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JAPAN A LARGE MARKET TO PENETRATE - GOVERNOR

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JAPAN IS, AND STILL WILL BE A VERY IMPORTANT MARKET FOR HONG KONG AND PERSISTENT EFFORTS MUST BE MADE TO PENETRATE THIS MARKET, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE AIRPORT TO REPORTERS ON HIS RETURN FROM JAPAN, SIR DAVID DESCRIBED HIS VISIT TO JAPAN WITH MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG-JAPAN BUSINESS COOPERATION COMMITTEE A VERY USEFUL ONE.

"VISITS LIKE THIS WHERE HONG KONG GETS A LOT OF HIGH LEVEL ATTENTION, A GOOD DEAL OF MEDIA ATTENTION AND WHERE WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH THE JAPANESE SIDE ANY PROBLEMS WHICH ARE ARISING...ARE VERY USEFUL," HE SAID.

"SO TOO IS THE SORT OF STALL PROMOTION OF HONG KONG WHICH WE ALL ATTENDED THIS MORNING IN OSAKA AND THE PRESENTATION OF HONG KONG FASHION IN OSAKA WHICH WE ALL ATTENDED LAST NIGHT," HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID SAID HE BELIEVED THAT HONG KONG HAD EVERY REASON TO BE GRATEFUL TO SIR S.Y. CHUNG AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG-JAPAN BUSINESS COOPERATION COMMITTEE FOR THEIR HARD WORK IN TRYING TO PROMOTE THE ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND JAPAN.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON HIS REMARK MADE IN OSAKA ABOUT THE SECOND AIRPORT, SIR DAVID SAID IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT HONG KONG SHOULD HAVE THE TYPE OF AIRPORT THAT WOULD MEET ITS NEEDS RIGHT UP INTO THE NEXT CENTURY.

ASKED WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT WAS GOING TO BUILD A SECOND AIRPORT, HE SAID THERE WAS A SERIES OF STUDIES BEING DONE AT THE MOMENT.

"FIRST OF ALL, ON THE CAPACITY OF KAI TAK, AND THEN A PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STUDY LOOKING INTO THE WHOLE QUESTION OF THE EXPANSION OF THE HARBOUR AND THE POSSIBILITY OF A NEW AIRPORT, AND HOW THOSE TWO THINGS MIGHT BE PUT TOGETHER.

"IT REQUIRES VERY EXTENSIVE STUDY BEFORE YOU MAKE A DECISION OF SUCH ENORMOUS SIGNIFICANCE AND SUCH ENORMOUS COST AS THAT," HE SAID.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE TURNOUT RATE OF VOTERS AT THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS, SIR DAVID SAID HE WAS PLEASED THAT THE ELECTIONS TOOK PLACE IN AN ATMOSPHERE WHERE THERE WAS GREAT ENTHUSIASM AND WHERE THEY WERE ALSO CARRIED OUT IN AN ORDERLY FASHION.

"THE TURNOUT WAS A REASONABLE ONE FOR DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS. OVER TIME, I WOULD HOPE THAT THERE WOULD BE A SUSTAINED TURNOUT AT THE ELECTIONS OF THIS SORT. I BELIEVE THAT WHEN WE COME IN 1991 TO DIRECT ELECTIONS TO LEGCO, WE HAVE EVERY REASON TO EXPECT A SLIGHTLY HIGHER TURNOUT THAN WE HAD AT THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS," HE SAID.

/IN REPLY

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IN REPLY TO ANOTHER QUESTION, SIR DAVID SAID HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THE WHITE PAPER ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT RELEASED LAST MONTH WOULD HAVE AFFECTED THE ELECTION TURNOUT IN ANY ADVERSE FASHION.

"AFTER ALL THE DISTRICT BOARDS WILL STILL BE ELECTING THROUGH THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, I SEE NO REASON AT ALL WHY THAT SHOULD HAVE ANY ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE TURNOUT.

"THE REASONS FOR WHICH PEOPLE TURNED OUT TO VOTE ARE VARIOUS AND IT'S VERY HARD TO PIN THEM DOWN ON ONE PARTICULAR CAUSE," HE NOTED.

SIR DAVID ADDED THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT TO PIN DOWN THE PRECISE REASONS WHY ON ANY GIVEN DAY SOMEBODY WENT TO THE POLLING BOOTH AND WHY SOME OTHER PEOPLE DIDN'T.

"BUT I DON'T THINK WE HAVE ANY REASON TO FEEL GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT TO THAT SORT OF FIGURE. AS I SAID ALSO, WHEN WE COME TO DIRECT ELECTIONS FOR LEGCO IN 1991, I PERSONALLY WOULD EXPECT TO SEE A HIGHER TURNOUT THAN THAT," HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID WAS RECEIVED AT THE AIRPORT BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, AND THE ACTING CONSUL-GENERAL OF JAPAN, MR MASAKI SAITO.

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COLD AND CLOUDY IN FEBRUARY

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A SURGE OF THE WINTER MONSOON ARRIVED DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS AND BROUGHT THE TEMPERATURE DOWN TO 10.1 DEGREES CELSIUS ON FEBRUARY 19, THE LOWEST FIGURE RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY FROM JANUARY 1 UP TO THE END OF FEBRUARY, THE OBSERVATORY REPORTED TODAY (SATURDAY).

CLOUDY SKIES PREVAILED DURING MOST OF THE MONTH, GIVING A MEAN CLOUD AMOUNT OF 81 PER CENT, WHICH WAS 10 PER CENT ABOVE NORMAL FOR FEBRUARY.

HOWEVER, THE TOTAL RAINFALL AMOUNT WAS ONLY 11.9 MILLIMETRES, AGAINST A NORMAL AMOUNT OF 41.9 MILLIMETRES. FOR THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF 1988, THE RAINFALL WAS 81 PER CENT BELOW NORMAL.

WITH THE EASTERLY WINDS MAINTAINING THEIR STRENGTH, THE WEATHER WAS CLOUDY WITH LIGHT RAIN ON FEBRUARY 1.

FEBRUARY 2 WAS BRIGHTER WHEN THE EASTERLIES WEAKENED TEMPORARILY. HOWEVER, A FRESH SURGE OF THE NORTHEAST MONSOON ARRIVED THAT EVENING, GIVING RISE TO STRONG WINDS OFFSHORE AND SOME LIGHT RAIN OVERNIGHT.

/CLOUDY WEATHER

CLOUDY WEATHER PERSISTED UNTIL FEBRUARY 5 WHEN THE MONSOON WEAKENED AND THE WEATHER BECAME FINE.

APART FROM SOME CLOUDY PERIODS OVERNIGHT, THE WEATHER CONTINUED TO BE GENERALLY FINE ON FEBRUARY 6. SUNSHINE DURING THE DAY TOOK THE TEMPERATURE UP TO A MAXIMUM OF 23.5 DEGREES WHICH WAS THE HIGHEST FOR THE MONTH.

A SURGE OF THE NORTHEAST MONSOON REACHED THE SOUTH CHINA COAST ON THE EVENING OF FEBRUARY 6 AND THE WEATHER BECAME CLOUDY WITH OCCASIONAL STRONG WINDS OFFSHORE.

DURING THE STRONG WINDS A DREDGER WAS STRANDED OFF LAMMA ISLAND. A PATROLLING POLICE MOTORCYCLIST EXPERIENCED STRONG GUSTS ON TUEN MUN ROAD NEAR SHAM TSENG AND HIS MACHINE WAS BLOWN OVER.

EARLY ON FEBRUARY 8, THE WINDS CHANGED FROM EASTERLY TO NORTHERLY. HOWEVER EASTERLIES RETURNED AGAIN OVERNIGHT ON FEBRUARY 8 AND LASTED TILL FEBRUARY 10 WHEN THE WINDS AGAIN TURNED NORTHERLY.

CLOUDY CONDITIONS PREVAILED UNTIL FEBRUARY 12. THE WEATHER IMPROVED THE FOLLOWING DAY. THERE WERE SUNNY PERIODS ON FEBRUARY 13 AND 14.

ANOTHER SURGE OF THE WINTER MONSOON BROUGHT MORE CLOUDY WEATHER ON FEBRUARY 15 AND 16.

NORTHERLY WINDS ON LUNAR NEW YEAR'S DAY CAUSED THE TEMPERATURE TO DROP FROM A HIGH OF 18.2 DEGREES ON LUNAR NEW YEAR'S EVE (FEBRUARY 16) TO A LOW OF 11.6 DEGREES BY MIDNIGHT ON NEW YEAR'S DAY (FEBRUARY 17).

TEMPERATURES REMAINED LOW DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS WITH OVERCAST SKIES.

ON THE EVENING OF FEBRUARY 19, AN UPPER AIR DISTURBANCE CAUSED SOME RAIN OVER THE TERRITORY AND THE TEMPERATURE FELL FURTHER TO A MINIMUM OF 10.1 DEGREES WHICH WAS THE LOWEST READING FOR THE MONTH.

RAIN CONTINUED OVERNIGHT BUT THE WEATHER CLEARED RAPIDLY THE NEXT MORNING.

TOWARDS THE EVENING ON FEBRUARY 21, EASTERLY WINDS FRESHENED IN HONG KONG RESULTING IN CLOUDY WEATHER AND SOME LIGHT RAIN THE NEXT DAY. THERE WERE SUNNY PERIODS LATER ON FEBRUARY 22 AND IT REMAINED FINE ON FEBRUARY 23 AND 24.

CLOUDY TO OVERCAST SKIES PREVAILED THROUGHOUT THE DAY ON FEBRUARY 25. WINDS TURNED SOUTHEASTERLY LATER ON FEBRUARY 26, BRINGING WARM AND HUMID AIR. COASTAL FOG DEVELOPED AND MIST WAS REPORTED IN THE HARBOUR.

MISTY AND FOGGY CONDITIONS LASTED UNTIL FEBRUARY 28 WHEN WINDS FRESHENED FROM THE EAST. HOWEVER, THE WEATHER REMAINED CLOUDY WITH OCCASIONAL DRIZZLE.

FOGGY AND OVERCAST CONDITIONS RETURNED AGAIN ON THE LAST DAY OF FEBRUARY. DURING THE FOGGY WEATHER, THE FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN TAP MUN AND MA LIU SHUI WAS SUSPENDED.

DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, NO TROPICAL CYCLONE OCCURRED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA AND ONLY ONE AIRCRAFT WAS DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER.

THE YELLOW FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON FEBRUARY 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24 AND 28.

SIGNALS HOISTED DURING THE MONTH WERE AS FOLLOWS:

WEATHER SYSTEM	SIGNAL	DATE AND TIME OF HOISTING	DATE AND TIME OF LOWERING
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WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	FEBRUARY 3 1 AM	FEBRUARY 3 10 AM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	FEBRUARY 6 6 PM	FEBRUARY 7 10 AM

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

TOTAL BRIGHT SUNSHINE	76.6 HOURS	;	32.1 HOURS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN DAILY GLOBAL SOLAR RADIATION	9.44 MJ/SQUARE METRE	;	1.65 MJ/SQUARE METRE BELOW NORMAL
TOTAL RAINFALL	11.9 MM	;	30.0 MM BELOW NORMAL
MEAN AMOUNT OF CLOUD	81 PER CENT	;	10 PER CENT MORE THAN NORMAL
MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY	81 PER CENT	;	3 PER CENT HIGHER THAN NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	18.3 DEGREES CELSIUS	;	0.5 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN AIR TEMPERATURE	16.3 DEGREES CELSIUS	;	0.4 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MINIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	14.7 DEGREES CELSIUS	;	1.0 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	12.9 DEGREES CELSIUS	;	1.2 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	64.8 MM	;	17.1 MM BELOW NORMAL

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IDEAS ON LOCAL MARINE CRAFT REVIEW WELCOME

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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT WELCOMES INPUT AND IDEAS ON THE CURRENT LOCAL CRAFT REGULATIONS REVIEW FROM ALL THOSE CONCERNED IN THE FIELD, SUCH AS BOAT CLUBS AND THEIR MEMBERS.

THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR GERRY HIGGINSON, SAID THIS AT THE OPENING OF THE "PUMA HONG KONG IN-WATER BOAT SHOW 1988" AT THE CLUB MARINA COVE, SAI KUNG, THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING.

MR HIGGINSON SAID THE DEPARTMENT WAS REVIEWING MANY OF THE STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES IN AN ATTEMPT TO REMOVE SOME OF THE MORE LONG-STANDING BUREAUCRATIC CONSTRAINTS.

"WE WANT TO MAKE THE WHOLE SYSTEM OF LICENSING AND INSPECTION OF VESSELS, AND INDEED OF EXAMINATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY, LESS RIGID AND MORE IN KEEPING WITH TODAY'S NEEDS WHILST, AT THE SAME TIME, MAINTAINING THOSE ESSENTIAL STANDARDS OF SAFETY," HE SAID.

"IN CONDUCTING OUR REVIEW, WE WELCOME INPUT AND IDEAS FROM ALL THOSE DIRECTLY CONCERNED IN THIS FIELD, SUCH AS THE MAJOR BOAT CLUBS AND THEIR USER MEMBERS."

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HAWKER LICENSING BECOMES COMPUTERISED NEXT MONTH

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HAWKER LICENSING RECORDS WILL BECOME COMPUTERISED NEXT MONTH FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE \$3.2 MILLION COMPUTER SYSTEM.

"THE COMPUTERISED LICENSING SYSTEM WILL KEEP AN ACCURATE RECORD OF SOME 20,000 LICENSED HAWKERS AND 12,000 HAWKER PITCHES WHICH ARE AT PRESENT HANDLED MANUALLY BY THE HAWKER RECORDS OFFICES OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT," AN URBAN COUNCIL SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

"LICENCE AND PITCH RECORDS AND ALL RELATED INFORMATION WILL IN FUTURE BE STORED IN THE DATA-BASE OF THE COMPUTER SYSTEM. THIS WILL BE UP-DATED ON-LINE, GREATLY SPEEDING UP SUCH NECESSARY WORK AND FACILITATING THE MANAGEMENT OF PITCHES AND LICENCE HOLDERS," HE SAID.

AS PART OF THE COMPUTERISATION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, AN IDENTITY-CARD TYPE "BADGE" WILL BE ISSUED WITH EVERY LICENCE, TO BE WORN OR DISPLAYED BY ALL LICENSED HAWKERS FOR EASY IDENTIFICATION.

/THE SPOKESMAN

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THIS WAS A PARTICULARLY TIMELY PROJECT WHEN THE COUNCIL WAS REVIEWING ITS POLICIES ON HAWKERS.

"COMPUTER TERMINALS ARE BEING INSTALLED AT THE USD HEADQUARTERS, THE TWO HAWKER RECORDS OFFICES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR AND THE 11 DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT," HE SAID.

"A CENTRAL, ON-LINE DATA-BASE CONTAINING HAWKER LICENCE RECORDS WILL BE SET UP AT THE COUNCIL'S ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING CENTRE.

"THE COMPUTER SYSTEM WILL MAKE HAWKER MANAGEMENT MORE EFFICIENT BY AUTOMATING THE PRODUCTION OF LICENCES AND ACCOUNTING RECORDS, AND PROVIDING MUCH-NEEDED INFORMATION FOR MANAGEMENT AND ANALYSIS."

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HK FORTUNATE TO HAVE LOW JUVENILE CRIME RATE

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HONG KONG IS FORTUNATE TO HAVE LOW RATES OF JUVENILE CRIME WHEN COMPARED WITH OTHER CITIES AROUND THE WORLD WHERE INCIDENTS OF REBELLIOUS BEHAVIOUR BY YOUNG PEOPLE SEEM TO BE ON THE INCREASE.

AND THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE GIVEN THAT HONG KONG IS A HEAVILY POPULATED AND COMPETITIVE CITY, AND LIKE OTHER URBAN ENVIRONMENTS HAS ITS FAIR SHARE OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG BANK, MR P. J. WRANGHAM, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE 1987 HONG KONG BANK JUNIOR POLICE CALL AWARDS SCHEME AT THE POLICE OFFICERS' CLUB, MR WRANGHAM COMMENDED THE JPC FOR MAKING A VERY SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO MAINTAINING THE HIGHLY COMMENDABLE ATTITUDES AMONGST HONG KONG'S YOUNGER GENERATION.

"THE JPC PHILOSOPHY ENCOURAGES MOTIVATION, ALTRUISM AND A SENSE OF COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY IN OUR YOUNGSTERS; QUALITIES WHICH, TAKEN COLLECTIVELY, LEAD TO SELF-FULFILMENT AND A HEALTHIER OUTLOOK ON LIFE," HE SAID.

NOTING THAT THE JPC WAS THE LARGEST AND MOST PRESTIGIOUS YOUTH ORGANISATION IN HONG KONG, MR WRANGHAM SAID IT HAD SUCCEEDED IN CHANNELLING THE ENERGIES AND POTENTIAL OF LOCAL YOUNGER CITIZENS IN A POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE WAY.

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"TO A LARGE EXTENT, THE FUTURE WELL-BEING OF OUR TERRITORY WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE ABILITIES AND VALUES OF THE YOUNGER GENERATION.

"THIS APPLIES NOT ONLY TO THE DILIGENCE WITH WHICH THEY PURSUE THEIR EDUCATION, BUT ALSO TO THEIR WILLINGNESS TO DO WHAT IS BEST FOR THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE," HE SAID.

MR WRANGHAM DISCLOSED THAT THE HONG KONG BANK WOULD STRENGTHEN ITS ASSOCIATION WITH THE JPC. IN ADDITION TO THE AWARDS SCHEME, IT WOULD SPONSOR THE RE-INTRODUCTION OF AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAGE TO JPC'S MONTHLY NEWSPAPER.

THE AIM WAS TO ENCOURAGE JPC MEMBERS TO BECOME BILINGUAL, MR WRANGHAM SAID.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY WAS THE POLICE CHIEF STAFF OFFICER, PUBLIC RELATIONS, MR JOHN DUNN, WHO SAID THAT THE AIMS OF THE JPC REMAINED, AS THEY WERE 14 YEARS AGO, THE PROVISION OF HEALTHY RECREATION, THE FOSTERING OF CIVIC PRIDE AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, AND THE FORGING OF CLOSER LINKS BETWEEN YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE POLICE.

"OVER THE YEAR I BELIEVE THAT JPC HAS GONE A LONG WAY TOWARDS REALISING THESE VERY WORTHY OBJECTIVES AND IS PROVIDING A MUCH-NEEDED SERVICE FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF HONG KONG."

THE JPC AWARDS SCHEME, SPONSORED BY THE HONG KONG BANK FOR THE SECOND YEAR, IS ORGANISED ANNUALLY TO GIVE DUE RECOGNITION TO JPC MEMBERS' ACTIVE PARTICIPATION, REMARKABLE PERFORMANCE AND ACHIEVEMENT IN COMMUNITY SERVICE. IT HAS BEEN HELD FOR NINE YEARS.

WINNERS OF THE FOUR CATEGORIES - BEST MEMBERS, BEST LEADERS, BEST DISTRICT COUNCILS AND BEST CLUBS - WERE AWARDED CASH PRIZES TOTTALLING \$74,000.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WERE THE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR LI KWAN-HA; THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE (MANAGEMENT), MR GEORGE HINDHAUGH; THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE (OPERATIONS), MR JOHN SHEPPARD; AND THE SENIOR MANAGER/BRANCHES OF THE HONG KONG BANK, MR EDWIN LAU.

APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR YOUTH PROJECT GRANTS

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) CALLED ON YOUTH GROUPS PLANNING INNOVATIVE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS TO APPLY FOR GRANTS UNDER THE "OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH SCHEME" (OYS).

APPLICATION FOR GRANTS AND DETAILS OF PROJECT PROPOSALS SHOULD REACH THE DEPARTMENT'S SOCIAL WORK OFFICERS (YOUTH AND COMMUNITY) BEFORE APRIL 30.

YOUTH GROUPS ARE EXPECTED TO PLAN THEIR PROJECTS FOCUSING ON THE MOTTO OF THE SCHEME - "ACTUALISE YOUR IDEALS, SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY" - AND THE MAXIMUM SUBSIDY FOR AN APPROVED PROJECT IS \$4,500.

"THE OBJECTIVES OF THE SCHEME ARE TO PROMOTE PERSONAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE; TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN ORDER TO PROMOTE A SENSE OF SOCIAL CONSCIOUSNESS AND RESPONSIBILITY; AND TO HELP DEVELOP THE SPIRIT OF CO-OPERATION AND MUTUAL HELP," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

ELABORATING, HE SAID: "YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BE HELPED TO REALISE THEIR PLANNED PROJECTS WHICH ARE CONDUCIVE TO THEIR PERSONAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY.

"THROUGH THE PROCESS OF WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE COMMON GOAL, THE OYS OFFERS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE TO BROADEN THEIR SCOPE OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE, TO HAVE MORE UNDERSTANDING ABOUT PEOPLE AND THE COMMUNITY, AND BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE THE NECESSARY SATISFACTION FOR PERSONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT.

"THESE ARE ALL ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS FOR BECOMING GOOD AND CONTRIBUTIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY."

EACH PARTICIPATING GROUP SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST SEVEN MEMBERS AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 25; AND SHOULD BE SPONSORED BY A SCHOOL, YOUTH AGENCY, INDUSTRIAL OR COMMERCIAL ORGANISATION.

GROUPS WITHOUT SPONSORS MAY ALSO APPLY WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE SOCIAL WORK OFFICER (YOUTH AND COMMUNITY) OF THEIR DISTRICT.

UPON COMPLETION OF THE PROJECTS, EACH DISTRICT WILL SELECT ITS MOST OUTSTANDING PROJECT TO COMPETE FOR THE "HONG KONG BEST OYS AWARD".

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA WILL INCLUDE THE EXTENT OF YOUTH INVOLVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, THE EXTENT OF COMMUNITY BENEFITS, FEASIBILITY OF THE PROJECT, AND OPTIMUM USE OF RESOURCES AND INNOVATION.

INFORMATION AND APPLICATION FORMS OF THE SCHEME ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S VARIOUS YOUTH AND COMMUNITY OFFICES.

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CROSS COUNTRY RACE IN NORTH DISTRICT

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HUNDREDS OF RUNNERS AGED BETWEEN 12 AND 60 FROM ALL PARTS OF THE TERRITORY WILL COMPETE IN AN ANNUAL CROSS COUNTRY RACE IN NORTH DISTRICT TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

SPONSORED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD, THE RACE HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE SHEUNG SHUI SPORTS ASSOCIATION TO PROMOTE AN INTEREST IN SPORT.

THE RACE HAS BEEN HELD SINCE 1964, AS PART OF LUNAR NEW YEAR ACTIVITIES, WITH THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS RISING FROM AN INITIAL 30 TO OVER 500 LAST YEAR.

THE RACE WILL BE DIVIDED INTO WOMEN'S AND MEN'S SECTIONS, WITH WOMEN COVERING EIGHT KILOMETRES AND MEN 10 KILOMETRES.

WOMEN RUNNERS WILL START AT 3.15 PM IN HUNG LING VILLAGE, AT THE ENTRANCE TO PING CHE ROAD.

MEN WILL BEGIN 15 MINUTES LATER FROM THE SING PING PUBLIC SCHOOL IN TA KWU LING.

THEY WILL ALL FINISH AT THE SHEK WU HUI PLAYGROUND IN SHEUNG SHUI.

THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS AT THE FINISHING POINT. THIS WILL BE AROUND 4.45 PM.

GUESTS WILL INCLUDE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD, MR RAYMOND PANG; CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, AND THE INCOMING POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, FRONTIER, MR MICHAEL WATSON.

IN ANOTHER LUNAR NEW YEAR ACTIVITY, A FUN DAY WILL ALSO BE HELD TOMORROW BY THE CHINESE NEW YEAR PROGRAMME ORGANISING COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE SHEUNG SHUI RURAL COMMITTEE WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD.

THE FUN DAY WILL INCLUDE A SPORTS CARNIVAL, CO-ORGANISED BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM IN THE BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL COURTS IN TIN PING ESTATE.

GAMESTALLS FOR CHILDREN WILL BE OPEN AT THE SHEK WU HUI PLAYGROUND AT 11 AM AND AT THE CHOI PO COURT PLAYGROUND AT 2 PM.

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THERE WILL ALSO BE A VARIETY SHOW FEATURING DRAMA AND POPULAR SONGS AT THE SHEK WU HUI PLAYGROUND, BEGINNING AT 7.30 PM. ADMISSION IS FREE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE NORTH DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY RACE AND THE SHEUNG SHUI FUN DAY TOMORROW (SUNDAY). THE CROSS COUNTRY RACE WILL START AT 3.15 PM AND THE FUN DAY WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM.

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NEW YEAR CARNIVAL FOR YAU MA TEI RESIDENTS

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A LUNAR NEW YEAR CARNIVAL WILL BE ORGANISED BY THE YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI CULTURE AND ARTS ASSOCIATION IN THE URBAN COUNCIL CENTENARY GARDEN IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

STARTING AT 1.45 PM, THE CARNIVAL WILL FEATURE DANCING AND SINGING PERFORMANCES, ACROBATIC AND MAGIC SHOWS. OTHER ATTRACTIONS WILL BE WORD PROPHECY AND FORTUNE TELLING AS WELL AS GAMESTALLS.

THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CARNIVAL WHICH WILL START AT 1.45 PM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) IN THE UC CENTENARY GARDEN, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

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SEWAGE TREATMENT, DISPOSAL SCHEME FOR NORTHWEST KOWLOON
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THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS TO BUILD A NETWORK OF SEWAGE PIPES AND TREATMENT WORKS TO CONVEY SEWAGE GENERATED ALONG THE NORTHWEST COAST OF KOWLOON TO STONECUTTERS ISLAND FOR TREATMENT AND DISCHARGE.

THE DRAINAGE (CONSTRUCTION) DIVISION, CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, PROPOSES TO INVITE TENDERS IN JULY FROM PRE-QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS TO CARRY OUT SOME OF THE WORKS.

THESE WILL INVOLVE CIVIL ENGINEERING AND BUILDING WORKS, INCLUDING LAYING OF SUBMARINE PRESSURE MAINS FROM CHEUNG SHA WAN IN KOWLOON TO STONECUTTERS ISLAND, AND BUILDING SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES ON STONECUTTERS ISLAND.

DETAILS OF THE WORKS ARE GIVEN IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

UPON COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT IN LATE 1990, SEWAGE NOW BEING DISCHARGED AFTER BASIC SCREENING OFF THE COAST OF NORTHWEST KOWLOON WILL BE CONVEYED TO THE NEW TREATMENT FACILITIES ON STONECUTTERS ISLAND.

IT WILL THEN BE DISCHARGED THROUGH SUBMARINE OUTFALLS ABOUT 350 METRES WEST OF STONECUTTERS ISLAND.

COMPLETED PRE-QUALIFICATION SUBMISSIONS SHOULD BE MADE BY NOON ON MAY 6. TENDERS FOR THE REMAINING WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO BE CALLED A FEW MONTHS LATER.

ANY PERSON WHO BELIEVES THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER APPROXIMATELY 10.5 HECTARES OF FORESHORE OR SEABED THAT COULD BE AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS, BY MAY 10.

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COMPUTER EDUCATION CENTRE OPEN TO SCHOOL USERS
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PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS ARE AGAIN INVITED TO REGISTER AS USERS OF THE COMPUTER EDUCATION CENTRE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE COMPUTER EDUCATION CENTRE, LOCATED AT 19 HOK YUEN STREET, HUNG HOM, IS A TRAINING AND RESOURCE CENTRE FOR TEACHERS OF ANY SUBJECT FROM BOTH PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN GAINING AN UNDERSTANDING AND EXPERIENCE IN COMPUTERS.

/THE CENTRE

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THE CENTRE IS EQUIPPED WITH A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF MICROCOMPUTERS, EDUCATIONAL SOFTWARE PACKAGES, AND CONTROL TECHNOLOGY DEVICES, AS WELL AS A RANGE OF ELECTRONIC AND AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT FOR TRAINING AND RESEARCH PURPOSES.

IT ALSO HAS A GOOD COLLECTION OF BOOKS AND JOURNALS ON COMPUTER SCIENCE AND COMPUTER EDUCATION.

ALL REGISTERED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS ARE ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER AS USERS OF THE CENTRE. AROUND 640 SCHOOLS HAVE SO FAR REGISTERED WITH THE CENTRE AS USER-SCHOOLS.

ONLY TEACHERS OF REGISTERED USER SCHOOL ARE ALLOWED TO VISIT THE CENTRE DURING THE OPENING HOURS BETWEEN 9 AM TO 12.45 PM AND BETWEEN 2.15 PM TO 4.30 PM MONDAY TO FRIDAY, AND FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON ON SATURDAY, APART FROM PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

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WSD FAMILY FUN FAIR FOR STAFF

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ITS 26TH ANNUAL LUNAR NEW YEAR CHILDREN'S FUN FAIR FOR STAFF AND THEIR FAMILIES TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE FAIR WILL BE HELD AT THE WAH YAN COLLEGE, WATERLOO ROAD, KOWLOON, FROM 12.30 PM TO 4 PM.

THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR K.L. WONG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

THE PROGRAMME INCLUDES BAND DRILL, DRAGON AND LION DANCES, ACROBATIC AND MAGIC SHOWS, SONGS AND COMEDIES, COMPETITIVE EVENTS AND A VARIETY OF GAMES STALLS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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ROAD CLOSURES AND RESTRICTED ZONE

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MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO WATCH OUT FOR TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES IN TSING YI AND HUNG HOM FROM TUESDAY (MARCH 15).

IN TSING YI, THE SECTION OF TSING YIP STREET BETWEEN TSING LUK STREET AND FUNG SHU WO ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC DAILY BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5.30 AM FROM TUESDAY TO SATURDAY (MARCH 19).

DURING THE CLOSURE, TSING YIP STREET WILL BE RE-OPENED TO GENERAL TRAFFIC AT 10-MINUTE INTERVALS AND IMMEDIATELY FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES.

THE CLOSURE IS TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE.

IN HUNG HOM, THE WUHU VEHICULAR UNDERPASS LEADING FROM NORTHBOUND CHATHAM ROAD NORTH TO SOUTHBOUND GILLIES AVENUE WILL ALSO BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC DAILY BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5 AM FROM TUESDAY TO THURSDAY (MARCH 17).

THE CLOSURE IS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO CONDUCT A SKID RESISTANCE TEST ON THE ROAD SURFACE OF THE UNDERPASS.

MOTORISTS FROM TSIM SHA TSUI, YAU MA TEI AND THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL HEADING FOR HUNG HOM AREA WILL HAVE TO USE EITHER CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH, CHEONG WAN ROAD, ON WAN ROAD, CHEONG WAH ROAD AND GILLIES AVENUE; OR GASCOIGNE ROAD, CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH, CHATHAM ROAD NORTH, PAK KUNG STREET, SHUN YUNG STREET, FAT KWONG STREET AND MA TAU WAI ROAD.

IN ANOTHER MEASURE, FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (MARCH 15), A 15-METRE STRETCH OF TEMPLE STREET NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH AUSTIN ROAD IN YAU MA TEI WILL BE MADE A PEAK HOUR (7 TO 10 AM AND 4 TO 7 PM) DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY.

NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP WITHIN THE URBAN CLEARWAY FOR GOODS OR PASSENGERS.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SHAU KEI WAN
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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN SHAU KEI WAN FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (MARCH 15) TO 10 AM ON MARCH 24 FOR TRAM TRACK RENEWAL WORK.

THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS WILL BE DESIGNATED AS 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY RESTRICTED ZONES:

- * FACTORY STREET BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST AND WANG WA STREET;
- * WANG WA STREET BETWEEN FACTORY STREET AND KAM WA STREET;
AND
- * KAM WA STREET BETWEEN WANG WA STREET AND SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST.

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

AT THE SAME TIME, VEHICLES ON NORTHBOUND SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST HEADING FOR A KUNG NGAM ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA FACTORY STREET, WANG WA STREET AND KAM WA STREET.

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