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COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORT STUDY REPORT PUBLISHED TODAY
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THE COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORT STUDY, WHICH THE GOVERNMENT COMMISSIONED IN 1973, HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND THE REPORT OF THE CONSULTANTS WAS PUBLISHED TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THE CONSULTANTS, MESSRS WILBUR SMITH AND ASSOCIATES, WERE ASKED TO DETERMINE WHAT HAD TO BE DONE TO ACHIEVE AND MAINTAIN AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL OF MOBILITY FOR PASSENGERS AND FREIGHT BY ROAD, RAIL AND FERRY OVER THE YEARS TO 1991.

+SPECIFICALLY, THE CONSULTANTS WERE REQUIRED TO DERIVE A SET OF PROPOSALS ON POLICIES AND INVESTMENT IN TRANSPORT FACILITIES DESIGNED TO SATISFY THE PREDICTED DEMAND FOR TRAVEL,+ A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

BASED ON NINE COMPUTERIZED TESTS, THE CONSULTANTS HAVE MADE RECOMMENDATIONS COVERING THE ISLAND CORRIDOR= THE EXTENSION OF THE MTR LINE= DEVELOPMENT OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY= DEVELOPMENT OF THE FERRY SERVICES= FRANCHISED BUSES= RESTRAINTS ON PRIVATE VEHICLES, AND THE CONTINUOUS APPRAISAL OF HONG KONG'S TRANSPORT PROBLEMS.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT IN NO WAY COMMIT THE GOVERNMENT TO ANY PARTICULAR COURSE OF ACTION.

+THE INTENTION NOW IS TO STUDY THEM CAREFULLY AND PREPARE A WHITE PAPER ON TRANSPORT POLICY AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE VIEWS AND REACTION OF THE PUBLIC, THE TRANSPORT OPERATORS AND OTHERS CONCERNED,+ HE POINTED OUT.

BOTH THE FULL REPORT AND A REPORT IN BRIEF WILL BE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE TO ANYONE INTERESTED IN THE STUDY.

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IMMIGRATION AND REGISTRATION OF PERSONS DEPARTMENTS COMBINED
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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AND THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS DEPARTMENT WILL BE AMALGAMATED ON APRIL 20 NEXT YEAR.

THE PRESENT REGISTRATION OF PERSONS DEPARTMENT WILL BECOME A DIVISION WITHIN THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AND WILL BE KNOWN AS THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE.

THE PRESENT COMMISSIONER OF REGISTRATION, MR. J.V.G. MITCHELL, WILL GO ON PRE-RETIREMENT LEAVE ON APRIL 20, 1977. ON THAT DAY, MR. J.M. ROWLANDS, DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION WILL ASSUME CONCURRENT RESPONSIBILITY AS THE COMMISSIONER OF REGISTRATION.

COMMENTING ON THE AMALGAMATION, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THIS IS PART OF GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUING EFFORTS TO STREAMLINE GOVERNMENT MACHINERY TO PROVIDE A MORE EFFICIENT SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC. THE AMALGAMATION OF THE TWO DEPARTMENTS WILL ALSO RESULT IN RATIONALIZATION OF PROCEDURES AND RESOURCES, AND WILL GENERALLY IMPROVE COST-EFFECTIVENESS.

THE FUTURE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE WILL HOWEVER CONTINUE TO OPERATE IN THE SAME BRANCH AND SUB-OFFICES FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL CONTINUE TO APPLY FOR IDENTITY CARDS AND AMEND THEIR REGISTERED PARTICULARS AT THE SAME OFFICES AS THEY DO AT PRESENT.

CONSIDERATION WILL, HOWEVER, BE GIVEN TO WHETHER THE SERVICES AT PRESENT PROVIDED BY THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS BRANCH AND SUB-OFFICES COULD BE SIMILARLY PROVIDED BY IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT BRANCH OFFICES.

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MORE MAXICAB ROUTES TO COME INTO OPERATION SOON

MAJOR REVISIONS WILL BE INTRODUCED ON THREE EXISTING MAXICAB ROUTES FROM FRIDAY (DECEMBER 17) IN ORDER TO PROVIDE MORE CONVENIENT SERVICES.

THE THREE MAXICAB SERVICES WHICH WILL BE AFFECTED ARE ROUTES 4, 5 AND 6. THESE SERVICES BEGAN OPERATION IN JULY 1975.

THE CHANGES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN TWO STAGES. UNDER THE FIRST STAGE, MAXICAB ROUTE 4 WHICH FORMERLY OPERATED FROM ABERDEEN VIA SHOUSON HILL TO CENTRAL WILL BE DIVERTED TO OPERATE FROM ABERDEEN VIA SHOUSON HILL TO CAUSEWAY BAY (KESWICK STREET) SO AS TO RELIEVE THE TRAFFIC ON ROUTE 5 WHICH IS ABERDEEN TO CAUSEWAY BAY (JARDINE'S CRESCENT) VIA NAM FUNG ROAD.

TO MAKE GOOD THE LOSS IN CARRYING CAPACITY AS A RESULT OF THE DIVERSION OF ROUTE 4 AWAY FROM SHOUSON HILL, ROUTE 6 WILL BE IMPROVED TO OPERATE ON A BASIC 30-MINUTE FREQUENCY ON WEEKDAYS WITH A 15-MINUTE FREQUENCY DURING PEAK HOURS BETWEEN SHOUSON HILL AND CENTRAL.

ROUTES 4 AND 6 WILL NOT OPERATE ALONG STUBBS ROAD AS ROAD WORK ON THE IMPROVEMENT OF BENDS ARE IMMINENT AND INSTEAD WILL OPERATE VIA BLUE POOL ROAD AND HAPPY VALLEY.

SPECIAL JOURNEYS WILL BE OPERATED TO OCEAN PARK ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS FROM CAUSEWAY BAY (KESWICK STREET) AND CENTRAL (STAR FERRY).

THE SECOND STAGE CONSISTS OF THE INTRODUCTION OF TWO NEW ROUTES BETWEEN ABERDEEN AND SHEK PAI WAN (CIRCULAR) (TO BE KNOWN AS MAXICAB ROUTE 7) AND BETWEEN MT. NICHOLSON AND CENTRAL (STAR FERRY) (TO BE KNOWN AS MAXICAB ROUTE 8) IN EARLY JANUARY 1977.

THE INTRODUCTION OF ROUTE 7 IS INTENDED TO CATER FOR RESIDENTS OF SHEK PAI WAN AND YUE KWONG ESTATES. WITH A TERMINUS IN TSUNG MAN STREET THE ROUTE WILL OPERATE VIA TUNG SING ROAD, ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD, ABERDEEN RESERVOIR ROAD TO YUE KWONG ROAD, CIRCLING SHEK PAI WAN ESTATE CLOCKWISE BEFORE RETURNING TO TSUNG MAN STREET IN ITS 2.2 MILE CIRCULAR JOURNEY. THE FARE WILL BE 30 CENTS PER SINGLE JOURNEY.

THE INTRODUCTION OF ROUTE 8 WILL PROVIDE A 30-MINUTE FREQUENCY SERVICE TO MEET THE DEMAND OF MT. NICHOLSON RESIDENTS FOR A PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICE TO HAPPY VALLEY AND CENTRAL VIA THE WATERFRONT ROAD. THE NEW ROUTE WILL OPERATE AT A \$1 FARE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT THE SIX EXISTING MAXICAB ROUTES ON HONG KONG ISLAND WERE NOW OPERATED BY 40 VEHICLES CARRYING AN AVERAGE OF 10,000 PASSENGERS DAILY.

HE SAID: +IN ADDITION TO THE TWO NEW ROUTES BEING INTRODUCED IN JANUARY, MANY OTHER ROUTES WERE IN THE PLANNING STAGE. NO NEW PLB LICENCES WERE BEING ISSUED AND EXISTING OPERATORS WERE BEING ENCOURAGED TO DIVERSIFY INTO THESE NEW FEEDER OPERATIONS.+

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TRIBUTE TO FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT
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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DENYS ROBERTS TODAY PAID TRIBUTE TO THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WHICH, HE SAID, +ENJOYS A VERY HIGH REPUTATION, NOT ONLY IN HONG KONG BUT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD FOR COURAGE, EFFICIENCY AND SKILL.+

ADDRESSING A PARADE AT THE HARBOUR ROAD FIRE STATION DURING WHICH HE PRESENTED LONG SERVICE MEDALS AND CLASPS TO OVER 70 RETIRED AND SERVING FIRE FIGHTERS, SIR DENYS SAID : +I HOPE ALL OF YOU WILL FEEL THAT YOU HAVE CHOSEN A FIRST CLASS SERVICE.+

FORTY-SIX MEN, WHO HAVE 18 YEARS' SERVICE, WERE AWARDED LONG SERVICE MEDALS. SEVENTEEN OTHERS WITH 25 YEARS' SERVICE RECEIVED FIRST CLASPS TO THEIR MEDALS WHILE THE REMAINING 10 WHO HAVE OVER 30 YEARS' SERVICE, RECEIVED SECOND CLASPS TO THEIR MEDALS.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF SIR DENYS' SPEECH.

+I AM VERY GLAD TO HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND THIS PARADE AND TO PRESENT MEDALS AND CLASPS TO THE MANY OFFICERS WHO HAVE COMPLETED LONG PERIODS OF SERVICE IN THE DEPARTMENT.

+I AM PLEASED TO BE HERE FOR TWO PARTICULAR REASONS. FIRST, BECAUSE IT GIVES ME A CHANCE TO EXPRESS THE THANKS OF THE COMMUNITY TO THOSE WHO HAVE RECEIVED AWARDS TODAY. FOR THE INVALUABLE WORK WHICH THEY HAVE PERFORMED FOR PERIODS OF UP TO THIRTY YEARS.

+SECOND, BECAUSE IT ENABLES ME TO SPEAK BRIEFLY OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT AND OF THE ADMIRABLE WAY IN WHICH IT HAS CARRIED OUT ITS TASK.

+IN ANY COMMUNITY, THE FIREMAN CARRIES OUT AN ESSENTIAL DUTY WHICH REQUIRES SKILL, TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE, DETERMINATION AND COURAGE OF A HIGH ORDER.

+HIS ROLE IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT IN A CROWDED URBAN ENVIRONMENT, WITH LARGE NUMBERS OF TALL BUILDINGS SET CLOSE TOGETHER, AND A HIGH DENSITY OF POPULATION.

+TO ADD TO HIS PROBLEMS IN HONG KONG, THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES, MANY CONSTITUTING A SERIOUS POTENTIAL FIRE HAZARD, AND MANY STREETS ARE NARROW AND CROWDED.

+A FIREMAN'S LIFE IS A TOUGH ONE. HE IS EXPECTED TO DEAL WITH A WIDE VARIETY OF DANGERS. OFTEN, DURING HIS CAREER, HE WILL RISK SERIOUS INJURY AND EVEN DEATH.

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+HE IS CALLED UPON TO HELP IN MANY OTHER WAYS BESIDES DEALING WITH FIRE. HE RESCUES VICTIMS OF FLOOD, TYPHOON AND LANDSLIDE. HE REMOVES INJURED PEOPLE FROM COLLAPSED BUILDINGS OR DAMAGED CARS. HE DELIVERS BABIES, EXTRACTS PEOPLE FROM LIFTS AND HELPS THE SICK, THE OLD AND THE DYING.

+THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER, THEREFORE, A FIREMAN IS HELPING HIS FELLOW MEN. IT IS PERHAPS THIS FACTOR WHICH MAKES THE CAREER OF A FIRE OFFICER A MOST REWARDING ONE AND WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SO MANY OFFICERS SERVING THE WHOLE OF THEIR WORKING LIVES IN THE DEPARTMENT.

+I HOPE THAT ALL OF YOU WILL FEEL THAT YOU HAVE CHOSEN A FINE CAREER IN A FIRST CLASS SERVICE. FOR I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE HONG KONG FIRE SERVICES ENJOY A VERY HIGH REPUTATION, NOT ONLY HERE BUT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, FOR COURAGE, EFFICIENCY AND SKILL.

+MAY I WISH YOU ALL GOOD FORTUNE IN THE FUTURE.+

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FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION TO BE EXPANDED

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FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION IS TO BE EXPANDED OVER THE NEXT YEAR WITH THE EXPRESS OBJECT OF HELPING ALL PEOPLE ACHIEVE A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THEM AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHAT MOTIVATES YOUNGER PEOPLE TO BEHAVE SO DIFFERENTLY FROM THEIR PARENTS.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. J.W. SWEETMAN, AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE MOBILE EXHIBITION ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION AT THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE IN TSUEN WAN.

HE SAID THAT THE GREATEST SINGLE FACTOR IN CONTRIBUTING TO STRAINS WITHIN A FAMILY +IS THE VERY GREAT INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT YOUNG PEOPLE CAN EARN COMPARED WITH THE WAGES THAT PREVAILED WHEN THEIR PARENTS WERE YOUNG+.

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR POINTED OUT THAT +THE PACE OF LIFE HAS NOW INCREASED AND ALIEN CULTURAL VALUES ARE BEING IMPOSED ON US THROUGH EDUCATIONAL, SOCIAL AND COMMERCIAL CONTACTS WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD.+

+THIS HAS LED TO RAPID INDUSTRIALISATION AND THE GROWTH OF BIG CITIES WHICH BREAKS DOWN TRADITIONAL FAMILY INFLUENCES AND CHANGES THE ROLE WHICH EACH OF US PLAYS IN THE COMMUNITY,+ HE EMPHASISED.

THE EXHIBITION, WILL LAST FOUR DAYS AFTER WHICH IT WILL BE MOVED TO SIX OTHER DISTRICTS -- YUEN LONG, TUEN MUN, SHA TIN, TAI PO, SHEUNG SHUI AND FANLING.

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JORDAN STRESSES NEED FOR HIGHER TECHNOLOGY
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THE DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. DAVID JORDAN, SAID TODAY THAT HE WAS VERY GLAD THAT THE OLD EMPHASIS ON PURELY ACADEMIC SECONDARY EDUCATION WAS FADING.

HE WAS GLAD BECAUSE HONG KONG DEPENDED ON ITS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY, AND INDUSTRY MUST CONTINUE TO MOVE UP THE TECHNOLOGICAL SCALE, HE SAID.

MR. JORDAN WAS SPEAKING TO GRADUATES OF THE NING PO COLLEGE.

MR. JORDAN SAID THAT INDUSTRY WOULD INCREASINGLY NEED MORE HIGHLY TRAINED AND HIGHLY SKILLED TECHNICIANS, TECHNOLOGISTS AND MANAGERS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT TECHNICAL EDUCATION WAS EXPANDING VERY RAPIDLY IN HONG KONG, WITH ITS TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND ITS FAST GROWING POLYTECHNIC.

+SO THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROPER TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING ARE GROWING RAPIDLY. THESE OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE, FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO CONTINUE WITH FURTHER FULL-TIME EDUCATION AND, THROUGH A GREAT VARIETY OF PART-TIME AND EVENING COURSES FOR THOSE WHO GO STRAIGHT FROM SCHOOL INTO EMPLOYMENT,+ HE SAID.

MR. JORDAN ADDED : +IN OUR UNIVERSITIES AND THE POLYTECHNIC WE HAVE NOW SCHEMES FOR MAKING GRANTS AND LOANS TO STUDENTS WHO NEED THEM, WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT NO STUDENT WHO QUALIFIES FOR A PLACE IS PREVENTED FROM TAKING IT BECAUSE HE OR HIS FAMILY CANNOT AFFORD IT. +SO THE OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE. THE TRAINING THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED HERE AT NING PO COLLEGE HAS GIVEN YOU A GOOD START.+

MR. JORDAN WENT ON: +WE IN THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO DO ITS BEST TO ENSURE THAT THE MARKETS OF THE WORLD REMAIN OPEN TO US. IT IS UP TO YOU TO FILL THEM.+

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OPENING OF PAK TAM CHUNG PUMPING STATION
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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF LOWLAND PUMPING STATIONS BEING BUILT BY THE P.W.D.'S WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE HIGH ISLAND WATER SCHEME WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 17).

THE PUMPING STATION, LOCATED AT PAK TAM CHUNG, SAI KUNG, WILL COLLECT WATER THAT WOULD NORMALLY RUN TO WASTE INTO THE SEA AND PUMP IT INTO THE HIGH ISLAND RESERVOIR.

IT WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY MR. LAU KWUN-SANG, CHAIRMAN OF THE SAI KUNG RURAL COMMITTEE, AT 11 A.M. ON FRIDAY.

YOU ARE CORIDALLY INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY.

OFFICIAL TRANSPORT (AM2173 AND AM2174) WILL LEAVE THE P.W.D.'S CARPARK AT MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, AT 9.30 A.M. THAT DAY. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO MAKE USE OF THIS FACILITY SHOULD ASSEMBLE IN THE LOBBY OF THE MURRAY BUILDING BEFORE 9.30 A.M. OFFICERS FROM THE P.W.D. PUBLICITY UNIT WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THEM.

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BRAVERY COMMENDATIONS FOR 22 MEN
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FOUR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND 18 FERRY CREW MEMBERS WILL BE PRESENTED WITH CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION AND MONETARY AWARDS BY THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR. ALAN FLETCHER, FOR RESCUING PEOPLE FROM THE HARBOUR.

THE CREW MEMBERS COMPRISE 16 FROM THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY LIMITED AND TWO FROM THE STAR FERRY COMPANY LIMITED.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT FRIDAY (DECEMBER 17).

THE 22 MEN RESCUED 11 WOMEN, ONE FOUR-YEAR-OLD GIRL AND FIVE MEN FROM THE HARBOUR BETWEEN MARCH AND NOVEMBER THIS YEAR.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE PRESENTATION WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE MARINE DEPARTMENT EXAMINATION HALL ON THE 10TH FLOOR OF RUMSEY STREET MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK BUILDING IN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AT 10.30 A.M. ON FRIDAY.

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FOUR-DAY SCOUT CAMP IN N.T.

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A FOUR-DAY SCOUT CAMP IS TO BE HELD IN THE NEW TERRITORIES OVER THE NEW YEAR TO MARK THE ADMISSION OF THE HONG KONG SCOUT ASSOCIATION TO THE WORLD SCOUT CONFERENCE.

AND THE NEW TERRITORIES ROTARY CLUB AND THREE NT COMMUNITY LEADERS HAVE DONATED \$40,000 TO MEET THE COSTS OF RUNNING THE CAMP.

THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, WHO IS ALSO PRESIDENT OF THE N.T. REGIONAL SCOUT COUNCIL, TODAY RECEIVED THE DONORS' CHEQUE AT A CEREMONY AT THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS IN KOWLOON.

THE INDIVIDUAL DONORS -- WHO GAVE \$10,000 EACH -- ARE MR. SIMON C.P. YEUNG, CHAIRMAN OF THE FOOTBALL COMMITTEE OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION, MR. WONG KAM-YIP, CHAIRMAN OF THE PING SHAN RURAL COMMITTEE AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE NT ROTARY CLUB, AND MR. STEPHEN WONG YUEN-CHEUNG, CHAIRMAN OF THE TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE.

THE ARMY IS PROVIDING THE FACILITIES OF CAMP 10, SEK KONG, BETWEEN DECEMBER 30 AND JANUARY 2 FOR MORE THAN 1,500 SCOUTS FROM ALL THE DISTRICTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

MR. AKERS-JONES PRAISED THE GENEROSITY OF THE DONORS IN +HELPING TO MAKE POSSIBLE A CAMP THAT MARKS A VERY IMPORTANT STEP FOR THE LOCAL SCOUT ASSOCIATION+.

+ON ST. GEORGE'S DAY NEXT YEAR -- APRIL 23 -- OUR ASSOCIATION BECOMES A FULL MEMBER OF THE WORLD SCOUT CONFERENCE AFTER 65 YEARS AS AN OVERSEAS BRANCH OF THE BRITISH SCOUT ASSOCIATION,+ HE SAID.

+IT IS APPROPRIATE TO HOLD SUCH A BIG CAMP OVER THE NEW YEAR PERIOD IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO MARK THIS OCCASION.+

MR. AKERS-JONES ALSO PRAISED THE ARMY FOR MAKING THE SEK KONG CAMP AVAILABLE. HE SAID THAT THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, LIEUTENANT GENERAL SIR JOHN ARCHER, HAD ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO OPEN THE CAMP.

MR. AKERS-JONES SAID THE SCOUT MOVEMENT WAS EXPANDING RAPIDLY IN HONG KONG, AND PARTICULARLY THE NEW TERRITORIES. +THERE ARE NOW JUST 6,000 SCOUTS IN THE NT, REPRESENTING A QUARTER OF THE HONG KONG TOTAL,+ HE SAID.

+THE NUMBER OF RECRUITS IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS HAS INCREASED BY 60 PER CENT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, AND IT IS GRATIFYING TO SEE SO MANY YOUNGSTERS TAKING PART IN SUCH HEALTHY ACTIVITIES.+

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KOWLOON TONG
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A NUMBER OF ROADS IN KOWLOON TONG WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TOMORROW (THURSDAY) TO IMPROVE THE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IN THE AREA AROUND CUMBERLAND ROAD.

WITH EFFECT FROM 10 A.M. CUMBERLAND ROAD BETWEEN BOUNDARY STREET AND THE SOUTHERN JUNCTION OF ESSEX CRESCENT WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND TO TWO-WAY, CUMBERLAND ROAD BETWEEN RUTLAND QUADRANT AND THE NORTHERN JUNCTION OF ESSEX CRESCENT WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND, CUMBERLAND ROAD BETWEEN THE SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN JUNCTIONS OF ESSEX CRESCENT WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND TO TWO-WAY, EXCEPT THAT THE CIRCULATION OF TRAFFIC AROUND THE PARK SITUATED AT THE CENTRE OF SOUTHERN JUNCTION OF ESSEX CRESCENT WILL BE ROUTED ONE-WAY CLOCKWISE, RUTLAND QUADRANT BETWEEN YORK ROAD AND STAFFORD ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY EASTBOUND AND, STAFFORD ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED TO ADVISE MOTORISTS.

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WATER CUT
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN MONG KOK WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 A.M. ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 17) TO ALLOW THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO CARRY OUT A NIGHT LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY LAI CHIK ROAD, MAPLE STREET, WILLOW STREET, TUNG CHAU STREET, TONG MEI ROAD AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, INCLUDING SYCAMORE STREET, MONG KOK FIRE STATION AND LADY GRANTHAM VILLAGE.

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