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GOVERNOR VISITS HIGHWAY AND TUNNEL PROJECTS

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL PRESS AHEAD WITH THE MAJOR TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURAL PROGRAMMES ESSENTIAL TO HONG KONG'S LONG-TERM ECONOMIC PROSPERITY, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

ON A TOUR OF MAJOR HIGHWAY AND TUNNEL PROJECTS, HE NOTED THAT GREAT INTEREST CONTINUED TO BE SHOWN BY BOTH LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIA IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND FINANCING OF HONG KONG'S INFRASTRUCTURE.

ONE EXAMPLE OF THIS MULTI-NATIONAL INVOLVEMENT WAS THE \$4 BILLION EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING, ONE OF THE FOUR MAJOR TUNNELS THAT THE GOVERNOR VISITED THIS AFTERNOON.

THE FOUR TUNNELS - EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING, JUNK BAY TUNNEL, ROUTE 5 AND TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL - ARE BEING BUILT AT AN OVERALL COST OF MORE THAN \$7.5 BILLION. ALL ARE SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION WITHIN THE NEXT TWO YEARS TO CATER FOR THE TERRITORY'S EVER-GROWING TRAFFIC NEEDS.

DURING TODAY'S VISIT, SIR DAVID WAS PLEASED TO LEARN THAT THE RAIL SECTION OF THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING, WHICH WOULD BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC IN ABOUT A WEEK'S TIME, WAS COMPLETED FULLY SIX MONTHS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.

THE ROAD SECTION OF THE CROSSING WILL OPEN IN LATER AUGUST OR EARLY SEPTEMBER, ALSO MANY MONTHS AHEAD OF THE ORIGINAL COMPLETION DATE OF FEBRUARY 1990.

SIR DAVID, ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, AND THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS, MR HAROLD BEATON, NOTED THAT THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING WOULD GREATLY EASE HEAVY CONGESTION ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR.

SIR DAVID THEN FLEW BY HELICOPTER TO THE \$360 MILLION JUNK BAY TUNNEL. SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY OCTOBER 1990, THIS TUNNEL WILL PROVIDE THE MAIN ACCESS LINK BETWEEN TSEUNG KWAN O NEW TOWN AND EAST KOWLOON.

THE GOVERNOR NEXT VISITED THE \$1.2 BILLION ROUTE 5 PROJECT, WHICH WILL PROVIDE A DIRECT ROAD LINK BETWEEN SHA TIN AND TSUEN WAN EARLY NEXT YEAR. THE ROUTE WILL CUT THE JOURNEY TIME BETWEEN THE TWO NEW TOWNS BY OVER TWO-THIRDS.

FLYING OVER EAST KOWLOON, SIR DAVID WAS ALSO BRIEFED ON PROGRESS WITH ANOTHER MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR INTERNATIONAL PROJECT INVOLVING JAPANESE, BRITISH, CHINESE AND LOCAL COMPANIES.

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THE 3.9 KILOMETRE TWIN TUBE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL, COSTING \$2 BILLION, IS DUE FOR COMPLETION IN AUGUST 1991. LINKING DIAMOND HILL IN KOWLOON WITH SIU LEK YUEN IN SHA TIN, THIS TUNNEL SHOULD CONSIDERABLY EASE PRESSURE ON THE LION ROCK TUNNEL.

SIR DAVID SAID HE HOPED THE TUNNEL COULD BE COMPLETED EARLY TO MEET THE CONTINUED GROWTH IN GOODS AND PASSENGER TRAFFIC, AND PROVIDE MUCH NEEDED RELIEF TO RESIDENTS OF SHA TIN AND THE EASTERN NEW TERRITORIES.

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LADY WILSON STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF EARLY EDUCATION

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NEW EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE IN MANY COUNTRIES TO MAKE SURE THAT EDUCATION STARTS FROM AN EARLY AGE, AS EXPERTS REALISE INCREASINGLY HOW IMPORTANT THIS PERIOD OF TRAINING IS, LADY WILSON, WIFE OF THE GOVERNOR, SAID THIS (MONDAY) MORNING.

SHE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EARLY EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT, "CHILDREN IN THE 21ST CENTURY", AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE.

LADY WILSON NOTED THAT IN RECENT YEARS A GROWING NUMBER OF PSYCHOLOGISTS WERE COMING TO RECOGNISE THE CAPACITY FOR GROWTH AND CHANGE IN THE HUMAN PERSONALITY, AND THAT NO MATTER WHETHER THEY AGREED WITH THE DIFFERING THEORIES OF SIGMUND FREUD OR OF CARL GUSTAV JUNG, THEY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT EARLY CHILDHOOD TRAINING AND UNDERSTANDING WERE VITAL.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT EDUCATION BEGAN AT HOME, FROM THE MOMENT OF BIRTH AND MUCH NEEDED TO BE LEARNED BEFORE THE FIRST STEPS INTO THE PRIMARY SCHOOL, IF A CHILD WAS TO BE A SUCCESSFUL STUDENT AND A CONFIDENT PERSON.

ATTRIBUTES SUCH AS SPEECH, COMMUNICATION, RELATIONSHIPS AND TRUST WHICH WERE ALL IMPORTANT INGREDIENTS FOR CHILDREN TO BECOME GOOD STUDENTS AND HEALTHY HUMAN BEINGS, ALL STARTED FROM BIRTH, SHE ADDED.

HOWEVER, THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN COULD NOT BE SEPARATED FROM THE REST OF THEIR TOTAL DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIETY NEEDED TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE WELFARE OF THE FAMILIES WHICH NURTURED YOUNG CHILDREN, SHE SAID.

"WE NEED TO BE CONCERNED THAT THE COMMUNITY HAS ADEQUATE SUPPORT TO PROVIDE FOR THE NEEDS OF ALL CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES.

"PARENTS, AND ESPECIALLY, MOTHERS, CANNOT BE LEFT IN ISOLATION AND BE EXPECTED TO DO A GOOD JOB OF PROVIDING OPTIMAL CONDITIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR YOUNG.

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"MANY MOTHERS NEED INFORMED HELP, TO DO THE BEST FOR THEIR CHILDREN, ESPECIALLY WITH THEIR FIRST CHILD," SHE SAID.

LADY WILSON NOTED THAT AROUND THE WORLD, LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITIES AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WERE ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING POLICIES TO SUPPORT THE EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG CHILDREN.

"NEW PROGRAMMES ON HEALTH, WELFARE AND EDUCATION ARE BEING DESIGNED FOR THE NEEDS OF YOUNG CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES," SHE SAID, ADDING THAT THESE PROGRAMMES AND EXISTING ONES DEPENDED ON EACH NATION'S ECONOMIC RESOURCES IN ORDER TO BE PUT INTO OPERATION, THE QUALITY OF PERSONNEL FOR THEIR EFFECTIVENESS, COMMUNITIES FOR THEIR SUPPORT, AND GOVERNMENTS TO MAKE THESE IMPORTANT VALUES A PRIORITY.

NOTING THAT THE CONFERENCE HAD BROUGHT TOGETHER EXPERTS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD WHO WERE INTERESTED IN THE EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG CHILDREN -- ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST PRECIOUS NATURAL RESOURCES, LADY WILSON SAID THESE EXPERTS HAD NOT ONLY LEARNT FROM THE PAST, BUT COULD CREATE THE FUTURE.

"PROGRAMMES IN SUPPORT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT ARE TAKING AN INCREASING IMPORTANCE IN THE COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD.

"SCHOLARS, RESEARCHERS AND EDUCATORS CAN USE ESTABLISHED KNOWLEDGE AS WELL AS CREATE NEW SYSTEMS THAT WILL HELP PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN IN A SAFE AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT," SHE SAID.

LADY WILSON CITED A STUDY, WHICH SHE WAS ENGAGED MANY YEARS AGO, OF PERSISTENT YOUNG OFFENDERS AGED BETWEEN 12 AND 18 IN SOME APPROVED SCHOOLS IN ENGLAND. THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE STUDY SHOWED THAT ANXIETIES ARISING FROM UNSATISFACTORY CARE AND RELATIONSHIPS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PREDISPOSED CHILDREN TO REACT IN ANTI-SOCIAL WAYS, WHEN THEY WERE UNDER STRESS AT A LATER AGE.

LADY WILSON CONCLUDED BY SAYING IT WAS TO THE FUTURE THAT THIS CONFERENCE WAS LOOKING.

"BY POOLING KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE AT THIS CONFERENCE, I FEEL SURE THAT YOU WILL ALL COME TO HELPFUL CONCLUSIONS ON HOW BEST TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL NATIONS THAT ARE REPRESENTED HERE, AS WELL AS THOSE THAT WILL BE TOLD OF YOUR FINDINGS, WILL BE ABLE TO BENEFIT FROM YOUR CONCLUSIONS AND ACT ON BEHALF OF YOUNG CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES," SHE SAID.

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INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION INVALUABLE IN CHILD CARE
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OBTAINING AND SHARING VIEWS WITH LEADING PROFESSIONALS ON EARLY EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IS INVALUABLE IN CHILD CARE SERVICES, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

MRS WONG WAS SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON RECEPTION FOR DELEGATES ATTENDING THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EARLY EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT, TITLED "CHILDHOOD IN THE 21ST CENTURY", JOINTLY HOSTED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE.

THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND THE CONTINUATION OF TIES WITH LEADING PROFESSIONALS WERE VERY IMPORTANT, SHE STRESSED.

ECHOING THE VIEWS OF MRS WONG, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR JOHN WINFIELD, SAID THAT, "FOR OBVIOUS REASONS, HONG KONG IS AN ENORMOUSLY ATTRACTIVE VENUE FOR INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES OF ALL KINDS, BUT THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR IN-DEPTH EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCES ARE RELATIVELY FEW.

"IT IS THEREFORE A SPECIAL PLEASURE TO WELCOME PARTICIPANTS WHOSE COLLECTIVE EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE COVER SUCH A WIDE RANGE OF AREAS RELATED TO EARLY EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT."

THE CONFERENCE IS ORGANISED BY AN INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL AND THE HONG KONG ORGANISING COMMITTEE.

ABOUT 500 DELEGATES, INCLUDING LEADING EDUCATORS AND CHILD CARE SPECIALISTS FROM BOTH DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, ARE TAKING PART IN THE THREE-DAY CONFERENCE WHICH BEGAN TODAY.

MRS WONG POINTED OUT THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAD SUPPORTED THE CONFERENCE BY GRANTING \$100,000 TOWARDS IT SO THAT MORE PROFESSIONALS IN CHILD CARE WORK COULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF PARTICIPATING IN THE CONFERENCE AND SHARING VIEWS TO MAKE THE FUTURE OF OUR CHILDREN BRIGHTER.

ON CHILD CARE SERVICES, MRS WONG STRESSED THAT THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT PLACED GREAT IMPORTANCE ON THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN.

"WE ARE CONTINUING TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT TO ENABLE CHILDREN TO GROW UP IN A LOVING, HEALTHY, HAPPY AND STIMULATING ENVIRONMENT FOR THE PROPER DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR PERSONALITY AND INTELLECT, PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH, AND GOOD RELATIONSHIPS," SHE SAID.

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NO AGREEMENT IN ANTI-DUMPING TALKS

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BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (EC) UNDER ARTICLE 15 OF THE ANTI-DUMPING CODE HAVE ENDED WITH NO AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES.

THE TALKS TOOK PLACE IN GENEVA ON JULY 26. THE HONG KONG DELEGATION WAS LED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR STUART HARBINSON.

SPEAKING ON HIS RETURN FROM GENEVA, MR HARBINSON SAID HONG KONG HAD PRESENTED ITS VIEW THAT IN A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT RESPECTS THE EC DEFINITIVE FINDINGS IN THIS CASE WERE INCONSISTENT WITH THE GATT.

"THE EC COULD NOT ACCEPT THIS INTERPRETATION. IT DID, HOWEVER, OFFER TO HOLD FURTHER INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS TO EXPLORE IN MORE DEPTH HOW NEW COMPANIES WISHING TO EXPORT VIDEO CASSETTES TO THE EC MIGHT BE TREATED," MR HARBINSON SAID.

"AS NO AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED, HONG KONG HAS CONCLUDED THAT IT WILL CONSIDER THE OFFER OF FURTHER INFORMAL TALKS ON THE POSITION OF NEW COMPANIES, BUT IT KEEPS OPEN ALL ITS OPTIONS FOR FUTURE ACTION," HE ADDED.

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WORKING PARTY TO REVIEW PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THE FORMATION OF A WORKING PARTY TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF HONG KONG'S PRIMARY HEALTH CARE.

PROFESSOR ROSIE YOUNG HAS BEEN APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR TO CHAIR THE WORKING PARTY. PROF YOUNG IS THE SENIOR PRO VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

"THE WORKING PARTY WILL REVIEW DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE WITH A VIEW TO ADVISING ON CHANGES WHICH MAY BE NEEDED TO IMPROVE THE DELIVERY OF HEALTH CARE TO THE PUBLIC," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE ASPECTS TO BE COVERED IN THE REVIEW INCLUDE THE GENERAL OUT-PATIENT SERVICE, MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CARE (INCLUDING FAMILY PLANNING), THE SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE, HEALTH EDUCATION, AND THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF DISEASE, HE ADDED.

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"THE WORKING PARTY WILL CONSIDER THE INTERFACE BETWEEN THE PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICE AND THE HOSPITAL SERVICE UNDER THE FUTURE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY. A PARTICULAR CONCERN IS TO CONSIDER MEANS TO KEEP PATIENTS OUT OF HOSPITALS AND TO ENCOURAGE AMBULATORY CARE," HE SAID.

THE WORKING PARTY COMPRISES REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO UNIVERSITIES AND THE MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE BOARD, FIVE MEMBERS FROM A WIDE SPECTRUM OF THE COMMUNITY APPOINTED IN THEIR PERSONAL CAPACITY AND SENIOR OFFICIALS FROM THE RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

A FULL LIST OF MEMBERS IS AS FOLLOWS:

PROFESSOR S.P.B. DONNAN, HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY MEDICINE AND FAMILY MEDICINE, CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG (NOMINATED BY THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG);

PROFESSOR JOHN C.Y. LEONG, DEAN OF FACULTY OF MEDICINE, UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG (NOMINATED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG);

DR ANTHONY S.M. NG
(NOMINATED BY THE HONG KONG MEDICAL ASSOCIATION);

DR PETER C.Y. LEE
(NOMINATED BY THE HONG KONG COLLEGE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS);

DR CHRISTOPHER D. ADAMSON-LUND
(NOMINATED BY THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HONG KONG BRANCH);

DR NATALIS YUEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE BOARD;

MR DONALD CHIA, AN INDUSTRIALIST;

MISS MONA LO, HEALTH WORKER IN KWUN TONG AND MEMBER OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD;

MISS MOYNA WONG, GROUP NURSING OFFICER OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS AND MEMBER OF THE MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE;

MR YEUNG PO-KWAN, PRINCIPAL OF MING YIN COLLEGE AND FORMER LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR;

MRS ALICE CHONG, SOCIAL WORKER AND DIRECTOR OF THE YANG MEMORIAL SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE;

DR S.H. LEE, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH;

DR K.H. PANG, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HEALTH;

DR LAWRENCE LAI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOSPITAL SERVICES (PROFESSIONAL SERVICES);

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MR B. BRESNIHAN, ASSISTANT FINANCIAL SECRETARY;

MRS CARRIE LAM, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE;

MR G.F. WOODHEAD, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE (SECRETARY);

THE FIRST MEETING OF THE WORKING PARTY WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 2) AT 2.30 PM IN THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING PARTY, PROF YOUNG, WILL MEET THE MEDIA AFTER THE FIRST MEETING. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO ATTEND SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE PRESS ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (MAIN WING) AT 4 PM ON WEDNESDAY.

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REVIEW ARTICLE ON EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES IN MANUFACTURING
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THE MAY 1989 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS CONTAINS A SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE ENTITLED "EMPLOYMENT AND VACANCIES IN THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES".

THIS ARTICLE DESCRIBES THE METHODOLOGY USED AND SUMMARY FINDINGS OF THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL WHICH HAS BEEN CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SINCE 1980.

THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE SURVEY IS TO COMPILE STATISTICS ON THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED AND VACANCIES IN THE LOCAL ECONOMY.

THE ARTICLE CONTAINS DETAILED STATISTICS ON MOVEMENTS OF THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED AND VACANCIES BY ECONOMIC SECTOR AND BY MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY FOR SEPTEMBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1988, AND ALSO INFORMATION ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT AND VACANCIES BY DISTRICT AND BY ESTABLISHMENT SIZE DURING THE PERIOD.

ACCORDING TO THE FINDINGS, THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN SEPTEMBER 1988, MEASURING THE DEMAND FOR LABOUR, WAS 844,575. WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1984, IT SHOWED A DECREASE OF 6.6 PER CENT.

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ON THE OTHER HAND, THE NUMBER OF VACANCIES IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN SEPTEMBER 1988, WHICH MEASURES THE SIZE OF UNSATISFIED DEMAND FOR WORKERS, WAS 55,069, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 45.9 PER CENT OVER SEPTEMBER 1984.

THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS IS NOW ON SALE AT \$34 PER COPY. PURCHASES MAY BE MADE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

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EASTERN DB GROUP MAKING STUDY TOUR TO JAPAN
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A GROUP OF EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL HAVE A BUSY PROGRAMME DURING THEIR ONE-WEEK STUDY TOUR TO JAPAN FROM AUGUST 7 TO 13.

OUTLINING THE ITINERARY AT A BRIEFING SESSION FOR 15 BOARD MEMBERS GOING ON THE TOUR, THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN AND LEADER OF THE DELEGATION, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG, SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THE GROUP WOULD STUDY THE STRUCTURE AND ORGANISATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN JAPAN.

"WE SHALL ALSO TAKE A DETAILED LOOK AT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

"ANOTHER ASPECT TO BE EXPLORED WILL BE THE EFFORTS MADE BY THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT TOWARDS THE PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY BUILDING," HE ADDED.

THE DELEGATION WILL LEAVE FOR KAGOSHIMA TO MEET PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AT THE GENERAL AFFAIRS, THE PLANNING AND THE PREFECTURAL CITIZENS AND WELFARE DEPARTMENTS.

MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION WILL ALSO CALL ON THE PREFECTURAL ASSEMBLY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH ASSEMBLY MEMBERS AND STAFF OF THE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT ON MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST.

DURING THEIR FIVE-DAY STAY IN KAGOSHIMA, THE GROUP WILL ALSO VISIT THE KAGOSHIMA PREFECTURAL YOUTH CENTRE TO SEE SERVICES PROVIDED FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

THEIR LAST STOP IN THE TOUR WILL BE TOKYO WHERE THEY WILL VISIT VARIOUS PLACES OF INTEREST.

AT TODAY'S BRIEFING SESSION, THE CONSUL GENERAL OF JAPAN, MR YUKIO SATO, AND THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE KAGOSHIMA PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT, MR S. ROKUTAN, GAVE TALKS ON THE COUNTRY'S CUSTOMS AND CULTURE AND ALSO LATEST DEVELOPMENTS.

THE DELEGATION WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GARY YEUNG, AND THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARY, MRS JENNIFER LI.

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SPORTS DEVELOPMENT BOARD ON AGENDA

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MEMBERS OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SPORTS DEVELOPMENT BOARD WHEN THE COMMITTEE MEETS TOMORROW (AUGUST 1).

A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH WILL ATTEND THE MEETING TO INTRODUCE AN INFORMATION PAPER ON THE BOARD.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE A REPORT ON A "CARNIVAL FOR THE AGED 1989" BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FEDERATION OF WELFARE SERVICE FOR THE AGED, AND THE COMMITTEE'S STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE AND COMMITMENTS AS AT JULY 20.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) 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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\$50 MILLION HEADQUARTERS FOR AMS READY IN 1991

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THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES (AMS), WHICH WAS FORMED IN 1950, WILL HAVE ITS OWN TRAINING CENTRE IN EARLY 1991.

THE FOUNDATION WORK OF THE \$50 MILLION HEADQUARTERS BUILDING, LOCATED AT HO MAN TIN, KOWLOON, IS NEARING COMPLETION AND WORK ON THE SUPERSTRUCTURE WILL BEGIN IN MID-AUGUST.

AT A CEREMONY HELD RECENTLY AT THE AMS REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS AT LEIGHTON CENTRE, THE COMMISSIONER OF AMS, DR S.H. LEE, WAS PRESENTED WITH A SOUVENIR - A MODEL OF THE TRAINING CENTRE DONATED BY SIX AMS ADVISERS.

THE EIGHT-STOREY TRAINING CENTRE WILL, ON COMPLETION, HOUSE STANDARD LECTURE ROOMS, SIMULATED WARDS, STUDY AND MEETING ROOMS AND A PARADE GROUND FOR TRAINING PURPOSES.

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OTHER FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE AN EQUIPMENT ROOM, ASSEMBLY HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM, OFFICERS' MESS, STAFF CANTEEN AND ADMINISTRATION OFFICE.

THE PRIMARY TASK OF THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES, WITH A STRENGTH OF OVER 5,000 VOLUNTEERS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE, IS TO AUGMENT THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES IN TIMES OF EMERGENCIES.

IN NORMAL TIMES, THEY PROVIDE FIRST AID COVERAGE FOR PUBLIC FUNCTIONS AND AT COUNTRY PARKS AT WEEKENDS; AND ACT AS LIFE GUARDS AT PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS AND BEACHES DURING PEAK SEASON.

IN ADDITION, THEY ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN ADMINISTERING METHADONE MAINTENANCE CLINICS.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 58.5 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 342.921 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 186.633 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 31.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN TAI PO

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT BECAUSE OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION WORKS, THE ACCESS ROAD TO PAN CHUNG AND MA WO, SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH PO HEUNG STREET, WILL BE CLOSED FROM 8 AM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO 8 AM ON WEDNESDAY.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SHEUNG SHUI, SHA TIN
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS, SECTIONS OF TAI PO ROAD FANLING WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 2) AND OCTOBER 25.

THE INNER-MOST LANE OF TAI PO ROAD FANLING SOUTHBOUND NEAR SHEUNG SHUI ROUNDABOUT, FOR A SECTION OF ABOUT 400 METRES, WILL BE CLOSED FROM WEDNESDAY TO AUGUST 22.

THE INNER-MOST LANE OF TAI PO ROAD FANLING NORTHBOUND NEAR SHEUNG SHUI ROUNDABOUT, FOR A SECTION OF ABOUT 400 METRES, WILL BE CLOSED FROM AUGUST 16 TO SEPTEMBER 5.

THE MIDDLE AND OUTER-MOST LANES OF TAI PO ROAD FANLING SOUTHBOUND NEAR SHEUNG SHUI ROUNDABOUT, FOR A SECTION OF ABOUT 400 METRES, WILL BE CLOSED FROM AUGUST 30 TO SEPTEMBER 30.

THE MIDDLE AND OUTER-MOST LANES OF TAI PO ROAD FANLING NORTHBOUND NEAR SHEUNG SHUI ROUNDABOUT, FOR A SECTION OF ABOUT 400 METRES, WILL BE CLOSED FROM SEPTEMBER 24 TO OCTOBER 25.

IN SHA TIN, THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY SECTION OF SIU LEK YUEN ROAD, BETWEEN KWONG SIN STREET AND SHA TIN WAI ROAD, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 10 PM AND 5 AM THE NEXT DAY FROM WEDNESDAY TO AUGUST 8.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS ON WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF SIU LEK YUEN ROAD HEADING FOR CITY ONE, SHA TIN, WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE KWONG SIN STREET, UNNAMED ROAD AND SHA TIN WAI ROAD BEFORE RE-JOINING SIU LEK YUEN ROAD.

THE ARRANGEMENT WILL FACILITATE WORK ON THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL PROJECT.

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