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PEOPLE WANT +GOOD INFLUENCE+ FROM TV, RADIO  
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MOST PEOPLE POLLED FOR THEIR VIEWS ON TV AND RADIO BROADCASTING BELIEVED THAT THE TWO COMMERCIAL TV STATIONS HAD THE RESPONSIBILITY TO SEE THAT THEIR ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES ALSO HAD A GOOD INFLUENCE ON SOCIETY.

THIRTY ONE PER CENT OF THE VIEWERS WANTED MORE DOCUMENTARIES, 26 PER CENT ASKED FOR MORE NEWS AND 39 PER CENT PREFERRED LESS HORSE RACING.

THE SURVEY, CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR ON BEHALF OF THE BROADCASTING REVIEW BOARD AND THE TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY, COVERED A SAMPLE OF 5 047 RESPONDENTS RANDOMLY SELECTED TO REPRESENT THE ENTIRE POPULATION FROM 15 YEARS OF AGE AND ABOVE, A SPOKESMAN FOR TELA SAID TODAY.

ITS PURPOSE WAS TO COLLECT PUBLIC OPINION ON THE QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF TV AND SOUND BROADCASTING AND THE PEOPLE'S DEMANDS AND EXPECTATIONS IN THIS AREA.

IT SHOWED THAT 94 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION HAD WATCHED TELEVISION, AND 62 PER CENT HAD LISTENED TO RADIO BROADCASTS DURING THE FORTNIGHT BEFORE THE SURVEY BEGAN.

TELEVISION

WITH REGARD TO TELEVISION, ABOUT ONE FIFTH OF THE VIEWERS ALSO DEMANDED MORE DRAMA SERIES AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMES.

MOST VIEWERS SAW A NEED FOR TEENAGER PROGRAMMES. ALMOST HALF OF THE STUDENTS AND TEENAGERS SAID THEY WANTED TO WATCH MORE YOUTH PROGRAMMES ON KNOWLEDGE OF HUMAN SOCIETY, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, PRACTICAL SKILLS AND SPORTS.

THE SURVEY SHOWED THAT 72 PER CENT OF THE VIEWERS WOULD WATCH EDUCATION PROGRAMMES IF PROVIDED. HOWEVER, ONE FIFTH OF THE PROSPECTIVE VIEWERS COULD NOT NAME ANY TOPIC FOR INCLUSION IN SUCH PROGRAMMES WHICH WERE PREFERRED BY MOST, TO BE SHOWN IN THE EVENINGS.

VIEWERS IN DIFFERENT AGE AND OCCUPATION GROUPS HAD DIFFERENT PROGRAMME NEEDS, THE REPORT POINTED OUT.

WHILE TEENAGERS EXPRESSED STRONG NEEDS FOR YOUTH PROGRAMMES, ONLY VERY FEW ADULTS AND THE ELDERLY SHOWED INTEREST FOR MORE. ON THE OTHER HAND, NEWS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS WHICH WERE MUCH WANTED BY THE 25-34 AND 65 AND OVER AGE GROUPS WERE OF RELATIVELY LOW PRIORITY FOR THE YOUNG.

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THE SURVEY ALSO FOUND THAT DRAMA SERIES WAS POPULAR AMONG PRODUCTION WORKERS AND HOMEMAKERS WHILE PROFESSIONALS AND ADMINISTRATORS EXPRESSED NEED FOR MORE ARTS AND CULTURAL PROGRAMMES.

BUT THERE WAS GENERAL SATISFACTION OVER THE DURATION AND COMPREHENSIVENESS OF THE NEWS BULLETINS.

THE MAJORITY, 68 PER CENT OF THE VIEWERS WERE SATISFIED WITH THE EXISTING NUMBER OF CHINESE CHANNELS AND VIEWERS WERE IN THE MAIN CONTENTED WITH THE PRESENT BALANCE OF THE TYPES OF TV PROGRAMMES.

IT WAS FOUND THAT LOCAL PRODUCERS WERE THE PREFERRED SOURCE OF PRODUCTION. A SIGNIFICANT PORTION, 44 PER CENT OF THE VIEWERS OF CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES DEMANDED MORE LOCALLY PRODUCED CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES.

#### OBJECTIONABLE LANGUAGE

ON OBJECTIONABLE LANGUAGE USED IN TV PROGRAMMES, OVER HALF OF THE VIEWERS RECALLED HEARING TRIAD LANGUAGE, JOKES WITH SEXUAL CONNOTATION OR CATCH PHRASES, WHILE 39 PER CENT HAD HEARD VULGAR LANGUAGE. CATCH PHRASES AND SEXUAL JOKES WERE FOUND TO BE ACCEPTABLE BY MOST BUT NOT SO FOR TRIAD AND VULGAR LANGUAGE.

ABOUT TWO FIFTHS OF THE VIEWERS HAD COME ACROSS CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES WITH OBJECTIONABLE CONTENT SUCH AS TOO MUCH VIOLENCE, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF OTHERS AND GLAMOURISING MATERIAL COMFORTS. AND A SIGNIFICANT PERCENTAGE COULD NOT ACCEPT THE SHOWING OF ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, SEXUAL PROMISCUITY AND THE 'GO-AND-DO-IT' ATTITUDE IN TV DRAMA SERIES.

#### RADIO BROADCASTS

AS FOR RADIO BROADCASTS, THE SURVEY SHOWED A SIGNIFICANT DEMAND FOR MORE POPULAR-LIGHT MUSIC PROGRAMMES, ESPECIALLY AMONG LISTENERS IN THE 15-19 AGE GROUP.

SOME SUPPORT FOR MORE PUBLIC AFFAIRS, DRAMA AND NEW PROGRAMMES WAS ALSO NOTED.

SHARING SIMILAR ATTITUDE WITH TV VIEWERS, 40 PER CENT OF RADIO LISTENERS ALSO PREFERRED LESS HORSE RACING PROGRAMMES WHILE MOST NEWS LISTENERS WERE CONTENTED WITH THE DURATION AND COMPREHENSIVENESS OF THE NEWS BULLETIN.

ON THE QUESTION OF DISC-JOCKEY PERFORMANCE, ABOUT ONE THIRD OF THE AUDIENCE OF THEIR PROGRAMMES REPORTED THAT THERE WAS MISINFORMATION BUT NOT TOO MUCH OF IT. BUT 24 PER CENT OF THE LISTENERS CRITICISED THEM FOR TALKING TOO FRIVOLOUSLY AND OVER A QUARTER HAD NOTICED OBJECTIONABLE CONNOTATIONS IN THEIR CHIT-CHATS.

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF VULGAR LANGUAGE, THE MAJORITY OF THOSE WHO HAD HEARD OBJECTIONABLE LANGUAGE ON RADIO PROGRAMMES FOUND IT TO BE ACCEPTABLE. HOWEVER, OVER A QUARTER OF THE LISTENERS DID NOT ACCEPT THIS.

GOVERNMENT BROADCASTING

THE SURVEY ALSO COVERED PUBLIC VIEWS ON GOVERNMENT BROADCASTING. JUST OVER HALF OF TV-RADIO AUDIENCES THOUGHT THAT RTHK (AND RHK) HAD BEEN DOING ENOUGH, THROUGH ITS RADIO AND TV PROGRAMMES, TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION AND TO HELP THE PUBLIC TO BECOME BETTER INFORMED ABOUT SOCIETY AND THE GOVERNMENT, AND ABOUT A THIRD THOUGHT OTHERWISE.

VIEWERS GENERALLY CONSIDERED THAT THE RTHK TV PROGRAMMES HAD MORE EDUCATIONAL VALUE THAN THOSE OF COMMERCIAL STATIONS. OVER HALF OF THE VIEWERS WANTED TO WATCH MORE CURRENT AFFAIRS PROGRAMMES AND DOCUMENTARIES, DRAMA SERIES, AND INFORMATION AND SERVICING PROGRAMMES.

THE QUANTITATIVE NEEDS OF RHK LISTENERS IN THE RADIO PROGRAMMES WERE FOUND TO BE NOT SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT FROM THE GENERAL AUDIENCE AT LARGE.

USEFUL REFERENCE

THE FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY WERE EXPECTED ALSO TO BE USEFUL REFERENCE MATERIAL FOR THE WORK OF THE BROADCASTING REVIEW BOARD AND TELA.

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HK TEAM HEADING FOR U.S. ORIGIN TALKS  
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THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, WILL LEAVE HONG KONG NEXT WEEK FOR WASHINGTON FOR BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON THE NEW AMERICAN COUNTRY OF ORIGIN RULES ON KNITWEAR TO BEGIN ON FEBRUARY 4.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG DELEGATION INCLUDE MR ROBERT FOOTMAN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR THOMAS YIU AND MR H.P. LEE, PRINCIPAL TRADE OFFICERS.

THE TRIP FOLLOWS A RECOMMENDATION BY THE TEXTILES SURVEILLANCE BODY IN GENEVA THAT HONG KONG AND THE UNITED STATES SHOULD CONFER, WITH A VIEW TO RESTORING THE BALANCE OF RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE BILATERAL TEXTILES AGREEMENT, AND THAT THE PARTIES SHOULD, MEANWHILE, CO-OPERATE TO AVOID DISRUPTION TO THE ORDERLY AND EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S TRADE.

THE DELEGATION WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY TWO INDUSTRIAL ADVISERS, MR STEPHEN CHEONG AND MR KENNETH FANG, BOTH MEMBERS OF THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD.

MR CHEONG AND MR FANG WILL ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON ON FEBRUARY 2.

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CROSS-BORDER BUS SERVICE OPERATORS NEEDED

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APPLICATIONS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE OPERATION OF CROSS-BORDER BUS SERVICES BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA.

THE NEW SERVICES WOULD OPERATE VIA THE SHA TAU KOK CROSSING, WHERE A NEW VEHICULAR BRIDGE WOULD OPEN TO TRAFFIC, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE MADE IN WRITING, GIVING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- \* APPLICANT'S PERSONAL PARTICULARS, INCLUDING NAME, IDENTITY CARD NUMBER, ADDRESS AND CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER. IN THE CASE OF A COMPANY, CONTACT PERSONS AND INFORMATION ON COMPANY REGISTRATION SHOULD BE GIVEN.
- \* DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE OF THE SERVICE, GIVING DETAILS SUCH AS THE NUMBER AND TYPES OF VEHICLES AND SEATING CAPACITIES, CROSSING TIMES AT THE SHA TAU KOK BRIDGE AND NUMBER OF VEHICLES INVOLVED IN EACH CROSSING, AND AVAILABILITY OF TERMINAL AND OVERNIGHT PARKING FACILITIES.
- \* DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF APPROVAL FROM THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES TO PROVIDE CROSS-BORDER BUS SERVICES.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD REACH THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC VEHICLE SECTION AT ROOM 906-909, 9/F, HUTCHISON HOUSE, 10 HARCOURT ROAD, HONG KONG, ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 28.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL ALSO BE ISSUED WITH CLOSED ROAD PERMITS BY THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT.

MEANWHILE, GOODS VEHICLES AND PRIVATE CARS WOULD ALSO BE ALLOWED TO USE THE NEW CROSSING, BUT THEY WOULD REQUIRE CLOSED ROAD PERMITS.

PERSONS WITH BUSINESS INTERESTS IN THE SHENZHEN SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE MAY APPLY TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT FOR GOODS VEHICLE AND PRIVATE CAR CLOSED ROAD PERMITS. APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, 61 MODY ROAD, KOWLOON.

HOWEVER, APPLICATIONS FOR PRIVATE CAR CLOSED ROAD PERMITS MUST BE SUBMITTED NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY 15.

ENQUIRIES ON CROSS-BORDER BUS SERVICES MAY BE MADE WITH THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ON 5-249418. THOSE ON GOODS VEHICLE AND PRIVATE CAR CLOSED ROAD PERMITS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ON 3-7333111.

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JOB AGENCIES REMINDED ABOUT LAWS  
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EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES MUST COMPLY WITH STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

HE POINTED OUT THAT 11 EMPLOYMENT AGENCY OPERATORS HAD BEEN FINED LAST YEAR FOR OFFENCES UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE AND THE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY REGULATIONS.

THE OFFENCES INCLUDED OPERATING AN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY WITHOUT A VALID LICENCE, CHARGING JOB-SEEKERS MORE THAN THE PRESCRIBED FEE AND COMMISSION, FAILING TO SUBMIT QUARTERLY RETURNS WITHIN THE PRESCRIBED TIME AND FAILING TO MAINTAIN THE PRESCRIBED REGISTERS.

UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, AN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY IS DEFINED AS AN ESTABLISHMENT WHICH AIMS AT OBTAINING EMPLOYMENT FOR ANOTHER PERSON OR SUPPLYING PERSONNEL TO AN EMPLOYER, BOTH WITHIN OR OUTSIDE HONG KONG, IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER THE EMPLOYMENT IS OF PART-TIME OR FULL-TIME NATURE.

THE LICENCE FEE FOR SUCH AN AGENCY IS \$300 A YEAR.

THE FEE AND COMMISSION THAT CAN BE CHARGED BY AN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY ARE PRESCRIBED BY THE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY REGULATIONS.

THE FEE TO BE PAID BY JOB-SEEKERS FOR FIRST REGISTRATION AND SUBSEQUENT RENEWAL AFTER THREE MONTHS IS LIMITED TO \$3, AND THE COMMISSION FOR A SUCCESSFUL JOB PLACEMENT TO 10 PER CENT OF THE FIRST MONTH'S RECEIVED SALARY.

THE REGULATIONS ALSO LIMIT THE FEE THAT CAN BE CHARGED BY AN AGENCY TO AN EMPLOYER TO \$10 FOR EACH TYPE OF VACANCY REGISTERED ON FIRST REGISTRATION, AND \$5 PER RENEWAL OF SUCH REGISTRATION AFTER THREE MONTHS. THE COMMISSION TO BE PAID BY AN EMPLOYER ON SUCCESSFULLY OBTAINING FOR HIM AN EMPLOYEE BY AN AGENCY IS A MATTER OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN BOTH PARTIES.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT AN OPERATOR MUST DISPLAY THE FEE SCHEDULES AND HIS LICENCE IN HIS PLACE OF BUSINESS AND MUST SUBMIT QUARTERLY RETURNS WITHIN THE PRESCRIBED TIME AND MAINTAIN THE PRESCRIBED REGISTERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORDINANCE AND THE REGULATIONS.

ENQUIRIES ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE OPERATION OF EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES MAY BE MADE TO THE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT SERVICES OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ON TELEPHONE NUMBERS 5-767420 AND 5-767311.

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CHINESE VISITORS SEE HK WORKS PROJECTS  
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SIXTY MEMBERS OF VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS FROM 14 CHINESE COASTAL CITIES WENT TODAY (MONDAY) TO SEE THE DEVELOPMENT AT TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

THEY ARE HERE IN THE COURSE OF A STUDY OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC AND TRADE MATTERS.

AT THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, THE GROUP WERE MET BY THE CHIEF TOWN PLANNER, MR CHENG SAU-YIN, AND BRIEFED ON THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN.

THE GROUP WERE ALSO TAKEN ONTO THE ROOF OF A BUILDING FOR A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE NEW TOWN.

THEY WERE BRIEFED ON SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS INCLUDING THE CULTURAL COMPLEX, THE TUEN MUN HOSPITAL AND THE TUEN MUN TOWN PARK, NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

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VIEWS SOUGHT ON COMMUNITY NEEDS  
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THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD WILL LAUNCH A SURVEY TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO FIND OUT RESIDENTS' VIEWS ON COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES PROVIDED IN THE DISTRICT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE, WHICH IS CO-ORDINATING THE SURVEY, SAID THE STUDY AIMS AT FINDING OUT WHETHER THE PRESENT STANDARDS OF RESOURCE ALLOCATION CAN REALLY MEET THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY.

+THE SURVEY WILL ALSO EXAMINE WHETHER THE RESOURCES ALLOCATED TO DEVELOP AND IMPROVE THE COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES IN MONG KOK ARE COMPARABLE TO THOSE IN NEW TOWNS,+ HE SAID.

ABOUT 800 LOCAL RESIDENTS WILL BE SELECTED AT RANDOM FOR THE SURVEY AND SOME 20 VOLUNTEERS WILL ASSIST IN THE SURVEY.

EACH VOLUNTEER WILL CARRY AN IDENTITY CARD, WITH PHOTOGRAPH, ISSUED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE FOR EASY IDENTIFICATION DURING THEIR HOUSEHOLD VISITS.

OFFICIALS OF RELEVANT COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS AND VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO COMMENT.

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ID CARD SERVICE ON THE MOVE  
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A VISITING SERVICE FOR THE ISSUE OF NEW ID CARDS WILL BE PROVIDED IN LANTAU ISLAND, LAMMA ISLAND, CHEUNG CHAU AND SAI KUNG FROM FEBRUARY 4 TO 16 THIS YEAR, THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE SERVICE WILL HANDLE APPLICATIONS FROM WOMEN BORN BETWEEN 1947 AND 1954 WHO LIVE OR WORK IN THESE AREAS.

A SPOKESMAN OF THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SUCH A SERVICE WAS TWO-FOLD, IT SAVED THOSE AFFECTED IN THE CURRENT PHASE OF THE SCHEME THE TROUBLE OF TRAVELLING TO TOWN FOR THE RE-NEWAL, AND IT OFFERED THOSE WHO MISSED THEIR TURN A LAST CHANCE TO APPLY FOR NEW CARDS.

+IF THEY HAVE CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN 1970 AND 1972 WHO ARE HOLDING THE OLD TYPE OF JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS, THEY ARE ALSO WELCOME TO BRING THEIR CHILDREN ALONG TO HAVE THEIR NEW CARDS PROCESSED,+ HE ADDED.

FOUR MOBILE TEAMS WILL BE OPERATING FROM THE FOLLOWING VENUES AT DIFFERENT PERIODS:

FEBRUARY 4 TO 16	CHEUNG CHAU FIELD OFFICE, KWAN YAM WAN ROAD, CHEUNG CHAU
FEBRUARY 4 TO 16	SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 2ND FLOOR, SAI KUNG
FEBRUARY 4 TO 9	MUI WO COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BRANCH OFFICES, SOUTH LANTAU ROAD, MUI WO, LANTAU ISLAND
FEBRUARY 11 TO 16	NORTH LAMMA RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE, YUNG SHU WAN MAIN STREET, NORTH LAMMA

THESE OFFICES WILL BE OPEN FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM, MONDAY TO SATURDAY.

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FREE EYE CARE FOR ELDERLY

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SENIOR CITIZENS IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BE ABLE TO RECEIVE FREE EYE CHECK-UPS DURING THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

STARTING FROM FRIDAY (JANUARY 25), PEOPLE OVER THE AGE OF 55 CAN OBTAIN THE SERVICE FROM TUNG WAH HOSPITAL AT PO YAN STREET, OR SEVEN CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY IN THE DISTRICT.

MORE THAN 3 000 PEOPLE WILL BENEFIT FROM THE SERVICE; THANKS TO THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD WHICH HAS CONTRIBUTED \$10 000 TOWARDS THE +EYE CARE CAMPAIGN FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE OF CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT+.

DETAILS OF THE CAMPAIGN WERE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CAMPAIGN'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR CHOW WAI-KEUNG.

APART FROM OFFERING THIS FREE EYE EXAMINATION SERVICE TO THE ELDERLY, HE SAID THE CAMPAIGN ALSO AIMED AT AROUSING THEIR AWARENESS ON EYE CARE.

THE CAMPAIGN MAINLY CONSISTS OF THREE PARTS -- AN EXHIBITION, THE EYE CHECK-UP SERVICE AND FOLLOW-UP REFERRALS OR TREATMENT.

THE EXHIBITION AND CHECK-UPS WILL BE HELD ON A ROTATION BASIS AT TUNG WAH HOSPITAL AND THE SEVEN ELDERLY CENTRES FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF PEOPLE LIVING IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE DISTRICT.

SUSPECTED CASES OF EYE DISEASES DETECTED DURING THE CHECK-UPS WILL BE REFERRED TO THE TUNG WAH HOSPITAL FOR FURTHER EXAMINATION OR TREATMENT.

FREE SPECTACLES WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE WITH DEFECTIVE VISION.

THE CAMPAIGN IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE HONG KONG OPTIOMETRIC ASSOCIATION AND THE SEVEN ELDERLY CENTRES.

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THIRD QUARTER RESTAURANT SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED

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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE ENTIRE RESTAURANT SECTOR IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1984, ESTIMATED AT \$4 522 MILLION, WAS 11 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE SAME QUARTER OF 1983, WHILE THE VOLUME WAS THREE PER CENT HIGHER, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS FOR THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF 1984 ROSE BY 14 PER CENT IN VALUE AND SIX PER CENT IN VOLUME, WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1983.

COMPARING THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1984 WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER, TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS WENT UP BY SEVEN PER CENT IN VALUE AND SIX PER CENT IN VOLUME.

THE PROVISIONAL ESTIMATE OF TOTAL RESTAURANT PURCHASES IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1984 WAS \$1 964 MILLION, WHICH WAS NINE PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1983 AND THREE PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1984. THE TOTAL VALUE OF RESTAURANT PURCHASES FOR THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF 1984 INCREASED BY 18 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1983.

IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1984, TOTAL RECEIPTS OF NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS RECORDED THE LARGEST INCREASES IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS, AT 17 PER CENT AND EIGHT PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, WHEN COMPARED WITH THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1983. THOSE OF OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES (COMPRISING HERB TEA SHOPS, CREAMERIES AND OUTLETS SELLING BEAN CURD JELLY, ETC.) ROSE BY 15 PER CENT IN VALUE AND FIVE PER CENT IN VOLUME. WHILE THE RESPECTIVE INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR FAST FOOD SHOPS AND BARS WERE 12 PER CENT AND 11 PER CENT, THE CORRESPONDING INCREASES IN VOLUME TERMS WERE THREE PER CENT AND SEVEN PER CENT. TOTAL RECEIPTS OF CHINESE RESTAURANTS ALSO INCREASED, BY NINE PER CENT IN VALUE AND TWO PER CENT IN VOLUME.

COMPARING THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF 1984 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1983, CHINESE RESTAURANTS RECORDED THE LARGEST INCREASE IN THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS, AT 15 PER CENT, FOLLOWED BY NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS (14 PER CENT), FAST FOOD SHOPS (13 PER CENT), OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES (12 PER CENT) AND BARS (5 PER CENT). IN TERMS OF THE VOLUME OF RECEIPTS, CHINESE RESTAURANTS AGAIN SHOWED THE LARGEST INCREASE, AT SEVEN PER CENT, FOLLOWED BY NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS (6 PER CENT), BARS (3 PER CENT), AND FAST FOOD SHOPS AND OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES (EACH OF 2 PER CENT).

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NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS RECORDED THE LARGEST INCREASE IN TOTAL RECEIPTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1984 COMPARED WITH THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1984, AT 12 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 10 PER CENT IN VOLUME. WHILE TOTAL RECEIPTS OF FAST FOOD SHOPS ROSE BY NINE PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME, THOSE OF BARS INCREASED BY EIGHT PER CENT IN VALUE AND SIX PER CENT IN VOLUME. BOTH CHINESE RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES RECORDED AN INCREASE OF SIX PER CENT IN THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS. THEIR RESPECTIVE INCREASES IN THE VOLUME OF RECEIPTS WERE FIVE PER CENT AND SIX PER CENT.

THE REPORT ON THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF RESTAURANT RECEIPTS AND PURCHASES FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1984 WILL SOON BE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, CENTRAL POST OFFICE, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AT \$1 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ON THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO.: 3-7216024).

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

TWO TABLES ARE BEING SENT BY FACSIMILE NETWORK. THEY MAY ALSO BE COLLECTED FROM THE GIS NEWS ROOM.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED FIGURES FOR TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS AND TOTAL PURCHASES OF THE ENTIRE RESTAURANT SECTOR FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1984, AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURES FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1984.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF TOTAL RECEIPTS BY TYPE OF RESTAURANT, WITH THE QUARTERLY AVERAGE OF 1982 TAKEN AS 100. COMPARISONS OF THE THIRD QUARTER 1984 RESULTS WITH THOSE FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1984 AND FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1983, AND COMPARISONS OF TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF 1984 WITH THOSE FOR THE SAME PERIOD IN 1983 ARE ALSO GIVEN.

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TRAINING FOR KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS

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SERVING KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS WHO ARE PROFESSIONALLY UNTRAINED ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR TWO TWO-YEAR IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSES TO BE CONDUCTED IN SEPTEMBER AT GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION.

UPON COMPLETION OF THE COURSES, PARTICIPANTS WILL BE AWARDED THE STATUS OF +QUALIFIED KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS+ AND WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S REGISTER OF TEACHERS.

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ONE OF THE COURSES WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CHINESE, AND THE OTHER IN ENGLISH. HOWEVER, THE ENGLISH COURSE WILL ONLY BE STARTED IF THERE ARE SUFFICIENT SUITABLE APPLICANTS.

EACH TEACHER CAN APPLY FOR ONLY ONE COURSE.

NO TUITION FEES WILL BE CHARGED, AND PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE TO ATTEND TWO THREE-HOUR SESSIONS A WEEK.

THE COURSE CONTENTS WILL INCLUDE PROFESSIONAL, CURRICULUM AND GENERAL STUDIES PRESENTED THROUGH LECTURES, TUTORIALS, VISITS, WORKSHOPS AND SUPERVISION OF PRACTICAL TEACHING.

APPLICANTS FOR THE CHINESE COURSE SHOULD BE FULL-TIME PERMITTED TEACHERS IN REGISTERED KINDERGARTENS WHO HAVE A MINIMUM OF TWO YEARS' TEACHING EXPERIENCE AS AT SEPTEMBER 1, 1985. THEY MUST ALSO HAVE ATTAINED GRADE E OR ABOVE IN AT LEAST TWO SUBJECTS, ONE OF WHICH SHOULD PREFERABLY BE CHINESE, AT THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION (HKCEE) LEVEL, OR ITS EQUIVALENT.

APPLICANTS FOR THE ENGLISH COURSE SHOULD BE FULL-TIME PERMITTED TEACHERS IN REGISTERED ENGLISH KINDERGARTENS OR KINDERGARTENS WITH AN ENGLISH SECTION AND HAVE A MINIMUM OF TWO YEARS' TEACHING EXPERIENCE AS AT SEPTEMBER 1, 1985.

THEY SHOULD ALSO HAVE ATTAINED GRADE E OR ABOVE IN AT LEAST TWO SUBJECTS, ONE OF WHICH MUST BE ENGLISH LANGUAGE (SYLLABUS B), AT THE HKCEE LEVEL= OR GRADE E OR ABOVE IN AT LEAST ONE SUBJECT AND GRADE C OR ABOVE IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE (SYLLABUS A) AT THE HKCEE LEVEL= OR GRADE C OR ABOVE IN AT LEAST TWO +0+ LEVEL SUBJECTS IN GCE, ONE OF WHICH MUST BE ENGLISH LANGUAGE= OR ITS EQUIVALENT.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, LEE GARDENS, 3/F, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG= GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AT 42 GASCOIGNE ROAD, KOWLOON= AND THE COLLEGE ANNEXE AT 9/F, ARGYLE CENTRE, PHASE 1, 688 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

COMPLETED FORMS IN DUPLICATE SHOULD BE SENT EITHER BY REGISTERED POST OR DELIVERED BY MESSENGER TO THE JOINT SELECTION BOARD C/O THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION ANNEXE BY 5 PM ON FEBRUARY 28.

INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

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SEMINAR TO BRING GROUPS TOGETHER  
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SEVERAL SEMINARS WILL BE HELD IN KWAI CHUNG TO IMPROVE RELATIONS BETWEEN AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS INCORPORATIONS.

THE FIRST OF THE SEMINARS, ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE FOR THE KWAI CHUNG CENTRAL DISTRICT, WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) NIGHT IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE 10TH FLOOR OF KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES, KWAI CHUNG.

THE MEETINGS ARE TO ENABLE AREA COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST WITH OFFICIALS OF BUILDING-BASED ORGANISATIONS.

MORE IMPORTANT IS THAT THE MEETINGS WILL HELP ESTABLISH A BETTER COMMUNICATION BETWEEN LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES AND THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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MUCH IN COMMON  
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THE HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB AND THE URBAN COUNCIL HAVE MUCH IN COMMON IN THAT THE CLUB'S MAIN AIM IS TO TRAIN AND PROVIDE QUALIFIED LIFEGUARDS FOR THE COMMUNITY WHILE THE COUNCIL'S LONG-TIME POLICY IS TO ENCOURAGE SWIMMING AS A SPORT AND TO PROMOTE WATER SAFETY, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE CLUB'S WATER SAFETY CAMPAIGN, MR CHEONG-LEEN SAID A TOTAL OF 12 736 SERVICES WERE PERFORMED BY THE HONORARY LIFEGUARDS FROM THE CLUB LAST YEAR WITH 777 SUCCESSFUL RESCUES MADE BY ITS PROFESSIONAL TEAM.

FURTHERMORE, DURING LAST YEAR'S WATER SAFETY CAMPAIGN, THE CLUB MOBILISED ALMOST 600 MEMBERS EVERY SUNDAY TO SERVE THE PUBLIC, ADDED MR CHEONG-LEEN.

+OUR FINE RECORD OF LIFE-SAVING MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN AS IMPRESSIVE AS IT IS TODAY BUT FOR THIS HIGHLY VALUABLE SUPPLEMENTARY SERVICE,+ HE SAID.

+YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE COUNCIL'S LIFEGUARD SERVICE IS MOST WARMLY APPRECIATED AND HIGHLY REGARDED, AND EVERY MEMBER OF YOUR CLUB SHOULD FEEL VERY PROUD OF YOUR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN SUCH A WORTHY CAUSE.+

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### RELIGIOUS RITES AT CREMATORIUM

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THE NEWLY COMPLETED FU SHAN CREMATORIUM WILL BE OPENED ON WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 23).

TO MARK THE OPENING, A RELIGIOUS CEREMONY WAS HELD THIS AFTERNOON (MONDAY) AT THE CREMATORIUM.

TAKING PART IN THE CEREMONY WERE THE REV FUNG CHI-WOOD OF THE HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH OF SHA TIN, THE REV FATHER CARLO TEI OF ST. ALFRED'S CHURCH OF SHA TIN, AND THE REV SHIK CHI-WAI OF PO LIN MONASTERY AT LANTAU.

ATTENDING THE CEREMONY WERE THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR GRAHAM BARNES, AND THE SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT (OPERATIONS) OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR ARTHUR JOHNSON.

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### INTERIM WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM FOR JUNK BAY

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PUMPING STATION AND FOR MAINS LAYING AT EAST KOWLOON TO FACILITATE THE SUPPLY OF WATER TO JUNK BAY.

THE WORKS COMPRISE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PUMPING STATION AT SHUM WAN SHAN NEAR JORDAN VALLEY AND LAYING OF ABOUT 3 650 METRES OF 600 MILLIMETRE DIAMETER DUCTILE IRON PIPES ALONG SAU MAU PING ROAD ACROSS MA YAU TONG.

THESE WILL FORM THE FIRST PORTION OF THE INTERIM WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM FOR THE INITIAL STAGE OF JUNK BAY NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT.

WORK WILL START LATER THIS MONTH AND TAKE 16 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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RESTAURANT OPERATOR WANTED  
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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR OPERATION OF A GENERAL RESTAURANT AT THE YUEN LONG PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL.

LAST SUMMER, 260 000 PERSONS USED THE YUEN LONG PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

THE OFFER IS FOR THREE YEARS STARTING FROM APRIL 1. TENDER FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE NTSD HEADQUARTERS ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF SWIRE AND MACLAINE HOUSE (AUSTIN CENTRE) 19-23 AUSTIN AVENUE, KOWLOON OR THE YUEN LONG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE AT ROOM 201 OF YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND TAI KIU MARKET, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

COMPLETED TENDER FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE NTSD HEADQUARTERS BEFORE 9 AM ON FEBRUARY 15.

FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE YUEN LONG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE OR TELEPHONE 0-753433.

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NORTH POINT TRAFFIC CHANGE  
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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CHANGES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN NORTH POINT FOR ROAD WORK.

THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF KING'S ROAD BETWEEN NORTH POINT ROAD AND TONG SHUI ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 PM ON WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 23) UNTIL 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

DURING THE CLOSURE, BUSES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA NORTH POINT ROAD AND JAVA ROAD.

THE MEASURES WILL BE REPEATED ON MONDAY (JANUARY 28) EVENING.

ALSO IN NORTH POINT, THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF KING'S ROAD BETWEEN SHU KUK STREET AND TIN CHIU STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 PM ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 24) UNTIL 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY. THE CLOSURE WILL BE REPEATED ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 29) EVENING.

DURING THE CLOSURE, BUSES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SHU KUK STREET AND JAVA ROAD.

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PUBLIC TOILET TO BE REBUILT

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AN OLD PUBLIC TOILET, THE EXISTING TOILET BUILDING OCCUPYING A 140-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT LUNG KONG ROAD IN KOWLOON CITY, WILL BE DEMOLISHED TO MAKE WAY FOR A THREE-STOREY NEW TOILET BUILDING.

THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE NEW BUILDING WILL BE A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT, WITH ANCILLARY FACILITIES SUCH AS HANDCART WASHING SPACE, AN OFFICE AND A CUBICLE FOR THE DISABLED.

THE FIRST FLOOR WILL BE THE TOILETS AND A STOREROOM AND THE SECOND FLOOR ARE QUARTERS FOR THE ATTENDANTS.

THE REFUSE COLLECTION POINT WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING ON-STREET REFUSE COLLECTION POINT AT FUK LO CHUEN ROAD.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START NEXT MONTH AND BE COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER.

THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT. THE DEADLINE IS NOON ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8. LATE TENDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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IMPROVING TRAFFIC FLOW

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TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN SHAU KEI WAN FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 23) TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW.

THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF FACTORY STREET BETWEEN TAI TAK STREET AND ALDRICH STREET WILL BE MADE AN URBAN CLEARWAY.

PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING THERE FOR PASSENGERS BETWEEN 7 AM AND MIDNIGHT DAILY, WHILE ALL OTHER VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY.

ALSO IN SHAU KEI WAN, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL TEMPORARILY BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE TEMPORARY ROAD LINKING FACTORY STREET WITH NAM ON LANE NORTH OF NAM ON STREET FOR ABOUT FIVE MONTHS FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 23), BUT THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP THERE FOR PASSENGERS.

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WATER LEAKAGE TESTS IN TWO AREAS  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CAUSEWAY BAY AND MONG KOK WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 24) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

IN CAUSEWAY BAY, THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY GLOUCESTER ROAD, HOUSE NO. 11-19 OF GREAT GEORGE STREET, PATERSON STREET AND VICTORIA PARK ROAD, INCLUDING KINGSTON STREET, HOUSTON STREET AND CLEVELAND STREET.

IN MONG KOK, THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY ARGYLE STREET, SOARES AVENUE, WATERLOO ROAD AND PUI CHING ROAD INCLUDING JULIA AVENUE, EMMA AVENUE, MAN FUK ROAD, MAN WAN ROAD AND HOK YU LANE.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURES  
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 70.5 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 413.478 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 511.510 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 87.3 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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