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POORER TO BENEFIT MOST FROM LEGAL AID PROPOSALS  
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POORER PEOPLE WILL BENEFIT MOST FROM PROPOSALS BEFORE THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO INCREASE THE THRESHOLD POINT AT WHICH CONTRIBUTIONS BECOME PAYABLE FROM DISPOSABLE INCOME FOR LEGAL AID.

AT TOMORROW'S MEETING, THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL BE ASKED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO RAISE THE THRESHOLD AT WHICH AN AIDED PERSON BECOMES LIABLE TO PAY A CONTRIBUTION, FROM THE EXISTING \$750 TO \$1 100.

WHILE THE PROPOSAL WOULD RESULT IN REDUCED REVENUE FROM CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM POORER APPLICANTS, IT WOULD BRING INCREASED REVENUE FROM CONTRIBUTIONS PAYABLE BY THOSE LEGALLY AIDED PERSONS IN THE HIGHER DISPOSABLE INCOME GROUP.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FULL YEAR IN THIS AREA ARE EXPECTED TO INCREASE BY ABOUT \$2.12 MILLION FROM THE CURRENT LEVEL OF ABOUT \$1.5 MILLION, TO ABOUT \$3.62 MILLION.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO RAISE THE MEANS TEST LIMIT FOR FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY FOR LEGAL AID FROM THE PRESENT \$1 500 A MONTH TO \$2 200 A MONTH.

THIS PROPOSAL IS ESTIMATED TO INCUR ADDITIONAL RECURRENT SPENDING OF ABOUT \$3.6 MILLION A YEAR, BUT THE FIGURE IS EXPECTED TO BE OFFSET BY THE \$2.12 MILLION FROM INCREASED CONTRIBUTIONS.

BENEFITING MOST FROM THE PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE ELIGIBILITY LIMIT WILL BE PEOPLE SEEKING LEGAL AID IN CIVIL CASES.

THERE WILL LIKELY BE AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 13 PER CENT IN THE NUMBER OF CIVIL CASES ELIGIBLE FOR LEGAL AID -- FROM 4 934 TO 5 558 -- COSTING ABOUT \$3.03 MILLION, WITH ADDITIONAL STAFFING COSTS OF ABOUT \$576 000, A YEAR.

ON THE OTHER HAND, SPENDING ON LEGAL AID IN CRIMINAL CASES IS NOT LIKELY TO INCREASE MUCH BECAUSE, AT PRESENT, ONLY ABOUT ONE PER CENT OF APPLICANTS FAIL TO MEET THE EXISTING MEANS TEST.

THE PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE ELIGIBILITY LIMIT TO \$2 200 A MONTH IS AN INTERIM MEASURE TO REFLECT CHANGES IN THE COST OF LIVING, PENDING RECOMMENDATIONS EXPECTED EARLY THIS YEAR BY A WORKING PARTY, CHAIRED BY THE DEPUTY CHIEF SECRETARY, WHICH IS LOOKING INTO THE WIDER ASPECTS OF LEGAL AID.

THE LIMITS OF FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY FOR LEGAL AID HAVE RISEN PERIODICALLY SINCE THE ENACTMENT OF THE LEGAL AID ORDINANCE IN 1966 FROM AN ORIGINAL LIMIT OF A DISPOSABLE MONTHLY INCOME OF \$500 A MONTH, AND A DISPOSABLE CAPITAL OF \$3 000.

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IF APPROVED, THE PROPOSALS WILL COME INTO EFFECT NEXT MONTH.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO APPROVE AN ALLOCATION OF \$1 646 280 000 FOR THE CAPITAL WORKS RESERVE FUND FOR THE YEAR 1986-87, AS WELL AS A SUM OF \$23 MILLION MORE FOR INVESTIGATIONS INTO COMMERCIAL CRIMES.

THE MONEY FOR THE CAPITAL WORKS RESERVE FUND WILL BE FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS, INCLUDING LAND ACQUISITION, AND BUILDING, ENGINEERING, NEW TOWN, AND WATER WORKS.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOTH THE ESTABLISHMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS SUB COMMITTEES.

AND IT WILL ALSO RECONSIDER THE POST OFFICE'S EARLIER REQUEST FOR A LUMP SUM OF \$128.33 MILLION AND A RECURRENT SUM OF \$5.72 MILLION FOR THE SETTING UP OF A MECHANISED LETTER SORTING MACHINE.

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PEKING TALKS ON GATT, INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS  
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EXPERT TALKS ON HONG KONG'S FUTURE STATUS IN GATT AND THE CONTINUED APPLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE IN PEKING BETWEEN JANUARY 8 AND 11 FOLLOWING THE AGREEMENT IN THE SECOND MEETING OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP TO CONTINUE TO WORK ON THESE TWO SUBJECTS.

THE BRITISH TEAM OF EXPERTS ON GATT WILL BE LED BY MR ERIC HO, SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, AND OTHER MEMBERS WILL BE MR F. BURROWS, LAW OFFICER (SPECIAL DUTIES), MRS L.K.Y. WEI, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF TRADE (MULTILATERAL), MR R.C. WILSON, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (GENERAL DUTIES), MR A. TO, SENIOR CROWN COUNSEL, LEGAL DEPARTMENT AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE PEKING EMBASSY.

THE TEAM FOR TALKS ON INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS WILL BE LED BY MR F. BURROWS, AND OTHER MEMBERS WILL BE MR A. TO, MR R.C. WILSON AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE PEKING EMBASSY.

THE TEAMS WILL BE SUPPORTED BY TWO INTERPRETERS, MR Y.P. CHENG AND MRS S.Y.S. CHIU.

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BIG INCREASE IN INSOLVENCIES BEING HANDLED  
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A TOTAL OF 2 343 INSOLVENCIES WAS BEING HANDLED BY THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER'S OFFICE AT THE END OF THE YEAR, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

THESE INVOLVED 1 403 COMPANY LIQUIDATIONS AND 940 PERSONAL BANKRUPTCIES, SHOWING AN INCREASE OF 34 PER CENT OVER FIGURES AT THE END OF 1984, WHEN THERE WERE 1 746 INSOLVENCIES - 1 128 COMPANY LIQUIDATIONS AND 618 PERSONAL BANKRUPTCIES.

DURING 1985 THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER WAS APPOINTED LIQUIDATOR IN 325 NEW COMPANY LIQUIDATIONS AND TRUSTEE IN 374 NEW PERSONAL BANKRUPTCIES.

THIS REPRESENTED A COMBINED INCREASE OF 39.2 PER CENT IN THE NUMBER OF NEW INSOLVENCIES OVER 1984, WHICH SAW 315 NEW COMPANY LIQUIDATIONS AND 187 NEW PERSONAL BANKRUPTCIES.

BY COMPARISON THERE WAS A 20.4 PER CENT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF NEW INSOLVENCIES IN 1984 OVER 1983.

IT COULD BE SEEN, THEREFORE, THAT THE RATE OF NEW INSOLVENCIES WAS STILL INCREASING, THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, MR NOEL GLEESON, SAID.

EVENTS OF A FEW YEARS AGO WERE STILL WORKING THEIR WAY THROUGH THE ECONOMY AND THE LEGAL AND JUDICIAL SYSTEM, HE ADDED.

MR GLEESON NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE RATE OF INCREASE WAS FALLING NOTICEABLY TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR AND SAID HE WAS HOPEFUL THAT THIS TREND WOULD CONTINUE INTO 1986.

FUNDS HELD BY THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER AT THE END OF THE YEAR TOTALLED \$1 256 MILLION, AN INCREASE OF OVER 27 PER CENT AS AGAINST \$990 MILLION AT THE END OF 1984.

TOTAL DIVIDENDS PAID BY THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER DURING 1985 AMOUNTED TO \$41.8 MILLION IN 190 INSOLVENCIES, AS AGAINST \$15.7 MILLION IN 144 INSOLVENCIES IN 1984.

NOTABLE COMPANY LIQUIDATIONS DURING 1985 INCLUDED THE TIME PROCESSOR HOLDING LIMITED, THE CMF GROUP OF COMPANIES, PIONEER INTERNATIONAL BUYING AGENCIES (HK) LIMITED, DOMINICAN FINANCE LIMITED, THE H.K. CITY PARK RESTAURANT LIMITED, COB FINANCE LIMITED, GOLD MINE FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED AND ATLAS ELECTRONICS MANUFACTURING LIMITED.

AT THE END OF THE YEAR THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER'S OFFICE MOVED FROM SUTHERLAND HOUSE TO NEW PREMISES ON THE 10TH TO 12TH FLOORS OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT OFFICES AT NO. 66, QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

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LEGO TO DEAL WITH TWO COUNCILS' RATES BILL

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A BILL PROPOSING CHANGES IN THE METHOD OF CALCULATING RATES PAYABLE TO THE URBAN COUNCIL AND PROVIDING FOR REGIONAL COUNCIL RATES, WILL BE AMONG MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE RATING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985 WILL BE INTRODUCED AND READ A SECOND TIME BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE HON SIR JOHN BREMRIDGE.

TWO OTHER BILLS, AND NINE QUESTIONS, AS WELL AS AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER'S MOTION WILL BE AMONG THE OTHER MATTERS TO BE DEALT WITH.

THE TWO BILLS ARE THE FIRE SERVICES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1985, AND THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985.

THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBER'S MOTION, ENTITLED +THE WHITE PAPER ON THE DRAFT HONG KONG (BRITISH NATIONALITY) ORDER 1986+, WILL BE MOVED BY THE HON LYDIA DUNN.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A STATEMENT BY MISS DUNN ON THE PRINCE PHILIP DENTAL HOSPITAL ANNUAL REPORT 1984-85 WHICH WILL BE TABLED.

AND AT THE SAME MEETING, THE AFFIRMATION OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE TAKEN BY THE HON H.H.T. BARMA, ACTING SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, AND THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE BY THE HON MICHAEL SZE CHO-CHEUNG, ACTING SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

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AMBULANCEMEN RECEIVE MEDALS

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THE AMBULANCE SERVICE RESPONDED TO A RECORD TOTAL OF 330 905 CALLS DURING 1985, WHICH WAS A 6.6 PER CENT INCREASE OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR, ACCORDING TO THE CHIEF AMBULANCE OFFICER, MR H. KENYON.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF LONG SERVICE MEDALS TO 24 MEMBERS OF AMBULANCE COMMAND AT SAI WAN HO AMBULANCE DEPOT TODAY (TUESDAY).

+THIS IS A MOST IMPRESSIVE WORKLOAD AND ONE WHICH IS OFTEN OVERLOOKED BY THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE QUICK TO CRITICISE THE SERVICE, WHEN FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER, THE RESPONSE OF THE SERVICE CANNOT IMMEDIATELY MEET THEIR REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE,+ MR KENYON SAID.

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HE POINTED OUT THAT PEOPLE OF HONG KONG ARE FORTUNATE TO LIVE IN A SOCIETY WHERE TRAINED ASSISTANCE IS READILY FORTHCOMING TO CONVEY THEM TO HOSPITAL IN TIMES OF INJURY OR ILLNESS.

TODAY'S MEDAL RECIPIENTS HAVE SERVED FOR PERIODS BETWEEN 18 AND 25 YEARS IN THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND HAVE ATTENDED COUNTLESS THOUSANDS OF AMBULANCE, FIRE, AND SPECIAL SERVICE CALLS.

+IN CARRYING OUT THEIR DUTIES THEY HAVE TURNED OUT AT ALL TIMES OF DAY, NIGHT, IN TYPHOONS, FLOODS, DURING NATURAL DISASTERS, AND DURING CIVIL DISTURBANCES ON MANY OCCASIONS IN EXTREMELY TRYING AND DANGEROUS CIRCUMSTANCES,+ MR KENYON SAID.

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NORTH DB MEMBERS VISIT KCRC  
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TWELVE MEMBERS OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD AND ITS TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TODAY (TUESDAY) VISITED THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION TO SEE THE OPERATION OF TRAIN SERVICES.

LED BY DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR RAYMOND PANG, THEY FIRST TOURED THE CONTROL CENTRE AT THE KOWLOON STATION IN HUNG HOM BEFORE BOARDING A SPECIAL TRAIN FOR THE HO TUNG LAU WORKSHOP.

THE VISITORS LATER HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH KCRC MANAGING DIRECTOR, MR PETER QUICK AT THE CORPORATION'S HEAD OFFICE IN SHA TIN.

DURING THE DISCUSSIONS, MEMBERS ENQUIRED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING A BIGGER AWNING AT THE SHEUNG SHUI RAILWAY STATION AND ADDITIONAL TRAINS TO SHEUNG SHUI AT NIGHT, AS WELL AS MINIMISING THE NOISE EMITTING FROM FREIGHT TRAINS IN EARLY MORNING.

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MONG KOK MARKET STALLS TO BE CLEANED UP  
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A MARKET STALL CLEAN-UP COMPETITION WILL BE HELD IN MONG KOK MARKET TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO PROMOTE AWARENESS OF ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE AND CLEANLINESS AMONG STALL OPERATORS.

THERE WILL BE 130 STALLS TAKING PART IN THE COMPETITION WHICH IS PART OF A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES ORGANISED FOR THE DISTRICT'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

A MOBILE STREET THEATRE WILL ALSO BE STAGED AT THE MARKET WITH SINGING, ACROBATICS AND A MAGIC SHOW FROM 2.30 PM TO HELP PUBLICISE THE CLEAN ENVIRONMENT MESSAGE.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE MONG KOK ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EARNEST CHEUNG, DISTRICT HYGIENE SUPERINTENDENT, MR HA KAM-KAYE, DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR CHAN KWOK-MING, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE CLEAN ENVIRONMENT SUB-COMMITTEE, MR HO KWONG-HUNG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE MONG KOK MARKET CLEAN-UP COMPETITION AT 2.30 PM ON THE MOBILE STREET THEATRE AT MONG KOK MARKET, ARGYLE STREET.

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SECOND PHASE OF ANTI-RAT CAMPAIGN UNDER WAY  
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THE SECOND PHASE OF THE MONTH-LONG ANTI-RODENT CAMPAIGN IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST GOT UNDER WAY TODAY, WITH 14 HEALTH INSPECTORS FROM THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT INSPECTING MORE THAN 150 RESTAURANTS AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE AREA TODAY AND TOMORROW.

+THE AIM OF THIS PHASE IS TO ADVISE OPERATORS OF FOOD PREMISES AND THEIR STAFF ON THE PROPER METHODS OF FOOD STORAGE, WASTE DISPOSAL AND RAT-PROOFING,+ SAID THE DISTRICT HYGIENE SUPERINTENDENT OF YAU MA TEI, MR CHUNG YIU-FAN.

+RECREATION AND AMENITIES STAFF OF THE USD HAVE ALREADY POSITIONED RODENT-CONTROL DEVICES IN POTENTIAL RODENT HARBOURAGES INSIDE OTHER PREMISES AND IN OPEN SPACES IN THE DISTRICT.

+WHAT WE ARE DOING TODAY AND TOMORROW IS GIVING FULL ADVICE ON HOW RATS CAN BE PREVENTED FROM GETTING FOOD FROM THE MANY FOOD PREMISES IN EAST-TSIM SHA TSUI.+

DURING THEIR INSPECTIONS TODAY, HEALTH INSPECTORS PAID SPECIAL ATTENTION TO POTENTIAL RAT HARBOURAGES SUCH AS SERVICE CHANNELS, FOOD-STORAGE ROOMS AND AIR-CONDITIONING AND EXHAUST DUCTS.

THEY ALSO OFFERED ADVICE ON THE SPOT ON VARIOUS RAT-PROOFING METHODS.

THE TOUGHER SIDE OF THE CAMPAIGN WILL EMERGE LATER THIS MONTH WHEN FOLLOW-UP INSPECTIONS OF FOOD PREMISES WILL BE MADE, AND PROSECUTIONS TAKEN OUT AGAINST FOOD PREMISES FOUND TO BE BREACHING THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES ORDINANCE.

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ANTI-RABIES DRIVE TO START IN SHA TIN, TAI PO  
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A DISTRICT CAMPAIGN WILL BE LAUNCHED IN SHA TIN AND TAI PO THIS MONTH TO INOCULATE DOGS AGAINST RABIES, AN AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE DRIVE IS PART OF GOVERNMENT'S ON-GOING MEASURES TO PREVENT THE RE-INTRODUCTION OF THE KILLER-DISEASE INTO THE TERRITORY.

THE CAMPAIGN WOULD BE CARRIED OUT BETWEEN TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AND JANUARY 31 WHEN THE DEPARTMENT'S MOBILE INOCULATION TEAM WILL VISIT VILLAGES IN THE TWO DISTRICTS FROM 10 AM TO 3 PM DAILY.

VILLAGES SELECTED IN SHA TIN ARE SHAN HA WAI, TSOK POK HANG, FUI YIU HA, SHA TIN WAI, TO SHEK TSUEN, CHAP WAI KON, NGAU PEI SHA, SIU LEK YUEN, WONG NAI TAU, TAI CHI, TAI NAM LIU, SHEK KWU LUNG, A KUNG KOK, MUI TSZ LAM, TAI SHUI HANG, MA ON SHAN, WU KAI SHA, SHA TIN TAU AND SHA TIN TAU SUN TSUEN.

TAI PO VILLAGES ARE CHEUNG UK TI, SAM UK KA, PUN SHAN CHAU, TA TIT YAN, SHEUNG WONG YI AU, HA WONG YI AU, TAI PO KAU, CHUNG TSAI YUEN, CHEUNG SHUE TAN AND TAI PO MEI.

DOG OWNERS OF THESE VILLAGES ARE URGED TO MAKE USE OF THE FREE SERVICES TO HAVE THEIR DOGS INOCULATED AGAINST RABIES.

+AFTER AN ANIMAL HAS BEEN INOCULATED, A LICENCE WILL BE ISSUED TO THE DOG OWNER FREE OF CHARGE.

+THOUGH CATS ARE NOT LEGALLY REQUIRED TO BE INOCULATED, IT IS ADVISABLE THAT THEY SHOULD ALSO RECEIVE VACCINATION TO ENSURE IMMUNITY AGAINST THE DISEASE,+ HE SAID.

SINCE OCTOBER 1980, MORE THAN 237 000 DOGS AND 2 970 CATS HAD BEEN INOCULATED AGAINST THE DISEASE.

THE SPOKESMAN WARNED THAT THE DOGS AND CATS ORDINANCE PROVIDED FOR A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5 000 PLUS SIX-MONTH IMPRISONMENT FOR PEOPLE KEEPING A DOG OVER FIVE MONTHS OLD WITHOUT A VALID LICENCE.

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WORKING PARTY GIVES ASSURANCE OVER HAWKER PROBLEMS

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URBAN COUNCILLOR MR AUGUSTINE CHUNG TOLD THIS AFTERNOON'S MEETING OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD THAT THE COUNCIL'S WORKING PARTY ON HAWKERS WAS NOT TRYING TO PASS ON THE BURDEN OF HAWKER PROBLEMS TO THE DISTRICT BOARDS.

+IT MERELY WANTS TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO RESIDENTS' REPRESENTATIVES LIKE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS TO CO-OPERATE IN SOLVING THE HAWKER PROBLEM,+ HE SAID.

+THE REPORT IS A DOCUMENT THE WORKING PARTY HAS PREPARED IN ORDER TO INDUCE MORE VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS ON THE ISSUE.+

HE STRESSED THAT HAWKER PROBLEMS WERE PROBLEMS OF INCONSISTENCIES BETWEEN HAWKERS AND SHOPS AS WELL AS BETWEEN HAWKERS AND THE COMMUNITY.

THIS AFTERNOON WAS THE FIRST TIME A DISTRICT BOARD HAD PUBLICLY DISCUSSED THE RECENTLY-PRODUCED HAWKER REPORT.

MRS ELSIE TU, CHAIRPERSON OF THE WORKING PARTY, EARLIER ASSURED THE BOARD THAT THE WORKING PARTY HAD CONSIDERED OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME THE MANYFOLD PROBLEMS OF HAWKERS AND HAD CONSULTED EVERY POSSIBLE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT.

+WE CONSULTED THE POLICE, ICAC, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AND THE ECONOMIC BRANCH,+ SHE SAID.

+THE REPORT IS THE BEST WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SUGGEST AFTER INTENSIVE STUDY AND MANY MEETINGS AND CONSULTATIONS OVER THE HAWKER PROBLEM.

+WE WILL WELCOME VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS IF THE PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT ARE NOT CONSIDERED THE BEST.+

REFERRING TO A POINT RAISED ABOUT THE SMALL NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN THE WORKING PARTY, MRS TU SAID: +ALTHOUGH MANY COUNCILLORS WERE INTERESTED IN JOINING, ONLY SIX MEMBERS WERE ACCEPTED FOR REASONS OF MANAGEABILITY.+

ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE WORKING PARTY, MR WALTER SULKE, TOLD THE MEETING THAT THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS WAS NOT IMPORTANT.

+THE IMPORTANCE WAS IN ITS FUNCTIONS,+ HE SAID.

/MR SULKE .....

MR SULKE SAID IT HAD BEEN VERY DIFFICULT TO TRY TO ESTABLISH AN EXACT FIGURE FOR THE NUMBER OF ILLEGAL HAWKERS IN HONG KONG.

+THE FIGURES QUOTED IN THE REPORT WERE THE BEST THAT THE WORKING PARTY COULD ARRIVE AT,+ HE SAID. +BUT NOBODY CAN BE SURE.+

HE EMPHASISED THAT THE WORKING PARTY'S REPORT WAS NOT A COUNCIL DOCUMENT. IT COULD ONLY BECOME SUCH AFTER ALL VIEWS HAD BEEN SIFTED AND FINALLY THE REVISED REPORT HAD GONE THROUGH THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

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\$40 000 PAID FOR FAST FOOD SITE AT AUCTION  
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AT THE SECOND DAY'S AUCTION OF LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR SITES IN THE URBAN AREA TODAY, ONE FAST-FOOD CENTRE IN VICTORIA PARK BROUGHT \$40 000 AND A SECOND \$30 500. BOTH CARRIED AN UPSET PRICE OF \$30 380.

A TOTAL OF 233 DRY GOODS SITES AT VICTORIA PARK WERE ALSO AUCTIONED TODAY, THE HIGHEST BID BEING \$5 000. ALL CARRIED AN UPSET PRICE OF \$770.

TODAY'S AUCTION CONCLUDED THE LETTING OF LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR SITES ON HONG KONG ISLAND, BUT SOME UNLET SITES WILL BE PUT UP FOR LEASE LATER THIS MONTH AT A DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED.

THE AUCTIONING OF FAIR SITES IN KOWLOON WILL START THIS THURSDAY (JANUARY 9). DRY AND WET GOODS SITES AT KWUN TONG RECREATION GROUND WILL BE AUCTIONED IN THE MORNING AND DRY AND WET GOODS SITES AT KOWLOON PARK IN THE AFTERNOON.

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BROADCASTING REVIEW REPORT TO BE DISCUSSED  
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KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE REPORT OF BROADCASTING REVIEW BOARD, AND INTERIM MEASURES TO RESOLVE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THE DISTRICT AT THEIR MEETING ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 9) AFTERNOON.

THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS FOR A PLANNING AREA IN KWAI CHUNG WHICH IS BOUNDED BY KWAI CHUNG ROAD, KWAI FUK ROAD, HING FONG ROAD AND KWAI FOY ROAD, AS WELL AS DECORATIVE LIGHTINGS AND ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

/BOARD MEMBERS .....

BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 1985 EDITION, NEW HIGHWAY PROPOSALS, AND THE PROGRESS OF DOMESTIC REHOUSING FOR AN EXTENDED REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT.

LOCAL ISSUES TO BE RAISED BY MEMBERS INCLUDE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, LAND USE ON TSING YI WHICH IS RELATED TO THE CONTAINER TRADE, THE MANAGEMENT OF PRIVATE BUILDINGS AND THE OPERATION OF OWNERS' CORPORATIONS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 9) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING (NEXT TO THE KWAI HING MTR STATION), 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

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SAI KUNG DISTRICT COMMITTEE TO MEET

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THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL WILL HOLD ITS SECOND MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO DISCUSS THE ORGANISING OF CULTURAL, RECREATION AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE PROVISION OF NEW BEACH MANAGEMENT BUILDINGS ON FOUR GAZETTED BEACHES IN SAI KUNG AND THE USE OF FACILITIES IN CAMPS MANAGED BY THE RSD WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED.

THE MEETING WILL START AT 2.30 PM IN THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBER, SECOND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK AND GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING. SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED.

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LUNCH TIME CONCERTS FOR SOUTHERN DISTRICT  
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FACTORY WORKERS AND RESIDENTS OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT WILL BE TREATED TO FREE MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT ON ALTERNATE WEDNESDAYS STARTING FROM TOMORROW IN A SERIES OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD SPONSORED +LUNCH TIME CONCERTS+.

THE DATES FOR THE CONCERTS ARE JANUARY 8, JANUARY 22, FEBRUARY 5 AND FEBRUARY 19.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT INDUSTRIALISTS ASSOCIATION AND THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE ONE-HOUR CONCERTS WILL BE HELD AT 12.30 PM IN THE SOCCER PITCH OF THE ABERDEEN SPORTS GROUND IN WONG CHUK HANG.

THERE WILL BE A NUMBER OF PROFESSIONAL SINGERS AND TV ARTISTES PERFORMING AT EACH CONCERT.

A SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT APART FROM PROVIDING MEANINGFUL RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES FOR RESIDENTS, THE ORGANISERS ALSO HOPED TO ENHANCE THE COMMUNITY SPIRIT OF THE WORKING POPULATION.

+THE CONCERTS ARE BEING STAGED BECAUSE OF POPULAR DEMAND FOLLOWING OTHER SUCCESSFUL LUNCH TIME CONCERTS IN THE WONG CHUK HANG INDUSTRIAL AREA OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS, WHICH ATTRACTED AN AVERAGE AUDIENCE OF ABOUT 2 000 PEOPLE EACH TIME,+ HE ADDED.

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MEET THE MEDIA  
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THE CONTROLLER OF GOVERNMENT LAND TRANSPORT AGENCY, MR JOHN GRAY, WILL MEET THE MEDIA ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 9) AT 4 PM IN THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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CONSTRUCTION OF FACTORIES WELL ADVANCED  
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WORK IS NOW WELL ADVANCED ON SINGLE-STOREY STANDARD FACTORY BUILDINGS GOING UP AT HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE CORPORATION SITES AT TAI PO AND YUEN LONG.

THESE FACTORIES OFFER INVESTORS THE OPTION OF MOVING STRAIGHT INTO READY-BUILT STRUCTURES WHERE THEY CAN START OPERATIONS WITH A MINIMUM OF DELAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO VISIT THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 9) FOR A BRIEFING ON THE FACTORIES AND ON THE WORK OF THE CORPORATION.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE OUTSIDE THE YMCA IN MIDDLE ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI, AT 1.15 PM FOR TRANSPORT TO TAI PO. TRANSPORT WILL RETURN TO TSIM SHA TSUI BY 5 PM.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES ON HONG KONG ISLAND  
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TO FACILITATE ROAD RESURFACING WORKS, THE SECTION OF ABERDEEN RESERVOIR ROAD BETWEEN BOTH ENDS OF YUE KWONG ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 10) AND SATURDAY (JANUARY 11).

MEANWHILE, THE EXISTING 24-HOUR DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION AT THE SECTION OF PENNINGTON STREET BETWEEN IRVING STREET AND YEE WO STREET WILL BE LIFTED FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 10).

ALSO FROM 10 AM ON THE SAME DAY, THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL BETWEEN MORRISON STREET AND MAN WA LANE WILL BE MADE A 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAY DAILY, WHILE THE EXISTING 7 AM TO 7 PM RESTRICTION AT THAT ROAD SECTION WILL BE LIFTED.

NO VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE.

ALSO FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY, TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN WAN CHAI WILL BE MADE URBAN CLEARWAYS WITHIN WHICH ALL VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

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THESE ROAD SECTIONS ARE:

- \* THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF LOCKHART ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH FENWICK STREET AND ABOUT 25 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE MADE AT 7 AM TO 7 PM URBAN CLEARWAY DAILY, WHILE THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO SUN HUNG KAI CENTRE FROM HARBOUR ROAD WILL ALSO BE DESIGNATED A RESTRICTED ZONE FOR 24 HOURS DAILY.
- \* ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT THOSE FOR LOCAL ACCESS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO SUN HUNG KAI CENTRE FROM HARBOUR ROAD FROM 10 AM.

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TUEN MUN, KWAI CHUNG RESTRICTED ZONES

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PUI TO ROAD BETWEEN TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND ITS SLIP ROADS TO AND FROM TUEN MUN ROAD WILL BE MADE A 24-HOUR RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 10).

AT THE SAME TIME, THE LAYBY ON THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TAI WO HAU ROAD OPPOSITE FU ON LAU IN TAI WO HAU ESTATE WILL BE DESIGNATED A RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREA.

WITH EFFECT FROM 10 AM ON THE SAME DAY, PUI TO ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED A PUBLIC LIGHT BUS PROHIBITED ZONE. ALL PLB'S WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE RESTRICTED AREA.

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