE CALLING FOR TENDERS BY MARCH 7 APPEARS IN TODAY'S GAZETTE.

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PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO PARK

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A PEDESTRIAN ACCESS SYSTEM WILL BE BUILT TO LINK KWAI SHING CIRCUIT WITH KWAI CHUNG PARK, NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT THE JUNCTION OF TSUEN WAN ROAD AND KWAI HEI STREET.

A \$8.99 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE WORK HAS BEEN AWARDED BY TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE.

IT INVOLVES CONSTRUCTION OF A SUBWAY UNDER KWAI FUK ROAD NEAR KWAI SHING CIRCUIT GARDEN AND A FOOTBRIDGE SYSTEM ACROSS KWAI HEI STREET AND TSUEN WAN ROAD LEADING TO KWAI CHUNG PARK.

THE PEDESTRIAN ACCESS SYSTEM WILL BE COMPLETED EARLY NEXT YEAR, AND THE PARK AT THE END OF NEXT YEAR.

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TRAFFIC PLAN FOR CHE KUNG FESTIVAL

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CHE KUNG MIU ROAD, SHA TIN BETWEEN ITS JUNCTIONS WITH SHA TIN TAU ROAD AND CHUI TIN STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 7 PM ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 10) TO 7 PM THE NEXT DAY TO ALLOW RESIDENTS TO VISIT THE CHE KUNG TEMPLE DURING CHE KUNG FESTIVAL.

NO VEHICLES OTHER THAN KMB BUSES AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE CLOSED ROAD. TRAFFIC HEADING FOR TIN SAM AND HIN TIN WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TSUEN NAM ROAD AND HUNG MUI KUK ROAD.

DURING THE FESTIVAL, BUS AND TRAIN SERVICES WILL BE STEPPED UP ACCORDING TO PASSENGER DEMAND. PEOPLE GOING TO THE TEMPLE ARE ADVISED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

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FLYOVER SLIP ROAD RE-OPENING

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THE SLIP ROAD B AT THE FUNG MO INTERCHANGE FLYOVER, WONG TAI SIN LEADING FROM FUNG MO STREET NORTHBOUND TO LUNG CHEUNG ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE RE-OPENED FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (FEBRUARY 8) TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE AREA.

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BLANKETS FOR STREET SLEEPERS
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FIELD STAFF OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL MOUNT AN OPERATION TONIGHT (FRIDAY) TO DISTRIBUTE BLANKETS TO STREET SLEEPERS AND OTHERS IN NEED.

THE DISTRIBUTION WILL START FROM 7.30 PM TO 8 PM TODAY IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES INTERESTED IN FILMING THE OCCASION MAY ASSEMBLE AT THE HENRY G. LEONG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 60 PUBLIC SQUARE STREET, YAU MA TEI AT 7.30 PM.

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