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GOVERNOR TO TELL PEKING OF HK'S CONCERNS

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THE MAIN PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT TO PEKING IS TO GET ACROSS TO CHINESE OFFICIALS THE CONCERNS IN HONG KONG.

HE SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO EXPLAIN TO THEM WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN HONG KONG, HOW DEVELOPMENT WAS GOING ON IN THE TERRITORY AND TRY TO RE-ESTABLISH SOME DEGREE OF CONFIDENCE BETWEEN OURSELVES AND THE PEOPLE IN PEKING WHO WERE INVOLVED IN HONG KONG AFFAIRS.

HE HOPED THAT WITH RE-ESTABLISHED CONFIDENCE WE COULD MANAGE THE RELATIONSHIP TO THE ADVANTAGE OF HONG KONG AND THAT IT WOULD BE AN EASIER RELATIONSHIP THAN IT HAD BEEN OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS.

SIR DAVID SAID ONE OF THE SUBJECTS HE WOULD BE COVERING WHEN MEETING THE CHINESE LEADERS WAS THE QUESTION OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG, INCLUDING ITS PACE AND THE VIEWS OF HONG KONG PEOPLE.

SIR DAVID WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER HIS VISIT TO THE NORTH DISTRICT.

ON THE BASIC LAW, THE GOVERNOR SAID THERE WAS STILL ARGUMENT ABOUT ONE OR TWO POINTS, INCLUDING THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE NEW LEGISLATURE SHOULD HAVE DIRECT ELECTIONS.

"I THINK THIS IS SOMETHING WE HAVE GOT TO GO ON DISCUSSING WITH THE PEOPLE WHO ARE DRAFTING THE BASIC LAW, TO TRY TO ACHIEVE A BASIC LAW WHICH MATCHES THE NEEDS AND THE WISHES OF THE MAIN STREAM OF OPINION IN HONG KONG," HE SAID.

ASKED IF HE WOULD RAISE THE SUBJECT OF THE NATIONALITY PACKAGE WITH CHINESE OFFICIALS, SIR DAVID SAID IT WAS CERTAINLY SOMETHING HE WOULD BE VERY WILLING TO EXPLAIN TO THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP, THAT THE OBJECTIVE OF THE PACKAGE WHICH HAD BEEN PROPOSED BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WAS TO KEEP PEOPLE IN HONG KONG SO THAT THEY COULD CONTRIBUTE TO HONG KONG'S PROSPERITY AND STABILITY.

"I SHOULD BE VERY HAPPY AND WILLING TO EXPLAIN TO CHINESE LEADERS IF THEY ASK ME ABOUT IT," SIR DAVID SAID.

ON THE COMING VISIT TO HONG KONG BY THE BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY, THE GOVERNOR SAID MR HURD WOULD BE COMING HERE ESSENTIALLY TO SEE HONG KONG FOR HIMSELF, TO LISTEN TO PEOPLE, AND TO HEAR ABOUT PEOPLE'S CONCERNS.

"THAT WILL BE THE OBJECTIVE OF HIS VISIT RATHER THAN HIM MAKING ANY ANNOUNCEMENT AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME," HE ADDED.

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PARTICIPATION IN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT ENCOURAGED

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IT IS CLEAR THAT THE PRIVATE SECTOR NOW REALISES THE FULL POTENTIAL OF NORTH DISTRICT AND IS ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN ITS COMMERCIAL, RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) DURING A VISIT TO THE DISTRICT.

"IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TO ENCOURAGE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT BY PROVIDING PROPER INFRASTRUCTURE AND BASIC FACILITIES," SIR DAVID ADDED.

THE GOVERNOR HAD A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE FANLING/SHEUNG SHUI NEW TOWN FROM THE ROOFTOP OF TIN MEI HOUSE IN TIN PING ESTATE, AND WAS TOLD THAT THE FANLING/SHEUNG SHUI NEW TOWN POPULATION IS EXPECTED TO REACH 250,000 BY THE LATE 1990'S.

"WITH THE STEADY BUILD-UP IN POPULATION, WE AIM TO PROVIDE A BALANCED DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING, INDUSTRY AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT," HE SAID.

EARLIER, SIR DAVID VISITED SHA TAU KOK TOWN FOR A FIRST-HAND LOOK AT SOME OF THE FACILITIES PROVIDED UNDER A \$300 MILLION REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME WHICH COMMENCED IN 1986 AND IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN 1991.

THE GOVERNOR ALSO TOURED THE HONG KONG HOUSING SOCIETY'S SHA TAU KOK RURAL PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE, WHICH HOUSES ALMOST 4,000 PEOPLE AFFECTED BY THE CLEARANCE OF TWO NEARBY VILLAGES, AND THE SHA TAU KOK CENTRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL WHICH HAS REPLACED FIVE RURAL SCHOOLS IN REMOTE VILLAGES.

AT THE SHEUNG SHUI FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEME SITE, SIR DAVID WAS BRIEFED ON THE DESIGN AND OPERATION OF THIS \$20 MILLION PROJECT. THE SCHEME IS AIMED AT PREVENTING FLOODING IN SHEUNG SHUI VILLAGE WHICH MAY RESULT FROM THE OVERFLOWING OF THE RIVER INDUS AFTER HEAVY RAIN.

THE GOVERNOR WAS TOLD THAT THE SCHEME CONSISTED OF A PROTECTIVE BUND SEPARATING THE VILLAGE FROM THE RIVER INDUS FLOOD PLAIN, A FLOOD STORAGE POND FOR STORING THE CUMULATIVE RUNOFF DURING SEVERE STORMS, AND A STORMWATER PUMPING STATION.

BEFORE WINDING UP HIS VISIT, THE GOVERNOR ATTENDED A TEA RECEPTION AT THE TIN PING INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE WHERE HE MET MEMBERS OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD AND DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, AND LOCAL PERSONALITIES.

SIR DAVID WAS ACCOMPANIED ON HIS VISIT BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR ADOLF HSU; NORTH DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR RAYMOND PANG; AND NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM HUI.

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WORKING PARTY ON SOCIAL WELFARE POLICIES AND SERVICES

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED THE FORMATION OF A WORKING PARTY TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF SOCIAL WELFARE POLICIES AND SERVICES.

THE DECISION TO CONDUCT SUCH A REVIEW WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE GOVERNOR IN HIS ADDRESS AT THE OPENING OF THE 1989-90 SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

"THE PURPOSE OF THE EXERCISE IS TO TAKE STOCK OF THE PROGRESS MADE IN DEVELOPING SOCIAL WELFARE POLICIES AND SERVICES SINCE THE PUBLICATION OF THE 1979 WHITE PAPER ON SOCIAL WELFARE," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"IT WILL ALSO MAKE SURE THAT OUR POLICIES AND STANDARDS CONTINUE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF HONG KONG INTO THE 1990'S AND BEYOND.

"THE REVIEW WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1990 AND WILL LEAD TO THE PUBLICATION IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR OF A NEW WHITE PAPER SETTING OUT PROPOSALS FOR THE WAY AHEAD."

APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, THE WORKING PARTY WILL BE CHAIRED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE WORKING PARTY ARE PROFESSOR EDWARD CHEN, MRS ALICE CHONG, DR NELSON CHOW, MR DAVID CHU, MISS KAY KU, MR THOMAS KWOK, MRS TERESA LAM, MR ERIC LI, MR NG SHUI-LAI, DR WONG HOI-KWOK, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FINANCE BRANCH.

MRS LOUISE WONG AND MR J.T. MICHIE WILL BE THE SECRETARIES.

AS ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE, THE WORKING PARTY WILL, IN CONSULTATION AS APPROPRIATE WITH THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, FORMULATE PROPOSALS IN THE FORM OF A DRAFT WHITE PAPER ON THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES, INCLUDING AN ASSESSMENT OF THE RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS OF IMPLEMENTING THE PROPOSALS.

"IN SO DOING, IT WILL REVIEW CURRENT POLICIES AND THE PROJECTED PROVISION OF EXISTING SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES, INCLUDING SOCIAL SECURITY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"IT WILL ALSO HAVE REGARD TO THE CURRENT SOCIO-ECONOMIC SITUATION AS WELL AS TO PROJECTED DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS.

"IN ADDITION, IT WILL REALISTICALLY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE LIKELY MANPOWER AND FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS WITHIN THE NEXT FEW YEARS, AND THE INEVITABLE NEED TO DETERMINE PRIORITIES.

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"ALSO TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IS THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT EXISTING OR PROPOSED NEW SERVICES PROVIDE THE BEST VALUE FOR MONEY."

TO ASSIST THE WORKING PARTY IN ITS WORK, THE SPOKESMAN SAID WIDE CONSULTATIONS WITH MANY INTERESTED BODIES AND INSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS, CONCERNED GROUPS, AND DISTRICT BOARDS, WERE TAKING PLACE.

THE FIRST MEETING WILL BE HELD AROUND THE MIDDLE OF THIS MONTH.

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PUBLIC URGED TO SUBMIT VIEWS ON WELFARE SERVICES
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S WELFARE SERVICES INTO THE 1990'S AND BEYOND.

AT THE REQUEST OF SOME DISTRICT BOARDS AND INTERESTED PARTIES, THE DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS HAS BEEN EXTENDED FROM JANUARY 31 TO THE END OF FEBRUARY. WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS CAN BE SENT TO BOX NO. 7333, GPO, HONG KONG.

A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE REVIEW WILL COVER THE FOLLOWING SOCIAL SERVICES: SOCIAL SECURITY; CHILDREN AND YOUTH; ELDERLY; FAMILY, INCLUDING CHILD CARE; AND SUPPORT SERVICES, INCLUDING TRAINING, RESEARCH AND VOLUNTEER SERVICE.

HE ADVISED THE PUBLIC TO SET THEIR PRIORITIES AS TO WHICH OF THESE SERVICES ARE MOST NEEDED.

"ALL WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS SHOULD BE BRIEF OR OTHERWISE PROVIDE A SUMMARY. THE SWD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO PUBLISH VIEWS IN FULL OR IN PART," HE ADDED.

INVITATION LEAFLETS AND A BACKGROUND INFORMATION PAPER ARE AVAILABLE AT SOCIAL WELFARE DISTRICT OFFICES AND DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS, SUCH AS THE FIVE YEAR PLAN AND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SWD, HAVE BEEN PLACED AT SOCIAL WELFARE DISTRICT OFFICES FOR REFERENCE BY INTERESTED GROUPS OR ORGANISATIONS.

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EXOTIC VEGETABLES INTRODUCED TO LOCAL FARMERS

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LOCAL FARMERS WILL SOON BE ABLE TO PRODUCE HIGH-QUALITY EXOTIC VEGETABLES TO MEET UPPER MARKET DEMANDS.

CURRENTLY THEY ARE BEING ENCOURAGED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TO APPLY A LATEST DEVELOPED TECHNIQUE - THE MASS SEEDLING PRODUCTION SYSTEM - IN GROWING THESE EXOTIC VEGETABLES.

THE DEPARTMENT'S TAI LUNG EXPERIMENTAL STATION IN SHEUNG SHUI IS NOW HOLDING A SERIES OF SEMINARS AND DEMONSTRATIONS TO INTRODUCE TO FARMERS MODERN, HIGH-QUALITY VARIETIES OF EXOTIC VEGETABLE TYPES WHICH HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS SUITABLE FOR CULTIVATION UNDER LOCAL CONDITIONS AS WELL AS THE NEW SEEDLING PRODUCTION TECHNIQUE.

THE SEMINARS AND DEMONSTRATIONS, WHICH STARTED YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY), WILL RUN TILL JANUARY 9.

ACCORDING TO THE DEPARTMENT'S AGRICULTURAL OFFICER (HORTICULTURE), MR HO KOON-YU, THE TAI LUNG STATION BEGAN THE EXPERIMENT ON GROWING EXOTIC VEGETABLES ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO.

"VARIETIES FROM MANY SOURCES, NAMELY THE U.S., THE NETHERLANDS, AUSTRALIA, JAPAN AND TAIWAN WERE TESTED AND ABOUT 120 VARIETIES FROM 30 VEGETABLE TYPES HAVE BEEN FOUND SUITABLE FOR CULTIVATION IN LOCAL CLIMATIC AND CULTURAL CONDITIONS," HE SAID.

THE VARIETIES INCLUDE THE POPULAR CELERY, HEAD LETTUCE, TOMATO, AND FRENCH BEAN, AS WELL AS THE MORE GOURMET TYPES SUCH AS AUBERGINE, BEET ROOT, LEEK, SUPER-SWEET CORN, CHERRY TOMATO, BABY CARROT, BRUSSELS SPROUTS, CAPSICUM, ZUCHINNI, HERBS, AND MANY OTHERS.

AT PRESENT, THE DEMAND FOR THESE EXOTIC VEGETABLES ARE MET MAINLY THROUGH IMPORTS FROM COUNTRIES OTHER THAN CHINA.

"THE STUDY WAS INITIATED BECAUSE EXOTIC VEGETABLES CATER TO UPPER MARKET DEMANDS AND CAN FETCH BETTER RETURNS FOR FARMERS," MR HO EXPLAINED.

HE NOTED THAT IN 1988, HONG KONG IMPORTED 113,000 TONNES OF EXOTIC VEGETABLES VALUED AT \$550.7 MILLION. THE AVERAGE IMPORT PRICE WAS \$4.87 PER KILOGRAM OR \$2.94 PER CATTY AND WHOLESALE PRICES WERE MUCH HIGHER.

IN THE SAME YEAR, 132,000 TONNES OF FRESH VEGETABLES VALUED AT \$331.7 MILLION WERE PRODUCED LOCALLY. THE AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICE WAS ONLY \$2.51 PER KILOGRAM OR \$1.52 PER CATTY.

PRICES RECORDED IN 1989 WERE NOT VASTLY DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

/MR HO

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MR HO ADDED THAT IN CARRYING OUT THE EXPERIMENT, ONE OF THE TECHNICAL PROBLEMS WAS TO STUDY HOW FARMERS COULD STAGGER THEIR CROPS TO SECURE A STEADY SUPPLY.

THIS IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE BUYERS OF SUPERMARKETS, RESTAURANT-CHAINS AND HOTEL GROUPS HAVE STRESSED THAT WHAT THEY NEED IS A RELIABLE SOURCE WHICH CAN PROVIDE A STEADY AND REGULAR SUPPLY OF HIGH-QUALITY EXOTIC VEGETABLES.

"THE MASS SEEDLING PRODUCTION SYSTEM, WHICH IS GAINING POPULARITY IN WESTERN COUNTRIES AND HAS BEEN VALUED BY OUR FARMERS WHEN THEY VISITED THE U.S. AND THE NETHERLANDS IN OVERSEAS STUDY TOURS, IS THE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS," HE CONTINUED.

THE SYSTEM INVOLVES THE USE OF A LOW-COST PLASTIC-FILM GREENHOUSE FOR PROTECTION OF SEEDLINGS GROWN IN PLUG-TRAYS. THE TRAYS HAVE CELLS TO ACCOMMODATE SEEDLINGS INDIVIDUALLY.

DUE TO STANDARDISATION, SINGLE SEEDS CAN BE PRECISELY SOWN INTO A CELL OF CLEAN, TAILOR-MADE MEDIUM BY A SEMI-AUTOMATIC MACHINE. MASS QUANTITIES CAN THUS BE PROCESSED TO REDUCE COST PER SEEDLING.

AS A RESULT OF THE ADEQUATE ENVIRONMENT AND CENTRALISED CARE, A SUPPLY OF UNIFORM, HEALTHY AND VIGOROUS SEEDLINGS CAN BE ENSURED TO MEET PLANTING SCHEDULES OF FARMERS.

MR HO SAID IN PARTICULAR, THE VEGETABLE MARKETING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES WOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE UP THE MASS SEEDLING PRODUCTION TECHNIQUE AND TO ESTABLISH COLLECTIVELY THE NECESSARY FACILITIES TO SERVE THEIR MEMBERS.

"A STRONGER FARMING INDUSTRY EMPLOYING MODERN TECHNIQUES CAN SECURE LOCAL PEOPLE WITH TOP FRESH AND HIGH QUALITY VEGETABLES AT REASONABLE PRICES, AND CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PEACEFUL AND SCENIC ENVIRONMENT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES," MR HO CONCLUDED.

CURRENTLY THERE ARE ABOUT 7,000 VEGETABLE FARMS IN HONG KONG AND THEY SUPPLY ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF LOCAL DEMAND FOR FRESH VEGETABLES.

PRODUCTIVITY OF VEGETABLE FARMING IN THE TERRITORY IS ONE OF THE HIGHEST IN THE WORLD IN TERMS OF YIELD PER UNIT AREA PER YEAR. THE COMMON VEGETABLES GROWN ARE WHITE CABBAGE, FLOWERING CABBAGE, CHINESE KALE, SPINACH, WATERCRESS AND CHINESE GOURD SPECIES.

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SEMINAR TO FOCUS ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATING TEAM AND THE DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD A SEMINAR ON INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 6).

FACTORY PROPRIETORS AND MEMBERS OF OWNERS' CORPORATIONS ATTENDING THE SEMINAR WILL BE ABLE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND THE IMPORTANCE OF PROPER BUILDING MANAGEMENT CONCERNING ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, DR ELLEN CHAN; BUILDING SURVEYOR OF THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE, MR DAVY YUEN; AND HOUSING MANAGER OF THE CO-ORDINATING TEAM, MR LEE KANG-SUM.

A FACTORY PROPRIETOR IN THE BLEACHING AND DYEING INDUSTRIES WILL TALK ABOUT PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN COMPLYING WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LEGISLATION.

TWO SLIDE SHOWS ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND EFFLUENT DISCHARGE WILL BE PRESENTED. IN ADDITION, AN EXHIBITION ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WILL BE SET UP.

QUESTIONS RAISED BY PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ANSWERED BY THE SPEAKERS AND THREE SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICERS RESPONSIBLE FOR WORK RELATED TO NOISE, AIR AND WATER POLLUTION.

THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PAUL TANG KWOK-WAI, AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LEE WING-TAT, WILL OFFICIATE AT A CEREMONY TO OPEN THE SEMINAR, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE NEW WORLD HOTEL, TSIM SHA TSUI.

ENROLMENT IN THE SEMINAR MAY BE MADE BY TELEPHONING THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE ON 4212855.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT SEMINAR ON INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

THE SEMINAR WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 6) IN THE FOUR SEASONS SUITE OF THE NEW WORLD HOTEL, TSIM SHA TSUI.

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BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR IN EASTERN

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A SEMINAR WILL BE HELD FOR MEMBERS OF OWNERS' CORPORATIONS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN EASTERN DISTRICT ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 6) TO ENHANCE THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF MULTI-STOREY BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

THE SEMINAR HAS BEEN CO-ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION AND THE EASTERN DISTRICT FEDERATION OF MULTI-STOREY BUILDING ORGANISATIONS, WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR MR CHUNG PUI-LAM WILL SPEAK ON THE WORK OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BUILDING MANAGEMENT, WHILE A SENIOR STATION OFFICER OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR WONG KWONG-CHI, WILL TALK ABOUT FIRE PREVENTION AND HOME SAFETY MEASURES.

THERE WILL BE A SLIDE SHOW ON THREE CORRUPTION CASES RELATED TO BUILDING MANAGEMENT, FOLLOWED BY GROUP DISCUSSIONS AMONG THE PARTICIPANTS.

THE SEMINAR, TO BE HELD AT GRAND PLAZA HOTEL IN QUARRY BAY, WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM AND LAST UNTIL 5.30 PM.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SEMINAR WILL BE THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GARY YEUNG; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG; AND REGIONAL OFFICER (HONG KONG EAST) OF ICAC, MR CHU LOK-SANG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EASTERN DISTRICT BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 6) ON THE NINTH FLOOR, GRAND PLAZA HOTEL, 2 KORNHILL ROAD, QUARRY BAY. IT WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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TSUEN WAN DB MEMBERS ON STUDY TOUR

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A DELEGATION OF TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND CO-OPTED MEMBERS LEFT FOR KUALA LUMPUR THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING FOR A SEVEN-DAY STUDY TOUR OF MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSPORT MATTERS WILL BE THEIR MAJOR INTEREST IN VIEW OF THE INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENTS AND POLLUTION PROBLEMS IN TSUEN WAN.

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LED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHAU HOW-CHEN, AND ACCOMPANIED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM SHIU, THE 20-MEMBER DELEGATION WILL VISIT A PUBLIC HOUSING SCHEME AND A SPORTS COMPLEX IN KUALA LUMPUR.

THE PARTY WILL THEN FLY TO SINGAPORE WHERE MEMBERS WILL CALL ON DEPARTMENTS AND INSTITUTIONS SPECIALISING IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, HOUSING, AND TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT MATTERS.

THE GROUP WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON JANUARY 10 (WEDNESDAY).

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FIGHT CRIME DAY IN WONG TAI SIN
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A "TELEMATCH DAY" TO DRIVE HOME THE FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE WILL BE HELD AT MORSE PARK IN WONG TAI SIN ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 7), BEGINNING AT 2 PM.

THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND THE URBAN COUNCIL WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD AND DISTRICT OFFICE.

FOURTEEN TEAMS, EACH REPRESENTING AN AREA COMMITTEE IN THE DISTRICT, WILL TAKE PART IN FOUR TELEMATCHES WITH HOME SECURITY, ANTI-SHOP THEFT, ANTI-TRIAD AND ANTI-NARCOTICS AS THE THEMES.

THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AFTER THE COMPETITION, AT ABOUT 4.30 PM.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE MEMBER, MR MARTIN LEE; AN URBAN COUNCILLOR, MISS CECILIA YEUNG; WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN LAU; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR STEPHEN PAANG; CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR CHAN CHUN-FAT; CHAIRMAN OF THE EFCC'S ACTIVITY WORKING GROUP, MADAM LEE TSUAN-E; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE, MR ALBERT LI.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME TELEMATCH DAY TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 7) AT THE HARD GROUND FOOTBALL PITCH IN MORSE PARK. THE TELEMATCHES WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM AND THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AROUND 4.30 PM.

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FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL IN KWUN TONG

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THE ANNUAL KWUN TONG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 7) AT THE HONG NING ROAD PLAYGROUND.

THE EVENT, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, AS WELL AS THE KWUN TONG AND SAU MAU PING POLICE DISTRICTS, AIMS AT SPREADING THE MESSAGE OF FIGHTING AND PREVENTING CRIME.

THERE WILL BE A WIDE RANGE OF EDUCATIONAL AND ENTERTAINING ITEMS, INCLUDING A DISPLAY OF PHOTOGRAPHS, GAMES STALLS AND A DEMONSTRATION OF MOTORCYCLING TECHNIQUES. THE HIGHLIGHT WILL BE PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGERS.

DURING THE CARNIVAL, 10 RESIDENTS WILL BE PRESENTED THE "GOOD RESIDENT AWARD" FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN HELPING TO FIGHT CRIME.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CARNIVAL WILL BE THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHRIS WAN; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER (KWUN TONG), MR A.W. HIGGINBOTTOM; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER (SAU MAU PING), MR A.J. FERRIGE; CHAIRMAN OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR MAU KEI-ON; AND A MEMBER OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR PETER WONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 1.30 PM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 7) AT THE HONG NING ROAD PLAYGROUND, KWUN TONG.

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RELOCATION OF GMB TERMINUS IN YUEN LONG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE TERMINAL POINTS OF NEW TERRITORIES GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES 31, 32 AND 39 IN YUEN LONG TOWN WILL BE RELOCATED FROM THE EXISTING ON-STREET TERMINAL FACILITIES TO FUNG CHEUNG ROAD PUBLIC LIGHT BUS (SCHEDULED SERVICES) TERMINUS FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 6).

MEANWHILE, THE ABOVE SERVICES WILL BE REROUTED AS FOLLOWS:

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YUEN LONG BOUND

THE GREEN MINIBUSES WILL OMIT THE SECTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD (YUEN LONG) BETWEEN KIK YEUNG ROAD AND HONG KING STREET AND WILL BE OPERATED VIA TUNG LOK STREET, YUEN LONG ON NING ROAD, SAI TAI STREET, KUK TING STREET, TAI TONG ROAD, FAU TSOI STREET, KIN LOK STREET AND TERMINATE AT FUNG CHEUNG ROAD.

TONG YAN SAN TSUEN BOUND/TAN KWEI TSUEN BOUND

FROM FUNG CHEUNG ROAD, THE GREEN MINIBUSES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CASTLE PEAK ROAD (YUEN LONG), TAI TONG ROAD, YU KING SQUARE, HONG KING STREET, YUEN LONG HONG LOK ROAD AND THEN RESUME TO THEIR NORMAL ROUTEINGS.

* NT GMB ROUTE 39

YUEN LONG BOUND

THE GREEN MINIBUSES WILL OMIT KIN LOK STREET AND KIN YIP STREET AND TERMINATE AT FUNG CHEUNG ROAD.

KUNG OM BOUND

FROM FUNG CHEUNG ROAD, THE GREEN MINIBUSES WILL BE OPERATED VIA KIN LOK STREET AND YAU SAN STREET. NORMAL ROUTEING WILL THEN BE USED.

THE PRESENT FARE STRUCTURE AND TIMETABLE WILL BE MAINTAINED.

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TEMPORARY URBAN CLEARWAY IN NGAU CHI WAN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 6), THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CHOI HUNG ROAD IN NGAU CHI WAN FROM A POINT ABOUT 45 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH LUEN YEE ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 170 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED A 24-HOUR DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY FOR ABOUT SEVEN MONTHS.

ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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DURING THIS PERIOD, THE FOLLOWING URBAN CLEARWAYS ON CHOI HUNG ROAD WILL BE TEMPORARILY RESCINDED:

- * THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS URBAN CLEARWAY (FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY) ON THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CHOI HUNG ROAD FROM A POINT ABOUT 45 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH LUEN YEE ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 170 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- * THE URBAN CLEARWAY (FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY) ON THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CHOI HUNG ROAD FROM A POINT ABOUT 45 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH LUEN YEE ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 100 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION; AND
- * THE URBAN CLEARWAY (FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY) ON THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CHOI HUNG ROAD FROM A POINT ABOUT 100 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH LUEN YEE ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 170 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

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PARTIAL CLOSURE OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT SEVERAL SECTIONS OF THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD IN SHA TIN WILL BE PARTIALLY CLOSED FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR WORKS.

THE ONE TRAFFIC LANE SECTION (ABOUT 600 METRES IN LENGTH) NEAR KAK TIN WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 10.30 PM TODAY (THURSDAY) AND 6 AM TOMORROW (FRIDAY); BETWEEN 11 PM TOMORROW AND 6 AM ON SATURDAY; AND BETWEEN 10.30 PM ON SUNDAY AND 6 AM ON MONDAY.

THE ONE TRAFFIC LANE SECTION (ABOUT 600 METRES IN LENGTH) NEAR SUN TIN WAI ESTATE WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 10.30 PM AND 6 AM THE NEXT MORNING ON MONDAY (JANUARY 8), TUESDAY (JANUARY 9), THURSDAY (JANUARY 11) AND SUNDAY (JANUARY 14); AND BETWEEN 11 PM AND 6 AM NEXT MORNING ON WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 10) AND FRIDAY (JANUARY 12).

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URBAN CLEARWAYS IN STANLEY

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 6), THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF STANLEY NEW STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY:

- * THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY FROM A POINT ABOUT SIX METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH STANLEY VILLAGE ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 25 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION; AND
- * THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH STANLEY VILLAGE ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 12 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN AP LEI CHAU

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 6), THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF MAIN STREET, AP LEI CHAU FROM A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH LEE CHI ROAD TO HOUSE NO. 165 WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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PLB BAN ZONE IN YUEN LONG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 6), THE FUNG CHEUNG ROAD PUBLIC LIGHT BUS (SCHEDULED SERVICE) TERMINUS IN YUEN LONG WILL BE DESIGNATED A 24-HOUR BAN ZONE TO ALL VEHICLES.

THE CURRENT PROHIBITION IMPOSED AT THE YUEN LONG (EAST) BUS TERMINUS FOR ALL VEHICLES WILL BE RESCINDED.

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