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HONG KONG REGAINS RABIES-FREE STATUS

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HONG KONG WAS TODAY (MONDAY) DECLARED A RABIES-FREE AREA FOLLOWING A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS WITHOUT ANY OUTBREAK OF INDIGENOUSLY ACQUIRED RABIES IN MAN OR IN ANIMALS.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AFTER A REVIEW OF THE SITUATION SINCE THE OCCURRENCE OF THE LAST INDIGENOUS RABIES CASE ON JULY 10, 1987.

THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION'S EXPERT COMMITTEE ON RABIES HAS DEFINED A "RABIES-FREE AREA" AS ONE IN WHICH NO CASE OF INDIGENOUSLY ACQUIRED RABIES HAS OCCURRED IN MAN OR ANY SPECIES IN TWO YEARS.

THE DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR VETERINARY OFFICER, DR NORMAN CHENG, SAID: "THE DECISION TO DECLARE HONG KONG FREE FROM RABIES DOES NOT MEAN THAT EFFORTS TO CONTROL THE DISEASE WILL BE RELAXED.

"IN FACT, CONTINUOUS VIGILANCE AND INTENSIVE CONTROL MEASURES HAVE TO BE MAINTAINED TO PREVENT THE RE-INTRODUCTION OF RABIES INTO HONG KONG AS THE DISEASE IS STILL COMMON IN NEIGHBOURING AREAS."

DR CHENG SAID THE DEPARTMENT'S DOG CONTROL UNIT WOULD CONTINUE TO INOCULATE DOGS AND CONTROL STRAY DOGS AND STRICTLY ENFORCE CONTROL MEASURES INCLUDING THE QUARANTINE OF IMPORTED DOGS AND CATS, AND COMPULSORY DETENTION OF BITER DOGS FOR OBSERVATION SO AS TO REDUCE THE RISK OF A RABIES OUTBREAK TO A MINIMUM.

HE SAID THAT IN THE LAST TWO YEARS, MORE THAN 83,160 DOGS WERE INOCULATED AGAINST THE DISEASE AND OVER 44,140 STRAY DOGS ELIMINATED. FROM JANUARY TO JUNE THIS YEAR, ANOTHER 16,197 DOGS WERE INOCULATED AND 11,083 STRAYS PUT DOWN.

"THE GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO TAKE THE EXISTING CONTROL OVER RABIES ONE STEP FURTHER BY INTRODUCING A RABIES AND ANIMAL CONTROL BILL TO REPLACE THE DOGS AND CATS ORDINANCE WHICH IS AT PRESENT IN FORCE," DR CHENG SAID.

THE NEW BILL WILL EXTEND RABIES PREVENTIVE MEASURES TO COVER ALL MAMMALS. IT SEEKS TO DEAL WITH PROBLEMS NOT ADEQUATELY COVERED BY THE EXISTING LEGISLATION AND THE DEPARTMENT WOULD EXPECT THE PUBLIC'S REACTION TO BE GENERALLY FAVOURABLE IN VIEW OF THE ADDED PROTECTION THEY WOULD GAIN.

"THE FINAL DRAFT OF THE BILL HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND IS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF CONSULTATION.

"IT IS HOPED THAT THE BILL WILL BE ENACTED IN MID-1990," DR CHENG ADDED.

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REASSURANCE GIVEN TO SAI KUNG DB

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THE SECURITY BRANCH TODAY (MONDAY) IN A LETTER REASSURED THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD THAT ADEQUATE MEASURES WOULD BE TAKEN TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT AT THE REMOTE HIGH ISLAND AREA WHERE A TEMPORARY CAMP WOULD BE BUILT FOR VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE.

"WE ARE VERY MUCH MINDFUL OF THE NEED TO AVOID POLLUTION AND TO ENSURE THAT THE ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES THERE ARE NOT ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THE DETENTION CENTRE," A BRANCH SPOKESMAN SAID.

"TO THIS END, PLANS ARE IN HAND FOR THE TREATMENT AND THE COLLECTION OF HUMAN WASTE FROM THE CAMP.

"THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED ON A TREATMENT SYSTEM FOR THE DISCHARGE OF WASTE WATER FROM KITCHENS, SHOWERS AND CLOTH-WASHING AREAS IN THE CAMP.

"THE SYSTEM INVOLVES THE USE OF SETTLEMENT TANKS AND SAND FILTRATION; WE DO NOT INTEND TO OPEN THE CAMP BEFORE THIS SYSTEM IS IN OPERATION."

ON WASTE DISPOSAL, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WOULD CARRY OUT REGULAR DESLUDGING OF HUMAN WASTE FROM SLUDGE TANKS.

"THIS WILL BE TAKEN TO SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES OUTSIDE THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT," HE SAID.

"AS TO THE CHONG HING WATER SPORTS CENTRE NEARBY, THERE WILL BE NO RUN-OFF OF WATER FROM THE CAMP INTO THE LAGOON.

"THE WATER SPORTS CENTRE WILL REMAIN OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND NO VIETNAMESE VISITORS WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE SITE.

"PANELS WILL ALSO BE ATTACHED TO THE FENCE OF THE CAMP TO SCREEN THE CAMP FROM THE WATER SPORTS CENTRE, AND VICE VERSA.

"AND THE CAMP ITSELF WILL BE SURROUNDED BY A 17-FOOT HIGH FENCE. IT WILL BE A DETENTION CENTRE, AND THE BOAT PEOPLE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED OUT."

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

"WE CAN ASSURE THE DISTRICT BOARD THAT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND SECURITY ARE VERY MUCH IN OUR MINDS," HE SAID.

"WE SHALL TAKE STEPS TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS NO POLLUTION IN THE AREA. THE TEMPORARY CAMP IS IN A REMOTE LOCATION WHICH WILL NOT IMPINGE UPON THE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES EITHER IN THE WATER SPORTS CENTRE OR WITHIN THE COUNTRY PARK."

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AMENDMENTS TO NEW DRUG TRAFFICKING BILL
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THE SECOND READING DEBATE ON THE DRUG TRAFFICKING (RECOVERY OF PROCEEDS) BILL 1989 WILL BE RESUMED AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 12).

A NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS WILL ALSO BE MADE TO THE BILL AT ITS COMMITTEE STAGE FOLLOWING THE ADVICE OF AN AD HOC GROUP OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND FURTHER EXAMINATION OF THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION BY THE GOVERNMENT IN THE LIGHT OF RECENT CHANGES TO THE UNITED KINGDOM'S DRUG TRAFFICKING OFFENCE ACT 1986 WHICH THE BILL IS MODELLED ON.

THE BILL AIMS TO CONFISCATE THE PROCEEDS OF DRUG TRAFFICKING AND TO COUNTER DRUG MONEY LAUNDERING IN HONG KONG.

ONE OF THE MAJOR AMENDMENTS IS TO ENABLE DIFFERENT PROVISIONS OF THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO BE BROUGHT INTO OPERATION AT DIFFERENT DATES. THIS WILL ALLOW MORE TIME FOR AFFECTED SECTORS, PARTICULARLY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, TO MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS TO COMPLY WITH THE NEW REQUIREMENTS.

ANOTHER AMENDMENT CONCERNS THE SEQUENCE OF SENTENCING AND CONFISCATION PROCEEDINGS. THE BILL IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM STIPULATES THAT SENTENCING IN RESPECT OF THE DRUG TRAFFICKING OFFENCE WILL FOLLOW THE COURT'S DECISION ON CONFISCATION.

TO ALLOW JUSTICE TO BE BETTER SEEN TO BE DONE, THIS WILL BE AMENDED SO THAT THE COURT WILL SENTENCE THE CONVICTED PERSON TO ANY IMPRISONMENT TERMS FIRST AND THEN DECIDE WHETHER A CONFISCATION ORDER SHOULD BE MADE.

UNDER THE BILL, IT IS AN OFFENCE TO ENTER INTO AN ARRANGEMENT WHICH FACILITATES THE RETENTION OF A PERSON'S PROCEEDS OF DRUG TRAFFICKING "KNOWING OR SUSPECTING" THAT PERSON IS A DRUG TRAFFICKER.

A COMMITTEE STAGE AMENDMENT WILL REPLACE THE WORD "SUSPECTING" WITH "HAVING REASONABLE GROUNDS TO BELIEVE". THIS WILL PROVIDE A FAIRER AND MORE CERTAIN TEST OF LIABILITY IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

THERE WILL ALSO BE AN ADDITION TO THE BILL TO PROTECT PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE WHO DISCLOSE INFORMATION TO AN AUTHORISED OFFICER. THE PROTECTION IS AGAINST ALLEGATIONS OF BREACHES OF AN ETHICAL DUTY OF CONFIDENTIALITY TO THEIR CLIENTS.

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JOBS FOUND FOR REDUNDANT TEACHERS

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ALL 271 REDUNDANT TEACHERS IN AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS, WHO REGISTERED WITH THE PLACEMENT SERVICE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY PLACED IN VARIOUS SCHOOLS, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

"THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS EXTREMELY GRATEFUL TO SCHOOL AUTHORITIES FOR THEIR FULL SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION IN ACCEPTING REDUNDANT TEACHERS REFERRED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO FILL THEIR VACANCIES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE PLACEMENT SERVICE WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1975 TO ASSIST REDUNDANT TEACHERS IN AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS SEEKING ALTERNATIVE JOBS AS A RESULT OF A DROP IN THE POPULATION OF PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE OR BECAUSE OF A POPULATION SHIFT FROM URBAN AREAS TO THE NEW TOWNS.

MORE THAN 5,600 TEACHERS HAVE BEEN HELPED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO SECURE ALTERNATIVE POSTS BETWEEN 1975 AND THIS YEAR, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN THE MEANTIME, WRITTEN ADVICE WILL BE SENT TO ALL AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS INFORMING THEM THAT THEY ARE ALLOWED TO ENTER INTO EMPLOYMENT TERMS WITH NEW TEACHERS AS FROM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

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JOINT GRADUATION CEREMONY OF COLLEGES OF EDUCATION

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A TOTAL OF 1,809 GRADUATES OF THE GRANTHAM, NORTHCOTE AND SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGES OF EDUCATION AND THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE WILL RECEIVE THEIR TEACHER CERTIFICATES AT A JOINT GRADUATION CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

THEY ARE GRADUATES OF THE ADVANCED COURSE OF TEACHER EDUCATION, FULL-TIME INITIAL COURSES OF TEACHER EDUCATION, PART-TIME IN-SERVICE COURSES OF TRAINING FOR TEACHERS OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND FOR LECTURERS OF TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, AND PART-TIME IN-SERVICE COURSES OF TRAINING FOR KINDERGARTEN AND SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS.

OMELCO MEMBER AND PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE, DR DANIEL TSE, WILL ADDRESS THE GRADUATES AND PRESENT CERTIFICATES AND PRIZES AT THE CEREMONY.

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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, WILL CHAIR THE CEREMONY AND THE ACTING PRINCIPAL OF THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, MRS JANE WONG, WILL DELIVER A JOINT REPORT OF THE COLLEGES AT THE CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY TO BEGIN AT 3.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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REPORT ON 1987 SURVEY OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION NOW ON SALE

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A STATISTICAL REPORT ENTITLED "1987 SURVEY OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION" HAS RECENTLY BEEN PUBLISHED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AND IS NOW ON SALE AT \$23 PER COPY.

IT IS ONE IN A SERIES OF ANNUAL REPORTS PUBLISHED ON THE SURVEY OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION.

THE REPORT CONTAINS A WIDE RANGE OF STATISTICS ON THE STRUCTURAL AND OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ECONOMIC SECTORS OF MINING AND QUARRYING; MANUFACTURING; AND ELECTRICITY, GAS AND WATER IN THE YEAR 1987, BASED ON THE DATA COLLECTED FROM SAMPLED ESTABLISHMENTS IN THESE SECTORS.

EXAMPLES OF THE STATISTICAL ITEMS INCLUDED IN THE REPORT ARE:

- * NUMBER OF ESTABLISHMENTS, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES
- * GROSS OUTPUT
- * VALUE ADDED (A MEASURE OF CONTRIBUTION TO GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT)
- * PURCHASES OF MATERIALS, SUPPLIES AND INDUSTRIAL WORK/SERVICES
- * OTHER EXPENSES
- * GROSS ADDITIONS TO FIXED ASSETS

APART FROM STATISTICS RELATING TO THE YEAR 1987, THE REPORT ALSO CONTAINS SOME SUMMARY STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1985 AND 1986 TO SHOW THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE SECTORS IN RECENT YEARS.

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THE STATISTICS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT ARE USEFUL TO BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR FOR POLICY FORMULATION, DECISION MAKING, ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND MARKET RESEARCH.

PURCHASES OF THE REPORT MAY BE MADE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL OR AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

ENQUIRIES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TELEPHONE NUMBER 5-8234819.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS PUBLICITY PLAN
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MEMBERS OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S PROMOTION AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROMOTION AND PUBLICITY WORK FOR THE DISTRICT IN THE 1990'S AT A MEETING TOMORROW (JULY 11).

IN OTHER MATTERS, A DOCUMENT ON FUTURE LAND USE AND POPULATION GROWTH WILL BE PRESENTED TO MEMBERS FOR REFERENCE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S PROMOTION AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (JULY 11) IN THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 152 KWONG FUK ROAD, TAI PO. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM.

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TRANSPORT MATTERS ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA
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THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE SETTLED BUS AND FERRY ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, 1989-90, FOR THE DISTRICT AT A MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

WRITTEN QUESTIONS CONCERNING TRAFFIC PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED IN HAPPY VALLEY AND SAFETY MEASURES FOR PEDESTRIANS IN STUBBS ROAD WILL BE TABLED AT THE MEETING.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, 21ST FLOOR, SOUTHOEN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, HONG KONG. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 4 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGNS
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THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE DISTRICT'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN FOR 1989-90 AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON A PROMOTION CAMPAIGN ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT FOR THE DISTRICT IN 1989-90.

IN ADDITION, THEY WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE IMPROVEMENT TO A SITTING-OUT AREA AT WYLIE ROAD NEAR LIM POR YEN YOUTH CENTRE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, 490 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROPOSED IN TA KWU LING
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THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) A MEMBER'S PROPOSAL TO IMPROVE HYGIENE IN TA KWU LING.

IT IS PROPOSED THAT HYGIENE INSPECTORS SHOULD MAKE REGULAR VISITS TO VILLAGES, AND PEST AND MOSQUITO CONTROL TEAMS BE SENT MONTHLY TO PUBLIC LAVATORIES IN THE AREA TO ERADICATE INSECT PESTS.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER CONSTRUCTING A STAIRCASE NEAR WAI CHOW PUBLIC SCHOOL IN CHOI YUEN ESTATE, SHEUNG SHUI, TO PROVIDE DIRECT AND SAFE ACCESS FOR PUPILS.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE REQUESTS FOR VILLAGE LIGHTING INSTALLATIONS, AND PROGRESS REPORTS ON LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS AND MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS..

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM.

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CNTA HEADQUARTERS MOVED TO NEW ADDRESS
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THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS AND THE NEW TERRITORIES REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS HAVE MOVED TO THEIR NEW ADDRESS IN WAN CHAI TODAY (JULY 10).

THE NEW ADDRESS IS 29TH TO 31ST FLOORS, SOUTHERN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG. AND THE NEW ENQUIRY TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 5-8351444.

MEANWHILE, THE TRUST FUNDS GENERAL OFFICE, THE CHINESE TEMPLES COMMITTEE AND THE CHINESE PERMANENT CEMETERIES OFFICE HAVE MOVED TO THE 29TH FLOOR THERE AND THEIR NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE:

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TRUST FUNDS GENERAL OFFICE	5-8351524
CHINESE TEMPLES COMMITTEE	5-8351519
CHINESE PERMANENT CEMETERIES OFFICE	5-8341116

AT THE SAME TIME, THE CIVIC EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE OF CNTA HAS ALSO MOVED TO THE SAME ADDRESS.

THE CNTA HEADQUARTERS PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE HAS BEEN DISBANDED UPON THE REMOVAL TO THIS NEW ADDRESS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO OBTAIN THIS SERVICE SHOULD APPROACH THE TSIM SHA TSUI SUB-OFFICE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE AT 40 CARNARVON ROAD, GROUND FLOOR, TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON OR TELEPHONE 3-661908.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE NEW PRESS ENQUIRY TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE NEWS AND PUBLICITY DIVISION OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION ARE 5-8351462 AND 5-8351466.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY
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THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S RECREATION, SPORTS AND CULTURE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS A REPORT ON THE STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OF TAI PO IN THE 1990'S AT ITS MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 12).

THE REPORT IS AN IMPORTANT REFERENCE FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF RECREATION, SPORTS AND CULTURE AFFAIRS IN THE DISTRICT.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES PLANNED BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS FOR THE DISTRICT IN JULY AND AUGUST.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S RECREATION, SPORTS AND CULTURE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 12) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 152 KWONG FUK ROAD, TAI PO.

THE MEETING WILL START AT 2.30 PM.

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TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MEET TOMORROW
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THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL REVIEW THE PRESENT SITUATION ON TAXI MALPRACTICE AND RELATED MATTERS AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE COMMITTEE WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE PRESENT POSITION OF THE VARIOUS MEASURES TO TIGHTEN UP CONTROL OF LIGHT GOODS VEHICLES.

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 55.6 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 325.984 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 153.900 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 26.3 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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SUSPENSION OF WATER SUPPLY TO TWO DISTRICTS
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 12) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY KI LUNG STREET, TAI NAN STREET, LAI CHI KOK ROAD, MAPLE STREET, BOUNDARY STREET, POPLAR STREET AND CEDAR STREET.

ON THURSDAY (JULY 13), FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KWUN TONG WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY SHUN ON ROAD, SAU MAU PING ROAD AND SHUN LEE TSUEN ROAD.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN YUEN LONG, TUEN MUN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE CLOSURE OF WESTBOUND CASTLE PEAK ROAD (T-1) NEAR CHAU TAU IN YUEN LONG WILL CONTINUE TO BE IN FORCE UNTIL 10 AM ON JULY 22 TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD.

MEANWHILE, FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 12), THE CARPARK AT BUTTERFLY RECREATION AREA NEAR MELODY GARDEN, TUEN MUN WILL BE OPENED FOR USE.

NINE COACH PARKING SPACES AND OVER 150 PRIVATE CAR PARKING SPACES WILL BE AVAILABLE.

PARKING WILL BE FREE OF CHARGE.

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TRAFFIC DIVERSION ON GASCOIGNE ROAD FLYOVER

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE EASTBOUND TRAFFIC LANE ON THE GASCOIGNE ROAD FLYOVER IN YAU MA TEI WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 12) TO FACILITATE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE FLYOVER.

AFFECTED VEHICLES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA A TEMPORARY ELEVATED CARRIAGEWAY.

MOTORISTS ARE URGED TO DRIVE WITH CARE AND PATIENCE.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN CHA KWO LING ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 12), THE STEEL BRIDGE ON CHA KWO LING ROAD IN KWUN TONG BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 700 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH WING FOOK STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 900 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE REDUCED TO ONE-LANE TWO-WAY TRAFFIC.

THIS MEASURE WILL LAST FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH FOR DEMOLISHING THE BRIDGE'S.

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