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YEARBOOK FEATURES HK'S ROLE IN WORLD TRADE

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HONG KONG 1987, THE YEARBOOK OF EVENTS IN 1986 PUBLISHED BY THE GOVERNMENT, AND JUST OFF THE PRESS, CARRIES A SPECIAL ARTICLE THIS YEAR, SETTING OUT THE TERRITORY'S RESPONSIBLE ROLE IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OF TRADING NATIONS.

ENTITLED +HONG KONG AS A PARTNER IN WORLD TRADE+, THE CHAPTER ONE FEATURE TAKES THE READER BRIEFLY THROUGH THE VARIOUS STAGES OF HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC HISTORY, TO ITS PRESENT PLACE AS THE 13TH LARGEST TRADING ENTITY IN THE WORLD.

IT DESCRIBES HONG KONG'S EARLY DAYS, FROM +A BARREN ROCK WITH HARDLY A HOUSE UPON IT+, THROUGH ITS DEVELOPMENT AS AN ENTREPOT, MAINLY FOR THE CHINA TRADE, AND TO ITS EARLY INDUSTRIALISATION IN THE 1950'S, UP TO ITS PRESENT STAGE OF SOPHISTICATION IN BOTH THE MANUFACTURING AND THE SERVICE SECTORS.

THE ARTICLE IS A TIMELY REMINDER IN THESE PRESENT TIMES OF GROWING CONCERN OVER PROTECTIONISM, THAT THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM, WHEN LEFT TO AN ENERGETIC AND IMAGINATIVE PEOPLE, BACKED BY A STABLE ADMINISTRATION, OFFERS THE BEST BASIS FOR ECONOMIC SUCCESS, BOTH LOCALLY AND ON AN INTERNATIONAL SCALE.

TO ILLUSTRATE THE ARTICLE, A COLOURFUL END-PAPER MAP ENTITLED +HONG KONG - BUYING FROM THE WORLD+ HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE YEARBOOK. IT DEPICTS HONG KONG'S OPEN MARKET POLICY OF BUYING PRODUCTS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD.

OF GENERAL INTEREST ALSO WILL BE A NEW CHAPTER GIVING DETAILS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION DURING THE YEAR OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

PICTORIALLY, TEN SECTIONS OF HONG KONG 1987 HAVE BEEN DEVOTED TO CAPTURING THE RANGE OF EXPRESSIONS AND THE MOOD OF THE PEOPLE IN SOME OF THEIR EVERYDAY ACTIVITIES, AS WELL AS THE MAIN EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN HONG KONG OVER 1986.

THERE IS ALSO A FRONTISPIECE SHOWING THE ARRIVAL OF THE ROYAL YACHT BRITANNIA, WHICH BROUGHT THE QUEEN AND PRINCE PHILIP TO HONG KONG AFTER THEIR HISTORIC VISIT TO CHINA.

READERS WILL ALSO NOTE THE NEW +COFFEE-TABLE+ APPROACH TO THE PRESENTATION OF THE PICTURES WHICH, IN THE DOUBLE SPREADS, PROVED TECHNICALLY MORE DEMANDING THAN USUAL.

IN KEEPING WITH THE PRACTICE WHICH HAS CONSISTENTLY MADE THE YEARBOOK THE LOCAL BESTSELLER, OTHER CHAPTERS PROVIDE A WIDE COVERAGE OF BOTH GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES. THE REPORT COMPRISES 364 PAGES, INCLUDING COMPREHENSIVE STATISTICS AND AN INDEX.

/THE YEARBOOK

THE YEARBOOK IS PRODUCED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES AND IS PRINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT PRINTER. THE CHINESE VERSION IS PRODUCED BY THE CHINESE LANGUAGE DIVISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION BRANCH.

THE END-PAPER MAP IS PRODUCED BY THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT.

PRICED AT \$35, IT WILL BE ON SALE FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY) AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, HONG KONG, AND SHORTLY AT LEADING BOOKSTORES.

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YOUTH PROJECTS TO HELP THE HOMELESS
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PROJECTS AIMING TO SERVE THE HOMELESS, SUCH AS STREET SLEEPERS, WILL BE ACCORDED PRIORITY CONSIDERATION IN THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS UNDER THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH SCHEME THIS YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT OTHER PROJECTS ALSO TO RECEIVE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION WOULD BE THOSE FOR SINGLE PARENTS, DEPRIVED CHILDREN, THE DISABLED, THE ELDERLY OR FAMILIES IN DEPRIVED AREAS.

+THE DECISION TO GIVE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION TO THESE PROJECTS HAS BEEN TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO THE UNITED NATIONS' DESIGNATION OF 1987 AS THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF SHELTER FOR THE HOMELESS AND ALSO IN LINE WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF THE SCHEME WHICH IS 'SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY WITH YOUR IDEAS',+ HE SAID.

MORE SPECIFICALLY, THE SCHEME OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTHS TO BROADEN THEIR SCOPE OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE, TO ACHIEVE A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING ABOUT PEOPLE AND THE COMMUNITY, AND TO ATTAIN SATISFACTION IN PERSONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT THROUGH CARRYING OUT INNOVATIVE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR SUBSIDIES TO FUND THE PROJECTS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S SOCIAL WORK OFFICERS (YOUTH AND COMMUNITY).

THE APPLICATIONS, TOGETHER WITH DETAILED PROPOSALS SHOULD REACH THE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY OFFICE BEFORE MAY 1, 1987.

ALL PROJECTS SHOULD BE COMPLETED BEFORE JANUARY 15, 1988.

EACH PARTICIPATING GROUP SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST SEVEN MEMBERS AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 25= AND SHOULD BE SPONSORED BY A SCHOOL, YOUTH AGENCY OR BUSINESS ORGANISATION. DISCRETION MAY BE GIVEN TO ALLOW FOR SOME MEMBERS TO EXCEED THE AGE LIMIT TO UP TO 30.

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GROUPS WITHOUT ANY SPONSOR, AFTER HAVING SOUGHT WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE SOCIAL WORK OFFICER (YOUTH AND COMMUNITY) OF THEIR DISTRICTS, MAY ALSO APPLY.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA WILL INCLUDE THE EXTENT OF YOUTH INVOLVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, THE EXTENT OF COMMUNITY BENEFIT, FEASIBILITY OF THE PROJECT, AND OPTIMUM USE OF RESOURCES AND INNOVATION.

THE MAXIMUM SUBSIDY FOR EACH APPROVED PROJECT IS \$4 500.

ON COMPLETION OF THE PROJECTS, EACH DISTRICT WILL SELECT ITS MOST OUTSTANDING PROJECT TO COMPETE FOR THE TERRITORY-WIDE +BEST OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH SCHEME AWARD+.

PEOPLE WITH ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE SCHEME CAN CONTACT THE DISTRICTS' SOCIAL WORK OFFICER (YOUTH AND COMMUNITY).

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THIRD WARMEST FEBRUARY ON RECORD
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FEBRUARY WAS THE THIRD WARMEST FEBRUARY ON RECORD, WITH A MEAN TEMPERATURE OF 18.3 DEGREES CELSIUS, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY ANNOUNCED TODAY.

IT WAS ALSO THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE MONTH WHICH WAS WARMER THAN USUAL. THE MEAN TEMPERATURE OF 17.8 DEGREES CELSIUS FOR THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF THE YEAR WAS THE SECOND HIGHEST ON RECORD, THE HIGHEST MEAN TEMPERATURE FOR THE SAME PERIOD BEING 18.2 DEGREES CELSIUS RECORDED IN 1979.

WEATHER ON FEBRUARY 1 WAS COOL AND MAINLY FINE. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY SUNNY AND RELATIVELY WARM WEATHER DURING THE NEXT TWO DAYS.

NORTHERLY MONSOON WINDS REACHED HONG KONG OVERNIGHT ON FEBRUARY 3 AND COOL BUT DRY CONDITIONS PREVAILED ON FEBRUARY 4 AND 5.

WHILE IT REMAINED COOL AT NIGHT FROM FEBRUARY 6 TO 8, THE AFTERNOONS WERE WARM.

ON FEBRUARY 9, THE WEATHER TURNED CLOUDY WITH RAIN. WARM AND HUMID CONDITIONS SET IN ON FEBRUARY 10 WHEN WINDS VEERED TO SOUTH OF EAST. OVER THE NEXT TWO DAYS, COASTAL FOG PATCHES DEVELOPED OVERNIGHT BUT DISSIPATED DURING THE MORNINGS, GIVING WAY TO SUNNY AND WARM WEATHER IN THE AFTERNOONS.

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ON FEBRUARY 13, FRESH EASTERLY WINDS CLEARED THE MIST AND DRIZZLE. IT BECAME MAINLY FINE AND WARM FOR THE NEXT FIVE DAYS AND A MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 25 DEGREES CELSIUS - THE HIGHEST TEMPERATURE OF THE MONTH - WAS RECORDED ON THE AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 18.

STRONG EASTERLY WINDS AFFECTED HONG KONG THE FOLLOWING NIGHT AND DURING THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 19, BRINGING SOME LIGHT RAIN.

THE WEATHER CONTINUED TO BE BASICALLY CLOUDY FROM FEBRUARY 20 TO 24 AS A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE OVER SOUTH CHINA MOVED VERY SLOWLY SOUTHWARDS THROUGH HONG KONG.

CONTINUOUS LIGHT RAIN OCCURRED LATE ON FEBRUARY 21 AND THERE WERE MIST PATCHES ON FEBRUARY 22 AND 24. WINDY AND DRIZZLY CONDITIONS PREVAILED ON FEBRUARY 25 AND 26.

AN INTENSE COLD FRONT PASSED SOUTH ACROSS HONG KONG DURING THE EARLY MORNING OF FEBRUARY 27 AND BROUGHT PERIODS OF RAIN TO THE TERRITORY.

WINDS STRENGTHENED FROM THE NORTH REACHING 76 KM/H AT WAGLAN ISLAND, WHILE TEMPERATURES FELL FROM 17 DEGREES CELSIUS DURING THE EARLY MORNING TO ABOUT 11 DEGREES CELSIUS BY THE LATE AFTERNOON.

IN THE EVENING, WINDS MODERATED SLIGHTLY AND THE RAIN STOPPED. TEMPERATURES CONTINUED TO DROP OVERNIGHT TO A MINIMUM OF 9.6 DEGREES CELSIUS WHICH WAS THE LOWEST TEMPERATURE RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY SO FAR THIS WINTER. IT WAS A FEW DEGREES COLDER IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE WEATHER IMPROVED WITH A GOOD DEAL OF SUNSHINE ON FEBRUARY 28.

THERE WERE NO TROPICAL CYCLONES OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA DURING THE MONTH.

ONE AIRCRAFT WAS DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER DURING THE MONTH.

THE RED FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON FEBRUARY 1 AND FROM FEBRUARY 3 TO 4. THE YELLOW FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT FROM FEBRUARY 1 TO 3, FROM FEBRUARY 5 TO 8 AND ON FEBRUARY 15, 22, AND 28.

SIGNALS HOISTED DURING THE MONTH WERE AS FOLLOWS:

WEATHER SYSTEM	SIGNAL	DATE AND TIME OF HOISTING	DATE AND TIME OF LOWERING
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	FEBRUARY 18 11 PM	FEBRUARY 19 12.40 PM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	FEBRUARY 25 8 AM	FEBRUARY 26 12.15 PM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	FEBRUARY 27 8.35 AM	FEBRUARY 28 7 AM

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

SUNSHINE	147.5 HOURS = 38.8 HOURS ABOVE NORMAL
RAINFALL	11.2 MM = 30.7 MM BELOW NORMAL
CLOUDINESS	57 % = 14 % LESS THAN NORMAL
RELATIVE HUMIDITY	78 % = NORMAL
MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE	20.7 DEGREES C = 1.9 DEGREES C ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN TEMPERATURE	18.3 DEGREES C = 2.4 DEGREES C ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	16.6 DEGREES C = 2.9 DEGREES C ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	14.1 DEGREES C = 2.4 DEGREES C ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	75.0 MM = 7.1 MM BELOW NORMAL

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KEEPING A CHECK ON YOUTH AND ELDERLY WELFARE

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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE HAS DIRECTED ITS EFFORT TOWARDS IMPROVING THE WELL-BEING OF YOUTHS AND THE ELDERLY IN THE PAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO A REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE'S WORK.

PROBLEMS AND SERVICES FOR THESE TWO GROUPS WERE MAJOR ISSUES DISCUSSED DURING COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN 1986-87. THE COMMITTEE ALSO CONDUCTED A SURVEY AND EXPANDED ITS COMMUNITY MEDICAL SCHEME TO BETTER SERVE OLD PEOPLE.

THE SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED IN STANLEY AND SHEK O TO LOOK INTO THE NEEDS OF THE ELDERLY FOR MEDICAL, TRANSPORT, SOCIAL WELFARE AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND SERVICES, AND WIDE-RANGING IMPROVEMENTS WERE SUBSEQUENTLY SUGGESTED.

THE COMMITTEE HAS CALLED FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF MEDICAL SERVICES IN REMOTE AREAS IN THE DISTRICT, AND A REVIEW OF THE POLICY OF PROVIDING ONE SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY PER 30 000 POPULATION.

THE COMMITTEE HAS ALSO INVITED DOCTORS AND DENTISTS IN NEARBY SHAU KEI WAN AND CHAI WAN TO JOIN ITS COMMUNITY MEDICAL SCHEME FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE ELDERLY LIVING IN STANLEY AND SHEK O.

THE MEDICAL SCHEME, INITIALLY INTRODUCED TO PROVIDE PRIORITY TREATMENT AT REDUCED RATE TO PEOPLE AGED 60 OR ABOVE LIVING IN SOUTHERN, WAS ALSO EXPANDED FROM JANUARY THIS YEAR TO OLD PEOPLE WORKING IN THE DISTRICT.

ON YOUTH MATTERS, THE COMMITTEE HAS MADE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING INADEQUATE LIBRARY SERVICES IN AP LEI CHAU, THE TRUANCY PROBLEM AND NEED FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING, AND LOITERING OF YOUTHS NEAR AN ESTATE SCHOOL.

IT ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THE NUMBER AND SIZE OF OUTREACHING SOCIAL WORK TEAMS BE EXPANDED TO COPE WITH GROWING YOUTH PROBLEM.

TO ENCOURAGE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN VOLUNTARY SERVICES, THE COMMITTEE DECIDED TO CONTINUE ITS SOCIAL SERVICES AWARD SCHEME WHICH GIVES RECOGNITION TO COMMENDABLE VOLUNTARY WORKERS.

THE SCHEME WOULD BE EXPANDED THIS YEAR TO INCLUDE A GROUP SECTION.

IN THE PAST YEAR, THE COMMITTEE HAD ALSO SPONSORED SOCIAL SERVICES SUCH AS HOMEWORK TUITION, PHYSICAL CHECK-UPS AND MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMMES.

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SCIENCE EDUCATION RESOURCE ROOM TO OPEN
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL OPEN A SCIENCE EDUCATION RESOURCE ROOM FOR SCIENCE TEACHERS AND LABORATORY TECHNICIANS ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 18).

THE RESOURCE ROOM, LOCATED AT THE SCIENCE TEACHING CENTRE OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT, WILL OPEN EVERY WEDNESDAY BETWEEN 2 PM AND 6 PM, AND EVERY SATURDAY BETWEEN 9 AM AND NOON.

IT AIMS AT PROVIDING A CENTRAL REFERENCE SERVICE ON SCIENCE TEACHING TO SCIENCE STAFF OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

THE RESOURCE ROOM IS STOCKED WITH A WIDE VARIETY OF PUBLICATIONS, EQUIPMENT CATALOGUES, RESOURCE PACKS, NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS, LOCAL AND OVERSEAS EXAMINATION PAPERS AS WELL AS SYLLABUSES, AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS, LEARNING PACKAGES AND OTHER RELEVANT RESOURCE MATERIALS ON THE TEACHING OF SCIENCE.

TEACHERS AND LABORATORY TECHNICIANS VISITING THE RESOURCE ROOM WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE THESE MATERIALS. IN ADDITION, AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING SLIDES, LOOP FILMS AND ETV PROGRAMMES.

SCIENCE INSPECTORS OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL BE ON DUTY DURING THE OPENING HOURS TO OFFER ADVISORY SERVICES TO VISITORS.

INDIVIDUAL TEACHERS AND LABORATORY TECHNICIANS ARE WELCOME TO VISIT THE RESOURCE ROOM DURING THE OPENING HOURS WITHOUT PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS.

EDUCATIONAL BODIES WISHING TO PAY GROUP VISITS TO THE RESOURCE ROOM ARE REQUESTED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS BY TELEPHONE 5-8110240, 5-8392468 OR 5-8392613 ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE.

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ENGLISH REFRESHER COURSES FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FROM TEACHERS OF ENGLISH IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS TO ATTEND TWO IDENTICAL REFRESHER COURSES TO BE HELD BETWEEN APRIL AND JULY THIS YEAR.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS COMMISSIONED THE BRITISH COUNCIL TO RUN THESE COURSES WHICH AIM AT ORIENTATING PARTICIPANTS TO THE REVISED PRIMARY ENGLISH SYLLABUS, AND IMPROVING THEIR FLUENCY AND ACCURACY IN SPOKEN ENGLISH.

TEACHERS WILL ALSO BE INTRODUCED TO A RANGE OF COMMUNICATIVE TEACHING TECHNIQUES.

ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR TEACHERS WHO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE REFRESHER COURSES TO ENROL FOR THE ENGLISH CLASSES OF ABOUT THREE MONTHS AT THE BRITISH COUNCIL TO FURTHER IMPROVE THEIR ORAL PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH.

SCHOOL HEADS ARE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS BEFORE WEDNESDAY (MARCH 18) TO THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (ENGLISH) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON THE FIFTH FLOOR, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY.

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TENDERS FOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES INVITED
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VISITORS TO THE WONG CHUK HANG SERVICE RESERVOIR WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY MORE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES EARLY NEXT YEAR.

THESE WILL INCLUDE PAVILIONS, ARBOURS, SITTING AND PLANTING AREAS, A 125-METRE JOGGING TRACK WITH FITNESS STATIONS AND A SEPARATE SMALL SITTING OUT AREA AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE ACCESS ROAD ALONG NAM LONG SHAN ROAD.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS CALLING FOR TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THESE ITEMS.

WORK ON THE FACILITIES IS SCHEDULED TO START IN JUNE. THEY WILL BE HANDED OVER TO THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR MANAGEMENT ON COMPLETION NEXT FEBRUARY.

TENDERS ARE ALSO INVITED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE DESIGN, SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF TELESCOPIC BLEACHERS SEATING FOR 400 SPECTATORS IN THE SHA TIN INDOOR GAMES HALL TO BE BUILT NEAR THE JUNCTION OF YUEN WO ROAD AND SHA TIN RURAL COMMITTEE ROAD.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE BLEACHERS SHOULD BE IN PLACE BY THE TIME THE INDOOR GAMES HALL IS COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER. IT WILL BE MANAGED BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO VISIT YIM TIN TSAI
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MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD WILL VISIT YIM TIN TSAI, A SMALL OUTLYING ISLAND IN THE DISTRICT, TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THIS IS ONE OF THE VISITS ARRANGED BY THE COMMITTEE AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE TO REMOTE VILLAGES WHICH HAVE PROBLEMS OF INACCESSIBILITY AND DECREASING POPULATION.

A SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID SUCH VISITS WOULD PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO EXPRESS THEIR GOODWILL TO VILLAGERS AND TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THOSE LIVING FAR AWAY FROM TOWN.

AT THE SAME TIME, MEMBERS WILL ALSO HAVE A CHANCE TO COLLECT VILLAGERS' OPINIONS ON THE DEVELOPMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS OF THE DISTRICT.

+IT IS, IN FACT, A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR MUTUAL EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS AND WE ARE ALWAYS READY TO HELP IN ANY PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED BY THE VILLAGERS IN THEIR DAILY LIFE,+ HE SAID.

FOR THE VISIT TO YIM TIN TSAI, MEMBERS WILL FIRST VISIT THE VILLAGE WHICH HAS A LONG HISTORY. AFTER THAT, THEY WILL VISIT AN OLD CATHOLIC CHURCH AND TOUR ROUND THE ISLAND.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE VISIT YIM TIN TSAI TOMORROW. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN BY 9.50 AM. LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.

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UNICEF CHILDREN'S DRAWING COMPETITION ORGANISED
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SCHOOL CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN FOUR AND 14 ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART A DRAWING COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG COMMITTEE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS' CHILDREN'S FUND (UNICEF) WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE COMPETITION IS AIMED AT FOSTERING CULTURAL EXCHANGES AND TO ENCOURAGE LOCAL CHILDREN TO EXTEND THEIR CONCERN TO THOSE IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

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WINNING ENTRIES OF THE LOCAL COMPETITION WILL BE SENT TO THE UNICEF ART COMMITTEE IN NEW YORK FOR A WORLDWIDE CONTEST IN WHICH A NUMBER OF DRAWINGS WILL BE SELECTED FOR PRINTING AS UNICEF GREETING CARDS TO BE SOLD WORLDWIDE FOR THE BENEFIT OF CHILDREN AND MOTHERS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

THERE WILL BE THREE CATEGORIES IN THE COMPETITION - A JUNIOR SECTION FOR CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN FOUR AND SEVEN, AN INTERMEDIATE SECTION FOR CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN EIGHT AND 11 AND A SENIOR GROUP FOR THOSE AGED BETWEEN 12 AND 14.

THE THEME OF THE COMPETITION WILL BE +THE HOPE AND JOY OF LOCAL CHILDREN AS WELL AS THE UNIQUENESS OF HONG KONG AND THE CHINESE CULTURE+. ENTRIES MAY BE IN ANY FORM OF TWO DIMENSIONAL WORK IN A4 SIZE (210 MM X 297 MM).

THE FIRST PRIZE OF THE INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR GROUPS WILL BE A FREE TRIP TO BANGKOK FOR THE WINNER TOGETHER WITH ONE PARENT OR GUARDIAN TO VISIT UNICEF PROJECTS.

THE DRAWINGS, EACH ACCOMPANIED BY A COMPLETED ENTRY FORM, SHOULD BE SENT THROUGH SCHOOL HEADS TO POST OFFICE BOX 70100, KOWLOON, BY MARCH 23, AND BE ADDRESSED TO THE ORGANISER, DRAW HONG KONG FOR THE WORLD'S CHILDREN'S DRAWING COMPETITION (UNICEF) CHILDREN'S DRAWING COMPETITION.

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DETAILS OF SHA TIN DRAGON BOAT RACE
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A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE 1987 SHA TIN DRAGON BOAT RACE WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY (MARCH 17) AT 3.30 PM AT THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE SIXTH FLOOR OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY HOUSE.

THE RACE IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

SPEAKING AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE CHAIRMAN OF THE SHA TIN SPORTS ASSOCIATION, MR LEE KWONG, AND ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER (COMMUNITY AFFAIRS), MR JONATHAN NG.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

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WORK TO START ON MUI WO PUBLIC CEMETERY
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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$2.1 MILLION CONTRACT FOR BUILDING A PUBLIC CEMETERY AT NGAU KWU WAN IN MUI WO, LANTAU ISLAND.

WORK INVOLVES THE FORMING OF TERRACES FOR ABOUT 300 BURIAL SPACES, AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CONCRETE ACCESS TRACK, FOOTPATHS, DRAINAGE, A RETAINING WALL AND ANCILLARY WORKS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START SOON AND TAKE ABOUT SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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BRIEFING ON TRANSPORT STUDY REPORT
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A PRESS BRIEFING WILL BE GIVEN BY THE ACTING ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT (KOWLOON), MR TSOH MING, AND GOVERNMENT ENGINEER OF THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT, MR J.M. TURNER, ON THE EAST KOWLOON JOINT TRAFFIC STUDY REPORT ON TUESDAY (MARCH 17) AT 5 PM FOLLOWING ITS PRESENTATION AT A KWUN TONG TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING.

THE STUDY IS DESIGNED TO ASSESS THE LONG-TERM TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS IN EAST KOWLOON.

THE BRIEFING WILL BE HELD IN ROOM 111, KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, TUNG YAN STREET, KOWLOON.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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BUS RE-ROUTING, SMOKING BAN ON AGENDA
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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET ON TUESDAY (MARCH 17) TO DISCUSS THE RE-ROUTING OF A BUS ROUTE SERVING SHA KOK, SUN CHUI AND LUNG HANG.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL OF BANNING SMOKING IN MEETINGS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND ITS COMMITTEES.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE DRAFT ESTIMATES 1987-88 OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND PROGRESS REPORTS BY COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING AT 9.30 AM ON TUESDAY IN THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE SIXTH FLOOR OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY HOUSE.

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DISTRICT OPEN SPACE FOR KWAI CHUNG
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A DISTRICT OPEN SPACE COVERING 23 HECTARES IS TO BE BUILT AT THE JUNCTION OF KWAI TSING AND TSUEN WAN ROADS IN KWAI CHUNG.

THE PROJECT WILL INCLUDE FOOTPATHS, A HORTICULTURAL MAINTENANCE YARD, AN OFFICE, TOILETS AND ANCILLARY LIGHTING.

LARGE-SCALE LANDSCAPING WORK WILL ALSO BE CARRIED OUT.

TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOR THE PROJECT WHICH IS EXPECTED TO TAKE 16 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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