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PEOPLE ANXIOUS TO SEE RESULTS - GOVERNOR

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PEOPLE IN HONG KONG WERE UNDERSTANDABLY ANXIOUS TO SEE RESULTS AND TO CONTRIBUTE THEIR OWN EFFORTS AND THEIR OWN IDEAS TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THOSE RESULTS, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID THIS EVENING.

REFERRING TO THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT AGREEMENT, SIR EDWARD SAID ALSO THAT DURING THE LAST YEAR MUCH GOOD PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP AND THE LAND COMMISSION, AND MUCH WORK REMAINED TO BE DONE.

+BUT BOTH GOVERNMENTS HAVE COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO MAKE THE CONTINUED EFFORT WHICH WILL BE REQUIRED,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

SIR EDWARD WAS SPEAKING AT A DINNER HOSTED BY STATE COUNCILLOR AND DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG AND MACAU AFFAIRS OFFICE OF THE STATE COUNCIL, MR JI PENGFEI.

MR JI, SIR EDWARD SAID, WOULD HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY THIS WEEK TO HEAR THE VIEWS OF MANY PEOPLE AND TO SEE WHAT WAS BEING DONE +IN THIS DYNAMIC AND VIBRANT CITY+.

SIR EDWARD THEN REFERRED TO THE CONFIDENCE EXPRESSED BY PRIME MINISTER, MRS MARGARET THATCHER, AT THE SIGNING CEREMONY OF THE JOINT AGREEMENT IN PEKING ON DECEMBER 19 LAST YEAR, THAT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG +WILL MAKE HONG KONG AN EVEN MORE FLOURISHING PLACE THAN IT IS TODAY+, AND ADDED: +I TRUST THAT WHAT YOU HAVE SEEN AND HEARD OVER THE LAST TEN DAYS HAVE CONVINCED YOU THAT HONG KONG IS RISING TO THAT CHALLENGE.+

SIR EDWARD SAID THAT MR JI'S VISIT TO HONG KONG HAD BEEN +MORE THAN WELCOME+, AND THAT IT WAS +A REASSURING SIGN THAT THOSE, LIKE YOURSELF, WHO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE FORMULATION OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ON HONG KONG WISH TO GAIN FIRST HAND EXPERIENCE OF THIS REMARKABLE PLACE.+

+YOU WILL ALWAYS BE A WELCOME VISITOR TO HONG KONG, AS WILL YOUR COLLEAGUES,+ THE GOVERNOR SAID.

SIR EDWARD THEN PROPOSED A TOAST TO THE HEALTH OF MR JI, ALL COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS PRESENT, THE SUCCESS OF THE JOINT DECLARATION AND A STABLE AND PROSPEROUS FUTURE IN HONG KONG.

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A REMARKABLE YEAR OF PROGRESS - SIR DAVID  
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THE PAST YEAR HAS BEEN A REMARKABLE YEAR OF PROGRESS IN EVERY ASPECT OF HONG KONG, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) WHEN ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION ON HONG KONG'S FUTURE.

SIR DAVID SAID SINCE THE JOINT DECLARATION WAS SIGNED 12 MONTHS AGO, +WE'VE HAD SUCCESSFUL MEETINGS OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP, THE LAND COMMISSION HAS MADE VERY SATISFACTORY PROGRESS THIS YEAR, AND WE HAVE SOLD LAND IN HONG KONG WITH LEASES WHICH GO THROUGH TO 2047.+

AND IN HONG KONG ITSELF, DEVELOPMENT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE CONTINUED, HE SAID.

THIS INCLUDED PLANS FOR THE CONTAINER PORT EXTENSION, THE NEW CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL, THE NEW STANDARD CHARTERED BANK HEADQUARTERS, THE BANK OF CHINA BUILDING, THE THIRD UNIVERSITY, THE JUNK BAY NEW TOWN AND VARIOUS MAJOR ROAD PROJECTS.

+SO I THINK IN EVERY RESPECT IT'S BEEN A REMARKABLE YEAR OF PROGRESS IN HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

SIR DAVID WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER MAKING AN INAUGURAL CALL AT THE GUANGZHOU-SHANTOU MICROWAVE LINK OPENING CEREMONY AT CABLE AND WIRELESS IN HONG KONG.

HE SAID CONFIDENCE OF HONG KONG'S PEOPLE HAD BEEN STRENGTHENED SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE JOINT DECLARATION.

+AND IF YOU THINK WHERE WE WOULD BE TODAY IF THERE HAD BEEN NO AGREEMENT LAST YEAR, THEN THAT IS REALLY WHAT YOU SHOULD THINK ABOUT,+ HE SAID.

TURNING TO THE WHITE PAPER ON THE ANNUAL REPORT ON HONG KONG 1984-85 TO THE U.K. PARLIAMENT WHICH WAS TABLED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL YESTERDAY, SIR DAVID SAID IT BROUGHT OUT THE QUITE REMARKABLE PROGRESS THAT WE HAD MADE NOT ONLY IN IMPLEMENTING THE TERMS OF THE JOINT DECLARATION, BUT ALSO THE REMARKABLE PROGRESS THAT THE ECONOMY AND VARIOUS OTHER SECTORS OF HONG KONG LIFE HAS MADE IN THE PAST YEAR.

ASKED WHETHER THE WHITE PAPER WOULD GIVE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AND THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT A CLEAR ENOUGH PICTURE OF THE UNDER-CURRENTS OF WHAT WAS GOING ON IN HONG KONG RATHER THAN JUST AN ACCOUNT OF MAJOR POLITICAL AND DOCUMENTED CHANGES IN HONG KONG, SIR DAVID SAID THE WHITE PAPER WAS MEANT TO BE A GENERAL REVIEW.

+IT'S NOT MEANT TO GO INTO THE NITTY-GRITTY OF EVERYDAY LIFE IN HONG KONG,+ HE ADDED.

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SIR DAVID LOOKS AT SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CENTRE TO LOOK AT THE RANGE OF SPECIAL SERVICES PROVIDED TO CHILDREN WITH LEARNING PROBLEMS.

DURING THE TWO-HOUR VISIT TO THE PERTH STREET SPECIAL EDUCATION CENTRE, HE SAW HOW CHILDREN WITH VISUAL, HEARING, SPEECH AND OTHER LEARNING PROBLEMS WERE ASSESSED AND TREATED.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, HE INSPECTED THE VARIOUS SERVICES AVAILABLE, WHICH INCLUDED REFERRAL AND PLACEMENT, SPEECH THERAPY, PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT, COUNSELLING FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS AND ASSESSMENT FOR THOSE AUDIOLOGICALLY IMPAIRED.

SIR DAVID ALSO SAW A RESOURCE TEACHING CLASS IN SESSION AND VISITED THE EAR-MOULD LABORATORY, AN EXHIBITION OF RESOURCE MATERIALS FOR TEACHING MODERATELY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN, A CURRICULUM WORKSHOP AND THE BRAILLE PRINTING ROOM.

HE EXPRESSED A KEEN INTEREST IN THE SERVICES PROVIDED AND ENDED THE VISIT AFTER A GENERAL DISCUSSION WITH STAFF.

THE PERTH STREET SPECIAL EDUCATION CENTRE IS ONE OF SOUTHEAST ASIA'S MOST COMPREHENSIVE INSTITUTIONS AND OFFERS TRAINING AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT COURSES TO TEACHERS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION.

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REGIONAL COUNCIL BUDGET ENDORSED

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THE DRAFT REGIONAL COUNCIL BUDGET FOR 1986-87 WITH REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ESTIMATED AT \$1 003 MILLION AND \$859 MILLION RESPECTIVELY WAS ENDORSED BY THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL TODAY (THURSDAY).

IN EXPLAINING THE BUDGET, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, SAID THE TWO MAIN SOURCES OF REVENUE WERE THE INCOME FROM RATES AND A GOVERNMENT GRANT WHILE THE EXPENDITURE EXCLUDED CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS.

THE COUNCIL ALSO ENDORSED TWO PROSPOSALS FOR LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS TO FACILITATE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FINANCIALLY AUTONOMOUS REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE EXERCISE OF ITS AUTHORITY WHEN IT COMES INTO BEING ON APRIL 1, 1986.

/THE ASSISTANT .....

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THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (HEADQUARTERS) OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR GEOFFREY ORR, SAID THAT THE AMENDMENTS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 132) WOULD EFFECT THE TRANSFER OF EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY FROM THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES TO THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, AS WELL AS THE TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY FOR THE MAKING OF SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION AND THE SETTING OF FEES FROM THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL TO THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

HE SAID IT WOULD ALSO BRING ABOUT A RE-DELINERATION OF JURISDICTION BETWEEN THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

MR ORR SAID: +IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ORDINANCE, A NEW CONCEPT OF 'REGIONAL COUNCIL AREA' AND 'URBAN COUNCIL AREA' HAS BEEN INTRODUCED, WHICH FOLLOWS THE ELECTORAL BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN URBAN AND NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT BOARDS. THEIR DEMARCATION LINES, HOWEVER, DO NOT COINCIDE WITH THE BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND THE URBAN AREA AS DEFINED UNDER THE PRESENT PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES ORDINANCE.

+LEGAL ADVICE IS THAT UNLESS THIS ANOMALY IS RESOLVED, THERE IS A DANGER THAT THE AREAS BETWEEN THE PRESENT PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES ORDINANCE BOUNDARY AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ORDINANCE BOUNDARY MAY BECOME AREAS IN WHICH THE PROVISIONS OF NEITHER THE (NEW TERRITORIES) REGULATIONS OR URBAN COUNCIL BY-LAWS MADE UNDER CHAPTER 132 WILL BE ENFORCEABLE.+

ON THE AMENDMENTS TO THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ORDINANCE 1985, THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES, MR MICHAEL SUEN, SAID DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE ENACTMENT OF THE ORDINANCE HAD MADE IT NECESSARY FOR A NUMBER OF MINOR AMENDMENTS TO BE INTRODUCED. CERTAIN ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS FOR THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD WHEN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL COMES INTO OPERATION HAVE ALSO BEEN FOUND NECESSARY.

+THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS INCLUDE CHANGING THE CHINESE NAME OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AS THE EXISTING CHINESE NAME DOES NOT REFLECT THE SIMILARITY IN TERMS OF THE NATURE AND THE SCOPE OF WORK BETWEEN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE URBAN COUNCIL,+ HE SAID.

+FURTHERMORE, THE EXISTING CHINESE NAME IS TOO SIMILAR TO THE DISTRICT BOARDS' CHINESE NAME. THE RESULT IS THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FIND IT DIFFICULT TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE TWO.+

A BILL TO AMEND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ORDINANCE WILL BE INTRODUCED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL NEXT YEAR.

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REPORT DRUG CAMPAIGN DRAWS GOOD RESPONSE

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THERE HAS BEEN A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF INFORMATION BEING PASSED TO THE POLICE AND THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT SINCE THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) STARTED ITS CAMPAIGN AGAINST NEIGHBOURHOOD DRUG PEDLARS IN SEPTEMBER.

COMMENTING ON THE FAVOURABLE RESPONSE FROM THE PUBLIC, THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR GORDON MORTIMER, SAID MUCH OF THE INFORMATION WAS OF DIRECT OPERATIONAL INTEREST, AND ALL SUCH INFORMATION WAS ASSISTING IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING AND DRUG ABUSE.

+THE ENCOURAGING START TO THE CAMPAIGN IS EXPECTED TO DEVELOP A STEADY STREAM OF INFORMATION WHICH WILL BE MOST USEFUL TO THE POLICE AND THE CUSTOMS,+ HE SAID.

APPEALS FOR INFORMATION ON SUSPECTED DRUG PEDDLING ACTIVITIES ARE BEING MADE THROUGH ANNOUNCEMENTS ON TELEVISION, ORGANISED ACTIVITIES AND BY POSTERS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS.

THOSE WITH INFORMATION ON SUSPECTED DRUG PEDDLING ACTIVITIES ARE URGED TO CONTACT THE NARCOTICS BUREAU OF THE POLICE AT 5-271234, OR THE CUSTOMS INVESTIGATION BUREAU AT 5-456182 OR 5-8521437.

MR MORTIMER REASSURED THAT THESE CALLS WOULD BE TREATED IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE.

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FUNDS OFFERED FOR SOCIAL SERVICES PROJECTS

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LOCAL ORGANISATIONS IN KWUN TONG ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT THEIR SOCIAL SERVICES PROJECTS.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, MR LI WAH-MING, SAID CONSIDERATION WOULD BE GIVEN TO PROJECTS WHICH WOULD BENEFIT RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

+HOWEVER, DUE TO THE CLOSE OF FINANCIAL YEAR IN MARCH, THE APPROVED PROJECTS MUST BE IMPLEMENTED BETWEEN JANUARY 20 AND FEBRUARY 21 NEXT YEAR,+ HE SAID.

+THE PROJECTS MUST NOT BE REGULAR ACTIVITIES OF THE APPLICANT ORGANISATIONS, AND THE PROPOSED BUDGETS SHOULD NOT EXCEED \$5 000,+ HE ADDED.

/APPLICATION FORMS .....

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APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE AND ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SENT IN BY DECEMBER 31. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-416315 EXTENSION 451.

IN THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR, THE COMMITTEE GRANTED \$40 149 TO HELP IMPLEMENT 17 PROJECTS FROM 25 APPLICATIONS.

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FS TO MEET MEDIA  
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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR JOHN BREMRIDGE, WILL MEET MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 2.30 PM AT THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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BOARD TO DISCUSS HOUSING ISSUE  
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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DISCUSS THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT'S EXTENDED REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME INVOLVING THE REHOUSING AND REPROVISIONING OF TENANTS IN SHEK PAI WAN ESTATE BLOCK 2 AND WONG CHUK HANG ESTATE BLOCK 9.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED REALLOCATION OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD FUND 1985-86 AND PLANS TO STAGE A SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL NEXT YEAR.

DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, MR KEITH LAM AND MAN HON-MING, WILL ASK WHY NONE OF THE STALLS AT THE COOKED FOOD PAVILION IN WONG CHUK HANG ESTATE ARE IN OPERATION AND WHETHER THE LACK OF TENDERS IS DUE TO THE HIGH RENTALS CHARGED BY THE AUTHORITIES.

ANOTHER MEMBER, MR CHAN YAU-YUE, WILL ASK ABOUT THE PROBLEMS AND CONSEQUENCES ARISING FROM THE STRICT ENFORCEMENT OF THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE ON SHOPS ALONG VILLAGE-TYPE ROADS.

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ALSO ON THE AGENDA ARE REPORTS ON THE VARIOUS COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, NO. 7-11 NAM NING STREET, MEI FUNG COURT, SECOND FLOOR, ABERDEEN CENTRE.

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STATUTORY HOLIDAY REMINDER  
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EMPLOYERS ARE REMINDED THAT UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE EITHER THE CHINESE WINTER SOLSTICE FESTIVAL (DECEMBER 22) OR CHRISTMAS DAY (DECEMBER 25) SHOULD BE APPOINTED AS A STATUTORY HOLIDAY, A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

HE SAID ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES AND THOSE NON-NAMUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$9 500 A MONTH ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY AND MUST BE PAID FOR THE DAY-OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO AN EMPLOYEE'S EARNINGS ON A NORMAL WORKING DAY AND SHOULD INCLUDE BASIC WAGES AS WELL AS ALLOWANCES THAT CAN BE EXPRESSED IN MONEY TERMS SUCH AS MEALS AND COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCES.

WHERE THE EARNINGS VARY FROM DAY TO DAY, HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE THE AVERAGE DAILY EARNINGS DURING EVERY COMPLETE WAGE PERIOD, WHICH COULD BE BETWEEN 28 DAYS TO 31 DAYS, PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY.

IF AN EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO WORK ON A STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST BE GIVEN AN ALTERNATIVE DAY-OFF WITHIN 60 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER THAT DAY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE TO THE NEAREST BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE.

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WARNING AGAINST ILLEGAL IMPORT OF ANIMALS  
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LOCAL RESIDENTS VISITING OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE COMING FESTIVE SEASON WERE TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED THAT IT IS ILLEGAL TO BRING INTO HONG KONG ANY ANIMALS, BIRDS OR REPTILES WITHOUT A VALID PERMIT ISSUED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

IN PARTICULAR, ILLEGAL IMPORTATION OF DOGS AND CATS MAY LEAD TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5 000 PLUS IMPRISONMENT OF SIX MONTHS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE DEPARTMENT WAS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE ILLEGAL IMPORTATION OF DOGS AND CATS INTO HONG KONG AND WOULD STEP UP IMPORT CONTROL MEASURES DURING THE HOLIDAY PERIODS.

+IN 1984, THERE WERE SEVEN SUCH OFFENCES AND IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR ALONE, THERE WERE ALREADY 24 CASES.

+THE SITUATION IS BECOMING MORE SERIOUS AS MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ARE VISITING OTHER COUNTRIES INCLUDING CHINA AND BRINGING BACK DOGS AND CATS ON THEIR RETURN,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN CAUTIONED THAT DOGS AND CATS ILLEGALLY IMPORTED INTO HONG KONG MIGHT BE POTENTIAL RABIES CARRIERS.

+SUCH ANIMALS MIGHT SPREAD RABIES LOCALLY AND JEOPARDISE THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS IN PREVENTING THE DISEASE,+ HE SAID.

HE REMINDED THAT THE IMPORTATION OF DOGS AND CATS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES REQUIRES A VALID PERMIT ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO IMPORTATION AND THE ANIMALS ARE SUBJECT TO QUARANTINE OF SIX MONTHS.

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+SHORT MESSAGE+ SERVICE AVAILABLE MONDAY  
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A +SHORT MESSAGE+ FACILITY OF THE INTELPOST (INTERNATIONAL ELECTRONIC POST) NETWORK WILL BE INTRODUCED TO ALL OVERSEAS DESTINATIONS IN THE INTELPOST SERVICE EXCEPT SINGAPORE FROM DECEMBER 23 (MONDAY), A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

THIS WILL BENEFIT INTELPOST CUSTOMERS WHO ONLY REQUIRE A SMALL SPACE (THAT IS A5 - 210 MM X 145 MM) TO WRITE SHORT MESSAGES, MAINLY OF A PERSONAL NATURE AND TO PROMOTE A GREATER USE OF INTELPOST AS THE FACILITY INTRODUCED AT REDUCED RATES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

/+DEPENDING ON .....

+DEPENDING ON THE DESTINATION, CHARGES FOR SENDING A 'SHORT MESSAGE' WILL BE 18 PER CENT TO 33 PER CENT CHEAPER THAN THE NORMAL RATES CHARGED FOR AN A4 SIZE DOCUMENT,+ HE SAID.

UNDER PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS DOCUMENTS, DIAGRAMS AND OTHERS UP TO A MAXIMUM OF A4 SIZE (210 MM X 297 MM) CAN BE SENT BY INTELPOST, AND EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN A NOTICEABLE DEMAND FOR A SMALLER SIZE FACILITY.

+THE SERVICE IS AVAILABLE AT ANY ONE OF THE 23 INTELPOST ACCEPTANCE OFFICES THROUGHOUT HONG KONG,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THE INTELPOST SERVICE OFFERS HIGH-SPEED FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION BETWEEN HONG KONG AND 34 OVERSEAS DESTINATIONS INCLUDING THE U.S., UK, FRANCE, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, JAPAN, AUSTRALIA AND CANTON,+ HE SAID.

+INTELPOST SERVICE PROVIDES THE LARGEST DELIVERY NETWORK AND DELIVERY AT THE OVERSEAS DESTINATION CAN USUALLY BE AFFECTED WITHIN HOURS.

+IT IS ALREADY ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST PUBLIC ELECTRONIC MAIL SERVICES, AND IT IS STILL GROWING FAST,+ HE SAID.

THOSE HAVING FACSIMILE MACHINES IN THEIR OFFICES CAN, BY ARRANGEMENT, TRANSMIT ITEMS DIRECT TO THE POST OFFICE INTELPOST TERMINAL IN THE GENERAL POST OFFICE FOR ONWARD TRANSMISSION OVERSEAS AT NO EXTRA COST.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE SERVICE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE INTELPOST MANAGER ON TELEPHONE 5-2671148.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR TAXI LICENCES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR 100 URBAN TAXI LICENCES, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

TENDER FORMS FOR THE NEW LICENCES WILL BE AVAILABLE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC VEHICLE SECTION AT ROOMS 906-909, HUTCHISON HOUSE, 10 HARCOURT ROAD, CENTRAL, OR FROM THE SECTION'S KOWLOON OFFICES ON THE NINTH FLOOR, PARK-IN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 56 DUNDAS STREET, MONG KOK.

TENDERERS MUST DEPOSIT \$25 000 WITH THE DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES FOR EACH URBAN TAXI LICENCE THEY SEEK, AND ONE TENDER FORM MAY BE SUBMITTED FOR ANY NUMBER OF TAXI LICENCES NOT EXCEEDING 100, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

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A PUBLIC BALLOT MAY BE HELD TO DETERMINE THE ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS WHICH OFFER THE SAME UNIT PREMIUM, HE ADDED.

COMPLETED TENDER FORMS, TOGETHER WITH ORIGINAL DEPOSIT RECEIPTS, SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN DUPLICATE IN SEALED ENVELOPES, ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN, CENTRAL TENDER BOARD, AND PLACED IN THE TENDER BOX ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (EAST WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE NOON ON JANUARY 10, 1986.

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#### TENANCY SOUGHT FOR KOWLOON SITE

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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT TERM TENANCY OF A SITE OFF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD NEAR TAI WO PING, KOWLOON.

MEASURING ABOUT 4 150 SQUARE METRES, THE SITE IS FOR OPEN STORAGE OR CONCRETE BATCHING PURPOSES.

TENANCY OF THE SITE IS FOR ONE YEAR, RENEWABLE MONTHLY THEREAFTER.

CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENANCY IS NOON ON JANUARY 3.

FORM OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND TENDER PLAN INSPECTED AT, THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON WEST, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON AND THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, SURVEY DIVISION, MURRAY BUILDING, FIFTH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

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#### GRANTS OFFERED TO LOCAL PERFORMING ARTISTS

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LOCAL PERFORMING ARTISTS AND ARTS ORGANISATIONS ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR GRANTS FROM THE COUNCIL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS UNDER THE COUNCIL'S GRANT APPLICATION SCHEME 1986.

THE GRANTS ARE GIVEN OUT WITH THE AIM OF ENCOURAGING AND PROMOTING STANDARDS OF ARTISTIC PERFORMANCE.

APPLICATIONS ARE RESTRICTED TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND RESIDENTS.

PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE WHO HAVE DISPLAYED PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE IN THE PERFORMING ARTS FIELD.

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FUNDS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR DISBURSEMENT TO PERFORMING ARTISTS AND ARTS ORGANISATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING FORMS: PROJECT GRANTS, CAPITAL GRANTS AND GRANTS TO INDIVIDUALS.

PROJECT GRANTS ARE TO BE GIVEN FOR A SPECIFIC PROJECT OR EVENT; CAPITAL GRANTS ARE INTENDED TO ASSIST IN THE PURCHASE OF NECESSARY EQUIPMENT; GRANTS TO INDIVIDUALS ARE INTENDED FOR LOCAL PROFESSIONALS, TO ASSIST THEM IN COVERING THE COSTS EITHER OF A SPECIFIC PROJECT OR OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TECHNIQUES OR IDEAS IN THE PERFORMING ARTS FIELD.

ORGANISATIONS APPLYING FOR GRANTS UNDER THE SCHEME SHOULD BE BONA FIDE, REGISTERED BODIES WHICH ARE EITHER REGISTERED CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS OR WHICH HAVE CLEARLY-STATED NON-PROFIT MAKING AIMS. IN ADDITION, APPLICANTS MUST BE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR ABILITY TO CARRY OUT THE PROPOSALS FOR WHICH THEY ARE SEEKING FUNDS.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS FOR THE GRANTS MAY EXPECT THE SUBSIDIES TO BE PAID WITHIN THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1986-87. THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS FEBRUARY 14, 1986.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE COUNCIL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, 10TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

FURTHER DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED BY CALLING 5-735878, 5-735569 OR 5-735045.

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#### CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP FOR CAREERS MASTERS

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MORE THAN 150 CAREERS MASTERS FROM VARIOUS SCHOOLS WILL ATTEND A CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP AT SHANGRI-LA HOTEL TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP ON GENERAL GUIDANCE, TO BE HELD AT 9 AM, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CAREERS MASTERS, THE HONG KONG BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION AND SIK SIK YUEN.

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG WILL SPEAK AT THE OPENING.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION AND THE CHAIRMAN OF SIK SIK YUEN, MR WONG WAN-TIN, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CAREERS MASTERS, MR CHAN JOE-CHAK.

GUEST SPEAKERS AND PANELISTS AT THE CONFERENCE AND THE WORKSHOP WILL INCLUDE DR IMELDA V.G. VILLAR, GUIDANCE DIRECTOR OF ST. SCHOLASTICA'S COLLEGE OF PHILIPPINES AND MR LAWRENCE SUSS, EDUCATION COUNSELLOR OF THE BRITISH COUNCIL.

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CLINIC SERVICES FOR HOLIDAY PERIOD  
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EIGHT GOVERNMENT OUT-PATIENT CLINICS WILL REMAIN OPEN DURING THE HOLIDAY PERIOD ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 25), THURSDAY (DECEMBER 26), AND WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 1), BETWEEN 9 AM TO 1 PM.

THE EIGHT CLINICS ARE THE VIOLET PEEL HEALTH CENTRE AND SHAUKEIWAN JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC ON HONG KONG ISLAND; KWUN TONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE, ROBERT BLACK HEALTH CENTRE, YAUMATEI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC IN KOWLOON; LADY TRENCH POLYCLINIC, YUEN LONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE AND SHEK WU HUI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ALL OTHER OUT-PATIENT AND EVENING CLINICS WILL BE CLOSED.

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REVISED TIMETABLE FOR STATUTORY DECLARATION  
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THE TIMETABLE FOR STATUTORY DECLARATION SERVICES OFFERED AT THE KWAI CHUNG EAST, KWAI CHUNG NORTH, KWAI CHUNG WEST AND KWAI CHUNG CENTRAL SUB-OFFICES WILL BE REVISED WITH EFFECT FROM JANUARY 2, 1986.

A KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REVISED SCHEDULE, THE PUBLIC CAN BE BETTER SERVED AT THESE SUB-OFFICES.

HE SAID STAFF WILL BE MOBILISED TO PROVIDE STATUTORY DECLARATION SERVICES AT A CERTAIN PERIOD IN THE WEEK SO THAT RESIDENTS DO NOT HAVE TO WAIT LONGER THAN NECESSARY WHILE THE OFFICERS HAVE OTHER DUTIES OR COMMITMENTS TO PERFORM.

WITH EFFECT FROM JANUARY 2, STATUTORY DECLARATION SERVICES AT KWAI CHUNG EAST SUB-OFFICE WILL BE PROVIDED FROM 10 AM TO NOON EVERY MONDAY AND FRIDAY, AND FROM 2.30 PM TO 4.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY.

IN KWAI CHUNG NORTH SUB-OFFICE, THE SERVICE WILL ONLY BE PROVIDED EVERY TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY FROM 10 AM TO NOON.

THE KWAI CHUNG WEST SUB-OFFICE WILL OPERATE ITS SERVICE ON MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY FROM 2.30 PM TO 4.30 PM.

THE CENTRAL KWAI CHUNG SUB-OFFICE, WHICH IS THE MOST POPULAR VENUE FOR THE SERVICE, WILL OPERATE FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY FROM 10 AM TO NOON IN THE MORNING AND FROM 2.30 PM TO 4.30 PM IN THE AFTERNOON, AND FROM 9.30 AM TO 11.30 AM ON SATURDAY.

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FINALISTS SELECTED FOR +CLEAN AND GREEN+ SCHEME  
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THE +CLEAN AND GREEN+ SCHEME WORKING GROUP TODAY (THURSDAY) SELECTED 10 FINALISTS OUT OF MORE THAN 400 PEOPLE WHO HAD SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE SECOND STAGE OF THE COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION PROJECT.

THE FINALISTS WILL COMPETE AT AN OUTDOOR COMPETITION ON DECEMBER 28 FOR THE OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP TO WIN TWO RETURN AIR TICKETS TO AUSTRALIA AND TWO 15-DAY AUSSIE PASSES.

PRIZES FOR RUNNERS-UP WILL INCLUDE A TAIWAN MOUNTAIN CLIMBING PACKAGE TOUR, A CAMERA WITH ACCESSORIES, CAMPING EQUIPMENT AND HIKING GEAR.

THE SELECTED 10 FINALISTS ARE MISS CHEUNG YUET-YEE, MISS MAK SUK-YIN, MR LEE SHUN-SHING, MR LO KING-JAM, MR LEE TSU-HUNG, MR LAI SHING-HIN, MR NG CHI-MAN, MISS CHAN CHOR-WAN, MISS LO SIU-YICK AND MISS SUNITA MIRPURI. MR LAI IS ALSO THE WINNER OF THE 1983-84 SCHEME.

THEY RECEIVED THE HIGHEST MARKS IN ALL ACTIVITIES IN STAGE TWO INVOLVING LITTER COLLECTION IN A MAXIMUM OF 10 COUNTRY PARKS, A COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION QUIZ AND A DESIGN COMPETITION ON THE THEME OF COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PREVENTION OR TREE PLANTING.

THEIR ENTRIES IN THE FORM OF POSTERS, PAINTINGS AND PHOTOGRAPHS WERE ADJUDICATED BY MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP HEADED BY ITS CHAIRMAN, MR WILLIAM WAN.

MR WAN SAID AFTER THE ADJUDICATION: +WE ARE IMPRESSED BY THE VERY HIGH STANDARD, ORIGINALITY AND CREATIVITY OF THE ENTRIES. THEY HAVE NOT ONLY REFLECTED PARTICIPANTS' INTEREST IN COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION BUT ALSO THEIR GOOD KNOWLEDGE IN THE PROPER USE OF, AND CARE FOR, OUR GREEN AND SPACIOUS COUNTRY PARKS.+

THE SCHEME IS ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR. IT HAS ATTRACTED A RECORD PARTICIPATION OF 5740 PEOPLE.

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### SURVEYORS JOINT OFFICE OPENED

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THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR NICKY CHAN, TODAY (THURSDAY) OFFICIATED AT THE OPENING OF THE JOINT HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF SURVEYORS (HKIS) AND ROYAL INSTITUTION OF CHARTERED SURVEYORS (RICS) OFFICE IN SWIRE HOUSE, CENTRAL.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING, MR CHAN SAID IT WAS HEARTENING THAT THE HKIS HAD RETAINED ITS PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION WITH ITS SISTER INSTITUTION, THE RICS, NOT ONLY FOR REASONS OF CONVENIENCE BUT TO SHARE THE NEW HEADQUARTERS IN ORDER TO REPRESENT THE MANY DIFFERENT SECTIONS OF SURVEYING IN HONG KONG.

THE MUTUAL INTERCHANGE OF IDEAS BETWEEN THE TWO ORGANISATIONS AND WITH PROFESSIONAL BODIES BOTH LOCAL AND OVERSEAS WOULD BE INVALUABLE FOR THE PROMOTION OF SURVEYING AND THE MAINTENANCE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS, HE ADDED.

MR CHAN SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO HEAR THAT STEADY PROGRESS WAS BEING MADE IN PREPARING THE WAY FOR THE HKIS TO APPLY FOR FULL RECOGNITION BY THE GOVERNMENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

HE ADVISED THAT THE FORMATION OF THE INSTITUTE HAD TO BE CAREFULLY PLANNED TO ENSURE THAT IT HAD SUFFICIENT PROFESSIONAL STANDING AND FULL AUTHORITY TO ASSUME SUCH WEIGHTY RESPONSIBILITY.

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### YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL DETAILS

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WELL-KNOWN LOCAL AND FOREIGN ORCHESTRAS, OPERA GROUPS, BALLET AND DANCE TROUPES, SINGERS AND CHILDREN'S CHOIRS WILL PERFORM FOR YUEN LONG RESIDENTS DURING A 19-DAY ARTS FESTIVAL BEGINNING FEBRUARY 21.

THE SIXTH YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL WILL FEATURE A WIDE RANGE OF ENTERTAINMENT AND CULTURAL PROGRAMMES.

DETAILS OF THE FESTIVAL WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE BY THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR ALAN WONG, AT 11.30 AM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD ON THE 13TH FLOOR OF THE YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES AT NO. 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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YOUTH BAND FESTIVAL STARTS THIS WEEKEND  
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THE 1985 HONG KONG YOUTH BAND FESTIVAL, ORGANISED ANNUALLY BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH, WILL START ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 21) UNTIL NEW YEAR'S EVE.

THE OPENING CONCERT, FEATURING THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND AND YOUTH CHOIR AND THE HONG KONG LUTHERAN YOUTH BAND, WILL BE HELD AT THE OCEAN TERMINAL ON SATURDAY AT 2.30 PM.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A WIND ENSEMBLE CONTEST, A SYMPHONIC BAND CONTEST AND A MARCHING BAND CONTEST DURING THE FESTIVAL PERIOD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CONCERT.

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MORE BUILDINGS JOIN NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME  
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WAN CHAI DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE WILL MONITOR AND REVIEW THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME IN A FEW MONTHS' TIME TO SEE IF IT SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE MORE BUILDINGS, WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME AT LEI SHUN BUILDING IN LEIGHTON ROAD, MR GARCIA SAID THE BUILDING WAS THE FOURTH IN THE DISTRICT TO JOIN THE SCHEME.

HE SAID A TOTAL OF FOUR BUILDINGS IN WAN CHAI HAD JOINED THE SCHEME AND THAT THE RESPONSE FROM RESIDENTS HAD BEEN VERY ENCOURAGING.

IF THE SCHEME WAS PROVED TO BE EFFECTIVE IN HELPING THE POLICE TO PREVENT BURGLARIES AND ROBBERIES IN RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, IT COULD BE EXTENDED TO MORE BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT, MR GARCIA SAID.

OTHER GUESTS AT THE CEREMONY INCLUDED THE WAN CHAI POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR LAU TO-YEE; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM; CHAIRMAN OF THE TAI HANG-SO KON PO AREA COMMITTEE, MR CHOW YU-WAH, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE LEI SHUN BUILDING OWNERS' CORPORATION, MR FUNG TIEN-HING.

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OPERATION AGAINST DANGEROUS GOODS  
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THE KOWLOON EAST DIVISION OF THE KOWLOON FIRE COMMAND WILL CARRY OUT AN OPERATION AGAINST EXCESSIVE DANGEROUS GOODS BEING STORED OR WITHOUT A LICENCE IN THE EAST KOWLOON AREA TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPERATION. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE WONG TAI SIN DIVISIONAL FIRE STATION AT FUNG TAK ROAD BEFORE 9.30 AM TOMORROW.

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BRIEFING ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT TEAM  
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A PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR GREGORY LEUNG, WILL GIVE A PRESS BRIEFING ON THE WORK AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN OF THE BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM SCHEME AT 2 PM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 23) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF CNTA, 13TH FLOOR, WORLD SHIPPING CENTRE, 7 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE ALSO BEEN MADE FOR THE PRESS TO TOUR YAU MA TEI AND EASTERN DISTRICTS TO SEE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE CO-ORDINATION TEAMS' EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS.

YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG, HOUSING MANAGERS, MR WONG KAI-SHU AND MR LIN KA-TIN OF THE YAU MA TEI AND THE EASTERN BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAMS WILL BE PRESENT DURING THE TOURS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE BRIEFING AND JOIN THE TOUR AFTERWARDS. TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED.

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SWITCHING-ON CEREMONY AT SHA TIN  
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A SWITCHING-ON CEREMONY FOR THIS YEAR'S FESTIVE LIGHTING IN SHA TIN TO CELEBRATE THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR WILL BE HELD AT THE SAND MARTIN BRIDGE IN THE TOWN CENTRE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 6 PM.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MISS MARIA TAM; CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE ON THE FESTIVE LIGHTING IN SHA TIN, MR LAM HUNG-CHIU, AND THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM WOON-KWONG.

THE LIGHTING AND CHRISTMAS AND LUNAR NEW YEAR LIGHTING DECORATIONS, WHICH COSTS ABOUT \$500 000, IS SPONSORED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD, TO DECORATE THE SAND MARTIN AND BANYAN BRIDGES, THE NEWLY COMPLETED SHING MUN RIVER PROMENADE, AND OTHER SELECTED AREAS.

A PHOTO CONTEST AND A SWITCHING-ON CEREMONY FOR THE LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVE LIGHTS WILL BE ARRANGED AT A LATER DATE.

THE ANNUAL EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE AND THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT AT 6 PM AT THE SAND MARTIN BRIDGE ADJACENT TO THE NEW TOWN PLAZA IN SHA TIN TOMORROW.

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SHENZHEN ANIMAL, PLANT EXPERTS ON VISIT  
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THREE MEMBERS OF THE SHENZHEN ANIMAL AND PLANT QUARANTINE SERVICE TODAY (THURSDAY) MET WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND TO DISCUSS FUTURE CO-OPERATION.

THE GROUP COMPRISED DEPUTY DIRECTOR, MR YE ZHANG-MING, VETERINARIAN, MR TANG GUI-ZHANG, AND LABORATORY CHIEF AGRONOMIST, MR HUANG QING-SONG.

THEY WERE MET BY THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (AGRICULTURE), DR THOMAS YIP, AT THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS.

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ALSO PRESENT AT THE MEETING WERE SENIOR CROP DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, MISS VERA SO, SENIOR VETERINARY OFFICER, DR NORMAN CHENG, AND SENIOR CONSERVATION OFFICER, MR M.K. CHEUNG.

THE FIFTH MEETING OF ITS KIND SINCE THE FORMATION OF THE SHENZHEN AND HONG KONG WORKING GROUP ON ANIMAL AND PLANT QUARANTINE IN DECEMBER 1983, THE TWO SIDES REVIEWED EFFORTS IN CONTROLLING THE IMPORT OF ANIMALS AND PLANTS INCLUDING ENDANGERED SPECIES, AS WELL AS THE PROGRESS IN RABIES CONTROL WORK.

THEY ALSO DISCUSSED PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST THE INTRODUCTION OF MEDITERRANEAN FRUIT FLY AND AFRICAN SWINE FEVER.

THE SHENZHEN GROUP, WHICH WILL BE LEAVING ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 24), WILL ALSO VISIT THE HONG KONG HERBARIUM AND SEE THE PESTICIDE CONTROL WORK BY THE DEPARTMENT.

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DB MEMBERS SERENADE HANDICAPPED AND ELDERLY  
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THE HANDICAPPED AND THE ELDERLY IN KWUN TONG WILL BE TREATED TO A MEDLEY OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS FROM A DISTINGUISHED GROUP OF SINGERS TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE CAROLLERS ARE NOT CHOIR SINGERS, BUT MEMBERS OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN MAK, AND OTHER STAFF OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

A CO-OPTED MEMBER OF THE BOARD, MR YIU CHEUK-HUNG, WILL BE SANTA CLAUS ACCOMPANYING THE IMPROMPTU CHOIR TO THREE LOCAL INSTITUTIONS.

IN ADDITION TO CAROLLING, DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL DISTRIBUTE CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO THE HANDICAPPED AND THE ELDERLY IN THE SPIRIT OF JOY AND LOVE IN THE FESTIVE SEASON.

THE THREE INSTITUTIONS THE CHOIR WILL CALL ON TOMORROW ARE THE MARGARET TRENCH MEDICAL REHABILITATION CENTRE, THE PO LEUNG KUK KO CHIU ROAD CENTRE AND THE KWUN TONG KWONG YUM HOME FOR THE AGED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENTS.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD CAROLLING SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT 2.45 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE CARPARK OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING IN TUNG YAN STREET.

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HANDMADE GIFTS FOR ELDERLY

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A GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS WILL PUT THE FINISHING TOUCHES TO THE GIFTS THEY HAVE PRODUCED FOR THE ELDERLY DURING A GATHERING ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 21) AFTERNOON.

OUTSIDE THE HELPING HAND SHELTER FOR THE ELDERLY IN THE SHUN LEE TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, 75 VOLUNTEERS WILL MAKE THE LAST STITCHES ON SCARFS, SHAWLS, GLOVES AND HATS FOR 109 ELDERLY RESIDENTS OF THE HOSTEL.

EARLIER IN THE MONTH, ABOUT 200 VOLUNTEERS HAD BEGUN KNITTING THE ITEMS AS CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE ELDERLY.

THE EVENT, ENTITLED +WARMTH KNIT-IN FOR THE ELDERLY+, WAS ORGANISED AS PART OF THE CURRENT KWUN TONG FESTIVAL '85 TO FOSTER A SENSE OF RESPECT AND CARING FOR THE ELDERLY.

APART FROM THE VOLUNTEERS, FIVE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ANNIE TAM, WILL ALSO PITCH IN TO HELP THE VOLUNTEERS THIS SATURDAY.

AT THE SAME TIME VOLUNTEERS FROM THE PING SHEK YOUTH CENTRE OF THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS WILL SING ALONG WITH THE ELDERLY AT THE GATHERING, WHILE THE ELDERLY WILL PERFORM FOLK SONGS FOR THEIR GUESTS.

THE WARMTH KNIT-IN WAS ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG FESTIVAL '85 ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WARMTH KNIT-IN FOR THE ELDERLY HELD AT 2.30 PM ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 21) AT THE OPEN SPACE BETWEEN BLOCKS 60 AND 61 OF THE SHUN LEE TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA.

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LANDOWNERS URGED TO COLLECT COMPENSATION

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LAND OWNERS, ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION FOR LANDS RESUMED FOR THE LOK MA CHAU BORDER LINK AND N.T. CIRCULAR ROAD PROJECTS, HAVE BEEN URGED TO COME FORWARD TO COLLECT THEIR CHEQUES.

THE COMPENSATION HAS BEEN CALCULATED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE NEW POLICY FOR ZONAL COMPENSATION IN THE NEW TERRITORIES RECENTLY APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE SAID THE TWO PROJECTS FORM A MAJOR PART OF DEVELOPMENT PLANS TO IMPROVE THE ROAD NETWORK FOR AN EXPECTED INCREASE IN TRAFFIC VOLUME IN THE NORTH-WESTERN NEW TERRITORIES INTO THE NEXT DECADE.

+THE \$260 MILLION LO MA CHAU BORDER LINK PROJECT WILL PROVIDE YET ANOTHER CROSSING BETWEEN HONG KONG AND SHENZHEN,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+CONSTRUCTION WORK HAS ALREADY BEGUN AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN EARLY 1988,+ HE ADDED.

+A LARGE NUMBER OF CHEQUES PREPARED FOR THE APPROVED COMPENSATION IS READY FOR COLLECTION AT THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S LANDS OFFICE IN YUEN LONG,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN ADDITION A TOTAL OF \$27.5 MILLION IN EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES HAS ALSO BEEN APPROVED FOR PAYMENT TO FARMERS FOR THEIR CROPS, FISHPONDS, LIVESTOCK AND BUSINESS OPERATIONS,+ HE SAID.

+SO FAR, \$26 MILLION OF THIS MONEY HAD BEEN PAID OUT,+ HE ADDED.

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TUEN MUN RESTRICTED ZONE

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PUI TO ROAD EASTBOUND, BETWEEN TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD AND TUEN MUN ROAD, AND ITS SLIP ROAD LEADING TO TUEN MUN ROAD NORTHBOUND WILL BE DESIGNATED A 24-HOUR RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

MOTOR VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS AND GOODS.

MEANWHILE, WONG CHU ROAD BETWEEN ROAD 16A AND TUEN MUN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FOR ABOUT TEN DAYS FROM 10 AM ON DECEMBER 21 (SATURDAY) TO FACILITATE PIPE LAYING WORK.

TRAFFIC FROM LUNG MUN ROAD HEADING TOWARDS TUEN MUN ROAD SHOULD USE TSING WUN ROAD.

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CHANGES AT PROHIBITED ZONES, SPEED LIMIT  
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THE MACAU FERRY BUS TERMINUS WILL BE MADE A PROHIBITED ZONE FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 22).

ALL VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE RESTRICTED AREA.

THE EXISTING PROHIBITED ZONES AT THE MACAU FERRY BUS TERMINUS AND AT CLEVERLY STREET BUS TERMINUS WILL BE LIFTED.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EXISTING SPEED LIMIT OF 70 KILOMETRES PER HOUR ON WESTBOUND HARCOURT ROAD BETWEEN FENWICK STREET AND ARSENAL STREET WILL BE CHANGED TO 50 KILOMETRES PER HOUR FROM 10 AM ON THE SAME DAY.

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