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AGREEMENT ON RETURN OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT AFTER DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND THE XINHUA NEWS AGENCY, HONG KONG BRANCH, THE TWO SIDES HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT TO RESTART THE REPATRIATION OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ON OCTOBER 24 (TUESDAY).

"THE TWO SIDES REAFFIRMED THEIR UNDERSTANDINGS OF 1974, 1980 AND 1982 ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AND TWO-WAY PERMIT HOLDERS, AND THEIR DETERMINATION TO FULFIL THEIR COMMITMENTS UNDER THOSE UNDERSTANDINGS." THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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SOCIETY'S ABILITY TO PRODUCE TRAINED PERSONNEL IMPORTANT: FS

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IT IS IN LINE WITH THE EXPERIENCE OF EVERY MATURE ECONOMY THAT THE OVERALL WELL BEING OF A SOCIETY BEARS DIRECT RELATION TO THE SOCIETY'S ABILITY TO CONTINUOUSLY PRODUCE TRAINED AND SKILLED PERSONNEL. THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR PIERS JACOBS, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

"THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE IN THE 21ST CENTURY WHEN TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE QUANTUM LEAPS FORWARD.

"MOREOVER, THE DYNAMIC NATURE OF OUR NEWLY INDUSTRIALISED ECONOMY HIGHLIGHTS THE NEED FOR FLEXIBILITY IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE CHANGES." HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL DINNER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SENIOR STAFF COURSE ALUMNI THIS EVENING, SIR PIERS SAID THE ROLE OF TRAINING IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR COMMUNITY IN GENERAL AND GOVERNMENT IN SPECIFIC COULD NOT BE OVER-EMPHASISED.

"AND THE SENIOR STAFF COURSE IS ONE OF THE MANY EFFORTS WHICH WILL BRING US CLOSER TO THE REALISATION OF OUR COMING OF AGE." HE SAID.

HE SAID THE CURRENT MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION ALREADY STOOD AT SOME 330 STRONG ALTHOUGH IT WAS FORMED ONLY FIVE YEARS AGO.

"THIS NUMBER MAY REPRESENT NO MORE THAN A FRACTION OF ONE PER CENT OF THE ENTIRE CIVIL SERVICE, BUT THIS CADRE OF TRAINED OFFICERS WILL NO DOUBT CREATE A LASTING IMPACT ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ENTIRE CIVIL SERVICE IN PURSUANCE OF THE GOAL OF CONTINUING IMPROVEMENT IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION.

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"THE MULTIPLIER EFFECT OF THIS SOLID CORE OF ENTHUSIASTIC AND HARDWORKING OFFICERS WILL BE TREMENDOUS," HE POINTED OUT.

SIR PIERS FOUND IT MOST ENCOURAGING TO LEARN THAT PAST PARTICIPANTS OF THE SENIOR STAFF COURSE HAD COME TO OCCUPY SIGNIFICANT POSITIONS IN THE SENIOR RANKS OF GOVERNMENT.

"AT LAST COUNT, PAST PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE ONE RECENTLY PROMOTED DIRECTOR, FIVE DEPUTY DIRECTORS, OVER 50 ASSISTANT DIRECTORS OR EQUIVALENT RANKS AND TWO MANAGING DIRECTORS AND THREE GENERAL MANAGERS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

"THAT IS IMPRESSIVE, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE NETWORKING POTENTIAL OF THIS GROUP OF EMERGING LEADERS IN GOVERNMENT AND INDEED IN HONG KONG," HE SAID.

SIR PIERS WENT ON TO NOTE THAT THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN THIS PROGRAMME WAS ANOTHER UNIQUE FEATURE WHICH HAD CONTRIBUTED TO ITS SUCCESS.

"SINCE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THIS COURSE IN 1984, A TOTAL OF 17 PRIVATE SECTOR ORGANISATIONS HAVE TAKEN PART ALONG WITH CIVIL SERVANTS REPRESENTING SOME 52 GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

"IT IS A HEALTHY SIGN THAT THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND THE PUBLIC SECTOR COULD WORK TOGETHER IN A MUTUALLY RESPECTING ATMOSPHERE TO IMPROVE THEIR MANAGEMENT COMPETENCE IN ORDER TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF OUR GENERAL POPULATION," HE SAID.

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PUBLIC VIEWS TO BE REFLECTED IN TRANSPORT WHITE PAPER
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THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, SAID THIS (MONDAY) EVENING THAT PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE GREEN PAPER ON TRANSPORT POLICY IN HONG KONG WOULD BE FULLY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN DRAFTING THE WHITE PAPER ON FUTURE TRANSPORT POLICY.

SPEAKING AT A MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW TERRITORIES, MR LEUNG SAID MORE THAN 220 WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMENTS FROM A WIDE SPECTRUM OF THE COMMUNITY HAD BEEN RECEIVED DURING THE FOUR-MONTH CONSULTATION PERIOD.

HE SAID THE PUBLIC GENERALLY SUPPORTED THE THREE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF IMPROVING THE TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE, EXPANDING AND IMPROVING PUBLIC TRANSPORT, AND MANAGING ROAD USE, AND AGREED THAT THESE SHOULD CONTINUE TO FORM THE BASIS OF HONG KONG'S FUTURE TRANSPORT POLICY.

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THERE WAS A COMMON SUGGESTION THAT THE INTER-MODAL CO-ORDINATION POLICY SHOULD ALLOW MORE COMPETITION BETWEEN PUBLIC TRANSPORT MODES AND ENCOURAGE INNOVATIVE SERVICES.

"THESE ARE REASONABLE COMMENTS AND WILL BE FULLY REFLECTED IN THE POLICY INTENTIONS IN THE WHITE PAPER," HE SAID.

THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT THE MASS CARRIERS, RAIL AND BUSES, SHOULD FORM THE BACKBONE OF THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEM, AND MORE AND BETTER USE SHOULD BE MADE OF THE OFF-STREET MODES TO ALLEVIATE PRESSURE ON THE ROAD NETWORK.

THERE WAS ALSO A CLEAR CONSENSUS THAT THE QUALITY OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES SHOULD CONTINUE TO IMPROVE TO MEET RISING PUBLIC EXPECTATIONS FOR BETTER COMFORT AND SPEED.

ON PUBLIC CONCERN REGARDING THE PRESENT SYSTEM FOR MONITORING PUBLIC TRANSPORT OPERATORS, ESPECIALLY THE RAILWAY CORPORATIONS, MR LEUNG SAID, "THE NEED FOR SETTING BROAD POLICY OBJECTIVES AND STANDARDS FOR THE RAILWAYS IS BEING CONSIDERED BY AN INTERNAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW AND WILL BE ADDRESSED IN THE WHITE PAPER."

MR LEUNG SAID THE PROPOSED INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN THE GREEN PAPER HAD RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE PUBLIC SUPPORT.

HE GAVE AN ASSURANCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENTS TO ADVANCE COMPLETION TARGETS AND TO IMPLEMENT MORE MAJOR TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS WOULD MEET PUBLIC ASPIRATIONS.

"THE ADVANCEMENT OF COMPLETION OF ROUTE 3 BY 1996 TO TIE IN WITH THE OPENING OF THE NEW AIRPORT, AND THE ADDITION OF MAJOR PROJECTS SUCH AS THE RAIL LINK CONNECTING THE NEW AIRPORT AND HONG KONG ISLAND, THE LANTAU FIXED CROSSING, NORTH LANTAU EXPRESSWAY AND IMPROVEMENTS TO EAST-WEST ROAD LINKS IN KOWLOON WILL GO A LONG WAY IN MEETING SUCH ASPIRATIONS.

"THESE PROJECTS WILL NOT ONLY SUPPORT FURTHER PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENTS BUT WILL ALSO BRING CONSIDERABLE TRANSPORT BENEFITS ALONG THE ALIGNMENTS," MR LEUNG SAID.

HOWEVER, PUBLIC VIEWS ON THE PROPOSED ROAD USE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY WERE DIVIDED.

MR LEUNG SAID ALTHOUGH SOME RECOGNISED THE NEED FOR MANAGING THE GROWTH AND USAGE OF VEHICLES, A MORE POPULAR VIEW WAS THAT FISCAL MEASURES SHOULD BE APPLIED ONLY AS A LAST RESORT AND PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO IMPROVING THE TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

"THIS SENTIMENT IS PERFECTLY UNDERSTANDABLE. HOWEVER, WE HAVE ALSO TO BE REALISTIC," HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT PUBLIC TRANSPORT ALREADY CARRIED 87 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL DAILY PERSON TRIPS AND THERE WAS A LIMIT ON HOW FAR FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS IN THIS RESPECT COULD REDUCE PRIVATE CAR TRIPS.

WHILE RECOGNISING THE LEGITIMATE ASPIRATION FOR CAR OWNERSHIP, IT WAS ESSENTIAL TO MANAGE GROWTH TO A LEVEL WITH WHICH THE ROAD SYSTEM COULD COPE.

ANOTHER COMMON CRITICISM OF FISCAL MEASURES WAS THAT THEY COULD ONLY PRODUCE SHORT TERM RESULTS.

MR LEUNG SAID STATISTICS, HOWEVER, SHOWED OTHERWISE.

"THE 1982 CAR RESTRAINT MEASURES REDUCED THE NUMBER OF PRIVATE CARS FOR FIVE YEARS, AND DESPITE RAPID GROWTH SINCE 1987, THE NUMBER OF LICENSED PRIVATE CARS IN AUGUST (I.E. 173,900) IS STILL BELOW THE PEAK OF 193,000 VEHICLES IN 1982.

"IT IS TRUE THAT FISCAL MEASURES REQUIRE ADJUSTMENT FROM TIME TO TIME TO MAINTAIN THEIR DETERRENT EFFECT," HE SAID.

WHILE IT WAS ACCEPTED THAT NEW INFRASTRUCTURE MUST BE PROVIDED TO AVOID SEVERE CONGESTION, THE NEED FOR REGULAR ADJUSTMENT OF ROAD MANAGEMENT MEASURES SHOULD BE VIEWED IN THE SAME LIGHT, HE STRESSED.

MR LEUNG SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CAREFULLY CONSIDER THE COMMENTS ON THE MANAGEMENT OPTIONS AND BALANCE THE DIFFERENT SECTORAL INTERESTS.

"THE INTENTION IS TO SET OUT IN THE WHITE PAPER, DUE FOR PUBLICATION EARLY NEXT YEAR, A PACKAGE OF MANAGEMENT MEASURES IN THE OVERALL INTEREST OF THE COMMUNITY WITH FLEXIBILITY TO MEET CHANGING TRANSPORT DEMANDS AND DEVELOPMENTS," HE ADDED.

ON THE MANAGEMENT OF GOODS VEHICLE TRAFFIC WHICH ACCOUNTED FOR ABOUT HALF OF THE TOTAL ROAD TRAFFIC, MR LEUNG SAID THE PUBLIC RECOGNISED THAT SOMETHING HAD TO BE DONE.

THERE WAS GENERAL SUPPORT FOR MEASURES TO DISCOURAGE THE USE OF LIGHT GOODS VANS FOR PERSONAL TRANSPORT.

RESERVATIONS, HOWEVER, WERE EXPRESSED ON USING TAXATION MEASURES TO MANAGE THE GROWTH AND USAGE OF THE LARGER GOODS VEHICLES, HE SAID.

A COMMON VIEW WAS THAT GOVERNMENT SHOULD EXAMINE MORE CLOSELY THE EFFECT OF SUCH MEASURES ON THE ECONOMY, AND OTHER OPTIONS - ENCOURAGING MORE USE OF RAIL AND SEA FREIGHT TRANSPORT, GOODS DELIVERY OUTSIDE THE PEAK HOURS AND USE OF LARGER VEHICLES WITH EFFICIENT LOADING EQUIPMENT TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY.

IN RESPONSE TO SUCH COMMENTS, THE GOVERNMENT WAS GIVING ACTIVE CONSIDERATION TO A COMPREHENSIVE FREIGHT TRANSPORT STUDY TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES, HE SAID.

MR LEUNG SAID PUBLIC REACTION TO PROPOSED TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES WAS MOST ENCOURAGING.

FEW DISPUTED THE BROAD PRINCIPLES OF MAKING EFFECTIVE USE OF ROAD SPACE, GIVING PRIORITY TO MORE EFFICIENT AND ESSENTIAL ROAD USERS, AND MANAGING TRAVEL DEMAND TO A LEVEL WITH WHICH THE ROAD SYSTEM COULD COPE.

AS REGARDS EFFECTIVE USE OF ROAD SPACE, HE SAID, THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT FOR BETTER USE OF MODERN TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGY TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW, AND IMPROVEMENTS IN PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES TO SEGREGATE THEM FROM VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.

THERE WAS ALSO A STRONG CALL FOR BETTER CO-ORDINATION AND SUPERVISION OF ROAD WORKS TO MINIMISE TRAFFIC DISRUPTIONS.

MR LEUNG SAID THERE WAS A GENERAL CONSENSUS THAT BUSES SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE GIVEN PRIORITY IN THE USE OF ROAD SPACE TO MAXIMISE THE EFFICIENCY OF THIS MASS CARRIER.

BUT SOME CAUTIONED THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD ENSURE ADEQUATE USE OF THE BUS LANES TO AVOID UNDER-UTILISATION, HE SAID.

AS REGARDS COVERAGE, HE SAID THAT CRITICISMS WERE MADE THAT THE PROPOSED STRATEGY HAD NOT ADDRESSED OR ADDRESSED SUFFICIENTLY THE ISSUES OF TRANSPORT LINKS FOR FUTURE PORT AND AIRPORT FACILITIES, CO-ORDINATION OF LAND USE AND TRANSPORT PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, TRANSPORT FOR THE DISABLED AND ROAD SAFETY.

"THE TRANSPORT LINKS FOR FUTURE PORT AND AIRPORT FACILITIES WERE CONSIDERED AS PART AND PARCEL OF THE PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY STUDY WHICH WAS ANNOUNCED ON OCTOBER 11.

"THEY WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY IN THE WHITE PAPER," HE SAID.

MR LEUNG SAID THERE WAS OVERWHELMING PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR BETTER CO-ORDINATION OF LAND USE AND TRANSPORT PLANNING TO REDUCE PRESSURE ON TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES.

HE SAID THE WHITE PAPER WOULD SET OUT CLEAR POLICY INTENTIONS ON THIS ASPECT.

SIMILARLY, MORE WOULD BE SAID ON WAYS TO PROMOTE AND IMPROVE ROAD SAFETY.

ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND INTEGRATION OF THE DISABLED INTO THE SOCIETY, HE SAID THEY WERE ESTABLISHED GOVERNMENT POLICIES.

ALTHOUGH THESE WERE SUBJECTS OUTSIDE THE TRANSPORT POLICY PORTFOLIO, THE TRANSPORT STRATEGY WOULD TAKE FULL ACCOUNT OF AND WORK TOWARDS ACHIEVING THE GOVERNMENT'S OBJECTIVES IN THESE AREAS, MR LEUNG ADDED.

CHALLENGE FOR KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS

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THE COMING DECADE WILL PROVIDE A "GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY" FOR KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS TO FULLY DEMONSTRATE THEIR VALUE AND STRENGTH TOWARDS MAKING FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY. THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE KAIFONG FESTIVAL.

TRACING THE DEVELOPMENT OF KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS SINCE THE LATE 1940'S, MR LAN PRAISED THE ASSOCIATIONS FOR HAVING CONTRIBUTED TO LAYING A GOOD FOUNDATION FOR THE TERRITORY'S PROSPERITY AND WELFARE SERVICES, ESPECIALLY DURING THE EARLIER YEARS.

THE ASSOCIATIONS, IN THE MORE RECENT YEARS, HAD ALSO BEEN ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN COMMUNITY-BUILDING WORK TO ASSIST IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

"OVER 50 KAIFONG LEADERS ARE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, AND SOME 200 ARE AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS, WHILE MANY OTHERS ARE SITTING ON VARIOUS OTHER ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES," HE NOTED.

MR LAN REMINDED THE ASSOCIATIONS THAT, IN THE FACE OF UNPRECEDENTED CHANGES AND GREAT CHALLENGES IN THE 1990'S, THEY MUST STRENGTHEN THEIR STRUCTURE AND CONTINUE TO RECRUIT MORE YOUNG PEOPLE AS MEMBERS.

IN ASSISTING IN THE PROMOTION OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT, HE SAID THE ASSOCIATIONS, APART FROM REFLECTING PUBLIC VIEWS, COULD HELP RESIDENTS UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ELECTIONS, AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO GO TO THE POLL AND PARTICIPATE IN ELECTIONS.

AS REGARDS THE PROVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES, MR LAN SAID KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS SHOULD MARCH ALONG WITH TIME BY DIVERSIFYING THEIR SERVICES AND INTRODUCING NEW SERVICES TO MEET INCREASING DEMANDS.

MR LAN SAID THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY SHOULD MARK THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA FOR KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS.

"MANY ASSOCIATIONS ARE ALREADY BREAKING NEW GROUNDS IN THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, AND I HOPE OTHERS COULD SOON FOLLOW SUIT," HE NOTED.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS TREE PLANTING IN WAN CHAI

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THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS A PROPOSAL TO CONDUCT A STUDY FOR A TREE PLANTING PROGRAMME IN THE DISTRICT AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE STUDY WILL LOOK INTO SUITABLE SITES FOR PLANTING TREES AND THE SPECIES TO BE PLANTED.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS A REQUEST TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT IN TAI WO STREET AND CROSS STREET.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE A STREET MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME IN THE DISTRICT AND A REPORT BY THE WAN CHAI WORKING GROUP ON WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY AND CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 4 PM IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, 21ST FLOOR, SOUTHORN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, HONG KONG.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS BUS ROUTE DEVELOPMENT

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THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE 1990-91 PROPOSED BUS ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN THE DISTRICT AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS A PAPER ASKING THE GOVERNMENT AND THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES TO MAKE SEPARATE TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES. TWO UNHCR OFFICIALS WILL ATTEND THE MEETING.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HONG KONG SCHOOL OF MOTORING WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE COMPANY'S ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMME.

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ALSO ON THE AGENDA ARE A REPORT FROM THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, AND PROPOSALS TO SET UP A TAXI-STAND, TO CONSTRUCT A SHELTER FOR A BUS STOP IN THE DISTRICT AND TO IMPROVE PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES IN BUTTERFLY BAY AREA.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, THIRD FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

YOUTH STRING MUSIC FESTIVAL TO BE HELD NEXT MONTH

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STRING MUSIC LOVERS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY THE PERFORMANCES OF LOCAL YOUNG MUSICIANS AND TWO RENOWNED VIOLIN AND VIOLA PLAYERS DURING THE 1989 HONG KONG YOUTH STRING MUSIC FESTIVAL TO BE HELD FROM NOVEMBER 12 TO 19.

FEATURING A SERIES OF CONCERTS, MASTERCLASSES, LECTURES AND DEMONSTRATIONS, THE EIGHT-DAY FESTIVAL IS THE SECOND OF ITS KIND ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE TO PROMOTE INTEREST AND UNDERSTANDING IN STRING MUSIC.

THE FESTIVAL'S FIRST CONCERT WILL BE AN INTERFLOW CONCERT TO BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL ON NOVEMBER 12.

CLASSICAL PIECES OF MOZART, HANDEL, BACH AND TSCHAIKOVSKY WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE DISTRICT STRING ORCHESTRAS OF THE MUSIC OFFICE AND FOUR SCHOOL ORCHESTRAS DURING THE CONCERT, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM.

APART FROM THE PARTICIPATION OF LOCAL YOUNG MUSICIANS, TWO RENOWNED MUSICIANS, MR IVAN CHAN (VIOLIN) AND MS XIAO HONGMEI (VIOLA), HAVE BEEN INVITED TO PERFORM AT THE CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT AND THE FESTIVAL CONCERT TO BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS AND SHA TIN TOWN HALL ON NOVEMBER 18 AND 19 RESPECTIVELY.

DURING THE FESTIVAL CONCERT THREE CONCERTOS -- STAMITZ'S "CONCERTO IN D MAJOR", SAINT SAENS'S "CONCERTO IN B MINOR NO. 3" AND MOZART'S "SINFONIA CONCERTANTE FOR VIOLIN, VIOLA AND ORCHESTRA IN E FLAT MAJOR, K364" -- WILL BE PRESENTED BY MR IVAN CHAN, MS XIAO HONGMEI AND THE COMBINED ORCHESTRA OF HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND MUSIC OFFICE INSTRUCTORS' ORCHESTRA (WESTERN).

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THE CONDUCTORS OF THE CONCERT ARE MR THOMAS WANG AND MR LIU KI-LING.

"THE FESTIVAL NOT ONLY PROVIDES LOCAL YOUNG MUSICIANS THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN FROM THE TWO RENOWNED MUSICIANS. BUT ALSO ENABLES THEM TO MAKE MUSIC TOGETHER," A MUSIC OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

TICKETS FOR THE CONCERTS ON NOVEMBER 18 AND 19, AT \$10 AND \$20 EACH, ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL URBIX OUTLETS. THE INTERFLOW CONCERT ON NOVEMBER 12 IS NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 5-283257.

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SALE OF LOK ON PAI DESALTING PLANT

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LOCAL AND OVERSEAS PARTIES WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THE PURCHASE OF THE LOK ON PAI DESALTING PLANT ARE INVITED TO REGISTER THEIR INTENTION WITH THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT.

AN OPEN TENDER WILL BE CALLED IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR FOR DISMANTLING AND DISPOSAL OF THE COMPLETE PLANT.

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AGREED IN JULY THAT IN VIEW OF THE PRESENT IMPROVED WATER SUPPLY SITUATION, ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN ON THE DISPOSAL OF THE PLANT.

THE PLANT, WHICH WAS COMMISSIONED IN 1975-77. COMPRISES SIX MULTI-STAGE FLASH DISTILLATION UNITS, EACH WITH ITS OWN OIL FIRED BOILER, EVAPORATOR, TURBO-GENERATOR AND ANCILLARIES. THE TOTAL DISTILLATE OUTPUT IS 181,800 CUBIC METER (40 MILLION GALLONS) PER DAY.

THE DESALTER IS AT PRESENT MAINTAINED IN A MOTHBALLED STATE. IT CAN BE REACTIVATED IF NECESSARY.

SO FAR, A FEW LOCAL AND OVERSEAS POTENTIAL BUYERS HAVE INDICATED INTEREST IN BIDDING FOR THE PLANT.

INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD NOTIFY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT AT 12TH FLOOR, LEIGHTON CENTRE, 77 LEIGHTON ROAD, HONG KONG.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 66.7 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 390.790 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 254.179 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 43.4 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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WATER CUTS IN FOUR AREAS

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SHEUNG SHUI WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 PM ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 25) TO 8 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE WATERMAIN CONNECTION.

THE VILLAGES AFFECTED INCLUDE YEE ON SAN TSUEN, CHIU KENG TSUEN, LAI TAU TSUI, YING PUN TSUEN, PANG UK TSUEN AND CHAN UK PO.

ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 26), FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KWUN TONG WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY WAN HON STREET, HIP WO STREET, KWUN TONG ROAD, HONG NING ROAD AND HONG NING ROAD RECREATIONAL GROUND.

ALSO TO FACILITATE NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN HONG KONG SOUTH WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 27) TO 5 AM THE NEXT DAY.

THE AREA AFFECTED WILL INCLUDE 37-67 REPULSE BAY ROAD (ODD NUMBERS), 4-44 REPULSE BAY ROAD (EVEN NUMBERS) AND 33-47 ISLAND ROAD (ODD NUMBERS).

TO FACILITATE WATERMAIN CONNECTION, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 28) TO 6 PM THE NEXT DAY.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY LAI KING HILL ROAD, HA KWAI CHUNG, YUET LAI COURT, LAI KING ESTATE, CONTAINER PORT ROAD, KWAI FONG ESTATE, KWAI HING ESTATE, SUN KWAI HING GARDEN, KWAI CHUNG ESTATE, TAI LIN PAI ROAD, WAH SHING STREET AND KUNG YIP STREET.

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN NORTH POINT TO BE CLOSED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE CERTAIN ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN NORTH POINT SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND TO THE PUBLIC.

THE STRUCTURES ARE IN THE REAR LANE LEADING TO ELECTRIC ROAD FROM SOUTHERN BUILDING, 257-273 KING'S ROAD.

THE CLOSURE IS PART OF AN EXERCISE TO ENFORCE AN ORDER ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR REQUIRING THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURES.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON FEBRUARY 23, 1990 WAS POSTED ON CONSPICUOUS PARTS OF THE STRUCTURES TODAY (MONDAY).

IT IS EXPECTED THAT DEMOLITION WORK WILL START ONCE THE CLOSURE ORDER IS OBTAINED.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN TSIM SHA TSUI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE ROAD REINSTATEMENT WORKS AT KIMBERLEY STREET IN TSIM SHA TSUI, THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) FOR TWO WEEKS:

- * THE SECTION OF KIMBERLEY STREET, FROM A POINT ABOUT 65 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH CARNARVON ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 85 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION, WILL BE CLOSED.
- * THE REMAINING SECTIONS OF KIMBERLEY STREET BETWEEN CARNARVON ROAD AND SHUN YEE STREET WILL BE REROUTED FOR TWO WAY TRAFFIC FOR LOCAL ACCESS.

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