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DECLARATION OF SYNAGOGUE AS MONUMENT WITHDRAWN

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THE ANTIQUITIES AUTHORITY DECIDED ON DECEMBER 24 TO WITHDRAW THE DECLARATION OF THE OHEL LEAH SYNAGOGUE AT ROBINSON ROAD AS A PROPOSED MONUMENT.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (MONDAY), THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, MR GUS CHUI, SAID THE DECISION WAS MADE ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE INCORPORATED TRUSTEES OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN HONG KONG AND DEVELOPERS OF THE SITE HAD UNDERTAKEN TO RECONSTRUCT THE SYNAGOGUE TO ITS AUTHENTIC DESIGN AND DIMENSIONS, PRESERVING THE ARTIFACTS AND USING AS MUCH OF THE ORIGINAL MATERIAL AS POSSIBLE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRESERVATION OBJECTIVES.

MR CHUI ADDED THAT THE ANTIQUITIES AUTHORITY, WHO IS THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, HAD DECIDED TO WITHDRAW THE DECLARATION AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF THE FACTS AND ARGUMENTS PRESENTED AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE FOLLOWING FACTOR:

- \* THE RELATIVE HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SYNAGOGUE;
- \* THE NEED TO PRESERVE A SYMBOL OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN HONG KONG;
- \* THE STABILITY AND FUNCTIONAL ADEQUACY OF THE EXISTING BUILDING;
- \* THE WISHES AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY ITSELF;
- \* THE RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF RE-DEVELOPMENT OF THE SITE;
- \* THE POTENTIAL GEOTECHNICAL DANGERS AND MAINTENANCE COSTS; AND
- \* THE GOVERNMENT'S LIABILITY FOR COMPENSATION FROM THE PUBLIC PURSE.

THE OHEL LEAH SYNAGOGUE, LOCATED AT 70 ROBINSON ROAD, WAS BUILT IN 1902 ON LAND DONATED BY THE LATE SIR JACOB SASSOON.

THE ONLY JEWISH SYNAGOGUE IN HONG KONG, IT SYMBOLISES THE PRESENCE OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY AND IS THE LAST TANGIBLE REMINDER OF THE 19TH CENTURY SINO-JUDAIO TRADE CONNECTIONS.

THE SITE ON WHICH THE SYNAGOGUE STANDS IS HELD UNDER AN UNRESTRICTED LEASE OF 999 YEARS FROM 1859; AND THE TITLE IS VESTED IN THE INCORPORATED TRUSTEES OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN HONG KONG.

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NO AIDS IN NOVEMBER

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THERE WAS NO NEW AIDS CASE OR CARRIER REPORTED IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST STATISTICS RELEASED BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY).

IN NOVEMBER, 3,335 PEOPLE WERE TESTED BY THE VIRUS UNIT OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE HIV ANTIBODY AND ALL OF THEM SHOWED NEGATIVE RESULT.

UP TO NOW, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE INFECTED BY THE AIDS VIRUS REMAINS AT 106 WITH NINE OF THEM CONFIRMED TO BE AIDS CASES.

OF THE NINE AIDS PATIENTS ONLY ONE IS STILL ALIVE AND UNDER TREATMENT.

SINCE THE DEPARTMENT STARTED ITS SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME ON AIDS TWO YEARS AGO AS ONE OF ITS MEASURES TO CONTAIN THE SPREAD OF THE DISEASE IN HONG KONG, A TOTAL OF 74,062 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TESTED FOR THE AIDS VIRUS.

THE PROGRAMME COVERS HIGH RISK GROUPS INCLUDING HAEMOPHILIACS, INTRAVENOUS DRUG ABUSERS AND SEXUALLY PROMISCUOUS PERSONS.

MEANWHILE, THE HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE ALSO CARRIED OUT TEST FOR THE AIDS ANTIBODY ON 13,621 BLOOD DONORS IN NOVEMBER, AND NONE OF THEM WAS POSITIVE.

THE RED CROSS HAS STARTED A MASS SCREENING PROGRAMME ON ALL DONATED BLOOD SINCE AUGUST 1985 AND UP TO LAST MONTH, 337,897 UNITS OF BLOOD WERE TESTED WITH FIVE SHOWING POSITIVE RESULT.

APART FROM THE AIDS SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME, THE GOVERNMENT HAS SINCE APRIL THIS YEAR INTENSIFIED ITS EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN ON AIDS TO CURB THE SPREAD OF THE DISEASE IN HONG KONG.

BEGINNING THIS WEEK, A NEW API (ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST) FOR HIGH RISK GROUPS IS BEING SHOWN ON ALL TELEVISION STATIONS AS PART OF THE NEW PUBLICITY PACKAGE FOR THE CAMPAIGN.

THE MESSAGE OF THE SHORT FILM IS "AVOID CASUAL SEX".

IN THE MEANTIME, A PARENT'S GUIDEBOOK ON AIDS IS BEING PRODUCED FOR DISTRIBUTION THROUGH SCHOOLS, WELFARE AGENCIES AND DISTRICT OFFICES.

A PICTURE BOOK WILL ALSO BE PUBLISHED TO EDUCATE THE LESS LITERATE PEOPLE ON THE PREVENTION OF THE DISEASE.

FOR THE MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, A SYMPOSIUM ON AIDS WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 31 AT THE SHERATON HOTEL.

THE SYMPOSIUM, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND HELD IN HONG KONG, WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO, IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

TWO WELL-KNOWN WORLD AUTHORITIES ON AIDS - DR JAY LEVY AND DR PAUL VOLBERDING - WILL BE THE MAIN SPEAKERS AT THE SYMPOSIUM.

THE EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL DOCTORS AT A FEE OF \$100. THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED SHOULD CONTACT THE TRAINING SECTION OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, EIGHTH FLOOR, SUNNING PLAZA, HYSAN AVENUE OR CALL TELEPHONE NUMBER 5-8900534.

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/AIDS Virus .....

愛滋病抗體檢驗

AIDS Virus (HIV) Antibody Testing

Medical & Health Department

醫務衛生署病毒組

Virus Unit

	April 85 - Oct 87		Nov 87		Total	
	No. tested 檢驗次數	No. +ve 陽性次數	No. tested	No. +ve	No. tested	No. +ve
經由政府醫院及診所介紹 Referrals from Govt. hospitals and clinics	3 707	22	364	0	4 071	22
經由私家醫生及輔助醫院介紹 Referrals from private practitioners and subvented hospitals	1 376	24	45	0	1 421	24
到社會衛生科求診人次 Attendances at social hygiene clinics	63 290	9	2 836	0	66 126	9
血友病患者 Haemophiliacs	268	51	8	0	276*	51
濫用注射藥物者 IV. drug abusers	1 596	0	61	0	1 657	0
經由家庭計劃指導會介紹 Referrals from Family Planning Association	116	0	1	0	117	0
健康護理人員 Health care personnel	374	0	20	0	394	0
<b>Total 總數</b>	<b>70 727</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>3 335</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>74 062</b>	<b>106</b>

\* This indicates the number of specimens and not persons as tests are repeated for certain individuals.

此乃血液樣本數目，並非人數，因某些個別人士之檢驗及重複

	April 85 - Oct 87		Nov 87		Total	
	No. tested	No. +ve	No. tested	No. +ve	No. tested	No. +ve
香港紅十字會輸血服務 Hong Kong Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service	324 276	5	13 621	0	337 897	5

愛滋病呈陽性反應監察報告  
 之受感染病人分析

MED Report on HIV Surveillance  
 Analysis of HIV Infected Persons

	Apr 85 - Oct 87	Nov 87	Total
1. Source of referral 轉介來源			
Government hospitals/clinics 政府醫院/診所	22	0	22
Private practitioners 私家醫生	24	0	24
Attendance at social hygiene clinics 社會衛生	9	0	9
Haemophiliacs 血友病患者	51	0	51
	生科求診人次		
	106	0	106
2. Nationality 國籍			
Chinese 中國	76	0	76
Non-Chinese 非中國	30	0	30
	106	0	106
3. Sex 性別			
Male 男	103	0	103
Female 女	3	0	3
	106	0	106
4. Age 年齡			
Adult 成人	83	0	83
Children 兒童	23	0	23
	106	0	106
5. Risk factor 感染因素			
Homosexual/Bisexual 同性戀/雙性戀者	37	0	37
Heterosexual 性濫交者	6	0	6
Transfusion 需要輸血人士	3	0	3
Haemophiliac 血友病患者	51	0	51
Unknown 不詳	9	0	9
	106	0	106

本港愛滋病患者分析  
Analysis of AIDS cases in Hong Kong

	as of <u>24.11.87</u>	as of <u>29.11.87</u>
1. Total no. of cases 個案總數	9	9
2. Total no. of deaths 總死之人數	7	8
3. Risk factor 感染因素		
sexually acquired 性接觸	7	7
unknown 不詳	2	2
	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>
4. Sex 性別		
male 男	8	8
female 女	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	9	9
5. Age 年齡		
adult 成年人	9	9
6. Nationality 國籍		
Chinese 中國	4	4
Non-Chinese 非中國	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
	9	9

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HARMONISED SYSTEM TAKES EFFECT FROM JANUARY 1

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THE NEW HONG KONG IMPORTS AND EXPORTS CLASSIFICATION LIST (HARMONISED SYSTEM) WILL TAKE EFFECT AS FROM JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR IN SYNCHRONISATION WITH MOST OF HONG KONG'S MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS.

IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE LAST THURSDAY (DECEMBER 24), IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS WERE REMINDED THAT DECLARATIONS FOR SHIPMENTS MADE ON OR AFTER THAT DATE MUST BE COMPLETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEW CLASSIFICATION.

THE HARMONISED SYSTEM (HS) HAS BEEN DESIGNED BY THE CUSTOMS COOPERATION COUNCIL (CCC) TO SERVE AS A MULTI-PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION SUITABLE FOR USE BY CUSTOMS AND STATISTICAL AUTHORITIES, CARRIERS AS WELL AS THOSE CONCERNED WITH INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

IT HARMONISES THE WIDELY ADOPTED CCC NOMENCLATURE, THE STANDARD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION (SITC) AND OTHER MAJOR NOMENCLATURES CURRENTLY IN USE FOR CUSTOMS TARIFFS, TRADE STATISTICS COMPILATION AND TRANSPORTATION PURPOSES.

THE WORLD-WIDE ADOPTION OF THE HS WILL REDUCE THE COST INVOLVED IN RE-CLASSIFYING AND RE-DESCRIBING GOODS UNDER VARIOUS CLASSIFICATIONS WHEN THEY ARE TRANSPORTED FROM ONE COUNTRY TO ANOTHER, AND WILL FACILITATE INTERNATIONAL TRADE STATISTICS COMPARISON AND TRADE NEGOTIATION AMONG COUNTRIES USING THE SYSTEM.

AN HS HANDBOOK AND THE NEW CLASSIFICATION LIST ARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT COLLECTION OFFICES, AND CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SECTION.

A NUMBER OF SEMINARS HAVE ALSO BEEN ORGANISED TO HELP IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS TO UNDERSTAND THE HS AND THE USE OF THE PUBLICATIONS.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING COMMODITY DESCRIPTION MAY BE OBTAINED BY PHONE ON 5-8235085.

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GOVERNOR TO VISIT TSUEN WAN

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, AND LADY WILSON WILL VISIT TSUEN WAN ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 30) AFTERNOON TO SEE THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS OF THE NEW TOWN.

THEY WILL ARRIVE IN TSUEN WAN BY HELICOPTER AT 2.30 PM. THE GOVERNOR WILL FIRST TAKE A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE DISTRICT FROM THE ROOFTOP OF A BUILDING IN THE TOWN CENTRE AND BE BRIEFED ON VARIOUS DEVELOPMENTS.

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THE VISIT WILL COVER THE SAM TUNG UK RESITE VILLAGE, YAN CHAI HOSPITAL, AND THE WORK PROGRESS OF ROUTE 5.

THEY WILL ALSO VISIT THE FOUR SEASONS BUILDING, WHICH HAS BEEN MANAGED BY THE HOUSING SOCIETY SINCE 1959, AND BE BRIEFED ON THE URBAN RENEWAL PROGRAMME IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEMOLITION OF THE BUILDING SHORTLY.

THE LAST STOP OF THE VISIT WILL BE THE NEWLY-OPENED SAM TUNG UK FOLK MUSEUM WHERE THEY WILL ATTEND A TEA RECEPTION AND MEET LOCAL PERSONALITIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO TSUEN WAN ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 30).

GOVERNMENT VANS TAKING MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO TSUEN WAN WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER IN TSIM SHA TSUI AT 1.15 PM. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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REMINDER FOR MEN BORN IN 1961-62

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) REMINDED MEN BORN IN 1961 AND 1962 TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS BEFORE JANUARY 17 NEXT YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID: "THERE ARE ONLY THREE MORE WEEKS FOR THIS GROUP OF MEN TO RENEW THEIR CARDS BEFORE THIS PHASE CLOSES ON JANUARY 16."

"TO AVOID THE LAST-MINUTE RUSH, MEN OF THIS AGE GROUP WHO HAVE NOT YET APPLIED FOR A NEW IDENTITY CARD SHOULD COME FORWARD WITHOUT DELAY," HE SAID.

"FAILURE TO APPLY FOR A NEW IDENTITY CARD WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD IS AN OFFENCE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$3,000."

APPLICANTS CAN GO TO ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES TO RENEW THEIR IDENTITY CARDS.

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THEY MAY MAKE USE OF THE PHONE-IN SERVICE TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING THE OFFICE OF THEIR CHOICE.

THE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE:

HONG KONG: BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI.  
TEL. NO.: 5-747070

EAST KOWLOON: AMOY GARDEN PLAZA, SECOND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU  
KOK ROAD.  
TEL. NO.: 3-7553679

WEST KOWLOON: CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR,  
393 CANTON ROAD, YAU MA TEI.  
TEL. NO.: 3-7232424

TSUEN WAN: EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR,  
29-37 TSUEN FU STREET.  
TEL. NO.: 0-4981259

SHA TIN: SHA TIN CENTRE, PODIUM FLOOR, 2-16 WANG POK  
STREET.  
TEL. NO.: 0-6059108

YUEN LONG: HOP YICK CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK  
ROAD.  
TEL. NO.: 0-793291

TUEN MUN: CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, CHI  
LOK FA YUEN.  
TEL. NO.: 0-4580862

SHEUNG SHUI: TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR, 82-84 SAN FUNG  
AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI.  
TEL. NO.: 0-927155

THESE OFFICES ARE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM DAILY, EXCEPT ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

"AS THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE LIKELY TO BE VERY CROWDED IN THE EVENINGS, APPLICANTS ARE ADVISED TO GO IN THE MORNINGS AND THE AFTERNOONS TO AVOID THE QUEUES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE REITERATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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FUND APPLICATIONS ON COMMITTEE AGENDA

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THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WILL CONSIDER A NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS TO ORGANISE ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT AT A MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE THE PRODUCTION OF PAMPHLETS ON CIVIC EDUCATION, A VISIT TO THE HOUSING UNITS FOR THE ELDERLY IN WAN CHAI, A SEMINAR FOR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, A BUILDING MANAGEMENT CAMP, AND A "CARE FOR THE OLD" DAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT 4 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE, EIGHTH FLOOR, TUNG WAH MANSION, WAN CHAI.

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COMMITTEE TO REVIEW PEDESTRIAN BLACK SPOTS

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THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO STUDY THE "1986 ACTION PROGRAMME REVIEW ON PEDESTRIAN PROBLEM SPOTS" IN THE DISTRICT.

MEMBERS WILL BE INFORMED OF THE VARIOUS REMEDIAL MEASURES RECOMMENDED AND WORKS IN PROGRESS FOR IMPROVING PEDESTRIAN SAFETY.

AT THE MEETING, A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE WILL REQUEST THE AUTHORITIES TO CONSIDER CONSTRUCTING A FERRY PIER IN TIN SHUI WAI.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT 10 AM IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, 13TH FLOOR, TAI KIU GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

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NEW EDITION OF "NAMES OF BUILDINGS" ON SALE  
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THE NEW EDITION OF THE "NAMES OF BUILDINGS" COMPILED BY THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT IS NOW ON SALE AT \$75 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE.

THE BOOK CONTAINS A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF BUILDING NAMES WITH THE OFFICIAL ADDRESSES AND, WHERE APPROPRIATE, THE CHINESE VERSION OF THE NAMES.

IT IS DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS WITH AN INDEX OF CHINESE NAMES PRECEDING EACH PART. PART ONE COMPRISES BUILDING NAMES IN HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND NEW KOWLOON AND PART TWO THOSE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES INCLUDING THE OUTLYING ISLANDS.

"THE NUMBER OF BUILDING NAMES RECORDED HAS NOW REACHED NEARLY 9,900 AND THE BOOK SHOULD CONTINUE TO PROVE POPULAR NOT ONLY WITH GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS BUT ALSO WITH CERTAIN BUSINESSES IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

HE ADDED THAT WHILE THERE WAS NO LEGISLATION CONTROLLING THE USE OF BUILDING NAMES, THE BOOK SHOULD ASSIST AN OWNER OR DEVELOPER TO AVOID DUPLICATION WHEN CHOOSING A NAME FOR HIS BUILDING.

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24TH SCHOOLS DANCE FESTIVAL  
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THE 24TH SCHOOLS DANCE FESTIVAL, PRESENTED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, WILL BE HELD FROM JANUARY 5 TO 18.

A TOTAL OF 3,861 PUPILS FROM 253 SCHOOLS HAVE ENTERED FOR THE FESTIVAL.

AMONG THE 378 TEAMS ENTERED, 160 ARE FROM SECONDARY SCHOOLS, 201 FROM PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND 17 FROM SPECIAL SCHOOLS.

FOUR DANCE ITEMS ARE INCLUDED IN THE FESTIVAL. THEY ARE WESTERN FOLK DANCE, CHINESE DANCE, ORIENTAL DANCE AND CREATIVE DANCE.

THE OVERALL CHALLENGE AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED TO SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS WHICH HAVE ATTAINED THE HIGHEST AGGREGATE SCORE IN THE FESTIVAL.

SCHOOLS WINNING THE HONOURS OR HIGHLY COMMENDED AWARDS IN THE FESTIVAL WILL BE INVITED TO PERFORM AT THE WINNERS PERFORMANCES AND PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT SHA TIN TOWN HALL FROM APRIL 1 TO 3, AT TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL ON APRIL 8 AND AT CITY HALL CONCERT HALL FROM APRIL 12 TO 17.

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WORK ON KWAI CHUNG ROAD FLYOVERS STARTS

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WORK ON CONSTRUCTION OF A TWO-LANE FLYOVER ALONG KWAI CHUNG ROAD OVER THE KWAI ON ROAD AND KWAI FOO ROAD JUNCTIONS STARTED TODAY (MONDAY) FOLLOWING THE AWARD OF A \$110 MILLION CONTRACT BY THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE PROJECT ALSO INCLUDES THE WIDENING OF KWAI CHUNG ROAD AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EXISTING FOOTBRIDGES CROSSING KWAI CHUNG ROAD AT KWAI FONG ESTATE AND KWAI HING MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATION.

TO FURTHER IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IN THE AREA, A NEW FOOTBRIDGE WILL BE BUILT AT THE JUNCTION OF HING FONG AND KWAI ON ROADS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THESE IMPROVEMENTS WERE TO EASE TRAFFIC FLOW ALONG KWAI CHUNG ROAD AND TO PROMOTE SAFETY FOR ROAD USERS AND PEDESTRIANS ALIKE.

ALSO INCLUDED IS THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITIONAL BOX CULVERT TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF THE KWAI CHUNG NULLAH RUNNING UNDER KWAI CHUNG ROAD.

THE PROJECT WILL TAKE ABOUT 42 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: "DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD, ALL POSSIBLE MEASURES WILL BE INTRODUCED TO MINIMISE THE INCONVENIENCE TO ROAD USERS AND A MINIMUM OF TWO LANES ON KWAI CHUNG ROAD WILL BE MAINTAINED IN EACH DIRECTION."

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KENNEDY TOWN RESTRICTED ZONE LIFTED

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THE EXISTING 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY RESTRICTED ZONE ON SAI CHEUNG STREET IN KENNEDY TOWN WILL BE LIFTED FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 31).

THE RESTRICTED ZONE IS ON THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF SAI CHEUNG STREET FROM A POINT ABOUT 15 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH BELCHER'S STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 40 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

MEANWHILE, THE METERED PARKING SPACES ON SAI CHEUNG STREET WILL BE REINSTATED.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 60.3 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 353.416 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 353.355 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 60.3 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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