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DECISION MADE ON DB ALLOWANCES

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THE DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD MADE A DECISION ABOUT REVISED ALLOWANCES FOR DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY SPEECH DAY OF HEEP YUNN SCHOOL, SIR DAVID SAID THE DECISION WOULD BE PUT BEFORE THE FINANCE COMMITTEE NEXT WEEK.

+SO YOU'LL HEAR ALL ABOUT IT THEN,+ HE SAID.

WHEN ASKED TO COMMENT ON REMARKS MADE BY THE HEADMISTRESS OF HEEP YUNN SCHOOL, MRS MARY LAI, ABOUT THE EDUCATION SYSTEM IN HONG KONG, SIR DAVID SAID: +I THINK MRS LAI WAS VOICING CRITICISMS WHICH WE HAVE HEARD IN THE PAST.

+BUT YOU HAVE TO BEAR IN MIND THAT WE HAVE PACKED A GREAT MANY CHANGES TO OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM AND HAVE EXPANDED OUR EDUCATION FROM PRIMARY SCHOOL TO SECONDARY SCHOOL EDUCATION IN A VERY SHORT TIME. AND IT IS OBVIOUS THAT IN DOING SO MUCH IN SUCH A SHORT TIME, THERE ARE BOUND TO BE STRESSES AND STRAINS IN THE SYSTEM.

+BUT MRS LAI HAS OBVIOUSLY THOUGHT OUT HER POINT OF VIEW VERY CAREFULLY, AND I'VE CERTAINLY MADE A NOTE OF WHAT SHE SAID, AND WILL BE STUDYING HER SPEECH WITH GREAT CARE.+

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WELL-BALANCED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR STUDENTS ESSENTIAL

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MODERN AND WELL-EQUIPPED PREMISES ARE ESSENTIAL TO ANY SCHOOL BUT THEY ARE NOT SUFFICIENT IN THEMSELVES- TO REALISE THE FULL POTENTIAL OF STUDENTS, IT IS IMPORTANT THEY BE GIVEN A WELL-BALANCED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME DESIGNED TO DEVELOP THEM AS WELL-ROUNDED MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, THE DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL SPEECH DAY OF HEEP YUNN SCHOOL WHICH ALSO MARKED ITS GOLDEN JUBILEE, SIR DAVID SAID, +IN THIS REGARD, IT IS HEARTENING TO KNOW THAT THE SCHOOL NOT ONLY GIVES RECOGNITION TO ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS BUT ALSO ENCOURAGES ITS STUDENTS TO TAKE PART IN A COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.+

/SIR DAVID

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SIR DAVID SAID THE SCHOOL WAS FOUNDED 50 YEARS AGO WITH THE IMPORTANT MISSION OF PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIRLS AT A TIME WHEN SUCH OPPORTUNITIES WERE NOT AS PLENTIFUL AS THEY ARE TODAY.

THE FINE TRADITION OF THE SCHOOL IN SYNTHESISING CHRISTIAN VALUES AND CHINESE VIRTUES HAD BEEN FIRMLY UPHELD BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS ALIKE OVER THE YEARS, HE ADDED.

+THIS REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE KEEN INTEREST AND UNFAILING SUPPORT OF THE SCHOOL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, TO THE ABLE LEADERSHIP AND INSPIRATION OF PAST AND PRESENT PRINCIPALS AND TO THE DEVOTION AND HARD WORK OF THE TEACHING STAFF AND OF THE STUDENTS THEMSELVES,+ HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THE SCHOOL HAD GROWN FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH OVER THE PAST FIVE DECADES.

+A NEW BUILDING FOR THE SECONDARY SECTION WAS COMPLETED SOME 10 YEARS AGO AND A FURTHER EXTENSION HAS BEEN ADDED RECENTLY TO PROVIDE IMPROVED FACILITIES FOR THE SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SECTIONS AS WELL AS FOR THE KINDERGARTEN.

+THIS PROJECT WAS WHOLLY FINANCED BY THE SCHOOL ITSELF FROM ITS OWN RESOURCES AND THIS SERVES TO DEMONSTRATE THE DEGREE OF COMMITMENT TO CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT.+

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ROLE OF SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES OUTLINED * * * * *

IT IS THE GOVERNMENT'S OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE THE RIGHT ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH WEALTH CAN GROW, BUT AS THAT WEALTH GROWS, THEN SO SHOULD THE ABILITY TO PROVIDE IMPROVED SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

HOWEVER, HE SAID WHAT THE GOVERNMENT TRIED NOT TO DO WAS SLIP INTO THE POSITION WHERE IT PROVIDED SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES OF ONE SORT OR ANOTHER THAT WERE IN FACT BEYOND ITS MEANS.

+IF ONE FOLLOWS THAT COURSE OF ACTION, IT IS NOT LONG BEFORE THE SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES THEMSELVES BEGIN TO DETERIORATE BOTH IN QUALITY AND IN QUANTITY.

+SO, CREATION OF THE WEALTH OF THE COMMUNITY FIRST, AND THEN A PROGRESSIVE IMPROVEMENT IN SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES WITHIN OUR MEANS,+ HE SAID.

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SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE PO LEUNG KUK DIRECTORS, MR JACOBS SAID THE TWO ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY IN HONG KONG WERE THE PROVISION OF SOCIAL SECURITY AND DIRECT SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES.

MR JACOBS SAID THE FIRST COMPONENT HAD CHANGED SINCE THE EARLY 1950'S WHEN BASIC RELIEF WAS PROVIDED IN THE FORM OF DRY RATIONS AND COOKED MEALS. NOW SOCIAL SECURITY WAS PROVIDED UNDER THREE BASIC SCHEMES -- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SCHEME, SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCES SCHEME AND ACCIDENT COMPENSATION AND EMERGENCY RELIEF SCHEME.

HE DESCRIBED THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SCHEME AS THE MAINSTAY OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM WHICH AIMED TO PROVIDE NEEDY INDIVIDUALS OR FAMILIES WITH A BASIC LEVEL OF ASSISTANCE.

+BY AND LARGE, A TYPICAL RECIPIENT OF ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS SCHEME IS OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE, UNMARRIED AND OUT OF WORK FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER.

+AT PRESENT, OVER 62 000 FAMILIES ARE RECEIVING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS SCHEME.

+WE SPENT A TOTAL OF \$625 MILLION IN 1985-86, REPRESENTING ABOUT 25 PER CENT OF TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES AND THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THIS FUNDAMENTAL AND ESSENTIAL SCHEME IS A VALUABLE SAFETY NET FOR THE COMMUNITY,+ HE SAID.

THE SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCES SCHEME, WHICH WAS NOT MEANS-TESTED, WAS HELPING ABOUT 234 000 PERSONS WHO HAD REACHED THE AGE OF 70 AND WHO HAD LIVED IN HONG KONG FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THEIR APPLICATION.

+THERE HAS BEEN A SIGNIFICANT TAKE-UP OF THE BENEFITS UNDER THIS SCHEME AND IN FACT ABOUT 86 PER CENT OF THOSE ELIGIBLE ARE NOW DRAWING IT.

+FURTHERMORE, ABOUT 49 000 SEVERELY DISABLED PEOPLE OF ALL AGES ARE PAID DISABILITY ALLOWANCE TO MEET THEIR SPECIAL NEEDS,+ MR JACOBS SAID, ADDING THAT APPROXIMATELY \$910 MILLION WAS SPENT ON THE TWO ALLOWANCES IN 1985-86.

HE SAID EXPENDITURE ON THE SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCES NOW EXCEEDED BY A LARGE MARGIN THE EXPENDITURE ON PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

+WE DID NOT ANTICIPATE THIS AND THE SITUATION IS UNDER REVIEW,+ HE NOTED.

+THE QUESTION THAT MUST BE ASKED IS WHETHER THERE SHOULD BE A MEANS TEST TO ENSURE THAT PAYMENTS ARE MADE TO THOSE PEOPLE WHO NEED THEM MOST.+

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ON ASSISTANCE PROVIDED FOR VICTIMS OF NATURAL OR OTHER DISASTERS, MR JACOBS SAID THAT LAST YEAR ONLY \$2 MILLION WAS PAID OUT UNDER THIS HEADING, COMPARED TO THE \$20 MILLION PAID OUT WHEN HONG KONG SUFFERED SEVERE DAMAGE FROM TYPHOON ELLEN IN 1983.

+THE CRIMINAL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT INJURIES COMPENSATION SCHEME WAS OF HELP TO 690 PEOPLE LAST YEAR WHO RECEIVED IN TOTAL \$4.8 MILLION; AND 5 200 CASES WERE PROCESSED UNDER THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT (VICTIMS ASSISTANCE) SCHEME, UNDER WHICH SOME \$34.5 MILLION WAS PAID,+ HE SAID.

HOWEVER, HE ADDED THAT A SURPLUS HAD BEEN BUILT UP IN THE FUND FOR THE LATTER SCHEME AND THIS HAD HELPED THE ADMINISTRATION PUT TOGETHER A SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEME UNDER WHICH ASSISTANCE WAS GIVEN TO OVER 400 VICTIMS OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS WHO, THROUGH THE INSOLVENCY OF A NUMBER OF INSURANCE COMPANIES, HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY UNABLE TO OBTAIN THEIR COMPENSATION.

ALTOGETHER CASH ASSISTANCE LAST YEAR UNDER THE VARIOUS SCHEMES TOTALLED \$1.6 BILLION, REPRESENTING 29 PER CENT OF THE AMOUNT OF SALARIES TAX COLLECTED, MR JACOBS SAID.

REFERRING TO CRITICISM THAT PAYMENT RATES UNDER THE VARIOUS SCHEMES WERE TOO LOW, MR JACOBS SAID WHILE HE DID NOT PRETEND THAT THE RATES WERE OVER-GENEROUS, HE BELIEVED THEY WERE REALISTIC AND ALSO WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT'S MEANS.

+AND MOST IMPORTANT, WE KEEP THEM UNDER REGULAR REVIEW AND ADJUST THEM FROM TIME TO TIME SO AS TO MAINTAIN THEIR REAL PURCHASING VALUE.+

ON THE OTHER COMPONENT OF WELFARE SERVICES ON WHICH OVER \$708 MILLION WAS SPENT LAST YEAR, MR JACOBS SAID WHAT HE HAD IN MIND WAS REHABILITATION, FAMILY WELFARE, SERVICES TO YOUTH, THE ELDERLY AS WELL AS TO YOUNG OFFENDERS AND COMMUNITY BUILDING.

THESE SERVICES WERE PLANNED ON THE BASIS OF A ROLL-FORWARD FIVE-YEAR PLAN FOR SOCIAL WELFARE DEVELOPMENT.

+NATURALLY THE POLICY OBJECTIVES AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT ARE SUBJECT TO EVOLUTION AND CHANGE.

+WE NEED TO MEASURE THE EXTENT TO WHICH CERTAIN POLICY OBJECTIVES HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED, AND SO THIS CONSTANT ATTENTION TO THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE,+ HE SAID.

MR JACOBS POINTED OUT THAT IN PREPARING ESTIMATES FOR EXPENDITURE, PROVISION MUST BE MADE FOR THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF EXISTING SERVICES.

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THIS YEAR THE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN ABLE TO ALLOCATE FUNDS TO PROVIDE FOR A NUMBER OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

THESE INCLUDED ADDITIONAL HOME HELP TEAMS, SPECIAL CHILD CARE CENTRES, DAY NURSERIES, DAY CRECHE PLACES, NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, SOCIAL CENTRES, HOSTELS, A MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY, HALFWAY HOUSES FOR THE MENTALLY ILL, AND CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CENTRES.

TURNING TO VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, MR JACOBS SAID IN THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR, SUBVENTION PAYMENTS TO 150 WELFARE AGENCIES TOTALLED SOME \$449 MILLION AS MANY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES NOW DEPENDED ON THE GOVERNMENT, INSTEAD OF OVERSEAS ORGANISATIONS, FOR THE BULK OF THEIR FINANCIAL NEEDS.

THE FACT THAT EXPENDITURE ON SOCIAL WELFARE SUBVENTIONS HAD GROWN FROM \$146 MILLION IN 1980-81 TO \$449 MILLION IN 1985-86, OR A GROWTH OF 25 PER CENT OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS, WAS A REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT, HE SAID.

+WE ARE OFTEN CRITICISED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR NOT SPENDING ENOUGH ON SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES AND FOR DENYING VOLUNTARY AGENCIES ADEQUATE SUPPORT. I THINK THE FIGURES SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES,+ MR JACOBS SAID.

RECOGNISING THAT THE ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENSURING THAT A SATISFACTORY STANDARD AND RANGE OF SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES WAS PROVIDED MUST REMAIN WITH THE GOVERNMENT, HE SAID IT WAS THE GOVERNMENT THAT ALSO HAD THE RESPONSIBILITY AND POWER TO RAISE THE NECESSARY REVENUE.

HE, HOWEVER, FELT THAT MORE MIGHT BE DONE TO ENCOURAGE NON-PROFIT-MAKING, SELF-FINANCING AGENCIES TO PROVIDE EXTRA SERVICES IN VARIOUS FIELDS, FOR EXAMPLE, CHILD CARE SERVICES AND THE RUNNING OF HOMES FOR THE AGED.

+THE MORE THAT CAN BE DONE BY SOCIETY FOR ITSELF, THE MORE RESOURCES WE WILL BE ABLE TO DEVOTE TO OTHER FORMS OF SOCIAL WELFARE WHICH MUST OF NECESSITY FALL WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE GOVERNMENT.

+ALSO IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO FURTHER ENCOURAGE SOME OF THE SUBVENTED AGENCIES TO MAXIMISE THEIR COST EFFECTIVENESS,+ HE SAID.

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PORNOGRAPHY BILL PROPOSALS REVISED
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REVISED PROPOSALS FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF AN OBSCENE ARTICLES TRIBUNAL HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL AFTER TAKING INTO ACCOUNT PUBLIC CONCERN OVER SEVERAL AREAS IN THE DRAFT CONTROL OF OBSCENE AND INDECENT ARTICLES BILL PUBLISHED IN MID-AUGUST.

AMONG THE MOST SIGNIFICANT AMENDMENTS WAS THE MOVE TO INCLUDE PERSONS WITH PROFICIENCY IN EITHER WRITTEN CHINESE OR WRITTEN ENGLISH ALONG WITH THOSE PROFICIENT IN BOTH LANGUAGES ON THE PANEL OF LAY ADJUDICATORS TO BE FORMED TO ASSIST THE MAGISTRATE IN THE CLASSIFICATION PROCESS.

EXPLAINING THE PROVISIONS OF THE REVISED BILL AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (THURSDAY), SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR JAMES SO, SAID THE CHANGES FOLLOWED EXTENSIVE CONSULTATION WITH VARIOUS BODIES INCLUDING DISTRICT BOARDS, SCHOOL COUNCILS AND OTHER INTERESTED ORGANISATIONS.

+THE STIPULATION OF PROFICIENCY IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE AS A PREREQUISITE FOR APPOINTMENT TO AN OBSCENE ARTICLES TRIBUNAL HAD GIVEN RISE TO CONSIDERABLE ADVERSE COMMENT,+ HE POINTED OUT.

+THE ORIGINAL REQUIREMENT FOR BILINGUAL PROFICIENCY WAS BASED ON THE CURRENT PRACTICE THAT THE LANGUAGE OF THE COURT IS ENGLISH AND LAY PERSONS SERVING AS ADJUDICATORS MIGHT BE EXPECTED TO HAVE A REASONABLE COMMAND OF THE LANGUAGE TO FOLLOW THE PROCESS AT A FULL HEARING.

+HOWEVER, FOLLOWING CONSIDERATION OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED, THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL ACCEPTED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE REASONABLE TO EXCLUDE A LARGE SECTOR OF THE PUBLIC FROM ADJUDICATING ON THE RECOGNISED STANDARDS OF PROPRIETY PURELY ON LINGUISTIC GROUNDS.+

+IT IS THEREFORE FELT THAT THE APPOINTMENT OF ADJUDICATORS TO OBSCENE ARTICLES TRIBUNALS SHOULD NOT BE CONFINED TO ENGLISH-SPEAKERS ONLY,+ MR SO SAID.

ON THE COMPOSITION OF THE PANEL, MR SO NOTED THAT THE CURRENT PROPOSAL WAS THAT IT SHOULD COMPRISE BOTH MEN AND WOMEN FROM A WIDE CROSS-SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY, AND WOULD BE DRAWN FROM A RANGE OF SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL AND WORK BACKGROUNDS.

TURNING TO ANOTHER ASPECT OF THE DRAFT BILL ON WHICH DIVERSE VIEWS HAD BEEN AIRED, MR SO SAID THERE HAD BEEN QUERIES AS TO WHETHER IT WAS POSSIBLE TO DRAW A DISTINCTION BETWEEN OBSCENITY AND INDECENCY AND A SUGGESTION HAD BEEN PUT FORWARD THAT THE GUIDELINES FOR CLASSIFYING ARTICLES SHOULD BE MADE CLEARER IN THE LAW.

/+AFTER CAREFUL

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+AFTER CAREFUL DELIBERATION ON THIS ISSUE, THE GOVERNMENT FINDS IT IMPRACTICAL TO ATTEMPT TO STIPULATE IN THE LAW IN SPECIFIC TERMS WHAT IS DEEMED TO BE UNACCEPTABLE ON MATTERS OF PROPRIETY.

+RESEARCH CONDUCTED ON OVERSEAS JURISDICTIONS FAILED TO IDENTIFY ANY WHERE PRECISE DEFINITIONS OF OBSCENITY AND INDECENCY HAD BEEN MADE IN LEGISLATION.

+MOREOVER, CONSTANT DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITY'S ACCEPTED STANDARDS OF PROPRIETY WOULD ENTAIL REGULAR LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS TO REFLECT SUCH CHANGES,+ HE SAID.

MR SO ADDED THAT TO SPELL OUT SUCH DEFINITION OF TERMS IN THE LAW WOULD REMOVE FLEXIBILITY IN CENSORIAL STANDARDS WHICH DIFFERENT AND CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES MIGHT REQUIRE.

IN REJECTING THE SUGGESTION FOR THE INCLUSION OF SPECIFIC DEFINITION IN THE LEGISLATION, THE GOVERNMENT'S THINKING WAS THAT MEMBERS OF A TRIBUNAL, BEING MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, WOULD POSSESS A GENERAL KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR OWN COMMUNITY'S ACCEPTED STANDARDS OF PROPRIETY. IN ADDITION, THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO RESORT TO A MORE SPECIFIC BODY OF KNOWLEDGE AND REFERENCE BUILT UP WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME, HE SAID.

TO KEEP PACE WITH COMMUNITY STANDARDS, SURVEYS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE ADMINISTRATION FROM TIME TO TIME, MR SO SAID. THE RESULTS OF SUCH SURVEYS WOULD BE ADMISSIBLE EVIDENCE AT FULL HEARINGS WHERE INTERIM RULINGS WERE UNDER REVIEW.

+FURTHERMORE, PUBLISHERS, IMPORTERS, AUTHORS, MANUFACTURERS AND PERSONS WITH A MATERIAL INTEREST IN THE PUBLICATION OF AN ARTICLE WILL HAVE ACCESS TO THE REPOSITORY OF ARTICLES CLASSIFIED AND WILL HOPEFULLY BE ABLE TO SELF-REGULATE BY REFERENCE TO THE TRIBUNALS' PAST CLASSIFICATIONS,+ HE NOTED.

MR SO POINTED OUT THAT THE CATEGORIES OF PERSONS WHO MIGHT SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR CLASSIFICATION BY A TRIBUNAL HAD BEEN EXTENDED TO INCLUDE THE AUTHOR, THE COPYRIGHT OWNER AND THE PERSON WHO COMMISSIONED THE DESIGN, PRODUCTION OR PUBLICATION OF AN ARTICLE.

+THIS AMENDMENT BRINGS LOCAL LEGISLATION MORE INTO LINE WITH SIMILAR PROVISIONS IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS,+ HE SAID.

MR SO NOTED THAT THE BILL ALSO CONTAINED A NUMBER OF OTHER MINOR AMENDMENTS AND DRAFTING CHANGES.

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UNDER THE BILL A TRIBUNAL, TO BE PRESIDED OVER BY A BILINGUAL MAGISTRATE AND LAY ADJUDICATORS, WOULD CLASSIFY WHETHER OR NOT ARTICLES SUCH AS PRINTED MATTER, VIDEOS, TAPES, DISCS AND OTHER OBJECTS WERE OBSCENE OR INDECENT OR NEITHER.

FEEES, BASICALLY FIXED AT A LEVEL TO RECOVER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, WOULD BE PAYABLE IN RESPECT OF VOLUNTARY SUBMISSIONS FOR CLASSIFICATION AND REPOSITORY SEARCHES. THE EXACT LEVEL OF THESE FEES WOULD BE DEALT WITH IN SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION.

LAY ADJUDICATORS WOULD RECEIVE AN HONORARIUM SET AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL.

DETAILS OF THE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM ARE CONTAINED IN THE BILL TO BE GAZETTED ON DECEMBER 12.

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PROUD RECORD IN MEDICAL AND WELFARE SERVICES
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HONG KONG CAN BE VERY PROUD OF ITS ACHIEVEMENTS IN MEDICAL AND WELFARE SERVICES WHICH HAVE GROWN OUT OF ALL RECOGNITION DURING THE LAST 30 YEARS.

ADDRESSING THE UNITED COLLEGE 30TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE TODAY (THURSDAY), THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, SAID THAT DEVELOPMENTS IN BOTH THE HEALTH AND WELFARE FIELDS WERE A FAR CRY FROM THE VERY BASIC FACILITIES AND PROVISION OF RELIEF TO THE NEEDIES IN THE 1950'S.

+DURING THE 50'S, THE TRADITIONAL COMMUNICABLE DISEASES SUCH AS DIPHTHERIA AND TUBERCULOSIS WERE A MAJOR SCOURGE- THEY HAVE NOW DROPPED TO VERY LOW LEVELS.

+THE TB MORTALITY RATE WAS 120 PER 100 000 IN 1955 AND 7.5 PER 100 000 IN 1985. SUCH DISEASES HAVE BEEN REPLACED AS MAJOR CAUSES OF DEATH BY DISEASES OF THE AFFLUENT FIRST WORLD SUCH AS CANCER AND HEART DISEASE.+

MR CHAMBERS POINTED OUT THAT THE INFANT MORTALITY RATE, WHICH WAS ALWAYS AN IMPORTANT INDICATOR OF THE GENERAL HEALTH OF ANY COMMUNITY, FELL FROM 66.4 PER 100 000 LIVE BIRTHS IN 1955 TO 7.6 IN 1985.

/+IN 1984

+IN 1984 THE EXPECTATION OF LIFE AT BIRTH REACHED 73.2 YEARS FOR MEN AND THE ASTONISHING FIGURE OF 79 FOR WOMEN, AMONGST THE HIGHEST IN THE WORLD,+ HE ADDED.

ON THE SOCIAL WELFARE SCENE, MR CHAMBERS SAID THERE WERE NO SUCH CLEAR INDICATORS OF THE SUCCESS OR OTHERWISE OF THE SERVICES BECAUSE SOCIAL PROBLEMS WERE NOT SO EASILY SOLVED, AND INCREASING PROSPERITY, WHILE IT SOLVED SOME PROBLEMS, WAS APT TO CAUSE NEW ONES.

+EVEN SUCH A DESIRABLE ACHIEVEMENT AS THE VERY HIGH LIFE EXPECTANCY BRINGS IN ITS WAKE SOME VERY DIFFICULT PROBLEMS IN THE CARE OF THE ELDERLY, WHICH ARE FAST BECOMING OUR MAJOR CONCERN IN THE WELFARE FIELD,+ HE SAID.

HOWEVER, MR CHAMBERS POINTED OUT THAT THERE WAS NO DOUBT THAT HONG KONG'S WELFARE SERVICES WERE IN INFINITELY BETTER SHAPE TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEMS OF THE 1980'S AND 90'S THAN THEY WERE TO DEAL WITH THOSE OF THE 1950'S.

+THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM PROVIDES A COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY NET WHICH ENSURES THAT NO FAMILY GOES WITHOUT THE WHEREWITHAL TO BUY THE BASIC NEEDS OF LIFE IN HONG KONG.

+WE ALSO HAVE A HIGHLY TRAINED CORPS OF SOCIAL WORKERS TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THE NEEDY AND THOSE WHO FACE DIFFICULT SOCIAL PROBLEMS. THERE ARE A LOT OF EXCELLENT FACILITIES FOR ALL KINDS OF WELFARE SERVICES, AND MANY MORE IN THE PIPELINE,+ HE SAID.

NOTING THAT HONG KONG WAS NOT A WELFARE STATE IN THE WESTERN SENSE, MR CHAMBERS SAID HE BELIEVED THAT HONG KONG WAS MUCH CLOSER TO IT THAN IT WAS OFTEN GIVEN CREDIT FOR.

+IN BOTH THE HEALTH AND WELFARE FIELDS, THERE IS CLEARLY MUCH TO BE DONE AND WE HAVE AMBITIOUS PLANS TO EXPAND AND IMPROVE THE SERVICES. BUT IT IS A VERY SALUTARY EXERCISE TO LOOK BACK OVER THE LAST 30 YEARS TO SEE JUST HOW FAR WE HAVE COME,+ MR CHAMBERS SAID.

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STEPS TAKEN TO IMPROVE HOUSING FOR ELDERLY
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO EXPLORE EVERY POSSIBILITY OF IMPROVING RESIDENTIAL CARE FOR THE ELDERLY WHO ARE FRAIL AND IN NEED OF PERSONAL CARE, DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ANSON CHAN, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE CHING CHUNG CARE AND ATTENTION HOME IN YUEN LONG, SHE SAID THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEASURE IN THE SHORT TERM WAS TO SET UP HOME AND CARE-AND-ATTENTION UNITS IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

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+THIRTEEN SUCH UNITS HAVE BEEN PLANNED WHICH WILL PROVIDE SOME 500 CARE-AND-ATTENTION PLACES AND THE FIRST ONE WILL BE READY IN 1988,+ SHE SAID.

CONSULTATION WOULD CONTINUE BETWEEN THE SOCIAL WELFARE AND THE HOUSING DEPARTMENTS SO THAT MORE SUCH UNITS COULD BE ACCOMMODATED IN NEWLY-DESIGNED HOUSING ESTATES, SHE ADDED.

+MEANWHILE, PURPOSE-BUILT CARE-AND-ATTENTION HOMES WILL CONTINUE TO BE CONSTRUCTED AND DEPENDING ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND THE NEEDS, CARE-AND-ATTENTION PLACES WILL GRADUALLY BE PROVIDED IN THE EXISTING HOSTELS AND HOMES FOR THE AGED,+ SHE SAID.

MRS CHAN SAID SHE BELIEVED THAT THROUGH THESE MEASURES, CARE-AND-ATTENTION PLACES WOULD IMPROVE SIGNIFICANTLY FROM THE PRESENT 1 400 PLACES TO OVER 4 000 PLACES IN A FEW YEARS' TIME.

SHE NOTED THAT THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY PUBLISHED TWO MONTHS AGO SHOULD HELP TO IMPROVE THE STANDARD OF RESIDENTIAL CARE FOR THE ELDERLY WHO WERE FINANCIALLY BETTER OFF.

FOR THE ELDERLY WHO WERE CAPABLE OF LOOKING AFTER THEMSELVES, MRS CHAN SAID THAT THERE WERE 30 HOSTELS AND SHELTERED HOUSING PROVIDING MORE THAN 2 000 PLACES.

+SIXTEEN MORE HOSTELS WILL BE COMPLETED IN THREE YEARS, THUS INCREASING THE SELF-CARE PLACES TO OVER 2 800,+ SHE SAID.

+FURTHERMORE, THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT HAD LAUNCHED A NEW SCHEME LAST YEAR TO PROVIDE ABOUT 150 SHELTERED HOUSING PLACES FOR OLD PEOPLE WHO ARE CAPABLE OF SELF-CARE IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES WITH OVER 3 000 UNITS.

+THE PROBLEM OF HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY IN REASONABLY GOOD HEALTH CAN THEREFORE BE REGARDED AS HAVING BEEN LARGELY RESOLVED,+ SHE ADDED.

ON THE PROVISION OF MEAL PLACES, SHE SAID THAT IT WAS VERY ENCOURAGING TO NOTE THAT THE PRESENT NUMBER OF 4 000 PLACES WOULD BE INCREASED BY 2 000 IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

MRS CHAN PRAISED THE CHING CHUNG TAOIST ASSOCIATION FOR ITS INTEREST IN WELFARE SERVICES, ADDING THAT DISCUSSION WAS BEING HELD BETWEEN HER DEPARTMENT AND THE AGENCY ABOUT BUILDING ANOTHER BIGGER CARE-AND-ATTENTION HOME. THE ONE OPENING TODAY PROVIDES 103 PLACES.

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INSURANCE TRAINING CENTRE HAS IMPORTANT ROLE

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HONG KONG IS TOO IMPORTANT AN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE TO BE WITHOUT AN INSURANCE TRAINING CENTRE, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INSURANCE TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, MR KO YING, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE INSURANCE TRAINING CENTRE, MR KO SAID THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG HAD BEEN IN TRANSITION. CHANGES IN PERSONNEL, PRODUCTS AND LAWS MADE UPDATING AND UPGRADING TRAINING OF INSURANCE WORKERS VITAL.

+THE TRAINING BOARD FIRMLY BELIEVES THAT A TRAINING CENTRE OPERATED BY THE COUNCIL WILL PROVIDE MORE FLEXIBILITY AND BETTER CO-ORDINATION FOR THE INDUSTRY IN TERMS OF TRAINING CURRICULA AND FACILITIES,+ HE SAID.

THE BOARD WAS OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS IN ORDER TO MAKE THE CENTRE MORE EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT, HE ADDED.

THE COUNCIL'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MR MORRIS MORGAN, EXPLAINED THAT THE TRAINING CENTRE, THE FIRST COMMERCIAL CENTRE OPERATED BY THE COUNCIL, WAS SET UP FOLLOWING A SERIES OF SURVEYS.

THESE CONFIRMED A NEED FOR TRAINING COURSES WHICH OUGHT TO BE WORK-BASED, NARROWLY DEFINED AND OF SHORT DURATION.

HOWEVER, HE EMPHASISED THAT THE CENTRE WOULD NOT BE SUCCESSFUL WITHOUT CONTINUOUS SUPPORT FROM EMPLOYERS. EMPLOYERS SHOULD MAKE THE BEST USE OF THE CENTRE BY SENDING STAFF FOR TRAINING AND ENCOURAGING EXPERIENCED STAFF TO BE GUEST LECTURERS, MR MORGAN ADDED.

AT PRESENT, THE CENTRE OFFERS FIVE FULL-TIME AND EIGHT PART-TIME COURSES RANGING FROM GENERAL AND LIFE INSURANCE TO LIABILITY OR NON-LIABILITY CLAIMS, SURVEYING, RISK MANAGEMENT AND SALES TECHNIQUES

THE CENTRE'S MANAGER, MR D.S. HANSELL, SAID THE COURSES WERE INTENDED TO HELP INSURANCE PERSONNEL TO UNDERSTAND THEIR OWN INDUSTRY BETTER TO RECOGNISE THE LEGAL AND ETHICAL PRINCIPLES ON WHICH IT WAS BASED AND ALSO IN THE CONTEXT OF A PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATION AND REVIEW OF INSURANCE PRACTICE LOCALLY.

+AS A CONSEQUENCE, OUR COURSES ARE ENTIRELY +HOME-PRODUCED+. WE DO NOT HAVE ANY EXAMINATIONS OR CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT. WE DO NOT FOLLOW ANY TEXTBOOKS OR PREPARED SYLLABUS OF ANY INSURANCE AUTHORITY. WE PRODUCE ALL OF OUR OWN MATERIALS,+ HE SAID.

WHEN FULLY OPERATIONAL, THE CENTRE WILL CATER FOR ABOUT 1 000 TRAINEES YEARLY, WITH OVER 30 COURSES OF VARYING DURATIONS.

SINCE IT BEGAN WORK ON SEPTEMBER 29, ABOUT 300 TRAINEES FROM 95 INSURANCE COMPANIES HAVE COMPLETED TRAINING IN 13 COURSES.

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SAU MAU PING ROAD SAFETY TOWN RE-OPENED
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THE SAU MAU PING ROAD SAFETY TOWN WAS RE-OPENED TODAY (THURSDAY) FOLLOWING A BRIEF CEREMONY.

THE 16-YEAR-OLD TOWN WAS CLOSED DURING THE SUMMER FOR REFURBISHMENT WHICH INCLUDED THE BUILDING OF A FOOTBRIDGE, REPLACEMENT OF SIGNS AND CHANGES IN ROAD MARKINGS, RE-SURFACING OF ROADS AND INSTALLATION OF A NEW TRAFFIC LIGHT CONTROLLER.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR (TRAFFIC), ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, MR JOHN CLEMENCE, SAID THAT MONEY FOR THE REFURBISHMENT PROGRAMME WAS RAISED DURING THE +CELEBRITY DRIVE GAME+ PEDAL CAR TELEMATCH IN MAY THIS YEAR.

+I THINK THOSE OF YOU WHO WERE WITH US ON THAT OCCASION WILL AGREE THAT IT WAS A MOST ENTERTAINING DAY EVEN IF I HAD TO EXPLAIN TO MY COMMISSIONER WHAT I WAS DOING BEING PHOTOGRAPHED IN FULL UNIFORM IN A PEDAL CAR,+ HE SAID.

PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS WHICH HAD CONTRIBUTED TOWARDS THE REFURBISHMENT COSTS WERE CALTEX OIL HONG KONG LIMITED; CIMBRIA MOTORS LIMITED; HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION; LIONS CLUB OF BRAEMAR HILL, HONG KONG; MOTOR SPORTS CLUB OF HONG KONG; PLESSEY CONTROLS LIMITED; SHELL COMPANY OF HONG KONG LIMITED AND TRULY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

+THE SPONSORS AND ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS PROJECT CAN NOW HAVE THE CERTAINTY AND SATISFACTION OF KNOWING THAT THE TOWN WILL BE FULLY USED BY MANY THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN IN THE YEARS TO COME WHO WILL BE INSTRUCTED IN THE BASICS OF ROAD SAFETY, IN CIRCUMSTANCES THAT NOW ACCURATELY REFLECT THE MODERN HONG KONG ROAD CONDITIONS,+ HE SAID.

MR CLEMENCE WAS THEN JOINED BY ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, MR PETER MOSS, CHIEF ENGINEER, ROAD SAFETY AND STANDARDS DIVISION, TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, MR DAVID WILLDAY, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SPONSORING FIRMS IN A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY TO OFFICIALLY RE-OPEN THE TOWN.

GUESTS THEN TOURED THE TOWN AND WATCHED SCHOOL CHILDREN USING ITS NEW FACILITIES.

THE ROAD SAFETY TOWN, BUILT IN 1970, HELPS TO EDUCATE YOUNG CHILDREN ON VARIOUS ROAD SAFETY ASPECTS. IT IS MAINTAINED BY GOVERNMENT AND VISITS TO IT ARE ORGANISED THROUGH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE.

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DB MEMBERS TOUR LABOUR DEPARTMENT
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SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS VISITED THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND ITS INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE IN CENTRAL THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE VISIT FORMED PART OF A PROGRAMME ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE SO THAT MEMBERS CAN LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

MEMBERS WERE BRIEFED ON LABOUR RELATIONS AND RELATED LEGISLATION BY THE ACTING CHIEF LABOUR OFFICER (LABOUR RELATIONS), MR K.K. CHAN, BEFORE LOOKING OVER THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE.

THEY NOTED THAT THE CENTRE PROVIDED SAFETY TRAINING COURSES FOR SUPERVISORS AND WORKERS FROM VARIOUS INDUSTRIES AND TEACHING STAFF AND STUDENTS OF TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

IT WAS ALSO EXPLAINED THAT THE CENTRE ORGANISED COURSES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC AND ASSISTED THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY IN RUNNING CONSTRUCTION SAFETY OFFICER COURSES.

IN ADDITION, MEMBERS SAW AN EXHIBITION OF SAFETY APPLIANCES AND DEVICES AND PROTECTIVE CLOTHING. A DEMONSTRATION OF SAFE WORKING PRACTICES WAS GIVEN.

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BUS ACCIDENT DONATION FUND CLOSING
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THE TUEN MUN BUS ACCIDENT PUBLIC DONATION FUND, SET UP BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE TO ASSIST VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES AFTER THE FATAL ACCIDENT IN SHEK TAU PAI ROAD LAST MONTH, WILL CLOSE TOMORROW (DECEMBER 5).

SO FAR, A TOTAL OF \$640 000 HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM VARIOUS SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY. THIS INCLUDES \$123 000 RAISED BY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, AND ABOUT \$203 447 DONATED BY STAFF MEMBERS AND FAMILIES OF THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY LIMITED.

A WORKING GROUP, COMPRISING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S SIX SUB-COMMITTEES, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, WILL MEET SHORTLY TO DECIDE ON DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.

A TOTAL OF \$12 000 HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO FOUR VICTIMS WHO APPROACHED THE DISTRICT OFFICE FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

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REMINDER OF DANGEROUS GOODS LABELLING
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ANYONE INVOLVED IN THE DISTRIBUTION, SALE, STORAGE, OR CONVEYANCE OF DANGEROUS GOODS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THE DRUM, TIN, CASE OR OTHER PACKAGING CONTAINING THE GOODS SHOULD CARRY THE NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF THE GOODS IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, AND THE PRESCRIBED LABEL FOR THAT TYPE OF GOODS.

A FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID FAILURE TO DO SO WAS AN OFFENCE FOR WHICH THE MAXIMUM PENALTY WAS A \$25 000 FINE AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS.

ADVICE ON ANY MATTERS CONCERNING DANGEROUS GOODS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE FIRE PROTECTION BUREAU, NO 1, HONG CHONG ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON.

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RELIEF FOR FIRE VICTIMS
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THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BOWEN LEUNG, DISTRIBUTED CASH ASSISTANCES TO A GROUP OF SHAU KEI WAN FIRE VICTIMS THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE FIRE BROKE OUT THIS MORNING AT A DOMESTIC BUILDING IN SHAU KEI WAN ROAD.

THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT HAS REGISTERED 18 FAMILIES TOTALLING 54 PERSONS WHO ARE NOW STAYING TEMPORARILY AT THE SHAU KEI WAN KAI FONG ASSOCIATION.

RELIEF ARTICLES AND HOT MEALS WERE ALSO DISTRIBUTED TO THE FIRE VICTIMS THIS AFTERNOON.

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DETAILS OF NEW PENSION SCHEME

SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR DAVID FORD, WILL CHAIR A PRESS CONFERENCE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 4 PM TO PRESENT A PACKAGE OF PROPOSALS FOR A NEW PENSION SCHEME AND COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE.

THE CONFERENCE, TO BE HELD AT THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, WILL ALSO BE ATTENDED BY DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR HAIDER BARMA, AND PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR KEITH SHIPLEY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CONFERENCE.

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SEX EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE OPENING

A SEX EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE RUN BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL BE OPENED TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO PROVIDE CENTRAL REFERENCE INFORMATION AND ADVISORY SERVICES ON THE TEACHING OF SEX EDUCATION IN SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

THE CENTRE IS LOCATED ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE TEACHING CENTRES AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT.

ON DISPLAY AT THE CENTRE WILL BE A VARIETY OF RESOURCE MATERIAL AND AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS SUCH AS BOOKS, MAGAZINES, CHARTS, TEACHING KITS, MODELS, TAPES AND SLIDES. TEACHERS VISITING THE CENTRE WILL BE ABLE TO DUPLICATE SOME OF THE MATERIAL ON DISPLAY.

INDIVIDUAL TEACHERS ARE WELCOME TO VISIT THE CENTRE ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS AND HOURS EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:

MONDAY - FROM 9 AM TO 12.30 PM AND FROM 2 PM TO 4.30 PM.

WEDNESDAY - FROM 9 AM TO 12.30 PM AND FROM 2 PM TO 6.30 PM.

FRIDAY - FROM 9 AM TO 12.30 PM AND FROM 2 PM TO 6.30 PM.

SATURDAY - FROM 9 AM TO NOON.

THE CENTRE WILL ALSO BE OPENED TO GROUP VISITS EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS. SCHOOLS WISHING TO ARRANGE VISITS FOR GROUPS OF TEACHERS ARE ADVISED TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS WITH THE CENTRE IN ADVANCE ON 5-636492.

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SOUTHERN TO STAGE FIRST SINGING CONTEST
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SOUTHERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS WILL BE ENTERTAINED TO AN EVENING OF FREE MUSIC AT THE FINAL OF THE FIRST DISTRICT SINGING CONTEST TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 6).

THE COMPETITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION, MUSIC OFFICE AND THE URBAN COUNCIL AS ONE OF THE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROGRAMMES OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

SIX GROUPS AND 12 SOLOISTS, SELECTED FROM 250 ENTRIES, WILL BE COMPETING AND THERE WILL ALSO BE A GUEST PERFORMANCE BY THE BAND EQUATOR.

THE FINALISTS WILL PERFORM BOTH WESTERN AND CHINESE POPULAR AND FOLK SONGS AND THE TOP THREE PERFORMERS IN EACH SECTION WILL BE AWARDED TROPHIES AND GIFT COUPONS.

THE ORGANISERS SAID ONE OBJECTIVE OF THE COMPETITION WAS TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNICATIONS AND PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING AMONG THE ABLE-BODIED AND THE DISABLED.

ENCOURAGING RESPONSE HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM A NUMBER OF LOCAL REHABILITATION INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS THE HONG KONG PHAB ASSOCIATION AND THE EBENEZER SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND.

ADJUDICATORS FOR THE COMPETITION INCLUDE ASSISTANT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS OLIVIA NIP, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MUSIC OFFICE, THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION, AND THE RECORDING AND BROADCASTING SECTORS.

PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED AT ABOUT 9.15 PM. OFFICIATING GUESTS INCLUDE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MRS SO CHOW YIM-PING, AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CONTEST STARTING FROM 7.30 PM TO 10 PM ON SATURDAY IN THE SCHOOL HALL OF CHAN PAK SHA SCHOOL, NO. 1, SHUM WAN ROAD, WONG CHUK HANG.

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NORTH DISTRICT ELDERLY FORTNIGHT STARTS SUNDAY
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AN EVENT-PACKED FORTNIGHT TO FOSTER THE SPIRIT OF CARE AND RESPECT FOR THE ELDERLY IN NORTH DISTRICT WILL BE LAUNCHED THIS SUNDAY (DECEMBER 7).

SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE FORTNIGHT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR ELDERLY ACTIVITIES AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE AIM IS TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR OLD PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT AND TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE PART IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE SAID.

TO LAUNCH THE FORTNIGHT, AN OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD IN THE CHEUNG WAH COMMUNITY HALL AT 10 AM ON SUNDAY. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A TALK BY EXPERIENCED MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS ON HOW TO PREVENT HIGH BLOOD PRESURE AND HEART PROBLEMS.

OTHER EVENTS PLANNED INCLUDE HEALTH EXHIBITIONS, HOME VISITS, BODY CHECK-UPS AND HEARING TESTS, ALL OF WHICH ARE OPEN TO RESIDENTS AGED 60 AND ABOVE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

TO CATER TO THE NEEDS OF ELDERLY RESIDENTS IN THE REMOTER PARTS OF THE DISTRICT, SPECIAL TEAMS FROM THE ST JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE WILL VISIT RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICES IN SHA TAU KOK AND TA KWU LING ON DECEMBER 14 TO CONDUCT BODY CHECK-UPS.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FORTNIGHT INCLUDE THE ELECTION OF THE +TEN OUTSTANDING AGED+ IN THE DISTRICT. WINNERS, JUDGED ON THEIR LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, ATTITUDE TOWARDS LIFE AND CIVIC AWARENESS, WILL BE AWARDED PRIZES DURING THE CLOSING CEREMONY ON DECEMBER 19.

PERFORMANCES BY MEMBERS OF THE EVERGEEN CLUB AND AN EXHIBITION ON HANDICRAFT MADE BY LOCAL SENIOR RESIDENTS WILL ALSO BE STAGED.

IN ADDITION, 600 SCARFS KNITTED BY STUDENTS AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF THE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND THE YIN NGAI SOCIETY WILL ALSO BE DISTRIBUTED DURING THE FORTNIGHT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE ELDERLY FORTNIGHT ON SUNDAY AT 10 AM AT THE CHEUNG WAH COMMUNITY HALL, CHEUNG WAH ESTATE, FANLING.

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DISCO TO WIND UP ANTI-DRUGS FORTNIGHT
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A DISCO KING AND QUEEN WILL BE CHOSEN AT THE +ANTI-NARCOTICS BEAT STREET+ OPEN-AIR DISCO ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 7).

THE DISCO, TO BE HELD AT THE FOOTBALL PITCHES IN VICTORIA PARK, WILL BE PRODUCED AND BROADCAST LIVE BY COMMERCIAL RADIO 11 FROM 7 PM TO 10 PM. ADMISSION IS FREE.

THOSE TAKING PART WILL BE INVITED TO VIE FOR THE TITLES OF DISCO KING AND QUEEN.

A HIGHLIGHT OF THE EVENING WILL BE A PERFORMANCE BY SINGERS JACKIE CHEUNG AND PRISCILLA CHAN.

THE ANTI-NARCOTICS DISCO HAS BEEN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE NARCOTICS DIVISION AND THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AS THE GRAND FINALE TO THE EASTERN DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS FORTNIGHT.

THE FORTNIGHT HAS PROVIDED A COLOURFUL PROGRAMME AIMED AT EDUCATING THE COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY YOUNG PEOPLE, ON THE DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE.

THE ANTI-NARCOTICS MESSAGE WAS CONVEYED TO RESIDENTS IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT THROUGH A SERIES OF EDUCATIONAL, RECREATIONAL AND OTHER INTERESTING ACTIVITIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR GORDON MORTIMER, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE SWITCHING-ON CEREMONY TO BEGIN THE +EASTERN DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS BEAT STREET+ DISCO AT THE NO. 6 FOOTBALL PITCH, VICTORIA PARK, CAUSEWAY BAY, AT 7 PM ON SUNDAY.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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DANCE CONTEST BEGINS SATURDAY
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A TOTAL OF 98 DANCING TEAMS WILL TAKE PART IN THE 16TH OPEN DANCE CONTEST TO BE HELD FROM DECEMBER 6 (SATURDAY) TO DECEMBER 9.

THE ANNUAL EVENT, ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT CULTURE AND RECREATION PROMOTION ASSOCIATION, IS CO-ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AND SPONSORED BY THE KWUN TONG ROTARY CLUB TO PROMOTE THE ART OF DANCING.

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A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THE CONTEST WAS DIVIDED INTO SECTIONS FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND AN OPEN ONE AND PARTICIPANTS COULD CHOOSE THEIR OWN DANCE, BE IT CLASSICAL, MODERN, ORIENTAL OR WESTERN.

WINNING GROUPS WILL BE INVITED TO PERFORM AT THE CITY HALL IN MARCH NEXT YEAR.

KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDDY CHAN, LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER, MR POON CHI-FAI, AND PRESIDENT OF THE KWUN TONG ROTARY CLUB, MR CHU CHO-ON, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY ON SATURDAY AT 8 PM AT THE NING PO COLLEGE IN KUNG LOK ROAD, KWUN TONG.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE DANCE CONTEST ON SATURDAY.

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TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL TO CLOSE

THE MONTH-LONG EIGHTH TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL WILL CLOSE ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 6) WITH A VARIETY OF PERFORMANCES IN THE SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, DR JAMES HAYES, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE EVENING CLOSING CEREMONY.

DURING THE EVENING, A MARTIAL ARTS TEAM FROM CHINA WILL GIVE A DEMONSTRATION.

A NUMBER OF LOCAL SPORTS TEAMS AND SEVERAL FROM CHINA WILL TAKE PART IN VARIOUS EVENTS IN THE FESTIVAL.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CLOSING OF THE EIGHTH TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL TO BE HELD AT 7 PM ON SATURDAY AT THE SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND IN TSUEN WAN.

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CIVIC EDUCATION SCHOOL QUIZ FINALS ON SATURDAY
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FIFTEEN SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN TUEN MUN WILL SEND TEAMS TO TAKE PART IN AN INTER-SCHOOL QUIZ ON CIVIC EDUCATION AT THE ON TING AND YAU OI COMMUNITY CENTRE THIS SATURDAY (DECEMBER 6) AFTERNOON.

THE QUIZ, AIMED AT ENHANCING CIVIC MINDEDNESS AND SOCIAL AWARENESS AMONG STUDENTS, IS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION TUEN MUN BRANCH OFFICE AND THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICE.

EACH TEAM OF FORM FOUR STUDENTS WILL COMPETE IN THE CONTEST WHICH FOCUSSES ON DISTRICT AFFAIRS, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, AND THE WORK OF THE ICAC.

PRELIMINARY HEATS AND THE FINALS OF THE QUIZ WILL BE HELD ON THE SAME AFTERNOON. THERE WILL ALSO BE SINGING PERFORMANCES BY WINNERS OF A RECENT LYRIC WRITING AND SINGING COMPETITION.

ACTING TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDWARD YAU, THE ICAC REPRESENTATIVE OF TUEN MUN BRANCH OFFICE, MRS AGNES CHEUNG, AND ACTING SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER, MR TAM CHUN-KIT, WILL BE ADJUDICATORS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRELIMINARY HEATS AND FINALS OF THE QUIZ STARTING AT 2.30 PM ON SATURDAY AT THE ON TING AND YAU OI COMMUNITY CENTRE IN ON TING ESTATE, TUEN MUN. THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE AT 4.45 PM.

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REDRESS OF GRIEVANCES REPORT TO BE DISCUSSED
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SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DISCUSS THE CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT ON REDRESS OF GRIEVANCES.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS AN APPLICATION FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR A VIDEO PRODUCTION TO PROMOTE DISTRICT BOARD IMAGE AND THE ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN 1988.

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THE MEETING WILL START AT 2 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD, 39 TONKIN STREET, SECOND FLOOR, KOWLOON.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TOMORROW.

YAU MA TEI DB TO DISCUSS EDUCATION REPORT
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MEMBERS OF THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE SECOND EDUCATION COMMISSION REPORT AND THE JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSESSMENT SYSTEM REVIEW AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

QUESTIONS CONCERNING CONTROL OVER PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES AND SYNTHETIC DRUGS WILL BE RAISED BY A MEMBER, MRS ENA CHAN. THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MRS AGNES ALLCOCK, WILL BE PRESENT TO LISTEN TO MEMBERS' VIEWS.

ALSO ON THE AGENDA ARE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AT THE REAR LANES OF CHUNG KING MANSION AND AT MAN MING LANE, THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT FESTIVAL AND A PROPOSED LANDMARK AT HONG CHONG ROAD.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, 490 NATHAN ROAD.

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HOSPITAL IMPROVEMENT CONTRACT AWARDED
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A \$24 MILLION CONTRACT HAS BEEN AWARDED TO BUILD A SEAWATER MAIN AND PUMPHOUSE AS PART OF A MAJOR PROJECT TO EXTEND AND IMPROVE QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL AT POK FU LAM.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WHICH AWARDED THE CONTRACT, SAID THE PUMPHOUSE AND AN INTAKE CULVERT WERE NEEDED TO PROVIDE COOLING WATER TO AIR-CONDITIONING PLANTS IN THE HOSPITAL.

IT CALLS FOR RECLAMATION OF ABOUT 6 100 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT SANDY BAY. THE EXTENT OF LAND TO BE RECLAIMED ABOVE HIGH WATER MARK WILL BE ABOUT 750 SQUARE METRES, WITH THE REMAINDER BELOW HIGH WATER MARK.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID RECLAMATION WOULD TAKE PLACE BEFORE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PUMPHOUSE AND INTAKE CULVERT. WORK HAD ALREADY COMMENCED AND WAS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN ONE YEAR.

THE CONTRACT IS PART OF STAGE II OF A THREE-STAGE PROJECT.

WORK IN THIS STAGE INCLUDES CONSTRUCTION OF TWO NEW BUILDINGS -- A 28-STOREY TOWER CONTAINING 686 BEDS AND AN 11-STOREY TOWER WITH 155 BEDS -- WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN OCTOBER 1989.

STAGE II WORKS, ESTIMATED TO COST \$460 MILLION, ALSO INVOLVE THE UPGRADING OF LIFTS IN THE EXISTING MAIN BUILDING, EXTENSION OF KITCHEN FACILITIES, A NEW MAIN ENTRANCE, AND ALTERATIONS TO THE EXISTING CASUALTY BLOCK.

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TENANCIES SOUGHT FOR THREE SITES
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TWO SHA TIN SITES AND ONE IN KOWLOON WILL BE LET ON SHORT-TERM TENANCIES BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT.

THE SHA TIN SITES, AT SUI WO ROAD AND ON LAI STREET, MEASURE 8 650 AND 1 360 SQUARE METRES.

THE FORMER IS FOR A PLANT NURSERY AND/OR A COMMERCIAL GARDEN. THE TENANCY IS FOR TWO YEARS INITIALLY, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

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THE LATTER IS FOR REPAIRING MOTOR VEHICLES AND STORING GOODS, MACHINERY AND CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS. THE TENANCY IS FOR THREE YEARS, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

THE KOWLOON SITE, OFF HAMMER HILL ROAD IN DIAMOND HILL, COVERS 225 SQUARE METRES AND IS FOR OPEN STORAGE AND/OR A WORKSHOP. THE TENANCY IS FOR ONE YEAR, RENEWABLE EVERY THREE MONTHS.

THE DEADLINE FOR TENDERS IS NOON ON DECEMBER 19.

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TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR GLITTERING SHOW
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THE 1986 SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FESTIVAL WILL CLOSE NEXT SATURDAY (DECEMBER 13) WITH A VARIETY SHOW FEATURING TELEVISION STARS AND POP SONG SINGERS AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL, KOWLOON TONG.

TICKETS FOR THE SHOW ARE AVAILABLE FREE AT SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AT 39 TONKIN STREET, KOWLOON.

PROGRAMMES WILL INCLUDE AN OPENING CEREMONY OFFICIATED BY THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI; YOUTH ORCHESTRA PERFORMANCE; SHAM SHUI PO CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND YOUTH CHOIR PERFORMANCE; A DRAMA PLAY BY TV STARS AND PERFORMANCE BY FAMOUS SINGERS.

TWO WELL-KNOWN DISC JOCKEYS OF RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG WILL BE MASTERS OF THE CEREMONY FOR THE SHOW WHICH WILL START AT 7.30 PM.

MORE THAN 70 000 RESIDENTS HAD SO FAR PARTICIPATED IN 45 ACTIVITIES OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

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CHRISTMAS LIGHTINGS SWITCHED ON TOMORROW
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SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, WILL OFFICIATE AT A SWITCH-ON CEREMONY OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTINGS AT THE URBAN COUNCIL CENTENARY GARDEN IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE LIGHTINGS AND DECORATIONS, COSTING \$1.2 MILLION, ARE ARRANGED BY THE TSIM SHA TSUI EAST PROPERTY DEVELOPERS ASSOCIATION.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE SWITCH-ON CEREMONY WILL BE CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION, MR LUI CHE-WOO, AND YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SWITCH-ON CEREMONY AT 6.15 PM TOMORROW.

OFFICE ON THE MOVE
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS DIVISION (SOUTH DISTRICT) AT HENNESSY CENTRE WILL MOVE TO THE 17TH FLOOR OF HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 8).

THE NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 5-8524169.

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SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR KOWLOON CHARITY WALK
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN WONG TAI SIN ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 7) IN CONNECTION WITH THE +KOWLOON WALK FOR MILLIONS+ ORGANISED BY THE COMMUNITY CHEST OF HONG KONG.

THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 7 AM TO NOON:

- * THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF FUNG MO STREET BETWEEN HENG LAM STREET AND FU MEI STREET.
- * THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM LUNG CHEUNG ROAD WESTBOUND TO FUNG MO STREET SOUTHBOUND.
- * THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF FUNG MO STREET FLYOVER.
- * MA CHAI HANG ROAD BETWEEN MA CHAI HANG MINI-ROUNDBOUT AND WONG TAI SIN ROAD.
- * WONG TAI SIN ROAD BETWEEN MA CHAI HANG ROAD AND THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO UPPER WONG TAI SIN ESTATE BLOCK 8.
- * THE KERBSIDE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF SHATIN PASS ROAD BETWEEN LUNG FUNG STREET AND TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD.
- * THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING FROM SHATIN PASS ROAD TO ROAD A, CHUK YUEN ESTATE.

IN ADDITION, NO VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER NGAU CHI WAN STREET BETWEEN 9 AM AND 3 PM, WHILE SHATIN PASS ROAD BETWEEN TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD AND FEI NGO SHAN ROAD, JATS INCLINE BETWEEN FEI NGO SHAN ROAD AND NGAU CHI WAN STREET, JATS INCLINE BETWEEN NGAU CHI WAN STREET AND CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD, AND FEI NGO SHAN ROAD BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 300 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD AND JATS INCLINE WILL ALSO BE CLOSED FROM 7 AM TO 3 PM.

THE SECTION OF FUNG SHING STREET WEST OF CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED TWO-WAY BETWEEN 9 AM AND 3 PM. LEFT TURN FROM FUNG SHING STREET EASTBOUND ON TO CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD NORTHBOUND WILL BE BANNED.

FROM 7 AM TO NOON, VEHICLES ON FU MEI STREET EASTBOUND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT TO FUNG MO STREET SOUTHBOUND DIRECT. INSTEAD, VEHICLES SHOULD TURN RIGHT TO WANG TAU HOM EAST ROAD SOUTHBOUND, AND PROCEED VIA HENG LAM STREET BEFORE TURNING TO FUNG MO STREET.

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IN CONNECTION WITH THE ROAD CLOSURES AND TRAFFIC RE-ROUTINGS, VEHICLES TRAVELLING FROM CHOI HUNG AND TSZ WAN SHAN FOR LOK FU AND CHUK YUEN WILL BE DIVERTED TO PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD, CHOI HUNG ROAD, SHATIN PASS ROAD, TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD AND FUNG MO STREET NORTHBOUND, WHILE THOSE COMING FROM CHUK YUEN FOR LOK FU WILL BE DIVERTED VIA ROAD A1, MA CHAI HANG MINI-ROUNDAABOUT, LUNG CHEUNG ROAD EASTBOUND, PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD, CHOI HUNG ROAD, SHATIN PASS ROAD, TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD, FUNG MO STREET AND HENG LAM STREET.

AS FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES, KMB ROUTE 7M AND GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 53M WILL BE SUSPENDED TEMPORARILY BETWEEN 7 AM AND NOON.

BUSES ON KMB ROUTES 1, 2F, 3C, 5E, 11C AND CROSS-HARBOUR ROUTE 113, AS WELL AS GREEN MINIBUSES ON ROUTES 16, 33 AND 52 WILL ALSO BE DIVERTED IN THEIR JOURNEYS.

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ROAD CLOSURE IN WESTERN DISTRICT
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THE SECTION OF EASTERN STREET BETWEEN QUEEN'S ROAD WEST AND SECOND STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 8 AM TO 4 PM ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 7) TO FACILITATE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF A FAULTY TELEPHONE CABLE.

WESTBOUND VEHICLES ON QUEEN'S ROAD WEST INTENDING TO TURN LEFT INTO EASTERN STREET SHOULD PROCEED TO EITHER WESTERN STREET OR POK FU LAM ROAD.

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CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL RESTRICTIONS
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THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH MORRISON STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE MADE A 24-HOUR DAILY RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 7) FOR ABOUT FOUR WEEKS. THE MEASURE IS TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE, NO VEHICLE OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

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