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LORD GLENARTHUR TO VISIT HK NEXT MONTH  
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LORD GLENARTHUR, THE MINISTER OF STATE AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR HONG KONG AND THE FAR EAST, WILL VISIT HONG KONG FROM JANUARY 7 TO 11 NEXT YEAR.

THIS WILL BE THE MINISTER'S FOURTH VISIT TO THE TERRITORY SINCE HE TOOK OFFICE IN 1987.

DURING HIS FIVE-DAY VISIT, LORD GLENARTHUR WILL HAVE TALKS WITH THE GOVERNOR, SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND WITH MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS.

HE WILL VISIT CENTRES FOR VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE, THE NEW HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE, THE BRITISH TRADE COMMISSION, AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS TO KEEP HIMSELF UP-TO-DATE WITH DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TERRITORY.

AFTER HONG KONG, LORD GLENARTHUR WILL VISIT THAILAND FROM JANUARY 11 TO 14.

THE VISITS FORM PART OF LORD GLENARTHUR'S ANNUAL TRAVEL PROGRAMME WHICH ENABLES HIM TO GAIN FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE OF THE AREA FOR WHICH HE HAS RESPONSIBILITY.

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GOVERNOR TO REPRESENT THE QUEEN AT MEMORIAL SERVICE  
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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN WILL BE REPRESENTED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, AT THE MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR FORMER GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID TRENCH, AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 17).

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS AND THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE WILL BE REPRESENTED BY THE SENIOR BRITISH TRADE COMMISSIONER IN HONG KONG, MR REGINALD HOLLOWAY.

THE SERVICE WILL BEGIN AT 9.15 AM.

ADMISSION WILL BE BY TICKET ONLY. TICKETS MAY BE COLLECTED FROM THE PROTOCOL DIVISION, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (ROOM 324), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM.

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DONATIONS IN SIR DAVID'S MEMORY MAY BE MADE TO THE COMMUNITY CHEST.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE MEMORIAL SERVICE MAY COLLECT ADMISSION TICKETS FROM THE GIS DUTY OFFICER.

TICKETS WILL BE RESTRICTED TO ONE PER MEDIA ORGANISATION.

THOSE ATTENDING SHOULD BE SEATED BY 9 AM. THERE WILL BE NO SEATING ARRANGEMENTS.

PLEASE NOTE THAT DURING THE SERVICE FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHY INSIDE THE CATHEDRAL WILL BE STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

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NEW BAPTIST COLLEGE CENTRE GOOD EXAMPLE OF CO-OPERATION

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (THURSDAY) OFFICIATED AT THE DEDICATION CEREMONY OF THE AU SHUE HUNG CENTRE FOR FILM AND TELEVISION AT THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE.

SIR DAVID SAID THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CENTRE WAS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF HOW THE GOVERNMENT, THE COLLEGE AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY COULD WORK TOGETHER FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

"WITH THIS NEW BUILDING AND THE FACILITIES WHICH IT WILL HOUSE THE COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS TO ITS COURSES," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THE CENTRE WAS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT FOR THE COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT'S DEGREE PROGRAMME, WHICH BEGAN IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR AND WHICH WAS UNIQUE IN HONG KONG WITH

AT THE COLLEGE'S 29TH COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY AT WHICH THE GOVERNOR HAD OFFICIATED BEFORE THE DEDICATION CEREMONY, OVER 650 GRADUATES RECEIVED THEIR ACADEMIC AWARDS AND 56 OF THEM WERE FROM THE COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT.

THE GOVERNOR SAID SINCE IT WAS FOUNDED IN 1968 THE COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT HAD TRAINED HUNDREDS OF GRADUATES FOR WORKS IN THE MEDIA AND RELATED SECTORS IN HONG KONG.

"TODAY, BAPTIST COLLEGE GRADUATES CAN BE FOUND WORKING THROUGHOUT THE MEDIA: IN FILM AND TELEVISION; IN PUBLIC RELATIONS; IN ADVERTISING; IN RADIO BROADCASTING; AND IN JOURNALISM," HE SAID.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MR AU, THE GOVERNOR REFERRED TO HIM AS A LONG-TIME FRIEND AND BENEFACTOR OF THE COLLEGE.

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT MR AU HAD MADE A NUMBER OF SUBSTANTIAL DONATIONS TOWARDS THE PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE COLLEGE SINCE 1979 INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TERRACE GARDEN, IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LIBRARY AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE.

"THE NAMING OF THIS BUILDING AFTER MR AU IS A FITTING RECOGNITION OF HIS GENEROSITY," THE GOVERNOR ADDED.

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UNEMPLOYMENT, UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS FOR AUGUST - OCTOBER

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BOTH THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AND THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE REMAINED LOW DURING THE PERIOD AUGUST - OCTOBER 1988, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THESE FIGURES SHOW THAT THE LABOUR MARKET REMAINED VERY TIGHT.

THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR AUGUST - OCTOBER 1988 WAS 1.5 PER CENT COMPARED WITH 1.7 PER CENT FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JULY 1988 AND 1.9 PER CENT FOR THE SAME PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER.

THE DECREASE OF 0.2 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT BELOW THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS PERIOD IS STATISTICALLY NOT SIGNIFICANT WHILE THE DECREASE OF 0.4 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT BELOW THE SAME PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER IS STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN AUGUST - OCTOBER 1988 WAS ESTIMATED AT 41,100, COMPARED WITH 46,600 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JULY 1988 AND 52,900 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING OCTOBER 1987.

THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE FOR AUGUST - OCTOBER 1988 WAS 0.6 PER CENT WHICH WAS THE SAME AS THAT FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JULY 1988. THE RATE FOR AUGUST - OCTOBER 1987 WAS 1.0 PER CENT. THE DECREASE OF 0.4 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT BELOW THE SAME PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER IS STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS FOR AUGUST - OCTOBER 1988 WAS 17,000, COMPARED WITH 16,100 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JULY 1988 AND 28,100 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING OCTOBER 1987.

CONSISTENT WITH THE CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (ILO), PERSONS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS A WEEK DUE TO ECONOMIC REASONS (SUCH AS SLACK WORK, MATERIAL SHORTAGE, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWN AND INABILITY TO FIND FULL-TIME WORK) WERE REGARDED AS UNDEREMPLOYED ONLY IF THEY WERE EITHER SEEKING OR AVAILABLE FOR MORE WORK.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS SAID THAT BECAUSE THE PROPORTION OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS (E.G. PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST LEFT SCHOOL) VARIES FROM MONTH TO MONTH, UNEMPLOYMENT RATES THAT HAD BEEN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE VARIATIONS IN THE NUMBER OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS SHOULD BE USED IN MAKING COMPARISONS OVER TIME.

THE COMMISSIONER ADDED THAT, BASED ON A SYSTEM OF PROVISIONAL COUNTS, THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES COVERING THE LATEST THREE MONTHS PERIOD COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHIN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE SURVEY.

THESE PROVIDE AN EARLY INDICATION OF THE LATEST TREND IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION.

THE PROVISIONAL SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 1988 WAS 1.3 PER CENT AND THE PROVISIONAL UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 0.6 PER CENT.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE OBTAINED FROM A CONTINUOUS GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THIS SURVEY COVERS A QUARTERLY SAMPLE OF SOME 14,000 HOUSEHOLDS OR 50,000 PERSONS, SELECTED SCIENTIFICALLY TO REPRESENT THE LAND-BASED CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION IN HONG KONG.

PERSONAL AND LABOUR FORCE DATA WERE OBTAINED IN THE SURVEY BY INTERVIEWING EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AGED 15 AND ABOVE IN THE HOUSEHOLDS SAMPLED.

IN THE SURVEY, THE DEFINITIONS USED IN MEASURING UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOLLOW CLOSELY THOSE RECOMMENDED BY THE ILO.

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS IS GIVEN IN THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY WHICH IS PUBLISHED FOUR TIMES A YEAR.

THE NEXT REPORT COVERING THE QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 1988 SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, SPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AROUND DECEMBER 20 AT \$10 PER COPY.

EXCO REJECTS CROSS HARBOUR TOLL RISE APPLICATION

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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS TURNED DOWN AN APPLICATION BY THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL COMPANY LIMITED TO INCREASE ITS TOLLS.

THE COMPANY'S APPLICATION, SUBMITTED IN APRIL THIS YEAR, IN EFFECT PROPOSED TO REPLACE THE PASSAGE TAX LEVIED ON TUNNEL USERS BY CORRESPONDING INCREASES IN TOLLS. THE PROPOSED INCREASES RANGED FROM 25 PER CENT TO 100 PER CENT.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE PROFIT SITUATION OF THE COMPANY HAD BEEN CAREFULLY EXAMINED AND IT WAS SHOWN THAT THE COMPANY'S ANNUAL PROFIT HAS ALWAYS WELL EXCEEDED INFLATION AND THEREFORE, THERE HAS ALSO BEEN A GROWTH IN REAL PROFITS.

"THE COMPANY'S PROFITABILITY, IN TERMS OF THE ANNUAL RATE OF RETURN ON SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS, HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLY BETTER THAN IT PREDICTED WHEN THE PROJECT WAS PLANNED, AND THE HIGH RETURN IS DUE TO THE RAPID INCREASE IN PATRONAGE RATHER THAN AS A RESULT OF ANY ADDITIONAL SHAREHOLDERS' INVESTMENT," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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RC BUDGET FOR 1989-90 PROPOSED

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THE REGIONAL COUNCIL IS TO SPEND \$1,589.8 MILLION IN ITS PROVISION OF VARIOUS SERVICES TO RESIDENTS IN THE COUNCIL AREA IN THE 1989-90 FINANCIAL YEAR.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE CHIEF TREASURY ACCOUNTANT OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MRS MARIA YIP, WHEN SHE PRESENTED THE COUNCIL'S 1989-90 ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE AT THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING TODAY (THURSDAY).

"AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, THE MAJOR PART OF THE ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE WILL GO TO THE MORE MUNDANE ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES, ONE OF THE COUNCIL'S STATUTORY FUNCTIONS AND MAIN CONCERN.

"THE DRAFT ESTIMATES IN THIS RESPECT WILL BE IN THE REGION OF \$621.6 MILLION, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE FULL COUNCIL," MRS YIP SAID.

NEXT IN LINE IS THE PROVISION FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE ACTIVITIES WHICH WILL TAKE UP \$513.4 MILLION OF THE TOTAL EXPENDITURE UNDER CONSIDERATION.

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"NATURALLY, THIS AMOUNT WILL BE USED IN THE EVER EXPANDING PROGRAMME OF PROMOTING THE FINE ARTS AND RECREATION AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES," MRS YIP SAID.

WHILE \$297.9 MILLION WILL BE ALLOCATED TO CARRY OUT CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS, SOME \$156.8 MILLION WILL BE SPENT IN THE DAY-TO-DAY RUNNING OF BOTH THE COUNCIL AND DEPARTMENT BUSINESS, SHE ADDED.

TURNING TO REVENUE, MRS YIP ESTIMATED THAT IT WOULD BE ABOUT \$1,918 MILLION.

"REGIONAL COUNCIL RATES FLOW, THE BIGGEST SOURCE OF COUNCIL INCOME, IS ESTIMATED TO BE AROUND \$1,374 MILLION IN 1989-90."

AND FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR, THE COUNCIL IS TO RECEIVE FROM THE GOVERNMENT A GRANT OF \$273.6 MILLION UNDER A THREE-YEAR FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENT.

ANOTHER MAJOR INCOME THE COUNCIL HAD, MRS YIP SAID, WAS BANK INTEREST FROM INVESTMENT OF SURPLUS CASH.

"THE ESTIMATED INVESTMENT INCOME FOR 1989-90 CALCULATED AT AN ASSUMED INTEREST RATE OF EIGHT PER CENT PER ANNUM AMOUNTS TO \$101.4 MILLION," SHE SAID.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST ARE VARIOUS FEES AND CHARGES THE COUNCIL COLLECTS FROM THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC. THE DRAFT ESTIMATES STAND AT \$169 MILLION.

ON THE COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE CURRENT YEAR, MRS YIP SAID A SURPLUS OF \$566 MILLION WAS ESTIMATED BY MARCH 31, 1989.

TODAY'S MEETING WAS PRESIDED OVER BY THE COMMITTEE'S CHAIRMAN, MR NATHAN MA.

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#### SUPPLIES DEPT CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

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THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) HOSTED A RECEPTION TO CELEBRATE ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY.

ESTABLISHED IN 1938 AS THE GOVERNMENT STORES, THE DEPARTMENT FIRST OPERATED IN WHAT IS NOW THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPOT IN BULLOCK LANE IN WAN CHAI WITH A MEAGRE STAFF OF 148.

THE BULLOCK LANE PREMISES SOON PROVED INADEQUATE AND IN 1940 THE GOVERNMENT STORES MOVED INTO NO. 12 OIL STREET IN NORTH POINT, WHICH HAS BEEN THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS SINCE THEN.

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THE GOVERNMENT STORES WAS CHRISTENED THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IN 1969.

WITH THE PRESENT STRENGTH OF 1,816 STAFF, THE DEPARTMENT HAS GROWN TO BE THE CENTRAL PURCHASING AND SUPPLIES ORGANISATION RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROCUREMENT, STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION OF SUPPLIES REQUIRED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND CERTAIN SUBVENTED ORGANISATIONS.

THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, AND LADY WILSON ALSO ATTENDED THE ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION WHICH WAS HELD IN THE DEPARTMENTAL HEADQUARTERS THIS EVENING.

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DIRECTOR OF MARINE TO PRESENT COMMENDATIONS

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A TOTAL OF 17 PEOPLE WILL RECEIVE THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE'S CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION AT A CEREMONY TOMMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR DERICK HALL, IN RECOGNITION OF THE BRAVE ACTIONS OF THESE PEOPLE IN SAVING LIVES IN HONG KONG WATERS IN THE PAST YEAR.

THE RECIPIENTS ARE FOUR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, 10 CREW MEMBERS OF FERRY COMPANIES AND THREE CONSTABLES OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE'S CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION TO BEGIN AT 3 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE LECTURE ROOM (ROOM 1414), 14TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL. MEDIA MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE BY 2.50 PM.

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BOE MEMBERS LEARN FIRST-HAND ABOUT ACTIVITY APPROACH TEACHING METHOD

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FIVE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOE) TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED THE BISHOP WALSH PRIMARY SCHOOL IN KOWLOON CITY TO LOOK AT THE ACTIVITY APPROACH TEACHING METHOD ADOPTED BY THE SCHOOL.

THE PARTY COMPRISING MR TAM MAN-KWAN, THE REVEREND J.G. FOLEY, MISS BOW SUI-MAY, MISS SO YAN-LAP AND MR DOMINIC WONG, WAS ACCOMPANIED ON THE VISIT BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (SCHOOLS) MR WONG SHEK-WAH, AND THE BOE SECRETARY, MR CHIU PING-KWAN.

THE VISITING BOE MEMBERS WERE TOLD THAT THE AIDED CO-EDUCATIONAL SCHOOL WAS FOUNDED BY THE MARYKNOLL FATHERS IN 1963 AND THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE TOOK OVER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE SCHOOL IN 1975.

SITUATED AT JUNCTION ROAD IN KOWLOON CITY, THE BISSESIONAL SCHOOL PROVIDES SOME 1700 PLACES FOR CHILDREN WHO LIVE MAINLY IN KOWLOON TONG, KOWLOON CITY AND WONG TAI SIN AREAS.

THE SCHOOL ADOPTED THE ACTIVITY APPROACH IN TEACHING PUPILS IN PRIMARY 1 TO 3 CLASSES.

THE VISITORS LEARNT THAT ADDITIONAL FUNDS WERE ALLOCATED TO SCHOOLS ADOPTING ACTIVITY APPROACH FOR THE PURCHASE CLASSROOM EQUIPMENT, CONSUMABLE ITEMS, AND PRODUCTION OF TEACHING AIDS.

THE MAIN FEATURES OF THIS TEACHING METHOD ARE THAT THE SIZE OF THE CLASS IS SMALLER FOR MORE EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN TEACHERS AND PUPILS; AND CHILDREN ARE ENCOURAGED TO LEARN THROUGH THEIR PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES.

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EASTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CHEST DAY STARTS TOMORROW

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LOCAL RESIDENTS AND ORGANISATIONS IN EASTERN DISTRICT ARE BEING URGED TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE NEEDY BY SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY CHEST DAY WHICH WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD IN SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY CHEST'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE SAID THAT A SERIES OF FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

HAWKERS, GREEN MINIBUS OPERATORS AND DRIVING INSTRUCTORS IN THE DISTRICT WILL BE DONATING THEIR TAKINGS TO CHARITY.

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STARTING FROM 9 AM, CHARITY SALES OF VEGETABLES, FRUIT, GROCERIES AND FLOWERS WILL TAKE PLACE IN A SPECIAL STALL AT THE JUNCTION OF CHUN YEUNG STREET AND TONG SHUI ROAD, NORTH POINT.

FARES PAID TOMORROW MORNING ON NINE MINIBUS ROUTES OPERATED BY TWO LOCAL MINIBUS COMPANIES WILL BE GIVEN TO CHARITY.

MORE THAN 80 DRIVING INSTRUCTORS FROM TWO VEHICLE DRIVING SCHOOLS WILL DONATE FEES COLLECTED FROM ONE HOUR OF TUTORING.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE COMMUNITY CHEST DAY WILL BE A "SING FOR CHARITY CONCERT" WHICH WILL START AT 7.30 PM IN THE DR SEAKER CHAN MEMORIAL HALL IN NORTH POINT.

THERE WILL BE SINGING AND DANCING PERFORMANCES BY WELL-KNOWN ARTISTES, AND A CHARITY AUCTION WILL ALSO BE HELD DURING THE SHOW.

A LIMITED AMOUNT OF TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE AT THE DR SEAKER CHAN MEMORIAL HALL.

TO MARK THE OPENING OF SERIES OF FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES, A CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE CHARITY SALE HAWKER STALL AT 9 AM TOMORROW AT THE JUNCTION OF CHUN YEUNG STREET AND TONG SHUI ROAD, NORTH POINT.

THE CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNITY CHEST OF HONG KONG, MRS ANITA CHAN; THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNITY CHEST DAY, MR ALEX FU; EASTERN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS SALINA YAN AND THE DISTRICT HYGIENE SUPERINTENDENT (EASTERN), MR R.M. DINGA WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CHEST DAY WILL START AT 9 AM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE JUNCTION OF CHUN YEUNG STREET AND TONG SHUI ROAD IN NORTH POINT. IN THE EVENING, A "SING FOR CHARITY CONCERT" WILL BEGIN AT 7.30 PM IN THE DR SEAKER CHAN MEMORIAL HALL. YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER BOTH EVENTS.

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ROLE OF NORTH DISTRICT BOARD PRAISED

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THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD HAS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT CO-ORDINATING ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF FANLING/SHEUNG SHUI NEW TOWN ON WHICH THE GOVERNMENT'S CONSISTENT POLICY IS TO ADOPT A BALANCED APPROACH, THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM HUI, SAID THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING.

"WITH A RAPID INCREASE OF POPULATION IN THE DISTRICT, THE DIFFERING PACES OF DEVELOPMENT, SOMETIMES MAY NOT BE IN LINE WITH THE ACTUAL SITUATION," MR HUI SAID.

"IT IS THE DISTRICT BOARD THAT PROVIDES AN EFFECTIVE CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND THE LOCAL RESIDENTS."

MR HUI WAS SPEAKING AT A DINNER HOSTED BY THE BOARD, THE NORTH DISTRICT MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION AND THE FOUR RURAL COMMITTEES IN THE DISTRICT.

HE SAID THE BOARD, UNDER THE ABLE LEADERSHIP OF ITS CHAIRMAN, MR RAYMOND PANG, HAD EXERCISED FULLY ITS ADVISORY FUNCTION.

"THE BOARD NOT ONLY PROVIDES A FORUM FOR PEOPLE TO AIR THEIR VIEWS ON GOVERNMENT POLICIES, BUT ALSO CO-OPERATES WITH GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO SOLVE DISTRICT PROBLEMS," HE SAID.

"IT ALSO USES PUBLIC FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE DISTRICT FOR LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES."

MR HUI ALSO PRAISED THE FOUNDING PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH DISTRICT MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION, MR KO KIM-CHING, FOR GIVING VALUABLE ADVICE TO THE GOVERNMENT IN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT.

HE NOTED THAT THE ASSOCIATION ENABLED THE GOVERNMENT TO HAVE DIRECT DIALOGUE WITH MANUFACTURERS WITH A VIEW TO SOLVING PROBLEMS, IN PARTICULAR, THOSE ARISING FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ON LOK TSUEN INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

MR HUI SAID HE HOPED THAT THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD, NORTH DISTRICT MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION, THE FOUR RURAL COMMITTEES IN THE DISTRICT AND OTHER LOCAL ORGANISATIONS WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE GOVERNMENT IN FOSTERING DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT.

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KWAI TSING TO LAUNCH SECOND ARTS FESTIVAL

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KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI RESIDENTS ARE BEING URGED TO ACTIVELY TAKE PART IN THE DISTRICT'S SECOND ARTS FESTIVAL TO BE HELD BETWEEN JANUARY 7 AND 29 NEXT YEAR.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (THURSDAY), CHAIRMAN OF THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT ARTS FESTIVAL COMMITTEE, MR LO YAN-SHING, SAID THIS YEAR'S ARTS FESTIVAL WOULD FOCUS ON PROMOTION OF CHINESE ARTS AND CULTURE.

WITH THE EXPERIENCE GAINED FROM THE FIRST KWAI TSING ARTS FESTIVAL LAST YEAR, THE FORTHCOMING FESTIVAL WOULD BE ORGANISED ON A MORE PROFESSIONAL BASIS AND COVER A WIDER VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES, MR LO ADDED.

THE FESTIVAL, WITH A BUDGET OF \$700,000 FUNDED BY KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD, REGIONAL COUNCIL AND PRIVATE SPONSORSHIP, WILL INCLUDE OVER 30 PROGRAMMES.

THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROGRAMMES WILL BE PERFORMANCES BY AN ART TROUPE FROM XIANGXI AND A CHINESE OPERA TROUPE FROM SHANGHAI.

OTHER EVENTS INCLUDE PERFORMANCES IN DRAMA, CANTONESE OPERAS AND DANCING, FILM SHOWS AND LASER DISCS MUSIC CONCERT AND COMPETITIONS IN CALLIGRAPHY, PAINTING, SINGING AND CHINESE CHESS.

THE ARTS FESTIVAL WILL BEGIN ON JANUARY 7 AT THE HING FONG ROAD PLAYGROUND IN KWAI CHUNG WITH TRADITIONAL ARTS PERFORMANCES AND DEMONSTRATIONS.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE WERE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PAUL TANG KWOK-WAI, AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LEE WING-TAT.

MR TANG SAID THE KWAI TSING ARTS FESTIVAL WAS AIMED AT PROMOTING RESIDENTS' INTEREST IN CULTURE AND ARTS THROUGH PARTICIPATION AND ATTENDANCE IN A SERIES OF DIVERSIFIED ACTIVITIES.

HE ENCOURAGED RESIDENTS OF ALL AGES AND DIFFERENT SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY TO TAKE PART IN AND SUPPORT THE FESTIVAL.

PROGRAMME LEAFLETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AT THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SEVEN SUB-OFFICES. RESIDENTS MAY CALL 3-7422966 FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

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YUEN LONG TO HAVE TOWN PARK, OPEN SPACE

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT'S TIN SHUI WAI/YUEN LONG DEVELOPMENT OFFICE HAS SIGNED A CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIRST TOWN PARK IN YUEN LONG AS PART OF THE CONTINUING PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN.

THE \$47 MILLION CONTRACT CONSISTS OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TOWN PARK AND THE ADJACENT LOCAL OPEN SPACE TO PROVIDE MAJOR PUBLIC ACTIVE AND PASSIVE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE WESTERN PART OF THE TOWN.

FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE FOOTBALL PITCHES, A BASKETBALL-CUM-VOLLEYBALL COURT, CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS, AN ORNAMENTAL LAKE AND WATER FEATURES, AN AVIARY AND A PAGODA, A REFRESHMENT KIOSK AND OPEN LANDSCAPED AREAS.

THE WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN JANUARY AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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ADVICE ON SAFE NAVIGATION FOR VESSEL MASTERS

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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT WILL SOON ISSUE A NOTICE ADVISING MASTERS OF ALL VESSELS, PARTICULARLY FISHING VESSELS AND PLEASURE CRAFT, ON THE SAFE NAVIGATION OF SMALL CRAFT.

SPECIAL EMPHASIS WILL BE PLACED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING A PROPER LOOKOUT, FOLLOWING RECENT TRAGEDIES INVOLVING SMALL CRAFT.

A NAUTICAL SURVEYOR OF SHIPS OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, MR CHU CHI-TUNG, TODAY (THURSDAY) EXPLAINED THAT PROPER LOOKOUT WAS PART OF GOOD SEAMANSHIP AND INVOLVED THE USE OF SIGHT AND HEARING AS WELL AS THE CORRECT USE OF OTHER AVAILABLE MEANS SUCH AS RADAR.

"IT ALSO MEANS AN APPRECIATION OF THE RISK OF POSSIBLE COLLISION FROM ANY DIRECTION SO THAT APPROPRIATE ACTION CAN BE TAKEN," HE SAID.

MR CHU EMPHASISED THAT THIS WAS NOT SIMPLY A MATTER OF LOOKING WHERE THE VESSEL WAS GOING, NOTING THAT UNLIKE DRIVING ON THE ROAD, SEA TRAFFIC COULD COME FROM ANY DIRECTION.

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"LAXNESS AT LOOKOUT DUTIES COULD BE EQUATED TO CARELESS DRIVING ON THE ROAD AND OFTEN THE CONSEQUENCES ARE FATAL," HE ADDED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT INADEQUATE VIGILANCE WAS THE MAJOR CAUSE IN TWO ACCIDENTS INVOLVING FISHING VESSELS, BOTH RESULTING IN THE LOSS OF LIFE.

THE ONE ACCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED AT TAP SHEK KOK LAST MAY, A BABY GIRL DROWNED WHEN THE FISHING VESSEL SHE WAS ON CAPSIZED FOLLOWING A COLLISION WITH A LARGE DREDGER.

ANOTHER COLLISION IN APRIL BETWEEN A FISHING BOAT AND AN OCEAN-GOING VESSEL NEAR THE SOUTHEAST APPROACHES TO HONG KONG LED TO THE DROWNING OF AN ELDERLY MAN FROM THE FISHING VESSEL.

INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE ACCIDENTS PUT THE BLAME ON IMPROPER LOOKOUT OF ALL FOUR VESSELS INVOLVED, AND IN PARTICULAR, FAILURE OF AN EFFICIENT LOOKOUT ASTERN ON THE PART OF THE FISHING VESSELS.

MR CHU SAID ANOTHER COLLISION BETWEEN A FISHING BOAT AND A PLEASURE VESSEL LAST YEAR RESULTED IN THREE PERSONS ON THE PLEASURE CRAFT BEING INJURED.

ALTHOUGH NO LIFE WAS LOST, THE OWNER OF THE FISHING VESSEL HAD TO SELL HIS BOAT TO MEET SUBSEQUENT CIVIL CLAIMS OF WELL OVER \$1 MILLION. AGAIN, LACK OF A PROPER LOOKOUT WAS THE MAIN CAUSE.

"FISHERMEN SHOULD NOT OCCUPY ALL HANDS ON BOARD IN FISHING ACTIVITIES," MR CHU SAID.

"AT LEAST ONE PERSON SHOULD ACT AS THE LOOKOUT AT ALL TIMES AND NOT ENGAGE IN ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES.

"IN ANY EVENT NO VESSEL SHOULD ENGAGE IN FISHING WITHIN OR NEAR MAJOR NAVIGATIONAL FAIRWAYS," HE ADDED.

"IT IS IMPORTANT THAT PERSONS OPERATING SMALL VESSELS ARE MADE AWARE OF THE LIKELY TRAGIC CONSEQUENCES FROM THE FAILURE OF A SIMPLE PRECAUTION TO KEEP A PROPER LOOKOUT," HE STRESSED.

MR CHU WILL BE PUTTING THIS MESSAGE ACROSS ON A FISHERMEN'S PROGRAMME ON A CHINESE CHANNEL OF RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG WHICH WILL BE AIRED AT 6.30 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

OUTDOOR SHOWS TO SUPPLEMENT CAREERS '89

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THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE AND FOUR AUXILIARY SERVICES WILL STAGE A SERIES OF LIVE CAREERS SHOWS AT EDINBURGH PLACE DURING THE COMING WEEKEND.

THE SHOWS ARE TO SUPPLEMENT CAREERS '89 EXHIBITION WHICH IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE URBAN COUNCIL AT THE CITY HALL EXHIBITION HALL.

ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 17), THE POLICE WILL ARRANGE PERFORMANCES BY TRAINEES OF THE POLICE CADET SCHOOL AND MEMBERS OF THE AUXILIARY POLICE PIPE AND DRUM BAND.

THERE WILL ALSO BE POLICE DOG SHOWS, A PHOTOGRAPHY DISPLAY, A POLICE RECRUITMENT STAND AND A MOBILE FIGHT CRIME EXHIBITION CENTRE.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL ALSO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT A MARINE POLICE LAUNCH AT QUEEN'S PIER.

ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 18), THE CIVIL AID SERVICES, THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES, THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS), AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE WILL JOIN HANDS TO PRESENT A WIDE VARIETY OF PROGRAMMES.

THESE INCLUDE SILENT DRILLS BY THE JUNIOR LEADER CORPS, BAND PERFORMANCES, DEMONSTRATION BY AMS FIRST AID AND CAS BICYCLE TEAMS, AND A STATIC DISPLAY OF EQUIPMENT AND WEAPONS.

CAREERS '89 EXHIBITION PROVIDES MUCH NEEDED INFORMATION ABOUT THE WORLD OF WORK AND ON CAREERS AVAILABLE IN HONG KONG.

IT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND 6.30 PM DAILY UNTIL MONDAY (DECEMBER 19).

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FUN DAY FOR VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE AT HEI LING CHAU

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VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE (VBP), IN PARTICULAR CHILDREN AT THE HEI LING CHAU VBP CENTRE, HAD A DAY OF FUN AT A CARNIVAL TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE EVENT, ORGANISED BY THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (CSD), WAS AIMED AT ENCOURAGING THE VIETNAMESE RESIDENTS' FULL PARTICIPATION AND CO-OPERATION WITH EACH OTHER OVER THE FESTIVAL SEASON.

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TODAY'S PROGRAMME INCLUDED A VARIETY SHOW STAGED BY CENTRE RESIDENTS THEMSELVES AND TELEMATCHES. GAMES WERE ALSO ORGANISED FOR THE CHILDREN.

A CSD SPOKESMAN SAID, "IT IS PLEASING TO NOTE THAT OUR STAFF HAVE JOINTLY WORKED VERY HARD WITH THE BOAT PEOPLE TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF TODAY'S EVENT."

"IN FACT, THE STAFF HAD TRIED THEIR BEST OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS TO PREPARE FOR THE CARNIVAL AND OBTAIN AS MANY GIFTS AND TOYS AS POSSIBLE FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS AS CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

"IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THE RESIDENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN CAN FEEL AND ENJOY THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT THE SAME AS OTHERS IN HONG KONG," HE ADDED.

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#### PRIZES FOR WINNERS IN CIVIC EDUCATION PROJECT

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STUDENTS FROM 16 SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND 19 PRIMARY SCHOOLS WHO SUBMITTED WINNING ENTRIES IN THE INTER-SCHOOL CIVIC EDUCATION PROJECT COMPETITION WILL RECEIVE THEIR PRIZES AT THE HONG KONG TEACHERS' CENTRE IN NORTH POINT ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 17).

THE INTER-SCHOOL COMPETITION WAS ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WITH THE AIM OF PROMOTING STUDENTS' CIVIC AWARENESS AND DEVELOPING SKILLS IN PRESENTING FACTS AND IDEAS IN AN ORGANISED WAY.

THE COMPETITION ATTRACTED 64 ENTRIES FROM SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

A PANEL OF ADJUDICATORS, WHICH INCLUDED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, DR DANIEL TSE, SELECTED THE WINNING ENTRIES LAST MONTH.

PRIZES IN THE FORM OF BOOK COUPONS WORTH FROM \$200 TO \$5,000 WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE WINNING SCHOOLS.

DR TSE AND THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY, AND DR TSE WILL PRESENT PRIZES AND SOUVENIRS TO THE WINNING SCHOOLS.

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#### NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE INTER-SCHOOL CIVIC EDUCATION PROJECT COMPETITION PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY AT THE HONG KONG TEACHERS' CENTRE AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT, ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 17). THE CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 10.30 AM.

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STUDENTS TO RECEIVE CERTIFICATE FOR SUMMER WORK

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A TOTAL OF 183 SECONDARY STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE CERTIFICATES OF THE SUMMER WORK EXPERIENCE SCHEME ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 17) MORNING IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR GOOD WORK DONE DURING THEIR ATTACHMENTS AT VARIOUS HOSPITALS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND COMMERCIAL FIRMS.

THE SUMMER WORK EXPERIENCE SCHEME 1988 WAS ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CAREERS MASTERS AND GUIDANCE MASTERS.

THE PRINCIPAL EDUCATION OFFICER (SPECIAL EDUCATION) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MRS GRACE YUNG, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CAREERS MASTERS AND GUIDANCE MASTERS, MR CHAN JOE-CHAK, WILL JOINTLY OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY AND PRESENT CERTIFICATES TO THE STUDENTS.

THE AIM OF THE SCHEME WAS TO PROVIDE SECONDARY STUDENTS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN EXPERIENCE IN WORK WITH A VIEW TO MAKING THEIR STUDIES MORE MEANINGFUL TOWARDS THE GOAL OF CAREER DEVELOPMENT.

UNDER THE SCHEME, STUDENTS WERE ATTACHED TO A PLACE OF WORK TO HELP THEM APPRECIATE THEIR OWN POTENTIAL AND MAKE A SOUND CAREER CHOICE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT ORCHID ROOM, SHANGRI-LA HOTEL ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 17) AT 9.45 AM.

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YUEN LONG TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETS TOMORROW

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THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DISCUSS A PROPOSAL TO EXTEND THE EXISTING LONG PING FOOTBRIDGE TO A LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT STOP ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE 1987 ACTION PROGRAMME REVIEW ON PEDESTRIAN PROBLEM SPOTS IN YUEN LONG, AND PAPERS OF ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MINI-ROUNDBOUT AND INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT TWO ROAD JUNCTIONS IN KAM TIN AREA.

/RESIDENTS' VIEWS .....

RESIDENTS' VIEWS ON THE FARE INCREASE AND RUNNING HOURS OF SEVERAL GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES IN SAN TIN AREA WILL ALSO BE REFLECTED AT THE MEETING.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) WHICH WILL START AT 10 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD, 13TH FLOOR, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

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COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS TAXI OPERATION AT MA ON SHAN

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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DISCUSS A PROPOSAL TO EXTEND THE OPERATION OF NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS TO THE MA ON SHAN AREA.

THERE WILL BE A QUESTION ON WHETHER ANY RULES AND REGULATIONS FORBIDDING CYCLISTS USING PEDESTRIAN PAVEMENT.

A QUESTION WILL BE ASKED ON WHAT MEASURES GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN TO IMPROVE THE PROBLEM OF ILLEGAL PARKING ESPECIALLY BY VANS AND LORRIES IN AREAS SUCH AS RAVANA GARDEN AND GARDEN RIVERA.

BOARD MEMBER, MR WONG FUK-WAH WILL MAKE A STATEMENT ON THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORT STUDY II TO BE PUBLISHED IN MID-1989.

A BOARD MEMBER WILL ASK THE AUTHORITIES CONCERNED TO INSTALL TRAFFIC LIGHTS, PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FACILITIES AND MORE TRAFFIC SIGNS AT THE BUS TERMINUS IN NEW TOWN PLAZA TO AVOID ACCIDENTS.

THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE ASKED WHAT ACTION WILL BE TAKEN TO RECTIFY THE PROBLEM OF OBSTRUCTION TO BUS MOVEMENT BY TAXIS IN SHA TIN WAI AND OTHER VEHICLES PARKED AROUND GREENWOOD GARDEN AND GREENFIELD COURT.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE TRAFFIC PROBLEMS CAUSED BY LEARNER DRIVERS; SCHEDULE ADHERENCE OF KMB ROUTES 88M AND 81M; PROVISION OF TRAFFIC AIDS IN CHE KUNG MIU ROAD NEAR HIN KENG STREET AND INSTALLATION OF PARKING METERS AT TIN SUM.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING TO BEGIN AT 9.30 AM ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 16) AT THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON 6/F, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION.

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SHA TIN FESTIVE LIGHTS TO BE SWITCHED ON TOMORROW  
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LIGHTING DECORATIONS HERALDING THE FESTIVE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR WILL BE SWITCHED ON IN SHA TIN BY THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR ALLEN LEE, TOMORROW (FRIDAY) EVENING.

THIS YEAR'S LIGHTING PROGRAMME WILL BE THE MOST AMBITIOUS AND SPECTACULAR IN SHA TIN COSTING \$512,000, WHICH IS MORE THAN DOUBLE THE \$250,000 BUDGET FOR LAST YEAR.

IN ADDITION TO THE USUAL DECORATIVE LIGHTINGS ALONG SAN MARTIN BRIDGE, BANYAN BRIDGE AND SHING MUN RIVER PROMENADES, LIGHTS WILL BE STAGED ON SHING MUN RIVER, ALONG CHE KUNG MIU ROAD AS WELL AS IN CENTRAL PARK AND ON LEK YUEN BRIDGE WHICH WERE OPENED EARLIER THIS YEAR.

THE DOVE SYMBOLISING PEACE WILL BE THE MAIN DESIGN FEATURE IN ALL LIGHTING DECORATIONS.

THE FOCAL POINT WILL BE A LIGHTING FLOAT FOUNTAIN, MEASURING FIVE METRES TALL AND FIVE METRES IN DIAMETER, IN THE FORM OF A CHRISTMAS TREE ON THE SHING MUN RIVER.

A SPECTACULAR PICTURE MEASURING 2.5 METRES BY SEVEN METRES WITH CHRISTMAS STARS AND PEACE DOVES WILL ALSO BE ERECTED ON SAN MARTIN BRIDGE.

LAMP POSTS ALONG STREETS AND BRIDGES WILL ALSO BE DECORATED WITH BUNTINGS AND CHRISTMAS FLOWERS.

THE LIGHTS WILL BE ON BETWEEN 5.30 PM AND MIDNIGHT FROM DECEMBER 17 TO JANUARY 5.

ON CHRISTMAS EVE, CHRISTMAS DAY, AND NEW YEAR'S EVE TO JANUARY 3, THEY WILL BE ON OVERNIGHT UNTIL 5 AM IN THE MORNING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SWITCH-ON CEREMONY OF FESTIVE LIGHTING IN SHA TIN STARTING AT 6.30 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE END OF LEK YUEN BRIDGE IN SHA TIN CENTRAL PARK, OPPOSITE TO THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL.

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FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

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COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS AND RESIDENTS' BODIES IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT CAN NOW APPLY FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS TO ORGANISE ACTIVITIES IN CELEBRATION OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

A SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID, "A TOTAL OF \$77,600 WILL BE OPEN TO APPLICATION BY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS IN THE DISTRICT'S SEVEN AREAS, NAMELY POK FU LAM, WAH FU, AP LEI CHAU, WONG CHUK HANG, TIN WAN AND SHEK PAI WAN, ABERDEEN AND HARBOUR, AND STANLEY, SHEK O AND BAYS."

THE BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE SET ASIDE THIS FINANCIAL YEAR \$135,000 FOR FESTIVITIES, OF WHICH \$57,400 HAD ALREADY BEEN DISBURSED IN MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL GRANTS.

"FOR THE LUNAR NEW YEAR GRANTS, APPLICATIONS ALONG WITH DETAILS OF PROGRAMMES TO BE ORGANISED, SHOULD REACH THE COMMITTEE THROUGH THE DISTRICT OFFICE BY DECEMBER 23," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID LATE APPLICATIONS WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

"THE COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON JANUARY 16 TO VET EACH APPLICATION CAREFULLY BEFORE DECIDING ON THE AMOUNT OF GRANT TO BE GIVEN," HE ADDED.

ENQUIRIES ON APPLICATION MATTERS CAN BE MADE TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON 5-540271.

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CONCESSIONARY SCHEME FOR ELDERLY TO BE DISCUSSED

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THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A CONCESSIONARY SCHEME FOR THE ELDERLY IN THE DISTRICT.

UNDER THE SCHEME, THE DISTRICT'S ELDERLY RESIDENTS AGED OVER 60 WOULD BE GIVEN CONCESSIONARY RATES BY OPERATORS OF PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, SHOPS AND CLINICS DURING A PRESCRIBED PERIOD. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHEME IS EXPECTED TO COST LESS THAN \$20,000.

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MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE INTRODUCTION OF SERVICES BEING OFFERED BY THE YANG MEMORIAL SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE, AND WILL DISCUSS APPLICATIONS BY SEVERAL LOCAL ORGANISATIONS FOR FUNDS FOR ORGANISING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, 490 NATHAN ROAD.

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VILLAGE ROADS TO BE BUILT IN YUEN LONG

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THE GOVERNMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE STAGE I PHASE 2 CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS AND DRAINS AT TONG YAN SAN TSUEN IN PING SHAN, YUEN LONG.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT WORKS INCLUDED WIDENING, EXTENDING, REALIGNING AND RECONSTRUCTING EXISTING VILLAGE ROADS AND IMPROVING PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES IN TONG YAN SAN TSUEN.

THEY ALSO INCLUDE CONSTRUCTING NEW ROADS, CAR PARKS AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE WORKS.

AT PRESENT, THE ROADS IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF TONG YAN SAN TSUEN ARE GENERALLY NARROW AND BELOW NORMAL HIGHWAY STANDARDS, WITH LESS THAN THREE-METRE-WIDE CARRIAGEWAY AND NARROW FOOTPATHS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

TRAFFIC CIRCULATION INTO AND WITHIN THE AREA IS FREQUENTLY IMPEDED BY ROADSIDE PARKING, UTILITY WORKS AND ILLEGAL BUILDING EXTENSIONS, HE ADDED.

"EXISTING ROADS HAVE DETERIORATED BADLY AND THE STREAMS HAVE BECOME HEAVILY POLLUTED DUE TO THE DISCHARGE OF INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL WASTES," HE SAID.

"IT IS THEREFORE ESSENTIAL TO PROVIDE PROPER ROADS AND DRAINAGE TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE," HE ADDED.

CONSTRUCTION WORK WILL START IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT.

TENDERS FOR THIS PROJECT MUST BE ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN, CENTRAL TENDER BOARD AND PLACED IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX PLACED IN THE LIFT LOBBY ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (EAST WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG BEFORE 12 NOON ON DECEMBER 23, 1988.

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FRESH WATER CUT IN TUEN MUN  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO TUEN MUN WILL BE CUT OFF FROM 7 PM ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 17) TO 8 AM THE NEXT DAY BECAUSE OF WATER WORKS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT THE WHOLE AREA ALONG LUNG MUN ROAD FROM TUEN MUN KAU HUI TO TAP SHEK KOK INCLUDING YEUNG SIU HANG TSUEN, TSING SHAN TSUEN, TUEN MUN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, CASTLE PEAK BOYS HOME, AND AREAS 18, 19, 31, 40, 44, PAK KOK TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA.

IT WILL ALSO AFFECT BUTTERFLY ESTATE, WU KING ESTATE, SIU SHAN COURT, MELODY GARDEN, SIU HEI COURT, WU KING TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, MONG HAU SHEK DETENTION AND HOLDING CAMP, TAP SHEK KOK POWER STATION, CHINA CEMENT COMPANY AND CONSTRUCTION SITES.

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FRESH WATER CUT IN KWAI CHUNG  
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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON DECEMBER 19 (MONDAY) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR WATER WORKS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT THE AREA BOUNDED BY TAI WO HAU ROAD, WO TONG TSUI STREET, HING FONG ROAD AND KWAI HING ROAD, INCLUDING KWAI HING ESTATE.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 4 AM ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 18) FOR THE HOLDING OF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN PARADE.

MEANWHILE, THE SOUTHBOUND DOWN-RAMP LEADING FROM WATERLOO ROAD FLYOVER TO PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST WESTBOUND WILL ALSO BE CLOSED BETWEEN 11 PM AND 6 AM THE NEXT DAY DAILY FROM DECEMBER 18 TO 21 FOR ROADWORKS.

VEHICLES INCLUDING KMB ROUTES 2D AND 3C AND NEW TERRITORIES GMB ROUTES 58S, 61M, 63K AND 65K TRAVELLING ON WATERLOO ROAD SOUTHBOUND HEADING FOR PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST WESTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA BOUNDARY STREET AND EARL STREET.

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