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IMPLEMENTATION OF NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY) VARIOUS DATES FOR THE COMING INTO OPERATION OF PROVISIONS IN THE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE CONTROL OF NOISE FROM CONSTRUCTION SITES AND TO APPEALS AND ENFORCEMENT.

THE NOISE CONTROL (GENERAL) REGULATIONS AND THE NOISE CONTROL (APPEAL BOARD) REGULATIONS ALSO BECOME EFFECTIVE FROM TODAY.

UNDER THE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE, THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AS THE NOISE CONTROL AUTHORITY.

THE AUTHORITY IS RESPONSIBLE, AMONGST OTHER THINGS, FOR ISSUING PERMITS FOR PERCUSSIVE PILING AND GENERAL CONSTRUCTION WORK USING POWERED MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT.

PERMITS WILL BE ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CRITERIA LAID DOWN IN THE VARIOUS TECHNICAL MEMORANDA PUBLISHED UNDER THE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE.

"APPLICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION NOISE PERMITS CAN NOW BE MADE," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) SAID.

"WITH EFFECT FROM AUGUST 17 THIS YEAR, IT WILL BE AN OFFENCE TO USE POWERED MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING OUT CONSTRUCTION WORK OTHER THAN PERCUSSIVE PILING AT NIGHT OR AT ANY TIME ON GENERAL HOLIDAYS WITHOUT A VALID CONSTRUCTION NOISE PERMIT," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"AND STARTING FROM NOVEMBER 17, 1989, ALL PERCUSSIVE PILING DURING DAYTIME MUST BE CARRIED OUT WITH A PERMIT. NIGHT-TIME PERCUSSIVE PILING IS NOT ALLOWED," HE SAID.

"IT IS BELIEVED THAT SUCH ARRANGEMENTS WOULD GIVE THE INDUSTRY SUFFICIENT LEAD TIME TO TENDER THEIR APPLICATIONS AND PLAN THEIR CONSTRUCTION WORK," HE ADDED.

THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR VIOLATING THE PROVISIONS IS \$50,000 FOR THE FIRST CONVICTION AND \$100,000 FOR THE SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT CONVICTIONS WITH A DAILY MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10,000.

"PENDING THE COMING INTO FORCE OF THE NEW CONTROL PROVISIONS UNDER THE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE AS STIPULATED IN THE GAZETTE NOTICE, ANY GENERAL CONSTRUCTION WORK USING POWERED MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT AT NIGHT OR ON GENERAL HOLIDAYS WHICH IS NOW REQUIRED TO HAVE A VALID PERMITTED WORK PERMIT ISSUED UNDER THE SUMMARY OFFENCES ORDINANCE WILL HAVE TO CONTINUE TO COMPLY WITH THIS REQUIREMENT," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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"IT IS ENVISAGED THAT EXCESSIVE CONSTRUCTION NOISE WILL BE CURBED ONCE THE PERMIT SYSTEM IS ENFORCED," HE SAID.

"THE SITUATION WILL IMPROVE FURTHER WHEN PROVISIONS ON NEIGHBOURHOOD AND INDUSTRIAL NOISE ARE IMPLEMENTED LATER IN THE YEAR."

TODAY'S GAZETTE ALSO ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF MR D.E. D'ALMADA REMEDIOS, SERVING MAGISTRATE AT THE SHA TIN MAGISTRACY, AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE APPEAL BOARD UNDER THE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE.

"THE APPEAL BOARD IS SET UP TO ENSURE THAT DECISIONS OR REQUIREMENTS OF THE AUTHORITY ARE APPLIED IN A FAIR AND REASONABLE MANNER," THE EPD SPOKESMAN SAID.

TWENTY PEOPLE FROM A WIDE SPECTRUM OF BACKGROUNDS INCLUDING ENVIRONMENTALISTS, INDUSTRIALISTS, PROFESSIONALS AND ACADEMICS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED AS MEMBERS OF THE APPEAL BOARD PANEL.

THEY ARE MR NELSON J. SOUSA, MR LEE JARK-PUI, MR TO SHUI-MOON, MR K.L. CHONG, MR EDWARD PONG CHONG, PROFESSOR CHEUNG YAU-KAI, MR HENRY CHIU SIN-SING, MR HUNG WING-TAT, DR LAM KIN-CHE, MR DENNIS LAU WING-KWONG, MR STEPHEN LAU SIU-YU, MR EDMUND LEUNG KWONG-HO, MR DEREK V. LINDSAY, MR ANTHONY J. VAIL, MR S.L. WAN, DR JAMES WONG SIK-WING, MR T.P. LEUNG, MR FUNG SHIU-WING, MISS LINDA SIDDALL AND MR JOHN HALLIDAY.

AN INFORMATION BOOKLET TITLED "HOW TO APPLY FOR A CONSTRUCTION NOISE PERMIT" HAS BEEN PREPARED BY EPD TO ASSIST THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES.

ANY ENQUIRIES ON THE PROVISIONS OF THE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE OR APPLICATION FORMALITIES RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION NOISE PERMITS COULD BE MADE TO THE NOISE CONTROL GROUP OF THE EPD ON THE 27TH FLOOR, SOUTHERN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, HONG KONG. THE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 5-8351124.

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#### NEW CHAIRMAN OF FUTURES EXCHANGE APPOINTED

THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF MR EOGHAN M. MCMILLAN AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG FUTURES EXCHANGE (HKFE) WITH EFFECT FROM FEBRUARY 24.

THE APPOINTMENT IS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF THE HONG KONG FUTURES EXCHANGE LTD.

MR MCMILLAN WILL SUCCEED MR WILFRID NEWTON, WHO HAS RESIGNED FROM THE POSITION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE HKFE DUE TO HIS IMPENDING DEPARTURE FROM HONG KONG.

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MR MCMILLAN, AGED 53 AND A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT OF CONSIDERABLE INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE, IS THE MANAGING PARTNER OF ARTHUR ANDERSEN & CO'S PRACTICE IN HONG KONG AND THE REGIONAL MANAGING PARTNER FOR ITS OPERATION IN EAST ASIA.

HE IS A MEMBER OF THE ETHICS COMMITTEE OF THE HONG KONG SOCIETY OF ACCOUNTANTS, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION AND FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF THE ASIAN ASSOCIATION OF MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATIONS.

"WE BELIEVE MR MCMILLAN'S ACCOUNTING AND MANAGEMENT EXPERTISE AND HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE FINANCIAL SECTOR IN HONG KONG AND INTERNATIONALLY WILL MAKE HIM VERY SUITABLE FOR THE JOB," THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, SAID.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY ALSO THANKED MR NEWTON FOR HIS VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE HKFE SINCE HIS APPOINTMENT IN OCTOBER 1987.

"MR NEWTON HAS HELPED STEER THE HKFE THROUGH A MOST DIFFICULT PERIOD. HE HAS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN STRENGTHENING THE EXCHANGE'S MANAGEMENT AND PAVING THE WAY FOR ITS RE-CONSTITUTION," MR JACOBS ADDED.

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#### HONG KONG COMMITTED TO OPEN MARKET POLICY

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HONG KONG'S FIRM COMMITMENT TO AN OPEN MARKET POLICY APPLIES TO TRADE IN GOODS, FINANCIAL AND OTHER SERVICES AS WELL AS TO INVESTMENTS IN INDUSTRY, THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR MICHAEL SZE, SAID IN JAPAN TODAY (FRIDAY).

ADDRESSING THE HONG KONG TRADE AND INVESTMENT SEMINAR AT THE NAGOYA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR SZE SAID THE GOVERNMENT TREATED ALL FOREIGN AND LOCALLY OWNED COMPANIES ALIKE, IMPARTIALLY, AND ON A COMPLETELY EQUAL FOOTING WITHOUT ANY DISCRIMINATION AGAINST OVERSEAS INVESTORS.

"THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT SEEK TO DIRECT WHICH INDUSTRIES SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT BE DEVELOPED. IT LEAVES BUSINESS DECISIONS ENTIRELY TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR," HE SAID.

NOTING THAT HONG KONG WAS STRATEGICALLY LOCATED ON THE WESTERN RIM OF THE FAST GROWING ASIAN PACIFIC REGION AS WELL AS BEING A GATEWAY TO CHINA, SERVING AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN CHINA AND THE REST OF THE WORLD, HE SAID THAT HONG KONG, AS A SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION (SAR) OF CHINA, WOULD CONTINUE TO FUNCTION AS IT NOW DID FOR 50 YEARS AFTER 1997.

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"UNDER THE AGREEMENT (OR JOINT DECLARATION AS IT IS OFFICIALLY KNOWN) SIGNED BETWEEN BRITAIN AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN 1984 ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG, THE HONG KONG SAR WILL ENJOY A HIGH DEGREE OF AUTONOMY," HE SAID.

HE FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG'S CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE (GATT) WAS ASSURED IN APRIL 1986 WHEN HONG KONG BECAME THE 91ST CONTRACTING PARTY.

"HONG KONG ALSO ATTAINED SEPARATE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CUSTOMS COOPERATION COUNCIL IN JUNE 1987," HE SAID.

MR SZE SAID THE AUTONOMY OF HONG KONG IN THE CONDUCT OF ITS EXTERNAL COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WAS DEMONSTRATED BY THE OPENING LAST SEPTEMBER OF THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE (HKETO) IN TOKYO WHICH WAS A FULL-FLEDGED GOVERNMENT OFFICE RESPONSIBLE FOR HONG KONG'S COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT.

HE SAID THAT JAPAN, BEING THE THIRD LARGEST TRADING PARTNER, SECOND LARGEST SUPPLIER, FIFTH LARGEST MARKET, WAS IMPORTANT TO HONG KONG.

BILATERAL TRADE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND JAPAN HAD BEEN GROWING STEADILY IN RECENT YEARS. TOTAL TRADE ROSE BY 31.6 PER CENT IN 1987 AND AGAIN BY 33.4 PER CENT IN THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF LAST YEAR TO REACH \$109.3 BILLION.

HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN WERE STILL NARROW, AND THERE WAS A NEED TO DIVERSIFY HONG KONG'S EXPORTS TO THE JAPANESE MARKET, HE ADDED.

NOTING THAT IN VALUE TERMS JAPAN'S EXPORTS TO HONG KONG WERE ABOUT SEVEN TO EIGHT TIMES HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN, MR SZE SAID THE HUGE BILATERAL TRADE DEFICIT WAS A MATTER OF CONCERN TO HONG KONG.

"WE THEREFORE WELCOME THE EFFORTS BEING MADE BY JAPAN TO OPEN UP ITS MARKET FURTHER," HE ADDED.

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GOLDEN DRAGON TO MAKE DEBUT IN SAN FRANCISCO  
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A NEW HONG KONG-MADE GOLDEN DRAGON WILL BE THE MAIN ATTRACTION OF SAN FRANCISCO'S LUNAR NEW YEAR PARADE TOMMORROW (SATURDAY).

WEEK-LONG NEW YEAR FESTIVITIES IN THE CITY'S CHINATOWN WILL CULMINATE WITH THE DEBUT OF AN 180-FOOT "GUM LUNG", THE LATEST IN A SUCCESSION OF DRAGONS COMMISSIONED SINCE 1956 FROM HONG KONG BY THE CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN SAN FRANCISCO.

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HAND CRAFTED BY WONG KAI OF HONG KONG, AND IMPORTED AT A COST OF NEARLY US\$20,000, THE DRAGON IS MADE OF GOLDEN SILK MOUNTED ON BAMBOO FRAMES.

POWERED BY THREE TEAMS OF 22 MEN, THE GUM LUNG WILL WEAVE ITS WAY THROUGH THE STREETS OF CHINATOWN AS THE GRAND FINALE TO THE YEAR OF THE SNAKE PARADE.

HALF A MILLION PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO GATHER ALONG THE ROUTE TO WATCH THE PARADE WHICH WILL ALSO INCLUDE 15 ILLUMINATED FLOATS, COSTUMED MARCHERS AND MUSICIANS, THE MISS CHINATOWN USA CONTESTANTS AND MANY LION DANCERS.

THE MAYOR OF SAN FRANCISCO, MR ART AGNOS, DOTTED THE EYES OF THE DRAGON AT A CEREMONY HELD EARLIER IN THE WEEK AT THE WESTIN ST FRANCIS HOTEL, WHICH DONATED THE DRAGON AND IS HOST TO THE LUNAR NEW YEAR PARADE.

CONSIDERING THE POPULARITY OF LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVITIES IN SAN FRANCISCO, MR AGNOS SAID: "THE DRAGON ISN'T JUST A GIFT TO THE CHINESE COMMUNITY. IT IS A GIFT TO THE ENTIRE CITY."

THE ANNUAL PARADE, ORGANISED BY THE CITY'S CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE BY TWO CITY TV CHANNELS, AND HAS BEEN SYNDICATED FOR BROADCAST SIMULTANEOUSLY BY LOCAL STATIONS IN 46 CITIES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING NEW YORK, CHICAGO, LOS ANGELES AND HONOLULU.

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#### SUCCESS OF REHABILITATION SERVICES HINGES ON COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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THE SUCCESS OF REHABILITATION SERVICES HINGES ON COMMUNITY SUPPORT, INVOLVEMENT AND CO-OPERATION, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE ROTARY CLUB OF KWUN TONG MEETING, MRS WONG POINTED OUT THAT WITHOUT THE FULL SUPPORT OF PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE, MANY REHABILITATION PROJECTS, SUCH AS HALF-WAY HOUSES FOR DISCHARGED MENTAL PATIENTS, COULD NOT MATERIALISE.

SHE NOTED THAT THE MAIN OBSTACLE FROM THE SOCIETY IS THE LACK OF UNDERSTANDING OF THE DISABLED.

MRS WONG SAID DISABLED AND ABLE-BODIED PEOPLE ALIKE HAD TO BE BROUGHT UP, AND GIVEN DUE RECOGNITION AND ACCEPTANCE.

IT WAS VITAL THAT THE DISABLED WERE GIVEN EQUAL TREATMENT AND FAIR OPPORTUNITY BY THE COMMUNITY, SHE EXPLAINED.

MRS WONG REITERATED THAT RENDERING ADEQUATE SERVICES TO THE DISABLED COULD NOT BE ACHIEVED BY THE DEPARTMENT ALONE.

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ONLY THROUGH THE CONCERTED EFFORTS WITH THE RELATED PROFESSIONS IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION, MEDICAL, VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND COUNSELLING COULD A SYSTEMATICAL SERVICE NETWORK BE WORKED OUT, SHE STRESSED.

SHE NOTED THAT THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAD EXPANDED ITS SERVICES IN THE PROVISION AND DEVELOPMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES SINCE IT WAS SET UP IN 1958.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR REHABILITATION IS NOW RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FORMULATION OF POLICY ON REHABILITATION MATTERS, AND FOR CO-ORDINATING THE PLANNING AND PROVISION OF REHABILITATION SERVICES BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

THE DEPARTMENT AT PRESENT PROVIDES A WIDE RANGE OF REHABILITATION SERVICES FROM SERVICES FOR PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN TO THOSE FOR MENTALLY DISABLED ADULTS.

THESE INCLUDE EARLY EDUCATION AND TRAINING CENTRES, SPECIAL CHILD CARE CENTRES, CHILD CARE CENTRES WITH INTEGRATED PROGRAMMES FOR DISABLED CHILDREN, AND A COMPUTERISED CENTRAL REFERRAL SYSTEM FOR DISABLED CHILDREN.

THOSE FOR ADULTS INCLUDE SHELTERED WORKSHOPS, DAY ACTIVITIES CENTRES, HALF-WAY HOUSES FOR DISCHARGED MENTAL PATIENTS, RESPITE SERVICES FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS, AND HOME BASED TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED SCHOOL LEAVERS WITHOUT SUITABLE PLACEMENT.

THERE ARE ALSO HOSTELS FOR HANDICAPPED ADULTS, SOCIAL CENTRES, COUNSELLING SERVICES, FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AS WELL AS A COMPUTERISED CENTRAL REFERRAL SYSTEM FOR DISABLED ADULTS.

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#### NEW ROADS FOR FANLING DEVELOPMENTS

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING TO BUILD NEW ROADS IN FANLING AREA 17B TO PROVIDE VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA.

THE PROPOSED WORKS ARE PART OF THE CONTINUING PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF FANLING/SHEUNG SHUI NEW TOWN.

THEY INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SECTION OF A 500-METRE-LONG DISTRIBUTOR ROAD (ROAD D3), FOOTPATHS, CYCLE TRACKS, ROADSIDE AMENITIES, EMERGENCY VEHICULAR ACCESSES AND STREET FURNITURE TOGETHER WITH ANCILLARY DRAINAGE WORKS.

ABOUT 19,000 SQUARE METRES OF PRIVATE LAND WILL BE RESUMED FOR THE WORKS.

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PERMANENT ALTERNATIVE ACCESSES WILL BE PROVIDED TO CATER FOR THE EXISTING FOOTPATHS THAT HAVE TO BE CLOSED.

DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD, PEDESTRIAN ACCESSES WILL BE MAINTAINED SO THAT ANY INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC WILL BE MINIMISED.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA LIMITED, CONSULTING ENGINEERS, ON BEHALF OF THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG; AT THE NORTH DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, AT JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING ROUNDABOUT, FANLING, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL MUST SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN APRIL 18 THIS YEAR.

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#### OLD-TYPE ID CARDS DECLARED INVALID

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT ALL OLD-TYPE IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED BEFORE JULY 1, 1987 TO WOMEN BORN BETWEEN 1963 AND 1969 WILL CEASE TO BE VALID DOCUMENTS FROM FEBRUARY 27 THIS YEAR.

A NOTICE TO THIS EFFECT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY.

THIS IS THE FOURTH BATCH OF ID CARDS DECLARED INVALID SINCE THE NEW ID CARD RE-ISSUE SCHEME STARTED IN JULY 1987.

"ONCE AN OLD CARD IS DECLARED INVALID, IT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR ANY PURPOSE," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

"FOR EXAMPLE, WOMEN OF THE ABOVE AGE GROUP HOLDING AN INVALID OLD-TYPE ID CARD WILL NOT BE ABLE TO USE IT FOR TRAVELLING ABROAD OR TO APPLY FOR A TRAVEL DOCUMENT."

THOSE WHO HAVE MISSED THEIR SPECIFIED CARD REPLACEMENT PERIODS DUE TO THEIR ABSENCE FROM HONG KONG OR ANY OTHER REASONS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY APPROACH ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW ID CARD ISSUE OFFICES.

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THESE CASES WILL BE LOOKED INTO THOROUGHLY AND DEALT WITH ON THEIR INDIVIDUAL MERITS.

THE SIZE OF THE NEW TYPE ID CARDS IS THE SAME AS THE OLD ONES.

"HOWEVER THERE ARE SOME DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE OLD CARDS AND THE NEW ONES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE MAIN DIFFERENCES ARE:

- (A) THE ID CARD NUMBER IS PRINTED ON THE TOP RIGHT CORNER IN THE OLD CARD, BUT IN THE BOTTOM RIGHT CORNER OF THE NEW CARD.
- (B) THE HONG KONG CREST AT THE BACK IS REPLACED BY THE MULTI-COLOUR BACKGROUND PRINTING.

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

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#### FIELD TEST OF ELECTRONIC PARKING METERS TO COMMENCE

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL CONDUCT A FIELD TEST OF ELECTRONIC PARKING METERS FROM MONDAY (FEBRUARY 20) TO ASSESS THEIR SUITABILITY FOR USE IN HONG KONG.

LOCKHART ROAD IN WAN CHAI HAS BEEN SELECTED FOR THE FIELD TEST BECAUSE THE MIXED COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL AREA PROVIDES A GOOD TESTING ENVIRONMENT.

THE 20 ELECTRONIC PARKING METERS TO BE INSTALLED IN LOCKHART ROAD BETWEEN FLEMING ROAD AND FENWICK STREET WILL BECOME OPERATIONAL FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY.

THE FIELD TEST WILL LAST FOR 20 MONTHS AND WILL BE MONITORED AND REVIEWED BY THE DEPARTMENT REGULARLY.

AT PRESENT, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT OPERATES ABOUT 15,000 MECHANICAL PARKING METERS, WHICH HAVE BEEN GENERALLY RELIABLE.

RECENTLY A NEW PARKING METER WITH ELECTRONIC MECHANISM HAS BECOME AVAILABLE. ELECTRONIC PARKING METERS ARE SAID TO BE MORE RELIABLE AND CAN PROVIDE MANAGEMENT INFORMATION THROUGH ELECTRONIC DATA RETRIEVAL.

THEY ARE POWERED BY BATTERIES WHICH WILL LAST FOR A YEAR AND WILL BE FITTED INTO THE EXISTING CASINGS.

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THE ELECTRONIC PARKING METERS ARE SIMILAR TO THE MECHANICAL METERS IN APPEARANCE, BUT THE HANDLE OPERATES DIFFERENTLY. THE ELECTRONIC PARKING METERS ARE ACTIVATED BY PUSHING THE HANDLE INSTEAD OF TURNING THE HANDLE IN A CLOCKWISE DIRECTION. THE AMOUNT OF PARKING TIME IS DISPLAYED BY A DIGITAL READOUT.

THE PARKING CHARGES AND OPERATING HOURS OF THE ELECTRONIC PARKING METERS WILL REMAIN THE SAME, \$2 PER 30 MINUTES FROM 8 AM TO MIDNIGHT EVERY DAY EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

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SECRETARY FOR CIVIL SERVICE VISITS HOUSING DEPARTMENT

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THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR HARNAM GREWAL, TODAY (FRIDAY) VISITED THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS IN HO MAN TIN TO SEE THE LATEST IN PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND MEET REPRESENTATIVES OF HOUSING STAFF.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR PANG YUK-LING, MR GREWAL TOURED THE EXHIBITION HALL TO SEE THE HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC HOUSING IN HONG KONG.

MR GREWAL THEN MET THE DEPARTMENT'S DIRECTORATE STAFF AND SUBSEQUANTLY MET 14 REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS STAFF ASSOCIATIONS OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT TO DISCUSS GENERAL ISSUES OF CONCERN TO THE STAFF.

AFTER THE DISCUSSION, MR GREWAL, ACCOMPANIED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOUSING (ADMINISTRATION), MR NIGEL SHIPMAN, VISITED THE NEWLY COMPLETED LEI TUNG ESTATE AND THE NEIGHBOURING HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME YUE ON COURT ON AP LEI CHAU TO SEE THE FACILITIES AND SERVICES PROVIDED IN RENTAL ESTATES AND HOME OWNERSHIP COURTS.

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IMPORTANT PROJECTS TO BEGIN IN SAI KUNG DISTRICT

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THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHRISTOPHER MUNN, TODAY (FRIDAY) REPORTED ON THE MAJOR FACILITIES COMPLETED IN THE DISTRICT LAST YEAR AND OUTLINED THE IMPORTANT LOCAL PROJECTS THAT WOULD BEGIN DURING THE YEAR OF THE SNAKE.

SPEAKING AT A SPRING RECEPTION HELD BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE AT A LOCAL HOTEL, MR MUNN SAID MANY NEW FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE NEW CLINIC IN SAI KUNG TOWN, THE SAI SHA ROAD, AND THE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT HAD BEEN OPENED LAST YEAR.

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"NEW RESIDENTS HAVE BEGUN TO MOVE INTO JUNK BAY NEW TOWN, AND THE POPULATION OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT HAS GROWN FROM 49,000 AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON TO MORE THAN 73,000 TODAY.

"WE WARMLY WELCOME THE NEW RESIDENTS TO SAI KUNG DISTRICT," HE SAID.

THIS YEAR, THE TSUI LAM AND PO LAM ESTATES, AND ALL THE COMMUNITY AND COMMERCIAL FACILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THEM, WOULD BE COMPLETED, MR MUNN SAID.

THESE FACILITIES INCLUDED TWO NEW SCHOOLS, TWO NEW INDOOR RECREATION CENTRES, TWO COMMERCIAL COMPLEXES, TWO BUS TERMINALS AND MANY OTHER PUBLIC FACILITIES.

MR MUNN ALSO LISTED IMPORTANT PROJECTS THAT WOULD BEGIN ELSEWHERE IN THE DISTRICT THIS YEAR.

THESE WERE THE RECLAMATION AT CHUNG MEI TUK, CONSTRUCTION OF A SWIMMING POOL AND SPORTS COMPLEX IN SAI KUNG TOWN, EXTENSION OF MAINS WATER SUPPLY TO MORE VILLAGES, AND WIDENING OF HIRAM'S HIGHWAY.

"THE WIDENING OF THE WHOLE OF HIRAM'S HIGHWAY BETWEEN SAI KUNG TOWN AND CLEARWATER BAY ROAD WILL TAKE ABOUT FIVE YEARS," HE SAID.

"THE FIRST PART OF THE PROJECT, BETWEEN NAM WAI AND THE CHENG CHEK CHEE SECONDARY SCHOOL, WILL BEGIN IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS YEAR AND WILL TAKE ONE AND A HALF YEARS TO COMPLETE.

"DURING CONSTRUCTION FULL TWO-WAY TRAFFIC WILL BE MAINTAINED."

ON THE LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME UNDER THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, MR MUNN SAID FOOTPATHS, BRIDGES, ACCESS ROADS, WATER PIPES, PIERS, PLAYGROUNDS AND OTHER FACILITIES IN THE RURAL AREAS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE PROVIDED UNDER THIS PROGRAMME.

"TOWARDS THE MIDDLE OF THE YEAR, THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE CONSULTING THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON PROPOSALS FOR MORE COMPREHENSIVE AND CO-ORDINATED IMPROVEMENTS TO SERVICES AND FACILITIES IN THE RURAL AREAS UNDER THE RURAL PLANNING AND IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY," HE ADDED.

REFERRING TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S AIMS, MR MUNN SAID IT WOULD ASSIST AND PROMOTE THE IMPROVEMENT OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT, MINIMISE THE DISRUPTION CAUSED BY THE MANY PROJECTS THAT WOULD BE UNDERTAKEN, AND ENCOURAGE GREATER PARTICIPATION BY RESIDENTS IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

"WE SHALL BE PLACING EMPHASIS ON INCREASING AND IMPROVING CONTACTS BETWEEN RESIDENTS AND THE GOVERNMENT," HE SAID.

"LAST YEAR, TWO AREA COMMITTEES, ONE IN SAI KUNG TOWN AND THE OTHER AT HANG HAU, AND FOUR MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES WERE FORMED IN THE DISTRICT.

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"IN THE COMING YEAR, WE HOPE TO SEE THE FORMATION OF TWO MORE AREA COMMITTEES, FOR JUNK BAY AND PAK SHA WAN, AND SIX NEW MAC'S."

MR MUNN SAID THAT SINCE COMING TO SAI KUNG IN APRIL LAST YEAR, HE HAD VISITED MANY VILLAGES, MAC'S AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN ORDER TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DISTRICT AND ITS PEOPLE.

"I HAVE GREATLY ENJOYED MY INFORMAL MEETINGS AND CONVERSATIONS WITH RESIDENTS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE AND I INTEND TO CONTINUE THESE VISITS THROUGHOUT THE COMING YEAR," HE SAID.

"I HAVE BEEN HEARTENED AND ENCOURAGED BY THE ENTHUSIASM AND ENERGY WITH WHICH SO MANY PEOPLE PARTICIPATE IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS AND I HAVE ALSO BEEN VERY IMPRESSED BY THE ABILITY OF A DISTRICT WITH SUCH A SMALL POPULATION TO ORGANISE SO MANY CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SOCIAL EVENTS.

"ALL THIS ACTIVITY OWES MUCH TO THE SUPPORT AND LEADERSHIP GIVEN BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVEN MORE ACTIVITIES IN THE COMING YEAR."

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SHA TIN TO HOLD SECOND DISTRICT FESTIVAL  
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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL HOLD THE SECOND SHA TIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL AT THE END OF THE YEAR TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, FOSTER A SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG RESIDENTS AND STRENGTHEN THEIR CIVIC-MINDEDNESS.

SPEAKING AT A SPRING RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE TODAY (FRIDAY), SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VICTOR YUNG, SAID THE THEME OF THE FESTIVAL WOULD BE A REVIEW OF THE 1980'S AND OUTLOOK FOR THE 1990'S.

MR YUNG SAID THE FESTIVAL WOULD COMPRISE NOT ONLY ARTS AND SPORTS EVENTS BUT WOULD ALSO INCLUDE ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNITY BUILDING AND LOCAL SCENERY AND CUSTOMS AS WELL AS FUNCTIONS FOR BOTH THE YOUNG AND OLD.

TO STEP UP COMMUNITY BUILDING IN THE NEWLY DEVELOPED MA ON SHAN AREA, THE DISTRICT OFFICE WAS ALSO PLANNING TO HOLD A MA ON SHAN FESTIVAL NEXT MONTH TO PROVIDE A SERIES OF CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE RESIDENTS THERE, HE ADDED.

IN A REVIEW OF LAST YEAR'S WORK, MR YUNG SAID IT WAS ENCOURAGING TO SEE THAT SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN RESOLVING THE THREE MAJOR PROBLEMS IN SHA TIN - TRANSPORT, POLLUTION OF SHING MUN RIVER AND SHORTAGE OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES. HE SAID IT WAS EXPECTED THAT THESE PROBLEMS WOULD BE RECTIFIED IN STAGES IN THE NEW YEAR.

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MR YUNG POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S EXPERIMENT EARLY LAST YEAR IN INTRODUCING TIDAL FLOW TRAFFIC AT THE LION ROCK TUNNEL HAD ACHIEVED RESULTS. THE SCHEME WOULD BE EXTENDED THIS YEAR TO COVER THE WHOLE MORNING PEAK HOURS WITH THREE LANES FOR TRAFFIC HEADING TOWARDS KOWLOON AND ONE LANE HEADING TOWARDS SHA TIN.

"IN A BID TO EASE TRAFFIC CONGESTION AT THE LION ROCK TUNNEL, THE AUTHORITIES WILL CONSIDER ADOPTING A SINGLE-JOURNEY TOLL COLLECTION SYSTEM FOR NORTHBOUND VEHICLES SO THAT MORE CARS WILL MAKE USE OF THE WIDENED TAI PO ROAD," HE SAID.

"FOLLOWING THE OPENING OF SAI SHA ROAD, ROUTE 5 LINKING SHA TIN TO TSUEN WAN IS EXPECTED TO OPEN AT THE END OF THE YEAR WHEN WIDENING WORK ON TAI PO ROAD TO ALLOW THREE-LANE TRAFFIC WILL ALSO BE NEARING COMPLETION. BY THEN, SHA TIN'S EXTERNAL TRAFFIC WILL BE GREATLY IMPROVED.

"IN ADDITION, WORK ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL, WHICH STARTED LAST JULY, IS PROGRESSING AHEAD OF SCHEDULE AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN 1991," MR YUNG SAID.

ON THE ANTI-POLLUTION FRONT, MR YUNG SAID WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL SCHEME IN JUNE LAST YEAR, LIVESTOCK BREEDING ACTIVITIES IN NEW TOWNS HAD BEEN BANNED, RESULTING IN THE IMPROVEMENT IN THE WATER QUALITY OF SHING MUN RIVER.

HE ANTICIPATED THAT THE THREE PROJECTS TO BE INTRODUCED SIMULTANEOUSLY THIS YEAR WOULD FURTHER LOWER THE POLLUTION LEVEL OF THE RIVER.

THE THREE PROJECTS ARE TRANSPORTATION OF THICKENED SLUDGE FOR DISPOSAL AT SEA, EXPORT OF TREATED EFFLUENTS TO KAI TAK NULLAH AND MEASURES TO REDUCE THE NITROGEN LEVEL IN THE RIVER.

ON THE PROVISION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES, MR YUNG NOTED THAT FOUR SECONDARY SCHOOLS WOULD BE COMPLETED IN THE DISTRICT THIS YEAR WHILE WORK TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CLASSROOMS IN EXISTING SECONDARY SCHOOLS WAS ALSO IN PROGRESS.

"IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE NUMBER OF FORM ONE SCHOOL PLACES FALLING SHORT IN SHA TIN WILL BE REDUCED TO ABOUT 900 AS COMPARED WITH MORE THAN 2,300 TWO YEARS AGO," HE SAID.

ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, MR YUNG SAID SO FAR THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAD ASSISTED THE FORMATION OF MORE THAN 220 MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND 31 OWNERS' CORPORATIONS IN THE DISTRICT. SHA TIN'S NINTH AREA COMMITTEE WOULD BE FORMED IN MA ON SHAN THIS YEAR.

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UC ELECTION FORUMS IN EASTERN DISTRICT

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WITH THE URBAN COUNCIL ELECTION DRAWING NEAR, THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL ORGANISE TWO ELECTION FORUMS TO INTRODUCE THE FIVE CANDIDATES OF THE DISTRICT TO VOTERS NEXT WEEK.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE SAID THE FORUMS AIMED TO GIVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE PLATFORM OF THE CANDIDATES BEFORE THEY CAST THEIR VOTES ON MARCH 9.

THE DATES, TIME AND VENUES OF THE FORUMS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DATE/TIME -----	CONSTITUENCY -----	VENUE -----
FEBRUARY 21 (TUESDAY) 8 PM	SHAU KEI WAN	CHAI WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE, 230 CHAI WAN ROAD.
FEBRUARY 22 (WEDNESDAY) 8 PM	NORTH POINT	NORTH POINT ESTATE ASSEMBLY HALL, WEST MAIN BLOCK, NORTH POINT ESTATE, 31 SHU KUK STREET.

"IN ORDER TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF THE CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES, CANDIDATES' PLATFORMS AND THE WORK OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, A TOTAL OF 45,000 ELECTION SUPPLEMENTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TOGETHER WITH THE DISTRICT NEWSPAPER ON FEBRUARY 21," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ELECTION FORUMS IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 21 AND 22.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT LANTERN FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO FUN, GAMES AND ENTERTAINMENT IN A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES TO BE STAGED IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE DISTRICT TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AND ON SUNDAY TO CELEBRATE THE LANTERN FESTIVAL.

THE ACTIVITIES RANGE FROM A FUN FAIR, VARIETY SHOW, AND CONCERT TO A FUN DAY AND CARNIVAL. THE PROGRAMMES WILL INCLUDE LANTERN RIDDLES, LION DANCE, ACROBATIC AND MAGIC SHOWS, LUCKY DRAWS, STALL GAMES AND FASHION SHOWS, AS WELL AS PERFORMANCE BY LOCAL GROUPS AND ARTISTES.

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"WE HOPE THAT THESE ACTIVITIES WILL PROVIDE A GOOD TIME FOR RESIDENTS AND AT THE SAME TIME PROMOTE THEIR SENSE OF BELONGING AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT," A SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID.

DETAILS OF THE LANTERN FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DATE/TIME -----	AREA -----	VENUE -----
FEBRUARY 18 (SATURDAY) 8 PM - 10 PM	TIN WAN AND SHEK PAI WAN	OPEN SPACE NEAR BLOCK 1, SHEK PAI WAN ESTATE
FEBRUARY 19 (SUNDAY) 7.30 PM - 10.30 PM	TIN WAN AND SHEK PAI WAN	TIN WAN ESTATE BLOCK 6 SOCCER PITCH
2 PM - 11 PM	ABERDEEN AND HARBOUR	ABERDEEN CENTRE SQUARE
7 PM - 11 PM	AP LEI CHAU	AP LEI CHAU ESTATE BASKETBALL COURT
2 PM - 10.30 PM	WAH FU	WAH HONG SQUARE, WAH FU ESTATE
2 PM - 5 PM	POK FU LAM	SKATING RINK, CHI FU FA YUEN
6 PM - 10.30 PM	STANLEY, SHEK O AND BAYS	CARPARK NEAR SHEK O BEACH

ADMISSION TO THESE ACTIVITIES IS FREE AND ABOUT 40,000 RESIDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN THE CELEBRATIONS.

THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE HAS ALLOCATED MORE THAN \$84,000, AND THE URBAN COUNCIL HAS SPONSORED \$10,000, FOR LOCAL ORGANISATIONS TO ORGANISE LUNAR NEW YEAR ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

APART FROM THE LANTERN FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS, OTHER NEW YEAR ACTIVITIES SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD INCLUDE A SPRING FESTIVAL FUN DAY TO BE HELD IN WONG CHUK HANG AREA ON FEBRUARY 26.

THE FUN DAY WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE OPEN SPACE NEAR BLOCK 5 OF WONG CHUK HANG ESTATE FROM 11 AM TO 5.30 PM.

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FESTIVAL LIGHTING PHOTOGRAPHS ON SHOW

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PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN IN A TERRITORY-WIDE COMPETITION ON CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR FESTIVE LIGHTING DECORATIONS WILL BE EXHIBITED IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FROM NEXT WEEK.

THE EXHIBITION WILL FIRST BE STAGED AT THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE, WESTERN STREET, BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM DAILY FROM MONDAY (FEBRUARY 20) TO FEBRUARY 26 (SUNDAY).

IT WILL THEN BE STAGED AT THE FONG SHUE CHUEN EXHIBITION CENTRE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, FROM MARCH 13 TO 18.

THE EXHIBITION FEATURES 16 WINNING ENTRIES IN THE COMPETITION HELD BETWEEN DECEMBER 22 AND JANUARY 16.

THE COMPETITION, DIVIDED INTO OPEN AND STUDENTS GROUPS, ATTRACTED ABOUT 280 ENTRIES.

THE EXHIBITION HAS BEEN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, MID-LEVELS (WESTERN) AREA COMMITTEE AND THE PHOTOGRAPHY SOCIETY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG STUDENTS' UNION.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-8523486.

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KOWLOON CITY CHILDREN'S CHORUS TO GIVE CONCERT

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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CHORUS WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL CONCERT AT THE KO SHAN THEATRE ON FEBRUARY 26 (SUNDAY).

FREE TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AT KAU PUI LUNG ROAD AND ITS THREE SUB-OFFICES AT HO MAN TIN ESTATE, BULKELEY STREET IN HUNG HOM, AND JUNCTION ROAD IN LUNG SHING.

THE 100-MEMBER CHORUS WILL PERFORM 20 PIECES OF MUSIC, INCLUDING HYMNS, CLASSICAL SONGS AND THE SPECIALLY-COMPOSED "KOWLOON CITY SONG". THERE WILL ALSO BE INSTRUMENTAL PERFORMANCES.

THE CONCERT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A GATHERING FOR PARENTS OF MEMBERS OF THE CHORUS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THEIR CHILDREN'S PERFORMANCES.

AIMED AT PROMOTING CHILDREN'S INTEREST IN MUSIC, THE CHORUS WAS SET UP IN 1982 WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS.

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MEANWHILE, THE CHORUS IS RECRUITING CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN FIVE AND 14 RESIDING OR STUDYING IN KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT AS MEMBERS.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AT 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-7110171 EXTENSION 49.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ANNUAL CONCERT OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CHORUS ON FEBRUARY 26 (SUNDAY) AT THE KO SHAN THEATRE, TO KWA WAN. THE CONCERT WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM.

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NEW YEAR CARNIVAL FOR YAU TSIM RESIDENTS

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A LUNAR NEW YEAR CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD BY THE YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI CULTURE AND ARTS ASSOCIATION AT THE URBAN COUNCIL CENTENARY GARDEN, TSIM SHA TSUI, ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 19).

THE CARNIVAL WILL BE OPENED BY THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WONG HON-HO, AT 1.30 PM. THERE WILL BE SINGING AND DANCE PERFORMANCES, STALL GAMES, WORD PROPHECY AND FORTUNE TELLING.

CARTOON CHARACTERS WILL BE PRESENT TO DISTRIBUTE BALLOONS TO CHILDREN AT THE CARNIVAL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CARNIVAL WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 1.30 PM ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 19) AT THE UC CENTENARY GARDEN, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

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LEE YIP STREET TO BE RESUMED AND REPAIRED

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO RESUME AND REPAIR A PRIVATE STREET, LEE YIP STREET, IN YAU MA TEI.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID LEE YIP STREET WAS NOT PROPERLY MAINTAINED AND MANAGED DUE TO MULTIPLE SUBDIVIDED OWNERSHIP. IT WAS THEREFORE NECESSARY TO RESUME THE STREET TO ENABLE PROPER MAINTENANCE AND USE.

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL REPAIR THE CARRIAGEWAYS, FOOTWAYS AND IMPROVE DRAINAGE.

THE REPAIR WORK IS PROGRAMMED TO COMMENCE BY THE END OF THIS YEAR AND WILL TAKE ABOUT FIVE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PLAN AND SCHEME MAY BE INSPECTED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

- \* CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;
- \* KOWLOON WEST DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON;
- \* YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE, 490 NATHAN ROAD, HOP FAT COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, KOWLOON.

ANY PERSON WISHING TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG BEFORE APRIL 11 THIS YEAR.

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LAND IN SHA TIN TO BE RESUMED

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO RESUME 22 PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL LOTS WITH AN AREA OF 2,997.8 SQUARE METRES IN SHA TIN FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A VILLAGE RESITE AREA.

THE VILLAGE RESITE AREA, WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 3,900 SQUARE METRES, HAS TO BE BUILT AT NGAU PEI SHA VILLAGE TO ACCOMMODATE ELIGIBLE BUILDING LAND OWNERS WHOSE VILLAGE HOUSES ARE AFFECTED BY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL PROJECT IN SHA TIN.

RESUMPTION OF LAND IS REQUIRED TO ENABLE WORK TO COMMENCE IN MAY AFTER THE THREE MONTHS' RESUMPTION NOTICE HAS EXPIRED.

DETAILS OF THE RESUMPTION WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AT TEMPLE STREET TO BE CLOSED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS TO SEEK THE CLOSURE OF A NUMBER OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN A YAU MA TEI BUILDING, SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS OR TO THE PUBLIC.

THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ARE ON THE FLAT ROOF ADJACENT TO FLAT A AND FLAT B ON THE FIRST FLOOR AND ON THE ROOF OVER FLAT A, 23RD FLOOR OF FU CHEONG BUILDING AT 29-35 TEMPLE STREET, KOWLOON.

THE CLOSURE IS PART OF AN EXERCISE TO ENFORCE THE ORDERS ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE ON MARCH 30, 1987 REQUIRING THE DEMOLITION OF THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AS THE OWNERS HAD FAILED TO COMPLY WITH THE ORDERS.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON MARCH 22 WERE POSTED ON THE STRUCTURES TODAY (FRIDAY).

DEMOLITION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT ONCE THE CLOSURE ORDERS ARE OBTAINED.

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURE IN HUNG HOM TO BE CLOSED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS TO SEEK THE CLOSURE OF AN ILLEGAL STRUCTURE IN HUNG HOM SO THAT IT CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS OR TO THE PUBLIC.

THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURE IS ON THE ROOF OF 59 BULKELEY STREET, KOWLOON.

THE CLOSURE IS PART OF AN EXERCISE TO ENFORCE AN ORDER ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE ON NOVEMBER 14 LAST YEAR REQUIRING THE DEMOLITION OF THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURE.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON MAY 17 WAS POSTED ON A CONSPICUOUS PART OF THE STRUCTURE TODAY (FRIDAY).

IT IS INTENDED THAT DEMOLITION WILL START ONCE THE CLOSURE ORDER IS OBTAINED.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN TAI KOK TSUI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 20), TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN TAI KOK TSUI FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS FOR ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS.

THE UNNAMED ROAD BETWEEN POK MAN STREET AND FOO KWAI STREET AT THE EXIT OF TAI KOK TSUI FERRY BUS TERMINUS WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC RE-ROUTEING WILL BE IMPLEMENTED:

- \* FOO KWAI STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY WESTBOUND TO ONE-WAY EASTBOUND.
- \* HOI KING STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND TO ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.
- \* CHUN WING STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND TO ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.

VEHICLES ON WESTBOUND CHERRY STREET EAST OF HOI KING STREET WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT TO HOI KING STREET.

VEHICLES ON TAI KOK TSUI ROAD HEADING FOR TAI KOK TSUI OPEN-AIR CARPARK IN HOI KING STREET WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CHERRY STREET AND HOI KING STREET WHILE THOSE LEAVING THE CARPARK WILL BE DIVERTED VIA HOI KING STREET, FOO KWAI STREET AND TAI KOK TSUI ROAD.

ON LEAVING THE TAI KOK TSUI FERRY BUS TERMINUS, KMB ROUTES 10, 13D, 16, 32, 33A, 37, 43C, 46, 66, 66X, 72B, 72X, 87, 87A AND 87B WILL BE DIVERTED VIA FOO KWAI STREET AND TAI KOK TSUI ROAD.

IN ADDITION, THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF FOO KWAI STREET BETWEEN HOI KING STREET AND TAI KOK TSUI ROAD 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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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CENTRAL, SOUTHERN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 6 AM ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 20), THE FOLLOWING TURNING MOVEMENTS IN CENTRAL WILL BE BANNED:

- \* THE LEFT-TURN FROM CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL EASTBOUND TO HARBOUR VIEW STREET; AND
- \* THE RIGHT-TURN FROM CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WESTBOUND TO HARBOUR VIEW STREET.

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THE STRAIGHT AHEAD MOVEMENT FROM QUEEN VICTORIA STREET NORTHBOUND TO HARBOUR VIEW STREET WILL ALSO BE BANNED.

AT THE SAME TIME, ON THEIR JOURNEYS TO CENTRAL BUS STATION, CHINA MOTOR BUS ROUTES 6, 11, 12, 15, 25, 61, 64, 75, 90 AND 97 WILL OPERATE VIA QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, PEDDER STREET, CONNAUGHT PLACE AND HARBOUR VIEW STREET WHILE CMB ROUTE 47 WILL OPERATE VIA DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, PEDDER STREET, CONNAUGHT PLACE AND HARBOUR VIEW STREET.

MEANWHILE, IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT, VEHICLES EXCEEDING THREE TONNES GROSS WILL BE BANNED FROM ENTERING OCEAN PARK ROAD AND WONG CHUK HANG ROAD WESTBOUND FROM 9 AM ON FEBRUARY 20 TO 5 PM ON FEBRUARY 22 FOR ROADWORKS.

AFFECTED VEHICLES MAY ENTER OCEAN PARK ROAD FROM HEUNG YIP ROAD EASTBOUND.

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#### TEMPORARY URBAN CLEARWAYS IN WAN CHAI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN WAN CHAI WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 20).

THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF FENWICK STREET BETWEEN LOCKHART ROAD AND HENNESSY ROAD WILL BE MADE A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS FOR LAYING OF WATER MAINS.

IN ADDITION, THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF WING FUNG STREET WILL BECOME A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH FOR ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORK.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

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#### TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF HILLIER STREET

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT HILLIER STREET BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1 AM AND 6 AM DAILY FROM MONDAY (FEBRUARY 20) FOR FIVE NIGHTS BECAUSE OF BUILDING WORKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES HEADING FOR CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WESTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA RUMSEY STREET.

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