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OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COUNCIL GETS APPROVAL

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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE THAT AN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COUNCIL SHOULD BE SET UP IN HONG KONG.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (MONDAY), A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE SETTING UP OF THE COUNCIL WOULD REPRESENT A SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD IN THE PROMOTION OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH IN HONG KONG.

"IT WILL ADD FURTHER IMPETUS TO THE VOLUNTARY SAFETY MOVEMENT THAT HAS BEEN GAINING MOMENTUM SINCE THE SETTING UP OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD'S COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION (NOW RE-NAMED THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE) IN 1978," HE SAID.

THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COUNCIL WILL BE AN INDEPENDENT STATUTORY BODY WITH ITS OWN STAFF TO CARRY OUT ITS FUNCTIONS, WHICH WILL COVER FOUR AREAS: EDUCATION AND TRAINING; INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY; CONSULTANCY SERVICES; AND RESEARCH.

IT WILL CONSIST OF A CHAIRMAN AND NOT MORE THAN 20 MEMBERS, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, REPRESENTING EMPLOYERS, EMPLOYEES, PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC INTERESTS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

THE COUNCIL WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPING PROGRAMMES WITHIN ITS POWERS AND DUTIES FOR RAISING STANDARDS OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH, NOT ONLY IN INDUSTRY BUT IN ALL AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT.

"THE COUNCIL WILL HAVE A BUDGET OF ABOUT \$5 MILLION FOR ITS FIRST YEAR, WITH EXPENDITURE IN FUTURE YEARS BEING SUBJECT TO REVIEW IN THE LIGHT OF THE COUNCIL'S DEVELOPMENT," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"WE HOPE TO GET THE COUNCIL STARTED IN 1988," HE ADDED.

FOLLOWING THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL'S DECISION, THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOW HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE VARIOUS PARTIES CONCERNED ON THE DETAILS OF THE FUNDING OF THE COUNCIL, WHICH WILL BE BY MEANS OF A LEVY ON EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION INSURANCE PREMIA.

MEANWHILE, WORK ON DRAFTING THE NECESSARY LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COUNCIL IS UNDERWAY.

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REHABILITATION SERVICES TO BE FURTHER DEVELOPED

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THE GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES DESPITE THE MANY ACHIEVEMENTS MADE IN THE LAST 10 YEARS, THE COMMISSIONER FOR REHABILITATION, MR FRANCIS HO, SAID THIS (MONDAY) MORNING.

SPEAKING AT THE FIRST EAST-ASIA AND PACIFIC REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE WORLD BLIND UNION, MR HO SAID THAT AS FAR AS MULTI-DISCIPLINARY ASSESSMENT SERVICES WERE CONCERNED, SIX CHILD ASSESSMENT CENTRES WOULD BE COMPLETED FROM NOW UP TO 1991-92.

"IN SPECIAL EDUCATION, THE PROVISION OF SCHOOL PLACES FOR THE DISABLED IS GENERALLY ADEQUATE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED BUT THE SHORTFALL IN SUCH AN AREA IS EXPECTED TO BE FULLY MET BY 1991-92 THROUGH THE PROVISION OF 1,320 PLACES FOR VARIOUS GRADES OF MENTAL HANDICAP," HE SAID.

MR HO SAID THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION WOULD BE FURTHER IMPROVED WITH BETTER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPECIALIST SERVICES TO IMPROVE TEACHING AND A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THIS WAS THE THREE-YEAR LOCAL COURSE IN SPEECH THERAPY TO START AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG IN 1988.

"ON PRE-SCHOOL SERVICES," HE SAID, "THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKING PARTY ON PRE-SCHOOL CARE, EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF DISABLED CHILDREN ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED AND 1,490 PLACES IN EARLY EDUCATION AND TRAINING CENTRES, SPECIAL CHILD CARE CENTRES AND KINDERGARTENS WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS UP TO 1991-92."

SIMILARLY, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS PLANS TO INCREASE SOCIAL REHABILITATION PROVISIONS IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS: 550 HALF-WAY HOUSE PLACES, 750 RESIDENTIAL PLACES FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED, 2,015 SHELTERED WORKSHOP PLACES AND 940 WORK ACTIVITY CENTRE PLACES.

ANOTHER 700 PLACES IN SKILL CENTRES WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT.

MR HO SAID FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR DISABLED PEOPLE REQUIRING CONSTANT ATTENDANCE WOULD BE DOUBLED OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS TO COVER ALL AGE BRACKETS.

"A QUEEN ELIZABETH FOUNDATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED WILL BE SET UP SOON BY STATUTE TO FURTHER THE WELFARE, EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

"TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR, A REHABILITATION ENGINEERING CENTRE WILL START OPERATION IN THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC TO PROVIDE APPLIED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ON TECHNICAL AIDS FOR THE DISABLED AND ON THE APPLICATION OF TECHNOLOGY IN REHABILITATION," HE SAID.

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OUTLINING THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S REHABILITATION SERVICES, MR HO SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT, AFTER EXTENSIVE CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMUNITY AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR, PUBLISHED A WHITE PAPER IN 1977 SETTING OUT THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ON REHABILITATION AND THE FUTURE DIRECTION, TASKS AND OBJECTIVES OF REHABILITATION SERVICES.

"THEREAFTER THE GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAMME ON REHABILITATION HAS DEVELOPED SYSTEMATICALLY THROUGH REGULAR UPDATING, REVIEW AND REVISION OF THE REHABILITATION PROGRAMME PLAN WHICH COVERS A PLANNING PERIOD OF 10 YEARS ON A ROLL-ON BASIS," HE SAID.

"A MAJOR REVIEW OF THE REHABILITATION PROGRAMME PLAN IS NOW UNDER WAY," HE ADDED.

MR HO ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE NON-GOVERNMENT VOLUNTARY SECTOR WHICH HAD CARRIED MUCH OF THE BURDEN OF REHABILITATION DURING THIS REMARKABLE PERIOD OF DEVELOPMENT.

"THE ROLE PLAYED BY THE VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION IN THIS FIELD NEEDS TO BE STRESSED, FOR IT IS THEIR DEVOTION AND COMMITMENT WHICH ARE LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF MANY OF THE SERVICES AVAILABLE TO THE DISABLED," HE SAID.

HOWEVER, MR HO POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE INEVITABLY GAPS IN SERVICES AND THE GOVERNMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR HAD MUCH TO PUT IN HAND IN THE YEARS TO COME.

"DEMAND HAS INCREASED AND IS INCREASING BECAUSE OF THE GROWTH IN THE SIZE OF THE POPULATION AND ITS DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS, CHANGING DISEASE PATTERN OF THE POPULATION, HIGHER ASPIRATION FOR QUALITY OF SERVICES AS A RESULT OF THE GROWING AFFLUENCE OF HONG KONG, AND BECAUSE MORE DISABLED PEOPLE ARE PREPARED TO SEEK PROFESSIONAL HELP, ADVICE AND SERVICES," HE SAID.

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2ND QUARTER CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT STATISTICS RELEASED

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THE TOTAL GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY ALL CONTRACTORS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1987 AMOUNTED TO \$11,941 MILLION, WHICH WAS 1.4 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND 26.7 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THE SAME QUARTER OF 1986, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT RELEASED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS (INCLUDING WORK CARRIED OUT AT CONSTRUCTION SITES, AT ERECTED BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES, AND AT OTHER MINOR WORK LOCATIONS) IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1987 WAS \$7,403 MILLION, WHICH WAS 1.0 PER CENT LOWER THAN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER BUT 21.7 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THE SAME QUARTER OF 1986. THIS GAVE AN INDEX OF 112.4. THE QUARTERLY AVERAGE OF 1982 WAS TAKEN AS 100 FOR THE INDEX.

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THE FIGURES FOR MAIN CONTRACTORS ARE FREE FROM THE EFFECT OF DOUBLE-COUNTING OF CONSTRUCTION VALUE DUE TO THE SUB-CONTRACTING PRACTICE IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY. THEY ARE, THEREFORE, DIFFERENT FROM THE FIGURES ON CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY ALL CONTRACTORS.

THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS AT CONSTRUCTION SITES IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1987 AMOUNTED TO \$5,577 MILLION. THIS WAS 3.4 PER CENT LOWER THAN THE PRECEDING QUARTER BUT 17.4 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THE SAME QUARTER OF 1986. OF THIS GROSS VALUE, \$1,771 MILLION WAS CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT OF PUBLIC PROJECTS, REPRESENTING A DECREASE OF 9.6 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER BUT AN INCREASE OF 16.2 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME QUARTER OF 1986. IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, THE CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT AT SITES, AT \$3,806 MILLION, WAS ABOUT THE SAME AS THE PRECEDING QUARTER BUT HAD INCREASED BY 17.9 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME QUARTER OF 1986.

THE OUTPUT VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS (WHICH INCLUDE COMBINED RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS) IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1987 WAS \$2,679 MILLION. THIS REPRESENTED INCREASES OF 1.7 PER CENT AND 8.5 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND THE SAME QUARTER OF 1986 RESPECTIVELY.

THE OUTPUT VALUE OF COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS WAS \$703 MILLION, REPRESENTING A DECREASE OF 9.8 PER CENT IN COMPARISON WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER BUT A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE OF 48.3 PER CENT OVER THE SAME QUARTER OF 1986.

THE OUTPUT VALUE OF INDUSTRIAL AND STORAGE BUILDINGS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1987 WAS \$508 MILLION, WHICH WAS 1.6 PER CENT AND 5.4 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND THE SAME QUARTER OF 1986 RESPECTIVELY.

THE OUTPUT VALUE OF TRANSPORT PROJECTS WAS \$870 MILLION, WHICH WAS 5.9 PER CENT BELOW THE PRECEDING QUARTER BUT 97.3 PER CENT ABOVE THE SAME QUARTER OF 1986. THE SIGNIFICANT INCREASE OVER THE SAME QUARTER LAST YEAR WAS A RESULT OF THE PARTICULARLY LOW OUTPUT VALUE OF TRANSPORT PROJECTS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1986, AT \$441 MILLION, AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE FINAL STAGE OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY ISLAND LINE PROJECT WHILE NEW PROJECTS SUCH AS THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING HAD NOT YET BEEN STARTED AT THAT TIME.

MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT IS GIVEN IN THE "REPORT ON THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT, 2ND QUARTER 1987" RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE QUARTERLY SURVEY REPORT IS PRICED AT \$2 A COPY. PURCHASES MAY BE MADE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, OR AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 19/F, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI. REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION MAY ALSO BE ARRANGED.

ENQUIRIES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234860.

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LEO KWAN HEADS NEW CNTA TEAM

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THE NEWLY APPOINTED DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES (SPECIAL DUTIES) OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR LEO KWAN, TOOK UP OFFICE ON NOVEMBER 5, A CNTA SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

HE HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN SECONDED TO THE INDEPENDENT SURVEY OFFICE AS ITS DEPUTY COMMISSIONER. BEFORE THAT HE WAS THE DISTRICT OFFICER OF SHA TIN.

MR KWAN WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CO-ORDINATING ALL GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL SCHEME FOLLOWING THE RECENT PASSAGE OF THE WASTE DISPOSAL (AMENDMENT) BILL IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

HE WILL ALSO CHAIR A CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON LIVESTOCK WASTE DISPOSAL WHICH WILL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND FARMERS' REPRESENTATIVES.

"THIS COMMITTEE WILL SERVE AS A FORMAL COMMUNICATION CHANNEL BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND LIVESTOCK FARMERS," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

MR KWAN IS NOW STUDYING DIFFERENT ASPECTS RELATED TO THE LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL SCHEME AND IS PLANNING HIS WORK SCHEDULE.

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SIGNIFICANT EXPANSION OF CULTURAL FACILITIES

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HONG KONG IS NOW TAKING ITS RIGHTFUL PLACE AS AN IMPORTANT CULTURAL CENTRE IN THE REGION, THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, MR A.K. CHUI, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

EXPLAINING THE ORGANISATION AND ROLE OF HIS BRANCH AT A MEET-THE-MEDIA SESSION, MR CHUI SAID THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY WAS TO PROMOTE APPRECIATION OF, AND PARTICIPATION IN, CULTURAL AND ARTISTIC ACTIVITIES.

"THIS POLICY EMPHASISES THE DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL TALENT AND LOCAL PROFESSIONAL PERFORMING COMPANIES AS WELL AS THE PROVISION OF SUITABLE FACILITIES IN WHICH THEY CAN PERFORM," HE SAID.

OVER THE LAST DECADE THERE HAD BEEN A SIGNIFICANT EXPANSION IN SUCH FACILITIES, HE SAID. NEW CONCERT HALLS AND THEATRES, INCLUDING NEW TOWN HALLS IN TSUEN WAN, SHA TIN AND TUEN MUN, HAD BEEN PROVIDED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE TWO MUNICIPAL COUNCILS.

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"IN ADDITION, PHASE II OF THE CULTURAL CENTRE IN TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE OPENED IN MID-1989," HE SAID. "BY THEN WE SHALL HAVE AS MANY AS 21,000 THEATRE AND CONCERT HALL SEATS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY. THIS IS NOT COUNTING THE HONG KONG COLISEUM AND THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM WHICH ARE ALSO SOMETIMES USED FOR SUCH PERFORMANCE.

"WE ARE FORTUNATE THAT WE ALREADY HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF LOCAL TALENT AND MANY LOCAL COMPANIES PERFORMING AT A HIGH STANDARD : EXAMPLES INCLUDE THE HONG KONG PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA, THE CHUNG YING THEATRE AND THE HONG KONG BALLET. WE MUST CONTINUE TO DEVELOP SUCH TALENT TO MAKE THE BEST USE OF OUR FACILITIES AND TO ATTRACT WIDER AUDIENCES.

"EARLIER THIS YEAR, THE GOVERNOR PRESIDED OVER THE FIRST GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS. THE APA WILL SOON BE PRODUCING MORE PROFESSIONAL PERFORMERS AND TEACHERS TO MAKE THEIR OWN CONTRIBUTION TO THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARTS.

"WHILE DEVELOPING OUR OWN TALENT WE MUST NOT FORGET THE NEED TO ATTRACT TO HONG KONG THE HIGHEST QUALITY PERFORMERS FROM OVERSEAS. THIS HAS ALREADY BEEN HAPPENING ON AN INCREASING SCALE IN RECENT YEARS. THE PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCILS PLAY A MAJOR ROLE, BOTH IN THIS RESPECT AND IN PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL PERFORMERS."

IN ADDITION, THE HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL, WHICH HAD TAKEN PLACE EVERY YEAR SINCE 1972, AND WHICH THE GOVERNMENT CONTINUED TO HELP FUND, HAD BECOME FIRMLY ESTABLISHED AS A SIGNIFICANT EVENT IN THE INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL CALENDAR.

MR CHUI POINTED OUT THAT ANOTHER AREA OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE, ESPECIALLY TO YOUNG PEOPLE, WAS SPORTS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION.

THE GOVERNMENT, THE MUNICIPAL COUNCILS AND NUMEROUS VOLUNTARY SPORTS BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS ALL PLAYED ACTIVE AND IMPORTANT ROLES IN PROMOTING AND DEVELOPING SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, BOTH FOR MASS PARTICIPATION AND FOR THE PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE.

THIS FINANCIAL YEAR, INCREASING SUPPORT AND TECHNICAL ADVICE WOULD BE GIVEN TO SPORTS BODIES TO HELP PEOPLE TAKE PART IN SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL EVENTS, BOTH IN THE TERRITORY AND OVERSEAS, HE SAID. THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORTS AND THE MUNICIPAL COUNCILS PLANNED TO PROVIDE BETWEEN THEM OVER \$37 MILLION THIS YEAR TO FUND A VARIETY OF EVENTS.

MR CHUI ADDED: "WE CAN BE PROUD OF THE FACT THAT HONG KONG NOW HAS A REMARKABLE RANGE OF SPORTS FACILITIES. WE HAVE 19 FULL-SIZE PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL COMPLEXES - AND FOUR MORE ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION. WE HAVE 27 MULTI-PURPOSE GAMES HALLS, WITH FACILITIES FOR BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, BADMINTON, SQUASH AND FITNESS ROOMS. AS MANY AS 26 MORE ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

"AND WE HAVE THE COLISEUM AND QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM WHICH ARE USED FOR LARGE SCALE INDOOR SPORTING AND RECREATIONAL EVENTS," MR CHUI SAID.

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GOVERNOR PRESENTS INSIGNIA

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INSIGNIA FOR 87 PEOPLE WERE PRESENTED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, AT A CEREMONY AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE THIS (MONDAY) EVENING.

EIGHTY-FIVE RECIPIENTS WERE DECORATED BY THE QUEEN FOR SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC, WHILE TWO WERE AWARDED THE GOVERNOR'S COMMENDATION.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF INSIGNIA RECIPIENTS:

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THE HON JOHN JOSEPH SWAINE
THE HON WONG PO-YAN

OBE

MR CHAU CHAM-SON
MR LI FOOK-HING
MR CHARLES CHO-CHIU SIN
PROFESSOR ROSIE YOUNG TSE-TSE

OBE (HON)

REV. FR. FRANCISCO LERDA

ISO

MR KUO KETCHEN, STEPHEN
MR WONG KWOK-CHOU

MBE

MR TOMMY KIMMIN CHOY
MR CHUI KWONG
MR JAMES KUNG
MR PANG CHING-KONG

MBE (MIL)

MAJOR GLYNDWR BRIAN WATKINS

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MR CHAN KEE-YEUNG
MR CHAN TSIP
MR CHAN TZE-KWONG
MR CHAU TIN-KWAI
MR HUI MAN-KAM
MR LAM PUI-TIN
MR LAU KAN-PUI
MR LAU YUNG-SUM
MR LEE CHE-MING
MR LI YUEN-TING
MR LING KAM-SHING
MRS SHA NG SIU-HING
MR SO PAK-LAM
MR TSUI SO
MR WONG HOO-YING

BEM (MIL)

LANCE SERGEANT MARK LESLIE BRIGGS

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MR CHAN YUM
MR LEUNG KAM-CHUEN
MR NG KWOK-WAH
MR YIP CHEUK-YIN

QPM

ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE

MR DONALD MCFARLANE WATSON
MR FREDERIC SAMUEL MCCOSH

QFSM

MR JOHN ASHTON BREDBURY

/CPM

CPM

ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE

MR PETER WILKIN FERRY
MR ROBERT ANTHONY ALLEN
MR DANIEL GEORGE ROBINSON
MR CHRISTOPHER JOHN BOSWELL
MR TSUI SUI-CHEUNG
MR CHAN KWONG
MR LAU HON-HUNG
MR CHAN YAT-KWONG
MR KEUNG LUN-CHIU
MR TSANG KANG-PING
MR LI MING
MR TANG HEI-KWONG
MR WAT TSAN-HUNG

FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

MR CHAN WAH-DING
MR YIP LUN-CHEUNG
MR CHEUNG CHAN-CHUNG
MR TSUI WING-KUI
MR CHAN KAM-SHUEN

BADGE OF HONOUR

MRS ANITA CHAN FOK PO-CHUN
MR CHAN LAI-SANG
MS HELEN CHEN KWOK-YING
MR FU YUEN-HUNG
MR FUNG KWONG-CHUNG
MR KU SZE-CHUNG
MR JASPER LAM KWOK-KWONG
MR LEE CHI-KWONG
MR DAVID LEUNG CHUNG-POR
MR TAO MAN-KWONG
MRS TSE LING SUK-YIN
MR WONG KWOK-CHOI
MR LARRY YEH FU-YAO
MRS BETTY YUNG MA SHAN-YEE

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GOVERNOR'S COMMENDATION

MR KENNETH JAMES TAYLOR
MR CHENG CHUN-WA

ORDER OF ST JOHN

OFFICER SISTER

MISS WOO MO-PING

OFFICER BROTHER

MR HO PING-CHIU
MR TAM LOK-SANG

SERVING SISTER

MRS KWAN SIU LAI-KWAN
DR LEE YUEN-WAN
MISS LO LAU-YUNG

SERVING BROTHER

DR THOMAS LEE TAN-YANG
DR MA CHING-HING
MR TUNG WAI-KUEN
MR LAU SAI-YAN
MR NG CHAN-LAM
MR CHEUNG KUEN
MR CHOW CHIU-SUM
MR CHU NING
MR LIU KING-WAH
DR MO KAM-CHUEN

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ADVICE ON CODING FOR IMPORTERS, EXPORTERS

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IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS WILL HAVE TO PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE CODING OF GOODS AS THEY COMPLETE IMPORT AND EXPORT DECLARATIONS IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR WHEN HONG KONG SWITCHES TO A NEW COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM, THE HONG KONG HARMONIZED COMMODITY DESCRIPTION AND CODING SYSTEM (HK HS).

THE NEW SYSTEM, WHICH WILL REPLACE THE PRESENT STANDARD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION (SITC), REVISION 2, IS BASED ON THE "HARMONIZED COMMODITY DESCRIPTION AND CODING SYSTEM" (HS) DEVELOPED BY THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL IN BRUSSELS.

THE HS HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO PROVIDE A MULTI-PURPOSE NOMENCLATURE THAT CAN SUIT THE NEEDS OF CUSTOMS AND STATISTICAL AUTHORITIES ROUND THE WORLD AS WELL AS ALL THOSE CONCERNED WITH WORLD TRADE. IT "HARMONIZES" A VARIETY OF CUSTOMS, STATISTICAL AND TRANSPORT NOMENCLATURES USED IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD. IN PARTICULAR, THE SITC AND THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL NOMENCLATURE, THE TWO MOST WIDELY ADOPTED INTERNATIONAL NOMENCLATURES FOR TRADE STATISTICS AND CUSTOMS TARIFF PURPOSES, HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED IN THE DESIGN OF THE HS.

"AT PRESENT, DIFFERENT COUNTRIES MAY CLASSIFY A PARTICULAR TYPE OF GOODS UNDER DIFFERENT NAMES, MAKING IT DIFFICULT FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS. THE HS WILL ENSURE THAT COUNTRIES ADOPTING THE HS WOULD CLASSIFY THE PRODUCTS BY REFERENCE TO THE SAME CLASSIFICATION AND CODING SYSTEM. THIS WILL MAKE IT MUCH EASIER TO ANALYSE AND MONITOR TRADE IN PARTICULAR PRODUCTS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID.

"THE INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION OF THE HS WILL HELP REDUCE EXPENSES INCURRED IN REDESCRIBING, RE-CLASSIFYING AND RECORDING GOODS UNDER VARIOUS CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS WHEN GOODS ARE TRANSPORTED BETWEEN COUNTRIES. IT WILL ALSO FACILITATE THE COMPARISON OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE STATISTICS AND REDUCE UNCERTAINTY IN THE NEGOTIATION AND INTERPRETATION OF TRADE AGREEMENTS."

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT MOST MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS OF HONG KONG, INCLUDING THE EEC COUNTRIES AND JAPAN ARE PREPARED TO ADOPT THE HS WITH THE TARGET IMPLEMENTATION DATE SET ON JANUARY 1, 1988. THE UNITED STATES ALSO PLANS TO ADOPT THE HS IN 1988, SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION BY THE U.S. CONGRESS.

"AS IT IS IMPORTANT TO PROVIDE LOCAL TRADERS WITH A COMMON CUSTOMS TERMINOLOGY FOR THEIR EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATIONS WITH OVERSEAS SUPPLIERS AND BUYERS, HONG KONG HAS DECIDED TO FOLLOW SUIT, ADOPTING THE HS AFTER SUITABLE ADAPTATION TO SUIT LOCAL NEEDS.

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"TO PREPARE FOR THE CHANGEOVER TO THE NEW SYSTEM, THE GOVERNMENT HAS UNDERTAKEN VARIOUS TASKS WHICH INCLUDE REVISING THE HONG KONG IMPORTS AND EXPORTS CLASSIFICATION LIST, MODIFYING THE COMPUTERISED TRADE STATISTICS SYSTEM, AMENDING THE IMPORT AND EXPORT (REGISTRATION) REGULATIONS AND PLANNING A WIDE RANGE OF PUBLICITY AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES.

"THE HK HS WILL COMPRISE SOME 5,500 EIGHT-DIGIT CODES, EACH DENOTING A PARTICULAR TYPE OF GOOD. THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE OVER THE PRESENT SITC-BASED SYSTEM WHICH CONSISTS OF ABOUT 3,600 SIX-DIGIT CODES.

"THE NEW SYSTEM CONTAINS 97 CHAPTERS WHICH ARE GROUPED UNDER 22 SECTIONS. AS A GENERAL RULE, THE SYSTEM ARRANGES COMMODITIES IN ORDER OF THEIR DEGREE OF MANUFACTURE : RAW MATERIALS, UNWORKED PRODUCTS, SEMI-FINISHED PRODUCTS AND FINISHED PRODUCTS. FOR EXAMPLE, THE INITIAL CHAPTERS COVER LIVE ANIMALS AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, WHILE THE LAST CHAPTERS COVER INDUSTRIAL AND HIGH-TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTS," THE SPOKESMAN CONTINUED.

"ONCE THE NEW SYSTEM IS IMPLEMENTED, IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS WILL HAVE TO LOOK UP THE NEW HK HS CODE FOR A PARTICULAR TYPE OF GOOD FROM A NEW CLASSIFICATION LIST WHEN COMPLETING IMPORT AND EXPORT DECLARATION FORMS. THE JOB IS NOT DIFFICULT AT ALL AS AN ALPHABETICAL LIST OF ARTICLES IN HK HS CODES AND A CORRELATION TABLE BETWEEN THE SITC AND THE HK HS CODES ARE PROVIDED TO HELP TRADERS SEARCHING FOR THE CORRECT HK HS CODES AND TO MAKE CROSS-REFERENCE.

"ALSO, AN HS HANDBOOK HAS BEEN COMPILED TO HELP IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS IN USING THE NEW CLASSIFICATION LIST. THE HS HANDBOOK DESCRIBES IN DETAIL VARIOUS METHODS OF FINDING THE CORRECT HK HS CODE FOR A COMMODITY, AND ALSO CONTAINS A LOT OF PRACTICAL EXAMPLES AND EXERCISES."

THE NEW IMPORTS AND EXPORTS CLASSIFICATION LIST CONTAINING THE HK HS CODES AND DESCRIPTIONS IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE AND SO IS THE COMPREHENSIVE HS HANDBOOK.

IN ADDITION, A SERIES OF SEMINARS ON HOW TO USE THE NEW CLASSIFICATION LIST AND THE HANDBOOK WILL BE ORGANISED FOR TRADERS FROM NOVEMBER THIS YEAR. TRADERS WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN A PAMPHLET GIVING FULL DETAILS OF THE SEMINARS SOON. THE SPOKESMAN URGED TRADERS TO RESPOND PROMPTLY TO INVITATIONS TO THE SEMINARS AND TO MAKE ANY NECESSARY PREPARATIONS FOR THE CHANGEOVER AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

DETAILS OF THE NEW CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT 17/F, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG (TEL. NO. 5-8234919).

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NEW FIRE STATIONS AT KOTEWALL ROAD, CHEUNG CHAU

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A NEW FIRE STATION IS TO BE BUILT AT KOTEWALL ROAD TO IMPROVE FIRE COVER TO THE MID-LEVELS OF HONG KONG ISLAND.

IT WILL BE A FOUR-STORY BUILDING CONSISTING OF A THREE-BAY APPLIANCE ROOM, OFFICES, CONTROL AND STORE ROOMS, BARRACKS WITH ABLUTIONS, A DINING ROOM AND A DRYING ROOM.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A DRILL YARD, AN UNDERGROUND OIL TANK AND A GENERATOR ROOM.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE WORK WHICH IS EXPECTED TO START IN FEBRUARY AND BE COMPLETED IN 12 MONTHS.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON NOVEMBER 27.

MEANWHILE, THE DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$4.6 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FOUR-STORY FIRE STATION ON CHEUNG CHAU.

SITUATED ON A 710-SQUARE-METRE SITE NEAR CHEUNG CHAU FERRY PIER, THE FIRE STATION WILL HAVE A UNIQUE DESIGN, WITH THREE BAY APPLIANCE ROOMS, A COMMUNICATIONS ROOM, EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT STORE, WORKSHOP, EXERCISE ROOM AND STORES.

OTHER FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE DRILL YARD, OFFICES, BARRACKS AND DINING ACCOMMODATION.

WORK WILL START ON NOVEMBER 18 AND TAKE ABOUT ONE YEAR TO COMPLETE.

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TUEN MUN FESTIVAL OPENS

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THE ACTING REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR PETER NG, SAID ORGANISING A VARIETY SHOW IN TUEN MUN TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE COMMUNITY CHEST WAS A PRAISEWORTHY EFFORT BY RESIDENTS IN SHOWING CONCERN AND CARE FOR THE NEEDY AND THE UNDERPRIVILEGED.

MR NG WAS SPEAKING TONIGHT (MONDAY) AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE MONTH-LONG 1987 TUEN MUN DISTRICT FESTIVAL IN WHICH 47 ENTERTAINING EVENTS WILL BE PRESENTED.

REFERRING TO THE DISTRICT'S GROWTH, MR NG SAID THE OPENING OF THE NEW TOWN PLAZA NEXT MONTH, AND THE COMPLETION OF THE TUEN MUN TOWN HALL AND GOVERNMENT AND COMMERCIAL COMPLEXES SYMBOLISED THE COMPREHENSIVE AND MULTI-FACET DEVELOPMENT OF TUEN MUN.

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"DURING THE PAST 10 YEARS, TUEN MUN HAS CHANGED FROM A MARKET CENTRE OF 30,000 PEOPLE TO A NEW TOWN OF 300,000 WITH NUMEROUS FACILITIES SUCH AS PUBLIC TRANSPORT, HOUSING, SCHOOLS, MEDICAL AND SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES," HE SAID.

"TO COMPLEMENT ALL THESE, AN INTEGRAL COMMUNITY ALSO REQUIRES CO-OPERATION AND INTERACTION AMONG THE DISTRICT BOARD, DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS AND RURAL ASSOCIATIONS TO BUILD A HARMONISED AND UNITED COMMUNITY."

MR NG THOUGHT THAT THE LAUNCHING OF THE BIENNIAL FESTIVAL COULD HELP TO ACHIEVE THE ABOVE AIMS.

FESTIVAL EVENTS RANGE FROM EXHIBITIONS, SINGING CONTEST, DRAMA COMPETITION, CANTONESE OPERA PERFORMANCE, MIME AND PUPPET SHOWS, TO RUNNING AND SOCCER COMPETITIONS, ALL HELD IN DIFFERENT VENUES. GYMNASIAC TEAMS WILL BE ANOTHER ATTRACTION.

MEANWHILE, A TOTAL OF \$240,000 DONATED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS WAS RAISED BY THE FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE FOR THE COMMUNITY CHEST.

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BRIEFING FOR NT DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS

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A TOTAL OF 60 DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ATTENDED A BRIEFING ON EDUCATIONAL MATTERS GIVEN BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT THIS (MONDAY) MORNING AT THE OLD LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER IN THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD.

THE BRIEFING BEGAN WITH AN INTRODUCTION BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR DAVID LAN.

THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A TALK GIVEN BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (BUILDING AND SYSTEM), MR S. H. HSU, ON THE SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAMME AND CONVERSION WORKS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TEACHING SPACE IN SCHOOLS.

THE BRIEFING ALSO INCLUDED TALKS ON EXPULSION OF STUDENTS AND FLOATING CLASSES BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (SCHOOLS), MR S. W. WONG, AND THE PROVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (SERVICES), MR LUCAS CHAN.

IT ENDED WITH A QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS SESSION CHAIRED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y. T. LI.

A SIMILAR BRIEFING WILL BE GIVEN TO DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS IN THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON REGION EARLY NEXT MONTH.

THE BRIEFINGS ENABLE THE DIRECTORATE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH A DIRECT DIALOGUE WITH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN.

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MANPOWER SURVEY ON EDP INDUSTRY BEGINS

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THE COMMITTEE ON ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING TRAINING OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL WILL CONDUCT A SURVEY BETWEEN NOVEMBER 17 AND DECEMBER 7 TO COLLECT UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON THE INDUSTRY'S MANPOWER AND EMPLOYMENT SITUATION.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE ESTABLISHMENTS COVERED IN THE SURVEY INCLUDING COMPANIES WITH COMPUTER INSTALLATIONS, COMPUTER/PERIPHERAL MANUFACTURERS, COMPUTER SUPPLIERS, EDP CONSULTANCY FIRMS, BUREAUS AND EDP TRAINING INSTITUTIONS.

OFFICERS FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL CALL AT THESE ESTABLISHMENTS TO ASSIST EMPLOYERS IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES.

INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENT.

EMPLOYERS ARE URGED TO CO-OPERATE BY PROVIDING ACCURATE INFORMATION WHICH IS VITAL IN FORMULATING APPROPRIATE TRAINING PLANS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE INDUSTRY.

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APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN ADVANCED LEVEL EXAM

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT REMINDED SCHOOLS WISHING TO ENTER CANDIDATES FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HONG KONG ADVANCED LEVEL EXAMINATION 1989 TO APPLY TO THE SECRETARY OF THE HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL BEFORE DECEMBER 1.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR ENTERING CANDIDATES ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE OF THE HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY AT CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, 393 CANTON ROAD, YAU MA TEI.

THE HANDBOOK OF REGULATIONS AND SYLLABUSES FOR THE 1989 EXAMINATION ARE ON SALE AT THE PUBLICATIONS UNIT, HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY, 17 TSEUK LUK STREET, SAN PO KONG, KOWLOON; AND THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG AND LEADING BOOK STORES.

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IMPROVEMENT TO HAWKER BAZAAR ON AGENDA

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MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO CONSIDER AN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR THE LUEN WO HUI HAWKER BAZAAR.

THEY WILL CONSIDER ALLOCATING \$15,000 TO REPAVE THE AREA TO FACILITATE DAILY CLEANSING BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER RECONSTRUCTING A FOOTPATH AT TIN SUM VILLAGE IN KWU TUNG AND REPAIRING A STREAM EMBANKMENT AT FU TEI AU, SHEUNG SHUI.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE SITUATION REPORTS ON LOCAL PUBLIC WORK PROJECTS AND VILLAGE LIGHTING PROGRAMME FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING. THE MEETING WILL START AT 9.30 AM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO MEET ON FUNDING MATTERS

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THE CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO DISCUSS ALLOCATION OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR ORGANISING SPORTS ACTIVITIES.

MEMBERS WILL CONSIDER THE NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME PLANNED BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. THEY WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE VETTING REPORT OF THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARY ON THE APPLICATION OF FUNDS AND THE STUDY ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES IN TUEN MUN BETWEEN OCTOBER AND DECEMBER.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON 3/F., GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, NO. 1, TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN. THE MEETING WILL START AT 2.30 PM.

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WAN CHAI COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

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THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO DISCUSS RELATED ISSUES IN THE DISTRICT.

TWO QUESTIONS WILL BE RAISED AT THE MEETING CONCERNING THE WIDENING OF TAI HANG ROAD TO A THREE-LANE CARRIAGEWAY AND TRAFFIC PROBLEMS IN WAN CHAI.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE, 8TH FLOOR, TUNG WAH MANSION, 201 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI. THE MEETING WILL START AT 4 PM.

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ISLANDS DISTRICT TO HOLD FESTIVAL

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THE FIRST ISLANDS DISTRICT FESTIVAL, OFFERING A WIDE RANGE OF CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES, WILL BEGIN ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 15).

AN OPENING CEREMONY, TO BE FOLLOWED BY A VARIETY SHOW JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, WILL BE HELD AT THE PAK TEI TEMPLE PLAYGROUND ON CHEUNG CHAU.

A PRESS CONFERENCE, AT WHICH DETAILS OF THE 15-DAY FESTIVAL AND THE VARIETY SHOW WILL BE GIVEN, WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE LOBBY OF RADIO AND TELEVISION HONG KONG, 30 BROADCAST DRIVE, BROADCASTING HOUSE, KOWLOON.

IT WILL START AT 2.30 PM, AND THOSE ATTENDING WILL INCLUDE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MISS LEE WAI-FONG; PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR CHUNG MAN-SHIU; HEAD OF RTHK RADIO 1, MISS AVER WONG; PRODUCER OF THE VARIETY SHOW, MR FRANCIS MAK, AND SEVERAL ARTISTS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE. INFORMATION OFFICER, MR RAYMOND TAM, WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN MONG KOK

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TO FACILITATE THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF WATER MAIN AT THE JUNCTION OF NELSON STREET AND CANTON ROAD IN MONG KOK, THE SECTION OF NELSON STREET BETWEEN THISTLE STREET AND CANTON ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 11) FOR ABOUT EIGHT DAYS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES TRAVELLING ON NELSON STREET BETWEEN FERRY STREET AND THISTLE STREET HEADING FOR CANTON ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA NELSON STREET, THISTLE STREET, SHAN TUNG STREET, KAM LAM STREET, SOY STREET AND CANTON ROAD.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 67.0 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 392.715 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 378.300 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 64.5 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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