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RE-APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSION ON YOUTH

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT THE CHAIRMAN AND ALL NON-OFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ON YOUTH HAVE BEEN RE-APPOINTED TO SERVE ON THE COMMISSION FOR A FURTHER TERM OF ONE YEAR.

SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT ON FEBRUARY 15 LAST YEAR, THE COMMISSION HAS BEEN CHAIRED BY EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MRS ROSANNA TAM.

OTHER NON-OFFICIAL MEMBERS ARE : MR DAVID CHEUNG CHI-KONG, MRS MIRIAM LAU KIN-YEE, DR NELSON CHOW WING-SUN, MR MAK HOI-WAH, MRS JOYCE TAI POON CHING-SHEUNG, MR CHEUNG YIN-TUNG, DR LO CHI-KIN, MR CHAN MO-POW, MR HOWARD YOUNG HOW-WAH AND MR CHAN KA-KUI.

THEY HAVE ALL BEEN RE-APPOINTED TO THE COMMISSION BY THE GOVERNOR FOR ONE YEAR WITH EFFECT FROM FEBRUARY 15.

IN ADDITION, THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED MISS JUNIA HO SUK-YIN AND MRS TERESA LAM YU LAI-LING AS NEW MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION FOR THE SAME ONE-YEAR PERIOD.

MISS HO IS CURRENTLY ALSO A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, ANOTHER ADVISORY BODY SET UP BY THE GOVERNMENT IN 1986. MRS LAM IS CO-ORDINATOR, YOUTH SERVICE, OF CARITAS HONG KONG.

THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, THE SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE AND THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES, WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ON THE COMMISSION.

THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMISSION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- (A) TO ADVISE THE GOVERNOR ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO YOUTH;
- (B) TO EXCHANGE IDEAS AND INFORMATION WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT ADVISORY BODIES ON YOUTH MATTERS WITH A VIEW TO ENSURING THAT THE INTERESTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE ARE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE DESIGN OF RELEVANT SERVICES PROGRAMMES;
- (C) TO ENCOURAGE BETTER CO-OPERATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS AND PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS INVOLVED IN YOUTH SERVICE PROVISION;
- (D) TO GATHER INFORMATION AND INITIATE RESEARCH ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO YOUTH;
- (E) TO ACT AS A FOCAL LIAISON POINT WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL YOUTH ORGANISATIONS, AND TO PROMOTE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF HONG KONG TO ACQUIRE INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE AND EXPOSURE;

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- (F) TO ENHANCE THE CIVIC AWARENESS OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS; AND
- (G) TO PROMOTE LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

AS PART OF ITS ACTIVITIES, THE COMMISSION HAS STARTED RESEARCH WORK ON THE YOUTH'S ATTITUDES AND EXPECTATIONS TOWARDS THEIR FUTURE AND THE INFLUENCE OF THE MASS MEDIA ON YOUTH. IT IS HOPED THAT THE FINDINGS OF THESE STUDIES WILL FACILITATE A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE IMPORTANT FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE THE THINKING AND BEHAVIOUR OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

THE COMMISSION HAS ALSO INITIATED A SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH YOUTH ORGANISATIONS AND ORGANISATIONS WITH AN INTEREST IN YOUTH MATTERS TO EXCHANGE IDEAS AND OBTAIN THEIR VIEWS ON THE COMMISSION'S WORK.

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GOVT LAB TO BUY AUTHENTIC SAMPLE ANALYSIS SYSTEM

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THE GOVERNMENT LABORATORY (GL) WILL ACQUIRE A NEW SAMPLE ANALYSIS SYSTEM WHICH COULD PRODUCE ANALYTICAL RESULTS GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE IN LAW COURTS AS INCONTTESTABLE SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE.

THE SYSTEM, WITH AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$5,850,000, IS SCHEDULED TO BE INSTALLED IN THE 1992/93 FINANCIAL YEAR.

THE RELEVANT FUND ALLOCATION WAS RECENTLY APPROVED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

THE NEW MODEL IS WIDELY USED BY WELL ESTABLISHED LABORATORIES ALL OVER THE WORLD FOR CONDUCTING ANALYSES OF COMPLICATED AND IMPORTANT SAMPLES.

IT USES THE TECHNIQUE WHICH PROVIDES THE MOST RELIABLE AND EFFICIENT METHOD OF ACQUIRING ACCURATE ANALYTICAL INFORMATION ON ORGANIC COMPOUNDS.

WHEN COMPARED WITH THE EXISTING SYSTEM, IT HAS SUPERIOR SENSITIVITY AND IS MUCH MORE EFFICIENT.

AFTER ITS FIRST INSTALLATION IN 1980, THE EXISTING SYSTEM, INSTALLED UNDER THE GL'S ANALYTICAL AND ADVISORY SERVICES DIVISION, IS NOW IN POOR WORKING CONDITION DUE TO ITS AGE AND HEAVY USAGE.

A CHEMIST WORKING IN THE DIVISION, DR K.S. LEUNG, SAID APART FROM THE DIFFICULTY TO OBTAIN SPARE PARTS, THE EXISTING EQUIPMENT ALSO EXPERIENCED FREQUENT BREAKDOWNS IN RECENT YEARS WITH ITS ANALYTICAL SENSITIVITY DETERIORATED SIGNIFICANTLY.

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"IN CASE OF BREAKDOWNS, THE DIVISION MAY NEED TO USE OTHER LESS VERSATILE TECHNIQUES TO CONDUCT TESTS. IN SUCH CASES, TESTS WOULD TAKE LONGER TIME TO ACCOMPLISH AND ACCURACY OF THE RESULTS MIGHT BE AFFECTED," DR LEUNG SAID.

REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING SYSTEM WAS THEREFORE PROPOSED ON THE ADVICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE EQUIPMENT.

THE DIVISION PROVIDES ADVISORY AND TESTING SERVICES FOR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WHICH REQUIRE LABORATORY SUPPORT IN DISCHARGING THEIR STATUTORY AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS OR DUTIES.

ITS ACTIVITIES ALSO INCLUDES TESTING OF CIGARETTES FOR HARMFUL CHEMICALS, RADIOCHEMICAL MEASUREMENTS, ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING OF AIR, WATER AND WASTE SAMPLES.

THE DIVISION ALSO IDENTIFIES HARMFUL CONTAMINANTS AND PESTICIDES IN FOOD, HORMONE RESIDUES IN POULTRY AND UNDECLARED SYNTHETIC DRUGS IN CHINESE HERBAL PREPARATIONS.

ON SOME OCCASIONS, PARTICULARLY IN CASES WHERE PUBLIC SAFETY IS AFFECTED, ANALYTICAL RESULTS ARE REQUIRED URGENTLY.

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EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND PROVIDES \$3.4M TO NEEDY IN 1989/90
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THE EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND WHICH PROVIDES CASH AID TO VICTIMS OF NATURAL DISASTER HAS PAID OUT A TOTAL OF \$3.4 MILLION IN THE FISCAL YEAR OF 1989/90.

THE EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND, MANAGED BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, COMPRISES OF AN ALLOCATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND OCCASIONAL DONATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

WITH ADVICE FROM THE RELIEF FUND COMMITTEE, LOANS AND GRANTS WOULD BE GIVEN TO VICTIMS OF FIRE, FLOOD, TYPHOON AND OTHER DISASTERS.

A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT IN 1989/90, THE MAJORITY OF THE PAYMENTS WHICH TOTALLED \$2.5 MILLION, OR 75 PER CENT OF THE YEAR'S TOTAL EXPENDITURE, WERE GRANTS MADE FOR DOMESTIC RE-ACCOMMODATION, RE-EQUIPMENT, SITE FORMATION AND REPAIR.

THE REMAINDER INCLUDED \$630,000 IN PRIMARY PRODUCE GRANTS AND \$210,000 IN DEATH AND INJURY GRANTS. RECIPIENTS OF GRANTS FROM THE FUND WERE MOSTLY VICTIMS OF FIRES AND LANDSLIDES, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

GRANTS MADE FROM THE EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND FALL INTO THE FOLLOWING FIVE CATEGORIES:

- * DEATH AND PERSONAL INJURY GRANTS;

/* DOMESTIC RE-ACCOMMODATION

- * DOMESTIC RE-ACCOMMODATION, RE-EQUIPMENT, SITE FORMATION AND REPAIR GRANTS;
- * GRANTS FOR THE REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF VESSELS;
- * PRIMARY PRODUCE GRANTS; AND
- * SPECIAL GRANTS.

THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR APPROVING GRANTS AND MAKING PAYMENTS RESTS IN OFFICERS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE, HOUSING, MARINE, AND AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENTS.

THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERALL CO-ORDINATION IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT GRANTS MIGHT BE MADE TO A PERSON WHO IS A LEGAL RESIDENT OF HONG KONG AND IS IN NEED AS A RESULT OF NATURAL DISASTER SUCH AS TEMPEST, TYPHOON, RAINSTORM, LANDSLIDE, AND FLOODING.

"IN ADDITION, VICTIMS OF FIRE, HOUSE COLLAPSE, BOAT CAPSIZE, SHIPWRECK, EXPLOSION, EVICTION FROM A DANGEROUS BUILDING ARE ALSO ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE," HE ADDED.

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TRADERS PROSECUTED FOR USING INACCURATE
WEIGHING OR MEASURING INSTRUMENTS

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THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT HAS SUCCESSFULLY PROSECUTED 54 TRADERS FOR USING INACCURATE WEIGHING OR MEASURING INSTRUMENTS SINCE THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ORDINANCE CAME INTO EFFECT TWO YEARS AGO.

TOTAL FINES IMPOSED BY THE COURTS AMOUNT TO OVER \$130,000.

THE PRINCIPAL TRADE CONTROLS OFFICER OF THE CUSTOMS TRADING STANDARDS INVESTIGATION BUREAU, MR ANDREW WONG, SAID MOST PROSECUTIONS RESULTED FROM PUBLIC COMPLAINTS.

"SINCE THE LAW WAS ENACTED, WE HAVE RECEIVED 355 COMPLAINTS ON WEIGHTS AND MEASURES. A TOTAL OF 238 COMPLAINTS WERE RECEIVED IN 1990, COMPARED WITH 94 IN 1989. SO FAR THIS YEAR, THERE HAVE BEEN 23 COMPLAINTS," HE SAID.

IN ADDITION TO RESPONDING TO COMPLAINTS FROM THE PUBLIC, MR WONG SAID OFFICERS OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT CARRIED OUT SPOT CHECKS AT SHOPS OR MARKET STALLS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

"SO FAR, ABOUT 380 SUCH SPOT CHECKS HAVE BEEN MADE," HE SAID.

AS A NATURAL CONSEQUENCE OF THE GULF WAR, MR WONG SAID, OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT HAD RECENTLY STEPPED UP SPOT CHECKS AT PETROL FILLING STATIONS.

"NO DISCREPANCIES HAVE BEEN FOUND AS A RESULT," HE SAID.

EARLIER THIS MONTH, TWO FRUIT RETAILERS AND A POULTRY RETAILER WERE FINED A TOTAL OF \$5,500 FOR USING INACCURATE WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO SUSPECT THEY HAVE BEEN GIVEN SHORT WEIGHTS OR MEASURES SHOULD TELEPHONE THE DEPARTMENT ON 714 6146 DURING OFFICE HOURS OR 852 3185 OUTSIDE OFFICE HOURS.

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48 NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED IN NOVEMBER
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THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE APPROVED A TOTAL OF 48 NEW BUILDING PLANS IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR.

OF THE PLANS, 17 WERE FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, EIGHT FOR KOWLOON AND 23 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE APPROVED PLANS INCLUDED 11 FOR APARTMENT, APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS, 12 FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND THREE FOR GODOWN OR FACTORY PURPOSES.

DURING THE MONTH, THE OFFICE GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 51 PROJECTS, INVOLVING 86,687.8 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA AND 191,500.7 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS ABOUT \$1,496 MILLION. USABLE FLOOR AREAS FOR DOMESTIC AND NON-DOMESTIC USES WERE ABOUT 157,611.8 SQUARE METRES AND ABOUT 148,159.5 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY.

ALSO DURING THE MONTH, THE OFFICE ISSUED 40 OCCUPATION PERMITS; 15 FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, SIX FOR KOWLOON AND 19 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN ADDITION, THE OFFICE ISSUED 43 DEMOLITION CONSENTS AFFECTING 103 BUILDINGS.

THE CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION RECEIVED 794 COMPLAINTS ON ILLEGAL BUILDING WORKS, CARRIED OUT 1,245 INSPECTIONS AND ISSUED 87 REMOVAL ORDERS.

THE DANGEROUS BUILDINGS SECTION INSPECTED 558 BUILDINGS AND OBTAINED ONE EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER.

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MORAL EDUCATION REFERENCE FOR TEACHERS

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS PUBLISHED THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE MORAL EDUCATION REFERENCE MATERIALS CONTAINING A COLLECTION OF VIEWS AND EXPERIENCES OF TEACHERS AND EDUCATORS, IDEAS AND STRATEGIES.

THE NINTH ISSUE FOCUSSES ON THE TEACHING OF ETHICAL/MORAL EDUCATION AT SENIOR SECONDARY LEVEL AND IS AIMED AT MAKING MORAL EDUCATION MORE INTERESTING AND EFFECTIVE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID THIS ISSUE AND THE PREVIOUS ONES ARE AVAILABLE FOR REFERENCE AT THE RELIGIOUS/ETHICAL EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE IN PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT.

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BOOKLETS TO STRENGTHEN PARENT-SCHOOL LIAISON

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TWO BOOKLETS ON GOOD PARENTING PRODUCED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN STUDYING IN KINDERGARTENS AND THE OTHER FOR THOSE OF CHILDREN IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

THE KINDERGARTEN BOOKLET, "HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN", IS AIMED AT STRENGTHENING LIAISON BETWEEN PARENTS AND SCHOOLS AND CONTAINS PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF PARENTHOOD SUCH AS:

- * THE DEVELOPMENTAL STAGES OF PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN;
- * COMMUNICATING WITH CHILDREN POSITIVELY;
- * LOVING AND CARING FOR THEM;
- * HELPING THEM IMPROVE THEIR BEHAVIOUR; AND
- * MAINTAINING A CLOSE LIAISON WITH SCHOOLS.

"THE KINDERGARTEN SECTION OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE WILL ORGANISE A HALF-DAY SEMINAR ON LIAISON BETWEEN KINDERGARTENS AND PARENTS ON MARCH 11 TO INTRODUCE THE BOOKLET AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOOL HEADS AND TEACHERS TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE OF INVOLVING PARENTS IN THEIR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

SEMINAR TOPICS INCLUDE ORGANISING GAMES DAY WITH PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT, ORGANISING PARENTS' DAY OR SEMINAR AND PUBLISHING NEWSLETTERS FOR PARENTS.

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THE BOOKLET FOR PARENTS OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WAS FOUND TO BE POPULAR WHEN IT WAS FIRST PRODUCED IN 1988.

"ADDITIONAL COPIES HAVE BEEN PRINTED FOR CIRCULATION AMONG PARENTS OF STUDENTS NEWLY ADMITTED TO PRIMARY SCHOOLS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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SEMINARS TO BOOST CRANE SAFETY
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL ORGANISE TWO SPECIAL SEMINARS ON THE SAFE OPERATION OF LIFTING APPLIANCES ON FEBRUARY 25 FOR RIGGERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF LEASING COMPANIES OF SUCH EQUIPMENT.

THE SEMINARS ARE AIMED AT CURBING THE RECENT SPATE OF CONSTRUCTION ACCIDENTS INVOLVING LIFTING APPLIANCES SUCH AS TOWER CRANES AND MOBILE CRANES.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL RUN A HALF-DAY SEMINAR FOR RIGGERS, AND ANOTHER ONE FOR THE LEASING COMPANIES, TO HELP THEM BETTER UNDERSTAND THE SAFETY ASPECTS OF THESE MACHINES AND TO PROVIDE THEM WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND SHARE EXPERIENCES ON THE SUBJECT.

THE SEMINARS WILL BE HELD AT THE DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE ON THE 13TH FLOOR OF HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL. ADMISSION IS FREE.

PEOPLE WHO WISH TO ENROL OR TO OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION MAY CONTACT THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION ON TEL. 386 4292.

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ELECTION FORUMS FOR SAI KUNG CANDIDATES
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SEVEN ELECTION FORUMS FOR SAI KUNG CANDIDATES WILL BE HELD BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS.

THE FORUMS WILL GIVE CANDIDATES A CHANCE TO ELABORATE THEIR PLATFORMS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM LOCAL RESIDENTS.

THERE ARE SEVEN SINGLE-SEATED CONSTITUENCIES IN SAI KUNG DISTRICT. A TOTAL OF 12 CANDIDATES, TWO FROM EACH CONSTITUENCY, WILL BE COMPETING FOR SIX SEATS ON MARCH 3, WHILE THE CANDIDATE IN THE SAI KUNG CENTRAL CONSTITUENCY WILL BE RETURNED UNOPPOSED.

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DETAILS OF THE FORUMS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

CONSTITUENCY -----	DATE -----	TIME -----	VENUE -----
SAI KUNG PAK SHA WAN	FEBRUARY 19	8 PM	SAI KUNG CENTRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL
SAI KUNG ISLANDS	FEBRUARY 22	8 PM	SAI KUNG JOCKEY CLUB TOWN HALL
HANG HAU	FEBRUARY 23	4 PM	CHEN CHEK CHEE SECONDARY SCHOOL
TSUI LAM	FEBRUARY 24	3 PM	TSUI LAM COMMUNITY HALL
SAI KUNG CENTRAL	FEBRUARY 26	8 PM	SAI KUNG JOCKEY CLUB TOWN HALL
PO LAM	FEBRUARY 27	8 PM	CARMEL DIVINE GRACE FOUNDATION SECONDARY SCHOOL
YAU YUE WAN	FEBRUARY 28	8 PM	HANG HAU CENTRAL SING HANG FONG MEMORIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ELECTION
FORUMS.

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NEW POST OFFICE TO OPEN IN KENNEDY TOWN
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THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR DOMINIC S.W. WONG, ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE NEW KENNEDY TOWN POST OFFICE, LOCATED AT SHOPS A2 AND A3 ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF LUEN TAK APARTMENTS, 34 FORBES STREET, WILL OPEN AT 9.30 AM ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25.

THE EXISTING POST OFFICE AT 45 SMITHFIELD WILL CLOSE FOR BUSINESS WITH EFFECT FROM 1 PM ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 23).

THE HOURS OF BUSINESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE NEW POST OFFICE WILL BE THE SAME AS THOSE OF THE EXISTING OFFICE.

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A SPECIAL HAND-BACK SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO LOCAL PHILATELISTS ON FEBRUARY 25.

UNREGISTERED FULL POSTAGE PREPAID FIRST DAY COVERS, PREPARED PRIVATELY AND BEARING A LOCAL ADDRESS, WILL BE ACCEPTED OVER THE COUNTER, IMPRESSED WITH THE NORMAL POST OFFICE DATESTAMP AND HANDED BACK TO THE PERSON PRESENTING THEM.

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THREE PRIVATE STREETS ON HK ISLAND TO BE RESUMED

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO RESUME AND REPAIR JUPITER STREET IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT AND MCGREGOR AND SAM PAN STREETS IN WAN CHAI ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE THREE STREETS WERE PRIVATE STREETS UNDER MULTIPLE OWNERSHIPS AND HAD NOT BEEN PROPERLY MANAGED OR MAINTAINED.

"AS A RESULT, THEY ARE IN POOR REPAIR AND ARE PARTLY OCCUPIED BY STALLS OBSTRUCTING PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR MOVEMENT," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE RESUMPTION WOULD ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT TO CLEAR THE OBSTRUCTING STALLS AND TO REPAIR THE STREETS TO A PROPER STANDARD FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

WORKS ON MCGREGOR STREET AND SAM PAN STREET WOULD START IN MAY NEXT YEAR WHILE THOSE ON JUPITER STREET WOULD FOLLOW THREE MONTHS LATER.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED WORKS, OBJECTS OR STRUCTURES ATTACHED TO OR PROJECTING FROM A NUMBER OF BUILDINGS IN KING'S ROAD, JUPITER STREET, MCGREGOR STREET, CROSS STREET, TAI YUEN STREET AND SAM PAN STREET WOULD HAVE TO BE REMOVED.

NOTICES ON THE PROPOSED RESUMPTION AND REPAIR OF THE THREE PRIVATE STREETS WERE PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GAZETTE.

THE PLANS AND SCHEMES SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS ON THE THREE PRIVATE STREETS CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, CENTRAL.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME ON THE PROPOSED WORKS ON JUPITER STREET CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE HONG KONG EAST DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, SOUTHERN CENTRE, 19TH FLOOR, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, AND THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, 29 TAI ON STREET, EASTERN LAW COURTS BUILDING, SAI WAN HO.

/THE PLANS

THE PLANS AND SCHEMES ON THE PROPOSED WORKS ON MCGREGOR STREET AND SAM PAN STREET CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE HONG KONG WEST DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, SOUTHOEN CENTRE, 19TH FLOOR, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, AND THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICES CENTRE, 2 O'BRIEN ROAD, WAN CHAI.

ANY PERSON WHO OBJECTS TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN APRIL 9 THIS YEAR.

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SHEUNG TAK STREET IN WONG TAI SIN TO BE PERMANENTLY CLOSED

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THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO CARRY OUT ROADWORKS FOR THE PERMANENT CLOSURE OF THE REMAINING PART OF SHEUNG TAK STREET TO FACILITATE THE REDEVELOPMENT OF LOWER WONG TAI SIN ESTATE PHASE II.

THE STREET WILL BE PERMANENTLY CLOSED IN AUGUST THIS YEAR.

THE AREA OCCUPIED BY THIS PART OF SHEUNG TAK STREET WILL BE TURNED INTO A LANDSCAPED OPEN SPACE AND AN EMERGENCY ACCESS UPON COMPLETION OF REDEVELOPMENT.

WHEN COMPLETED IN 1994, THE REDEVELOPMENT OF LOWER WONG TAI SIN ESTATE PHASE II WILL PROVIDE 884 RENTAL FLATS FOR ABOUT 3,250 PEOPLE.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GAZETTE.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME MAY BE INSPECTED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, CENTRAL;
- * KOWLOON EAST DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, YAU MA TEI; AND
- * WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, FOURTH FLOOR, KING FUK STREET, SAN PO KONG.

ANY PERSON WHO OBJECTS TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN APRIL 9 THIS YEAR.

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