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SENSE OF COMMUNITY HELPS HK FACE
CHALLENGES : SIR DAVID

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FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON:

"DURING MY FIRST EIGHT MONTHS AS GOVERNOR I HAVE BEEN STRUCK BY THE SENSE OF COMMUNITY THAT NOW EXISTS IN HONG KONG. PEOPLE CARE MORE ABOUT HONG KONG AND WANT TO CONTRIBUTE MORE TO IT. THIS IS CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED BY THE TIME PEOPLE ARE PREPARED TO SPEND ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS, WHETHER IN WORKING ON THE MANY ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND VOLUNTARY BODIES THAT CONTRIBUTE SO MUCH TO THE WELL-BEING OF THE TERRITORY OR DISCUSSING OUR FUTURE SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT.

"ECONOMICALLY, 1987 WAS AN EVENTFUL YEAR. WE HAVE ENJOYED SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC GROWTH LARGELY AS A RESULT OF OUR BUOYANT EXPORTS. OUR STOCK MARKET SAW BOTH DRAMATIC RISES AND, LIKE THE REST OF THE WORLD, DRAMATIC FALLS. FOR THE FUTURE, THE FUNDAMENTALS OF OUR ECONOMY REMAIN SOUND. BUT WE DEPEND ON INTERNATIONAL MARKETS. IF THE WORLD ECONOMY FALTERS, WE MUST BE QUICK TO ADJUST AND READY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF NEW OPPORTUNITIES. WITH OUR SENSE OF COMMUNITY AND COMMITMENT TO HONG KONG, I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT WE WILL BE ABLE SUCCESSFULLY TO FACE THESE, AND ANY OTHER, CHALLENGES IN THE COMING YEAR.

"I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH ALL THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR IN 1988."

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NEW DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES NAMED

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR TOM TOMLINSON, WILL RETIRE FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

MR WONG KWOK-LAI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, WILL SUCCEED MR TOMLINSON.

MR CHAN YAN-KEE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, WILL BECOME DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES.

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES ON THESE OFFICERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

MR TOM TOMLINSON, O.B.E., J.P.

AGED 59. MR TOMLINSON JOINED THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE AS A CIVIL ENGINEER IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN DECEMBER 1954. HE WAS PROMOTED TO DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES IN FEBRUARY 1982. ON HIS RETIREMENT, MR TOMLINSON WILL HAVE COMPLETED 33 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

MR WONG KWOK-LAI, J.P.

AGED 52. MR WONG JOINED THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE AS AN ASSISTANT ENGINEER IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN SEPTEMBER 1960. HE WAS PROMOTED TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES IN AUGUST 1978 AND TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES IN FEBRUARY 1982. MR WONG HAS ACTED AS DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES ON MANY PREVIOUS OCCASIONS.

MR CHAN YAN-KEE, J.P.

AGED 45. MR CHAN JOINED THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN SEPTEMBER 1965 AND WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES IN FEBRUARY 1984.

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COMMENCEMENT OF RELEASE UNDER SUPERVISION SCHEME

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THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED JULY 1, 1988, TO BE THE COMMENCEMENT DAY OF THE PRISONERS (RELEASE UNDER SUPERVISION) ORDINANCE 1987.

UNDER SECTION 6 OF THE ORDINANCE, A PRISONER MAY APPLY WITHIN SIX MONTHS BEFORE HE IS ELIGIBLE FOR RELEASE UNDER SUPERVISION.

ACCORDINGLY, PRISONERS ELIGIBLE TO BE RELEASED UNDER THE NEW SCHEME BY JULY 1, 1988, CAN SUBMIT APPLICATIONS WITH EFFECT FROM JANUARY 1, 1988.

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SIXTEEN PEOPLE WERE INJURED IN THE CHAIN COLLISION INVOLVING FIVE VEHICLES ON CHAI WAN ROAD.

THREE OTHER APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE ARE STILL BEING PROCESSED WHILE THE REMAINING FIVE WERE NOT ELIGIBLE.

THE TAVA SCHEME PROVIDES QUICK FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS OR THEIR DEPENDENTS WITHOUT TAKING REGARD OF THE MEANS OF THE FAMILY OR THE ELEMENT OF FAULT IN CAUSING THE ACCIDENT.

ENQUIRIES AND APPLICATIONS CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE DEPARTMENT'S TAVA SECTION ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF VICTORIA CENTRE, 15 WATSON ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY OR BY CALLING 5-702342.

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SERVICES FOR THE DISABLED EXTENDED

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TWO BRANCH OFFICES OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S SELECTIVE PLACEMENT DIVISION WILL EXTEND THEIR SERVICES FOR THE DISABLED FROM SATURDAY, JANUARY 2.

THE TWO OFFICES ARE LOCATED AT NGAU TAU KOK GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, ON WAH STREET, AND AT TSUEN WAN EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, TEXACO ROAD.

UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENT, THE TWO OFFICES WILL PROVIDE A FULL RANGE OF FREE SERVICES TO THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED, MENTALLY RETARDED AND EX-MENTALLY ILL PERSONS SEEKING OPEN EMPLOYMENT.

THE NGAU TAU KOK OFFICE WILL SERVE DISABLED PERSONS IN THE MONG KOK, SHAM SHUI PO, KOWLOON CITY, YAU MA TEI, WONG TAI SIN, KWUN TONG AND SAI KUNG DISTRICTS. AND THE TSUEN WAN OFFICE WILL LOOK AFTER THE DISABLED IN THE TSUEN WAN, KWAI CHUNG, TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG, TAI PO, SHA TIN AND NORTH DISTRICTS.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-7554835 AND 0-4988444.

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FIRING PRACTICE DAYS

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON 20 DAYS DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY.

THE PUBLIC IS WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

THE DATES AND TIMES OF THE PRACTICE ARE:

DATE -----	TIME -----
JANUARY 4 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 5 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 6 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 7 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 8 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 9 (SATURDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 11 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 12 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 13 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 14 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 15 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 16 (SATURDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 18 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 19 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 20 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 25 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 26 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 27 (WEDNESDAY)	9 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 28 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 29 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM

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WORLD CLASS RUNNERS IN HK INTERNATIONAL MARATHON
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WORLD CLASS MARATHON RUNNERS KEVIN RYAN FROM NEW ZEALAND AND DOUG KURTIS FROM THE U.S.A. WILL BE HERE TO VIE FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP IN THE 1988 HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL MARATHON.

JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) AND THE HONG KONG AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (HKAAA), THE EVENT WILL BE HELD AT THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR ON JANUARY 24 (SUNDAY).

KEVIN RYAN STARTED RUNNING MARATHONS IN 1977 AND HAS SINCE GAINED HIS REPUTATION BY WINNING A SERIES OF INTERNATIONAL RACES.

"BEING THE WINNER OF MARATHON RACES IN MELBOURNE (1975), AUCKLAND AND TORONTO (1981), AND HONOLULU (1983), KEVIN RYAN HAS ALSO TOPPED THE HONOUR LIST IN THE SINGAPORE MARATHON HELD IN DECEMBER 1987," RACE DIRECTOR, MR JAMIE SCOTT, SAID.

"HE HAS A PERSONAL BEST TIME OF 2.11.43," HE ADDED.

DOUG KURTIS, ANOTHER COMPETITIVE MARATHON RUNNER TO TAKE PART IN THIS YEAR'S EVENT, HAS RUN 59 SUCH RACES SINCE 1980.

DOUG KURTIS HAS A PERSONAL BEST TIME OF 2.13.34.

IN RACES HELD IN 1987, HE CAME SECOND IN HONG KONG IN JANUARY, THIRD IN THE PHILIPPINES IN FEBRUARY, FIRST IN THE STATES IN MARCH, SECOND IN CANADA IN APRIL, FOURTH IN ARGENTINA IN JULY, EIGHTH IN BRAZIL IN SEPTEMBER AND SECOND IN THAILAND IN NOVEMBER.

MEANWHILE, THE ACAN WILL HOST A SEMINAR FOR RUNNERS ON JANUARY 22 (FRIDAY) BEFORE THE SUNDAY RACE AND BOTH DOUG KURTIS AND KEVIN RYAN WILL BE AMONG THE SPEAKERS.

ENTRY FORMS FOR THE MARATHON ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE NARCOTICS DIVISION, 23RD FLOOR, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES; THE HKAAA; AND SPORTS GOODS OUTLETS. THEY CAN ALSO BE OBTAINED BY WRITING TO THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL MARATHON, G.P.O. BOX 10368, HONG KONG.

THE MARATHON IS SPONSORED BY CATHAY PACIFIC, NEW BALANCE, WATSON'S DISTILLED WATER, DEL MONTE AND INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE.

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TAI PO LOT FOR FILLING STATION

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AN 870-SQUARE-METRE LOT IN TAI PO IS BEING OFFERED FOR SALE BY TENDER BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT.

THE LOT, AT TAI PO AREA 2 NEAR TING KOK ROAD, IS FOR A PETROL FILLING STATION, BUT EXCLUDING ANY LUBRICATION OR SERVICING FACILITIES.

TENDER DOCUMENTS CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

- * BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, CENTRAL;
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES KOWLOON, 10TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF SHA TIN, TAI PO, NORTH, YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN, KWAI TSING, TUEN MUN, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS.

TENDERS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY NOON ON JANUARY 29.

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CARNIVAL TO MARK AREA DAY IN TSUEN WAN

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TSUEN WAN RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO A CARNIVAL ORGANISED BY THE FOUR AREA COMMITTEES IN THE DISTRICT ON NEW YEAR'S DAY (TOMORROW) AT THE SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND.

THE TSUEN WAN AREA DAY CARNIVAL WILL START AT 2.30 PM AND WILL FEATURE A VARIETY SHOW, TELEMATCHES AND STALL GAMES.

TSUEN WAN RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN IN THE FUN AND TO TAKE PART IN GAMES DESIGNED TO FOSTER A SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG PARTICIPANTS TO THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM SHIU, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, MR CHAU HOW-CHEN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TSUEN WAN AREA DAY CARNIVAL AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN CAUSEWAY BAY

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TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN CAUSEWAY BAY ARE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC UNTIL 5 PM ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 5).

THEY ARE HING FAT STREET BETWEEN CAUSEWAY ROAD AND LAU LI STREET; AND LAU SIN STREET BETWEEN HING FAT STREET AND ELECTRIC ROAD.

THESE ROADS ARE CLOSED FOR THE SAFETY OF ROAD USERS FOLLOWING A FIRE IN A BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION OVER TIN HAU MTR STATION ON DECEMBER 28.

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MAIL SERVICES TO ITALY NORMAL

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THE POST OFFICE HAS ADVISED THAT THE STRIKE OF AIRLINE STAFF AT ITALIAN AIRPORTS HAS ENDED.

THE SPEEDPOST AND AIRMAIL SERVICES ARE NOW BACK TO NORMAL.

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