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EXTENSION OF RATING THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY

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THE EXISTING RATING AREAS WILL BE EXTENDED TO COVER THE WHOLE OF THE TERRITORY WITH EFFECT FROM APRIL 1, 1988, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY, FOLLOWING DISCUSSION WITH THE HEUNG YEE KUK.

THIS WOULD MEAN ALL PROPERTIES IN HONG KONG OTHER THAN THOSE SPECIFICALLY EXEMPTED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE RATING ORDINANCE WOULD IN DUE COURSE BE ASSESSED TO RATES.

HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH LARGE STRETCHES OF THE AREAS TO BE INCLUDED ARE STILL UNDEVELOPED, SOME SCATTERED DEVELOPMENTS HAD ALREADY TAKEN PLACE AND MORE ARE PLANNED.

+FURTHERMORE, THE SINO-BRITISH AGREEMENT ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG PROVIDES THAT ALL PROPERTIES HELD ON LEASES WHICH ARE EXTENDED BEFORE JUNE 30, 1997 UNDER THE AGREEMENT WILL (WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS) BE SUBJECT TO AN ANNUAL RENT OF THREE PER CENT OF THE RATEABLE VALUE. THIS WILL NECESSITATE THE PROVISION OF A RATEABLE VALUE FOR EACH SUCH CASE AND THE EXTENSION OF THE RATING AREAS IS A NECESSARY STEP IN THIS DIRECTION,+ HE ADDED.

ASSURANCES HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THE HEUNG YEE KUK THAT THE EXEMPTION OF VILLAGE HOUSES OCCUPIED BY INDIGENOUS RESIDENTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL CONTINUE TO APPLY IN THESE AREAS.

CERTAIN VILLAGES WILL BE DESIGNATED AS DESIGNATED VILLAGE AREAS FOR EXEMPTION PURPOSES WITHIN THE EXTENSION AREA.

+STAFF FROM THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT WILL SHORTLY BEGIN INSPECTING PREMISES WITHIN THE EXTENDED AREAS IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHICH PROPERTIES NEED TO BE ASSESSED,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

REQUISITION FORMS WOULD BE ISSUED AS PART OF THIS EXERCISE AND THESE SHOULD BE RETURNED WITHIN ONE MONTH OF RECEIPT.

NOTICES WILL BE ISSUED TO RATEPAYERS EARLY IN 1988 ADVISING THEM OF THE PROPOSED RATEABLE VALUE OF THEIR PROPERTIES, HE ADDED.

RATES WILL BE CHARGED AT A PERCENTAGE OF THESE RATEABLE VALUES AS DETERMINED BY RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

RATEPAYERS WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN ADVICE REGARDING SUCH NOTICES AND WILL ALSO BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT IF THEY FEEL AGGRIEVED. THE PERIOD FOR MAKING SUCH OBJECTIONS WILL BE MARCH 1988.

IF INDIGENOUS VILLAGERS LIVING IN TRADITIONAL VILLAGE HOUSES RECEIVE A NOTICE OF RATEABLE VALUE, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO APPLY TO THE REGIONAL SECRETARY OF THE NEW TERRITORIES FOR EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF RATES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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GROWING APPRECIATION FOR LANDSCAPED SURROUNDINGS
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MORE NATURAL VEGETATION ARE BEING DESTROYED THAN BEING REPLACED, THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR GRAHAM BARNES, SAID THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING.

HOWEVER HONG KONG WAS NOW IN A CONSIDERABLY MORE HOPEFUL POSITION THAN IN THE EARLY 1970'S.

+THERE IS A GROWING APPRECIATION SPREADING RIGHT THROUGH ALL CIRCLES THAT WE DO NOT WANT TO LIVE IN A TOTALLY CONCRETE JUNGLE, AND THAT THE INFLUENCE OF NATURAL SURROUNDINGS AND THE OTHER MANIFESTATIONS OF NATURE THAN MAN WERE NECESSARY FOR LIFE.+

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL DINNER OF THE HONG KONG LANDSCAPE GROUP, HE SAID THAT DURING THE 70'S PEOPLE HAD MOVED TO LANDSCAPED ESTATES AND HAD FELT THE BENEFIT OF EVEN THE MINIMAL AMENITY AREAS PROVIDED WHEN THE ROAD MEN COULD MAKE AVAILABLE A SPACE FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL, AND BIT BY BIT THEY HAD FOUND THEMSELVES LIVING IN A RATHER GREENER ENVIRONMENT.

IN ADDITION, HE ADDED, FAR MORE PEOPLE HAD GONE ABROAD AND RECOGNISED THE TREES AND FLOWERS THEY SAW THERE AS WHAT THEY ALWAYS REALLY WANTED FOR THEMSELVES. SO SUPPORT FOR LANDSCAPING AND GREENERY WAS NO MERE LIP SERVICE.

MR BARNES SAID DISTRICT BOARDS AND LOCAL RESIDNETS FOUGHT FOR THE PRESERVATION OF BANYAN TREES WITH A FERVOUR WHICH MIGHT NOW WIN AGAINST OPPOSING PRESSURES, AND THE AUTHORITIES HAD RESPONDED BY AN ENORMOUS QUANTITATIVE AND MORE GRADUAL QUALITATIVE IMPROVEMENT IN AMENITY PLANNING.

MUCH MORE EXPERTISE WAS BEING PUT INTO THE LANDSCAPING OF PARKS AND ROADSIDE AMENITY PLOTS, AND THE NEED FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF AMENITY PLOTS AND TREES IN EVERY ENVIRONMENT WAS BOTH RECOGNISED AND APPRECIATED BY THOSE FOR WHOM THEY WERE PROVIDED.

+SO, AT A TACTICAL LEVEL, AT LEAST IN THE PLACES, SUCH AS NEW TOWNS AND HOUSING ESTATES, BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, WHERE PLANNING AND PROVISION IS RELATIVELY EASY, THE BATTLE IS PROBABLY BEING WON, + HE SAID.

WHEN IT WAS NOT SO EASY, WHERE LANDSCAPING AT CORNER STREET LEVEL WAS UP AGAINST SUCH FORMIDABLE OPPOSITION AS TRAFFIC RELIEF OR VERY HIGH COST IN OTHER TERMS, THERE WAS A LONG WAY TO GO IN TERMS OF GAINING PUBLIC PREFERENCE AND IN TERMS OF RESULTS.

+IN THESE AREAS I THINK THE NAME OF THE GAME MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED IS PROBABLY WATCHING FOR OPPORTUNITIES AND I HOPE THAT THE MANY REDEVELOPMENT SCHEMES WHICH WE ARE PLANNING IN THE URBAN AREAS WILL PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR LANDSCAPING TALENTS TO BE BROUGHT INTO THE PLANNING OF THESE AREAS TO THE PERMANENT BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE WHO WILL ENJOY THEM.

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+IT IS NOT THE PLACE TO TALK ABOUT SCHEMES SUCH AS THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION SCHEME IN DETAIL, BUT I FEEL STRONGLY THAT LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS AND THE LOCAL LANDSCAPING TRADE SHOULD KEEP A VERY GOOD EYE ON THESE DEVELOPMENTS.+

TURNING TO THE STRATEGY OF LANDSCAPING, MR BARNES SAID HE PERSONALLY LOOKED ON THE COUNTRY PARKS AS STRATEGIC.

+THE PHILOSOPHY BEING THAT IF THE JUNGLE WE LIVE IN HAS TO BE OVERLY CONCRETE, AT LEAST WE SHOULD TRY TO KEEP THE COUNTRYSIDE AREAS GREEN AND UNSPOILED.

+WHERE I THINK THAT THE LANDSCAPE IS LOSING OUT MOST IS THE GRADUAL DISAPPEARANCE OF THE VISTAS OF NATURAL SCENERY OF THE SEA FROM THE STREETS AND BUILDINGS IN URBAN AREAS BOTH IN HONG KONG AND KOWLOON AND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.+

THIS WAS RELATED TO THE PLANNING OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND ALSO TO THE LACK OF EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF UNPLANNED DEVELOPMENT.

+IN CRITICISING URBAN PLANNING, ONE HAS TO ACCEPT THAT THERE IS MUCH OF SUBJECTIVITY IN ALL OUR APPROACHES, AND I REALISE I HAVE A PERSONAL FRUSTRATION ABOUT THE LOSS OF VISTAS, BUT I DO THINK THAT THE LOSS OF EVERYBODY'S VIEW OF VICTORIA BARRACKS MIGHT HAVE BEEN WEIGHED MORE HEAVILY IN THE DECISION TO BUILD THE SUPREME COURT AND THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN QUEENSWAY,+ HE SAID.

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LONG SERVICE PAYMENT DUE FOR REVIEW
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS TO EXAMINE THE POSSIBILITY OF EXTENDING THE SCOPE OF THE LONG SERVICE PAYMENT SCHEME EARLY NEXT YEAR, THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR DARWIN CHEN, SAID.

AND IT WILL ALSO CONSIDER WHETHER OR NOT TO INCREASE THE BENEFITS OF EMPLOYEES AGED BELOW 40 AND TO PROVIDE COMPENSATION TO THEIR DEPENDANTS UNDER THE SCHEME, HE ADDED.

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL BALL OF THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS ASSOCIATION THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING, MR CHEN NOTED THAT SINCE THE SCHEME CAME INTO OPERATION IN JANUARY THIS YEAR, IT WAS SUBJECTED TO CRITICISMS IN A NUMBER OF AREAS.

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+THESE INCLUDE THE EXCLUSION FROM COVERAGE OF EMPLOYEES WHO ARE FORCED TO RESIGN DUE TO OLD AGE AND PROLONGED ILL HEALTH, THE LIMITING OF EMPLOYEES ELIGIBLE FOR PROTECTION AND BENEFITS BY REASON OF AGE, AND THE DISMISSAL OF EMPLOYEES WHO ARE ABOUT TO QUALIFY FOR PROTECTION UNDER THE SCHEME,+ HE SAID.

+THE DEPARTMENT IS NOW COLLECTING INFORMATION FROM VARIOUS SECTORS AND AN OVERALL REVIEW WILL BE CONDUCTED EARLY NEXT YEAR,+ MR CHEN ADDED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT 306 COMPLAINTS FROM WORKERS CONCERNING LONG SERVICE PAYMENT WERE RECEIVED IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR.

THIS FIGURE REPRESENTED ONLY 2.4 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPLAINT CASES RECEIVED IN THE SAME PERIOD. AS A RESULT OF CONCILIATION EFFORTS BY THE DEPARTMENT'S LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE (LRS), A TOTAL OF \$1.3 MILLION WAS PAID OUT TO WORKERS.

HE FURTHER REVEALED THAT OF DISMISSAL CASES, 72 WERE IN CONNECTION WITH OLD AGE AND 18 RELATED TO PROLONGED ILLNESS OF WORKERS. OF THE DISMISSED WORKERS, 70 PER CENT WERE AGED OVER 50 WHILE 40 PER CENT OF THOSE CLAIMING FOR COMPENSATION HAD SERVED THEIR EMPLOYERS FOR AT LEAST TEN YEARS.

TURNING TO LABOUR RELATIONS IN HONG KONG, MR CHEN SAID THAT IT COMPARED FAVOURABLY WITH MOST OTHER INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD.

+LAST YEAR, THERE WERE ONLY THREE WORK STOPPAGES RESULTING IN THE LOSS OF 1 160 WORKING DAYS,+ HE SAID.

+ALTHOUGH LATEST STATISTICS ON OTHER COUNTRIES ARE NOT AVAILABLE, THE 1984 FIGURES SHOWED THAT THE NUMBER OF DAYS LOST FOR EVERY 10 000 WORKING DAYS IN THAT YEAR WAS 0.04 IN HONG KONG AS COMPARED WITH 0.19 IN JAPAN, 2.4 IN THE UNITED STATES AND 31.92 IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.+

IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR THE LRS HANDLED 166 TRADE DISPUTES AND HELPED SETTLE MORE THAN 14 500 CLAIMS INVOLVING SOME 38 000 WORKERS. AS A RESULT, NEARLY \$70 MILLION WERE PAID TO WORKERS INVOLVED IN THE DISPUTES. DURING THE SAME PERIOD IT GAVE ADVICE IN 320 000 CASES ON MATTERS RELATING TO CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT AND PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT.

THE LRS ALSO CONDUCTS A SYSTEMATIC PROGRAMME OF VISITS TO EMPLOYERS AND TRADE ASSOCIATIONS, AND ORGANISES SEMINARS, LECTURES, EXHIBITIONS AND TRAINING COURSES TO HELP BOTH EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES TO UNDERSTAND BETTER THEIR OBLIGATIONS AND RIGHTS UNDER THE LABOUR LEGISLATION.

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MR CHEN ALSO TALKED BRIEFLY ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF ESTABLISHING A CENTRAL PROVIDENT FUND IN HONG KONG, A SUBJECT WHICH HE SAID HAD BEEN CONSIDERED INTERMITTENTLY OVER A NUMBER OF YEARS.

+A CONSULTATION PAPER HAS JUST BEEN ISSUED AND WILL BE DISCUSSED BY THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD AT ITS MEETING ON DECEMBER 5,+ HE SAID.

+THE PAPER ATTEMPTS TO SUMMARISE THE ARGUMENTS BOTH FOR AND AGAINST THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH A FUND AS WELL AS THE VARYING RATES OF CONTRIBUTION OVER VARYING PERIODS OF TIME.

+HOWEVER, THE PAPER DOES NOT DRAW ANY CONCLUSION AS THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT TAKEN ANY CONCRETE STAND OR MADE ANY DECISION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH A FUND,+ HE ADDED.

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LIAO OPENS SHAM SHUI PO FESTIVAL
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THE \$1 MILLION SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FESTIVAL BEGAN TODAY (SATURDAY) WITH A VARIETY SHOW AT THE MONG KOK STADIUM.

OPENING THE FESTIVAL, THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, SAID THE FESTIVAL THIS YEAR WOULD BE THE BIGGEST EVER STAGED IN THE DISTRICT.

MR LIAO PRAISED THE COMMUNITY SPIRIT DEMONSTRATED BY VARIOUS LOCAL BODIES IN ORGANISING THE FESTIVAL. LOCAL DONATIONS HAD ACCOUNTED FOR 70 PER CENT OF THE FUNDS REQUIRED.

HE SAID IT WAS GOVERNMENT POLICY TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO TAKE PART IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND TO ENCOURAGE LOCAL CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, IN ORDER TO ENHANCE RESIDENTS' SENSE OF BELONGING TO THEIR DISTRICT.

THE THEME OF THE FESTIVAL IS PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION. MORE THAN 50 CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL, SPORTS AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN ARRANGED.

THE FIVE-WEEK DISTRICT FESTIVAL WILL CLOSE WITH A VARIETY SHOW TO BE HELD AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL ON DECEMBER 13.

A LIST OF FESTIVAL EVENTS IS AVAILABLE AT THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, 39 TONKING STREET, KOWLOON AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

THE FESTIVAL IS ORGANISED BY THE 1986 SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, CO-ORGANISED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, THE SHAM SHUI PO ARTS ASSOCIATION AND THE SHAM SHUI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION, AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, URBAN COUNCIL AND RESIDENTS' ORGANISATIONS.

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SUGGESTION TO DB HELPS CLEAR PAVEMENT
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ACTION WAS TAKEN TO CLEAR THE PAVEMENT ALONG BOTH SIDES OF AP LEI CHAU MAIN STREET AFTER A CIVIC-MINDED RESIDENT WROTE TO THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD.

USING THE +MY SUGGESTION TO THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD+ POSTGRAMME SCHEME, THE RESIDENT COMPLAINED THAT THE PAVEMENTS OF AP LEI CHAU MAIN STREET WERE OFTEN OBSTRUCTED BY GOODS, MACHINES AND GARBAGE FROM NEARBY SHOPS, CAUSING AN INCONVENIENCE TO PEDESTRIANS WHO HAD TO WALK ON THE ROAD INSTEAD.

DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF INSPECTED THE AREA AND FOUND THE COMPLAINT VALID. THE CASE WAS REFERRED TO THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY TOOK OUT NINE SUMMONSES AGAINST THE SHOPOWNERS DURING AN OPERATION ON JULY 25.

IN FACT, THE PAVEMENTS HAD BEEN A BLACKSPOT OF OBSTRUCTION. THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN MONITORING THE AREA CLOSELY AND HAD TAKEN REGULAR ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS TO CONTAIN THE PROBLEM. SOME 40 PROSECUTIONS WERE TAKEN OUT BETWEEN MAY AND JULY THIS YEAR AGAINST SHOPOWNERS.

A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THE POSTGRAMME SCHEME WAS FIRST INTRODUCED IN 1983 FOR RESIDENTS, PARTICULARLY THOSE LIVING IN REMOTE PARTS OF THE DISTRICT SUCH AS THE BAYS AREA, STANLEY AND SHEK O, TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS TO THE BOARD MORE CONVENIENTLY.

BETWEEN OCTOBER 1, 1985 AND SEPTEMBER 30, 1986, THE BOARD HAD RECEIVED 168 POSTGRAMMES, COMPARED WITH 122 IN THE PRECEDING YEAR. MOST OF THE CASES WERE ON TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND LAW AND ORDER MATTERS.

+THE POSTAGE-FREE POSTGRAMMES, PUBLISHED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, ARE OBTAINABLE AT 72 DISTRIBUTION POINTS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT,+ HE SAID.

+THESE INCLUDE THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES, POST OFFICES, GOVERNMENT OFFICES, COMMUNITY HALLS, MAJOR BANKS, PETROL STATIONS AND VARIOUS KAIFONG AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATIONS,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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CIVIC EDUCATION THEME IN ART, DESIGN COMPETITION
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PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN AN ART AND DESIGN COMPETITION JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE GOVERNMENT SCHOOL NON-GRADUATE TEACHERS' UNION, THE HONG KONG CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES AND THE CITY JAYCEES.

THE CONTEST IS SPONSORED BY WAH KIU YAT PO AND THE CULTURE CRAFTS CENTRE OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION THROUGH ART AND DESIGN.

THE THEME IS ON THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GOOD CITIZEN. ENTRIES MAY BE SUBMITTED IN THE FORM OF A PENNANT DESIGN FOR THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS SECTION AND BOOKMARK AND TIME-TABLE DESIGN FOR THE PRIMARY SCHOOL SECTION.

THE PENNANT SHOULD BE VERTICAL WITH SIZE NOT EXCEEDING 760MM X 295MM WHILE THE BOOKMARK AND THE TIME-TABLE SHOULD BE MOUNTED ON A PIECE OF WHITE CARDBOARD WITH SIZE NOT EXCEEDING 380MM X 295MM.

THERE WILL BE THREE TOP PRIZES AND 10 COMMENDATION PRIZES FOR BOTH THE SECONDARY SCHOOL SECTION AND PRIMARY SCHOOL SECTION IN THE FORM OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND STATIONERIES.

ENTRIES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED THROUGH HEADS OF SCHOOLS BY DECEMBER 6 TO COLLECTING CENTRES RUN BY THE ORGANISERS.

SELECTED ENTRIES WILL BE PUT ON DISPLAY ON JANUARY 3 AND 4 NEXT YEAR AT FOUNTAIN SQUARE ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE NEW TOWN SQUARE IN SHA TIN.

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YAU MA TEI FESTIVAL BEGINS TOMORROW
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A LARGE-SCALE CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) IN KOWLOON PARK TO LAUNCH THE YAU MA TEI CIVIC EDUCATION FESTIVAL.

PROGRAMMES FOR THE DAY INCLUDE A QUIZ FINAL IN WHICH THREE WINNING TEAMS IN THE PRELIMINARY ROUNDS WILL BE COMPETING IN A CONTEST DESIGNED TO TEST THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE DISTRICT AND CIVIC MATTERS. THE QUIZ GAME WILL START AT 2 PM.

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THERE WILL ALSO BE 20 GAME STALLS SET UP BY DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS, INCLUDING THE FIVE AREA COMMITTEES, TO HELP PROMOTE CIVIC KNOWLEDGE AND A VARIETY SHOW STAGED BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND TELEVISION ARTISTES.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU.

THE FESTIVAL, TO RUN UNTIL NOVEMBER 23, IS ORGANISED BY THE YAU MA TEI CIVIC EDUCATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE YAU MA TEI CIVIC EDUCATION FESTIVAL WHICH WILL START AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW AT THE SOCCER PITCH IN KOWLOON PARK.

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TENDERS CALLED FOR FOOTBRIDGE WORK

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT FOR BUILDING A COVERED FOOTBRIDGE AT KOWLOON BAY.

THE FOOTBRIDGE, SPANNING 30 METRES ACROSS WANG CHIU ROAD, WILL PROVIDE A SAFE, GRADE-SEPARATED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AND BETTER TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IN THE AREA.

OTHER WORK WILL INVOLVE COMPLETION OF CHEUNG YIP AND TSUI HING STREETS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START NEXT JANUARY AND BE COMPLETED IN 12 MONTHS.

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LEADERSHIP CAMP FOR WAN CHAI YOUTHS

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ABOUT 50 YOUTHS FROM WAN CHAI DISTRICT ARE TAKING PART IN A TWO-DAY YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP ORGANISED BY THE CONCERN FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES WORKING GROUP OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD AT THE SAI KUNG TAI MONG TSAI OUTDOOR TRAINING CAMP THIS WEEKEND.

AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 20, THEY WILL LEARN ABOUT BASIC LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND CIVIC EDUCATION, AS WELL AS TAKING PART IN VARIOUS RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE CAMP.

THE AIM OF THE CAMP IS TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTHS TO DEVELOP LEADERSHIP SKILLS TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY AND TO CULTIVATE A SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT.

PARTICIPANTS HAVE ALREADY ATTENDED A PRE-CAMP SEMINAR ON THE BASIC CONCEPTS OF LEADERSHIP TRAINING AND VOLUNTEERING WORK. THEY ARE EXPECTED TO EMBARK ON FOLLOW-UP PROJECTS TO BE ORGANISED AFTER THE CAMP SO THAT THEY WOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRACTISE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE ACQUIRED IN THE CAMP.

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SEMINARS ON MORAL, CIVIC EDUCATION ORGANISED

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TO ASSIST PRIMARY TEACHERS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT TEACHING SKILLS IN MORAL AND CIVIC EDUCATION, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS TO ORGANISE TWO IDENTICAL SEMINARS FOR PRIMARY TEACHERS ON DECEMBER 4.

THE SEMINARS, AT THE DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE TEACHING CENTRE AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT, WILL FEATURE TALKS ON MORAL AND CIVIC EDUCATION IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND DISCUSSIONS AMONG PARTICIPANTS ON THE TOPIC.

SCHOOL HEADS WISHING TO NOMINATE TEACHERS TO ATTEND THE SEMINARS SHOULD SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE SENIOR INSPECTOR, RELIGIOUS-ETHNICAL EDUCATION SECTION, ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, BY NOVEMBER 17.

AS PART OF THE CURRENT PROGRAMME TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS, TWO SEMINARS WILL ALSO BE HELD FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH ON NOVEMBER 28 AT THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE AT 9A BONHAM ROAD, MID-LEVELS.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE SENIOR INSPECTOR, ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE BY NOVEMBER 13.

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SEMINAR TO ENHANCE BETTER FAMILY UNDERSTANDING
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A SEMINAR AIMED AT ENHANCING A BETTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN PARENTS AND CHILDREN WILL BE HELD FOR MONG KOK RESIDENTS TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR LEE YU-TAI, AND MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MRS GRACE TAM, WILL SPEAK ON THE DISCIPLINING AND TEACHING OF CHILDREN IN THE SEMINAR.

THE EVENT IS PART OF A HEALTHY LIFE CAMPAIGN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD, LOCAL RELIGIOUS BODIES AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

MORE THAN 400 PARENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR AT 2 PM AT QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL, SAI YEE STREET, MONG KOK.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR.

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FIRE PREVENTION DAY IN NORTH DISTRICT
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A FIRE PREVENTION DAY FOR RESIDENTS OF TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS IN NORTH DISTRICT WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE PLAYGROUND OF THE SHEUNG SHUI TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA.

THE EVENT IS CO-ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD LEVEL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD.

+THE AIM IS TO AROUSE AN AWARENESS AMONG RESIDENTS IN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF FIRE PREVENTION ESPECIALLY DURING THE ONSET OF THE DRY WINTER SEASON,+ A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

PROGRAMMES FOR THE DAY INCLUDE A CHILDREN DRAWING COMPETITION, DISPLAYS OF FIRE ENGINES AND FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT, A FIRE-FIGHTING DEMONSTRATION, FIRE PREVENTION TALKS AND GAMES STALLS.

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A PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR WINNERS OF THE DRAWING COMPETITION WILL BE HELD AT 3.30 PM. OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, NORTH, MR PETER TAM, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD, MR ANTHONY YUEN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FIRE PREVENTION DAY TOMORROW FROM 10 AM TO 3 PM AND THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT THE PLAYGROUND OF SHEUNG SHUI TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA.

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SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS RENTAL POLICY
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THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 10) TO DISCUSS THE REPORT OF THE DOMESTIC RENT POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE.

THEY WILL ALSO AIR THEIR VIEWS IN THE RECENTLY-RELEASED SECOND REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION.

OTHER ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH INCLUDE REPORT FROM THE NORTH DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL BY A MEMBER, MR CHEUNG KUEN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SPECIAL MEETING ON MONDAY AT 9.30 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING. SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE.

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MONG KOK CONCERT TO MARK PEACE YEAR

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A VARIETY CONCERT WILL BE HELD AT 8 PM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) TO ENTERTAIN MONG KOK RESIDENTS, INCLUDING 100 PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY DISABLED CHILDREN.

THE SHOW WILL FEATURE POPULAR MUSIC AND FOLK SONGS BY SINGERS BRENDA LO, TO TAK-WAI, MAN PUI-LING AND TAI WAN-WAI. THE MONG KOK CHILDREN'S CHOIR WILL ALSO PERFORM.

THE CONCERT IS SPONSORED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD IN OBSERVANCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL PEACE YEAR.

MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS BRENDA FUNG, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE CONCERT ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MISS MAK SUK-HAN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MONG KOK DISTRICT PEACE CONCERT TO BE HELD TOMORROW AT 8 PM AT THE COMMUNITY HALL OF CHAN HING SOCIAL SERVICES CENTRE, 45 FUK TSUN STREET, TAI KOK TSUI.

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REVIEW OF SALE

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THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 10) TO REVIEW THE SALE AND OCCUPANCY OF FLATTED FACTORY UNITS IN TUEN MUN BETWEEN JULY AND SEPTEMBER 1986.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON THE THIRD FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, NO. 1, TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CENTRAL

TO FACILITATE UTILITY DIVERSION WORKS, THE FOLLOWING TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CENTRAL FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 11) FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH:

- * NO VEHICLE EXCEEDING SEVEN METRES IN LENGTH, INCLUDING FRANCHISED BUSES, WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE SECTION OF POTTINGER STREET BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.
- * THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF GILMAN STREET BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE DESIGNATED A 24-HOUR DAILY RESTRICTED ZONE. ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE BANNED FROM STOPPING FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.
- * NO VEHICLE OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT FROM WESTBOUND CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL INTO SOUTHBOUND GILMAN STREET.
- * VEHICLES ON WESTBOUND CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL HEADING FOR DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE DIVERTED VIA WING WO STREET.
- * CMB ROUTES 11, 25 AND 75 WILL BE RE-ROUTED VIA CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, HARCOURT ROAD, COTTON TREE DRIVE AND QUEENSWAY FOR JOURNEYS LEAVING THE CENTRAL BUS STATION. TEMPORARY BUS STOPS WILL BE SET UP ON CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL OUTSIDE CONNAUGHT CENTRE AND CITY HALL.
- * CMB ROUTES 3A, 4, 7 AND 37 WILL BE RE-ROUTED VIA CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, GILMAN STREET, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, QUEEN VICTORIA STREET AND QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL FOR JOURNEYS LEAVING THE CENTRAL BUS STATION.

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LANE CLOSURE ON HUNG MUI KUK ROAD

TO FACILITATE WORK, THE LANES ON THE SOUTHBOUND AND NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAYS OF HUNG MUI KUK ROAD IN SHA TIN WILL BE CLOSED ALTERNATELY FROM MONDAY (NOVEMBER 10) FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS.

THE AFFECTED SECTION RUNS FROM TIN SAM STREET TO LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD.

AS TRAFFIC CONGESTION IS EXPECTED DURING THE PERIOD OF LANE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS SHOULD DRIVE WITH CARE.

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TO KWA WAN WATER CUT

FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TO KWA WAN WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 11) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY PAU CHUNG STREET, MA HANG CHUNG ROAD, KOWLOON CITY ROAD, MA TAU KOK ROAD, TAM KUNG ROAD AND SAN SHAN ROAD, INCLUDING PAK TAI STREET, SUI LUN STREET AND WANG CHEUNG STREET.

MEANWHILE, SALT WATER SUPPLY TO ALL PREMISES IN TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG WILL BE SUSPENDED BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM ON TUESDAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL NOT INCLUDE LAI KING ESTATE, LAI YIU ESTATE, CHO YIU CHUEN AND LAI KING TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA.

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