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PUBLIC URGED TO TAKE INITIATIVE IN COMBATING TRIADS  
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A MORE AGGRESSIVE APPROACH IS BEING ADOPTED FOR THIS YEAR'S FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN AS THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG ARE URGED TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO FIGHT AGAINST TRIADS.

NOT ONLY ARE THE GENERAL PUBLIC ADVISED TO KEEP AWAY FROM TRIAD MEMBERS, THEY ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO REPORT ANY TRIAD ACTIVITIES THEY COME ACROSS.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY AND CHAIRMAN OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID THIS TODAY (WEDNESDAY) AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO LAUNCH THE 1988/89 FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN.

SIR DAVID SAID THE THREE THEMES FOR THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN WERE ANTI-TRIAD, ANTI-SHOPTHEFT AND HOME SECURITY.

"SINCE THE GOVERNMENT EMBARKED ON ITS FIRST ANTI-TRIAD PUBLICITY DRIVE LAST YEAR, THE PUBLIC HAS CLEARLY BECOME MORE AWARE OF THE TRIAD MENACE," SIR DAVID SAID.

HE SAID THE MESSAGE OF THE CAMPAIGN WAS "REPORT TRIAD ACTIVITIES", TARGETTING AT BOTH YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR PARENTS, TO URGE THEM TO TAKE INITIATIVE TO REPORT TRIAD ACTIVITIES.

FULL USE OF THE MEDIA WILL BE MADE TO DISSEMINATE ANTI-TRIAD MESSAGES, AND THE CAMPAIGN WILL CONTINUE TO EXPOSE TRIAD METHODS AND THEIR CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES IN ORDER TO STRIP AWAY THE FALSE GLAMOUR THAT SURROUNDS THEM.

"THIS, WE HOPE, WILL BUILD UP A GROWING SENSE OF RESENTMENT AND REJECTION OF TRIADS IN OUR COMMUNITY," SIR DAVID SAID.

ANOTHER AREA OF CONCERN IN THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN IS SHOPTHEFT, A CRIME WHICH HAS BEEN ON THE INCREASE IN THE PAST FEW YEARS.

QUOTING STATISTICS, SIR DAVID SAID IN THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, THERE HAD BEEN 4,122 REPORTED CASES OF SHOPTHEFT, WHICH WAS BETTER THAN THE NUMBER OF 4,463 IN THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

"WE BELIEVE OUR PUBLICITY IS HAVING A REAL IMPACT. BUT THE PROBLEM IS STILL WORRYING.

"OUR MAIN THEME IS TO STRESS THAT SHOPTHEFT IS NOT A GAME, THAT IT IS A CRIME AND IT CAN HAVE DEVASTATING RESULTS ON THE FUTURE OF THE OFFENDERS," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THAT ONE OF THE CAMPAIGN'S HIGHLIGHTS WOULD BE AN ANTI-SHOPTHEFT DAY IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR WHEN MEMBERS OF THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL AND YOUTH ORGANISATIONS WOULD BE MOBILISED TO DISTRIBUTE LEAFLETS IN SHOPPING CENTRES.

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HOME SECURITY, FOR THE FIFTH SUCCESSIVE YEAR, REMAINS ONE OF THE MAJOR THEMES OF THE FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN.

AFTER FOUR YEARS OF CONCERTED EFFORTS, PUBLIC VIGILANCE TOWARDS HOME SECURITY HAS BEEN FOSTERED. SIR DAVID ATTRIBUTED THE ENHANCED AWARENESS TO THE WELL-RECEIVED NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME WHICH, SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1985, HAS SO FAR ATTRACTED A TOTAL OF 92,615 FAMILIES IN 497 BUILDINGS TO FORM ALTOGETHER 8,893 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UNITS.

PHASE VI OF THE SCHEME IS UNDERWAY AND PHASE VII WILL BE LAUNCHED EARLY NEXT YEAR.

"BY THE END OF MARCH NEXT YEAR, NO LESS THAN 110,000 HOUSEHOLDS IN SOME 600 BUILDINGS WILL BE TAKING PART IN THE SCHEME," SIR DAVID SAID.

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#### TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING OUTLINED

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THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MRS ANSON CHAN, YESTERDAY DESCRIBED IN SAN FRANCISCO THE STEPS BEING TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT HONG KONG'S TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE REMAINS ADEQUATE TO COPE WITH DEMAND BOTH INTERNALLY AND FROM CHINA.

MRS CHAN WAS ADDRESSING AN AUDIENCE OF BUSINESS EXECUTIVES AND BANKERS AT A RECEPTION ARRANGED BY THE ASIAN BUSINESS LEAGUE AND SPONSORED BY THE SAN FRANCISCO-BASED PACIFIC BANK (WHICH IS OPENING AN OFFICE IN HONG KONG THIS WEEK).

"TO CATER FOR INCREASING FLOWS OF GOODS AND PEOPLE TO AND FROM CHINA, OUR INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING IN HONG KONG HAS INCREASINGLY TO TAKE THE CHINA DIMENSION INTO ACCOUNT," MRS CHAN SAID.

"HONG KONG IS PRESENTLY SERVICING A GREATER AREA OF CHINA THAN MAY SEEM SUSTAINABLE IN THE LONG RUN," SHE SAID, AND ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IN THE LONGER TERM PORTS SUCH AS SHANGHAI AND THOSE FURTHER NORTH ARE LIKELY TO IMPROVE THEIR EFFICIENCY.

MRS CHAN ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE CHINESE HAVE CONFIRMED THAT HONG KONG WILL REMAIN THE LEADING PORT OF SOUTHERN CHINA.

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DESCRIBING PLANS FOR THE CONTAINER PORT AND RECENT GROWTH OF THE AIRPORT, MRS CHAN SAID THAT OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING OR PROJECTS COMPLETED INVOLVED THE UPGRADING OF THE ROAD AND RAIL NETWORK, INCLUDING THE LIGHT RAIL SYSTEM, A NEW ROAD-RAIL HARBOUR CROSSING AND THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT THE LATTER TWO PROJECTS WERE BEING UNDERTAKEN BY CONSORTIA INCLUDING JAPANESE, CHINESE, BRITISH AND LOCAL BUSINESS INTERESTS AT A TOTAL COST OF \$5.4 BILLION.

MRS CHAN CITED THIS AS DEMONSTRATING THE CONTINUING CONFIDENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN HONG KONG, PARTICULARLY AS THE CONSORTIA WOULD NOT RECOVER THEIR COSTS UNTIL WELL BEYOND THE YEAR 2000.

TURNING TO ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA, MRS CHAN SAID THAT THESE HAD UNDERGONE RAPID GROWTH SINCE 1978 WHEN CHINA EMBARKED ON ITS 'OPEN DOOR' POLICY.

"HONG KONG AND CHINA ARE NOW EACH OTHER'S LARGEST TRADING PARTNERS. HONG KONG ACCOUNTS FOR MORE THAN A QUARTER OF CHINA'S TOTAL EXTERNAL TRADE, WHILST HONG KONG/CHINA TRADE AS A PERCENTAGE OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL EXTERNAL TRADE HAS INCREASED FROM 9.27 PER CENT IN 1978 TO 27.17 PER CENT IN 1987," MRS CHAN SAID.

CHINA CONTINUED TO RUN A LARGE SURPLUS ON ITS TRADE WITH HONG KONG.

SHE SUGGESTED THAT THE CONCEPT OF A 'PORT-HINTERLAND RELATIONSHIP' MIGHT BE USED TO DESCRIBE THE RAPID GROWTH IN TRADE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND SOUTHERN CHINA.

"TRADE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE PEARL RIVER DELTA ARE PARTICULARLY CLOSE.

"SINCE 1986, GUANGDONG HAS BECOME THE TOP EXPORTING PROVINCE IN CHINA. NEARLY 70 PER CENT OF ITS EXPORTS CAME TO HONG KONG WITH A TOTAL VALUE OF US\$3 BILLION," MRS CHAN SAID.

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PRIVATE STREET RESUMPTION AMENDMENT BILL IN THE PIPELINE

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AN AMENDMENT BILL, WHICH SEEKS TO SIMPLIFY THE PROCEDURES IN THE RESUMPTION OF PRIVATE STREETS IN HONG KONG, WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 20.

THIS WAS DISCLOSED BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN HONG-TSUNG, AFTER VISITING KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

AT PRESENT, MR LAN POINTED OUT, THE GOVERNMENT WAS REQUIRED TO SERVE NOTICE TO EVERY PERSON WHO HAS A SHARE IN THE OWNERSHIP OF A PRIVATE STREET EITHER BY HAND OR BY REGISTERED MAIL.

THIS REQUIREMENT IMPOSED A VERY LONG LEAD TIME ON THE PRIVATE STREET RESUMPTION PROGRAMME BECAUSE HUNDREDS OR EVEN THOUSANDS OF OWNERS MIGHT BE INVOLVED, RESULTING IN A VERY SUBSTANTIAL WORKLOAD IN ESTABLISHING OWNERSHIP AND IN PREPARING AND SERVING NOTICES, HE NOTED.

MR LAN SAID ONE OF THE MAJOR PROPOSALS WAS TO AMEND THE ROADS (WORKS, USE AND COMPENSATION) ORDINANCE SO THAT RESUMPTION NOTICES WERE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN SERVED ON ALL INTERESTED PARTIES ONCE THEY WERE GAZETTED AND AFFIXED TO THE CONSPICUOUS PART OF THE LAND IN QUESTION.

HE WAS CONFIDENT OF THE RESUMPTION PROGRAMME BEING SPEEDED UP ONCE THE BILL WAS PASSED INTO LAW.

EARLIER, MR LAN, ACCOMPANIED BY KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SIK-KONG, AND DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALEX FONG, TOURED PRIVATE STREETS AND RESUMED PRIVATE STREETS IN TO KWA WAN TO SEE THE DIFFERENCES IN THE MANAGEMENT OF ROAD SURFACE AS WELL AS ENVIRONMENTAL AND SANITARY CONDITIONS.

HE WAS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE UNSATISFACTORY ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS, TRAFFIC PROBLEMS, ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AND OBSTRUCTIONS IN THE UNRESUMED PRIVATE STREETS.

DURING THE TOUR, MR LAN WAS BRIEFED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER ON THE LATEST PROGRESS OF THE PRIVATE STREET RESUMPTION PILOT SCHEME, WHICH WAS INTRODUCED IN 1983.

UNDER THE SCHEME, 10 PRIVATE STREETS IN KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT HAD SO FAR BEEN RESUMED.

A FURTHER THREE STREETS HAD BEEN REVERTED TO GOVERNMENT THROUGH VOLUNTARY SURRENDER AND UPON EXPIRY OF THE LEASE.

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MR LAN BEGAN HIS VISIT TO KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT WITH A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE LUNG SHING AREA FROM THE ROOFTOP OF THE HOLY FAMILY CANOSSIAN SCHOOL AT JUNCTION ROAD.

HE WAS TOLD BY MR FONG THAT THE SIX-HECTARE URBAN COUNCIL CARPENTER ROAD PARK, WHICH WAS DUE FOR COMPLETION AT THE END OF THE YEAR, WOULD PROVIDE VARIOUS FACILITIES FOR RESIDENTS, INCLUDING JOGGING, CYCLING TRACKS, VOLLEYBALL COURTS, BASKETBALL COURTS AND A ROCK GARDEN.

FROM THE OLDER PART OF THE DISTRICT, THE PARTY DROVE TO THE NEWLY-DEVELOPED PRIVATE HOUSING ESTATE, WHAMPAO GARDEN, TO VISIT A FAMILY AND SEE SOME OF THE RECREATIONAL AND COMMERCIAL FACILITIES PROVIDED FOR RESIDENTS.

THEY THEN WALKED TO THE HUNG HOM WATERFRONT TO SEE THE PROGRESS OF THE HUNG HOM BAY RECLAMATION WHICH WILL PROVIDE 36 HECTARES OF LAND ON COMPLETION IN 1993.

FINALLY, ON THE ROOFTOP OF A BUILDING IN TO KWA WAN MR LAN WAS BRIEFED BY MR FONG ON THE DEVELOPMENTS OF THE DISTRICT, PARTICULARLY THOSE RELATED TO THE METROPLAN.

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#### TAI PO DB STUDY GROUP LEAVES FOR CHINA

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THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S OVERSEAS STUDY TOUR GROUP LEFT FOR BEIJING THIS (WEDNESDAY) MORNING FOR A NINE-DAY VISIT TO CHINA.

THE STUDY GROUP, LED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD, MR HO YUNG-SANG, COMPRISES 13 BOARD MEMBERS, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN BURRETT AND STAFF OF THE DB SECRETARIAT.

THE GROUP WILL VISIT BEIJING, QINGDAO AND SHANGHAI TO GET A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF LOCAL ADMINISTRATION IN THOSE PLACES.

IN BEIJING THE GROUP WILL CALL ON THE HONG KONG AND MACAU OFFICE WHERE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP WILL EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH CHINESE OFFICIALS.

THEY WILL ALSO SEE THE NUCLEAR REACTOR IN THE QINGHUA UNIVERSITY AND MUNICIPAL WORKS OF THE BEIJING CITY.

IN QINGDAO MEMBERS OF THE GROUP WILL TOUR A NUMBER OF FACTORIES WHILE IN SHANGHAI THEY WILL VISIT SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

THE GROUP WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON OCTOBER 13.

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UPHOLDING OF TEXTILES BILL VETO WELCOMED  
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"THE TEXTILES BILL IS DEAD" SAID THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR MICHAEL SZE WHEN COMMENTING ON THE US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES VOTE YESTERDAY TO SUSTAIN PRESIDENT REAGAN'S VETO OF THE BILL.

"BUT WE CAN EXPECT NEW PROTECTIONIST LEGISLATION TO BE TABLED IN THE US CONGRESS EARLY NEXT YEAR" HE ADDED.

"THE TEXTILES LOBBY IS NOT GOING TO GIVE UP," MR SZE SAID.

"IT WILL BE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO MAKE PROTECTION FOR THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY MORE PALATABLE TO US LEGISLATORS.

"THIS COULD SERIOUSLY THREATEN HONG KONG'S TRADING INTERESTS AND WE WILL BE WATCHING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE US VERY CLOSELY," HE SAID.

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TAC CHAIRMAN TO VISIT LRT  
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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, MISS MARIA TAM, TOGETHER WITH THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR JAMES SO, WILL VISIT TUEN MUN TOMORROW (THURSDAY) TO SEE THE OPERATION OF THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM.

THEY WILL ARRIVE AT THE TUEN MUN FERRY PIER AT 9 AM WHERE THEY WILL BE MET AND BRIEFED BY THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION, MR PETER QUICK, AND THE LIGHT RAIL DIRECTOR, MR JOE WADE.

THE VISIT WILL LAST ABOUT TWO HOURS.

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LADY WILSON VISITS SCHOOLS FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN  
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LADY WILSON TODAY (WEDNESDAY) VISITED TWO SCHOOLS OPERATED BY THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED WHICH OPERATES 12 SCHOOLS FOR STUDENTS OF VARYING GRADES OF MENTAL HANDICAP THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

SHE FIRST WENT TO THE LIONS MORNINGHILL SCHOOL AT BLUE POOL ROAD, WHICH CATERS FOR 200 MILD DEGREE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN, AND THEN TO THE WAH FU MORNINGLIGHT SCHOOL IN WAH FU ESTATE, WHICH HAS A CAPACITY FOR 100 MODERATE DEGREE STUDENTS.

THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED WAS FORMED IN 1964 BY A FEW DEDICATED PARENTS OF MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN TO PROVIDE EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

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ANTI-CORRUPTION EDUCATION FOR INDUSTRIALISTS  
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A SPECIAL PROGRAMME WILL BE LAUNCHED IN KWUN TONG SOON TO EDUCATE LOCAL BUSINESSMEN, INDUSTRIALISTS AND WORKERS ON ANTI-CORRUPTION LAWS AND TO FURTHER ENHANCE THEIR AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF CORRUPTION PREVENTION.

THE "KWUN TONG BUSINESS WITHOUT CORRUPTION PROGRAMME '88" IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG INDUSTRIAL AREA COMMITTEE AND THE KOWLOON EAST/SAI KUNG REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE ICAC, WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE KWUN TONG INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE ASSOCIATION.

THE PROGRAMME WILL BE LAUNCHED ON OCTOBER .15 WITH "STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE MANAGEMENT GAME" FOR BUSINESS EXECUTIVES. EACH COMPANY OR FACTORY MAY FIELD A TEAM OF THREE TO TAKE PART IN A CASE STUDY OF PROBLEMS INVOLVING CORRUPTION IN AN ORGANISATION.

THE TEAMS WHICH PRODUCE THE BEST ANALYSIS, BEST RECOMMENDATION, BEST REPORT, AND BEST OVERALL PERFORMANCE WILL BE AWARDED PRIZES.

ON NOVEMBER 5 AND 6, A WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD SPECIALLY FOR WORKERS IN KWUN TONG.

THERE WILL BE TALKS ON ANTI-CORRUPTION, INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND WAYS OF RELIEVING STRESS. IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE GROUP DISCUSSIONS, A DRAMA COMPETITION AND TELEMATCHES.

BUSINESS EXECUTIVES AND WORKERS IN KWUN TONG WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THE TWO ACTIVITIES MAY APPLY EARLY TO THE KOWLOON EAST/SAI KUNG REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE ICAC AT SHOP NO. P5-P7, PODIUM, TELFORD GARDENS, KOWLOON BAY (TEL. 3-7563939).

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SHAM SHUI PO DB TO DISCUSS FORMATION OF WORKING GROUP

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MEMBERS OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON THE PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE AND COMPOSITION OF THE WORKING GROUP ON LIBERALISATION OF THE SHAM SHUI PO CLOSED CENTRE AT THE BOARD'S MEETING TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MRS CARRIE YAU, WILL BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING TO ANSWER MEMBERS' QUERIES.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS A CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT ON PRUDENTIAL REGULATION OF RETIREMENT SCHEMES, PRESENTED BY THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH.

ANOTHER AGENDA ITEM IS THE REVISED STANDING ORDERS OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2 PM TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT THE CHEUNG SHA WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE, 55 FAT TSEUNG STREET, SHAM SHUI PO.

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MAC SUBSIDIES ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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SUBSIDIES GIVEN TO MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES (MAC'S) AND PROPERTY OWNER ORGANISATIONS WILL BE A TOPIC OF DISCUSSION AT THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON.

A BOARD MEMBER, MR WONG FUK-WAH, WILL ASK IF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT WILL CONSIDER PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO FACILITATE THE WORK OF MAC'S AT PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEMES.

HE WILL ALSO ASK IF THE DISTRICT OFFICE WILL CONSIDER PROVIDING OWNERS CORPORATIONS AND OWNERS COMMITTEES FORMED UNDER THE DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT THE SAME FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AS GIVEN TO THE MAC'S.

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THE MEETING WILL ALSO DISCUSS SIX APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS  
TOTALLING \$69,900 AND REPORTS BY THE WORKING GROUPS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING TO BEGIN AT 4 PM TOMORROW  
(THURSDAY) AT THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE SIXTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE,  
SHA TIN STATION.

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PERMANENT CENTRE FOR TRAINING BANKING STAFF  
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THE BANKING TRAINING CENTRE OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL,  
WHICH BEGAN ITS ACTIVITIES AT A TEMPORARY LOCATION EARLIER THIS YEAR,  
HAS NOW MOVED TO PERMANENT PREMISES AT ROOM 601-604 VICWOOD PLAZA,  
199 DES VOEUX ROAD, CENTRAL.

THE 600-SQUARE-METRE OFFICE HAS FIVE CLASSROOMS, A SIMULATED  
BANK BRANCH WITH 10 ON-LINE TELLER TERMINALS AND A LECTURE HALL FOR  
UP TO 150 PEOPLE.

ITS COMPUTER INSTALLATION IS DESIGNED TO TRAIN BANKING  
EMPLOYEES IN ALMOST EVERY TYPE OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTION.

"SINCE THE CENTRE BEGAN OPERATIONS IN BORROWED CLASSROOMS THIS  
APRIL, IT HAS ACCEPTED MORE THAN 2,500 APPLICATIONS MADE THROUGH  
EMPLOYERS FROM BANKING STAFF.

"ABOUT ONE-FIFTH OF THESE APPLICANTS HAVE ALREADY ATTENDED  
FULL-TIME COURSES OF UP TO EIGHT DAYS' DURATION," THE MANAGER OF THE  
CENTRE, MR LYLE DAVISON, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THE COURSES OFFERED NOW INCLUDE IMPORT AND EXPORT  
DOCUMENTATION, BANKING LAW AND PRACTICE, ACCOUNTANCY, CREDIT ANALYSIS  
AND INTRODUCTORY COURSES FOR NEWCOMERS IN BANKING.

A NUMBER OF COURSES ARE ALSO BEING DEVELOPED. THESE INCLUDE  
TELLERS' DUTIES AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE AS WELL AS VARIOUS PROGRAMMES  
FOR MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISORY STAFF, MR DAVISON ADDED.

THE CENTRE'S COURSES ARE OPEN TO ALL EMPLOYEES OF BANKS AND  
DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES PROVIDED THEY CAN OBTAIN NOMINATIONS FROM  
THEIR EMPLOYERS.

FULL DETAILS OF THE COURSES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE PERSONNEL  
DEPARTMENTS OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS OR BY CALLING THE CENTRE ON  
5-447163.

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COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY ON CIVIL SERVICE PAY MOVES OFFICE

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THE OFFICE OF THE COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY ON CIVIL SERVICE PAY HAS NOW MOVED TO WING ON CENTRE, 11/F., 111 CONNAUGHT ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG. TELEPHONE NO. FOR ENQUIRY IS 5-421306.

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CLOSURE OF UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS SOUGHT

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS TO SEEK AN ORDER FOR THE CLOSURE OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AT A BUILDING IN KOWLOON SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND THE PUBLIC.

THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ARE LOCATED AT FLAT B, 14TH FLOOR, 12 MAN FUK ROAD.

THE CLOSURE IS PART OF AN EXERCISE TO ENFORCE AN ORDER ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE ON MARCH 21 THIS YEAR REQUIRING THE DEMOLITION OF THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON DECEMBER 7 WAS POSTED ON A CONSPICUOUS PART OF THE STRUCTURES TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

IT IS EXPECTED THAT DEMOLITION WILL START IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CLOSURE ORDER IS MADE.

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WAN CHAI NORTH BUS DIVERSION SCHEME

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A BUS DIVERSION SCHEME, AIMED AT IMPROVING THE JOURNEY TIME OF CROSS HARBOUR BUSES AND BUSES USING EASTBOUND GLOUCESTER ROAD, WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN WAN CHAI NORTH FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 8), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

UNDER THIS SCHEME, A BUS GATE WILL BE PROVIDED ON HUNG HING ROAD FOR CROSS HARBOUR BUSES TO ENTER THE TUNNEL PORTAL VIA THE LESS BUSY ROADS IN WAN CHAI NORTH.

CROSS HARBOUR ROUTES 104, 105 AND A2 WILL BE DIVERTED FROM GLOUCESTER ROAD EASTBOUND TO FLEMING ROAD, HARBOUR ROAD, TONNOCHY ROAD, HUNG HING ROAD AND TO JOIN THE TUNNEL TRAFFIC VIA THE BUS GATE.

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THIS ROUTEING WILL BE EFFECTIVE THROUGHOUT THE DAY. A BUS STOP FOR THESE CROSS HARBOUR ROUTES WILL BE INTRODUCED IN HARBOUR ROAD NEAR HARBOUR CENTRE.

"THE ROUTE DIVERSION AND THE PROVISION OF A BUS GATE WILL ALLOW THESE CROSS HARBOUR BUSES TO BYPASS THE QUEUE OF TUNNEL TRAFFIC ON GLOUCESTER ROAD EASTBOUND.

"IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THEIR JOURNEY TIME BETWEEN THE BUS STOP NEAR THE O'BRIEN ROAD FOOTBRIDGE AND THE TUNNEL PORTAL CAN BE REDUCED BY FIVE TO 10 MINUTES," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID.

CMB ROUTES 10A, 20, 21, 22, 80, 81M, 720, 721, 722, 780 AND 781 WILL ALSO BE DIVERTED FROM GLOUCESTER ROAD EASTBOUND TO FLEMING ROAD, CONVENTION AVENUE, HUNG HING ROAD FLYOVER AND VICTORIA PARK ROAD.

A NEW BUS STOP FOR THESE ROUTES WILL BE DESIGNATED ON CONVENTION AVENUE IN FRONT OF THE WAN CHAI FERRY PIER.

THE DIVERSION OF THESE CMB BUS ROUTES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED DURING PEAK HOURS ONLY (7 AM - 10 AM AND 4 PM - 7 PM) SO THAT THESE BUSES CAN BYPASS VEHICLE QUEUES ON EASTBOUND GLOUCESTER ROAD.

"IT WILL ALSO IMPROVE THE ACCESSIBILITY OF BUS PASSENGERS IN WAN CHAI NORTH AND HELP PASSENGERS TO INTERCHANGE BETWEEN FERRIES AND BUSES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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#### TRAFFIC CHANGES IN KOWLOON

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT UPON REQUEST OF PUBLIC LIGHT BUS (PLB) OPERATORS, AN EXISTING PLB RESTRICTED ZONE IN HAI TAN STREET IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE LIFTED FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 7).

THE AFFECTED PLB RESTRICTED ZONE IS CURRENTLY ENFORCED DURING PEAK HOURS ONLY ON THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF HAI TAN STREET FROM A POINT ABOUT 25 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH PEI HO STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 85 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

AT THE SAME TIME, IN YAU MA TEI, SECTIONS OF CANTON ROAD AND CHEUNG SHUI STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BECAUSE OF RESIDENTIAL REDEVELOPMENTS ON THESE TWO ROADS.

AFFECTED ROAD SECTIONS ARE CANTON ROAD BETWEEN PUBLIC SQUARE STREET AND CHEUNG SHUI STREET, AND CHEUNG SHUI STREET FROM HOUSE NO. 56 TO ITS JUNCTION WITH CHING PING STREET.

IN ADDITION, CANTON ROAD BETWEEN CHEUNG SHUI STREET AND TUNG KUN STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND TO TWO-WAY OPERATION.

THE SECTION OF CHEUNG SHUI STREET FROM HOUSE NO. 56 TO CANTON ROAD, CURRENTLY ONE-WAY EASTBOUND, WILL ALSO BECOME TWO-WAY.

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