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HO TO HOLD TRADE TALKS IN JAPAN, U.S.

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THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR ERIC HO, WILL LEAVE FOR A TWO-DAY VISIT TO TOKYO ON SUNDAY, AND AFTER THE LUNAR NEW YEAR WILL LEAVE FOR A ONE-WEEK VISIT TO WASHINGTON.

DURING HIS VISIT TO TOKYO, MR HO WILL DISCUSS MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS.

IN WASHINGTON, HE WILL MEET SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THE PURPOSE OF THESE TALKS WILL BE TO EMPHASISE HONG KONG'S POSITION AS AN OPEN MARKET TRADER, WITH EXCELLENT TRADE PRACTICES, FREEDOM OF ACCESS IN GOODS AND SERVICES, AND STRONG INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT.

MR HO WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR MICHAEL SZE, ON HIS VISIT TO TOKYO; AND BY THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, ON HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON.

A VISIT TO SEOUL IS PLANNED FOR LATER IN FEBRUARY.

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STREAMLINING OF EXAMINATION AUTHORITY PROCEDURES PROPOSED

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A BILL WHICH SEEKS TO MAKE A NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS TO THE HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY ORDINANCE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE PROPOSED CHANGES CONTAINED IN THE HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987 WERE THE RESULTS OF A REVIEW OF THE EXISTING PROVISIONS IN THE LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE SINCE THE AUTHORITY'S INCEPTION IN 1977.

+THE BILL PROPOSES TO STREAMLINE THE OPERATING PROCEDURES OF THE AUTHORITY AND MAKE CHANGES TO ITS MEMBERSHIP IN PARTICULAR TO PROVIDE FOR REPRESENTATION OF THE INCREASED NUMBER OF TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS AND FOR A MORE ADEQUATE AND BALANCED REPRESENTATION OF THE VARIOUS TYPES OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

+THE OPPORTUNITY IS ALSO TAKEN TO DELETE CERTAIN TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS IN THE ORDINANCE WHICH ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED,+ HE SAID.

THE HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY WAS ESTABLISHED A DECADE AGO WITH POWERS TO CONDUCT LOCAL PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS AND EXAMINATIONS ON BEHALF OF LOCAL AND OVERSEAS BODIES.

/THE BILL .....

THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE PRESENTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR FIRST READING ON FEBRUARY 18.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO COMMENT ON THE PROVISIONS OF THE BILL CAN WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER AT THE THIRD FLOOR, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, OR TO OMELCO AT 8 JACKSON ROAD, CENTRAL.

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TRAVEL AGENT'S LICENCE TO BE REVOKED

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT IT HAD RECEIVED NOTIFICATION FROM CHOICEST HOLIDAY TOURISM INVESTMENT LTD THAT THE COMPANY WAS CEASING BUSINESS WITH EFFECT FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE REGISTRAR OF TRAVEL AGENTS, MR N.H. YEUNG, SAID THE COMPANY'S TRAVEL AGENT'S LICENCE (NO. 350011) WOULD BE REVOKED ALSO FROM TOMORROW.

MEANWHILE, THE GOVERNMENT WELCOMED THE INITIATIVE TAKEN BY THE TRAVEL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF HONG KONG IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE THAT THE HOLIDAY PLANS OF THE COMPANY'S CLIENTS WOULD NOT BE UNDULY DISRUPTED.

THE WAY THE COUNCIL HAS RESPONDED TO THE EMERGENCY IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF HOW THE INDUSTRY CAN ORGANISE ITSELF TO GIVE EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE TO THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC, SAID MR YEUNG.

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VICTORIA BARRACKS INCLUDED IN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN
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FIVE AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT CENTRAL DISTRICT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE PLANNING AREA HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO INCLUDE VICTORIA BARRACKS.

THE BARRACKS SITE, COVERING 8.6 HECTARES, WILL BE FULLY DEVELOPED INTO A MAJOR RECREATIONAL AND LEISURE AREA BY THE URBAN COUNCIL IN MID-1991.

FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE A GREEN HOUSE, GARDEN THEATRE, TERRACED GARDEN, WATER FEATURE, AN AVIARY AND SITTING-OUT AND PLAY AREAS.

BUILDINGS OF HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE, SUCH AS FLAGSTAFF HOUSE AND RAWLINSON HOUSE, WILL BE PRESERVED AND HAVE BEEN ZONED AS +GOVERNMENT-INSTITUTION-COMMUNITY (GIC)+ SITES. THEY HAVE BEEN RENOVATED AND CONVERTED INTO A TEAWARE MUSEUM AND A MARRIAGE REGISTRY.

OTHER +GIC+ SITES IN THE BARRACKS ARE OCCUPIED BY A FIRE STATION, A GOVERNMENT OFFICE, THE SUPREME COURT, AN INDOOR GAMES HALL AND SQUASH COURTS.

THE SECOND AMENDMENT INVOLVES ZONING SEVEN PIERS ALONG CENTRAL WATERFRONT AS +OTHER SPECIFIED USES+. ANY USES NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE SPECIFIED +PIER+ PURPOSE WILL REQUIRE APPROVAL FROM THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD.

THEY ARE QUEEN'S PIER, STAR FERRY PIER, BLAKE PIER, HONG KONG AND YAUMATEI VEHICULAR FERRY PIER, CENTRAL HARBOUR FERRY SERVICES PIER, OUTLYING DISTRICT FERRY SERVICES PIER AND GOVERNMENT PIER.

THE NEW MACAU FERRY TERMINAL, UNDER THE +OTHER SPECIFIED USES+ ZONING, HAS BEEN SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED AS +PIER-HELICOPTER LANDING PAD+.

OTHER AMENDMENTS ARE REZONING OF EXCHANGE SQUARE FROM +OTHER SPECIFIED USES (PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TERMINUS WITH COMMERCIAL USES ABOVE)+ TO +COMMERCIAL+, AND REZONING OF A SITE ADJOINING MURRAY ROAD MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK FROM +GIC+ TO +COMMERCIAL+.

WRITTEN OBJECTIONS TO THE AMENDMENTS SHOULD REACH THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD BY FEBRUARY 12.

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FURTHER SUPPORT FOR SIR EDWARD YOUDE FUND

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MEMBERS OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE TODAY (FRIDAY) RESPONDED TO THE $10 DRIVE BY CONTRIBUTING TO THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE FUND.

CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MR ALBERT LI, SAID THAT THE FUND WAS A WORTHY CAUSE AND SHOULD BE SUPPORTED BY ALL SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY.

HE SAID THAT SIR EDWARD HAD CONTRIBUTED MUCH TO THE PROSPERITY AND STABILITY OF HONG KONG.

+SIR EDWARD ALSO DEMONSTRATED MUCH CONCERN TO CRIME FIGHTING AND THE COMBATING OF TRIAD ACTIVITIES,+ MR LI SAID.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE DONATION CEREMONY TODAY WERE THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR RON BRIDGE, AND THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICHOLAS YEK.

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INDUSTRIAL LOTS OFFERED FOR SALE

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TWO INDUSTRIAL LOTS IN SHA TIN AND SAI KUNG ARE TO BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY AUCTION BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT.

THE SHA TIN SITE AT SIU LEK YUEN ROAD MEASURES 5 600 SQUARE METRES. UNDER THE BUILDING COVENANT THE BUYER HAS TO COMPLETE AT LEAST 16 800 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA BEFORE JANUARY 31, 1991.

THE OTHER SITE OF 1 094 SQUARE METRES IS AT TUI MIN HOI, SAI KUNG. THE BUYER IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE NOT LESS THAN 1 094 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA BEFORE MARCH 31, 1990.

IT IS STATED IN THE LEASE CONDITIONS OF BOTH SITES THAT THEY CAN BE USED AS GODOWNS, BUT NOT FOR OFFENSIVE TRADES.

THE AUCTION WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE ON FEBRUARY 26.

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURES TO BE DEMOLISHED

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ILLEGAL ROOFTOP STRUCTURES AT BROADCAST DRIVE, KOWLOON, ARE TO BE CLOSED AND THEN DEMOLISHED.

THE STRUCTURES ARE ON THE FLAT ROOF ADJACENT TO FLATS B1 AND B2 ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF 32 BROADCAST DRIVE.

THEY WERE ORDERED TO BE DEMOLISHED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE A YEAR AGO, BUT THE OCCUPANTS DID NOT COMPLY WITH THE ORDER.

NOW THE GOVERNMENT IS TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT ON MARCH 11 AND POSTED NOTICES OF ITS INTENTION ON THE STRUCTURES TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE BUILDING AUTHORITY WANTS TO CLOSE THE STRUCTURES TO AVOID DANGER TO INHABITANTS OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. THEY WILL BE DEMOLISHED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CLOSURE ORDER IS OBTAINED.

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TRAVELLERS REMINDED OF ANIMAL, PLANT IMPORT CONTROLS

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTENDING TO MAKE TRIPS ABROAD DURING LUNAR NEW YEAR WERE TODAY (FRIDAY) REMINDED NOT TO BRING BACK ANY ENDANGERED SPECIES OF ANIMALS OR PLANTS UNLESS THEY HAVE PRIOR PERMISSION FROM THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

THE DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR CONSERVATION OFFICER, MR M.K. CHEUNG, SAID: +DURING THE HOLIDAY PERIOD, THE DEPARTMENT WILL STEP UP CONTROL MEASURES AT ALL IMMIGRATION POINTS TO CHECK ON TRAVELLERS WHO MAY CONTRAVENE THE LAW BY ILLEGALLY BRINGING IN ANY SUCH SPECIES INCLUDING LIVE AND STUFFED SPECIMENS AS WELL AS PARTS OR DERIVATIVES.

+WE TAKE SUCH OFFENCES SERIOUSLY AND OFFENDERS WILL FACE PROSECUTION, HEAVY FINES AND FORFEITURE OF THE SPECIMENS.+

AT FANLING MAGISTRACY EARLIER THIS WEEK A MAN WAS FINED A TOTAL OF $7 400 FOR ILLEGALLY IMPORTING INTO HONG KONG 41 ENDANGERED ANIMALS COMPRISING 19 OWLS, FIVE PANGOLINS, 15 GIANT SALAMANDERS, A LEOPARD CAT AND A PYTHON.

/MR CHEUNG .....

MR CHEUNG SAID THAT LAST YEAR THERE WERE AROUND 400 CASES OF BREACHES OF IMPORT RESTRICTIONS UNDER THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) ORDINANCE, INVOLVING LIVE AND STUFFED SPECIMENS AND THEIR DERIVATIVES VALUED AT $1.5 MILLION. THERE WERE 300 CASES IN 1985.

+SOME CASES IN RECENT MONTHS INVOLVED SUCH HIGHLY ENDANGERED SPECIES AS GIANT SALAMANDERS AND SEA TURTLES WHILE QUITE A NUMBER INVOLVED PARROTS WHICH WERE BROUGHT INTO HONG KONG BY TRAVELLERS UNKNOWINGLY,+ HE SAID.

MR CHEUNG POINTED OUT THAT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BUDGERIGAR, COCKATIEL AND ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET, ALL PARROTS AND RELATED BIRDS CAME UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE ORDINANCE IN DECEMBER 1985.

SINCE THEN, PRIOR AUTHORISATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT IS REQUIRED BEFORE BRINGING ANY OF THESE BIRDS INTO THE TERRITORY.

OTHER CASES IN RECENT MONTHS INVOLVED OWLS, KESTRELS, BUZZARDS, LEOPARD CATS, ASIATIC BONY TONGUE FISH AND STUFFED SPECIMENS OF CROCODILES.

MR CHEUNG EMPHASISED THAT THE IMPORT, EXPORT AND POSSESSION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES ARE STRICTLY RESTRICTED AND LICENCES MUST BE APPLIED AND OBTAINED IN ADVANCE FROM THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

VIOLATION OF THE LAW MAY RESULT IN A MAXIMUM FINE OF $5 000 FOR A FIRST OFFENCE AND $10 000 AND SIX MONTHS IMPRISONMENT FOR A REPEAT OFFENCE. IN ADDITION, THE SPECIMEN INTERCEPTED WILL BE CONFISCATED.

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SOUTHERN FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN BEGINS ON SUNDAY

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A VARIETY SHOW WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 25) TO LAUNCH A MONTH-LONG FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

THE THREE-HOUR SHOW, FEATURING SONG AND DANCE, LION DANCE AND MARTIAL ARTS PERFORMANCE, WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM IN WAH HONG SQUARE, WAH FU ESTATE.

PERFORMERS INCLUDE PROFESSIONAL SINGERS, THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT YOUTH CHOIR, WINNERS OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL SINGING COMPETITION AND JUNIOR POLICE CALL MEMBERS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A CEREMONY TO PRESENT CERTIFICATES TO SIX WINNERS OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME AWARD.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SIMON LORD; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER (WESTERN), MR E.J. STEVENSON; SOUTHERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR KAN MAN-LEE; AND THE CAMPAIGN CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR ALBERT POON.

HOME SECURITY AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME ARE THE THEMES OF THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN.

OTHER ACTIVITIES PLANNED INCLUDE A TELEVISION QUIZ, VISITS TO VARIOUS POLICE INSTITUTIONS AS WELL AS A +USE YOUR WITS TO FIGHT CRIME+ COMPETITION ON TVB-JADE'S ENJOY YOURSELF TONIGHT SHOW AT 9.30 PM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 26).

ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR MEMBERS OF AREA COMMITTEES AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES TO VISIT THE ABERDEEN POLICE STATION AND FOR STUDENTS TO VISIT THE POLICE CADET SCHOOL NEXT MONTH. THESE VISITS WILL ENHANCE RESIDENTS' KNOWLEDGE OF THE WORK AND TRAINING OF THE POLICE FORCE AND TO IMPROVE POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN OPENING CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY IN WAH HONG SQUARE, WAH FU ESTATE.

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FESTIVE LIGHTINGS TO BRIGHTEN UP VICTORIA PARK

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THE LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVE LIGHTINGS IN VICTORIA PARK WILL BE SWITCHED ON FROM MONDAY (JANUARY 26) UNTIL FEBRUARY 14.

MOUNTED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD AT $43 500, THE LIGHTING DISPLAY DEPICTS A GOLDEN RABBIT, WITH NEW YEAR GREETING MESSAGES FROM THE BOARD AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

THE LIGHTS WILL BE PUT ON DAILY FROM 6 PM TO MIDNIGHT, AND FROM 6 PM UNTIL 6 AM ON LUNAR NEW YEAR EVE (JANUARY 28). BETWEEN JANUARY 29 TO FEBRUARY 1, THE LIGHTS WILL BE ON FROM 6 PM TO 1 AM.

THE SWITCH-ON CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 6 PM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 26) OUTSIDE THE SQUASH COURT (NEAR THE HING FAT STREET ENTRANCE) IN VICTORIA PARK.

BEFORE THE CEREMONY, A HORTICULTURE SHOW OF 50 POTTED PLANTS WILL START AT 3 PM NEAR THE SQUASH COURT.

THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BOWEN LEUNG, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG, URBAN COUNCIL MEMBER, MRS CHOW CHEUNG WAI-BING, AND POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER (EASTERN), MR G.W. ROPER, WILL SWITCH ON THE LIGHTING DISPLAY.

MEANWHILE, LAI-SEE PACKETS PRODUCED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD ARE AVAILABLE FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION AT THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SWITCH-ON CEREMONY ON MONDAY.

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NEW YEAR FUN FOR TAI PO RESIDENTS

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RESIDENTS IN TAI PO WILL BE TREATED TO A SERIES OF ENTERTAINMENT, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

THE ACTIVITIES ARE ORGANISED BY DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 1987 TAI PO DISTRICT LUNAR NEW YEAR PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE.

/THE PROGRAMME .....

THE PROGRAMME IS AIMED AT PROMOTING A SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG RESIDENTS AS WELL AS CULTIVATING A FESTIVE ATMOSPHERE.

+THE PROGRAMME, NOW IN ITS SEVENTH YEAR, IS WELL RECEIVED BY RESIDENTS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID.

THE PROGRAMME WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY (JANUARY 26) AND CLOSE ON FEBRUARY 12.

A VARIETY OF EVENTS WILL BE HELD THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT TO ALLOW AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE TO PARTICIPATE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE 12 GALA EVENTS TO BE STAGED IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, VILLAGES AND TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS, VARIETY SHOWS, A DISCO NIGHT, BASKETBALL AND BADMINTON COMPETITIONS, AND A BANQUET FOR ABOUT 1 500 SENIOR RESIDENTS, HE ADDED.

COSTING ABOUT $380 000, THE PROGRAMME IS FUNDED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND DONATIONS FROM DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS.

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WAN CHAI HOLDING CLEAN FOR CHARITY CAMPAIGN

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A +CLEAN FOR CHARITY COMPAIGN+ WILL BE HELD IN WAN CHAI DISTRICT ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 25) TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE COMMUNITY CHEST.

AN ORGANISING COMMITTEE COMPRISING DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM AREA COMMITTEES, KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS AND DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS WILL TAKE THE LEAD IN SWEEPING STREETS.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE SPONSORED AND PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE COMMUNITY CHEST.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE SAID THAT APART FROM RAISING FUND FOR THE COMMUNITY CHEST THE CAMPAIGN WOULD REMIND RESIDENTS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE.

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY CHEST, MR DENIS BRAY, AND TV ARTISTE, MISS FUNG PO-PO, WILL OFFICIATE AT A SHORT LAUNCHING CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT 11 AM AT THE JUNCTION OF O'BRIEN ROAD AND HENNESSY ROAD.

/OTHER GUESTS .....

OTHER GUESTS WILL INCLUDE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM; CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR HO FOOK-CHU; ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS CARMEN CHIU; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AREA COMMITTEES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF THE WAN CHAI CLEAN FOR CHARITY CAMPAIGN TO BE HELD AT 11 AM ON SUNDAY AT THE PEDESTRIAN ZONE AT THE JUNCTION OF O'BRIEN ROAD AND HENNESSY ROAD.

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ELDERLY TO RECEIVE LUNAR NEW YEAR GIFTS

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ABOUT 450 VOLUNTEERS FROM SCHOOLS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WILL PAY HOME VISITS AND DISTRIBUTE NEW YEAR GIFTS ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 25) TO ABOUT 700 ELDERLY PEOPLE LIVING IN KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT.

THEY WILL VISIT SENIOR CITIZENS, AGED 70 OR OVER, NOMINATED BY 13 KAI FONG ASSOCIATIONS, HOMES FOR THE AGED AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN THE DISTRICT.

EACH SENIOR CITIZEN WILL EACH RECEIVE A PACKET CONTAINING FOOD AND A SCARF, WHILE THE TWO OLDEST WOMEN, AGED 91 AND 96, WILL RECEIVE +LAI SEE+ PACKETS OF $200.

VOLUNTEERS WILL ALSO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CARRY OUT A SURVEY OF THE NEEDS AND INTERESTS OF THE ELDERLY. THE FINDINGS WILL BE USEFUL IN PLANNING FUTURE ACTIVITIES.

THE VISITS ARE INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO CARE FOR THE ELDERLY AND TO BRING THEM WARMTH, ESPECIALLY TO THOSE WHO LACK CARE AND CONCERN FROM OTHERS.

/THE VISITS .....

THE VISITS ARE ORGANISED YEARLY BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THE WELFARE AND RECREATION OF THE ELDERLY, AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT. THEY ARE SPONSORED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE HOME VISITS TO THE ELDERLY. A SHORT CEREMONY TO BEGIN THE EXERCISE WILL BE HELD AT 11 AM ON SUNDAY AT LOK SIN TONG PRIMARY SCHOOL, 63 LUNG KONG ROAD, KOWLOON CITY.

THE ASSISTANT KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS DIANA TONG, ASSISTANT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (KOWLOON CITY), MRS HENRIETTA CHEN, AND KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR CHAN NOI-YUE, WILL VISIT THE TWO OLDEST RESIDENTS.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS NULLAH POLLUTION

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THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON MONDAY (JANUARY 26) TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS ARISING FROM INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION OF TUEN MUN NULLAH.

ACCORDING TO A SURVEY CONDUCTED IN SEPTEMBER BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT ON 57 INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS, 34 FACTORIES WERE FOUND TO HAVE DISCHARGED INDUSTRIAL EFFLUENTS INTO THE SEWERS AND 26 ESTABLISHMENTS DISCHARGED OTHER EFFLUENTS INTO THE TUEN MUN NULLAH VIA STORMWATER DRAINS.

THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT HAVE SINCE MADE LIAISON VISITS TO INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS TO EXPLAIN ANTI-POLLUTION MEASURES TO OWNERS.

/OTHER ITEMS .....

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE DISTRICT BOARD'S FINANCIAL POSITION IN RESPECT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, A PROGRESS REPORT OF LOCAL PUBLIC WORK, SQUATTER AREA IMPROVEMENT AND EMERGENCY REPAIR PROJECTS, AND AN APPLICATION FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING AT 10 AM ON JANUARY 26 IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON THE THIRD FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, NO. 1, TUEN HI ROAD.

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45 PASS MEDICAL EXAMINATION

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THE LICENTIATE COMMITTEE OF THE MEDICAL COUNCIL OF HONG KONG ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT 45 CANDIDATES HAD PASSED PART I OF THE LICENTIATE EXAMINATION FOR UNREGISTRABLE DOCTORS.

A TOTAL OF 334 CANDIDATES SAT THE MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTION PAPER ON PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE ON JANUARY 6.

PART II OF THE EXAMINATION, DESIGNED TO TEST THE CANDIDATES' ENGLISH FOR PROFESSIONAL PURPOSES, WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 3 AND MAY 12.

IN ADDITION TO THE 45 SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES FROM PART I, A FURTHER 12 CANDIDATES WHO FAILED PART II IN PREVIOUS YEARS, WILL BE SITTING THIS PART OF THE EXAMINATION.

CANDIDATES MAY CHOOSE TO TAKE THE PART II LICENTIATE EXAMINATION ON EITHER DATE.

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REGISTRATION OF COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARS

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FORMER RECIPIENTS OF COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS ARE URGED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO FACILITATE THE COMPILATION OF A LIST OF COMMONWEALTH SPECIALISTS AND THE UPDATING OF RECORDS OF SUCH SCHOLARS AS REQUESTED BY COMMONWEALTH MINISTERS OF EDUCATION.

THEY ARE ASKED TO FORWARD THEIR CURRENT ADDRESSES IN WRITING TO MRS S.K. LAI, EDUCATION OFFICER, OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, FIFTH FLOOR, 33-37 HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, OR TELEPHONE 5-8392572 DURING OFFICE HOURS SO THAT A QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE INFORMATION GATHERING EXERCISE COULD BE SENT TO THEM.

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TRAM SERVICES ADJUSTED FROM MONDAY

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TRAM SERVICES ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL BE RE-ARRANGED FROM MONDAY (JANUARY 26), WITH THE COMPLETION OF TRACK WORK AT THE WESTERN MARKET LOOP AND THE RE-OPENING OF TERMINAL FACILITIES THERE.

THE RE-ARRANGEMENTS INCLUDE CHANGING OF TERMINAL POINTS OF THREE EXISTING TRAM ROUTES AND ADJUSTING THE OPERATING HOURS OF THREE OTHERS.

THE CURRENT SHAU KEI WAN TO WHITTY STREET ROUTE WILL BE EXTENDED WESTWARDS TO TERMINATE AT KENNEDY TOWN, RUNNING BETWEEN 6 AM AND MIDNIGHT DAILY.

TWO NEW ROUTES LINKING WESTERN MARKET WITH CAUSEWAY BAY AND SHAU KEI WAN RESPECTIVELY WILL BE INTRODUCED. THE SERVICE TO CAUSEWAY BAY WILL START AT 7.32 AM AND END AT 7.15 PM DAILY, WHILE THAT TO SHAU KEI WAN WILL OPERATE DURING PEAK HOURS ONLY, THAT IS FROM 6.54 AM TO 9.40 AM AND FROM 3.13 PM TO 6.53 PM DAILY.

THESE ROUTES REPLACE THE EXISTING TRAM LINKS BETWEEN WHITTY STREET AND CAUSEWAY BAY, AND BETWEEN KENNEDY TOWN AND NORTH POINT.

MEANWHILE, THE DAILY SCHEDULES OF TRAMS RUNNING BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN AND HAPPY VALLEY WILL BE FROM 6.31 AM TO 10.46 PM, BETWEEN NORTH POINT AND WHITTY STREET FROM 6.04 AM TO 10.20 PM, AND BETWEEN HAPPY VALLEY AND KENNEDY TOWN FROM 5.59 AM TO MIDNIGHT.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES FOR INTERNATIONAL MARATHON

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THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TOLO HIGHWAY WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 5 AM AND 2 PM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 25) TO ALLOW THE +1987 HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL MARATHON+ TO BE HELD.

THE AFFECTED SECTION RUNS FROM ISLAND HOUSE INTERCHANGE TO MA LIU SHUI INTERCHANGE.

DURING THE CLOSURE, KMB EXPRESS ROUTES 70X, 72X, 74X AND 75X WILL CONTINUE TO USE TOLO HIGHWAY ON NORTHBOUND JOURNEYS. ON SOUTHBOUND JOURNEYS, THESE ROUTES WILL BE DIVERTED TO OPERATE NON-STOP VIA TAI PO ROAD AND SHA TIN ROAD.

MOTORISTS HEADING FOR MA LIU SHUI PIER, MEI SHA PIER, THE SHATIN SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT AND NEARBY DESTINATIONS SHOULD TRAVEL ON TOLO HIGHWAY NORTHBOUND AND LEAVE THE HIGHWAY AT MA LIU SHUI INTERCHANGE.

VEHICLES SHOULD OPERATE ALONG NORTHBOUND TOLO HIGHWAY ON LEAVING THESE LOCATIONS.

MOTORISTS GOING TO DESTINATIONS SOUTH OF THE ISLAND HOUSE INTERCHANGE SHOULD OPERATE VIA THIS INTERCHANGE TO JOIN THE SOUTHBOUND TAI PO ROAD.

AS TRAFFIC CONGESTION MAY OCCUR ON TAI PO ROAD NEAR KWONG FUK ESTATE, THE PUBLIC SHOULD USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES FOR YAU MA TEI FRUIT MARKET

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE VICINITY OF YAU MA TEI FRUIT MARKET FROM 2 PM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 26) TO 6 PM ON JANUARY 28 TO COPE WITH THE EXPECTED INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF VISITORS TO THE MARKET.

RECLAMATION STREET NORTHBOUND BETWEEN THE UNNAMED ROAD SOUTH OF SHEK LUNG STREET AND WATERLOO ROAD, AND WATERLOO ROAD WESTBOUND BETWEEN RECLAMATION STREET AND FERRY STREET WILL BE REDUCED FROM THREE-LANE TO TWO-LANE TRAFFIC.

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THE UNNAMED ROAD SOUTH OF SHEK LUNG STREET WILL BE REROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND, WHILE CHING PING STREET WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND. LEFT-TURN MOVEMENT FROM RECLAMATION STREET NORTHBOUND TO TUNG KUN STREET WESTBOUND WILL BE BANNED.

MEANWHILE, SHEK LUNG STREET BETWEEN RECLAMATION STREET AND SHANGHAI STREET WILL BE CONVERTED INTO A PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT.

IN ADDITION, METERED PARKING SPACES IN CANTON ROAD BETWEEN PUBLIC SQUARE STREET AND THE UNNAMED ROAD SOUTH OF SHEK LUNG STREET WILL BE SUSPENDED.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN SHAM SHUI PO, YUEN LONG

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FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 26), THE KWAI CHUNG BOUND CONTRA FLOW TRAFFIC LANE ON CHING CHEUNG ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS BECAUSE OF ROAD RESURFACING WORK.

THE AFFECTED SECTION RUNS FROM A POINT ABOUT 450 METRES EAST OF THE ACCESS ROAD OF CARITAS HOSPITAL TO A POINT ABOUT 200 METRES WEST OF THE SAME ACCESS ROAD.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TWO-LANE TRAFFIC WILL BE MAINTAINED ON THIS SECTION OF CHING CHEUNG ROAD.

IN YUEN LONG, CERTAIN TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 10.30 AM ON THE SAME DAY DURING INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL.

TWO-WAY TRAFFIC WILL BE RESUMED IN THE SECTION OF MA MIU ROAD BETWEEN ON NING ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD, AND IN THE SECTION OF TAI YUK ROAD BETWEEN CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND KAU YUK ROAD.

RIGHT TURN MOVEMENT FROM MA MIU ROAD SOUTHBOUND ON TO CASTLE PEAK ROAD WESTBOUND, AND FROM TAI YUK ROAD NORTHBOUND ON TO CASTLE PEAK ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE BANNED.

MOTORISTS WISHING TO TRAVEL FROM MA MIU ROAD TO CASTLE PEAK ROAD WESTBOUND, OR FROM TAI YUK ROAD TO CASTLE PEAK ROAD EASTBOUND, ARE ADVISED TO USE MA MIU ROAD AND MA WANG ROAD.

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