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LAND USE DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR TSUEN WAN

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A NUMBER OF LARGE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS WILL BE LAUNCHED IN TSUEN WAN IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT AND TO PROMOTE INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM SHIU, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

MR SHIU WAS SPEAKING AT A CONFERENCE ON LAND USE DEVELOPMENT OF TSUEN WAN.

THE CONFERENCE WAS ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE WITH THE AIM OF ENABLING PARTICIPANTS TO GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF LAND USE IN THE DISTRICT AND THE MASSIVE DEVELOPMENT THAT IS PLANNED.

MR SHIU POINTED OUT THAT TSUEN WAN HAD GROWN FROM A SMALL FISHING VILLAGE OF 3,000 INHABITANTS INTO A TOWN WITH A POPULATION OF MORE THAN 280,000.

"ITS RAPID EXPANSION IN COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY HAS ENABLED IT TO BECOME AN EXTENSION OF THE URBAN AREA OF KOWLOON," HE SAID.

"THE OPENING OF THE TSUEN WAN MTR LINE IN 1982, IN PARTICULAR, HAS HELPED SHORTEN THE TRAVELLING TIME BETWEEN TSUEN WAN AND THE URBAN AREA."

THE TOWN'S RAPID DEVELOPMENT AND INCREASE IN POPULATION HAD LED TO A GREATER DEMAND FOR COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL AREA.

"IN VIEW OF THE LIMITED LAND RESOURCES FOR EXPANSION, THE GOVERNMENT IS TAKING ACTION TO ENCOURAGE REDEVELOPMENT OF SOME OF THE OLD TOWN AREAS AND RECLAMATION WORK IS BEING CARRIED OUT IN THE SOUTHERN COAST OF TSUEN WAN," HE SAID.

"MORE THAN 33.5 HECTARES OF LAND HAS BEEN OBTAINED AS A RESULT OF RECLAMATION IN TSUEN WAN SINCE 1973."

ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSING BLOCKS, MR SHIU NOTED THAT AS WELL AS SOME LARGE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES SUCH AS FUK LOI, LEI MUK SHUE, CHEUNG SHAN AND SHEK WAI KOK, THERE WERE ALSO MANY PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

IN ADDITION, THE FIRST LARGE-SCALE HOTEL IN TSUEN WAN AND TWO PLAZAS WOULD BE COMPLETED IN THE NEXT TWO TO THREE YEARS.

"IT IS ENVISAGED THAT FURTHER COMMERCIAL EXPANSION WILL BE TAKING PLACE BY THEN."

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TURNING TO INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, MR SHIU SAID STATISTICS SHOWED THAT THERE WERE MORE THAN 6,000 FACTORIES IN THE DISTRICT, WITH THE MAJOR INDUSTRIES RANGING FROM TEXTILES, DYEING, AND GARMENTS TO PLASTICS AND ELECTRONICS.

"AS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMERCE, THE COMPLETION OF MANY COMMERCIAL CENTRES AND THE INCREASE IN RENTALS FOR SHOP SPACES OVER THE YEARS CAN PROVE THAT TSUEN WAN IS GRADUALLY TURNING INTO A PROSPEROUS COMMERCIAL DISTRICT," HE SAID.

ON TRANSPORT, THE DISTRICT OFFICER NOTED THAT SEVERAL TRUNK ROAD PROJECTS WOULD BE COMPLETED IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS TO COPE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF TSUEN WAN AND THE NEW TERRITORIES AS A WHOLE.

"WITH THE COMPLETION OF ROUTE 5, A TRUNK ROAD LINKING TSUEN WAN AND SHA TIN IN 1989-90, THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE TWO DISTRICTS WILL BE STRENGTHENED," HE SAID.

"IN ORDER TO COPE WITH THE TRAFFIC VOLUME BROUGHT ABOUT BY ROUTE 5, THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONSTRUCT TWO ANCILLARY ROADS NEAR TSUEN KING CIRCUIT WITH A VIEW TO MAINTAINING A SMOOTH FLOW OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC IN CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND PROVIDING A CONVENIENT ACCESS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF TSUEN KING CIRCUIT.

"IN ADDITION, THE TEXACO ROAD AND KWAN MUN HAU STREET IMPROVEMENTS WILL COMMENCE IN 1989, WHICH WILL PROVIDE A FASTER AND MORE CONVENIENT LINK BETWEEN TSUEN WAN AND KWAI TSING, PARTICULARLY WITH KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINAL," HE ADDED.

MR SHIU SAID ALL THESE DEVELOPMENTS AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS WOULD GREATLY BENEFIT INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN TSUEN WAN.

THERE WERE ALSO OTHER PROJECTS IN HAND REGARDING MUNICIPAL, CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

"THE MARKET COMPLEX AT YEUNG UK ROAD WILL HOUSE MORE THAN 300 MARKET STALLS, A LARGE INDOOR GAMES HALL AND ACCOMMODATION FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICES WHEN IT OPENS LATE NEXT YEAR," HE SAID.

"AS FOR CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, THE GOVERNMENT HAS COMMISSIONED CONSULTANT ENGINEERS TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF THE SHING MUN VALLEY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

"THE 25-HECTARE AREA WILL BECOME A MAJOR LOCAL SPORTS AND RECREATION VENUE UPON THE FINALISATION OF THE PROJECT, WHICH INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A STANDARD SWIMMING POOL, A JOGGING LANE, A PARK AND A STADIUM," HE SAID.

"ANOTHER MAJOR PROJECT IS THE CONSTRUCTION OF TSO KUNG TAM PARK, PHASE I OF WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN MID-89.

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"THE PROJECT, WHICH COSTS \$63 MILLION, WILL PROVIDE THE RESIDENTS OF TSUEN WAN WITH A LARGE OUTDOOR CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL CENTRE.

"I BELIEVE THAT THROUGH THE JOINT EFFORT OF THE GOVERNMENT AND RESIDENTS, IMPROVEMENTS WILL BE MADE AND TSUEN WAN WILL BECOME AN ENERGETIC AND PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY IN WHICH TO WORK AND LIVE."

ALSO ATTENDING TODAY'S CONFERENCE AS GUEST SPEAKERS AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL WERE THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICER/TSUEN WAN, MR HARRY HUI; THE TOWN PLANNER/TSUEN WAN, MR ANDY TSE; AND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF HOPEWELL HOLDINGS LTD, MR GORDON WU, WHOSE FIRM IS BUILDING THE LARGE-SCALE HOTEL.

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LAB DELIBERATES ON SEVERAL MAJOR ISSUES

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THE CURRENT LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD HELD ITS LAST MEETING TODAY (MONDAY) TO DISCUSS A NUMBER OF MAJOR ISSUES.

FIRST ON THE AGENDA WAS A PAPER WHICH SOUGHT TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF THE PROPOSED EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ASSISTANCE SCHEME TO ENABLE AN EMPLOYER TO OBTAIN REIMBURSEMENT OF COMPENSATION PAYMENTS FROM THE SCHEME IN THE EVENT THAT HIS INSURER BECAME INSOLVENT.

THE BOARD WAS BRIEFED OF THE DETAILS BY THE INSURANCE AUTHORITY FROM THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S OFFICE, MR D.W.K. SULLIVAN.

MEMBERS' VIEWS ON THE PROPOSED EXTENSION WERE DIVERSE AND IN THE LIGHT OF THE BOARD'S COMMENTS, FURTHER CONSIDERATION WOULD BE GIVEN TO THE ISSUE.

THE BOARD THEN CONSIDERED A NUMBER OF PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE THE LONG SERVICE PAYMENT SCHEME UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

THE PROPOSALS INCLUDE:

- (A) TO REDUCE THE QUALIFYING LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR EMPLOYEES UNDER 45 PROGRESSIVELY BY ONE YEAR ANNUALLY UNTIL THE STANDARD OF FIVE YEARS FOR ALL EMPLOYEES IS REACHED;
- (B) TO INCREASE THE RATES OF PAYMENT FOR EMPLOYEES UNDER 40 PROGRESSIVELY BY 25 PER CENT OF THE RATES FOR EMPLOYEES AGED 40 AND OVER UNTIL THE 100 PER CENT RATE IS REACHED IN TWO YEARS' TIME; AND
- (C) TO RETROGRESS THE RECKONABLE YEARS OF PAST SERVICE AT THE RATE OF ONE YEAR FOR EVERY YEAR OF SERVICE UNTIL 1974.

/EMPLOYEES REPRESENTATIVES

EMPLOYEES REPRESENTATIVES WERE IN GENERAL SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSALS BUT REQUESTED THAT THE REDUCTION OF QUALIFYING YEARS OF SERVICE AND THE RATES OF PAYMENT BY SPEEDED UP.

SOME EMPLOYERS REPRESENTATIVES, HOWEVER, FELT THAT THE PROPOSALS DEFEATED THE ORIGINAL INTENTION OF THE LONG SERVICE PAYMENT SCHEME AND THEREFORE WOULD NOT SUPPORT ANY OF THEM.

AS NO CONSENSUS COULD BE REACHED, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WOULD FORWARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS TO THE GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES CONCERNED FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

MEMBERS NEXT TURNED TO A PROPOSAL TO EXTEND THE SCOPE OF THE PROTECTION OF WAGES ON INSOLVENCY FUND TO COVER SEVERANCE PAYMENT.

AT PRESENT, THE FUND ALREADY COVERS ARREARS OF WAGES (SUBJECT TO A PREFERENTIAL LIMIT OF \$8,000) AND SEVEN DAYS' WAGES IN LIEU OF NOTICE (UP A MAXIMUM OF \$2,000).

MEMBERS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE THAT THE SCOPE OF THE FUND SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO COVER SEVERANCE PAYMENT BUT OPINIONS WERE VARIED ON THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF PAYMENT TO BE MADE - RANGING FROM \$2,000, \$4,000 TO \$8,000.

THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT UNDERTOOK TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION ALL THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY MEMBERS BEFORE FORWARDING THEM TO THE GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES CONCERNED FOR CONSIDERATION.

THE BOARD FURTHER STUDIED AND ENDORSED A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "CONTINUOUS CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT" UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE SO AS TO REMOVE LEGAL ANOMALIES AND PRACTICAL PROBLEMS.

UNDER THE PROPOSED DEFINITION, AN EMPLOYEE WILL HAVE A CONTINUOUS CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT IF HE HAS WORKED FOR THE SAME EMPLOYER FOR FOUR CONSECUTIVE WEEKS, AND IN EACH OF THE FOUR WEEKS HE HAS WORKED FOR NOT LESS THAN 18 HOURS.

THIS WOULD BRING WITHIN ITS SCOPE REGULAR PART-TIME EMPLOYEES WHO ARE AT PRESENT EXCLUDED BECAUSE THEY WORK LESS THAN THREE DAYS A WEEK OR SIX HOURS A DAY.

IT WAS ALSO PROPOSED TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "LAY-OFF" TO CONFIRM THE ORIGINAL INTENTION OF THE LAW SO THAT AN EMPLOYEE WOULD BE TAKEN TO BE LAID OFF IF HE WERE NOT PROVIDED WITH WORK FOR A TOTAL OF MORE THAN HALF OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF NORMAL WORKING DAYS IN ANY PERIOD OF FOUR CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

HOWEVER, MEMBERS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER WHAT A "NORMAL WORKING DAY" WAS AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT UNDERTOOK TO FURTHER CONSULT THE LAW DRAFTSMAN WITH A VIEW TO DEVISING SOME WORKING GUIDELINES.

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THE BOARD ALSO NOTED A REPORT ON HONG KONG'S PARTICIPATION IN THE 75TH SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE IN GENEVA IN JUNE THIS YEAR.

AT THE END OF THE MEETING, THE CHAIRMAN, MR TONY HAMMOND, PAID TRIBUTE TO MEMBERS FOR THEIR VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORK OF THE BOARD IN THE PAST TWO YEARS.

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REVISED CODE OF PRACTICE ON ASBESTOS WASTE

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT HAS REVISED THE CODE OF PRACTICE ON THE HANDLING, TRANSPORT AND DISPOSAL OF ASBESTOS WASTE.

"THE CODE WAS FIRST PUBLISHED BY THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH IN 1985 UNDER THE WASTE DISPOSAL ORDINANCE FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

"SINCE ITS PUBLICATION AND THE INTRODUCTION OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (ASBESTOS) SPECIAL REGULATIONS IN 1986, THERE HAS BEEN INCREASING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE NEED FOR SAFE HANDLING AND DISPOSAL OF ASBESTOS WASTE."

COPIES OF THE REVISED CODE MAY BE OBTAINED ON REQUEST IN WRITING FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT AT SINCERE BUILDING, 17TH FLOOR, 173 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, OR FROM ITS BRANCH OFFICE AT 11TH FLOOR, EMPIRE CENTRE, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, KOWLOON.

UNDER THE REVISED CODE OF PRACTICE, IT WILL BE NECESSARY IN FUTURE FOR WASTE PRODUCERS TO INFORM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT AT THE PLANNING STAGE OF ALL LARGE-SCALE DEMOLITION WORKS.

THEY WILL NEED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THEIR PROGRAMME OF WORKS AND THE ESTIMATED WASTE ARISING SO THAT SUITABLE DISPOSAL ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE.

AT PRESENT, DISPOSAL OF ASBESTOS WASTE IN HONG KONG IS BY WAY OF BURIAL AT LANDFILLS, BUT THE JUNK BAY LANDFILL HAS A LIMITED DAILY CAPACITY AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COPE WITH DISPOSAL NEEDS WHEN LARGE-SCALE OPERATIONS GENERATE SIGNIFICANT QUANTITIES OF ASBESTOS WASTE OVER A SHORT DURATION.

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IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE OVERALL VOLUME OF WASTE TO BE TRANSPORTED AND DISPOSED OF, THE CODE RECOMMENDS THAT WASTE PRODUCERS ADOPT TREATMENT PROCESSES SUCH AS WASTE COMPACTION AND ASBESTOS VITRIFICATION.

WASTE WHICH HAS BEEN TREATED WITH ONE OF THESE PROCESSES MAY BE DISPOSED OF AT A MUCH GREATER RATE AND WITH FEWER PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES.

THE REVISED CODE OF PRACTICE STRESSES THAT IN ANY PROCESS INVOLVING ASBESTOS AND THE OPERATION OF ASBESTOS WASTE, THE PROPRIETOR, PROPERTY OWNER OR OCCUPIER SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT THE OPERATION IS CARRIED OUT IN A SATISFACTORY MANNER.

IT POINTS OUT THAT THE RESPONSIBLE PERSON SHOULD ENSURE HIS OWN WORKER OR CONTRACTOR HAS SUFFICIENT EXPERTISE AND TRAINING IN CARRYING OUT THE OPERATION SO AS TO AVOID THE RELEASE OF ASBESTOS FIBRES.

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TAC MEETS TAXI REPRESENTATIVES

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MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD A SPECIAL MEETING TODAY (MONDAY) WITH TAXI TRADE REPRESENTATIVES TO HEAR THEIR VIEWS ON THE RECENT UPSURGE IN THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST MALPRACTICES OF TAXI DRIVERS.

MORE THAN 50 REPRESENTATIVES FROM ABOUT 30 ASSOCIATIONS OF TAXI DRIVERS AND OWNERS ATTENDED THE MEETING.

TAXI REPRESENTATIVES ATTRIBUTED THE CAUSES OF MALPRACTICES MAINLY TO HIGH OPERATING COSTS, ROAD CONGESTION, AND LOW FARES.

THEY SAID THAT THE NUMBER OF DRIVERS INVOLVED IN MALPRACTICES ACCOUNTED FOR ONLY A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF THE TAXI DRIVERS AND EXPRESSED OBJECTION TO INTRODUCING A POINT COUNTING PENALTY AGAINST TAXI DRIVERS.

SOME SUGGESTED EXISTING PENALTIES SHOULD BE INCREASED.

THEY GENERALLY FELT THAT THE PRESENT LEVEL OF TAXI FARES WAS ON THE LOW SIDE AND THAT AN ADJUSTMENT WAS NECESSARY.

THEY ALSO ASKED THAT A HIGHER RATE FOR WAITING TIME BE CHARGED TO COMPENSATE FOR TIME LOSS IN TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

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THE REPRESENTATIVES ALSO EXPRESSED VIEWS ON THE LICENSING SYSTEM.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TAC, MISS MARIA TAM, TOLD THE REPRESENTATIVES THAT THE PUBLIC AND THE COMMITTEE VIEWED TAXI TRADE MALPRACTICES VERY SERIOUSLY.

THE COMMITTEE WAS STUDYING A NUMBER OF MEASURES PROPOSED BY ITS TAXI REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE TO CURB MALPRACTICES.

SHE SAID THE COMMITTEE NOTED THE DIFFICULTIES AND CONSTRAINTS FACED BY TAXI DRIVERS BUT ADDED THAT MALPRACTICES SHOULD NOT BE TOLERATED.

SHE SAID THAT TAC WOULD CAREFULLY CONSIDER ALL THE VIEWS OBTAINED IN TODAY'S MEETING BEFORE COMING TO ANY CONCLUSIONS ON THE ISSUES INVOLVED.

MISS TAM NOTED THAT THERE WAS A NEED FOR A WIDER REPRESENTATION OF THE TAXI DRIVERS IN FUTURE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE TRADE AS A WHOLE.

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WONG TAI SIN DB TO DISCUSS VR ISSUES

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THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS A NUMBER OF ISSUES AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW.

HEADING THE AGENDA WILL BE THE LIBERALISATION OF CLOSED CENTRES FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES AND THE PLACEMENT OF 33 VIETNAMESE REFUGEE CHILDREN WITH HONG KONG PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS IN PRIMARY 1 OF THE KAI TAK PRIMARY PM SCHOOL STARTING ON NOVEMBER 7.

A PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FROM THE SECURITY BRANCH, MRS CARRIE YAU, WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE THESE TWO ISSUES AND ANSWER QUESTIONS.

THE MEETING WILL ALSO CONSIDER A DISCUSSION PAPER WHICH CONTAINS FIVE QUESTIONS RAISED BY A MEMBER CONCERNING TAXI MALPRACTICE.

IN ADDITION, MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) ORDINANCE WHICH ENABLES THE URBAN COUNCIL TO CLOSE DOWN UNLICENSED FOOD PREMISES, AND THE REVISED DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL OF THE NGAU CHI WAN STREET SUPPLEMENTARY PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT.

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THEY WILL ALSO HEAR A REPLY FROM THE URBAN COUNCIL TO MEMBERS' QUERY CONCERNING A SWIMMING POOL PROJECT IN HAMMER HILL ROAD.

MEMBERS WILL BE ASKED TO ENDORSE THE DRAFT OF A WORK REPORT ON THE THIRD TERM OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD, AND THE MEMBERSHIP LIST OF THE 1989 DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT FUNG MING HALL, SIK SIK YUEN IN WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE, BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS
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THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WILL CONSIDER A NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS AT A MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE FUNDS WILL BE USED TO FINANCE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

THESE INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF DISTRICT BOARD NOTICE BOARDS IN BUILDINGS, PROVISION OF A CIVIC EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE, ORGANISATION OF A YOUTH SINGING CONTEST, PUBLICITY PROGRAMME FOR THE FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY, A JOINT SCHOOL DEBATE, AND A SNAKE DINNER FOR THE AGED.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE USE OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE COMMITTEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE TO BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE, EIGHTH FLOOR, TUNG WAH MANSION, 201 HENNESSY ROAD, HONG KONG.

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HAWKER PROBLEMS ON YAU TSIM DB COMMITTEE AGENDA
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THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON PROBLEMS ARISING FROM HAWKERS' PITCHES IN TEMPLE STREET, BETWEEN THE SECTION OF KANSU STREET AND NANKING STREET.

THE DISCUSSION HAS BEEN PROMPTED BY A COMPLAINT RAISED DURING A RECENT MEET-THE-PUBLIC SESSION THAT OBSTRUCTIONS BY HAWKERS AT THE LOCATION ARE SO SERIOUS THAT VEHICLES CAN HARDLY PASS THROUGH IN AN EMERGENCY.

MEMBERS WILL ASK IF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT CAN REARRANGE THE PITCHES IN A SINGLE ROW AND WHETHER THERE ARE NEW FIXED PITCHES IN RECLAMATION STREET.

ALSO ON THE AGENDA ARE PROVISION OF A RAIN SHELTER IN WYLIE ROAD OUTSIDE THE BRITISH MILITARY HOSPITAL, AND REPLACEMENT OF A DISTRICT LOGO AT THE CENTRAL DIVIDER IN SALISBURY ROAD OPPOSITE A DEPARTMENT STORE.

ERECTION OF WELCOME SIGNS AT THE CENTRAL DIVIDER OF NATHAN ROAD NEAR DUNDAS STREET AND ON THE PAVEMENT NEAR THE JUNCTION OF WATERLOO ROAD WITH WYLIE ROAD WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, 490 NATHAN ROAD, BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM.

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NORTH DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS MEDICAL SERVICES
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THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS TOMORROW (TUESDAY) DETAILS OF A PROPOSED STUDY ON THE DEMAND FOR MEDICAL SERVICES WITHIN THE DISTRICT BEFORE COMPLETION OF A DISTRICT HOSPITAL PROJECT IN 1996-1997.

A WORKING GROUP FORMED UNDER THE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT THE STUDY WILL REPORT ON ITS PROGRESS.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER SIX APPLICATIONS FROM LOCAL FIRE WATCH TEAMS FOR FUNDS FOR REPLENISHING THEIR FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 42.9 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 251.192 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 400.321 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 68.3 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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ARTS FESTIVAL FOR THE C & W COMMUNITY

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A MONTH-LONG CULTURE AND ARTS FESTIVAL AIMED AT ENHANCING PEOPLE'S QUALITY OF LIFE AND TO ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION WILL BE LAUNCHED IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN NEXT MONTH.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS (CENTRAL AND WESTERN), MR WONG CHUNG-YING, SAID THE FESTIVAL WILL FEATURE A DOZEN CULTURAL AND ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES FOR SOME 20,000 RESIDENTS WITH EMPHASIS ON "COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT".

AS A CURTAIN RAISER, AN ARTS BONANZA WILL BE HELD AT CHATER GARDEN ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 6), BEGINNING AT 2 PM.

MR WONG SAID THAT PEOPLE CAN TRY VARIOUS KINDS OF HANDICRAFTS -- INCLUDING CERAMICS, KNITTING, FLOUR DOLL-MAKING AND PAPER SCULPTURE -- DURING THE AFTERNOON.

/THE CHAIRMAN

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THE CHAIRMAN OF A WORKING GROUP, MR NGAI WAI-MING, SAID A HIGHLIGHT ON SUNDAY WILL BE A PERFORMANCE BY THE TRADITIONAL BRITISH FOLK DANCE TROUPE, THE HONG KONG MORRIS.

THE MORRIS DANCERS WILL PERFORM IN COLOURFUL COSTUMES AND THE AUDIENCE WILL BE INVITED TO JOIN IN.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A CHINESE ORCHESTRAL PERFORMANCE, ORIENTAL DANCE AND CHORAL SINGING.

SEVERAL PROGRAMMES ARE SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR CHILDREN AND ELDERLY PEOPLE.

SOME 600 CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN FOUR AND 15 WILL TAKE PART IN A DRAWING COMPETITION THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 13) AT THE HONG KONG ZOOLOGICAL AND BOTANICAL GARDENS.

THE COMPETITION IS INTENDED TO PROMOTE CHILDREN'S AWARENESS OF THEIR COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT.

A CHILDREN'S STORY-TELLING COMPETITION INTENDED TO CULTIVATE THEIR CREATIVITY WILL ALSO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 26 AT THE Y.W.C.A. KWAN LUNG LAU SOCIAL SERVICES CENTRE.

A CARNIVAL FOR SENIOR RESIDENTS WILL BE HELD AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20.

AT THIS FUNCTION, THE ELDERLY PEOPLE WILL MAN THE VARIOUS GAMES STALLS AS WELL AS PLAY THE GAMES.

A PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION WILL BE STAGED AT THE EXHIBITION HALL OF THE NEW SHEUNG WAN CIVIC CENTRE FROM NOVEMBER 19 UNTIL 27. WORKS BY A NUMBER OF RENOWNED PHOTOGRAPHERS WILL BE DISPLAYED.

A POP CONCERT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BE HELD AT LOKE YEW HALL, UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12.

THE DISTRICT'S TALENTED YOUNGSTERS IN SINGING AND DANCING CAN TAKE PART IN CONTESTS TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 27 (SINGING) AND DECEMBER 1 (DANCING).

ALSO ON THE FESTIVAL PROGRAMME ARE COMPETITIONS FOR STUDENTS IN TRANSLATION AND CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY.

THE TRANSLATION CONTEST WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 19 AT THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS WONG FUNG LING COLLEGE AND THE CALLIGRAPHY COMPETITION ON DECEMBER 10 AT PUI YING MIDDLE SCHOOL.

MR WONG ALSO SAID A VARIETY SHOW WILL BE ORGANISED FOR KENNEDY TOWN RESIDENTS AT THE SMITHFIELD TEMPORARY PLAYGROUND ON DECEMBER 10.

/THE CHAIRMAN

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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CLOSING CEREMONY WORKING GROUP, MR WU KING-CHEUNG, SAID THE COLOURFUL FESTIVAL WILL END WITH AN EVENING OF DANCE PERFORMANCES AT THE SHEUNG WAN CIVIC CENTRE'S THEATRE ON DECEMBER 11.

THE EVENT WILL FEATURE A DANCE DRAMA BY THE HONG KONG DANCE FEDERATION'S DANCE TROUPE AND THE FIRST PERFORMANCE BY THE DISTRICT'S CHILDREN'S DANCE TROUPE.

THE FESTIVAL IS BEING JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS (CENTRAL AND WESTERN), THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF SIX GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND 22 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

THE BOARD HAS SPONSORED TWO-THIRDS OF THE TOTAL COST OF \$150,000.

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE OF CHARGE.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE PROGRAMME CAN BE MADE ON 5-8523002.

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TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS IN SHEUNG WAN, TSIM SHA TSUI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF WING LOK STREET IN SHEUNG WAN BETWEEN HOUSE NOS. 136 AND 156 WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY ROUND-THE-CLOCK FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 3).

THIS MEASURE WILL LAST FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS TO FACILITATE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

MEANWHILE, ALL VEHICLES EXCEEDING 5.5 TONNES GROSS WILL BE BANNED FROM OBSERVATORY ROAD IN TSIM SHA TSUI BETWEEN KIMBERLEY ROAD AND THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 4).

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TRAFFIC FLOW IN HO PONG STREET TO BE IMPROVED

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE FOLLOWING RE-ROUTEING MEASURES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 4) TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN HO PONG STREET IN TUEN MUN:

- * HO PONG STREET (MAIN SECTION) BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH PUI TO ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 40 METRES NORTH OF MING NGAI STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND;
- * THE NORTHERN ARM OF HO PONG STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD/Tsing Yin Street AND THE MAIN SECTION OF THE STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHWEST-BOUND; AND
- * THE SOUTHERN ARM OF HO PONG STREET (NORTH OF AND PARALLEL TO MING NGAI STREET) FROM THE MAIN SECTION OF THE STREET TO ITS JUNCTION WITH TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD/SAN CHING STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY EASTBOUND.

AT THE SAME TIME, KMB ROUTES 59S, 66 AND 66M WILL BE RE-ROUTED VIA HO PONG STREET AND TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD FOR JOURNEYS TO KOWLOON/TSUEN WAN.

KMB ROUTES 66 AND 66M WILL ALSO BE RE-ROUTED VIA TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD, YAN CHING STREET, HO PONG STREET, TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD AND PUI TO ROAD FOR JOURNEYS TO TAI HING ESTATE.

THE LRT FEEDER SERVICES ROUTES 59 AND 559 WILL BE RE-ROUTED VIA PUI TO ROAD, HO PONG STREET AND TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD FOR JOURNEYS TO YAU OI (SOUTH) AND SIU HONG RESPECTIVELY.

MOREOVER, THE CASTLE PEAK BAY-BOUND JOURNEYS OF ROUTE 559 WILL BE RE-ROUTED VIA TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD, YAN CHING STREET, HO PONG STREET AND TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD.

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URBAN CLEARWAY IN KWAI YI ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT A SECTION OF KWAI YI ROAD IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE MADE A PEAK HOUR (I.E. 7 - 10 AM AND 4 - 7 PM) DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 5).

NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS IN THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF KWAI YI ROAD, BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH KWAI YAN ROAD AND ITS JUNCTION WITH THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING FROM THE KWAI FONG TAXI AND GREEN MINIBUS TERMINUS.

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