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NEW DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE MORE EFFECTIVE PLANNING

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THE CREATION OF THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT IS TO PRODUCE A SINGLE PLANNING AGENCY THAT CAN DEAL MORE AUTHORITATIVELY AND EFFECTIVELY WITH ALL PLANNING MATTERS.

THE NEW DEPARTMENT'S DIRECTOR, MR ROBERT UPTON, SAID THAT HIS DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES WILL COVER PLANNING FOR ALL THE LAND USE REQUIREMENTS OF HONG KONG'S DEVELOPMENT COVERING BOTH URBAN AND RURAL AREAS.

THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT IS TO BE FULLY OPERATIONAL ON JANUARY 1.

BY THEN, RESPONSIBILITIES AND STAFF FOR PLANNING WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS BRANCH (PELB), THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT (BLD) AND THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (TDD) TO THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROVED ON FRIDAY THE CREATION OF THE POSTS OF DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TWO CHIEF TOWN PLANNERS WITH EFFECT FROM DECEMBER 1, ONE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT TOWN PLANNER AND TWO CHIEF TOWN PLANNERS FROM JANUARY 1, AND ANOTHER CHIEF TOWN PLANNER FROM APRIL 1.

THE COMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED THE TRANSFER OF A NUMBER OF DIRECTORATE POSTS AND NON-DIRECTORATE POSTS FROM PELB, BLD AND TDD TO THE NEW DEPARTMENT.

THE GOVERNMENT IS OF THE VIEW THAT A CENTRAL PLANNING ORGANISATION IS CALLED FOR TO COPE WITH THE CHANGING PATTERN OF DEVELOPMENT AND APPROACHES TO PLANNING IN HONG KONG.

THE CHANGES INCLUDE SUCH MATTERS AS INCREASING EMPHASIS ON LARGE-SCALE REDEVELOPMENT AND RESTRUCTURING OF THE OLDER URBAN AREAS, THE NEED TO UPGRADE RURAL AREAS, THE PROVISION OF NEW INFRASTRUCTURE TO MEET THE REQUIREMENT OF THE TERRITORY THROUGH THE INTRODUCTION OF MAJOR TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES RELATED TO THE PORT AND THE AIRPORT, AND THE GENERAL NEED TO IMPROVE LAND USE/TRANSPORT RELATIONSHIP.

"THE PLANNING ISSUES INVOLVED ARE COMPLEX AND INTER-RELATED.

"THIS DEMANDS GREATER INTEGRATION ON THE ONE HAND BETWEEN PLANNING AT THE STRATEGIC, SUB-REGIONAL AND DISTRICT LEVELS TO ENSURE SMOOTH IMPLEMENTATION OF PLANNING PROPOSALS AND ON THE OTHER HAND AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL BETWEEN THE FUNCTIONS OF STATUTORY PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AND ACTION PLANNING," MR UPTON SAID.

HE SAID THERE WILL BE DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICERS FOR ALL AREAS OF THE TERRITORY WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL DISTRICT PLANNING MATTERS, STATUTORY AND NON-STATUTORY, IN THEIR OWN AREAS.

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"THE METRO AREA WILL HAVE A DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICE EACH FOR HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND TSUEN WAN," MR UPTON SAID.

"IN THE NEW TERRITORIES THERE WILL BE FOUR DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICES - SAI KUNG AND TSEUNG KWAN O, SHA TIN AND NORTH EAST, TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG AND LANTAU AND ISLANDS.

"THE LANTAU AND ISLANDS DPO WILL BE HEAVILY INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH LANTAU ASSOCIATED WITH THE NEW AIRPORT AND PORT."

MR UPTON EXPLAINED THAT THE FORMATION OF THE NEW DEPARTMENT WOULD NOT AFFECT THE OPERATION OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, AND THAT ALL APPLICATIONS AND OBJECTIONS MADE UNDER THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY TO THE BOARD IN MURRAY BUILDING.

THE DIRECTOR ALSO SAID THE CENTRAL INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL ADMINISTRATION UNIT, WHICH IS NOW UNDER THE TOWN PLANNING OFFICE, WILL BE SUCCEEDED BY A PLANNING INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL ADMINISTRATION SECTION, LOCATED ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF MURRAY BUILDING, TO BE HEADED BY A CHIEF TOWN PLANNER.

"THE UNIT'S TASK WILL INCLUDE PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL ADVICE IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES ABOUT STATUTORY PROCEDURES AND OTHER PLANNING MATTERS," HE ADDED.

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AREA COMMITTEES PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS  
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AREA COMMITTEES (AC'S), AS PART OF THE ESTABLISHED STRUCTURE IN THE COMMUNITY, PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR FREDERICK TONG, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE HANG HAU '89 CARNIVAL, MR TONG SAID THE FUNCTION OF THE AC'S WAS TO GIVE OPINIONS AND MAKE SUGGESTIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT CONCERNING WAYS TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY FACILITIES, AND TO ENHANCE RESIDENTS' WELFARE AND LIVING ENVIRONMENT.

"THE AC'S ALSO PROVIDE A GOOD CHANNEL FOR LOCAL PEOPLE TO DISCUSS CURRENT AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT POLICIES.

"AS AC MEMBERS COME FROM DIFFERENT PROFESSIONS AND ARE FAMILIAR WITH THEIR OWN AREA, THEY ARE CAPABLE OF PROVIDING VALUABLE ADVICE TO THE GOVERNMENT ON AREA MATTERS," HE SAID.

MR TONG PRAISED THE HANG HAU AREA COMMITTEE, WHICH WAS FORMED LAST YEAR, FOR ITS CONTRIBUTIONS IN SUPPORTING GOVERNMENT CAMPAIGNS AND PARTICIPATING IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

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THE HANG HAU '89 CARNIVAL, ORGANISED BY THE HANG HAU AREA COMMITTEE WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD, WAS AIMED AT HELPING THE VILLAGERS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE WORK OF THE AC.

THE CARNIVAL, WHICH INCLUDED AN EXHIBITION, GAMES STALLS AND A VARIETY SHOW, ATTRACTED ABOUT 2,000 VILLAGERS.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WERE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WILLIAM WAN; DIVISIONAL COMMANDER OF THE SAI KUNG POLICE STATION, MR FILIPE DE OLIVEIRA; CHAIRMAN OF THE HANG HAU RURAL COMMITTEE, MR SING HON-KEUNG; AND PRESIDENT OF THE HANG HAU '89 CARNIVAL, MR ALEX BLUM.

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YOUTH FESTIVAL - SAYING IT WITH 10,000 SLOGANS

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MORE THAN 10,000 TALENTED YOUNG SLOGAN WRITERS TOOK PART IN A RECENT SLOGAN COMPETITION BASED ON THE THEME, "WE ARE HONG KONG."

THE COMPETITION FORMED PART OF ACTIVITIES IN THE CURRENT YOUTH FESTIVAL AND WAS ORGANISED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF A CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE.

"IT HAS MADE A MAGNIFICENT CONTRIBUTION TO THE YOUTH FESTIVAL," THE COMMITTEE'S CHAIRMAN, MR ERIC LI, SAID WHEN HE ANNOUNCED THE 34 WINNERS TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE COMPETITION - TARGETTED AT THE 10 TO 30 AGE GROUP - WAS AN OVERWHELMING SUCCESS. MR LI SAID, ADDING THAT MANY OF THE SLOGANS WOULD BE USED TO PUBLICISE EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE FESTIVAL.

THE COMPETITION, IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, WAS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS - SENIOR AND JUNIOR.

WINNERS IN THE SENIOR SECTION WERE HAU MAN-HIM (CHINESE) AND LUK SZE-MAN (ENGLISH).

THE JUNIOR SECTION WINNERS WERE FUNG BIK-YEE (CHINESE) AND HUI LAP-YIN (ENGLISH).

ALL FOUR WERE EACH GIVEN CASH AWARDS RANGING FROM \$1,500 TO \$2,000 WHILE THE OTHER WINNERS RECEIVED BOOK COUPONS, CERTIFICATES AND CASH AWARDS.

A SPECIAL AWARD FOR BEING THE "MOST ENTHUSIASTIC PARTICIPATING ORGANISATION" WAS GIVEN TO THE KOWLOON CONCORDIA LUTHERAN SCHOOL FOR SUBMITTING 571 ENTRIES ON BEHALF OF ITS STUDENTS.

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THE PANEL OF JUDGES INCLUDED LOCAL PERSONALITY MS SIAO FONG-FONG, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG SENIOR EXECUTIVE PRODUCER, CHAN YUK-CHEUNG, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, VIRGINIA CHAN, AND EDUCATION DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE KONG LI CHI-HO. ALSO TAKING PART IN THE JUDGING WAS KWOK KA-MING, THE CONVENER OF THE COMMITTEE'S PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP.

POINTS WERE GIVEN ACCORDING TO ORIGINALITY, THEME INTERPRETATION, USE OF VOCABULARY, STYLE AND RHYMING PATTERN.

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YOUNG PEOPLE URGED TO CONTRIBUTE TO FUTURE

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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG, TODAY (SUNDAY) CALLED ON YOUNG PEOPLE TO FULFIL THEIR IMPORTANT ROLE IN SOCIETY AND BE COMMITTED TO THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

MR SHUM SAID YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERN FOR THEIR FELLOW CITIZENS AS WELL AS THEIR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY HAD TAKEN ON MORE SIGNIFICANCE AT THIS TIME OF TRANSITION.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT YOUTH DAY HELD IN VICTORIA PARK TO COINCIDE WITH THE CURRENT YOUTH FESTIVAL.

SEVERAL HUNDRED YOUNG PEOPLE WERE INVOLVED IN ORGANISING THE FUNCTION WHICH WAS SPONSORED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND 10 YOUTH SERVICE AGENCIES.

THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING A YOUTH FORUM, STREET DRAMA AND EXHIBITION, AIMED TO BRING OUT THE IMPORTANCE OF PROPER AND BALANCED YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, MR SHUM NOTED.

AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THREE OUTSTANDING YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THE DISTRICT RECEIVED AWARDS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO COMMUNITY SERVICE AND VOLUNTARY WORK.

THE TRIO, 28-YEAR-OLD POLICEMAN MR CHOW FUK-KEUNG, 19-YEAR-OLD FORM SEVEN STUDENT MISS HUANG HAI-YEN, AND 17-YEAR-OLD FORM SIX STUDENT MISS NG YUEN-YEE, WERE SELECTED FROM AMONG 56 NOMINEES.

THEIR PRIZES INCLUDE AN EIGHT-DAY STUDY TRIP TO SINGAPORE AND A TROPHY.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WERE THE ACTING EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS CHANG KING-YIU, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE ON THE YOUTH FESTIVAL, MR ERIC LI.

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'PITCH-IN' ACTIVITY AT KOWLOON PARK

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VARIOUS SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY TODAY (SUNDAY) DEMONSTRATED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN BY PARTICIPATING IN FROLICS '89 AT THE KOWLOON PARK.

FROLICS '89, OFFERING A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE KEEP CLEAN MESSAGES, IS A MAJOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECT ORGANISED BY THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, DR PANG HOK-TUEN, SAID: "THE COMMITTEE PLACES GREAT EMPHASIS ON PROMOTING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS AS A WAY TO EDUCATE THE MASS PUBLIC ON THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES IN KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY CLEAN."

HE SAID THE VAST NUMBER OF DISTRICT BOARDS, COMMUNITY AND COMMERCIAL ORGANISATIONS TAKING PART IN TODAY'S EVENT SHOWED THEY SUPPORTED THE PITCH-IN SPIRIT.

AFTER THE OPENING CEREMONY, REPRESENTATIVES FROM THESE ORGANISATIONS FORMED 29 TEAMS TO DRAW A BIG MURAL DEPICTING A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT WHILE THOUSANDS OF OTHER PEOPLE SHARED KEEP CLEAN MESSAGES AND ENJOYED THE FUN OF A CARNIVAL.

ANOTHER HIGHLIGHT OF FROLICS '89 IS A WASTE SCULPTURE EXHIBITION, HELD IN THE INDOOR GAMES HALL OF KOWLOON PARK.

THE EXHIBITION INCLUDES THE WINNING ENTRIES IN A WASTE SCULPTURE COMPETITION ORGANISED EARLIER BY THE COMMITTEE. ALSO ON DISPLAY ARE THREE "NEWSPAPER CHILDREN" BY AMERICAN SCULPTOR, MR DAVID FINN.

THE WINNERS OF THE COMPETITION WERE AWARDED PRIZES AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

THE EXHIBITION WILL RUN UNTIL JANUARY 3, AND WILL ALSO BE STAGED IN TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL FROM JANUARY 5 TO 13. ADMISSION IS FREE.

ILLEGAL HAWKING IN SHA TIN ON AGENDA

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THE PROBLEM OF ILLEGAL HAWKING IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 12).

A DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER WILL ASK WHY THERE HAS BEEN NO IMPROVEMENT IN THE SITUATION.

ANOTHER MEMBER WILL ENQUIRE ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF HOUSING DEPARTMENT STAFF SERVING SUMMONSES ON DRIVERS WHO PARK THEIR CARS ILLEGALLY IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

THE LACK OF COVER IN OPEN AREAS IN SOME RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE DISCUSSED.

ALSO ON THE AGENDA IS THE DEFACING OF THE TWIN-TOWER PUBLIC HOUSING BLOCKS AS A RESULT OF RESIDENTS INSTALLING THEIR OWN ANTI-BURGLARY DEVICES IN COMMON AREAS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 12) IN THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE SIXTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS

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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE PROGRESS OF THE MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS BEING CARRIED OUT IN THE DISTRICT AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (MONDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROGRESS OF THE DISTRICT'S COMPREHENSIVE SQUATTER IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

A DOCUMENT ON "WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU RECEIVE A NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICE?" WILL BE TABLED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, 7-11 NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN CENTRE.

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EDUCATION MATTERS ON AGENDA

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A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL ANSWER QUESTIONS ON THE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 1989-90 FROM MEMBERS OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE AT A MEETING TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE PAPER CONTAINS REPORTS ON CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, LANGUAGE EDUCATION, AND PROVISION OF SCHOOL PLACES IN TUEN MUN.

A PAPER SUBMITTED BY NINE MEMBERS ASKING THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE AFTER-SCHOOL CARE SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT WILL ALSO BE ON THE AGENDA.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

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

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS CLEARANCE OF STRUCTURES

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THE CLEARANCE OF STRUCTURES ON HILL SLOPES IN NGAU CHI WAN VILLAGE IN WONG TAI SIN WILL BE DISCUSSED AT A MEETING OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S SQUATTER AREAS COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 12).

THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING TO CLEAR THE STRUCTURES IN MARCH AND PROVIDE THE RESIDENTS WITH ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION TO IMPROVE THEIR LIVING CONDITIONS.

A PAPER, JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THREE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE REQUESTING RELAXATION OF THE RESIDENCE ELIGIBILITY FOR PUBLIC HOUSING FOR SQUATTER AREAS RESIDENTS, WILL BE DISCUSSED.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER ALLOCATING \$3,000 FOR TRIMMING GRASS IN CHUK YUEN UNITED VILLAGE AND HEUNG YEUNG VILLAGE, AND ANOTHER \$5,000 FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS IN TAI HOM NORTH VILLAGE.

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OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE PROGRESS REPORTS ON THE SQUATTER AREAS CLEANLINESS CAMPAIGN AND MINOR WORKS PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY THE COMMITTEE, AS WELL AS A REPORT ON MISCELLANEOUS CASES OF LANDSLIP OR MUDSLIP, STRUCTURAL FAILURE, AND FIRE IN THE DISTRICT'S SQUATTER AREAS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S SQUATTER AREAS COMMITTEE, TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 12) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, FOURTH FLOOR, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, KING FUK STREET.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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WORKERS, CONTRACTOR FINED FOR DANGEROUS ACT  
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CONTRACTORS AND WORKERS ARE BOTH RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING SAFETY ON CONSTRUCTION SITES UNDER THE LAW, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT IT WAS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR WORKERS TO REFRAIN FROM PRACTICES WHICH MIGHT ENDANGER THEMSELVES OR OTHER PEOPLE ON SITE.

HE NOTED THAT IN A RECENT CASE HEARD AT THE KWUN TONG MAGISTRACY, TWO WORKERS WERE EACH FINED \$500 FOR UNSAFE ACTS WHEN USING A CRANE AT A BUILDING SITE.

DURING A SITE VISIT, TWO FACTORY INSPECTORS HAD FOUND A WORKER LIFTED BY A LORRY-MOUNTED CRANE FROM THE GROUND TO THE FIRST FLOOR CANOPY OF A BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

BOTH THE WORKER AND THE CRANE OPERATOR WERE PROSECUTED UNDER THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS.

THE PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR OF THE SITE, WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPERVISING THE WORKERS, WAS ALSO PROSECUTED, AND FINED \$3,000.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE UNSAFE ACT IN THIS CASE COULD HAVE LED TO SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES OR EVEN LOSS OF LIFE.

"THE MAXIMUM FINE FOR OFFENCES OF THIS NATURE IS \$50,000," HE ADDED.

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CIVIC EDUCATION CROSSWORD PUZZLE FOR C & W RESIDENTS

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CENTRAL AND WESTERN RESIDENTS CAN NOW ENTER A BILINGUAL CROSSWORD PUZZLE CONTEST TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION IN HONG KONG.

THE COMPETITION IS ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE MID-LEVELS (CENTRAL) AREA COMMITTEE AND THE HONG KONG YWCA.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE CONTEST WOULD ATTEMPT TO INCREASE PARTICIPANTS' INTEREST AND KNOWLEDGE IN THE TERRITORY'S AFFAIRS WITH A VIEW TO BETTER EQUIPPING THEM TO FACE UP TO FUTURE CHALLENGES.

"ANY PERSON LIVING, STUDYING OR WORKING IN THE DISTRICT IS WELCOME TO JOIN EITHER THE ENGLISH OR THE CHINESE SECTION OF THE CONTEST OR BOTH SECTIONS," HE ADDED.

A TOTAL OF 100 WINNERS FROM EACH SECTION WILL BE AWARDED ATTRACTIVE SOUVENIRS.

ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S THREE PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRES AT HARBOUR BUILDING, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING) AND IN BELCHER'S STREET, AS WELL AS AT THE WESTERN COMMUNITY CENTRE IN WESTERN STREET.

THE ENTRIES SHOULD REACH THE YOUTH WORK AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF THE HONG KONG YWCA, SECOND FLOOR, WAH CHEONG BUILDING, 1 GLEANEALY, CENTRAL, BEFORE JANUARY 15.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-8523499 OR 5-223101.

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COLOURING CONTEST TO PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY

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A COLOURING CONTEST IS BEING HELD IN YAU TSIM DISTRICT TO SPREAD THE ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE TO CHILDREN STUDYING IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND KINDERGARTENS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT'S ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE SAID TODAY (SUNDAY): "PARENTS CAN EXPLAIN TO THEIR CHILDREN HOW TO USE PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS PROPERLY WHILE THE CHILDREN COLOUR THE DRAWING."

"IT IS BETTER TO HELP CHILDREN DEVELOP GOOD ROAD-USING HABITS WHEN THEY ARE YOUNG THAN TO CORRECT WRONG HABITS WHEN THEY HAVE GROWN UP," HE ADDED.

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COPIES OF THE DRAWING ARE AVAILABLE AT YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE AT 490 NATHAN ROAD AND ITS TSIM SHA TSUI SUB-OFFICE AT 40 CARNARVON ROAD. ALL ENTRIES SHOULD BE RETURNED BY JANUARY 4 NEXT YEAR.

TOYS AND OTHER ATTRACTIVE PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNERS.

ANOTHER ACTIVITY BEING PLANNED BY THE CAMPAIGN'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE IS A CARNIVAL TO BE HELD IN THE KOWLOON PARK NEXT MONTH.

THE COMMITTEE HAS ALSO STUDIED THE SITUATION AT TRAFFIC BLACKSPOTS IN THE DISTRICT AND RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS TO ROAD CROSSING FACILITIES.

THE CAMPAIGN IS SPONSORED BY THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD AND HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY A COMMITTEE COMPRISING DISTRICT BOARD AND AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN THE DISTRICT, THE POLICE AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

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PHOTO COMPETITION ON DISTRICT FESTIVAL EVENTS  
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THE SHAM SHUI PO RESIDENTS' FRATERNITY ASSOCIATION, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, IS ORGANISING A PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION ON THE DISTRICT'S FESTIVAL WHICH BEGAN YESTERDAY AND WILL LAST UNTIL JANUARY 8.

PHOTOGRAPHS ENTERED IN THE COMPETITION SHOULD BE ABLE TO HIGHLIGHT THE THEME OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL, WHICH IS ON "YOUTH EDUCATION". THEY SHOULD ALSO BE CAPABLE OF DEPICTING THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE VARIOUS COLOURFUL EVENTS HELD DURING THE FESTIVAL.

THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS - THE PROJECTION PRINT SECTION AND THE MASKING PRINT SECTION. PHOTOGRAPHS IN THE FORMER GROUP SHOULD MEASURE 9 CM BY 13 CM WHILE THOSE IN THAT LATTER GROUP SHOULD MEASURE 20 CM BY 25 CM. MASKING PRINTS MUST BE MOUNTED ON FRAMES MEASURING 25 CM BY 30 CM.

BOTH BLACK AND WHITE AND COLOUR ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM JANUARY 10 TO FEBRUARY 10 AT THE SHAM SHUI PO RESIDENTS' FRATERNITY ASSOCIATION ON THE THIRD FLOOR, 144 CASTLE PEAK ROAD. THERE IS NO RESTRICTION ON THE NUMBER OF PHOTOGRAPHS A PARTICIPANT MAY ENTER.

AN OPEN ADJUDICATION WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 17 AT THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL CELEBRATION BANQUET. WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE PUT ON DISPLAY AT THE FUNCTION AND ALSO AT AN EXHIBITION IN MARCH.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE COMPETITION AND DETAILS ABOUT FESTIVAL EVENTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE IN TONKIN STREET AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

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NOVEMBER WEATHER DOMINATED BY ANTICYCLONE AND MONSOON

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THE WEATHER IN NOVEMBER WAS DOMINATED BY THE ASIATIC CONTINENTAL ANTICYCLONE AND THE ASSOCIATED MONSOON, ACCORDING TO THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY'S MONTHLY REPORT RELEASED TODAY (SUNDAY).

AS A RESULT, THE MONTHLY MEAN ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE OF 1,019.7 HECTOPASCALS (HPA) IN HONG KONG WAS THE FIFTH HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR NOVEMBER, AND THE STRONG MONSOON SIGNAL WAS HOISTED ON FOUR SEPARATE OCCASIONS.

RAIN DURING THE MONTH WAS MOSTLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE ONSET OF THE WINTER MONSOON SURGES. THE MONTHLY TOTAL OF 20.3 MILLIMETRES WAS 59 PER CENT OF THE NORMAL FIGURE OF 34.7 MILLIMETRES.

THE TOTAL RAINFALL SINCE JANUARY 1 AMOUNTED TO 1,904.4 MILLIMETRES, 13 PER CENT BELOW THE FIGURE OF 2,199.4 MILLIMETRES NORMALLY EXPECTED FOR THE SAME PERIOD.

THE MONTH STARTED OFF WITH SOME MORNING RAIN ON NOVEMBER 1 AS THE MONSOON FRESHENED FROM THE EAST. THE GENERALLY CLOUDY WEATHER GRADUALLY GAVE WAY TO SUNNY SKIES OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS AND LIGHT RAIN WAS MAINLY CONFINED TO THE NIGHT HOURS.

AS THE MONSOON RELENDED, FINE WEATHER PREVAILED ON NOVEMBER 5 AND 6. WARMING BY INSOLATION CAUSED TEMPERATURES ON THE LATTER DAY TO CLIMB TO A MAXIMUM OF 28.2 DEGREES, THE HIGHEST FOR THE MONTH.

THE EASTERLIES FRESHENED AGAIN ON THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 7 AND THE WEATHER TURNED CLOUDIER. A WEAK COLD FRONT CROSSED THE SOUTH CHINA COAST ON THE NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 8 AND BROUGHT TRACES OF RAINFALL.

AS THE DRY CONTINENTAL AIR BECAME ESTABLISHED OVER THE COASTAL AREAS, CLOUDS BROKE DURING THE DAY ON NOVEMBER 9.

FURTHER REPLENISHMENT OF THE WINTER MONSOON ARRIVED ON THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 10 AND NECESSITATED THE HOISTING OF THE STRONG MONSOON SIGNAL. THE WEATHER STAYED FINE FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS DESPITE SOME LIGHT DRIZZLE DURING THE NIGHTS.

MEANWHILE, THE WINTER MONSOON WAS PUSHING SOUTHWARDS VIA TWO ROUTES. THE EASTERLIES WHICH ROUNDED THE COAST OF SOUTHEASTERN CHINA ARRIVED FIRST ON THE AFTERNOON OF NOVEMBER 13. THE NORTHERLIES TRAVELLED OVER LAND AND REACHED THE COAST ABOUT 12 HOURS LATER.

RAIN STARTED ON THE NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 13 AND LASTED TILL THE NEXT MORNING. CONDITIONS WERE GENERALLY CLOUDY WITH SOME BRIGHT PERIODS IN THE FOLLOWING TWO DAYS.

THE WEATHER THEN TURNED FINE ON NOVEMBER 16 AND, APART FROM A CLOUDIER DAY ON NOVEMBER 19, REMAINED SO UNTIL NOVEMBER 21.

ALTHOUGH ANOTHER SURGE OF THE WINTER MONSOON ARRIVED ON THE NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 17, IT DID NOT BRING ANY DETERIORATION IN THE WEATHER.

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HOWEVER, THE STRONG MONSOON SIGNAL HAD TO BE HOISTED TWICE ON NOVEMBER 18 DUE TO THE STRONG NORTHERLIES. THE FREQUENT SURGES OF THE WINTER MONSOON SINCE NOVEMBER 7 GAVE RISE TO PROGRESSIVELY COOLER CONDITIONS OVERNIGHT WITH THE DAILY MINIMUM TEMPERATURES REGISTERING A GENERALLY DOWNWARD TREND DURING THIS PERIOD.

MEANWHILE, TYPHOON HUNT WEAKENED AS IT SWEEPED ACROSS THE PHILIPPINES ON NOVEMBER 22 AND DISSIPATED OVER THE SOUTH CHINA SEA DURING THE NEXT 24 HOURS. FOR DAYS, THE BAND OF CLOUDS BROUGHT IN BY HUNT LINGERED OVER THE SOUTH CHINA COASTAL WATERS.

BEING ON THE FRINGE OF THIS CLOUD BAND, LOCAL WEATHER TURNED CLOUDY ON NOVEMBER 22. THE RAIN AREA WITHIN THE CLOUD BAND EVENTUALLY MOVED IN ON NOVEMBER 25 AS THE REMNANT OF HUNT DRIFTED TOWARDS THE VIETNAM COAST.

COUPLED WITH THE FRESHENING OF THE EASTERLIES EARLY ON NOVEMBER 26, THE WEATHER REMAINED CLOUDY WITH INTERMITTENT LIGHT RAIN UNTIL NOVEMBER 27.

LATER IN THE EVENING ON NOVEMBER 27, AN INTENSE SURGE OF THE WINTER MONSOON REACHED THE COASTAL AREAS AND NECESSITATED THE HOISTING OF THE STRONG MONSOON SIGNAL FOR THE FOURTH TIME IN THE MONTH. THE ARRIVAL OF COLD AND DRY CONTINENTAL AIR RESULTED IN A CLEARANCE OF CLOUDS AND A MARKED DROP IN TEMPERATURE.

BY THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 29, TEMPERATURES AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY FELL TO A MINIMUM OF 12.3 DEGREES, THE LOWEST FOR THE MONTH AND THE LOWEST SO FAR THIS WINTER.

ELSEWHERE IN THE TERRITORY, THE MINIMUM TEMPERATURES RECORDED THAT MORNING WERE 10.6 DEGREES AT LAU FAU SHAN, 9.9 DEGREES AT TUEN MUN, 8.8 DEGREES AT SHA TIN, AND 6.4 DEGREES AT TA KWU LING.

EVEN LOWER TEMPERATURES OF 8.0 DEGREES AND 4.3 DEGREES WERE RECORDED AT SHA TIN AND TA KWU LING RESPECTIVELY ON THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 30.

SUNNY AND VERY DRY WEATHER PREVAILED UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH. NEARLY 400 CASES OF FIRE, OF WHICH AROUND 160 CASES WERE HILL FIRES, WERE REPORTED DURING THE PERIOD.

DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, NO AIRCRAFT WAS DIVERTED DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER. THE RED FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON NOVEMBER 18 TO 19, 22, AND 28 TO 30. THE YELLOW FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS ISSUED FOR NOVEMBER 11 TO 13, 14 TO 15, 18, 25, AND 26.

A TOTAL OF THREE TROPICAL CYCLONES OCCURRED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA DURING THE MONTH.

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## SIGNALS HOISTED DURING THE MONTH WERE AS FOLLOWS:

WEATHER SYSTEM	SIGNAL	DATE/TIME OF HOISTING	DATE/TIME OF LOWERING
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	NOVEMBER 10 10 PM	NOVEMBER 11 7.40 AM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	NOVEMBER 18 10 AM	NOVEMBER 18 1 PM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	NOVEMBER 18 10.10 PM	NOVEMBER 19 7.30 AM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	NOVEMBER 27 9.40 PM	NOVEMBER 29 8 AM

## THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

TOTAL BRIGHT SUNSHINE	179.2 HOURS ; 12.3 HOURS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN DAILY GLOBAL SOLAR RADIATION	12.46 MJ/ SQUARE METRE ; 1.08 MJ/SQUARE METRE BELOW NORMAL
TOTAL RAINFALL	20.3 MM ; 14.4 MM BELOW NORMAL
MEAN AMOUNT OF CLOUD	54 PER CENT ; 2 PER CENT MORE THAN NORMAL
MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY	69 PER CENT ; NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	23.7 DEGREES CELSIUS ; 0.7 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN AIR TEMPERATURE	21.5 DEGREES CELSIUS ; 0.2 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MINIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	19.7 DEGREES CELSIUS ; 0.8 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	15.3 DEGREES CELSIUS ; 0.4 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	108.7 MM ; 26.5 MM BELOW NORMAL

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NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR COMMONWEALTH YOUTH SERVICE AWARDS

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NOMINATIONS HAVE BEGUN FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE PLANNED AND CARRIED OUT OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY PROJECTS TO REPRESENT HONG KONG IN THE COMMONWEALTH YOUTH SERVICE AWARD SCHEME, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE SCHEME WAS LAUNCHED BY THE COMMONWEALTH YOUTH PROGRAMME IN THE UNITED KINGDOM IN 1985 AS AN ENDURING COMMEMORATION OF INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR.

IN HONG KONG, THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION IS CO-ORDINATING THE SELECTION OF THE TWO BEST COMMUNITY PROJECTS TO REPRESENT THE TERRITORY.

THE AIM OF THE SCHEME IS TO FOSTER CO-OPERATION AND EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND EXPERIENCES AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

EACH YEAR, THE SCHEME OFFERS UP TO FIVE AWARDS WITH NOT MORE THAN TWO BEING AWARDED TO ANY COUNTRY IN THE REGION.

THE WINNING TEAM WILL BE GIVEN A GRANT OF 1,000 POUNDS STERLING TO BE USED TO FURTHER THE TEAM'S WORK. MEDALLIONS AND CERTIFICATES WILL ALSO BE AWARDED TO EACH MEMBER OF THE TEAM.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE NOMINATED PROJECTS SHOULD BE EXAMPLES OF EFFECTIVE TEAMWORK BY A SMALL GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE, NORMALLY NOT MORE THAN 20, AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 24.

"THESE PROJECTS SHOULD DEMONSTRATE THEIR POTENTIAL IN EFFECTIVE PLANNING AND CO-OPERATION AMONG MEMBERS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"PARTICIPANTS SHOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE BROAD OBJECTIVES AND RESPOND TO LOCAL NEEDS THROUGH THEIR PROJECTS, SHOWING INNOVATION AND FLEXIBILITY.

"ADDITIONALLY, THE PROJECTS SHOULD HAVE LONG-TERM EFFECT AND PROVIDE A MODEL OR INSPIRATION TO OTHER PLACES IN THE COMMONWEALTH."

NOMINATIONS ARE BEING INVITED FROM THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH DIVISION OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND DISTRICT OFFICES. THEY SHOULD REACH THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 5 NEXT YEAR.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN THE SCHEME MAY CONTACT THEIR DISTRICT OFFICES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

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RECLAMATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF SEAWALL PROPOSED

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CARRY OUT RECLAMATION WORK AND CONSTRUCT A NEW SEAWALL IN KWUN TONG AS PART OF THE KAI TAK AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

THE WORKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT SEVEN HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT KWUN TONG.

A STRIP OF LAND FROM THE SEAWALL ADJACENT TO HOI BUN ROAD WILL BE RECLAIMED FOR THE REPROVISIONING OF KOWLOON BAY PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA.

THE EXISTING PUBLIC CARGO WORKING GROUP HAS TO BE RELOCATED TO MAKE WAY FOR THE KAI TAK AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

IN TSUEN WAN, THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO GRANT A LEASE TO CALTEX OIL HONG KONG LIMITED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN EXTENSION TO THE TSUEN WAN PERMANENT PIER NO. 29.

THE WORKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT WITHIN AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 1,190 SQUARE METRES OF SEABED OFF THE WEST COAST OF TSING YI ISLAND.

THE GOVERNMENT ALSO INTENDS TO PERMIT THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ASH LAGOON WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 27 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT PO LO TSUI, LAMMA ISLAND.

THIS IS TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR THE STORAGE AND MANAGEMENT OF PULVERISED FUEL ASH GENERATED FROM THE LAMMA POWER STATION.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREAS AFFECTED HAVE BEEN DESCRIBED IN NOTICES PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GAZETTE.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABEDS INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 7 NEXT YEAR.

THE NOTICE OF SUCH OBJECTION SHALL DESCRIBE THE INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT OF THE OBJECTOR AND THE MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED.

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