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CONSULTATION ON ANTI-SMOKING RECOMMENDATIONS BEGINS

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THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH TODAY (WEDNESDAY) RELEASED A CONSULTATION PAPER ON A PACKAGE OF RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED BY THE HONG KONG COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH (COSH) TO RESTRICT THE USE, SALE AND ADVERTISEMENT OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS.

THE PUBLIC WILL BE CONSULTED ON THESE PROPOSALS THROUGH THE DISTRICT BOARDS DURING THE NEXT THREE MONTHS.

THE PAPER OUTLINES THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ON SMOKING AND SUMMARISES THE COUNCIL'S 24 RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (A) TO EXTEND NO-SMOKING AREAS IN PERFORMANCE VENUES, GOVERNMENT PREMISES AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT VEHICLES; AND, ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS, TO ENCOURAGE THE SETTING UP OF NO-SMOKING AREAS IN RESTAURANTS (RECOMMENDATIONS 1 TO 7);
- (B) TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF HEALTH WARNINGS ON CIGARETTE PACKETS AND TOBACCO ADVERTISEMENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR MORE SPECIFIC WARNINGS; AND TO ENSURE THE VISIBILITY OF THE WARNINGS ON TOBACCO ADVERTISEMENTS (RECOMMENDATIONS 8 TO 10);
- (C) TO RESTRICT THE TAR AND NICOTINE CONTENT OF CIGARETTES AND TO REWRITE THE EXISTING TAR GROUP DESIGNATIONS (RECOMMENDATIONS 11 AND 12);
- (D) TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF CIGARETTES TO PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 (RECOMMENDATION 13);
- (E) TO BAN ALL FORMS OF TOBACCO ADVERTISING AND SPONSORSHIP AS A LONG TERM GOAL AND TO RESTRICT THEIR EXTENT IN THE MEANTIME (RECOMMENDATIONS 14 TO 22); AND
- (F) TO INCREASE THE TAX ON TOBACCO PRODUCTS (RECOMMENDATIONS 23 AND 24).

COSH IS A STATUTORY BODY ESTABLISHED IN 1987. PART OF ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE IS TO SERVE AS AN ADVISOR TO GOVERNMENT ON MATTERS RELATED TO TOBACCO AND HEALTH. THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS REPRESENT ONE OF ITS INITIAL TASKS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH SAID: "ALTHOUGH THE GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO A POLICY OF DISCOURAGING SMOKING IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC HEALTH, IT HAS NOT YET MADE ANY DECISION ON THESE RECOMMENDATIONS AND WISHES TO SOLICIT PUBLIC VIEWS BEFORE DECIDING ON FURTHER ACTION."

INTERESTED PARTIES MAY OBTAIN A FREE COPY OF THE CONSULTATION PAPER AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES SECTION AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, BATTERY PATH, CENTRAL.

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THEY MAY ALSO WRITE TO THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (MAIN WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG FOR A COPY.

ALL COMMENTS ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS, AND ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS, ARE WELCOME AND SHOULD REACH THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS BEFORE JUNE 30.

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NEW REMUNERATION PACKAGE FOR HOSPITAL AUTHORITY STAFF  
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THE PROVISIONAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY (PHA) HAS COMMISSIONED A CONSULTANCY STUDY TO HELP IN THE FORMULATION OF A NEW REMUNERATION PACKAGE FOR STAFF EMPLOYED IN PUBLIC HOSPITALS UNDER THE NEW HOSPITAL AUTHORITY.

THE CONSULTANCY AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) BY THE PHA SECRETARY GENERAL, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, AND MR RONALD ADAMS, REPRESENTING THE CONSULTANTS - TOWERS, PERRIN, FORSTER AND CROSBY, INC.

THE STUDY WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS. THE FIRST PART IS AN ASSESSMENT OF THE PRESENT COST OF EMPLOYING CIVIL SERVANTS WORKING IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS, INCLUDING SALARIES AND FRINGE BENEFITS, IN ORDER TO DERIVE A TOTAL COST FIGURE FOR THE VARIOUS GRADES AND RANKS OF STAFF INVOLVED.

THE SECOND PART IS THE FORMULATION OF A NEW REMUNERATION PACKAGE WHICH SHOULD BE AS FLEXIBLE AND ATTRACTIVE AS POSSIBLE WHILE REMAINING COMPARABLE, IN TERMS OF COST TO THE EMPLOYER, TO THAT ENJOYED BY CIVIL SERVANTS IN SIMILAR JOBS.

THE STUDY SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, AND WILL THEN BE STUDIED BY THE PHA BEFORE IT SUBMITS ITS RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE NEW PACKAGE TO THE GOVERNOR.

MR CHAMBERS SAID IT WAS INTENDED THAT THE NEW PACKAGE, WHEN APPROVED BY GOVERNMENT, WOULD BE OFFERED TO PRESENT GOVERNMENT AND SUBVENTED HOSPITAL STAFF ALIKE, AS WELL AS TO NEW EMPLOYEES.

EXISTING STAFF WILL BE GIVEN THE OPTION EITHER TO TAKE UP THE NEW TERMS OR TO REMAIN ON THEIR CURRENT TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT.

THE PHA HAS ALREADY SET UP FOUR WORKING GROUPS, WHICH INCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE STAFF OF PUBLIC HOSPITALS, TO ASSIST IN THE PREPARATION OF THE NEW TERMS.

IN ADDITION, THE CONSULTANTS WILL CONDUCT AN EMPLOYEE ATTITUDE SURVEY TO ASCERTAIN THE VIEWS OF STAFF ON THE NEW PACKAGE.

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INVESTIGATION INTO SURVEY OFFICE SUBMISSIONS COMPLETED

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THE POLICE HAVE COMPLETED THEIR INVESTIGATION INTO THE ALLEGEDLY FALSE SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED BY THE SURVEY OFFICE IN RESPONSE TO THE 1987 GREEN PAPER ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT A TOTAL OF 2,581 COMPLAINTS HAVE BEEN INVESTIGATED AND 2,310 COMPLAINANTS INTERVIEWED.

HOWEVER, ONLY FOUR OF THE COMPLAINANTS INTERVIEWED DECIDED TO PURSUE THEIR CASES. THE REST OF THE COMPLAINTS HAVE ALL BEEN WITHDRAWN VOLUNTARILY.

"AFTER HAVING LODGED THEIR COMPLAINTS, SOME COMPLAINANTS RECALLED HAVING PERSONALLY COMPLETED SUBMISSIONS OR HAVING AUTHORISED SUBMISSIONS TO BE MADE ON THEIR BEHALF," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"ON THE OTHER HAND, SOME COMPLAINANTS HAD BECOME AWARE THAT SOME UNIONS OR ORGANISATIONS HAD MADE THE SUBMISSIONS ON THEIR BEHALF, WITH OR WITHOUT THEIR EXPLICIT CONSENT, BUT FELT RELUCTANT TO PURSUE THEIR COMPLAINTS," HE ADDED.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS HAVE CONSIDERED THE MATTER AND DECIDED THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO PROSECUTION IN ANY OF THE CASES INVESTIGATED.

"AS THE GOVERNMENT HAD UNDERTAKEN TO DESTROY ALL SUBMISSIONS FOR WHICH THE CONTRIBUTORS HAD REQUESTED CONFIDENTIALITY, THESE ALLEGEDLY FALSE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE DESTROYED TOMORROW (THURSDAY) NOW THAT THE INVESTIGATIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"OTHER SUBMISSIONS TO THE SURVEY OFFICE WERE DESTROYED IN MAY LAST YEAR," HE ADDED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE DESTRUCTION OF THE SUBMISSIONS, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE TOMORROW (THURSDAY), WILL BE WITNESSED BY MR ANDREW SO, ONE OF THE TWO MONITORS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR IN 1987 TO OVERSEE THE WORK OF THE SURVEY OFFICE.

THE SECRETARY FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS, MR MICHAEL SUEN, WILL ALSO BE PRESENT.

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE MEDIA TO COVER THE DESTRUCTION OF THE SUBMISSIONS, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE KENNEDY TOWN INCINERATOR AT 3.30 PM TOMORROW.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE EVENT ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE OUTSIDE THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE INCINERATOR AT 3.15 PM.

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HONG KONG: A REMARKABLE ECONOMIC SUCCESS

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IT IS NOTHING SHORT OF REMARKABLE THAT HONG KONG, A PLACE OF LESS THAN SIX MILLION PEOPLE WITH LITTLE OTHER THAN A TALENT FOR DOING BUSINESS HAS BECOME THE WORLD'S 10TH LARGEST TRADING ECONOMY, THE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE IN NEW YORK, MR KERRY MCGLYNN, SAID YESTERDAY (MARCH 21).

IN AN ADDRESS TO THE MIDWEST CHINA CENTRE IN MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, MR MCGLYNN SAID THE JOINT DECLARATION AND THE CONFIDENCE IT HAD GENERATED IN HONG KONG'S FUTURE HAD PROVIDED THE BASIS FOR HIGH RATES OF GROWTH AND LONG-TERM INVESTMENT IN THE TERRITORY.

HE TOLD HIS AUDIENCE THAT IN HONG KONG'S SUCCESS AMERICANS PLAYED A LARGE ROLE.

"THERE ARE MORE THAN 900 U.S. CORPORATIONS IN HONG KONG AND TOTAL U.S. INVESTMENT THERE IS ESTIMATED AT AROUND \$6 BILLION," HE SAID.

"U.S. COMPANIES ARE ALSO THE LARGEST FOREIGN INVESTORS IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING SECTOR ACCOUNTING FOR MORE THAN 36 PER CENT OF OVERSEAS INVESTMENTS."

MR MCGLYNN POINTED OUT THAT AMERICAN EXPORTERS COULD STILL FIND NUMEROUS OPPORTUNITIES IN HONG KONG TODAY.

FOR EXAMPLE, HE SAID: "AS A MAJOR FINANCIAL CENTRE GROWING AT ASTONISHING SPEED, WE HAVE A LARGE APPETITE FOR BUSINESS AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT AS WELL AS COMPUTERS, PERIPHERALS AND SOFTWARE.

"THERE IS GROWING INTEREST AMONG OUR INDUSTRIALISTS IN THE COMPUTERISATION OF MANUFACTURING PROCESSES AND DESIGN WORK."

HONG KONG, HE CONTINUED, WAS ALSO A LUCRATIVE MARKET FOR A WIDE RANGE OF AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS THE EXPORT VALUE OF WHICH HAD DOUBLED TO NEARLY HALF A BILLION DOLLARS FROM 1976 TO 1987.

TURNING TO TRADE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND MINNESOTA, MR MCGLYNN SAID NEARLY \$57 MILLION WORTH OF THE STATE'S MANUFACTURING EXPORTS FOUND THEIR WAY TO HONG KONG'S MARKETS IN 1987.

MINNESOTA ALSO HAD ONE OF ITS EIGHT OVERSEAS TRADE REPRESENTATIVES IN HONG KONG, HE ADDED.

MR MCGLYNN NOTED THAT HONG KONG AND MINNESOTA BOTH SHARED ECONOMIC SUCCESSES IN TWO AREAS, EMPLOYMENT AND GROWTH OF PER CAPITA INCOME.

"UNEMPLOYMENT HERE IS 30 PER CENT BELOW THE NATIONAL AVERAGE. UNEMPLOYMENT IN HONG KONG IS VIRTUALLY NON-EXISTENT.

"YOUR PER CAPITA INCOME GROWTH IS FIFTH FASTEST IN THE NATION. WE HAVE THE SECOND HIGHEST STANDARD OF LIVING IN ASIA OUTSIDE JAPAN," HE SAID.

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HK UNFAIRLY TARGETTED AT EC ANTI-DUMPING PROCEEDING

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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION HAS ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY (MARCH 21) THE INITIATION OF ANTI-DUMPING PROCEEDING ON DENIM CLOTH ORIGINATED IN HONG KONG, MACAU, TURKEY AND INDONESIA.

THIS CONFIRMED THE INTELLIGENCE THE TRADE DEPARTMENT HAD RECEIVED EARLY IN THE MONTH, THE ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF TRADE RESPONSIBLE FOR EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, MR FRED LEUNG, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

MR LEUNG REGRETTED THAT THE COMMISSION HAD INITIATED ANOTHER ANTI-DUMPING PROCEEDING ON HONG KONG.

"THIS IS THE EIGHTH CASE INVOLVING HONG KONG WITHIN 15 MONTHS," HE SAID.

"IT IS BEYOND OUR COMPREHENSION THAT THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION SHOULD IMAGINE, GIVEN OUR TOTALLY OPEN ECONOMY, THAT HONG KONG INDUSTRY CAN BE DUMPING IN THIS SCALE," MR LEUNG ADDED.

MR LEUNG NOTED THAT THE TRADE DEPARTMENT'S INITIAL REACTION WAS THAT THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION MIGHT DO BETTER TO INVESTIGATE WHAT WAS WRONG WITH EUROPEAN INDUSTRY RATHER THAN WHETHER ANYTHING WAS WRONG WITH HONG KONG INDUSTRY.

"THIS IS BECAUSE, QUITE APART FROM ANY DIFFICULTY HONG KONG MANUFACTURERS WOULD HAVE IN DUMPING, THE EUROPEAN DENIM CLOTH INDUSTRY ENJOYS A NUMBER OF COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES AND LEVELS OF PROTECTION IN ITS DOMESTIC MARKET," HE SAID.

THESE INCLUDED LOWER TRANSPORT AND DISTRIBUTION COSTS AND, IN ADDITION, IMPORTS OF DENIM CLOTH FROM HONG KONG WERE ALREADY SUBJECT TO HIGH TARIFFS (10 PER CENT) AND LIMITED BY QUOTAS UNDER THE HONG KONG/EEC BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT, MR LEUNG EXPLAINED.

"IT IS UNREASONABLE THAT EUROPEAN INDUSTRY SHOULD WANT YET ANOTHER LEVEL OF PROTECTION THROUGH THE IMPOSITION OF ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES," HE SAID.

MR LEUNG IS ARRANGING A MEETING WITH THE AFFECTED COMPANIES TO ADVISE THEM ABOUT THE PROCEDURES INVOLVED IN ANTI-DUMPING INVESTIGATION.

"WE WILL ENCOURAGE THEM TO DEFEND THEMSELVES VIGOROUSLY AND COMPLETE THE EC'S QUESTIONNAIRE CAREFULLY AND PROPERLY.

"AT THE SAME TIME, THE DEPARTMENT WILL STUDY THE SPECIFIC COMPLAINT CAREFULLY WHEN THE DETAILS ARE OBTAINED, AND TO REJECT ANY UNFAIR ALLEGATIONS AND ENSURE THAT HONG KONG'S RIGHTS UNDER THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE WILL NOT BE COMPROMISED," HE CONCLUDED.

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NEW CHAIRMAN OF SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE BOARD APPOINTED

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THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED DR NATALIS C. L. YUEN TO BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE BOARD FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS WITH EFFECT FROM APRIL 1, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

DR YUEN WILL TAKE OVER AS CHAIRMAN FROM DR DAVID C. T. WONG, WHO INDICATED LATE LAST YEAR THAT HE WOULD BE RESIGNING FROM THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE BOARD FOR PERSONAL REASONS.

DR NATALIS YUEN IS A PAST PRESIDENT AND CURRENT TREASURER OF THE HONG KONG MEDICAL ASSOCIATION. HE HAS ALSO REPRESENTED THE HONG KONG MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ON THE HONG KONG MEDICAL COUNCIL.

HE RECENTLY SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE WORKING PARTY ON POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING.

DR YUEN IS VERY ACTIVE IN THE FIELD OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE AND IS CURRENTLY PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG COLLEGE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS.

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TAI PO DEVELOPMENT OUTLINED

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY SPENT AROUND \$2.3 BILLION ON DEVELOPMENT WORKS IN TAI PO AND A FURTHER \$1.5 BILLION WILL BE SPENT IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS AS A CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DISTRICT AND TO ENHANCE ITS LIVING CONDITIONS.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) BY THE DIRECTOR OF TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT, DR NIP KAM-FAN, AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE NEWLY-COMPLETED YUEN SHIN ROAD.

THE ROAD IS ANOTHER PROJECT COMPLETED BY THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IN DEVELOPING TAI PO NEW TOWN WHICH IS EXPECTED TO HAVE A POPULATION OF OVER 250,000 BY 1996.

DR NIP NOTED THAT THE INVESTMENTS ON CAPITAL WORKS IN THE DISTRICT IN THE YEARS AHEAD WOULD INCLUDE FURTHER FORMATION AND SERVICING WORKS AND OTHER TRANSPORTATION, DRAINAGE, COMMUNITY FACILITIES, RECREATIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENTS.

HE SAID THAT IN ADDITION TO THE GROSS AREA OF ABOUT 700 HECTARES OF SERVICED LAND AVAILABLE IN THE DISTRICT TO DATE, MAJOR SITE FORMATION WORKS TO FORM ANOTHER 11 HECTARES OF LAND FOR THE NEW NETHERSOLE HOSPITAL AND TAI PO CONVALESCENT/INFIRMARY HOSPITAL AND QUARTERS WERE NEARING COMPLETION.

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THE RECLAMATION WORKS IN TAI PO WOULD ALSO BE SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETED WITH THE FORMATION OF A FURTHER 21 HECTARES FOR A WATERFRONT PARK AND LEISURE CENTRE LATER THIS YEAR, HE SAID.

DR NIP NOTING THAT MUCH OF THE NEW LAND AVAILABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT HAD BEEN RECLAIMED FROM THE SEA. HOWEVER, HE STRESSED THAT IT HAD ALSO BEEN THE GOVERNMENT'S OBJECTIVE TO FURTHER DEVELOP AND IMPROVE THE OLD TOWN OF TAI PO SO THAT IT WOULD CONTINUE TO ENJOY ITS TRADITIONAL FUNCTION AS A MARKET CENTRE WITHIN A BETTER ENVIRONMENT.

ON HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS, DR NIP NOTED THAT MAJOR SITE FORMATION WORK IS UNDERWAY SOUTH OF THE TAI PO MARKET RAILWAY STATION FOR THE WAN TAU TONG PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE AND HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME COURT, AS WELL AS FOR A PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME AND A COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

THE INTAKE TO THE HOUSING ESTATE IS EXPECTED TO START IN 1991-92 AND THE TOTAL POPULATION OF THIS DEVELOPMENT AREA IS ANTICIPATED TO REACH 31,000 IN 1996, INCLUDING THOSE OF THE PROPOSED PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT AND EXISTING VILLAGE EXTENSIONS.

THERE ARE ALSO CAPITAL WORK PLANS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PUBLIC TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE, A PUBLIC CARPARK AS WELL AS A BUS TERMINUS BENEATH THE PODIUM OF THE COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT TO SERVE THE FUTURE RESIDENTS.

MEANWHILE, CONSTRUCTION WORK FOR ANOTHER HOUSING ESTATE LOCATED TO THE NORTH OF TAI YUEN ESTATE IS ALSO UNDERWAY FOR A PLANNED POPULATION INTAKE OF 27,000 BY 1991-92.

ON ROAD WORKS, DR NIP POINTED OUT THAT BY EARLY 1991, WORKS WOULD BE COMPLETED FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF TING KOK ROAD BETWEEN TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AND PLUMMER VILLAGE BY WIDENING THE SINGLE-LANE CARRIAGEWAY TO 7.3 METRES.

A 3.5 METRES WIDE CYCLE TRACK WOULD ALSO BE CONSTRUCTED ALL THE WAY FROM THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE TO TAI MEI TUK TO ENHANCE THE SAFETY OF CYCLISTS, HE ADDED.

REGARDING OTHER DEVELOPMENTS, DR NIP SAID CONSTRUCTION WORKS FOR SEVERAL RECREATIONAL PROJECTS WERE CURRENTLY UNDERWAY WEST OF TAI PO OLD MARKET TO PROVIDE FACILITIES SUCH AS AN INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE, A SWIMMING POOL AND A SPORTS COMPLEX FOR PUBLIC USE IN ONE TO TWO YEARS' TIME.

"THE AREA TO THE SOUTH OF THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE WILL SOON BE DEVELOPED INTO ANOTHER DISTRICT OPEN SPACE WHICH WILL FEATURE FACILITIES FOR STAGING AND VIEWING THE ANNUAL DRAGON BOAT RACES ALONG THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE WATERFRONT," HE SAID.

TO REDUCE THE POLLUTION PROBLEM IN TOLO HARBOUR, HE SAID SOME MODIFICATION WORKS WOULD BE CARRIED OUT TO THE SEWAGE TREATMENT PROCESS AT THE TAI PO SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT WITH INSTALLATION TO BE COMMENCED IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS YEAR TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THE SEWAGE EFFLUENT.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY FOR YUEN SHIN ROAD TODAY WAS THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HO YUNG-SANG.

THE ROAD IS A DUAL TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY OF 1.3 KILOMETRES LONG, OF WHICH A SECTION OF ABOUT 90 METRES IS A BRIDGE STRUCTURE ACROSS LAM TSUEN RIVER.

A CYCLE TRACK AND FOOTPATH ARE ALSO PROVIDED IN THE \$55 MILLION PROJECT.

THE OPENING OF YUEN SHIN ROAD SIGNIFIES THE COMPLETION OF THE MAJOR ROAD NETWORK IN TAI PO NEW TOWN.

THE ROAD CONNECTS TING KOK ROAD TO TOLO HIGHWAY PROVIDING A SHORTER ROUTE FOR VEHICLES PROCEEDING TO TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AND FOR AREAS TO THE EAST OF TAI PO, THUS RELIEVING THE TRAFFIC LOAD ON NAM WAN ROAD.

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#### JOINT EFFORTS IN CURBING ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES RECOGNISED

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THE JOINT EFFORTS BY THE POLICE, THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION (FMO) AND THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WERE FORMALLY RECOGNISED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) BY THE FISHING COMMUNITY IN ABERDEEN FOR THEIR EFFECTIVENESS IN CURBING ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES IN THE ABERDEEN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET.

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR TONY BENNETT, SAID THAT THE JOINT EFFORTS - IN LINE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP ON GANG OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE - FOLLOWED THE PILOT SCHEME LAUNCHED SUCCESSFULLY AT THE CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET IN JULY LAST YEAR.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT A BANNER PRESENTATION CEREMONY BY MR CHENG FOR-YAU, CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERATION OF FISHERMEN'S CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT AT ABERDEEN POLICE STATION THIS AFTERNOON.

"IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR, A WORKING GROUP WAS FORMED BETWEEN THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, THE WESTERN DISTRICT AND ABERDEEN POLICE AND THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE IN A DETERMINED EFFORT TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM OF TRIAD INFILTRATION AT THE ABERDEEN FISH MARKET," HE SAID.

AS A RESULT, A SERIES OF CONTROL MEASURES WERE INTRODUCED AS FROM FEBRUARY 13, INCLUDING THE CLOSURE OF THE SORTING FLOOR TO FISH BUYERS, BANNING THE LABELLING OF FISH BEFORE AUCTION AND BANNING THE USE OF SHORT-HANDLED HAND HOOKS.

WITH THE STRONG SUPPORT FROM THE POLICE AND THE LOCAL DISTRICT OFFICE, THESE NEW MEASURES HAVE WON THE ACTIVE CO-OPERATION OF THE MARKET USERS, INCLUDING BOTH THE FISHERMEN AND THE BUYER ASSOCIATION," HE SAID.

"SINCE THEN ORDER IN THE ABERDEEN FISH MARKET HAS BEEN GREATLY IMPROVED AND THERE HAS BEEN ONLY ONE ARREST ON MARCH 17 INVOLVING A WOMAN WHO HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH COMMON ASSAULT."

MR BENNETT NOTED THAT THE NEW MEASURES HAD RESULTED IN SOME EIGHT PER CENT INCREASES IN BOTH THE THROUGHPUT AND IN AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICE COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1988.

THESE INCREASES, HOWEVER, HAVE NOT AFFECTED THE FISH PRICES OF THE RETAIL LEVEL, AND IT SEEMED THAT THIS REPRESENTED THE PROFITS PREVIOUSLY POCKETED BY THE TRIADS THROUGH THE MALPRACTICES AT THE FISH MARKET.

MR BENNETT POINTED OUT THAT HIS DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE HAD ALSO STEPPED UP ENFORCEMENT ACTION IN CURTAILING ILLEGAL MARKETING ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE THE FISH MARKET AND IN OTHER PARTS OF ABERDEEN, PARTICULARLY IN THE TYPHOON SHELTER.

HE SAID THAT IN 1988, THERE HAD BEEN 67 ARRESTS IN THE ABERDEEN AREA INVOLVING 79 PEOPLE, WHO WERE LATER FINED \$47,700. A TOTAL OF 19 TONNES OF FISH WERE CONFISCATED.

"SO FAR THIS YEAR," MR BENNETT SAID, "THERE HAVE BEEN 12 CASES OF SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTIONS WITH ANOTHER 4 CASES AWAITING HEARING. 13 PERSONS HAVE BEEN FINED A TOTAL OF \$6,500 AND 1.2 TONNES OF FISH HAVE BEEN SEIZED."

HE DISCLOSED THAT AS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUING EFFORTS TO IMPROVE MARKETING ORDER IN THE FMO MARKETS, PLANS WERE IN HAND TO INTRODUCE A SIMILAR SCHEME AT THE SHAU KEI WAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

"IT IS HOPED THAT APART FROM IMPROVING ORDER AT THE WHOLESALE MARKET, THE SCHEME WILL SERVE THE PURPOSES OF REGULATING THE SALES OF FISH FOR EXPORT AND CURTAILING ILLEGAL MARKETING AT THE ALDRICH BAY TYPHOON SHELETER AND LEI YUE MUN AREA," MR BENNETT ADDED.

SPEAKING AT THE SAME CEREMONY, MR FRANCIS MURPHY, DIVISIONAL COMMANDER, ABERDEEN SAID THAT PUBLICITY WAS A VERY IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THE OPERATION AND THANKED MEMBERS OF THE PRESS FOR THEIR CO-OPERATION IN THIS REGARD.

HE SAID A LESSON TO BE LEARNED FROM THE OPERATION WAS THAT IF ANYONE ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE TO COUNTER TRIAD ACTIVITY, THE POLICE WOULD PROVIDE IT.

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TWO GOVERNMENT LOTS TO LET BY TENDER

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT TERM TENANCY OF A SITE IN KWAI CHUNG, NEW TERRITORIES.

THE SITE, COVERING AN AREA OF ABOUT 16,045 SQUARE METRES, IS LOCATED AT AREA 10 G OF KWAI CHUNG.

IT IS FOR A FEE-PAYING PUBLIC CARPARK FOR PARKING CONTAINER TRACTORS AND TRAILERS.

THE TENANCY IS FOR THREE YEARS AND RENEWABLE QUARTERLY THEREAFTER, EXCEPT FOR AN AREA OF ABOUT 4,425 SQUARE METRES WHICH WILL BE REPOSSESSED ON DEMAND UPON RECEIVING THREE CALENDAR MONTHS' NOTICE IN WRITING.

TENDERS ARE ALSO BEING INVITED FOR LETTING ANOTHER LOT OF LAND IN KOWLOON FOR USE AS OPEN STORAGE, EXCLUDING STORAGE OF CONTAINERS.

THE LOT, MEASURING ABOUT 4,650 SQUARE METRES, IS LOCATED AT CHOI SHEK LANE, KOWLOON. THE TENANCY IS FOR AN INITIAL PERIOD OF TWO YEARS, RENEWABLE ON A QUARTERLY BASIS.

FORMS OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICES AND CONDITIONS OF BOTH LOTS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND TENDER PLAN INSPECTED AT:

- \* THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND
- \* THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES KOWLOON, 10TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

THE TENDER DOCUMENTS FOR THE LOT IN KWAI CHUNG ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KWAI TSING, 11TH FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

TENDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY NOON ON APRIL 7.

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MASS MEDIA HELP PROMOTE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION

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THE MASS MEDIA HAVE CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY IN PROMOTING AND AROUSING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF LOVE AND CONCERN IN FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION.

THE CHIEF SOCIAL WORK OFFICER (FAMILY AND CHILD CARE) OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, MRS PATRICA CHU, SAID THIS TODAY AT A CEREMONY HELD TO ANNOUNCE A 13-EPIISODE CHILDREN'S TELEVISION DRAMA ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION.

MRS CHU SAID THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES, HAD BEEN PROMOTING FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION SINCE 1978.

DURING THIS TIME, THE MASS MEDIA HAD HELPED TO CONVEY FAMILY EDUCATION MESSAGES, AND BUILD UP HARMONY IN FAMILY LIFE.

"FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION IS A LONG-TERM COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PROJECT AIMING TO PUBLICISE THE IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY LIFE AND TO PROMOTE BETTER RELATIONSHIPS AMONG FAMILY MEMBERS," SHE SAID.

"IT IS BEING PROMOTED THROUGH TERRITORY-WIDE AND DISTRICT ACTIVITIES INCLUDING EXHIBITIONS, SEMINARS, FAMILY CAMPS, FAMILY LIFE CARNIVALS SO AS TO CONVEY PROPER KNOWLEDGE OF VARIOUS STAGES OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, BEHAVIOUR, THE FAMILY, AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES."

IN THE PAST 10 YEARS, THE WORK GROUP ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN, CHAIRED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, HAD CO-OPERATED CLOSELY WITH THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE AND REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES IN RUNNING THE CAMPAIGN.

THEMES AND SLOGANS WERE ADOPTED EACH YEAR.

THE WORKING GROUP HAD ALSO CO-OPERATED WITH RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG IN PRODUCING A NUMBER OF SPECIAL FAMILY LIFE TELEVISION DRAMA SERIES.

IT WAS HOPED THAT THROUGH THE NEW CHILDREN'S DRAMA SERIES, MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY COULD STRENGTHEN THEIR RELATIONSHIPS, MRS CHU SAID.

THE 13-EPIISODE SERIES HAD BEEN PRODUCED TO TIE IN WITH THE THEM, OF THIS YEAR'S FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN -- "LOVE AND CARE HELP BUILD UP A HAPPY FAMILY," SHE ADDED.

STARTING FROM APRIL 3, THE SERIES WILL BE SCREENED ON TVB-JADE BETWEEN 7 PM AND 7.30 PM EVERY MONDAY FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE MONTHS.

THE SERIES WILL THEN BE SHOWN ON THE ATV HOME CHANNEL FROM JULY 3, FROM 8 PM TO 8.30 PM ON MONDAYS.

REGIONAL SECRETARY SEES YUEN LONG DEVELOPMENTS

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR ADOLF HSU, VISITED YUEN LONG DISTRICT THIS (WEDNESDAY) MORNING TO LOOK AT THE PROGRESS OF VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT AS WELL AS AT PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THESE PROJECTS.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROBIN IP, MR HSU FIRST WENT TO WANG CHAU SERVICE RESERVOIR FOR AN OVERVIEW OF TIN SHUI WAI.

THERE, HE WAS BRIEFED ON THE LAND FORMATION AND ANCILLARY VILLAGE FLOOD PROTECTION WORKS.

AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE OVERALL DESIGN OF TIN SHUI WAI IS THE UPGRADING OF THE SURROUNDING LOW-LYING VILLAGES TO MAKE THEM LESS VULNERABLE TO FLOODING.

MR HSU'S NEXT STOP WAS KIU TAU WAI IN PING SHAN WHERE A FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEME HAD BEEN DESIGNED AFTER THOROUGH CONSULTATION WITH THE VILLAGERS.

HE THEN WENT TO LOK MA CHAU, WHERE HE WAS GIVEN AN UPDATE ON TWO MAJOR ROAD PROJECTS - THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD (NCR) AND THE VEHICULAR BORDER LINK.

FOR THE NCR PROJECT, WORK ON PHASE II BETWEEN MAI PO AND PAK SHEK AU WILL BE COMPLETED IN JUNE THIS YEAR.

AS FOR THE VEHICULAR BORDER LINK, CONSTRUCTION OF STAGE I, WHICH INCLUDES A DUAL TWO-LANE HIGHWAY, A TWO-LANE CONCRETE BRIDGE OVER THE SHENZHEN RIVER, AN INTERCHANGE WITH THE NCR AND BORDER CONTROL FACILITIES, IS DUE FOR COMPLETION THIS SUMMER.

AFTER VISITING THE BORDER, MR HSU RETURNED TO YUEN LONG TOWN FOR A ROOFTOP VIEW OF THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT TERMINUS AND MAIN ROADS IN THE NEW TOWN.

SINCE THE COMMISSIONING OF THE LRT SYSTEM AND THE INTRODUCTION OF ASSOCIATED TRAFFIC CIRCULATION MODIFICATION, THE TRAFFIC SITUATION IN YUEN LONG HAS DETERIORATED.

FOR THIS REASON, A WORKING GROUP UNDER THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WILL SOON PRESENT A LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE.

AT HIS FINAL STOP AT NAM PIN WAI, MR HSU WAS BRIEFED ON THE KAU HUI LAYOUT PLAN, A PROJECT DESIGNED TO PROVIDE A PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK FOR ABOUT 70 HECTARES OF LAND SITUATED TO THE NORTHEAST OF YUEN LONG TOWN.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY ENDED HIS VISIT BY MEETING MEMBERS OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD AND REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AT A LUNCH RECEPTION.

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WAN CHAI DB ELECTS REPRESENTATIVE TO UC

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THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD TODAY (WEDNESDAY) ELECTED MR ARTHUR CHAM YAU-TONG AS ITS REPRESENTATIVE ON THE URBAN COUNCIL.

MR CHAM DEFEATED MR KENNETH LEE YIU-KWONG BY EIGHT VOTES TO FIVE.

ONE MEMBER ABSTAINED FROM VOTING AND ONE VOTING PAPER WAS BLANK.

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WINNERS OF SKETCH COMPETITION RECEIVE PRIZES

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TWENTY-THREE YOUNG WINNERS OF A HISTORICAL FIGURES SKETCH COMPETITION, HELD RECENTLY IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT, WERE AWARDED BOOK COUPONS AND SOUVENIRS THIS (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON.

AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY HELD IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS JOEY LAM, REMARKED THAT THE OVERALL STANDARD OF THE ENTRIES WAS HIGH.

"WE HOPE THIS CONTEST WILL PROMOTE YOUNG PEOPLE'S INTEREST IN DRAWING AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN FUTURE COMMUNITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES," MISS LAM SAID.

THE COMPETITION, HELD BETWEEN DECEMBER AND JANUARY, WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, MID-LEVELS (CENTRAL) AREA COMMITTEE AND THE HONG KONG YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

IT WAS DIVIDED INTO TWO GROUPS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED FROM 15 TO 21, AND ATTRACTED ABOUT 200 ENTRIES.

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MONG KOK DB TO DISCUSS DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT

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THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE PROPOSALS TO REMEDY UNFAIR PROVISIONS IN EXISTING DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

MEANWHILE, MEMBERS WILL ELECT AMONG THEMSELVES THE CHAIRMEN FOR TWO COMMITTEES UNDER THE DISTRICT BOARD - THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE AND THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE - FOR THE YEAR 1989-90.

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THEY WILL ALSO ASK QUESTIONS CONCERNING A FIRE WHICH BROKE OUT AT THE FAR EAST BANK MONG KOK BUILDING ON FEBRUARY 14.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (THURSDAY) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, FIRST FLOOR, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, KOWLOON.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS CHILD CASE

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THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY WELFARE COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (THURSDAY) THE CASE IN WHICH A MOTHER IS REPORTEDLY FORBIDDING HER CHILDREN FROM LEAVING THEIR HOME IN SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE.

MEMBERS WILL ASK WHAT THE RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS ARE DOING REGARDING THIS CASE.

THEY WILL ALSO ASK THE HOUSING AND SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENTS WHAT IS BEING DONE TO ASSIST THOSE AGED SINGLE PERSONS RECEIVING PUBLIC ALLOWANCE WHO ARE AFFECTED BY THE PAK TIN REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

ANOTHER DISCUSSION ITEM IS THE IMPROVEMENT TO THE LONG SERVICE PAYMENT SCHEME.

AT THE MEETING, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION SERVICES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY WELFARE COMMITTEE TO BEGIN AT 2.15 PM TOMORROW (THURSDAY) IN THE SHEK KIP MEI COMMUNITY HALL, BLOCK 42, SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE.

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PROFIT CONTROL SCHEME ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE PROFIT CONTROL SCHEME FOR FRANCHISED BUS COMPANIES AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

SENIOR TRANSPORT OFFICER, MR TSANG WING-HUNG, WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE OBJECTIVES AND MANNER OF APPLYING THE PROFIT CONTROL SCHEME IN RESPECT OF THE CHINA MOTOR BUS AND KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANIES.

THE MEETING WILL ALSO LEARN ABOUT THE PROGRESS OF THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME FOR KWUN TONG TOWN CENTRE AND INDUSTRIAL AREA AS WELL AS THE PROGRESS OF VARIOUS LOCAL TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT.

IN ADDITION, MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE PROPOSED WORK PLAN FOR THE YEAR 1989-90.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (THURSDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, TUNG YAN STREET.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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CLEAN AND GREEN PHOTO EXHIBITION STARTS TOMORROW

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THE WINNING ENTRIES IN THE CLEAN AND GREEN '88 PHOTO COMPETITION WILL BE PUT ON DISPLAY FROM TOMORROW (THURSDAY) ON THE FIRST FLOOR PODIUM OF SHUN TAK CENTRE IN CENTRAL.

THE FOUR-DAY EXHIBITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES TO WIND UP THE 1988 CLEAN AND GREEN SCHEME.

IT WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL 3 PM ON MONDAY, MARCH 27.

THE AIM OF THE EXHIBITION IS TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION BY PRESENTING THEM THE PHOTOGRAPHIC VISION OF A CLEAN AND GREEN COUNTRYSIDE.

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AN OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 2 PM TOMORROW WHEN PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE WINNING ENTRIES IN THE THREE THEME GROUPS ON PORTRAITS, WILDLIFE AND VEGETATION, AND SCENERY.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN FISHER, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (PUBLICITY) OF THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, MR PETER MOSS, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTRY PARKS BOARD'S PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE, MR WILLIAM WAN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CLEAN AND GREEN PHOTO EXHIBITION TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT 2 PM ON THE FIRST FLOOR PODIUM OF SHUN TAK CENTRE IN CENTRAL.

AFD INFORMATION STAFF WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS ON HK ISLAND FOR CHING MING FESTIVAL

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CHAI WAN, POK FU LAM AND ABERDEEN FOR THE CHING MING FESTIVAL, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, THE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IN FORCE BETWEEN 7 AM AND 6 PM ON SUNDAY (APRIL 2) AND ON CHING MING FESTIVAL (APRIL 5).

THE SAME ARRANGEMENTS MAY ALSO BE IMPLEMENTED IN CHAI WAN FROM 9 AM TO 3 PM ON MARCH 25, 26 AND 27, APRIL 8 AND 9 IF NECESSARY.

IN CHAI WAN, THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC:

- \* CAPE COLLINSON ROAD EAST OF LIN SHING ROAD EXCEPT FOR HEARSEES;
- \* THE SLIP ROAD LEADING TO THE GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE AND CREMATORIUM FROM CAPE COLLINSON ROAD EXCEPT FOR HEARSEES AND VEHICLES CARRYING PASSENGERS TO SERVICES AT THE CREMATORIUM; AND
- \* THE SLIP ROAD LEADING TO CHAI WAN CHINESE PERMANENT CEMETERY.

IF NECESSARY, CAPE COLLINSON ROAD AND LIN SHING ROAD MAY ALSO BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC WITHOUT PRIOR NOTIFICATION.

MEANWHILE, CAPE COLLINSON ROAD BETWEEN LIN SHING ROAD AND SHEK O ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND; LIN SHING ROAD BETWEEN WAN TSUI ROAD AND CAPE COLLINSON ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND; AND THE EASTERN SECTION OF WAN TSUI ROAD BETWEEN CHAI WAN ROAD AND FEI TSUI ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY.

FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM ON MARCH 25, 26 AND 27 AND APRIL 1, 2, 5, 8 AND 9, NO PARKING WILL BE ALLOWED ON WAN TSUI ROAD, CAPE COLLINSON ROAD, LIN SHING ROAD AND SHEK O ROAD BETWEEN CAPE COLLINSON TRAINING CENTRE AND TAI TAM ROAD.

ALL TAXIS AND PRIVATE CARS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING LIN SHING ROAD FOR ACCESS TO CAPE COLLINSON ROAD FROM 10 AM TO 3 PM ON APRIL 2 AND 5. THESE VEHICLES WILL BE PERMITTED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS ON WAN TSUI ROAD BETWEEN LIN SHING ROAD AND FEI TSUI ROAD.

IN POK FU LAM, CONSORT RISE BETWEEN VICTORIA ROAD AND BISNEY ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM ON APRIL 2 AND 5, IN ABERDEEN, PEEL RISE IN THE VICINITY OF ABERDEEN CHINESE CEMETERY WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC. THE SLIP ROAD FROM SHEK PAI WAN ROAD LEADING TO THE CEMETERY WILL ALSO BE CLOSED.

MEANWHILE, CHINA MOTOR BUS ROUTE 388 BETWEEN CHAI WAN MTR BUS TERMINUS AND CHAI WAN CEMETERY (CIRCULAR) WILL BE OPERATED FROM 7 AM TO 5.40 PM ON APRIL 2 AND 5 AT AN INTERVAL OF FIVE MINUTES.

CMB ROUTE 389 BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN BUS TERMINUS AND CHAI WAN CEMETERY (CIRCULAR) WILL BE OPERATED FROM 7 AM TO 5.54 PM ON APRIL 2 AND 5 AT AN INTERVAL OF SIX MINUTES.

CMB ROUTE 357 WILL OPERATE FROM CENTRAL (EXCHANGE SQUARE) TO CHINESE CHRISTIAN CEMETERY (CIRCULAR) BETWEEN 7 AM AND 5.52 PM ON APRIL 2 AND 5 AT AN INTERVAL OF SEVEN TO EIGHT MINUTES.

CMB ROUTES 80, 81, 81M, 82, 83, 84, 780 AND CROSS HARBOUR BUS ROUTE 106 WILL BE RE-ROUTED, WHILE GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES 16M AND 18M WILL ALSO BE DIVERTED.

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REMOVAL OF PUBLIC VEHICLE OFFICES

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THE HONG KONG PUBLIC VEHICLE OFFICES OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL MOVE TO NEW ACCOMMODATION ON TUESDAY (MARCH 28), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THE NEW OFFICES WILL BE LOCATED IN ROOMS 27 AND 28 ON THE MEZZANINE FLOOR OF THE MURRAY ROAD MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 2 MURRAY ROAD, CENTRAL.

MATTERS RELATING TO THE LICENSING AND REGISTRATION OF BUSES AND TAXIS WILL BE HANDLED IN ROOM 27, WHILE ROOM 28 WILL BE FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, PRIVATE LIGHT BUSES, HIRE CARS AND CROSS BORDER VEHICLES.

NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT LICENSING AND REGISTRATION OF BUSES AND TAXIS WILL BE 5-269432 AND 5-248835. FOR LIGHT BUSES, HIRE CARS AND CROSS BORDER VEHICLES THE ENQUIRY NUMBER IS 5-260979.

THE EXISTING OFFICES ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND GROUND FLOOR OF THE MURRAY ROAD MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING WILL CONTINUE OPERATION UNTIL THE END OF THIS WEEK.

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CONTRACTORS RESPONSIBLE FOR WORK SAFETY

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A BUILDING CONTRACTOR WHO FAILED TO TAKE THE NECESSARY SAFETY PRECAUTIONS REQUIRED BY LAW IN HIS CONSTRUCTION SITE RESULTING IN THE DEATH OF A WORKER WAS RECENTLY FINED \$30,000 BY A CENTRAL MAGISTRATE.

ACCORDING TO THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS, CONTRACTORS ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE GUARD RAILS TO ALL DANGEROUS FLOOR OPENINGS AND WORKING PLATFORMS IN A CONSTRUCTION SITE TO PREVENT THE FALL OF PERSONS.

THE CASE IN QUESTION INVOLVED A CONSTRUCTION WORKER WHO WAS FATALLY INJURED AFTER FALLING FROM A FLOOR OPENING ON A BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN MA ON SHAN, SHA TIN IN MAY LAST YEAR.

SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT REVEALED THAT MANY FLOOR OPENINGS ON THE BUILDING WERE NOT PROPERLY FENCED AND PROSECUTIONS WERE EVENTUALLY TAKEN OUT AGAINST THE PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR UNDER THE REGULATIONS.

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COMMENTING ON THE CASE, A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID BUILDING CONTRACTORS MUST COMPLY STRICTLY WITH SAFETY REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE REGULATIONS AND SHOULD TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF WORKERS.

"ANY CONTRACTOR WHO FAILS TO PROVIDE SECURE FENCING TO PLACES LIKELY TO CAUSE FALLS OF PERSONS IN A CONSTRUCTION SITE SHALL BE GUILTY OF AN OFFENCE AND IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$50,000," HE SAID.

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#### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TODAY (WEDNESDAY) APPROVED \$47,080 FROM THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE (TAVA) FUND TO THE DEPENDENTS OF A CONSTRUCTION WORKER WHO WAS KILLED IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT ON MARCH 9.

A 35-YEAR-OLD-MAN, MR YU CHOW-SHAN, WAS KNOCKED DOWN AND KILLED BY A DOUBLE-DECKER BUS AT A BUS STOP ON KWUN TONG ROAD NEAR THE LOWER NGAU TAU KOK ESTATE. HE WAS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, AN ELDERLY AUNT AND FIVE CHILDREN.

EIGHT OTHER PEOPLE WERE INJURED IN THE ACCIDENT AND THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE ARE BEING PROCESSED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S TAVA SECTION.

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

BENEFICIARIES UNDER THE SCHEME STILL RETAIN THE RIGHT TO MAKE CLAIMS FOR LEGAL DAMAGES OR COMPENSATION FROM OTHER SOURCES IN THE USUAL WAY.

HOWEVER, THOSE WHO RECEIVE OTHER DAMAGES OR COMPENSATION IN RESPECT OF THE SAME TRAFFIC ACCIDENT ARE REQUIRED TO REPAY THE AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE THEY HAVE RECEIVED FROM THE SCHEME. IN ANY CASE THE AMOUNT TO THE REPAID SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF DAMAGES OR COMPENSATION AWARDED.

APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THE SCHEME CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE SWD'S TAVA SECTION AT 15 WATSON ROAD, VICTORIA CENTRE, FIRST FLOOR, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TELEPHONE 5-702410.

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**CUSTOMS PRAISED FOR ELIMINATING COUNTERFEIT GOODS**

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THE GOVERNMENT'S RECOGNITION OF THE NEED TO ACCORD HIGH PRIORITY TO PROTECTING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AND THE VIGOROUS ENFORCEMENT ACTION BY THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT DURING THE PAST YEARS HAVE MADE COUNTERFEITING ACTIVITIES GO UNDERGROUND.

THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR K.S. TONG, SAID THIS AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

A PLAQUE WAS PRESENTED TO THE DEPARTMENT BY LOUIS VUITTON HONG KONG LTD IN RECOGNITION OF CUSTOMS EFFORTS IN CRACKING DOWN ON COUNTERFEIT GOODS.

IT IS THE SECOND TIME THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED A PLAQUE FROM THIS COMPANY. THE FIRST PLAQUE WAS PRESENTED IN 1984.

MR TONG POINTED OUT THAT THE DEPARTMENT CERTAINLY WOULD NOT BE COMPLACENT WITH ITS ACHIEVEMENTS AND WOULD CONTINUE TO DO ITS BEST IN ELIMINATING ALL PIRATES AND COUNTERFEITERS WHO ATTEMPTED TO MAKE QUICK MONEY AT THE EXPENSE OF THE INTEREST OF TRADERS AND CONSUMERS.

ALSO AT THE CEREMONY, 15 OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S COPYRIGHT AND COUNTERFEIT INVESTIGATION DIVISION WERE PRESENTED WITH APPRECIATION CERTIFICATES BY THE COMPANY.

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**ILLEGAL STRUCTURE IN NORTH POINT TO BE CLOSED**

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS TO SEEK THE CLOSURE OF AN ILLEGAL STRUCTURE IN NORTH POINT, HONG KONG SO THAT IT CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND THE PUBLIC.

THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURE IS ON THE FLAT ROOF ADJACENT TO FLAT B, SECOND FLOOR, 106-110 TSAT TSZ MUI ROAD.

THE CLOSURE IS PART OF THE EXERCISE TO ENFORCE AN ORDER ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE ON APRIL 10, 1986 REQUIRING THE DEMOLITION OF THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURE.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON MAY 16 WAS POSTED ON A CONSPICUOUS PART OF THE STRUCTURE TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

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

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF EDINBURGH PLACE NORTH

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT EDINBURGH PLACE NORTH IN CENTRAL BETWEEN QUEEN'S PIER AND HMS TAMAR WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES FROM 9 AM ON FRIDAY (MARCH 24) TO 7 PM THE NEXT DAY.

THE CLOSURE IS REQUIRED SO THAT AN ANNUAL EASTER FAIR CAN BE HELD.

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