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GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO FUJIAN AND ZHEJIANG POSTPONED

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, HAS DECIDED TO POSTPONE HIS VISIT TO FUJIAN AND ZHEJIANG. THE VISIT WAS ORIGINALLY PLANNED FOR MAY 22-27.

SINCE THOSE ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE, A NUMBER OF DEVELOPMENTS HAVE OCCURRED WHICH REQUIRE THE GOVERNOR'S PRESENCE IN HONG KONG. THESE INCLUDE IN PARTICULAR THE VISIT BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, FROM MAY 29-31, WHICH REQUIRES ADVANCE PREPARATION.

FOLLOWING DISCUSSION WITH THE CHINESE PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES, THE GOVERNOR HAS DECIDED THAT, RATHER THAN SHORTEN THE VISIT, IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO POSTPONE IT TO A LATER DATE, WHEN THE FULL VISIT CAN TAKE PLACE AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED.

THIS REARRANGEMENT WILL ALSO ENABLE THE GOVERNOR TO BE IN HONG KONG DURING THE VISIT OF THE CHINESE VICE PREMIER TIAN JIYUN FROM MAY 23-28.

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GOVERNOR COMMENDS ROLE OF AWARD SCHEME

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THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME HAS BEEN EXPANDING STEADILY IN STEP WITH THE WIDESPREAD INTEREST IN ITS PROGRAMMES, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

OFFICIATING AT THE SCHEME'S GOLD AWARD PRESENTATION HELD AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE, SIR DAVID SAID THAT LAST YEAR SAW THE OPENING OF THE NEW TRAINING CAMP IN TAI PO AND EARLIER THIS YEAR THE NEW HEAD OFFICE IN SHAM SHUI PO CAME INTO OPERATION.

AS THE SCHEME BECAME MORE REGIONALISED, SIR DAVID SAID IT WOULD BE EASIER FOR MORE YOUNG PEOPLE TO JOIN IT.

THE GOVERNOR SAID HE WAS ALSO GLAD TO SEE THAT THE HONG KONG COUNCIL FOR THE AWARD WAS PLAYING AN ACTIVE INTERNATIONAL ROLE.

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"IT HAS NOW BECOME A MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL; AND MR J.P. LEE, CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL IN HONG KONG, IS NOW ONE OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEES," HE SAID.

"THESE DEVELOPMENTS WILL HELP TO BOOST HONG KONG'S IMAGE INTERNATIONALLY.

"THEY WILL ALSO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO ARRANGE EXCHANGES OF SCHEME PARTICIPANTS WITH THOSE IN OTHER COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES."

COMMENDING THE SUCCESS OF THE SCHEME, SIR DAVID SAID HE WAS SURE THAT THE COMMUNITY WOULD CONTINUE TO GIVE IT FULL SUPPORT.

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GOVT SUPPORTS INDUSTRY TO CREATE FAVOURABLE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

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TO CREATE A FAVOURABLE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT, THE GOVERNMENT IS SUPPORTING INDUSTRY IN TWO MAIN AREAS - INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR ANDREW LEUNG, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

ADDRESSING THE FELLOWS OF THE SLOAN SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT, MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, AT A LOCAL SEMINAR, MR LEUNG SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD PROVIDED TWO INDUSTRIAL ESTATES, EACH OF ABOUT 67 HECTARES, AT PRICES REFLECTING ONLY FORMATION COSTS FOR QUALIFIED INDUSTRIAL USERS.

ANOTHER HUNDRED HECTARES OF LAND WERE LIKELY TO BE PROVIDED BY 1993 BY A THIRD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, HE SAID.

MR LEUNG NOTED THAT THE EXISTING TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS WERE ALREADY INTRODUCING MODULAR ELECTRONICS CURRICULA TO PRODUCE MORE GRADUATES FAMILIAR WITH MICROPROCESSER AND COMPUTER AIDED DESIGN/MANUFACTURE TECHNIQUES.

HE ADDED THAT THERE WAS A SCHEME SPONSORING PRACTISING ELECTRONICS ENGINEERS TO GO ABROAD TO ABSORB THE LATEST TECHNIQUES IN THE DESIGN AND USE OF APPLICATION SPECIFIC INTEGRATED CIRCUITS.

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"FURTHER SPONSORSHIPS ARE BEING CONSIDERED FOR SUCH PROCESS TECHNOLOGIES AS SURFACE MOUNTING AND SUCH PRODUCT TECHNOLOGIES AS DIGITAL ELECTRONICS, PATTERN RECOGNITION AND NETWORKING," HE SAID.

WITH REGARD TO DEVELOPMENTAL SUPPORT, THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL HAD BEEN GIVEN ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO ESTABLISH LABORATORIES TO PROMOTE THE USE OF SURFACE MOUNTING, RADIO FREQUENCY AND DIGITAL TELECOMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES.

A PLASTIC TECHNOLOGY CENTRE WAS BEING FORMED AS A COMPANY ON THE CAMPUS OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC TO RAISE THE TECHNOLOGICAL CAPABILITIES OF THE PLASTIC CONVERSION INDUSTRY, MR LEUNG ADDED.

HE SAID THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT OPERATED A PRODUCT STANDARDS INFORMATION BUREAU WITH 75,000 VOLUMES OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PRODUCT STANDARDS AND IT MAINTAINED HONG KONG'S HIGHEST ECHELON STANDARDS AND CALIBRATION LABORATORY, WHICH HAD BEEN ACCREDITED BY THE NATIONAL PHYSICAL LABORATORY IN THE UK.

MR LEUNG ALSO SAID THAT THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERED A HONG KONG LABORATORY ACCREDITATION SCHEME (HOKLAS) FOR COMMERCIAL TESTING LABORATORIES, OF WHICH BILATERAL RECOGNITION WITH ITS COUNTERPART NATIONAL MEASUREMENT ACCREDITATION SERVICE (NAMAS) IN THE UK WAS BEING SOUGHT.

"ADDITIONALLY, IN CONSULTATION WITH INDUSTRY, WE ARE FORMULATING A LONG-TERM PROGRAMME TO PROMOTE QUALITY ASSURANCE ON A TERRITORY-WIDE BASIS.

"WE HAVE ALSO ESTABLISHED A QUALITY SERVICES DIVISION IN THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT TO PLAN AND CO-ORDINATE ALL QUALITY RELATED SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES," SAID MR LEUNG, ADDING THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S EMPHASIS ON QUALITY WAS VERY TIMELY AS THE QUALITY MOVEMENT WAS GATHERING MOMENTUM IN OVERSEAS MARKETS, ESPECIALLY IN THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY.

A HONG KONG DESIGN AND INNOVATION COMPANY WHICH HAD BEEN FORMED WITH PUBLIC FUNDS TO PROMOTE PRODUCT AND PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND INNOVATION WAS EXCEEDING ITS ORIGINAL BUSINESS TARGETS, HE SAID.

"WE ARE ALSO CONSIDERING THE ENGAGEMENT OF CONSULTANTS TO ADVISE ON THE EARLY ESTABLISHMENT OF A SCIENCE PARK OR TECHNOLOGY CENTRE TO FACILITATE THE COMMERCIAL EXPLOITATION OF PRODUCT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT," HE ADDED.

THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT WAS CONSIDERING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDUSTRIAL EXTENSION SERVICE TO PROMOTE THE USE OF BOTH INFRASTRUCTURAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL SUPPORT FACILITIES BY LOCAL MANUFACTURERS, MOST OF WHOM ARE SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED.

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MR LEUNG NOTED THAT THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, WITH ITS PROMOTION OFFICES IN NEW YORK, SAN FRANCISCO, TOKYO, LONDON AND BRUSSELS AND PROVIDES A ONE STOP UNIT WITH A FULL RANGE OF SUPPORTING FACILITATION SERVICES IN HONG KONG, ACTIVELY ENCOURAGED OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

"THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF OUR INWARD INVESTMENT PROMOTION EFFORTS IS TO BRING INTO HONG KONG NEW OR IMPROVED INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES, KNOW-HOW AND PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES.

"WE ARE IMPROVING OUR APPROACH AND COVERAGE TO ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE EVEN MORE EFFECTIVELY," MR LEUNG CONCLUDED.

AT THE END OF 1986, THE ACCUMULATED TOTAL OF SUCH OVERSEAS INVESTMENT STOOD AT HK\$19,554 MILLION, AN INCREASE OF 25 PER CENT OVER 1985. THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY ATTRACTED THE LARGEST SHARE (40 PER CENT) OF THE TOTAL.

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PROVIDENT FUND SCHEMES BENEFIT EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES

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MORE AND MORE EMPLOYERS HAVE COME TO REALISE THE IMPORTANCE OF SETTING UP PROVIDENT FUNDS AS A FORM OF EMPLOYEES' LONG-TERM RETIREMENT BENEFIT, AN ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR YIU YAN-NANG, SAID.

SPEAKING AT A DINNER MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW TERRITORIES THIS (MONDAY) EVENING, MR YIU SAID THAT AS AT THE END OF MARCH THIS YEAR, OVER 5,800 APPROVED RETIREMENT SCHEMES WERE REGISTERED WITH THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT -- AN INCREASE OF 20 PER CENT OVER THE PRECEDING YEAR.

HE SAID A PROPERLY MANAGED PROVIDENT FUND SCHEME SERVED TO ASSIST AN EMPLOYER IN MAKING REGULAR SAVINGS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCHARGING HIS FUTURE RESPONSIBILITIES.

UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, EMPLOYEES DISMISSED UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES ARE ENTITLED TO EITHER LONG SERVICE PAYMENT OR SEVERANCE PAYMENT.

THE MAXIMUM PAYMENT THEY CAN OBTAIN FROM THE EMPLOYER IS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF WAGES EARNED DURING THE PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO DISMISSAL.

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"WHERE THE EMPLOYEE IS SIMULTANEOUSLY ENTITLED TO SUCH PAYMENT AND A PROVIDENT FUND, THE LONG SERVICE PAYMENT OR SEVERANCE PAYMENT CAN BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF PROVIDENT FUND CONTRIBUTED BY THE EMPLOYER," MR YIU EXPLAINED.

"IN OTHER WORDS, REGULAR SAVINGS TOWARDS A PRIVATE PROVIDENT FUND SCHEME COULD ASSIST AN EMPLOYER TO DISCHARGE HIS FUTURE LIABILITIES UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

"IT COULD ALSO HELP TIDE OVER CASH-FLOW PROBLEMS IN TIMES OF STAFF RETIREMENT OR ECONOMIC RECESSION."

MR YIU SAID A PRIVATE PROVIDENT FUND ALSO CARRIED OTHER ADVANTAGES.

TO EMPLOYERS, HE SAID, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH A FUND COULD ENHANCE THE COMPANY'S POSITION IN RECRUITING AND RETAINING STAFF, REDUCE THE TURNOVER RATE OF EMPLOYEES WITH LONG AND GOOD EXPERIENCE, AND CULTIVATE AMONG STAFF A HIGHER MORALE AND A GREATER SENSE OF BELONGING.

"TO EMPLOYEES, THERE IS A BETTER FINANCIAL SECURITY SINCE THE SCHEME PROVIDES FINANCIAL SUPPORT UPON RETIREMENT OR OTHER SPECIFIC CONTINGENCIES.

"IN ADDITION, IF THE SCHEME IS APPROVED BY THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION WILL ALSO BE TREATED AS OPERATIONAL COST AND TAX-FREE.

"ON THE WHOLE, PRIVATE PROVIDENT FUND SCHEMES BRING BENEFITS TO BOTH EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES, AND IN THE LONG RUN, IMPROVES THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND UPGRADE PRODUCTIVITY IN HONG KONG," MR YIU ADDED.

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TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETS TOMORROW

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THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL CROSS-HARBOUR PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES TO COPE WITH THE POSSIBLE INCREASED DEMAND ARISING FROM THE IMPOSITION OF THE CONGESTION SURCHARGE BY THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION AT THE END OF MAY.

THE TAC WILL ALSO CONSIDER THE DRAFT FINAL REPORT ON THE LION ROCK TUNNEL TRAFFIC STUDY.

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ALSO ON THE AGENDA ARE CONTROLS ON LIGHT GOODS VEHICLES AND PARKING FEES AT GOVERNMENT OPEN-AIR CARPARKS.

THE PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE TAC SUB-COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY'S FIVE-YEAR PLAN 1987-1991, AND THE MEASURES FOR MONITORING THE EFFICIENCY OF FRANCHISED BUS SERVICES WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES AT 2.30 PM.

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STUDENTS EXCEL IN UK EXAMINATIONS

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SEVEN OUTSTANDING STUDENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL ACHIEVED EXCELLENT RESULTS IN LAST YEAR'S LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES EXAMINATIONS.

IN THE CHAMBER'S WORLD AGGREGATE EXAMINATION RESULTS ANNOUNCED RECENTLY, TWO STUDENTS FROM THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, MISS CHAN LAI-HA AND MR LAI CHI-KIN, WERE PLACED TOP IN THE SPRING 1987 HIGHER PRINCIPLES OF MANAGEMENT EXAMINATION AND THE SPRING 1987 HIGHER ECONOMICS EXAMINATION, RESPECTIVELY.

"TECHNICAL INSTITUTE STUDENTS HAVE CONSTANTLY EXCELLED IN OVERSEAS EXAMINATIONS, PARTICULARLY IN SUBJECTS SUCH AS ACCOUNTING, COSTING AND STATISTICS CONDUCTED BY THE CHAMBER.

"BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT TECHNICAL INSTITUTE STUDENTS HAVE ACHIEVED MERIT IN HIGHER LEVEL EXAMINATIONS OF ECONOMICS AND PRINCIPLES OF MANAGEMENT, A HIGH COMMAND OF ENGLISH SKILLS IS A MUST FOR THESE TWO DESCRIPTIVE SUBJECTS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COUNCIL SAID.

A STUDENT FROM THE LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, MISS WONG YUK-CHUN, ALSO WON HONOURS IN THE CHAMBER'S EXAMINATIONS.

SHE GAINED THE HIGHEST MARKS IN EXAMINATIONS IN INTERMEDIATE ECONOMICS FOR SUMMER 1987 AND IN INTERMEDIATE BUSINESS STATISTICS FOR SPRING 1987.

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PLACED SECOND IN THE INTERMEDIATE BUSINESS STATISTICS EXAMINATION WAS MISS CHAN LEE-LING, OF KWAI CHUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

ON A REGIONAL GRADING BASIS, THE FIRST PLACE IN THE HONG KONG CENTRES SCORE LIST IN THE INTERMEDIATE BUSINESS ARITHMETIC FOR SUMMER 1987 WENT TO MR LAM WAI-YIN, FROM THE KWAI CHUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

MISS TANG WAI-FAN, OF THE SHA TIN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, CAME SECOND IN THE SAME EXAMINATION.

MISS LIU PO-CHUN, A STUDENT AT THE TUEN MUN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, ALSO CAME SECOND IN THE HIGHER BUSINESS STATISTICS EXAMINATION FOR SPRING 1987.

THESE STUDENTS HAVE BEEN AWARDED MEDALLIONS AND CERTIFICATES FOR THEIR EXCELLENT PERFORMANCES BY THE CHAMBER'S EXAMINATIONS BOARD.

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REGIONAL SECRETARY TO OFFICIATE AT BUN FESTIVAL
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THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO VISIT CHEUNG CHAU ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 18) FOR THE ANNUAL BUN FESTIVAL PROCESSION ORGANISED BY THE CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE AND THE CHEUNG CHAU "TA CHIU" (1988) COMMITTEE.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR MICHAEL SUEN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE PROCESSION, WHICH IS A POPULAR ATTRACTION BOTH FOR ISLANDERS AND FOR TOURISTS.

THE TWO-HOUR PROCESSION, INVOLVING 2,000 PEOPLE AS WELL AS SEVERAL HUNDRED SCHOOL CHILDREN, WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM AT THE PAK TAI TEMPLE. IT WILL PASS THROUGH VARIOUS STREETS ON ITS WAY TO THE FUNG SHUI LANE IN FRONT OF THE TIN HAU TEMPLE AT TAI SHEK HAU.

THERE WILL BE 13 FLOATS, AND ALONG THE WAY NUMEROUS LION AND UNICORN DANCES, FLAG PARADES, FOLK DANCES AND FESTIVAL MUSIC FEATURING DRUMS AND GONGS WILL BE PERFORMED.

SHRINES OF DEITIES AND THE CHERISHED SWORD OF THE GOD PAK TAI WILL ALSO BE FEATURED IN THE PROCESSION.

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THE BUN FESTIVAL, HELD TO APPEASE THE SPIRITS OF PEOPLE KILLED BY PIRATES ON THE ISLAND IN THE PAST, HAS BEEN ORGANISED WITHOUT INTERRUPTION EACH YEAR FOR A CENTURY.

WEEK-LONG FESTIVITIES BEGAN YESTERDAY (SUNDAY). THEY INCLUDE CANTONESE OPERA SHOWS, AN EYE-DOTTING CEREMONY FOR LIONS AND UNICORNS, A GHOST-WORSHIPPING CEREMONY, A SMALLER SCALE PROCESSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF BUNS. THE GRAND PROCESSION ON WEDNESDAY WILL BRING THE FESTIVAL TO A CLIMAX.

AS AN ACT OF SINCERITY AND HUMBLENESS, THE ISLANDERS WILL ABSTAIN FROM EATING MEAT FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE DAYS FROM TODAY (MONDAY) AND NO ANIMAL WILL BE SLAUGHTERED DURING THIS PERIOD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PRESS BADGE AND DETAILS OF PRESS ARRANGEMENTS FOR COVERING THE CHEUNG CHAU BUN FESTIVAL PROCESSION ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 18), ISSUED BY THE CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE, HAVE BEEN MAILED TO MEDIA ORGANISATIONS.

AS THE NUMBER OF PRESS BADGES IS LIMITED, EACH ORGANISATION CAN BE GIVEN ONLY ONE BADGE.

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GATHERING OF SHA TIN AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS TOMORROW
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ABOUT 120 MEMBERS OF THE EIGHT AREA COMMITTEES IN SHA TIN WILL GATHER AT THE LEK YUEN COMMUNITY HALL TOMORROW (TUESDAY) EVENING TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON DISTRICT MATTERS BEFORE HOLDING THEIR FIRST MEETINGS LATER IN THE MONTH.

THE EIGHT AREA COMMITTEES ARE: CHE KUNG MIU, SHA KOK, YUEN WO, TAI WAI, SHING MUN EAST, TIN SUM, TOWN CENTRE AND TSANG TAI UK.

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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VICTOR YUNG, WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE STANDING ORDERS OF AREA COMMITTEES AND THE PROCEDURES FOR ELECTING CHAIRMEN AT THEIR FIRST MEETINGS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE GATHERING OF SHA TIN AREA COMMITTEES MEMBERS TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT THE LEK YUEN COMMUNITY HALL IN SHA TIN. THE GATHERING WILL START AT 8 PM.

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SOUTHERN DB COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ELECTED

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THE SOLE CANDIDATE FOR THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S WORKS PROJECTS COMMITTEE, MR ALBERT POON SHUN-KWOK, WAS ELECTED IPSO FACTO IN THE COMMITTEE'S FIRST MEETING TODAY (MONDAY).

MR POON, AN APPOINTED MEMBER OF THE BOARD, WILL HOLD THE OFFICE UNTIL THE END OF MARCH, 1989.

AT THE MEETING, THE COMMITTEE ALSO AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO OPEN ITS FUTURE MEETINGS TO THE PUBLIC AND THE NEWS MEDIA.

THE COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON AUGUST 22 AND NOVEMBER 21 OF 1988, AND ON FEBRUARY 24, 1989 IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

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DB FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR KWAI TSING ORGANISATIONS

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THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD HAS BEEN ALLOCATED \$3.74 MILLION BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION FOR ORGANISING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES AND IMPLEMENTING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN THE 1988-89 FINANCIAL YEAR.

THE AMOUNT REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF SEVEN PER CENT OVER LAST YEAR'S ALLOCATION.

AMONG THE BOARD'S SEVEN COMMITTEES, THE ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE HAS BEEN GIVEN THE LARGEST SHARE OF \$867,000, OUT OF WHICH ABOUT \$450,000 ARE BEING RESERVED FOR MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

THE SPORTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE AND THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMITTEE HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED OVER \$700,000 EACH FOR ORGANISING VARIOUS CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS LARGE-SCALE EVENTS, SUCH AS THE SPORTS FESTIVAL AND THE ARTS FESTIVAL.

ORGANISATIONS IN KWAI TSING DISTRICT MAY NOW APPLY FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR ORGANISING DIFFERENT KINDS OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES.

FUND APPLICATIONS FOR ACTIVITIES TO BE ORGANISED BETWEEN AUGUST AND NOVEMBER SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BEFORE JUNE 1 WHILE FOR THOSE AFTER NOVEMBER CAN BE SUBMITTED BEFORE OCTOBER 1.

APPLICATION FORMS AND INFORMATION ON THE APPLICATION PROCEDURES MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE AND SUB-OFFICES.

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WAN CHAI CULTURE, RECREATION COMMITTEE TO MEET

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MEMBERS OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE WILL ELECT A CHAIRMAN AT THE COMMITTEE'S FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW TERM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE AND MEMBERSHIP, SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, AND APPORTIONMENT OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS.

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OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE URBAN COUNCIL RECREATION AND SPORTS PROGRAMME FOR THE DISTRICT, AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS.

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

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DB COMMITTEE TO BE BRIEFED ON SOCIAL SERVICES

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MEMBERS OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL BE BRIEFED TOMORROW (TUESDAY) ON PROGRESS MADE IN PROVIDING SOCIAL SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM FIVE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WILL GIVE THE BRIEFING.

THEY ARE SENIOR TOWN PLANNER OF THE NEW TERRITORIES NORTH EAST DEVELOPMENT, MR ANTHONY KWAN; COMMUNITY PHYSICIAN (NEW TERRITORIES EAST) OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, DR LIU NAN-CHANG; DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MR STEPHEN CHAU; DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICER, MR CHOI WAI-MAN; AND HOUSING MANAGER AT TIN PING ESTATE, SHEUNG SHUI, MR LI KA-HIM.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER THE ALLOCATION OF COMMITTEE FUNDS FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING. IT WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 29.4 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 172.504 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 288.811 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 49.3 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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ROAD CLOSURES FOR DEMOLITION OF FOOTBRIDGE

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SECTIONS OF FERRY STREET IN YAU MA TEI WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC IN THE EARLY MORNINGS OF WEDNESDAY (MAY 18) AND THURSDAY (MAY 19) TO FACILITATE THE DEMOLITION OF AN EXISTING FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS FERRY STREET NEAR JORDAN ROAD.

THE SECTION OF FERRY STREET NORTHBOUND BETWEEN JORDAN ROAD AND MAN WUI STREET WILL BE CLOSED FROM 12.30 AM TO 5.30 AM ON WEDNESDAY.

NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC FROM CANTON ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA JORDAN ROAD, CANTON ROAD, KANSU STREET AND FREEY STREET NORTHBOUND.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE RIGHT-TURNING MOVEMENT FROM JORDAN ROAD WESTBOUND ONTO FERRY STREET NORTHBOUND WILL BE BANNED. MOTORISTS MAY USE CANTON ROAD SOUTHBOUND, JORDAN ROAD FERRY CONCOURSE, CANTON ROAD NORTHBOUND, JORDAN ROAD EASTBOUND, CANTON ROAD, KANSU STREET AND FERRY STREET.

BETWEEN 12.30 AM AND 5.30 AM ON THURSDAY, THE SECTION OF FERRY STREET SOUTHBOUND BETWEEN SAIGON STREET AND JORDAN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED.

SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC FROM FERRY STREET HEADING FOR TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE DIVERTED VIA PUBLIC SQUARE STREET, SHANGHAI STREET AND JORDAN ROAD. VEHICLES WISHING TO GAIN ACCESS TO SAIGON STREET AND MAN CHEONG STREET WILL HAVE TO TRAVEL VIA PUBLIC SQUARE STREET, SHANGHAI STREET AND KANSU STREET.

AT THE SAME TIME, NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT FROM MAN CHEONG STREET ONTO FERRY STREET SOUTHBOUND. VEHICLES MAY OPERATE VIA SAIGON STREET.

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