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VISIT TO LONDON USEFUL - THE GOVERNOR

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THE PRIME MINISTER, MRS THATCHER, TOOK A CLOSE AND A VERY SUPPORTIVE INTEREST IN HONG KONG WHEN SHE MET THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON IN LONDON LAST WEEK.

RETURNING TO HONG KONG THIS (SUNDAY) MORNING, THE GOVERNOR TOLD REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT THAT THE VISIT TO LONDON WAS A USEFUL ONE AND HE HAD A CHANCE TO BRIEF THE PRIME MINISTER PERSONALLY BOTH ON THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF HONG KONG AND OF THE VARIOUS ISSUES WHICH WERE OF CONCERN TO US.

SIR DAVID SAID THE VISIT HAD GIVEN HIM A CHANCE TO BRIEF THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, SENIOR OFFICIALS IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE AS WELL AS SENIOR OFFICIALS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF TALKING TO THEM ABOUT TRADE AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN HONG KONG, MEDIUM TERM AND LONG TERM.

IN ADDITION, SIR DAVID ALSO MET SOME MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AND BROUGHT THEM UP-TO-DATE ON HONG KONG.

ASKED ABOUT MRS THATCHER'S VIEW ON MANDATORY REPATRIATION OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE, THE GOVERNOR SAID IT WAS THE CUSTOM IN BRITAIN THAT DECISIONS WERE COLLECTIVE BY THE CABINET AND ONE DIDN'T QUOTE WHAT AN INDIVIDUAL MINISTER OR INDIVIDUAL SUCH AS THE PRIME MINISTER THOUGHT.

"THE POINT I MADE IN LONDON WAS THAT THE POLICY WE ADOPTED BACK IN JUNE OF LAST YEAR, A POLICY WE PUT FORWARD FROM HERE, WAS THEN APPROVED BY BRITISH MINISTERS. THAT IS BRITISH MINISTERS COLLECTIVELY. THAT MEANS THE CABINET. SO THE POLICY THAT WE PUT FORWARD WAS THE ONE WHICH WAS APPROVED BY BRITISH MINISTERS COLLECTIVELY," SIR DAVID SAID.

"THE POINT THAT I HAVE BEEN EXPLAINING IN LONDON IS THAT WE HAVE A PROBLEM HERE WHICH IS RESULTED IN US HAVING TO SCREEN PEOPLE WHO ARE ARRIVING TO FIND WHO ARE GENUINE REFUGEES AND WHO ARE NOT.

"GENUINE REFUGEES WE MUST TRY TO RESETTLE. IT FOLLOWS THAT THOSE WHO ARE NOT GENUINE REFUGEES HAVE ONLY ONE PLACE THAT THEY MUST GO BACK TO AND THAT IS THEIR OWN COUNTRY -- VIETNAM.

"THAT IS THE SAME AS ANY PLACE IN THE WORLD. PEOPLE WHO GO FROM A COUNTRY TO ANOTHER ONE ILLEGALLY, ENTER ILLEGALLY, GO BACK TO THAT COUNTRY. UNITED STATES DOES EXACTLY THE SAME FOR PEOPLE FROM CENTRAL AMERICA. OTHER COUNTRIES SEND PEOPLE BACK TO PLACES WHERE THEY HAVE COME FROM," THE GOVERNOR ADDED.

ASKED WHETHER CHINA WOULD BE MORE WILLING TO CREATE CONDITIONS TO HALT THE BRAIN DRAIN, SIR DAVID SAID THE POLICY THAT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT ADOPTED WAS, FIRST OF ALL, IF PEOPLE WANTED TO LEAVE HONG KONG WE SHOULD NEVER STOP THEM.

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WE WOULD TRY TO CREATE CONDITIONS HERE SO THAT PEOPLE WOULD WANT TO STAY AND ALSO CONDITIONS TO MAKE IT EASY FOR PEOPLE TO RETURN IF THEY WANTED TO, HE SAID.

"THOSE ARE THE PARAMETERS THAT WE WORK IN RATHER THAN ANY OTHER ONES," THE GOVERNOR ADDED.

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LARGEST SQUATTER AREA TO GIVE WAY TO PUBLIC HOUSING

SHAU KEI WAN WEST FOOTHILLS, THE BIGGEST SQUATTER AREA REMAINING ON HONG KONG ISLAND, WILL BECOME HOMES FOR 18,700 PEOPLE WHEN A NEW PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE IS BUILT ON THE 15 HECTARE SITE CLEARED FROM THE SQUATTER VILLAGES.

THE NEW ESTATE, TO BE COMPLETED IN 1995, WILL COMPRISE EIGHT 36-STOUREY TRIDENT 4 BLOCKS WITH 4921 FLATS, A COMMERCIAL COMPLEX, A MULTI-STOUREY CARPARK, A SECONDARY SCHOOL AND RECREATIONAL AREAS.

A HOUSING AUTHORITY SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT GOOD PROGRESS WAS BEING MADE TO CLEAR THE SIX SQUATTER VILLAGES WITH A TOTAL POPULATION OF 11,500 PEOPLE.

HE SAID OF THE 1,840 FAMILIES INVOLVED IN PHASE 1 OF THE CLEARANCE SCHEDULED FOR APRIL THIS YEAR, ABOUT 1,400 OR NEARLY 80 PER CENT HAD ALREADY ACCEPTED REHOUSING OFFERS.

THE REHOUSING OF THE REMAINING HOUSEHOLDS WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF APRIL, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, ADDING THAT OFFERS TO THOSE LIVING IN THE PHASE 2 AND 3 CLEARANCE AREAS WERE NOW BEING MADE.

HE POINTED OUT THAT MOST OF THE FAMILIES ELIGIBLE FOR PUBLIC HOUSING WERE BEING ACCOMMODATED IN THE NEW TSUI WAN ESTATE IN CHAI WAN AND THOSE ELIGIBLE FOR URBAN TEMPORARY HOUSING WERE ALSO BEING ACCOMMODATED LOCALLY WITHIN CHAI WAN DISTRICT.

THE SITE WHICH WILL BE TOTALLY CLEARED BY AUGUST THIS YEAR WILL BE USED FOR BUILDING THE SECOND PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE IN SHAU KEI WAN, THE FIRST OF WHICH IS AT THE EASTERN PART OF SHAU KEI WAN FOOTHILLS WHERE SITE FORMATION WORK IS NOW IN PROGRESS.

SITE FORMATION FOR THE WESTERN FOOTHILLS AT A COST OF \$255.6 MILLION WILL SOON START. THE WORK WILL INCLUDE THE FORMATION OF HOUSING PLATFORMS, CUTTING AND FILLING OF SLOPES, CONSTRUCTION OF RETAINING WALLS, ROADS AND DRAINAGE, AND SLOPE AND BOULODER STABILISATION.

A SPECIALLY DESIGNED CONVEYER BELT SYSTEM WILL ALSO BE BUILT FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF 1.6 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF SURPLUS EXCAVATED MATERIALS FROM THE SITE THROUGH THE SHAU KEI WAN URBAN AREA TO ALDRICH BAY.

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TRAFFIC PROSECUTIONS INCREASE

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OVERALL ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST VARIOUS TRAFFIC OFFENCES SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 8.6 PER CENT LAST YEAR WHEN COMPARED WITH 1987.

ANNOUNCING THE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT FIGURES FOR 1988, A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PROSECUTIONS ROSE FROM 1,307,930 IN 1987 TO 1,420,027 IN 1988.

"AMONG THE PROSECUTIONS, FIXED PENALTY (MOVING) OFFENCES INCREASED FROM 432,519 BY 11.5 PER CENT TO 482,348 WHILE FIXED PENALTY (PARKING) OFFENCES ROSE FROM 733,719 BY 13.9 PER CENT TO 835,611," THE SPOKESMAN SAID, ADDING THAT THE CONSIDERABLE INCREASES REFLECTED THE INCREASING NUMBER OF VEHICLES ON THE ROADS.

ON THE DRIVING OFFENCE POINTS SYSTEM, THE SPOKESMAN DISCLOSED THAT A TOTAL OF 3,617 DRIVERS WERE SUSPENDED DURING 1988, SOME OF THEM FOR A SECOND TIME.

"THERE ARE ALSO SOME 28,661 DRIVERS WHO HAVE ACCUMULATED 10 OR MORE PENALTY POINTS, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 73.5 PER CENT OVER 1987," HE ADDED.

NOTING THAT THE NUMBER OF PROSECUTIONS FOR GOODS VEHICLE OVERLOADING ROSE BY 14.7 PER CENT TO 27,558, THE SPOKESMAN SAID: "THERE IS MUCH EVIDENCE THAT THIS OFFENCE CAUSES GREAT DAMAGE TO ROAD SURFACES AS WELL AS BEING A DANGER TO OTHER ROAD USERS."

DURING LAST YEAR, THE NUMBER OF SUMMONSES AND ARRESTS DROPPED FROM 138,396 AND 3,296 TO 98,853 AND 3,215, INDICATING A DECREASE OF 28.6 AND 2.5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF SUMMONSES WAS MAINLY DUE TO A POLICY OF GIVING OFFENDING PEDESTRIANS VERBAL WARNINGS INSTEAD OF SUMMONSES.

REFERRING TO ANOTHER DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF SEAT BELT PROSECUTIONS WHICH DROPPED FROM 13,170 BY 30.6 PER CENT TO 9,136, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IT REPRESENTED A GENERAL ACCEPTANCE OF THIS SAFETY PRECAUTION BY THE MOTORING PUBLIC.

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MORE SAFETY COURSES IN THE PIPELINE

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THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT OPERATES ONGOING SAFETY TRAINING COURSES FOR EMPLOYEES IN VARIOUS INDUSTRIES.

THESE COURSES ARE AIMED AT ENABLING WORKERS TO IDENTIFY UNSAFE WORKING CONDITIONS IN THEIR WORKPLACE AND EQUIP THEM WITH KNOWLEDGE IN TACKLING SAFETY PROBLEMS, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

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HE POINTED OUT THAT MORE THAN 11,700 EMPLOYEES TOOK PART IN 423 COURSES ON 27 MAJOR SAFETY SUBJECTS ORGANISED BY THE CENTRE LAST YEAR.

LASTING FROM HALF A DAY TO FIVE DAYS, THE COURSES COVERED AREAS SUCH AS INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT PREVENTION, CONSTRUCTION SAFETY, MANUAL LIFTING AND HANDLING, ELECTRICAL SAFETY, SLINGING, MACHINERY AND POWER PRESS.

"OF THEM, THE BASIC ACCIDENT PREVENTION COURSES WERE MOST IN DEMAND, WITH 1,750 EMPLOYEES ENROLLED IN 52 CLASSES," THE SPOKESMAN NOTED.

THE CENTRE HAS ALSO ORGANISED A VARIETY OF SPECIALIST TRAINING COURSES FOR SUPERVISORY STAFF FROM INDUSTRY ON SUCH TOPICS AS HEARING CONSERVATION, ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION, USE AND CONTROL OF ASBESTOS, AND SAFETY IN WORK IN COMPRESSED AIR (TUNNELLING) AND IN CAISSONS.

AS FOR THIS YEAR, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, A TOTAL OF 198 BASIC AND ADVANCED COURSES OF 28 TYPES WOULD BE OFFERED IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR.

THEY INCLUDE NOT ONLY COURSES FOR INDUSTRIAL WORKERS, BUT ALSO MANY FOR SAFETY OFFICERS, SUPERVISORS, FOREMEN AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

NEW COURSES WILL ALSO BE INTRODUCED ON CRANE SAFETY, SAFETY IN WORKING AT HEIGHT AND ELECTRICAL SAFETY, FATAL ACCIDENTS ANALYSIS AND CASE STUDY.

TO COPE WITH THE RISING TREND OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS, MORE COURSES WILL BE OFFERED ON "HIGH-RISK" OPERATIONS IN A MOVE TO FOSTER AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

THERE WILL ALSO BE AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF COURSES ON LABELLING AND SAFE HANDLING OF CHEMICALS, FOLLOWING THE ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION ON DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES LATE LAST YEAR.

ALL THE SAFETY COURSES ARE CONDUCTED MAINLY IN CANTONESE AND ADMISSION IS FREE OF CHARGE, THOUGH APPLICATION MUST BE MADE THROUGH EMPLOYERS.

"IN VIEW OF THE FAVOURABLE RESPONSE TO THE COURSES, INTERESTED EMPLOYEES ARE ADVISED TO APPLY FOR ENROLMENT AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, AS PLACES WILL BE ALLOCATED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"PROSPECTUSES AND APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE CENTRE ON THE 13TH FLOOR OF HARBOUR BUILDING IN PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

"ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-8523563 OR 5-8523565."

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JOINT EFFORTS NEEDED TO ASSIST STREET SLEEPERS

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ASSISTANCE FROM VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IS NEEDED FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO SERVE STREET SLEEPERS, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SHE WAS SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY FOR THE MOBILE SERVICE VEHICLE OF THE HONG KONG CHRISTIAN CONCERN FOR THE HOMELESS ASSOCIATION IN CENTRAL.

MRS WONG NOTED THAT THE OUTREACHING TEAMS AND THE 30 FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT PROVIDED A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES FOR STREET SLEEPERS.

THESE INCLUDED COUNSELLING, FINANCIAL AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE, REFERRALS FOR RESIDENTIAL CARE OR COMPASSIONATE REHOUSING, MEDICAL OR DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT, AND EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION SERVICES.

AT THE SAME TIME, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES ALSO PROVIDED VARIOUS SERVICES FOR STREET SLEEPERS, SUCH AS TEMPORARY SHELTERS, URBAN HOSTELS AND DAY CARE CENTRES.

NOTING THAT SOME STREET SLEEPERS WHO NEEDED MEDICAL CARE MIGHT NOT BE WILLING TO SEEK ASSISTANCE FROM HOSPITALS AND CLINICS, MRS WONG COMMENDED THE HONG KONG CHRISTIAN CONCERN FOR THE HOMELESS ASSOCIATION FOR ENLISTING THE ASSISTANCE OF VOLUNTEERS FROM THE MEDICAL FIELD IN RENDERING THE NECESSARY SERVICES.

APART FROM MEDICAL TREATMENT, ITS MOBILE SERVICE VEHICLE ALSO PROVIDED SERVICES SUCH AS COUNSELLING AND HAIR-CUTTING.

"WITH THE JOINT EFFORTS AND CO-OPERATION OF THE VARIOUS SECTORS, I BELIEVE STREET SLEEPERS WILL BE ABLE TO RECEIVE THE NECESSARY CARE IN THE NEAR FUTURE," MRS WONG SAID.

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NEW ADDRESS FOR EPD'S AIR CONTROL GROUP

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THE AIR CONTROL GROUP OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) HAS MOVED SOME OF ITS OFFICES TO SOUTHERN CENTRE, 26TH FLOOR, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID ALL APPLICATIONS UNDER THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL (FURNACES, OVENS AND CHIMNEYS)(INSTALLATION AND ALTERATION) REGULATIONS REGARDING THE INSTALLATION OR MODIFICATIONS OF FUEL CONSUMING EQUIPMENT OR CHIMNEYS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE NEW ADDRESS.

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ENQUIRIES REGARDING THE PROVISIONS OF THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE AND ITS SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION MAY BE MADE AT THE NEW OFFICE EITHER IN PERSON OR BY TELEPHONE ON 5-8351085.

ANY COMPLAINTS CONCERNING AIR POLLUTION SHOULD BE MADE ON THE 24-HOUR HOTLINE 5-8383111.

THE OFFICE OF THE AIR CONTROL GROUP'S VEHICLE EMISSION CONTROL SECTION WILL REMAIN IN EMPIRE CENTRE, 68 MODY ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

MEANWHILE, EPD HAS PUBLISHED THE FOLLOWING EXPLANATORY BOOKLETS AND PAMPHLETS ON THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE AND ITS SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION.

- A. A CONCISE GUIDE TO THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE;
- B. A GUIDE TO THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL (FURNACES, OVENS AND CHIMNEYS) (INSTALLATION AND ALTERATION) REGULATIONS;
- C. A GUIDE TO THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL (SPECIFIED PROCESSES) REGULATIONS;
- D. A GUIDE TO THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL (DUST AND GRIT EMISSION) REGULATIONS;
- E. A GUIDE TO THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL (SMOKE) REGULATIONS;
- F. A GUIDE TO THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL (APPEAL BOARD) REGULATIONS;
- G. PAMPHLET ON "DARK SMOKE CONTROL"; AND
- H. CODE OF GOOD PRACTICE FOR THE OPERATION OF LIQUID FUEL-FIRED COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND DOMESTIC APPLIANCES.

THESE BOOKLETS AND PAMPHLETS ARE OBTAINABLE FREE OF CHARGE FROM THE AIR CONTROL GROUP AT THE NEW ADDRESS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PHOTOGRAPH OF A BOOKLET WILL BE SENT BY FACSIMILE.

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\$54.51 MILLION EARMARKED FOR DB PROJECTS

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THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION (CNTA) PLANS TO SPEND \$54.51 MILLION IN THE 1989-90 FINANCIAL YEAR TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF LOCAL RESIDENTS AND TO RUN COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS.

THE SUM, EARMARKED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS, HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE CNTA'S DRAFT ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE. THE PROVISION IS \$11.83 MILLION MORE THAN IN 1988-89.

SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, \$25.44 MILLION WILL BE ALLOCATED TO THE 10 DISTRICTS ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND IN KOWLOON, AND \$29.07 MILLION TO THE NINE DISTRICTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

LAST YEAR, A TOTAL OF 390 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS WERE IMPLEMENTED BY DISTRICT BOARDS, COMPARED WITH 306 IN 1987 AND 359 IN 1986.

THE PROJECTS INCLUDED THE PROVISION OF SITTING-OUT AREAS, FOOTPATHS, AND AMENITY SPOTS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO MINOR ACCESS ROADS AND PATHS.

THROUGH THE SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION OF AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OTHER LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, 3,669 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES WERE IMPLEMENTED LAST YEAR, COMPARED WITH 4,006 IN 1987 AND 2,832 IN 1986.

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THOUSANDS ATTEND EXTRAVAGANZA IN CENTRAL

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THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS ATTENDED THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT CHINESE ARTS AND CULTURE EXTRAVAGANZA HELD TODAY (SUNDAY) AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT IN CENTRAL.

THE EVENT WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND WAS ALSO BROADCAST LIVE ON TELEVISION.

IT WAS AIMED AT PROMOTING CHINESE ARTS AND CULTURE THROUGH COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, BEGAN THE PROGRAMME BY OFFICIATING AT A BALLOON-RAISING CEREMONY.

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OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS INCLUDED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR LEUNG SIK-WAH; CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR AMBROSE LAU; CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN FISHER; AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, MS MARIA WAN.

THEN CAME A PERFORMANCE BY THE TAMAR MARCHING BAND, AND SONGS BY THE POPULAR SINGER, JENNY.

CHINESE AND WESTERN MEDLEYS WERE PERFORMED BY THE BEYOND BAND, YAN CHOR-SIN, CHAN TAK-CHEONG AND KONG YAN-YIN.

THE SHOW CAME TO A GRAND FINALE FOLLOWING A PERFORMANCE BY THE HONG KONG JING YING DANCE GROUP.

AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE CHINESE ARTS AND CULTURE EXTRAVAGANZA, MR LAN TOURED THE NEARBY GAMES STALLS AND EXHIBITION ON CIVIC EDUCATION WHICH WERE STAGED TO COINCIDE WITH THE EXTRAVAGANZA.

THE GAMES STALLS AND EXHIBITION, STAGED BY FOUR DISTRICT COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUBS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, WERE OFFICIALLY OPENED EARLIER IN THE DAY TO LAUNCH THE CIVIC EDUCATION FORTNIGHT.

THE OFFICIATING GUESTS INCLUDED THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI; DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR BOWEN LEUNG; MEMBER OF THE CIVIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE, MRS LINA LO; AND THE CHAIRMEN OF THE EASTERN, WAN CHAI AND CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARDS, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG, MRS PEGGY LAM AND MR AMBROSE LAU, RESPECTIVELY.

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EASTERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS HELP FIGHT CRIME
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THOUSANDS OF EASTERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS TODAY (SUNDAY) TOOK PART IN THE DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL AND PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT VICTORIA PARK.

TWELVE RESIDENTS WERE PRESENTED WITH DISTRICT GOOD CITIZENS AWARDS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING BEHAVIOUR IN HELPING THE POLICE TO FIGHT CRIME.

PRIZES WERE ALSO AWARDED TO THE WINNERS OF THE ANTI-SHOPTHEFT AND ANTI-TRIAD POSTER AND CHINESE SLOGAN DESIGN COMPETITIONS.

SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY, THE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR C.J. GLOVER, SAID THAT SEVEN OUT OF 43 RECIPIENTS OF THE TERRITORY-WIDE GOOD CITIZENS AWARDS CAME FROM EASTERN DISTRICT, THE HIGHEST IN ANY DISTRICT.

MR GLOVER ALSO SAID THAT THE AVERAGE MONTHLY FIGURE FOR CRIME REPORTS IN EASTERN LAST YEAR WAS 411 COMPARED WITH 391 IN 1987 AND 394 IN 1986.

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"ROBBERIES PER MONTH AVERAGED 22 IN 1988 COMPARED WITH 27 IN 1987 WHILE BURGLARIES PER MONTH AVERAGED 53 IN 1988 COMPARED WITH 49 IN 1987."

MR GLOVER SAID THE DETECTION RATE HAD SHOWN A CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT FROM 45 PER CENT IN 1986 TO 52 PER CENT LAST YEAR.

"NEW PARTLY OCCUPIED BLOCKS OF FLATS CONTINUE TO BE A FAVOURITE TARGET FOR BURGLARS AS MANY PEOPLE MOVE IN BEFORE FITTING SECURITY TO THEIR FLATS AND CRIMINALS ARE ABLE TO WANDER AROUND THE NEW BUILDINGS DISGUISED AS WORKMEN," MR GLOVER SAID.

HE URGED HOUSEHOLDERS TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS AND TO JOIN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME WHICH HELPED TO PROTECT THEIR OWN AND NEIGHBOURS' PREMISES.

MR GLOVER SAID THE INCIDENCE OF SHOPTHEFT CONTINUED TO OCCUR AT AN UNACCEPTABLE LEVEL - 495 CASES IN 1986, 661 IN 1987 AND 622 LAST YEAR.

HE POINTED OUT THAT MANY OF THE CULPRITS WERE, UNFORTUNATELY, CHILDREN FOR WHOM THE CONSEQUENCES COULD BE DISASTROUS.

"THE JUVENILE CAN END UP WITH A CRIMINAL RECORD WHICH COULD STAY WITH HIM THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE," HE SAID.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GARY YEUNG, PRAISED THE CONTINUOUS EFFORTS OF THE DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE IN ORGANISING THE "WATCHMEN/CARETAKERS AWARD SCHEME", "ANTI-SHOPTHEFT BUS PARADE", "LIFT DISPLAY PROJECT", SCHOOL TALKS AND COMPETITIONS TO DISSEMINATE FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE TO RESIDENTS.

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KLN CITY CHILDREN'S CHORUS HOLDS ANNUAL CONCERT

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ABOUT 1,000 PEOPLE WERE TREATED TO DELIGHTFUL PERFORMANCES BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CHORUS AT ITS ANNUAL CONCERT THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND GUESTS ALSO JOINED THE CHORUS IN SINGING THE "KOWLOON CITY SONG" AT THE CONCERT WHICH WAS HELD AT THE KO SHAN THEATRE.

THE CHORUS PERFORMED MORE THAN 20 PIECES OF MUSIC, INCLUDING FOLK SONGS, HYMNS, AND CLASSICAL SONGS.

THE 100-MEMBER CHORUS WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1982 WITH SUPPORT FROM THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD, THE MUSIC OFFICE, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND LOCAL LEADERS.

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ITS AIM IS TO PROMOTE CHILDREN'S INTEREST AND STANDARD IN MUSIC THROUGH PRACTICES AND PERFORMANCES.

TODAY'S EVENT WAS ORGANISED BY THE CHORUS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE MUSIC OFFICE, AND WAS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

OFFICIATING AT THE CONCERT WERE THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALEX FONG; URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR PAO PING-WING; MUSIC OFFICER OF THE MUSIC OFFICE, MR AIK YEW-GOH; DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR CHAN KING-WONG; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE CHORUS, MR CHENG WOO-YICK.

MEANWHILE, THE CHORUS IS INVITING CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN FIVE AND 16 LIVING OR STUDYING IN KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT TO JOIN AS MEMBERS.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AT 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, TO KWA WAN.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-7110171 EXTENSION 49.

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FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA
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MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL BE BRIEFED ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION SERVICES IN HONG KONG AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (MONDAY).

A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE WILL GIVE A PRESENTATION ON THE SUBJECT AND ANSWER MEMBERS' QUESTIONS.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES IN RESPECT OF APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS FOR CARRYING OUT COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS.

IN ADDITION, THEY WILL CONSIDER WHETHER TO SUPPORT A SCHOOL CHILDREN HEALTH STUDY BEING ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY MEDICINE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE A NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS FOR CARRYING OUT SOCIAL SERVICES PROJECTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (MONDAY) AT THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, ABERDEEN CENTRE, NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

PLEASE NOTE THAT DISCUSSIONS IN RELATION TO THE COMMITTEE'S ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES AND THE VETTING OF APPLICATIONS FOR DB FUNDS, AT THE LATTER PART OF THE MEETING, ARE NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

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DB COMMITTEE TO REVIEW 'MEET-THE-PUBLIC' SCHEME

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THE OPERATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS OF THE "MEET-THE-PUBLIC" SCHEME RUN BY WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE REVIEWED AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD'S FINANCE AND GENERAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 28).

THE REVIEW AIMS AT FURTHER IMPROVING THE SCHEME SO THAT MORE LOCAL RESIDENTS WILL MAKE USE OF IT.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR THE PRINTING OF TWO SETS OF DISTRICT BOARD POSTERS, AND DISCUSS PROCEDURES FOR VETTING APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS BY NON-SPECIFIED LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA RELATE TO THE INVENTORY AND STORES OF THE BOARD AND TO THE COMMITTEE'S EXPENDITURE AND COMMITMENTS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S FINANCE AND GENERAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 28) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE, FOURTH FLOOR, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, KING FUK STREET.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DECIDE ON PRIORITY OF PROJECTS

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD WILL DECIDE AT A MEETING TOMORROW (MONDAY) ON THE PRIORITY OF THE PROPOSED MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN MONG KOK FOR 1989-90.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE INFORMED OF THE PROGRESS OF THE 1988-89 MONG KOK DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE PROGRAMME.

THEY WILL HEAR A REPORT ON THE 1988-89 MONG KOK DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN AND CONSIDER THE REVISED BUDGET FOR THE CAMPAIGN.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, KOWLOON, BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM.

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STUDY ROOMS FOR KWUN TONG STUDENTS
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KWUN TONG STUDENTS MAY MAKE USE OF TEMPORARY STUDY ROOMS, FUNDED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, BETWEEN MARCH AND MAY THIS YEAR.

THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD HAS ALLOCATED \$42,250 TO 10 VOLUNTARY AGENCIES FOR PROVIDING STUDY ROOM FACILITIES FOR STUDENTS DURING THE EXAMINATION PERIOD.

THE 10 STUDY CENTRES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

CENTRE -----	TELEPHONE NUMBER -----
THE FRIENDS OF SCOUTING - WO LOK CENTRE	3-448013
ZION YOUTH SERVICE CENTRE, YAU TONG	3-486031
THE FRIENDS OF SCOUTING - KAI YIP CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE	3-7549561
HONG KONG EVANGELICAL CHURCH KO CHIU ROAD READING CENTRE	3-405489
THE CHINESE YMCA LAM TIN CENTRE	3-7756033
SHUN TIN CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CENTRE	3-499177
KIN LOK CHURCH, NGAU TAU KOK	3-7588827
CHUNG SING BENEVOLENT SOCIETY GAN LOW KHOON CHOO STUDY ROOM, SAU MAU PING	3-465700
THE SALVATION ARMY LOK WAH C & Y CENTRE	3-7580480
THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS, YAU TONG YOUTH CENTRE	3-480339

STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT THE RESPECTIVE CENTRES FOR DETAILS OF THE OPENING DAYS AND HOURS.

THE TEMPORARY STUDY ROOM PROJECT IN THE DISTRICT HAS BEEN FUNDED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD SINCE 1983.

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'MEET-THE-PUBLIC' SCHEME ON TAI PO DB AGENDA
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THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL REVIEW ITS "MEET-THE-PUBLIC" SCHEME AT ITS MEETING ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 28).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO EXPRESS VIEWS ON A REVIEW OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S DISTRICT FESTIVALS SUBSIDY SCHEME.

IN ADDITION, THEY WILL DISCUSS THE TAI PO DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AND THE PROCEDURES FOR ELECTING A BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO SIT ON THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT AND REPORTS BY THE BOARD'S COMMITTEES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD TO BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 152 KWONG FUK ROAD, ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 28). THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM.

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THREE LOTS FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION
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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING THREE LOTS FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE LOTS INCLUDE ONE FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING RESIDENTIAL, HOTEL, CINEMA AND GODOWN) PURPOSES AND TWO FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

THE ONE FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES IS LOCATED AT WANG HOI ROAD, KOWLOON BAY, WHILE THE OTHER TWO ARE LOCATED IN AREA 43 OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN AND AREA 39 IN TUEN MUN.

THE AUCTION WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE STARTING AT 2.30 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE LAND AUCTION BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT TO BE HELD IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE STARTING AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (MONDAY).

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SUSPENSION OF WATER SUPPLY IN THREE DISTRICTS

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN VILLAGES ON LANTAU ISLAND WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 AM TO 6 PM ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 28) TO FACILITATE WATER WORKS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT THE SHUI HAU VILLAGE, TONG FUK VILLAGE (EXCLUDING MA PO PING PRISON AND TONG FUK CENTRE), CHEUNG SHA AREA (INCLUDING UPPER, LOWER VILLAGE AND BUNGALOW-TYPE BUILDINGS), SAN SHEK VILLAGE, PUI O KAU TSUEN, PUI O SAN TSUEN, LO UK TSUEN, WO LIU TSUEN, HOM TIN TSUEN AND LO WAI TSUEN.

IN SHAM SHUI PO, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 1) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT AN AREA BOUNDED BY LAI CHI KOK ROAD, NAM CHEONG STREET, TUNG CHAU STREET AND KWEILIN STREET INCLUDING YEE KUK STREET, HOI TAN STREET AND PEI HO STREET.

ALSO TO FACILITATE NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TSZ WAN SHAN WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (MARCH 2) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT AN AREA BOUNDED BY TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD, WAN WAH STREET AND PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD.

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