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\$109 M CONTRACT FOR MECHANISED LETTER SORTING SYSTEM AWARDED

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THE POST OFFICE HAS AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION AND INSTALLATION OF A MECHANISED LETTER SORTING SYSTEM (MLSS) TO SUMITOMO CORPORATION OF JAPAN AT A COST OF \$109 MILLION, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY).

THE NEW SYSTEM WILL BE SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO SPEED UP THE PROCESSING OF LETTER MAIL ITEMS WHICH ARE AT PRESENT HANDLED MANUALLY.

THE MLSS EQUIPMENT COMPRISING OPTICAL CHARACTER RECOGNITION (OCR) MACHINES, VIDEO CODING MACHINES (VCM) AND LETTER SORTING MACHINES (LSM) WILL BE SUPPLIED BY NEC CORPORATION OF JAPAN WHO HAVE CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE IN THIS FIELD OF LETTER MECHANISATION.

THE EQUIPMENT WILL BE INSTALLED IN THE MAIL PROCESSING CENTRES OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE AND THE INTERNATIONAL MAIL CENTRE AS WELL AS EIGHT OTHER LARGE DISTRICT MAIL DELIVERY OFFICES IN THE TERRITORY.

"UNDER THE NEW SYSTEM, LETTERS WILL BE FED INTO THE OCR EQUIPMENT WHICH WILL ELECTRONICALLY SCAN THE LAST FOUR LINES OF THE ADDRESS," A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE APPROPRIATE BAR CODE OF THE ADDRESS WILL BE PRINTED ON THE ENVELOPE IN LUMINESCENT INK SO THAT ALL SUBSEQUENT SORTING PROCESSES CAN BE DONE AUTOMATICALLY BY LETTER SORTING MACHINES.

"THESE MACHINES WILL SORT LETTERS TO DELIVERY OFFICES, TO THE INDIVIDUAL POSTMAN'S DELIVERY BEAT OR POST OFFICE BOX UNIT, AND TO OVERSEAS DESTINATIONS."

THE OCR SYSTEM WILL BE DESIGNED TO READ ADDRESSES TYPED OR MACHINE PRINTED IN ROMAN TYPE THUS AVOIDING THE NEED FOR A POST CODE SYSTEM IN HONG KONG.

"LETTERS REJECTED BY THE OCR EQUIPMENT BECAUSE OF UNREADABLE ADDRESSES, FOR EXAMPLE HANDWRITTEN, ADDRESS NOT IN REGULAR FORMAT OR CHINESE CHARACTERS, WILL BE DIVERTED TO VIDEO CODING DESKS WHERE OPERATORS WILL READ THE ADDRESS AND TYPE THE RELEVANT ABBREVIATED ADDRESS CODES ON THE ENVELOPES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THEREAFTER THE ITEMS WILL BE SORTED ON THE AUTOMATIC LETTER SORTING EQUIPMENT IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE OCR CODED MAIL."

IT IS ESIMATED THAT ABOUT 80 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL LETTER MAIL TRAFFIC WILL BE PROCESSED BY THE OCR AND VIDEO CODING EQUIPMENT.

THE THROUGHPUT OF THE LETTER SORTING MACHINES WILL BE IN THE REGION OF 28,000 ITEMS PER HOUR.

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BY COMPARISON THE THROUGHPUT OF THE EXISTING MANUAL SYSTEM IS ABOUT 1,000 ITEMS PER HOUR PER SORTER.

IN THE FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION, SAVINGS OF 200 POSTS WILL BE ACHIEVED.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE MLSS WILL BE FULLY OPERATIONAL TOWARDS THE END OF 1989.

BY THAT TIME THE HONG KONG POST OFFICE WILL HAVE ACHIEVED A NEW MILESTONE IN THAT IT WILL BE OPERATING THE ONLY MECHANISED SORTING SYSTEM IN THE WORLD IN WHICH OCR'S READ FOUR LINES OF THE ADDRESS AND IMPRINTS A MACHINE READABLE CODE WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF A POST CODE OR ZIP CODE.

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CODE OF PRACTICE ON PCB WASTES PUBLISHED

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THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH HAS PUBLISHED A CODE OF PRACTICE ON THE HANDLING, TRANSPORT AND DISPOSAL OF POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYL (PCB) WASTES IN HONG KONG.

THE CODE OF PRACTICE, PREPARED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, IS A STATUTORY DOCUMENT PUBLISHED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE UNDER THE WASTE DISPOSAL ORDINANCE IN CONSULTATION WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT PCB'S WERE SYNTHETIC ORGANIC PRODUCTS WHOSE MAJOR LOCAL APPLICATIONS INCLUDED ELECTRICAL CAPACITORS AND TRANSFORMERS.

DESPITE THE WIDE APPLICATIONS OF PCB'S, HE SAID, SOME OF THEIR PROPERTIES WERE ENVIRONMENTALLY UNDESIRABLE AS EXEMPLIFIED BY THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL PERSISTENCE AND BIOACCUMULATION IN THE FOOD CHAIN.

"INCREASING CONCERN OVER THEIR HEALTH HAZARDS AND ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS HAS RESULTED IN THEIR DIMINISHING USE AND GRADUAL REPLACEMENT AND, IN SOME COUNTRIES, A COMPLETE BAN," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT ACTION WAS NOW IN HAND TO RESTRICT THE USE OF PCB'S OVER A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD AND IT WAS EXPECTED THAT INCREASING QUANTITIES OF PCB WASTES WOULD ARISE IN THE NEAR FUTURE DUE TO THE REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING EQUIPMENT.

/THE CODE

THE CODE OF PRACTICE GIVES SPECIFIC ADVICE ON THE SAFE HANDLING AND PROPER LABELLING OF PCB WASTES AS WELL AS GUIDELINES ON THE DECONTAMINATION OF PCB ARTICLES.

"TO ENSURE PROPER DISPOSAL, WASTE PRODUCERS HAVE TO MAKE SUITABLE ARRANGEMENTS WITH EXPERIENCED WASTE DISPOSAL CONTRACTORS TO COLLECT, TRANSPORT AND DISPOSE OF THE WASTE, AND ALL SUCH ARRANGEMENTS HAVE TO BE NOTIFIED TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT AS THE WASTE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY.

"IF THE WASTE IS EXPORTED TO OTHER COUNTRIES FOR DISPOSAL, THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT WOULD NORMALLY REQUIRE A COPY OF THE BILL OF LADING AND THE CONFIRMATION LETTER FROM THE WASTE DISPOSAL CONTRACTOR AS PROOF OF SATISFACTORY DISPOSAL ARRANGEMENT," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

COPIES OF THE CODE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT SINCERE BUILDING, 17TH FLOOR, 173 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, OR ITS BRANCH OFFICE ON THE 11TH FLOOR, EMPIRE CENTRE, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

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CLOSURE OF THE POLICE CADET SCHOOL
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS RELUCTANTLY DECIDED THAT THE POLICE CADET SCHOOL WILL CLOSE IN MARCH 1990. THIS DECISION WAS REACHED AFTER CONSIDERATION BY AN INTER-DEPARTMENTAL WORKING PARTY AND CONSULTATION WITH THE POLICE CADET SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD.

THE REASONS FOR THE DECISION ARE RISING EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS IN THE COMMUNITY AND THE FACT THAT THE POLICE HAVE, IN RECENT YEARS, BEEN ABLE TO RECRUIT SUFFICIENT OFFICERS OF THE RIGHT EDUCATIONAL STANDARD DIRECTLY.

THE CADET SCHOOL WAS FOUNDED IN 1973 TO PROVIDE A SOURCE OF QUALIFIED RECRUITS FOR THE POLICE AND OTHER DISCIPLINED SERVICES BY OFFERING STUDENTS WHO WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN FORM IV PLACES AN OPPORTUNITY TO FURTHER THEIR EDUCATION.

THE INCREASED AVAILABILITY OF SUCH PLACES HAS MEANT THAT THE SCHOOL HAS BECOME LESS ATTRACTIVE TO STUDENTS AND THAT THERE IS NOW NO SHORTAGE OF SUITABLY QUALIFIED RECRUITS TO THE POLICE AND OTHER SERVICES. THE MAIN REASON FOR THE EXISTENCE OF THE SCHOOL HAS THEREFORE DISAPPEARED.

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THE SCHOOL WILL CLOSE IN TWO PHASES WITH THE DODWELLS RIDGE CAMP, WHICH HOUSES HALF OF THE CADETS, CLOSING IN MARCH 1989, AND FAN GARDENS CAMP, WHICH HOUSES THE REMAINDER, IN MARCH 1990. THIS MEANS THAT THERE WILL BE NO MORE INTAKES TO THE SCHOOL, WITH THE RECENT MARCH INTAKE TO FAN GARDENS BEING THE FINAL ONE.

THE SCHOOL WAS FOUNDED IN SEPTEMBER 1973 AND UP TO FEBRUARY 1988 HAS TRAINED 3,626 CADETS, 3,350 OF WHOM HAVE JOINED THE RHKP AND 174 THE OTHER DISCIPLINED SERVICES.

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AREA COMMITTEES PLAY IMPORTANT ROLE IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS

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AREA COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN PLAYING AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN PROMOTING COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND IN IMPROVING RESIDENTS' LIVING ENVIRONMENT AND WELFARE AT DISTRICT LEVEL SINCE THEIR INCEPTION IN 1972, THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALEX FONG, SAID THIS (MONDAY) EVENING.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE 1988-89 ORIENTATION GATHERING FOR MEMBERS OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT'S EIGHT AREA COMMITTEES, HELD AT THE MARTHA BOSS COMMUNITY CENTRE IN HO MAN TIN.

MR FONG PRAISED THE WORK OF THE AREA COMMITTEES, WHICH DISCUSSED IMPROVEMENTS TO PUBLIC FACILITIES, TRAFFIC, ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE AND COMMUNITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES AND MADE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT.

"THE AREA COMMITTEES ALSO PLAY A KEY ROLE IN PROMOTING RECREATIONAL AND COMMUNITY-BUILDING ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION," HE SAID.

"THERE IS A COMMON INTEREST AMONGST THE MEMBERS WHICH IS TO MAKE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN AND TO PROMOTE A SENSE OF BELONGING. TO ACHIEVE THIS, IT DEPENDS NOT ONLY ON THE GOVERNMENT BUT ALSO ON PUBLIC SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION.

"IN OUR DISTRICT, THERE ARE BODIES WHICH PROVIDE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND THE AUTHORITIES, AND PROVIDE RESIDENTS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY OF PARTICIPATING IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES. AREA COMMITTEES ARE AMONG THESE BODIES."

/MR FONG

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MR FONG SAID THE SUCCESS OF AREA COMMITTEES DEPENDED, APART FROM ADEQUATE RESOURCES, VERY MUCH ON THE MEMBERS' ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AND THEIR CLOSE CO-OPERATION WITH VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

HE ENCOURAGED MEMBERS TO PAY FULL ATTENTION TO LOCAL PROBLEMS AND TO BRING THEM TO THE NOTICE OF THE RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS OR THE DISTRICT OFFICE IN ORDER TO HAVE THEM SOLVED.

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, BESIDES LISTENING TO VIEWS AND REACTING QUICKLY, WOULD PROVIDE RESIDENTS WITH DATA AND INFORMATION THROUGH THE AREA COMMITTEES, THUS PROMOTING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE AUTHORITIES AND THE PUBLIC, HE ADDED.

THE GATHERING WAS AIMED AT PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO SHARE VIEWS AND EXPERIENCES WITH EACH OTHER ON VARIOUS MATTERS CONCERNING THE DISTRICT AND AREA COMMITTEES.

IT WAS ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 100 MEMBERS FROM THE EIGHT AREA COMMITTEES IN KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT.

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WHOLE-DAY WORKSHOP UNDERWAY FOR NORTH DB

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FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION TO SUCCEED, IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS MANAGING THE DISTRICT TO BE ON THE SAME WAVELENGTH AND TO BUILD UP A SYMBIOTIC RELATIONSHIP.

THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG, SAID THIS AT THE OPENING OF A WHOLE-DAY WORKSHOP, WHICH EMBODIES THIS OBJECTIVE, IN SHEUNG SHUI TODAY (MONDAY).

"THROUGH CLOSE COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD AND THE NORTH DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE DURING THE PAST TERM, A NUMBER OF DIFFICULT ISSUES CONFRONTING THE DISTRICT HAVE BEEN SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED," MR CHEUNG SAID.

THESE INCLUDED THE SHORTAGE OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES, PROVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES, NORTH DISTRICT HOSPITAL PROJECT, AND TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT PROBLEMS, HE ADDED.

HE ALSO DESCRIBED THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AS "CO-PILOTS WHO STEER NORTH DISTRICT ON THE RIGHT TRACK ALONG THE PATH OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND KEEP THE DISTRICT ON AN EVEN COURSE".

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ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, THE WORKSHOP CONSISTS OF A SERIES OF BRIEFINGS BY MEMBERS OF THE NORTH DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ON THE WORKINGS OF INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL.

THE BRIEFINGS ARE BEING FOLLOWED BY QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSIONS ON HOW DISTRICT PROBLEMS CAN BEST BE TACKLED AND HOW TO DEAL WITH COMPLAINTS FROM THE PUBLIC.

THE WORKSHOP PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE 22 NORTH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, AT THE START OF THE NEW TERM, TO INTERACT AND BE ACQUAINTED WITH THEIR GOVERNMENT COUNTERPARTS IN A RELAXED SETTING.

IT ALSO HELPS FOSTER MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND A FRANK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BETWEEN THEM.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS INVITED TO GIVE BRIEFINGS AT TODAY'S WORKSHOP INCLUDE THE NEW TERRITORIES NORTH EAST DEVELOPMENT OFFICE'S PROJECT MANAGER, MR TOM ARMOUR AND ITS CHIEF TOWN PLANNER, MR RICHARD CHENG; THE FRONTIER POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR MICHAEL WATSON, AND DEPUTY DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR CHEUNG CHI-KEUNG; AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICER (NORTH), MR VICTOR CHAN.

BRIEFINGS ARE ALSO BEING BY THE SENIOR HOUSING MANAGER (NORTH), MR CHAN KWAI-PANG; DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (TAI PO/NORTH), MR STEPHEN CHAU; SENIOR TRANSPORT OFFICER, MR MICHAEL CHIU; SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER, MR LIU TSO-TIM; DISTRICT HYGIENE SUPERINTENDENT (NORTH), MR UN WAI-KWOK; AND DISTRICT LEISURE MANAGER, MRS AMY WONG.

AS PART OF AN OVERALL ORIENTATION EXERCISE FOR BOARD MEMBERS, THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE WILL ALSO ARRANGE FAMILIARISATION VISITS TO GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS AND MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

BOARD MEMBERS WERE BRIEFED BY MR CHEUNG TWO WEEKS AGO ON THE BOARD'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

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DUTCH MINISTER VISITS KWAI TSING

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HIGH-RANKING DUTCH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS LED BY THE NETHERLANDS MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE, MS YVONNE VAN ROOY, TODAY (MONDAY) VISITED KWAI TSING DISTRICT AND MET LOCAL BUSINESSMEN AS PART OF THEIR PROGRAMME IN HONG KONG TO FOSTER CLOSER ECONOMIC TIES.

THE OFFICIALS ARE REPRESENTING THE DUTCH FOREIGN TRADE AGENCY OF THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND SEVERAL OF THEM ARE EXPERTS IN HONG KONG AND CHINA TRADE.

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DURING THE VISIT KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER MR BRIAN COAK, EXPLAINED TO THEM EXPANSION PLANS FOR THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER PORT'S TERMINAL 6 AND 7.

MR COAK NOTED THAT SITE FORMATION WORK FOR TERMINAL 6 HAS BEEN WELL AHEAD OF SCHEDULE BY USING DREDGED SEA SAND. THIS PROCESS IS BEING CARRIED OUT BY A CONSORTIUM OF DUTCH AND JAPANESE COMPANIES.

HONG KONG'S CONTAINER PORT HAS OVERTAKEN ROTTERDAM OF THE NETHERLANDS LAST YEAR IN TERMS OF CONTAINERS THROUGHPUT TO BECOME THE BUSIEST PORT IN THE WORLD.

THE PARTY WAS ALSO BRIEFED ON THE INDUSTRIAL AND TRADE DEVELOPMENT OF KWAI TSING DISTRICT.

THEY HAD A DISCUSSION WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE KWAI TSING FEDERATION OF INDUSTRIES, MR CHAN KWOK-WAI, AND MEMBERS MR JAMES TIEN, MR SO HOI-PAN AND MR CHOI HING-SHUN ON THE GROWTH OF INDUSTRY AND TRADE IN THE DISTRICT AND WORLD TRADE IN GENERAL.

THE NETHERLANDS IS THE FIFTH LARGEST OVERSEAS INVESTOR IN HONG KONG WITH ABOUT 80 COMPANIES ESTABLISHED IN THE TERRITORY.

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SPECIAL FERRY SERVICES FOR TIN HAU WORSHIPPERS

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MORE THAN 60,000 WORSHIPPERS AND SIGHTSEERS ARE EXPECTED TO VISIT THE TIN HAU TEMPLE IN JOSS HOUSE BAY, SAI KUNG, ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY (MAY 7 AND 8) TO CELEBRATE THE TIN HAU FESTIVAL.

THE FESTIVAL CELEBRATES THE BIRTHDAY OF TIN HAU, THE GODDESS OF HEAVEN, AND IS OF SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE TO BOAT PEOPLE WHO PRAY TO TIN HAU FOR FAIR WEATHER AND GOOD FISHING ALL YEAR ROUND.

IN VIEW OF THE EXPECTED CROWDS, A SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN URGED WORSHIPPERS TO MAKE GOOD USE OF SEA TRANSPORT.

HE SAID THAT AS CAR PARKING SPACES OUTSIDE THE CLEAR WATER BAY GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB WILL BE RESERVED FOR ONLY GOVERNMENT VEHICLES THAT ARE BEING DEPLOYED, WORSHIPPERS SHOULD MAKE USE OF FERRY SERVICES TO GO TO THE TIN HAU TEMPLE.

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THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY WILL ARRANGE SPECIAL FERRY SERVICES BETWEEN NORTH POINT EAST FERRY PIER AND JOSS HOUSE BAY.

THE FIRST FERRY WILL DEPART FROM NORTH POINT AT 8.30 AM ON SATURDAY AND THE LAST FERRY FROM JOSS HOUSE BAY TO NORTH POINT WILL LEAVE AT 4 PM ON SUNDAY. THE MINIMUM FREQUENCY WILL BE 45 MINUTES.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED WORSHIPPERS THAT AS CONDITIONS INSIDE THE TEMPLE WILL BE CROWDED THEY SHOULD TAKE SPECIAL CARE TO AVOID THE RISK OF FIRE.

THE BURNING OF PAPER OFFERINGS AND TAKING OF MORE THAN THREE BURNING JOSS STICKS INTO THE TEMPLE WILL BE PROHIBITED.

SUFFICIENT INCINERATORS WILL BE PROVIDED OUTSIDE THE TEMPLE FOR BURNING OF PAPER AND JOSS STICKS.

THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL ARRANGE FOR GRASS-CUTTING IN THE AREA TO MINIMISE FIRE RISKS NEAR THE FERRY PIER AND THE ROUTES TO AND FROM THE TEMPLE.

ADEQUATE POLICE AND MEDICAL FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE.

THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED TO DEPOSIT RUBBISH IN LITTER BINS.

LOUDHAILERS SHOULD NOT BE USED WITHIN THE TEMPLE AREA NOR SHOULD TAPES BE PLAYED.

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ELECTION OF SPECIAL COUNCILLORS FOR HEUNG YEE KUK

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THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION TODAY (MONDAY) ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR THE VACANCIES OF SPECIAL COUNCILLORS FOR THE 27TH TERM OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK.

TAI PO ELECTORAL DISTRICT

MR LAU MAN-SANG
MR CHAN KOON-YAU
MR WONG MUK-LIN
MR YEUNG CHOI
MR WONG KAM-SANG
MR KAN CHAU-CHU
MR CHU WONG-HING

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SOUTHERN ELECTORAL DISTRICT

MR KWONG KWOK-KAM
MR KWOK TAM-FOOK
MR YEUNG YUK-LUN
MR LUNG KWOK-FAI
MR NG TO-PO
MR LEUNG CHOI-FOOK
MR CHAN HING-KWONG
MR WONG TZE-KEUNG
MR CHAN SAI-KIT

YUEN LONG ELECTORAL DISTRICT

MR HO KWAN-CHU
MR MAN YEUNG-POR
MR YEUNG LAI-TONG
MR TANG WAI-NAM
MR LAM CHIU-KUEN
MR TANG WAI-MING
MR TANG YAT-KAN

AS THERE ARE ONLY SEVEN CANDIDATES FOR THE SEVEN VACANCIES IN EACH OF THE YUEN LONG AND THE TAI PO ELECTORAL DISTRICTS, THE CANDIDATES SHALL BE ELECTED IPSO FACTO.

HOWEVER, AN ELECTION WILL BE HELD FOR THE SOUTHERN ELECTORAL DISTRICT IN WHICH NINE CANDIDATES ARE VYING FOR THE SEVEN VACANCIES.

THE ELECTION WILL BE CONDUCTED BY SECRET BALLOT BEGINNING AT 11.30 AM ON MONDAY (MAY 9) AT THE HEUNG YEE KUK OFFICE, 47 CUMBERLAND ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR MICHAEL SUEN, SHALL BE THE RETURNING OFFICER FOR THE ELECTION.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS WORK PLAN

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THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO DISCUSS THE WORK PLAN FOR 1988-89.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON A PURPOSE-BUILT HALF-WAY HOUSE PROJECT FOR EX-MENTAL PATIENTS AT THE JUNCTION OF KUNG LOK ROAD AND HONG NING ROAD.

ALSO ON THE AGENDA ARE A SCHEDULE FOR ALLOCATION OF GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND THE CO-OPTING OF NON-DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS INTO THE COMMITTEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, TUNG YAN STREET. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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MTR FARE SURCHARGE ON TUEN MUN DB AGENDA

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THE EFFECTS OF THE PEAK HOUR SURCHARGE PLANNED BY THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION AND THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT CO-ORDINATION POLICY WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE DRAFT BASIC LAW FOR THE FUTURE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE PROBLEMS CAUSED BY CONTAINER YARDS AT THE SOUTHEASTERN PART OF TUEN MUN, THE NEED FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD TO FORMULATE A COMMUNITY POLICY, AND THE REVIEW OF THE "MEET-THE-PUBLIC" SCHEME.

IN ADDITION, THE ANNUAL PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, THE REPORT ON THE DISTRICT BOARD'S OVERSEAS STUDY TOUR, AND THE FIRST REPORT OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WILL BE TABLED AT THE MEETING.

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WORKS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR 1987-88 WILL ALSO BE TABLED.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR, GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, NO. 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN. YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING.

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DB COMMITTEE GETS TO WORK

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MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WILL ELECT A CHAIRMAN AT THEIR FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW TERM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE, SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND APPORTIONMENT OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS WILL BE DISCUSSED.

FORMATION OF COMMITTEE WORKING GROUPS WILL BE CONSIDERED.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

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

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ILLEGAL BUILDING WORKS TO BE CLOSED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS TO SEEK THE CLOSURE OF ILLEGAL BUILDING WORKS ON THE ROOFTOP OF PREMISES AT 108-118 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, KOWLOON, SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS OR TO THE PUBLIC.

THE CLOSURE OF THE ILLEGAL WORKS OVER THE 14TH FLOOR PREMISES IS PART OF AN EXERCISE TO ENFORCE THE ORDERS ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR REQUIRING THE DEMOLITION OF THESE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON JUNE 29 WERE POSTED ON THE STRUCTURES TODAY (MONDAY).

DEMOLITION WORK WILL START ONCE THE CLOSURE ORDERS ARE OBTAINED.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 30.4 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 178.133 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 286.623 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 48.9 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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TEMPORARY U-TURN ON WATERLOO ROAD

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TO FACILITATE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER, NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO MAKE U-TURNS FROM WATERLOO ROAD SOUTHBOUND ONTO WATERLOO ROAD NORTHBOUND OUTSIDE KOWLOON HOSPITAL BETWEEN 10 PM AND MIDNIGHT ON THURSDAY (MAY 5).

AFFECTED MOTORISTS WILL HAVE TO TRAVEL VIA WATERLOO ROAD SOUTHBOUND, PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, SHEUNG HING STREET, PUI CHING ROAD AND WATERLOO ROAD NORTHBOUND.

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OPENING OF HARCOURT ROAD FLYOVER POSTPONED

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DUE TO DELAYS IN CONSTRUCTION WORKS, THE HARCOURT ROAD FLYOVER LINKING HARCOURT ROAD AND COTTON TREE DRIVE WILL NOT BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC AS SCHEDULED FROM 10 AM TOMORROW MORNING (TUESDAY).

THE ACTUAL OPENING DATE HAS NOT BEEN FIXED FOR THE TIME BEING.

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