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PUBLIC VIEWS ON SOCIAL WELFARE WILL BE SOUGHT

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THE PUBLIC WILL BE WIDELY CONSULTED ON THE DRAFT WHITE PAPER ON SOCIAL WELFARE UPON ITS PUBLICATION IN AUGUST THIS YEAR, THE ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR ALFRED CHUI, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT A SEMINAR ON SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY IN THE 90'S, ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF GERONTOLOGY, MR CHUI SAID THE GOVERNMENT ATTACHED IMPORTANCE TO DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE POLICIES AND SERVICES.

"THE GOVERNMENT IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT ELDERLY SERVICES AS THE DEMAND FOR THE SERVICES HAS BEEN INCREASING IN VIEW OF CHANGES IN THE POPULATION, POLITICAL STRUCTURE AND ECONOMY IN HONG KONG," HE SAID.

SERVICES AIMED AT PROMOTING THE WELL-BEING OF THE ELDERLY WOULD HAVE TO BE BOOSTED.

MR CHUI SAID THE WORKING PARTY ON SOCIAL WELFARE POLICIES AND SERVICES, AFTER CONDUCTING AN IN-DEPTH REVIEW OF SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY, HAD PROPOSED THAT THE PLANNING STANDARD OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES BE IN LINE WITH THE ELDERLY POPULATION NUMBERS.

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE WORKING PARTY INCLUDED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOCIAL CENTRE FOR EVERY 3,000 ELDERLY PEOPLE AND A MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE AND A DAY CARE CENTRE FOR EVERY 25,000.

THE WORKING PARTY ALSO PROPOSED RAISING THE PLANNING RATIO OF PLACEMENTS AT CARE-AND-ATTENTION HOMES FROM THE EXISTING EIGHT PLACES TO EVERY 1,000 ELDERLY PEOPLE TO 11.

"OUR SENIOR CITIZENS WILL THEN FIND IT EASIER TO SEEK ASSISTANCE," MR CHUI SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT, APART FROM CONSIDERING THE INTRODUCTION OF LAWS TO CONTROL VARIOUS HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY, WOULD ALSO ADOPT MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF ELDERLY SERVICES, HE SAID.

TRAINING COURSES AND SEMINARS WOULD BE ORGANISED FOR PERSONNEL WORKING IN THE ELDERLY SERVICES FIELD IN AN EFFORT TO FURTHER ENHANCE BOTH THEIR PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE NEEDS OF ELDERLY PEOPLE.

"SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES, THERE WILL BE PROVISION OF PHYSIOTHERAPY SUPPORT FOR CARE-AND-ATTENTION HOMES AND DAY CARE CENTRES," HE SAID.

MR CHUI PAID TRIBUTE TO PHILANTHROPISTS FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS TOWARDS SETTING UP VARIOUS FACILITIES FOR THE ELDERLY.

SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY IN THE CURRENT DECADE WOULD BE GREATLY IMPROVED WITH CLOSE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS, HE SAID IN CONCLUSION.

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1990 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME BEGINS

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THE ANNUAL SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME (SYP) PROVIDES YOUNG PEOPLE WITH NOT ONLY ENJOYABLE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES BUT ALSO OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPRESS THEIR CONCERN FOR DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR PETER TSAO, SAID THIS WHEN OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 1990 SYP AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING.

HE NOTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN RUNNING THE PROGRAMME FOR THE 22ND YEAR THIS YEAR.

LAST SUMMER, ABOUT 1.5 MILLION YOUNG PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN SOME 11,000 ACTIVITIES. THIS YEAR, MORE THAN 12,000 ACTIVITIES HAD BEEN ARRANGED FOR AN EXPECTED RECORD NUMBER OF 1.8 MILLION PARTICIPANTS, HE SAID.

"AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, THIS YEAR'S PROJECT HAS RECEIVED DONATIONS FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB (RHKJC) AS WELL AS SUPPORT FROM THE DISTRICT BOARDS, VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS," MR TSAO SAID.

"OF THE ABOUT \$26 MILLION TO BE SPENT ON THE PROGRAMME, \$11 MILLION WAS DONATED BY THE RHKJC," HE SAID.

WITH "SHARE THE FUN, SERVE THE COMMUNITY" AS ITS THEME, THE SYP IS AIMED AT ENCOURAGING YOUNG PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 25, TO SPEND THEIR SUMMER HOLIDAYS IN A MEANINGFUL WAY.

THE ACTIVITIES ARRANGED INCLUDE MUSIC CAMPS, FORESTRY CAMPS, COMMUNITY PROJECTS, LEADERSHIP TRAINING, SPORTS AND MANY OTHER EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL PROGRAMMES.

AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, A STEWARD OF THE RHKJC, MR CHAU CHAM-SON, PRESENTED A CHEQUE TO MR TSAO AS A TOKEN OF THE CLUB'S CONTINUOUS SUPPORT OF THE PROGRAMME.

TROPHIES WERE ALSO PRESENTED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS AND VOUNTARY AGENCIES IN APPRECIATION OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS AND SUPPORT TO THE PROGRAMME.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WAS FOLLOWED BY A VARIETY SHOW, ENTITLED "SWINGING SUMMER", WITH PERFORMANCES BY VARIOUS POPULAR SINGERS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS.

THE VARIETY SHOW, JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME COMMITTEE, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, ATTRACTED ABOUT 2,000 YOUNGSTERS. IT WILL BE SCREENED ON TVB-JADE ON JULY 22.

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NEW LANDMARK FOR TSUEN WAN

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THE GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT WHEREBY LOCAL OR INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS CAN PROSPER, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR ADOLF HSU, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

HE WAS OFFICIATING AT A TOPPING-OUT CEREMONY FOR THE KOWLOON PANDA HOTEL IN TSUEN WAN.

THE HOTEL WAS SURE TO BECOME A LANDMARK IN TSUEN WAN, MR HSU SAID.

"I WELCOME THIS ATTRACTIVE ADDITION TO TSUEN WAN. TSUEN WAN, ALTHOUGH ONE OF THE MORE POPULOUS NEW TOWNS, IS NOT PARTICULARLY NOTED FOR HOTELS, AND THIS DEVELOPMENT MARKS A TURNING POINT.

"COUPLED WITH THE RECENT OPENING OF THE SHOPPING COMPLEX AND DEPARTMENT STORES IN THIS LOCALITY, THE KOWLOON PANDA HOTEL MARKS A CHANGE TO THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT AND INDEED TO LOCAL LIFESTYLES AS WELL," HE SAID.

MR HSU POINTED OUT THAT THE INVOLVEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL INTERESTS IN THE KOWLOON PANDA HOTEL WAS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THE COSMOPOLITAN NATURE OF HONG KONG.

"FURTHERMORE, THIS IS INDICATIVE OF THE SORT OF CONFIDENCE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAS IN THE POLITICAL STABILITY AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG," HE SAID.

MR HSU ALSO SAID TSUEN WAN'S STRATEGIC POSITION WOULD BE ENHANCED BY THE PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENTS.

"THERE WILL BE INCREASED DEMAND FOR MODERN FACILITIES OF AN INTERNATIONAL STANDARD.

"WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS HOTEL, FOREIGN TOURISTS WOULD HAVE A TASTE OF LIFE OUTSIDE THE TRADITIONAL URBAN AREAS OF HONG KONG AND KOWLOON," HE ADDED.

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DB TO DISCUSS RELOCATION OF OIL DEPOT

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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE RELOCATION OF THE CHA KWO LING SHELL OIL DEPOT TO TIE IN WITH THE OCCUPANCY DATE OF THE LAGUNA CITY PRIVATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT A MEETING ON MONDAY (JULY 2).

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT, TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, BUILDING AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT AND THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL BE PRESENT TO BRIEF MEMBERS.

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THE BOARD WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE SUSPENSION OF COMMUNITY CLINIC SERVICE AT THE UNITED CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL.

IN ADDITION, MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE URBAN COUNCIL'S FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME IN THE DISTRICT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON MONDAY (JULY 2) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, 6 TUNG YAN STREET.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT YOUTH CHOIR IN CONCERT
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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT YOUTH CHOIR WILL GIVE A SOLO CONCERT AT THE URBAN COUNCIL'S SHEUNG WAN CIVIC CENTRE ON JULY 7 (SATURDAY).

THE CONCERT IS JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ART AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION (SDACA) AND THE URBAN COUNCIL WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD. IT WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE A VARIETY OF CHINESE AND WESTERN CLASSICAL AND POPULAR SONGS BY SOLOISTS FROM THE CHOIR.

THE 40-STRONG CHOIR WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1983 AND HAS SINCE STAGED ITS OWN CONCERT ANNUALLY AND HAS GIVEN NUMEROUS PERFORMANCES AT VARIOUS LOCAL FUNCTIONS, SUCH AS THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

ITS FIRST SOLO CONCERT WAS HELD LAST YEAR AND WAS WELL RECEIVED BY THE AUDIENCE.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS FOR THE CONCERT ARE AVAILABLE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS AT THE SDACA OFFICE AT LEI CHAK HOUSE, AP LEI CHAU ESTATE AND AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 552 0595.

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DTC REGISTRATION REVOKED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF DB ASIA FINANCE (HK) LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED AS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS TODAY (SATURDAY) AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 31(2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE.

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EMPLOYERS URGED TO MAKE TYPHOON ARRANGEMENTS

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EMPLOYERS ARE TODAY (SATURDAY) URGED TO MAKE A PRIOR AGREEMENT WITH THEIR EMPLOYEES ON WORKING ARRANGEMENTS DURING TYPHOONS.

SUCH AN AGREEMENT SHOULD INCLUDE RULES FOR REPORTING TO WORK AND RELEASING EMPLOYEES FROM WORK, AND THE METHOD OF CALCULATING WAGES UNDER VARIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID IN VIEW OF THE DIFFERENT NATURE AND REQUIREMENT OF JOBS IN VARIOUS INDUSTRIES, THE LAW DID NOT LAY DOWN ANY PARTICULAR PROVISIONS ON WHAT ONE SHOULD DO IN A TYPHOON SITUATION.

"IT WOULD, NEVERTHELESS, BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL FOR AGREEMENTS TO BE REACHED TO AVOID CONFUSION," HE STRESSED.

HE SAID EMPLOYERS SHOULD GIVE PRIOR CONSIDERATION TO THEIR WORKERS' SAFETY, BOTH AT THE WORKPLACE AND WHILE TRAVELLING TO AND FROM HOME DURING A TYPHOON.

"NORMALLY, EMPLOYERS SHOULD NOT REQUIRE EMPLOYEES TO REPORT FOR DUTY OR TO CONTINUE WITH THEIR WORK WHEN TYPHOON SIGNAL NO. 8 OR A HIGHER SIGNAL IS HOISTED, OR WHEN PUBLIC TRANSPORT IS ABOUT TO STOP," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THIS, HOWEVER, DOES NOT APPLY TO THOSE WHO ARE REQUIRED TO PERFORM ESSENTIAL OR EMERGENCY DUTIES DURING A TYPHOON. IN SUCH CASES, THE EMPLOYER SHOULD CLEARLY INFORM THE EMPLOYEES CONCERNED AT THEIR COMMENCEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT."

EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE DIFFICULTIES IN DRAFTING OR PREPARING TYPHOON ARRANGEMENTS MAY APPROACH THE DEPARTMENT'S LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE FOR ADVICE.

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SITTING-OUT AREA FOR WAN CHAI RESIDENTS

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RESIDENTS IN WAN CHAI WILL HAVE ANOTHER SITTING-OUT AREA FOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES NEXT YEAR.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 1,400-SQUARE-METRE OPEN SPACE AT TAI WO STREET.

THE \$2.22 MILLION PROJECT WILL PROVIDE FACILITIES INCLUDING TWO CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS, A BADMINTON COURT, A STOREROOM AND A METER ROOM.

WORK WILL START SOON AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN TSIM SHA TSUI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT COX'S ROAD BETWEEN AUSTIN ROAD AND TAK SHING STREET, IN TSIM SHA TSUI, WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JULY 2) FOR A PERIOD OF ABOUT SEVEN DAYS.

THE ARRANGEMENT IS TO FACILITATE THE WATERMAIN LAYING WORKS.

MOTORISTS ON JORDAN ROAD HEADING FOR AUSTIN ROAD CAN TRAVEL VIA PARKES STREET SOUTHBOUND ONTO AUSTIN ROAD.

FROM MONDAY (JULY 2) TO SUNDAY (JULY 8), BUSES ON KMB ROUTE 2C WILL BE DIVERTED TO OPERATE VIA NATHAN ROAD INSTEAD OF COX'S ROAD, AUSTIN ROAD, CHEONG WAN ROAD, HONG TAI PATH, HONG WING PATH, HONG TAT PATH, CHEONG WAN ROAD AND CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH ON JOURNEYS TO STAR FERRY.

DURING THE PERIOD OF ROUTE DIVERSION, BUS STOPS FOR KMB ROUTE 2C WILL BE DESIGNATED AT HOUSE NOS. 230, 134 AND 26 NATHAN ROAD. THE EXISTING BUS STOPS ON COX'S ROAD SOUTHBOUND, CHEONG WAN ROAD AND CHATHAM ROAD SOUTHBOUND WILL BE SUSPENDED.

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URBAN CLEARWAY IN KWUN TONG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JULY 2), THE SECTION OF THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF WAI YIP STREET IN KWUN TONG FROM A POINT ABOUT 40 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH KEI YIP STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 70 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

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

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EXISTING URBAN CLEARWAY ON THE SAME SECTION OF WAI YIP STREET WILL BE CANCELLED.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SHAM SHUI PO

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 8.30 AM TO 5 PM ON JULY 2, 3, 12 AND 13, THE SECTION OF WING LUNG STREET BETWEEN CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD AND FUK WING STREET IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

THE ARRANGEMENT IS TO FACILITATE THE EVACUATION OPERATION OF BLOCK 1, CHEUNG SHA WAN FACTORY ESTATE.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS FROM CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD EASTBOUND HEADING FOR WING LUNG STREET NORTHBOUND ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, HING WAH STREET, CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND WING LUNG STREET.

AT THE SAME TIME, GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 11M WILL BE DIVERTED TO OPERATE VIA CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, KIU KIANG STREET, UN CHAU STREET AND TONKIN STREET INSTEAD OF CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, WING LUNG STREET, FUK WING STREET AND TONKIN STREET ON JOURNEYS TO SO UK ESTATE.

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TEMPORARY NIGHT ROAD CLOSURE IN SHA TIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT BETWEEN 1 AM AND 6 AM FROM MONDAY (JULY 2) TO THURSDAY (JULY 5), THE SECTION OF SHA TIN WAI ROAD WESTBOUND BETWEEN NGAN SHING STREET AND THE SOUTHBOUND SLIP ROAD OF SHA TIN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

THE ARRANGEMENT IS TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD T5 IN SHA TIN.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES TRAVELLING ON SHA TIN WAI ROAD WESTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SIU LEK YUEN ROAD, TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD AND SHA TIN ROAD TO REJOIN SHA TIN WAI ROAD WESTBOUND.

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