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'HK — AN IDEAL LINK WITH CHINA'

HONG KONG'S IDEAL AND UNIQUE SITUATION AS A SPRINGBOARD FOR COMMERCIAL LINKS WITH CHINA AND THE OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE SOUTH EAST ASIAN REGION IS WELL-ESTABLISHED, THE CHIEF SECRETARY (DESIGNATE), MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID IN BRUSSELS.

MR AKERS-JONES, WHO IS CURRENTLY ON AN OVERSEAS TOUR IN EUROPE, VISITED BELGIUM LAST WEEK AND IS NOW IN GENEVA.

MEETING JOURNALISTS FROM BELGIUM AND THE NETHERLANDS OVER LUNCH AT THE END OF LAST WEEK, MR AKERS-JONES URGED EUROPEAN BUSINESSMEN NOT TO MISS OUT ON THE OPPORTUNITIES PRESENTED IN HONG KONG.

+THE COUNTRIES BORDERING THE PACIFIC AND IN PARTICULAR THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN, ARE ALREADY EXPANDING THEIR INVESTMENT IN AND BUSINESS LINKS WITH HONG KONG.

+NOW THAT THE JOINT DECLARATION ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG UP TO AND BEYOND 1997 HAS BEEN SIGNED, THE PROSPECTS FOR EXPANSION OF TRADE AND INVESTMENT BOTH IN HONG KONG AND IN CHINA AND THE SOUTH-EAST ASIAN REGION, VIA HONG KONG, ARE AS EXCITING AS AT ANY TIME IN HONG KONG'S HISTORY,+ HE SAID.

+EUROPEAN BUSINESS SHOULD TAKE CARE THAT THEY ARE NOT LEFT OUT IN THE COLD,+ MR AKERS-JONES POINTED OUT.

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UNCERTAINTY EXPECTED FROM COMING MFA EXPIRY

THE EXPIRY OF THE MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT (MFA) IN MID-1986 INTRODUCES AN UNWELCOME ELEMENT OF UNCERTAINTY INTO THE TEXTILES AND CLOTHING SECTOR WHICH COMPRISES OVER 40 PER CENT OF OUR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

MR MACLEOD WAS SPEAKING AT THE TWO-DAY U.S.-ASIA SEA/AIR FREIGHT CONFERENCE ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG SHIPPERS' COUNCIL.

+I HAVE RECENTLY COME BACK FROM A MEETING IN MEXICO WITH THE OTHER COUNTRIES AFFECTED BY THESE RESTRAINTS, WHERE WE WERE CO-ORDINATING OUR POSITION FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WILL START FORMALLY IN JULY THIS YEAR.

+WE SHALL BE SEEKING LIBERALISATION, AN AIM ALREADY AGREED AT THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE (GATT) MINISTERIAL MEETING IN NOVEMBER 1982.+

/HOWEVER, MR

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HOWEVER, MR MACLEOD SAID, +WE ARE UNDER NO ILLUSIONS THAT THIS WILL BE EASILY OBTAINED. THE ATMOSPHERE IN THE U.S.A. IS NOW SO IRRATIONAL THAT UNFORTUNATELY UNREASONABLE DEMANDS AND HARASSMENT CANNOT BE RULED OUT.+

ON PROTECTIONIST MEASURES, THE DIRECTOR SAID THAT SUCH PROTECTIONIST PRESSURES IN THE LONG RUN CONCERNED US EVEN WHEN THEY DID NOT AFFECT US DIRECTLY (AS WITH AUTOS AND STEEL) AS HONG KONG RELIED ON THE GATT.

+THE GATT IS THE ONLY MULTILATERAL TREATY WHICH LAYS DOWN AGREED RULES FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE, AND THOSE WHO SUBSCRIBE TO IT ACCOUNT FOR MORE THAN FOUR-FIFTHS OF WORLD TRADE.

+THE MOST IMPORTANT RULE ENSHRINED IN THE GATT IS THAT TRADE MUST BE CONDUCTED ON THE BASIS OF NON-DISCRIMINATION - THE +MOST-FAVoured-NATION+ CLAUSE.

+THUS, FOR EXAMPLE, IF COUNTRY +A+ HAD GOOD REASONS FOR PROTECTING IN SOME WAY ITS FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY, IT WOULD NEED TO APPLY ANY PROTECTIVE MEASURES TO ALL SUPPLIERS, NOT JUST TO THE ONE OR TWO WHICH MOST CONCERNED IT.

+THIS, AND THE LIKELIHOOD THAT COUNTRY +A+ WOULD HAVE TO COMPENSATE THOSE INJURED OR FACE RETALIATION, HELPS TO DISCOURAGE MEMBERS FROM RESORTING TO PROTECTIVE MEASURES TOO LIGHTLY.+

+DESPITE THE MANY EXCEPTIONS TO THE GATT,+ MR MACLEOD SAID, +WE AND MANY OTHERS ARE CONVINCED THAT IT IS BETTER TO HAVE SOME RULES, AND SOME FORUM FOR APPEAL, THAN NONE AT ALL.

+HENCE OUR CONCERN OVER PROTECTIONIST PRESSURES IN GENERAL RELATE TO THE WEAKENING OF THE GATT, WHOSE EFFECTIVENESS DEPENDS IN THE END ON THE POLITICAL WILL OF THE MAJOR TRADING BLOCS TO MAKE IT WORK.+

NEVERTHELESS, MR MACLEOD SAID HE OVERALL WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE PROSPECTS FOR CONTINUED EXPANSION OF TRADE AND HENCE OF SHIPPING, WAS VERY GOOD.

HE WELCOMED ANY ASSISTANCE SHIPPERS COULD GIVE TO PUSHING A FREE TRADE LINE IN THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, AND IN CORRECTING ANY MISTAKEN IMPRESSIONS OF HONG KONG.

+WE MUST TRY TO GET A MORE RATIONAL AND BALANCED DEBATE ON THESE ISSUES GOING PARTICULARLY IN THE U.S.A.,+ HE SAID.

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PRESS ARRANGEMENTS FOR MACAU GOVERNOR'S VISIT
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PRESS FACILITIES HAVE BEEN ARRANGED FOR MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA TO COVER THE VISIT OF THE GOVERNOR OF MACAU, REAR ADMIRAL ALMEIDA E COSTA AND MADAM ALMEIDA E COSTA, TO HONG KONG ON FRIDAY, APRIL 26.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL NEED SPECIAL ACCREDITATION TO COVER ALL PUBLIC FUNCTIONS. PRESS LAPEL BADGES WILL BE ISSUED BY GIS TO ALL ACCREDITED JOURNALISTS.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR ACCREDITATION HAVE BEEN BOXED FOR COLLECTION. EDITORS ARE REQUESTED TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORMS AND RETURN THEM TO THE DUTY OFFICER, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, 6TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, BY 12 NOON, APRIL 24, AT THE LATEST.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR JUST ONE REPORTING TEAM TO COVER THE WHOLE PROGRAMME.

MORNING PROGRAMME

THE MACAU GOVERNOR, ACCOMPANIED BY MADAM ALMEIDA E COSTA, WILL ARRIVE BY JETFOIL AT THE MACAU FERRY PIER AT 9.45 AM. THEY WILL BE MET BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE AND LADY YOUDE. THERE WILL BE A FIXED POSITION INSIDE THE RESTRICTED AREA FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS TO COVER THEIR ARRIVAL. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE OUTSIDE THE MACAU FERRY PIER BEFORE 9 AM, WHEN GIS OFFICERS WILL ESCORT THEM INTO THE RESTRICTED AREA.

ON ARRIVAL AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE, REAR ADMIRAL ALMEIDA E COSTA WILL BE BRIEFED BY SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG. MEANWHILE, MADAM ALMEIDA E COSTA, ACCOMPANIED BY LADY YOUDE, WILL VISIT PO LEUNG KUK IN CAUSEWAY BAY, AND THEN GO TO THE TEAWARE MUSEUM AT VICTORIA BARRACKS. IN VIEW OF THE TIGHT SCHEDULE, TWO COACHES WILL TAKE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WHO WISH TO COVER THESE VISITS FROM THE MACAU FERRY PIER TO PO LEUNG KUK IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE OFFICIAL PARTY DEPARTS.

AFTERNOON PROGRAMME

IN THE AFTERNOON, THE MACAU GOVERNOR AND MADAM ALMEIDA E COSTA, ACCOMPANIED BY LADY YOUDE, WILL VISIT SHA TIN NEW TOWN. THEY WILL ARRIVE AT THE LION'S PAVILION AT 3.15 PM FOR A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE NEW TOWN AND BE BRIEFED ABOUT VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. THE PARTY WILL THEN PROCEED TO VISIT SHA TIN CITY ONE AND LUNG HANG ESTATE.

TWO PRESS COACHES WILL LEAVE THE CGO CARPARK IN CENTRAL AT 2 PM SHARP FOR SHA TIN.

AT THE END OF THE VISIT, THE TWO COACHES WILL TAKE THE PRESS PARTY STRAIGHT BACK TO THE MACAU FERRY PIER TO ENABLE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE DEPARTURE OF THE GOVERNOR OF MACAU AND MADAM ALMEIDA E COSTA, WHO WILL BE SEEN OFF BY SIR EDWARD AND LADY YOUDE AT AROUND 6 PM.

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TWO DB CHAIRMEN ELECTED
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MR CHAN LAU-FONG WAS ELECTED AS THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL AT A MEETING HELD THIS AFTERNOON.

AT ANOTHER MEETING, MR YIP WAH WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD.

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YOUTH POLICIES BEING STUDIED
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OVER 70 POLICY-MAKERS, ADMINISTRATORS, ACADEMICS AND YOUTH WORKERS FROM BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTORS WILL GET TOGETHER TO PROBE HONG KONG'S EXISTING YOUTH POLICIES, AT A THREE-DAY CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG BETWEEN APRIL 29 AND MAY 1.

THE CONFERENCE, ENTITLED +YOUTH POLICIES IN PERSPECTIVE+, IS ONE OF THE MAJOR ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE ON 1985 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR (CCCIYY) TO MARK THE YOUTH YEAR.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ACTIVITIES SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE CCCIYY, MR LO KING-MAN, TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE CONFERENCE WOULD HIGHLIGHT THE IYY THEMES OF +DEVELOPMENT+ AND +PARTICIPATION+.

HE SAID THIS GROUP OF EXPERTS WOULD CLOSELY EXAMINE HONG KONG'S EXISTING POLICIES AND PROVISION FOR YOUTH AND IDENTIFY ANY GAPS IN THESE TWO AREAS, WITH A VIEW TO MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.

+THE CONFERENCE IS TO ENABLE YOUNG PEOPLE THEMSELVES, THOSE WITH WHOM THEY WORK, AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE, TO ASSESS THE SUITABILITY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF EXISTING POLICIES WHICH AFFECT YOUTH AND TO PLAN FOR THE FUTURE,+ HE SAID.

THE CONFERENCE WILL COVER TOPICS SUCH AS +YOUTH AND EDUCATION+, +YOUTH, TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT+, +YOUTH IN COMMUNITY+, +YOUTH AND FAMILY+, +YOUTH AND MASS MEDIA+ AND +YOUTH SERVICES - COORDINATION AND RECOMMENDATION+.

AMONG THE SPEAKERS WILL BE MR PAUL LEE OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, MR RANCE LEE OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, MR HUI YIN-FAT OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICES, MR PETER TSAO, SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, AND MR LI YUET-TING, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION.

/A PRELIMINARY

A PRELIMINARY REPORT SUMMARISING THE DISCUSSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE THREE-DAY CONFERENCE WILL BE COMPILED AND THE REPORT WILL PROVIDE THE GROUNDWORK FOR THE SECOND STAGE OF THE CONFERENCE IN JULY, WHERE IT WILL BE FURTHER DISCUSSED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS YOUTH ORGANISATIONS, SCHOOLS, POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS AND UNIVERSITIES.

PARTICIPANTS OF THE SECOND-STAGE CONFERENCE WILL NOT ONLY BE INVITED TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON TOPICS THAT CONCERN THEMSELVES TODAY, THEY WILL ALSO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ACTIVELY INVOLVE THEMSELVES IN THE PLANNING AND ORGANISATION OF THE CONFERENCE.

MR J.P. LEE, CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE CCCIYY, THANKED THE SPONSOR OF THE CONFERENCE - THE WING ON GROUP - FOR ITS DONATION OF \$100 000.

HE DISCLOSED THAT OTHER MAJOR EVENTS INCLUDE A CIVIC DAY FOR YOUTH IN OCTOBER AND A CLOSING CEREMONY IN DECEMBER.

+IYY IS A COMMUNITY EVENT, AND WE WISH EVERY POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION BY HONG KONG CITIZENS,+ SAID MR LEE. +WE SHOULD HOPE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TO COME FORWARD WITH THEIR SUPPORT.+

HE APPEALED TO THE PUBLIC, PARTICULARLY THE COMMERCIAL SECTOR, TO SPONSOR OTHER IYY ACTIVITIES IN FUTURE. HE SAID INTERESTED PARTIES ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT THE CCCIYY SECRETARIAT BY CALLING 3-676226.

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PUBLIC SUPPORT URGED FOR ROAD SAFETY DRIVE
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SUPPORT FOR THE GOVERNMENT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN IS NOT MERELY AN ACT OF CONCERN FOR OTHER PEOPLE BUT FOR OURSELVES.

"FOR WHILE THE PEOPLE KILLED OR INJURED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS EVERY DAY MAY NOT BE KNOWN TO US AT ALL, THERE IS NO TELLING THAT THE NEXT ON THE TOLL WILL NOT BE OURSELVES OR SOMEONE WHO IS VERY DEAR TO US," THE ACTING ASSISTANT CHIEF POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER, MR LAU KAI-FAT, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

MR LAU SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS OVER THE YEARS WIDELY PUBLICISED THE IMPORTANCE OF ROAD SAFETY AND HAS WON MUCH SUPPORT FROM THE MEDIA.

AN EXAMPLE IS TVB'S THREE EPISODES IN THE "GOOD MORNING HONG KONG" STARTING TOMORROW ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT THEME.

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IN APPRECIATION OF POLICE HELP IN PRODUCING THE ROAD SAFETY SPECIAL, TVB ASSISTANT PRODUCTION MANAGER MISS SOPHIA CHAN TODAY PRESENTED A BANNER TO THE FORCE.

THE BANNER WAS RECEIVED BY MR LAU WHO ALSO PRESENTED A BANNER AND A SPECIALLY INSCRIBED BATON TO MISS CHAN AS A GESTURE OF THANKS FOR HER SUPPORT.

MR LAU HOPED THAT THE PUBLIC WILL LEARN TO USE THE LIGHT SIGNAL CROSSING FACILITIES PROVIDED FOR THEIR SAFETY.

ON-THE-SPOT LESSONS ON HOW TO CROSS THE ROAD AT PEDESTRIAN NEGLIGENCE BLACKSPOTS IN CENTRAL IS NOW BEING GIVEN BY A DISTRICT POLICE TRAFFIC TEAM.

THE PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENT REDUCTION PROGRAMME STARTED LAST WEDNESDAY AND WILL LAST UNTIL THE END OF THIS MONTH, TO BE FOLLOWED BY STREET ENFORCEMENT ACTION.

THE TRAFFIC TEAM IS POSITIONED AT THE CROSSING ON THE EASTBOUND AND WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAYS OUTSIDE WORLDWIDE HOUSE, AND AT A SPOT OUTSIDE THE MTR CONSTRUCTION SITE NEAR CHATER ROAD IN DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL IN THE MORNING AND AFTERNOON RUSH HOURS.

BY MAY 1 WHEN THE LESSONS END, POLICE WILL BE ON SPECIAL ALERT FOR PEOPLE WHO DISOBEY THE RULES AND SOMMONSES UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE, WHICH CARRY A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$2,000, WILL BE ISSUED.

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COURSE OFFERED FOR PRACTISING JOURNALISTS

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TWO CANADIAN COMMUNICATION EXPERTS WILL BE BACK AGAIN TO HONG KONG TO CONDUCT A THREE-WEEK +JOURNALISM SYMPOSIUM+ FOR LOCAL JOURNALISTS NEXT MONTH, AT THE REQUEST OF THE JOURNALISM TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

THE JOURNALISM WORKSHOP ORGANISED LAST YEAR BY PROFESSOR C. CRYSLER AND PROFESSOR G. DECARIE OF CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, CANADA WAS WELL-RECEIVED BY WORKING JOURNALISTS.

IN THE SYMPOSIUM FROM MAY 13 TO MAY 31 THIS YEAR, THE TWO PROFESSORS WILL DISCUSS WITH PARTICIPANTS THE ESSENTIALS OF NEWS GATHERING, WRITING TECHNIQUES, ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS REPORTING, PRESS LAW AND ETHICS.

MR WILLIAM MARSHALL, ASSISTANT TO ATTORNEY GENERAL, WILL ALSO GIVE A LECTURE ON PRESS LAW AND ETHICS ON MAY 31, FROM 9.30 AM TO 12.30 PM.

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WITH \$70 000 TRAINING COURSE SUBSIDY FROM THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, THE BOARD IS ABLE TO OFFER THIS ENGLISH +JOURNALISM SYMPOSIUM+ AT \$1 500 PER PARTICIPANT.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO TAKE THE FULL COURSE, SEPARATE LECTURES ARE ARRANGED AT FEES OF \$100 AND \$200 PER MODULE.

THE SYMPOSIUM IS OPEN TO ALL PRACTISING JOURNALISTS AND THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION IS APRIL 30.

FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM MR FRANK NG, SECRETARY OF THE BOARD AT 5-8932341 EXT. 283.

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NEW BOARD MEMBERS TOUR ESTATES

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NEW MEMBERS OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL TOUR SHUN LEE AREA TOMORROW (TUESDAY) MORNING TO GAIN FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ABOUT THE AREA.

AFTER BEING BRIEFED ON THE LOCAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS, BOARD MEMBERS WILL VISIT THREE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, A HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME ESTATE AND A TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA.

ALONG THE ROUTE THEY WILL ALSO INSPECT VARIOUS WELFARE AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES, THE JORDAN VALLEY CONTROLLED TIP, AND WILL BE BRIEFED ABOUT PARKING PROBLEMS IN THE AREA.

THE VISIT IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT TO FAMILIARISE MEMBERS WITH VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE DISTRICT, AND IS ALSO PART OF A FOUR-MONTH ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS.

THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR ALBERT LAM, AND THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN MAK, WILL ALSO JOIN THE TOUR.

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WORK STARTS ON ROAD PROJECT
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WORK HAS STARTED ON A \$37 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE EXTENSION OF TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD WHICH HAS BEEN PARTIALLY BUILT IN AN AREA TO THE EAST OF SIU LEK YUEN NULLAH IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

THE NEW ROAD, WHICH WILL BE PARTLY DUAL TWO LANES AND PARTLY SINGLE LANE, IS TO BE EXTENDED FOR ABOUT A KILOMETRE FROM NEAR SHA TIN CITY ONE TO AH KUNG KOK.

THE 18-MONTH CONTRACT INCLUDES THE COMPLETION OF DRAINAGE AND LOCAL ROADS FOR FUTURE RESIDENTIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTIONAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA.

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BOARD HOLDS FIRST MEETING TOMORROW
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THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

PRIOR TO THE MEETING, A CLOSED DOOR SESSION WILL BE HELD TO ELECT THE BOARD CHAIRMAN.

BOARD MEMBERS WILL THEN DISCUSS THE BOARD STANDING ORDERS, THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND THE SELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN TO EACH OF THE COMMITTEES.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO COMMENT ON THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS FOR 1985-86, THE MONG KOK DISTRICT NEWSPAPER, DISTRICT PLANS FOR PROMOTING THE 1985 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR, AND THE REPORT OF A STUDY ON THE NEEDS FOR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES.

THE +MEET THE PUBLIC+ SESSION AND THE REVIEW OF 1985 DISTRICT BOARD ELECTION PROCEDURES WILL ALSO BE TABLED FOR DISCUSSION.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS OF THE BOARD AND ITS COMMITTEES FOR 1985-86, TRANSPORT NEEDS OF THE DISABLED, AND THE PROGRESS REPORT BY A WORKING GROUP ON PRIVATE ROADS.

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FLOWER SHOW REGISTERS MANY +FIRSTS+
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THE URBAN COUNCIL'S ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW HAS ACHIEVED A NUMBER OF +FIRSTS+ THIS YEAR.

THE THREE-DAY SHOW, HELD AT THE CITY HALL LAST WEEKEND, ATTRACTED A RECORD 34 874 VISITORS. THIS REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 2 392 OVER LAST YEAR'S TOTAL.

THE ATTENDANCE ON THE FINAL DAY OF THE EVENT WAS ALSO A RECORD, NUMBERING 18 249 COMPARED WITH 17 257 REGISTERED ON THE SAME DAY LAST YEAR.

FURTHERMORE, A RECORD 1 423 COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS WERE RECEIVED THIS YEAR.

THE CHIEF MANAGER (LEISURE SERVICES) OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR ROGER POLLARD, SAID THE SHOW HAD BECOME ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR EVENTS AMONG THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE.

+THIS YEAR'S SHOW IN PARTICULAR WAS THE BEST IN YEARS WITH THE LARGE NUMBER OF FLOWERS AND VARIETIES OF PLANTS ON DISPLAY,+ MR POLLARD SAID.

+THE WEATHER WAS ALSO EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD AND THE COMMERCIAL STALLS OUTSIDE THE SHOW SITE ALSO HELPED BOOST THE ATTENDANCE FIGURES.+

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NEW OFFICES FOR RECREATION AND AMENITIES SECTIONS
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FOLLOWING THE RE-ORGANISATION OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT THIS MONTH, A NUMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT'S RECREATION AND AMENITIES SECTIONS HAVE MOVED TO NEW OFFICES.

THE NEW ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THESE SECTIONS ARE:

- + KOWLOON WEST REGIONAL OFFICE,
AMOY PLAZA, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD,
KOWLOON.
(TEL. NO. 3-7553997)

- + HONG KONG REGIONAL OFFICE,
16/F., HONEST MOTORS BUILDING,
9-11 LEIGHTON ROAD,
HONG KONG.
(TEL. NO. 5-8919522)

+ EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE,
G/F., SHOP A, CHATON HOUSE,
100-104 TSAT TSE MUI ROAD,
HONG KONG.
(TEL. NO. 5-628958)

+ WANCHAI DISTRICT OFFICE,
G/F., DOMINION CENTRE,
55-57 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST,
HONG KONG.
(TEL. NO. 5-8610302)

ALL APPLICATIONS FOR USE OF URBAN COUNCIL RECREATIONAL FACILITIES SHOULD BE SENT TO THE NEW OFFICE IN THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICT.

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TRAFFIC CHANGE
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TRAFFIC ON TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN SHEUNG WAN WILL BE REROUTED FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (APRIL 23) TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW.

THE CHANGES ARE:

- * SQUARE STREET - ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND
- * TAI PING SHAN STREET BETWEEN SQUARE STREET AND UPPER STATION STREET - ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.

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WATER MAINS WORK
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SHAU KEI WAN WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (APRIL 25) FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY SHAU KEI WAN ROAD, SUN SING STREET AND TAI ON STREET, INCLUDING TAI ON HOUSE.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURES
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (APRIL 22) STOOD AT 59.4 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 348.197 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 407.385 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 69.5 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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