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ELECTORS URGED TO VOTE

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THE SUCCESS OF DISTRICT BOARDS DEPENDS TO A GREAT EXTENT ON THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY AND THERE IS NO BETTER WAY TO PLEDGE SUPPORT THAN TURNING OUT TO VOTE ON MARCH 10, THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

ADDRESSING A ROTARY CLUB LUNCHEON MEETING, MR LIAO SAID THE SYSTEM OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION HAD GROWN OUT OF A FINE TRADITION AND DEVELOPED OVER THE YEARS TO MEET THE CHANGING NEEDS OF HONG KONG.

"WE NEED BOTH THE COLLECTIVE STRENGTH OF OUR COMMUNITY AND THE WISDOM OF OUR RESIDENTS TO HELP ITS FURTHER DEVELOPMENT.

"ELECTIONS ARE A PART OF THIS PROCESS TO SELECT THOSE WHO WILL REPRESENT AND SPEAK FOR THE COMMUNITY ON THE DISTRICT BOARDS.

"IF WE DO NOT REGISTER AND DO NOT VOTE, WE HAVE FORFEITED THE RIGHT TO TAKE PART IN THIS PROCESS," HE STRESSED.

NOTING THAT 493 CANDIDATES HAD ACCEPTED NOMINATION TO STAND FOR THE ELECTIONS, MR LIAO SAID, THE MARCH 10 ELECTIONS WOULD BE ANOTHER IMPORTANT MILESTONE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF DISTRICT BOARDS.

WHILE 90 PER CENT OF ALL SERVING ELECTED DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WERE SEEKING RE-ELECTION, ALMOST HALF OF ALL THE CANDIDATES WERE STANDING FOR ELECTIONS FOR THE FIRST TIME, HE SAID.

MR LIAO OBSERVED THAT THE MESSAGE WAS CLEAR THAT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG HAD PLEDGED THEIR SUPPORT TO THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME.

"IT IS GRATIFYING TO SEE THAT SO MANY PEOPLE HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY THROUGH TAKING PART IN THE ELECTIONS.

"IT ALSO INDICATES THAT THE OCCASIONAL CRITICISM OF POLITICAL APATHY AMONGST THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG IS NO LONGER VALID," HE SAID.

MR LIAO POINTED OUT THAT, TO PREPARE FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS, THE GOVERNMENT HAD REVIEWED THE CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES AND THE NUMBER OF SEATS ON EACH DISTRICT BOARD.

WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF PRESERVING DISTRICT IDENTITY, THE REVIEW TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THE PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE POPULATION GROWTH AND MOVEMENT IN EACH CONSTITUENCY, HE SAID.

BASED ON THESE INFORMATION AND THE PUBLIC'S GENERAL SUPPORT THAT THE PRESENT RATIO OF HAVING TWO ELECTED TO ONE APPOINTED MEMBER SHOULD NOT BE CHANGED, THE GOVERNMENT MADE SOME MINOR CHANGES TO THE BOUNDARIES OF 11 DISTRICTS, CREATED 12 NEW CONSTITUENCIES AND INCREASED THE NUMBER OF ELECTED SEATS BY 27 FROM 237 TO 264, HE ADDED.

/MR LIAO

MR LIAO SAID OVER THE YEARS DISTRICT BOARDS HAD A FINE RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENTS. THEY HAD EFFECTIVELY REFLECTED TO THE GOVERNMENT THE ASPIRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND HAD PROVIDED A FOCAL POINT FOR THE DIRECT PARTICIPATION OF LOCAL RESIDENTS IN A WIDE RANGE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

THESE INCLUDE, FOR EXAMPLE, THE MANAGEMENT OF COMMUNITY CENTRES, PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, AND ORGANISATION OF DISTRICT ARTS AND SPORTS EVENTS.

IN 1987, THE 19 DISTRICT BOARDS HAD COMPLETED OVER 300 MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND SPONSORED 4,000 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROGRAMMES.

AN INTENSIVE PUBLICITY PROGRAMME WAS IN PROCESS TO REMIND AND ENCOURAGE REGISTERED VOTERS TO CAST THEIR VOTES ON POLLING DAY.

THESE TOOK THE FORM OF TELEVISION AND RADIO ANNOUNCEMENTS, BANNERS, POSTERS, AND SENDING THE CANDIDATES' PLATFORMS TO INDIVIDUAL VOTERS.

FORUMS WERE BEING HELD IN EACH CONSTITUENCY TO INTRODUCE CANDIDATES TO ELECTORS.

"BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL NOW IS THE SUPPORT OF THE VOTERS. A VOTE IS A VOICE AND IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE AND DIRECT WAY OF EXERCISING ONE'S CIVIC RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES," HE SAID.

MR LIAO CONCLUDED BY URGING ALL REGISTERED ELECTORS TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES BY CASTING THEIR VOTES ON POLLING DAY.

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GOVERNOR PRAISES WORK OF FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEES

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (THURSDAY) PRAISED THE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION MADE BY DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEES (DFCC'S) TO THE BATTLE AGAINST CRIME.

SPEAKING AFTER ATTENDING A MEETING OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, SIR DAVID SAID DFCC'S PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN KEEPING A CLOSE WATCH ON THE STATE OF CRIME IN THEIR DISTRICTS AND IN CO-ORDINATING DISTRICT EFFORTS TO ASSIST THE POLICE IN MAINTAINING LAW AND ORDER.

AFTER BEING WELCOMED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR SIT HO-YIN, SIR DAVID LISTENED TO A YEAR-END REPORT ON THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN GIVEN BY MR WONG SHU, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE.

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HE HEARD THAT THE COMMITTEE HAS ORGANISED A NUMBER OF FIGHT CRIME ACTIVITIES DURING THE PAST YEAR, INCLUDING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME, VISITS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT INSTITUTIONS, COMPETITIONS, CARNIVALS AND VARIOUS PUBLICITY DRIVES TO DISSEMINATE THE FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE.

SIR DAVID WAS ALSO BRIEFED ON THE CRIME SITUATION IN TUEN MUN DISTRICT BY THE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR GEOFFREY COX.

THE GOVERNOR WAS ACCOMPANIED AT THE MEETING BY THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY (DESIGNATE), MR GEOFFREY BARNES, AND THE SECRETARY OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR NIGEL FRENCH.

THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN SELBY, AND MR SIT MET THE GOVERNOR ON HIS ARRIVAL IN TUEN MUN.

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GOVERNOR TO VISIT SHENZHEN

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL PAY A ONE-DAY VISIT TO SHENZHEN AT THE INVITATION OF THE MAYOR OF SHENZHEN, MR LI HAO, ON MARCH 3.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE A MEETING WITH THE MAYOR TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST, A BRIEFING ON THE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND VISITS TO CHI WAN PORT, THE GUANGZHOU-SHENZHEN SUPERHIGHWAY AND A HONG KONG-SHENZHEN JOINT VENTURE ENTERPRISE.

ACCOMPANYING THE GOVERNOR WILL BE THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, THE DEPUTY POLITICAL ADVISER, MR BOB PEIRCE, THE GOVERNOR'S PRIVATE SECRETARY, MR RICHARD HOARE, AND AN INTERPRETER.

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PLB'S TO HAVE TWO MORE SEATS

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AT ITS MEETING ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 23), THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ENDORSED THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM CARRYING CAPACITY OF PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES BY TWO, FROM THE EXISTING 14 UP TO 16 SEATS.

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ALSO DIRECTED THAT THE EXISTING POLICY OF FRANCHISED BUS COMPANIES OPERATING COACH SERVICES BE MAINTAINED.

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IN ANNOUNCING THIS DECISION, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE FOLLOWING FACTORS WERE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT :

- * THE EXISTING POLICY AND LEGISLATION GOVERNING THE OPERATION OF PLB'S AND COACHES;
- * THE RELATIVE PRIORITY OVER THE USE OF ROAD SPACE BY DIFFERENT PUBLIC TRANSPORT MODES;
- * THE NEED TO MEET THE DEMAND FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT AT PEAK HOURS;
- * BETTER USE OF THE POTENTIAL SEATING CAPACITY OF EXISTING PLB'S; AND
- * THE PROMOTION OF HEALTHY COMPETITION BETWEEN DIFFERENT TRANSPORT MODES.

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT THE INCREASE OF UP TO 16 SEATS WOULD BE FINAL. NO FURTHER RELAXATION IN THE DIMENSIONS, WEIGHT OR SEATING CAPACITY OF PLB'S WOULD BE CONSIDERED.

THIS ACCORDS WITH THE EXISTING POLICY THAT PLB'S SHOULD PLAY ONLY A COMPLEMENTARY ROLE, SUPPLEMENTING SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE MASS TRANSPORT CARRIERS.

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ALSO DECIDED THAT COACH SERVICES SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE PROVIDED BY FRANCHISED BUS OPERATORS FOR EXISTING ROUTES WHERE ROAD CONDITIONS AND PATRONAGE WARRANT SUCH SERVICES.

THE DESIGNATED SEATING CAPACITY OF COACHES WILL CONTINUE TO BE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE NEED TO ENSURE A SUBSTANTIAL DIFFERENCE IN THE CAPACITY OF PLB'S AND COACHES.

THIS WILL ALLOW A CLEAR DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE ROLES OF THE TWO MODES OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND AVOID DUPLICATION OF SERVICES AS FAR AS POSSIBLE.

WHEN CONSIDERING THE INTRODUCTION OF COACHES OR GREEN MINIBUSES FOR NEW ROUTES, THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT WOULD HAVE REGARD TO THE OPERATIONAL AND PLANNING GUIDELINES ENDORSED BY THE TAC.

THESE INCLUDE SUCH CONSIDERATIONS AS AVOIDING DIRECT COMPETITION BETWEEN COACHES AND PLB'S; PRESERVING, UNDER EXISTING POLICY, OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONVERTING RED MINIBUSES INTO GREEN MINIBUSES; AND THE PLANNED ULTIMATE POPULATION AND TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT TO BE SERVED.

SECRETARY GENERAL

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WORKFORCE IN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY DECLINES

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A VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL SURVEY HAS FOUND THAT THE TOTAL WORKFORCE IN THE BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING INDUSTRY DECREASED FROM 87,000 IN MARCH 1985 TO 84,000 IN MARCH 1987.

THE FOUR PER CENT REDUCTION WITHIN TWO YEARS HAS CREATED AN ACUTE SHORTAGE OF MANPOWER AT THE OPERATIVE AND GENERAL WORKER LEVELS, PARTICULARLY WHEN THE INDUSTRY BEGAN TO RECOVER IN 1986, A REPORT ON THE SURVEY SAID.

COMMENTING ON THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL'S BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD, MR JOHN H.P. LOK, SAID MANY SKILLED, SEMI-SKILLED AND, IN PARTICULAR, UNSKILLED WORKERS HAD LEFT FOR OTHER SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY DURING THE RECESSION IN THE INDUSTRY BETWEEN 1983 AND 1985.

"SINCE THEN, VERY FEW OF THEM HAVE RETURNED TO THE CONSTRUCTION TRADES. EMPLOYERS ALSO EXPERIENCED DIFFICULTIES IN GETTING NEW RECRUITS BECAUSE YOUNG PEOPLE DO NOT FIND JOBS IN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ATTRACTIVE," MR LOK SAID.

"NEVERTHELESS, THE DEMAND FOR TRAINED WORKERS AT ALL LEVELS WILL CONTINUE TO GROW IN VIEW OF THE RAPIDLY RISING EXPECTATION FOR HIGHER STANDARDS IN CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AND MORE STRINGENT INDUSTRIAL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS."

THE BOARD ESTIMATED IN THE SURVEY REPORT THAT THE INDUSTRY WOULD NEED AT LEAST 410 TECHNOLOGISTS, 1,100 TECHNICIANS AND 2,500 CRAFTSMEN ANNUALLY IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS UP TO 1993.

MR LOK CALLED ON EMPLOYERS TO PROVIDE PROPER TRAINING FOR NEW RECRUITS AS WELL AS UPGRADING TRAINING FOR EXISTING WORKERS TO ENSURE THE INDUSTRY HAS A WELL TRAINED WORKFORCE.

THE BOARD CONSIDERED THAT THAT WAS THE ONLY MEANS OF ALLEVIATING THE ADVERSE MANPOWER SITUATION FACING THE INDUSTRY.

THE 1987 MANPOWER SURVEY REPORT ON THE BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING INDUSTRY IS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$16 A COPY.

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SCOPE FOR DYEING AND FINISHING INDUSTRY TO EXPAND

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ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FINDINGS EMERGING FROM A RECENT STUDY COMMISSIONED BY THE GOVERNMENT WAS THAT THE EXISTING CAPACITY OF THE DYEING AND FINISHING INDUSTRY CAN MEET ONLY ABOUT 70 PER CENT OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LOCAL TEXTILES AND CLOTHING INDUSTRY.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, TODAY (THURSDAY) AT THE OPENING OF A NEW DYEING FACTORY IN THE YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE - THE YUEN LONG TEXTILES CO. LTD.

MR MACLEOD SAID THE STUDY POINTED OUT THAT ANY GROWTH IN THE CAPACITY OF THE FINISHING INDUSTRY WOULD IMPROVE THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY'S SPEED OF RESPONSE TO EXTERNAL DEMAND, PARTICULARLY FOR SHORT PRODUCTION RUNS, AND INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF VALUE ADDED TO HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT.

WHILE IDENTIFYING CONSIDERABLE SCOPE FOR THE FINISHING INDUSTRY TO EXPAND, THE STUDY ALSO MADE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MAKING GREATER USE OF THE YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE FOR DYEING AND FINISHING OPERATIONS.

MR MACLEOD SAID THE MATTER WOULD SOON BE DISCUSSED AT THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD AND THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD.

"I AM FULLY CONFIDENT THAT, WITH THE ENTREPRENEURIAL SKILLS AND ADAPTABILITY OF OUR INDUSTRIALISTS, AND THE GENERAL INFRASTRUCTURAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL SUPPORT GIVEN BY THE GOVERNMENT, THE DYEING AND FINISHING INDUSTRY WILL CONTINUE TO BE A VERY SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTOR TO OUR ECONOMY," HE SAID.

NOTING THAT THE YUEN LONG TEXTILES CO. LTD. WOULD USE FINISHING PROCESSES WHICH WERE NEW TO HONG KONG, MR MACLEOD SAID THE DYEING FACTORY PROVIDED AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF HOW FOREIGN INVESTMENT COULD BENEFIT THE LOCAL MANUFACTURING SECTOR.

"AS IT IS ENVISAGED THAT 90 PER CENT OF THE FACTORY'S OUTPUT WILL BE USED IN HONG KONG, THE FACTORY WILL PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE AS A RELIABLE SUPPLIER OF HIGH QUALITY FABRICS TO OUR CLOTHING INDUSTRY.

"IT IS THESE NEW PROCESSES AND TECHNOLOGIES THAT OUR INDUSTRIAL ESTATES PARTICULARLY EXIST TO ENCOURAGE, AND WHICH LED US TO RECOMMEND THAT A THIRD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE BE BUILT."

MR MACLEOD ADDED THAT THE THIRD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE PROJECT WAS BEING LOOKED AT IN DETAIL BY THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES AND SO FAR NO MAJOR PROBLEMS HAD EMERGED.

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ELECTORS URGED TO VOTE RATIONALLY

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THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG, TODAY (THURSDAY) URGED REGISTERED ELECTORS TO BE OBJECTIVE AND RATIONAL WHEN CASTING THEIR VOTES IN THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS ON MARCH 10.

HE SAID IT WAS UP TO VOTERS TO ELECT BOARD MEMBERS WHOM THEY THOUGHT COULD BEST SERVE THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

MR CHEUNG GAVE HIS ADVICE WHEN SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE NORTH DISTRICT COURTESY CAMPAIGN POSTER EXHIBITION HELD AT THE SHEUNG SHUI RAILWAY STATION.

HE SAID THE TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS NOT ONLY CONSTITUTED PART OF CIVIC EDUCATION, BUT ALSO PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL CITIZENS TO EXERCISE THEIR CIVIC RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

HE THEREFORE APPEALED TO ELECTORS TO COME FORWARD AND VOTE AT THE DESIGNATED POLLING STATIONS.

REFERRING TO THE GOVERNMENT'S PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION AT DISTRICT LEVEL, MR CHEUNG SAID A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES HAD BEEN ORGANISED BY VARIOUS STEERING COMMITTEES AND ORGANISATIONS.

HE PRAISED THE NORTH DISTRICT STEERING COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION FOR ITS EFFORTS IN ORGANISING ACTIVITIES SUCH AS THE "BE A GOOD CITIZEN" PROJECT, THE "ANTI-FALLING OBJECT VARIETY SHOW", AND THE "COURTESY CAMPAIGN".

THE AIM OF THE COURTESY CAMPAIGN, HE NOTED, WAS TO AROUSE RESIDENTS' AWARENESS OF THE NEED TO HAVE GOOD MANNERS IN PUBLIC PLACES AND ESPECIALLY WHEN USING PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

HE HOPED THAT RESIDENTS IN NORTH DISTRICT, BY SUPPORTING THE CAMPAIGN, WOULD FIND THEMSELVES LIVING IN A HARMONIOUS COMMUNITY.

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KENNEDY TOWN DB CANDIDATES TO MEET ELECTORS

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KENNEDY TOWN RESIDENTS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO MEET DISTRICT BOARD ELECTION CANDIDATES AT A SERIES OF FORUMS.

THE FIRST FORUM WILL BE FOR RESIDENTS IN THE KENNEDY TOWN WEST AND MOUNT DAVIS CONSTITUENCY, WHERE THERE ARE A TOTAL OF 15,460 REGISTERED VOTERS.

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IT WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE YWCA WESTERN DISTRICT SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE, 9-15 VICTORIA ROAD.

IN THE KENNEDY TOWN EAST CONSTITUENCY, WHICH HAS 8,546 REGISTERED VOTERS, A FORUM WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 27). THE VENUE IS THE ST LOUIS OLD BOYS' COLLEGE, 38 HILL ROAD, AND THE FORUM WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM.

THREE CANDIDATES ARE CONTESTING TWO SEATS IN EACH OF THE ABOVE CONSTITUENCIES.

RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PUT QUESTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES SO AS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THEIR PLATFORMS.

FORUMS IN FIVE OTHER CONSTITUENCIES IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BE HELD BETWEEN TUESDAY (MARCH 1) AND SATURDAY (MARCH 5).

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, WILL ATTEND THE CHUNG WAN CONSTITUENCY FORUM NEXT FRIDAY (MARCH 4).

THIS WILL BE HELD IN THE KING'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION PRIMARY SCHOOL, 58 BRIDGES STREET, STARTING AT 8 PM.

ANY RESIDENTS WISHING TO MAKE ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE FORUMS SHOULD CALL 5-8523002 OR 5-8170196.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FORUMS. FOR TOMORROW'S FORUM, A GOVERNMENT VAN WILL LEAVE FOR YWCA WESTERN DISTRICT SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE FROM HARBOUR BUILDING, CENTRAL, AT 7.15 PM. REPORTERS ARE REQUESTED TO MAKE PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS WITH INFORMATION OFFICER, MISS VALENTINA CHAN, ON 5-8523471.

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ELECTION PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES IN YUEN LONG

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THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE HAS LINED UP A SERIES OF PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES TO ENCOURAGE THE 64,757 REGISTERED ELECTORS IN THE DISTRICT TO VOTE ON MARCH 10.

THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAS RECRUITED AN ADDITIONAL 15 COMMUNITY ORGANISERS IN EARLY FEBRUARY TO ASSIST IN HOUSEHOLD VISITS AND ORGANISING ELECTION PROGRAMMES.

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LEAFLETS ON THE VOTING PROCEDURES, LOCATIONS OF POLLING STATIONS AND CANDIDATES' POLITICAL PLATFORMS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO HELP VOTERS DECIDE ON THEIR IDEAL REPRESENTATIVES.

ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 27), A CANDIDATES' FORUM WILL BE HELD AT 3 PM AT THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL, TAI YUK ROAD. ALL YUEN LONG RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

TWO VARIETY SHOWS WILL ALSO BE HELD TO PUBLICISE THE ELECTIONS. THEY WILL BE STAGED AT THE OPEN-AIR THEATRE IN YUEN LONG RURAL NORTH'S FAIRVIEW PARK AND AT THE TUNG KOON PRIMARY SCHOOL IN YUEN LONG TOWN WEST'S LONG PING ESTATE ON FEBRUARY 28 AND MARCH 5 RESPECTIVELY.

OTHER PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES INCLUDE CINEMA ADVERTISEMENT, VIDEO PRESENTATION, SPECIAL ELECTION SUPPLEMENT IN THE DISTRICT NEWSPAPER, POSTERS, BANNERS AND HOUSEHOLD VISITS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CANDIDATES' FORUM AT 3 PM ON FEBRUARY 27 (SATURDAY) AT THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL, TAI YUK ROAD; AND THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTION VARIETY SHOW AT 2.30 PM ON FEBRUARY 28 (SUNDAY) AT THE FAIRVIEW PARK, TAI SAN WAI, YUEN LONG.

THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALAN WONG, WILL OFFICIATE AT BOTH FUNCTIONS. INFORMATION OFFICER, MRS BRENDA RUMJAHN, WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION MEETS THE MEDIA

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THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR ALAN CARTER, AND HIS SENIOR STAFF MET EDITORS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL NEWSPAPERS AND OTHER MEDIA ORGANISATIONS THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON IN AN INFORMAL ATMOSPHERE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC RELATIONS WORK.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE LUNCHEON RECEPTION WERE THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, MR NICHOLAS NG, AND FOUR SENIOR OFFICERS OF HIS DEPARTMENT.

THE RECEPTION WAS GIVEN BY MR CARTER IN A HOTEL IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST. IT IS AN ANNUAL FUNCTION.

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DB TO DISCUSS REVISED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

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THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DISCUSS THE REVISED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE DISTRICT.

THE PROGRAMME HAS BEEN UPDATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROGRESS OF DEVELOPMENT IN BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTORS, EXPENDITURE PRIORITIES AND THE PREDICTED AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.

ITS AIM IS TO PROVIDE A BALANCED DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOUSING, JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

THE CHIEF TOWN PLANNER OF THE NEW TERRITORIES NORTH EAST DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, MR CHAN HUNG-KWAN, WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE PROGRAMME.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE A REPORT FROM THE NORTH DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, AND A FINANCIAL STATEMENT ON NORTH DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 9.30 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING.

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SEMINAR ORGANISED FOR SPORTS LEADERS

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SPORTS LEADERS IN THE TERRITORY ARE BEING OFFERED AN OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION OF RECREATION AND SPORT IN HONG KONG, AND TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT.

THIS IS THE AIM OF THE COMING "1988 SEMINAR FOR SPORTS LEADERS" WITH THE THEME BEING "RECREATION AND SPORT : FROM PARTICIPATION TO EXCELLENCE".

THE SEMINAR IS ORGANISED BY THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE URBAN COUNCIL, REGIONAL COUNCIL, AMATEUR SPORTS FEDERATION AND OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF HONG KONG AND THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE.

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OFFICIATING AT THE SEMINAR WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT, MR F.K. HU; THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, MR A.K. CHUI; THE DIRECTOR OF COACHING AND TECHNICAL SERVICES AT THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE, MR PAUL BRETTELL.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM GOVERNING SPORTS BODIES HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND.

THE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MARCH 5, IN THE VICTORY HALL, JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE, SHA TIN. IT WILL START AT 10 AM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE SEMINAR.

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KWAI TSING HOLDING NEW YEAR CARNIVAL

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RESIDENTS OF KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI ARE BEING INVITED TO ATTEND A FREE LUNAR NEW YEAR CARNIVAL ORGANISED BY KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 28).

IN ORDER TO ATTRACT MORE RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE, THE CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD SIMULTANEOUSLY AT TWO VENUES -- THE HING FONG ROAD PLAYGROUND IN KWAI CHUNG AND THE CHEUNG CHING ESTATE FOOTBALL PITCH IN TSING YI. THE STARTING TIME IS 7.30 PM.

INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAMME ARE MAGIC AND ACROBATIC SHOWS, SINGING, AND DANCING.

AN EXHIBITION OF WINNING ENTRIES IN LANTERN DESIGN AND DRAWING COMPETITIONS AS WELL AS A FORTUNE-TELLING STALL WILL BE SET UP AT EACH VENUE.

RESIDENTS MAY ALSO WIN ATTRACTIVE PRIZES IN A LUCKY DRAW.

THE CARNIVAL HAS BEEN ORGANISED TO PROMOTE A FESTIVE MOOD AMONG RESIDENTS.

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MONG KOK DISTRICT SPRING RECEPTION

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THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE WILL HOST A SPRING RECEPTION FOR COMMUNITY LEADERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AT 4 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE COURONNE RESTAURANT, FOURTH FLOOR, 748 NATHAN ROAD.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE FUNCTION AND PRESENT SOUVENIRS TO COMMUNITY LEADERS WHO HAVE HELPED TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN THE PAST YEAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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BOOK EXHIBITION STARTS ON SATURDAY IN NORTH DISTRICT

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MORE THAN 5,000 BOOKS FROM OVER 100 PUBLISHERS WILL BE ON DISPLAY AT THE CHEUNG WAH COMMUNITY HALL IN FANLING FOR FOUR DAYS FROM SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 27).

SPONSORED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD AND JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL HEADMASTERS' CONFERENCE AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE EXHIBITION IS AIMED AT STIMULATING PUBLIC INTEREST IN READING.

VISITORS WILL BE INTRODUCED TO A WIDE SCOPE OF BOOKS ESPECIALLY SUITED TO THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS AND TEACHERS IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

SOME OF THESE STIMULATING, ENTERTAINING AND EDUCATIONAL BOOKS WILL BE SOLD AT SPECIAL PRICES.

A SELECTION OF OUTSTANDING READING REPORTS WRITTEN BY STUDENTS FROM THE EIGHT SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN NORTH DISTRICT WILL ALSO BE DISPLAYED TO FACILITATE AN EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE IN WRITING AMONG STUDENTS.

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OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG; CHAIRMAN OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD, MR RAYMOND PANG; CHIEF LIBRARIAN OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR NG WAI-TAK; AND SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER (TAI PO AND NORTH), MR LIU TSO-TIM.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN FROM 11 AM TO 5 PM ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 27), AND FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM FROM SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 28) TO TUESDAY (MARCH 1). ADMISSION IS FREE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE BOOK EXHIBITION ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 27) AT 11 AM IN THE CHEUNG WAH COMMUNITY HALL, CHEUNG WAH ESTATE, FANLING.

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FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES
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ORGANISATIONS IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR FUNDS FROM THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE.

THE FUNDS ARE FOR ORGANISING SOCIAL, RECREATIONAL OR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES THIS SUMMER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 25.

A SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THESE ACTIVITIES SHOULD ENABLE YOUNG PEOPLE TO DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL AND CULTIVATE WHOLESOME HOBBIES, GAIN MORE SOCIAL EXPERIENCE AND ENHANCE THEIR SENSE OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

PRIORITY WOULD BE GIVEN TO EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS RELATED TO SOCIAL SERVICE.

IN ADDITION, PROJECTS AIMED AT BENEFITTING LESS PRIVILEGED GROUPS, SUCH AS THE DISABLED, WOULD RECEIVE MORE IN THE WAY OF SUBSIDIES.

APPLICATION FORMS AND GUIDELINES ON FUNDING ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, 11TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE BY TUESDAY (MARCH 1).

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE TO MISS CANDY MA ON 5-8523462.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1988

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR KOWLOON WALK FOR MILLIONS

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN WONG TAI SIN ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 28) IN CONNECTION WITH THE "KOWLOON WALK FOR MILLIONS".

UNDER THE ARRANGEMENTS, A NUMBER OF ROAD SECTIONS WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

GENERAL TRAFFIC AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES WILL BE DIVERTED TO AVOID THE CLOSED ROADS. MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO WATCH OUT FOR INSTRUCTIONS OF POLICE OFFICERS ON SITE AND TO DRIVE WITH CARE.

ROAD CLOSURES

THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS WILL BE CLOSED FROM 7 AM TO NOON:

- * THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF FUNG MO STREET BETWEEN HENG LAM STREET AND FU MEI STREET.
- * THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM LUNG CHEUNG ROAD WESTBOUND TO FUNG MO STREET SOUTHBOUND.
- * THE KERBSIDE LANE OF SHATIN PASS ROAD NORTHBOUND BETWEEN LUNG FUNG STREET AND TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD.

BETWEEN 7 AM AND 3 PM, THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS WILL ALSO BE CLOSED:

- * SHATIN PASS ROAD BETWEEN TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD AND FEI NGO SHAN ROAD.
- * JAT'S INCLINE BETWEEN FEI NGO SHAN ROAD AND NGAU CHI WAN STREET.
- * JAT'S INCLINE BETWEEN NGAU CHI WAN STREET AND CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD.
- * FEI NGO SHAN ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH JAT'S INCLINE TO A POINT ABOUT 300 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD.

IN ADDITION, NGAU CHI WAN STREET WILL BE CLOSED FROM 9 AM TO 3 PM.

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THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS WILL BE IN FORCE FROM 7 AM TO NOON:

- * MOTORISTS TRAVELLING FROM CHOI HUNG AND TSZ WAN SHAN HEADING FOR LOK FU AND CHUK YUEN WILL BE DIVERTED VIA PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD, CHOI HUNG ROAD, SHATIN PASS ROAD, TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD AND FUNG MO STREET NORTHBOUND.
- * KMB ROUTES NO. 1 AND 11K DEPARTING FROM CHUK YUEN ESTATE WILL HAVE TO OPERATE VIA FUNG MO STREET, FU MEI STREET, JUNCTION ROAD AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST.
- * KMB ROUTES NO. 2F AND 3C DEPARTING FROM TSZ WAN SHAN WILL HAVE TO USE PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD, CHOI HUNG ROAD, SHATIN PASS ROAD, TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD, FUNG MO STREET AND FU MEI STREET.
- * CROSS-HARBOUR ROUTE NO. 113 HEADING FOR WEST POINT WILL HAVE TO TRAVEL VIA CHOI HUNG ROAD, SHATIN PASS ROAD AND TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD.
- * GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE NO. 33 HEADING FOR KOWLOON CITY FERRY WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, CHING TAK STREET, SHEUNG TAK STREET AND TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD.

FROM 9 AM TO 3 PM, GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE NO. 16 WILL NOT OPERATE VIA NGAU CHI WAN STREET, BUT WILL TRAVEL ALONG FUNG SHING STREET, CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD, LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD AND FUNG SHING STREET INSTEAD.