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APPOINTMENT OF FINANCIAL ADVISER FOR
LANTAU FIXED CROSSING AND AIRPORT RAILWAY PROJECTS
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPOINTED KLEINWORT BENSON LTD AS FINANCIAL ADVISER FOR THE LANTAU FIXED CROSSING AND AIRPORT RAILWAY PROJECTS.

A TRANSPORT BRANCH SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY): "KLEINWORT BENSON LTD HAS EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN THE PRIVATISATION OF MAJOR TRANSPORT PROJECTS.

"THE FIRM HAS ACTED AS FINANCIAL ADVISER TO SIMILAR PROJECTS IN THE UK. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THEIR APPOINTMENT WILL GREATLY ASSIST GOVERNMENT IN THE INVITATION OF PROPOSALS FOR THE LANTAU FIXED CROSSING FRANCHISE.

"THE TRANSPORT BRANCH IS PLANNING TO ISSUE SUCH INVITATION IN LATE SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR. THE ENGAGEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL ADVISER REPRESENTS ANOTHER STEP FORWARD IN THIS PRIVATISATION EXERCISE."

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE AIRPORT RAILWAY WAS INTENDED TO PROVIDE A DUAL SERVICE - AN EXPRESS AND DEDICATED SERVICE FOR AIRPORT PASSENGERS AS WELL AS A COMMUTER SERVICE.

"THE AIRPORT SERVICE WILL ENABLE PASSENGERS TO HAVE A CONVENIENT, FAST AND RELIABLE ACCESS TO THE AIRPORT, AND AT THE SAME TIME GREATLY REDUCE THE TRAFFIC CONGESTION ON ROADS, GENERATED BY THE AIRPORT TRAFFIC.

"ITS COMMUTER SERVICE WILL ALSO REDUCE THE PRESSURE ON THE MTR TSUEN WAN LINE.

"THE FINANCIAL ADVISER IS EXPECTED TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE CONSULTANTS OF THE AIRPORT RAILWAY FEASIBILITY STUDY WHICH IS NOW UNDERWAY AND TO ADVISE GOVERNMENT ON THE MOST APPROPRIATE FINANCIAL STRATEGY FOR THIS IMPORTANT PROJECT."

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DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS APPOINTED
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THE DIRECTOR OF THE SERIOUS FRAUD OFFICE AND A FORMER DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS FOR ENGLAND AND WALES, MR JOHN WOOD, HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS THE NEW DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS FOR HONG KONG.

MR WOOD, 59, HAS MORE THAN 30 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN PROSECUTIONS WORK IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND IS THE FIRST DIRECTOR OF THE SERIOUS FRAUD OFFICE.

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MR WOOD WILL RELINQUISH THAT POST TO TAKE UP THIS NEW APPOINTMENT. HE IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN HONG KONG IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

MR WOOD WAS ADMITTED AS A SOLICITOR IN 1955 AND JOINED THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS IN 1958. HE ACQUIRED EXPERIENCE IN VARIOUS DIVISIONS OF THAT OFFICE AND WAS INVOLVED IN PRESENTATION OF CASES IN THE COURTS, AND IN THE HANDLING OF MAJOR PROSECUTIONS.

IN JULY 1985 MR WOOD WAS APPOINTED DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND WAS IN OVERALL CHARGE OF ALL OPERATIONAL WORK. HE WAS CONCERNED WITH THE MOST SERIOUS MURDERS AND FRAUDS AND WAS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAWYERS AND ACCOUNTANTS IN THE OFFICE. HE HAS ALSO BEEN HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES IN THE CROWN PROSECUTIONS SERVICE.

THE SERIOUS FRAUD OFFICE WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1987. AS ITS DIRECTOR, MR WOOD HAS SUPERVISED THE MOST COMPLEX CASES SUCH AS THOSE RELATING TO THE TAKEOVER OF DISTILLERS PLC BY GUINNESS, AND TO THE BATTLE FOR THE HOUSE OF FRASER GROUP.

HE IS THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE BUSINESS CRIME COMMITTEE OF THE SECTION ON BUSINESS LAW OF THE INTERNATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION.

MR WOOD HAS TRAVELLED EXTENSIVELY, HAS VISITED HONG KONG SEVERAL TIMES, AND HAS BEEN A REGULAR SPEAKER AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES. HE ALSO HAS A DISTINGUISHED RECORD AS A SPORTSMAN, AND HAS PLAYED RUGBY FOR HARLEQUINS.

MR WOOD IS MARRIED WITH TWO GROWN UP SONS. HIS WIFE, JEAN, WILL BE COMING TO HONG KONG WITH HIM.

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PARTICIPANTS COMMITTED TO SUCCESS OF TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

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THE CONTRACTING PARTIES OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE ARE CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN THE MOST AMBITIOUS ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS IN HISTORY IN ORDER TO DEVELOP A MORE OPEN, VIABLE AND DURABLE MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM.

THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR JOHN CHAN, SAID THIS TODAY (THURSDAY) WHEN OFFICIALLY OPENING THE "TRADE AND INVESTMENT 90" EXHIBITION AT THE CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE.

MR CHAN SAID: "THESE NEGOTIATIONS ARE LONG AND ARDUOUS AND THERE ARE MANY PROBLEMS TO BE RESOLVED, BUT ALL THE PARTICIPANTS ARE COMMITTED TO THE SUCCESS OF THE URUGUAY ROUND."

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HE QUOTED THE OPINION OF A PAMPHLET PRODUCED BY THE ORGANISERS TO PROMOTE THE EXHIBITION, THAT WITH THE RAPID ECONOMIC GROWTH OF THE LAST DECADE, THE ASIA/PACIFIC REGION HAD BEEN A MOST ATTRACTIVE INVESTMENT FOR GLOBAL INVESTORS.

IT HAD DRAWN MORE DIRECT UNITED STATES INVESTMENT THAN ANY OTHER PART OF THE WORLD, AND HAD PROVEN ITSELF TO BE A MOST PROFITABLE INVESTMENT GROUND FOR FOREIGN COMPANIES IN THE RECENT DECADE.

LOOKING INTO THE 90S, THE PAMPHLET COMMENTED, THE REGION WAS ANTICIPATED TO HAVE EVEN MORE TO OFFER GLOBAL TRADERS AND INVESTORS AS AN INVESTMENT SITE ON THE ONE HAND AND TO EMERGE AS A NEW SOURCE OF CAPITAL FUNDS ON THE OTHER.

"I HEARTILY ENDORSE THESE REMARKS," MR CHAN SAID.

"MODERN TECHNOLOGY, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA OF COMMUNICATIONS, HAS CONTINUOUSLY BROUGHT THE WORLD'S MARKETS AND ECONOMIES CLOSER TOGETHER AND MADE THEM MORE INTER-DEPENDENT.

"IN TRADE AND INVESTMENT, AND EVEN IN PRODUCTION, WE MUST INCREASINGLY LOOK BEYOND NATIONAL OR TERRITORIAL BOUNDARIES AND THINK IN GLOBAL TERMS.

"WE MUST SEEK, IN OUR OWN INTERESTS, AS WELL AS THOSE OF OTHERS, TO DISMANTLE BARRIERS TO THE FREE AND SMOOTH FLOW OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INVESTMENT."

MR CHAN SAID IN THE FIELD OF INVESTMENT MORE AND MORE OF THE WORLD'S ECONOMIES WERE PLAYING THE DUAL ROLE, SEEKING BOTH INVESTMENT FROM ABROAD AND LOOKING FOR INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN OTHER ECONOMIES.

"THIS TREND TOWARDS GLOBALISATION AND MULTILATERALISM SHOULD BE WELCOMED AND ENCOURAGED," HE SAID.

MR CHAN DESCRIBED THE EXHIBITION AS "PARTICULARLY TIMELY". HONG KONG PROVIDED THE IDEAL VENUE FOR SUCH EVENTS, HE SAID; NOT ONLY DID WE OFFER EXCELLENT PHYSICAL FEATURES, BUT WE ALSO PROVIDED THE PERFECT ENVIRONMENT.

"HONG KONG IS STRATEGICALLY LOCATED ON THE WESTERN RIM OF THE FAST-GROWING ASIA PACIFIC REGION," HE SAID.

IT HAD WELL ESTABLISHED TRADE, INVESTMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS LINKS WITH ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

"ABOVE ALL, IT IS ONE OF THE WORLD'S FREEST AND MOST OPEN ECONOMIES, IN WHICH THE ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT FLOURISHES AND HARD WORK IS AMPLY REWARDED," HE ADDED.

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MAXIMISING ACCESS OF HK'S EXPORTS IMPORTANT

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THE GOVERNMENT IS FULLY AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF MAXIMISING ACCESS OF HONG KONG'S EXPORTS IN OVERSEAS MARKETS, AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG, SAID THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING.

"TO THIS END WE SHALL TRY OUR BEST IN THE CURRENT URUGUAY ROUND OF MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS TO ACHIEVE AN OPEN MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN GENERAL, AND TO SECURE AN MFA-BASED TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENT FOR TEXTILES AND CLOTHING IN PARTICULAR," HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT A SEMINAR ON "OPPORTUNITIES FOR GARMENT MANUFACTURERS IN THE 90'S", MR CHEUNG SAID COUPLED WITH THE ADAPTABILITY AND VERSATILITY OF HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURERS, AN IMPROVED INTERNATIONAL TRADING SYSTEM WOULD CERTAINLY ENABLE OUR EXPORTS TO GROW FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH.

HE SAID LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE, HONG KONG'S GARMENT EXPORTS WERE FACING GREAT CHALLENGES IN THE 1990'S.

THE USA AND CANADA HAD ENTERED INTO A FREE TRADE AGREEMENT (FTA) WHOSE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE WAS THE EVENTUAL ELIMINATION OF TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF TRADE BARRIERS.

HOWEVER, THE IMPACT OF THE FTA ON THE COMPETITIVENESS OF HONG KONG'S EXPORTS TO THE TWO COUNTRIES SHOULD NOT GIVE UNDUE CAUSE FOR CONCERN, GIVEN THE PRICE DIFFERENTIALS AND THE RELATIVELY LONG DURATION OF TARIFF ELIMINATION UNDER THE FTA.

AS A MATTER OF FACT, HE SAID, HONG KONG COMPANIES SURVEYED BY THE TRADE DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FTA ON JANUARY 1 LAST YEAR GENERALLY EXPRESSED A CAUTIOUS WELCOME.

THEY NOTED THAT THE FTA SHOULD IMPROVE THE LEVEL OF PRODUCTION AND EMPLOYMENT IN CANADA, THEREBY INCREASING THE SIZE OF THE CANADIAN MARKET, MR CHEUNG SAID.

THEY CONSIDERED THAT, WITH THE PROSPECT OF GROWING CANADIAN DEMAND AND IMPROVED ACCESS TO THE U.S. MARKET, THE FTA SHOULD ALSO MAKE CANADA MORE ATTRACTIVE TO INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT.

TURNING TO THE EEC, MR CHEUNG SAID IT WAS QUITE DIFFICULT TO PREDICT, AT THIS MOMENT, THE LIKELY IMPACT OF THE SINGLE EUROPEAN MARKET ON THE GARMENT SECTOR.

"A MORE ACCURATE FORECAST OF THE LIKELY OUTCOME CAN PERHAPS ONLY BE MADE NEARER 1992 WHEN CLEARER INDICATIONS EMERGE," HE SAID.

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ON THE OPENING OF EASTERN EUROPE, MR CHEUNG SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CLOSELY MONITOR THE SITUATION TO ENSURE THAT ANY INCREASE IN TEXTILES QUOTAS THERE WOULD NOT BE GIVEN AT THE EXPENSE OF HONG KONG BY GRANTING A SMALLER GROWTH TO HONG KONG'S TEXTILES QUOTAS THAN IT WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE RECEIVED UNDER A FUTURE TEXTILES AGREEMENT.

IN THE FACE OF INCREASING PROTECTIONISM IN THE WEST, HONG KONG'S GARMENT MANUFACTURERS WERE WELL ADVISED TO DIRECT THEIR ATTENTION TO OTHER MARKETS SUCH AS JAPAN WHICH HAD NO QUOTA RESTRICTIONS ON GARMENT IMPORTS.

"RATHER THAN COMPETING WITH LOW-COST SUPPLIERS, HONG KONG SHOULD HOLD ON TO ITS POSITION IN THE MIDDLE-RANKING SLOT AND MOVE UP MARKET WITH BETTER QUALITY AND DESIGN TO MAKE OUR EXPORTS WORTH MORE," HE SAID.

MR CHEUNG SAID JAPAN WAS A SUBSTANTIAL MARKET WITH HIGH PURCHASING POWER. HONG KONG IS JAPAN'S FIFTH LARGEST SUPPLIER OF GARMENTS AFTER SOUTH KOREA, CHINA, TAIWAN AND ITALY.

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EXCO APPROVES MAXIMUM WEIGHT LIMIT FOR ARTICULATED VEHICLES

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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS GIVEN APPROVAL FOR LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS TO BE MADE FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF A NEW TYPE OF ARTICULATED VEHICLE TO PREVENT OVERLOADING OF THESE VEHICLES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ERECTION OF NEW TRAFFIC SIGNS TO ENSURE THE EFFICIENT OPERATION OF WEIGH STATIONS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE AMENDMENTS WOULD PERMIT THE USE OF AN ARTICULATED VEHICLE WITH A MINIMUM OF SIX AXLES AND A GROSS COMBINED WEIGHT OF UP TO 44 TONNES.

THIS WAS IN LINE WITH THE PRACTICE IN SOME EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND WAS EXPECTED TO REDUCE ROAD DAMAGE BY SPREADING THE LOAD OVER MORE AXLES.

THE PRESENT REGULATIONS PERMIT THE MAXIMUM GROSS COMBINED WEIGHT OF 38 TONNES FOR A FIVE-AXLED ARTICULATED VEHICLE.

TO ALLOW GREATER FLEXIBILITY FOR GOODS VEHICLE OPERATORS TO CHOOSE EQUIPMENT BEST SUITED TO THEIR OPERATIONS, THE AMENDMENTS ALSO PROVIDE FOR VARIOUS INNER AXLE SPACINGS TO ALLOW FOR INCREMENTAL GROSS COMBINED WEIGHTS AT 40 AND 42 TONNES.

THE GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT OF A TRAILER WOULD ALSO BE INCREASED FROM THE SPECIFIED LIMIT OF 32 TO 38 TONNES AS THE UNLADEN WEIGHT OF A TRAILER IS ABOUT FIVE TO SEVEN TONNES, AND THE CONTAINER IT CARRIES MAY WEIGH UP TO 30 TONNES.

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THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT OVERLOADING CAUSED SERIOUS DAMAGE TO ROADS AND WAS DETRIMENTAL TO ROAD SAFETY.

THE LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS ALSO PROVIDE FOR A NEW SET OF TRAFFIC SIGNS TO BE ERECTED TO FACILITATE THE OPERATION OF WEIGH STATIONS.

THE SIGNS WILL BE ERECTED ON THE APPROACHES TO THE STATIONS TO DIRECT GOODS VEHICLES ABOVE THE SPECIFIED WEIGHT LIMIT OF 5.5 TONNES TO PROCEED ALONG THE NEARSIDE LANE OF THE TRUNK ROAD WHERE A NORMAL SPEED WEIGHTING DEVICE IS INSTALLED TO SCREEN PASSING VEHICLES.

"WHEN AN OVERLOADED VEHICLE PASSES THROUGH THE SENSOR OF THE DEVICE, A TRAFFIC SIGN WILL BE ILLUMINATED, OBLIGING THE VEHICLE TO PROCEED TO THE WEIGH STATION FOR ACCURATE WEIGHING AND ENFORCEMENT ACTION.

"TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES, SUCH AS THE USE OF CARRIAGEWAY MARKINGS, WILL BE INTRODUCED TO ENSURE THAT THE VEHICLES CONCERNED WILL PROCEED TO THE WEIGH STATIONS.

"OVER-WEIGHT VEHICLES WILL BE REQUIRED TO UNLOAD PART OF THEIR LOAD BEFORE THEY ARE PERMITTED TO CONTINUE THEIR JOURNEY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE PRESENT REGULATIONS PROVIDE THAT IT IS AN OFFENCE TO DRIVE OR CAUSE TO BE DRIVEN AN OVERLOADED GOODS VEHICLE OR SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLE ON A ROAD.

UNTIL RECENTLY, THE POLICE HAVE BEEN RELYING ON PORTABLE WEIGHING EQUIPMENT AND WEIGH BRIDGES TO TAKE ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST OFFENDING TRUCK DRIVERS.

TO TACKLE OVERLOADING EFFECTIVELY, A NUMBER OF STRATEGICALLY LOCATED, PURPOSE-BUILT VEHICLE WEIGH STATIONS ARE BEING PLANNED AND CONSTRUCTED. THESE WILL PROVIDE CONSTANT CHECKING OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES OF DESIGNATED CATEGORIES AT STRATEGIC POINTS ALONG THE ROAD NETWORK.

THE FIRST PERMANENT WEIGH STATIONS AT MA LIU SHUI, SHA TIN, ALONG THE TOLO HIGHWAY, CAME INTO OPERATION ON JANUARY 15 THIS YEAR. THE NEXT ONE IS BEING PLANNED AT TAI LAM KOK, ALONG THE TUEN MUN HIGHWAY.

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MARINE COURT TO INVESTIGATE CATAMARAN CASUALTY

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THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED A MARINE COURT TO CONDUCT A FORMAL INVESTIGATION INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE INCIDENT IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR INVOLVING THE HONG KONG REGISTERED VESSEL, APOLLO JET.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COURT IS MAGISTRATE MR HENRY LIONEL BRAZIER ASSISTED BY TWO MARINE ASSESSORS, MR ALAN WILLIAM CURTIS AND MR JOHN TREVOR KAY-RUSSELL.

IT IS INTENDED THAT THE HEARING WILL TAKE PLACE IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR.

THE CASUALTY INVOLVED A HIGH SPEED WATER JET PROPELLED CATAMARAN, WHICH IS OWNED AND OPERATED BY HONG KONG MACAO HYDROFOIL COMPANY LIMITED. IT OCCURRED WHEN THE VESSEL ENTERED YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER AT SPEED, APPARENTLY OUT OF CONTROL.

THE VESSEL COLLIDED WITH AND DAMAGED SEVERAL VESSELS BEFORE STRANDING ON THE SEAWALL.

FOUR PERSONS DIED AND SEVEN WERE INJURED AS A RESULT, ALTHOUGH THE CREW ESCAPED ANY INJURY.

THE CATAMARAN WAS NOT CARRYING PASSENGERS AT THE TIME AND WAS ON ITS WAY BACK TO ITS OVERNIGHT MOORINGS.

ANNOUNCING THE MARINE COURT'S APPOINTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY), THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MARINE (SHIPPING), MR JOHN TSE, SAID THE CASUALTY HAD BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A PRELIMINARY INQUIRY CONDUCTED BY TWO MARINE DEPARTMENT SURVEYORS.

IT WAS ON THE BASIS OF THEIR REPORT THAT THE GOVERNOR HAD APPOINTED A MARINE COURT.

ITS MAIN PURPOSE, HE SAID, WAS TO FIND THE CAUSE AND ADVISE THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE ON MEASURES TO PREVENT A SIMILAR ACCIDENT, ALTHOUGH THE OWNERS HAD ALREADY IMPLEMENTED SOME PREVENTIVE MEASURES IDENTIFIED BY THE INVESTIGATING SURVEYORS.

MR TSE SAID: "PREPARATIONS FOR PRESENTING THIS VERY COMPLEX CASE TO COURT ARE WELL ADVANCED AND INCLUDE THE COMMISSIONING OF A FURTHER REPORT BY AN EXPERT FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM.

"THESE LENGTHY PREPARATIONS AND THE UNAVAILABILITY OF SOME MEMBERS OF THE COURT DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS MEAN THE EARLIEST DATE THE COURT CAN CONVENE IS OCTOBER."

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PUBLIC URGED TO MAKE USE OF DISTRICT OFFICE SERVICES

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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR DUNCAN PESCOD, TODAY (THURSDAY) URGED KOWLOON CITY RESIDENTS TO MAKE FULL USE OF THE VARIOUS SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE'S HUNG HOM SUB-OFFICE, MR PESCOD SAID DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF WERE KEEN TO SERVE RESIDENTS OF HUNG HOM AND KOWLOON CITY.

HE SAID HIS STAFF WOULD FURTHER STEP UP LIAISON WITH RESIDENTS.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SIK-KONG, POINTED OUT THAT HUNG HOM WAS AN OLD DISTRICT WITH LARGE NEW HOUSING ESTATES.

HENCE, HE SAID, THE HUNG HOM SUB-OFFICE HAD AN IMPORTANT TASK IN BRINGING NEW AND OLD RESIDENTS TOGETHER.

THE HUNG HOM SUB-OFFICE HAS MOVED FROM ITS OLD ADDRESS IN BULKELEY STREET TO THE GROUND FLOOR OF SITE 5, WHAMPOA GARDEN. IT PROVIDES STATUTORY DECLARATION AND OTHER SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC AND HANDLES PUBLIC ENQUIRIES.

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NORTH DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS WORK PROGRAMME

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THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS ITS WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE CURRENT YEAR AT A MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE PREPARATION WORK FOR THE NORTH DISTRICT COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES SHOW WHICH WILL BE HELD LATER THIS MONTH.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSPORT PROGRAMMES

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THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSPORT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSPORT PROJECTS TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THE DISTRICT THIS YEAR AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE SHORTENING OF THE GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE PLYING BETWEEN SHING MUN RESERVOIR AND TSUEN WAN FERRY PIER AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITIONAL PEDESTRIAN CROSSING IN WO YI HOP ROAD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSPORT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, SECOND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, TSUEN WAN.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS

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THE CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS AND COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS IN 1990-91 AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE PLANNED ANTI-CORRUPTION SERVICES AND EDUCATION WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT BY ITS KOWLOON EAST/SAI KUNG REGIONAL OFFICE DURING THE YEAR.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO STUDY REPORTS ON LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS AND COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, THIRD FLOOR, 6 TUNG YAN STREET.

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MORE NEW GMB ROUTES TO BE ANNOUNCED

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ANOTHER PACKAGE OF GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES WILL BE PUT UP FOR TENDER IN JULY, THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR PANG HAU-CHUNG, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE PACKAGE WOULD INCLUDE A TOTAL OF ABOUT 25 ROUTES WITH ABOUT SEVEN USING THE NEWLY OPENED ROUTE 5 AND THE TSEUNG KWAN O TUNNEL TO BE OPENED LATER THIS YEAR, HE SAID.

AT A MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND NEW TERRITORIES PUBLIC AND MAXICAB LIGHT BUS MERCHANTS' UNITED ASSOCIATION TODAY, MR PANG SAID THIS WOULD BE THE SECOND PACKAGE OF NEW ROUTES TO BE INTRODUCED THIS YEAR IN AN EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE THE CONVERSION OF RED MINIBUSES TO GREEN MINIBUSES.

A SELECTION BOARD WOULD SOON SELECT APPLICANTS TO OPERATE THE 10 NEW GMB ROUTES ANNOUNCED IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR. IT WAS EXPECTED THAT THE NEW GMB ROUTES COULD BE INTRODUCED FROM JULY ONWARDS.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE MEETING WERE SEVERAL DISTRICT BOARD AND REGIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS.

MR PANG ADDED THAT THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO IDENTIFY AND DRAW UP MORE NEW ROUTES IN THE COMING MONTHS.

HE REITERATED THAT THE EXISTING GOVERNMENT POLICY ON PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WAS TO MAINTAIN THE NUMBER OF PLB'S AND GRADUALLY TO CONVERT THEM TO GMB'S WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF GMB ROUTES.

ON THE QUESTION OF ALLOWING PLB'S TO RUN SERVICES INSIDE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, MR PANG SAID THE EXISTING POLICY TO RESTRICT PLB OPERATING AREAS WOULD CONTINUE.

TO RELIEVE TRANSPORT DEMANDS WITHIN HOUSING ESTATES DURING RUSH HOURS, GMB ROUTES WOULD BE INTRODUCED. AS FOR LARGER HOUSING ESTATES, THESE COULD BE SERVED BY RESIDENTIAL COACHES.

MR PANG SAID FOR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT REASONS THE DEPARTMENT WAS NOT IN FAVOUR OF PLB'S ENTERING HOUSING ESTATES.

HE SAID PLB ASSOCIATIONS AND DISTRICT BOARDS WOULD BE CONSULTED ON THE INTRODUCTION OF MORE GMB ROUTES AND HE HOPED THAT THE CONVERSION OF RMB'S TO GMB'S WOULD BE SPED UP.

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GRADING OF BEACH WATER QUALITY
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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF ALL BATHING BEACHES IN HONG KONG.

THE PURPOSE OF THE GRADING SYSTEM IS TO INFORM SWIMMERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT THE STATE OF BACTERIAL POLLUTION AT VARIOUS BEACHES. THE GRADING WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT BIWEEKLY INTERVALS DURING THE BATHING SEASON, TO COINCIDE WITH THE FREQUENCY AT WHICH BEACH WATERS ARE USUALLY SAMPLED.

THE GRADING IS BASED ON THE MOST RECENT E. COLI DATA OBTAINED BY THE EPD IN ITS ROUTINE MONITORING PROGRAMME.

AS WITH LAST YEAR, THE GRADING ALSO INCLUDES AN ESTIMATE OF THE RISK OF SUFFERING SOME MINOR SKIN OR GASTROINTESTINAL COMPLAINTS AS A RESULT OF SWIMMING AT A BEACH WHICH HAS SOME DEGREE OF POLLUTION. THE ESTIMATE IS BASED ON A VERY LARGE BODY OF STATISTICAL INFORMATION GATHERED IN HONG KONG IN RECENT BATHING SEASONS.

THE GRADING OF SOME BEACHES MAY VARY DURING THE SUMMER. THIS REPRESENTS A NATURAL FLUCTUATION IN THE BACTERIAL QUALITY OF BATHING WATERS IN MOST CASES, AS RAIN AND TIDES BRING MORE OR LESS POLLUTION TO THE BEACHES. HOWEVER, THE GRADES GIVE A GOOD GENERAL PICTURE OF THE WATER QUALITY AT BATHING BEACHES AT THE TIME OF REPORTING AND FORM THE BEST AVAILABLE FORECAST FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

THE SYSTEM FOR GRADING BEACH WATER QUALITY IS AS FOLLOWS:

GRADE "1" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS GOOD. THE E. COLI COUNT IS NO MORE THAN 24 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED RISK OF MINOR ILLNESS TO SWIMMERS IS UNDETECTABLE.

GRADE "2" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS FAIR. THE E. COLI COUNT IS NO MORE THAN 180 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS NO MORE THAN 10 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

GRADE "3" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS ACCEPTABLE. THE E.COLI COUNT IS NO MORE THAN 610 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS NO MORE THAN 15 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

GRADE "4" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS POOR. THE E. COLI COUNT IS MORE THAN 610 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS MORE THAN 15 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

THE DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO CLOSE A BEACH TO SWIMMERS IS BASED ON A JUDGEMENT OF WHAT DEGREE OF POLLUTION IS ACCEPTABLE.

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NORMALLY, THE CLOSURE OF A BEACH WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED BY THE URBAN OR REGIONAL COUNCIL IF A "4" GRADING OCCURRED REPEATEDLY, SO THAT THE AVERAGE HEALTH RISK OVER THE BATHING SEASON EXCEEDED 15 CASES PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

SIMILARLY, THE REOPENING OF A CLOSED BEACH WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED IF A "3" GRADE OR BETTER WERE CONSISTENTLY OBTAINED.

AT PRESENT, TWO BATHING BEACHES, NAMELY CASTLE PEAK AND OLD CAFETERIA, HAVE BEEN DECLARED UNSUITABLE FOR SWIMMING PURPOSES, BASED ON THE WATER QUALITY DURING PAST SEASONS.

THEY ARE POLLUTED BY FAECAL WASTES AND FAIL TO ACHIEVE CONSISTENTLY THE HONG KONG STANDARDS. THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED NOT TO SWIM IN THE WATER AT THESE TWO BEACHES.

IN ADDITION, ROCKY BAY BEACH HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR SWIMMING PURPOSES BY THE URBAN COUNCIL. THESE THREE BEACHES ARE IDENTIFIED BY AN "X" IN THE FOLLOWING LIST.

THE GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF VARIOUS BEACHES IN HONG KONG AS AT TODAY ARE LISTED BELOW:

BEACH	LAST GRADING (AS AT 3.5.90)	PRESENT GRADING (AS AT 17.5.90)
HONG KONG SOUTH		
BIG WAVE BAY	2	4
CHUNG HOM KOK	2	2
DEEP WATER BAY	1	1
HAIRPIN	1	2
MIDDLE BAY	1	1
REPULSE BAY	1	1
SHEK O	2	3
SOUTH BAY	1	1
ST STEPHEN'S	1	1
TURTLE COVE	2	2
STANLEY MAIN	1	2
ROCKY BAY	X	X
TO TEI WAN*	1	1

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TUEN MUN DISTRICT		
OLD CAFETERIA	X	X
NEW CAFETERIA	3	2
CASTLE PEAK	X	X
KADOORIE	3	2
BUTTERFLY	3	2
ISLANDS DISTRICT		
CHEUNG SHA UPPER	1	1
CHEUNG SHA LOWER	2	2
DISCOVERY BAY*	2	2
HUNG SHING YEH	1	1
KWUN YAM WAN	2	1
TONG FUK	1	1
LO SO SHING	1	1
PUI O	1	2
SILVERMINE BAY	4	4
TUNG WAN, CHEUNG CHAU	2	2
TUNG O*	1	2
SAI KUNG DISTRICT		
CAMPERS	1	1
CLEAR WATER BAY 1ST BEACH	1	1
CLEAR WATER BAY 2ND BEACH	1	1
HAP MUN BAY	1	1
KIU TSUI	1	1
PAK SHA CHAU	1	1
SILVERSTRAND	3	3
TRIO (HEBE HAVEN)	2	2

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TSUEN WAN DISTRICT

ANGLERS'	2	2
APPROACH	3	2
CASAM	2	2
GEMINI	2	2
HOI MEI WAN	3	2
LIDO	2	2
TING KAU	4	3
TUNG WAN, MA WAN	1	2

NOTE: "X" THE BEACH HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR SWIMMING PURPOSES.
* NON-GAZETTED BEACHES.

THE FOLLOWING BEACHES HAVE CHANGED GRADING ON THIS OCCASION:

KWUN YAM WAN, FROM "2" TO "1"; APPROACH, HOI MEI WAN, NEW CAFETERIA, KADOORIE AND BUTTERFLY, FROM "3" TO "2"; HAIRPIN, STANLEY MAIN, PUI O, TUNG O AND TUNG WAN ON MA WAN, FROM "1" TO "2"; SHEK O, FROM "2" TO "3".

THE CHANGES ARE WITHIN THE NORMAL RANGE OF FLUCTUATION OF THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF THESE BEACHES.

TING KAU, FROM "4" TO "3".

TING KAU BEACH IS UPGRADED ON THIS OCCASION, AS REMEDIAL ACTION HAD BEEN TAKEN TO STOP THE OVERFLOW OF SEWAGE FROM THE MANHOLE OF A SEWAGE OUTFALL NEAR THE BEACH.

BIG WAVE, FROM "2" TO "4".

THE DOWNGRADING OF BIG WAVE BAY BEACH IS DUE TO THE RECENT HEAVY RAINFALL WHICH HAS CAUSED POLLUTANTS IN THE BEACH HINTERLAND TO BE FLUSHED INTO THE SEAWATER.

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TRAINING COURSE ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT

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THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL ORGANISE A TRAINING COURSE NEXT MONTH TO ENABLE RESIDENTS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT MULTI-STOREY BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

THE COURSE, ORGANISED FOR THE SECOND SUCCESSIVE YEAR, AIMS AT MOTIVATING MEMBERS OF OWNERS CORPORATIONS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES TO PLAY A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN THE PROPER MANAGEMENT OF THEIR BUILDINGS.

A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT IN VIEW OF THE OVERWHELMING RESPONSE LAST YEAR, THIS YEAR'S INTAKE WOULD BE INCREASED TO 70 PARTICIPANTS.

EXPERTS IN THE FIELD WILL SPEAK ON TOPICS INCLUDING THE SELECTION AND MONITORING OF A MANAGEMENT COMPANY, DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT, UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS, MAINTENANCE WORK AND FIRE SAFETY.

THE COURSE WILL BE HELD FROM 8 PM TO 10 PM ON JUNE 12, 15, 22 AND 26 IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, 880-866 KING'S ROAD.

AN ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATE WILL BE AWARDED TO EACH PARTICIPANT ON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE WITH AT LEAST A 75 PER CENT ATTENDANCE RATE. A NOMINAL FEE OF $10 WILL BE CHARGED FOR THE COURSE.

THE COURSE IS CO-ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT FEDERATION OF MULTI-STOREY BUILDING ORGANISATIONS, WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE COURSE PROGRAMME AND APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, ITS THREE SUB-OFFICES AND THE HENG FA CHUEN PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICES COUNTER.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE BY JUNE 4. TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO THE EASTERN DISTRICT BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM ON 563 0181.

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FAREWELL RECEPTION AT TUEN MUN CLOSED CENTRE

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A FAREWELL RECEPTION WAS HELD AT THE TUEN MUN CLOSED CENTRE TODAY (THURSDAY) TO MARK THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S HANDING OVER OF THE CENTRE'S MANAGEMENT TO THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES ALSO ATTENDED THE RECEPTION.

THE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR GARTH HYDES, PRESENTED SOUVENIRS TO THE STAFF TO EXPRESS HIS APPRECIATION OF THEIR MANY YEARS OF HARD WORK IN RUNNING THE CENTRE.

MEANWHILE, IN ANOTHER OCCASION AT THE SAN YICK CLOSED CENTRE, REFUGEE REPRESENTATIVES PRESENTED SOUVENIRS TO THE CENTRE'S SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF TO SHOW APPRECIATION FOR THEIR WORK.

THE TUEN MUN AND SAN YICK CLOSED CENTRES HAD BEEN MANAGED BY THE CSD SINCE 1985 AND 1988 RESPECTIVELY. THE DEPARTMENT WILL OFFICIALLY PASS THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CENTRES ON TO THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT FROM MONDAY (MAY 21).

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WINNERS OF STORY WRITING COMPETITION SELECTED

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FIFTEEN YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE DEMONSTRATED THEIR WRITING TALENT IN A CREATIVE STORY WRITING COMPETITION SPONSORED BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

THEY WILL BE AWARDED CASH PRIZES, PLAQUES AND CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE TERRITORY-WIDE HONG KONG YOUTH CULTURAL AND ARTS COMPETITIONS, AT THE CITY HALL ON AUGUST 11.

THE STORY WRITING COMPETITION WAS ORGANISED BY THE SCOUTS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG AS PART OF THE HONG KONG YOUTH CULTURAL AND ARTS COMPETITIONS, WHICH IS ALSO SPONSORED BY THE CNTA.

THE STORY WRITING COMPETITION ATTRACTED OF MORE THAN 250 ENTRIES IN THE OPEN, SENIOR AND JUNIOR SECTIONS.

FOLLOWING A PRELIMINARY SELECTION, THE AUTHORS OF FIVE ENTRIES FROM EACH SECTION WERE INTERVIEWED BY A PANEL OF ADJUDICATORS COMPRISING WELL-KNOWN PERSONALITIES FROM THE LOCAL ACADEMIC CIRCLE.

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DURING THE INTERVIEW, HELD RECENTLY, THE ADJUDICATORS DISCUSSED WITH THE FINALISTS ABOUT THE CONTENT AND COMPOSITION OF THEIR ENTRIES AND GAVE ADVICE ON CREATIVE WRITING SKILL.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, ALSO MET THE FINALISTS AND ENCOURAGED THEM TO FURTHER CULTIVATE THEIR INTEREST IN WRITING.

HE THANKED THE SCOUTS ASSOCIATION FOR ORGANISING THE STORY WRITING COMPETITION.

"IT IS ALL THE MORE MEANINGFUL FOR THE ASSOCIATION TO ORGANISE THE COMPETITION BECAUSE IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE ASSOCIATION'S AIM TO PROMOTE THE PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE BY PROVIDING VARIOUS TRAINING COURSES AND AWARD SCHEMES.

"THEIR EFFORTS IN GROOMING YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE GOOD CITIZENS COINCIDE WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF THE HONG KONG YOUTH CULTURAL AND ARTS COMPETITIONS," HE ADDED.

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GROUND FLOOR OF A TSIM SHA TSUI FLAT TO BE CLOSED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE THE GROUND FLOOR OF 57 GRANVILLE ROAD IN TSIM SHA TSUI SO THAT THE DEMOLITION OF AN UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURE AND THE REINSTATEMENT OF PART OF THE EXTERNAL WALL AT THE REAR YARD OF THE PREMISES CAN BE CARRIED OUT WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPANTS OR TO THE PUBLIC.

THE CLOSURE IS PART OF AN EXERCISE TO ENFORCE AN ORDER ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE REMOVAL OF THE STRUCTURE AND REINSTATEMENT OF THE WALL.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON JULY 19 THIS YEAR WAS POSTED ON A CONSPICUOUS PART OF THE BUILDING TODAY (THURSDAY).

IT IS EXPECTED THAT DEMOLITION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT ONCE A CLOSURE ORDER IS OBTAINED.

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URBAN CLEARWAY IN WAN CHAI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (MAY 19), THE SECTION OF LOCKHART ROAD EASTBOUND BETWEEN HOUSE NO.179 AND HOUSE NO.211 WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY 24 HOURS DAILY.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EXISTING URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY ON THE ABOVE SECTION OF LOCKHART ROAD WILL BE CANCELLED.

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TEMPORARY NIGHT CLOSURE OF VEHICULAR UNDERPASS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE WINSLOW STREET VEHICULAR UNDERPASS IN HUNG HOM WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5 AM ON SATURDAY (MAY 19) TO FACILITATE CLEANSING OF THE UNDERPASS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, DRIVERS ON WINSLOW STREET HEADING FOR TO KWA WAN ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA WINSLOW STREET, CHATHAM ROAD NORTH, COOKE STREET, GILLIES AVENUE AND WUHU STREET.

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