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NEW CHIEF JUSTICE APPOINTED

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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN HAS BEEN PLEASED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MR JUSTICE YANG TI-LIANG, PRESENTLY JUSTICE OF APPEAL, AS CHIEF JUSTICE OF HONG KONG WITH EFFECT FROM MARCH 15, 1988 ON THE RETIREMENT OF SIR DENYS ROBERTS.

A SHORT BIOGRAPHY OF MR JUSTICE YANG FOLLOWS:

MR JUSTICE YANG TI-LIANG

AGED 58. MR JUSTICE YANG HAS SERVED IN THE JUDICIARY FOR THE PAST 31 YEARS. HE WAS FIRST APPOINTED AS A MAGISTRATE IN HONG KONG IN JULY 1956, AND BECAME SENIOR MAGISTRATE IN APRIL 1963. HE WAS APPOINTED DISTRICT JUDGE IN APRIL 1968, PUISNE JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT IN MARCH 1975, JUDGE OF THE HIGH COURT IN FEBRUARY 1976, AND JUSTICE OF APPEAL IN MAY 1980.

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SENIOR STAFF MOVEMENTS

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THE FOLLOWING SENIOR STAFF MOVEMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS:

MR MICHAEL SUEN, THE PRESENT DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES, WILL SUCCEED DR JAMES HAYES AS REGIONAL SECRETARY (NEW TERRITORIES) WHEN DR HAYES RETIRES NEXT MONTH.

MR HAIDER BARMA, THE PRESENT DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE (APPOINTMENTS), WILL SUCCEED MR MICHAEL SUEN AS DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES.

THE ABOVE POSTINGS WILL TAKE PLACE IN NOVEMBER.

MR ROBERT HOLMES, DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES WILL RETIRE ON DECEMBER 6, 1987.

MR JOHN MARCH, THE PRESENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, WILL SUCCEED MR HOLMES AS DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES.

MR LAM CHEK-YUEN, CHIEF FIRE OFFICER, WILL BECOME DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES.

/BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL

BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES ON THESE OFFICERS FOLLOW:

MR MICHAEL SUEN MING-YEUNG, JP

AGED 43. MR SUEN JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN 1966. HE HAS SERVED IN A NUMBER OF DEPARTMENTS AND BRANCHES INCLUDING PERIODS AS AN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER AND DISTRICT OFFICER IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN THE FORMER RESETTLEMENT DEPARTMENT, AND AS A PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN THE FORMER ENVIRONMENT BRANCH. MORE RECENTLY HE HAS ALSO SERVED AS DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT (1981-3), DIRECTOR, CITY SERVICES IN THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT (1983-5), DEPUTY DIRECTOR, REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (1985-6) AND BECAME DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES IN JUNE 1986. HE WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B1 IN SEPTEMBER 1986.

MR HAIDER BARMA, JP

AGED 43. MR BARMA JOINED THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE IN 1966. HE HAS SERVED IN A NUMBER OF DEPARTMENTS AND BRANCHES INCLUDING PERIODS AS AN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER AND DISTRICT OFFICER IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, AS A PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FIRST IN THE ECONOMIC SERVICES BRANCH AND LATER IN THE ENVIRONMENT BRANCH. MORE RECENTLY HE HAS ALSO SERVED AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR IN THE FORMER HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT (1979-81), DEPUTY SECRETARY (ADMINISTRATION) AND DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY (NEW TERRITORIES) IN THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION (1981-3), DEPUTY DIRECTOR, HOUSING DEPARTMENT (1984-6) AND BECAME DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE (APPOINTMENTS) IN FEBRUARY 1986. HE WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B1 ON OCTOBER 1, 1987.

MR ROBERT HOLMES, Q.F.S.M., C.P.M., JP

AGED 56. MR HOLMES JOINED THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE AS A STATION OFFICER IN THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN AUGUST 1957. HE WAS PROMOTED TO DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES IN APRIL 1984. ON HIS RETIREMENT, MR HOLMES WILL HAVE COMPLETED 30 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

MR JOHN MARCH, Q.F.S.M., C.P.M., JP

AGED 52. MR MARCH JOINED THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE AS A STATION OFFICER IN THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN MAY 1962. HE WAS PROMOTED TO CHIEF FIRE OFFICER IN MARCH 1981 AND TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES IN APRIL 1984. MR MARCH HAS ACTED AS DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES ON MANY PREVIOUS OCCASIONS.

MR LAM CHEK-YUEN, C.P.M.

AGED 49. MR LAM JOINED THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN MARCH 1958 AND WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF CHIEF FIRE OFFICER IN MARCH 1986. HE HAS ACTED AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS.

EIGHT BILLS ON LEGCO AGENDA

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL ASK 12 QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER EIGHT BILLS IN THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

FIVE BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS. THEY ARE : EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS (MEMBERS) BILL 1987; INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) (NO.2) BILL 1987; SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (1986-87) BILL 1987; DENTISTS REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987; AND ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) (NO.2) BILL 1987.

DEBATE ON THREE OTHER BILLS WILL BE RESUMED AND THEY WILL BE PUT UP FOR THIRD READING. THESE BILLS ARE: WASTE DISPOSAL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987; PRISONERS (RELEASE UNDER SUPERVISION) BILL 1987; AND BUILDINGS ORDINANCE (APPLICATION TO THE NEW TERRITORIES) BILL 1986.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER LIMITED COMPENSATION SCHEME

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL BE ASKED TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A LIMITED COMPENSATION SCHEME FOR CERTAIN PENSIONABLE OFFICERS IN THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE TOTAL IMPLICATIONS, TO BE PHASED OVER THE PERIOD BETWEEN 1987-88 TO 1996-97, ARE ESTIMATED AT \$100 MILLION AT CURRENT PRICES; WHILE THE COST OF ITS IMPLEMENTATION IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR IS ESTIMATED AT \$3,735,000.

THE SCHEME, WHICH APPLIES TO PENSIONABLE OFFICERS APPOINTED BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1985, IS PRIMARILY DESIGNED TO COMPENSATE PENSIONABLE OFFICERS WHO ARE REQUIRED TO RETIRE OR WHO ARE SUPERSEDED FOR PROMOTION TO FACILITATE LOCALISATION BETWEEN NOW AND 1997.

IT ALSO PROVIDES FOR COMPENSATION TO BE PAYABLE WHERE AN OFFICER IS REQUIRED TO RETIRE IN OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES, FOR EXAMPLE, AS A RESULT OF CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE OR IN THE INTERESTS OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE.

/OTHER ITEMS

OTHER ITEMS ON TOMORROW'S AGENDA WILL INCLUDE:

- * AN INCREASE IN COMMITMENT BY \$2 MILLION TO MEET THE COST OF PROVIDING PHASE X OF A MICROWAVE RADIO TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK FOR THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE;
- * A COMMITMENT OF \$105 MILLION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SEVEN REPLACEMENT DIVISIONAL PATROL LAUNCHES FOR THE MARINE POLICE;
- * A SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION OF \$5 MILLION TO MEET ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE AS A RESULT OF AN ADJUSTMENT OF THE AUXILIARY POLICE RATES OF PAY WITH EFFECT FROM APRIL 1, 1987;
- * A SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION OF \$3.5 MILLION TO MEET ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURE IN THE HIRING OF SERVICES AND PROFESSIONAL FEES IN THE JUDICIARY FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS FINANCIAL YEAR;
- * A CONTINGENT LIABILITY OF \$429,778,000 IN RESPECT OF A PROJECT TO BE DEVELOPED UNDER THE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME AT FANLING SHEUNG SHUI TOWN LOT 1;
- * A COMMITMENT OF \$2,897,000 TO ASSIST THE HONG KONG PROCURATOR OF THE HONG KONG ENGLISH ASSISTANCY OF THE JESUIT ORDER TOWARDS THE COST OF THE BUILDING AND EQUIPPING AN EXTENSION TO THE KOWLOON WAH YAN COLLEGE;
- * AN INCREASE IN COMMITMENT BY \$3,440,000 TO MEET THE INCREASE COST OF PHASE III OF THE YAN CHAI HOSPITAL EXTENSION PROGRAMME;
- * A SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION TOTTALLING \$318,183,000 FOR THE EARLY REPAYMENT OF FOUR OUTSTANDING ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK LOANS;
- * A SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION OF \$17,541,000 FOR THE PAYMENT OF STANDARD ALLOWANCES IN THE POST OFFICE;
- * CREATION OF TWO NEW RECURRENT ACCOUNT SUBHEADS : "SUBSCRIPTION TO THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL" AND "COMMONWEALTH LEGAL ADVISORY SERVICE"; AND
- * VARIOUS CAPITAL GRANTS FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO CONSIDER REPORT OF CHANGES TO THE APPROVED ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE APPROVED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS, RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT SUB-COMMITTEE AND OF THE PUBLIC WORKS SUB-COMMITTEE.

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TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES MAKE ROADS SAFER

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THE SUCCESS OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES APPLIED TO MAKE THE OPTIMUM USE OF AVAILABLE ROAD SPACE FOR THE SAFE AND EFFICIENT MOVEMENTS OF PEOPLE AND GOODS DEPENDS VERY MUCH ON THE CO-OPERATION OF ROAD USERS, THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR JAMES SO, SAID THIS EVENING (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING TO THE LIONS CLUB OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR SO EMPHASISED THAT PUBLIC CONSULTATION IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE PROCESS OF DRAWING UP NEW TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEMES.

"THUS DISTRICT TRAFFIC ENGINEERS, WHEN DESIGNING SUCH MEASURES, DO NOT ONLY MONITOR CLOSELY THE TRAFFIC CONDITIONS ON THE GROUND, BUT ALSO CONSULT WITH THE DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE AND AREA COMMITTEES TO EXPLAIN MATTERS TO THE PUBLIC AND TO SEEK PUBLIC VIEWS AND REACTION TO THE PROPOSALS MADE."

GENERALLY, THE COMMISSIONER SAID, THE MANY TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES INTRODUCED THROUGHOUT THE YEARS HAD ACHIEVED THEIR PURPOSE IN RELIEVING TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND MAKING ROADS SAFER.

"I HOPE WITH THE EXPERTISE I HAVE GOT IN MY DEPARTMENT AND THE ADVICE AND CO-OPERATION GIVEN BY THE PUBLIC, WE SHALL BE ABLE TO APPLY TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES MORE EFFECTIVELY IN FUTURE TO MAKE OUR ROADS SAFER AND SMOOTHER TO TRAVEL ON," MR SO ADDED.

OUTLINING THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES COMMONLY USED IN HONG KONG, MR SO SAID THAT WORKS ARE NOW IN HAND TO EXTEND FURTHER THE COMPUTERISED AREA TRAFFIC CONTROL (ATC) SYSTEM TO WONG TAI SIN AND KWUN TONG IN EAST KOWLOON AND THE NORTHERN SHORE OF HONG KONG ISLAND.

NOTING THAT THE ATC SYSTEM HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO OTHER AREAS SINCE IT WAS FIRST INTRODUCED IN WEST KOWLOON IN 1976, THE COMMISSIONER SAID THAT THE USE OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS AND COMPUTERISED AREA TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY COMMONPLACE AS AN EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT TOOL.

"THE USE OF COMPUTERS ALLOWS GOOD CO-ORDINATION OF LINKED TRAFFIC SIGNALS. THIS HAS RESULTED IN SMOOTH PROGRESSION OF TRAFFIC ALONG THE MAIN ROADS THEREBY REDUCING DELAYS."

"THE COMPUTER CAN STORE MANY SIGNAL PLANS AND ADJUST THE CYCLE TIME OF EACH SIGNAL TO SUIT VARYING TRAFFIC CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND ON AN AREA-WIDE BASIS. IT CAN ALSO ACCORD PRIORITY TO EMERGENCY VEHICLES ALONG CERTAIN MAJOR ROUTES," MR SO SAID.

MR SO SAID OTHER TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES APPLIED INCLUDE THE IMPOSITION OF STOPPING RESTRICTIONS, SEGREGATION OF VEHICLE AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC, LIMITING ON-STREET PARKING, INTRODUCTION OF BUS PRIORITY LANES AND USE OF THE ONE-WAY STREET SYSTEM.

/HOWEVER, MR SO

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HOWEVER, MR SO CAUTIONED THAT TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES ARE NOT A PANACEA TO ALL TRAFFIC WOES.

"THEY CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO SOLVE CONGESTION ON MAJOR ROAD NETWORKS AS A RESULT OF INADEQUATE CAPACITY BROUGHT ABOUT BY INCREASED TRAFFIC GENERATED BY MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS," HE SAID.

CITING THE CURRENT PEAK HOUR CONGESTION ON THE LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD AS AN EXAMPLE, MR SO SAID THAT IN SUCH CASES, MORE ROADS WOULD NEED TO BE BUILT AND THAT IS WHY THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL IS PLANNED TO RELIEVE CONGESTION AT LION ROCK TUNNEL.

"BUT TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES CAN PROVIDE RELIEF EVEN IN SUCH A SITUATION TO CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF ROAD USERS. THE BUS LANE ARRANGEMENT ON THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD IS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW SUCH A TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURE PROVIDES IMPROVEMENTS TO THE JOURNEY TIME OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT USERS," THE COMMISSIONER SAID.

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WORLD STANDARDS DAY
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HONG KONG AND MANY OTHER COUNTRIES WILL BE REMEMBERING THOSE IN THE TRADING STANDARDS FIELD WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED THEMSELVES TO MAKE LIFE BETTER AROUND THE WORLD ON TOMORROW'S WORLD STANDARDS DAY.

HONG KONG IS A CORRESPONDENT MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION FOR STANDARDISATION (ISO) - A SPECIALISED INTERNATIONAL AGENCY WHICH DEVELOPS WORLDWIDE STANDARDS TO PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

EVERY YEAR ON OCTOBER 14 WORLD STANDARDS DAY IS CELEBRATED BY MANY COUNTRIES INTERESTED IN PROMOTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARDISATION AND RELATED ACTIVITIES WITH A VIEW TO FACILITATING INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE OF GOODS AND SERVICES, AND ENHANCING CO-OPERATION IN INTELLECTUAL, SCIENTIFIC, TECHNOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES.

"TO PROMOTE STANDARDISATION AND TO BETTER INFORM THE LOCAL INDUSTRY OF OVERSEAS PRODUCT STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS, THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT WILL JOINTLY ORGANISE WITH THE INSTITUTE OF TRADING STANDARDS ADMINISTRATION (ITSA) OF UK A SEMINAR AND EXHIBITION ON UK PRODUCT STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

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THE EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT TUESDAY (OCTOBER 20) AT THE HOLIDAY INN HARBOUR VIEW.

PARTICULAR EMPHASIS WOULD BE GIVEN TO ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS, TOYS AND NIGHTWEAR, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM.

HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY IS EXPORT-ORIENTED AND OUR MANUFACTURERS PRODUCE GOODS WHICH COMPLY WITH STANDARDS REQUIREMENTS OF OUR OVERSEAS MARKETS.

ISO STANDARDS, SOME NATIONAL STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS ON PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS INTRODUCED BY HONG KONG'S OVERSEAS MARKETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE LIBRARY OF THE PRODUCT STANDARDS INFORMATION BUREAU OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT.

THE BUREAU COLLECTS AND DISSEMINATES INFORMATION ON CHANGES IN PRODUCT STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS STIPULATED BY HONG KONG'S MAJOR MARKETS TO LOCAL MANUFACTURERS AND TESTING HOUSES, AND PROVIDES A TECHNICAL ENQUIRY SERVICE.

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NEW HAUL ROAD PLANNED FOR FILL LORRIES

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IS PROPOSING TO BUILD A NEW HAUL ROAD TO FACILITATE REMOVAL OF FILL MATERIAL FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE YUEN LONG - TUEN MUN EASTERN CORRIDOR AND YUEN LONG WEST LINK.

THE AREA TO THE EAST OF THE EXISTING TAI TONG BORROW AREA IN YUEN LONG HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS SUITABLE FOR EXTRACTION OF FILL MATERIAL AND THE NEW ROAD WILL HELP AVOID FURTHER CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC FLOW ON THE EXISTING HAUL ROAD TO THE BORROW AREA.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS PROPOSED BUILDING THE NEW HAUL ROAD ALONG TAI SHU HA ROAD WEST FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI TONG ROAD NEAR FRASER VILLAGE TO THE TAI TONG EAST BORROW AREA.

THE EXISTING SUB-STANDARD NULLAH BUND ROAD, TAI SHU HA ROAD WEST, WILL BE RECONSTRUCTED AND WIDENED TO AT LEAST SIX-METRES WITH FOOTPATHS, DRAINS AND UTILITY SERVICES. AT THE END OF THE NULLAH BUND ROAD, THE TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY WILL BE EXTENDED UPHILL TO THE FUTURE BORROW AREA.

THE PROPOSED

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THE PROPOSED ROUTE HAS BEEN CHOSEN WITH A VIEW TO MINIMISING DISTURBANCE TO RESIDENTS AND INVOLVING MINIMUM LAND CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS.

CONSTRUCTION WORK IS SCHEDULED TO START IN MID-1988 AND BE COMPLETED IN EARLY 1989.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT BEFORE DECEMBER 8.

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HOSPITAL FIRE HYDRANTS BEING IMPROVED

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A \$957,000 CONTRACT FOR IMPROVING FIRE HYDRANTS AT PRINCESS MARGARET AND KWAI CHUNG HOSPITALS HAS BEEN AWARDED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE WORK INCLUDES CONSTRUCTION OF TWO UNDERGROUND FIRE SERVICES TANKS, EACH WITH A CAPACITY OF 115,000 LITRES, AND A PUMP ROOM WHICH WILL MEASURE ABOUT 40 SQUARE METRES.

WORK WILL START LATER THIS WEEK AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN SIX MONTHS.

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TUEN MUN DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SURVEY FINDINGS

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ABOUT 40 PER CENT OF THE RESPONDENTS IN AN OPINION SURVEY CARRIED OUT BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE POSSESSED A GENERAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME, THE ACTING TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDWARD YAU, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

HOWEVER, THEY HAD SOME SLIGHT CONFUSION AND MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE FREQUENCY OF DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS AND PART OF THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, HE SAID.

/ANNOUNCING DETAILS

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE SURVEY ON TUEN MUN RESIDENTS' KNOWLEDGE OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR YAU SAID THE SURVEY SOUGHT TO FIND OUT RESIDENTS' KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR CONSTITUENCY AND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS AND THE STRUCTURE AND WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARD. IT ALSO SOUGHT TO ASCERTAIN THEIR VIEWS ON WHETHER THE DISTRICT BOARD WAS ABLE TO SOLVE DISTRICT PROBLEMS, AS WELL AS TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF RESIDENTS' PARTICIPATION IN VOTER REGISTRATION AND DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

A WORKING GROUP COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, A SOCIAL WORKER AND SEVERAL POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS BEGAN THE SURVEY IN JULY. A REPORT WAS RECENTLY COMPLETED AND WILL BE TABLED AT THE COMING DISTRICT BOARD MEETING.

FUNDED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED IN THE FORM OF RANDOM STREET INTERVIEWS BETWEEN JULY 27 AND AUGUST 7. AS A RESULT, 898 QUESTIONNAIRES WERE COMPLETED.

"ALTHOUGH THERE WERE RESIDENTS' ORGANISATIONS IN MOST OF THE RESPONDENTS' AREAS, ONLY 30 PER CENT OF THEM PARTICIPATED IN ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THESE ORGANISATIONS AND ONLY 20 PER CENT PARTICIPATED IN ACTIVITIES SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD," MR YAU SAID.

"ABOUT 30 PER CENT OF THE INTERVIEWEES WERE REGISTERED ELECTORS AND 80 PER CENT OF THEM VOTED IN THE LAST DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS," HE CONTINUED.

WHEN ASKED WHETHER THE DISTRICT BOARD WAS AN EFFECTIVE BODY IN SOLVING LOCAL PROBLEMS, 75 PER CENT OF THE RESPONDENTS THOUGHT THAT THERE HAD BEEN IMPROVEMENTS TO LOCAL PROBLEMS AFTER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

AS FOR URGENT PROBLEMS IN THE DISTRICT, TRANSPORT AND EDUCATION WERE THE TWO PROBLEMS MOST MENTIONED.

TALKING ABOUT THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT, MR YAU SAID THAT PUBLICITY ON DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS, NAMES OF CONSTITUENCIES, FUNCTIONS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND ACTIVITIES SPONSORED BY DISTRICT BOARD SHOULD BE STEPPED UP. CIVIC EDUCATION SHOULD ALSO BE STRENGTHENED TO ENCOURAGE VOTER REGISTRATION.

SCHOOL PRINCIPALS HOLD AGM AND SEMINAR

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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT SCHOOL PRINCIPALS' LIAISON COMMITTEE WILL HOLD ITS SECOND TERM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 15) FOLLOWED BY A SEMINAR ON "THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG AND PROSPECTS OF THE WELL-EDUCATED PEOPLE".

THE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD AT 10.45 AM IN THE MARTHA BOSS COMMUNITY CENTRE, CHUNG HAU STREET, HO MAN TIN. GUEST SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, DR DANIEL TSE; LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS, MR MARTIN LEE AND MR ANDREW WONG.

THERE WILL BE AN OPEN DISCUSSION LED BY DR WALTER WOU, MODERATOR OF THE SEMINAR.

THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT SCHOOL PRINCIPALS' LIAISON COMMITTEE WAS SET UP IN 1985 WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF PROVIDING A FORUM FOR SCHOOL PRINCIPALS TO MEET, DISCUSS AND EXCHANGE VIEWS ON MATTERS OF COMMON CONCERN; TO PLAN AND IMPLEMENT COMMUNITY BUILDING PROGRAMMES TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN PRINCIPALS, TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND PARENTS.

IT IS ALSO A LOCAL CONSULTATIVE BODY DEALING WITH MATTERS REGARDING SCHOOLS, STUDENTS AND YOUTHS.

THE COMMITTEE ALSO CO-ORDINATES AND ASSISTS IN THE PROMOTION OF CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

WITH MORE THAN 200 SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT, KOWLOON CITY HAS THE HIGHEST CONCENTRATION OF SCHOOLS AMONG THE 19 ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICTS IN THE TERRITORY. ABOUT 90 SCHOOLS HAVE JOINED THE COMMITTEE.

MR LOI TING-SHIIN AND MR KO CHOK-KAI HAVE BEEN SELECTED CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN IN THE SECOND TERM OF THE COMMITTEE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT SCHOOL PRINCIPALS' LIAISON COMMITTEE SEMINAR TO BE HELD AT 10.45 AM ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 15) AT THE MARTHA BOSS COMMUNITY CENTRE, CHUNG HAU STREET, HO MAN TIN.

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KWAI TSING SPORTS FESTIVAL TO KICK OFF ON SATURDAY

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KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT RESIDENTS ARE BEING INVITED TO THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE KWAI TSING SPORTS FESTIVAL '87 AT 3 PM THIS SATURDAY (OCTOBER 17.) AT THE KWAI CHUNG SPORTS GROUND.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE FOLLOWED BY MASS GYMNASTIC PERFORMANCE, AEROBIC AND ORIENTAL DANCE, AND A FOOTBALL MATCH BETWEEN TEAMS COMPRISING FILM STARS AND CELEBRITIES.

RESIDENTS MAY OBTAIN PROGRAMME LEAFLETS OF THE SPORTS FESTIVAL AT THE VENUE.

ACTIVITIES OF THE FESTIVAL WHICH TAKE PLACE BETWEEN SATURDAY AND MID-NOVEMBER INCLUDE TENNIS, TABLE-TENNIS, MINI-TENNIS, FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, VOLLEY BALL, BADMINTON, SOCCER AND BOWLING COMPETITIONS, ATHLETICS EVENTS, ARCHERY AND ROLLER SKATING FUN DAYS, A HANDICAPPED AND ABLE-BODIED FUN DAY, AND AN ELDERLY TELEMATCH.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, DR JAMES HAYES; KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN COAK; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HO TUNG-CHING AND CHAIRMAN OF THE SPORTS FESTIVAL COMMITTEE, MR CHENG WING-CHUN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE KWAI TSING SPORTS FESTIVAL TO BE HELD AT 3 PM ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 17) AT THE KWAI CHUNG SPORTS GROUND (NEAR KWAI FONG MTR STATION).

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COMMITTEE TO REVIEW TAXI POLICY

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THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT ON THE TAXI POLICY REVIEW AT A MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC DIVERSION AT LAM TEI ROUNDABOUT AND TSING LUN ROAD, PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS AT TUEN MUN TOWN CENTRE AND THE SETTING UP OF AN ADDITIONAL BUS STOP AT SHAN KING ESTATE.

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THEY WILL ALSO CONSIDER THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S REPORT AND THE DRAFT 1988-89 PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR TUEN MUN DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON 3/F., TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, NO. 1, TUEN HI ROAD.

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CONFERENCE ON YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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THE YOUTH ACTIVITIES PROMOTION COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH WILL HOLD A ONE-DAY CONFERENCE THIS SATURDAY (OCTOBER 17) TO COLLABORATE VIEWS ON LOCAL YOUTH ACTIVITIES.

THE CONFERENCE, TO BE HELD FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM IN THE SHANGRI-LA HOTEL, AIMS AT PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH ORGANISERS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON YOUTH ACTIVITIES.

THE THEME OF THE CONFERENCE IS "FUNCTION AND OBJECTIVES OF YOUTH ACTIVITIES AND ITS TREND IN THE 1990S".

ABOUT 180 PEOPLE, INCLUDING STUDENTS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, DISTRICT BOARDS, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND YOUTH BODIES ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN THE CONFERENCE.

IT WILL OPEN WITH A WELCOMING SPEECH BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, MRS ROSANNA TAM, AND AN ADDRESS BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR BOWEN LEUNG.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A SLIDE SHOW AND TWO SHORT TALKS GIVEN BY CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, MR LEE JARK-PUI AND PRESIDENT OF HONG KONG STUDENT UNION, MR MAK TUNG-WING. DELEGATES WILL THEN BE DIVIDED INTO SMALL GROUPS FOR THE DISCUSSION SESSIONS.

PRESENTATION OF GROUP REPORTS WILL START AT 3 PM.

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DEATH SENTENCES COMMUTED

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THE GOVERNOR, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCES PASSED ON MAK FOON-THAN AND YIP YU-LUN ON MAY 17, 1984 AND JUNE 27, 1986 RESPECTIVELY SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO SENTENCES OF LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

MAK WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF JALIL HI BIN IBRAHIM. YIP WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF CHAN YUK-YING AND TSE KAU-FAT.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN WONG TAI SIN

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THE SECTION OF SHATIN PASS ROAD BETWEEN FUNG TAK ROAD AND LUNG CHEUNG ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 16) FOR THE CLOSURE OF DANGEROUS STRUCTURES AT CHUK YUEN UNITED VILLAGE.

DURING THE ROAD CLOSURE, KOWLOON GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 37M WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LUNG FUNG STREET, SHATIN PASS ROAD, AND UPPER WONG TAI SIN ESTATE ACCESS ROAD.

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PROHIBITED ZONE AT HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 16), CONCORDE ROAD EASTBOUND FROM A POINT APPROXIMATELY 61 METRES TO THE WEST OF THE ENTRANCE TO THE AIRPORT MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK WILL BE DESIGNATED A PROHIBITED ZONE FOR VEHICLES WITH AN OVERALL HEIGHT IN EXCESS OF 4 METRES.

ALL SUCH VEHICLES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE ABOVE PROHIBITED ZONE.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

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THE UNNAMED ACCESS ROAD LEADING FROM WONG TAI SIN ROAD TO WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT FOR GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 18 BETWEEN 6 AM AND 6 PM ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 15) FOR THE WONG TAI SIN FESTIVAL.

IN ADDITION, THE CLOSURE OF THE SOUTHBOUND SLIP ROAD LINKING FENWICK PIER STREET AND HARCOURT ROAD IN WAN CHAI, WHICH HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED SINCE JULY THIS YEAR FOR FLYOVER CONSTRUCTION, WILL BE EXTENDED FOR ANOTHER SIX WEEKS.

MOTORISTS ON WESTBOUND HARBOUR ROAD HEADING FOR GLOUCESTER ROAD SHOULD CONTINUE TO USE FENWICK STREET.

MEANWHILE, THE SECTION OF EASTBOUND KING'S ROAD IN QUARRY BAY BETWEEN ITS TWO JUNCTIONS WITH KORNHILL ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC DAILY FROM ONE MINUTE PAST MIDNIGHT TO 6 AM ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 16) AND THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR ROAD RESURFACING WORK.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES ON KING'S ROAD HEADING FOR SHAU KEI WAN AND FURTHER EAST WILL BE DIVERTED VIA KORNHILL ROAD.

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WATER CUT IN THE MID-LEVELS

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO ALL PREMISES IN THE MID-LEVELS HAS BEEN SUSPENDED FROM 11 AM TODAY (TUESDAY) DUE TO A FAULT IN THE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM.

THE SUSPENSION AFFECTS ALL PREMISES IN THE MID-LEVELS, INCLUDING MAGAZINE GAP ROAD, MACDONNELL ROAD, GARDEN ROAD, BOWEN ROAD, CAINE ROAD, KOTEWALL ROAD, LYTTTELTON ROAD, ROBINSON ROAD AND SEYMOUR ROAD.

REPAIR WORK IS NOW IN PROGRESS AND NORMAL SUPPLY IS EXPECTED TO BE RESUMED ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 16) AT 5 PM.

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