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GOVERNOR INAUGURATES CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD

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DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION IS MEANT FOR LOCAL PEOPLE TO HAVE THEIR SAY ABOUT WHAT THEY WANT AND BE LISTENED TO, THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD, SIR MURRAY SAID THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME WAS BASED ON DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES AND THE DISTRICT BOARDS, AND HE ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE WORK OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES WHOSE LEVEL OF OFFICERS WAS DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT RESPONSE TO CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS FROM THE DISTRICT BOARDS MAY BE QUICK AND EFFECTIVE.

+BUT WHAT THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE CAN DO FOR ITS DISTRICT WILL TO SOME EXTENT DEPEND ON THE DISTRICT BOARD'S INPUT.

+IF IT IS AUTHORITATIVE, REALISTIC, LIVELY AND REPRESENTATIVE, THE TWO BODIES CAN TOGETHER ACTION MUCH,+ SIR MURRAY SAID.

SIR MURRAY ALSO SPOKE OF CHANGES THAT WERE NEEDED IN THE OUT-OF-DATE SERVICES IN THE 'VIBRANT' CENTRAL AND WESTERN PART OF TOWN, INCLUDING ROADS AND MARKETS.

+THE STRAINS ARE THERE FOR ANYONE TO SEE. CHANGE IS NECESSARY,+ THE GOVERNOR SAID.

THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED DISTRICT BOARD IS CHAIRED BY THE CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, CENTRAL AND WESTERN, MR TONY CLARK AND COMPRISES 23 MEMBERS -- SEVEN EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS, 14 UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS AND TWO URBAN COUNCILLORS.

THE 14 UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS ARE -- MR DAVID SIU, MR ALBERT H.C. LAM, MR MA CHING-YUK, MR LIU LIT-FOR, MR CHOW YIN-SUM, DR LAM KUI-CHUN, MR VINCENT KO, MR LEE YUI-CHEE, MR CHEUNG YIU-KAY, MR CHANNING SHUI, MR CHAN LING-FUNG, MR JOSEPH KWOK, MR TO LOONG AND MR LEUNG SIK-WAH, WHILE THE TWO URBAN COUNCILLORS ARE MR H.M.G. FORSGATE AND MR PETER C.K. CHAN.

THEIR TERMS OF OFFICE WILL BE FROM MARCH 18 TO SEPTEMBER 30.

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF THE BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES OF THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE BOXED LATER TODAY.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH:

+CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

+IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INAUGURATION OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD TO-DAY.

/+THE WHITE

+THE WHITE PAPER ON 'DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION IN HONG KONG' ENVISAGES SETTING UP DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION IN THREE STAGES. WITH THE INAUGURATION OF THIS DISTRICT BOARD TO-DAY, THE FIRST TWO STAGES OF THE SCHEME HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED AND EVERY DISTRICT NOW HAS ITS DISTRICT BOARD AND ITS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. THE NEXT AND LAST STEP IS THE INTRODUCTION OF AN ELECTED ELEMENT IN SEPTEMBER.

+CENTRAL AND WESTERN HAS A REMARKABLE BLEND OF OLD AND NEW HONG KONG. ITS AREA INCLUDES THE SITE OF THE EARLIEST BRITISH SETTLEMENT IN THE TERRITORY; IT WAS THE FIRST DISTRICT TO BE URBANISED; IT WAS AND STILL IS THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT AND THE BUSINESS CENTRE. BUT IT STILL RETAINS SOME OF THE COLOUR OF OLD HONG KONG WITH NARROW LANES AND STEPS AND OLD MERCHANT HOUSES AND GO-DOWNS, AS WELL AS MODERN SKY-SCRAPERS.

+IT IS A VIBRANT PART OF TOWN - A PART WHICH HAS CONTRIBUTED SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG. BUT ONE HAS TO ADMIT THAT ITS SERVICES, INCLUDING ROADS AND MARKETS ARE OUT-OF-DATE, AND THE STRAINS ARE THERE FOR ANYONE TO SEE. CHANGE IS NECESSARY.

+TO ENSURE THAT THIS MEETS LOCAL WISHES PEOPLE OF THE DISTRICT MUST HAVE THEIR SAY AND BE LISTENED TO. THIS IS WHAT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME IS ALL ABOUT.

+IT IS BASED ON DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES AND THE DISTRICT BOARDS. I ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE WORK OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES, AND THE LEVEL OF OFFICERS APPOINTED IS DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT RESPONSE TO CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS FROM THE DISTRICT BOARDS MAY BE QUICK AND EFFECTIVE.

+BUT WHAT THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE CAN DO FOR ITS DISTRICT WILL TO SOME EXTENT DEPEND ON THE DISTRICT BOARD'S INPUT. IF IT IS AUTHORITATIVE, REALISTIC, LIVELY AND REPRESENTATIVE, THE TWO BODIES CAN TOGETHER ACTION MUCH.

+I AM SURE THEY WILL DO THIS IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN, AND I WISH THIS NEW BOARD EVERY SUCCESS.+

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PEOPLE URGED TO REGISTER AS URBAN VOTERS

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DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS FOR THE URBAN AREAS WILL COME A STAGE CLOSER TOMORROW WHEN REGISTRATION OF VOTERS OFFICIALLY BEGINS.

MR GRAHAM BARNES, REGIONAL SECRETARY (HK AND KOWLOON) TODAY CALLED ON ALL ELIGIBLE PERSONS TO COME FORWARD TO REGISTER AND PARTICIPATE IN THE IMPROVEMENT OF THEIR OWN NEIGHBOURHOODS.

+THE DISTRICT BOARDS PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE FORUM FOR GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES TO COME TOGETHER TO DISCUSS AND RESOLVE THE NEEDS AND PROBLEMS OF ALL THOSE WHO LIVE, WORK AND SPEND THEIR LEISURE IN THEIR DISTRICTS.

+WHETHER IT IS A QUESTION OF ADEQUATE PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES OR THE CLEANLINESS OF A SIDE STREET, DISTRICT BOARDS WILL REPRESENT THE WISHES OF THE RESIDENTS ON THESE ISSUES AND MONITOR THE RESPONSE OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO THEIR REQUESTS.

+BY REGISTERING FOR A VOTE, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE A SAY IN THE CHOICE OF THE PERSON WHO WILL REPRESENT THEM ON THEIR DISTRICT BOARD.

+SINCE, ONLY REGISTERED ELECTORS MAY BE NOMINATED AS CANDIDATES, THOSE WHO INTEND TO STAND FOR ELECTION IN SEPTEMBER SHOULD REGISTER NOW,+ HE SAID.

GENERALLY, ANYONE WHO WOULD HAVE REACHED THE AGE OF 21 BY AUGUST 31 THIS YEAR WILL BE ABLE TO REGISTER IF HE HAS LIVED IN HONG KONG FOR AT LEAST SEVEN YEARS.

THE OCCUPATION OR EDUCATION STANDARD OF A PERSON HAS NO RELEVANCE AND EVERY MEMBER OF A HOUSEHOLD CAN SEPARATELY REGISTER TO BE A VOTER.

IF, FOR EXAMPLE, THE FATHER OF THE FAMILY HAS APPLIED, IT DOES NOT MEAN HIS GROWN-UP CHILDREN OR THE MOTHER CANNOT REGISTER TOO AND CAST THEIR INDIVIDUAL VOTE AT THE ELECTIONS.

FORMS FOR REGISTRATION WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM TOMORROW AT ALL CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICES, POST OFFICES, MTR STATIONS AND OVER 400 OFFICES OF THE HONG KONG BANK, CHARTERED BANK, AND HANG SENG BANK.

THE FORM ONLY REQUIRES THE NAME, RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS AND IDENTITY CARD NUMBER OF THE INTENDING VOTER AND CAN BE COMPLETED IN ENGLISH OR CHINESE.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE RESIDENTIAL AND NOT THE OFFICE OR FACTORY ADDRESS IS GIVEN BECAUSE VOTES WILL BE CAST IN THE CONSTITUENCIES WHERE THE ELECTORS LIVE, NOT WORK.

COMPLETED FORMS CAN BE DROPPED IN ANY MAIL BOX, POSTAGE FREE, AND RESIDENTS WILL HAVE SIX WEEKS, UNTIL THE END OF APRIL TO SEND THEM BACK.

THEIR REGISTRATION WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED IN WRITING BEFORE JUNE IF ELIGIBILITY IS CONFIRMED AND THEY WILL BE INFORMED OF THE CONSTITUENCY AND THE POLLING STATION WHERE THEY WERE REGISTERED TO VOTE.

EXISTING URBAN COUNCIL ELECTORS WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO VOTE AT THE COMING DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS AND THEIR NAMES WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY TRANSFERRED TO THE NEW REGISTER OF VOTERS.

AS DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS ARE HELD ONCE EVERY THREE YEARS, ANYONE WHO MISSES OUT THIS TIME WILL HAVE TO WAIT TILL 1985 BEFORE THERE IS ANOTHER CHANCE TO REGISTER.

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ENGINEERS INSPECT ACCIDENT SITE

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THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT HIGHWAY ENGINEER, MR HAROLD BEATON, TODAY INSPECTED THE TUEN MUN ROAD STAGE TWO WORK SITE WHERE THE SCAFFOLDING SUPPORTING FORMWORKS FOR ONE OF THE COLUMN HEADS COLLAPSED ON TUESDAY WHILE THE LATTER WAS BEING CONCRETED.

ACCOMPANYING HIM WERE MR T.S. NG, GOVERNMENT HIGHWAY ENGINEER (CONSULTANT MANAGEMENT); MR ANDREW MANSLOWICZ AND MR RON RAKUSEN, BOTH FROM THE CONSULTANT ENGINEERING FIRM, SCOTT WILSON KIRKPATRICK AND PARTNERS; SENIOR RESIDENT ENGINEER, MR MIKE SMITH AND SENIOR ENGINEER OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE, MR STEPHEN WAN.

MR BEATON SAID : +THE COLLAPSE OCCURRED WHEN WET CONCRETE WAS BEING POURED INTO THE TEMPORARY MOULDS WHICH WERE SUPPORTED ON SCAFFOLDING AT A HEIGHT OF 30 METRES.

+THE POUR WAS ALMOST COMPLETE WHEN THE TEMPORARY SUPPORTS BENEATH THE MOULDS FAILED ALLOWING THE WET CONCRETE TO FALL TO THE GROUND.+

MR BEATON STRESSED THAT THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO QUESTION OF ANY PERMANENT PART OF THE BRIDGE STRUCTURE HAVING FAILED AS SOME REPORTS HAD SUGGESTED.

HE SAID THAT INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT WERE CONTINUING AND WOULD BE INTENSIFIED ONCE THE OVERHANGING REINFORCEMENT AND CONCRETE AT THE TOP OF THE COLUMN HAD BEEN REMOVED, MAKING IT SAFE FOR INVESTIGATORS TO APPROACH THE BASE OF THE COLUMN.

+THIS IS A DIFFICULT JOB AND CAN ONLY BE DONE WITH THE WEST-BOUND LANE OF TUEN MUN ROAD CLOSED TO TRAFFIC,+ MR BEATON ADDED.

+THIS IS EXPECTED TO BE FINISHED BY EARLY NEXT WEEK. IT WILL THEN TAKE SEVERAL DAYS TO SIFT CAREFULLY THROUGH THE TANGLED WRECKAGE OF THE SCAFFOLDING IN AN ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH WHERE AND WHY THE FAILURE OCCURRED.+

MR BEATON SAID THAT PROGRESS ON THIS CONTRACT HAD BEEN GOOD AND WORK WAS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT DESPITE THE SETBACK, THIS SECTION OF THE HIGHWAY WILL STILL BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE TARGET DATE OF JANUARY NEXT YEAR.

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CHING MING FESTIVAL
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FROM SUNDAY (MARCH 21) FOR THE CHING MING FESTIVAL.

THEY ARE :

- * ROAD CLOSURES ON MARCH 21, 28 AND APRIL 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 18 :
 - WO HOP SHEK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC EXCEPT HEARSEs FROM 4 AM TO 8 PM.
 - FANLING PLAYGROUND ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC (EXCEPT FOR THOSE REQUIRING ACCESS TO PREMISES IN THE AREA) FROM 6 AM TO 8 PM.
- * THE ACCESS ROAD TO THE TSUEN WAN CEMETERY WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC EXCEPT HEARSEs ON APRIL 4, 5 AND 12.
- * GOODS VEHICLES OVER 45 CWT WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING TAI PO ROAD BETWEEN SHA TIN RACECOURSE AND FANLING ROUNDABOUT ON MARCH 28, APRIL 4, 5, 11 AND 12.
- * A SPECIAL KMB ROUTE 73R WILL BE OPERATED BETWEEN SHEUNG SHUI AND MAN KAM TO (SAN UK LING) EVERY 15 MINUTES AT A FARE OF 70 CENTS ON APRIL 4 AND 5.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ADVISED MOTORISTS HEADING FOR THE NORTHERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES TO USE ROUTE TWISK AND FAN KAM ROAD OR CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND TUEN MUN HIGHWAY AS SEVERE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IS EXPECTED ON TAI PO ROAD DURING THE CHING MING HOLIDAYS.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO ADVISED COMMUTERS TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES AS PARKING SPACES IN MOST OF THE CEMETERY AREAS ARE EXTREMELY LIMITED.

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NEW MAXICAB ROUTE
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A NEW KOWLOON PLB MAXICAB ROUTE - NO.1 - WILL RUN A CIRCULAR OPERATION BETWEEN TSIM SHA TSUI MTR STATION AND TSIM SHA TSUI EAST FROM SUNDAY (MARCH 21).

WITH ITS TERMINUS AT THE LAY-BY ON THE NORTHERN SIDE OF HAIPHONG ROAD, THE MAXICAB WILL OPERATE VIA HAIPHONG ROAD, HUMPHREYS AVENUE, CARNAVON ROAD, CORNWALL AVENUE, MODY ROAD, MODY LANE, SALISBURY ROAD, NEW WORLD CENTRE, STAR FERRY BUS TERMINUS AND HANKOW ROAD.

THE ROUTE WILL SERVE AT 6-MINUTE FREQUENCIES, FROM 7 AM TO 10 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 8 AM TO 10 PM ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AT A FLAT FARE OF 70 CENTS.

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THREE NT SITES SOLD

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THREE SITES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WERE SOLD FOR A TOTAL OF \$12.7 MILLION AT A GOVERNMENT AUCTION TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE HIGHEST PRICE PAID WAS \$7.1 MILLION FOR A 2 698-SQUARE-METRE SITE IN YUEN LONG FOR INDUSTRIAL/GODOWN PURPOSES. BIDDING OPENED AT \$5 MILLION AND THE PURCHASER, FRANKSVILLE COMPANY LIMITED, IS REQUIRED TO MEET A \$12.95-MILLION BUILDING COVENANT WITHIN FOUR YEARS. THE PLOT RATIO IS FIVE.

A PRICE OF \$3.5 MILLION WAS PAID FOR ANOTHER SITE IN YUEN LONG, ALSO FOR INDUSTRIAL/GODOWN USE. OPENING AT \$2.5 MILLION, THE 1 217-SQUARE-METRE SITE WAS EVENTUALLY SOLD TO BASILDON DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED. IT HAS A FOUR-YEAR BUILDING COVENANT OF \$5.84 MILLION AND A PLOT RATIO OF FIVE.

A 1 380-SQUARE-METRE SITE IN SAI KUNG FOR LOW-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT WAS BOUGHT BY HUNLICAR ENTERPRISES LIMITED FOR \$2.1 MILLION. THE BUILDING COVENANT IS \$1.3 MILLION TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN FOUR YEARS AND THE PLOT RATIO IS 0.4. BIDDING BEGAN AT \$1.5 MILLION.

FOUR OTHER SITES OFFERED FOR SALE AT THE AUCTION WERE WITHDRAWN WHEN THERE WAS NO BID.

ONE IS LOCATED IN SAI KUNG FOR RESIDENTIAL USE, WHILE TWO OTHERS IN TUEN MUN AND ONE ON TSING YI ISLAND ARE FOR INDUSTRIAL/GODOWN PURPOSES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

CUSTOMS PASSING-OUT PARADE

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A PASSING-OUT PARADE OF 136 CUSTOMS OFFICERS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE TRAINING SCHOOL AT TAI LAM CHUNG AT 10.30 AM ON SATURDAY (MARCH 20). TAKING THE SALUTE WILL BE THE SERVICE'S REGIONAL COMMANDER OF HONG KONG ISLAND REGION, MR W.K. KONG.

ON THAT DAY A GOVERNMENT COACH, AM 5606, WILL BE AVAILABLE AT HUNG HOM FERRY PIER BETWEEN 8.15 AM AND 8.30 AM TO TAKE GUESTS AND MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO THE TRAINING SCHOOL AND RETURN THE PARTY TO KOWLOON LATER.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE EVENT. GUESTS AND MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO BE SEATED AT THE TRAINING SCHOOL BY 10.15 AM.

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MASTER WANTED FOR FISHERIES RESEARCH VESSEL
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WANTED: A MASTER FOR THE FISHERIES RESEARCH VESSEL, TAI SHUN.

THAT IS THE CALL FROM THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WHICH IS SEEKING A MASTER TO HEAD THE BRIDGE OF THE \$10-MILLION OCEAN-GOING VESSEL, WHOSE FORMER MASTER RETIRED LAST YEAR.

THE MAN THE DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING FOR MUST HAVE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, A CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY AS DECK OFFICER CLASS II (FIRST MATE), AN ELECTRONIC NAVIGATIONAL AIDS (OPERATIONS) CERTIFICATE, A RADAR SIMULATOR CERTIFICATE AND A RADAR OBSERVER CERTIFICATE. A KNOWLEDGE OF WRITTEN AND SPOKEN ENGLISH IS ALSO REQUIRED.

THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE -- WHO WILL RECEIVE A MONTHLY SALARY OF BETWEEN \$7 210 AND \$9 065, DEPENDING ON EXPERIENCE -- WILL CAPTAIN THE TAI SHUN, WHICH REPLACED FRV CAPE ST. MARY. THE VESSEL IS USED FOR RESEARCHING INSHORE FISHING GROUNDS ALONG THE SOUTH CHINA COAST. INFORMATION DERIVED FROM THE RESEARCH PROGRAMME IS RELAYED TO HONG KONG'S FISHING FLEET VIA THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

TO BACK-UP THE MASTER, THE DEPARTMENT IS ALSO SEEKING A MATE AS SECOND-IN-COMMAND OF THE TAI SHUN. SALARY FOR THE POST IS FROM \$5 445 TO \$6 865 A MONTH.

BOTH POSTS HAVE BEEN ADVERTISED AND APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON MONDAY (MARCH 22).

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

TALK TO ENGINEERS
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THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR DAVID MCDONALD, WILL SPEAK AT THE SEVENTH ANNUAL DINNER OF THE HONG KONG INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS TO BE HELD AT THE GRAND BALLROOM OF HILTON HOTEL TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE DINNER WILL START AT 8.30 PM AND THE SPEECH WILL BE DELIVERED AT ABOUT 10 PM.

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DISPLAY ABOUT VOTER REGISTRATION

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A FIVE-DAY EXHIBITION TO PROMOTE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION WILL BE HELD AT THE ADMIRALTY STATION, MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY FROM SATURDAY AFTERNOON (MARCH 20).

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE COMMERCIAL AREA COMMITTEE, THE EXHIBITION DEALS WITH THE REGISTRATION OF VOTERS FOR THE FIRST DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS IN THE URBAN AREAS WHICH WILL BEGIN TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

COLOUR CHARTS, GRAPHICS AND CARTOONS WILL BE DISPLAYED TO ILLUSTRATE THE FUNCTIONS OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS AND DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES AND THEIR RELATIONS WITH THE PUBLIC, AND THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD VOTERS OR CANDIDATES.

THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDDY CHAN AND THE CHAIRMAN OF COMMERCIAL AREA COMMITTEE, MR DAVID SIU WILL OFFICIATE AT THE RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY AT 2 PM ON SATURDAY. THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO SEE THE EXHIBITION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION EXHIBITION AT THE ADMIRALTY STATION, MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY ON SATURDAY (MARCH 20) AT 2 PM.

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BOARD MEMBERS TO TOUR ABERDEEN AND AP LEI CHAU
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SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE SPENDING SATURDAY MORNING (MARCH 20) TOURING ABERDEEN AND AP LEI CHAU TO LOOK OVER DEVELOPMENT AND RECLAMATION PROJECTS GOING ON IN THE AREAS.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT, MR K.C. KWONG, AND THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS LOLLY CHIU, THE MEMBERS WILL GATHER AT 9 AM AT ABERDEEN POLICE STATION BEFORE SETTING OFF FOR AP LEI CHAU ESTATE OFFICE FOR A BRIEFING ON LOCAL HOUSING PROJECTS AND VARIOUS RECLAMATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN ABERDEEN.

FROM THERE THEY WILL PROCEED TO THE ROOF-TOP OF LEI NING HOUSE, FOR A VIEW OF THE ABERDEEN ACTIVITY.

AFTERWARDS, THEY WILL VISIT THE COMMUNITY HALL IN AP LEI CHAU ESTATE PHASE 2A, FOR A FURTHER BRIEFING, AND THEN PROCEED TO THE GOVERNMENT PIER AT TIN WAN.

MEMBERS WILL THEN BOARD A GOVERNMENT LAUNCH AT ABOUT 10.45 AM FOR A 45-MINUTE CRUISE OF THE ABERDEEN TYPHOON SHELTER TO SEE THE VARIOUS ON-GOING PROJECTS.

THE TOUR WILL END AT ABOUT NOON.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS WHO WISH TO COVER THE FIRST 90-MINUTE PART OF THE TOUR OF ABERDEEN AND AP LEI CHAU SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE AP LEI CHAU ESTATE OFFICE BY 9 AM, WHERE THEY WILL BE MET BY CITY DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF. HOWEVER, NO TRANSPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES. DUE TO THE LIMITED SPACE, IT WILL ALSO NOT BE POSSIBLE TO ACCOMMODATE PRESS REPRESENTATIVES ON THE LAUNCH TOUR OF THE TYPHOON SHELTER, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE LATTER PART OF THE MORNING.

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