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FULL WATER SUPPLY TO TUEN MUN POSSIBLE BEFORE THURSDAY

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FULL WATER SUPPLY TO TUEN MUN MIGHT BE RESUMED BEFORE THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 11), THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR HU MAN-SHIU, SAID TONIGHT.

"OUR ORIGINAL PLAN IS TO RESTORE FULL SUPPLY ON THURSDAY, BUT I'M GLAD TO SAY THAT THE TARGETED DATE COULD BE ADVANCED BY AT LEAST ONE DAY, AND POSSIBLY EVEN EARLIER," HE NOTED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE.

HE ATTRIBUTED THIS ENCOURAGING DEVELOPMENT TO THE HARD WORK, TEAM SPIRIT, DEDICATION AND DETERMINATION OF HIS STAFF, AND TO THE SUPPORT GIVEN BY THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY.

NOTING THAT HIS DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO RESTORE THE PUMPING CAPACITY OF THE TUEN MUN PUMPING STATION SINCE LAST FRIDAY, MR HU POINTED OUT THAT TEMPORARY PIPE WATER SUPPLY WAS RESUMED FOR TWO HOURS FOR 160,000 PEOPLE ON SATURDAY EVENING, THE DAY AFTER THE INCIDENT.

WITH MORE PUMPS BACK IN SERVICE, PIPE WATER SUPPLY WAS EXTENDED TONIGHT (SUNDAY) TO MORE AREAS, BENEFITTING ABOUT 80 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION AFFECTED - THIS BEING ANOTHER IMPROVEMENT.

THE SUPPLY COULD BE EXTENDED TO COVER THE WHOLE OF TUEN MUN TOMORROW AND THE DURATION OF SUPPLY COULD BE EXTENDED TO FOUR HOURS FROM 6 PM TO 10 PM.

MR HU WENT ON TO SAY THAT SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE TO TUEN MUN INDUSTRIALISTS TO DRAW EMERGENCY WATER SUPPLY FROM A FIRE HYDRANT AT SAN HEY TSUEN STREET, YUEN LONG TONG YAN SAN TSUEN (NEAR CALTEX PETROL STATION) FROM 9 AM TOMORROW (MONDAY) UNTIL RESUMPTION OF NORMAL SUPPLY.

"THIS WILL ALLEVIATE THE DIFFICULTIES BEING ENCOUNTERED BY THE INDUSTRIALISTS WHEN THEY RESUME WORK ON MONDAY," HE SAID.

ON REPAIR WORK ON THE TWO DAMAGED WATERMANS WHICH ARE AFFECTING SUPPLY TO CHEUNG CHAU, MR HU SAID THE WORK ALTHOUGH EXTREMELY DIFFICULT WAS PROGRESSING WELL WITH REPAIR TO ONE MAIN COMPLETED TONIGHT (SUNDAY).

"IT IS HOPED THAT FULL SUPPLY COULD BE RESTORED SOMETIME TOMORROW (MONDAY) BECAUSE THE REPAIRED WATERMAIN HAD STILL TO BE TESTED BEFORE RESUMING NORMAL OPERATION," HE ADDED.

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200-TONNE FRESH WATER FOR TUEN MUN RESIDENTS

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THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE HAS ARRANGED A WATER BARGE TO DELIVER 200 TONNES OF FRESH WATER SUPPLY FOR THE RESIDENTS.

TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PETER LEUNG, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE SUPPLY WAS EQUIVALENT TO THE VOLUME OF 40 WATER TANKERS.

THE BARGE ARRIVED AT A PIER NEAR RICHLAND GARDEN AT 4.20 PM. WORKING STAFF ARE REFILLING THE WATER TANKERS WITH WATER FROM THE BARGE.

MEANWHILE, MR LEUNG SAID RESIDENTS COULD GET FRESH WATER FROM FOUR NEW DISTRIBUTION POINTS. ONE IS IN RICHLAND GARDEN, TWO IN SIU HONG COURT AND THE FOURTH AT THE ENTRANCE OF TAI HING ESTATE.

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RESIDENTS ADVISED TO ENQUIRE FOR WATER SUPPLY

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) ADVISED CONSUMERS IN TUEN MUN WHO COULD NOT RECEIVE FRESH WATER SUPPLY RIGHT AWAY DURING THE PARTIAL RESUMPTION PERIOD TO CHECK WITH THEIR BUILDING MANAGEMENT OFFICES IN THE FIRST INSTANCE.

SENIOR ENGINEER (CUSTOMER RELATIONS) OF THE DEPARTMENT, MR TSE MIN-TAT, SAID THE DELAY OF INDIVIDUAL RESIDENTS IN GETTING PIPE WATER SUPPLY WHEN IT WAS PARTIALLY RESUMED BETWEEN 6 PM TO 8 PM YESTERDAY MIGHT HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS OF THE PLUMBING SYSTEMS IN THEIR BUILDINGS.

HE EMPHASISED THAT THE PROBLEM WAS NOT CAUSED BY DELAY IN SUPPLY BY THE DEPARTMENT AND HE ADVISED THE RESIDENTS CONCERNED TO CHECK WITH THEIR BUILDING MANAGEMENT OFFICES.

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PUBLIC URGED TO TAKE HEED OF ELECTRICAL SAFETY

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THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR ALISTAIR ASPREY, TODAY (SUNDAY) URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO BE MORE CAREFUL WHEN USING ELECTRICITY AND ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES TO ENSURE A SAFER HOME AND WORK PLACE.

SPEAKING AT THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF THE 1993/94 FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN-CUM-FIRE SERVICES 125TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION, MR ASPREY SAID ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS WERE SAFE TO USE IF PROPERLY INSTALLED AND MAINTAINED.

"ON THE OTHER HAND, WITHOUT PROPER INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE, THEY MAY LEAD TO DISASTER," MR ASPREY SAID.

HE DESCRIBED THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN "ELECTRICAL SAFETY" AS PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE BECAUSE SOME 20 PER CENT OF FIRES IN HONG KONG WERE SPARKED OFF BY ELECTRICITY LEAKAGE.

THE MOST COMMON CAUSES ARE THE MISUSE OF ADAPTORS, FAULTY WIRING AND DEFECTIVE ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES.

"ALMOST ALL SUCH FIRES COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED IF THE INSTALLATIONS WERE PROPERLY AND REGULARLY MAINTAINED, AND IF SUFFICIENT CARE WAS EXERCISED BY THE USERS," HE STRESSED.

MR ASPREY SAID FIRE WAS THE MAJOR THREAT TO LIVES AND PROPERTY, AND "PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN CURE."

THE AIM OF THIS CAMPAIGN, HE SAID, WAS TO PROMOTE GREATER PUBLIC AWARENESS IN THIS ASPECT.

THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT ALSO HOLDS AN EXHIBITION TO MARK ITS 125TH ANNIVERSARY.

MR ASPREY PRAISED THE SERVICE FOR ACHIEVING A WELL-DESERVED REPUTATION AND RESPECT INTERNATIONALLY FOR THE EFFICIENCY AND PROFESSIONALISM OF ITS EMERGENCY SERVICES.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR JERRY LAM CHEK-YUEN, SAID APART FROM PUTTING OUT FIRES, FIRE SERVICES MEMBERS HAD AN EQUALLY IMPORTANT DUTY TO PERFORM AND THAT IS, TO EDUCATE THE COMMUNITY IN PREVENTING FIRES.

"THIS IS AN ON-GOING PROGRAMME AND CAN ONLY SUCCEED WITH THE FULL CO-OPERATION OF THE PUBLIC," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT ALSO SPREADS FIRE PREVENTION MESSAGES THROUGH LEAFLETS, POSTERS, TELEVISION SHORT FILMS AND RADIO PROGRAMMES.

THE EXHIBITION, HELD AT THE NEW WORLD PLAZA, TSIM SHA TSUI, WILL CLOSE AT 2 PM ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 9).

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FIRST-CLASS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN ASSURED

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THE GOVERNMENT ATTACHES A LOT OF IMPORTANCE TO PROVIDING CHILDREN WITH A FIRST-CLASS EDUCATION, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPEN DAY OF THE LA SALLE FOUNDATION, MR MACLEOD SAID A BETTER LEARNING ENVIRONMENT CERTAINLY CONTRIBUTED TOWARDS THIS OBJECTIVE.

FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE GOVERNMENT WILL INTRODUCE A SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME, THE FIRST PHASE OF WHICH WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN 1994/95 AND COST OVER \$600 MILLION.

IT WILL COVER 50 SECONDARY AND 60 PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

IT WILL PROVIDE THESE SCHOOLS WITH ADDITIONAL TEACHING SPACE, BETTER FACILITIES FOR TEACHERS, MORE ROOM FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND STUDENT ACTIVITIES, AS WELL AS A LIBRARY IN EACH PRIMARY SCHOOL.

"AS STATED IN THE GOVERNOR'S POLICY ADDRESS, THIS IS 'AN IMPORTANT INVESTMENT IN PROVIDING OUR STUDENTS WITH THE PHYSICAL FACILITIES THEY NEED IN ORDER TO EXCEL'," HE SAID.

HOWEVER, MR MACLEOD SAID THE GOVERNMENT COULD NOT DO IT ALL ON ITS OWN.

HE PRAISED THE LA SALLE FOUNDATION, WHICH WAS FORMED BY A GROUP OF OLD BOYS FROM THE LA SALLE COLLEGE, FOR ITS EFFORTS IN RAISING FUNDS FOR THE FUTURE MAINTENANCE OF THE SCHOOL.

THE SUCCESS OF THE FOUNDATION IN REACHING THE TARGET OF \$12 MILLION WITHIN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME BEARS TESTIMONY TO THE RESOURCEFULNESS OF THE MEMBERS AND THE STRONG SUPPORT FOR THIS WORTHY CAUSE, HE SAID.

MR MACLEOD SAID THE EFFORTS OF THE LA SALLE FOUNDATION WERE A GOOD EXAMPLE OF CONSTRUCTIVE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMUNITY IN FULFILLING THE OBJECTIVE OF PROVIDING HONG KONG WITH GOOD EDUCATION FACILITIES FOR THE BENEFITS OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

"I HOPE MORE SCHOOLS WOULD FOLLOW YOUR LEAD," HE SAID.

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STI TO VISIT LONDON, CANADA AND THE U.S.

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THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR T H CHAU, WILL LEAVE HONG KONG TODAY (SUNDAY) TO VISIT LONDON, CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

DURING HIS VISIT TO LONDON FROM NOVEMBER 8 TO 10, MR CHAU WILL ATTEND A "HONG KONG WORKS" CONFERENCE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND THE INSTITUTE OF DIRECTORS.

HE WILL ALSO ATTEND THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL ANNUAL DINNER ON NOVEMBER 9.

MR CHAU WILL THEN VISIT CANADA AND THE U.S. FROM NOVEMBER 11 TO 20.

THE PURPOSES OF HIS VISIT TO NORTH AMERICA ARE TO OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE NEW PREMISES OF THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE IN TORONTO AND TO ATTEND THE FIFTH MINISTERIAL MEETING OF ASIA PACIFIC ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION (APEC) TO BE HELD IN SEATTLE FROM NOVEMBER 17 TO 19.

THE TORONTO OFFICE, SET UP IN OCTOBER 1991, IS THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S EIGHTH OVERSEAS OFFICE. THE OFFICE HAS RECENTLY ACQUIRED NEW PREMISES AT ST. GEORGE STREET.

"HONG KONG AND CANADA HAVE CLOSE LINKS WITH EACH OTHER ACROSS A WIDE RANGE OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES.

"WE VALUE VERY MUCH OUR EXCELLENT BILATERAL RELATIONS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TORONTO OFFICE HAS HELPED TO STRENGTHEN THESE LINKS FURTHER," MR CHAU SAID.

FROM TORONTO, MR CHAU WILL GO TO VANCOUVER WHERE HE WILL MEET TRADE OFFICIALS.

HE WILL ALSO SPEAK ON THE TRADE LINKS BETWEEN CANADA AND HONG KONG AT A LUNCHEON HOSTED BY THE HONG KONG CANADA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION AND THE ASIA PACIFIC FOUNDATION.

MR CHAU WILL THEN LEAVE FOR THE U.S. TO ATTEND THE FIFTH MINISTERIAL MEETING OF APEC TO BE HELD IN SEATTLE.

HE SAID HE LOOKED FORWARD TO THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR SHARING EXPERIENCE AND EXCHANGING VIEWS ON TRADE AND ECONOMIC ISSUES OF COMMON INTEREST WITH OTHER APEC MEMBERS.

THE MEETING WILL BE DISCUSSING A NUMBER OF ISSUES INCLUDING THE ADOPTION OF A TRADE AND INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TRADE AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE, THE RATIONALISATION OF THE WORKING GROUPS AND AD HOC GROUPS UNDER APEC, THE PARTICIPATION OF BUSINESS/PRIVATE SECTOR IN APEC AS WELL AS THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN AN EMINENT PERSONS GROUP REPORT, HE SAID.

HONG KONG JOINED APEC IN NOVEMBER 1991.

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THIS IS THE THIRD TIME THAT HONG KONG HAS PARTICIPATED IN AN APEC MINISTERIAL MEETING.

THE HONG KONG DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY MR CHAU.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION INCLUDE THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE, MR TONY MILLER; THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MRS ELIZABETH BOSHER; THE GOVERNMENT ECONOMIST, MR K Y TANG; THE COUNSELLOR, HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE, WASHINGTON, MS SANDRA S Y LEE; THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF INDUSTRY, MR FRANCIS S W HO; THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE, MR JOHN TSANG AND THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MISS CHERRY LING.

MR TONY MILLER WILL BE REPRESENTING HONG KONG AT THE SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING HELD FROM NOVEMBER 14 TO 16 TO PREPARE FOR THE MINISTERIAL MEETING.

MEMBERS OF APEC ARE AUSTRALIA, BRUNEI DARUSSALAM, CANADA, THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, HONG KONG, INDONESIA, JAPAN, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, MALAYSIA, NEW ZEALAND, THE PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE, CHINESE TAIPEI, THAILAND AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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INDUSTRY CHIEF VISITS PEARL RIVER DELTA

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THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF INDUSTRY, MISS DENISE YUE, STARTS HER FIVE-DAY VISIT TO CHINA TODAY (SUNDAY), TO SEE THE LATEST ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PEARL RIVER DELTA REGION.

THE DELEGATION, COMPRISING SIX OFFICIALS FROM THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, WILL VISIT GUANGZHOU, PANYU, FOSHAN AND SHUNDE.

SPEAKING BEFORE HER DEPARTURE, MISS YUE SAID: "HONG KONG AND CHINA HAVE DEVELOPED VERY CLOSE ECONOMIC LINKS SINCE THE LATTER OPENED ITS DOOR IN 1979.

"WITH CHINA'S ECONOMIC OUTLOOK REMAINING FAVOURABLE, ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND INTERDEPENDENCE BETWEEN THE TWO PLACES CAN BE EXPECTED TO BROADEN AND INTENSIFY FURTHER."

THE DELEGATION WILL FIRST GO TO GUANGZHOU WHERE IT WILL MEET WITH OFFICIALS OF THE GUANGDONG PLANNING COMMISSION, THE GUANGDONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE COMMISSION AND THE GUANGZHOU ECONOMIC AND TRADE COMMISSION TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA.

IN PANYU, ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE DELEGATES TO MEET OFFICIALS OF THE PANYU ECONOMIC AND TRADE COMMISSION AND VISIT THE NANSHA DEVELOPMENT ZONE.

THE DELEGATION WILL THEN VISIT A NUMBER OF FACTORIES IN PANYU, FOSHAN AND SHUNDE TO GET FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ON THE MANUFACTURING ACTIVITIES IN THESE PLACES.

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CSD TO HOST 13TH APCCA

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THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS TO HOST THE 13TH ASIAN & PACIFIC OF CORRECTIONAL ADMINISTRATORS CONFERENCE (APCCA) SCHEDULED TO BE HELD BETWEEN NOVEMBER 15 AND 20 AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES MULTI-PURPOSE HALL IN CENTRAL.

THE CONFERENCE, WHICH IS HELD IN THE REGION YEARLY, PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE CORRECTIONAL ADMINISTRATORS IN THE REGION TO GET TOGETHER TO DISCUSS CURRENT ISSUES AND PROBLEMS THROUGH SINCERE AND FRANK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND SHARING OF EXPERIENCES AND TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FURTHER IMPROVEMENT OF CORRECTIONAL PROGRAMMES AND MEANS OF THEIR IMPLEMENTATION IN THE REGION.

THIS YEAR'S APCCA WILL BE THE BIGGEST EVER HELD. SOME 70 DELEGATES REPRESENTING 22 COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES AND TWO ORGANISATIONS WILL ATTEND THE CONFERENCE.

FOR A SECOND TIME IN 13 YEARS, HONG KONG HAS THE PRIVILEGE OF HOSTING THE APCCA.

THE FIRST TIME WAS HELD IN THE TERRITORY IN 1980 FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY AND THE THEN PRISONS DEPARTMENT IN HONG KONG.

IT WAS THEN ATTENDED BY SENIOR CORRECTIONAL ADMINISTRATORS FROM 14 COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES IN THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC REGION.

SINCE THEN, THE CONFERENCE HAD MET IN THAILAND, JAPAN, MALAYSIA, AUSTRALIA, INDIA AND CHINA. LAST YEAR, THE APCCA WAS HELD IN ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION INCLUDE THE "RIGHTS AND TREATMENT OF UNCONVICTED PRISONERS", "THE EFFECTIVE TREATMENT OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF OFFENDERS", "PUBLIC AWARENESS AND SUPPORT FOR CORRECTIONS", AND "INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION FOR CORRECTIONS".

A FULL PROGRAMME OF VISITS TO VARIOUS TYPES OF CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN HONG KONG WILL BE ARRANGED DURING THE CONFERENCE. A FINAL REPORT WILL BE COMPILED FOR FUTURE REFERENCE AFTER THE CONFERENCE.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE OFFICIATED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES MULTI-PURPOSE HALL ON NOVEMBER 15 (MONDAY) AT 8.45 AM.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT 8.45 AM ON NOVEMBER 15 AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES MULTI-PURPOSE HALL, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE ANNEX, CENTRAL.

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REPROVISIONING OF PIER FOR RECLAMATION

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THE REPROVISIONING PROGRAMME OF MAJOR WATERFRONT FACILITIES IN CHEUNG SHA WAN HAS BEEN COMPLETED FOLLOWING THE RELOCATION OF THE LAST MAJOR PIER IN THE AREA TO ITS NEW LOCATION.

THE PROGRAMME IS DESIGNED TO MAINTAIN THE OPERATIONS OF EXISTING WATERFRONT BUSINESS AND FACILITIES DURING THE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION WORKS.

THE NEW CHINA RESOURCES COMPANY PIER, LOCATED ON THE NEWLY RECLAIMED LAND ADJACENT TO THE NEW CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE MARKET COMPLEX PHASE I, WAS BUILT BY THE GOVERNMENT AND HAS BEEN HANDED OVER TO THE CHINA RESOURCES COMPANY.

DEMOLITION OF THE OLD PIER STARTED AT THE END OF LAST MONTH AND IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION AT THE END OF THE YEAR TO MAKE WAY FOR THE RECLAMATION WORKS.

THE REPROVISIONING PROGRAMME FOR THE CHEUNG SHA WAN AREA ALSO INCLUDED THE CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE MARKET, WHICH WAS MOVED TO A NEW SITE IN SEPTEMBER, AND THE SHIPYARDS WHICH HAVE BEEN RELOCATED TO STONECUTTERS ISLAND LAST MONTH.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW AIRPORT PROJECTS CO-ORDINATION OFFICE SAID TODAY (SUNDAY): "THE SUCCESSFUL RELOCATION OF THE PIER HAS SET A GOOD EXAMPLE OF CLOSE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR WITHIN A VERY TIGHT TIME FRAME."

AS ONE OF THE 10 PROJECTS IN THE AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME, THE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION PROJECT IS PROCEEDING ON SCHEDULE AND OVER 50 PER CENT OF THE 330 HECTARES OF RECLAMATION HAS ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED.

WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS WILL INVOLVE MAINLY DREDGING AND SEAWALL CONSTRUCTION.

THE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION WILL PROVIDE LAND FOR TRANSPORT-RELATED PROJECTS INCLUDING THE WEST KOWLOON EXPRESSWAY, AIRPORT RAILWAY AND THE WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING.

IT WILL ALSO CREATE LAND FOR COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS AS WELL AS EXTRA SPACE FOR RECREATIONAL USE.

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TAXI FARE CONVERSION TABLES FOR COLLECTION

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT TAXI OWNERS CAN COLLECT FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY) TAXI FARE CONVERSION TABLES SHOWING THE EXISTING FARE SCALES AS AGAINST THE NEW FARE SCALES TO BE EFFECTIVE FROM NOVEMBER 14.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TAXI OWNERS SHOULD SHOW THEIR TAXI REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS WHEN COLLECTING THE CONVERSION TABLES.

THESE TABLES SHOULD BE DISPLAYED AT A PROMINENT POSITION INSIDE THE TAXIS BEFORE TAXIMETERS ARE RECALIBRATED, TESTED AND SEALED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT DURING THEIR HALF-YEARLY INSPECTIONS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THOSE TAXI ASSOCIATIONS THAT WISH TO COLLECT FARE CONVERSION TABLES FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THEIR MEMBERS SHOULD APPROACH THE PUBLIC VEHICLES SECTION OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

HONG KONG AND KOWLOON TAXI OPERATORS CAN COLLECT THE TABLES AT ALL LICENSING OFFICES OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT; THE PUBLIC VEHICLES SECTION OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AT 2 MURRAY ROAD, HONG KONG; AND PUBLIC ENQUIRY COUNTERS OF ALL URBAN DISTRICT OFFICES AND OF THE SHA TIN, KWAI TSING AND TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICES.

NEW TERRITORIES TAXI OPERATORS CAN COLLECT THE TABLES AT THE DEPARTMENT'S LICENSING OFFICES, EXCEPT HONG KONG LICENSING OFFICE, THE PUBLIC VEHICLES SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT; AND PUBLIC ENQUIRY COUNTERS OF THE NORTH, SAI KUNG, TAI PO, YUEN LONG AND TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICES.

TAXI OWNERS ARE ALSO REMINDED THAT THE TAXI FARE PLATE INSIDE TAXIS SHOULD SHOW THE NEW FARE SCALE STARTING FROM NOVEMBER 14.

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FRESH WATER CUT IN CENTRAL

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FRESH AND FLUSHING WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN CENTRAL WILL GO OFF FROM 11 PM ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 9) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE WASTE DETECTION WORK ON WATER MAINS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT GOVERNMENT HOUSE AT UPPER ALBERT ROAD, THE HONG KONG PARK, ALL THE PREMISES AT ODD NUMBERS OF 1-3 AND 33-37, EVEN NUMBERS OF 4-8 AND 26 GARDEN ROAD, 18 AND 20 LOWER ALBERT ROAD, 2 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, 1 AND 2 TRAMWAY PATH, 65-73 MACDONNELL ROAD, ODD NUMBERS OF 1-7, EVEN NUMBERS OF 2-8 AND 20-40D KENNEDY ROAD, 22-23 COTTON TREE DRIVE, 11 ICE HOUSE STREET AND 1 BATTERY PATH.

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CAMPAIGN TO DRIVE HOME FIRE SAFETY MESSAGE

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THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR ALISTAIR ASPREY, WILL LAUNCH THE 1993/94 FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN CUM FIRE SERVICES 125TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION AT THE NEW WORLD PLAZA, TSIM SHA TSUI, AT 2.30 PM TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE ANNUAL CAMPAIGN IS DESIGNED TO PROMOTE GREATER PUBLIC AWARENESS OF FIRE RISK.

IN ADDITION TO PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAY, VISITORS WILL BE ABLE TO SEE A SHORT DRAMA BY TELEVISION ARTISTES, EXHIBITION OF FIRE-FIGHTING AND RESCUE EQUIPMENT, AND WATER DISPLAY BY FIRE BOAT IN THE VICTORIA HARBOUR.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE EXHIBITION. THE OPENING HOURS ARE: FROM 3.45 PM TO 7 PM ON SUNDAY, FROM 10 AM TO 7 PM ON MONDAY AND FROM 10 AM TO 2 PM ON TUESDAY.

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IMPERIAL SERVICE MEDAL FOR EMSD WORKMAN

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A WORKS SUPERVISOR II OF THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (EMSD) HAS BEEN AWARDED THE IMPERIAL SERVICE MEDAL BY THE QUEEN.

HE IS MR LAU ON, AGED 59. HE HAS WORKED IN THE AIRPORT SERVICES SUB-DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT SINCE 1961.

MR LAU'S MAIN DUTIES ARE TO PERFORM OPERATION, MINOR MAINTENANCE AND FAULT REPAIR TO VARIOUS ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT IN THE KAI TAK AIRPORT.

HE IS PARTICULARLY SPECIALISED IN FAULT REPAIRS TO AIRFIELD LIGHTINGS, ELECTRIC CABLES, ELECTRIC MOTORS AND SWITCHGEARS.

THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES, MR HUGH PHILLIPSON, SAID THE AWARD OF THE IMPERIAL SERVICE MEDAL TO MR LAU WAS A RECOGNITION OF HIS CONTINUOUS AND ARDUOUS EFFORTS IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE.

DESCRIBING MR LAU AS A RELIABLE, INDUSTRIOUS, LOYAL AND COMPETENT WORKS SUPERVISOR, MR PHILLIPSON NOTED THAT MR LAU WAS CONSIDERED TO BE AN ASSET TO EMSD IN VIEW OF HIS DEDICATION TO WORK AND COMPETENCE IN SOLVING PRACTICAL PROBLEMS.

"HIS PERFORMANCE IS CONSISTENTLY RATED AS VERY EFFECTIVE. IN ADDITION, MR LAU IS MOST WILLING TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND ASSIGNMENTS AND IS GENEROUS IN SHARING HIS RICH PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE WITH HIS SUBORDINATES AND TECHNICAL APPRENTICES.

"HE HAS SET UP A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR HIS FELLOW COLLEAGUES AND IS HIGHLY APPRECIATED BY HIS SENIOR OFFICERS," MR PHILLIPSON SAID.

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