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NEW AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NEW ZEALAND SIGNED

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AN AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT WAS SIGNED IN HONG KONG TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MRS ANSON CHAN, SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT UNDER THE AUTHORISATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE NEW ZEALAND MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, MR ROB STOREY, SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT.

THE HONG KONG/NEW ZEALAND ASA IS THE SIXTH SUCH AGREEMENT DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION IN MIND. OTHERS HAVE BEEN SIGNED WITH THE NETHERLANDS, SWITZERLAND, CANADA, BRUNEI AND FRANCE.

THESE AGREEMENTS ARE CAPABLE OF REMAINING IN FORCE AFTER 1997.

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE JOINT DECLARATION, THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION WILL ALSO BE ABLE, AFTER 1997, TO CONCLUDE, UNDER SPECIFIC AUTHORISATIONS FROM THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT, ITS OWN AIR SERVICES AGREEMENTS SEPARATE FROM THOSE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

SPEAKING AT THE SIGNING CEREMONY THIS MORNING, MRS CHAN SAID THAT HONG KONG'S AVIATION RELATIONS WITH NEW ZEALAND DATED BACK OVER A QUARTER OF A CENTURY.

"WHEN AIR SERVICES BETWEEN US FIRST STARTED IN THE MID-60'S, AIR NEW ZEALAND FLEW BETWEEN HONG KONG AND AUCKLAND TWICE A WEEK, WITH TWO EN ROUTE STOPS, USING DC8 AIRCRAFT.

"TODAY, THE SAME TWO CITIES ARE SERVED ON A DIRECT ROUTING BY BOTH CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS AND AIR NEW ZEALAND UNDER A CO-OPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT, EACH OPERATING TWO WEEKLY FREQUENCIES WITH BOEING 747 AIRCRAFT," MRS CHAN SAID, POINTING OUT THAT THE JOURNEY TIME FROM AUCKLAND TO HONG KONG HAS BEEN CUT FROM 16 HOURS TO ONLY 10.5 HOURS.

"WE HAVE SEEN A STEADY GROWTH IN AIR TRAFFIC SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE CO-OPERATIVE SERVICES BETWEEN CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS AND AIR NEW ZEALAND IN DECEMBER 1986.

"IN THE FIRST FULL YEAR OF OPERATION UNDER THE JOINT VENTURE, 32,000 PASSENGERS AND APPROXIMATELY ONE MILLION KILOGRAMS OF CARGO WERE CARRIED.

"IN 1989-90, THE TRAFFIC LOAD INCREASED TO 70,000 PASSENGERS AND TWO MILLION KILOGRAMS OF CARGO.

"WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY THIS TREND AND LOOK FORWARD TO FURTHER EXPANSION OF THE MARKET.

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"WE ATTACH CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO THE PROGRAMME OF ESTABLISHING HONG KONG'S OWN AIR SERVICES AGREEMENTS ON A SEPARATE BASIS FROM THOSE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND WE WELCOME THE SUPPORT WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND HAS SHOWN FOR BOTH HONG KONG AND FOR THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION," SHE SAID.

MR STOREY SAID NEW ZEALAND WAS PLEASED TO BE AMONG THE FIRST COUNTRIES WITH WHICH HONG KONG HAS SIGNED A SEPARATE AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT AND LOOKED FORWARD TO DEALING DIRECTLY WITH HONG KONG ON AVIATION MATTERS THROUGH TO 1997 AND BEYOND.

"THE SIGNING OF THIS AGREEMENT TODAY REPRESENTS THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA IN OUR AVIATION RELATIONS AS WELL AS IN OUR BROADER ECONOMIC AND TRADING LINKS," HE SAID.

MR STOREY POINTED OUT THAT THE OPERATION OF NON-STOP FLIGHTS BETWEEN AUCKLAND AND HONG KONG IS STRONGLY PREFERRED BY TRAVELLERS.

"FIGURES SHOW THAT FROM APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 1990, TRAFFIC ON THE NON-STOP SERVICES GREW BY 22 PER CENT WHILE TRAFFIC ON OTHER SERVICES BETWEEN HONG KONG AND NEW ZEALAND FELL BY 21 PER CENT.

"IT IS NEW ZEALAND'S HOPE THAT THE DIRECT AVIATION LINKS BETWEEN US WILL CONTINUE TO EXPAND IN BOTH PASSENGER AND DEDICATED FREIGHT SERVICES.

"NEW ZEALAND APPRECIATES THE SUPPORT OF HONG KONG FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF AIR SERVICES BETWEEN NEW ZEALAND AND HONG KONG, AS REPRESENTED IN THE CONCLUSION OF THE AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT," HE SAID.

MR STOREY NOTED THAT THE SIGNING OF TODAY'S AGREEMENT STRENGTHENS THE BASIS FOR GROWTH AND SEALS NEW ZEALAND'S COMMITMENTS TO HONG KONG AND NORTH ASIA.

THE HONG KONG/NEW ZEALAND AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT, WHICH PROVIDES FOR SCHEDULED SERVICES BY THE DESIGNATED AIRLINES OF THE TWO SIDES, ENTERS INTO FORCE UPON SIGNATURE.

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NEW CONDITION ON RAFFLE TICKET SALES

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A STANDARD CONDITION WILL BE INCLUDED IN ALL LICENCES ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING (CTEL) TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF RAFFLE TICKETS IN PUBLIC STREETS WITHOUT THE SPECIFIC PERMISSION OF THE COMMISSIONER.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THIS FOLLOWED A RECENT DECISION BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

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THE SALE OF RAFFLE TICKETS CONSTITUTES A LOTTERY. UNDER THE GAMBLING ORDINANCE, CTEL MAY BY LICENCE AUTHORISE THE PROMOTION AND CONDUCT OF ANY LOTTERY BY A CLUB OR ASSOCIATION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE STREETS OF HONG KONG WERE ALREADY CONGESTED AND PRIME LOCATIONS BUSY WITH PEDESTRIANS.

"IT IS THUS NOT APPROPRIATE TO PERMIT THE SALE OF RAFFLE TICKETS BY A CLUB OR ASSOCIATION TO BE PROMOTED AND CONDUCTED IN PUBLIC STREETS," HE SAID.

"IT IS ALSO CONSIDERED NOT APPROPRIATE THAT RAFFLES SHOULD COMPETE ON THE STREET WITH FLAG DAYS WHICH RAISE MONEY FOR CHARITY. SUCH FLAG DAYS ARE AN ESTABLISHED PART OF LIFE IN HONG KONG AND ARE ACCEPTED BY THE PUBLIC," HE ADDED.

IN RECENT YEARS, COMPETITION FOR HOLDING FLAG DAYS HAS BEEN KEEN TO THE EXTENT OF BEING OVER SUBSCRIBED AND THE ALLOCATION OF FLAG DAYS HAS HAD TO BE DETERMINED BY BALLOT.

THE NEW CONDITION WILL BE APPLIED TO ALL CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS. HOWEVER, RAFFLE TICKETS COULD BE SOLD IN PRIVATELY OWNED PUBLIC PLACES SUCH AS SHOPPING MALLS AS LONG AS THE CONSENT OF THE OWNER OR MANAGER HAS BEEN OBTAINED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO RELAX THE CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS UNDER THE SUMMARY OFFENCES ORDINANCE GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF DONATIONS IN PUBLIC PLACES.

"DETAILS ARE BEING WORKED OUT AND AN ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."

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#### SEARCHES AT VBP CENTRE AFTER PRE-DAWN INCIDENT

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A TOTAL OF 109 WEAPONS WERE SEIZED IN TWO SEARCH OPERATIONS CONDUCTED BY STAFF OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOLLOWING A PRE-DAWN INCIDENT IN THE WHITEHEAD DETENTION CENTRE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A TOTAL OF 15 ARRESTS WERE MADE IN THE OPERATIONS.

THE INCIDENT OCCURRED SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT WHEN A GROUP OF 20 TO 30 MASKED VBP WHO WERE ARMED WITH HOME-MADE WEAPONS WERE SEEN TRYING TO FORCE OPEN THE DOOR OF A DORMITORY. SOME 100 OTHER VBP WERE STANDING NEARBY AS ONLOOKERS.

AFTER UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS TO STOP THEM, THE STAFF ON DUTY CALLED IN REINFORCEMENTS. HOWEVER, DESPITE REPEATED ADVICE, THE VBP STILL REFUSED TO DISPERSE AND STARTED TO BURN BLANKETS AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE DORMITORY.

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AT THE SAME TIME, ABOUT 100 MORE VBP WERE SEEN GATHERING AT THE REAR OF THE DORMITORY. SOME WERE HOODED AND HOLDING SPEARS AND HOME-MADE WEAPONS. AFTER REPEATED WARNINGS WERE IGNORED, SEVEN CANNISTERS OF TEAR GAS WERE USED. THE CROWD DISPERSED AND THE SITUATION WAS BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL.

NO INJURY WAS REPORTED.

AN INITIAL SEARCH WAS CONDUCTED IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS. A TOTAL OF 41 HOME-MADE WEAPONS WERE SEIZED. TEN VBP SUSPECTED TO BE INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT WERE ARRESTED AND ARE HELPING WITH ENQUIRIES.

DURING THE SECOND SEARCH OPERATION CONDUCTED LATER IN THE CENTRE, A TOTAL OF 68 HOME-MADE WEAPONS WERE SEIZED AND FIVE PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED.

THE SECOND OPERATION STARTED AT 10 AM AND LASTED TWO-AND-A-HALF HOURS. WEAPONS SEIZED INCLUDE METAL BARS, SHARPENED PIERS AND KNIVES.

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#### NEW CHAIRMAN OF FILM CENSORSHIP REVIEW BOARD APPOINTED

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THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED MR NORMAN LEUNG NAI-PANG TO TAKE OVER FROM PROFESSOR POON CHUNG-KWONG AS BOTH THE CHAIRMAN AND NON-OFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW (FILM CENSORSHIP).

MR LEUNG'S APPOINTMENT WILL COMMENCE ON MARCH 1 AND WILL RUN UNTIL FEBRUARY 28, 1994.

MR LEUNG, A SOLICITOR, SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD FROM FEBRUARY 1977 TO SEPTEMBER 1983. HE WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE FORMER TELEVISION ADVISORY BOARD FROM OCTOBER 1983 TO SEPTEMBER 1987.

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#### NORMAL OLD AGE ALLOWANCE EXTENDED TO 65 AGE GROUP

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THE QUALIFYING AGE FOR NORMAL OLD AGE ALLOWANCE (NOAA) WILL BE FURTHER LOWERED TO 65 WITH EFFECT FROM APRIL 1 THIS YEAR, A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THIS IS THE FINAL STAGE OF THE EXTENSION OF NOAA TO PERSONS AGED 65 TO 69.

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"IT IS ESTIMATED THAT MORE THAN 38,000 PEOPLE IN THE AGE GROUP WILL BE BENEFITTED FROM THE EXTENSION AND THAT THE ANNUAL EXPENDITURE WILL BE ABOUT \$158 MILLION," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

FIELD OFFICES STAFF OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL ACCEPT PROVISIONAL APPLICATIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS, STARTING FROM MARCH 1 (FRIDAY).

SOCIAL WORKERS WOULD PUBLICISE THE EXTENSION OF NOAA TO OUR SENIOR CITIZENS IN HOSTELS, HOMES AND CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY, HE SAID.

"GROUP APPLICATIONS FROM THEM WILL BE ENCOURAGED IN A BID TO SAVE THEIR TIME AND EFFORT IN APPROACHING THE DEPARTMENT'S FIELD OFFICES," HE SAID.

AT PRESENT, NOAA FOR PEOPLE AGED 66 TO 69 IS \$343 PER MONTH.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID DUE TO THE ANTICIPATED SUDDEN INCREASE OF APPLICATIONS, WHICH REQUIRED TIME TO PROCESS, THERE WOULD BE SOME DELAY IN PAYMENT.

"HOWEVER, SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE TO ENSURE THAT PAYMENT CAN BE MADE IN THREE TO FOUR MONTHS AFTER RECEIVING THE APPLICATION. PAYMENT WILL ALSO BE BACKDATED TO THE DATE OF ELIGIBILITY," HE SAID.

"TO BE ELIGIBLE, THE APPLICANT MUST HAVE LIVED IN THE TERRITORY CONTINUOUSLY FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS STARTING FROM HIS 60TH BIRTHDAY. HE IS ALSO EXPECTED TO MAKE A DECLARATION OF RESOURCES UPON APPLYING FOR THE ALLOWANCE," HE ADDED.

A SINGLE PERSON WILL BE ENTITLED TO THE ALLOWANCE PROVIDED THAT HIS INCOME DOES NOT EXCEED \$2,100 PER MONTH AND THAT HE HAS ASSETS WORTH NOT MORE THAN \$100,000. FOR MARRIED COUPLES, THE LIMITS ARE \$3,200 AND \$150,000 RESPECTIVELY.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON THE SWD HOTLINE 343 2255.

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#### CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF HILLSIDE ESCALATOR LINK AWARDED

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$186 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HILLSIDE ESCALATOR LINK BETWEEN CENTRAL AND THE MID-LEVELS.

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED TODAY (FRIDAY) BETWEEN THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS, MR KWEI SEE-KAN, AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF PAUL Y CONSTRUCTION COMPANY AND SOGEA JOINT VENTURE (PYSOGEA), MESSERS Y.K. LUI AND RAOUL DESSAIGNE.

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MR KWEI SAID CONSTRUCTION OF THE ESCALATOR LINK, COMPRISING COVERED FOOTBRIDGES AND 23 COVERED TRAVELATORS AND ESCALATORS, WOULD START SHORTLY AND TAKE ABOUT TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE.

"IT WOULD PROVIDE A MORE ATTRACTIVE, CONVENIENT AND PHYSICALLY LESS DEMANDING PEDESTRIAN ACCESS FROM THE CENTRAL DISTRICT TO CONDUIT ROAD," HE SAID.

THE ESCALATOR LINK WILL START FROM THE EXISTING ELEVATED WALKWAY IN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL. FROM THE NEW HANG SENG BANK HEADQUARTERS BUILDING, THE LINK WILL CROSS DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL BY TWO FOOTBRIDGES LEADING TO AN ENCLOSED WALKWAY IN CENTRAL MARKET.

IT THEN CROSSES QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL BY A FOOTBRIDGE, AND PROCEEDS UP COCHRANE STREET AND HOLLYWOOD ROAD BY ESCALATORS AND TRAVELATORS ON AN ELEVATED STRUCTURE.

THE LINK CONTINUES AT GROUND LEVEL ALONG SHELLEY STREET AND THEN CROSSES THE JUNCTION AT CAINE ROAD BY A FOOTBRIDGE. IT CONTINUES ON AN ELEVATED STRUCTURE UP MOSQUE JUNCTION, PEEL STREET, ACROSS ROBINSON ROAD, AND THEN AT GROUND LEVEL UP TO CONDUIT ROAD.

MR KWEI ADDED THAT THE ESCALATORS AND STAIRWAYS CONNECTING THE ELEVATED SECTION OF THE SYSTEM AND THE ADJACENT GROUND LEVEL ROADS WOULD BE PROVIDED AT INTERMEDIATE LOCATIONS, SO THAT PEDESTRIANS COULD JOIN OR LEAVE THE ESCALATOR LINK AT CONVENIENT POINTS ALONG THE ROUTE.

THE WORKS OF THE ESCALATOR LINK HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA LTD FOR THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT.

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#### IMPROVEMENTS TO ROAD JUNCTION IN YUEN LONG

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO CARRY OUT ROAD WORKS TO IMPROVE THE JUNCTION BETWEEN HUNG TIN ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD IN YUEN LONG.

THE PROPOSED WORKS INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SECTION OF A TWO-WAY CARRIAGEWAY IN THE EAST OF HUNG TIN ROAD AND WIDENING OF A SECTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

ASSOCIATED FOOTPATHS, CYCLE TRACKS, A VILLAGE ACCESS ROAD, A VEHICULAR ACCESS TRACK, AND AMENITY PLANTING AREAS WILL ALSO BE CONSTRUCTED.

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

THE PLAN AND SCHEME OF THESE WORKS MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

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- \* CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, CENTRAL;
- \* YUEN LONG DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND TAI KIU MARKET, NINTH TO 11TH FLOORS, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG; AND
- \* YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE, YUEN LONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, 269 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG.

ANY PERSON WHO OBJECTS TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN APRIL 14 THIS YEAR.

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PROPOSED FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS LIN TAK ROAD IN LAM TIN  
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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO BUILD A FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS LIN TAK ROAD TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY BETWEEN HING TIN ESTATE AND LAM TIN ESTATE IN LINE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF LAM TIN EXTENSION, PHASE 4 AND THE OPENING OF THE NEARBY ROAD LT2.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE FOOTBRIDGE WILL START IN AUGUST THIS YEAR AND BE COMPLETED BY ABOUT SEPTEMBER 1992.

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

THE PLAN AND SCHEME OF THE PROPOSED WORKS MAY BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

- \* CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;
- \* KOWLOON EAST DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND
- \* KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, TUNG YAN STREET, THIRD FLOOR, KOWLOON.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN APRIL 14 THIS YEAR.

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ROAD ACCESSES TO PROPOSED THIRD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION PLAN TO CONSTRUCT A SYSTEM OF NEW ROADS IN AREAS 85, 86 AND 87 OF TSEUNG KWAN O TO PROVIDE VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESSES TO THE PROPOSED THIRD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

THESE ROADWORKS FORM PART OF THE CONTINUING PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TSEUNG KWAN O. WORK IS SCHEDULED TO START IN EARLY 1993 AND BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THE SAME YEAR.

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

A COPY OF THE SCHEME AND PLAN SHOWING THE EXTENT OF THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, CENTRAL AND AT THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG.

ANY PERSON WISHING TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSAL MUST WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN APRIL 14 THIS YEAR.

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ROAD IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO NGONG PING IN MAY

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IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO THE ACCESS ROAD TO NGONG PING ON LANTAU ISLAND WOULD START IN MAY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE DEPARTMENT WAS INVITING TENDER FOR THE IMPROVEMENT WORKS AND A TENDER NOTICE WAS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

HE SAID THE WORKS TO BE COVERED BY THIS CONTRACT INCLUDED THE WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE EXISTING 2.6-KILOMETRE ACCESS ROAD FROM THE JUNCTION OF SHAM WAT ROAD AND KEUNG SHAN ROAD TO PO LIN MONASTERY TO A STANDARD 7.3 METRE WIDE CARRIAGEWAY WITH 1.5 METRE WIDE FOOTWAY.

HE SAID: "TWO SECTIONAL COMPLETION OF THE WORKS WERE STIPULATED IN THE CONTRACT.

"SECTION 1 IS FOR WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENT OF ABOUT 1.2 KILOMETRES OF THE EXISTING ACCESS ROAD WHICH, AT PRESENT, IS EITHER ONLY THREE METRE WIDE OR IS POORLY ALIGNED.

/"SECTION 2 .....

"SECTION 2 IS FOR THE WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE REMAINING 1.4 KILOMETRES OF THE SIX METRE WIDE ACCESS ROAD.

"SECTION 1 WILL TAKE 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE AND SECTION 2 WILL TAKE 23 MONTHS TO COMPLETE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE IMPROVEMENT WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT.

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EXTENSION OF GAZETTED MARINE SPOIL GROUND  
SOUTH OF CHEUNG CHAU

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO EXTEND THE EXISTING MARINE SPOIL GROUND SOUTH OF CHEUNG CHAU PRINCIPALLY IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE THE MARINE MUD WHICH WILL BE DREDGED FROM VARIOUS RECLAMATION PROJECTS.

THE EXISTING SPOIL GROUND HAS BEEN IN OPERATION SINCE 1988 AND AT THE PRESENT RATE OF DUMPING IT WILL SOON REACH CAPACITY.

IN ORDER TO MAKE PROVISION FOR DUMPING NEEDS IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE AND ALSO TO ALLOW GOVERNMENT FLEXIBILITY IN ITS PLANNING OF DUMPING ACTIVITIES, THE EXISTING SPOIL GROUND WILL BE EXTENDED TO THE EAST AND THE WEST.

ALTHOUGH THESE EXTENSIONS WILL CONSIDERABLY ENLARGE THE GAZETTED AREA, IT IS NOT INTENDED THAT THE WHOLE AREA WILL BE USED FOR DUMPING AT ONE TIME.

INSTEAD LESS THAN 30 PER CENT OF THE EXTENSIONS WOULD BE USED FOR DUMPING AT ANY ONE TIME.

THE EXTENSIONS TO THE EAST AND THE WEST WERE GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY) IN TWO SEPARATE NOTICES.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEA-BED INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE APRIL 21, 1991.

THE NOTICE OF SUCH OBJECTION SHALL DESCRIBE THE INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT OF THE OBJECTOR AND THE MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED.

THE NOTICES (IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE) TOGETHER WITH THEIR RELATED PLANS CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG (WHERE COPIES CAN BE PURCHASED ON ORDER); AT THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, 20TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG; MUI WO SUB-OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, MUI WO GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 2 NGAN KWONG WAN ROAD, MUI WO, LANTAU ISLAND; CHEUNG CHAU SUB-OFFICE, 22 SAN HING STREET, GROUND FLOOR, CHEUNG CHAU AND AT THE OFFICES OF THE CHEUNG CHAU AND SOUTH LANTAU RURAL COMMITTEES.

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TRANSFER OF MINES DIVISION TO CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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THE GOVERNMENT'S MINES DIVISION, WHOSE PRIMARY JOB IS TO ENSURE THE SAFE USE OF EXPLOSIVES IN CONSTRUCTION WORK AND QUARRYING, IS TO COME UNDER THE GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT FROM MARCH 1.

THE MINES DIVISION WAS PREVIOUSLY PART OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, BUT INCREASINGLY CLOSE LINKS HAVE DEVELOPED BETWEEN THE GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE AND MINES DIVISION, AS THE TWO ORGANISATIONS SHARE A COMMON TECHNICAL BASE AND BOTH ACT AS REGULATORY AGENCIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO SITE FORMATION AND QUARRYING.

THE TRANSFER WILL ALLOW BETTER CO-ORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES AND IMPROVED USE OF RESOURCES AND PROVISION OF SERVICES IN THE GOVERNMENT.

THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL ENGINEERING WILL TAKE OVER THE POST OF COMMISSIONER OF MINES IN ADDITION TO HIS PRESENT POST AND SIMILARLY THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER WILL HOLD THE ADDITIONAL POST OF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF MINES.

THE TRANSFER OF THE MINES DIVISION WILL NOT AFFECT ITS PROCEDURES IN DEALING WITH THE PUBLIC, AND THE COMMUNICATION CHANNELS WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

THE DIVISION IS ON THE FIFTH FLOOR, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393 CANTON ROAD, YAU MA TEI. THE ENQUIRY TELEPHONE NUMBER DURING OFFICE HOURS FOR THE MINES AND QUARRIES SECTION IS 733 2370, AND THAT FOR THE EXPLOSIVES SECTION IS 733 2371.

ALONG WITH MANAGING THE GOVERNMENT EXPLOSIVES DEPOTS AND LOOKING AFTER THE STORAGE, TRANSPORT AND USE OF EXPLOSIVES, THE MINES DIVISION, WHICH EMPLOYS 166 PEOPLE, CONTINUES TO ISSUE MINING AND PROSPECTING LICENCES.

IT ALSO CARRIES OUT REGULAR INSPECTIONS OF MINING AND PROSPECTING AREAS AND STONE QUARRIES, TO ENSURE THAT THE RELEVANT ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS ARE BEING OBSERVED.

THE FOLLOWING IS A BACKGROUND NOTE ON THE WORKS OF THE MINES DIVISION:

THE REGULATION OF MINING IN HONG KONG ORIGINATED IN ORDINANCES IN 1906 WHICH EMPOWERED THE GOVERNOR TO GRANT LICENCES FOR MINERAL PROSPECTING AND MINING.

THE MINES DIVISION (ORIGINALLY NAMED MINES DEPARTMENT) WAS FORMED IN 1953. ITS DUTIES WERE MAINLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE REHABILITATION OF THE PRE-WAR MINING AREAS AND THE STAMPING OUT OF ILLICIT MINING, WHICH WAS VERY PREVALENT AT THAT TIME.

/THE DEPARTMENT .....

THE DEPARTMENT LATER BECAME INVOLVED IN SAFETY INSPECTIONS OF MINING AREAS, THE ISSUE OF MINE BLASTING CERTIFICATES, MINING LICENCES AND PROSPECTING LICENCES AND THE COLLECTION OF MINING ROYALTIES AND FEES.

WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF HONG KONG, A WIDE VARIETY OF MINERALS OF ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE HAVE BEEN FOUND. IRON, WOLFRAMITE, GRAPHITE, KAOLIN, LEAD, QUARTZ AND FELDSPAR HAVE ALL BEEN EXPLOITED AT ONE TIME.

IRON ORE WAS MINED EXTENSIVELY AT MA ON SHAN FROM 1906 UP TO THE SEVENTIES, WHILE AT NEEDLE HILL, ABOVE SHATIN, MINING OF WOLFRAMITE, WHICH IS A TUNGSTEN ORE COMMENCED IN THE LATE FORTIES AND ALSO CONTINUED UP TO THE SEVENTIES.

AT LIN MA HANG, NEAR THE BORDER, LEAD AND SILVER WERE MINED, AND IT IS RECORDED THAT 150 OUNCES OF GOLD WERE RECOVERED.

THESE DAYS THE AMOUNT OF MINING CARRIED OUT IS VERY SMALL AND IS CONFINED TO SURFACE MINING FOR FELDSPAR AND KAOLIN, USED MAINLY IN CERAMICS. BUT AS THE MINING HAS DECLINED, THE JOB OF CONTROL OF EXPLOSIVES HAS ASSUMED GREATER IMPORTANCE.

THE MINES DIVISION HAS ALWAYS BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE SAFE USE OF EXPLOSIVES IN MINING, QUARRYING AND CONSTRUCTION WORK, BUT FOLLOWING THE 1967 CIVIL DISTURBANCES, THE GOVERNMENT DECIDED IT WAS NECESSARY TO IMPOSE STRICTER CONTROLS OVER THE STORAGE, TRANSPORTATION AND USE OF EXPLOSIVES.

SINCE THAT TIME, ALL EXPLOSIVES, INCLUDING FIREWORKS, HAVE BEEN STORED IN SECURE GOVERNMENT EXPLOSIVES DEPOTS AND ARE ONLY RELEASED AFTER THE NECESSARY LICENCES AND PERMITS HAVE BEEN ISSUED UPON APPLICATION TO THE DIVISION.

ORIGINALLY, ALL DELIVERIES OF EXPLOSIVES TO BLASTING SITES WERE MADE UNDER THE ESCORT OF ARMED MILITARY PERSONNEL; WHILE POLICE OFFICERS SUPERVISED THE USE OF THE EXPLOSIVES ON SITE TO MAKE SURE THAT WAS NO PILFERING AND THAT ALL THE EXPLOSIVES WERE USED.

THESE PRECAUTIONS ARE STILL NECESSARY, BUT THESE DAYS THE DUTIES ARE CARRIED OUT BY OFFICERS OF THE MINES DIVISION. EVERY MORNING THEY COLLECT THE EXPLOSIVES WHICH HAVE BEEN ORDERED BY CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES AT THE MAIN GOVERNMENT DEPOT ON STONECUTTERS ISLAND.

THE EXPLOSIVES ARE TRANSPORTED BY PURPOSE-BUILT EXPLOSIVES VESSELS UNDER CAREFUL SUPERVISION TO LANDING SITES WHERE THEY ARE TRANSFERRED TO SPECIAL EXPLOSIVES DELIVERY TRUCKS WHICH THEN MAKE THE ROUNDS OF THE VARIOUS BLASTING SITES.

ABOUT 5,000 TONNES OF EXPLOSIVES ARE NOW USED EACH YEAR, MAINLY IN SITE FORMATION AND FOUNDATION WORK ON CONSTRUCTION SITES AND FOR TUNNELLING AND QUARRYING.

SINCE MUCH OF THE USAGE IS IN OR CLOSE TO URBAN AREAS, ONE OF THE MINES DIVISION'S PRIMARY ROLES IS TO ENSURE THAT BLASTING OPERATIONS DO NOT CAUSE DANGER TO THE PUBLIC ARISING FROM FRAGMENTS OF ROCK BEING PROJECTED INTO THE AIR OR DAMAGE TO ADJACENT BUILDINGS AND SENSITIVE MACHINERY FROM VIBRATIONS.

MANY PEOPLE UNCLEAR ABOUT THREE-TIER ELECTIONS: SURVEY

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MANY PEOPLE ARE STILL UNCLEAR ABOUT HONG KONG'S THREE-TIER ELECTIONS, ACCORDING TO A TERRITORY-WIDE SURVEY.

FINDINGS OF THE "1990 OPINION SURVEY ON CIVIC EDUCATION" WERE ANNOUNCED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, DR DANIEL TSE, TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE STUDY, COMMISSIONED BY THE COMMITTEE, WAS CONDUCTED BY INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATES (HK) LTD AND INVOLVED INTERVIEWS WITH 1,000 PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 64.

DR TSE SAID THE OBJECTIVES OF THE SURVEY WERE TO COLLECT AND ANALYSE CURRENT VIEWS AND OPINIONS ON CIVIC EDUCATION AND TO MAKE RELEVANT COMPARISONS OF THESE FINDINGS WITH THOSE OF THE 1986 AND 1988 POLLS.

"EIGHTY-FIVE PER CENT OF THE RESPONDENTS KNOW THAT REGISTERED VOTERS CAN VOTE AT DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS. ABOUT THREE-QUARTERS KNOW THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION AS A VOTER," HE SAID.

OF THOSE WHO HAVE REGISTERED AS VOTERS, 55 PER CENT SAID THEY WOULD CAST THEIR BALLOTS IN THE FORTHCOMING DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS; 37 PER CENT WERE UNDECIDED WHILE ONLY THREE PER CENT SAID THEY WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE.

THE MAIN REASONS FOR THOSE WHO DID NOT INTEND TO VOTE ARE "DO NOT HAVE TIME" AND "HAVE NO IDEA ABOUT THE CANDIDATES".

AS FOR THE MUNICIPAL COUNCILS ELECTIONS, 49 PER CENT OF THE RESPONDENTS SAID REGISTERED VOTERS COULD ALSO PARTICIPATE IN THE POLLS WHILE 51 PER CENT EITHER FELT OTHERWISE OR SAID THEY "DO NOT KNOW".

DR TSE NOTED THAT MOST PEOPLE WERE UNCLEAR ABOUT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

"ONLY 26 PER CENT SAID REGISTERED VOTERS COULD VOTE IN THE LEGCO ELECTIONS; WHILE THE REMAINDER EITHER SAID REGISTERED VOTERS COULD NOT VOTE OR THAT THEY DID NOT KNOW," HE SAID.

THE SURVEY, WHICH WAS CARRIED OUT BETWEEN NOVEMBER 26 AND DECEMBER 30 LAST YEAR, ALSO COVERED OTHER RELATED AREAS INCLUDING THE AWARENESS OF CIVIC EDUCATION, THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS FACING HONG KONG, ATTITUDES TO THE RULE OF LAW AND THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG AFTER 1997.

DR TSE SAID 58 PER CENT - AN EIGHT PER CENT INCREASE OVER THE SURVEY CONDUCTED IN 1988 - OF THE RESPONDENTS SAID THEY WERE AWARE OF THE TERM "CIVIC EDUCATION".

"HOWEVER, OF THESE, 45 PER CENT SAID THAT THEY DID NOT KNOW WHAT THE OBJECTIVES OF CIVIC EDUCATION WERE.

"MOST PEOPLE BELIEVED IT WAS TO ENABLE PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND AND UPHOLD CIVIC RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, AND TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF POLITICS, THUS ENHANCING THE CONCEPTS OF FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY, THE RULE OF LAW AND SOCIAL JUSTICE," DR TSE SAID.

TURNING TO THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS FACING HONG KONG, ABOUT A THIRD OF THE RESPONDENTS SAID THE LAW AND ORDER SITUATION WAS UPPERMOST IN THEIR MINDS. THIS WAS A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE OVER THOSE WHO WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THIS PROBLEM IN THE 1988 SURVEY WHICH WAS 11 PER CENT.

THE OTHER MAJOR CONCERN AMONG 21 PER CENT OF THOSE INTERVIEWED WAS HONG KONG'S FUTURE BEYOND 1997. THIS AGAIN SHOWED A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE OVER THE NUMBER IN THE PREVIOUS SURVEY WHICH WAS 11 PER CENT.

ONLY TWO PER CENT OF THE RESPONDENTS COULD NOT NOMINATE ANY PROBLEMS OF CONCERN, WHICH WAS MUCH LOWER THAN THE 1988 SURVEY'S 20 PER CENT.

TWO-THIRDS OF THE RESPONDENTS SAID THEY CONSIDERED CERTAIN PROBLEMS AS MOST IMPORTANT BECAUSE THESE PROBLEMS CONCERNED HONG KONG OR THEIR DISTRICTS, WHILE ONE-THIRD SAID BECAUSE THESE PROBLEMS CONCERNED THEMSELVES OR THEIR FAMILIES.

ON "THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG", 59 PER CENT FELT THAT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG DID NOT HAVE A SUFFICIENT UNDERSTANDING OF THE BASIC LAW, AND 54 PER CENT OF THESE RESPONDENTS SAW NO WAY OF INCREASING RESIDENTS' KNOWLEDGE OF OR INTEREST IN THE BASIC LAW.

BUT OF THOSE WHO FELT OTHERWISE, MOST SUGGESTED THE USE OF THE MASS MEDIA, IN PARTICULAR TELEVISION, TO IMPROVE RESIDENTS' UNDERSTANDING OF THE SUBJECT.

ON THE MAINTENANCE OF HONG KONG PEOPLE'S FREEDOMS AFTER 1997, MOST RESPONDENTS QUOTED THESE FACTORS AS BEING VERY IMPORTANT: HUMAN RIGHTS LAWS, A DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL SYSTEM, GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA, THE BASIC LAW, THE RULE OF LAW, HONG KONG'S CONTRIBUTION TO CHINA'S ECONOMY AND INTERNATIONAL MONITORING.

THE FIRST TWO FACTORS WERE NOMINATED BY MOST (24 PER CENT) AS BEING THE MOST IMPORTANT.

AS FOR THE FACTORS IMPORTANT TO MAINTAINING HONG KONG'S PROSPERITY AFTER 1997, THE MAJORITY OF RESPONDENTS CHOSE THE FOLLOWING: SOLVING OF THE BRAIN DRAIN PROBLEM, A STABLE AND HARMONIOUS SOCIETY, MAINTENANCE OF THE FREE MARKET ECONOMY, THE RULE OF LAW AND A DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL SYSTEM.

BUT "A STABLE AND HARMONIOUS SOCIETY" WAS NOMINATED BY MOST (29 PER CENT) AS BEING MOST IMPORTANT.

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DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION FAIR IN WAN CHAI

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A DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION FAIR WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 24) IN WAN CHAI TO PROMOTE THE SCHEME AND TO ENCOURAGE ELECTORS TO VOTE IN THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS ON MARCH 3.

ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD'S WORKING GROUP ON CIVIC EDUCATION AND CO-ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE FAIR WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM IN THE SOUTHOEN PLAYGROUND, HENNESSY ROAD.

DISTRICT BOARD CANDIDATES FOR THE FIVE CONSTITUENCIES IN THE DISTRICT WILL INTRODUCE THEIR PLATFORMS AT THE FAIR IN DIFFERENT SESSIONS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGERS AND A MARCHING BAND, ORCHESTRAL PERFORMANCE BY THE ACADEMY FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, A DRAMA BY THE WAN CHAI STUDENT COUNCIL, A DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION EXHIBITION, AN INFLATABLE LABYRINTH AND GAME STALLS.

OFFICIATING AT THE FAIR WILL BE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PETER MANN, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP, MR TENG CHUNG-TAI.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION FAIR WHICH WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 24) AT THE SOUTHOEN PLAYGROUND, HENNESSY ROAD. THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 2 PM.

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NEW YEAR CARNIVAL IN SAI YING PUN

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A LUNAR NEW YEAR CARNIVAL FOR SAI YING PUN RESIDENTS WILL BE HELD AT THE KING GEORGE V MEMORIAL PARK, EASTERN STREET ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 24), STARTING AT 2 PM.

THERE WILL BE SINGING, MAGIC SHOWS, ACROBATIC PERFORMANCES, PALMISTRY AND GAME STALLS.

GAMES COUPONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF HARBOUR BUILDING IN CENTRAL, ITS SUB-OFFICES AT CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING) AND IN KENNEDY TOWN, AS WELL AS WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 36 WESTERN STREET.

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THE FUNCTION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE SAI YING PUN AREA COMMITTEE, WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE DISTRICT'S ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION.

OFFICIATING AT THE CARNIVAL WILL BE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN FISHER, AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, MRS IRENE LEE AND MR LIU LIT-FOR.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CARNIVAL.

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CLOSING OF KOWLOON CITY CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN  
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THE FOUR-MONTH-LONG KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN WILL END WITH A VARIETY SHOW AT THE KO SHAN THEATRE TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE TWO-HOUR SHOW WILL FEATURE SINGING BY POPULAR SINGERS, DANCING, AND AN ORCHESTRAL PERFORMANCE.

THE CAMPAIGN WHICH AIMS AT ENHANCING RESIDENTS' CIVIC AWARENESS AND THEIR SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT WAS ORGANISED BY THE CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD.

THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN FOCUSED PRIMARILY ON ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS TO TAKE PART IN THE THREE-TIER ELECTIONS.

A TOTAL OF 10 ACTIVITIES WERE ORGANISED DURING THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD.

THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SIK-KONG; KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR DUNCAN PESCOD; CONVENOR OF THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, MR MAK HOI-WAH; AND AN URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR FONG PUI-SHEUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CLOSING CEREMONY AND VARIETY SHOW TOMORROW (SATURDAY). THE CLOSING CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM.

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1,500 RESIDENTS ATTEND DISTRICT CONCERT

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OVER 1,500 KOWLOON CITY RESIDENTS WERE TREATED TO A CONCERT BY THE DISTRICT'S CHILDREN'S CHORUS AT THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE IN TSIM SHA TSUI THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

THE ANNUAL EVENT WAS AIMED AT PROMOTING CHORUS SINGING IN THE DISTRICT.

TONIGHT'S PERFORMANCE ALSO FEATURED A MUSICAL PLAY, PIANO DUET, CHINESE ORCHESTRAL PERFORMANCE AND AN ORGAN RECITAL.

THE CONCERT WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CHORUS, THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE MUSIC OFFICE AND THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

OFFICIATING GUESTS INCLUDED THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR DUNCAN PESCOD, AN URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR FONG PUI-SHEUNG, THE MUSIC OFFICER (KOWLOON), MRS DORIS LEE, AND A KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR WU WING-KAI.

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CLOSURE OF MATERNITY CENTRES

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THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT THE SHUN LEE MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRE IN KWUN TONG AND THE MRS WU YORK YU MATERNITY HOME IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE CLOSED FROM MARCH 1.

FROM THAT DAY, ALL CLIENTS ATTENDING THE MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRE SHOULD VISIT OTHER CENTRES IN THE KOWLOON EAST REGION WHILE CLIENTS RECEIVING ANTE-NATAL CARE SERVICE AT THE MATERNITY HOME WILL BE REFERRED TO SOUTH KWAI CHUNG MATERNITY HOME, 310 KWAI SHING CIRCUIT.

THE CLOSURES WILL NOT AFFECT OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED IN THE TWO PREMISES. THE SHUN LEE GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINIC WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE OUT-PATIENT SERVICE AND THE MRS WU YORK YU MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRE WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE VARIOUS MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC.

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DTC REGISTRATION REVOKED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF MAJAPAHIT FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS TODAY (FRIDAY) AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 31(2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE.

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REGISTRATION OF FINANCE LTD AS DTC REVOKED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE REGISTRATION OF SIAM COMMERCIAL FINANCE LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS TODAY AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 31 (2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE.

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURE IN SHAM SHUI PO TO BE CLOSED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS TO SEEK THE CLOSURE OF AN UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORK IN SHAM SHUI PO, KOWLOON, SO THAT DEMOLITION CAN BE CARRIED OUT WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS OR TO THE PUBLIC.

THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURE IS LOCATED ON THE ROOF OVER SEVENTH FLOOR, 117 APLIU STREET.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT COURT ON APRIL 11 THIS YEAR, WAS POSTED ON THE STRUCTURE TODAY (FRIDAY).

IT IS INTENDED THAT DEMOLITION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT ONCE THE CLOSURE ORDER IS OBTAINED.

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FIRING PRACTICE IN MARCH

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON 23 DAYS NEXT MONTH.

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

FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES AND TIMES THAT FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE:

DATE	TIME
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MARCH 1 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
MARCH 2 (SATURDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
MARCH 4 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
MARCH 5 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
MARCH 6 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
MARCH 7 (THURSDAY)	12.01 AM - 11.59 PM
MARCH 8 (FRIDAY)	12.01 AM - 11.59 PM
MARCH 9 (SATURDAY)	12.01 AM - 7 AM
MARCH 11 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
MARCH 12 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
MARCH 13 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
MARCH 14 (THURSDAY)	12.01 AM - 11.59 PM
MARCH 15 (FRIDAY)	12.01 AM - 11.59 PM
MARCH 16 (SATURDAY)	12.01 AM - 7 AM
MARCH 18 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
MARCH 19 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
MARCH 20 (WEDNESDAY)	12.01 AM - 11.59 PM
MARCH 21 (THURSDAY)	12.01 AM - 11.59 PM
MARCH 22 (FRIDAY)	12.01 AM - 7 AM
MARCH 25 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
MARCH 26 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
MARCH 27 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
MARCH 28 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM

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