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29 UNOFFICIALS TO SPEAK ON WHITE PAPER ON GOVERNMENT

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THERE WILL BE TWO SITTINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, TOMORROW AND ON THURSDAY, WHEN 29 UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL BE SPEAKING ON THE MOTION BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, WELCOMING THE PLANS AND INTENTIONS DESCRIBED ON THE +FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG.+

FOURTEEN UNOFFICIALS ARE EXPECTED TO SPEAK TOMORROW AND FIFTEEN ON THE NEXT DAY.

OTHER MATTERS WILL INCLUDE SIX BILLS ON WHICH DEBATE WILL BE RESUMED, PRIOR TO COMMITTEE STAGE AND FINAL READING, AS WELL AS A MOTION BY THE HON SELINA CHOW WELCOMING +HONG KONG'S ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR.+

THERE WILL ALSO BE STATEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, THE HON E.P. HO, ON THE HONG KONG EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE CORPORATION 1983-84 ANNUAL REPORT, AND THE HON LYDIA DUNN ON THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR 1983-84.

IN ADDITION, THE JOINT UNITED KINGDOM-CHINA DECLARATION ON THE QUESTION OF HONG KONG, AND THE TWO ASSOCIATED MEMORANDA, WILL BE TABLED.

TEN QUESTIONS WILL BE ASKED BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS CONCERNING SUCH MATTERS AS ACTIONS TAKEN WITH REGARD TO THE REQUIRED WEARING OF SAFETY SEAT BELTS IN PRIVATE CARS, CONTROLS ON NOISE POLLUTION, HONG KONG-CHINA AIR SERVICES, AND ACTION TAKEN WITH REGARD TO THE SALE LOCALLY OF UNSAFE ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND ACCESSORIES.

THE SIX BILLS DUE FOR FINAL READING ARE: ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1984, PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL BILL 1984, TRADE MARKS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984, FIRE SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984, PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984, AND EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984.

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CHINESE VERSION OF HK LAWS NEEDED, AG SAYS

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR MICHAEL THOMAS, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO HAVE AN AUTHORITATIVE VERSION OF OUR LEGISLATION IN CHINESE, ALTHOUGH HE BELIEVED ENGLISH MUST REMAIN A LANGUAGE OF LEGISLATION AND OF THE COURTS, IN ORDER THAT HONG KONG MIGHT RETAIN AND INCREASE ITS REPUTATION AS AN INTERNATIONAL CENTRE OF COMMERCE, MANUFACTURING, BANKING AND THE LAW.

SPEAKING TO THE CONVOCATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG THIS EVENING ON THE FUTURE TASKS OF HIS CHAMBERS, MR THOMAS DISCLOSED A PILOT SCHEME TO GAIN EXPERIENCE IN A LEGAL SYSTEM IN WHICH CHINESE AND ENGLISH VERSIONS OF LEGISLATION ARE EQUALLY AUTHORITATIVE.

+I AM MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SPECIAL TRAINING TO BE GIVEN BY LAWYERS IN MY CHAMBERS, WHO HAVE EXPERIENCE IN LAW DRAFTING AND ARE EXPERT IN CHINESE, TO A SELECTED CORPS OF FULLY-QUALIFIED TRANSLATORS.

+IT IS HOPED THAT THESE ARRANGEMENTS WILL ENABLE US TO MAKE A START ON PRODUCING SELECTED PIECES OF NEW LEGISLATION IN BOTH LANGUAGES IN THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION 1985-86.

+THE EXPERIENCE GAINED AT THAT STAGE WILL DETERMINE THE DIRECTION WE WILL TAKE AND THE PACE OF PROGRESS IN THE ENORMOUS JOB OF TRANSLATING THE EXISTING 26 VOLUMES OF ORDINANCES AND SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION,+ HE SAID.

MR THOMAS POINTED OUT HOWEVER THAT IT WAS NEITHER POSSIBLE NOR PRUDENT TO LET EXPEDIENCY RULE OUR THINKING.

+IT IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT THE QUALITY AND STANDARD OF THE WORK SHOULD BE ACCEPTABLE IN THE COURTS AND BE SEEN BY ALL WHO, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, HAVE RECOURSE TO THE CHINESE VERSION, TO BE NO LESS ADEQUATE FOR THESE PURPOSES THAN THE ENGLISH VERSION,+ HE SAID.

ANOTHER TASK WHICH CONFRONTS HIS CHAMBERS IS LOCALISATION OF THE LAW AND CODIFICATION OF SOME PART OF IT, ALTHOUGH IN THE LATTER CASE THE REASON IS NOT BECAUSE OF THE TERMS OF THE SINO-BRITISH AGREEMENT BUT BECAUSE EASIER UNDERSTANDING OF THE LAW IS ALWAYS DESIRABLE.

MR THOMAS EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL TO LOCALISE ALL LEGISLATION PROGRESSIVELY BECAUSE AT PRESENT SEVERAL IMPORTANT AREAS OF OUR LAW ARE CONTAINED IN UK ACTS AND ORDERS IN COUNCIL AND EVEN ONCE LOCATED, THEY ARE NOT EASY TO UNDERSTAND UNLESS ONE IS A LAWYER WHO KNOWS THE BRITISH STYLE OF LEGISLATION.

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HE GAVE THE EXAMPLE OF HONG KONG'S MERCHANT SHIPPING LEGISLATION, WHICH STEMS FROM THE MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT OF 1894. HE ESTIMATED HOWEVER THAT THE TASK OF MAKING HONG KONG'S SHIPPING LAWS SELF-SUFFICIENT WOULD TAKE TWO DRAFTSMEN ABOUT FIVE YEARS TO COMPLETE.

MR THOMAS ALSO DESCRIBED THE TASK OF CODIFICATION OF THE ENTIRE LAW AS +MASSIVE+ AND +ALMOST CERTAINLY AN UNREALISTIC AIM+.

+SO WE HAVE IN MIND TO TACKLE INITIALLY A FEW SELECTED AREAS OF THE COMMON LAW WHICH ARE IMPORTANT, WHICH AFFECT INDIVIDUALS, AND WHICH ARE NOT READILY ACCESSIBLE EXCEPT THROUGH THE LAW REPORTS,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THE SECRETARIAT OF THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION, WHICH IS PART OF HIS CHAMBERS, WERE CONSIDERING THE DESIRABILITY OF SOME CODIFICATION OF THE LAW, THE PRIORITY OF WORK AND THE RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS.

HOWEVER HE POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE DISADVANTAGES AS WELL AS ADVANTAGES TO CODIFICATION. BECAUSE OF CODIFICATION, THE +COBWEBS WOVEN BY THE SPIDERS OF CASES DECIDED LONG AGO+ COULD BE SWEEPED AWAY, COMMON LAW RIGHTS OR REMEDIES WHICH MAY NOT BE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD BY LAYMEN WOULD BE BROUGHT INTO STATUTORY FORM, AND ATTENTION WOULD BE DRAWN TO NECESSARY REFORMS OR GAPS IN THE LAW. ON THE OTHER HAND, A CODE MIGHT RESTRICT THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LAW, AND IN ADDITION A NEW BODY OF CASE LAW WOULD QUICKLY BUILD UP ON THE MEANING OF THE CODE ITSELF.

MR THOMAS NOTED THAT THE TASK OF CODIFYING SUBSTANTIAL PARTS OF THE LAW ALONE WOULD TAKE MANY DRAFTSMEN MANY YEARS. +IT IS POSSIBLE THAT A TRIAL RUN WITH A SMALL PART OF THE LAW SHOULD BE ATTEMPTED SOON IN ORDER THAT THE TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES, THE TIMESCALE AND THE RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS MAY BE ASSESSED,+ HE SAID.

OTHER TASKS FOR HIS CHAMBERS INCLUDED LIKELY CHANGES TO HONG KONG'S SYSTEM OF APPEAL COURTS, WORK WITH THE BRITISH AND CHINESE GOVERNMENTS TO ENSURE THAT THE BENEFITS OF MULTILATERAL TREATIES AND BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS CURRENTLY APPLYING TO HONG KONG ARE NOT LOST; AND MORE IMMEDIATELY, DRAFTING OF LEGISLATION FOR THE NEW LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND FOLLOW-UP WORK ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE TRIAL OF COMPLEX COMMERCIAL CASES AND THE SCHEME TO REHABILITATE MINOR OFFENDERS.

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HOME SALES OFFER DRAWS BIG RESPONSE

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A LARGE CROWD OF ASPIRING HOME-OWNERS TODAY QUEUED UP AT THE HOME OWNERSHIP CENTRE IN HO MAN TIN FOR APPLICATION FORMS ON THE FIRST DAY OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE 3 776 FLATS OFFERED UNDER PHASE VIIA OF THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY SAID MORE THAN 20 000 APPLICATION FORMS, ABOUT 40 PER CENT WERE GREEN FORMS, WERE PICKED UP BY HOME-SEEKERS ALONE AT THE HOME OWNERSHIP CENTRE UNTIL 7 PM TODAY.

+THOUSANDS MORE FORMS HAVE ALSO BEEN DISTRIBUTED AT OTHER OUTLETS, INCLUDING THE APPLICATIONS SECTION OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, HOUSING AUTHORITY AND HOUSING SOCIETY ESTATE OFFICES AS WELL AS DISTRICT OFFICES,+ HE ADDED.

HE SAID COPIES OF A SALES BROCHURE AND A GUIDE TO THE CURRENT PHASE OF THE SCHEME WERE ALSO DISTRIBUTED AT THE CENTRE WHICH WOULD BE OPEN DAILY FROM 9 AM TO 7 PM DURING THE APPLICATION PERIOD.

MEANWHILE, THOUSANDS OF PROSPECTIVE HOME-BUYERS TODAY ALSO VISITED AN EXHIBITION STAGED ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE OI MAN COMMERCIAL CENTRE WHERE MODELS AND OTHER DETAILS OF THE THREE PROJECTS WERE ON DISPLAY.

TO ENCOURAGE PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS TO SURRENDER THEIR SUBSIDISED RENTAL HOMES AND MOVE INTO HOS FLATS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID A SERIES OF MINI EXHIBITIONS ON THE CURRENT HOS SALES WERE BEING STAGED IN A NUMBER OF PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

+THEY WILL BE HELD AT THE WONG TAI SIN SHOPPING CENTRE AND SHEK KIP MEI EXHIBITION HALL UNTIL JANUARY 12, AT WO CHE COMMERCIAL CENTRE AND SHEK WAI KOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE FROM JANUARY 13-15 AND AT BUTTERFLY COMMERCIAL CENTRE AND YAU OI COMMERCIAL CENTRE BETWEEN JANUARY 16 AND 18.

+THE EXHIBITIONS WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC DAILY FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM.+

MANY HOME-SEEKERS TODAY ALSO BRAVED THE COLD TO VISIT THE SAMPLE FLATS CURRENTLY OPEN AT THE THREE PHASE VIIA PROJECTS TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES THE FLAT DESIGNS AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

+THE SAMPLE FLATS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION DURING THE APPLICATION PERIOD DAILY FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE 3 776 FLATS IN THE CURRENT PHASE ARE AT CHOI PO COURT IN SHEUNG SHUI, FUNG SHING COURT IN SHA TIN AND CHING SHING COURT ON TSING YI ISLAND.

FLAT PRICES RANGE FROM \$96 600 TO \$186 200 EACH AND GROSS AREAS VARY BETWEEN 41.9 AND 64.5 SQUARE METRES.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE PHASE VIIA FLATS WILL CLOSE ON JANUARY 18 AND A BALLOT TO DECIDE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE HELD BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH.

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SEMINARS ORGANISED TO IMPROVE LINKS
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A SERIES OF SEMINARS HAVE BEEN ORGANISED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY WITH THE AIM OF IMPROVING ORGANISATIONAL LINKS BETWEEN AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS CORPORATIONS.

THEY WILL PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR AREA COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF COMMON INTERESTS WITH VARIOUS BUILDING-BASED ORGANISATIONS.

THE FIRST OF THE SEMINARS, ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE CAUSEWAY BAY SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE, WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 10) AT THE PLAZA HOTEL IN CAUSEWAY BAY.

THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, STATED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LAST NOVEMBER THAT A SYSTEM WOULD BE DEvised FOR PERIODIC MEETINGS OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS OF THEIR AREA COMMITTEE.

MR AKERS-JONES AND THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, WILL ATTEND THIS THURSDAY'S SEMINAR AT THE PLAZA HOTEL.

THE SEMINAR WILL START WITH A SLIDE SHOW ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CAUSEWAY BAY SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE, FOLLOWED BY THE OPENING REMARKS BY MR WIGGHAM AND A BRIEF INTRODUCTION ON MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS CORPORATIONS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSIONS ON PROBLEMS AND ACTIVITIES IN PRIVATE AND PUBLIC HOUSING AS WELL AS SQUATTER VILLAGES.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WILL ALSO ATTEND THE SEMINAR.

MR AKERS-JONES WILL MAKE THE CLOSING REMARKS AT ABOUT 8.30 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 10) AT 7 PM. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE AT 6.45 PM IN THE PEARL ROOM ON THE 27TH FLOOR OF THE PLAZA HOTEL.

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TRAINING SCHEME EXPANDED
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THE ENGINEERING GRADUATE TRAINING SCHEME HAS BEEN EXPANDED TO COVER THE TRAINING SCHEMES APPROVED BY FOUR MORE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING INSTITUTIONS, THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE FOUR ARE THE INSTITUTIONS OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS, ELECTRONIC AND RADIO ENGINEERS, AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS.

+CORPORATE MEMBERS OF THESE FOUR INSTITUTIONS ARE RECOGNISED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND ALSO AUTOMATICALLY BECOME CORPORATE MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COUNCIL SAID.

UNTIL DECEMBER 31 LAST YEAR, ONLY PERSONS WHO RECEIVED TRAINING UNDER SCHEMES APPROVED BY THE HONG KONG INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS WERE QUALIFIED TO APPLY FOR THE COUNCIL'S TRAINING SUBSIDY. THE CURRENT RATE OF SUBSIDY IS \$1 600 A MONTH FOR A GRADUATE.

ADMINISTERED BY THE COMMITTEE ON TRAINING OF TECHNOLOGISTS UNDER THE COUNCIL, THE SCHEME IS TO HELP ENGINEERING GRADUATES TO OBTAIN PRACTICAL TRAINING, TO ENSURE HONG KONG HAS AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF WELL-TRAINED ENGINEERS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SCHEME HAS BEEN IN OPERATION FOR 18 MONTHS AND MORE THAN 160 GRADUATES ARE NOW RECEIVING PRACTICAL TRAINING UNDER IT.

EMPLOYERS WHO WISH TO MAKE USE OF THE NEW FACILITIES AND TO JOIN THE SCHEME ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT THE SECRETARY, COMMITTEE ON TRAINING OF TECHNOLOGISTS ON 5-8932341 EXT. 274.

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PRESS CONFERENCE
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A PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT 11 AM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT GIS TO RELEASE THE FIRST REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION AND TO ANNOUNCE THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION ON ITS RECOMMENDATIONS.

THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE ATTENDED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION, MR Q.W. LEE, THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR NEIL HENDERSON, AND THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG.

COPIES OF THE REPORT, IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR ADVANCE STUDY ONLY, FROM 9 AM AT THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, 5TH FLOOR, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

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MEET THE MEDIA
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THE CONTROLLER OF GOVERNMENT LAND TRANSPORT AGENCY, MR JOHN GRAY, WILL MEET THE MEDIA ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 10) AT 4 PM IN THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL.

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LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR SITES IN URBAN AREAS
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO DO SOME THRIVING BUSINESS BEFORE THE DEPARTURE OF THE YEAR OF RAT MAY TRY THEIR LUCK BY RUNNING A STALL AT ONE OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR SITES PROVIDED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL.

MORE THAN 1 300 SITES INCLUDING TWO FAST FOOD CENTRES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT VICTORIA PARK, FA HUI PARK, KOWLOON PARK AND KAI TAK EAST PLAYGROUND WHERE THE FAIRS WILL TAKE PLACE. AUCTIONS FOR THE STALLS WILL BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE AS FROM THURSDAY.

DETAILS OF THE AUCTIONING DATES ARE:

KOWLOON PARK	-	JANUARY 10
FA HUI PARK	-	JANUARY 14
KAI TAK EAST PLAYGROUND	-	JANUARY 15
VICTORIA PARK	-	JANUARY 16 AND 17

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT KEEN COMPETITION AMONG BIDDERS IS EXPECTED AT THE AUCTIONS AS ALL THE SITES ARE CONVENIENTLY LOCATED.

+IN ADDITION, SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS THIS YEAR WILL BE GRANTED TEN DAYS TO OPERATE THEIR BUSINESS - TWO MORE DAYS THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS,+ HE SAID.

THE UPSET PRICE FOR A STALL RANGES FROM \$225 TO \$1 013. THE TWO FAST FOOD CENTRES, WHICH WILL BE SET UP AT VICTORIA PARK, WILL EACH CARRY AN UPSET PRICE OF \$20 250.

PARTICIPANTS SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE BEFORE 9 A.M. FOR A MORNING AUCTION OR 2 P.M. FOR AN AFTERNOON AUCTION.

THEY SHOULD BRING ALONG THEIR HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS AND TWO PASSPORT SIZE FULL-FACE PHOTOGRAPHS.

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EACH SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY THE AMOUNT OF THE BID AND \$135 FOR A TEMPORARY LICENCE.

DETAILS OF THE LAYOUT AND LOCATION PLANS OF THESE FAIR SITES MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE REGIONAL HAWKER RECORDS OFFICE OF THE CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND ALL DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

A LIST OF COMMODITIES PERMITTED FOR SALE CAN ALSO BE OBTAINED FROM THE HAWKER RECORDS OFFICES.

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ALL TAI PO LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR SITES SOLD
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SEVENTY-NINE OF THE 80 STALL SITES FOR THE COMING TAI PO LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR WERE LEASED AT A PUBLIC AUCTION TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE HIGHEST PRICE FOR A FLOWER STALL SITE WAS \$1 100, WHILE THE LOWEST WAS \$250, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE DRY GOODS STALL SITES FETCHED PRICE RANGING FROM \$100 TO \$220.

THE UPSET PRICE FOR EACH STALL WAS \$100.

TODAY'S AUCTION, CONDUCTED BY STAFF OF THE TAI PO URBAN SERVICES OFFICE, TOOK PLACE AT THE OFFICE OF TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE AT HEUNG SZE WUI STREET, TAI PO.

ALL THE STALL SITES WILL AGAIN BE ERECTED AT THE TAI PO PLAYGROUND BETWEEN FEBRUARY 13 AND 20 TO COINCIDE WITH THE YEAR-END CELEBRATION.

TRADERS WHO WISH TO LEASE THE REMAINING ONE UNSOLD STALL SITE SHOULD CALL AT THE TAI PO URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES, TING KOK ROAD, DURING OFFICE HOURS.

TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY), 208 STALL SITES AT THE TSUEN WAN LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR WILL BE AUCTIONED AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM STARTING AT 9.30 AM.

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OPEN SPACES FOR SHA TIN
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OPEN SPACES ARE TO BE BUILT IN THE FAST EXPANDING SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

THEY WILL BE LOCATED AT TIN SAM TO COPE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT IN THAT PART OF SHA TIN WHERE SEVERAL MAJOR PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES ARE SITUATED.

THE PROJECT WILL COMPRISE TWO SEPARATE OPEN SPACES WITH FACILITIES FOR SOCCER, ROLLER SKATING AND PICNICKING.

THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START NEXT MONTH.

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LUNCHTIME MUSIC
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FROM TOMORROW, LUNCHTIME CONCERTS WILL BE HELD EACH WEDNESDAY THIS MONTH, BETWEEN 1 PM AND 1.45 PM AT THE WAN CHAI METHODIST COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR THE BENEFIT OF WORKING PEOPLE.

THE CONCERTS ARE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE WAN CHAI METHODIST COMMUNITY CENTRE.

THERE WILL BE FOLK SINGING, CLASSICAL AND FLAMENCO GUITAR PERFORMANCES AND CHINESE AND WESTERN INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC.

ADMISSION IS FREE TO THE CONCERTS AT THE WAN CHAI METHODIST COMMUNITY CENTRE, 22 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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NEW MAXICAB ROUTES IN KWUN TONG
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THREE NEW MAXICAB ROUTES WILL START OPERATION IN KWUN TONG DISTRICT FROM JANUARY 13 (SUNDAY).

THEY ARE: ROUTE 34M FROM LOWER SAU MAU PING TO KWUN TONG TOWN CENTRE NEAR YUE MAN SQUARE, ROUTE 35 BETWEEN UPPER NGAU TAU KOK ESTATE AND HONG LEE COURT VIA NGAU TAU KOK MTR STATION, AND ROUTE 36 BETWEEN NGOK YUE SHAN AND KWUN TONG FERRY. THEIR FARES WILL BE FROM 80 CENTS TO \$1.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID THE NEW ROUTES WOULD STRENGTHEN PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES IN THE NGAU TAU KOK, NGOK YUE SHAN AND LOWER SAU MAU PING AREAS.

ROUTES 34M AND 35 ARE FEEDER ROUTES PROVIDING CONVENIENT LINKS TO MTR STATIONS AND THE TOWN CENTRE WHILE ROUTE 36 IS TO REPLACE KMB ROUTE NO. 19.

+TO AVOID WASTEFUL COMPETITION AND TO PROVIDE A MORE COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS SERVICE FOR THE LOCAL COMMUTERS IN THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT, THE EXISTING PLB SERVICES AFFECTED BY THE NEW MAXICAB ROUTES WILL BE REARRANGED AND START OPERATION ON THE SAME DATE.

+THE AGREEMENT TO THE REARRANGEMENT WAS REACHED FOLLOWING MEETINGS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE PLB OPERATORS CONCERNED,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW MAXICAB SERVICES, THE NUMBER OF MAXICAB ROUTES IN KOWLOON WILL BE INCREASED TO 36, INVOLVING A TOTAL OF OVER 200 MAXICABS,+ HE SAID.

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FOR BETTER TRAFFIC FLOW
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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE TO KWA WAN AREA FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 10), TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION.

THEY ARE :

- * LOK SHAN ROAD BETWEEN TO KWA WAN ROAD AND YUK YAT STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.
- * THE RIGHT-TURN FROM TO KWA WAN ROAD NORTHBOUND INTO LOK SHAN ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE BANNED TO ALL TRAFFIC.

TRAFFIC ON TO KWA WAN ROAD NORTHBOUND HEADING FOR LOK SHAN ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CHI KIANG STREET AND YUK YAT STREET.

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BEACH KIOSK LEASE OFFERED

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR OPERATION OF A REFRESHMENT KIOSK AT KADOORIE BEACH ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TUEN MUN.

KADOORIE BEACH, ON THE WESTERN COAST OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, DREW MORE THAN 130 000 BEACH-GOERS DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAY LAST YEAR, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

TENDER FORMS FOR THE THREE-YEAR CONTRACT TO START FROM APRIL 1, MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE NTSD HEADQUARTERS ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF SWIRE AND MACLAINE HOUSE (AUSTIN CENTRE), 19-23 AUSTIN AVENUE, KOWLOON OR THE TUEN MUN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF 'TOP COURT', 60-70 TAK CHING COURT, TUEN MUN.

FORMS SHOULD THEN BE RETURNED TO THE NTSD HEADQUARTERS BEFORE 9 AM ON FEBRUARY 1.

ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE TUEN MUN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE OR TELEPHONE 0-820800 EXT. 301, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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