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CLEAR UNDERSTANDING IN JAPAN OF HK'S IMPORTANCE - SIR DAVID FORD

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THERE IS A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING IN JAPAN OF HONG KONG'S IMPORTANCE NOT ONLY IN THE REGION BUT ALSO AS A GATEWAY TO CHINA, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) ON HIS RETURN FROM A SIX-DAY VISIT TO JAPAN.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT THIS EVENING, SIR DAVID SAID THAT HE HAD NO DOUBT THAT WE WOULD CONTINUE TO SEE JAPANESE INTERESTS IN HONG KONG WHICH WOULD BE MANIFESTED BY AN INCREASING NUMBER OF OFFICIAL VISITS, VISITS FROM POLITICIANS AND CONTINUING INVESTMENT.

DESCRIBING THE VISIT AS A VERY STIMULATING WEEK, SIR DAVID SAID HE HAD MET OFFICIALS AND POLITICIANS FROM THREE MINISTRIES - THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION AND THE MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

"I HAVE ALSO HAD MEETINGS WITH ABOUT 200 BUSINESS PEOPLE OVER THE COURSE OF THE WEEK. EVERYONE I MET WAS EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN HONG KONG, VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT IT AND VERY POSITIVE ABOUT ITS FUTURE," HE SAID.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY HAD VISITED THE KANSAI AIRPORT BEING BUILT IN OSAKA AND THE HONSHU-SHIKOKU BRIDGES IN OKAYAMA. HE SAID IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT FOR US IN HONG KONG TO SEE HOW THESE NEW PROJECTS WERE BEING MANAGED AND FINANCED AND THE TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENTS WHICH WERE TAKING PLACE ON THOSE PROJECTS.

"I HAVE LEARNT A LOT WHICH I WILL BE DISCUSSING WITH MY COLLEAGUES OVER OUR OWN PROJECTS FOR THE PORT AND AIRPORT".

ASKED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF JAPANESE GOVERNMENT GRANTING PASSPORT TO HONG KONG PEOPLE, SIR DAVID SAID THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAD MADE AN APPROACH TO THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT AND HE UNDERSTOOD IT WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION.

"IT IS ALSO CLEAR TO ME FOLLOWING MY VISIT THAT THE JAPANESE NATIONALITY LAW WILL MAKE IT VERY DIFFICULT FOR THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO THAT REQUEST FROM THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

"BUT AS THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAD POINTED OUT VERY CLEARLY THERE ARE MANY OTHER WAYS IN WHICH THEY CAN, AND INDEED THEY ARE HELPING HONG KONG, BY POSITIVELY INCREASING THEIR INVESTMENT HERE AND CONTINUING TO SUPPORT IT IN OTHER WAYS." HE SAID.

REPLYING TO ANOTHER QUESTION ON CHINA'S REACTION TO PASSING OF THE NATIONALITY BILL BY THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT, SIR DAVID SAID HE HOPED THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT WOULD UNDERSTAND THE MOTIVATION FOR THIS MOVE WAS PURELY TO DEAL WITH THE PRACTICAL PROBLEM OF PEOPLE LEAVING HONG KONG AND NOTHING MORE.

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HE SAID: "IT IS A VERY REAL PRACTICAL PROBLEM IN THAT PEOPLE ARE LEAVING HONG KONG AT A RATE WHICH IS VERY DIFFICULT FOR US TO COPE WITH AND STILL MAINTAIN STABILITY AND PROSPERITY IN HONG KONG OVER THE YEARS AHEAD. WE KNOW THAT PEOPLE ARE LEAVING HONG KONG NOT BECAUSE THEY WANT TO IN MANY CASES TO MOVE AWAY BUT TO HAVE AN INSURANCE POLICY FOR THE FUTURE.

"IN ORDER TO DEAL WITH THAT PROBLEM WE HAVE TO TRY TO DEVISE PRACTICAL WAYS IN WHICH IT CAN BE DEALT WITH. PRACTICAL WAYS TO DEAL WITH A PRACTICAL PROBLEM. THE UNITED KINGDOM'S APPROACH TO THIS IS TO OFFER THOSE PEOPLE A PRACTICAL ALTERNATIVE OF LEAVING HONG KONG BY REMAINING IN HONG KONG WITH A BRITISH PASSPORT, SOME OF THE KEY PEOPLE IN SOME OF THE KEY AREAS.

"THE JOINT DECLARATION MAKES IT CLEAR THAT PEOPLE WILL HAVE THE ABILITY TO LEAVE HONG KONG AND TO TRAVEL FREELY. THAT IS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT AND CLEARLY IF THAT NEED ARISES THEN THEY CAN MAKE USE OF THEIR PASSPORT IN ORDER TO DO JUST THAT.

"BUT I HOPE THAT THE PASSPORT WILL NOT BE NEEDED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IT IS AIMED TO KEEPING PEOPLE IN HONG KONG," SIR DAVID SAID.

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HK VIEWS SHARED AT MINISTERIAL MEETING

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HONG KONG'S VIEWS ON TEXTILES AND SAFEGUARDS IN THE URUGUAY ROUND NEGOTIATIONS WERE WIDELY SHARED AT AN INFORMAL MINISTERIAL MEETING IN MEXICO ON THE URUGUAY ROUND MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

COMMENTING ON THE MEETING, WHICH WAS HELD AT PUERTO VALLARTA ON APRIL 18 TO 20, THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR JOHN CHAN, SAID MINISTERS HAD A FRANK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON HOW TO REMOVE OBSTACLES TO PROGRESS IN THE URUGUAY ROUND NEGOTIATIONS IN RESPECT OF TEXTILES AND AGRICULTURE, GATT RULES AND DISCIPLINES, AND NEW ISSUES SUCH AS TRADE IN SERVICES.

"ON TEXTILES, WE WERE ENCOURAGED BY THE RENEWED SUPPORT BY THE VAST MAJORITY OF GATT MEMBERS FOR THE RETURN OF THE SECTOR TO GATT RULES BY PHASING OUT THE EXISTING MULTIFIBRE ARRANGEMENT (MFA) RESTRICTIONS.

"ALTHOUGH NO CONCLUSION WAS REACHED ON HOW THIS SHOULD BE ACHIEVED, THERE WAS LITTLE SUPPORT FOR THE GLOBAL QUOTA SYSTEM PROPOSED BY THE USA AND CANADA.

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"IN RESPECT OF SAFEGUARD ACTIONS DEALING WITH INJURIOUS IMPORTS, WE HAVE AGAIN FIRMLY REJECTED THE PROPOSAL THAT IMPORT RESTRICTIONS COULD BE APPLIED SELECTIVELY UNDER THE GATT TO INDIVIDUAL SUPPLIERS OF A PRODUCT. COMPETITIVE SUPPLIERS LIKE OURSELVES ARE LIKELY TO BECOME VULNERABLE TARGETS AND THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE OF THE GATT WILL BE UNDERMINED," MR CHAN SAID.

HE SAID THERE WAS A COMMON RECOGNITION BY MINISTERS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF CONCLUDING THE URUGUAY ROUND SUCCESSFULLY IN DECEMBER.

"FOR THIS TO HAPPEN, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO INTENSIFY THE NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA TO WORK OUT DRAFT AGREEMENTS IN THE VARIOUS NEGOTIATING AREAS BY JULY," MR CHAN SAID. HE HAD PROPOSED THAT ANTI-DUMPING AND RULES OF ORIGIN SHOULD BE CANDIDATES FOR EARLY AGREEMENT BEFORE JULY.

MR CHAN ALSO SPOKE ON TRADE IN SERVICES, AN AREA IN WHICH HONG KONG HAS BEEN PLAYING AN ACTIVE PART IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

THE HONG KONG DELEGATION TO THE INFORMAL MINISTERIAL MEETING WAS LED BY MR CHAN. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION INCLUDED THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE, MR CHAU TAK-HAY, HONG KONG'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GATT, MR KEITH BROADBRIDGE, AND THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE, MR PATRICK LAU.

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WINDOW OPEN ON WORLD OF WORK  
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MORE THAN 900 STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO LEARN ABOUT THE REAL WORKING ENVIRONMENT UNDER A WORK ORIENTATION PROGRAMME ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WHICH WILL START NEXT WEEK.

THE YEAR-LONG CAREERS EDUCATION PROJECT IS AIMED AT HELPING FORM 4 TO FORM 7 STUDENTS TO GAIN A MORE REALISTIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD OF WORK AND FACILITATING THEIR EVENTUAL TRANSITION FROM SCHOOL TO WORK.

"DURING THE FIRST PHASE OF THE PROGRAMME BETWEEN JANUARY AND MARCH, ABOUT 540 STUDENTS FROM 20 SCHOOLS VISITED 21 ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS," SAID SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER (CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE), MR LEUNG LIT-CHEONG.

"THEY WERE GIVEN GUIDED TOURS OF THE FACILITIES AND WERE BRIEFED ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE COMPANIES' ORGANISATION, EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE AND STAFF RECRUITMENT PROCEDURES.

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"THE VISITS WERE VERY MUCH WELCOME BY BOTH STUDENTS AND CAREERS TEACHERS WHO FOUND THEM MOST USEFUL AND INTERESTING," HE ADDED.

IN VIEW OF THE OVERWHELMING RESPONSE, MR LEUNG SAID ARRANGEMENT HAD BEEN MADE FOR ANOTHER BATCH OF 900 SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN MONG KOK, KOWLOON CITY AND EASTERN DISTRICTS TO VISIT 25 DIFFERENT ESTABLISHMENTS FROM APRIL TO JULY.

THE ESTABLISHMENTS INCLUDE HOTELS, BANKS, AIRLINE COMPANIES, THE MASS MEDIA, FACTORIES, PUBLIC UTILITIES, DEPARTMENT STORES, PUBLIC LIBRARIES, POST OFFICES, COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WORK INSTITUTIONS, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND TRAINING INSTITUTES.

"THE VISITS WILL GIVE THE STUDENTS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ABOUT VARIOUS INDUSTRIES AND PROFESSIONS AND A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE REAL WORKING ENVIRONMENT," MR LEUNG NOTED.

APART FROM THIS ANNUAL PROJECT, THE CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ALSO OPERATES FOUR CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY WHICH OFFERS A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES TO YOUNG PEOPLE SEEKING CAREERS GUIDANCE.

THE CENTRES ARE ALL EQUIPPED WITH A REFERENCE LIBRARY OFFERING THE LATEST MATERIALS ON EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND FURTHER STUDIES, AS WELL AS AUDIO-VISUAL PRESENTATIONS.

THE CENTRES ARE LOCATED AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES:

SOUTHORN CENTRE, 16TH FLOOR,  
130 HENNESSY ROAD,  
WAN CHAI.

TO KWA WAN MARKET AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 9TH FLOOR,  
165 MA TAU WAI ROAD,  
KOWLOON.

TAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 2ND FLOOR,  
16 TSUN WEN ROAD,  
TUEN MUN.

CHANWAY SHOPPING CENTRE, 2ND FLOOR, SHOP 8B,  
11-17 SHA TIN CENTRE STREET,  
SHA TIN.

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APPLICATIONS FOR FORESTRY WORK CAMP INVITED

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YOUNGSTERS WHO INTEND TO SPEND A FEW DAYS IN A BEAUTIFUL OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENT AND TO WORK IN THE COUNTRYSIDE DURING THIS SUMMER MAY NOW TAKE PART IN THE 1990 FORESTRY WORK CAMPS ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT (AFD) IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW INVITED FROM SCHOOLS AND ORGANISED GROUPS OF YOUNG PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 14 AND 25 FOR THIS YEAR'S FORESTRY WORK CAMPS WHICH WILL BE HELD BETWEEN JULY 9 AND AUGUST 25.

THE SCHEME IS AN ANNUAL EVENT TO PROVIDE YOUNG PEOPLE THE KNOWLEDGE AND FIRST HAND EXPERIENCE IN COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION AND A CHANCE TO TAKE PART IN COMMUNITY SERVICES.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE PART IN HALF-DAY WORK ON COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT EACH DAY DURING THE CAMPING PERIOD. AN ALLOWANCE OF SOME \$25 PER CAMPER PER DAY WILL BE GRANTED FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB TO EACH PARTICIPATORY GROUP.

THEY ARE EXPECTED TO ORGANISE EDUCATIONAL OR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES OR USE THE FACILITIES IN THE COUNTRY PARKS DURING THE REST OF THE DAY.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE CAMPING FACILITIES IN 19 COUNTRY PARK MANAGEMENT CENTRES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND ON LANTAU AND HONG KONG ISLAND WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 276 PERSONS.

BARRACKS ACCOMMODATION WITH SLEEPING, COOKING, DINING AND TOILET FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED.

THE CAMPS ARE OPENED TO YOUNG PEOPLE FROM ORGANISED GROUPS AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS UNDER THE CHARGE OF AT LEAST ONE ADULT LEADER OR TEACHER. THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN EACH GROUP IS LIMITED TO 15 TO 23.

APPLICANTS CAN APPLY FOR EITHER A 3-DAY CAMP OR A 5-DAY CAMP. ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE MAY 15, 1990.

INTERESTED ORGANISATIONS CAN CONTACT AFD'S CONSERVATION EDUCATION UNIT ON 733 2121 TO ENQUIRE ABOUT APPLICATION AND CAMPING ARRANGEMENTS AND APPLICATIONS FROM SCHOOLS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED THROUGH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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ASSOCIATION URGED TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING CALLED ON THE SHAN TAK FRATERNAL ASSOCIATION TO CONTINUE TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF OFFICE-BEARERS OF THE ASSOCIATION, HE POINTED OUT THAT THE FORTHCOMING VOTERS REGISTRATION DRIVE WAS AN EXAMPLE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, AND APPEALED TO THE ASSOCIATION TO ENCOURAGE MEMBERS TO REGISTER AS VOTERS AND TO GET PREPARED FOR NEXT YEAR'S THREE ELECTIONS.

HE PRAISED THE ASSOCIATION FOR ITS EFFORTS AND INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY BUILDING WORK, WHICH, HE NOTED, IS CRUCIAL TO THE PROMOTION OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

"OUR SOCIETY NEEDS THE HELP AND PARTICIPATION BY RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS IN LOCAL AFFAIRS SO THAT WE CAN FACE UP TO THE CHANGES IN THE 1990'S," HE NOTED.

MR LAN ALSO PRAISED THE ASSOCIATION FOR PROVIDING VARIOUS BENEVOLENT SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY, INCLUDING EDUCATION, EMERGENCY RELIEF, MEDICAL AIDS AND OTHER SOCIAL WELFARE ASSISTANCE TO THE NEEDY.

"IT HAS, THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUBSIDISED COLLEGES, PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND NON-PROFIT-MAKING KINDERGARTENS, PROVIDED MORE THAN 11,000 PLACES FOR STUDENTS FROM ALL OVER THE TERRITORY," HE ADDED.

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CARNIVAL TO MARK RE-OPENING OF SILVERMINE BAY BEACH

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A CARNIVAL, TO CELEBRATE THE RE-OPENING OF THE SILVERMINE BAY BEACH ON LANTAU ISLAND, WILL BE HELD AT THE BEACH TOMORROW (SUNDAY) MORNING.

FEATURING WATER SPORTS ACTIVITIES AND A BEACH CLEANING EXERCISE, THE CARNIVAL HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE MUI WO RURAL COMMITTEE AND OTHER LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

AS THE WATER QUALITY OF THE BEACH HAS BEEN GREATLY IMPROVED, THE BEACH WAS DECLARED SUITABLE FOR SWIMMING FROM APRIL 1 THIS YEAR AFTER BEING CLOSED FOR TWO-AND-A-HALF YEARS.

THE SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS, MR GRAHAM BARNES, AND THE ACTING ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS JENNIFER CHAN, WILL OFFICIATE AT A CEREMONY WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 1.30 PM.

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OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS INCLUDE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS, MR LAU WONG-FAT; MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG; AND MR LAM WAI-KEUNG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE BEACH CARNIVAL. A SPECIAL LAUNCH WILL LEAVE THE BLAKE PIER, CENTRAL, AT 11 AM TOMORROW FOR MUI WO.

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GMB SERVICES ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS MATTERS CONCERNING GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT AT A MEETING ON MONDAY (APRIL 23).

MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE INTRODUCTION OF GMB SERVICES BETWEEN PO LAM ESTATE IN TSEUNG KWAN O AND CLEAR WATER BAY BEACHES 1 AND 2 DURING HOLIDAYS TO MEET THE GROWING DEMAND FROM BEACH-GOERS.

IN VIEW OF THE FALLING NUMBER OF PASSENGERS, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL RECOMMEND REROUTING GMB ROUTE 12 TO OPERATE BETWEEN SAI KUNG AND PO LAM ESTATE VIA SAU MAU PING ROAD INSTEAD OF ANDERSON ROAD.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF INTRODUCING CITY BUS SERVICE TO TSEUNG KWAN O NEW TOWN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM ON MONDAY (APRIL 23) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 34 CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN.

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SIX LOCAL ARTS GROUPS TO RECEIVE \$29M IN GRANTS

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THE COUNCIL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS (CFPA) HAS ADVISED THE GOVERNMENT TO AWARD GENERAL SUPPORT GRANTS OF ABOUT \$28 MILLION TO FIVE LOCAL PROFESSIONAL PERFORMING ARTS ORGANISATIONS FOR THIS FINANCIAL YEAR (1990-91).

OF THE GRANTS, \$11.03 MILLION WILL BE AWARDED TO THE HONG KONG ACADEMY OF BALLET LTD, \$5.348 MILLION TO THE CITY CONTEMPORARY DANCE COMPANY, \$5.992 MILLION TO THE CHUNG YING THEATRE COMPANY, \$5.279 MILLION TO THE HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL SOCIETY LTD, AND THE REMAINING \$368,000 TO THE HONG KONG FESTIVAL FRINGE LTD.

IN ADDITION, THE CFPA HAS ALSO APPROVED A SEEDING GRANT OF \$1.164 MILLION TO THE EXPLORATION THEATRE FOR THIS FINANCIAL YEAR TO ASSIST ITS DEVELOPMENT TOWARDS PROFESSIONAL STATUS.

THE SIX ORGANISATIONS WILL PUT ON NEW PRODUCTIONS AND STAGE MORE PERFORMANCES THIS YEAR WITH THE GRANTS RECEIVED.

THE HONG KONG ACADEMY OF BALLET LIMITED WILL PRESENT 15 BALLETS AND PLANS TO STAGE 46 PUBLIC TICKETED PERFORMANCES, SIX PUBLIC FREE PERFORMANCES AND 176 SCHOOL PERFORMANCES.

THE CITY CONTEMPORARY DANCE COMPANY WILL PUT ON 10 PRODUCTIONS AND PLANS TO STAGE 35 PUBLIC TICKETED PERFORMANCES, TWO PUBLIC FREE PERFORMANCES, 113 SCHOOL PERFORMANCES AND 42 WORKSHOPS.

THE CHUNG YING THEATRE COMPANY IS PLANNING SIX NEW PRODUCTIONS AND THREE RE-RUNS. THERE WILL ALSO BE 50 PUBLIC TICKETED PERFORMANCES, 120 SCHOOL PERFORMANCES AS WELL AS 42 WORKSHOPS.

THE HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL SOCIETY LIMITED WILL ORGANISE THE 1991 HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL WHICH WILL PRESENT 125 PERFORMANCES BY RENOWNED LOCAL AND OVERSEAS ARTISTS FROM VARIOUS PERFORMING ARTS DISCIPLINES.

THE MAJOR ATTRACTIONS FROM OVERSEAS WILL INCLUDE AN OPERA, A CHAMBER ORCHESTRA AND, A FOREIGN LANGUAGE THEATRE.

THE HONG KONG FESTIVAL FRINGE LIMITED (HKFFL) WILL CONTINUE TO ORGANISE THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL FRINGE AND RUN THE FRINGE CLUB FOR ARTISTS TO PERFORM OR EXHIBIT THEIR WORK.

THE ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD BY THE HKFFL IN THE YEAR WILL INCLUDE EIGHT PRODUCTIONS, 162 PUBLIC TICKETED PERFORMANCES, 190 PUBLIC FREE PERFORMANCES AND 10 SCHOOL PERFORMANCES.

IN ADDITION, THE HKFFL WILL ALSO ORGANISE 150 EXHIBITIONS, 170 WORKSHOPS, 14 LARGE SCALE EVENTS AND 255 OUTREACH SHOWS.

MEANWHILE, THE EXPLORATION THEATRE WILL PRESENT SIX PRODUCTIONS, 28 PUBLIC TICKETED PERFORMANCES AND 75 SCHOOL PERFORMANCES.

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TWO GOVT LOTS TO LET BY TENDER

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT TERM TENANCY OF TWO LAND LOTS IN LAI CHI KOK AND SHA TAU KOK.

THE FIRST LOT IN LAI CHI KOK, WHICH MEASURES ABOUT 18,300 SQUARE METRES, IS LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF CONTAINER PORT ROAD SOUTH AND CHING CHEUNG ROAD SLIP ROAD.

IT IS FOR OPEN STORAGE OF CONTAINERS, EXCLUDING STUFFING AND DESTUFFING.

THE TENANCY IS FOR TWO YEARS RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

THE SECOND LOT IS A 76 SQUARE-METRE-SITE LOCATED AT DEMARCATION DISTRICT NO. 40, SHA TAU KOK. IT IS TO BE USED FOR THE STORAGE OF LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS IN CYLINDERS.

THE TENANCY IS FOR THREE YEARS, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS FOR BOTH LOTS IS NOON ON MAY 4.

FORMS OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND TENDER PLANS INSPECTED AT THE KWAI TSING, NORTH AND KOWLOON DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES, AS WELL AS THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SAI KUNG FOR TIN HAU FESTIVAL

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN SAI KUNG TOWN DURING THE ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF THE TIN HAU FESTIVAL IN THE AREA BETWEEN APRIL 26 AND MAY 29.

THE SECTION OF YI CHUN STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH MAN NIN STREET AND THE REFUSE COLLECTION POINT WILL BE CLOSED EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCY ACCESS.

MAN NIN STREET WILL BE CONVERTED INTO A TWO-WAY ROAD. THE SECTION BETWEEN THE MAN NIN STREET CARPARK AND THE WATERFRONT AREA WILL BE ACCESSIBLE FOR GOODS VEHICLES ONLY.

ROAD L7 WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO BECOME ONE-WAY EASTBOUND.

THE PARKING SPACES ON MAN NIN STREET, YI CHUN STREET, ROAD L7 AND PO TUNG ROAD AND THE TAXI STAND ON YI CHUN STREET WILL BE SUSPENDED.

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TRAFFIC ON PO TUNG ROAD WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT INTO MAN NIN STREET.

THE GREEN MINIBUS STANDS FOR ROUTES 2, 3 AND 4 ON YI CHUN STREET AND ROAD L7 WILL BE RELOCATED TO CHAN MAN STREET. THESE BUSES WILL TRAVEL VIA PO TUNG ROAD AND FUK MAN ROAD AND TERMINATE AT CHAN MAN STREET.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE ERECTED AT APPROPRIATE LOCATIONS TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE SAID THESE SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN ENDORSED BY THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD TO FACILITATE THE PUTTING UP OF A MATSHED FOR THEATRICAL PERFORMANCES.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN TSIM SHA TSUI AND FANLING  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE ROAD WORKS, THE SECTION OF HART AVENUE BETWEEN CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH IN TSIM SHA TSUI, AND A POINT OUTSIDE HOUSE NO. 4 HART AVENUE WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (APRIL 23) FOR TWO WEEKS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE SECTION OF ROAD L100 IN WO HOP SHEK IN FANLING FROM A POINT 65 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH ROAD A100 TO FANLING SOUTH ROUNDABOUT WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREA, ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING FOR PASSENGERS AND GOODS.

IN ADDITION, THE WAH MING BUS TERMINUS WILL BE DESIGNATED A BAN ZONE. ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THIS BUS TERMINUS 24 HOURS DAILY.

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