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EPCOM ENDORSES WASTE CONTROL MEASURES

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE ENDORSED A WASTE DISPOSAL AMENDMENT BILL AND ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS NEEDED TO PUT INTO EFFECT THE PREVIOUSLY AGREED TEN-YEAR PROGRAMME FOR LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL AT ITS MEETING TODAY (MONDAY).

MEMBERS WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE LENGTH OF THE PROGRAMME. EPCOM ALSO AGREED TO A SCHEME FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE CONTROL OF CHEMICAL WASTES AS WELL AS EXPRESSING THEIR CONCERN ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF AN APPEAL AGAINST A DECISION OF THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY.

THE LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL PROGRAMME INCLUDED IN THE WASTE DISPOSAL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987 PROPOSES TO CONTROL POLLUTION BY BANNING LIVESTOCK KEEPING IN URBAN AREAS AND IMPLEMENTING STRINGENT CONTROLS ON LIVESTOCK WASTE COLLECTION STORAGE, TREATMENT, TRANSPORT AND DISPOSAL IN ALL OTHER AREAS.

THE PROGRAMME WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THREE PHASES:

(A) PHASE I (1988-1991)

LIVESTOCK KEEPING WILL BE BANNED IN HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON, NEW KOWLOON, AND IN THE DEVELOPED NEW TOWNS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AS WELL AS TIN SHUI WAI AND JUNK BAY.

LIVESTOCK WASTE DISPOSAL WILL BE CONTROLLED IN THE TOLO HARBOUR AND TOLO CHANNEL WATER CATCHMENT, RIVER INDUS, UPPER SHENZHEN CATCHMENT, TSUEN WAN HINTERLAND, TUEN MUN HINTERLAND, AND TAI LAM CHUNG.

(B) PHASE II (1991-1994)

LIVESTOCK WASTE DISPOSAL WILL BE CONTROLLED IN YUEN LONG HINTERLAND, TUEN MUN-YUEN LONG CORRIDOR, KAM TIN, TIN SHUI WAI HINTERLAND, SAN TIN, LAU FAU SHAN AND MAU WU TSAI.

(C) PHASE III (1994-1997) WILL COVER CONTROLS IN THE REMAINDER OF THE TERRITORY.

LIVESTOCK KEEPERS IN BANNED AREAS AND THOSE IN CONTROLLED AREAS WHO CANNOT COMPLY WITH THE POLLUTION CONTROL REQUIREMENTS WILL RECEIVE EX-GRATIA COMPENSATION FOR LOSS OF LIVELIHOOD.

DRAFT REGULATIONS REQUIRED TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE BILL WERE ENDORSED BY THE COMMITTEE. THESE COVERED THE STEPS LIVESTOCK FARMERS WILL NEED TO TAKE FOR THE SATISFACTORY COLLECTION STORAGE, TREATMENT AND TRANSPORTATION OF THEIR WASTES.

THE GOVERNMENT WILL PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS IN THE FORM OF ADVICE ON WASTE MANAGEMENT METHODS, IN PROVIDING FACILITIES SUCH AS ACCESS ROUTES AND WASTE COLLECTION POINTS AND IN ORGANISING, AND INITIALLY PAYING FOR, A WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE.

THE DRAFT REGULATIONS ADDITIONALLY SET OUT DISCHARGE STANDARDS FOR ON-FARM WASTE TREATMENT WORKS. THESE ARE TO BE SET AT A LEVEL REQUIRED TO ENSURE THAT THE CURRENT ILLEGAL DISCHARGE OF LIVESTOCK WASTE NO LONGER CONTINUES TO CAUSE GROSS POLLUTION TO HONG KONG'S STREAMS AND INSHORE WATERS.

THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF EPCOM ALSO EXPRESSED THEIR DEEP CONCERN THAT AN APPEAL BY EIGHT FACTORY OWNERS, WHO HAD BEEN REFUSED PERMISSION UNDER THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE TO INSTALL CHIMNEYS, HAD BEEN UPHELD. EPCOM MEMBERS WERE TOLD THAT THE APPEAL HAD BEEN BASED PRIMARILY ON A LEGAL TECHNICALITY AND THEY URGED THE GOVERNMENT TO LOSE NO TIME IN REMEDYING THE SITUATION.

THE EPCOM MEMBERS CONSIDERED AND UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSED A SCHEME FOR THE CONTROL OF CHEMICAL WASTES. THESE COMPRISE SUCH WASTE SUBSTANCES AS ASBESTOS, POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS (PCBS), HEAVY METALS AND THEIR COMPOUNDS, PESTICIDES, DANGEROUS GOODS, ACIDS AND ALKALIS OILY WASTES FROM SHIPPING AND TANNERY WASTES AND SLUDGES.

THE MAJOR POINTS OF THE SCHEME ARE THAT WASTE PRODUCERS ARE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROPER DISPOSAL OF THEIR WASTES, THAT COMPETENT AND EXPERIENCED PERSONS BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HANDLING, TRANSPORTING AND DISPOSING OF THESE WASTES AND THAT THE AUTHORITY (DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION) MONITORS THE PROGRESS OF CHEMICAL WASTES FROM POINT OF ARISING TO POINT OF DISPOSAL.

THIS IS OFTEN REFERRED TO AS +CRADLE-TO-GRAVE+ CONTROL AND IS ESSENTIAL TO AVOID THE HAZARDS AND ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE CURRENTLY CAUSED BY THE OFTEN ILLEGAL AND INDISCRIMINATE DISPOSAL OF THESE WASTES TO LAND OR SEWERS.

THE COMMITTEE NOTED SOME RECENT INCIDENTS INVOLVING TOXIC AND HAZARDOUS WASTES, INCLUDING ONE FATALITY, AND THAT THE CURRENT ACCUMULATION OF THESE WASTES IN THE SEDIMENTS IN PARTS OF VICTORIA HARBOUR IS CREATING AN ENVIRONMENTAL +TIME BOMB+.

IN ORDER TO ASSIST INDUSTRIALISTS TO COMPLY WITH THE SCHEME THE GOVERNMENT WILL PREPARE CODES OF PRACTICE TO ADVISE INDUSTRY ON PROPER WASTE MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES. ADDITIONALLY, THE GOVERNMENT WILL PROVIDE WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES IN THE FORM OF A CHEMICAL WASTE TREATMENT PLANT AND A CO-DISPOSAL LANDFILL SITE.

CONSULTANTS ARE CURRENTLY STUDYING THE DETAILED REQUIREMENTS OF THESE FACILITIES AND THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE BY THE TIME INDUSTRY NEEDS THEM TO COMPLY WITH THE LEGISLATION.

THE DETAILED PROPOSALS OF THE SCHEME OF CONTROL IN THE FORM OF REGULATIONS AND CODES OF PRACTICE UNDER THE WASTE DISPOSAL ORDINANCE WILL BE PRESENTED FOR EPCOM'S CONSIDERATION IN DUE COURSE.

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FIRST LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD REPORT PUBLISHED
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THE FIRST REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD (LAB) COVERING 1985 AND 1986 HAS JUST BEEN PUBLISHED.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, MR TONY HAMMOND, SAID THE PUBLICATION OF THE REPORT REPRESENTED AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRIPARTITE CONSULTATIVE BODY.

NOTING THAT THE HISTORY OF LAB WENT BACK TO 1927, MR HAMMOND SAID: +OVER THE YEARS, THE BOARD HAS SIGNIFICANTLY EXPANDED ITS ROLE AND FUNCTIONS, AND PLAYED A MOST VALUABLE PART IN THE FORMULATION OF LABOUR POLICIES.

+IT IS THROUGH TRIPARTITE CONSULTATION ON LABOUR LEGISLATION THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO BRING ABOUT IMPROVEMENTS IN THE QUALITY OF THE WORKING LIFE OF MORE THAN TWO MILLION PEOPLE IN HONG KONG,+ HE ADDED.

AT PRESENT, THE BOARD IS COMPOSED OF THE COMMISSIONER OR THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR AS THE EX-OFFICIO CHAIRMAN AND SIX REPRESENTATIVES EACH FROM EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES.

DURING THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW, IT GAVE ADVICE ON NO LESS THAN 20 ITEMS OF LEGISLATION, NOTABLY THE INTRODUCTION OF THE LONG SERVICE PAYMENT PROVISIONS UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, AMENDMENTS TO THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS (COMPENSATION) ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE RATE OF COMPENSATION, AND THE MAKING OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (SAFETY OFFICERS AND SAFETY SUPERVISORS) REGULATIONS TO REQUIRE THE COMPULSORY EMPLOYMENT OF SAFETY PERSONNEL IN DESIGNATED INDUSTRIES.

THROUGH THE BOARD, HONG KONG HAS BEEN ABLE TO PARTICIPATE ON A TRIPARTITE BASIS IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES INCLUDING THE 10TH ASIAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION HELD IN JAKARTA IN DECEMBER 1985, AND AT THE 72ND INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE IN GENEVA IN JUNE 1986.

AT THE CONFERENCES, MEMBERS WERE ABLE TO SHARE EXPERIENCE WITH DELEGATES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES AND KEEP ABREAST OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR SCENE.

COMMITTEES ON SPECIAL SUBJECT AREAS HAVE ALSO BEEN SET UP UNDER THE BOARD TO COPE WITH THE INCREASING RANGE AND COMPLEXITY OF MATTERS WHICH REQUIRE ITS ATTENTION AND TO ENCOURAGE GREATER PARTICIPATION BY EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES.

THERE ARE NOW FIVE SUCH COMMITTEES DEALING RESPECTIVELY WITH EMPLOYMENT, INDUSTRIAL SAFETY, LABOUR RELATIONS, EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL LABOUR STANDARDS. A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN CO-OPTED TO SERVE ON THESE COMMITTEES.

THE LAB REPORT FOR 1985 AND 1986 IS PUBLISHED IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE. COPIES ARE BEING SENT TO EMPLOYERS' ORGANISATIONS, TRADE UNIONS AND LABOUR GROUPS AND OTHER INTERESTED BODIES.

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ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY NEEDS TRAINING SUPPORT
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THE EXPORT PERFORMANCE OF THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY HAS IMPROVED SINCE 1986 AND WILL CONTINUE TO GROW AT A MODEST PACE IN THE COMING YEARS, THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL SAID IN A MANPOWER SURVEY REPORT ON THE INDUSTRY.

TO COPE WITH THE GROWTH OF THE INDUSTRY, THE BOARD SAID THAT MANUFACTURERS SHOULD RAISE PRODUCTIVITY BY INVESTING IN NEW PLANT, MACHINERY AND TRAINING OF TECHNICAL MANPOWER.

IN THE REPORT, THE BOARD FORECAST THAT THE INDUSTRY WOULD NEED AN ADDITIONAL 430 TECHNOLOGISTS, 740 TECHNICIANS, 320 CRAFTSMEN AND 3 600 OPERATIVES EACH YEAR UP TO 1991.

THE SURVEY CONDUCTED IN JUNE LAST YEAR REVEALED THAT AS THE RESULT OF THE WORLDWIDE DECLINE IN DEMAND FOR ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS IN 1985 AND EARLY 1986, THE TOTAL WORKFORCE OF THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY DROPPED FROM 107 000 IN 1984 TO 93 000 IN 1986.

AUTOMATION ADOPTED BY THE INDUSTRY AND THE REMOVAL OF MANY PRODUCTION FACILITIES FOR LOW-END ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS TO NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES WERE ALSO CAUSES FOR THE TECHNICAL MANPOWER REDUCTION.

THE SURVEY RECORDED THAT THE BIGGEST DROP WAS AT THE LEVEL OF OPERATIVE, FROM 78 000 IN 1984 TO 64 500 IN 1986.

OPERATIVES ACCOUNTED FOR 70 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL WORKFORCE OF THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY AT THE TIME OF THE SURVEY.

DESPITE THE DROP OF MANPOWER DEMAND, THE INDUSTRY WAS STILL HAVING DIFFICULTIES IN RECRUITING OPERATIVES, BECAUSE FEWER FORM 3 LEAVERS WENT INTO EMPLOYMENT AS MORE SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES WERE AVAILABLE TO YOUNG PEOPLE.

SCHOOL LEAVERS' PREFERENCE TO JOBS IN COMMERCIAL AND SERVICING SECTORS AND SERVING WORKERS LEAVING FOR JOBS IN SERVICING SECTORS HAD ALSO DIMINISHED THE MANPOWER SUPPLY AT OPERATIVE LEVEL.

NEVERTHELESS, THE SURVEY SHOWED THAT WHEN THERE WAS A DECLINE OF TOTAL MANPOWER, THE NUMBER OF TECHNICIANS GREW FROM 12 500 IN 1984 TO 13 600 IN 1986.

THE GROWTH WAS ATTRIBUTED TO THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE WHICH LED TO THE DEMAND OF TECHNICIANS OF THAT TRADE.

THE INCREASING ADOPTION OF AUTOMATION HAD RESULTED IN THE UPGRADING OF SOME JOBS FROM CRAFT LEVEL TO TECHNICIAN LEVEL, THUS INCREASED THE NUMBER OF REQUIRED TECHNICIANS IN THE INDUSTRY.

THE SURVEY REPORT, CONTAINING DETAILED MANPOWER STATISTICS OF THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY, IS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE AT \$13.50 A COPY.

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COOKED FOOD CENTRE FOR KWAI CHUNG
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WORK ON A COOKED FOOD CENTRE AT KWAI CHUNG WILL START TODAY (MONDAY) FOLLOWING THE AWARD OF A \$6.4 MILLION CONTRACT BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

BESIDES THE 12-STALL COOKED FOOD CENTRE, RECREATIONAL AND OTHER FACILITIES WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED AT THE 10 490-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF KWAI SHUN AND KWAI TAK STREETS.

THESE WILL INCLUDE A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT, PUBLIC TOILET, MINI SOCCER PITCH, ROLLER SKATING RINK AND SITTING-OUT AREA.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A MANAGEMENT OFFICE, STORAGE AREA AND DANGEROUS GOODS STORE.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN ONE YEAR.

DETAILS OF KEEP HK CLEAN SPECTACULAR
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE LAUNCHING OF THE 1987-88 KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN SPECTACULAR TO BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG COLISEUM ON MAY 15.

DETAILS OF THE SPECTACULAR AND OTHER KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL-REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS RECEPTION TO BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY), AT 3 PM IN THE FANLING AND TAI PO ROOMS, SHANGRI-LA HOTEL, LOWER LEVEL 1, 64 MODY ROAD, KOWLOON.

SPEAKING AT THE PRESS RECEPTION WILL BE CHAIRMAN OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE, MR CARLOS CHEUNG, AND ASSISTANT PRODUCTION MANAGER, TELEVISION BROADCASTS LIMITED, MR NG YU.

VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE, MR WALTER SULKE, AND ENJOY YOURSELF TONIGHT EXECUTIVE PRODUCER, MR PHILIP KAM, WILL ALSO BE PRESENT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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DISTRICT BOARD SUPPORT FOR WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY
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SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL SPREAD THE KEEP CLEAN MESSAGE TO RESIDENTS AT THE DISTRICT'S BEACHES AND THE ABERDEEN TYPHOON SHELTER IN A PUBLICITY DRIVE TO SUPPORT THE UNITED NATIONS' WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY ON JUNE 5.

IN RESPONSE TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S CALL, THE DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE DECIDED AT A RECENT MEETING THAT MEMBERS SHOULD DISTRIBUTE PAMPHLETS ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO BEACH-GOERS AND GARBAGE BAGS TO BOAT DWELLERS AND FISHING VESSELS IN THE ABERDEEN TYPHOON SHELTER.

IT IS HOPED THAT THE EFFORT WILL HELP AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS ON THE NEED TO FIGHT POLLUTION AND IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT. THE PROGRAMME IS ALSO IN LINE WITH THE ON-GOING CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN IN THE DISTRICT.

A SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THE WATER POLLUTION PROBLEM IN THE DISTRICT HAS ALWAYS BEEN A TARGET FOR IMPROVEMENT.

HE SAID THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HAS IMPLEMENTED A TRIAL REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE FOR FISHING VESSELS IN THE ABERDEEN TYPHOON SHELTER DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR AND RESULTS HAVE BEEN SATISFACTORY.

+AS MOST FISHING VESSELS WILL RETURN TO CELEBRATE THE TUEN NG FESTIVAL, IT IS HOPED THAT THE PUBLICITY DRIVE ON JUNE 5 WILL HELP REINFORCE THE KEEP HONG KONG WATERS CLEAN MESSAGE AMONG THE FLOATING POPULATION,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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BOARD TO DISCUSS DRAFT FILM CENSORSHIP BILL
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WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO DISCUSS THE DRAFT FILM CENSORSHIP BILL 1987 AND THE PUBLIC ORDER (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1987.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY (BOARDS AND ENTERTAINMENT) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION BRANCH, MR JIM MICHIE, WILL BE PRESENT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS RAISED BY MEMBERS ON THE BILL.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE POLICY STATEMENT ON LONG-TERM HOUSING STRATEGY PUBLISHED LAST MONTH.

A CONSULTATION DOCUMENT ON THE CONTROL OF UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE DEMOLITION OF THE WONG TAI SIN MARKET AND THE TAI SHING STREET TEMPORARY MARKET WHICH IS TO MAKE WAY FOR THE KOWLOON CENTRAL ESTATE REDEVELOPMENT.

/OTHER ITEMS

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OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WILL INCLUDE THE QUESTION OF MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MORSE PARK OPEN-AIR THEATRE, THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE AT DIAMOND HILL (NORTH), AND THE PROGRESS REPORT ON DIAMOND HILL DEVELOPMENT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE MEETING TOMORROW AT 2.30 PM AT THE FUNG MING HALL OF THE WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE.

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**DISCUSSION ON COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP
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THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 6) TO DISCUSS TERMS OF REFERENCE AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

OTHER MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION WILL INCLUDE PROCEDURES FOR RECOMMENDING DB GRANTS, APPLICATIONS FOR DB FUNDS FOR ORGANISING RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING AT 2.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON THE THIRD FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, NO. 1, TUEN HI ROAD.

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**COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE TO MEET TOMORROW
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MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO ELECT A NEW CHAIRMAN FOR 1987-88.

DURING THE MEETING, THEY WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE WORK PLAN OF THE ICAC FOK SING OFFICE IN THE DISTRICT AND WILL ALSO REVIEW THE WORK OF THE VARIOUS WORKING GROUPS OF THE COMMITTEE IN THE PAST YEAR AND CONSIDER WHETHER THEY SHOULD BE CONTINUED IN 1987-88.

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MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE ALLOCATION OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECTS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW AT 4 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR OF TUNG WAH MANSION AT 201 HENNESSY ROAD.

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COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS SAI KUNG YOUTH NEEDS
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MEMBERS OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO DISCUSS A SURVEY ON YOUTH NEEDS ON COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND OTHER RELATED PROBLEMS.

THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROJECT OF FREE EYE CHECK-UP FOR THE ELDERLIES IN SAI KUNG.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TOMORROW AT 10 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN.

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COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE TO MEET
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YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO DISCUSS A VISIT TO THE YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE IN JULY.

ALSO INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA ARE THE SITE FOR THE RELOCATION OF LARD-BOILING FACTORIES, LAND LEASE AT THE YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AND THE SHORT-TERM TENANCY AND SHORT-TERM WAIVER POLICIES.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 10 AM TOMORROW IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD, 13TH FLOOR, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

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FISHERFOLKS TO CELEBRATE TAM KUNG FESTIVAL

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THOUSANDS OF FISHERFOLK AND WORSHIPPERS WILL GATHER AT SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO CELEBRATE TAM KUNG FESTIVAL.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL IS HELD ON THE EIGHTH DAY OF THE FOURTH LUNAR MONTH, THE BRITHDAY OF THE LEGENDARY TAM KUNG, WHO IS SAID TO BESTOW LUCK AND FORTUNE ON WORSHIPPERS.

THIS YEAR, A GRAND PROCESSION FEATURING LIONS, UNICORNS AND DRAGONS FROM OVER 40 ASSOCIATIONS WILL DANCE ALONG SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST TO THE TAM KUNG TEMPLE.

THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GARY YEUNG, WILL PAY A VISIT TO THE TEMPLE AT ABOUT 10 AM.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CELEBRATION AT SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST WHICH WILL START AT 10 AM TOMORROW.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 40.9 PER CENT CAPACITY OR 286.738 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 243.426 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 41.5 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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