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EVENTFUL YEAR AHEAD FOR LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH

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THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO OVERLOOK A SEWER CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME AND FLOOD PROTECTION WORKS WILL BE ONE OF THE PRIORITIES OF THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH IN 1989.

THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR GRAHAM BARNES, SAID THIS TODAY (THURSDAY) IN A YEAR-END MEET-THE-MEDIA SESSION DURING WHICH HE LISTED THE MAJOR GOALS HE HAD SET FOR THE BRANCH NEXT YEAR.

AMONG OTHER THINGS, MR BARNES SAID THE BRANCH WILL TRY TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH THE GUANGDONG WATER AUTHORITY ON THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE LONG-TERM SUPPLY OF WATER BEYOND 1994 WHEN THE CURRENT WATER AGREEMENT RUNS OUT.

THE BRANCH WILL AIM TO OBTAIN OPTIMAL PROVISION OF INDUSTRIAL LAND AND TO SET UP A PROGRAMME FOR RELEASING MORE LAND FOR COMMERCIAL AND OFFICE DEVELOPMENTS TO MEET ANTICIPATED SHORTFALL IN THE NEXT DECADE.

IT WILL BE INVOLVED IN PROCESSING AND VETTING SOME FOUR OR FIVE MAJOR URBAN REDEVELOPMENT SCHEMES TO BE DONE BY THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

THE BRANCH'S LANDS DIVISION WILL SEEK TO OBTAIN THE SINO-BRITISH LAND COMMISSION'S AGREEMENT ON THE 1989/90 LAND DISPOSAL PROGRAMME BEFORE THE START OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR, MR BARNES SAID.

"ON THE BUILDINGS POLICY AND LEGISLATION SIDE, THE DIVISION'S OBJECTIVES FOR 1989 WILL BE TO BETTER CONTROL UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS THROUGH THE ADOPTION OF NEW ENFORCEMENT MEASURES, INCLUDING IMMEDIATE DEMOLITION AND STEPPING UP PROSECUTION.

"DURING THE YEAR, SURVEYS OF PRE-WAR AND EARLY POST-WAR PRIVATE BUILDINGS TO CHECK ON STRUCTURAL SAFETY WILL BE STARTED," MR BARNES ADDED.

MR BARNES ALSO SAID THE REASSESSMENT OF POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS INSTALLATIONS ON TSING YI WILL BE COMPLETED IN MARCH. THE REPORT, WHICH WILL BE PUBLISHED, MAY ENTAIL REPLANNING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ISLAND.

THE YEAR WILL ALSO SEE THE FINALISATION OF THE RURAL PLANNING AND IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY, WHICH PROVIDES AN ORGANISATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE IMPROVEMENT IN THE NT RURAL AREAS, AND A REVIEW OF LAND USE REQUIREMENT FOR CONTAINER TERMINALS AND RELATED BACKUP FACILITIES.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE WHITE PAPER ON POLLUTION, THE BRANCH'S ENVIRONMENT DIVISION PLANS TO ESTABLISH A TERRITORY-WIDE AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN TO FIGHT AIR POLLUTION, AND A WASTE DISPOSAL PLAN, WHICH WILL RESULT IN THE STAGED CLOSURE OF THE EXISTING INCINERATORS.

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THE DIVISION WILL ALSO SEEK TO IMPLEMENT A NOISE ABATEMENT PROGRAMME IN SCHOOLS AND TO BETTER CONTROL NOISE POLLUTION FROM PILING AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES.

IT WILL ENFORCE THE CONTROL PROVISIONS OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE IN THE EXISTING WATER CONTROL ZONES AND ESTABLISH TWO FURTHER ONES IN PORT SHELTER AND JUNK BAY.

MEASURES WILL BE INTRODUCED TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY AT GAZETTED BEACHES IN THE SOUTH OF HONG KONG ISLAND.

MR BARNES ALSO NOTED THAT THE METROPLAN AND PADS (PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY) STUDIES WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF 1989.

"THESE STUDIES WILL PRODUCE A BROAD, LONG-TERM LAND USE-TRANSPORT FRAMEWORK FOR THE METROPOLITAN AREA AND A LONG-TERM STRATEGY FOR THE PHASED PROVISION OF PORT AND AIRPORT FACILITIES, TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED LAND USES AND INFRASTRUCTURE," HE ADDED.

MR BARNES ALSO GAVE A SUMMARY OF THE MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE BRANCH IN 1988.

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GOOD YEAR FOR SHA TIN CRIME FIGHTERS
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1988 HAS BEEN A GOOD YEAR FOR THE SHA TIN POLICE WITH SOME IMPORTANT ARRESTS OF TRIAD OFFICE BEARERS AND ROBBERY GANGS, MR PETER HALLIDAY, DISTRICT COMMANDER, SAID TODAY WHEN HE REVIEWED POLICE WORK IN THE DISTRICT OVER THE PAST YEAR.

A TOTAL OF SIX TRIAD OFFICE BEARERS WERE ARRESTED BY POLICE AND BROUGHT BEFORE THE COURTS, HE SAID.

"WE HAVE RECEIVED VERY FEW REPORTS OF TRIAD MENACE OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS, MOSTLY IN CONNECTION WITH CONSTRUCTION SITES," HE SAID.

"MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE URGED TO REPORT ANY INCIDENCES OF BLACKMAIL PROMPTLY AS POLICE ACTION TO STAMP OUT THIS MENACE CAN ONLY BE WHOLELY SUCCESSFUL IF VICTIMS COME FORWARD."

MR HALLIDAY POINTED OUT THAT A PRIMARY SOURCE OF FINANCE FOR TRIADS WAS ILLEGAL GAMBLING.

"ILLEGAL GAMBLING CASINOS ARE OFTEN SET UP BY TRIAD GROUPS AND THEIR PURPOSE IS TO MAKE MONEY.

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"THIS OFTEN RESULTS IN GAMBLERS LOSING MORE THAN THEY CAN AFFORD AND THEY END UP IN THE RELENTLESS CLUTCHES OF LOANSHARKS.

"IT IS NOT UNUSUAL FOR A DEBTOR TO TURN TO CRIME TO HELP PAY OFF HIS DEBTS."

SO FAR, POLICE HAVE SMASHED TWO MAJOR TRIAD GAMBLING SYNDICATES.

MR HALLIDAY STRESSED THAT ACTION WOULD BE MAINTAINED TO ERADICATE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE TRIAD AND QUASI-TRIAD INFLUENCE IN SHA TIN.

ALSO OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO SHA TIN POLICE ARE ROBBERIES IN STREETS AND PUBLIC PLACES, INDECENT ASSAULTS ON WOMEN AND A MORE RECENT TREND OF YOUTH GANGS ROAMING THE STREETS.

"DUE TO INCREASED POLICE EFFORT AND OTHER SOCIAL FACTORS, THE FIRST TWO CATEGORIES HAVE SHOWN A DECREASE OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS, BUT OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO REDUCE THEM FURTHER BY MORE STREET AND HIGHRISE PATROLS ON ONE HAND, AND BETTER INVESTIGATIONS AND INTELLIGENCE ON THE OTHER," SAID THE DISTRICT COMMANDER.

"AND WE ARE EXPERIMENTING WITH TACTICS TO TACKLE STREET GANGS."

ON JUVENILE DELINQUENCY, MR HALLIDAY SAID WHILE IT STILL CONSTITUTED A MAJOR PROBLEM, THERE WERE ENCOURAGING SIGNS THAT IT WAS BEING CONTAINED.

"AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR WE WERE ARRESTING, ON AVERAGE, WELL OVER 100 JUVENILES A MONTH IN SHA TIN," HE SAID, "BUT THE FIGURE HAS FALLEN BY ABOUT A THIRD DURING THE THIRD QUARTER OF THE YEAR."

"WE HAVE A NUMBER OF INITIATIVES EITHER ON-GOING OR PLANNED, THE MOST IMPORTANT OF WHICH BEING THE SHA TIN JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ACTION GROUP FORMED IN JUNE.

"MEMBERS OF THIS GROUP COME FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE, BOTH IN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR AND SO COLLECTIVELY HAVE A WIDE RANGE OF EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE UPON WHICH TO DRAW IN FORMULATING ACTION PLANS TO TACKLE DELINQUENCY."

ON THE QUESTION OF SECURITY OF PREMISES, MR HALLIDAY URGED OWNERS AND RESIDENTS OF INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL PREMISES TO MAKE FULL USE OF THE POLICE CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU OR CONSULT THE SHA TIN POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICE.

HE SAID: "IN ADDITION TO ANY FINANCIAL LOSS, A BURGLARY OFTEN LEAVES A PERMANENT SENSE OF INSECURITY IN THE MIND OF THE VICTIM."

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SUMMING UP, MR HALLIDAY SAID THAT DESPITE THE SIGNIFICANT ARRESTS IN 1988, THE SHA TIN POLICE WOULD NOT BE COMPLACENT AND HENCE LACK-LUSTRE AND UNIMAGINATIVE IN THEIR EFFORT TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER.

"VIOLENT CRIME, TRIAD ACTIVITY AND JUVENILE DELINQUENCY MUST BE OUR MAJOR CONCERNS FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE," HE SAID.

"THE PUBLIC CAN AND DOES DO MUCH IN SHA TIN TO HELP THE POLICE. THEY CAN ALSO ASSIST BY TELLING THE POLICE WHERE THEY ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH THE SERVICE PROVIDED.

"WE ARE OPEN AND RESPONSIVE TO ALL IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS AS TO IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF POLICING IN SHA TIN."

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IMPORTANCE OF CHOOSING A SUITABLE CAREER STRESSED

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THE CONTINUED INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS TAKING PART IN THE ANNUAL CAREERS QUIZ REFLECTED THEIR APPRECIATION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF CHOOSING A SUITABLE CAREER, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND, SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR THE CAREERS QUIZ 1988 THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON, MR HAMMOND POINTED OUT THAT THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN THE EVENT, STUDENTS WERE ENCOURAGED TO PLAN CAREFULLY FOR THEIR FUTURE BY FINDING OUT MORE ABOUT CAREERS AND FURTHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES.

HE SAID THE CAREERS QUIZ IS A MAJOR ACTIVITY ORGANISED ANNUALLY BY THE DEPARTMENT'S CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE FOR FORM 3 TO FORM 5 STUDENTS. THIS YEAR IT ATTRACTED OVER 115,000 PARTICIPANTS FROM 253 SCHOOLS.

INSTEAD OF PRESENTING PRIZES TO ONLY THREE SCHOOLS WITH THE HIGHEST OVERALL SCORES AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, TROPHIES WERE ALSO PRESENTED TO THE TOP THREE SCHOOLS WITH THE HIGHEST AVERAGE MARKS IN EACH OF FORMS 3, 4 AND 5.

"IN THIS WAY, WE HOPE TO ENCOURAGE SCHOOLS TO ENTER LOWER FORM STUDENTS IN THE COMPETITION WITHOUT THE FEAR OF JEOPARDISING THEIR CHANCES OF WINNING A SCHOOL PRIZE," MR HAMMOND SAID.

"IT IS ALSO OUR BELIEF THAT STUDENTS IN JUNIOR FORMS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO START PLANNING THEIR CAREERS," HE ADDED.

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MR HAMMOND ALSO THANKED THE SPONSOR FOR THE QUIZ, SHUN HING ELECTRONIC TRADING COMPANY, FOR THEIR GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT TO THE EVENT FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS, AND THE GOVERNMENT DATA PROCESSING AGENCY FOR MARKING THE ANSWER SHEETS.

ANOTHER OFFICIATING GUEST AT THE CEREMONY, MR K.L. TONG, ASSISTANT MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE COMPANY, SHARED MR HAMMOND'S VIEW THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO CHOOSE A CAREER SUITABLE FOR THEMSELVES AND STAY IN THE JOB TO ACQUIRE THE NECESSARY EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE.

"THE WORK OF THE CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE IS THEREFORE OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO YOUNG PEOPLE IN ASSISTING AND ENCOURAGING THEM TO CHOOSE A CAREER THEY LIKE."

IN THE QUIZ THIS YEAR, WELLINGTON COLLEGE RANKED FIRST IN BOTH FORM 3 AND FORM 4 SECTIONS, WHILE CHONG GENE HANG COLLEGE CAME FIRST IN THE FORM 5 SECTION.

THE THREE STUDENTS WHO SCORED THE HIGHEST MARKS WERE EACH AWARDED A PANASONIC GRAPH WRITER. THEY WERE WONG MIU-SUM OF NEW TERRITORIES HEUNG YEE KUK YUEN LONG DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL, KAN SIK-KIN OF CHONG GENE HANG COLLEGE AND YIP WAN-TAK OF IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY COLLEGE.

ANOTHER SEVEN STUDENTS WERE EACH GIVEN A PANASONIC COMPACT HEADPHONE PLAYER, FOLLOWED BY 100 OTHER STUDENTS EACH WINNING A SOLAR-POWERED CALCULATOR.

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GROWING DEMAND FOR ELDERLY SERVICES

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THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES AND PRIORITY IN THE REPORT OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON ELDERLY SERVICES ARE BEING STUDIED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO WORK OUT A SCHEDULE FOR IMPLEMENTATION, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR STEPHEN LAW, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT A DINNER CELEBRATING THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HONG KONG CHRISTIAN MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY, MR LAW NOTED THAT DEMAND FOR ELDERLY SERVICES WOULD BECOME MORE URGENT BECAUSE THE ELDERLY POPULATION WOULD GROW FROM THE CURRENT 600,000, OR 11.5 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL POPULATION, TO EXCEED 900,000 IN THE NEXT CENTURY, OR 14.5 PER CENT.

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MR LAW POINTED OUT THAT WITH THE SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION OF THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE, THE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN ABLE TO DEVELOP AND EXPAND A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES, INCLUDING CASH ASSISTANCE, MEDICAL CARE, HOME HELP, RESIDENTIAL CARE AND SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS.

"UNDER THE PREMISE OF CARE IN THE FAMILY AND WITHIN THE COMMUNITY, THE NUMBER OF SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY IS PLANNED TO INCREASE FROM THE EXISTING 100 TO 150 IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

"THROUGH VARIOUS ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THESE CENTRES, THE ELDERLY CAN USE THEIR LEISURE TIME MORE BENEFICIALLY, DEVELOP HOBBIES, MAKE FRIENDS AND LEAD A MORE ACTIVE AND MEANINGFUL LIFE BY TAKING PART IN VOLUNTEER SERVICES," HE ADDED.

MR LAW COMMENDED THE HONG KONG CHRISTIAN MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY FOR ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOCIAL SERVICES.

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COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF KWUN TONG BYPASS
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THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF THE KWUN TONG BYPASS PHASE II AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE KWUN TONG BY-PASS PHASE II, SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN 1991, WILL LINK UP WAI YIP STREET WITH KAI FUK TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT HAS FOCUSED ON POTENTIAL AIR AND NOISE POLLUTION THAT MAY ARISE, PARTICULARLY WHERE MAJOR NEW ROADS ARE REQUIRED TO PASS CLOSE TO RESIDENTIAL OR OTHER STRUCTURES.

THE MEETING WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO ENDORSE A PUBLICITY AND ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMME AGAINST OBSTRUCTION TO PEDESTRIANS BY ILLEGAL HAWKING ACTIVITIES AND DISPLAY OF GOODS AND ADVERTISING SIGNS ON PAVEMENTS BY SHOPKEEPERS.

A REPORT ON THE LATEST CONDITION OF THE JORDAN VALLEY LANDFILL WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED FOR MEMBERS' CONSIDERATION.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE REPLENISHMENT OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS FOR FIRE WATCH TEAMS, APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FOR ORGANISING FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN, PROGRESS REPORTS ON LOCAL WORKS PROJECTS AND MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, TUNG YAN STREET.

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MOTOR BOAT HIRE CHARGES REVISED
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THE MAXIMUM HIRE CHARGES FOR MOTOR BOATS WILL BE REVISED FROM SUNDAY (JANUARY 1), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

THE REVISED CHARGES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PERIOD OF HIRE -----	BOATS LICENSED TO CARRY BETWEEN 30 & 50 PASSENGERS -----	BOATS LICENSED TO CARRY MORE THAN 50 PASSENGERS -----
1. ANY PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING 40 MINUTES	\$85	\$104
2. ANY PERIOD BETWEEN 40 MINUTES AND 1 HOUR	\$130	\$156
3. EACH SUBSEQUENT PERIOD OF 20 MINUTES OR PART THEREOF	\$46	\$52

JOURNEY DISTANCE -----	BOATS LICENSED TO CARRY BETWEEN 30 & 50 PASSENGERS -----	BOATS LICENSED TO CARRY MORE THAN 50 PASSENGERS -----
4. SHORT DISTANCE (UP TO 40 MINUTES)	\$85	\$104
5. MEDIUM DISTANCE (UP TO 1 HOUR)	\$130	\$156
6. LONG DISTANCE (OVER ONE HOUR)	\$169	\$208

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IMPROVEMENT TO WATER SUPPLY IN SAI KUNG

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THE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM IN SAI KUNG WILL BE IMPROVED TO MEET INCREASE IN DEMAND BY EXISTING AND NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA.

A FRESH WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR WITH A CAPACITY OF 15,000 CUBIC METRES WILL BE BUILT AT PAK KONG AU.

ALSO, ABOUT 3,900 METRES OF FRESH WATER MAINS RANGING FROM 400 MILLIMETRES TO 700 MILLIMETRES IN DIAMETRES WILL LAID ALONG HONG TSUEN ROAD AND HONG KIN ROAD.

THE NEW SERVICE RESERVOIR AND THE WATERMAINS WILL BE USED TO IMPROVE THE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM EXTENDING FROM PAK WAI TO PAK TAM CHUNG.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN MARCH NEXT YEAR AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS 12 NOON ON JANUARY 13, 1989.

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CONSTRUCTION OF CREMATORIUM AT WO HOP SHEK

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A CREMATORIUM IS TO BE BUILT AT WO HOP SHEK.

THE PROJECT COMPRISES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CREMATORIUM BUILDING WITH TWO TWIN CREMATORS, A CHINESE HALL, A CHRISTIAN HALL, A MORTUARY, ACCOMMODATION FOR AN OFFICE AND ANCILLARY FACILITIES.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR AND BE COMPLETED IN JUNE, 1990.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS 12 NOON ON JANUARY 13, 1989.

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"TA CHIU" CEREMONIES IN YUEN LONG

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY (NEW TERRITORIES), MR MICHAEL SUEN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF A "TA CHIU" RELIGIOUS CEREMONY IN YUEN LONG ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 31).

ORGANISED BY SIX VILLAGES OF WANG CHAU IN PING SHAN RURAL AREA, THE "TA CHIU" CEREMONY IS HELD EVERY EIGHT YEARS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRAYING FOR PEACE TO INDIGENOUS RESIDENTS.

THE CEREMONY WILL LAST THREE DAYS AND FOUR NIGHTS AND WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED BY A PROCESSION HELD ON MONDAY (JANUARY 2). THE PARADE WILL START FROM WANG CHAU AND PASS THROUGH YUEN LONG TOWN.

THE "TA CHIU" OPENING WILL ALSO BE ATTENDED BY THE POLICE REGIONAL COMMANDER, MR R.C. SMALLSHAW, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK, MR LAU WONG-FAT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING WHICH WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 31) IN FUK HING TSUEN IN WANG CHAU. THE CEREMONY WILL START AT 4.30 PM.

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES EXTENDED FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO MAKE USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES ON NEW YEAR'S EVE (SATURDAY) AS SERVICES ON MOST ROUTES WILL BE STEPPED UP AND ALSO OPERATE LATER THAN USUAL.

THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY (KCR), THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT (LRT), THE STAR FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN EDINBURGH PLACE AND KOWLOON POINT, AND THE HONG KONG YAUMATI (HYF) PASSENGER/VEHICULAR FERRY SERVICES BETWEEN CENTRAL AND JORDAN ROAD WILL OPERATE UNTIL AROUND 1 AM.

PEAK TRAMS WILL OPERATE UP TO 1.30 AM AND TRAM SERVICES (EXCEPT THOSE OPERATING ON THE HAPPY VALLEY LOOP) WILL RUN UNTIL 2 AM.

SUPPLEMENTARY FERRY SERVICES FROM CENTRAL TO MUI WO (VIA PENG CHAU) AND FROM CENTAL TO CHEUNG CHAU (VIA YUNG SHUE WAN, LAMMA ISLAND) WILL BE OPERATED AT 1 AM AND 1.15 AM RESPECTIVELY.

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IN ADDITION, SERVICES ON MANY BUS AND GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR WILL OPERATE LATER THAN USUAL.

ON HONG KONG ISLAND, THE LAST DEPARTURE FROM CENTRAL OF BUSES ON CHINA MOTOR BUS (CMB) ROUTES 4, 70 AND 90 WILL BE AT 1 AM.

ON ROUTES 2, 7, 10, 23, 72, 92, 96 AND 97, THE LAST BUS WILL LEAVE CENTRAL, WESTERN DISTRICT AND CAUSEWAY BAY AT 2 AM, 2.30 AM, 1.50 AM, 1.15 AM, 1.30 AM, MIDNIGHT, 12.27 AM AND 1 AM RESPECTIVELY.

IN KOWLOON, KOWLOON MOTOR BUS (KMB) WILL EXTEND SERVICES RANGING FROM 30 MINUTES TO ONE HOUR AND 30 MINUTES ON 11 ROUTES 1A, 5, 5C, 6, 80K, 80M, 81K, 82M, 85K, 88K AND 93A.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED ON CROSS-HARBOUR ALL-NIGHT BUS ROUTES 121 AND 122.

SERVICES ON GREEN MINIBUSES ROUTE 37M IN KOWLOON WILL RUN OVERNIGHT. SERVICES ON ROUTES 18 AND 53M WILL FINISH AT 1 AM; AND SERVICES ON ROUTES 3, 8, 11M, 30A AND 30M AT 1.30 AM AND ROUTES 6, 7, 22M, 31M AND 51M WILL STOP AT 2 AM.

IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, SERVICES ON GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 67K WILL CEASE OPERATION AT 11 PM.

SERVICES ON ROUTES 65K AND 66K WILL STOP RUNNING AT MIDNIGHT AND SERVICES ON ROUTE 60K WILL FINISH AT 1.20 AM. SERVICES ON ROUTES 20K AND 22K WILL CEASE OPERATIONS AROUND 1.30 AM.

MEANWHILE, AS A RESULT OF SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CENTRAL AND TSIM SHA TSUI ON NEW YEAR'S EVE, THE FOLLOWING BUS AND GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES OPERATING THROUGH THESE TWO DISTRICTS WILL HAVE TO BE DIVERTED:

ROUTE -----	PERIOD OF DIVERSION -----
CMB ROUTES 5B, 10, 20, 21 AND 81M AND HK ISLAND GMB ROUTE 28	FROM 7 PM ON DECEMBER 31 TO 6 AM ON JANUARY 3
CMB ROUTES 5, 5A, 10A, 22 AND 781	AFTER 7 PM ON NEW YEAR'S EVE
CMB ROUTE 23A AND 26	FROM 6 PM ON DECEMBER 31 TO LAST DEPARTURE ON JANUARY 2
CMB ROUTE 40M AND CROSS- HARBOUR ROUTE 103	FROM 6.30 PM ON DECEMBER 31 TO LAST DEPARTURE ON JANUARY 2
AIRBUS A2	FROM 7 PM ON DECEMBER 31 TO LAST DEPARTURE ON JANUARY 2

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FROM 8 PM ON NEW YEAR'S EVE, IF NECESSARY, KMB ROUTES 1, 1A, 1K, 2, 2C, 2K, 3, 3C, 3E, 5, 5C, 6, 6A, 7, 8, 8A, 9, 13, 26, 28, 81, 208 AND AIRBUS A1 AND KOWLOON GMB ROUTES 3, 6, 7, 8 AND 31M WILL BE DIVERTED AND KMB ROUTE 202 AND KOWLOON GMB ROUTES 1 AND 1M WILL BE SUSPENDED.

DURING THE SUSPENSION OF KMB ROUTE 202, CHINA FERRY TERMINAL WILL BE SERVED BY ROUTE 208 ENROUTE.

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FINALE TO RTHK'S "ACCESS"
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RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG'S 'ACCESS' SEMINAR AND CONCERT WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 31, 1988 (SATURDAY) FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM AT VICTORIA PARK IN CAUSEWAY BAY.

THE TWO EVENTS ARE THE FINALE OF THE 'ACCESS' PROJECT CO-ORGANISED BY RTHK AND THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG.

THE SEMINAR, BEGINNING FROM 2 PM TO 3 PM, WILL FOCUS ON 'WAYS TO IMPROVE TRANSPORT IN HONG KONG'.

CHAIRMAN OF TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, MISS MARIA TAM; AND LECTURER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY, CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, DR STEPHEN TANG, WILL BE GUEST SPEAKERS.

SOME 100 PROFESSIONAL DRIVERS WILL ATTEND THE SEMINAR AND PRELIMINARY FINDINGS OF THE 'ACCESS' PROJECT WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED.

THE CONCERT WILL START AT 3 PM TO ENTERTAIN ALL THOSE WHO HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE 'ACCESS' PROJECT.

SINGERS WHO WILL PERFORM AT THE CONCERT INCLUDE MARIA CORDERO, ALEX TO, SANDY LAM, LEE TAT SHING AND VIVIAN CHOW.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE SEMINAR AND THE CONCERT AT VICTORIA PARK THIS SATURDAY (DECEMBER 31) BEGINNING AT 2 PM.

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