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MESSAGE ABOUT HK PUT ACROSS VERY WELL: GOVERNOR

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THE MESSAGE THAT HONG KONG IS A VERY ACTIVE, LIVELY, AND A REALLY GOOD PLACE TO INVEST, HAD BEEN PUT ACROSS VERY WELL AT THE HONG KONG BUSINESS CONFERENCE IN LONDON, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS ON HIS RETURN FROM VISITS TO GERMANY AND LONDON, SIR DAVID SAID THE MESSAGE WAS PUT ACROSS BY A GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO HAD DIRECT BUSINESS EXPERIENCE.

"THEY DID IT VERY WELL, THE AUDIENCE WAS EXTREMELY IMPRESSED, THE MESSAGE GOT ACROSS," HE SAID.

"IT'S BEEN A GOOD WEEK, BOTH IN GERMANY AND IN UNITED KINGDOM, PUTTING ACROSS THE MESSAGE ABOUT HONG KONG; ECONOMIC VITALITY HERE AND IN PARTICULAR TRYING TO GET ACROSS THE MESSAGE ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SOUTHERN CHINA AND THE ROLE THAT HONG KONG PLAYS IN THAT.

"WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF SHOWING TO BUSINESSMEN IN EUROPE, IN GERMANY AND IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, THAT THIS REMAINS A VERY GOOD PLACE TO DO TRADE WITH; VERY GOOD PLACE FOR INVESTMENT AND WITH A SORT OF VITALITY WHICH IS GOING TO GO ON LONG-TERM, AND IT'S A PLACE TO WHICH PEOPLE SHOULD PAY ATTENTION IN THE LONG TERM AND NOT JUST IN THE SHORT TERM," SIR DAVID SAID.

THE GOVERNOR SAID THE HONG KONG GALA ATTENDED BY ABOUT 1,000 PEOPLE IN LONDON WAS A TREMENDOUS SHOW PUT ON BY YOUNG PEOPLE FROM HONG KONG, WHICH WENT DOWN VERY WELL.

WHEN ASKED ABOUT HIS SUCCESSOR, SIR DAVID SAID: "THERE IS A DEGREE OF UNCERTAINTY, A DEGREE OF SPECULATION ALWAYS WHEN IT'S A QUESTION OF WHO MAY BE APPOINTED GOVERNOR, BUT THE IMPORTANT POINT IS THAT THE GOVERNMENT GOES ON HERE AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, IT GOES ON WITH MYSELF VERY ACTIVELY INVOLVED UNTIL THE MOMENT I GO."

"AND AS FAR AS THE GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED, OF COURSE THE GOVERNMENT GOES ON IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER THERE ARE CHANGES OF THE GOVERNOR," HE SAID.

"THE GOVERNOR, IN MY VIEW HAS TO COME FROM BRITAIN AND BE A BRITISH PERSON. THERE IS A U.K. RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF HONG KONG RIGHT UP TO 1997. I THINK IT FOLLOWS FROM THAT, THAT ONE SHOULD EXPECT THE GOVERNOR TO BE A BRITISH PERSON APPOINTED FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM," HE ADDED.

WHEN ASKED ABOUT REPORTS THAT CHINA INTENDED TO HIRE LOCAL PEOPLE, INCLUDING FORMER SENIOR CIVIL SERVANTS AS ADVISERS, SIR DAVID SAID: "OF COURSE CHINA LOOKS TO HAVE ADVICE FROM PEOPLE HERE; IT ALWAYS HAS. I THINK THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH GETTING ADVICE FROM PEOPLE IN HONG KONG."

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"MY OWN HOPE WOULD BE THAT THEY WOULD GET ADVICE FROM AS WIDE A GROUP OF PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE. I SEE NO PROBLEM WITH THAT, INCLUDING PEOPLE WHO ARE STILL IN THE TERRITORY WHO HAD BEEN FORMER CIVIL SERVANTS. THERE ARE FORMER CIVIL SERVANTS IN THE TERRITORY WHO GO ON PLAYING A VERY ACTIVE ROLE," HE SAID.

"WHAT MATTERS I THINK IS THAT IF CHINA GETS ADVICE FROM A GROUP OF PEOPLE HERE, THAT IT IS ABSOLUTELY CLEAR THAT THE ACTUAL GOVERNMENT OF HONG KONG, THE ADMINISTRATION OF HONG KONG, THAT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT; AND IT A RESPONSIBILITY OF NOBODY ELSE," HE ADDED.

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MEMBERSHIP OF ECONOMIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) ANNOUNCED THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ECONOMIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE, WHICH IS BEING SET UP TO ADVISE THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY ON STRATEGIC ISSUES CONCERNING THE ECONOMY.

CHAIRD BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, THE COMMITTEE COMPRISES SIX NON-GOVERNMENT MEMBERS AND THREE GOVERNMENT MEMBERS.

THE NON-GOVERNMENT MEMBERS ARE PROFESSOR EDWARD CHEN KWAN-YIU, DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRE OF ASIAN STUDIES, THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSUMER COUNCIL; MR VINCENT CHENG HOI-CHUEN, SENIOR MANAGER (GROUP RESEARCH), HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION; DR RAYMOND CH' IEN KUO-FUNG, GROUP MANAGING DIRECTOR, LAM SOON (HONG KONG) LTD. AND CHAIRMAN OF THE PROVISIONAL HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY CENTRE CO. LTD. AND THE HONG KONG COMMITTEE FOR PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION; MR WILLIAM FUNG KWOK-LUN, GROUP MANAGING DIRECTOR, LI & FUNG LTD. AND MEMBER, TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD; MR JOHN GREENWOOD, CHAIRMAN AND GROUP ECONOMIST, G T MANAGEMENT (ASIA) LTD.; AND DR RICHARD WONG YUE-CHIM, SENIOR LECTURER OF ECONOMICS, THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG CENTRE FOR ECONOMIC RESEARCH.

THE THREE GOVERNMENT MEMBERS ON THE COMMITTEE ARE THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MRS ANSON CHAN FANG ON-SANG; THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF THE EXCHANGE FUND, MR JOSEPH YAM CHI-KWONG; AND THE GOVERNMENT ECONOMIST, MR TANG KWONG-YIU.

THEIR TERMS OF APPOINTMENT WILL RUN UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 1993.

THE FORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE WAS FIRST MOOTED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, IN HIS ADDRESS AT THE MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HELD ON NOVEMBER 6 LAST YEAR.

COMMENTING ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMITTEE, MR MACLEOD SAID: "THE COMMITTEE WILL PROVIDE A USEFUL FORUM FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO TAP THE BRAINS OF PRIVATE SECTOR EXPERTS ON STRATEGIC ECONOMIC ISSUES RELATING TO HONG KONG."

"I WILL PUT TO THE COMMITTEE FOR DISCUSSION NOT ONLY INFLATION - WHICH IS A PROBLEM OF IMMEDIATE COMMUNITY CONCERN - BUT ALSO OTHER LONG-TERM KEY ECONOMIC ISSUES SUCH AS THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE STRUCTURAL CHANGE OF OUR ECONOMY AND HOW TO FACILITATE HIGHER GROWTH."

UNDER ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE, THE COMMITTEE WILL ADVISE THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY ON ANY MATTERS AFFECTING THE ECONOMY THAT HE MAY REFER TO IT.

THE FIRST MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE WILL TAKE PLACE ON JANUARY 30.

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NORMAL ARRANGEMENTS ON DEPORTING CRIMINALS EXTENDED TO VIETNAM
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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT FOLLOWING THE RESUMPTION OF AIR SERVICE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND VIETNAM, THE GOVERNMENT'S NORMAL POLICY OF DEPORTING CRIMINAL OFFENDERS TO THEIR OWN COUNTRIES HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO INCLUDE VIETNAM.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS NORMAL INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE FOR CRIMINALS CONVICTED OF SERIOUS OFFENCES TO BE DEPORTED TO THEIR COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN AFTER SERVING THEIR SENTENCES.

"HONG KONG'S POLICY IS TO DEPORT THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF OFFENCES PUNISHABLE WITH A TERM OF IMPRISONMENT OF TWO YEARS OR MORE," HE SAID.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS POLICY, HONG KONG DEPORTED 242 SUCH PEOPLE TO 25 COUNTRIES LAST YEAR.

"NOW THAT DIRECT FLIGHTS TO VIETNAM HAVE RESUMED AFTER A BREAK OF OVER 16 YEARS, THERE IS NO REASON WHY VIETNAM SHOULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN THESE ARRANGEMENTS," HE SAID.

THE FIRST SUCH DEPORTATION ORDER AGAINST A VIETNAMESE CRIMINAL OFFENDER WAS BEING CARRIED OUT TODAY, HE ADDED.

HE EMPHASISED THAT ONLY CRIMINAL OFFENDERS WHO HAD BEEN SCREENED OUT AS NON-REFUGEES WOULD BE DEPORTED TO VIETNAM.

"AS IS THE CASE WITH OTHER CATEGORIES OF VIETNAMESE RETURNEES, DEPORTEES WILL BE RETURNED TO VIETNAM WITH GUARANTEES OF NON-DISCRIMINATION AND NON-PROSECUTION FOR THEIR ACT OF LEAVING VIETNAM CLANDESTINELY AND WITH THE BENEFIT OF UNHCR MONITORING OF THEIR TREATMENT AFTER RETURN," HE SAID.

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TAC WORKING GROUP ON TAXI POLICY REVIEW

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A WORKING GROUP OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) WHICH HAS BEEN FORMED TO REVIEW THE GOVERNMENT'S TAXI POLICY, HELD ITS FIRST MEETING RECENTLY. A TAC SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

CHAIRIED BY PROFESSOR TENNY N. LAM, THE WORKING GROUP WILL EXAMINE THE CURRENT TAXI POLICY, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT PROBLEMS OF THE TAXI TRADE.

MAJOR AREAS TO BE REVIEWED INCLUDE TAXI LICENSING SYSTEM, TAXI FARE POLICY AND THE QUALITY OF TAXI SERVICES.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP COMPRISE MR DONALD CHIA, MR CLEMENT TAO KWOK-LAU, THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR GORDON SIU AND THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR ANDREW LEUNG.

TO ASSIST THE WORKING GROUP FORMULATE ITS RECOMMENDATIONS, PUBLIC VIEWS, INCLUDING THOSE OF TAXI TRADE, THE CONSUMER COUNCIL AND THE DISTRICT BOARDS WILL BE SOUGHT.

FINAL PROPOSALS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE TAC.

ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN THE SUBJECT ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT THEIR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TAC WORKING GROUP ON TAXI POLICY REVIEW, TRANSPORT BRANCH, SECOND FLOOR, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (EAST WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG BY FEBRUARY 29 THIS YEAR.

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PUBLIC REMINDED NOT TO BRING IN ENDANGERED SPECIES

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC VISITING CHINA AND OVERSEAS COUNTRIES DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR PERIOD ARE REMINDED NOT TO BRING BACK ANY ENDANGERED SPECIES ON THEIR RETURN TO HONG KONG.

THE SENIOR CONSERVATION OFFICER OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR M.K. CHEUNG, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY): "BOTH THE CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES AND THE DEPARTMENT HAVE STEPPED UP CONTROL MEASURES AT ALL ENTRY POINTS TO CHECK ON TRAVELLERS AND GOODS VEHICLES DURING THE HOLIDAY PERIOD.

"ANYONE WHO TRIES TO ILLEGALLY BRING IN ANY ENDANGERED SPECIES, INCLUDING LIVE AND STUFFED SPECIMENS AS WELL AS PARTS AND DERIVATIVES, WILL BE PROSECUTED."

LAST YEAR, MR CHEUNG SAID, THERE HAD BEEN 292 SEIZURES IN CONNECTION WITH ILLEGAL IMPORT AND POSSESSION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES.

THE ENDANGERED ANIMALS INVOLVED WERE MAINLY PARROTS, CORAL, BIRD-WINGED BUTTERFLY, STUFFED SEA TURTLES, CROCODILE STUFFED SPECIMENS AND THEIR MEAT, MONITOR LIZARD, PANGOLIN, OWL, BIRDS OF PREY, SLOW LORIS, GIANT SALAMANDER, WILD ORCHIDS, YELLOW TORTOISE, IVORY AND ASIATIC BONY TONGUE FISH.

IT IS AN OFFENCE UNDER THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) ORDINANCE TO IMPORT, EXPORT OR POSSESS AN ENDANGERED SPECIES WITHOUT THE PRIOR PERMISSION OF THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

"FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS MAY RESULT IN A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$25,000 ON THE FIRST OFFENCE AND \$50,000 PLUS SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT FOR A REPEATED OFFENCE," MR CHEUNG ADDED.

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WORKERS ALERTED ON DANGER OF OVERHEAD CABLES

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) URGED BUILDING CONTRACTORS AND WORKERS TO TAKE EXTRA CARE WHEN OPERATING LIFTING APPLIANCES NEAR OVERHEAD CABLES.

"IF A CRANE COMES INTO CONTACT WITH OR GETS TOO CLOSE TO A HIGH VOLTAGE POWER LINE, ITS OPERATOR WILL LIKELY BE ELECTROCUTED," CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR CHAN TAT-KING SAID.

A LORRY DRIVER WAS RECENTLY ELECTROCUTED WHEN HIS TRUCK-MOUNTED HYDRAULIC CRANE HIT AN OVERHEAD CABLE AT A CONSTRUCTION SITE IN SAI KUNG.

MR CHAN SAID SUCH ACCIDENTS COULD IN FACT HAVE BEEN PREVENTED HAD THE CONTRACTOR TAKEN THE NECESSARY SAFETY PRECAUTIONS REQUIRED UNDER THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFTY) REGULATIONS.

"A CONTRACTOR SHOULD PROVIDE ADEQUATE AND SUITABLY PLACED BARRIERS TO PREVENT LIFTING APPLIANCES GETTING TOO CLOSE TO POWER LINES," HE SAID, ADDING THAT WARNING SIGNS MAY ALSO BE PUT UP AT SUITABLE LOCATIONS ON SITE TO ALERT WORKERS ON OVERHEAD CABLES.

MR CHAN STRESSED THAT IT WAS THE DUTY OF THE CONTRACTOR UNDER THE REGULATIONS TO ENSURE THAT THE SAFETY OF HIS WORKERS WOULD NOT BE ENDANGERED BY CHARGED OVERHEAD CABLES.

"ANY CONTRACTOR BREACHING THE PROVISIONS WILL BE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$50,000," HE REMINDED.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON ELECTRICITY SAFETY AND SAFE OPERATION OF LIFTING APPLIANCES CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION ON TEL. 815 0678.

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HEAVY FINE FOR UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS
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THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE (BOO) OF THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) REITERATED THAT PROPERTY OWNERS PUTTING UP STRUCTURES WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL AND CONSENT OF THE BUILDING AUTHORITY MIGHT FACE HEFTY COURT FINES.

THE REMINDER CAME SHORTLY AFTER A RECENT COURT CASE IN WHICH AN INVESTMENT FIRM AND ITS DIRECTOR WERE FOUND GUILTY OF PUTTING UP UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS ON THE FLAT ROOF ADJOINING FLAT C ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF ON FUNG BUILDING AT 90 HEUNG WO STREET IN TSUEN WAN. THEY WERE FINED A TOTAL OF \$28,000.

THE COURT WAS TOLD THAT STAFF OF THE BOO INSPECTED THE PREMISES ON AUGUST 8 LAST YEAR AND FOUND THAT CERTAIN UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS WERE BEING CARRIED OUT ON THE FLAT ROOF OF THE BUILDING. THE UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES MEASURED ABOUT 77 SQUARE METRES AND WAS SUBDIVIDED INTO FLATS FOR LIVING PURPOSES.

THE CASE WAS BROUGHT BEFORE A TSUEN WAN MAGISTRATE ON JANUARY 15. AS A RESULT, THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE PREMISES, THE GRAND PRODUCT INVESTMENT LIMITED, WAS FINED \$20,000 WHILE A DIRECTOR OF THE FIRM WAS FINED \$8,000.

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RESUMPTION AND REPAIR WORKS AT HOP KWAN STREET
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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO RECONSTRUCT A PORTION OF HOP KWAN STREET AT TAI KOK TSUI TO ENABLE PROPER MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT AFTER RESUMPTION OF THE STREET.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THE PROJECT INCLUDED THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE CARRIAGEWAYS, FOOTWAYS AND IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO THE RELATED DRAINAGE.

AT PRESENT, THIS PRIVATE STREET IS UNDER MULTIPLE SUBDIVIDED OWNERSHIP AND IS NOT PROPERLY MAINTAINED AND MANAGED, THUS CAUSING ENVIRONMENTAL AND ACCESS PROBLEMS.

THE REPAIR WORK WILL COMMENCE IN MID NEXT YEAR AND WILL TAKE ABOUT SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS GAZETTED YESTERDAY.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES DURING OFFICE HOURS:

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- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG;
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON WEST, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND
- * MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, MONG KOK GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LUEN WAN STREET, KOWLOON.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN MARCH 24, THIS YEAR DESCRIBING HIS INTEREST AND THE MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED WORKS.

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AMENDMENT PROPOSAL TO NG CHAU TRACK IMPROVEMENT WORKS

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO AMEND NG CHAU TRACK IMPROVEMENT WORKS IN NORTH DISTRICT.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE ROADWORKS WAS GAZETTED YESTERDAY.

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT WORKS INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITIONAL SECTION TO THE NEW ROAD TO REPLACE THE OMITTED SECTION ADJACENT TO TIN HAU TEMPLE TOGETHER WITH THE ASSOCIATED FOOTPATHS.

THE PROJECT ALSO INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITIONAL CARPARKING AREA TO REPLACE THE OMITTED PARKING AREA ADJACENT TO THE TEMPLE.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME SHOWING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT CAN BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES DURING OFFICE HOURS:

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG;
- * NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, THIRD FLOOR, FANLING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 3 PIK FUNG ROAD, FANLING, NEW TERRITORIES; AND
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, NORTH, SIXTH FLOOR, FANLING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 3 PIK FUNG ROAD, FANLING, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN MARCH 24, THIS YEAR, DESCRIBING HIS INTEREST AND THE MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSAL.

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FISHERMEN URGED TO BE VIGILANT AGAINST CRIME

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FISHERMEN IN THE ABERDEEN TYPHOON SHELTER WERE TODAY (SATURDAY) URGED TO REMAIN PARTICULARLY VIGILANT IN THE RUN-UP TO AND DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR PERIOD AGAINST CRIME.

THIS APPEAL WAS MADE DURING AN ANTI-CRIME PUBLICITY DRIVE IN THE SHELTER BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (SDFCC), MR CHAN YAU-YUE.

MR CHAN SAID A TEMPORARY POLICE REPORTING CENTRE HAD RECENTLY BEEN SET UP NEAR THE ABERDEEN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON WHEN HUNDREDS OF FISHING VESSELS WOULD BE RETURNING TO THE SHELTER.

HE SAID THE CENTRE WAS THERE TO HELP FISHERMEN FIGHT CRIME.

THE CHAIRMAN ALSO TOLD MARINE RESIDENTS THAT THEY COULD ALSO REPORT CRIME BY DIALING 999 OR BY CALLING THE MARINE POLICE ON TEL. 555 4400.

THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HUI YUNG-CHUNG, AND OTHER SDFCC MEMBERS ALSO TOOK PART IN TODAY'S EXERCISE.

MR HUI ALSO DREW THE FISHERMEN'S ATTENTION TO THE CRIME PREVENTION MEASURES LISTED IN THE SDFCC'S LEAFLET ESPECIALLY PRODUCED FOR THE PUBLICITY DRIVE.

HE REMINDED THEM NOT TO KEEP VALUABLES ON THEIR VESSELS AND TO REPORT EXTORTION THREATS BY UNRULY ELEMENTS TO THE POLICE.

TOURING THE TYPHOON SHELTER ON A MOTORBOAT, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLICITY TEAM TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND FISHERMEN THAT, GIVEN THE CROWDY CONDITION IN THE SHELTER, THEY SHOULD ALSO BE ON THE ALERT AGAINST FIRE HAZARDS.

REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE MARINE POLICE (SOUTH DIVISION), MARINE DEPARTMENT AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE TOUR.

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AWARD PRESENTATION OF OYS PROJECTS

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A PROJECT: "GLOOMY SUNSET, WHO CARES" BY VOLUNTEERS OF MODERN YOUTH CLUB OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S GROUP WORK UNIT IN LEUNG KING ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE WAS TODAY (SATURDAY) SELECTED THE HONG KONG BEST OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH SCHEME (OYS) PROJECT.

THE PROJECT HAD SUCCESSFULLY SERVED MORE THAN 1,300 SENIOR CITIZENS IN TUEN MUN. A TOTAL OF 135 YOUTH GROUPS PARTICIPATED IN THE HONG KONG BEST OYS AWARD.

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SPEAKING AT THE AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR M.D. CARTLAND, SAID SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE OYS IN 1974, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAD FUNDED MORE THAN 1,600 PROJECTS.

"OVER 48,000 YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE SCHEME AND OVER TWO MILLION PEOPLE HAVE BENEFITTED FROM THE WIDE VARIETY OF SERVICE PROJECTS CONDUCTED UNDER THE SCHEME," HE SAID.

MR CARTLAND ALSO POINTED OUT THAT DURING THE PAST YEAR, A RECORD NUMBER OF 135 YOUTH GROUPS HAD BEEN GRANTED A TOTAL OF \$650,000 TO IMPLEMENT THEIR PLANNED SERVICE PROJECTS.

THE OYS ENCOURAGES YOUTH GROUPS TO DESIGN PROJECTS CONDUCIVE TO THEIR PERSONAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, AS WELL AS TO THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY.

GRANTS ARE PROVIDED THROUGH THE SCHEME TO ENABLE YOUNG PEOPLE TO IMPLEMENT PROJECTS THEY DESIGNED AND THROUGH WHICH TO DEVELOP THEIR ORGANISING ABILITIES AND LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL.

"THE RESULTS CAN BE SEEN IN THE EXHIBITION HERE TODAY," MR CARTLAND SAID.

THE PROJECTS ON DISPLAY REFLECTED YOUNG PEOPLE'S CREATIVITY, LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL, VOLUNTARY SPIRIT AND COMMUNITY CARE.

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BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR FOR SOUTHERN RESIDENTS

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SOUTHERN RESIDENTS WILL BE BRIEFED BY LEGAL AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONALS AT A SEMINAR ON MONDAY (JANUARY 27) ON HOW TO SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS IN UPKEEPING THEIR PROPERTIES.

THE "BUILDING MANAGEMENT" SEMINAR, ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, 7-11 NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN CENTRE.

FLAT OWNERS, LOCAL RESIDENTS AND MEMBERS OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS CORPORATIONS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. ADMISSION IS FREE.

A HOUSING MANAGER OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR CHAN YING-WAI, WILL SPEAK ON THE SKILLS REQUIRED FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS.

HE WILL FOCUS ON SUCH PRACTICAL TOPICS AS COLLECTION OF MANAGEMENT FEES, COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN FLAT OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AGENTS, WATCHMEN AND BUILDING REPAIRS.

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ANOTHER SPEAKER, MR WALTER CHAN, A SOLICITOR, WILL BRIEF PARTICIPANTS ON THE DRAFT 1991 MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS (OWNERS INCORPORATION) (AMENDMENT) BILL.

THERE WILL ALSO BE AN OPEN SESSION IN WHICH QUESTIONS ARE WELCOME FROM THE FLOOR.

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LUNAR NEW YEAR GATHERING FOR ELDERLY

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ABOUT 400 YAU TSIM RESIDENTS AGED 60 AND ABOVE WERE TREATED TO A LUNAR NEW YEAR GATHERING IN THE HENRY G. LEONG (YAUMATEI) COMMUNITY CENTRE THIS (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE GATHERING WAS ORGANISED BY THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD AND THE YAUMATEI (NORTH AND SOUTH) YIN NGAI SOCIETY TO CELEBRATE THE FORTHCOMING LUNAR NEW YEAR.

THE EVENT FEATURED SINGING AND DANCING PERFORMANCES AND A LUCKY DRAW.

THE SENIOR CITIZENS WERE ALSO GIVEN "LAI SEES" AND GIFTS AT THE GATHERING.

OFFICIATING AT THE PARTY WERE THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH; ASSISTANT YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS CLARA TANG, AND THE POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER, MR PETER YUEN.

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CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	24.1.92	1100*
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	25.1.92	NEUTRAL
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		NEUTRAL

* INCLUDES 500 MN O/N ASSISTANCE,
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