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GREEN PAPER ON PEKING VISIT AGENDA

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID THIS (WEDNESDAY) MORNING THAT THE GREEN PAPER EXERCISE WOULD BE AMONG A WHOLE RANGE OF ISSUES HE WOULD BE DISCUSSING WITH SENIOR CHINESE OFFICIALS DURING HIS THREE-DAY VISIT TO PEKING.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT, HE SAID THAT HE WOULD BE EXPLAINING TO THEM THAT "THE TIME FOR DECISIONS ON THAT HASN'T YET COME".

"I WILL EXPLAIN THAT WE HAVE BEEN CARRYING OUT A VERY CAREFUL EXERCISE IN WHICH THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAS NOT BEEN PUSHING ANY PARTICULAR POINT OF VIEW.

"WE HAVE BEEN GENUINELY TRYING TO FIND OUT WHAT THE VIEWS OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG ARE, BOTH THOSE WHO NORMALLY EXPRESS THEM IN PUBLIC AND THE SO-CALLED SILENT MAJORITY," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THE TRIP TO PEKING, WHICH WAS FOLLOWING A PATTERN OF VISITS ESTABLISHED BY SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WAS VERY IMPORTANT SO AS TO MAINTAIN "THIS SORT OF INFORMAL CONTACT WITH SENIOR CHINESE OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN HONG KONG AFFAIRS".

"I'VE BEEN INVITED BY VICE FOREIGN MINISTER ZHOU NAN. I EXPECT ALSO TO BE SEEING STATE COUNCILLOR JI PENGFEI, MR LI HOU (DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG AND MACAU AFFAIRS OFFICE), MR LU PING (DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG AND MACAU AFFAIRS OFFICE), AND AMBASSADOR KE ZAISHUO."

SIR DAVID SAID THAT WHILE THERE WAS NO SET AGENDA HE WOULD BE DISCUSSING A WHOLE RANGE OF ISSUES INVOLVING RELATIONS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JOINT DECLARATION.

SEEING OFF THE GOVERNOR WERE THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR S.Y. CHUNG; THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MISS LYDIA DUNN; THE DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF XINHUA NEWS AGENCY (HONG KONG BRANCH), MR QIAO ZONGHUAI, AND THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID FORD.

SIR DAVID, WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED ON THE TRIP BY HIS PRIVATE SECRETARY, MR RICHARD HOARE, WAS ALSO SEEN OFF BY LADY WILSON AND THEIR SON ANDREW.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR AUGUST RELEASED

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THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX(A) AND NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX(B) FOR AUGUST 1987 WERE BOTH 110.4, REPRESENTING INCREASES OF 6.2 PER CENT AND 5.9 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER AUGUST 1986, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

COMPARED WITH JULY 1987 AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX(A) INCREASED BY 1.1 PER CENT AND THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX(B), BY 0.8 PER CENT.

THE AVERAGE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX(A) AND AVERAGE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX(B) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED AUGUST 1987 WERE 107.1 AND 107.3 RESPECTIVELY.

DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 1987, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX(A) INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 0.5 PER CENT PER MONTH, AND THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX(B), AT 0.4 PER CENT PER MONTH.

DURING AUGUST, RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND CHARGES FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES INCREASED. ON THE OTHER HAND, RETAIL PRICES OF CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR DECREASED.

THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX(A) AND THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX(B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1984/85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY. THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX(A) REFERS TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$2,000 AND \$6,499 A MONTH AT THAT TIME AND THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX(B) BETWEEN \$6,500 AND \$9,999 A MONTH.

CHANGES IN THE INDICES FOR AUGUST 1987 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDICES, AS COMPARED WITH JULY 1987 AND AUGUST 1986, ARE GIVEN BELOW.

(OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 AVERAGE = 100)

SECTION	CPI(A)			CPI(B)		
	INDEX FOR AUG.87	% CHANGE OVER JUL.87	% CHANGE OVER AUG.86	INDEX FOR AUG.87	% CHANGE OVER JUL.87	% CHANGE OVER AUG.86
FOODSTUFFS	108.0	+2.3	+5.6	108.3	+1.9	+5.7
HOUSING	110.0	+0.2	+5.0	108.0	+0.3	+3.5

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FUEL AND LIGHT	92.5	-0.0*	+4.1	93.2	-0.1	+4.0
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	116.8	-0.1	+6.0	117.2	-0.0*	+6.6
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	112.8	-1.4	+6.3	114.3	-1.6	+6.7
DURABLE GOODS	112.4	-0.2	+6.2	111.4	-0.3	+6.1
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	117.4	+0.9	+12.4	116.9	+0.6	+11.3
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	115.8	+0.1	+8.5	114.7	+0.3	+8.2
SERVICES	116.3	+0.4	+6.2	116.1	+0.7	+6.5
ALL ITEMS	110.4	+1.1	+6.2	110.4	+0.8	+5.9

* LESS THAN 0.05 PER CENT

COMPARED WITH JULY 1987, THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY 2.3 PER CENT IN NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX(A) AND BY 1.9 PER CENT IN NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX(B). THIS WAS MAINLY DUE TO THE INCREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND SALT-WATER FISH AND IN THE AVERAGE CHARGE FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES WHICH MORE THAN OFFSET THE DECREASE IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF FRESH FRUIT. THE EFFECT OF MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS ON THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS WAS INSIGNIFICANT.

THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR DECREASED BY 1.4 PER CENT IN NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX(A) AND BY 1.6 PER CENT IN NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX(B) AS A RESULT OF LOWER PRICES OF MEN'S AND WOMEN'S OUTERCLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR.

THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS INCREASED BY 0.9 PER CENT IN NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX(A) AND BY 0.6 PER CENT IN NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX(B) BECAUSE OF HIGHER PRICES OF JEWELLERY.

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES INCREASED BY 0.4 PER CENT IN NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX(A) AND BY 0.7 PER CENT IN NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX(B) DUE TO HIGHER CHARGES FOR PACKAGE TOURS AND ADMISSION TO CONCERTS.

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER SECTIONS OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDICES WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

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MORE DETAILS ARE GIVEN IN THE "CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT" FOR AUGUST 1987, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$3.5 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19/F., WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG, FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAILINGS.

FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE INDICES, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT 5-8235089.

THE HANG SENG CONSUMER PRICE INDEX WAS 113.1 IN AUGUST 1987, UP BY 0.6 PER CENT OVER JULY 1987 AND UP BY 6.7 PER CENT OVER AUGUST 1986. THE HANG SENG CONSUMER PRICE INDEX IS BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF THE 10 PER CENT OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG THAT SPENT HK\$10,000-24,999 A MONTH DURING THE 1984/85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY. FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THIS INDEX ARE INCLUDED IN THE HANG SENG CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT ISSUED BY THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF HANG SENG BANK LTD.

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WELFARE SERVICES MEET NEW TOWN DEMANDS

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT PLAYS AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE ASSESSMENT OF THE WELFARE NEEDS OF THE DISTRICT AS WELL AS IN THE ARRANGEMENT AND CO-ORDINATION OF THE PROVISION OF WELFARE SERVICES DURING THE PLANNING STAGE OF A NEW TOWN IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THERE WILL BE ADEQUATE AND TIMELY SERVICES TO MEET RESIDENTS' DEMANDS, REGIONAL SOCIAL WORK OFFICER (NEW TERRITORIES), MR CARLOS LEUNG, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF SHATIN, MR LEUNG OUTLINED THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES IN SHA TIN FOLLOWING THE REGIONALISATION OF THE DEPARTMENT IN 1979.

MR LEUNG SAID THAT APART FROM A WIDE RANGE OF WELFARE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT, SHA TIN WAS ALSO SERVED BY SOME 90 WELFARE SERVICE UNITS UNDER VARIOUS VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

IN ADDITION, THERE WERE ALSO SIX DISTRICT COMMITTEES TO CO-ORDINATE GROUP AND COMMUNITY WORK, SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY, FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION, REHABILITATION, CHILD CARE CENTRES AND NEIGHBOURHOOD LEVEL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES.

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"THUS, AN ASSISTANT DISTRICT SOCIAL WORK OFFICER POST WILL SOON BE CREATED IN THE DISTRICT TO COPE WITH THE INCREASINGLY COMPLEX CO-ORDINATION AND ORGANISATION WORK.

"IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, ANOTHER TWO YOUTH CENTRES, EIGHT CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES, ONE GROUP WORK UNIT, ONE CHILDREN'S HOME, EIGHT CHILD CARE CENTRES, SIX SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY, ONE DAY CARE CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY, FOUR HOSTELS FOR OLD PEOPLE, FOUR CARE AND ATTENTION HOMES FOR THE AGED, THREE SHELTERED WORKSHOPS, TWO HOSTELS FOR THE DISABLED, TWO HALF-WAY HOUSES, ONE EARLY EDUCATION AND TRAINING CENTRE AND ONE OUTREACHING SOCIAL WORK TEAM WILL BE SET UP IN THE DISTRICT.

"MEANWHILE, STAFF FROM OUR DEPARTMENT ATTEND MEETINGS OF THE AREA COMMITTEE, THE DISTRICT BOARD AND OTHER CONCERNED BODIES TO LISTEN TO AND ANSWER QUERIES ABOUT WELFARE SERVICES AS WELL AS TO REFLECT DISTRICT OPINIONS BACK TO THE HEADQUARTERS TO ENSURE THAT SERVICES DO MEET DISTRICT DEMANDS," HE SAID.

MR LEUNG CONCEDED THAT THE EXPANSION OF SERVICES WOULD INEVITABLY FALL BEHIND ACTUAL DEMANDS IN THE FAST-GROWING NEW TOWNS.

"NEVERTHELESS, THE PROBLEM OF INADEQUATE SERVICES IN THE TRANSITION PERIOD WILL BE RESOLVED AS LONG AS THE GOVERNMENT AND THE RESIDENTS CO-OPERATE AND WORK THROUGH CONSULTATION AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING," HE SAID.

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TENDERS FOR SHORT TERM TENANCIES INVITED

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR TWO SHORT TERM TENANCIES ON PREMISES IN YUEN LONG.

THE TENANCIES ARE AT TAK YIP STREET, TUNG TAU INDUSTRIAL AREA, AND THE PREMISES CAN ONLY BY USED AS TIMBER WORKSHOPS.

BOTH MEASURE ABOUT 888.7 SQUARE METRES.

TENDER FORMS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE, AND TENDER PLANS CAN BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, YUEN LONG;
- * BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES, KOWLOON, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250, SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

TENDERS CLOSE ON OCTOBER 9.

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FIRST CENTRE FOR ELDERLY ISLANDERS TO BE BUILT

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THE WAN HO KAN CENTRE FOR THE AGED, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND TO BE BUILT IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT, IS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR.

WITH LOCAL CONTRIBUTORS BEARING THE CONSTRUCTION COST AND THE GOVERNMENT GRANTING THE PIECE OF LAND, THE CENTRE IS LOCATED AT PAK SHE, CHEUNG CHAU AND IT WILL BE RUN BY THE CHUNG SHAK-HEI HOME FOR THE AGED AFTER COMPLETION.

OFFICIATING AT THE FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY OF THE CENTRE TODAY (WEDNESDAY), THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, DR JAMES HAYES, COMMENDED DONORS AND MEMBERS OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT AND CONCERN FOR THE WELFARE OF THE ELDERLY ISLANDERS.

WITH A CONSTRUCTION COST OF AROUND \$600,000, THE THREE-STOREY CENTRE IS TARGETTED TO SERVE ALL ISLANDERS WHO REACH 60.

AFTER COMPLETION, THE CENTRE WILL PROVIDE VARIOUS KINDS OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AS WELL AS MEDICARE SERVICES TO THE ELDERLY.

STAFF OF THE CENTRE WILL ALSO ORGANISE ACTIVITIES FOR THE ELDERLY SO THAT THEY CAN HAVE A MEANINGFUL PASTIME.

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CIVIC ACTIVITIES FOR YAU MA TEI RESIDENTS

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YAU MA TEI RESIDENTS WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO TEST THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE DISTRICT AND TO PARTICIPATE IN DISTRICT MATTERS THROUGH ACTIVITIES ORGANISED DURING THE CURRENT DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

THE FESTIVAL'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE IS LAUNCHING A SUGGESTION SCHEME THROUGH WHICH RESIDENTS CAN PUT FORWARD THEIR VIEWS ON WAYS TO IMPROVE THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME AND ON MATTERS AFFECTING THEIR DAILY LIVING.

"THIS IS TO FOSTER RESIDENTS' PARTICIPATION WHICH IS ESSENTIAL TO BRING ABOUT IMPROVEMENTS TO THE DISTRICT," A SPOKESMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE SAID.

THE SUGGESTIONS MADE WILL BE FORWARDED TO RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION, HE SAID.

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IN ADDITION, THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE HAS ALSO DESIGNED QUESTIONNAIRES ON DISTRICT INFORMATION AND CIVIC KNOWLEDGE.

PARTICIPANTS WITH CORRECT ENTRIES WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO GET ADMISSION TICKETS FOR A VARIETY SHOW, ALSO AN ACTIVITY DURING THE FESTIVAL, WHICH WOULD BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG COLISEUM ON OCTOBER 30, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND FORMS FOR THE SUGGESTION SCHEME ARE AVAILABLE AT YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE AT 490 NATHAN ROAD AND TSIM SHA TSUI SUB-OFFICE AT 40 CARNAVON ROAD. DEADLINE FOR BOTH EVENTS IS SEPTEMBER 30.

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TAXI DRIVERS URGED TO SUPPORT TAXI VOUCHER SCHEME

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TAXI DRIVERS ARE URGED TO SUPPORT THE TAXI VOUCHER SCHEME BY ACCEPTING VOUCHERS FROM WHEELCHAIR-BOUND PASSENGERS AS PAYMENT FOR TAXI FARES.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO LEGAL REQUIREMENT FOR TAXI DRIVERS TO ACCEPT THE VOUCHERS, THEIR CO-OPERATION WILL HELP MAKE THE SCHEME A SUCCESS.

THE TAXI VOUCHER SCHEME WAS IMPLEMENTED ON APRIL 1 THIS YEAR FOR A TRIAL PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS. ITS AIM IS TO SUBSIDISE THE WHEELCHAIR-BOUND IN RIDING TAXIS - AN IMPORTANT MODE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT FOR THE DISABLED.

UNDER THE SCHEME, AN ELIGIBLE PERSON IS ISSUED WITH TAXI VOUCHERS AMOUNTING TO \$55 PER MONTH. THE VOUCHERS ARE OF \$5, \$2 AND \$1 DENOMINATIONS AND ARE VALID FOR SIX MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF ISSUE. NEVERTHELESS, TAXI DRIVERS CAN CONTINUE TO CASH THE VOUCHERS THREE MONTHS AFTER THE VOUCHERS EXPIRE.

TAXI DRIVERS CAN CASH THE VOUCHERS AT THE FOLLOWING TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT OFFICES BY SHOWING THEIR TAXI DRIVING LICENCES:

- * STUDENT TRAVEL OFFICE, 2/F, LOW BLOCK, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG;
- * HONG KONG LICENSING OFFICE, 2 MURRAY ROAD, G/F, HONG KONG;
- * KOWLOON LICENSING OFFICE, 56 DUNDAS STREET, 9/F, KOWLOON;
- * KWUN TONG LICENSING OFFICE, KOWLOON EAST GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 5/F, 12 LEI YUE MUN ROAD, KOWLOON; AND
- * SHA TIN LICENSING OFFICE, KCR HOUSE, 5/F, SHATIN STATION, NEW TERRITORIES.

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KC DISTRICT BOARD TO DISCUSS TAXI POLICY REVIEW

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MEMBERS OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (THURSDAY) TO DISCUSS A CONSULTATION DOCUMENT ON TAXI POLICY REVIEW.

A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL INTRODUCE THE PAPER AND LISTEN TO MEMBERS' VIEWS ON THE DOCUMENT.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE PROGRESS OF THE KOWLOON WALLED CITY CLEARANCE BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION (SPECIAL DUTIES), MR H.T. LUI.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE QUESTIONS ON THE GRANTING OF FUNDS BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, VIEWS ON EXISTING MAHJONG CLUBS, PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO LEGISLATIONS REGARDING COMPENSATION ARISING FROM FLYOVER WORKS IN RELATION TO FREE INSTALLATION OF DUSTPROOF AND SOUNDPROOF WINDOWS FOR RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY FLYOVER NUISANCE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 2.15 PM TOMORROW (THURSDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, TO KWA WAN.

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ESTABLISHMENT OF FRONTIER INDUSTRIAL ZONE ON AGENDA

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MEMBERS OF THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 25) TO DISCUSS THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A FRONTIER CLOSED AREA INDUSTRIAL ZONE.

COMMITTEE MEMBER, MR ANTHONY YUEN, WILL PRESENT A PAPER GIVING HIS VIEWS ON THE PROPOSAL FOLLOWED BY A FREE DISCUSSION.

THEY WILL ALSO CONSIDER HOLDING A SERIES OF SEMINARS ON EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE FOR THE WORKING POPULATION LATER THIS YEAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE COMMITTEE MEETING ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 25) AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING.

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ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS MEETS

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THE 65TH MEETING OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) WILL BE HELD AT THE NARCOTICS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, 23RD FLOOR, HIGH BLOCK, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

A BRIEFING FOR MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA WILL BE HELD AT THE NARCOTICS DIVISION AFTER THE MEETING WHICH IS EXPECTED TO FINISH AT ABOUT 4.15 PM.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE BRIEFING.

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NEW FIRE STATION TO BE OPENED

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THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR DAVID JEAFFRESON, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SHEK KIP MEI FIRE STATION ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 25).

THE STATION, SITUATED NEAR THE JUNCTION OF NAM CHEONG STREET AND CORNWALL STREET IN SHEK KIP MEI, IS ONE OF THE FOUR FIRE STATIONS OF THE WEST DIVISION OF KOWLOON COMMAND.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 10.30 AM ON FRIDAY.

REPRESENTATIVES WHO WISH TO TAKE FIRE SERVICES TRANSPORT SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE TSIM TUNG FIRE STATION AT 1 HONG CHONG ROAD, KOWLOON BEFORE 9.30 AM. INFORMATION OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO GIVE ASSISTANCE.

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AWARDS FOR FIRMS EMPLOYING THE LARGEST NUMBER OF DISABLED

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND, WILL PRESENT SOUVENIR PLAQUES ON FIRDAY (SEPTEMBER 25) TO 11 EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE TAKEN ON THE LARGEST NUMBER OF DISABLED PERSONS THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT'S SELECTIVE PLACEMENT DIVISION.

THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY IS ORGANISED IN RECOGNITION OF THE CONTRIBUTION MADE BY THESE EMPLOYERS TOWARDS THE COMMUNITY. THE TOP 11 EMPLOYERS HIRED A TOTAL OF 136 SUCH EMPLOYEES IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS.

ANOTHER 10 FIRMS WHICH HAVE DONE MUCH TO RE-ARRANGE DUTIES AND RE-DEPLOY STAFF TO FACILITATE THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE DISABLED, WILL EACH BE GIVEN A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION.

AN EMPLOYER AND A DISABLED EMPLOYEE WILL ALSO ADDRESS THE GATHERING TO SHARE THEIR VIEWS ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF DISABLED PERSONS AND EXPERIENCE IN SETTLLING AT WORK.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT 4 PM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 25) AT THE VICTORIA BALLROOM, HOTEL VICTORIA, SHUN TAK CENTRE, CENTRAL.

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MORE ROAD WORKS IN TAI PO

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A NUMBER OF ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORKS ARE TO BE CARRIED OUT TO PLATFORMS NORTH OF TING KOK ROAD BETWEEN HA HANG AND WONG YUE TAN, TAI PO, TO SERVE FUTURE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENTS.

WORK WILL INVOLVE CONSTRUCTION OF ACCESS ROADS TOTALLING 1,400 METRES IN LENGTH, FOOTPATHS, AMENITY AREAS, 26 CAR PARKING SPACES, AND STORMWATER AND SEWER WATER DRAINS.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE BEING INVITED BY THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

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ALSO INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT WILL BE IMPROVEMENTS TO FOOTPATHS, A CYCLE TRACK, AMENITY STRIPS AND ASSOCIATED WORKS IN FRONT OF TAI PO FIRE STATION; PAVING OF ROADS IN TAI PO CENTRE; AND WIDENING OF PLOVER COVE ROAD TOGETHER WITH CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTPATHS AND ANCILLARY DRAINAGE.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN DECEMBER AND TAKE 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

TENDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY NOON ON OCTOBER 9.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES ON HONG KONG ISLAND

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FROM 7 PM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 25), NO VEHICLE EXCEEDING 10 METRES IN LENGTH WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER ON LAN STREET IN CENTRAL DAILY FROM 7 PM TO 7 AM THE NEXT MORNING.

THE MEASURE WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK TO FACILITATE THE LAYING OF TELEPHONE DUCTS.

IN ADDITION, FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 26), A SERIES OF TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN TAI HANG TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW. DETAILS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- * SECOND LANE BETWEEN WARREN STREET AND JONES STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY WESTBOUND TO ONE-WAY EASTBOUND.
- * WARREN STREET BETWEEN TUNG LO WAN ROAD AND SECOND LANE WILL BE CHANGED FROM ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND TO ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.
- * WARREN STREET BETWEEN SHEPHERD STREET AND SECOND LANE, CURRENTLY TWO-WAY TRAFFIC, WILL BECOME ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.
- * JONES STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN WESTERN DISTRICT

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THE EXISTING BAN ON ALL VEHICLES EXCEEDING SEVEN METRES IN LENGTH ON THE SECTION OF WHITTY STREET BETWEEN DES VOEUX ROAD WEST AND QUEEN'S ROAD WEST WILL REMAIN IN FORCE FOR ANOTHER TWO WEEKS FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 26) TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS.

VEHICLES ON DES VOEUX ROAD WEST EASTBOUND HEADING FOR QUEEN'S ROAD WEST WILL CONTINUE TO BE DIVERTED VIA WESTERN STREET.

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LEARNER DRIVER PROHIBITED ZONE ON DIANTHUS ROAD

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THE SECTION OF DIANTHUS ROAD EAST OF TAT CHEE AVENUE WILL BE DESIGNATED A PROHIBITED ZONE FOR ALL LEARNER DRIVERS FROM 6 AM TO 7 PM DAILY FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 26).

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO INDICATE THE AREA OF PROHIBITION.

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NO RIGHT TURN ON HO PONG STREET

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THE RIGHT TURN MOVEMENT FROM HO PONG STREET ON TO PUI TO ROAD WILL BE BANNED FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE LIGHT RAIL SYSTEM FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 25).

KMB ROUTES 59, 59B, 62, 66 AND 66M WILL BE DIVERTED TO MAKE THE RIGHT TURN AT THE JUNCTION OF TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD AND PUI TO ROAD.

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