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JAPAN TALKS TO FOCUS ON TRADE - SIR EDWARD
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, LEFT FOR JAPAN WITH HIGH LEVEL MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG-JAPAN BUSINESS CO-OPERATION COMMITTEE TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT, SIR EDWARD SAID SINCE THE ECONOMIC SITUATION HAD BEEN CHANGING, HE WAS GOING TO JAPAN TO TALK WITH THE JAPANESE ABOUT HOW THEY SAW THINGS AND HOW WE COULD PROMOTE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO PLACES.

HE SAID TRADE MATTERS WERE VITALLY IMPORTANT FOR HONG KONG, AND JAPAN WAS A VERY IMPORTANT TRADING PARTNER OF OURS.

NOTING THAT HE WAS IN JAPAN ABOUT 18 MONTHS AGO, SIR EDWARD SAID HE WAS VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS TRIP.

SIR EDWARD WAS SEEN OFF BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND THE JAPANESE CONSULATE.

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GOVERNOR RETURNING TUESDAY
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG FROM JAPAN ON TUESDAY (MAY 27) BY FLIGHT CX 505, ETA 9.15 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITY HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE GOVERNOR'S ARRIVAL. THOSE COVERING THE EVENT SHOULD ASSEMBLE IN THE AIRPORT PRESS ROOM BY 8.25 PM.

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DB FUNDS FOR REMOVING ABANDONED SIGNBOARDS
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THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD HAS INTRODUCED A SUBSIDY SYSTEM TO HELP OWNERS' CORPORATIONS REMOVE ABANDONED AND OBSOLETE SIGNBOARDS AT THEIR BUILDINGS IN EASTERN DISTRICT.

A SURVEY CONDUCTED IN MARCH FOUND THERE WERE 59 ABANDONED AND 27 OBSOLETE SIGNBOARDS IN THE DISTRICT, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE SAID.

HE SAID THAT OWING TO LIMITED RESOURCES AND CURRENT POLICY, THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT WOULD NOT TAKE ACTION ON ABANDONED SIGNBOARDS UNLESS THEY HAD BECOME DANGEROUS.

+EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE PAST TO TRACE THE OWNERS OF THESE ABANDONED SIGNBOARDS WITH A VIEW TO PERSUADING THEM TO UNDERTAKE REMOVAL, BUT WITH LITTLE SUCCESS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

TO ENCOURAGE OWNERS' CORPORATIONS TO REMOVE THESE EYESORES, THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD HAS ALLOCATED A SUM OF MONEY THAT WILL MEET ABOUT 30 PER CENT OF REMOVAL COSTS.

OWNERS' CORPORATIONS THAT WISH TO ACT ON THE DEED OF MUTUAL COVENANT TO REMOVE THE ABANDONED OR OBSOLETE SIGNBOARDS AT THEIR BUILDINGS CAN APPLY FOR SUBSIDIES FROM THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD AT FIRST FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD, QUARRY BAY.

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VIDEO DETAILS SOUTHERN DISTRICT PROGRESS
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A VIDEO FILM ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT AND THE STRUCTURE AND OPERATION OF THE DISTRICT BOARD IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC USE.

THE 23-MINUTE DOCUMENTARY, TITLED +NEW FACES OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT+, HAS BEEN PRODUCED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD TO PROMOTE THE DISTRICT'S IMAGE AND RESIDENTS' SENSE OF BELONGING.

+IT ALSO SERVES AS A FORM OF CIVIC EDUCATION IN HELPING THE PUBLIC TO GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM,+ A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE VIDEO FOCUSES ON MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DISTRICT AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE BOARD IN TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT, SOCIAL SERVICES, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, WORKS PROJECTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT.

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THE DISTRICT'S CHARACTERISTICS AND NEW DEVELOPMENTS ARE HIGHLIGHTED THROUGH THE EYES OF AN +OLD HONG KONG+ RESIDENT WHO RETURNED TO THE TERRITORY AFTER SPENDING MANY YEARS OVERSEAS, WHILE THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARD IS TOLD BY HIS RELATIVE, A YOUNG AND ENTHUSIASTIC KAIFONG MEMBER DEDICATED TO SERVING THE COMMUNITY.

THE VIDEO ALSO INTRODUCES THE VARIOUS CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION THAT EXIST BETWEEN THE BOARD AND THE PUBLIC.

IT WILL BE SHOWN DURING VARIOUS COMMUNITY FUNCTIONS TO ENABLE PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT WALKS OF LIFE TO GET TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE DISTRICT BOARD.

VHS COPIES OF THE VIDEO ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE. LOCAL SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY CENTRES AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES ARE WELCOME TO USE THE TAPES IN THEIR CIVIC EDUCATION PROGRAMMES OR SHOW IT TO THEIR MEMBERS, THE DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ENQUIRIES ON BORROWING PROCEDURES CAN BE MADE ON 5-540271.

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SPECIAL MEETING

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THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING AT 3 PM TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED ELEVATED ACCESS ROAD AT SHIU FAI TERRACE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR OF TUNG WAH MANSION AT 201 HENNESSY ROAD.

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REPAIR WORK ON PRIVATE STREETS
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FOUR PRIVATE STREETS AND A NUMBER OF LANES IN TO KWA WAN ARE TO BE RECONSTRUCTED BY THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE.

AFFECTED ARE MING LUN, CHUNG SUN, HING YIN AND HING YAN STREETS, WHICH ARE AT PRESENT NOT PROPERLY MAINTAINED AND MANAGED BECAUSE THEY ARE UNDER MULTIPLE OWNERSHIP.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT SAID THESE STREETS WERE IN SUCH POOR CONDITION THAT THE SITUATION WAS GIVING RISE TO SERIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS.

+IT IS THEREFORE NECESSARY IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO RESUME THESE STREETS TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR PROPER MAINTENANCE AND USE,+ HE SAID.

RECONSTRUCTION WORK WILL START IN NOVEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS.

DETAILS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GAZETTE. ANYONE OBJECTING TO THE WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY JULY 22.

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CALL TO JOIN VOLUNTEERS
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THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS) TODAY CALLED ON THOSE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WHO WOULD LIKE TO DO SOMETHING MEANINGFUL FOR THE COMMUNITY TO CONSIDER JOINING THE REGIMENT BEFORE ITS RECRUITMENT EXERCISE CLOSES ON JUNE 20.

THIS YEAR, THE VOLUNTEERS ARE LOOKING FOR 120 NEW MEMBERS -- 100 MEN AND 20 WOMEN -- TO KEEP THE ESTABLISHMENT UP TO FULL STRENGTH.

NEARLY 800 APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED SINCE THE ANNUAL RECRUITMENT STARTED EARLIER THIS MONTH.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE REGIMENT SAID: +JOINING THE VOLUNTEERS IS A REWARDING EXPERIENCE. IT GIVES RECRUITS AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET AWAY FROM THE DAILY ROUTINE. THEY CAN DRILL AND CAMP IN REMOTE AREAS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, LEARN THE BASIC MILITARY SKILLS AND ENJOY COMRADESHIP.

+IT WILL HELP TO BUILD CHARACTER AND SELF-RELIANCE AND TO DEVELOP A SENSE OF CITIZENSHIP.+

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APPLICANTS SHOULD BE AGED 17-1/2 YEARS OR OVER, HAVE A SECONDARY EDUCATION AND A REASONABLE KNOWLEDGE OF SPOKEN ENGLISH.

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WILL UNDERGO A SIX-MONTH TRAINING PROGRAMME INCLUDING A NINE-DAY TRAINING CAMP ON WEAPON HANDLING, MAP READING, RADIO COMMUNICATION, FIRST AID AND DRILL.

APPLICATION FORMS AND INFORMATION LEAFLETS ARE AVAILABLE AT DISTRICT OFFICES.

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CAUSEWAY BAY FLYOVER CLOSED
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THE FLYOVER LINKING VICTORIA PARK ROAD AND GLOUCESTER ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1 AM AND 6 AM ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 28) FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF STREET LIGHT LANTERNS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES ON VICTORIA PARK ROAD HEADING FOR CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE DIVERTED TO WING HING STREET, KING'S ROAD AND CAUSEWAY ROAD.

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STREET CLOSED FOR CLEARANCE
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TO FACILITATE THE DEMOLITION OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN TAK WAH STREET, TSUEN WAN, IT WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 8 AM ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 28) UNTIL THE CLEARANCE OPERATION IS COMPLETED.

DURING THE CLOSURE, THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS STAND ON THE STREET WILL BE SUSPENDED. A TEMPORARY PLB STAND WILL BE PROVIDED IN CHUNG ON STREET SOUTH OF SHA TSUI ROAD OUTSIDE HOUSE NO. 96 TO 120.

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NO FLUSHING WATER
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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO ALL PREMISES IN CHAI WAN WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 AM TO 3 PM ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 28) TO FACILITATE MAINS WORK.

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