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LANDSCAPE STRATEGY FOR METROPLAN

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FOUR FIRMS OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS HAVE BEEN COMMISSIONED TO PREPARE CONCEPT STUDIES FOR 12 MAJOR SITES WITHIN THE URBAN AREA AS PART OF THE LANDSCAPE STRATEGY FOR METROPLAN, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY).

GOVERNMENT TOWN PLANNER, DR E.G. PRYOR, OF THE BRANCH'S STRATEGIC PLANNING UNIT, WHO SIGNED THE \$240,000 AGREEMENTS, SAID THE FIRMS WOULD HAVE UNTIL NOVEMBER TO SUBMIT THEIR CONCEPT STUDIES.

THE FIRMS ARE BCP HK LTD., BELT COLLINS HK LTD., TEAM 73 HK AND SHANKLAND COX LTD.

DR PRYOR EXPLAINED THAT ALTHOUGH LANDSCAPE STRATEGIES HAVE BEEN PREPARED FOR EACH OF THE NEW TOWNS IN HONG KONG, NO LANDSCAPE STRATEGY HAS YET BEEN PREPARED FOR THE URBAN AREA.

THE FIRST STAGE OF THE LANDSCAPE STRATEGY COVERS THE URBAN FRINGE AND REMAINING RURAL AREAS, NATURAL LANDSCAPE FEATURES AND COASTLINE WITHIN THE METROPOLITAN AREA.

THE MAIN ISSUES HERE INCLUDE THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE URBAN FRINGE WITH ALL SUITABLE AREAS BEING DEVELOPED FOR PUBLIC RECREATION AND AMENITY USE, THE REINSTATEMENT AND AFTERUSE OF DEGRADED LANDSCAPE SUCH AS QUARRIES AND CONTROL TIPS AND THE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG ISLAND SOUTH AS A RECREATION ZONE.

THE SECOND STAGE OF THE LANDSCAPE STRATEGY CONCENTRATES ON THE URBAN AREA AND ISSUES SUCH AS URBAN RENEWAL, PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE WATERFRONT AND THE SURROUNDING COUNTRYSIDE, THE RETENTION OF PRINCIPAL VIEWS TO THE HARBOUR AND THE HILLS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FRAMEWORK OF OPEN SPACES THROUGHOUT THE URBAN AREA.

IN ORDER TO ILLUSTRATE CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE METROPLAN LANDSCAPE STRATEGY, A NUMBER OF SITES HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED FOR INITIAL LANDSCAPE STUDIES.

"THESE SITES ARE LOCATED EITHER ON THE URBAN FRINGE, ON AREAS OF DEGRADED LANDSCAPE OR ON PROMINENT RURAL SITES.

"WITHIN THE KOWLOON PENINSULA, SITES ARE LOCATED AT TSING YI, DIAMOND HILL, JORDAN VALLEY, NORTH KOWLOON FOOTHILLS, MA YAU TONG, LEI YUE MUN AND SAI TSO WAN.

"ON HONG KONG ISLAND, SITES ARE LOCATED AT MOUNT BUTLER, HAPPY VALLEY, DEEP WATER BAY, MIDDLE ISLAND/CHUNG HOM WAN AND TAI TAM WAN," DR PRYOR SAID.

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NEW REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON
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MR DAVID LAN HONG-TSUNG WILL OFFICIALLY TAKE UP HIS APPOINTMENT AS REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 20), A CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY).

MR LAN SUCCEEDS MR BRIAN CHAU TAK-HAY, WHO WILL SHORTLY TAKE UP HIS APPOINTMENT AS SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE.

MR LAN JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN 1961 AND WAS APPOINTED AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN AUGUST 1966.

HE HAS SERVED IN A NUMBER OF BRANCHES AND DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING THE FORMER ESTABLISHMENT AND HOME AFFAIRS BRANCHES, THE FORMER RESETTLEMENT DEPARTMENT AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, AS WELL AS THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

MORE RECENTLY HE HAS ALSO SERVED AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOUSING (1981-84), DEPUTY POSTMASTER GENERAL (1984-86), DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT (1986-87) AND BECAME DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION IN JUNE 1987.

HE WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B IN APRIL 1981.

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MORE SOPHISTICATION NEEDED IN PLASTICS PRODUCTION
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HONG KONG PLASTIC PRODUCT MANUFACTURERS WILL HAVE TO BECOME MORE SOPHISTICATED IN MARKETING AND SALES, IMPROVE PLANNING, AND REALISE THAT MOST BUYERS ARE NOT JUST INTERESTED IN THE LOWEST COST - BUT IN PRODUCT QUALITY AT A REASONABLE PRICE.

THESE ARE AMONG THE FINDINGS OF A NEW REPORT ON OVERSEAS MARKET ANALYSIS FOR HONG KONG'S PLASTIC PRODUCTS.

THE REPORT HAS BEEN PREPARED BY SRI INTERNATIONAL AND WAS COMMISSIONED BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT.

/ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR PETER BOURTON, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE CONSULTANT'S FINDINGS HAD BEEN STUDIED BY AN EXPERT COMMITTEE OF THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD, WHICH WOULD PRESENT ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

SRI STATES IN THE REPORT THAT IT USED A RANGE OF FACTORS TO ARRIVE AT A RANKING OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR HONG KONG PLASTICS PRODUCERS. THIS RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

- HIGHEST PRIORITY: TOYS
SMALL APPLIANCES
TELECOMMUNICATIONS
CONSUMER ELECTRONICS
PLASTIC FURNITURE

- MEDIUM PRIORITY : HOUSEWARES
AUTOMOTIVE PARTS & ACCESSORIES
SPORTING & RECREATION EQUIPMENT

- LOWER PRIORITY : LUGGAGE AND BUSINESS CASES
MEDICAL PRODUCTS
OTHER PRODUCTS
(BUILDING/CONSTRUCTION,
INDUSTRIAL/COMMERICAL,
AND MECHANICAL)

THE REPORT STATES THAT AS A RESULT OF THE DEVALUATION OF THE DOLLAR AND THE INCREASING SOPHISTICATION OF HONG KONG PRODUCTS THERE ARE EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITIES IN EUROPE.

JAPAN OFFERS PROMISING POTENTIAL BOTH AS A MARKET AND FOR JOINT VENTURE OPERATORS.

HONG KONG COMPANIES WILL HAVE, HOWEVER, TO BECOME MORE SOPHISTICATED IN MARKETING AND SALES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES.

THE SURVEY SHOWS THAT MANY HONG KONG COMPANIES PRIMARILY EMPHASISE EFFORTS TO REDUCE PRODUCT COSTS, WHEREAS THE MARKET ANALYSIS SHOWS THAT MOST BUYERS ARE MORE CONCERNED ABOUT PRODUCT QUALITY AT A REASONABLE, BUT NOT NECESSARILY THE LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICE.

THE REPORT STATES THAT COMPETITION IS INTENSE IN ALL GEOGRAPHIC AREAS; THEREFORE, TO GROW AND PROSPER, COMPANIES MUST DO MANY THINGS WELL, ESPECIALLY OVERALL BUSINESS PLANNING.

THE STUDY IS ONE OF A SERIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION FOR INDUSTRIAL POLICY PLANNING PURPOSES. COPIES MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO, AT A COST OF \$35.

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MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO JOIN EDUCATION WALKS

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THE POPULAR ANNUAL COUNTRYSIDE EDUCATION WALK SCHEME WILL PROVIDE MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERESTED STUDENTS AND PEOPLE WHO ENJOY THE OUTDOORS TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH, AND LEARN MORE ABOUT, HONG KONG'S COUNTRYSIDE IN THE NEXT SEVEN MONTHS.

STARTING FROM OCTOBER 1, GUIDED WALKS WILL BE ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AT 13 LOCATIONS FOR SCHOOLS AND INTERESTED GROUPS OF 30-40 PARTICIPANTS.

THOSE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE SCHEME - THE SIXTH SINCE 1983 - ARE INVITED TO MAKE ADVANCE BOOKINGS BY TELEPHONING THE DEPARTMENT'S CONSERVATION EDUCATION UNIT AT 3-7332121.

ANNOUNCING THE 1988 SCHEME TODAY (SUNDAY), THE DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR CONSERVATION OFFICER, MR M.K. CHEUNG, SAID THE SCHEME HAD BEEN SO POPULAR IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD GREAT DIFFICULTY IN SATISFYING THE DEMAND. AS A RESULT, MANY APPLICANTS HAD TO BE LEFT OUT.

IN ORDER TO CATER FOR MORE PARTICIPANTS, THE WALK PROGRAMME HAS BEEN RE-ARRANGED TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SESSIONS FOR NINE OF THE 13 WALK ACTIVITIES.

MR CHEUNG SAID: "THE SCHEME AIMS TO PROVIDE STUDENTS AND PARK VISITORS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO BETTER UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE THE COUNTRYSIDE ENVIRONMENT AND TO INCREASE THEIR AWARENESS OF THE NEED FOR CONSERVATION."

THE 13 LOCATIONS INCLUDE THE HONG KONG HERBARIUM, SHING MUN ARBORETUM, SAI KUNG COUNTRYSIDE CENTRE, TAI TONG FOREST NURSERY, TAI PO KAU NATURE RESERVE AND THE MOST POPULAR COUNTRY PARKS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, ON LANTAU ISLAND AND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE SHING MUN ARBORETUM, SAI KUNG COUNTRYSIDE CENTRE AND TAI TONG FOREST NURSERY WERE FIRSTLY INCLUDED IN THE WALK PROGRAMME LAST YEAR AND HAVE SCORED THE SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH IN POPULARITY AFTER THE HONG KONG HERBARIUM WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED 100 YEARS AGO AND NOW HAS A COLLECTION OF OVER 30,000 LOCAL AND SOUTH CHINA PLANT SPECIMENS.

"EACH GUIDED WALK WILL LAST FOR ABOUT TWO HOURS DURING WHICH PARTICIPANTS WILL BE BRIEFED ON PLANTS AND ANIMALS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE, TREE PLANTATIONS AND THEIR PROTECTION, LANDSCAPE AND LOCAL FEATURES, TREE NURSERY AND COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION WORK," MR CHEUNG SAID.

HE SAID THAT PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE OF PRIMARY 4 STANDARD OR ABOVE AND THE NUMBER ADMITTED PER VISIT WOULD BE RESTRICTED TO 40.

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WITH THE EXCEPTION OF VISITS TO TAI TONG FOREST NURSERY, SAI KUNG COUNTRYSIDE CENTRE, SHING MUN ARBORETUM AND HONG KONG HERBARIUM, ALL EDUCATION WALKS WILL BE CONDUCTED ON WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS FROM 10 AM TO 12 NOON AND FROM 2 PM TO 4 PM.

VISITS TO TAI TONG FOREST NURSERY ARE SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAYS ONLY WHILE VISITS TO SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK WILL BE ARRANGED FROM MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS EXCEPT TUESDAYS. GUIDED VISITS TO THE SHING MUN ARBORETUM AND HONG KONG HERBARIUM ARE CONDUCTED ON THURSDAY MORNINGS AND SATURDAY MORNINGS ONLY.

AFTER PRELIMINARY BOOKINGS BY TELEPHONE, APPLICANTS SHOULD CONFIRM THEIR BOOKINGS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BY COMPLETING A BOOKING FORM AVAILABLE FROM THE AFD CONSERVATION EDUCATION UNIT ON 14TH FLOOR, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393, CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON, MR CHEUNG SAID, ADDING THAT THE ALLOCATION OF PLACES WILL BE ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

THE COUNTRYSIDE EDUCATION WALKS SCHEME HAS RECEIVED OVERWHELMING PUBLIC RESPONSE WITH A TOTAL OF 57,800 PEOPLE FROM 1,886 SCHOOLS AND ORGANISED GROUPS PARTICIPATING IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS. THE HIGHEST ANNUAL FIGURE WAS RECORDED LAST YEAR WITH 18,230 PARTICIPANTS FROM 690 GROUPS.

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SIGNIFICANT GROWTH IN CENTRES FOR ELDERLY

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THERE HAVE BEEN MARKED GROWTH AND CHANGES IN THE NUMBER AND THE SERVICE CONTENT OF CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY SINCE SUCH CENTRES BECAME A SUBVENTED SERVICE IN 1979, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE (FAMILY WELFARE), MR ALFRED CHUI WING-MAN, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE HENG ON SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY OPERATED BY THE HONG KONG - MACAO CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS IN HENG ON ESTATE, SHA TIN.

IN TERMS OF NUMBER, HE SAID, IT HAD INCREASED FROM 13 IN APRIL 1979 TO THE PRESENT 95 SOCIAL CENTRES AND 14 MULTI-SERVICE CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY WITH A TOTAL REGISTERED MEMBERSHIP OF 37,000.

/MR CHUI

MR CHUI NOTED THAT IN ADDITION TO RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, SERVICES WERE NOW ALSO PROVIDED TO ASSIST THE ELDERLY TO SPEND THEIR LEISURE MORE MEANINGFULLY, TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE PART IN COMMUNITY LIFE TO IMPROVE THEIR INTER-PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS.

OTHER SERVICES ALSO HELP THE ELDERLY KEEP IN TOUCH WITH SOCIETY SO THAT THEY WOULD BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO COPE WITH SOCIAL CHANGES AND PERSONAL PROBLEMS AS WELL AS TO WIDEN THEIR VISION AND TO EXERCISE THEIR POTENTIALS.

"THE SIZE OF A CENTRE HAS BEEN INCREASED TO 169 SQUARE METRES WHILE IN STAFF ESTABLISHMENT, THE CENTRE SUPERVISOR HAS BEEN CHANGED TO A TRAINED SOCIAL WORK ASSISTANT," HE ADDED.

"AS THERE WAS EXPANSION IN BOTH SPACE AND MANNING, THE PLANNING RATIO HAS ALSO BEEN CHANGED TO ONE CENTRE PER 30,000 POPULATION AND THE SUBVENTION FOR EACH CENTRE, EXCLUDING RENT AND RATES, HAS REACHED SOME \$190,000 PER ANNUM," HE SAID.

ORIGINALLY, THE PLANNING RATIO WAS ONE CENTRE PER 20,000 POPULATION WHILE THE STANDARD SIZE OF A CENTRE WAS 97 SQUARE METRES AND THE STAFF ESTABLISHMENT COMPRISED ONLY A WELFARE WORKER AND A WORKMAN.

THE AVERAGE SUBVENTION IN A YEAR WAS ABOUT \$50,000 EXCLUDING RENT AND RATES.

MR CHUI ADDED THAT STARTING FROM THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR, FUNDS WOULD BE ALLOCATED TO AGENCIES CONCERNED TO SET UP AN ADDITIONAL POST OF CO-ORDINATOR AT THE SENIOR SOCIAL WORK ASSISTANT RANK TO SUPERVISE SIX CENTRES.

"ALL THESE ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY ARE NOT ONLY DUE TO THE ONGOING IMPROVEMENTS IN POLICY, BUT ALSO ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE CO-OPERATION AND THE SUPPORT OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN THEIR DIRECT PARTICIPATION IN THE PROVISION OF SERVICE," HE SAID.

MR CHUI NOTED THAT THERE HAD ALSO BEEN IMPROVEMENTS IN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE, NAMELY THE INTRODUCTION OF A HIGHER DISABILITY ALLOWANCE AND THE EXPANSION OF THE OLD AGE ALLOWANCE SCHEME.

CONCLUDING, HE COMMENDED THE AGENCY FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO MEDICAL, EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES IN HONG KONG OVER THE PAST 40 YEARS.

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SEPARATE DRIVING TEST FOR LIGHT GOODS VEHICLE
UNDER CONSIDERATION

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS CONSIDERING INTRODUCING A SEPARATE LIGHT GOODS VEHICLE DRIVING TEST, THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR JAMES SO SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

MR SO WAS SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY TO MARK THE DELIVERY OF 75 NEW CARS TO THE HONG KONG SCHOOL OF MOTORING (HKSM) FOR THE TRAINING OF DRIVERS.

ALTHOUGH THE PROPOSAL, WHICH WAS BEING CONSIDERED ON THE ADVICE OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, WAS STILL UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION, MR SO SAID: "IT IS CLEAR THAT WE NEED ASSISTANCE FROM THE HKSM - AND INDEED, FROM ALL DRIVING INSTRUCTORS - IF WE ARE TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS."

MR SO ALSO SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS PRESENTLY CONSIDERING THE INTRODUCTION OF COMPULSORY OFF-STREET TRAINING FOR LEARNER MOTOR CYCLISTS BEFORE THEY WERE ALLOWED ON A ROAD.

"I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE ADVICE THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED ON THIS MATTER FROM THE HKSM, AND LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUED LIAISON AND CO-OPERATION IN THIS AREA," HE ADDED.

THE COMMISSIONER PAID TRIBUTE TO THE HKSM FOR ITS CONTRIBUTIONS IN PROMOTING ROAD SAFETY THROUGH ITS ROAD SAFETY SECTION.

"WHEN THE GOVERNMENT SET ASIDE SITES FOR OFF-STREET DRIVER TRAINING IN WONG CHUK HANG AND SHA TIN, WE HOPED THAT LEARNER DRIVERS WOULD APPRECIATE THE ADVANTAGES OF TAKING THEIR EARLY LESSONS OFF-STREET, BOTH IN TERMS OF ROAD SAFETY AND DECREASED TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

"I AM HAPPY TO SEE THAT OUR HOPES HAVE BEEN FULFILLED, AT LEAST IN TERMS OF THE POPULARITY OF THE COURSES ORGANISED BY THE SCHOOL," MR SO SAID.

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WORLD MARITIME DAY

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THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANISATION (IMO) HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE CELEBRATION OF WORLD MARITIME DAY IN 1988 IS TO TAKE PLACE DURING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19 TO 23.

THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR'S WORLD MARITIME DAY, AS APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF IMO, IS "SHIPBOARD MANAGEMENT FOR MARITIME SAFETY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION".

ACCORDING TO AN IMO MESSAGE SENT TO ALL MEMBER STATES, THE EMPHASIS WILL BE ON THE MUTUAL AND COMPLEMENTARY ROLE PLAYED BY IMO, BY GOVERNMENTS AND BY SHIPPING COMPANIES AND THEIR SHIPBOARD PERSONNEL IN SEEKING TO EXPAND MARITIME SAFETY AND THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT HONG KONG, AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF IMO, HAD ALWAYS IMPLEMENTED AND ENFORCED THE NECESSARY TECHNICAL STANDARDS AND MEASURES DEVELOPED BY IMO.

AS STATED IN THE IMO MESSAGE, IT WOULD BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INDUSTRY TO APPLY THOSE MEASURES TO INDIVIDUAL SHIPS, AND THE TASK OF OFFICERS AND CREWS ON BOARD SHIPS TO PUT THE MEASURES INTO OPERATION, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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HOUSEHOLD VISITS TO BOOST VOTER REGISTRATION

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STAFF OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE WILL CONTINUE THEIR DOOR-TO-DOOR VISITS TO HOUSEHOLDS ON LAMMA AND TUNG CHUNG ON LANTAU IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS TO HELP ELIGIBLE ISLANDERS TO REGISTER AS VOTERS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

"ISLANDERS AGED 21 OR ABOVE BY THE END OF THIS YEAR, WHO ARE PERMANENT HONG KONG RESIDENTS OR WHO HAVE RESIDED IN HONG KONG FOR SEVEN YEARS, ARE ELIGIBLE FOR REGISTRATION," HE SAID.

"THOSE WHO HAVE NOT EXERCISED THEIR CIVIC RIGHT BY SIGNING UP AS ELECTORS COULD DO SO BEFORE THE CURRENT VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE ENDS ON SEPTEMBER 30," HE ADDED.

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THE VOTER REGISTRATION TEAM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, COMPRISING LIAISON OFFICERS AND COMMUNITY ORGANISERS, HAS BEEN PAYING DOOR-TO-DOOR VISITS TO HELP ISLANDERS TO REGISTER SINCE REGISTRATION COMMENCED IN MID-AUGUST.

"THE TEAM HAS VISITED HOUSEHOLDS ON CHEUNG CHAU, PENG CHAU, MUI WO, SOUTH LANTAU AND DISCOVERY BAY AND THE RESPONSE SO FAR HAS BEEN SATISFACTORY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THEY HAVE ALSO STATIONED ON BOARD THE FERRIES ON THE OUTLYING ISLANDS ROUTES A FEW MORNINGS TO HELP THE COMMUTERS TO REGISTER," HE SAID.

"ALTHOUGH THE ISLANDS DISTRICT ALREADY HAS THE HIGHEST REGISTRATION RATE AMONG ALL DISTRICTS, 91.7 PER CENT OF THE ESTIMATED ELECTORATE IN 1987, STAFF OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE ARE STILL TRYING TO HELP THE REMAINING ELIGIBLE ISLANDERS TO REGISTER," HE SAID.

HOWEVER, HE REMINDED THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY REGISTERED FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD OR THE URBAN COUNCIL AND REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS NEED NOT REGISTER AGAIN, BUT THOSE WHO HAVE CHANGED THEIR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS SHOULD INFORM THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION BY FILLING IN THE FORM.

MEANWHILE, VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, SUB-OFFICES AT MUI WO AND CHEUNG CHAU, AND THE POST OFFICES IN THE DISTRICT.

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KOWLOON CITY DB COMMITTEE MEETS TOMORROW

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MEMBERS OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO DISCUSS APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS TO ORGANISE COMMUNITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES.

THESE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE THE HONG KONG DANCE FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY, CIVIC FORERUNNERS SCHEME, CIVIC EDUCATION PROJECTS PARTICIPATION SCHEME, DANCE NIGHT 1988 AND A COOKING CONTEST.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.15 PM TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, TO KWA WAN.

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MOON FESTIVAL HOLIDAY REMINDER

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THE DAY FOLLOWING THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL - SEPTEMBER 26 - IS ONE OF THE 11 STATUTORY HOLIDAYS.

ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES AND THOSE NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$11,500 A MONTH ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY AND MUST BE PAID FOR THE DAY OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO AN EMPLOYEE'S EARNINGS ON A NORMAL WORKING DAY AND SHOULD INCLUDE BASIC WAGES AS WELL AS ALLOWANCES THAT CAN BE EXPRESSED IN MONEY TERMS SUCH AS MEALS AND COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCES.

"WHERE THE EARNINGS VARY FROM DAY TO DAY, HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE THE AVERAGE DAILY EARNINGS DURING EVERY COMPLETE WAGE PERIOD, WHICH COULD BE BETWEEN 28 DAYS TO 31 DAYS PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY," A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"IF AN EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO WORK ON A STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST BE GIVEN AN ALTERNATIVE DAY OFF WITHIN 60 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER THAT DAY," HE ADDED.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE AT ANY BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE.

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HOLIDAY MAIL DELIVERY

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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCES THAT THERE WILL BE ONE MAIL DELIVERY ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 (THE DAY FOLLOWING THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL).

FORTY-TWO POST OFFICES INCLUDING THE GENERAL POST OFFICE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON CENTRAL AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICES IN KOWLOON, AND TSUEN WING STREET, SHA TIN CENTRAL AND TAI PO POST OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, WILL BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON.

DETAILS OF THE 42 POST OFFICES WHICH WILL BE OPEN ON THAT DAY CAN BE OBTAINED FROM ANY POST OFFICE OR FROM THE POST OFFICE ENQUIRY BUREAU AT 5-231071.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN IN MONG KOK

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN IN THE MONG KOK DISTRICT FOR 1988-89, FEATURING ANTI-NOISE POLLUTION AS THE MAIN THEME, WILL BE IN FULL SWING FOLLOWING AN OPENING CEREMONY SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 25.

APART FROM NOISE POLLUTION, THE CAMPAIGN, ORGANISED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD, WILL ALSO FOCUS ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANLINESS.

A SERIES OF PROGRAMMES, INCLUDING EXHIBITIONS, SEMINARS, VISITS, ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANLINESS FUNCTIONS AND A VARIETY SHOW, WILL BE IN PROGRESS UNTIL FEBRUARY.

IN ORDER TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE NOISE POLLUTION PROBLEM, A SEMINAR WILL BE HELD FOLLOWING THE OPENING CEREMONY, WITH ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERTS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDING AS GUEST SPEAKERS.

AN EXHIBITION ON NOISE POLLUTION IN GENERAL AND THE PROBLEMS IN MONG KOK IN PARTICULAR WILL BE ON DISPLAY FROM SEPTEMBER 24 TO 30 ON THE BRIDGE BETWEEN PHASES I AND II OF THE ARGYLE CENTRE.

A POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION AND A COLOURING COMPETITION, BOTH ON NOISE POLLUTION, WILL BE HELD FOR STUDENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT.

AS TO ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANLINESS ACTIVITIES, THERE WILL BE THREE COMPETITIONS ON BUILDINGS, STREETS AND MARKET STALLS.

MONG KOK WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE IN THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN PARADE, AND CONDUCT A YEAR-END CLEAN-UP BEFORE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

FUNCTIONS RELATED TO BUILDING MANAGEMENT ARE VISITS TO HOUSING ESTATES AND AN EXHIBITION.

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CLEAN COMPETITIONS FOR SHA TIN

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TWO COMPETITIONS ARE NOW UNDER WAY TO PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF PERSONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE AMONG RESIDENTS OF SHA TIN.

CIVIC-MINDED WRITERS WITH CREATIVE MIND ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN SHA TIN SLOGAN COMPETITION. CONTESTANTS SHOULD EITHER LIVE, STUDY OR WORK IN SHA TIN.

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THE THEME SHOULD BE RELATED TO MAINTAINING CLEANLINESS IN HONG KONG. EXTRA CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN TO ENTRIES SUITED TO THE PARTICULAR ENVIRONMENT OF SHA TIN OR HYGIENE IN MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS.

ENTRIES, TOGETHER WITH PERSONAL PARTICULARS, SHOULD REACH SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE ON 6/F, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN BEFORE OCTOBER 8. THERE WILL BE THREE WINNING AND 10 CONSOLATION PRIZES.

MEANWHILE, INVITATION LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO SOME 246 MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS' CORPORATIONS FOR EACH TO NOMINATE ONE OR TWO HOUSEHOLDS TO CONTEST IN THE FAMILY HYGIENE COMPETITION.

THE MAC'S AND OC'S ARE ALSO INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO BE ADJUDICATORS OF THE COMPETITION.

THE CLEANLINESS OF THE HOUSEHOLD WILL BE ADJUDICATED ACCORDING TO A MAXIMUM MARKING OF 25 FOR KITCHEN, 25 FOR INDOOR SPACE, 30 FOR SPACE WITHIN 1.7 METRES OUTSIDE THE FLAT, AND 20 FOR TOILET AND BATHROOM.

NOMINATIONS WILL BE CLOSED ON OCTOBER 15 WHILE ADJUDICATION WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN NOVEMBER.

THE TWO COMPETITIONS ARE ORGANISED BY THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN SHA TIN DISTRICT COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE AND REGIONAL COUNCIL AS PART OF THE THREE-MONTH LONG KEEP SHA TIN CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS DRAFT PUBLIC TRANSPORT PROGRAMME

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THE DRAFT PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR YAU TSIM DISTRICT FROM 1989 TO 1990 WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING OF YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TOMORROW (MONDAY).

ALSO ON THE AGENDA ARE A LIST OF LOCATIONS WHERE ENFORCEMENT ACTION WILL BE TAKEN TO DETER OBSTRUCTION ON PUBLIC PAVEMENTS, TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT'S NEW PROCEDURE FOR PROCESSING TAXI COMPLAINTS AND A PROPOSAL TO PAINT TWO DIRECTIONAL SIGNS ON THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CARNARVON ROAD NEAR CAMERON ROAD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, 490 NATHAN ROAD.

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ENTRIES INVITED FOR SAI KUNG ATHLETIC MEET
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SPORTS LOVERS IN THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT ATHLETIC MEET 1988 TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 9 (SUNDAY) AT THE TANG SIU KIN SPORTS GROUND.

SPONSORED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD, THE ATHLETIC MEET IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE SAI KUNG SPORTS ASSOCIATION TO PROMOTE SPORTS ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

THE PROGRAMME WILL BEGIN AT 9 AM AND END AT ABOUT 5 PM.

THE MEN'S DIVISION WILL BE DIVIDED INTO FOUR GROUPS AND THE WOMEN'S INTO THREE ACCORDING TO PARTICIPANTS' AGES. PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FIRST THREE PLACE-GETTERS IN EACH EVENT.

ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICES CENTRE OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (SAI KUNG OFFICE), BOTH AT SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN.

THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS SEPTEMBER 30.

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COMPETITION TO DISCOVER DANCING TALENT
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RESIDENTS IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN, INCLUDING CHILDREN, ARE BEING INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A DANCING COMPETITION SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER.

ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) FOR THE FIFTH YEAR, THE COMPETITION IS AIMED AT PROMOTING PUBLIC INTEREST IN DANCING AND AT DISCOVERING PEOPLE WHO SHOW TALENT IN DANCING.

CO-ORGANISERS OF THE PROJECT ARE THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION, URBAN COUNCIL AND THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD.

THERE ARE TWO DIVISIONS IN THE COMPETITION.

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LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, COMMERCIAL FIRMS, SECONDARY SCHOOLS, YOUTH CENTRES AND AMATEUR DANCE GROUPS CAN TAKE PART IN THE OPEN DIVISION, WHILE YOUNGSTERS AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 12 CAN TAKE PART IN THE CHILDREN'S DIVISION.

PARTICIPANTS MAY PERFORM ORIENTAL DANCE, WESTERN FOLK DANCE OR MODERN DANCE.

THE OVERALL CHAMPION WILL BE SELECTED BY AN ADJUDICATION PANEL COMPOSED OF RENOWNED DANCERS.

THE COMPETITION WILL BE HELD AT THE NEWLY COMPLETED SHEUNG WAN CULTURAL COMPLEX ON NOVEMBER 27 (SUNDAY).

ENROLMENT FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES OR THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S RECREATION, AMENITIES AND SPORTS OFFICE ON THE ROOF OF THE CENTRAL MARKET.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-416405 OR 5-8523002.

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STUDENTS WANTED FOR INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC SCHEME

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PRIMARY ONE TO FORM THREE STUDENTS WHO WERE INTERESTED IN LEARNING TO PLAY WESTERN AND CHINESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS ARE NOW INVITED TO JOIN THE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING SCHEME ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE.

THE CURRENT RECRUITMENT EXERCISE WOULD BE RESTRICTED TO STUDENTS LIVING OR STUDYING IN KWUN TONG, WONG TAI SIN, SAI KUNG, MONG KOK, SHAM SHUI PO, TSUEN WAN, KWAI TSING, YUEN LONG AND TAI PO, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MUSIC OFFICE SAID.

"SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE ARRANGED TO ATTEND TRAINING SESSIONS ON THE PLAYING OF WESTERN AND CHINESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS SUCH AS VIOLIN, FLUTE, HORN, ERHU, PIPA AND SHENG.

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"TRAINING SESSION WILL BE CONDUCTED FOR AN HOUR WEEKLY AT THE MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE. MONTHLY TUITION FEES FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE \$20 AND \$40 RESPECTIVELY," HE NOTED.

APPLICANTS ARE REQUESTED TO GO THROUGH A HANDS AND MOUTH INSPECTION AND A SIMPLE VOICE TEST IN OCTOBER. THE FIRST TRAINING LESSON WILL START IN NOVEMBER.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE MUSIC CENTRES IN KWUN TONG, MONG KOK, TSUEN WAN AND YUEN LONG. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES IS SEPTEMBER 29 AND ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-8235326.

THE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED IN 1978 TO PROMOTE MUSIC INTEREST AMONG THE YOUNGER GENERATION AND IT WAS ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORTED BY STUDENTS AND PARENTS IN THE PAST YEARS.

"THE MUSIC OFFICE PRESENTLY CONDUCTS OVER 700 INSTRUMENTAL TRAINING CLASSES IN BOTH WESTERN AND CHINESE INSTRUMENTS FOR ABOUT 4,000 TRAINEES.

"A NUMBER OF TALENTED TRAINEES HAVE, IN FACT, FURTHER THEIR MUSIC TRAINING EITHER LOCALLY OR OVERSEAS THROUGH SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE AND THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB MUSIC FUND," THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT.

HE ALSO CITED AN EXAMPLE THAT ONE OF THE MOST OUTSTANDING TRAINEES IN THE RECENT YEARS WAS 16-YEAR-OLD MONICA LING WHO IS A VIOLA PLAYER OF THE MUSIC OFFICE'S HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.

MISS LING REPRESENTED HONG KONG IN THE NATIONAL MUSIC CAMP IN INTERLOCHEN, MICHIGAN, U.S.A. THIS SUMMER FOR AN EIGHT-WEEK INTENSIVE TRAINING IN MUSIC. AFTER SCORING TOP GRADES IN THE TRAINING CAMP, SHE RETURNED TO THE TERRITORY RECENTLY.

SHE STARTED PLAYING AT THE AGE OF EIGHT AFTER JOINING THE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING SCHEME AT THE MUSIC OFFICE. SHE HAS SINCE THEN TAKEN PART IN MANY MUSIC ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE, INCLUDING THE MUSIC CAMP, ANNUAL TRAINEES' GALA AND THE 'MUSIC FOR THE MILLION' CONCERT PROGRAMME.

"IN ORDER TO BROADEN THE OUTLOOK AND EXPERIENCE OF THE TRAINEES, THE MUSIC OFFICE INVITES REGULARLY OVERSEAS AND LOCAL MUSICIANS TO CONDUCT MASTER CLASSES AND SEMINARS FOR THEM," THE SPOKESMAN CONCLUDED.

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INTERRUPTIONS TO WATER SUPPLY

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WATER SUPPLY TO SOME DISTRICTS IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE SUSPENDED ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 20 AND 21) TO FACILITATE WATER WORKS.

IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, BOTH FRESH AND SALT WATER SUPPLIES TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE CUT OFF FROM 8 PM ON TUESDAY TO 7 AM ON WEDNESDAY.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES ALONG WO YI HOP ROAD FROM NGONG HOM ROAD TO CHEUNG PEI SHAN ROAD, LO WAI ROAD, HILLTOP ROAD, YI PEI CHUN ROAD, CHEUNG PEI SHAN ROAD, ROUTE TWISK, CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE, CHEUNG PEI SHAN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, KWU HANG TSUEN, HILLTOP COUNTRY CLUB, SAM TUNG UK RESITE VILLAGE, WO YI HOP TSUEN, LO WAI, HOI PA RESITE VILLAGE, PAK TIN PA TSUEN, MA SIM PAI TSUEN, SAI LAU KOK TSUEN, MUK MIN HA TSUEN, TUNG PO TO, FU YUNG SHAN, CHUK LAM SIM YUEN, YUEN YUEN HOK YUEN AND SAN TSUEN.

IN KOWLOON, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO THE AREA BOUNDED BY PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, JUNCTION ROAD, CARPENTER ROAD AND SHEK KU LUNG ROAD IN KOWLOON CITY WILL BE CUT OFF FROM 10 PM ON TUESDAY TO 6 AM ON WEDNESDAY.

IN TAI KOK TSUI, THE AREA BOUNDED BY WAI ON STREET, TAI KOK TSUI ROAD, POK MAN STREET AND THE SEAFRONT WILL NOT HAVE SALT WATER SUPPLY FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM ON TUESDAY.

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