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MOTION ON HONG KONG'S FUTURE BEFORE LEGCO
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AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER'S MOTION ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG WILL BE MOVED BY THE HON ROGER LOBO IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE MOTION READS: +THIS COUNCIL DEEMS IT ESSENTIAL THAT ANY PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG SHOULD BE DEBATED IN THIS COUNCIL BEFORE ANY FINAL AGREEMENT IS REACHED.+

TWO OTHER MOTIONS WILL BE MOVED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE HON SIR JOHN BREMIDGE, DEALING WITH THE ISSUE OF GOVERNMENT BONDS AND A VOTE ON ACCOUNT.

SIR JOHN WILL SEEK APPROVAL FOR THE ISSUE OF \$1-BILLION GOVERNMENT BONDS UNDER THE LOANS (GOVERNMENT BONDS) ORDINANCE.

HE WILL ALSO BE SEEKING APPROVAL FOR FUNDS ON ACCOUNT, TO ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT TO CARRY ON EXISTING SERVICES BETWEEN THE START OF THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR ON APRIL 1 AND THE ENACTMENT OF THE APPROPRIATION BILL.

IN ADDITION, THE COUNCIL WILL DEAL WITH A NUMBER OF BILLS, AS WELL AS QUESTIONS BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS.

FOUR NEW BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED, WITH DEBATE TO BE ADJOURNED TO APRIL 18.

THEY ARE :

- * THE EXCHANGE FUND (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984, DEALING WITH PAYMENT AND REDEMPTION IN RELATION TO CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO BE MADE IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE;
- * THE ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984, PROPOSING TO PROMOTE HONG KONG AS AN ARBITRATION CENTRE;
- * THE ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984, REPLACING THE TITLE +HIGHWAY CODE+ WITH +ROAD USERS' CODE+; AND
- * THE EMPLOYMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984, PROVIDING FOR INCREASED PAID SICK LEAVE FOR WORKERS.

DEBATE WILL RESUME ON THE FOLLOWING FOUR BILLS WHICH ARE DUE FOR COMMITTEE STAGE AND FINAL READING :

- * THE FIXED PENALTY (TRAFFIC CONTRAVENTIONS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984, AND THE FIXED PENALTY (CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984, BOTH AIMED AT IMPROVING THE FIXED PENALTY PROCEDURE;
- * THE PEAK TRAMWAY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984, DEALING WITH THE COMPANY'S PERMIT FEE; AND
- * THE LABOUR TRIBUNAL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984, DEALING WITH POWER TO SET ASIDE AN ORDER MADE IN THE ABSENCE OF A DEFENDANT, AND TO DISPOSE OF CERTAIN CLAIMS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SPECIAL PRESS PASSES FOR LEGCO MEETING
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MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WHO HAVE RESERVED SEATS TO COVER TOMORROW'S (WEDNESDAY) LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING SHOULD COLLECT THEIR SPECIAL PASSES AND LAPEL BADGES FROM THE GIS DUTY OFFICER TOMORROW MORNING.

THESE PASSES AND BADGES WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM 10.30 AM ONWARDS.

ALL SEATS IN THE CHAMBER WILL BE NUMBERED AND RESERVED AND JOURNALISTS COVERING THE SESSION MUST STAY IN THE SEATS ALLOCATED TO THEM. THE NUMBER OF THE SEAT ALLOCATED WILL BE SHOWN IN THE SPECIAL ADMISSION PASS.

ANYONE WITHOUT A LAPEL BADGE AND A PASS WILL NOT BE ADMITTED INTO THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

ANYONE LEAVING THE CHAMBER WHILE THE MEETING IS STILL IN PROGRESS WILL HAVE TO SURRENDER HIS PASS AND LAPEL BADGE. THESE WILL BE RE-ALLOCATED IF REQUIRED.

PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN WILL BE ALLOWED INSIDE THE CHAMBER TO TAKE PICTURES AND FILM FROM 2.15 PM TO 2.25 PM. THEY MUST LEAVE THE CHAMBER AT 2.25 PM SHARP BEFORE THE SESSION STARTS. NO PHOTOGRAPHY WILL BE ALLOWED INSIDE THE CHAMBER ONCE THE MEETING HAS STARTED.

SPECIAL PHOTOGRAPHERS' BADGES WILL BE NEEDED TO GAIN ADMISSION INTO THE CHAMBER FOR THE PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITY. SIMILARLY, TELEVISION CAMERAMEN AND SOUNDMEN WILL NEED BADGES TO GET INTO THE TELEVISION BOOTHS ADJACENT TO THE CHAMBER.

THESE BADGES WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE GIS DUTY OFFICER FROM 10.30 AM ONWARDS TOMORROW.

BECAUSE OF EXTREMELY LIMITED SPACE, PHOTOGRAPHERS WILL HAVE TO LEAVE THE CHAMBER PREMISES IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITY. NO STANDING WILL BE ALLOWED OUTSIDE THE CHAMBER OR AT THE STAIRCASE.

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COMMENTS ON PROPOSALS 'MORE THAN WELCOME'
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PUBLIC DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL ADMINISTRATION CONTINUES TO BE LIVELY AND INTERESTING, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON, SAID THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING.

MANY NEW IDEAS AND THOUGHTFUL PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN PUT FORWARD, HE ADDED.

+WE ARE PAYING ATTENTION TO ALL OPINIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED - THESE WILL BE COLLATED, CONSOLIDATED AND REFLECTED TO THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT SO THAT INFORMED FINAL DECISIONS CAN BE TAKEN,+ HE SAID.

MR MACPHERSON WAS SPEAKING AT A REGULAR GATHERING OF THE LIONS CLUB OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

HE STRESSED THAT WHILE THE PROPOSED REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR THOSE AREAS NOT COVERED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL HAD ATTRACTED MOST ATTENTION IN THE CURRENT PUBLIC DEBATE, THE OTHER PROPOSALS WERE OF NO LESS SIGNIFICANCE.

THESE OTHER PROPOSALS ARE: FOR AN INCREASE IN THE SIZE OF ELECTED ELEMENT TO STRENGTHEN THE REPRESENTATIVE STATUS OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS- FOR THE SETTING UP OF MORE BOARDS IN SOME LARGE AND COMPLEX DISTRICTS- AND FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE URBAN MANAGEMENT ROLE OF DISTRICT BOARDS TO ASSIST IN AND PROMOTE THE USE OF CERTAIN LOCAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

REFERRING TO THE PROPOSED REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR MACPHERSON SAID IT WAS A PITY THAT THE ISSUE HAD BEEN PORTRAYED AS A STRUGGLE BETWEEN THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE HEUNG YEE KUK.

HE ADDED THAT THE CONSULTATION RANGED MUCH MORE WIDELY THAN THE HEUNG YEE KUK AND INVOLVED ALL THE 18 DISTRICT BOARDS AND MANY OTHER ORGANISATIONS WHICH SPEAK FOR A CROSS-SECTION OF ALL THE PEOPLE.

+YOU WILL NOTE THAT I HAVE ALL THE TIME REFERRED TO THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, NOT TO THE NEW TERRITORIES COUNCIL AND CERTAINLY NOT TO THE 'NORTH' COUNCIL,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THERE WAS +CLEAR LOGIC AND OBVIOUS MERIT+ IN RECOGNISING THE FACT THAT THE NEW TERRITORIES - NOW WITH 1.5 MILLION PEOPLE AND REACHING WELL OVER TWO MILLION BY 1988 - WAS READY FOR ITS OWN LOCAL COUNCIL AS A VIABLE LOCAL ADMINISTRATION UNIT IN PURELY PRACTICAL, LET ALONE POLITICAL TERMS.

THE NEW COUNCIL, IF ESTABLISHED, WOULD PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE AREA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE SERVICES AND FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICTS.

/+NO DOUBT

+NO DOUBT THEY WILL MAKE MISTAKES FOR THEY DO NOT HAVE THE EXPERIENCE OF THEIR URBAN NEIGHBOURS, BUT THEY WILL QUICKLY LEARN BY SUCH MISTAKES,+ HE SAID.

+NO DOUBT THERE WILL BE ADDITIONAL OVERHEAD COSTS BUT THE JUDGEMENT TO BE MADE IS WHETHER SUCH ADDITIONAL COSTS ARE ACCEPTABLE IN ENSURING A SATISFACTORY REPRESENTATIVE SYSTEM.

+BUT WHAT WE MUST FOCUS ON IS ARRIVING AT THE BEST AND MOST ACCEPTABLE ARRANGEMENT FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE AREA.+

TURNING TO THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN ELECTED ELEMENT ON THE DISTRICT BOARDS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF UNOFFICIAL CHAIRMAN, MR MACPHERSON SAID THIS WAS A SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

+DISTRICT BOARDS HAVE PROVEN THEMSELVES TO BE NOT ONLY A VALUABLE DISTRICT ADVISORY BODY, BUT ALSO AN IMPORTANT LINK IN THE BOARD CONSULTATIVE MACHINERY THAT GOVERNMENT HAS RELIED ON IN SEEKING TO PURSUE THE AIM OF ADMINISTRATION BY CONSENSUS.

+ALL INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE DISTRICT BOARD SYSTEM HAS WORKED WELL AND THAT THERE IS ROOM FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME SO AS TO ENSURE THAT IT WILL CONTINUE TO SUIT HONG KONG'S EVOLVING NEEDS AND CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES.+

ON THE MANAGEMENT OF LOCAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES, HE POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE A NUMBER OF ISSUES WHICH GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO EXAMINE IN GREATER DETAIL BEFORE MAKING A DECISION.

FOR INSTANCE, WHETHER IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR THE BOARDS TO TAKE ON THE EXECUTIVE DUTIES, OR LIMIT THEIR MANAGEMENT ROLE TO ADVISORY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES ONLY.

ANOTHER QUESTION TO BE EXAMINED WAS WHETHER THE BOARDS' MANAGEMENT ROLE WOULD CONFLICT WITH THE NEW REGIONAL COUNCIL WHICH, IF MODED ALONG THE URBAN COUNCIL LINE, WOULD ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF SUCH FACILITIES AS TOWN HALLS AND SWIMMING POOLS.

AS FOR THE SETTING UP OF MORE BOARDS FOR LARGE AND COMPLEX DISTRICTS, MR MACPHERSON SAID THE PROPOSAL WAS BEING EXAMINED IN DETAIL, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE VIEWS OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS CONCERNED AND OTHER LOCAL PUBLIC OPINION.

+THESE PROPOSALS ARE DESIGNED FOR THE GOOD OF THE PEOPLE AND IT IS NOT GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO PROCEED WITH THEM UNLESS THEY COMMAND SUPPORT.

+THE DOOR FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION IN RESPECT OF THESE PROPOSALS IS STILL WIDE OPEN AND FURTHER PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THESE PROPOSALS ARE MORE THAN WELCOME,+ HE SAID.

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FOUR DB MEMBERS APPOINTED TO TAC

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THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED FOUR DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS TO THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS FROM APRIL 1, 1984.

THEY ARE: MR CARL TONG KA-WING, ELECTED MEMBER OF CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD; DR CONRAD LAM KUI-SHING, ELECTED MEMBER OF WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD; MR ALFRED TSO SHIU-WAI, ELECTED MEMBER OF TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD; AND MR LIU CHING-LEUNG, APPOINTED MEMBER OF NORTH DISTRICT BOARD.

THE NEW MEMBERS REPLACE MRS GRACE HO AND MR STEPHEN WONG YUEN-CHEUNG WHO WILL BE RETIRING FROM THE TAC AFTER MORE THAN 10 YEARS' SERVICE.

THEY ALSO FILL TWO EXISTING VACANCIES ON THE COMMITTEE BROUGHT ABOUT FIRST BY THE RESIGNATION OF MISS MARIA TAM AFTER HER APPOINTMENT TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, AND SECOND BY THE LAPSE OF THE POST OF CONTROLLER OF RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT, WHO WAS APPOINTED TO THE COMMITTEE IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROCESS OF THE MODERNISATION OF THE KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY.

AT YESTERDAY'S TAC MEETING, THE CHAIRMAN, MR GERALD FORSGATE, PAID TRIBUTE TO THE RETIRING MEMBERS, MRS HO AND MR WONG.

+IN THE COURSE OF MORE THAN A DECADE, THEIR EXPERIENCE AND WISE ADVICE HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO BEAR ON A WIDE RANGE OF TRANSPORT ISSUES WHICH ARE OFTEN COMPLICATED AND DIFFICULT. THEIR VALUABLE SERVICE HAS BEEN DEEPLY APPRECIATED,+ HE SAID.

ON THE NEW APPOINTMENTS, HE SAID, +THEY ARE ALL MEMBERS OF DISTRICT BOARDS AND WILL, I AM SURE, BRING MOST USEFUL KNOWLEDGE FROM THEIR CONTACTS WITH MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE.+

MR TONG, A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE MID-LEVELS (CENTRAL) AREA COMMITTEE SINCE 1982. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION STAFF AND TRAINING SUB-COMMITTEE.

A MEDICAL PRACTITIONER, DR LAM IS THE HONORARY MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT OF OUR LADY OF MARYKNOLL HOSPITAL. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY NURSING SERVICE JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE.

MR TSO IS AN ESTATE SURVEYOR. HE IS A COUNCILLOR OF HEUNG YEE KUK REPRESENTING TUEN MUN, A DIRECTOR OF YAN OI TONG COMMUNITY AND INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE, THE NATIONAL SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE HK JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN 1982 AND THE PRESIDENT OF YUEN LONG JAYCEES IN 1981.

MR LIU, A MERCHANT, IS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN NEW TERRITORIES COMMUNITY AFFAIRS. HE IS THE CHAIRMAN OF SHEUNG SHUI RURAL COMMITTEE, A MEMBER OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG NEW TERRITORIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE CHINESE PERMANENT CEMETERIES BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

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THE NEW APPOINTMENTS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE ON FRIDAY (MARCH 16).

THE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP WILL COMPRISE 12 UNOFFICIAL AND SIX OFFICIAL MEMBERS. THE 12 UNOFFICIALS INCLUDE THREE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, TWO URBAN COUNCIL, FOUR DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, ONE FROM A PROMINENT INTEREST GROUP, A LECTURER IN TRANSPORT STUDIES, AND ONE CONNECTED WITH THE TRANSPORT INDUSTRY.

EXISTING COMMITTEE MEMBERS RE-APPOINTED ARE -

MR CHAN PAK-KEUNG, THE HON F K HU, THE HON CHAN KAM-CHUEN, THE HON STEPHEN CHEONG, MR STEPHEN CHENG, MISS ANNA WU, AND MR HOWARD YOUNG.

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CHANGES IN CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES PROPOSED

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TWO DISTRICT BOARD CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES IN KOWLOON CITY WILL NEED TO BE REVISED TO TIE IN WITH THE RECENTLY PROPOSED DOUBLING OF ELECTED MEMBERS ON THE BOARDS, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GORDON JONES, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

+THIS WILL ALSO ACHIEVE A MORE EVEN POPULATION SPREAD BETWEEN THE CONSTITUENCIES AND JUSTIFY THE CREATION OF TWO ELECTED SEATS IN EACH CONSTITUENCY SHOULD THE PROPOSAL BE ADOPTED,+ HE SAID.

THE TWO CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES IN QUESTION ARE THOSE BETWEEN THE HO MAN TIN NORTH AND SOUTH CONSTITUENCIES AND THE TO KWA WAN NORTH AND SOUTH CONSTITUENCIES.

AT PRESENT, KOWLOON CITY IS DIVIDED INTO EIGHT DISTRICT BOARD CONSTITUENCIES WHICH EACH HAVING ONE SEAT.

THE POPULATION IN EACH OF THE EIGHT CONSTITUENCIES ARE AS FOLLOWS : KOWLOON CITY AND SAI TAU, 62 366; KOWLOON TONG AND MA TAU WAI, 65 115; HO MAN TIN NORTH, 34 252; HO MAN TIN SOUTH, 77 528; TO KWA WAN NORTH, 45 422; TO KWA WAN SOUTH, 91 817; HUNG HOM NORTH, 44 098 AND HUNG HOM SOUTH, 59 175.

MR JONES SAID THAT BASED ON THE PROPOSED CRITERION OF ONE ELECTED SEAT FOR A POPULATION OF 25 000 PEOPLE, THERE WOULD BE TWO CONSTITUENCIES - HO MAN TIN SOUTH AND TO KWA WAN SOUTH - BEING ENTITLED TO AT LEAST THREE SEATS, WHEREAS ALL THE OTHER CONSTITUENCIES WOULD HAVE ONLY TWO SEATS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF HO MAN TIN NORTH, WHICH WOULD HAVE ONLY ONE SEAT.

+AS A RESULT, THERE WILL BE AN UNEVEN SPREAD OF SEATS AMONG THE CONSTITUENCIES.

+FURTHERMORE, IT WILL NOT BE EQUITABLE FOR EACH OF THE EXISTING CONSTITUENCIES TO HAVE TWO SEATS WITHOUT HAVING REGARD TO POPULATION, AS THIS WILL RESULT IN THE RESIDENTS OF SOME CONSTITUENCIES BEING OVER-REPRESENTED ON THE DISTRICT BOARD WHEREAS THE RESIDENTS OF OTHER CONSTITUENCIES WILL BE UNDER-REPRESENTED,+ HE SAID.

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THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN HO MAN TIN NORTH AND SOUTH CONSTITUENCIES WILL BE TO EXCISE THE HO MAN TIN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE, WITH A POPULATION OF ABOUT 22 000, AND THE RESIDENTIAL AREA AROUND SHEK KU AND KING TAK STREETS, WITH AN APPROXIMATE POPULATION OF 1 000, FROM HO MAN TIN SOUTH AND INCLUDE IT IN HO MAN TIN NORTH.

AS A RESULT, HO MAN TIN SOUTH AND HO MAN TIN NORTH WILL HAVE POPULATIONS OF 54 500 AND 57 000 RESPECTIVELY.

ANOTHER PROPOSED REVISION WILL BE TO TRANSFER THE PART OF THE EXISTING TO KWA WAN SOUTH CONSTITUENCY EAST OF TO KWA WAN ROAD, WITH ABOUT 30 000 PEOPLE, TO TO KWA WAN NORTH.

LIKewise, THE AREA IN TO KWA WAN NORTH CONSTITUENCY BOUNDED BY MA TAU KOK ROAD, KOWLOON CITY ROAD, MA HANG CHUNG ROAD AND MA TAU CHUNG ROAD, WITH ABOUT 8 500 PEOPLE, WILL BE ABSORBED INTO TO KWA WAN SOUTH CONSTITUENCY.

CONSEQUENTLY, TO KWA WAN NORTH WILL HAVE 66 500 PEOPLE AND TO KWA WAN SOUTH 69 500 PEOPLE.

+THE PROPOSED REVISIONS OF THE TWO CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE COMING DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON THURSDAY,+ MR JONES SAID.

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DB TO DISCUSS PROPOSED ADMINISTRATION CHANGES
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KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN LOCAL ADMINISTRATION AT THEIR MEETING ON THURSDAY (MARCH 15) AFTERNOON.

THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED REVISION OF TWO DISTRICT BOARD CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES IN THE DISTRICT TO TIE IN WITH THE PROPOSED DOUBLING OF ELECTED SEATS ON THE BOARD.

THE PROVISION OF A COMMUNITY CENTRE, COUNSELLING FOR STUDENTS, AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE HUNG HOM URBAN COUNCIL COMPLEX WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WILL INCLUDE DISCUSSION ON THE INSTALLATION OF ALUMINIUM-FRAMED SHUTTERS IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, AND PROGRESS REPORTS OF THE BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT, COMMUNITY BUILDING AND TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEES.

TEN SEATS WILL BE RESERVED FOR THE PUBLIC. ANYONE INTERESTED SHOULD CONTACT THE SECRETARY, MR KWAN WAI-HAY, AT 3-7110171.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 2.15 PM ON THURSDAY (MARCH 15) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT 141-143 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD.

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NT CHIEF VISITS YUEN LONG

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON, SPENT A DAY IN YUEN LONG TODAY (TUESDAY), MEETING LEADERS OF FOUR RURAL COMMITTEES TO DISCUSS LOCAL PROBLEMS.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JAMES WILSON, HE ALSO VISITED AREAS OF WHICH DRAFT LAYOUT PLANS HAD BEEN TABLED FOR DISCUSSION AT RECENT DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS.

IN PAT HEUNG, MR MACPHERSON WAS BRIEFED ON THE WANG TOI SHAN VILLAGE CONTRACT CLEANSING SCHEME, UNDER WHICH THE GOVERNMENT HIRED A PRIVATE COMPANY TO HANDLE CLEANSING JOBS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE SCHEME, WHICH BEGAN IN MAY 1982, HAS PROVED A SUCCESS BECAUSE THE CONTRACTOR IS A COMPANY FORMED BY LOCAL VILLAGERS, WHO, WITH THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE AREA, CAN RESPOND DIRECTLY TO LOCAL NEEDS.

MR MACPHERSON LATER SAW A NUMBER OF HISTORICAL BUILDINGS, INCLUDING THE TANG CHING LOK ANCESTRAL HALL AND I-TAI STUDY HALL IN KAM TIN; NAM PIN WAI AND SAI PIN WAI IN SHAP PAT HEUNG; AND TAI FU TAI AND MAN LUNG FUNG CHI IN SAN TIN.

DURING THE TOUR, LOCAL LEADERS TOLD MR MACPHERSON ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THEIR FAMILIES.

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TWO LABOUR MP'S TO VISIT HONG KONG

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THE DEPUTY SHADOW FOREIGN SECRETARY, MR G.I.M. ROBERTSON, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARLIAMENTARY LABOUR PARTY FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, MR T. CLARKE, WILL ARRIVE IN HONG KONG TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) FOR A NINE-DAY VISIT.

THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT, THE FIRST FOR THE TWO MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, IS TO ENSURE THAT WHEN QUESTIONS ABOUT HONG KONG ARE RAISED IN PARLIAMENT, THEY WILL HAVE ACCURATE INFORMATION ON WHICH TO BASE THEIR COMMENTS, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

MR ROBERTSON HAS BEEN AN MP SINCE 1978, AND MR CLARKE SINCE 1982.

DURING THEIR STAY, THEY WILL MEET THE GOVERNOR, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS AND THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, AS WELL AS OTHER SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

THEY WILL ALSO MEET UMELCO, THE URBAN COUNCIL, DISTRICT BOARDS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

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THE TWO MP'S WILL LOOK AT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND VISIT VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

ANY PERSON WISHING TO MEET THEM SHOULD CALL TELEPHONE NUMBER 5-951977, EXTENTION 281, TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPOINTMENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MR ROBERTSON AND MR CLARKE WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE ON MARCH 22 (THURSDAY), IN THE GIS THEATRE, AT 11 AM. A REMINDER WILL BE ISSUED CLOSER TO THE DATE.

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CLOSE COOPERATION WITH DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS
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THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT COOPERATES CLOSELY WITH DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS IN THE PROVISION OF ACTIVITIES SUITED TO THE NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS.

THIS WAS SAID THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING BY THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND SPORT, MR DICKEN YUNG, AT THE QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

MR YUNG SAID THE DEPARTMENT'S 19 DISTRICT OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY PLAYED AN ACTIVE ROLE IN ORGANISING ACTIVITIES AND KEPT CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE DISTRICTS' COMMUNITY LEADERS.

THESE OFFICES ORGANISE AND CO-ORGANISE AN AVERAGE OF MORE THAN 600 PROJECTS A MONTH, INCLUDING DISTRICT SPORTS FESTIVALS AND TRAINING SCHEMES.

HE SAID THAT THE DEPARTMENT ALONE COULD NOT MEET THE DEMANDS OF THE COMMUNITY NOR WOULD IT EVER AIM TO DO SO.

+THIS IS WHY IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO WORK HAND-IN-HAND WITH DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS, NATIONAL BODIES OF SPORTS AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS,+ HE SAID.

ALSO ATTENDING THE MEETING WERE MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT'S SPORTS COUNCIL AND THE DISTRICT OFFICER OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT, MR K.C. KWONG.

THE MEETING DISCUSSED VARIOUS SPORTS PROGRAMMES OUTLINED FOR 1984.

AMONG THE HIGHLIGHTS WILL BE A YEAR-LONG SCHEME TO TRAIN ATHLETES FOR THE DISTRICT +IRON MAN+ AND +IRON WOMAN+ CONTESTS TO BE HELD EARLY NEXT YEAR.

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BANKING SYMPOSIUM ARRANGED FOR CAREERS MASTERS
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ABOUT 250 CAREERS MASTERS ARE BEING INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A TWO-HOUR SYMPOSIUM ORGANISED BY THE BANKING TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

THE SYMPOSIUM WILL BE HELD AT THE AUDITORIUM OF HANG SENG BANK HEAD OFFICE BUILDING, CENTRAL, ON SATURDAY (MARCH 24) FROM 9.30 AM TO 11.30 AM.

ITS AIM IS TO IMPART INFORMATION ON CAREERS TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND PROSPECTS IN BANKING TO CAREERS MASTERS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRAINING BOARD SAID.

+LIKEWISE, CAREERS MASTERS WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE COUNSEL AND GUIDANCE CONCERNING CAREERS IN BANKING TO SECONDARY SCHOOL LEAVERS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

A PANEL OF BANKING PRACTITIONERS WILL SPEAK ON SUCH SUBJECTS AS TECHNOLOGY IN CONNECTION WITH TRAINING IN BANKS, DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES AND THE STRUCTURE OF A BANK.

ADMISSION TO THE SYMPOSIUM IS FREE. FOR RESERVATION PLEASE CONTACT THE SECRETARY OF THE TRAINING BOARD ON 5-8932341 EXT. 255 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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TEXTILE CONTROL FORMS REVISED
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SEVEN REVISED FORMS FOR TEXTILE CONTROLS PURPOSES WILL BE BROUGHT INTO USE FROM APRIL 1, THE TRADE DEPARTMENT HAS ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE REVISED FORMS WILL BE ON SALE FROM MARCH 19 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, AND THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICES AT CANTON ROAD AND ASIAN HOUSE.

DETAILS OF THE REVISED FORMS ARE PUBLISHED IN NOTICE TO EXPORTERS, ALL SERIES, OF MARCH 12.

COPIES OF THE NOTICE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S ENQUIRIES SECTION, COUNTER 31, 15TH FLOOR, OCEAN CENTRE, CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

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SALVATION ARMY PRAISED FOR WORK
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THE SALVATION ARMY WAS PRAISED TODAY BY THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR DAVID JEAFFRESON, FOR TAKING CARE OF WOMEN IN URGENT NEED OF TEMPORARY HOUSING.

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THE FACT THAT THE SALVATION ARMY HAD PROVIDED TEMPORARY HOUSING FOR MORE THAN 300 WOMEN DURING THE LAST 10 YEARS WAS A FURTHER ILLUSTRATION OF ITS CONTINUING VALUABLE SERVICE TO THE HONG KONG COMMUNITY, HE SAID, OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE +SALVATION ARMY NAM MING HAVEN FOR WOMEN+ IN SHEK KIP MEI.

THE +HAVEN+, HE ADDED, DERIVED ITS ORIGIN FROM THE WAN CHAI WOMEN'S SHELTER, WHICH THE SALVATION ARMY OPENED IN 1974 AND WHICH PROVIDED TEMPORARY HOUSING FOR UP TO 24 ELDERLY WOMEN IN URGENT NEED OF ACCOMMODATION.

THE REPROVISIONING OF THE WAN CHAI SHELTER TO NAM MING HOUSE WITH ITS INCREASED FACILITIES WAS A MOST WELCOMED MOVE TOWARDS MEETING THE DEFICIENCY OF SUITABLE SHORT-TERM ACCOMMODATION FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE, HE SAID.

IN THE +HAVEN+, EMERGENCY SHELTER COULD NOW BE PROVIDED FOR 42 WOMEN AT ANY ONE TIME IN SURROUNDINGS WHICH WERE MUCH MORE BENEFICIAL AND ATTRACTIVE THAN THOSE OF THE ORIGINAL SHELTER, HE NOTED.

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LO WU STATION TO BE FULLY AIR CONDITIONED
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LO WU STATION WILL BE FULLY AIR-CONDITIONED BY THE SUMMER.

THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$1.56 MILLION CONTRACT TO SHUN HING ELECTRONIC WORKS AND ENGINEERING COMPANY LIMITED TO INSTALL A CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM.

THE WORK HAS ALREADY STARTED AND WILL BE COMPLETED BY JUNE.

AT PRESENT, ONLY SOME OF THE STATION'S OFFICES ARE AIR-CONDITIONED.

OTHER FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE MAIN EXAMINATION HALL AND THE IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS POSTS, ARE COOLED BY FANS.

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED BY THE GOVERNMENT ENGINEER-RAILWAY, MR LEUNG MIN-SUN, AND MR ANDREW CHEUNG OF SHUN HING.

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ROADS TO BE CLOSED FOR WORKS
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A NUMBER OF ROADS IN CHAI WAN, CHI FU FA YUEN AND WAN CHAI WILL BE CLOSED TO ALLOW WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT.

CHAI WAN ROAD WESTBOUND BETWEEN ITS EASTERN JUNCTION WITH WAN TSUI ROAD AND A POINT 120 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE CLOSED FROM MIDNIGHT TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

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BOTH EASTBOUND AND WESTBOUND SECTIONS OF THE SAME ROAD BETWEEN ITS TWO JUNCTIONS WITH WAN TSUI ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM MIDNIGHT ON THURSDAY (MARCH 15) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA WAN TSUI ROAD AND HONG MAN STREET.

AT CHI FU INTERCHANGE, THE DOWN-RAMP LEADING FROM CHI FU ROAD TO POK FU LAM ROAD SOUTHBOUND WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10 AM ON MARCH 15 UNTIL MARCH 29.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA POKFULAM GARDENS INTERCHANGE.

BUSES ON CMB ROUTES 44 AND 45 BOUND FOR WAH FU (SOUTH) WILL OPERATE VIA CHI FU INTERCHANGE, CHI FU ROAD, POKFULAM GARDENS INTERCHANGE AND POK FU LAM ROAD.

IN WAN CHAI, THE EXIT ROAD LEADING FROM THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL TO NORTH POINT WILL BE CLOSED FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (MARCH 15) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

MOTORISTS WILL HAVE TO USE THE EXIT ROAD LEADING TO CAUSEWAY BAY DURING THE CLOSURE.

THE CLOSURE WILL BE REPEATED FROM 11 PM ON FRIDAY (MARCH 16) UNTIL 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

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WATER MAINS WORK IN KWUN TONG AND SAI KUNG
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN KWUN TONG AND SAI KUNG WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM ON FRIDAY (MARCH 16) FOR MAINS WORK.

IN KWUN TONG, THE AFFECTED AREAS ARE LAM TIN ESTATE, SAU MAU PING ESTATE, SHUN LEE TSUEN, SHUN ON ESTATE, SHUN TIN ESTATE, SHUN CHI COURT, CHOI WAN ESTATE, UPPER NGAU TAU KOK ESTATE AND ALL PREMISES ALONG HIU KWONG STREET, HONG NING ROAD, KUNG LOK ROAD, HONG LEE ROAD AND THE SECTION OF HIP WO STREET BETWEEN SAU MAU PING ROAD AND HIU KWONG STREET.

IN SAI KUNG, THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES ALONG CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD BETWEEN HIRAM'S HIGHWAY AND MANG KUNG UK, INCLUDING SILVER STRAND, HANG HAU, SHAW'S STUDIO AND BAY SIDE.

IT WILL ALSO AFFECT ALL VILLAGES ALONG HIRAM'S HIGHWAY, INCLUDING THOSE FROM THE HIGHWAY TO HO CHUNG; AND ALL VILLAGES ALONG PO LAM ROAD AND IN RENNIE'S MILL AND MA YAU TONG.

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SALT WATER STATION WORKS

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TSUEN WAN, KWAI CHUNG AND CHAI WAN KOK WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 9.30 AM ON FRIDAY (MARCH 16) TO ALLOW WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT AT TSUEN WAN CENTRAL SALT WATER PUMPING STATION.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES AT TSUEN WAN, KWAI CHUNG AND CHAI WAN KOK AREAS EXCEPT LAI KING ESTATE, LAI YIU ESTATE AND CHO YIU ESTATE.

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NO RIGHT TURNS

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TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW, RIGHT TURNS FROM CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD NORTHBOUND INTO HING WAH STREET EASTBOUND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (MARCH 15).

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

TALK ON CUSTOMS WORK

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MR K.S. TONG, HEAD OF THE CUSTOMS INVESTIGATION BUREAU OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT, WILL ADDRESS THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON WEST TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT THE CONVENTION CENTRE, MIRAMA HOTEL, NEW WING, NATHAN ROAD.

MR TONG WILL BE SPEAKING IN CHINESE ABOUT THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT'S WORK AGAINST PIRATED CASSETTE TAPES IN HONG KONG. THE SPEECH WILL BE DELIVERED AT ABOUT 1.20 PM.

A SUMMARY OF THE SPEECH WILL BE PREPARED FOR GENERAL RELEASE AFTERWARDS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

ILLEGAL STRUCTURES TO BE CLEARED
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MORE THAN 20 ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON PING SHING LANE AND TSZ LOI LANE IN KWUN TONG TOWN CENTRE WILL BE CLEARED ON THURSDAY (MARCH 15).

THE OPERATION IS PART OF A MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CLEARANCE PROGRAMME, ENTITLED +OPERATION FAR FLING+, INITIATED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE LAST DECEMBER WITH FULL SUPPORT FROM THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD.

THURSDAY'S CLEARANCE WILL BE A JOINT EFFORT OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE POLICE AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING HOUSING, LANDS, FIRE SERVICES, CITY SERVICES, LABOUR, SOCIAL WELFARE AND THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER THE CLEARANCE SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT 9.45 AM AT PING SHING LANE (A SIDE LANE OF YUET WAH STREET) IN KWUN TONG TOWN CENTRE.

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