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GOVERNMENT STUDIES ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO INVESTORS

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THE GOVERNMENT IS CURRENTLY ADDRESSING WIDER ISSUES WHICH ARE OF IMPORTANCE TO THOSE INVESTING IN STOCKS AND SHARES, THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, MR DAVID NENDICK, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

HE SAID THIS WAS IN ADDITION TO THE WORK OF THE SECURITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE WHOSE REPORT WOULD, HE BELIEVED, PROVIDE THE RIGHT FOUNDATION FOR A MAJOR OVERHAUL OF OUR SECURITIES LEGISLATION AND THUS ENABLE US TO BRING OUR REGULATORY FRAMEWORK AND MARKET STRUCTURES FULLY UP TO THE STANDARDS NOW EXPECTED OF A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL STOCK MARKET.

MR NENDICK WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE SEMINAR "FINANCE IN PRACTICE" ORGANISED BY THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STUDENTS IN ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS MANAGEMENT.

HE SAID THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMPANY LAW REFORM HAD RECOMMENDED THAT, IN LINE WITH THE PRACTICE IN OTHER MAJOR CENTRES, THERE SHOULD BE FULL DISCLOSURE OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SHARES OF DIRECTORS AND SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS OF PUBLIC LISTED COMPANIES AND OF THEIR SHARE DEALINGS.

"SUCH DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS WOULD REVEAL WHO ACTUALLY CONTROLLED A COMPANY AND THUS MAKE INSIDER DEALING MORE DIFFICULT," HE SAID.

MR NENDICK SAID THE STANDING COMMITTEE'S PROPOSALS WERE CONSIDERED AND SUPPORTED BY THE SECURITIES COMMISSION AND WERE SUBSEQUENTLY SET OUT IN THE FORM OF A WHITE BILL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

HE SAID IT WAS ENCOURAGING TO FIND THAT, BASED ON COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE THREE-MONTH CONSULTATION PERIOD, MAINLY FROM PROFESSIONAL BODIES AND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, THERE WAS A GENERAL CONSENSUS THAT MORE DISCLOSURE WOULD BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

THESE COMMENTS WERE NOW BEING CAREFULLY CONSIDERED AND, WHERE APPROPRIATE, WOULD BE REFLECTED IN THE REVISED BILL, HE SAID.

IT WAS THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO INTRODUCE IT INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN THE CURRENT LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

AS REGARDS INSIDER DEALING ITSELF, MR NENDICK SAID THAT IN MARCH 1987, THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMPANY LAW REFORM ADDRESSED THE ISSUE OF INSIDER DEALING AND CONCLUDED THAT A MORE EFFECTIVE DETERRENT WAS REQUIRED, ALTHOUGH THEY WERE DIVIDED IN THEIR VIEWS AS TO THE APPROPRIATE WAY FORWARD.

HE SAID TWO POSSIBLE REVISIONS TO THE PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS WERE IDENTIFIED.

THE FIRST WAS TO INCREASE THE SANCTIONS UNDER THE EXISTING TRIBUNAL SYSTEM (INCLUDING THE INTRODUCTION OF FINANCIAL PENALTIES); THE SECOND, TO MAKE INSIDER DEALING A CRIMINAL OFFENCE.

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"BOTH OPTIONS HAVE THEIR MERITS AND DEMERITS, AND THE ADMINISTRATION IS IN THE PROCESS OF FINALISING ITS OWN VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT BEFORE PUTTING THEM TO THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL," HE SAID.

IN ADDITION TO MORE DISCLOSURE, MR NENDICK SAID, ACTION WAS ALSO IN HAND TO AMEND THE SECURITIES ORDINANCE TO ALLOW THE COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES TO PASS ON RELEVANT INFORMATION OBTAINED IN THE COURSE OF HIS DUTIES TO OTHER REGULATORY AUTHORITIES IN HONG KONG AND TO PARALLEL REGULATORY BODIES OVERSEAS.

"THIS WILL, I AM SURE, ENHANCE THE ABILITY OF THE REGULATORY AGENCIES HERE AND OVERSEAS TO CARRY OUT THEIR FUNCTIONS AND THUS PROVIDE FURTHER SAFEGUARDS TO THE PUBLIC'S SAVINGS," HE SAID.

TURNING TO THE FALL OF THE LOCAL STOCK MARKET LAST OCTOBER, MR NENDICK SAID HE WAS GLAD TO SAY THAT FOLLOWING THE RESUMPTION OF TRADING ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE AND THE PROVISION OF CREDIT FACILITIES TO THE HONG KONG FUTURES GUARANTEE CORPORATION TO RESCUE THE FUTURES EXCHANGE, ORDERLY TRADING HAD RESUMED IN BOTH THE STOCK AND FUTURES MARKETS.

"THOUGH CLEARLY VERY MUCH AFFECTED BY THE PERFORMANCE OF FINANCIAL MARKETS WORLDWIDE, THE LOCAL MARKETS HAVE SHOWN A SURE BUT STEADY RETURN OF INVESTOR CONFIDENCE, ILLUSTRATED MOST RECENTLY BY THE FACT THAT THE EVENTS OF LAST WEEKEND WERE QUICKLY PUT INTO PROPER PERSPECTIVE AND HAD LITTLE EFFECT ON THE LEVEL OF PRICES," HE SAID.

ALL IN ALL, MR NENDICK EXPECTED 1988 TO BE AN INTERESTING YEAR AND A PRODUCTIVE ONE FOR ALL CONCERNED WITH THE CONTINUING SUCCESS OF THE SECURITIES INDUSTRY.

"WE MUST, THOUGH, DRAW THE RIGHT LESSONS FROM THE EVENTS OF LAST YEAR AND BUILD A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S FINANCIAL MARKETS," HE SAID.

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GOVERNOR VISITS NGAU TAU KOK CLINIC  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED THE NGAU TAU KOK JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC TO FAMILIARISE HIMSELF WITH THE SERVICES OF A STANDARD OUT-PATIENT CLINIC.

SIR DAVID WAS ACCOMPANIED ON THE TOUR BY LADY WILSON AND THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR K.L. THONG.

THE GOVERNOR FIRST STOPPED AT THE GENERAL OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT ON THE GROUND FLOOR WHERE HE WAS BRIEFED ABOUT ITS SERVICE AND HE WAS TOLD THAT ABOUT 350 PATIENTS ATTENDED THE CLINIC EACH DAY.

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AT THE FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES CENTRE, SIR DAVID LEARNED ABOUT THE VARIOUS SERVICES PROVIDED FOR MOTHERS AND CHILDREN, INCLUDING ANTENATAL AND POSTNATAL CARE AS WELL AS FAMILY PLANNING FOR WOMEN, IMMUNISATION AND DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING OF INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE OBSERVATION SCHEME.

THE PARTY THEN PROCEEDED TO THE GERIATRIC DAY HOSPITAL WHERE THE GOVERNOR AND LADY WILSON HAD THE CHANCE TO SEE ELDERLY PATIENTS RECEIVING PHYSIOTHERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY TREATMENT.

AT PRESENT THE DAY HOSPITAL IS TAKING CARE OF ABOUT 200 GERIATRIC PATIENTS.

AFTERWARDS, THE GOVERNOR VISITED THE PSYCHIATRIC DAY HOSPITAL WHICH HAS A SCHEDULED ACCOMMODATION FOR 40 MENTAL PATIENTS.

THE REHABILITATION SERVICES PROVIDED INCLUDE WORK TRAINING, INTEREST GROUPS AND TRAINING OF SOCIAL SKILLS.

BEFORE CONCLUDING HIS VISIT, SIR DAVID HELD A DISCUSSION WITH THE SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

THE NGAU TAU KOK CLINIC, LOCATED ON TING ON STREET, PROVIDES A WIDE RANGE OF PREVENTIVE, CURATIVE AND REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR THE 250,000 RESIDENTS IN PING SHEK, KAI YIP, NGAU TAU KOK, TING ON AND KWUN TONG AREAS.

IT IS ONE OF THE 10 POLYCLINICS OPERATED BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

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#### CONSULTANCY AGREEMENT FOR YUEN LONG SOUTHERN BYPASS SIGNED

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL BUILD A DUAL TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY TO CONNECT THE PROPOSED YUEN LONG - TUEN MUN EASTERN CORRIDOR AND THE PROPOSED AU TAU BYPASS AT CASTLE PEAK ROAD NEAR POK OI HOSPITAL.

A CONSULTANCY AGREEMENT FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION OF THE CARRIAGEWAY, THE YUEN LONG SOUTHERN BYPASS, WAS SIGNED TODAY (THURSDAY) BETWEEN THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS, MR HAROLD BEATON, AND THE JOINT ENGINEERS FORMED BY BINNIE AND PARTNERS (HK), WILBUR SMITH AND ASSOCIATES AND HARRIS AND SUTHERLAND (FAR EAST).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT SAID THE THREE-KILOMETRE LONG BYPASS WOULD TAKE THE TRUNK ROAD TRAFFIC AWAY FROM YUEN LONG TOWN ON A NEW ROUTE TO THE SOUTH OF YUEN LONG.

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ITS DESIGN WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT POSSIBLE CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED NEW ROAD LINK BETWEEN THE NORTH WEST NEW TERRITORIES AND KOWLOON (ROUTE X).

TO THE NORTH, IT WILL BE CONNECTED WITH THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD BY THE PLANNED AU TAU BYPASS.

THE BYPASS, WHICH WILL CONSIST OF CYCLE TRACKS AND FOOTPATHS, IS TO BE BUILT TO TRUNK ROAD STANDARD WITHOUT FRONTAGE ACCESS.

GRADE SEPARATED CROSSINGS AND VAN TRACKS WILL BE PROVIDED WHERE NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN LOCAL ACCESS.

GRADE SEPARATED INTERCHANGE FACILITIES ARE TO BE PROVIDED AT THE JUNCTION WITH CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND THE PROPOSED AU TAU BYPASS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UNDER THE AGREEMENT, THE CONSULTANTS WOULD IMMEDIATELY START WORK ON PRELIMINARY PLANNING AND DESIGN OF THE PROJECT.

THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BYPASS IS \$120 MILLION.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT ITS CONSTRUCTION WILL START IN LATE 1989 FOR COMPLETION IN 1992.

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URBAN COUNCIL 'NOT TRYING TO MONOPOLISE THE ARTS IN HONG KONG'

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THE URBAN COUNCIL HAS NO INTENTION OF TRYING TO MONOPOLISE CONTROL OF THE ARTS IN HONG KONG, AN URBAN COUNCIL SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

"BROADLY THE COUNCIL'S POLICY IS TO ALLOCATE ONE THIRD OF THE YEAR TO COMMERCIAL PRESENTATIONS IN ITS VENUES," SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

"HOWEVER, EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT COMMERCIAL PROMOTERS CANNOT TAKE UP THIS ONE THIRD."

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT, UNLIKE COMMERCIAL IMPRESARIOS, THE COUNCIL PROVIDED HEAVY FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR VARIOUS LOCAL ART FORMS, SUCH AS THE HONG KONG PHILHARMONIC, THE HONG KONG CHINESE ORCHESTRA, AND VARIOUS LOCAL PERFORMING COMPANIES.

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TURNING TO THE PROPOSED NEW SCALE OF FEES TO BE CHARGED FOR THE USE OF THE CITY HALL FROM JUNE 1, THE SPOKESMAN SAID: "THESE PROPOSALS WERE ANNOUNCED ON NOVEMBER 3 LAST YEAR SO THAT PROMOTERS WOULD HAVE AMPLE TIME TO STUDY THEM AND MAKE WHATEVER ARRANGEMENTS WERE NECESSARY.

"ALSO, THIS ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE SIX MONTHS IN ADVANCE SO THAT REACTION COULD BE GAUGED, NOT ONLY FROM PROMOTERS BUT FROM MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

"IF THERE IS NO INCREASE, THERE WILL BE A DEFICIT OF AN ESTIMATED \$679,000 ON THE CITY HALL VENUES IN THE COMING FINANCIAL YEAR.

"NEVERTHELESS, THE COUNCIL IS NOT SINGLE-MINDED ON THE PROPOSED NEW FEE STRUCTURE AND IT IS PRESENTLY UNDER STUDY AND WILL BE REVIEWED LATER THIS MONTH."

CONCERNING CHARGES THAT THE CITY HALL FACILITIES ARE SUB-STANDARD, THE SPOKESMAN SAID: "THE CITY HALL IS 25 YEARS OLD AND BY HONG KONG STANDARDS IS FAR FROM A NEW BUILDING. NEVERTHELESS, OVER THE YEARS VARIOUS RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT TO KEEP IT IN USE BECAUSE OF HEAVY PUBLIC DEMAND. THIS IS AN ONGOING PROCESS.

"IN 1989 THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE WILL BE OPENED AND THIS WILL BECOME THE PRINCIPAL ARTS VENUE, TAKING THE PRESENT PRESSURE OFF THE CITY HALL."

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'CAREERS DAYS' FOR STUDENTS BEGIN

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SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE BEING INVITED TO VISIT THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND TRAINING CENTRES OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL (VTC) AND TO TAKE PART IN A SERIES OF CAREERS TALKS TO BE HELD THERE IN THE FORTHCOMING 'REGIONAL CAREERS DAYS'.

THE COUNCIL AND THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICES (YEAS) OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAVE JOINTLY ORGANISED EIGHT 'REGIONAL CAREERS DAYS' WITH AN AIM TO PROVIDE CAREERS AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING GUIDANCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

MINI-EXHIBITIONS COVERING TOPICS ON HOW TO CHOOSE A CAREER AND JOB APPLICATION TECHNIQUES WILL ALSO BE ARRANGED AS SIDE SHOWS TO HELP THE YOUNG PROSPECTIVE JOB-SEEKERS.

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THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR HAROLD KWOK, AND CHAIRMAN OF VTC, MR CHAN KAM-CHUEN, WILL OFFICIATE AT A CEREMONY TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE FIRST 'CAREERS DAY' TO BE HELD AT THE KOWLOON BAY TRAINING CENTRE COMPLEX.

THE NEXT 'CAREERS DAY' WILL BE HELD AT THE TUEN MUN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE ON JANUARY 12, FOLLOWED BY SHA TIN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE ON FEBRUARY 5 AND MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE ON MARCH 4.

INTERESTED PARTIES OR SCHOOLS CAN CONTACT THE YEAS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT FOR VISIT ARRANGEMENTS TO THESE INSTITUTIONS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE REGIONAL CAREERS DAY TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE KOWLOON BAY TRAINING CENTRE COMPLEX, 46 TAI YIP STREET, KOWLOON, HONG KONG. THE CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 9.15 AM.

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DRAWING COMPETITION TO PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE  
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STUDENTS IN EASTERN DISTRICT WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO SHOW THEIR ARTISTIC TALENTS BY TAKING PART IN A DRAWING COMPETITION WHICH IS AIMED AT PROMOTING ROAD SAFETY MESSAGES IN THE DISTRICT.

THE DRAWING COMPETITION IS A MAJOR ACTIVITY OF THIS YEAR'S EASTERN DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD, THE POLICE AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE, AND CO-ORGANISED BY THE ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE CAMPAIGN IS THE ROAD SAFETY DAY WHICH WILL BE HELD IN VICTORIA PARK ON JANUARY 31. IT WILL FEATURE A VARIETY SHOW, STALL GAMES, QUIZ ON ROAD SAFETY FOR THE ELDERLY, ROAD SAFETY TOWN AND COLOURING FOR FUN.

A DECORATED BUS CARRYING THE ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE WILL TOUR THE DISTRICT ON JANUARY 30. MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND ROAD SAFETY PATROLS WILL ACCOMPANY THE TOUR AND DISTRIBUTE PUBLICITY PAMPHLETS AT THE VARIOUS STOPS.

TO ENHANCE PUBLIC AWARENESS IN ROAD SAFETY, 41 ADVISORY SIGNBOARDS WILL BE MOUNTED AT DIFFERENT LOCATIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

PEOPLE WHO WISH TO TAKE PART IN THE DRAWING COMPETITION MAY SEND IN THEIR ENTRIES TO THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES BEFORE JANUARY 21.

WINNERS WILL BE AWARDED ATTRACTIVE PRIZES ON THE ROAD SAFETY DAY.

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DB TO DISCUSS RC SUBSIDY SCHEME

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THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE GUIDELINES OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S DISTRICT FESTIVALS SUBSIDY SCHEME AT A MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE SCHEME IS DESIGNED TO GIVE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL BODIES FOR THE ORGANISATION OF DISTRICT FESTIVALS AND OTHER LARGE-SCALE FESTIVE EVENTS FROM 1988/89 ONWARDS.

HOWEVER, IT IS NOT MEANT TO DUPLICATE THE ROLE OF DISTRICT BOARDS IN THE PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES.

SENIOR STAFF OFFICER (LEISURE SERVICES) OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR CHRISTOPHER WONG, WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE SUBSIDY SCHEME.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED BY THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICER OF SAI KUNG, MR DEREK DEAR, ON THE PROPOSAL FOR THE RESUMPTION AND CLEARANCE OF YAU YUE WAN VILLAGE AT HANG HAU TO MAKE WAY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF JUNK BAY NEW TOWN.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA ARE THE JUNK BAY AND SAI KUNG DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME; A PROGRESS REPORT BY THE BOARD'S REPRESENTATIVE IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR WAN YUET-KAU; PROGRESS REPORTS OF VARIOUS DISTRICT BOARD COMMITTEES; AND THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 10 AM IN THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN.

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COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS PAVEMENT OBSTRUCTION

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THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE PROBLEMS CAUSED BY TRADERS OBSTRUCTING THE PAVEMENT NEAR THE CHEUNG SHA WAN TEMPORARY POULTRY WHOLESALE MARKET AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

IT WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF OVERGROWN WEEDS ON THE SLOPES OF THE CORNWALL STREET TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA.

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THE MEETING WILL START AT 2.15 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, 39 TONKIN STREET, SECOND FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.15 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, 39 TONKIN STREET, SECOND FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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CULTURE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER FUND APPLICATIONS

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THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS BY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS FOR HOLDING CULTURAL ACTIVITIES DURING THE 1988-89 FINANCIAL YEAR.

IT WILL ALSO STUDY THE PROGRESS REPORTS ON VARIOUS CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS, ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES, LIBRARY'S EXTENSION ACTIVITIES AND DISTRICT BOARD-SPONSORED CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 3 PM IN THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM, 13TH FLOOR, TAI KIU GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

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CHILDREN SINGING CONTEST ON SATURDAY

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SOME 500 KWUN TONG CHILDREN WILL COMPETE IN THE EIGHTH KWUN TONG CHILDREN SINGING CONTEST TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 9 (SATURDAY).

AIMED AT PROMOTING CHILDREN'S SINGING INTEREST AND DISCOVERING SINGING TALENTS IN THE DISTRICT, THE CONTEST IS ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG CHILDREN CHORUS AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN EIGHT AND 13 WILL COMPETE IN THREE CATEGORIES - SOLO SINGING, GROUP SINGING AND CHORUS.

THE EVENT WILL BEGIN AT 1.30 PM AT KEI CHI MIDDLE SCHOOL IN SHUI NING STREET.

ADMISSION IS FREE AND RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

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ANTI-NARCOTICS CARNIVAL IN YAU MA TEI  
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THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS CARNIVAL AND CONCERT WILL BE HELD FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 10) AT THE URBAN COUNCIL CENTENARY GARDEN IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS AND THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

IT WILL START AT 10 AM WITH A DEMONSTRATION OF DRUG SEARCHING BY THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT'S DOG UNIT. GAMES STALLS WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AFTER THE DEMONSTRATION.

ALSO, THERE WILL BE DISPLAYS OF ANTI-NARCOTICS MATERIALS AND WINNING ENTRIES OF THE ANTI-NARCOTICS COMIC STRIP COMPETITION.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE CARNIVAL, A POP CONCERT PRODUCED BY THE SANCITY ENTERTAINMENT COMPANY AND FEATURING POPULAR GROUPS RAIDAS AND FRIENDS CONNECTION AS WELL AS SINGER PRISCILLA CHAN, WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE BY RTHK-2 FROM 2 PM TO 4 PM.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR GARETH MULLOY, WILL GIVE A SPEECH BEFORE THE CONCERT STARTS.

ALSO PRESENT WILL BE THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR J.S. MAIN; CHAIRMAN OF THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR WU MAN-KEUNG; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR IP KWOK-WAI.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE EVENT WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 10) AT THE URBAN COUNCIL CENTENARY GARDEN, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

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VARIETY SHOW TO CONCLUDE MONG KOK FESTIVAL  
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A STAR-STUDED VARIETY SHOW AT MONG KOK STADIUM ON JANUARY 17 (SUNDAY) EVENING WILL CONCLUDE THE SIX-WEEK MONG KOK DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

IT WILL FEATURE A NUMBER OF POPULAR SINGERS, BANDS AND TELEVISION ARTISTES.

THE VARIETY SHOW IS THE GRAND FINALE OF THE SERIES OF ACTIVITIES ORGANISED FOR THE MONG KOK DISTRICT FESTIVAL AND IT ALSO PROVIDES AN OCCASION FOR RESIDENTS TO REJOICE AT THE SUCCESS OF THE FESTIVAL.

RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE SHOW.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AND THE TAI KOK TSUI BRANCH OFFICE, AT 85 IVY STREET, ON A FIRST-COME FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

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TSING YI BRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED FOR SEVERAL HOURS ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 10) TO MONITOR ITS STRUCTURE.

THE CLOSING TIME WILL BE FROM 12.30 AM TO 2.30 AM, 6.30 AM TO 7.30 AM AND 3 PM TO 4 PM.

DURING THE CLOSURE, THE BRIDGE WILL BE RE-OPENED AT FIVE-MINUTE INTERVALS TO GENERAL TRAFFIC AND IMMEDIATELY FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES.

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