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LOCALISATION OF LAW ESSENTIAL, AG SAYS

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THE PROGRESSIVE LOCALISATION OF ALL LEGISLATION AT PRESENT DERIVED FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM WOULD BE ESSENTIAL, HAVING REGARD TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES MENTIONED IN THE JOINT DECLARATION, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR MICHAEL THOMAS, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

+THIS WILL RESULT IN HONG KONG'S LAWS BEING SELF-STANDING AND WHOLLY INDEPENDENT OF UNITED KINGDOM LEGISLATION BY THE TIME THE TRANSFER OF SOVEREIGNTY TAKES PLACE.

+IN THAT WAY THE HONG KONG SAR (SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION) CAN EXPECT TO INHERIT THE LAWS PRESENTLY IN FORCE IN HONG KONG IN A FORM THAT WILL NOT CONTRAVENE THE BASIC LAW,+ MR THOMAS SAID.

THE LAWS CONCERNING MERCHANT SHIPPING WERE A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THIS, HE SAID. THE MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT OF 1894, THE LONGEST ACT ON THE UNITED KINGDOM STATUTE BOOK, WITH ITS SERIES OF SUPPLEMENTARY ACTS AND AMENDING ACTS, IS AT PRESENT APPLICABLE TO SHIPS REGISTERED IN HONG KONG.

AS HONG KONG DID NOT HAVE ITS OWN SHIPPING REGISTER, IT WAS TREATED AS A PORT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, HE SAID.

A PROVISION IN ANNEX 1 OF THE JOINT DECLARATION, COUPLED WITH THE GENERAL PROVISION FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE LAWS IN FORCE BEYOND 1997, MADE IT NECESSARY FOR HONG KONG TO PRODUCE ITS OWN SHIPPING LEGISLATION AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE, HE SAID.

OTHER EXAMPLES OF AREAS IN WHICH HONG KONG HAD TO LOCALISE ITS OWN LAWS AND CEASE TO RELY ON UNITED KINGDOM LEGISLATION WERE TO BE FOUND IN THE FIELDS OF CIVIL AVIATION, PATENTS AND COPYRIGHT.

MR THOMAS WAS SPEAKING THIS AFTERNOON ON THE SUBJECT +LEGAL REFORM IN HONG KONG PRIOR TO 1997+ AT THE ANNIVERSARY CEREMONY OF MEETING POINT.

HE HAD NO DOUBT THAT A FURTHER SERIES OF REFORM WOULD BE REQUIRED WHEN THE BASIC LAW WAS PUBLISHED, AND FORESAW THE NEED TO REMOVE FROM THE LAWS BY 1997 REFERENCES TO +COLONY+, OR +THE CROWN+, OR +THE SECRETARY OF STATE+, AMONG SOME OF THE OBVIOUS EXAMPLES HE HAD IN MIND.

OFFENCES SUCH AS TREASON, WHICH REFLECTED THE BRITISH CONCEPT OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE SOVEREIGN, MIGHT NEED TO BE CONSIDERED. AGAIN DEPENDING ON THE BASIC LAW, REFERENCES TO POSTAGE STAMPS AND COATS OF ARMS WOULD ALSO NEED SOME AMENDMENT.

+IN RELATION TO LAND, THE POSITION OF THE CROWN AS THE PROPRIETOR OF ALL CROWN LAND WILL HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED. OATHS AND DECLARATIONS PROVIDED UNDER THE LAW MAY ALSO NEED TO BE CHANGED TO REFLECT THE NEW POLITICAL ARRANGEMENTS,+ MR THOMAS SAID.

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A FURTHER TOPIC IMPLICIT IN THE JOINT DECLARATION WAS THE STRUCTURE OF HONG KONG COURTS, HE SAID.

REFERRING TO THE PROVISION IN THE JOINT DECLARATION THAT THE POWER OF FINAL JUDGEMENT WOULD BE VESTED IN THE COURT OF FINAL APPEAL IN THE HONG KONG SAR, HE SAID IT IMPLIED AN END TO THE RIGHT OF APPEAL TO THE PRIVY COUNCIL IN LONDON.

+THE POWERS OF THE HONG KONG COURTS WILL NO DOUBT BE DEALT WITH IN THE BASIC LAW. IT FOLLOWS THEREFORE THAT CHANGES MUST BE MADE TO THE LAWS OF HONG KONG IN ORDER TO CONSTITUTE A FINAL COURT OF APPEAL IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT BOTH WITH THE JOINT DECLARATION AND THE BASIC LAW,+ MR THOMAS SAID.

HE AGREED WITH THE CHIEF JUSTICE AND OTHERS THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO ESTABLISH THIS COURT OF APPEAL WELL BEFORE 1997 IN ORDER TO ENSURE A SMOOTH TRANSITION.

+IT WOULD BE MUCH TO THE ADVANTAGE OF HONG KONG IF ITS JURISPRUDENCE COULD BE ESTABLISHED WELL BEFORE 1997 SO THAT THE AUTHORITY OF ITS JUDGEMENTS CAN BE APPRECIATED, ESPECIALLY BY IMPORTANT FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS INTERESTS BOTH HERE AND ABROAD,+ MR THOMAS SAID.

ANOTHER TASK WAS THE DESIRABILITY THAT LEGISLATION IN HONG KONG BE PRODUCED NOT ONLY IN ENGLISH BUT ALSO IN CHINESE.

HE WAS CONVINCED THAT IN THE NEW POLITICAL SITUATION WHERE HONG KONG WOULD BECOME A PART OF CHINA, IT WOULD BECOME A POLITICAL NECESSITY FOR HONG KONG'S LAWS TO BE INTELLIGIBLE TO THOSE UNABLE TO READ ENGLISH AND THAT IT WAS IMPERATIVE TO PROMOTE THE USE OF CHINESE IN HONG KONG LEGISLATION.

THE GOVERNMENT HAD, THEREFORE, DECIDED THAT ALL EXISTING ORDINANCES SHOULD BE TRANSLATED INTO CHINESE WITHIN THE NEXT SEVEN TO TEN YEARS -- A DIFFICULT AND LENGTHY TASK.

IN ADDITION, MR THOMAS SAID, ALL NEW ORDINANCES WOULD FROM NOW ON BE DRAFTED IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE.

+IT IS INTENDED THAT BOTH VERSIONS BE EQUALLY AUTHENTIC. A VERY HIGH STANDARD OF LEGAL DRAFTSMANSHIP WILL BE REQUIRED IF THE TWO LANGUAGES ARE TO CONVEY IDENTICAL OR NEAR IDENTICAL MEANING,+ HE SAID.

SPEAKING OF THE WORK CONNECTED WITH THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP, MR THOMAS SAID ONE OF ITS EARLY TASKS WAS TO IDENTIFY WHAT ACTION NEEDED TO BE TAKEN BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS TO ENABLE HONG KONG TO MAINTAIN ITS ECONOMIC RELATIONS AS A SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY AFTER 1997.

IN PARTICULAR WAS THE NEED TO ENSURE THE MAINTENANCE OF ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE, THE MULTIFIBRE ARRANGEMENT AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.

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IT ALSO HAD THE TASK OF CONSIDERING THE ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS TO ENSURE THE CONTINUED APPLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS AFFECTING HONG KONG.

THERE WERE 313 MULTILATERAL TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS AND 217 BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WHICH APPLIED TO HONG KONG.

WORK WOULD HAVE TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP TO EXAMINE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THE AGREEMENTS TO DECIDE HOW BEST ITS VALUE COULD BE PRESERVED AFTER CHANGE OF SOVEREIGNTY IN 1997, HE SAID.

ELABORATING, MR THOMAS SAID: +EACH WILL HAVE TO BE EXAMINED TO SEE WHETHER THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR IT TO APPLY TO AN SAR OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC. THE WORK WILL INVOLVE CONSULTATION WITH THE OTHER COUNTRIES WHO PARTICIPATE IN THOSE AGREEMENTS SINCE THEY MAY WISH TO VARY THEIR TERMS TO ENSURE THAT THEIR APPLICATION TO HONG KONG IS NOT AFFECTED BY THE CHANGE OF SOVEREIGNTY.+

THERE HAD ALREADY BEEN MUCH PRELIMINARY WORK DONE IN HIS CHAMBERS TO GATHER TOGETHER THE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS AND TO REVIEW THEM, AND HE EXPECTED THIS WORK TO CONTINUE TO ASSIST THE MEMBERS OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP IN CARRYING OUT THEIR TASKS.

+THERE IS NO DISPUTE BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ABOUT THE GENERAL OBJECTIVE, FOR IT IS PROVIDED THAT THE HONG KONG SAR CAN MAINTAIN AND DEVELOP ITS RELATIONS AND CONCLUDE AND IMPLEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH STATES, REGIONS AND RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS IN THE APPROPRIATE FIELDS, INCLUDING THE ECONOMIC, TRADE, FINANCIAL AND MONETARY, SHIPPING, COMMUNICATIONS, TOURISM, CULTURAL AND SPORTING FIELDS,+ HE SAID.

MENTIONING THAT THERE WAS AN INSUFFICIENT NUMBER OF HONG KONG CHINESE LAWYERS IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE, HE SAID THAT THE PROBLEM WAS ONE OF RETENTION.

MANY HONG KONG GOVERNMENT CIVIL SERVANTS WERE AWARDED LEGAL SCHOLARSHIPS WHICH ENABLED THEM TO BECOME TRAINED AS LAWYERS AT THE EXPENSE OF GOVERNMENT, HE SAID.

+THEY COME TO US FOR THEIR INITIAL TRAINING, BUT, ALL TOO OFTEN, THEY LEAVE US WITHIN A SHORT TIME IN SEARCH OF THE Lusher PASTURES IN PRIVATE PRACTICE,+ MR THOMAS ADDED.

WHILE COMPETITION WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR COULD NOT BE ELIMINATED, HE WAS HOPEFUL THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD, IN FUTURE, BE ABLE TO ATTRACT MORE HONG KONG CHINESE LAWYERS TO SERVE BOTH HIS CHAMBERS AND WITH THE JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT GENERALLY, MR THOMAS SAID.

THE TASK, MR THOMAS SAID, HAD TO BE TO PRESERVE THE BEST FEATURES OF THE LEGAL SYSTEM.

+IF WE DO THAT, I AM SURE HONG KONG WILL CONTINUE TO ENJOY AFTER 1997 ALL THOSE ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL ADVANTAGES TO WHICH BRITAIN AND CHINA HAVE ATTACHED SO MUCH IMPORTANCE IN THE JOINT DECLARATION,+ MR THOMAS SAID.

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VESSELS CARRYING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FACE SEIZURE

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THE OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF VESSELS USED TO SMUGGLE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS INTO HONG KONG ARE TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED OF THE SEVERE PUNISHMENT PUT IN FRONT OF THEM.

THE NOTE OF WARNING WAS SOUNDED BY THE CHIEF IMMIGRATION OFFICER (PROSECUTIONS AND DEPORTATIONS) OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT'S INVESTIGATION DIVISION, MR MAK KWAI-YUN, AFTER CERTAIN ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT PROVISIONS OF THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE WERE RECENTLY EXTENDED FOR 12 MONTHS UNTIL THE END OF THIS YEAR.

UNDER THE PROVISIONS, THE OFFENDERS ARE LIABLE TO CONVICTION OF A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5 MILLION AND LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

MR MAK SAID A TOTAL OF 22 VESSEL OWNERS OR OPERATORS HAD BEEN PROSECUTED FOR CARRYING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS OR ARRANGING THEIR ENTRY INTO HONG KONG DURING THE LAST TWO YEARS AND ALL OF THEM ARE NOW SERVING JAIL SENTENCE RANGING FROM TWO YEARS TO FIVE-AND-A-HALF YEARS.

+NOT ONLY ARE PEOPLE FINED AND JAILED, THE VESSELS USED IN SUCH CRIMES MAY ALSO BE FORFEITED IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER THEIR OWNERS OR OPERATORS WERE CONVICTED,+ HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT SINCE 1979, A TOTAL OF 102 VESSELS INCLUDING JUNKS, SPEED BOATS AND SAMPANS HAD BEEN SEIZED OF WHICH 83 WERE FORFEITED TO THE CROWN.

MR MAK ALSO REMINDED THAT ARRANGING ANY PERSON INTO HONG KONG EVEN FOR A SHORT STAY AND WHETHER OR NOT FOR PECUNIARY ADVANTAGES, IS A CRIMINAL OFFENCE.

CITING AN EXAMPLE HE SAID A FISH-FARM OPERATOR IN LAU FAU SHAN WAS RECENTLY SENTENCED TO 6 MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT AND FINED \$5 000 FOR BRINGING IN A GIRL FROM CHINA TO WORK FOR HIM FOR A FEW DAYS.

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WOMEN BORN 1943-46 TO GET NEW I.D. CARD

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WOMEN BORN BETWEEN 1943 AND 1946 WILL BE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR THE NEW I.D. CARD BETWEEN TOMORROW (MONDAY) AND FEBRUARY 7.

THIS IS THE FIRST PHASE OF AN EIGHT-STAGE REPLACEMENT I.D. CARD CYCLE FOR WOMEN WHICH WILL CONTINUE FOR ABOUT NINE MONTHS.

IT FOLLOWS CLOSELY THE SECOND MALE CYCLE WHICH ENDED YESTERDAY (SATURDAY).

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AN IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UNDER THE SECOND MALE CYCLE ABOUT 947 000 MEN BORN IN OR BEFORE 1947 HAVE OBTAINED THEIR NEW I.D. CARDS. THE FIGURE COMES VERY CLOSE TO THE CENSUS ESTIMATED POPULATION IN THIS AGE GROUP.

+HOWEVER, ANYONE IN THAT AGE GROUP WHO IS STILL HOLDING AN OLD I.D. CARD SHOULD APPLY IMMEDIATELY AS THEIR OLD CARDS WILL SOON BE DECLARED INVALID,+ HE SAID.

ANYONE FOUND IN POSSESSION OF AN INVALID I.D. CARD WILL BE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION.

AS TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN AWAY FROM HONG KONG AND MISSED THEIR TURN SHOULD APPLY FOR A NEW I.D. CARD WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THEIR RETURN.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF APPLICANTS IS EXPECTED FOR THE FIRST PHASE OF THE SECOND FEMALE CYCLE, WHICH STARTS TOMORROW.

THEY ARE WELCOMED TO MAKE USE OF THE PHONE-IN SERVICE WHICH WILL CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE CURRENT FEMALE CYCLE.

APPLICANTS MAY TELEPHONE THE OFFICE OF THEIR CHOICE BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY, AND BETWEEN 9 AM AND NOON ON SATURDAY TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPOINTMENT.

THE OFFICES ARE OPEN DAILY FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 AM EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS. THEIR ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR BOOKING APPOINTMENTS ARE:

HONG KONG	: BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WANCHAI	5-747070
EAST KOWLOON:	AMOY GARDEN PLAZA, SECOND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD.	3-7553679
WEST KOWLOON:	CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR, 393 CANTON ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.	3-7232442
TSUEN WAN	: EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR 29-37 TSUEN FU STREET.	0-4981259
SHATIN	: SHATIN CENTRE, PODIUM FLOOR, 2-16 WANG POK STREET.	0-6059108
YUEN LONG	: HOP YICK CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK ROAD.	0-793291
TUEN MUN	: CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, CHI LOK FA YUEN.	0-862562
SHEUNG SHUI	: TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR, 82-84 SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI.	0-927155

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APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO BRING ALONG THEIR OLD I.D. CARDS WHEN THEY CALL AT ANY OF THE EIGHT ISSUE OFFICES.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THOSE WHO WANT TO ALTER THEIR LAST NAMES WHEN THEY APPLY FOR NEW CARDS AS A RESULT OF A CHANGE IN MARITAL STATUS SHOULD BRING ALONG RELEVANT DOCUMENTS SUCH AS MARRIAGE OR DIVORCE CERTIFICATES TO SUPPORT THEIR CASES.

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RESIDENTS' SUPPORT SOUGHT  
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ACTIVE SUPPORT FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS WAS IMPORTANT FOR THE SUCCESS OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES, MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS BRENDA FUNG, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE CIVIC EDUCATION FUN DAY PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY, SHE SAID: +THE SUCCESS OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT 'CIVIC EDUCATION 30' EXEMPLIFIES THIS GOOD COOPERATION BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND THE GOVERNMENT.

+THE CAMPAIGN HAD HELPED RESIDENTS GAIN A MUCH BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR CIVIC RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, AND THEY SHOULD EXERCISE THEIR RIGHTS WHEN OPPORTUNITY ARISES.+

SHE URGED ALL REGISTERED VOTERS TO VOTE IN THE URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS ON MARCH 6.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CAMPAIGN CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR LAU TAK-KEI, SAID THE DISTRICT BOARD WOULD CONTINUE TO ORGANISE AND SUPPORT MEANINGFUL ACTIVITIES FOR RESIDENTS.

BEFORE THE CEREMONY, A FUN DAY FEATURING GAMES AND MATCHES WAS HELD TO PUBLICISE CAMPAIGN MESSAGES.

TWELVE TEAMS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, AND THE DISTRICT BOARD TOOK PART IN THE COMPETITIONS AT THE ANCHOR STREET PLAYGROUND.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WERE AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR CHAN CHAI-KEUNG, AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI.

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APPLICATIONS SOUGHT FOR DB FUNDS

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COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS IN SHAM SHUI PO CAN NOW APPLY FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS TO CARRY OUT COMMUNITY PROJECTS BEFORE THE END OF THIS FINANCIAL YEAR ON MARCH 31.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE AT A MEETING TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 31.

A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ABOUT \$190 000 OF DB FUNDS FOR 1985-86 WERE STILL UNCOMMITTED AND AVAILABLE AS GRANTS OR SUBVENTIONS TO IMPLEMENT VARIOUS COMMUNITY PROJECTS.

+ALL BONA-FIDE LOCAL BODIES, INCLUDING AREA COMMITTEES, KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS' CORPORATIONS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND OTHER COMMUNITY GROUPS ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY,+ HE SAID.

THE PROJECTS MUST BE DISTRICT-BASED AND NON-PROFIT-MAKING, BUT THERE ARE NO HARD AND FAST RULES ON THEIR SIZE AND NATURE, HE ADDED.

+IN GENERAL, THE DISTRICT BOARD WELCOMES AND SUPPORTS ACTIVITIES WHICH CAN BRING PEOPLE FROM WALKS OF LIFE TOGETHER, INSTIL A SENSE OF BELONGING AND PROMOTE HARMONY AMONGST RESIDENTS,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

PROJECTS THAT HAVE RECEIVED SPONSORSHIP UNDER DB FUNDS RANGED FROM SEMINARS AND SURVEYS ON PUBLIC ISSUES, EDUCATIONAL TALKS AND CAMPAIGNS- TO VARIETY SHOWS AND TRAINING CLASSES ON HANDICRAFT AND PAINTINGS.

APPLICATION FORMS AND DETAILS OF APPLICATION PROCEDURES ARE OBTAINABLE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND SUB-OFFICES. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-7204251 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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CLOSURE OF KWONG FUK ROAD SECTION PROPOSED

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GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO CLOSE PART OF KWONG FUK ROAD IN TAI PO TO MAKE WAY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TAI WO ESTATE.

THE 145 METRES LONG SECTION LIES WITHIN THE ESTATE BOUNDARY.

IT IS ALSO PROPOSED TO ALTER PART OF THE ROAD TO ALLOW VEHICLES TO REVERSE DIRECTION OF TRAVEL.

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DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED WORKS HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GAZETTE UNDER THE ROADS (WORKS, USE AND COMPENSATION) ORDINANCE.

A NOTICE IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE HAS ALSO BEEN POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME CAN BE SEEN AT CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, TAI PO AND TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, TAI PO MARKET, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANYONE WISHING TO OBJECT SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS AT MURRAY BUILDING, 20TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE MARCH 11.

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BRIDGE PROPOSED OVER TSUEN WAN ROAD  
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THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO BUILD A BRIDGE OVER TSUEN WAN ROAD IN KWAI CHUNG AND A NUMBER OF ROADS CONNECTED TO IT.

THE ROAD SYSTEM WILL FORM A NEW LINK BETWEEN KWAI FUK ROAD AND AREA 26C, IMPROVING ACCESS TO DEVELOPMENTS IN THESE AREAS, INCLUDING INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS, COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND A FUTURE CONTAINER FREIGHT STATION.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSAL HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GAZETTE.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME CAN BE INSPECTED AT CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY; TSUEN WAN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN; KWAI CHUNG SUB-DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG; AND TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, TSING YI SUB-OFFICE, 113 CHING WAI HOUSE, CHEUNG CHING ESTATE, TSING YI.

WRITTEN OBJECTIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY MARCH 11.

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PROJECTS TO MAKE KWUN TONG GREENER PLANNED  
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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL SOON LAUNCH THREE PROJECTS TO PUT MORE GREENERY INTO THE PREDOMINANTLY INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT.

COSTING ABOUT \$200 000, THE PROJECTS INCLUDE PLANTING TREES IN THE KAI FUK TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA AND ALONG KWUN TONG ROAD, AND BUILDING A REST GARDEN IN SHUN LEE.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (EIC), MR LAM LEUNG-KI, SAID: +DURING A VISIT TO THE THA LAST MONTH, WE FOUND THAT THE AREA, WITH A POPULATION OF 7 000, WAS IN NEED OF AMENITIES.

+THEREFORE, THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO INSTALL 100 HEXAGON CONCRETE FLOWER-POTS IN THE LANES BETWEEN HOUSING BLOCKS, AND PLANT TREES AND FLOWERS TO BEAUTIFY THE ENVIRONMENT.+

THE PROJECT WAS PROPOSED BY THE KWUN TONG INDUSTRIAL AREA COMMITTEE IN RESPONSE TO THE EIC'S RECENT APPEAL FOR MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS.

ANOTHER BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT ENDORSED BY THE COMMITTEE WAS TO INSTALL 26 POTS OF FLOWERS AND PLANTS ALONG THE CENTRAL DIVIDER ON KWUN TONG ROAD BETWEEN THE NGAU TAU KOK MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATION AND THE KWUN TONG TERMINUS, MR LAM SAID.

TURNING TO SHUN LEE, MR LAM SAID THE PIECE OF A HILLSLOPE BOUNDED BY NEW CLEARWATER BAY ROAD AND LEE ON ROAD, ALREADY FREQUENTED BY MORNING WALKERS, WOULD BE DEVELOPED INTO A PROPER RECREATIONAL AREA IN TWO PHASES.

UNDER PHASE I, A REST GARDEN WITH ARBOURS, BENCHES, RESURFACED PATHS, AND HORTICULTURAL AMENITIES, WOULD BE BUILT AT THE LOWER LEVEL OF THE SLOPE, HE SAID.

THE PROJECT WAS PROPOSED BY THE SHUN LEE AREA COMMITTEE.

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MORE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT REQUIRED IN 'GREENING' HK  
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THE URBAN COUNCIL IS EXPLORING MORE WAYS OF GETTING THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE INVOLVED IN THE +GREENING+ OF HONG KONG, URBAN COUNCIL CHAIRMAN MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN SAID THIS AFTERNOON AFTER VISITING THE BRAEMAR HILL NURSERY IN NORTH POINT.

MR CHEONG-LEEN SAID: +OVER THE YEARS THE COUNCIL HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN TRANSFORMING HONG KONG FROM THE BARE TO THE BEAUTIFUL. AS A RESULT, A GROWING NUMBER OF OASES OF GREENERY CAN BE SEEN DOTTED AMONG THE HIGH RISES IN OUR DENSELY-POPULATED URBAN AREAS.+

HE SAID THAT LAST YEAR THE COUNCIL'S 11 NURSERIES PRODUCED ABOUT 969 000 TREES, SHRUBS, CLIMBING PLANTS, GROUND COVER PLANTS AND SEASONAL FLOWERS, AN INCREASE OF 52 PER CENT OVER THE 1982 OUTPUT.

+THE TARGET PRODUCTION THIS YEAR IS ABOUT ONE MILLION, WHICH WILL FURTHER ENHANCE HONG KONG'S GREEN LOOK,+ SAID MR CHEONG-LEEN.

HOWEVER, HE SAID, THE COUNCIL ALSO WISHED TO INVOLVE THE MAN IN THE STREET IN ITS 'GREENING' ACTIVITIES SO THAT THE PUBLIC WOULD BECOME MORE AWARE OF THE PLEASANT BALANCE NATURE COULD PROVIDE IN OUR HIGH-RISE ENVIRONMENT.

FOR THIS REASON, THE COUNCIL WAS ORGANISING VARIOUS FUNCTIONS SUCH AS THE ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW, TREE-PLANTING PROGRAMMES AND NURSERY OPEN DAYS TO STIMULATE MORE PUBLIC INTEREST IN HORTICULTURE.

NEXT SUNDAY (JANUARY 19) THE HO MAN TIN NURSERY IN KOWLOON, WHICH SPECIALISES IN SHRUBS AND TREES, WILL BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC FROM 9 A.M. TO NOON, AND 1 P.M. TO 4 P.M.

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#### CHINESE-STYLE GARDEN FOR FANLING \* \* \* \* \*

A CHINESE-STYLE GARDEN IS TO BE BUILT ON A 1.53-HECTARE SITE AT WONG KONG SHAN NEAR CHEUNG WAH ESTATE, FANLING.

FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE PAVILIONS, AN ORNAMENTAL POND, ROCK GARDENS, A CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA, SITTING AREAS AND TOILETS.

WORK IS DUE TO START IN MARCH AND TAKE ABOUT NINE MONTHS.

THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT BY JANUARY 31.

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#### FIGHT CRIME BUS TO START TOUR OF ESTATES \* \* \* \* \*

A POLICE CRIME PREVENTION BUS WILL VISIT FIVE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO DEMONSTRATE USEFUL FACILITIES TO IMPROVE HOUSEHOLD SECURITY.

THE PROGRAMME IS PART OF THE DISTRICT'S MONTH-LONG FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE WESTERN POLICE DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS.

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THE BUS WILL BE PARKED FROM 11 AM TO 6 PM NEAR THE NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE OFFICE IN WONG CHUK HANG ESTATE TOMORROW (MONDAY), IN WAH HONG SQUARE OF WAH FU ESTATE ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 14), NEAR BLOCK ONE OF SHEK PAI WAN ESTATE ON WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 15), IN THE OPEN SPACE OF AP LEI CHAU ESTATE ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 16), AND NEAR BLOCK 13 OF TIN WAN ESTATE ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 17).

POLICE OFFICERS FROM THE CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU WILL BE ON HAND TO EXPLAIN THE USE OF SIMPLE AND PRACTICAL FACILITIES, WHICH CAN BE APPLIED IN RESIDENTIAL UNITS AND SHOPS.

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URBCO TO HOLD ANNUAL CONVENTIONAL DEBATE  
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THE URBAN COUNCIL WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL CONVENTIONAL DEBATE OVER TWO DAYS THIS WEEK AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER IN EDINBURGH PLACE.

THE TWO MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 14) AND THURSDAY (JANUARY 16).

ON TUESDAY, THE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, WILL MOVE A MOTION TO ENDORSE THE COUNCIL'S STATEMENT OF AIMS FOR THIS YEAR. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A DEBATE DURING WHICH 13 COUNCILLORS WILL SPEAK ON THE MOTION.

THE MEETING WILL THEN BE ADJOURNED TO THURSDAY WHEN 16 MORE COUNCILLORS WILL SPEAK.

SPEAKING ON TUESDAY WILL BE MR CHEONG-LEEN, THE VICE-CHAIRMAN, MR H.M.G. FORSGATE, MR B.A. BERNACCHI, MRS ELSIE TU, MR PETER C.K. CHAN, MISS CECILIA L.Y. YEUNG, MR EDMUND W.H. CHOW, DR KIM CHAM, MESSRS STEPHEN M.L. LAU AND HOWARD H.W. YOUNG, MISS MARIA W.C. TAM, MR AUGUSTINE S.K. CHUNG AND DR PHILIP C.K. KWOK.

SPEAKING ON THURSDAY WILL BE MESSRS WALTER SULKE, L.H. KWAN, JOSEPH Y.S. CHAN, PAO PING-WING, LAM CHAK-PIU, FREDERICK K.K. FUNG AND LEE CHIK-YUET, MRS NELLIE FONG, MESSRS TONG KAM-BIU AND SAMUEL P.W. WONG, DR RONALD D.B. LEUNG, MRS MARGARET LI AND MESSRS LO KING-MAN, FAN KAM-PING, MARVIN CHEUNG KIN-TUNG AND LAWRENCE H.L. FUNG.

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FIFTH LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR IN KWUN TONG

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FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF RESIDENTS IN THE URBAN AREA, THE URBAN COUNCIL THIS YEAR IS STAGING A FIFTH LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR AT THE KWUN TONG RECREATION GROUND.

THERE WILL BE 68 SITES FOR WET GOODS AND 34 SITES FOR DRY GOODS AT THE NEW SITE, WHICH IS BOUNDED BY LEI YUE MUN ROAD, JUNK BAY ROAD, KAI LIM ROAD AND TSUI PING ROAD.

+THE RECREATION GROUND IS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED NEAR SEVERAL PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND VERY HANDY TO THE BUS TERMINUS AND MTR STATION,+ SAID A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN TODAY.

+WE EXPECT THIS LATEST FAIR SITE TO BE POPULAR WITH KWUN TONG RESIDENTS.+

THE OTHER FOUR LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR SITES THIS YEAR ARE AT VICTORIA PARK, KOWLOON PARK, FA HUI PARK AND KAI TAK EAST PLAYGROUND. ALL WILL OPERATE FROM JANUARY 31 TO FEBRUARY 9.

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TENDERS FOR REFRESHMENT SALE AT SPORTS GROUND

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THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SALE OF LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AT THE SAI KUNG TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND.

THE SPORTS GROUND, OCCUPYING 2.4 HECTARES IN THE TOWN CENTRE, IS A MAJOR MULTI-PURPOSE RECREATION AND SPORTS VENUE FOR SAI KUNG RESIDENTS.

FACILITIES INCLUDE A STANDARD-SIZED TURFED SOCCER PITCH, A BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL COURT, AN ALL-WEATHER 400-METRE RUNNING TRACK AND EQUIPMENT FOR TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS.

THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE GRANTED A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT COMMENCING MARCH 1.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE RSD'S SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE PUT IN THE TENDER BOX AT THE RSD HEADQUARTERS, THIRD FLOOR, SWIRE AND MACLAINE HOUSE (AUSTIN CENTRE), 19-23 AUSTIN AVENUE, TSIM SHA TSUI, BEFORE 9 AM ON FEBRUARY 7.

ENQUIRERS MAY TELEPHONE 3-2813635 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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SCREEN PRINTING COURSES FOR TEACHERS

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD 14 ONE-DAY COURSES ON SIMPLE SCREEN PRINTING TECHNIQUES FOR KINDERGARTEN, PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS STARTING JANUARY 31.

THE COURSES ARE AIMED AT ACQUAINTING TEACHERS WITH VARIOUS TECHNIQUES OF SCREEN PRINTING AND EACH COURSE WILL CONSIST OF A TALK AND A WORKSHOP.

ORGANISED BY THE VISUAL EDUCATION SECTION OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, THE COURSES WILL BE HELD AT THE MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES UNIT AT 182 CANTON ROAD, FIRST FLOOR, TSIM SHA TSUI.

THE COURSES WILL ACCOMMODATE 168 TEACHERS AND ACCEPTANCE WILL BE ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

SCHOOL HEADS WISHING TO NOMINATE THEIR TEACHERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COURSE SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS TO THE SENIOR INSPECTOR, VISUAL EDUCATION SECTION, ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, 3RD FLOOR, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, BEFORE NEXT SATURDAY (JANUARY 18).

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LUNAR SCROLL, CALLIGRAPHY CONTEST ORGANISED

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KOWLOON CITY RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN A LUNAR NEW YEAR SCROLL WRITING AND CALLIGRAPHY COMPETITION JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE KOWLOON CITY AND SAI TAU AREA COMMITTEE.

THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO THREE SECTIONS -- PRIMARY STUDENTS, SECONDARY STUDENTS AND OPEN -- AND IS RESTRICTED TO 100 PARTICIPANTS FOR EACH SECTION.

A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THE AIM OF THE COMPETITION WAS TO PROMOTE CHINESE CULTURE AND PEOPLE'S INTEREST IN CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY.

THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS JANUARY 26 AND ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE IN KAU PUI LUNG ROAD AND THE LOK SIN TONG PRIMARY SCHOOL IN LUNG KONG ROAD.

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TAI KOK TSUI TAPS OFF  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TAI KOK TSUI WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 15) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY BOUNDARY STREET, TAI KOK TSUI ROAD, TONG MEI ROAD AND WONG TAI STREET, INCLUDING LARCH STREET, IVY STREET, CHERRY STREET, HOI KING STREET AND WAI ON STREET.

ALSO AFFECTED ARE CHUN WING STREET, FOO KWAI STREET, POK MAN STREET, KA SHIN STREET, FUK CHAK STREET, LI TAK STREET, KOK CHEUNG STREET, TAI CHING STREET, TAI TSUN STREET, CHUNG WUI STREET, HOP KWAN STREET AND LOK KWEN STREET.

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