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GOVERNOR STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF BASIC LAW

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THE BASIC LAW IS VERY IMPORTANT TO HONG KONG. IT'S FUTURE AFTER 1997. AND FOR CREATING CONFIDENCE NOW IN THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FUTURE. THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER A VISIT TO SHA TIN, SIR DAVID SAID GETTING THE BASIC LAW AS GOOD AS POSSIBLE WAS VERY IMPORTANT AND ALL THE EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE DIRECTED TOWARDS THAT.

"THE BASIC LAW IS OF COURSE FOR CHINA TO DRAFT. THE OFFICIAL BRITISH INVOLVEMENT OR HONG KONG GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT IS ONLY TO ENSURE THAT IT MEETS WHAT'S IN THE JOINT DECLARATION.

"BUT NATURALLY WE TAKE A GREAT INTEREST IN IT BECAUSE IT IS SO IMPORTANT FOR THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

SIR DAVID ALSO SAID THAT WHILE THERE HAD BEEN PROBLEMS OF CONFIDENCE IN JUNE AND JULY, WE SHOULD CONCENTRATE OUR EFFORTS ON PICKING OURSELVES UP OUT OF THE FEELING OF VERY DEEP CONCERN.

"THAT MEANS EFFORTS BY US, HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, HONG KONG PEOPLE. IT MEANS EFFORT BY BRITISH GOVERNMENT. IT MEANS EFFORT BY CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

"IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE ALL SHARE A COMMON INTEREST IN AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE US CO-OPERATING IN TRYING TO ACHIEVE THAT BUILDING UP OF CONFIDENCE," HE ADDED.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON A CALL TO SCRAP THE FIRST ASYLUM POLICY FOR VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE, THE GOVERNOR SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THE SORT OF CONCERNS EXPRESSED ON THE WHOLE PROBLEM.

"IT'S A CONCERN THE GOVERNMENT FEELS VERY STRONGLY INDEED BECAUSE WE HAVE HAD TO DEVOTE IMMENSE RESOURCES TO THIS PROBLEM, BUT I DON'T THINK ONE SHOULD LOOK FOR SIMPLISTIC SOLUTIONS TO IT.

"WE HAVE A PROBLEM TO TACKLE. IT'S A VERY COMPLICATED PROBLEM AND WE'VE GOT TO FIND A WAY TO TACKLE ALL ASPECTS OF IT.

"IT'S BOTH A LOCAL PROBLEM AND IT HAS INTERNATIONAL IMPLICATIONS FOR HONG KONG'S REPUTATION AND IMAGE IN THE WORLD WHICH WE ALSO HAVE TO LOOK TO," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

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GOVERNOR VISITS HEUNG YEE KUK AND SHA TIN  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (WEDNESDAY) PAID A VISIT TO HEUNG YEE KUK AND LISTENED TO SENIOR KUK MEMBERS' VIEWS ON VARIOUS ISSUES AFFECTING THE TERRITORY AND IN PARTICULAR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

LATER IN THE AFTERNOON, HE VISITED SHA TIN WHERE HE SAW PRIVATE AND PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

SIR DAVID WAS ACCOMPANIED ON HIS FIRST VISIT TO THE KUK BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR ADOLF HSU, AND ON HIS VISIT TO SHA TIN, BY MR HSU AND THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VICTOR YUNG.

THE GOVERNOR WAS MET ON ARRIVAL AT THE KUK BY ITS CHAIRMAN, MR LAU WONG-FAT, AND VICE-CHAIRMEN, MR LIU CHING-LEUNG AND MR CHAN TIN-SUNG. HE ALSO MET OTHER KUK MEMBERS.

IN HIS WELCOMING SPEECH, MR LAU EXPRESSED THE KUK'S VIEWS ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES INCLUDING VIETNAMESE REFUGEES AND VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE, THE KUK'S ROLE IN THE GOVERNMENT'S CONSULTATION PROCESS AND ITS REPRESENTATION ON THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND THE RIGHT OF ABODE OF HONG KONG PEOPLE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNISED THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE KUK TO THE NEW TERRITORIES AND VALUED ITS ROLE IN THE CONSULTATIVE MACHINERY. ITS VIEWS WOULD BE FULLY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION-MAKING PROCESS.

BEFORE LEAVING THE KUK, SIR DAVID SAW AN EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING THE HISTORY OF THE KUK AND ITS VARIOUS ACTIVITIES.

LATER IN THE AFTERNOON, AFTER VISITING THE FLEDGLING COMMUNITY IN MA ON SHAN, SHA TIN, THE GOVERNOR SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD SPEND \$1.8 BILLION TO PROVIDE LAND, INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES FOR A POPULATION OF 200,000 IN MA ON SHAN BY THE MID-1990'S.

SIR DAVID SAID MA ON SHAN WOULD BE A MODERN SELF-CONTAINED TOWNSHIP WITH GOOD COMMUNICATION NETWORKS AND ADEQUATE EDUCATIONAL, MEDICAL, SOCIAL WELFARE AND COMMUNITY BUILDING FACILITIES.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA WOULD PROVIDE RESIDENTS WITH EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, HE ADDED.

NOTING THAT THERE WERE 60,000 PEOPLE NOW LIVING IN THE AREA, THE GOVERNOR SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO LEARN THAT 12 MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES HAD ALREADY BEEN FORMED TO FOSTER A SENSE OF NEIGHBOURLINESS AMONG RESIDENTS.

HE ALSO VISITED A FAMILY AT HENG ON ESTATE.

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EARLIER, SIR DAVID TOURED CITY ONE WHICH, WITH A POPULATION IN EXCESS OF 40,000, IS THE LARGEST PRIVATE HOUSING ESTATE IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

HE WAS BRIEFED BY THE ESTATE MANAGER OF CITY ONE AND THE CITY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ON THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ESTATE AND EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE WAYS RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT INDICATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WISHES TO SEE AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE MANAGEMENT IN PRIVATE BUILDINGS AND TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN THIS REGARD.

IN THIS CONNECTION, SIR DAVID WAS INFORMED THAT THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BUILDING MANAGEMENT IS CONDUCTING A REVIEW OF EXISTING DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT AND WOULD SHORTLY BE MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO REMOVE SOME OF THE UNSATISFACTORY PROVISIONS THROUGH LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS.

THE GOVERNOR ALSO MET DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND OTHER COMMUNITY LEADERS TO DISCUSS A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES AFFECTING THE SHA TIN DISTRICT WHICH AT PRESENT HAS A POPULATION OF 510,000.

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FS VISITS FACTORIES IN TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR PIERS JACOBS, TODAY (WEDNESDAY) VISITED THE ONLY AIRCRAFT TYRE RETREADING OPERATION IN HONG KONG AND INSPECTED THE PRODUCTION LINE OF THE TERRITORY'S LEADING SUPPLIER OF PHOTOCONDUCTIVE DRUMS.

BOTH ESTABLISHMENTS - THOMPSON AIRCRAFT TIRE COMPANY (ASIA) LIMITED AND THE HONG KONG FUJIDENKI COMPANY LIMITED - ARE LOCATED IN THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

AT THOMPSON AIRCRAFT TIRE COMPANY, WHICH IS A JOINT VENTURE OF AMERICAN, JAPANESE AND LOCAL INTERESTS, SIR PIERS SAW THE COMPANY'S ADVANCED PRODUCTION SYSTEM USED TO RETREAD AIRCRAFT TYRES.

THE SYSTEM, ACCORDING TO THE COMPANY, SUPPRESSES ANY POLLUTION OF DUST AND ODOUR.

SIR PIERS WAS TOLD THAT THE HIGH LEVEL OF AUTOMATION ALLOWED THE COMPANY TO EMPLOY ONLY A TOTAL STAFF OF 54, WHICH IN 1988, WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR RETREADING 11,000 AIRCRAFT TYRES WORTH \$17 MILLION. THE COMPANY ALSO SOLD 3,500 IMPORTED NEW TYRES WORTH \$11 MILLION.

THE SUCCESS OF THOMPSON AIRCRAFT'S OPERATION IN HONG KONG IS BUT ONE OF MANY EXAMPLES WHERE THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT PLAYED A CRUCIAL ROLE IN PROVIDING ALL THE VITAL SUPPORT SERVICES TO PROSPECTIVE FOREIGN ENTERPRISES INTERESTED IN SETTING UP PLANTS IN THE TERRITORY.

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THE COMPANY FIRST INDICATED TO THE DEPARTMENT IN 1982 THEIR INTENTION TO SET UP A RETREADING PLANT SOMEWHERE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA TO CATER TO THE MARKET IN THE REGION.

THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT PROMPTLY GAVE THEM A DETAILED BRIEFING ON THE LOCAL SITUATION AND INTRODUCED THEM TO HONG KONG AIRCRAFT ENGINEERING COMPANY LTD (HAECO) OFFICIALS TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF A JOINT VENTURE.

NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THOMPSON AND HAECO RESULTED IN THE SETTING UP OF THE JOINT VENTURE.

THERE WERE 13 OTHER TYRE RETREADING BUSINESSES IN HONG KONG, BUT THEY ARE CONFINED TO RETREADING TYRES FOR MOTOR CARS AND TRUCKS.

SIR PIERS LATER VISITED THE HONG KONG FUJIDENKI COMPANY LIMITED, A LEADING SUPPLIER OF SELENIUM PHOTOCONDUCTIVE DRUMS FOR PHOTOCOPIERS.

A FULLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF FUJI ELECTRIC COMPANY LIMITED OF JAPAN, THE COMPANY'S PRODUCTION LAST YEAR WAS VALUED AT \$70 MILLION.

SIR PIERS WAS SHOWN THE FACTORY'S VACUUM FURNACES, AUTOMATED PRETREATMENT PROCESS LINE AND COMPUTERISED TESTING EQUIPMENT. THE PRODUCTION SYSTEM INCORPORATED SOPHISTICATED MEASURES TO ENSURE NO ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION.

THIS SUPPLY OF PHOTOCONDUCTIVE DRUMS ENABLES THE MANUFACTURE OF COMPLETE PHOTOCOPIERS IN THE TERRITORY. THE JAPANESE COMPANY'S PLAN TO DIVERSIFY INTO THE PRODUCTION OF ORGANIC PHOTOCONDUCTOR (OPC) IS EXPECTED TO FURTHER ENHANCE HONG KONG'S CAPABILITY IN THE MANUFACTURE OF A WIDER RANGE OF COPYING MACHINES.

SIR PIERS NOTED IT WAS ALSO THE JAPANESE COMPANIES WHO IN THE LATE 1950'S STARTED THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG BY SUPPLYING SIMPLE ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS FOR A SMALL NUMBER OF FACTORIES ASSEMBLING SIMPLE TRANSISTOR RADIOS.

THEIR PRODUCTION CONSTITUTED ONLY AN INSIGNIFICANT PART OF THE ECONOMY AT THE TIME. BY 1988, THERE WERE NEARLY 2,000 ESTABLISHMENTS ENGAGING ABOUT 110,000 PERSONS IN THE INDUSTRY.

SIR PIERS WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR JOHN CHAN, AND THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR T.H. BARMA. TODAY'S VISIT WAS PART OF HIS PROGRAMME OF REGULAR VISITS TO FACTORIES.

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DB TO DISCUSS LEGCO COMPOSITION

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THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE FUTURE COMPOSITION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

THE MEETING WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE MONG KOK DISTRICT WORKS PROGRAMME (1989 EDITION) WHICH DETAILS THE GOVERNMENT'S PROJECTED ENGINEERING AND BUILDING WORKS ITEMS FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS IN THE DISTRICT.

MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO ENDORSE THE ALLOCATION OF \$600,000 IN DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS TO SPONSOR THE 1989-90 MONG KOK FESTIVAL, AND THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR LIGHTING PROGRAMME.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW (THURSDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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KWAI TSING DB TO DISCUSS PUBLIC HOUSING ISSUES

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THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES CONCERNING PUBLIC HOUSING AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

THESE INCLUDE PROBLEMS OF TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS AGED OVER SEVEN YEARS, MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND PLANNING OF PUBLIC HOUSING AND HOME OWNERSHIP FLATS IN THE DISTRICT OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE AIR POLLUTION PROBLEM IN KWAI CHUNG, ABOLITION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY PEAK CONGESTION FARE AND TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD MEETING WHICH WILL BE BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (THURSDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

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SPORTS DEVELOPMENT BOARD ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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MEMBERS OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE WILL EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HONG KONG SPORTS DEVELOPMENT BOARD AT THE COMMITTEE'S MEETING TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH, MR DAVID MAK, WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE BOARD WHICH WILL BE FORMED IN APRIL NEXT YEAR TO PROMOTE AND DEVELOP SPORTS AND RECREATION IN HONG KONG.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS TO ORGANISE RECREATIONAL AND SPORT ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE USAGE PATTERN OF MAJOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE DISTRICT IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, AND A REPORT FROM THE NORTH DISTRICT ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (THURSDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

ABANDONED SIGNBOARDS ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF ABANDONED SIGNBOARDS IN THE NAM CHEONG AREA AT ITS MEETING ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 8).

ACCORDING TO A REPORT SUBMITTED BY A LOCAL ORGANISATION, THERE IS A TOTAL OF 114 ABANDONED SIGNBOARDS IN THE AREA, SOME OF WHICH MIGHT ENDANGER THE PUBLIC.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE'S DANGEROUS SIGNS UNIT WAYS OF IMPROVING THE SITUATION.

MEANWHILE, REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT WILL EXPLAIN TO THE COMMITTEE THE INCREASE IN MANAGEMENT FEE FOR PO LAI COURT.

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OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE IMPROVEMENT OF LIGHTING FACILITIES AT SHUN NING ROAD REST GARDEN AND THE ACCESS PROBLEM OF FAT TSEUNG STREET TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA.

IN ADDITION, MEMBERS WILL ENQUIRE ABOUT THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FORTUNE STREET TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA.

THEY WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO ENDORSE SEVEN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND "KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN" ACTIVITIES WHICH WILL COST MORE THAN \$150,000 IN DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 8) AT THE SHEK KIP MEI COMMUNITY HALL, BLOCK 42, SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE, NAM CHEONG STREET.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA  
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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR LEI YUE MUN ROAD UPON THE OPENING OF THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING AT THE COMMITTEE'S MEETING TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO TABLE THE DRAFT 1990-91 PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR KWUN TONG AND THE 1988 ACTION REVIEW ON PEDESTRIAN PROBLEM SPOTS IN THE DISTRICT FOR MEMBERS' COMMENTS.

ANOTHER AGENDA ITEM IS THE PROGRESS REPORT ON TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (THURSDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, TUNG YAN STREET.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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'HOME SWEET HOME' PHOTO CONTEST IN TUEN MUN  
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THE TUEN MUN FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE IS HOLDING A PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION TO ENHANCE COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND RESIDENTS' SENSE OF BELONGING.

WITH THE THEME "HOME SWEET HOME", THE COMPETITION IS AIMED AT AROUSING RESIDENTS' INTEREST IN PHOTOGRAPHY AND THEIR AWARENESS OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NEW TOWN.

THE ENTRIES MUST BE COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES, BUILDINGS, PLACES OF HISTORIC INTEREST AND SCENIC BEAUTY IN TUEN MUN, OR LIFE IN THE DISTRICT.

THE CONTEST IS DIVIDED INTO OPEN DIVISION AND STUDENT DIVISION. WINNERS WILL BE AWARDED PRIZES AND THEIR WORKS WILL BE DISPLAYED AT VARIOUS VENUES IN THE DISTRICT IN OCTOBER.

THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED CAN OBTAIN ENTRY FORMS FROM THE YAN OI TONG COMMUNITY AND INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE AT YAN CHING CIRCUIT, TUEN MUN.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ENTRIES IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15.

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\$9 MILLION CONTRACT TO BUILD RESCUE VESSEL  
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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT TODAY (WEDNESDAY) SIGNED A \$9 MILLION CONTRACT WITH A LOCAL SHIPBUILDING COMPANY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RESCUE VESSEL FOR USE AT HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

THE VESSEL IS TO PROVIDE RESCUE SERVICES TO THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT AND SUPPLEMENTED WITH THE FIRE FIGHTING SERVICES.

THE VESSEL - AN ALUMINIUM CATAMARAN OF MORE THAN 22 METRES LONG AND 10 METRES WIDE - WILL HAVE A CREW OF SEVEN.

SHE WILL BE POWERED BY TWO ENGINES EACH OF 550 KILOWATTS AND 2,100 REVOLUTIONS PER MINUTE WITH A SPEED OF 25 KNOTS.

THE RESCUE CAPACITY OF THE VESSEL IS 32 PERSONS ON STRETCHERS, 64 SEATED AND 154 STANDING.

THERE WILL BE EIGHT INFLATABLE LIFE RAFTS ON BOARD, FOUR OF WHICH CAPABLE OF CARRYING 42 PERSONS EACH AND THE REMAINDER 21 PERSONS EACH.

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DELIVERY OF THE VESSEL, TO BE BUILT BY A. FAI ENGINEERS AND SHIPREPAIRERS LIMITED, IS EXPECTED IN JUNE NEXT YEAR.

THE NEW VESSEL WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING ONE WHICH WAS BUILT IN JAPAN 15 YEARS AGO.

THE RESCUE VESSEL WILL BE MANNED BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT. THE CONTRACT WAS TODAY SIGNED BETWEEN THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MARINE (GOVERNMENT FLEET), MR PETER CRISP, AND MANAGING DIRECTOR OF A. FAI ENGINEERS AND SHIPREPAIRERS LTD, MR SETO FAI.

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ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN TSUEN WAN

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ROAD TRAFFIC IN TSUEN WAN DOWNTOWN WILL BE GREATLY IMPROVED IN TWO YEARS WITH THE COMPLETION OF A ROAD PROJECT THERE.

THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TODAY (WEDNESDAY) AWARDED A \$73.47 MILLION CONTRACT TO AOKI CORPORATION FOR IMPROVING KWAN MUN HAU STREET BETWEEN YEUNG UK ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

WORK ON THE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 11) AND WILL TAKE 24 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE PROJECT - IMPROVEMENT TO KWAN MUN HAU STREET PHASE 1 - WILL INCLUDE WIDENING KWAN MUN HAU STREET AND LUEN YAN STREET, BUILDING OF THREE FOOTBRIDGES AT SHING MUN ROAD, CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND YEUNG UK ROAD, AS WELL AS PUTTING DOWN A BOX CULVERT ALONG LUEN YAN STREET AND MA TAU PA ROAD.

PHASE 2 OF THE PROJECT IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO START IN 1994 AND BE COMPLETED IN 1996.

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GOVT LOT AT KOWLOON BAY TO LET BY TENDER

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT TERM TENANCY OF A SITE AT KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION, KOWLOON.

MEASURING ABOUT 2,860 SQUARE METRES IN AREA, IT IS FOR CONCRETE BATCHING, ASPHALT BATCHING, STORAGE, DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF NATURAL SAND, AGGREGATE AND CEMENT.

THE TENANCY IS FOR TWO YEARS AND RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

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THE CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS IS NOON ON SEPTEMBER 22.

FORM OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND TENDER PLAN INSPECTED AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON EAST, 10TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON AND THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

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ED TO LAUNCH ENGLISH DRAMA PROJECT  
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS TO INTRODUCE A NEW PROJECT IN THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR WHICH AIMS AT ENCOURAGING SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO DEVELOP ENGLISH LANGUAGE DRAMA AS A REGULAR EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY.

THE NEW PROJECT, ENTITLED SCHOOLS ENGLISH DRAMA PROJECT, WILL BE ORGANISED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER AND THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE HONG KONG LANGUAGE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT A CASH GRANT OF \$1,000 WOULD BE GIVEN TO EACH PARTICIPATING SCHOOL TOWARDS THE COST OF PRODUCING A PLAY IN ENGLISH.

"IN THE EVENT THAT THE PROJECT IS OVERSUBSCRIBED, PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO SCHOOLS WHICH DO NOT ALREADY OFFER ENGLISH LANGUAGE DRAMA AS AN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY, OR HAVE STARTED THIS ACTIVITY ONLY WITHIN THE LAST TWO YEARS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE CHUNG YING THEATRE COMPANY TO PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS IN ASPECTS WHICH INCLUDE SCRIPT SELECTION, PRODUCTION OF THE PLAY AND DRAMA WORKSHOPS FOR TEACHERS.

EACH PARTICIPATING SCHOOL WILL BE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE A 30-MINUTE PLAY IN ENGLISH DURING THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR.

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED FOR THE BEST "PRODUCTION DIARY" TO RECORD IN ENGLISH THE EVENTS IN THE COURSE OF PRODUCING THE PLAY, THE BEST PRODUCTION, AND THE BEST COSTUMES/SCENERY.

IN SELECTING THE WINNER OF THE BEST PRODUCTION AWARD, CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO ENTHUSIASM, CLARITY IN THE DELIVERY OF LINES, TEAMWORK, AND THE AGE RANGE OF PARTICIPATING STUDENTS.

"THE THREE MOST INTERESTING PLAYS WILL BE SELECTED FOR A GALA PERFORMANCE AT A PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY IN THE NEW HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE ON APRIL 19 NEXT YEAR," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

A SCHOOL CIRCULAR TO ANNOUNCE THE PROJECT AND TO INVITE APPLICATIONS WAS ISSUED TODAY. APPLICATIONS SHOULD REACH THE ENGLISH SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE BY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR KING'S ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 8), TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN NORTH POINT TO FACILITATE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF KING'S ROAD.

BOAT STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS.

VEHICLES ON GORDON ROAD HEADING FOR KING'S ROAD EASTBOUND BETWEEN BOAT STREET AND POWER STREET WILL HAVE TO USE ELECTRIC ROAD SOUTHBOUND AND WING HING STREET.

THE DOWN RAMP LEADING FROM ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR EASTBOUND TO KING'S ROAD WESTBOUND WILL ALSO BE CLOSED FOR ABOUT 10 MONTHS.

VEHICLES WILL BE DIVERTED TO TRAVEL VIA THE DOWN RAMP LEADING FROM ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR TO TONG SHUI ROAD, JAVA ROAD AND KAM HONG STREET.

IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS DURING THE TIME SPECIFIED BELOW:

ROUND-THE-CLOCK FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS:

- \* KING'S ROAD EASTBOUND FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH OIL STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 80 METRES EAST OF BOAT STREET;
- \* THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF OIL STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH KING'S ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- \* BOAT STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH KING'S ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT FIVE METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- \* KING'S ROAD EASTBOUND FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH POWER STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 25 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- \* POWER STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH KING'S ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- \* KING'S ROAD EASTBOUND FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH TIN CHONG STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 15 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION;  
AND
- \* TIN CHONG STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH KING'S ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 35 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

ROUND-THE-CLOCK FOR ABOUT 10 MONTHS:

- \* KING'S ROAD EASTBOUND FROM A POINT ABOUT 140 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH TING SHUI ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 100 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

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FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS:

- \* THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF FORTRESS HILL ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH KING'S ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 35 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- \* KING'S ROAD WESTBOUND FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH FORTRESS HILL ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 55 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- \* KING'S ROAD WESTBOUND FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH MING YUEN WESTERN STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 50 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- \* KING'S ROAD WESTBOUND FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH KAM PING STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 15 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- \* THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF MIND YUEN WESTERN STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH KING'S ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION; AND
- \* THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF KAM PING STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH KING'S ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

THE EXISTING STOPPING RESTRICTION FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY ON KING'S ROAD WESTBOUND FROM A POINT ABOUT 55 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH FORTRESS HILL ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 70 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE LIFTED FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS.

MEANWHILE, GOODS VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS ALONG KING'S ROAD WESTBOUND FROM A POINT ABOUT 85 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH FORTRESS HILL ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 110 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS.

THE EXISTING TRAM LANE ON KING'S ROAD EASTBOUND FROM A POINT ABOUT 140 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH TONG SHUI ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 100 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE LIFTED FOR ABOUT 10 MONTHS.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CENTRAL

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 8), THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS IN CENTRAL WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY :

- \* THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF WYNDHAM STREET BETWEEN HOUSE NOS. 63 AND 79;
- \* THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF HOLLYWOOD ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH POTTINGER STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES TO THE WEST;
- \* THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF HOLLYWOOD ROAD BETWEEN OLD BAILEY STREET AND THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO THE CENTRAL POLICE STATION;
- \* THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF HOLLYWOOD ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH LYNDHURST TERRACE TO A POINT ABOUT 35 METRES TO THE EAST;
- \* THE SOUTHERN KERSIDE LANE OF HOLLYWOOD ROAD BETWEEN SHELLY STREET AND A POINT ABOUT THREE METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH GRAHAM STREET;
- \* GRAHAM STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH HOLLYWOOD ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES TO THE SOUTH;
- \* LYNDHURST TERRACE FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH HOLLYWOOD ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 27 METRES TO THE EAST.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

ALSO FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY, VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER GRAHAM STREET BETWEEN HOLLYWOOD ROAD AND STAUNTON STREET.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS IN QUARRY BAY AND WESTERN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 8), THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS IN QUARRY BAY WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS ROUND-THE-CLOCK.

- \* KORNHILL ROAD WESTBOUND FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH HONG ON STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 70 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION; AND

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- \* THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF HONG ON STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH KORNHILL ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 25 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

MEANWHILE, IN WESTERN DISTRICT, TWO SECTIONS OF WESTERN STREET WILL BE MADE 24-HOUR DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH TO FACILITATE DRAINAGE WORKS.

THEY ARE:

- \* THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF WESTERN STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST TO A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION; AND
- \* THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF WESTERN STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH DES VOEUX ROAD WEST TO A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

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SPEED LIMIT ON TUEN MUN ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 8), TUEN MUN ROAD, FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH CASTLE PEAK ROAD IN TSUEN WAN TO THE NORTHERN ABUTMENT OF THE FLYOVER ACROSS CASTLE PEAK ROAD AT SAM SHING HUI, WILL BE SUBJECT TO A SPEED LIMIT OF 70 KILOMETRES PER HOUR.

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