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NO QUESTION OF PARDON FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS: GOVERNOR

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO QUESTION OF A PARDON FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ARRESTED AT CONSTRUCTION SITES.

SIR DAVID SAID THE RECENT POLICE ACTION WAS TO TRY TO DEAL WITH THE QUESTION OF SYNDICATED IMPORTATION OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

"WHAT WE'RE FACING AT THE MOMENT IS A LARGE NUMBER OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS COMING INTO HONG KONG WITH AN ARREST RATE OF ABOUT 100 A DAY, WHICH IS VERY HIGH," HE SAID.

"WHAT WE WANT TO TRY TO DO IS TO GET AT THOSE WHO ARE SYNDICATING THE ARRIVAL OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS TO WORK, FOR INSTANCE, ON CONSTRUCTION SITES, AND THAT'S WHY THOSE PROSECUTIONS WERE CARRIED OUT, TO TRY TO DEAL WITH CASES WHERE THERE ARE A LARGE NUMBER OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS BEING BROUGHT IN," HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER A FAMILIARISATION VISIT TO THE EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

ASKED WHY HE POSTPONED HIS VISIT TO CHINA PLANNED FOR LATER THIS MONTH, SIR DAVID EXPLAINED THAT A NUMBER OF MATTERS HAD EMERGED WHICH WOULD REQUIRE HIM TO REMAIN IN HONG KONG, ONE OF WHICH WAS THE FORTHCOMING VISIT BY THE BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY, SIR GEOFFREY HOWE.

"AFTER DISCUSSING IT WITH THE PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES, I CONCLUDED THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO POSTPONE THE VISIT UNTIL LATER THIS YEAR, AND CARRY OUT A FULL VISIT AS I'D ORIGINALLY PLANNED, RATHER THAN TO SHORTEN IT ON THIS OCCASION," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID HE HAD HOPED TO VISIT CHINA IN SEPTEMBER, BUT NO DATES HAD BEEN FIXED.

ON THE SEPARATE VISITS TO HONG KONG IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS BY CHINESE VICE PREMIER, MR TIAN JIYUN, THE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG AND MACAU AFFAIRS OFFICE, MR JI PENGFEI, AND THE MAYOR OF SHENZHEN, MR LI HAO, THE GOVERNOR SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS WITH THEM ANYTHING OF INTEREST FOR THE RELATIONS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA.

"I'M VERY PLEASED THAT A SENIOR CHINESE LEADER (MR TIAN) OF HIS STATURE IS COMING TO HONG KONG, AND THAT HE'LL HAVE A CHANCE, OVER SEVERAL DAYS, TO SEE HONG KONG FOR HIMSELF," SIR DAVID SAID.

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"I HOPE WE WILL COVER THE RANGE OF ISSUES OF RELATIONS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA," HE ADDED.

ASKED WHETHER HE WOULD FORMALLY PUT FORWARD HIS VIEWS ON THE BASIC LAW DRAFT TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG AND MACAU AFFAIRS OFFICE, MR JI PENGFEI, THE GOVERNOR SAID: "I WOULDN'T EXPECT TO PUT FORWARD FORMAL VIEWS ON THE BASIC LAW DRAFT.

"THE PROCESS OF CONSULTATION ON THE BASIC LAW IS ONLY JUST BEGINNING, IT GOES ON FOR SEVERAL MONTHS."

"IF THERE ARE VIEWS WHICH THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT FEELS THAT IT OUGHT TO PUT FORWARD, WE WOULD INITIALLY BE DISCUSSING THOSE WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND WOULD PROBABLY PUT THEM THROUGH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT," SIR DAVID SAID.

"WE WOULD ALSO FIND OTHER WAYS IN WHICH WE WILL PUT FORWARD OUR VIEWS, BUT NOT AT THE EARLY STAGE. THE PROCESS AT THE MOMENT IS ONE OF CONSULTATION WITH THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG," HE SAID.

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TAC DISCUSSES ADDITIONAL CROSS-HARBOUR PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES

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THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) TODAY (TUESDAY) DISCUSSED PLANS FOR ADDITIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES TO COPE WITH INCREASED DEMAND THAT MIGHT OCCUR IF MTR PASSENGERS CHOOSE TO TRAVEL ON OTHER MODES FOLLOWING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONGESTION SURCHARGE ON MAY 30.

MEMBERS NOTED THAT FROM APRIL THIS YEAR UNTIL THE OPENING OF THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING IN LATE 1989, OVER 40 ITEMS IN THE KOWLOON ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME WILL PROVIDE FOR ALTERNATIVE SERVICES TO BE IMPROVED AND NEW SERVICES TO BE INTRODUCED.

AS A RESULT, PEAK HOUR CAPACITY WILL BE INCREASED BY ABOUT 20,000 PASSENGERS.

THESE INCLUDE IMPROVEMENTS TO FERRY SERVICES AND CROSS-HARBOUR BUS SERVICES, INCLUDING A NEW CROSS-HARBOUR BUS ROUTE NO. 119 FROM KWUN TONG'S SHUN TIN ESTATE TO CENTRAL WHICH WILL BE IN OPERATION AT THE END OF MAY.

IMPROVEMENTS WILL ALSO BE INTRODUCED TO BUS SERVICES TO VARIOUS FERRY PIERS.

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THE TAC ALSO CONSIDERED THE DRAFT FINAL REPORT ON THE LION ROCK TUNNEL TRAFFIC STUDY. MEMBERS NOTED THAT LATE 1989 WOULD BE THE MOST CONGESTED PERIOD BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL.

THE STRATEGY RECOMMENDED BY THE CONSULTANTS WAS TO EXTEND THE TIDAL FLOW SCHEME AS LONG AS POSSIBLE BY DIVERTING TRAFFIC TO USE TAI PO ROAD IN THE NORTHBOUND DIRECTION AND TO SUPPLEMENT THIS BY BUS PRIORITY SCHEMES.

THE CONSULTANTS ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT TOLL INCREASES SHOULD BE USED AS A LAST RESORT TO SUPPRESS DEMAND IF TRAFFIC GREW AT A MUCH HIGHER RATE THAN EXPECTED, OR IF ROUTE 5 OR TAI PO ROAD WIDENING WORKS WERE SIGNIFICANTLY DELAYED. MEMBERS ENDORSED THESE RECOMMENDATIONS.

THE PROPOSED MEASURES TO CONTROL LIGHT GOODS VEHICLES IN VIEW OF THE HIGH ACCIDENT RATE OF THESE VEHICLES WERE ALSO DISCUSSED.

MEMBERS FELT THAT THE AUTOMATIC APPROVAL TO DRIVE A LIGHT GOODS VEHICLE SHOULD NOT BE CONFERRED ON A PRIVATE CAR DRIVING LICENCE HOLDER UNTIL HE HAS HELD SUCH LICENCE FOR THREE YEARS.

THE COMMITTEE ALSO AGREED THAT INSPECTION OF LIGHT GOODS VEHICLES NOT EXCEEDING 1.9 TONNES SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE PRIVATE CAR INSPECTION SCHEME; THE ROAD TRAFFIC (CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES) REGULATIONS SHOULD BE AMENDED TO MAKE UNAUTHORISED CONVERSIONS ILLEGAL; AND THE REGISTRATION OF ALL GOODS VEHICLES SHOULD BE RESTRICTED TO REGISTERED COMPANIES OR BUSINESS.

THE TAC ALSO CONSIDERED THE PROPOSED INCREASES IN PARKING FEES AT THE FOUR GOVERNMENT OPEN-AIR CARPARKS TO IMPROVE THE TURNOVER RATE OF PARKING SPACES.

MEMBERS WERE BRIEFED ON THE PROGRESS AND THE MEASURES TAKEN BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TAC SUB-COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN (1987 - 1991) OF THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY; AND MEASURES TO MONITOR THE EFFICIENCY OF FRANCHISED BUS SERVICES.

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NINE QUESTIONS BEFORE LEGCO

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL ASK A TOTAL OF NINE QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER FOUR BILLS AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THREE OF THE BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS. THEY ARE THE DANGEROUS GOODS (CONSIGNMENT BY AIR) (SAFETY) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988, THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL 1988 AND THE GUARDIANSHIP OF MINORS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988.

DEBATE ON THE FILM CENSORSHIP BILL 1988 WILL BE RESUMED. THE BILL IS DUE TO BE GIVEN A SECOND READING, AND THEN GO FORWARD TO THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING.

IN ADDITION, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY WILL TABLE IN A SESSIONAL PAPER A REPORT OF CHANGES TO THE APPROVED ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE APPROVED DURING THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1987-88.

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS APPROVED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL DURING THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1987-88 WILL ALSO BE TABLED IN A SESSIONAL PAPER.

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GOVERNOR TO APPOINT COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER PAY DISPUTE

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THE GOVERNOR HAS DECIDED IN PRINCIPLE TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY TO CONSIDER THE DISPUTE OVER THE 1988 PAY ADJUSTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE 1968 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE MAIN STAFF ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTED ON THE SENIOR CIVIL SERVICE COUNCIL.

THIS WAS STATED IN THE CHIEF SECRETARY'S REPLY TODAY (TUESDAY) TO THE STAFF SIDE CHAIRMAN OF THE SENIOR CIVIL SERVICE COUNCIL.

THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ARE BEING DISCUSSED BETWEEN THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE AND THE STAFF SIDE.

PROVISION FOR CIVIL SERVICE PAY ADJUSTMENTS SOUGHT

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL BE ASKED TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO APPROVE PAY ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE WITH EFFECT FROM APRIL 1, 1988.

THE ADJUSTMENTS VARY FROM ABOUT 6.54 PER CENT FOR THE UPPER PAY BAND AND THE DIRECTORATE, TO 7.28 PER CENT FOR THE MIDDLE PAY BAND, AND TO 8.5 PER CENT FOR THE LOWER PAY BAND OF THE CIVIL SERVICE PAY SCALES AND PERSONAL SCALES.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO APPROVE SIMILAR ADJUSTMENTS TO PAY SCALES AND RATES OF ORGANISATIONS, INCLUDING DEFICIENCY SUBVENTED ORGANISATIONS, WHICH ARE NORMALLY ADJUSTED IN LINE WITH CIVIL SERVICE PAY.

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION OF ABOUT $1,643.8 MILLION WILL BE REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT THE ADJUSTMENTS.

IN ADDITION, MEMBERS WILL BE ASKED TO AGREE THAT A SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION OF ABOUT $52.5 MILLION SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE, ON APPLICATION, TO DISCRETIONARY SUBVENTED ORGANISATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MERITS OF EACH CASE.

AT TOMORROW'S MEETING, MEMBERS WILL CONSIDER APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION OF $38.475 MILLION TO MEET COSTS AWARDED AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT ARISING FROM THE CARRIAN CASE.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE:

* AN INCREASE IN THE PROJECT ESTIMATE FROM $13,656,000 TO $18,148,000 TO ASSIST THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN CHINA TOWARDS BUILDING AND EQUIPPING A PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL IN TUEN MUN;

* AN INCREASE IN COMMITMENT FROM $1,485,000 TO $2,335,000 FOR REFURBISHING FIVE PAIRS OF PASSENGER AEROBRIDGES AT HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; AND

* A LOAN OF $156.1 MILLION FROM THE DEVELOPMENT FUND TO THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL FOR CONSTRUCTING A SPECIAL PURPOSE BUILDING TO HOUSE ITS PRESENT AND PLANNED FACILITIES.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT AND THE PUBLIC WORKS SUB-COMMITTEES WILL ALSO BE CONSIDERED.

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WATER TREATMENT WORKS AT AU TAU, YUEN LONG
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS TO IMPLEMENT A SCHEME TO INCREASE ITS WATER TREATMENT CAPACITY IN THE WESTERN NEW TERRITORIES TO COPE WITH THE ONGOING DEVELOPMENT OF YUEN LONG AND TUEN MUN AND THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF TIN SHUI WAI.

THE SCHEME COMPRISES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A WATER TREATMENT WORKS, A PRIMARY SERVICE RESERVOIR AND ASSOCIATED MAINS LAYING WORK AT AU TAU, YUEN LONG.

A CONTRACT SIGNING CEREMONY FOR THE $53.8 MILLION PROJECT WAS HELD YESTERDAY (MONDAY) AT THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS. THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR K.L. WONG, AND A DIRECTOR OF THE CONTRACTOR, PORTALS WATER TREATMENT (HK) LTD, SIGNED THE CONTRACT.

TREATMENT FACILITIES TO BE INSTALLED UNDER THIS CONTRACT INCLUDE SIX CLARIFIERS, EIGHT FILTERS AND ALL CHEMICAL HANDLING AND DOSING EQUIPMENT.

THE PROJECT - AU TAU WATER TREATMENT WORKS - IS TO BE DEVELOPED IN STAGES. WITH THE COMPLETION OF STAGE I, IT WILL HAVE AN OUTPUT OF 110,000 CUBIC METRES OF WATER A DAY, WITH A FUTURE ULTIMATE CAPACITY OF 330,000 CUBIC METRES A DAY.

THE STAGE I WORKS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED IN EARLY 1990.

TWO OTHER CONTRACTS, ONE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PRIMARY SERVICE RESERVOIR AND THE OTHER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS FOR THE TREATMENT WORKS WILL BE AWARDED IN TWO TO THREE MONTHS' TIME.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS PROPOSED LO WU MARSHALLING YARD
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THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO DISCUSS A GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL TO CONSTRUCT A MARSHALLING YARD AT LO WU TO ENSURE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION IN HANDLING FREIGHT TRAFFIC.

THE PURPOSE OF A MARSHALLING YARD IS TO ACCEPT INCOMING TRAINS, BREAK THEM INTO SECTIONS ACCORDING TO TYPE AND DESTINATION, AND THEN REASSEMBLE THEM INTO TRAINS OF A COMMON TYPE AND DESTINATION.

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MEMBERS WILL ALSO COMMENT ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL STABLING SIDINGS NEAR THE PROPOSED YARD FOR NEW PASSENGER TRAINS TO ALLEVIATE OVERCROWDING ON PASSENGER TRAINS.

THE COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER SUGGESTIONS FROM TWO DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND A RESIDENTS' WELFARE ASSOCIATION CONCERNING RELOCATION OF BUS STOPS AT MAN KAM TO ROAD, PROVISION OF A TURN-AROUND FACILITY AT TONG HANG VILLAGE IN FANLING, AND IMPROVEMENT OF TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS AT PING CHE ROAD, TA KWU LING.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE RELOCATION OF THE EXISTING PUBLIC LIGHT BUS STAND AT TSUN FU STREET TO SAN FAT STREET, AND THE PROPOSED RELOCATION OF GOODS VEHICLE PARKING SPACES AT SAN FUNG AVENUE, BOTH IN SHEUNG SHUI.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING. IT WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS TO BE CONSIDERED

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MEMBERS OF CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT AND WORKS COMMITTEE WILL ENDORSE THE COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE AT A MEETING ON THURSDAY (MAY 19).

THEY WILL CONSIDER 15 PROPOSED MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR AND GIVE ADVICE ON WHICH ONES SHOULD HAVE PRIORITY.

ALSO ON THE AGENDA IS THE MATTER OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEM CAUSED BY A PIG ROASTING FACTORY IN SMITHFIELD, KENNEDY TOWN.

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ACTIVITIES TO BE ORGANISED IN SUPPORT OF THE 1988 WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY WILL BE DISCUSSED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT AND WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY (MAY 19) AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM, 14TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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VIDEO FILM ON KWUN TONG DB'S WORK

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A VIDEO FILM INTRODUCING THE STRUCTURE, OPERATION AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC USE.

THE 23-MINUTE DOCUMENTARY, NARRATED IN CANTONESE, WAS PRODUCED BY THE LAST TERM DISTRICT BOARD (1985-1988) TO PROMOTE THE WORK OF THE BOARD AND THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME.

"IT ALSO SERVES AS A FORM OF CIVIC EDUCATION MATERIAL, AIMING TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO SHOW MORE CONCERN FOR THEIR COMMUNITY AND TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE PART IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD'S SECRETARIAT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE VIDEO HIGHLIGHTED THE WORK OF THE BOARD'S SIX STANDING COMMITTEES AND FOUR WORKING GROUPS.

DURING THE THREE YEARS ENDING MARCH 31 THIS YEAR, THE COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS HAD HANDLED VARIOUS ISSUES CONCERNING TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT, COMMUNITY BUILDING, HOUSING, SOCIAL SERVICES AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT WITH CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS.

VHS COPIES OF THE FILM ARE AVAILABLE AT THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT. LOCAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS ARE WELCOME TO BORROW THE TAPES FOR PUBLIC SHOWING AS PART OF THEIR CIVIC EDUCATION PROGRAMMES.

ENQUIRIES ON BORROWING PROCEDURES CAN BE MADE ON 3-416315 EXT. 231.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS SERVICES OF PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE AGED

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THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE STANDARD OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE AGED IN THE DISTRICT AT A MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL LOOK INTO THE ROLE THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SHOULD PLAY IN SUPERVISING THE OPERATION OF THESE INSTITUTIONS.

OTHER TOPICS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE DISTRICT'S CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN FOR 1988-89, SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IN YUEN LONG, AND FUND APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS FOR HOLDING SOCIAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, 13TH FLOOR, TAI KIU GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG. THE MEETING WILL START AT 3 PM.

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APPLICATIONS FOR DB FUNDS ON AGENDA

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THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE TUEN MUN SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS FOR HOLDING CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS A REPORT ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD IN THE DISTRICT.

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AN INFORMATION PAPER ON THE WORK OF THE ICAC REGIONAL OFFICE (NEW TERRITORIES NORTH WEST) WILL BE TABLED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TUEN MUN DB'S CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW (MAY 18) IN THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR, GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, NO. 1, TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS ON SATURDAY (MAY 21) AT 10 AM IN THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL.

A TOTAL OF 40 SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING. THEY ARE :

DS 117	DU1283	BL 283	AK 813	AL1683
DT1628	AT9628	DS8885	BB 968	DS 238
CD3083	DB 66	DT8288	DV 930	XX3902
AT7707	DR 168	DS 213	DM1111	AA 58
DT8899	AB 833	DS6638	DR8328	BB 391
DS8468	CC3898	2042	DS 389	DS3228
DR 938	CM 1	DS 880	DP 638	DM 6
DD 38	DS8238	DD 98	DJ 1	DR9888

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

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A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION MUST BE PRODUCED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE AUCTION IF THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK IS TO BE REGISTERED UNDER THE NAME OF A BODY CORPORATE.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL AS USUAL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE COMING AUCTION WILL BE THE 125TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR BEST APPRENTICE CONTEST

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REGISTERED VEHICLE MECHANIC APPRENTICES ARE BEING INVITED TO COMPETE FOR THE TITLE OF "BEST APPRENTICE" IN THE TRADE THIS SUMMER.

"THE 1988 BEST APPRENTICE COMPETITION, ORGANISED BY THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, AIMS AT AROUSING PUBLIC AWARENESS TO THE IMPORTANCE OF PROPER APPRENTICE TRAINING AND THE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN INDUSTRY," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COUNCIL SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS: A THEORY TEST ON JULY 14 AND A SKILLS TEST SCHEDULED FROM AUGUST 15 TO 17 AT THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRE.

CONTESTANTS WHO PASS THE THEORY TEST WILL BE INVITED TO TAKE THE SKILLS TEST, REQUIRING THEM TO IDENTIFY AND REPAIR FAULTS RELATING TO ENGINE, TRANSMISSION, BRAKE, STEERING AND ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS AND SO ON.

THE WINNER WILL BE AWARDED CASH, A TROPHY AND OTHER PRIZES UP TO A VALUE OF $5,000.

ALL REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLE MECHANIC APPRENTICES WHO ARE ENTERING THEIR FINAL YEAR OF TRAINING MAY APPLY.

/APPLICATION FORMS .....

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE COUNCIL ON THE 14TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI. CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION IS JUNE 15.

IN THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY, THERE ARE ABOUT 400 REGISTERED APPRENTICES UNDERGOING FOUR YEARS OF ON-THE-JOB TRAINING AND COMPLEMENTARY TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

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VIOLA MASTERCLASS BY VIRTUOSO

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A MASTERCLASS TO BE CONDUCTED BY A FAMOUS VIOLIST, MS XIAO HONG-MEI, WILL BE HELD AT THE MONG KOK MUSIC CENTRE OF THE MUSIC OFFICE ON THURSDAY (MAY 19), STARTING AT 5 PM.

MS XIAO WAS BORN IN SHANGHAI. SHE RECEIVED HER EARLIEST MUSICAL TRAINING FROM HER FATHER, A WELL-KNOWN COMPOSER.

AFTER RECEIVING A PRE-COLLEGE DIPLOMA AND A BACHELOR'S DEGREE WITH HIGHEST HONOURS AT THE SHANGHAI CONSERVATORY, SHE STUDIED WITH MR JOHN GRAHAM, NEW YORK STATE UNIVERSITY'S ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE IN VIOLA, DURING HIS SIX MONTHS' VISIT TO CHINA. IN 1984, SHE WENT TO NEW YORK TO CONINUE WORKING WITH HIM.

SHE FINISHED HER MASTER'S DEGREE IN 1986 AND ENTERED THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME LAST AUTUMN.

ADMISSION TO THE MASTERCLASS IS FREE, AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. ENQUIRIES AND RESERVATIONS MAY BE MADE ON 5-8235321.

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WATER CUT IN LAI CHI KOK

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN LAI CHI KOK WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9 PM ON FRIDAY (MAY 20) TO 7 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT KAU WAH KENG TSUEN, CHUNG SHAN TERRACE, HAPPY VILLA AND LAI CHI KOK PARK INDOOR GAMES HALL.

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LONG VEHICLE BAN IN NORTH POINT

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ALL VEHICLES EXCEEDING SEVEN METRES LONG WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT FROM ELECTRIC ROAD IN NORTH POINT TO FOOK YUM ROAD FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (MAY 20).

THE BAN WILL LAST FOR ABOUT 15 DAYS FOR ROADWORKS.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF SLIP ROADS ON ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR

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THE SLIP ROADS ON THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AND ON THURSDAY FOR ROADWORKS.

THE SLIP ROADS LEADING FROM THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR TO KORNHILL AND SAI WAN HO INTERCHANGE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 2.30 PM TO 3 PM TOMORROW.

IN ADDITION, THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM NAM ON STREET TO THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM ON THURSDAY.

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