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SIR PHILIP OPENS YAN OI POLYCLINIC

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THE GOVERNMENT AIMS TO PROVIDE A FULL SPECTRUM OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES -- SOME IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PHILANTHROPIC BODIES AND SUBVENTED AGENCIES, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE SAID TODAY.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE \$20 MILLION YAN OI POLYCLINIC IN TUEN MUN, BUILT WITH THE HELP OF A \$4 MILLION DONATION FROM A NEW TERRITORIES CHARITABLE ORGANISATION, YAN OI TONG.

THE POLYCLINIC IS A SIX-STORY BUILDING HOUSING A GENERAL OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT WITH SIX CONSULTATION ROOMS, A FAMILY HEALTH SERVICE CENTRE WITH MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICE AND FAMILY PLANNING, A DENTAL CLINIC, A CHEST SERVICE, A RADIODIAGNOSTIC CENTRE AND A PUBLIC LABORATORY.

+THIS PROJECT EXEMPLIFIES ONCE AGAIN THAT TRADITION OF PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE GENERAL BODY OF TAXPAYERS, ON THE ONE HAND, AND PHILANTHROPIC GROUPS WITH SPECIAL INTERESTS, ON THE OTHER, WHICH CHARACTERISES SO MUCH OF LIFE IN HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

SIR PHILIP ALSO SPOKE ON DISTRICT BOARDS AND GAVE A FIRM ASSURANCE THAT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, WORKING CLOSELY TOGETHER THROUGH THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, WITHIN THE GENERAL FRAMEWORK OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES, WILL LEND ALL THE SUPPORT THEY CAN TO DISTRICT BOARDS IN ALL THEIR ENDEAVOURS.

EARLIER, THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR K.L. THONG, SAID THE OPENING OF THE YAN OI POLYCLINIC REPRESENTED ANOTHER MAJOR MILESTONE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERED IT A TOP PRIORITY TO PROVIDE EVERY COMMUNITY WITH PRIMARY HEALTH CARE FACILITIES..

+PRIMARY HEALTH CARE,+ HE EXPLAINED, +CONSISTS OF HEALTH SERVICES THAT ARE ESSENTIAL FOR PROMOTING AND MAINTAINING BASIC HEALTH CARE OF EACH AND EVERY INDIVIDUAL IN A COMMUNITY.+

THE SYSTEM COVERS A WIDE RANGE OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES INCLUDING OUT-PATIENT SERVICES, FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES, HEALTH EDUCATION, DISEASE CONTROL AND OTHER PROMOTIVE AND PREVENTIVE HEALTH MEASURES.

+EMBODIED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE YAN OI POLYCLINIC THEREFORE ARE THE ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS OF SUCH PRIMARY HEALTH CARE FOR THE COMMUNITY,+ HE SAID.

ADJACENT TO THE YAN OI POLYCLINIC WILL BE THE SITE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SECOND STAGE OF THE POLYCLINIC, WHICH WILL ACCOMMODATE SPECIALIST FACILITIES INCLUDING EAR-NOSE-THROAT, OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY, SURGERY, PAEDIATRICS, GERIATRICS, A PSYCHIATRIC OUT-PATIENT AND DAY CENTRE, A RENAL DIALYSIS CENTRE AND SOCIAL HYGIENE.

IN ADDITION TO THIS POLYCLINIC, A HOSPITAL WITH 1 156 BEDS WILL BE COMPLETED IN MID-80'S TO RENDER EMERGENCY AND SPECIALIST SERVICES TO THE LOCAL POPULATION AND TO BOOST THE OVERALL PROVISION OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES IN THE TUEN MUN TOWN.

THE CHAIRMAN OF YAN OI TONG, MR LAU WONG-FAT, ALSO SPOKE AT THE CEREMONY.

HE SAID THAT APART FROM PROVIDING RESIDENTIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL PREMISES, THE PROVISION OF TRAFFIC, MEDICAL, RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES IS EQUALLY ESSENTIAL TO THE BUILDING UP OF A NEW TOWN.

IT WAS WITH THIS IN MIND THAT THE YAN OI TONG RAISED A SUM OF MORE THAN \$4 MILLION AND DONATED IT TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE POLYCLINIC WHICH WAS THE RESULT OF THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE LOCAL PEOPLE IN PROVIDING WELFARE FACILITIES FOR THE DISTRICT.

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EARLY WRITTEN TEST FOR TAXI LICENCES
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT EARLY WRITTEN TEST FOR TAXI LICENCES WILL BE ARRANGED IN AUGUST IN ORDER TO REDUCE WAITING TIME.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THOSE CANDIDATES ALREADY SCHEDULED TO TAKE THE URBAN TAXI WRITTEN TEST BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1, 1982, AND SEPTEMBER 30, 1983 MAY APPLY FOR THE SPECIAL TEST.

CANDIDATES WISHING TO REGISTER FOR AN EARLY TEST ARE REQUESTED TO REPORT TO COUNTER NO. 35, WRITTEN TEST UNIT, TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, PARK-IN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 9TH FLOOR, 56 DUNDAS STREET, MONG KOK, KOWLOON ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

TEST DATES ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED	DATE OF REGISTRATION FOR EARLY TEST
SEPTEMBER 1, 1982-FEBRUARY 28, 1983	APRIL 13, 1982-APRIL 20, 1982
MARCH 1, 1983 -SEPTEMBER 30, 1983	APRIL 22, 1982-APRIL 29, 1982

ONCE A CANDIDATE HAS REGISTERED FOR THE EARLY TEST, HIS/HER ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE CANCELLED, AND THEREAFTER, NO ALTERNATIVE TEST DATE OR POSTPONEMENT CAN BE ENTERTAINED.

HOWEVER, ANY CANDIDATE WHO DOES NOT WISH TO APPLY FOR EARLY TEST MAY RETAIN HIS ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT.

FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED BY CALLING TELEPHONE NO. 3-317723.

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT PRIORITY MEASURES IN QUEEN'S ROAD EAST
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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN QUEEN'S ROAD EAST AND OTHER ROAD SECTIONS IN WAN CHAI FROM 7 AM ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 31) TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE AREA.

TWO SECTIONS OF QUEEN'S ROAD EAST WILL BE DESIGNATED AS BUS ONLY LANES. THEY ARE:

- * THE WESTBOUND KERBSIDE LANE FROM A POINT 40 METRES WEST OF SHIP STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 25 METRES EAST OF ST. FRANCIS STREET.
- * THE WESTBOUND KERBSIDE LANE FROM A POINT ABOUT FIVE METRES WEST OF ST. FRANCIS STREET TO LANDALE STREET.

ALL VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE LANES BETWEEN 7 AM AND 10 AM AND BETWEEN 4 PM AND 7 PM FROM MONDAY TO SATURDAY.

A NUMBER OF ROAD SECTIONS WILL ALSO BE DESIGNATED AS URBAN CLEARWAYS AS FROM WEDNESDAY. THEY ARE:

- * WING FUNG STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH QUEEN'S ROAD EAST TO A POINT ABOUT 14 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION-
- * ANTON STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH QUEEN'S ROAD EAST TO A POINT ABOUT 18 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION-
- * ST. FRANCIS STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH QUEEN'S ROAD EAST TO A POINT ABOUT 18 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION-
- * LUN FAT STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH QUEEN'S ROAD EAST TO A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION-
- * SPRING GARDEN LANE FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH QUEEN'S ROAD EAST TO A POINT ABOUT 18 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION-
- * STONE NULLAH LANE FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH QUEEN'S ROAD EAST TO A POINT ABOUT 18 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION-
- * WAN CHAI ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH QUEEN'S ROAD EAST TO A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

WITHIN THESE CLEARWAYS, ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY.

IN ADDITION, ALL VEHICLES ON THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF QUEEN'S ROAD EAST WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING RIGHT INTO ANTON STREET.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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TEACHERS JOIN DISCUSSION TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATION
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STAFF FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND MORE THAN 970 TEACHERS FROM AIDED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL TAKE PART IN SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS TO BE HELD AT VARIOUS CENTRES TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO FURTHER IMPROVE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES.

THE AIM OF THE DISCUSSIONS IS TO PROVIDE TEACHERS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CLOSE CONTACT WITH SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN AN INFORMAL SETTING, SO THAT THEY CAN EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS FREELY AND SPONTANEOUSLY, AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE TOPICS FOR DISCUSSIONS HAD BEEN CHOSEN FROM SUGGESTIONS SENT IN BY PARTICIPATING TEACHERS, HE SAID.

TOPICS OF COMMON INTEREST TO BOTH PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS ARE PROVIDENT FUND, EQUAL BENEFITS FOR AIDED SCHOOL TEACHERS AND GOVERNMENT SCHOOL TEACHERS, PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN TEACHING, MORAL EDUCATION, PROMOTION AND SALARY SCALE.

IN ADDITION, PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS WILL BE DISCUSSING LEAVE FOR TEACHERS AND SUPPLY TEACHERS, EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES ALLOWANCES, THE REPLACEMENT OF THE ACADEMIC APTITUDE TEST BY SUBJECT TESTS, DIFFERENT VIEWS OF INSPECTORS FROM THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, AND COMMUNICATION BETWEEN TEACHERS AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSING FLOATING CLASSES, REINTRODUCTION OF THE SECONDARY SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMINATION, THE ABOLITION OF THE JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSESSMENT, AND COMMUNICATION BETWEEN TEACHERS AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE GROUP DISCUSSIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CANTONESE, AND EACH GROUP WILL BE CHAIRED BY A SENIOR OFFICER OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THERE WILL BE 30 GROUPS, WITH DISCUSSION SESSIONS BOTH IN THE MORNING AND IN THE AFTERNOON.

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NEW POST OFFICE FOR TSIM SHA TSUI EAST
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A NEW POST OFFICE LOCATED IN THE INTERNATIONAL MAIL CENTRE, 80 SALISBURY ROAD, WILL BE OPENED AT 9 AM ON THURSDAY, APRIL 1 TO SERVE THE TSIM SHA TSUI EAST AREA, THUS BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF POST OFFICES IN HONG KONG TO 83, INCLUDING TWO MOBILE POST OFFICES OPERATING IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE SAID THIS FACILITY WILL BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE TO POST LARGE QUANTITIES OF LETTERS AND PARCELS AS THERE ARE A NUMBER OF METERED PARKING SPACES OUTSIDE THE NEW POST OFFICE.

THE NEW POST OFFICE WILL PROVIDE A FULL RANGE OF NORMAL POSTAL COUNTER SERVICES AS WELL AS ACCEPTANCE OF BULK LETTERS AND PARCEL POSTINGS, SPEEDPOST AND INSURED LETTERS AND BOXES.

BUSINESS HOURS FOR THE NEW OFFICE WILL BE AS FOLLOWS :-

MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS : 9.00 AM TO 5.00 PM.

SATURDAYS : 9.00 AM TO 1.00 PM.

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WORKING PARTY ON ROADS BILL
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS SET UP A WORKING PARTY TO CO-ORDINATE AND CONSIDER ALL REPRESENTATIONS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE ROADS (WORKS, USE AND COMPENSATION) BILL 1982.

THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION WAS INTENDED TO REPLACE THE EXISTING STREETS (ALTERATION) ORDINANCE AND WAS INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON MARCH 10.

ITS SECOND READING DEBATE WAS ADJOURNED TO ALLOW FULL OPPORTUNITY FOR REPRESENTATIONS TO BE MADE BY THE PUBLIC, AND TO PERMIT A DETAILED EXAMINATION OF THE BILL BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL TO TAKE PLACE.

THE WORKING GROUP, CHAIRED BY THE SOLICITOR GENERAL, WILL ALSO HAVE MEETINGS WITH UMELCO TO DISCUSS ANY MATTERS THAT THE UNOFFICIALS MAY WISH TO RAISE.

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64 BUILDING PLANS APPROVED IN FEBRUARY
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SIXTY-FOUR NEW BUILDING PLANS WERE APPROVED BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR, COMPARED WITH 53 IN FEBRUARY LAST YEAR.

OF THESE NEW PLANS, 23 WERE FOR NEW BUILDINGS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 14 FOR KOWLOON AND 27 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THEY INCLUDE THREE SCHOOLS AT BRAEMAR HILL ROAD, PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD AND TSENG TAU TSUEN SHEUNG TSUEN, TUEN MUN, A SWIMMING POOL AT WONG MA KOK ROAD, A PETROL-FILLING STATION AT JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, SHEUNG SHUI AND A CARGO SHIPPING TERMINAL AT KENNEDY TOWN.

THE DECLARED COST OF ALL NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS \$728.7 MILLION, COMPARED WITH \$523.1 MILLION IN THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

THEIR TOTAL USABLE FLOOR AREA AMOUNTED TO 248 429.4 SQUARE METRES, COMPRISING 180 235.2 SQUARE METRES OF NON-DOMESTIC AND 68 194.2 SQUARE METRES OF DOMESTIC FLOOR SPACE.

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ALSO GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 43 PROJECTS INCLUDING A CHURCH AT WANG TAK STREET, A HOME FOR THE AGED AT THE JUNCTION OF KUNG LOK ROAD AND HONG LEE ROAD, KWUN TONG, A PROMENADE AT DISCOVERY BAY, LANTAU, AND A HOSPITAL AT YAN CHAI STREET AND KWAN MUN HAU STREET, TSUEN WAN.

ALTOGETHER, 40 NEWLY COMPLETED BUILDINGS WERE CERTIFIED FOR OCCUPATION IN FEBRUARY.

THE OFFICE ALSO AGREED TO THE DEMOLITION OF 68 BUILDINGS.

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HOLIDAY POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS
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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCES TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE DELIVERY OF MAIL ON CHING MING FESTIVAL NEXT MONDAY (APRIL 5) AND DURING THE EASTER HOLIDAYS ON APRIL 10 (SATURDAY) AND APRIL 12 (MONDAY).

ON THESE THREE DAYS, 35 POST OFFICES, INCLUDING THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, THE KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE, THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE AND THE TSUEN WAN AND TAI PO POST OFFICES WILL BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON.

THERE WILL BE NO MAIL DELIVERY ON GOOD FRIDAY (APRIL 9) AND ON QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY (APRIL 21). ALL POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON THESE TWO DAYS.

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ADVANCE PAYMENT FOR SOCIAL SECURITY RECIPIENTS
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RECIPIENTS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCES WITH PAYMENT DATES FALLING ON THE EASTER HOLIDAYS MAY GET THEIR PAYMENT EARLY.

A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THOSE WHO ARE TO RECEIVE PAYMENT ON APRIL 9, 10, 11 AND 12 CAN CASH THEIR COUPONS ON OR AFTER APRIL 3, 6, 7 AND 8 RESPECTIVELY.

ALLOWANCES ARE PAID THROUGH POST OFFICES, TREASURY SUB-OFFICES AND THE NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICES.

STAFF OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNITS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO INFORM THEIR CLIENTS OF THE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT,
VACANCIES AND PAYROLL FOR FIRST QUARTER
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL BE CONDUCTING A SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL IN MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY NEXT MONTH.

THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE USEFUL IN PROVIDING SHORT-TERM ECONOMIC INDICATORS AS WELL AS INFORMATION ON STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN THE LABOUR MARKET IN HONG KONG.

A SAMPLE OF ABOUT 68 000 IS DRAWN FROM ESTABLISHMENTS IN VARIOUS SECTORS, INCLUDING INDUSTRIAL AND THE DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES (WHOLESALE, RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS), WHILE ESTABLISHMENTS ENGAGED IN THE PROVISION OF TRANSPORT, BUSINESS AND PERSONAL SERVICES WILL BE COVERED IN FULL.

INFORMATION WILL BE OBTAINED FROM EACH ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED AND EXISTING VACANCIES AS ON MARCH 31, 1982. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE OBTAINED FROM SOME 10 000 ESTABLISHMENTS SELECTED FROM THE SAMPLE ON PAYROLL IN EACH OF THE THREE MONTHS DURING THE REFERENCE PERIOD OF JANUARY - MARCH 1982.

QUESTIONNAIRES WILL BE MAILED TO INDIVIDUAL BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS IN EARLY APRIL.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDER 1981 (LEGAL NOTICE NO. 25 OF 1981, GAZETTED ON 27 JANUARY 1981), ESTABLISHMENTS RECEIVING QUESTIONNAIRES ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THEM TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

PRESS CONFERENCE BY EDUCATION REVIEW PANEL

A PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN BY THE PANEL OF VISITORS CONDUCTING THE OVERALL REVIEW OF EDUCATION AND THE ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT (OECD) OFFICIALS WHO ARE IN HONG KONG FOR THE PLENARY SESSIONS TAKING PLACE THIS WEEK.

THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 31) AT 2.30 PM IN THE GIS THEATRE, 5TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

YOU ARE ALSO REMINDED THAT THE FIRST OF THE TWO PLENARY SESSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE TODAY (MONDAY) AT 2 PM IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER. THE SECOND SESSION WILL TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 31) AT 9 AM.

PRESS REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND BOTH SESSIONS.

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WATER STORAGE

STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 37.3 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 215.366 MILLION CUBIC METRES, EQUIVALENT TO 174 DAYS' CONSUMPTION.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 244.821 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 42.4 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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