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FRESH LOOK AT PRODUCT SAFETY LEGISLATION - SIR DAVID

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO SET UP AN INTER-DEPARTMENTAL WORKING COMMITTEE TO LOOK AT THE NEED FOR NEW PRODUCT SAFETY LEGISLATION.

THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID THIS WHEN ADDRESSING THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CONSUMER COUNCIL'S CONSUMER EDUCATION CAMPAIGN TODAY (SATURDAY).

"THIS WORKING COMMITTEE WILL ALSO CONSIDER WHETHER GOODS ON SALE SHOULD BE LEGALLY REQUIRED TO HAVE LABELS OR OTHER MARKS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON SAFETY AND USAGE," SIR DAVID SAID.

"SUCH INFORMATION IS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN THE CONSUMERS' RIGHT TO KNOW."

AT PRESENT, ONLY FOOD AND DRUG PRODUCTS WERE REQUIRED BY LAW TO PROVIDE A MINIMUM AMOUNT OF INFORMATION.

SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOW BE SEEKING THE CONSUMER COUNCIL'S ADVICE ON WHAT OTHER PRODUCT AREAS SHOULD BE COVERED, AND ON WHAT INFORMATION SHOULD BE GIVEN.

TURNING TO THE CONSUMER COUNCIL'S "THE CONSUMERS' RIGHT TO KNOW" CAMPAIGN, SIR DAVID NOTED THAT ITS OBJECTIVE WAS TO MAKE BOTH MANUFACTURERS AND CONSUMERS MORE AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF USING ACCURATE, FACTUAL INFORMATION IN THE PROVISION OF GOODS AND SERVICES.

"CONSUMERS NEED THIS INFORMATION SO THAT WHEN THEY BUY THINGS THEY KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THEY ARE BUYING," HE SAID.

"WHEN DECISIONS TO BUY, OR NOT TO BUY, ARE BASED ON FULL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PRODUCT, THE RESPONSIBLE MANUFACTURER, AND THE MANUFACTURER OF GOOD PRODUCTS, BENEFITS AS MUCH AS THE CONSUMER."

NOTING THAT THE CAMPAIGN WOULD CONCENTRATE ON THE FOUR NECESSITIES OF MODERN LIFE -- FOOD, CLOTHING, TRANSPORT AND SHELTER, SIR DAVID SAID THE AIM WAS TO REACH AS MANY CONSUMERS AS POSSIBLE.

BESIDES TODAY'S EXHIBITION AND THE CELEBRITY SHOW WHICH WOULD FOLLOW, THE CAMPAIGN WOULD INCLUDE ADVERTISING BOTH ON TELEVISION AND IN MTR STATIONS, AS WELL AS A CONSUMER EDUCATION SEMINAR.

"ALTHOUGH THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN IS THE FIRST FORMAL CAMPAIGN ON THIS THEME, IT IS A THEME WHICH THE CONSUMER COUNCIL HAS BEEN EMPHASISING FOR MANY YEARS," SIR DAVID ADDED.

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CALL TO MAXIMISE USE OF HUMAN RESOURCES  
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THE SIGNIFICANCE OF CONTRIBUTION OF SOME PART OF THE LABOUR FORCE IS OFTEN OVERLOOKED, THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR HAROLD KWOK, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

HE SAID MANY WORKERS WERE RESTRICTED FROM EXERTING THEIR UTMOST CAPABILITIES DUE TO THE LACK OF SUFFICIENT GUIDANCE AND PROPER COUNSELLING.

"SOME OF THE RESIDENTS, BEING NEW IMMIGRANTS FROM CHINA, ARE KNOWN TO HAVE ENCOUNTERED SUCH DIFFICULTIES," HE ADDED.

MR KWOK WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE EMPLOYMENT SEMINAR ON "NEW IMMIGRANTS - ADDITIONAL RESOURCES" JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG HARBOUR.

HE TOLD A GATHERING OF ABOUT 80 PARTICIPANTS THAT SOME 27,000 PERSONS HOLDING ONE-WAY EXIT PERMITS CAME FROM CHINA TO SETTLE IN HONG KONG EACH YEAR IN THE PAST TWO YEARS.

THESE IMMIGRANTS WERE FACED WITH THE PROBLEMS OF FINDING JOBS SUITABLE TO THEIR OWN SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS AS WELL AS ADAPTING THEMSELVES TO THE NEW WORKING ENVIRONMENT AND SYSTEM.

LOCAL EMPLOYERS WERE ALSO CONCERNED OVER THE ISSUES OF HOW TO TRAIN AND MAINTAIN A HARMONIOUS RELATIONSHIP WITH THEIR NEW IMMIGRANT WORKERS, AND TO HELP THEM TO ENHANCE THEIR WORK PERFORMANCE, HE SAID.

"IN A WIDER CONTEXT, IF MANAGEMENT CAN APPLY THE THEORIES OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT AND INDUSTRIAL PSYCHOLOGY WITH FLEXIBILITY, IT SHOULD HELP TO REDUCE THE TURNOVER OF EMPLOYEES, RAISE THEIR MORALE, ENHANCE THE CO-OPERATION AND COMMUNICATION BETWEEN EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES," MR KWOK SAID.

THESE WOULD HELP ACHIEVE THE AIM OF MAXIMISING THE USE OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND IMPROVING THE QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY OF THE LABOUR FORCE, HE SAID.

MR KWOK ALSO NOTED THAT THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN HONG KONG CONTINUED TO STAY AT A VERY LOW LEVEL OF 1.9 PER CENT IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF LAST YEAR.

AND FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR, THERE WAS NO INDICATION THAT THE TIGHT LOCAL LABOUR MARKET HAD RELAXED.

HE CALLED ON EMPLOYERS TO MAKE USE OF APPROPRIATE MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES AND SUITABLE EMPLOYMENT COUNSELLING TO ENABLE THE EXISTING LABOUR FORCE TO MAXIMISE ITS WORKING CAPACITY.

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THE SEMINAR WAS AIMED TO ASSIST NEW IMMIGRANTS FROM CHINA TO OVERCOME EMPLOYMENT-RELATED PROBLEMS AND TO ADVISE EMPLOYERS ON THE TECHNIQUES TO BE ADOPTED IN MANAGING AND ESTABLISHING GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THEIR NEW IMMIGRANT EMPLOYEES.

SPEAKERS AT THE SEMINAR INCLUDED THE SUPERVISOR (EMPLOYMENT SERVICE) OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, MS CHUNG LICK LAI; PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER OF KADER INDUSTRIAL CO, LTD., MR PETER CHIU; CO-ORDINATOR OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD ADVICE-ACTION COUNCIL, MR MAK HOI-WAH; LECTURER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, LINGNAN COLLEGE, MR KWOK HONG-KIN; LECTURER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY (INDUSTRIAL PSYCHOLOGY), CHINESE UNIVERSITY, DR LEUNG KWOK; AND SENIOR LECTURER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, DR NG SHEK-HONG.

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#### YOUNG PEOPLE URGED TO SERVE COMMUNITY

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MORE EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO CULTIVATE THE SPIRIT OF SERVING OTHERS AND THE COMMUNITY AMONG OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND TO OPEN MORE AVENUES FOR THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE, LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR MRS ROSANNA TAM SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH WAS SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AND EXHIBITION OF THE 1987-88 HONG KONG BEST AWARD OF THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH SCHEME AT THE NEW WORLD PLAZA, TSIM SHA TSUI.

THE SCHEME, KNOWN AS OYS, IS OPERATED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO INITIATE AND IMPLEMENT INNOVATIVE SERVICE PROJECTS THROUGH GRANTS.

MRS TAM NOTED THAT VOLUNTEER TRAINING AND SERVICE USED TO BE A POPULAR ACTIVITY AT YOUTH CENTRES AS WELL AS AN IMPORTANT CHANNEL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE.

HOWEVER, SIGNIFICANT CHANGES HAD APPEARED IN RECENT YEARS IN THAT THE TRAINING COURSES HAD DRAWN A POOR RESPONSE, WITH THE RESULT THAT SERVICE IMPLEMENTATION WAS AFFECTED BY A LACK OF VOLUNTEERS, SHE SAID.

SHE BELIEVED THAT AMONG YOUTHS STILL AT SCHOOL THE LACK OF INTEREST MIGHT BE DUE TO PRESSURE OF SCHOOL WORK AND EXAMINATIONS WHILE AMONG WORKING YOUTHS IT MIGHT BE A PREFERENCE TO TAKE COURSES THAT WOULD BETTER THEIR WORK SKILLS RATHER THAN TO SERVE OTHERS.

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APART FROM THESE CIRCUMSTANTIAL REASONS, MRS TAM SAID THE SITUATION ALSO REFLECTED A CHANGE IN VALUES AND THE EMERGENCE OF MORE MATERIALISTIC AND INDIVIDUALISTIC SOCIAL TRENDS.

AS TO SOLUTIONS, SHE SUGGESTED THAT FIRSTLY THE MASS MEDIA COULD PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN COUNTERING THE TRENDS BY GIVING MORE REPORTS ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY SERVICE.

"THEY SHOULD POINT OUT THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY SO AS TO FOSTER YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNDERSTANDING AND CONCERN," SHE SAID.

SECONDLY, SHE SAID, IT WAS IMPORTANT TO FURTHER DEVELOP CIVIC EDUCATION.

"THIRDLY, IN OPENING CHANNELS FOR PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY SERVICE, JOINT EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE BY SCHOOLS, FAMILIES AND YOUTH CENTRES," SHE SAID.

"ALL IN ALL, IT REQUIRES THE CO-OPERATION AND EFFORTS OF EVERY SECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY TO ENCOURAGE AND TO ENABLE YOUNG PEOPLE TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY," SHE ADDED, NOTING THAT THE OYS WAS A VERY GOOD EXAMPLE.

EARLIER, IN WELCOMING THE GUESTS AND THE YOUTH GROUPS, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID THAT ALLOCATION FOR THE "OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH SCHEME" WOULD BE INCREASED TO \$420,000 THIS FINANCIAL YEAR IN ORDER TO MEET INCREASED DEMAND.

SHE NOTED THAT MORE THAN 1,200 PROJECTS HAD BEEN IMPLEMENTED BY 38,000 YOUNG PEOPLE, BENEFITTING SOME 1,600,000 PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SCHEME 14 YEARS AGO.

"THESE PROJECTS COVERED MANY AREAS, SUCH AS SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY AND THE POOR, CIVIC EDUCATION, RURAL VISITS AND HELPING THE DISABLED.

"IN OTHER WORDS, THE SCHEME PROVIDES YOUTHS WITH AMPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO ACTUALISE THEIR IDEALS, THUS MAKING THEIR FIRST STEP IN SERVING THE COMMUNITY," SHE SAID.

"I BELIEVE MANY FORMER PARTICIPANTS HAVE NOW BECOME THE MAINSTAY OF OUR COMMUNITY," SHE ADDED.

SHE HOPED THAT THE EXHIBITION WOULD ENABLE THE PUBLIC TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE SCHEME AND, AT THE SAME TIME, ATTRACT MORE YOUNG PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE.

MRS WONG THANKED THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND THE 19 DISTRICT BOARDS FOR SPONSORING THE SECOND ROUND OF THE 1987-88 OYS.

SHE ALSO THANKED MRS TAM AND THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR BOWEN LEUNG, FOR OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY.

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FIRE SERVICES MEET-THE-MEDIA SESSION

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THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR JOHN MARCH, WILL HOLD A MEET-THE-MEDIA SESSION AT THE FIRE SERVICES HEADQUARTERS IN KOWLOON ON MONDAY (APRIL 25).

THERE WILL BE A DEMONSTRATION ON THE USE OF A NEWLY-PURCHASED DISTRESS WARNING SIGNAL UNIT AFTER THE SESSION.

A NEW MOBILE COMMAND UNIT, A NEW DIVING TENDER AND OTHER EQUIPMENT WILL ALSO BE DISPLAYED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE MEET-THE-MEDIA SESSION WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM ON MONDAY (APRIL 25) ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE FIRE SERVICES HEADQUARTERS BUILDING, 1 HONG CHONG ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, KOWLOON. INFORMATION OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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HARMFUL EFFECTS OF PSYCHOTROPIC DRUG ABUSE PUBLICISED

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL KEEP UP ITS EFFORTS IN PUBLICISING THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF ABUSE OF PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES, THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR GARETH MULLOY, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE "COMBAT PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES ABUSE" EXHIBITION, MR MULLOY SAID THIS YEAR'S ANTI-NARCOTICS PUBLICITY ALSO ATTACHED EQUAL IMPORTANCE TO AROUSING PARENTAL AWARENESS AND INVOLVEMENT IN PREVENTING DRUG ABUSE.

THE EXHIBITION, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS AND THE QUEENSWAY JAYCEES, IS HELD AT THE CITYPLAZA (WEST BRIDGE), TAIKOO SHING.

IT FOCUSES ON HONG KONG'S OVERALL ANTI-DRUG POLICIES AND PSYCHOTROPIC DRUG ABUSE AND AIMS TO PASS ON TO THE PUBLIC A PROPER KNOWLEDGE ON THESE DRUGS AND THE ADVERSE EFFECTS CAUSED BY MISUSE OR ABUSE.

MR MULLOY STRESSED THAT ABUSE OF THE DRUGS COULD HAVE UNDESIRABLE AND DANGEROUS EFFECTS ON THE CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM.

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"WHEN SUCH DRUGS TAKE EFFECT, THEY CAN PRODUCE HALLUCINATIONS, BEHAVIOURAL DISORDER AND CAUSE DISTORTIONS OF THE SENSES.

"ALSO, UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, A DRUG ABUSER MAY JEOPARDISE HIS LIFE BY COMMITTING SILLY ACTS," HE ADDED.

THE COMMISSIONER URGED YOUNG PEOPLE NEVER TO GET INVOLVED IN DRUGS AND CALLED UPON PARENTS TO PROVIDE PROPER GUIDANCE FOR THEIR CHILDREN.

THE EXHIBITION IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL MAY 1 (SUNDAY). ALSO ON DISPLAY ARE WINNING ENTRIES OF A RECENTLY-COMPLETED ANTI-NARCOTICS POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION.

A FORUM ON PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES ABUSE WILL BE HELD ON MAY 1 AT THE EXHIBITION VENUE.

SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MRS ROSANNA TAM, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR FREDERICK TONG, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, THE POLICE AND THE HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICE.

OTHER GUESTS ATTENDING THE OPENING CEREMONY TODAY INCLUDED THE ACTING NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, MR KING WONG, AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE QUEENSWAY JAYCEES, MR DAVIS KWONG.

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ENTRIES INVITED FOR WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY SONG CONTEST

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ENTRIES TO A POPULAR SONG CONTEST ORGANISED TO CELEBRATE THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 1988 (WED) IN HONG KONG SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY APRIL 30.

THE REMINDER CAME TODAY (SATURDAY) FROM A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WORKING GROUP SET UP UNDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EPCOM) TO CO-ORDINATE THE VARIOUS WED ACTIVITIES.

ENTRIES SHOULD BE SENT TO EPCOM, C/O HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH, ROOM 708, MAIN WING, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

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THE SPOKESMAN SAID CONTESTANTS FOR THE POPULAR SONG CONTEST WOULD BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT AN ORIGINAL COMPOSITION WITH LYRICS IN CHINESE OR ENGLISH OR BOTH TO PUT ACROSS THE CENTRAL THEME OF WED OF PROMOTING ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AMONG THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

EACH SONG SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN A DEMONSTRATION CASSETTE TAPE AND ACCOMPANIED BY THREE COPIES OF SHEET MUSIC AND LYRICS.

ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND CAN ALSO BE OBTAINED BY CALLING 5-8102650.

"THE WINNER OF THE SONG CONTEST WILL REPRESENT HONG KONG IN AN INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL IN BANGKOK ON JUNE 5 ORGANISED BY THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID ENTRIES WERE ALSO BEING INVITED FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION - ANOTHER MAJOR ACTIVITY IN CELEBRATION OF WED.

CONTESTANTS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT ENTRIES IN PAIRS - ONE PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING "BEAUTIFUL HONG KONG" AND THE OTHER SHOWING "POLLUTED HONG KONG". ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED IN PAIRS.

THE THREE WINNERS OF THE CONTEST WILL RECEIVE A FUJI PHOTOGRAPHIC COUPON OF \$5,000, \$3,000 AND \$1,000 RESPECTIVELY. THERE WILL ALSO BE 10 CONSOLATION PRIZES OF A FUJI GIFT SET EACH.

THE BEST ENTRIES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT AN ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION TO BE HELD BETWEEN JUNE 4 AND 13. THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPENED BY THE GOVERNOR.

ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND AUTHORISED FUJI DEALERS. ENTRIES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BEFORE MAY 15.

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#### MEETING ON TUEN MUN BRIDGE CLOSURE

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THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN WAN, WILL CONVENE A SPECIAL MEETING ON TUESDAY (APRIL 26) TO FURTHER EXPLAIN TO DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO CLOSE CHOY YEE BRIDGE TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.

THE BRIDGE WAS BUILT ACROSS THE TUEN MUN NULLAH LINKING TAI HING ESTATE AND THE INDUSTRIAL AREA WITH THE TOWN PROPER OF TUEN MUN.

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IT SERVED AS AN ALTERNATIVE NULLAH-CROSSING CHANNEL TO THE HEAVILY USED PUI TO ROAD AND A SHORT CUT FOR VEHICULAR TRAFFIC HEADING FROM NORTHWEST TUEN MUN TO THE TOWN CENTRE.

HOWEVER, UNDER THE OUTLINE ZONING PLAN, THE BRIDGE WAS DESIGNATED AS A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ONCE THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT WAS COMPLETED.

WHEN THE PROPOSAL TO CLOSE THE BRIDGE TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC WAS PRESENTED TO THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE IN MID-1985, MEMBERS GENERALLY ENDORSED THE CLOSURE WHILE SOME EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT HEAVY TRAFFIC ON PUI TO ROAD.

ON CLOSURE OF THE BRIDGE LAST YEAR, OBJECTIONS WERE RAISED BY SOME DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS BECAUSE OF THE INCONVENIENCE CAUSED TO COMMUTERS LIVING IN TAI HING ESTATE AND OTHER FACTORS.

AFTER CONSIDERING MEMBERS' VIEWS, THE DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED RE-EXAMINED THE ISSUE AND SUBMITTED A REPORT TO THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR DISCUSSION EARLY THIS YEAR.

THE COMMITTEE MAINTAINED THAT THE EXISTING ROAD CAPACITY SERVING BOTH SIDES OF THE NULLAH WAS ADEQUATE TO COPE WITH THE TRAFFIC GENERATED BY THE INDUSTRIAL AND RESIDENTIAL AREAS AND SHOULD TRAFFIC DEMAND INCREASE IN FUTURE, MEASURES INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTBRIDGE AND ROAD WIDENING WOULD BE ADOPTED TO SOLVE TRAFFIC PROBLEMS.

HOWEVER, AT THE SUBSEQUENT DISTRICT BOARD MEETING THESE MEASURES WERE REJECTED BY SOME MEMBERS.

AT TUESDAY'S MEETING, REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AND THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WILL BE PRESENT TO SPEAK ON THEIR DECISIONS AND TO SEEK VIEWS OF DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 26) IN THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM, THIRD FLOOR, GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, NO. 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN.

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KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

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THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON MONDAY (APRIL 25) TO REVIEW THE TERRITORY-WIDE CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS CONDUCTED LAST MONTH.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO TALK ABOUT AN EXTRAVAGANZA TO LAUNCH THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN IN MAY, AN APPEAL DAY, AND A RADIO MUSICAL PROGRAMME ON THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING WHICH WILL START AT 2.30 PM IN THE NO. 2 COMMITTEE ROOM, FOURTH FLOOR, URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EDINBURGH PLACE, HONG KONG. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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POSITIVE STEPS TO REDEVELOP NORTH MARKET TOWNS

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TAKING POSITIVE STEPS TO CREATE A FAVOURABLE CLIMATE AND PROVIDE THE NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURE WITH A VIEW TO STIMULATING REDEVELOPMENT OF LUEN WO HUI AND SHEK WU HUI, THE TRADITIONAL MARKET TOWNS IN FANLING AND SHEUNG SHUI RESPECTIVELY.

THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG, SAID THIS AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE EIGHTH-TERM OFFICE-BEARERS OF THE SHEK WU CHAMBER OF COMMERCE THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING.

MR CHEUNG SAID THAT FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS WITH THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD, A REVISED DRAFT FANLING/SHEUNG SHUI OUTLINE ZONING PLAN WAS GAZETTED IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR.

"AS DEVELOPMENT OF THE TWO 'HUIS' RELIES ON LOCAL PRIVATE INVESTMENT, THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD CONSIDERS IT UNDESIRABLE TO CONTINUE THE SIX-STOREY HEIGHT RESTRICTION CURRENTLY IMPOSED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE, WHICH WILL STIFLE REDEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES," HE SAID.

"TO ENCOURAGE AMALGAMATION OF SITES FOR BETTER BUILDING FORMS AND MORE ECONOMIC SCALE OF DEVELOPMENT, IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO RELAX THE HEIGHT RESTRICTION OF BUILDINGS IN THE TWO 'HUIS'," HE ADDED.

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FOR SITES OF LESS THAN 340 SQUARE METRES IN AREA, A MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHT OF 20 METRES, WHICH IS ABOUT SIX-STOREYS HIGH, WILL BE ALLOWED.

FOR SITES WITH AN AREA OF 340 SQUARE METRES AND ABOVE, THE BUILDING HEIGHT LIMIT WILL BE EXTENDED TO 81 METRES, WHICH IS ABOUT 25 STOREYS HIGH.

THE 81-METRE HEIGHT LIMIT WAS TO ENSURE SOME CONSISTENCY WITH OTHER HIGH-DENSITY PRIVATE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NEW TOWN ADJOINING THE TWO TOWNS, HE EXPLAINED.

MR CHEUNG SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD ALSO DECIDED TO INTRODUCE A MAXIMUM DOMESTIC PLOT RATIO OF FIVE OR A MAXIMUM NON-DOMESTIC PLOT RATIO OF 9.5 IN THE TWO TOWNS.

THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH THE EXISTING PRACTICE IN RESPECT OF PRIVATE DEVELOPMENTS IN OTHER NEW TOWNS.

TO BRING ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT, HE SAID, SOME MINOR LAND RESUMPTION IN THE TWO TOWNS WAS REQUIRED FOR ROAD WIDENING AND AMENITIES IMPROVEMENT.

NOTING THAT LAND OWNERSHIP IN SHEK WU HUI WAS FRAGMENTED, MR CHEUNG CALLED ON THE SHEK WU CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO TAKE THE LEAD IN ENCOURAGING LANDOWNERS TO TAKE PART IN THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE HUI.

HE PRAISED THE CHAMBER FOR ITS IMPORTANT ROLE IN ACTING AS A COMMUNICATION LINK AMONG SHOPOWNERS IN SHEK WU HUI, PROMOTING COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT, AS WELL AS MAINTAINING CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND VARIOUS LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

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SHA TIN DB HANDLED 642 'MEET THE PUBLIC' CASES LAST TERM  
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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S "MEET THE PUBLIC" SCHEME HAS BEEN WELL ACCEPTED BY RESIDENTS AS A CHANNEL FOR EXPRESSING THEIR VIEWS ON GOVERNMENT PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT AND FOR SOLVING THEIR PROBLEMS, A SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

"BETWEEN APRIL 1985 AND MARCH 1988, A TOTAL OF 642 CASES WERE HANDLED UNDER THIS SCHEME," HE SAID.

"THE MAJORITY OF THESE WERE RELATED TO HOUSING (26 PER CENT), TRAFFIC (20.3 PER CENT), ENVIRONMENT (14 PER CENT), LAND (9.6 PER CENT) AND PERSONAL PROBLEMS (6.5 PER CENT)."

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"MOST OF THE CASES WERE RESOLVED EITHER DURING THE INTERVIEWS OR THROUGH REFERRALS AND FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE CONCERNED DEPARTMENTS AND ORGANISATIONS."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED IN MARCH 1982 TO PROVIDE MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS TO MEET PEOPLE WORKING OR LIVING IN THE DISTRICT.

"IT PROVIDES AN EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION CHANNEL BETWEEN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC, ENABLING MEMBERS TO OBTAIN THE OPINIONS OF LOCAL PEOPLE ON EXISTING POLICIES THROUGH DIRECT CONTACT AND TO UNDERSTAND THEIR PROBLEMS.

"IT ALSO HELPS TO ENHANCE RESIDENTS' SUPPORT TO THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT APART FROM THE "MEET THE PUBLIC" SESSIONS, THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ALSO HANDLED 399 COMPLAINT CASES THROUGH VARIOUS OTHER CHANNELS.

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#### IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSES FOR TECHNICAL TEACHERS

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ACADEMICALLY QUALIFIED TECHNICAL OR COMMERCIAL TEACHERS EMPLOYED BY THE GOVERNMENT, AIDED OR PRIVATE SCHOOLS OR OTHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS WHO HAVE NOT YET POSSESSED TEACHING QUALIFICATIONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A TWO-YEAR PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE OR A TWO-YEAR PART-TIME EVENING IN-SERVICE COURSE.

SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE COURSES, FOR TECHNICAL TEACHERS, RUN BY THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE, WILL LEAD TO THE AWARD OF A CERTIFICATE ACCORDING "QUALIFIED TEACHER" STATUS TO A PARTICIPANT.

APPLICANTS MUST POSSESS A DIPLOMA OR HIGHER CERTIFICATE OR HIGHER DIPLOMA AWARDED BY A POLYTECHNIC OR A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AND HAVE A MINIMUM OF ONE YEAR EXPERIENCE IN TEACHING TECHNICAL OR COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS.

AN APPLICANT WHO IS OFFERED A PLACE WITH THE IN-SERVICE COURSE SHOULD CONTINUE TO TEACH THROUGHOUT THE COURSE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEACHING REQUIREMENTS OF A MINIMUM OF 25 PERIODS PER CYCLE FOR SCHOOLS OPERATING ON A SIX-DAY WEEK OR A MINIMUM OF 22 PERIODS PER WEEK FOR SCHOOLS OPERATING ON A FIVE-DAY WEEK.

THE COURSES WILL BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR AND NO TUITION FEES WILL BE CHARGED.

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APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE AT 373 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION JOINT SELECTION BOARD C/O THE COLLEGE THROUGH THE SCHOOL HEAD OF THE APPLICANT BEFORE MAY 7 (SATURDAY).

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#### CHILDREN COMPETE IN INTERNATIONAL DRAWING CONTEST

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MORE THAN 1,000 YOUNGSTERS WILL COMPETE IN THE 1988 INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN DRAWING COMPETITION TO BE HELD IN THE URBAN COUNCIL CENTENARY GARDEN, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THEY WILL TACKLE THEMES SUCH AS 'MY MOTHERLAND', 'DAYS THAT I CHERISH' OR 'THE FUTURE WORLD THAT I DREAM OF'.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO THREE SECTIONS: SECTION A FOR THOSE AGED BETWEEN FOUR AND SIX, SECTION B FOR THOSE BETWEEN SEVEN AND NINE, AND SECTION C FOR THOSE BETWEEN 10 AND 13.

CASH COUPONS OF \$1,000, \$700 AND \$500, TOGETHER WITH OTHER PRIZES, WILL BE AWARDED TO THE THREE BEST ENTRIES IN EACH SECTION, WHILE TOYS AND FREE MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS WILL BE AWARDED TO SEVEN OUTSTANDING ENTRIES IN EACH SECTION.

THESE ENTRIES WILL LATER BE EXHIBITED LOCALLY AND IN JAPAN.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY TOMORROW WILL BE THE YAU TSIM ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS MARY CHOW, AND URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR KWAN LIM-HO.

THE CONTEST IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE, URBAN COUNCIL, HARBOUR JAYCEES AND SING TAO LIMITED AND SPONSORED BY THE TSIM SHA TSUI EAST PROPERTY DEVELOPERS ASSOCIATION.

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#### NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE 1988 INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN DRAWING COMPETITION WHICH STARTS AT 9 AM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE UC CENTENARY GARDEN, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

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WATER CUTS IN THREE AREAS

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN REPULSE BAY WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 PM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 26) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES IN CHUNG HOM KOK ROAD, CHING SAU LANE, CAPE DRIVE, CAPE ROAD, HORIZON DRIVE, BEACH ROAD, SOUTH BAY ROAD, SOUTH BAY CLOSE, HEADLAND ROAD AND BETWEEN HOUSE NO. 111, REPULSE BAY ROAD AND CHUNG HOM KOK ROAD.

IN ADDITION, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TUEN MUN WILL BE CUT OFF FROM 10 PM ON TUESDAY TO 8 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE AREA AFFECTED COVERS TSING CHUNG KOON ROAD, CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL, CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL NURSES AND STAFF QUARTERS, KONG SHAN TSUEN, SIU HANG TSUEN, PO TONG HA TSUEN AND CASTLE PEAK AGRICULTURAL CENTRE.

IN KWUN TONG, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 27) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE PREMISES AFFECTED WILL BE BLOCKS NO. 15 TO 24, LAM TIN ESTATE, INCLUDING ST PAUL'S SCHOOL AND SING YIN SECONDARY SCHOOL.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF WATERLOO ROAD

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TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS WATERLOO ROAD AT DURHAM ROAD IN KOWLOON TONG, WATERLOO ROAD NORTHBOUND BETWEEN LANCASHIRE ROAD AND DURHAM ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICLES EXCEPT FOR LOCAL ACCESS FROM 1 AM TO 5.30 AM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 26).

VEHICLES IN CENTRAL KOWLOON HEADING FOR SHA TIN WILL HAVE TO USE WATERLOO ROAD, ESSEX CRESCENT, CUMBERLAND ROAD, RUTLAND QUADRANT, WATERLOO ROAD AND LION ROCK TUNNEL, OR TRAVEL ALONG TAI PO ROAD, LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND LION ROCK TUNNEL.

AT THE SAME TIME, WATERLOO ROAD SOUTHBOUND BETWEEN HEREFORD ROAD AND DURHAM ROAD WILL ALSO BE CLOSED EXCEPT FOR LOCAL ACCESS.

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VEHICLES FROM LION ROCK TUNNEL HEADING FOR CENTRAL KOWLOON MAY USE WATERLOO ROAD, HEREFORD ROAD, LA SALLE ROAD, LANCASHIRE ROAD AND WATERLOO ROAD, OR DIVERT VIA LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND TAI PO ROAD.

IN ADDITION, DURHAM ROAD WILL BE CONVERTED INTO A CUL-DE-SAC AT ITS JUNCTION WITH WATERLOO ROAD. THE LEFT-TURNING MOVEMENTS FROM CAMBRIDGE ROAD ON TO HEREFORD ROAD WESTBOUND AND THE RIGHT-TURNING MOVEMENTS FROM RUTLAND QUADRANT ON TO WATERLOO ROAD SOUTHBOUND WILL BE BANNED.

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NEW SECTION FARE FOR GMB ROUTE 71

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FROM MONDAY, APRIL 25, A NEW SECTION FARE WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR NEW TERRITORIES GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE NO. 71 PLYING BETWEEN YUEN LONG AND HO PUI TSUEN IN SHEK WU TONG, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE NEW SECTION FARE IS FOR JOURNEYS BETWEEN YUEN LONG AND CHEUNG PO TSUEN IN SHEK WU TONG.

PASSENGERS TRAVELLING FROM YUEN LONG, KAM TIN AND TIN SUM TSUEN IN SHEK WU TONG TO CHEUNG PO TSUEN WILL BE CHARGED A FARE OF \$2.5, \$2, AND \$1.5 RESPECTIVELY.

THE REVISION WILL ENABLE VILLAGERS OF CHEUNG PO TSUEN TO ENJOY A LOWER FARE ON JOURNEYS TO AND FROM YUEN LONG.

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RESTRICTED ZONES IN SHAU KEI WAN

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TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN SHAU KEI WAN WILL BE DESIGNATED AS RESTRICTED ZONES FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 26).

SHAU KEI WAN ROAD WESTBOUND FROM A POINT ABOUT 47 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH NAM HONG STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 48 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED AS A 24-HOUR DAILY RESTRICTED ZONE.

MEANWHILE, NAM ON STREET WESTBOUND BETWEEN ALDRICH BAY ROAD AND NAM HONG STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED AS A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY RESTRICTED ZONE.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURES IN SHA TIN

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THE FAST LANE OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD NORTHBOUND BETWEEN THE TUNNEL TOLL PLAZA AND HUNG MUI KUK INTERCHANGE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 0.01 AM AND 6 AM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 26).

DURING THE SAME PERIOD ON FRIDAY (APRIL 29), THE SLOW LANE OF THE SAME SECTION OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD NORTHBOUND WILL BE CLOSED.

THE TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURES ARE REQUIRED TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORK.

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