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TRADE MISSION RETURNS FROM JAPAN

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, LADY YOUDE AND SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC MISSION RETURNED TO HONG KONG LATE LAST (WEDNESDAY) NIGHT AFTER A FOUR-DAY VISIT TO JAPAN.

THE GROUP, INCLUDING SIR S.Y. CHUNG, MISS LYDIA DUNN, MR ERIC HO, MR JAMES WU AND MR S.K. NGAI, WAS MET BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S STATEMENT TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT:

+WE HAD A VERY GOOD VISIT TO JAPAN, AS YOU PROBABLY HAVE SEEN. WE SAW MOST OF THE SENIOR JAPANESE LEADERS, INCLUDING THE PRIME MINISTER, THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, FINANCE MINISTER, THE MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY, AND THE MINISTER AND DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE ECONOMIC PLANNING AGENCY, AND WE ALSO HAD USEFUL DISCUSSIONS WITH MR ESAKI, WHO IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LDP SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC MEASURES.

THIS VISIT ENABLED US TO DISCUSS WITH THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENTAL LEADERS AND A WIDE RANGE OF BUSINESS LEADERS THE IMPORTANCE OF EXPANDING THE ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND HONG KONG, PARTICULARLY THROUGH THE PROMOTION OF JAPANESE INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG AND EXPANSION OF HONG KONG EXPORTS TO JAPAN. AND THROUGHOUT THESE DISCUSSIONS, WE FOUND A GREAT DEAL OF GOOD WILL TOWARDS HONG KONG AND AN UNDERSTANDING OF THAT ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONSHIP.

WHILE WE WERE THERE OF COURSE, WE WERE ENGAGED IN SOME MORE SPECIFIC MATTERS AND PARTICULARLY THROUGH THE HONG KONG AND JAPAN BUSINESS CO-OPERATION COMMITTEE OF WHICH SIR S.Y. IS THE CHAIRMAN. SO I'LL LET HIM TELL YOU A LITTLE ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED ON THAT FRONT. SIR S.Y.+

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF SIR S.Y. CHUNG'S REMARK:

+WE HAVE MADE VERY STRONG REPRESENTATIONS TO THE SENIOR GOVERNMENT MINISTERS ABOUT THE REMOVAL OF THE THREE REMAINING ITEMS OF THE GSP AND WE HAVE INDICATIONS FROM THEM, IN PARTICULAR FROM THE FOREIGN SECRETARY THAT THEY WILL SERIOUSLY LOOK INTO THE MATTER AND HOPEFULLY WILL GIVE US AN ANSWER IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

WE HAVE ALSO HAD A VERY FRUITFUL DISCUSSION WITH THE JAPAN TOY ASSOCIATION, SEEKING THE INTERNALIZATION OF THEIR SAFETY TOY MARK, GENERALLY KNOWN AS THE ST MARK, SO THAT OUR TOY PRODUCTS NEED NOT BE SENT TO JAPAN FOR TESTING AND CERTIFICATION. INSTEAD LICENCE AND TESTING FACILITIES IN HONG KONG WILL BE ABLE TO DO THAT IN HONG KONG. THIS WILL CERTAINLY FACILITATE THE SALE OF THE HONG KONG TOY PRODUCTS IN JAPAN.

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WE ALSO HAVE HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE JAPANESE BUSINESS LEADERS ABOUT FURTHER INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG IN THE LIGHT OF THE SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION OF THE SINO-BRITISH AGREEMENT ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

WE ARE VERY GLAD THAT THE GOVERNOR WAS WITH US. HIS PRESENCE IN THE MISSION HAS GIVEN US AN ADDED PRESTIGE AND HAS ALSO ATTRACTED GREATER ATTENTION FROM THE JAPANESE COMMUNITY AND WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL TO THE GOVERNOR FOR HIS HELP IN THIS DIRECTION. THANK YOU AND GOOD NIGHT.+

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COST-EFFECTIVENESS IN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY URGED
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THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR NEIL HENDERSON, TODAY (THURSDAY) SAID THAT NOW WAS THE RIGHT TIME TO INTRODUCE THE CONCEPT OF COST-EFFECTIVENESS IN INDUSTRIAL HEALTH AND SAFETY.

THIS WAS PARTICULARLY SO IN THE FACE OF RISING EXPECTATIONS OF IMPROVEMENT IN THE STANDARD OF INDUSTRIAL HEALTH AND SAFETY BROUGHT ABOUT CHIEFLY BY THE JOINT EFFORTS OF EMPLOYERS, EMPLOYEES AND THE GOVERNMENT, HE ADDED.

MR HENDERSON WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE FIFTH INDUSTRIAL SAFETY SEMINAR FOR TOP MANAGEMENT IN HONG KONG ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD AT THE SHANGRI-LA HOTEL.

IN THE PREVIOUS SEMINARS, HE SAID, THE MAIN EMPHASIS WAS PLACED ON AROUSING GENERAL AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFETY AT WORK, AND THE TOPICS FOR PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION WERE OF A GENERAL NATURE.

+THIS YEAR, THE SEMINAR CONCERNS THE MORE SPECIFIC THEME OF COST-EFFECTIVENESS IN INDUSTRIAL HEALTH AND SAFETY, WHICH IS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO TOP MANAGEMENT.+

MR HENDERSON SAID THE DOMINANT THEME OF THE SEMINAR WAS THE NEED TO PLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY IN THE REAL WORLD RATHER THAN TO VIEW IT AS AN ABSTRACT IDEAL.

+THE SEMINAR HAS THEREFORE STRUCTURED TO OFFER SOME PRACTICAL ADVICE TO MANAGEMENT WISHING TO DEVELOP A RESPONSIBLE, YET COST CONSCIOUS APPROACH TO THEIR HEALTH AND SAFETY OBLIGATIONS.+

HE SAID THE SEMINAR WOULD EXAMINE THE PROPOSITION THAT HEALTH AND SAFETY EXPENDITURE, PROPERLY ADMINISTERED, WOULD PAY OFF IN THE LONG RUN.

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TO BRING HOME THIS THEME, MR HENDERSON ADDED, THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE HAD INVITED MR JIM HAMMER, HEAD OF THE UNITED KINGDOM FACTORY INSPECTORATE, TO BE THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER.

MR HAMMER WOULD DISCUSS THE MANAGER'S ROLE IN ENSURING ACCEPTABLE STANDARDS OF HEALTH AND SAFETY, NOT AS AN OPTIONAL EXTRA RESPONSIBILITY BUT AS AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT OF EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT IN WHICH COST CONTROL WAS A KEY FACTOR.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE SEMINAR WERE MR ALLEN LEE, AN INDUSTRIALIST AND CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL, AND MR MICHAEL SOMERVILLE, CHAIRMAN OF THE INSURANCE COUNCIL OF HONG KONG.

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TRAFFIC WORRIES NOT OVER - LEEDS
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ALTHOUGH THE GROWTH IN THE NUMBER OF PRIVATE VEHICLES HAS BEEN CURBED BY FISCAL RESTRAINTS SINCE 1982, IT WOULD BE WRONG TO ASSUME THAT ALL THE WORRIES ABOUT THE POTENTIAL TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THE FUTURE HAVE DISAPPEARED, MR PETER LEEDS, COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

MR LEEDS WAS REVIEWING TRANSPORT POLICY AT A +MEET THE MEDIA+ SESSION.

+THE INCREASED FEES AND TAX HAVE INFLUENCED THE LEVELS OF CAR OWNERSHIP BUT THERE HAS NOT BEEN A CORRESPONDING REDUCTION IN ITS USE,+ MR LEEDS EXPLAINED.

+FUEL TAX IS RELATED TO USE, BUT AS JOURNEYS IN HONG KONG ARE NOT LONG THE COST OF FUEL IS UNLIKELY TO BE A MAJOR RESTRAINT,+ HE SAID.

+NONE OF THE FISCAL MEASURES CAN BE REGARDED AS THE BEST SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF RELIEVING CONGESTION AT PARTICULAR PLACES AT PARTICULAR TIMES.+

MR LEEDS SAID THAT TRANSPORT ECONOMISTS HAD LONG SEEN THE SOLUTION IN A SELECTIVE PRICING SYSTEM THAT COULD RESTRICT THE MOST CONGESTED ROADS TO THOSE TO WHOM THE BENEFITS WERE GREATEST, MEASURED BY THEIR WILLINGNESS TO PAY.

+THIS SYSTEM WOULD REMOVE THE LEAST VALUABLE JOURNEYS SO THAT GOODS VEHICLES AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND HIGHER-VALUE PRIVATE CAR JOURNEYS COULD BE MADE MORE QUICKLY, GIVING AN OVERALL NET COMMUNITY BENEFIT IN THE REDUCTION OF TRAVELLING TIME, LOWER FUEL CONSUMPTION, LOWER OPERATING COSTS AND LESS POLLUTION,+ HE SAID.

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+THERE IS NOTHING NEW IN THE THEORY BUT APART FROM INDIRECT METHODS OF USING PARKING CHARGES AND ZONAL PRICING SYSTEMS, IT HAS NEVER BEEN PUT INTO PRACTICE. HOWEVER, IN RECENT YEARS, PROGRESS IN TECHNOLOGY IS SUCH THAT IT IS NOW A PRACTICAL PROPOSITION RATHER THAN A THEORIST'S DREAM AND IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT GOVERNMENT IS NOW CARRYING OUT THE TRIAL SCHEME FOR ELECTRONIC ROAD PRICING.

+IF THE TRIAL IS SUCCESSFUL A PRICING SCHEME OF THIS KIND COULD PROVIDE A MORE EFFECTIVE AND CERTAINLY FAIRER SYSTEM OF CONTROL THAN THE PRESENT CRUDE RESTRAINTS WHICH RELY ON EXCEPTIONALLY HIGH FIRST REGISTRATION TAX AND ANNUAL LICENCE FEES+.

THE ELECTRONIC ROAD PRICING SCHEME IS AIMED AT ACHIEVING A MORE ECONOMIC USE OF THE ROAD SYSTEM. OTHER MEASURES WITH THE SAME OBJECTIVE INCLUDE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEMES, PUBLIC TRANSPORT PRIORITY SCHEMES AND THE EXTENSION OF COMPUTERISED TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONTROLS.

MR LEEDS SAID THE ECONOMIC ROAD USE PRINCIPLE WAS ONE OF THREE BASIC PRINCIPLES IN GOVERNMENT'S CURRENT POLICY TO MAINTAIN AN IMPROVING TRAFFIC MOBILITY. THE OTHER TWO PRINCIPLES ARE THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE ROAD SYSTEM AND EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

HE SAID THE PRINCIPLES WERE IN LINE WITH POLICY GUIDELINES SET DOWN IN THE 1979 WHITE PAPER ON INTERNAL TRANSPORT POLICY, +KEEPING HONG KONG MOVING+, ADDING THAT GREATER EMPHASIS HAD NOW BEEN GIVEN TO THE ECONOMIC ROAD USE PRINCIPLE, AS ROAD ADDITIONS IN DEVELOPED AREAS HAD BECOME INCREASINGLY EXPENSIVE.

NEVERTHELESS, INVESTMENT IN THE ROAD SYSTEM HAD CONTINUED TO INCREASE DURING THE LAST FEW YEARS, WITH ANNUAL EXPENDITURE RISING FROM \$440 MILLION IN 1979 TO ABOUT \$1 400 MILLION IN 1984.

THE PRINCIPLE TO EXPAND AND IMPROVE PUBLIC TRANSPORT HAS ALSO BEEN PUT INTO PRACTICE, THE MOST OBVIOUS EXAMPLES BEING THE EXTENSION OF THE MTR AND ELECTRIFICATION OF THE KCR.

ALTHOUGH THE RAILWAYS NOW CARRY 1.3 MILLION PASSENGERS A DAY, THE OVERALL NUMBER OF PASSENGERS CARRIED ON OTHER TRANSPORT MODES HAS NOT BEEN REDUCED. BUS SERVICES STILL CARRY THE BULK OF THE PASSENGERS, AND PATRONAGE HAS INCREASED BY 20.4 PER CENT COMPARED WITH 1979.

+LOOKING BACK OVER THE PAST 30 YEARS IT IS PROBABLY TRUE THAT HONG KONG WAS SLOW IN TACKLING ITS TRANSPORT PROBLEMS TO BEGIN WITH BUT ONCE THE PROBLEMS WERE IDENTIFIED RAPID PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT NETWORK AND IN THE OVERALL MANAGEMENT OF ROAD TRAFFIC.

+THERE IS STILL MUCH TO BE DONE BOTH IN TERMS OF MEETING THE PREDICTED FUTURE DEMANDS AND IN IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF WHAT WE HAVE,+ HE SAID.

OUR CRIME FIGHTERS ARE TOPS
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HONG KONG'S LAW AND ORDER COMPARES VERY FAVOURABLY WITH OTHER MAJOR CITIES IN THE WORLD GIVEN ALL THE FACTORS WHICH INFLUENCE CRIME, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, CRIME, MR BRIAN WEBSTER, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

AT A LUNCH MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG, SOUTH DISTRICT 345, MR WEBSTER SAID AMERICAN MAJOR CITIES EXPERIENCED ABOUT 400 PER CENT MORE CRIME THAN HONG KONG, JAPAN 30 PER CENT AND SINGAPORE 10 PER CENT.

IN LONDON, 150 000 BURGLARIES OCCURRED IN 1983, COMPARED WITH 11 300 BURGLARIES IN HONG KONG.

ON VEHICLE CRIME, LONDON HAD 205 000 COMPARED WITH HONG KONG'S 12 000.

MR WEBSTER SAID THAT HONG KONG'S DETECTION RATE WAS ABOUT 40 PER CENT, LONDON 17 PER CENT AND THE USA ABOUT 21 PER CENT.

HE ALSO SAID THAT OVERALL REPORTED CRIME IN THE TERRITORY WAS GOING DOWN AT ABOUT TWO PER CENT.

"SPECIFICALLY THERE HAS BEEN A DOWNWARD TREND IN ROBBERIES. WE ARE NOW AT THE LEVEL WHICH PERTAINED IN MID-1979 -- NOT MANY CITIES IN THE WORLD CAN CLAIM THAT AS A FACT," HE SAID.

HE SAID ONE MAJOR CAUSE FOR CONCERN WAS THE INCREASE IN BURGLARIES, AND THE FACT THAT 24 PER CENT OF THE CRIME INVOLVED NO BREAKING-IN UNDERLINED THE NEED FOR MORE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN CRIME PREVENTION.

ANOTHER CONCERN TO MR WEBSTER IS TRIAD INVOLVEMENT IN ORGANISED CRIME, VICE, ILLEGAL BOOKMAKING AND MONOPOLIES.

HE SAID THE GANGS ARE WELL ORGANISED AND HAVE BECOME MUCH MORE EXPERT AND BUSINESSLIKE THAN BEFORE.

"WE HAVE REVISED OUR STRATEGIES TO COUNTER TRIAD AND GANG ACTIVITY AND WITHOUT GOING INTO DETAIL FOR OBVIOUS REASONS, THEY ARE PROVING EFFECTIVE," MR WEBSTER SAID.

ON COMMERCIAL CRIME, MR WEBSTER NOTED THAT INVESTIGATION HAS CONTINUED OF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES AND PUBLIC COMPANIES WHOSE COLLAPSE IN 1982 AND 1983 EXPOSED MUCH FRAUDULANT TRADING.

HE SAID THAT FRAUDS IN GENERAL TERMS CONTINUED TO INCREASE AND AS HONG KONG BECAME MORE ORIENTATED TOWARDS THE USE OF CREDIT CARDS, CREDIT CARD SWINDLES ALSO BECAME MORE PREVALENT.

"THE COMMERCIAL CRIME BUREAU HAS BEEN EXPANDED AND IS GEARED TO MEET THIS SCENE. ONE OF THE DEVELOPMENTS WAS THE SETTING UP OF TASK FORCES TO HANDLE A PARTICULAR CRIME COMPRISING ALL BODIES INTERESTED IN THE CASE WITH THE ADDITION OF THE NECESSARY EXPERTISE TO WORK TOGETHER IN CONSULTATION AND MAKE THE OPTIMUM USE OF ALL RESOURCES," MR WEBSTER SAID.

HE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1973 AND LAST RECONSTITUTED IN MAY 1983 TO CO-ORDINATE FIGHT CRIME EFFORTS.

HE EMPHASISED THAT THE COMMITTEE IS INVALUABLE IN HELPING POLICE MEET THE EVER CHANGING CRIME SITUATION.

MR WEBSTER HOPED THAT IN THE ROTARIANS' THEME FOR 1984-85 "DISCOVER A NEW WORLD OF SERVICE", THEY WILL FIND PART OF THEIR SERVICE IN HELPING POLICE FIGHT CRIME.

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BROADCASTING REVIEW BOARD TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS

THE BROADCASTING REVIEW BOARD IS TO OPEN-UP ITS DELIBERATIONS AND MAKE ITSELF AVAILABLE IN PUBLIC TO HEAR IN MORE DETAIL THE VIEWS OF THOSE WHO HAVE COMMENTED ON THE FUTURE DIRECTION OF HONG KONG'S BROADCASTING SERVICES.

FROM MONDAY (DECEMBER 17), THE BOARD WILL HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS IN THE URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT EDINBURGH PLACE TO CONSIDER THE PUBLIC COMMENTS IT HAS RECEIVED. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO LISTEN IN AT THESE OPEN HEARINGS, WHICH WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN 9 AM AND 1 PM ON WEEKDAYS UP TO THE END OF JANUARY. HEARINGS WILL NOT BE HELD ON DECEMBER 27, 28 AND 31.

ALL THOSE WHO HAVE MADE REPRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD AND INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO ATTEND THE PUBLIC HEARINGS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO APPEAR TO ELABORATE ON THEIR ORIGINAL SUBMISSIONS AND TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH BOARD MEMBERS.

REPRESENTATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE TELEVISION AND RADIO LICENSEES, EDUCATIONAL BODIES, RELIGIOUS GROUPS, WELFARE ORGANISATIONS, DISTRICT BOARDS, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, INTEREST GROUPS, AS WELL AS CONCERNED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

THE REVIEW BOARD PANEL WILL COMPRISE THE CHAIRMAN, THE HON MR JUSTICE POWER; THE COMMISSIONER FOR TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING, MR ROBERT SUN, JP; THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BOARD, MR PETER ALLAN; AND THE SECRETARY, MR ANTHONY COOPER. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WILL SIT ON THE HEARINGS PANEL IN ROTATION.

THE BROADCASTING REVIEW BOARD WAS SET UP IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF TELEVISION AND SOUND BROADCASTING, AND TO RECOMMEND AN OVERALL POLICY FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF BROADCASTING IN HONG KONG.

IN APRIL, IT INVITED INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANISATIONS WITH AN INTEREST IN BROADCASTING TO SUBMIT THEIR VIEWS IN WRITING. SOME 233 REPRESENTATIONS, TOTALLING OVER 2 000 PAGES, INCLUDING 173 FROM INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, WERE RECEIVED.

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MEDICAL SCHEME SET UP FOR ELDERLY
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SENIOR CITIZENS LIVING IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN, AND IN KWUN TONG WILL SOON BENEFIT FROM LOW-COST PRIVATE MEDICAL TREATMENT SCHEMES RECENTLY WORKED OUT FOR THEM.

A LARGE NUMBER OF PRIVATE DOCTORS, DENTISTS, HERBALISTS, CLINICS AND HERBALIST STORES HAVE JOINED THE SCHEME, WHICH WILL PROVIDE THE ELDERLY PEOPLE WITH SERVICES AT REDUCED CHARGES.

RESIDENTS WHO ARE 60 AND ABOVE ARE ELIGIBLE TO JOIN THE SCHEME TO BE LAUNCHED IN THE TWO DISTRICTS SOON.

THE SCHEME WILL BE LAUNCHED IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FROM MONDAY, DECEMBER 17 WHILE THE ONE IN KWUN TONG WILL START ON JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR.

CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHEME'S CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD WORKING GROUP, MR CHOW WAI-KEUNG SAID THAT IN SOME CASES SENIOR CITIZENS MAY EVEN OBTAIN FREE MEDICAL CONSULTATION, DEPENDING ON THE DISCRETION OF INDIVIDUAL DOCTORS.

+ABOUT 40 PRIVATE DOCTORS, DENTISTS AND HERBALISTS AS WELL AS OPERATORS OF SIX HERBALIST STORES HAVE JOINED THE SCHEME, AND MORE THAN 2 500 SENIOR CITIZENS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ISSUED REGISTRATION CARDS,+ MR CHOW SAID.

THE REGISTRATION CARDS WILL ENABLE THE ELDERLY TO BUY HERBS AND MEDICINE AT A DISCOUNT FROM THE SIX HERBALIST STORES LISTED UNDER THE SCHEME.

MR CHOW SAID THE SCHEME, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND SEVEN ELDERLY CENTRES, WILL BE REVIEWED IN SIX MONTHS.

MISS MONA LO, CHAIRWOMAN OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S +WORKING GROUP ON CONCERN FOR THE MEDICAL AND TRANSPORT SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY+ SAID THAT SO FAR 39 PRIVATE DOCTORS, 21 DENTISTS AND EIGHT CLINICS IN KWUN TONG HAD AGREED TO JOIN THE SCHEME.

+THE CONCESSIONS THEY OFFER RANGE FROM 20 TO 100 PER CENT DISCOUNT IN CONSULTATION FEES AND CHARGES FOR MEDICINE AND INJECTIONS, AND IN THE CASE OF DENTAL PROBLEMS, THE PROVISION OF DENTURES FOR THE ELDERLY,+ MISS LO SAID.

+ONCE REGISTERED, THE ELDERLY WILL BE ISSUED A CARD AND A CONTACT LIST OF THREE DOCTORS AND TWO DENTISTS WHOSE CLINICS ARE CLOSEST TO WHERE THEY LIVE.

+BESIDES PROVIDING CHEAPER MEDICAL AND DENTAL SERVICES TO SENIOR CITIZENS, THE SCHEME IS MEANT TO BE A GESTURE OF RESPECT FOR THE ELDERLY.+

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE SCHEME WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, ITS SUB-OFFICES AND LOCAL ESTATE OFFICES FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AND ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-416315.

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CHINA GROUP VISITS PRISONS
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A VISITING DELEGATION FROM THE CHINESE ACADEMY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES TOURED THE MAXIMUM SECURITY STANLEY PRISON AND THE MEDIUM SECURITY TUNG TAU CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION IN STANLEY TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE FIVE-MEMBER DELEGATION WAS LED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE ACADEMY'S INSTITUTE OF LAW, MR WU JIAN FAN.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE ACTING DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR GARTH HYDES, THEY SAW THE VARIOUS FACILITIES PROVIDED FOR PRISONERS, AND WATCHED THEM AT WORK IN THE WORKSHOPS.

AFTERWARDS, THEY PROCEEDED TO THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE, WHERE THEY HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR THOMAS GARNER, ON THE DEPARTMENT'S CORRECTIONAL PROGRAMMES.

THE DELEGATION CONCLUDED THEIR VISIT BY TOURING ROUND THE INSTITUTE AND SAW HOW A PROFESSIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICER IS TRAINED.

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MORE DISABLED PEOPLE LEARN TO DRIVE
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LEARNING TO DRIVE IS BECOMING POPULAR WITH THE DISABLED, AS MORE OF THEM ARE AWARE OF THE PRIVILEGES GRANTED THEM BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

THE PRIVILEGES INCLUDE EXEMPTION FROM FEES FOR DRIVING TESTS, DRIVING AND VEHICLE LICENCES, AND FIRST REGISTRATION TAX ON CARS.

THE NEW TREND IS KEEPING MR LAU SIU-WING BUSY. MR LAU, WHO IS PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED HIMSELF, IS ONE OF THE EIGHT LOCAL DRIVING INSTRUCTORS FOR THE DISABLED.

HE OBTAINED HIS DRIVING INSTRUCTOR LICENCE LAST YEAR, AND IS NOW WORKING WITH THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF HANDICAPPED YOUTH, WHICH FOUNDED THE DISABLED DRIVERS' SCHOOL IN 1979.

MR LAU LOST THE LOWER PART OF HIS RIGHT LEG AFTER A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT SEVEN YEARS AGO, AND HAD AN ARTIFICIAL LIMB FITTED.

NOT SURPRISINGLY, HE UNDERSTANDS THE PROBLEMS OF DISABLED LEARNER-DRIVERS.

+SOME MAY NOT BE PHYSICALLY STRONG ENOUGH, IN WHICH CASE, I WOULD TEACH THEM TO DEVELOP STRENGTH THROUGH SIMPLE EXERCISE,+ SAID MR LAU WHO HAS OVER SEVEN YEARS' DRIVING EXPERIENCE, AND TOOK PART IN THE 1980 HANDICAPPED OLYMPICS IN HOLLAND.

GENERALLY, HANDICAPPED PEOPLE LEARN TO DRIVE FOR A PRACTICAL REASON -- TO OVERCOME THEIR TRANSPORT PROBLEMS -- WHILE SOME OF THE ABLE-BODIED MAY DO IT FOR FUN, HE SAID.

+THIS EXPLAINS WHY THE DISABLED ARE MORE PERSEVERING AND ATTENTIVE DURING THE LESSONS. THEY ARE CONFIDENT THEY CAN DRIVE AS WELL AS ANY ABLE-BODIED PERSON.+

MR LAU HAS MORE THAN 60 STUDENTS IN THE FEDERATION, AND ABOUT HALF OF THEM HAVE PASSED THE DRIVING TEST IN THEIR FIRST ATTEMPT.

HIS STUDENTS ARE FROM 20 TO 50 YEARS OF AGE, AND THREE OUT OF 10 ARE WOMEN. THE INSTRUCTION FEE CHARGED BY THE FEDERATION IS \$45 PER HOUR.

THOSE WITH A PARTIALLY DISABLED LEG USUALLY HAVE TO ATTEND ABOUT 30 DRIVING SESSIONS BEFORE THE TEST, AND THOSE PARALYSED FROM THE WAIST DOWN, 40 TO 50 SESSIONS, MR LAU SAID.

SENIOR DRIVING EXAMINER (GENERAL) OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, MR AU PO-NAM, SAID, +STARTING FROM LAST AUGUST, THE DISABLED CAN APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR EXEMPTION OF FEES FOR DRIVING TESTS AND PROVISIONAL AS WELL AS FULL DRIVING LICENCES.

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+THEY CAN ALSO BE EXEMPTED FROM THE VEHICLE LICENCE FEE FOR A PRIVATE CAR WITH ENGINE CAPACITY NOT EXCEEDING 1 500 C.C., AS WELL AS THE FIRST REGISTRATION TAX ON A CAR WITH A TAXABLE VALUE OF UP TO \$30 000, PROVIDED THEY HAVE NOT PURCHASED ANY CAR WITHIN THE PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS.+

BUT BEFORE APPROVAL IS GIVEN, THE DISABLED MUST TAKE A MEDICAL CHECK-UP AND OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE FROM THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT STATING THEY HAVE CONSIDERABLE WALKING DIFFICULTY.

THEY MUST ALSO ATTEND A SIMULATOR TEST CONDUCTED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, WHICH DETERMINES THEIR FITNESS TO DRIVE AND THE TYPE OF VEHICLE MODIFICATION REQUIRED TO SUIT THEIR DRIVING ABILITY, SAID MR AU.

THE TEST AIMS TO ASSESS THE CANDIDATE'S REACTION, RANGE OF MOVEMENT, STRENGTH OF LIMBS, AND WRIST AND NECK CONTROL.

TO PROCESS LICENSING AND DRIVING TEST FORMALITIES FOR THE DISABLED, A SPECIAL COUNTER HAS BEEN SET UP AT THE DEPARTMENT'S LICENSING OFFICE IN DUNDAS STREET, MONG KOK.

DISABLED CAR-OWNERS, MR AU SAID, CAN APPLY FOR PRIVILEGED PARKING LABELS WHICH ALLOW THEM FREE PARKING AT METERED PLACES.

HE SAID THAT BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER, 272 PRIVILEGED PARKING LABELS HAD BEEN ISSUED, AND THERE WERE NOW 425 DISABLED PEOPLE POSSESSING FULL DRIVING LICENCES IN HONG KONG.

BUT NOT ALL OF THEM CAN AFFORD TO BUY A CAR. MR LAU SIU-WING HAS COME ACROSS CASES IN WHICH THREE OR FOUR PEOPLE OF SIMILAR DISABILITY, LIVING OR WORKING NEAR EACH OTHER, OWN AND SHARE A CAR.

MR LAU SAID HE HAD CHOSEN DRIVING INSTRUCTION AS HIS LIFETIME CAREER.

+I AM INTERESTED IN DRIVING, AND I ENJOY TRAINING DISABLED PEOPLE INTO GOOD DRIVERS,+ HE SAID.

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HEALTH INSPECTOR'S WEEK AS AN AMBASSADOR

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PUBLIC HEALTH PRESENTS A WORLDWIDE CHALLENGE, AND THOSE DEDICATED TO PROTECTING PUBLIC HEALTH TEND TO ESTABLISH WORLDWIDE CONTACTS.

THIS HELPS TO EXPLAIN WHY MR LAM KAM-KONG, THE MAN IN CHARGE OF CLEANSING SERVICES IN MONG KOK, KEEPS IN TOUCH WITH FRIENDS AND PROFESSIONAL CONTACTS IN DETROIT. IT WAS IN THIS AMERICAN CITY THAT HE SPENT A WEEK LAST YEAR ACTING AS AN UNOFFICIAL AMBASSADOR FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL AND FOR HONG KONG.

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MR LAM, AGED 29, RECENTLY FOUND HIMSELF BEING LOUDLY APPLAUDED IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE WHEN THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR GRAHAM BARNES, PRESENTED HIM WITH A SPECIAL PRIZE FOR A WORLD-BEATING PERFORMANCE IN THE DIPLOMA EXAMINATION CONDUCTED BY THE LONDON-BASED INSTITUTE OF WASTES MANAGEMENT.

THE PLAQUE WHICH THE YOUNG HEALTH INSPECTOR RECEIVED FROM MR BARNES ON NOVEMBER 23 WAS A TRIBUTE TO AN EXCEPTIONAL FEAT BY MR LAM, SINCE IN THE 1983 EXAMINATION HE TOPPED THE LIST OF CANDIDATES FROM MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD. ONE RESULT WAS THAT IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR HE WAS INVITED TO DETROIT AS HONG KONG'S DELEGATE AT AN INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS CONGRESS ON WASTES MANAGEMENT ORGANISED BY THE AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION.

+THAT WEEK WAS A HIGHLY STIMULATING EXPERIENCE,+ SAYS MR LAM. +I WENT TO DETROIT TO LISTEN AND TO OBSERVE, BUT IN FACT I WAS PERSUADED TO TELL THE CONGRESS ABOUT THE WAYS WE TACKLE REFUSE DISPOSAL IN HONG KONG -- AND I FOUND THAT THE SUBJECT WAS OF GREAT INTEREST TO AMERICAN AND OTHER DELEGATES.

+THEY RECOGNISED THAT WE'VE GOT SPECIAL PROBLEMS HERE, BECAUSE OF OUR HIGH POPULATION DENSITIES, AND THEY WANTED TO KNOW HOW WE COPE WITH THESE PROBLEMS. I LEARNED A LOT FROM THE CONGRESS, AND I BELIEVE THAT OTHERS THERE LEARNED SOMETHING ABOUT OUR CITY.+

SINCE HE GRADUATED AS A HEALTH INSPECTOR IN 1978 MR LAM HAS HANDLED A VARIETY OF WORK ASSIGNMENTS IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES, INCLUDING A TWO-YEAR SPELL AT THE CHEUNG SHA WAN ABATTOIR. AS CLEANSING INSPECTOR FOR MONG KOK, HE HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR STAFF NUMBERING ABOUT 400.

A KEEN PROFESSIONAL HIMSELF, HE SAYS HE WOULD RECOMMEND A CAREER IN PUBLIC HEALTH TO ANY YOUNG PERSON LOOKING FOR A CHALLENGING LIFE.

+IF ONE WORKS HARD AT IT,+ HE SAYS, +THERE ARE MANY REWARDS -- INCLUDING, FOR EXAMPLE, THE CHANCE OF OCCASIONAL TRAVEL OVERSEAS.+

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DB MEMBERS VISIT THE LESS FORTUNATE

MEMBERS OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE TODAY (THURSDAY) LEARNED MORE ABOUT EXISTING SOCIAL SERVICES PROVIDED IN THE DISTRICT THROUGH VISITS TO INSTITUTIONS FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE.

THEY VISITED THE YUEN LONG MORNING LIGHT SCHOOL AND THE HOME FOR THE AGED BLIND TO STUDY THE FACILITIES PROVIDED. THEY ALSO PRESENTED CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO THE CHILDREN AND THE OLD FOLKS.

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THIS SCHOOL FOR MODERATELY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN HAS 70 PLACES, FROM PRIMARY 1 TO 6, FOR STUDENTS BETWEEN THE AGES OF SIX AND 16.

AMONG OTHER SUBJECTS, THE CHILDREN ARE TAUGHT SELF CARE, COORDINATION, PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS, AND COMMUNICATION ABILITY.

DURING THEIR VISIT TO THE HOME FOR THE AGED BLIND, THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS GAINED A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE RESIDENTS' LIFE THERE.

THE 122 RESIDENTS ARE PROVIDED WITH 24-HOUR SPECIAL CARE SERVICES, FOOD AND ACCOMMODATION. THERE ARE VARIOUS GROUP ACTIVITIES TO HELP THEM ACQUIRE A SENSE OF USEFULNESS.

AT THE END OF THE VISIT, THE MEMBERS EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE DISTRICT BOARD WOULD ARRANGE MORE VISITS IN THE FUTURE.

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WAN CHAI SPREADS ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE

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THIS YEAR'S WAN CHAI DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY DAY WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 15) AT SOUTHOEN PLAYGROUND, STARTING AT 2 PM.

THE DAY'S EVENTS, COMBINING FUN WITH INSTRUCTION, WILL INCLUDE A VARIETY SHOW, STALL GAMES, COMPUTER GAMES, AN INTER-SCHOOL QUIZ COMPETITION, A MINI-ROAD SAFETY TOWN, A ROAD SAFETY BUS DISPLAY, AND SINGING AND ACROBATIC PERFORMANCES.

THE OCCASION WILL START OFF A MONTH-LONG CAMPAIGN WHICH WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN TWO STAGES - FIRST THROUGH EDUCATION AND THEN THROUGH ENFORCEMENT.

THE CAMPAIGN IS ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN WORKING GROUP, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE, THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE.

FROM MONDAY (DECEMBER 17), PAMPHLETS EMPHASISING EDUCATIONAL ASPECTS OF THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE DISTRIBUTED IN BUSY STREETS, WHILE THE POLICE WILL BE MOBILISED TO ADVISE RESIDENTS ABOUT THE PROPER WAY TO CROSS ROADS.

TWO WEEKS AFTER, ENFORCEMENT ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST JAYWALKERS AND CARELESS DRIVERS.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY ON SATURDAY WILL BE THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM KAM-KWONG; THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR RAYMOND YOUNG; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE, MR CHAM SIU-LEUN; THE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER (WAN CHAI), MR CHING KWOK-HOO; THE POLICE SENIOR STAFF OFFICER, MR LIONEL LAM; THE PRESIDENT OF WAN CHAI KAI FONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION, MR HERBERT LIANG; THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF HONG KONG DIAMARU COMPANY, MR HIROMU ONOG; AND A SENIOR INFORMATION OFFICER, MR JOHN TAM.

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RECREATIONAL CAMPS FOR WORKING YOUTHS
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THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE BRITISH FORCES HAVE JOINED HANDS IN PRESENTING A SERIES OF RECREATIONAL CAMPS FOR WORKING YOUTHS.

THE '+FLY-CAMP-CRUISE+' CAMPS ARE DESIGNED TO TAKE THESE YOUTHS AWAY FROM THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT FOR THREE DAYS OF ADVENTUROUS PURSUITS AT THE DEPARTMENT'S CHONG HING WATER SPORTS CENTRE IN SAI KUNG.

THE BRITISH FORCES ARE PROVIDING PATROL CRAFTS TO TAKE THE CAMPERS TO THE CENTRE AND HELICOPTERS TO TAKE THEM BACK AFTER CAMPING.

A TOTAL OF 12 CAMPS HAVE BEEN ORGANISED FOR THE 1984-85 FINANCIAL YEAR AND THE FIFTH CAMP, WITH ABOUT 48 PARTICIPANTS FROM TUEN MUN, WILL BE HELD BETWEEN DECEMBER 17 TO 19.

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APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR RETAIL TRADE COURSE
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STAFF IN THE RETAILING SECTOR ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR A COURSE IN THE FUNDAMENTALS OF RETAILING TO BE OFFERED BY THE BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT STUDIES DEPARTMENT OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

THE COURSE WILL BE HELD FROM JANUARY 5 TO MARCH 17, 1985, AT THE REQUEST OF THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

CONTENTS OF THE COURSE INCLUDE TOPICS ON RETAILING, STORE DEVELOPMENT, MERCHANDISING, CUSTOMER SERVICE AND RETAILING ACCOUNTING SYSTEM.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND 15 TWO-HOUR LECTURES, ON TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS, STARTING JANUARY 5, 1985.

THE FEE IS \$500. BUT WITH SUBSIDY FROM THE COUNCIL, EACH PARTICIPANT NEEDS ONLY PAY HALF OF THE AMOUNT PROVIDED HE ATTENDS AT LEAST 80 PER CENT OF THE LECTURES, AND PASSES THE FINAL EXAMINATION.

AS THE COURSE IS LIMITED TO 25 PERSONS, THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED SHOULD APPLY EARLY.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD, MR H. HUNG, ON 5-8932341, EXT 261 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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LEARNING MORE ABOUT EASTERN DISTRICT
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A MODEL-MAKING CONTEST AND A PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION HAVE BEEN LAUNCHED TO HELP RESIDENTS AND THE PUBLIC TO LEARN MORE ABOUT EASTERN DISTRICT.

ENTITLED 'EASTERN DISTRICT IN PERSPECTIVE', BOTH COMPETITIONS WILL FOCUS ON THE CHANGING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DISTRICT. IN ADDITION, THE MODEL-MAKING CONTEST WILL BE THE DISTRICT'S PREPARATION FOR THE 1985 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR.

THE COMPETITIONS ARE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT YOUTH RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE AND THE LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 303, WITH THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD AS THE SPONSOR. THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS JANUARY 15, 1985.

THE MODEL-MAKING CONTEST IS RESTRICTED TO YOUTHS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 6 AND 18 WHO STUDY, LIVE OR WORK IN THE DISTRICT. IT WILL BE DIVIDED INTO CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH SECTIONS AND ENTRIES CAN BE MADE ON AN INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP BASIS.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. ALL ENTRY PRINTS MUST BE 5R COLOUR, WITH THE PARTICIPANT'S NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER AND IDENTITY CARD NUMBER AND THE TITLE OF THE SUBJECT WRITTEN ON THE BACK OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS.

APPLICATION FORMS AND INFORMATION LEAFLETS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AT 880-886 KING'S ROAD AND ITS SUB-OFFICES IN CAUSEWAY BAY, SHAU KEI WAN AND CHAI WAN.

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ATHLETIC MEET FOR YOUTHS
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MORE THAN 450 YOUNG ATHLETES WILL COMPETE IN ABOUT 60 TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS IN THE 10TH ATHLETIC MEET OF THE YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI DISTRICT AT THE MONG KOK STADIUM ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 16).

THE COMPETITION WILL BE DIVIDED INTO MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SECTIONS IN DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS.

IT IS SPONSORED BY THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD. THE ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEET IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT.

THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS SUSAN LOK, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY. LATER IN THE AFTERNOON, MISS LOK, WITH SENIOR RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICER, MR WONG KIN-FAI; PRESIDENT OF THE RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION, MR CHAN YUM-TONG, AND ITS CHAIRMAN, MR CHIU YU-HEI, AND OTHER DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO THE WINNERS.

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BOARD TO DISCUSS WHITE PAPER, ERP SCHEME

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TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE WHITE PAPER ON FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG AND THE PROPOSED ELECTRONIC ROAD PRICING SYSTEM AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) MORNING.

THREE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE TRANSPORT BRANCH WILL BRIEF BOARD MEMBERS ON THE DETAILS OF THE ERP SCHEME AND THE OPTIMUM USE OF THE ROAD NETWORK.

BOARD MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT-FORMED STANDING COMMITTEE ON MULTI-STOREY BUILDING MANAGEMENT ON EXISTING PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE MANAGEMENT OF MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS.

THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN SPEEDING UP THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A YOUTH CENTRE IN SIU HONG COURT AND, THE LAYOUT PLAN OF AREA 18 (EXISTING SAWMILLS AND BOATYARDS IN SOUTH-WESTERN PART OF TUEN MUN).

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COMMENDATIONS FOR CUSTOMS MEN

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THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR HARNAM GREWAL, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, MR KEITH BROADBRIDGE, AND ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER, MR J.C. PRISK, WILL PRESENT COMMENDATIONS TO CUSTOMS OFFICERS WHO TOOK PART IN THE RECENT LARGE SEIZURE OF ARMS, AMMUNITION AND DANGEROUS DRUGS ON BOARD A TRAWLER OFF CHEUNG CHAU.

THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE'S SENIOR OFFICERS' MESS, 9/F, RUMSEY STREET MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, HONG KONG, AT 5.30 PM ON DECEMBER 14.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT AT DISTRICT BOARD

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LUNCHTIME CATERING FACILITIES FOR FACTORY WORKERS WILL BE REVIEWED AT TOMORROW'S (FRIDAY) SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING.

CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN WILL ATTEND THE MEETING AND BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE PRESENT SITUATION OF FAST FOOD VANS AND COOKED FOOD CENTRES OPERATING IN THE DISTRICT.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE MEETING WILL BE THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR ALAN SCOTT WHO WILL INTRODUCE THE ELECTRONIC ROAD PRICING SCHEME TO THE BOARD.

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DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL ALSO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE WHITE PAPER ON THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION INCLUDE THE ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF CROWN LAND AND THE MUTUAL COVENANT FOR MULTI-STORY BUILDINGS.

A SCHEME TO PROVIDE A LEGAL MEANS OF REDRESS AGAINST NUISANCES CAUSED BY VICE-ESTABLISHMENTS TO OTHER OCCUPANTS IN THE SAME BUILDING WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING.

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DESIGN CONTEST TO BOOST METRICATION

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A POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION WILL BE ORGANISED AMONG SCHOOLS BY THE METRICATION COMMITTEE TO HELP PROMOTE THE USE OF METRIC WEIGHING MACHINES IN DAILY TRADING ACTIVITIES.

A CIRCULAR HAS BEEN SENT BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS INVITING PARTICIPATION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE METRICATION COMMITTEE SAID THAT THE COMPETITION IS AIMED AT ACQUAINTING STUDENTS WITH METRIC WEIGHTS AND ALSO MAKING METRICATION KNOWN TO VISITORS TO THE EXHIBITION OF DESIGN WORK THAT WILL FOLLOW.

STUDENTS WERE ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT AS MANY ENTRIES AS THEY WISHED TO THE METRICATION UNIT AT 31/F, UNITED CENTRE, 95 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG BY JANUARY 31, 1985 THE LATEST.

FIRST PRIZE WILL BE A \$2 000 SCHOLARSHIP, AND RUNNER-UP PRIZES WILL BE STATIONERY TOKENS WORTH \$1 500 AND \$1 000.

THERE WILL ALSO BE TEN MERIT PRIZES IN THE FORM OF \$200 BOOK OR STATIONERY TOKENS.

JUDGES WILL BE FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, METRICATION COMMITTEE AND THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES.

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NEW BUS TERMINUS FOR NORTH POINT

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A BUS TERMINUS WILL BE BUILT ON BRAEMAR HILL ROAD IN NORTH POINT, TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT THERE AND IN TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD.

IN ADDITION TO THE BIG POPULATION GROWTH, A NUMBER OF NEW SCHOOLS WILL SOON BE OPENED THERE.

AT PRESENT, TWO CIRCULAR ROUTES STARTING FROM CENTRAL AND NORTH POINT SERVE THE AREA.

THE NEW TERMINUS, CONSISTING OF THREE 100-METRE-LONG BAYS, TWO PASSENGER PLATFORMS AND A REGULATOR'S KIOSK, WILL BE BUILT NEAR THE SHOPPING CENTRE AT BRAEMAR HILL MANSIONS.

WORK ON THE \$1.35 M ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO START SOON AND BE COMPLETED IN SEVEN MONTHS.

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CUSTOMS SUB-OFFICE MOVING

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THE KOWLOON SUB-OFFICE OF THE DUTIABLE COMMODITIES OFFICE OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT WILL MOVE FROM TUNG YING BUILDING, 100 NATHAN ROAD, TO CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, SOUTH WING, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON, FROM NEXT MONDAY (DECEMBER 17).

THE OPERATING HOURS OF THE SUB-OFFICE WILL BE THE SAME AS BEFORE - 9 AM TO 4 PM, MONDAY TO FRIDAY, AND FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON ON SATURDAY.

THE NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR ENQUIRIES IS 3-666065.

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ROAD SECTION CLOSURE

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TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORK, THE SECTION OF TUEN MUN-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TUEN MUN ROAD, BETWEEN SIU LAM INTERCHANGE AND ROAD D8 WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 10.30 PM AND 5 AM ON FRIDAY AND ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 14-15).

TRAFFIC HEADING FOR TUEN MUN OR YUEN LONG WILL BE DIVERTED TO CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

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