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VITAL FOR HK TO MAINTAIN ECONOMIC POSITION: GOVERNOR

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IT IS VITAL FOR HONG KONG'S FUTURE PROSPERITY THAT IT SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN ITS POSITION AS ONE OF THE GREAT INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND FINANCE CENTRES, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE 10TH INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE OF THE ASIAN ASSOCIATION OF MANAGEMENT ORGANISATIONS, SIR DAVID SPOKE OF THREE PARTNERS IN HONG KONG'S GROWTH AS A WORLD CENTRE FOR VIGOROUS ENTERPRISE -- BUSINESSMEN, WORKERS AND GOVERNMENT.

HE SAID ALL THREE PARTNERS HAD COMBINED TO FOSTER A STRONG TRADITION OF FREE ENTERPRISE AND SUCCESSFUL ENTREPRENEURSHIP, AND IT WAS THIS PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN BUSINESSMEN, GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMUNITY WHICH MUST WORK TO GUARANTEE HONG KONG'S FUTURE AS A MAJOR ECONOMIC POWER, THE WORLD'S 11TH LARGEST ECONOMIC ENTITY.

NOTING THAT THE CONFERENCE HAD "ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND MANAGEMENT" AS ITS THEME, THE GOVERNOR COMMENTED: "IN HONG KONG YOU WILL FIND PLENTY OF BOTH IN ACTION".

SIR DAVID SAID THAT HONG KONG, AS A SMALL CITY-ECONOMY WITH VERY LIMITED NATURAL RESOURCES, HAD TO IMPORT PRACTICALLY EVERYTHING IT CONSUMED, AND IT HAD TO EXPORT TO PAY FOR THESE IMPORTS.

"THAT MEANS COMPETITION WITH EVERYONE ELSE IN THE WORLD.

"THUS OUR VERY SURVIVAL DEPENDS ON THE INGENUITY OF OUR PEOPLE; THEIR ABILITY TO SEIZE OPPORTUNITIES AND THEIR WILLINGNESS TO ADJUST RAPIDLY TO CHANGING DEMANDS.

"AND IT IS THIS VERY QUALITY, WHAT ONE MIGHT CALL INGRAINED PRAGMATISM, THAT ACCOUNTS FOR HONG KONG'S REPUTATION AS A WORLD CENTRE FOR VIGOROUS ENTERPRISE," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR SAID ONE MEANS OF MAINTAINING HONG KONG'S POSITION LAY IN CONTINUING TO PROVIDE AN INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT THE EFFICIENT CONDUCT OF BUSINESS.

ANOTHER PART OF THE ANSWER LAY IN THE VIGOROUS DEFENCE OF HONG KONG'S RIGHT TO TRADE OPENLY IN WORLD MARKETS.

BUT IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS MOST DEPENDED ON THE INGENUITY AND SKILL OF THE PEOPLE.

"HENCE OUR DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE TO INVEST IN EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING. THIS IS OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE AS OUR ECONOMY SHIFTS TOWARDS TECHNOLOGY-INTENSIVE EMPLOYMENT, IN BOTH MANUFACTURING AND THE SERVICE INDUSTRIES," HE SAID.

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SIR DAVID DESCRIBED HOW INVESTORS AND EMPLOYERS HAD OVERCOME DIFFICULTIES THAT AROSE IN THE 1950'S AND SUCCEEDED IN CHANGING HONG KONG INTO A LARGE AND DIVERSIFIED MANUFACTURING BASE, BY ADAPTING THEMSELVES TO A MULTI-STOREY ENVIRONMENT AND BY CONCENTRATING THEIR PRODUCTION IN THOSE ACTIVITIES WHERE THEY HAD A REASONABLE CHANCE OF SUCCESS.

"OUR LABOUR FORCE, TOO, IS EQUALLY FLEXIBLE, PARTLY BECAUSE IT IS WILLING TO TAKE BAD TIMES WITH THE GOOD WITHOUT RECOURSE TO RESTRICTIVE PRACTICES AND INDUSTRIAL ACTION, AND PARTLY BECAUSE WORKERS ARE PREPARED TO SHIFT JOBS AND TRADES RAPIDLY," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT HAD ALSO ADJUSTED TO RAPIDLY CHANGING REQUIREMENTS.

"THE PHILOSOPHY THAT WE THE GOVERNMENT ADOPT IS THAT THE GROWTH AND PERFORMANCE OF THE ECONOMY CAN ONLY BE DAMAGED IF WE TRY TO PLAN THE ECONOMY CENTRALLY OR FRUSTRATE THE OPERATION OF MARKET FORCES.

"WE INTERVENE ONLY WHEN IT IS IN THE CLEAR LONG-TERM INTERESTS OF OUR ECONOMY OR SOCIETY TO DO SO," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR REFERRED TO THE PLANS HE ANNOUNCED LAST MONTH FOR MAJOR EXPANSION OF TERTIARY EDUCATION, UNDER WHICH DEGREE AND SUB-DEGREE PLACES WOULD BE PROVIDED FOR SOME 25 PER CENT OF SCHOOL LEAVERS BY 1994-95.

"THIS IS AN INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG'S FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AS IMPORTANT AS THE MASSIVE PLANS WHICH HAVE ALSO BEEN ANNOUNCED OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS FOR DEVELOPING OUR PORT AND BUILDING A NEW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT," HE SAID.

FULL-TIME EDUCATION WAS ONLY PART OF THE PICTURE; AND AS SOME 80 PER CENT OF THE WORKFORCE FOR THE YEAR 2000 HAD ALREADY COMPLETED THEIR EDUCATION, SIR DAVID SAID, "SO THE PROVISION OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING IS ALSO VITAL FOR OUR FUTURE PROSPERITY."

REFERRING TO THE 100,000 PLACES BEING PROVIDED BY THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL AND OTHER TRAINING AUTHORITIES AT PRESENT, HE SAID THESE FACILITIES WOULD NEED TO BE CONSTANTLY UPGRADED TO KEEP PACE WITH TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE.

"AS WE ENTER THE 1990'S, WE WILL HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR VOCATIONAL TRAINING SYSTEM CAN PROVIDE ADEQUATE TRAINING THAT GOES BEYOND THE CONVENTIONAL LECTURE HALL AND WORKSHOP.

"WE AIM TO SET UP A TRAINING PROGRAMME WITH OVERSEAS WORKING ATTACHMENTS, SPECIFICALLY FOR MID-CAREER MANAGERS, TO LET THEM LEARN AT FIRST-HAND NEW PROCESSES AND TECHNOLOGIES THAT CANNOT BE TAUGHT IN A CLASSROOM," HE SAID.

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IN ADDITION, THE GOVERNMENT WAS PLANNING TO CREATE A NEW TECHNOLOGIES TRAINING FUND WHICH WOULD PROVIDE LOANS TO COVER THE COST OF THIS NEW TRAINING SCHEME.

"THIS IS BUT ONE MORE EXAMPLE OF THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN BUSINESSMEN, GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMUNITY TO MAINTAIN HONG KONG'S POSITION AS A DYNAMIC ECONOMY WITH A SKILLED AND SOPHISTICATED WORKFORCE," HE SAID.

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NEW FIRE STATION IN TAI PO EAST

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RESIDENTS OF TAI PO ARE GLAD TO SEE THE PROVISION OF A NEW FIRE STATION IN TAI PO EAST TO ENHANCE FIRE PROTECTION IN THE DISTRICT, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD, MR DAVID HO YUNG-SANG, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TAI PO EAST FIRE STATION, MR HO SAID THERE WAS AN OBVIOUS NEED FOR THIS ADDITIONAL FIRE STATION.

"THE GROWTH OF POPULATION IN THE DISTRICT, THE EXPANSION OF THE NEW TOWN AND DEVELOPMENTS IN TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE IN RECENT YEARS HAVE BROUGHT ABOUT A CORRESPONDING INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES," HE SAID.

"BESIDES, TAI PO DISTRICT HAS LARGE PATCHES OF WOODLANDS WHERE HILL FIRES FREQUENTLY OCCUR DURING THE DRY SEASON."

MR HO RECALLED THAT TAI PO WAS ONCE A SPARSELY POPULATED DISTRICT WHERE THERE WERE VERY FEW SERIOUS FIRES.

"SHOULD THERE BE ANY FIRE, FIREMEN WOULD ARRIVE QUICKLY AND SPARE NO EFFORTS IN PUTTING IT OUT," HE SAID.

"THAT IS WHY FIREMEN HAVE ALL ALONG BEEN RESPECTED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS FOR THEIR PROFESSIONALISM, COURAGE AND HARD WORK."

HE HOPED THAT STAFF OF THE NEW FIRE STATION WOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE LOCAL RESIDENTS A HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL AND DEDICATED SERVICE.

THE TAI PO EAST FIRE STATION WILL SERVE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AND NEARBY VILLAGES AS WELL AS THE PAT SIN RANGE AND PLOVER COVE COUNTRY PARKS.

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APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR APPOINTMENT AS RECOGNISED DEALER
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ANOTHER STEP HAS BEEN TAKEN IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EXCHANGE FUND BILLS PROGRAMME, THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, MR DAVID NENDICK, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

"THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH IS READY TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT AS RECOGNISED DEALER," HE SAID.

"WE ARE ISSUING WRITTEN INVITATIONS TO ALL BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES AND EXPECT THE FIRST APPLICATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS."

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CRITERIA LAID DOWN BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY IN HIS SPEECH TO THE HONG KONG CAPITAL MARKETS ASSOCIATION ON AUGUST 24, LICENSED BANKS AND LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES WILL NORMALLY QUALIFY FOR APPOINTMENT.

REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES WILL NORMALLY BE ACCEPTED FOR APPOINTMENT ONLY IF THEY ARE BANK-OWNED OR HAVE A PAID-UP CAPITAL OF NOT LESS THAN \$100 MILLION. APPLICATIONS FROM OTHER INSTITUTIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED ON THEIR MERITS.

"THEY WILL HAVE TO SATISFY US THAT THEY SHOULD QUALIFY, HAVING REGARD TO THEIR CAPITAL ADEQUACY, THEIR ACTIVITY IN THE HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY MARKET AND THEIR CREDIT STANDING," MR NENDICK SAID.

"IF ACCEPTED, THEY WILL HAVE TO BE BROUGHT UNDER PROPER SUPERVISION AND REGULATION," HE ADDED.

RECOGNISED DEALERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO SUBMIT BIDS IN THE WEEKLY TENDERS FOR EXCHANGE FUND BILLS WHICH ARE EXPECTED TO START IN A FEW MONTHS' TIME.

SOME OF THE RECOGNISED DEALERS WILL BE INVITED TO BECOME MARKET MAKERS. MARKET MAKERS WILL BE OBLIGED TO QUOTE BID AND OFFER PRICES FOR THE BILLS DURING NORMAL MONEY MARKET HOURS.

THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH WILL BUY AND SELL BILLS IN THE SECONDARY MARKET ONLY THROUGH MARKET MAKERS AND WILL ACT AS A LAST RESORT SUPPLIER AND LENDER OF BILLS TO MARKET MAKERS.

THE EXCHANGE FUND BILLS ARE DESIGNED TO SERVE AS AN ADDITIONAL INSTRUMENT FOR CONDUCTING MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS. THEY WILL THEREFORE BE FOR THE ACCOUNT OF THE EXCHANGE FUND AND NOT THE GENERAL REVENUE.

THE INTENTION TO DEVELOP A PROGRAMME OF SHORT TERM EXCHANGE FUND BILLS WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY IN HIS BUDGET SPEECH ON MARCH 1 THIS YEAR.

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NEW MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR TAKES UP OFFICE

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MRS AGNES ALLCOCK, A FORMER PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY WITH THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, HAS TAKEN UP THE POST OF MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR OF THE MUSIC OFFICE WITH EFFECT FROM TODAY (MONDAY).

MRS ALLCOCK WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OVERALL MANAGEMENT OF POLICY AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE MUSIC OFFICE, AS WELL AS THE PROMOTION OF INTEREST IN MUSIC AMONG THE PUBLIC IN HONG KONG.

AGED 36, MRS ALLCOCK JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE AS A POLICE INSPECTOR IN 1974. AFTER GRADUATING FROM THE LAW SCHOOL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG IN 1980, SHE WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE AND HAS SINCE WORKED IN A NUMBER OF DEPARTMENTS AND BRANCHES.

HER PREVIOUS POSTINGS INCLUDED SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY (NARCOTICS).

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MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN LIAISON WITH RESIDENTS' BODIES

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THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND DISTRICT BOARD HAVE INTRODUCED A SERIES OF MEASURES TO STEP UP LIAISON WITH MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS' CORPORATIONS TO ENCOURAGE MORE PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GARY YEUNG, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

MR YEUNG WAS SPEAKING AT A DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SEMINAR ORGANISED FOR MEMBERS OF AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS' CORPORATIONS IN SHAU KEI WAN AND QUARRY BAY.

A TOTAL OF 637 MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS' CORPORATIONS, REPRESENTING A WIDE CROSS-SECTION OF THE POPULATION, HAD BEEN FORMED THROUGHOUT EASTERN DISTRICT, HE NOTED.

MR YEUNG SAID THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD HAD SET ASIDE \$300,000 IN THE YEAR 1989-90 FOR LOCAL ORGANISATIONS TO ORGANISE COMMUNITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES.

TO ENCOURAGE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS' CORPORATIONS TO ORGANISE MORE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THEIR MEMBERS, THE BOARD HAD RECENTLY MADE AMENDMENTS TO THE FUND-VETTING GUIDELINES, HE SAID.

/REGARDING BUILDING

REGARDING BUILDING MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS WHICH ARE A MAJOR AREA OF CONCERN TO THESE RESIDENTS' BODIES, MR YEUNG SAID THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM HAD STARTED REGULAR DISCUSSION SESSIONS WITH OFFICE-BEARERS OF THESE BODIES.

MEETINGS WERE HELD AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S THREE SUB-OFFICES ON A QUARTERLY BASIS TO PROVIDE EXPERT ADVICE ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT, HE SAID.

THE DISTRICT OFFICE ALSO PLANNED TO ORGANISE SEMINARS AND TRAINING COURSES TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESIDENTS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WAYS TO EFFECTIVELY MANAGE THEIR PROPERTIES.

MR YEUNG NOTED THAT OVER 40 COMMUNITY ORGANISERS WERE EMPLOYED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNICATION WITH RESIDENTS' BODIES.

TURNING TO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, MR YEUNG SAID MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES COULD CLAIM UP TO \$700 EACH QUARTER AS DAILY ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES OF THEIR OFFICES.

THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION AND THE CHINESE CHARITIES FUND ALSO PROVIDED SUBSIDIES TO MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS' CORPORATIONS FOR PURCHASING RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS EQUIPMENT AS WELL AS FOR ORGANISING COMMUNITY PROJECTS, HE SAID.

"DISTRICT BOARDS, AREA COMMITTEES, AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS' CORPORATIONS HAVE OVER THE PAST YEARS DEVELOPED INTO A CLOSELY-KNITTED STRUCTURE IN THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME," MR YEUNG SAID.

HE CALLED ON RESIDENTS TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS TO ENSURE THAT THE GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONED EFFECTIVELY AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE SPECIFIC NEEDS OF INDIVIDUAL DISTRICTS.

TODAY'S SEMINAR WAS THE FIRST IN A SERIES ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE TO PROVIDE A FORUM FOR MEMBERS OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS' CORPORATIONS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON DISTRICT MATTERS.

TWO MORE SEMINARS WILL BE HELD NEXT MONTH AND IN JANUARY FOR RESIDENTS IN CHAI WAN, CAUSEWAY BAY AND NORTH POINT.

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FIVE OZP'S REFERRED BACK FOR AMENDMENT

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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS REFERRED FIVE APPROVED OUTLINE ZONING PLANS BACK TO THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD FOR AMENDMENT.

THEY ARE THE OUTLINE ZONING PLANS FOR CENTRAL DISTRICT, CAUSEWAY BAY, NORTH POINT, LAI CHI KOK AND TUEN MUN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT IN ORDER TO KEEP ABREAST WITH CHANGES IN PLANNING PROPOSALS IN THE FIVE AREAS, AMENDMENTS TO THESE PLANS WOULD BE NECESSARY.

THE FIRST THREE PLANS WILL MAINLY BE AMENDED TO INCORPORATE THE PROPOSED RECLAMATION ALONG THE WATERFRONT FROM CENTRAL TO CAUSEWAY BAY.

THE LAI CHI KOK OUTLINE ZONING PLAN WILL BE AMENDED TO INCORPORATE THE LATEST LAND USE PROPOSALS FOR CONTAINER TERMINAL NO. 7 AND THE ADJACENT BACK-UP AREAS.

AMENDMENTS TO THE TUEN MUN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN WILL LIKELY INCLUDE LAND USE REVISIONS FOR AREA 38 TO THE EAST OF TAP SHEK KOK POWER STATION FOR PORT FACILITIES AND OTHER SPECIAL INDUSTRIES.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT ANY FUTURE AMENDMENTS TO THE PLANS WOULD BE EXHIBITED FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AND OBJECTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE.

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COUNCIL TO SEND STUDY GROUP TO JAPAN

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THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COUNCIL WILL SEND A DELEGATION TO JAPAN EARLY NEXT YEAR TO LEARN FROM THE COUNTRY'S EXPERIENCES AND OPERATION IN PROMOTING OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH.

THE DECISION WAS MADE AT THE COUNCIL'S MEETING TODAY (MONDAY). MEMBERS AGREED THAT THE VISIT WILL HELP IDENTIFY AND DETERMINE THE FUTURE DIRECTION AND EMPHASIS OF THE COUNCIL.

DURING THE WEEK-LONG STAY IN JAPAN, THE DELEGATION WILL MEET MEMBERS OF THE JAPAN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ASSOCIATION, WHICH IS THE COUNTRY'S MOST FAMOUS AND BEST ORGANISED NON-GOVERNMENT SAFETY ASSOCIATION.

AT TODAY'S MEETING, THE COUNCIL ALSO APPROVED THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH EMPLOYEES' PARTICIPATION SCHEME AIMED AT FURTHER AROUSING PUBLIC INTEREST IN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH BY INVOLVING PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE IN THE WORK OF IMPROVING THE GENERAL STANDARD OF SAFETY IN THE TERRITORY.

/THE SCHEME

THE SCHEME WILL PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH FUNCTIONS ORGANISED BY EMPLOYEES.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE INVITED FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES, TRADE UNIONS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHEME.

ANOTHER ITEM OF TODAY'S MEETING WAS THE APPOINTMENT OF MR CHAN WAI-LUN AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL'S CATERING TRADE SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE. MR CHAN WAS FROM THE FOOD AND BEVERAGE MANAGEMENT AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION.

NINETEEN MEMBERS WERE ALSO APPOINTED TO THE COMMITTEE.

THE MEETING ALSO DISCUSSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE. UNDER THE REVISED TERMS, THE COMMITTEE WILL, AMONG OTHER THINGS, "ADVISE THE COUNCIL ON PRIORITIES AND STRATEGIES FOR RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH".

IT WILL ALSO "INITIATE AND PROMOTE EDUCATION AND TRAINING CONFERENCES AND PROGRAMMES FOR EMPLOYEES, EMPLOYERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC, SUCH ACTIVITIES TO BE CO-ORDINATED, AND IN-CO-OPERATIONS WITH OTHER COMMITTEES THROUGH THE COUNCIL".

OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AT TODAY'S MEETING INCLUDED REPORTS BY THE CHAIRMEN OF THE COUNCIL'S VARIOUS COMMITTEES, THE COUNCIL'S BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR 1990-91, THE APPOINTMENT OF A LEGAL ADVISER TO THE COUNCIL, AND STAFFING AND ADMINISTRATION.

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SAI KUNG RESIDENTS URGED TO GIVE BLOOD

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THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR FREDERICK TONG, TODAY (MONDAY) CALLED ON RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT TO GIVE BLOOD ON THE "SAI KUNG BLOOD DONATION DAY" ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 30) AND FRIDAY (DECEMBER 1).

"GIVING BLOOD TO THE NEEDY DEMONSTRATES ONE'S CONCERN FOR OTHERS," MR TONG SAID.

"IT IS HOPED THAT THROUGH THIS MEANINGFUL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY, A GREATER SENSE OF CIVIC-MINDEDNESS WOULD BE CULTIVATED AMONG RESIDENTS," HE SAID.

MR TONG SAID IT TOOK ONLY 10 MINUTES TO COMPLETE THE BLOOD DONATION PROCESS, WHICH WAS PAINLESS AND HARMLESS TO THE DONOR BUT COULD HELP SAVE A PERSON'S LIFE.

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IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST YOUTH FESTIVAL IN THE TERRITORY NEXT MONTH, MR TONG MADE A SPECIAL APPEAL TO YOUNG PEOPLE IN SAI KUNG TO GIVE BLOOD.

THE THEME OF THE YOUTH FESTIVAL IS "WE ARE HONG KONG". IT AIMS AT INDUCING A SENSE OF COMMITMENT AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE TOWARDS BUILDING A BETTER HONG KONG WITH THEIR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

THE "SAI KUNG BLOOD DONATION DAY" IS CO-ORGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG CIVIC EDUCATION PROMOTION COMMITTEE AND THE HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE, WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD.

DURING THE BLOOD DONATION EXERCISE, BLOOD DONATION CENTRES WILL BE SET UP AT CARMEL DIVINE GRACE FOUNDATION SECONDARY SCHOOL IN PO LAM ESTATE AND TSUI LAM COMMUNITY HALL IN TSEUNG KWAN O ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 30); AND AT CHENG CHEK CHEE SECONDARY SCHOOL IN HANG HAU, RENNIE'S MILL MIDDLE SCHOOL IN TIU KENG LENG AND SAI KUNG JOCKEY CLUB TOWN HALL IN SAI KUNG TOWN ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 1).

TRANSPORT FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED FROM 5.15 PM TO 9.15 PM ON THURSDAY TO TAKE RESIDENTS OF PO LAM ESTATE TO TSUI LAM COMMUNITY HALL TO DONATE BLOOD.

THOSE WISHING TO GIVE BLOOD ARE REMINDED THAT THEY SHOULD INFORM THE NURSES ON DUTY BEFOREHAND OF ANY RECENT INOCULATION OR VACCINATION.

AS A TOKEN OF THANKS, EACH DONOR WILL RECEIVE A T-SHIRT AND A DIARY FROM THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION PROMOTION COMMITTEE.

A CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 1 TO MARK THE OCCASION. THE OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR FREDERICK TONG; SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WILLIAM WAN; THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR (NEW TERRITORIES EAST) OF THE HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, DR SUSAN CHAN; TV ARTISTE MISS YU YEE-HA; AND THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE, DR RAYMOND CHU.

ENQUIRIES ON THE SAI KUNG BLOOD DONATION DAY CAN BE DIRECTED TO MISS SUSAN YEUNG OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE DURING OFFICE HOURS ON TEL. 3-7023709.

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NORTH DISTRICT DELEGATION LEAVES FOR STUDY TOUR

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A NORTH DISTRICT DELEGATION COMPRISING DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND LOCAL DIGNITARIES LEFT HONG KONG THIS (MONDAY) MORNING FOR AN EIGHT-DAY STUDY TOUR OF JAPAN AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

LED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR RAYMOND PANG, AND ACCOMPANIED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM HUI, THE 16-MEMBER DELEGATION WILL VISIT TOKYO AND SEOUL, THE CAPITALS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES.

IN TOKYO, THE GROUP WILL HAVE A FIRST-HAND LOOK AT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AS WELL AS NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING, SOCIAL WELFARE AND FOREST CONSERVATION.

THE GROUP WILL ALSO MEET THE CHIEF HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE REPRESENTATIVE IN TOKYO, MR LEE LAP-SUN, FOR A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF HONG KONG/JAPAN RELATIONS.

WHILE IN SEOUL, THE DELEGATION WILL VISIT AN ARTS CENTRE AND THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS.

THE GROUP WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON DECEMBER 4.

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'TUNNEL OF CARE' - AN EXPERIENCE OF HOW BLIND PEOPLE FEEL

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VISITORS TO THE "IN TOUCH WITH REHABILITATION" EXHIBITION NEXT MONTH WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE HOW BLIND PEOPLE FEEL.

THE OPPORTUNITY WILL BE PROVIDED BY A "TUNNEL OF CARE" WHICH IS THE MAIN FEATURE OF THE EXHIBITION, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE.

THE THREE-DAY EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD BETWEEN DECEMBER 2 AND 4 AT THE NEW WORLD PLAZA, TSIM SHA TSUI.

A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE "TUNNEL OF CARE" IS 20 METRES LONG. ITS SPECIAL DESIGN WILL ENABLE EXHIBITION VISITORS TO WALK THROUGH IN DARKNESS.

"DURING THE FIVE-MINUTE WALK, VISITORS WILL EXPERIENCE A SITUATION SIMILAR TO TOTAL BLINDNESS.

"SOUND EFFECTS, SUCH AS TRAFFIC IN THE MAIN THOROUGHFARES, FALLING OBJECTS, JACK-HAMMERS AND WATERFRONT SOUNDS WILL BE BROADCAST INSIDE THE TUNNEL. IT WILL PROVIDE VISITORS A CHANCE TO SENSE POSSIBLE DANGER IN A REAL SITUATION AND HOW TO REACT IF THEY WERE BLIND.

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"WE HOPE THE GENERAL PUBLIC, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO HAVE WALKED THROUGH THE 'TUNNEL OF CARE', HAVE AN ACTUAL EXPERIENCE OF 'BEING BLIND' SO THAT THEY WILL CARE MORE FOR DISABLED COUNTERPARTS IN THEIR DAILY LIFE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

VISITORS WILL ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE BEING WHEELCHAIR-BOUND.

A RAMP WILL BE BUILT AT THE EXHIBITION HALL TO ENABLE VISITORS TO MANOEUVRE VARIOUS TYPES OF WHEELCHAIRS.

THEY WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO TRY DIFFERENT AIDS AND EQUIPMENT FOR DISABLED PERSONS.

OTHER FEATURES IN THE EXHIBITION WILL INCLUDE A VIDEO WALL, INFORMATION AND DISPLAY ON PRE-SCHOOL, ADULT, PREVOCAATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING, AND VARIOUS REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR DISABLED PERSONS.

"WE HOPE THE EXHIBITION WILL HELP MAKE THE PUBLIC MORE AWARE THAT DISABLED PERSONS ARE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY AND THAT THEY NEED OUR CARE.

"WITH OUR CARE AND CONCERN THEY CAN BE INTEGRATED INTO THE COMMUNITY AND CONTRIBUTE TO SOCIETY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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DB TO DISCUSS PROPOSED FACILITIES ON WESTERN RECLAMATION

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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 29) TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED PARKLAND AND INDOOR GAMES HALL ON THE WESTERN RECLAMATION.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR GORDON SIU, AND DIRECTORATE OFFICERS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING THE HIGHWAYS, URBAN SERVICES, ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, BUILDINGS AND LANDS, MARINE AND TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS, HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ADDRESS THE MEETING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD SPECIAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 29), BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM IN ROOM 1416, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON HOW RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROPOSALS IN THE REPORT CAN BEST BE CARRIED OUT AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL.

THE MEETING WILL ALSO BE INFORMED OF THE BACKGROUND AND ACTIVITIES OF THE HONG KONG PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, FIRST FLOOR, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, KOWLOON. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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DB TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING TOMORROW

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THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL TAKE NOTE OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED EARLIER BY AREA COMMITTEES CHAIRMEN ON THE DRAFT 1990-91 PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE DISTRICT AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT MATTERS DISCUSSED AT MEETINGS OF AREA COMMITTEES, A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INJURY REPORT OF THE DISTRICT AND A PROGRESS REPORT ON PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY THE COMMITTEE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, FOURTH FLOOR, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, KING FUK STREET.

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JOINT COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE FEEDER BUS FARE COMPLAINT

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THE TUEN MUN/YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARDS' JOINT COMMITTEE ON MONITORING LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT (LRT) SERVICES WILL EXAMINE A COMPLAINT ABOUT FARES CHARGED ON AN LRT FEEDER BUS ROUTE AT THE COMMITTEE'S MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS A PROPOSAL THAT LRT PASSENGERS BE PROVIDED WITH FREE FEEDER BUS SERVICES AT MORE STATIONS.

AT PRESENT, THOSE WHO WISH TO TAKE THE FEEDER BUS ROUTE 521 FREE-OF-CHARGE MUST BOARD THE BUS AT THE TOWN CENTRE STATION, RESULTING IN OVERCROWDING AT THE STATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TUEN MUN/YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARDS' JOINT COMMITTEE ON MONITORING LRT SERVICES TO BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY), BEGINNING AT 10 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD, THIRD FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 1 TUEN HI ROAD.

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DB COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER FUND APPLICATIONS

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THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER 17 APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS FOR ORGANISING COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO LOOK AT THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COMMITTEE AND THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY), BEGINNING AT 10 AM IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 34 CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN.

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FREE CONCERTS FOR SOUTHERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO THREE CONCERTS, IN ADDITION TO A VARIETY OF OTHER ACTIVITIES, DURING THE LAST WEEK OF THE MONTH-LONG DISTRICT FESTIVAL WHICH CLOSES ON SUNDAY.

ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 29), THE HONG KONG CHINESE ORCHESTRA WILL GIVE A CONCERT AT WAH FU COMMUNITY HALL IN WAH FU ESTATE.

THE CONCERT WILL PRESENT 12 POPULAR INSTRUMENTAL PIECES OF CHINESE TRADITIONAL MUSIC INCLUDING SELECTED DANCE PIECES, GUANGDONG MELODIES AND FOLK SONGS; AND A PERFORMANCE BY A RENOWNED SOPRANO.

FOR CANTONESE OPERA FANS, AN OPERATIC SONGS NIGHT WILL BE HELD AT STANLEY PLAYGROUND, STANLEY NEW STREET, ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 30).

ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 2), THE DISTRICT'S 30-MEMBER YOUTH CHOIR WILL GIVE AN OUTDOOR CONCERT OUTSIDE BLOCK 5 OF WONG CHUK HANG ESTATE. THEY WILL PERFORM A NUMBER OF CHINESE AND WESTERN SONGS.

ADMISSION TO THE THREE CONCERTS, WHICH ALL BEGIN AT 8 PM, IS FREE. TICKETS FOR THE CONCERT BY THE HONG KONG CHINESE ORCHESTRA ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

OTHER EVENTS FOR THE WEEK INCLUDE A SEMINAR ON YOUTH PROBLEMS FOR PARENTS ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 1); A SPORTS DAY FOR THE ELDERLY, A BASKETBALL COMPETITION AND A VOLLEY BALL COMPETITION ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 2); AND THE FESTIVAL'S CLOSING CEREMONY AND VARIETY SHOW ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 3).

MEANWHILE, AN EXHIBITION FEATURING HISTORICAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE DISTRICT AND PRIZE-WINNING ENTRIES IN A DISTRICT FESTIVAL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION IS BEING HELD AT THE AP LEI CHAU COMMUNITY HALL, AP LEI CHAU ESTATE.

THE EXHIBITION IS OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 6 PM DAILY DURING THE WEEK EXCEPT ON SATURDAY WHEN IT WILL MOVE TO LEI TUNG ESTATE COMMERCIAL CENTRE. IT WILL RETURN TO AP LEI CHAU ESTATE ON SUNDAY.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL'S PROGRAMME CAN BE MADE ON 5-540271.

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ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY ESSAY COMPETITION
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PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE ANNUAL ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY ESSAY COMPETITION IN LONDON AND WIN AWARDS WHICH INCLUDE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, BOOK AND CASH PRIZES.

THE INTERNATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST IS OPEN TO STUDENTS OF ALL COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES. THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY IN LONDON WILL AWARD PRIZES TO FOUR WINNERS IN EACH OF THE FOUR CLASSES OF THE COMPETITION.

CLASS A OF THE ESSAY COMPETITION IS FOR STUDENTS AGED BETWEEN 16 AND 18 ON DECEMBER 31 THIS YEAR (1989), CLASS B FOR THOSE AGED 14 AND 15, CLASS C FOR THOSE AGED 12 AND 13, AND CLASS D FOR THOSE AGED 11 AND UNDER.

THE FIRST PRIZE FOR CLASS A WILL BE A TRAVEL AND STUDY TOUR FOR TWO IN BRITAIN WHILE THE FIRST PRIZE FOR CLASS B WILL BE A REGIONAL AIR TRAVEL AND STUDY TOUR FOR TWO.

THE OTHER 14 WINNERS IN ALL FOUR CLASSES WILL BE AWARDED CASH AND BOOK PRIZES.

ALL ESSAYS MUST BE HANDWRITTEN AND THOSE INTERESTED ARE ADVISED TO CONTACT THEIR SCHOOL TEACHERS FOR DETAILS OF THE CONTEST.

ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED THROUGH THEIR SCHOOLS TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR LOCAL SELECTION BEFORE JANUARY 10 NEXT YEAR.

A LOCAL COMMITTEE WILL BE SET UP TO SELECT MERITORIOUS ENTRIES TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONTEST AND AWARD LOCAL PRIZES.

THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL SPONSOR THE LOCAL COMPETITION BY DONATING BOOK PRIZES WORTH MORE THAN \$7,000 FOR WINNERS IN THE FOUR CLASSES.

THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY IN HONG KONG WILL SPONSOR THE LOCAL COMPETITION BY OFFERING AN ADDITIONAL PRIZE WHICH INCLUDES A ROUND-TRIP AIRFARE TO KUALA LUMPUR, ACCOMMODATION FOR TWO NIGHTS AND \$500 SPENDING MONEY.

THE ADDITIONAL PRIZE WILL BE AWARDED TO A LOCAL STUDENT IN CLASS A TO BE DECIDED BY THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN LONDON.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE SUCCESS ACHIEVED BY LOCAL STUDENTS IN THE ESSAY COMPETITION IN THE PAST YEARS REFLECTED THEIR HIGH ACADEMIC ABILITY.

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THREE GOVT LOTS COME UNDER HAMMER
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THREE GOVERNMENT LAND LOTS WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT AT A PUBLIC AUCTION TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE.

THE AUCTION WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

THE LOTS INCLUDE TWO IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES EXCLUDING OFFENSIVE TRADE.

THE THIRD LOT IS IN KOWLOON CITY FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING RESIDENTIAL, GODOWN AND HOTEL) PURPOSES AND INCLUDING A MANDATORY PROVISION OF A MULTI-STOREY CARPARK AND A CINEMA/THEATRE OF NOT LESS THAN 400 SEATS.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 55.6 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 325.878 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 239.821 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 40.9 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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WATER CUT IN SHAM SHUI PO
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 29) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY KIU KIANG STREET, CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, KWEILIN STREET, KOWLOON ROAD, INCLUDING CASTLE PEAK ROAD, UN CHAU STREET, FUK WING STREET, FUK WA STREET AND YEN CHOW STREET.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR IMMIGRATION SUB-DIVISION

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FROM NEXT MONDAY (DECEMBER 4), THE INVESTIGATION SUB-DIVISION OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT, WILL BE LOCATED AT NEW OFFICES IN WANCHAI TOWER II, AT 7 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

THE GENERAL INVESTIGATION AND SPECIAL INVESTIGATION SECTION WILL BE LOCATED ON THE 13TH FLOOR, AND THE REPLACEMENT OF IDENTITY CARD INVESTIGATION SECTION WILL BE ON THE 14TH FLOOR.

THE INVESTIGATION HOT-LINE NUMBER WILL BE CHANGED FROM 5-8933744 TO 5-8241551.

"AFTER THE OFFICE MOVE, EMPLOYERS, WHO ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO INSPECT IDENTITY DOCUMENTS OF EMPLOYEES, ARE REMINDED THAT THEY CAN SEEK ADVICE FROM THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT BY CALLING THE NEW HOT-LINE DURING OFFICE HOURS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

"BY USING THE INVESTIGATION HOT-LINE TO CHECK ON ANY DOUBTFUL IDENTITY CARDS, EMPLOYERS ARE NOT ONLY FULFILLING THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE LAW BUT ALSO HELPING IN THE FIGHT AGAINST ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION." HE SAID.

THE INVESTIGATION SUB-DIVISION IS AT PRESENT LOCATED ON THE FIFTH AND SIXTH FLOORS OF GUARDIAN HOUSE IN OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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