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FRUITFUL YEAR FOR CIVIL SERVICE

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THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR HARNAM GREWAL, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT 1987 HAD BEEN AN EVENTFUL AND FRUITFUL YEAR FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE.

"IT SAW THE CONCLUSION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW PENSION SCHEME AND A NUMBER OF OTHER LONG-STANDING ISSUES. THIS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND CO-OPERATION, AND I AM MOST GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT," SAID MR GREWAL WHEN SPEAKING AT A COCKTAIL RECEPTION HE HOSTED FOR LEADERS OF CIVIL SERVICE ASSOCIATIONS.

MR GREWAL SAID HE WAS CONSCIOUS THAT A NUMBER OF MAJOR ISSUES OF DEEP CONCERN TO THE CIVIL SERVICE AS A WHOLE REMAINED ON THE AGENDA.

"I WOULD LIKE TO ASSURE YOU THAT THESE WILL CONTINUE TO BE DEALT WITH FAIRLY AND SENSIBLY BY THE ADMINISTRATION, HAVING DUE REGARD TO THE ASPIRATIONS AND EXPECTATIONS OF CIVIL SERVANTS AND THE OVERALL PUBLIC INTEREST," HE SAID.

MR GREWAL EMPHASISED THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL TO HAVE A SOPHISTICATED AND EFFICIENT CIVIL SERVICE IN VIEW OF THE INCREASE IN THE COMPLEXITY OF THE MACHINERY OF GOVERNMENT AND EVER RISING PUBLIC EXPECTATIONS.

"I AM CONFIDENT THAT CIVIL SERVANTS WILL CONTINUE TO MEET THE MANY CHALLENGES THAT LIE AHEAD IN THEIR USUAL COMPETENT, LOYAL AND STEADFAST MANNER," MR GREWAL SAID.

ABOUT 350 GUESTS REPRESENTING CIVIL SERVICE UNIONS, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH ATTENDED THE RECEPTION.

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IMPORTANCE OF SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORK EMPHASISED

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WARNING THAT "IF WE MISUSE THE VALUABLE ASSET OF THE NATURAL WATERS SURROUNDING HONG KONG, IT WOULD PAY US BACK IN KIND," THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DR STUART REED, TODAY (FRIDAY) TOLD MEMBERS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON NORTH OF THE ACTION BEING TAKEN BY HIS DEPARTMENT TO SAFEGUARD WHAT HE REFERRED TO AS "PROBABLY HONG KONG'S MOST IMPORTANT NATURAL ASSET : THE SEA AROUND US."

HE SAID THE WORK WAS AIMED AT FIRSTLY GETTING THE SEWAGE AND INDUSTRIAL EFFLUENTS INTO THE FOUL SEWERS AND SECONDLY MAKING SURE THAT THE CONTENTS OF THESE SEWERS WERE DISPOSED OF IN AN ENVIRONMENTALLY SATISFACTORY MANNER.

SHORT-TERM ACTION WAS BEING TAKEN BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) AND THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE TO REDIRECT SOME INDUSTRIAL EFFLUENTS FROM THE SURFACE WATER DRAINS INTO THE SEWERS AND THIS WAS MEETING WITH SOME SUCCESS, HE SAID.

ALSO, A CLAMP-DOWN WAS PLANNED TO IMPROVE THE PERFORMANCE OF PACKAGE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS THAT HAD BEEN PROVIDED FOR INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENTS BUT WHICH WERE NOT SUFFICIENTLY WELL OPERATED OR MAINTAINED.

IN THIS CONNECTION, THE EPD HAD PROPOSED THAT THE SOUTH OF HONG KONG ISLAND BE DECLARED AS THE NEXT WATER CONTROL ZONE. IF THIS WERE AGREED, IMPLEMENTATION WOULD BE FOR DOMESTIC SEWAGE DISCHARGES ONLY, BECAUSE A PREVIOUS UNDERTAKING HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THE OMELCO NOT TO DECLARE ANY FURTHER ZONES, PENDING A REVIEW OF ENFORCEMENT EXPERIENCE IN THE TOLO CONTROL ZONE, IN ORDER TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF PRESSURE FROM INDUSTRIALISTS.

"THE ACTION AIMED AT IMPROVING THE SEWERAGE SYSTEM AS A WHOLE IN THE LONGER TERM IS BASED ON THE PREPARATION OF SEWERAGE MASTER PLANS FOR BOTH THE OLD URBAN AREAS AND FOR UNSEWERED AREAS", DR REED SAID.

"WE STARTED WORK ON THE SEWERAGE MASTER PLAN FOR EAST KOWLOON IN JANUARY LAST YEAR AND WE HOPE TO START ON A MASTER PLAN FOR THE SOUTH OF HONG KONG ISLAND IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS YEAR, AND OTHERS ARE IN THE PIPELINE.

"THIS WORK IS AIMED AT GETTING ALL OUR SEWAGE AND WASTEWATERS INTO THE BIG PIPES, THE PROBLEM IS THEN, HOW TO GET RID OF IT. IT IS OVER 17 YEARS SINCE WE CARRIED OUT A REVIEW OF THE BEST WAY TO DISPOSE OF OUR LIQUID WASTES AND WORK STARTED AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS WEEK TO DO JUST THIS."

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DR REED ALSO POINTED TO THE HUGE COSTS INVOLVED IN PROVIDING FOR COST-EFFICIENT AND ENVIRONMENTALLY ACCEPTABLE COLLECTION, TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL OF LIQUID WASTES. HE CITED SHANGHAI, WHICH WAS SPENDING HK\$ 15 BILLION TO DEAL WITH PART OF ITS SEWAGE PROBLEM, AND TAIPEI, WHICH WAS SPENDING HK\$ 20 BILLION.

"IF WE ARE GOING TO PROVIDE THE SEWERAGE INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDED TO ENSURE THE CONTINUING VIABILITY OF OUR EFFLUENT-PRODUCING INDUSTRIES, AND TO AVOID CREATING HEALTH HAZARDS AS A RESULT OF SEWAGE POLLUTION, MORE EMPHASIS WILL HAVE TO BE PLACED ON INVESTMENT IN SEWERAGE INFRASTRUCTURE. THIS WOULD INEVITABLY MEAN SOME ADJUSTMENT OF SPENDING PRIORITIES," HE SAID.

DR REED POINTED TO THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT IN THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH AT THE OPENING OF THE 1987/88 SESSION OF LEGCO, THAT \$10 BILLION WOULD BE NEEDED OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS TO DEAL WITH JUST A PART OF HONG KONG'S SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE PROBLEM, AS AN ENCOURAGING SIGN THAT THERE WOULD BE CONCRETE ACTION IN THIS AREA.

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GOOD YEAR FOR PORT THROUGHPUT

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THE PORT OF HONG KONG HAS CONTINUED TO ENJOY AN UNPRECEDENTED GROWTH IN THROUGHPUT, THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR GERRY HIGGINSON, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

"IN 1987, TOTAL CARGO THROUGHPUT WAS 70 MILLION TONNES, AN INCREASE OF 13 PER CENT OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR, AND TOTAL CONTAINER THROUGHPUT WAS UP BY OVER 24 PER CENT," HE SAID.

MR HIGGINSON WAS SPEAKING AT THE 2ND ASIAN FREIGHT INDUSTRY AWARDS PRESENTATION DINNER HELD AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

"OUR ECONOMY IS GOOD AND PROSPECTS ARE ENCOURAGING," HE ADDED.

THOUGH THE PORT IN GENERAL COULD COPE WITH THESE GROWTH RATES, MR HIGGINSON ADMITTED THAT THERE WAS PRESSURE ON THE CONTAINER PORT.

IN THAT RESPECT, THE FIRST BERTH OF THE THREE-BERTH TERMINAL 6 WOULD OPEN IN MID-1988 AND THE DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS FOR A FURTHER THREE-BERTH TERMINAL 7 WOULD BE AWARDED BY APRIL THIS YEAR.

"TERMINALS 6 AND 7 TOGETHER WILL DOUBLE THE CAPACITY AT KWAI CHUNG," HE SAID.

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IN THE LONGER TERM, MR HIGGINSON SAID THERE WAS THE NEED TO DEVELOP A STRATEGY FOR BOTH THE PORT AND A POSSIBLE REPLACEMENT AIRPORT.

"THE NEW PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY STUDY WILL SHORTLY COMMENCE AND, WHEN COMPLETED BY THE END OF 1989, IT WILL PROVIDE A SOLID BASE FROM WHICH HONG KONG WILL PROCEED WITH CONFIDENCE INTO THE FUTURE," HE SAID.

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FEWER SOCIAL SECURITY APPEALS RECEIVED

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THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM IN HONG KONG IS WORKING MORE SMOOTHLY THAN EVER AS REFLECTED BY THE DECLINE IN THE NUMBER OF CLIENTS WHO FELT DISSATISFIED ABOUT THE BENEFITS AND APPEALED TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY APPEAL BOARD LAST YEAR.

IN ITS ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1986-87, THE BOARD NOTED THAT IT RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 92 APPEALS, A DECREASE OF 40 APPEALS OR 30.3 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING YEAR.

OF THESE 92 APPEALS, FOUR WERE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASES, 85 SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE CASES AND THREE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE CASES.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD, 89 APPEALS WERE HEARD, INCLUDING 44 BROUGHT FORWARD FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR. OF THESE, THE BOARD CONFIRMED THE DECISIONS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IN 53 CASES AND VARIED ITS DECISION IN 36 CASES.

IN THE PROCESSING OF APPEALS WHICH INVOLVED MEDICAL OPINION SUCH AS APPEALS OVER ELIGIBILITY FOR DISABILITY ALLOWANCE, THE BOARD WAS ASSISTED BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN ARRANGING MEDICAL BOARDS FOR RE-ASSESSMENT. DURING THE YEAR, 79 DISABILITY ALLOWANCE CASES AND ONE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE CASE WERE REFERRED TO SUCH BOARDS.

AS FOR THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED, IT DECREASED BY 23 PER CENT FROM 198 TO 152. OF THESE, 85 WERE SETTLED BY THE STAFF OF THE BOARD, FIVE WERE REFERRED TO THE APPROPRIATE OFFICES AND 62 EVENTUALLY BECAME APPEALS.

APART FROM COMPLAINTS, THE BOARD ALSO RECEIVED A LARGE NUMBER OF ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SOCIAL SECURITY SERVICE AND OTHER SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTERED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT. THESE ENQUIRIES WERE AS FAR AS POSSIBLE ANSWERED BY THE STAFF OF THE BOARD OR REFERRED TO THE RELEVANT OFFICES.

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PUBLICITY OF THE WORK OF THE BOARD CONTINUED TO BE AN ON-GOING EXERCISE. POSTERS ABOUT THE APPEAL MACHINERY WERE DISPLAYED AT THE RECEPTION AREA OF THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE SECTION AND EACH OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNITS. EXPLANATORY LEAFLETS WERE ALSO MADE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AT THESE OFFICES AS WELL AS AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD.

IN ADDITION, WHENEVER A PERSON WAS NOTIFIED IN WRITING OF THE RESULT OF HIS APPLICATION FOR SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, HE WAS ALSO INFORMED OF HIS RIGHT TO APPEAL TO THE BOARD IF HE WAS NOT SATISFIED WITH THE DECISION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

ON RECEIVING THE REPORT, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION MADE BY THE BOARD, ESPECIALLY THE CHAIRMAN, MR CHIU CHUN-BONG, WHO HAD CONCLUDED HIS FIVE-YEAR SERVICE WITH THE BOARD AT THE END OF 1986/87.

THE INCUMBENT CHAIRMAN IS MR VINCENT LIANG WAN-SANG AND THE MEMBERS ARE MRS IRENE LEE TANG YEE-LIN, MR WU MAN-KEUNG, SISTER MARGARET WONG KAM-LIN, MR LAM HOI-HAM AND MRS KATHLEEN FU LAU KIN-YUE.

APPEALS CAN BE MADE AT THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD AT THE SEVENTH FLOOR, PACIFIC HOUSE, 20-20B QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL; OR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT 14TH FLOOR, WORLD TRADE CENTRE, 280 GLOUCESTER ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY; OR THE DEPARTMENT'S TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE SECTION AT 15 WATSON ROAD, FIRST FLOOR, VICTORIA CENTRE, CAUSEWAY BAY; OR AT ANY OF THE 32 SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNITS.

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BILL TO IMPROVE DB OPERATION

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THE DISTRICT BOARDS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988, AIMED AT IMPROVING THE OPERATION OF DISTRICT BOARDS, WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE AMENDMENT BILL STIPULATES THAT THE OFFICE OF A DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER WOULD BE DECLARED VACANT IF HE FAILS, WITHOUT THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE BOARD, TO ATTEND ANY MEETING OF THE BOARD FOR SIX CONSECUTIVE MONTHS EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF PROLONGED ILLNESS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE PRESENT DISTRICT BOARDS ORDINANCE DOES NOT SPECIFY WHEN A DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER SHOULD OBTAIN THE APPROVAL OF HIS BOARD FOR ABSENCE FROM DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS LASTING SIX MONTHS OR MORE. HE CAN THEREFORE SEEK SUCH APPROVAL RETROSPECTIVELY AFTER HE HAS BEEN ABSENT FOR SIX CONSECUTIVE MONTHS.

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ABSENCE OF THIS NATURE COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE OPERATION OF THE BOARD, HE SAID.

"IN VIEW OF THIS, THE AMENDMENT BILL STIPULATES THAT DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS MUST OBTAIN THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF SUCH ABSENCE," HE NOTED.

IN THE CASE OF PROLONGED ILLNESS, RETROSPECTIVE APPROVAL COULD BE SOUGHT WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD AFTER RECOVERY FROM THE ILLNESS, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

TO FACILITATE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW MEASURE, THE BILL ALSO SEEKS TO GIVE A CLEAR DEFINITION OF A DISTRICT BOARD MEETING.

"UNDER THE BILL, A DISTRICT BOARD MEETING REFERS ONLY TO A MEETING OF THE BOARD ITSELF AND DOES NOT INCLUDE A MEETING OF ANY COMMITTEE SET UP BY THE BOARD," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

APART FROM THESE TWO MAIN CHANGES, THE BILL ALSO AMENDS THE DISTRICT BOARDS ORDINANCE TO ENABLE THE DISTRICT OFFICER TO PRESIDE AT ANY MEETING OF A DISTRICT BOARD AT WHICH A NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD IS TO BE ELECTED.

THE PRESENT ORDINANCE ENABLES THE DISTRICT OFFICER TO PRESIDE ONLY AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW TERM OF A DISTRICT BOARD FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THE BOARD CHAIRMAN. IT DOES NOT CATER FOR SITUATIONS WHEN THE OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN IS VACATED AND A NEW OR TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN HAS TO BE ELECTED DURING THE TERM OF A DISTRICT BOARD.

MEMBERS OF THE 19 DISTRICT BOARDS HAD BEEN CONSULTED ON THE MAIN AMENDMENTS DURING THE REVIEW OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME IN EARLY 1987.

THE BILL IS SCHEDULED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JANUARY 27.

CHANGES PROPOSED TO SOCIAL WORK TRAINING FUND COMMITTEE

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THE COMPOSITION OF THE SOCIAL WORK TRAINING FUND COMMITTEE WILL BE CHANGED UNDER AN AMENDMENT BILL PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

AT PRESENT THE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE WHO IS THE CHAIRMAN; THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES OR HIS NOMINEE; THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION OR HIS NOMINEE; AND SUCH OTHER MEMBERS NOT EXCEEDING THREE AS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT WHEN THE ORDINANCE WAS FIRST ENACTED IN 1961, THERE WAS A MEDICAL SOCIAL WORKER GRADE IN THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND THE APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE WAS INTENDED TO ADVISE ON THE TRAINING OF THIS GRADE.

"HOWEVER, AS THE MEDICAL SOCIAL WORKER GRADE HAS BEEN INTEGRATED INTO THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S SOCIAL WORK OFFICER GRADE, THERE IS NO LONGER A NEED FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO BE REPRESENTED ON THIS COMMITTEE," HE SAID.

THE SOCIAL WORK TRAINING FUND (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988 THEREFORE PROPOSED THAT THE COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE BE AMENDED BY REMOVING THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES OR HIS NOMINEE FROM ITS MEMBERSHIP.

TO REFLECT THE REDUCED COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE, IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE QUORUM REQUIRED FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS BY THE COMMITTEE BE CHANGED FROM FOUR MEMBERS TO THREE MEMBERS.

ANOTHER AMENDMENT IS TO CHANGE THE TIME SCHEDULE FOR TABLING THE ANNUAL REPORT AND THE AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS OF THE SOCIAL WORK TRAINING FUND FROM SEPTEMBER 30 TO DECEMBER 31.

"PAST EXPERIENCE SHOWED THAT THE AUDITED ACCOUNTS AND THE REPORT USUALLY BECAME AVAILABLE ONLY BY MID-JULY WHEN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HAD ALREADY GONE INTO RECESS AND WOULD NOT RESUME UNTIL OCTOBER," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS ARE SUPPORTED BY THE COMMITTEE AND THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES.

THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO RECEIVE ITS FIRST AND SECOND READINGS IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 3, 1988.

REPRESENTATIONS ON THE BILL CAN BE SENT TO THE OFFICE OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS, 8 JACKSON ROAD, HONG KONG OR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, WORLD TRADE CENTRE, 280 GLOUCESTER ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR IVORY TUSKS AND ANIMAL SKINS

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THE GOVERNMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR A COLLECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES PARTS AND DERIVATIVES CONFISCATED FROM ILLEGAL IMPORTERS OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS AS A RESULT OF STRINGENT ENFORCEMENT ACTION UNDER THE HONG KONG CONSERVATION LAW.

A NOTICE ON THE TENDER, WHICH CLOSES AT NOON ON FEBRUARY 26, WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE COLLECTION, VALUED APPROXIMATELY AT \$1.5 MILLION, COMPRISES 638 PIECES OF IVORY TUSKS, NINE PIECES OF LYNX SKINS, SIX PIECES OF WILD CAT SKIN PLATES, 96 PIECES OF OTTER SKINS, 18 PIECES OF RED DEER ANTLERS, 250 PIECES OF ALLIGATOR/CROCODILE SKINS, 1,208 PIECES OF MONITOR LIZARD SKINS AND 246 PIECES OF PYTHON SKINS.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE COLLECTION ARE 239.2 KG OF IVORY CUT PIECES, 81.2 KG OF IVORY SCRAPS AND 2.9 KG OF WILD AMERICAN GINSENG.

THE MAIN BULK OF THE IVORY TUSKS AND CROCODILE SKINS ARE AT PRESENT BEING KEPT IN THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT WHILE THE REMAINDER ARE IN THE CUSTODY OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

ALL THESE ITEMS ARE SPECIMENS LISTED UNDER APPENDIX II OF THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA (CITES), FOR WHICH TRADE FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES MAY BE ALLOWED, SUBJECT TO LICENSING CONTROL.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS WILL LEAD TO PROSECUTION AND MANDATORY FORFEITURE OF THE SPECIMENS.

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE TENDER, THE SENIOR CONSERVATION OFFICER OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR M.K. CHEUNG, SAID THE AIM OF THE SALE WAS TO PUT ALL SEIZED SPECIMENS TO USES WHICH WERE CONSISTENT WITH THE SPIRIT OF INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION.

THE TENDER, MR CHEUNG EMPHASISED, WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITES GUIDELINES AND WAS ENDORSED BY HONG KONG'S ENDANGERED SPECIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE WHICH ADVISES THE GOVERNMENT ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) ORDINANCE.

THE PROCEEDS OF THE SALE WILL GO TO GOVERNMENT REVENUE.

"THE SALE, WHICH IS CONDUCTED BY THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT, IS OPEN TO ANY INTERESTED TENDERER WHO IS REQUIRED TO BID FOR THESE ITEMS IN LOTS AS STIPULATED IN THE TENDER SCHEDULE.

"THEY ARE GIVEN FIVE WEEKS TO SUBMIT THEIR TENDERS UNDER THE COVER OF AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL TENDER BOARD.

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"THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERERS MUST APPLY FOR AND OBTAIN THE APPROPRIATE POSSESSION LICENSES, OR REGISTRATION IN THE CASE OF IVORY TUSKS, BEFORE THEY TAKE DELIVERY OF THE GOODS," HE SAID.

IN THE INTERIM PERIOD, MR CHEUNG WENT ON, ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE FOR INTERESTED TENDERERS TO VIEW THE ITEMS BEING OFFERED FOR SALE ON THE PRODUCTION OF THEIR TENDER DOCUMENTS AND IDENTITY CARDS.

APPOINTMENTS FOR VIEWING OF THE ITEMS KEPT IN THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT CAN BE MADE BY TELEPHONING 5-700271, EXT. 150.

THE AFD TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR VIEWING APPOINTMENTS IS 3-7332123.

ALL TENDERS MUST BE COMPLETED IN THE PRESCRIBED TENDER FORM AND MUST BE PLACED IN THE TENDER BOX IN THE LIFT LOBBY ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (EAST WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE NOON ON FEBRUARY 26. LATE TENDERS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

FURTHER DETAILS OF THE TENDER CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE PROCUREMENT DIVISION OF GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT, 12, OIL STREET, NORTH POINT, HONG KONG, IN WRITING OR BY TELEPHONING 5-700271, EXT. 134.

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RECLAMATION PROJECT AT TAI KOK TSUI AUTHORISED
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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO RECLAIM ABOUT 1,020 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED OFF LOK KWAN STREET (ADJOINING KIL 10,756) AT TAI KOK TSUI FOR THE YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY LIMITED TO INSTALL A SYNCROLIFT TO FACILITATE THE LIFTING OF VESSELS INTO THE SHIPYARD ON THE LOT.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE OF AUTHORISATION PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE PROJECT MAY SUBMIT A CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS BEFORE JANUARY 12, 1989.

THE NOTICE TOGETHER WITH ITS RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT'S SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, TUNG PING BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST, KOWLOON; AND THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE (TAI KOK TSUI SUB-OFFICE), TAI CHUNG LAU, COSMOPOLITAN ESTATE, GROUND FLOOR, 85-87 IVY STREET, TAI KOK TSUI.

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PROPOSED ROADWORKS FOR MUI WO DEVELOPMENT

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO CONSTRUCT TWO ROADS AS A CONTINUATION OF THE ROAD SYSTEM IN THE CHUNG HAU AREA OF MUI WO TO SERVE BOTH VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC.

THE PROJECTS WILL INCLUDE ANCILLARY WORKS SUCH AS FOOTBRIDGES, FOOTPATHS, CYCLE TRACKS, CARPARKS, LOADING/UNLOADING AREA, TAXI STAND, BUS STOP AND AMENITY AREAS.

CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS YEAR.

DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL ARE PUBLISHED AS A NOTICE IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY) AND NOTICES IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, ARE BEING POSTED ON NOTICE BOARDS NEAR THE SITE OF THE PROPOSED WORKS.

A PLAN SHOWING THE EXTENT OF THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG; THE ISLANDS DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG; AND THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, 20TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON WISHING TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN MARCH 22, 1988.

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TWELVE VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRES DESIGNATED

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, EMPOWERED BY SECTION 88(2) OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 374, HAS DESIGNATED 12 VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRES FOR THE INSPECTION OF VEHICLES.

DETAILS OF THESE CENTRES, PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY), ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- * VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE, CAROLINE HILL ROAD, SO KON PO, HONG KONG.
- * VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE, LONG YUET STREET, TO KWA WAN.

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- * VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE, HONG KONG AIRPORT.
- * VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.
- * VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE, CHEUNG YIP STREET, KOWLOON BAY.
- * VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE, WO YIP HOP ROAD, SHEUNG KWAI CHUNG, NEW TERRITORIES.
- * POLICE VEHICLE POUND, SHEUNG SHING STREET, HO MAN TIN.
- * POLICE VEHICLE POUND, JAVA ROAD, NORTH POINT.
- * POLICE VEHICLE POUND, KWAI SHING CIRCUIT, NEW TERRITORIES.
- * GOVERNMENT VEHICLE SERVICING DEPOT, MUI WO, LANTAU ISLAND.
- * POLICE DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS, CHEUNG SHA, LANTAU ISLAND.
- * ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT VEHICLE EMISSION TESTING CENTRE, SHEUNG LOK STREET, HO MAN TIN.

THE VEHICLE EMISSION TESTING CENTRE IN SHEUNG LOK STREET IS A NEW CENTRE OPERATED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT FOR THE INSPECTION OF VEHICLES SUSPECTED OF EMITTING EXCESSIVE AMOUNT OF SMOKE.

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A POSTMAN, MR CHEUNG YEE-FAI, AND AN OFFICE ASSISTANT OF THE TREASURY, MR CHEUNG YUK-LAU, HAVE BEEN AWARDED IMPERIAL SERVICE MEDALS BY THE QUEEN ON THEIR RETIREMENT FOR THEIR LOYAL AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

MR CHEUNG YEE-FAI, AGED 60, JOINED THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AS A MOTOR DRIVER IN 1950 AND WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE POST OFFICE A MONTH LATER. HE WAS REGRADED TO POSTMAN IN 1979.

MR CHEUNG YUK-LAU, AGED 62, JOINED THE RESETTLEMENT DEPARTMENT (NOW HOUSING DEPARTMENT) AS A LABOURER IN 1957. HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE TREASURY AS A MESSENGER IN 1963. THE POST WAS LATER REGRADED AS OFFICE ASSISTANT IN 1976.

DURING THEIR MORE THAN 30 YEARS OF SERVICE, BOTH MR CHEUNG YUK-LAU AND MR CHEUNG YEE-FAI HAD IMPRESSED THEIR SUPERIOR OFFICERS AND COLLEAGUES AS BEING DEDICATED AND LOYAL. THEY WERE ALWAYS READY TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO OTHER COLLEAGUES.

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HISTORICAL BUILDING IN NT TO BE RESTORED

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WORK IS NOW IN HAND TO RESTORE "TAI FU TAI", OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MANDARIN'S RESIDENCE, TO ITS FORMER SPLENDOUR, THANKS TO A \$2.5 MILLION DONATION FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

BUILT IN 1865 AND LOCATED AT SAN TIN, YUEN LONG, THE BUILDING WAS GAZETTED AS AN HISTORICAL BUILDING UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS ORDINANCE ON JULY 10, 1987. IT HAS LONG BEEN CONSIDERED BY THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD TO BE THE MOST IMPORTANT HISTORICAL BUILDING IN THE TERRITORY.

THE ARCHITECTURAL DECORATION IS ELABORATE AND OF SUPERB QUALITY. BOTH THE FACADE AND THE INTERNAL WALLS ARE ORNAMENTED WITH MURALS AND TERRA-COTTA MOULDINGS, AND SOME FINE STAINED GLASS REMAINS IN THE WINDOWS AND ABOVE THE ARCHED DOORWAYS.

EXQUISITE CERAMIC DECORATIONS ON THE ROOF RIDGE OF THE FRONT HALL WERE MANUFACTURED AT SHEK WAN, GUANGDONG.

TWO HONORIFIC BOARDS, THE ONLY ONES OF THEIR KIND IN THE TERRITORY, WERE BESTOWED ON THE PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS OF MAN CHUNG-LUEN IN 1875 BY THE QING EMPEROR.

EXQUISITELY CARVED AND INSCRIBED WITH BOTH CHINESE AND MANCHU CHARACTERS, THE BOARDS HAVE BEEN TEMPORARILY REMOVED FROM THEIR POSITION ABOVE THE MAIN DOOR FOR CONSERVATION TREATMENT.

WITH THE FULL CO-OPERATION OF THE MANAGERS OF MAN WAH CHEUNG TONG, THIS UNIQUE, PRIVATELY-OWNED HOUSE WAS DECLARED AN HISTORICAL BUILDING AFTER SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE OWNERS WHOSE REDEVELOPMENT RIGHTS OVER THE PREMISES HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER SITE.

A CONTRACT FOR THE RESTORATION PROJECT HAS BEEN AWARDED TO YAN LEE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE WORK WILL BE COMPLETED IN SIX MONTHS' TIME.

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KORNHILL BUS SERVICE PLAN SHELVED

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THE CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY TO SHELVE ITS PROPOSED EXTENSION OF TWO BUS SERVICES TO KORNHILL.

THIS FOLLOWS AN OPINION SURVEY OF KORNHILL RESIDENTS WHICH SHOWED THAT THEY WERE OPPOSED TO THE PROPOSED EXTENSION.

IN ITS 1986-88 ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, THE CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY HAD PLANNED TO EXTEND ITS ROUTES 82A FROM CHAI WAN AND 722 FROM CENTRAL BEYOND THEIR PRESENT QUARRY BAY TERMINUS TO KORNHILL.

UP TO NOW, KORNHILL HAS BEEN SERVED ONLY BY THREE GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES. HOWEVER, A QUESTIONNAIRE SURVEY CONDUCTED LAST MONTH SHOWED THAT MOST KORNHILL RESIDENTS WERE OPPOSED TO THE PROPOSED BUS SERVICES.

THE SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED BY A WORKING GROUP FORMED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE. OF THE 6,648 QUESTIONNAIRES DELIVERED, 4,612 RESIDENTS RESPONDED; OF THESE 87.6 PER CENT FAVOURED RETENTION OF THE STATUS QUO AND SAW NO NEED FOR BUS SERVICES TO KORNHILL.

ONLY 1.7 PER CENT FAVOURED BUS SERVICES TERMINATING IN HONG SHING STREET, WHILST ANOTHER 2.3 PER CENT OPTED FOR THROUGH BUS SERVICES VIA HONG ON STREET AND HONG YUE STREET.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT IN THE LIGHT OF THE SURVEY FINDINGS, THE DEPARTMENT HAD ADVISED THAT THE PLAN FOR KORNHILL BUS SERVICES SHOULD BE SHELVED INDEFINITELY.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD CLOSELY MONITOR THE DEMAND FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT AT KORNHILL, AND WOULD CONTINUE TO ENSURE THAT ADEQUATE AND EFFICIENT PUBLIC TRANSPORT WOULD BE PROVIDED FOR THE BENEFIT OF RESIDENTS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC.

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HORTICULTURE EXHIBITION IN SHEUNG SHUI

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A TWO-DAY HORTICULTURE EXHIBITION FEATURING MORE THAN 300 FLORAL ITEMS WILL START TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE NORTH DISTRICT TOWN HALL IN SHEUNG SHUI.

THE EXHIBITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE NORTH DISTRICT ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION WITH THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD.

THE EXHIBITS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO SIX CATEGORIES - BONSAI, ORCHIDS, AFRICAN VIOLETS, POT FLOWER, MINIATURE POT PLANTS AND FLORAL ARRANGEMENT.

THEY ARE ALL WORKS BY STUDENTS AND TUTORS FROM A HORTICULTURE CLASS ORGANISED BY THE ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, AND MRS HILDA CHEUNG, WIFE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 3 PM TO 6 PM TOMORROW, AND FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 24). ADMISSION IS FREE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE HORTICULTURE EXHIBITION TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 3 PM IN THE RECITAL HALL OF THE NORTH DISTRICT TOWN HALL, LUNG SUM AVENUE, SHEUNG SHUI.

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TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL STARTS TOMORROW

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THE MONTH-LONG 10TH TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL WILL BE OPENED TOMORROW (SATURDAY) EVENING WITH A VARIETY SHOW AT THE AUDITORIUM OF THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL.

THE SHOW, PRODUCED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, WILL FEATURE PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGERS AND ARTISTES.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR MICHAEL SUEN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 8 PM.

EARLIER IN THE AFTERNOON, A JOINT EXHIBITION OF WORKS OF ART BY LOCAL YOUNG ARTISTS AND CHILDREN FROM KAGOSHIMA OF JAPAN WILL BE HELD AT THE EXHIBITION GALLERY OF THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL AFTER A BRIEF CEREMONY.

THE LOCAL ARTISTS ARE PARTICIPANTS OF THE ART NURTURE SCHEME ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD.

OFFICIATING AT THE EXHIBITION'S OPENING WILL BE THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM SHIU; TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHAU HOW-CHEN; CHAIRMAN OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHAN LAU-FONG; AND PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG KAGOSHIMA SOCIETY, MR F. MATSUMOTO.

THE FESTIVAL, LASTING FROM TOMORROW TO FEBRUARY 27, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE TSUEN WAN CULTURE AND RECREATION COORDINATING ASSOCIATION.

IT WILL FEATURE SOME 60 INDOOR AND OUTDOOR PERFORMANCES BY LOCAL AND OVERSEAS ARTISTS. MAJOR FUNDING OF THE FESTIVAL COMES FROM THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CHILDREN'S ART EXHIBITION OPENING CEREMONY AND THE GRAND OPENING OF THE 10TH TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL TO BE HELD AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 4 PM AND 8 PM RESPECTIVELY.

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NORTH DISTRICT WALK FOR MILLIONS ON SUNDAY
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THE NORTH DISTRICT WALK FOR MILLIONS ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 24) ORGANISED BY THE COMMUNITY CHEST WILL START OFF FOR THE FIRST TIME FROM THE COMPOUND OF A DISTRICT OFFICE.

IT WILL COVER A NEW ROUTE SUITABLE FOR FAMILIES AND EVEN THE ELDERLY.

THE CHARITY WALK WILL START AT 10 AM FROM THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE AT JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING ROUNDABOUT TO HELP FOSTER A SENSE OF DISTRICT IDENTITY AMONG PARTICIPANTS.

THE 10-KILOMETRE ROUTE WILL COVER THE SECTION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD BETWEEN FANLING AND SHEUNG SHUI, THEN VIA PAK SHEK AU AND RETURN TO THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE.

THIS WILL BE THE FIRST TIME THAT THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD IS OPEN TO PEDESTRIANS, WHO WILL BE ABLE TO SEE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FANLING/SHEUNG SHUI NEW TOWN AS WELL AS THE BEAUTIFUL SCENERY ALONG THE ROAD.

THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE KICK-OFF CEREMONY.

THE PIPES AND DRUMS OF THE 28 SQUADRON GURKHA TRANSPORT REGIMENT WILL BE AT THE SCENE TO GIVE A PERFORMANCE.

SPONSOR FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND THE COMMUNITY CHEST OFFICE AT 905 WORLD TRADE CENTRE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

THEY CAN ALSO BE OBTAINED ON SUNDAY FROM THE ENQUIRY COUNTER SET UP BY THE COMMUNITY CHEST AT THE STARTING POINT, WHICH IS EASILY ACCESSIBLE BY TRAIN OR BY BUS ROUTE NOS. 70, 70X AND 77K.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE STARTING CEREMONY OF THE NORTH DISTRICT WALK FOR MILLIONS TO BE HELD AT 10 AM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 24) IN THE COMPOUND OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING.

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PROJECT TO INTRODUCE SOCIAL SERVICES IN KWUN TONG

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KWUN TONG RESIDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROVISION AND AVAILABILITY OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN THEIR DISTRICT.

A PROJECT, ENTITLED "SOCIAL SERVICES IN KWUN TONG", WILL BE INTRODUCED BY THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE SAID THE PROJECT AIMS TO IDENTIFY THE COMMUNITY'S NEEDS FOR SOCIAL SERVICES AND SUGGEST WAYS TO MEETING THE DEMAND.

"IT ALSO INTENDS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE AVAILABILITY AND PROVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT," HE ADDED.

TO ACHIEVE THE ABOVE OBJECTIVES, A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES HAS BEEN DRAWN UP BY THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE WHICH COMPRISES MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE AND THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS SOCIAL SERVICES ORGANISATIONS.

A MOBILE EXHIBITION ON SOCIAL SERVICES IN KWUN TONG WILL BE FIRST HELD AT THE TELFORD GARDENS PODIUM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 24) MORNING.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDDY CHAN; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM HANG-FAI; CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MISS MONA LO; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, MR LEE WAH-MING.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A VARIETY SHOW STAGED BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

IN THE EVENING, THE EXHIBITION WILL BE MOVED TO THE TELFORD GARDENS SHOPPING MALL WHERE IT WILL BE HELD UNTIL TUESDAY (JANUARY 26). FROM WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 27), THE EXHIBITION WILL BE STAGED AT THE KWUN TONG MTR STATION UNTIL FEBRUARY 5.

ON JANUARY 31, A FULL-DAY SEMINAR WILL BE HELD AT THE KWUN TONG VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FIELDS OF SOCIAL WELFARE, EDUCATION, MEDICAL AND HEALTH AS WELL AS LABOUR WILL BE INVITED TO EXCHANGE VIEWS CONCERNING THE NEEDS AND PROVISION OF THE VARIOUS SERVICES.

IN ADDITION, 2,500 COPIES OF A HANDBOOK INTRODUCING THE VARIOUS SOCIAL SERVICES AVAILABLE IN KWUN TONG WILL BE PRODUCED. ALSO, 20,000 LEAFLETS CONTAINING VITAL STATISTICS AND USEFUL INFORMATION ON KWUN TONG WILL BE PRINTED FOR DISTRIBUTION TO LOCAL RESIDENTS.

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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD HAS ALLOCATED \$60,000 FOR THE WHOLE PROJECT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE "SOCIAL SERVICES IN KWUN TONG" EXHIBITION AT 11.30 AM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 24) AT THE TELFORD GARDENS PODIUM, KOWLOON BAY.

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DEATH OF FORMER GOVERNMENT ENGINEER

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MR STANLEY BARDEN, WHO RETIRED FROM THE GOVERNMENT AS A PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ENGINEER IN 1984, DIED IN ENGLAND EARLIER THIS WEEK. HE WAS 63.

MR BARDEN WAS IN HOSPITAL FOR A SHORT TIME AT HIS HOMETOWN AT SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE, BEFORE HE PASSED AWAY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND TWO DAUGHTERS.

MR BARDEN FIRST CAME TO THE FAR EAST IN 1951 AS AN ENGINEER WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN SINGAPORE, AFTER SERVICE WITH THE ROYAL AIR FORCE.

HE JOINED THE HONG KONG PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN 1959 WORKING IN THE ROADS OFFICE AND WAS ONE OF THE FIRST PEOPLE IN THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE TO SPECIALISE IN TRAFFIC ENGINEERING AND TRANSPORT PLANNING. HE WAS PROMOTED TO CHIEF ENGINEER IN 1969 AT WHICH TIME HE HEADED THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT SURVEY UNIT OF THE THEN ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

IN THE EARLY 1970'S MR BARDEN WAS CLOSELY INVOLVED WITH THE PLANNING OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY SYSTEM, AND IN 1974 HE WAS APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF MASS TRANSIT STUDIES.

HE WAS PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ENGINEER IN 1978 AND IN 1981 WAS AWARDED THE ISO IN RECOGNITION OF HIS LONG AND OUTSTANDING SERVICE.

MR BARDEN WAS A FELLOW OF THE INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS AND WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE UNION CHURCH.

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STAMPS ON TREES TO BE ISSUED IN JUNE

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A SET OF STAMPS FEATURING FOUR TREES COMMONLY FOUND IN HONG KONG WILL BE ISSUED ON JUNE 16 TO REPLACE THE SET ON HONG KONG'S MODERN PAINTINGS AND SCULPTURES ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR RELEASE ON THAT DATE, THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

"THE LATTER SPECIAL STAMPS ISSUE HAS TO BE DEFERRED DUE TO UNFORESEEN DESIGN PROBLEMS," A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID

THE HONG KONG TREES STAMP ISSUE WILL BE IN FOUR DENOMINATIONS -- 50 CENTS, \$1.30, \$1.70 AND \$5.

"IT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER SET OF FOUR STAMPS FEATURING THE CENTENARY OF THE PEAK TRAMWAY TO BE RELEASED ON AUGUST 4.

"THE STAMP ISSUE PROGRAMME FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR WILL BE RELEASED LATER, AND MORE DETAILS OF EACH SPECIAL STAMPS ISSUE WILL BE ANNOUNCED NEARER TO THE DATE OF ISSUE," HE ADDED.

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FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITION AT TAI PO CENTRE

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A FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD AT TAI PO CENTRE FROM NOON TO 3 PM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 24).

THIS IS THE SIXTH IN A SERIES OF EIGHT EXHIBITIONS ORGANISED BY THE FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP.

THE EXHIBITIONS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE STAGED IN DENSELY POPULATED AREAS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY DURING THE WINTER MONTHS TO REMIND THE PUBLIC OF THE HIGH FIRE RISK IN THE DRY SEASON AND THE IMPORTANCE OF FIRE PREVENTION.

THEY WILL ELABORATE ON THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN, "FIRE LAWS PROTECT".

THERE WILL BE DISPLAY PANELS ADVISING THE PUBLIC ON WAYS TO PREVENT FIRES IN GENERAL AND COUNTRYSIDE FIRES IN PARTICULAR.

VISITORS TO THE EXHIBITION WILL RECEIVE INFORMATION LEAFLETS ON FIRE PREVENTION AND SOUVENIRS SPONSORED BY THE KWONG ON BANK.

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WORLD MARATHON RUNNERS IN ANTI-DRUG RACE ON SUNDAY

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WORLD OLYMPIC STANDARD MARATHON RUNNERS WILL JOIN HONG KONG RUNNERS TO VIE FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE 1988 HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL MARATHON ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 24).

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE RACE, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) AND THE HONG KONG AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (HKAAA), AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (FRIDAY), THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR GARETH MULLOY, SAID THAT "BE AN ANTI-DRUG RUNNER" HAD BEEN CHOSEN AS THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR'S MARATHON WHICH WILL BE HELD ON THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR.

MR MULLOY SAID THE EVENT WAS OF SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE TO HIM BECAUSE IT HAD FORGED ANOTHER LINK WITH HONG KONG'S ANTI-NARCOTICS PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY WORK AND THE SPORTS SECTOR.

"WE ARE GLAD TO SEE THAT THE SPORTS WORLD IS INCREASINGLY AWARE OF THE DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE AND TAKES AN ACTIVE ROLE IN PROMOTING THE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE," HE SAID.

HE HOPED THAT THROUGH THE ORGANISATION OF THE 1988 HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL MARATHON, HONG KONG NOT ONLY HAD LED THE WAY BY LINKING A WORLD-RANKING RACE WITH THE WAR AGAINST NARCOTICS BUT ALSO SHOWED THE WORLD HONG KONG'S FIRM DETERMINATION TO SUPPRESS THE DRUG PROBLEM.

"WE WILL DEMONSTRATE TO THE WORLD THE REAL SPIRIT OF COMPETITION -- AIM TO WIN BY YOUR OWN ABILITIES AND DO NOT CHEAT BY USING ARTIFICIAL DRUG AID," HE ADDED.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HKAAA, MR WILLIAM KO, WHO ALSO SPOKE AT THE CONFERENCE, DISCLOSED THAT 982 ENTRANTS FROM 20 COUNTRIES AND AREAS WOULD BE PARTICIPATING IN THE RACE.

WORLD CLASS MARATHON RUNNERS, INCLUDING STEVE JONES AND HUGH JONES FROM BRITAIN, KEVIN RYAN FROM NEW ZEALAND AND DOUG KURTIS FROM THE USA HAD CONFIRMED THEIR PARTICIPATION.

MR KO SAID THE WHEELCHAIR ATHLETE CATEGORY HAD BEEN EXPANDED TO INCLUDE COMPETITORS FROM SIX COUNTRIES, MAKING IT ASIA'S LARGEST WHEELCHAIR MARATHON OUTSIDE OF JAPAN.

"THEIR COURAGE WILL HELP HONG KONG'S DISABLED IN 'GOING THE DISTANCE AGAINST ALL ODDS'," HE ADDED.

BESIDES PROMOTING THE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE BY BECOMING "ANTI-DRUG RUNNERS", COMPETITORS WILL ALSO RAISE MONEY FOR THE COMMUNITY CHEST BASED ON THEIR PERFORMANCE IN THE EVENT.

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TWO SECTIONS OF THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY ON THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR WILL BE OPENED TO PUBLIC ON SUNDAY MORNING.

SPECTATORS CAN ENTER THE PEDESTRIANISED SECTIONS FROM HING FAT STREET DOWN-RAMP IN CAUSEWAY BAY FROM 6 AM AND FROM LAM ON STREET UP-RAMP IN SHAU KEI WAN FROM 7 AM.

HOWEVER, SPECTATORS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY WILL BE STRICTLY CONFINED TO THE PEDESTRIANISED SECTIONS AND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO MOVE FREELY ON THE CARRIAGEWAY.

THE EVENT, THE ELEVENTH IN THE SERIES, IS SPONSORED BY CATHAY PACIFIC, NEW BALANCE, DEL MONTE, WATSON'S DISTILLED WATER AND INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE.

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HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL MARATHON TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS REMINDER

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT REMINDED MOTORISTS AND BUS PASSENGERS THAT SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT ON HONG KONG ISLAND ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 24) FOR THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL MARATHON.

THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN ONE MINUTE PAST MIDNIGHT AND 3 PM:

- * THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR AND ALL ITS SLIPROADS;
- * THE NORTHBOUND SECTION OF MONG LUNG STREET NORTH OF PO MAN STREET; AND
- * TUNG HEI ROAD.

IN ADDITION, CMB ROUTE NO. 780 WILL BE SUSPENDED WHOLE DAY BUT FREQUENCIES OF ROUTE NOS. 20, 21 AND 80 WILL BE INCREASED.

MEANWHILE, THE BUS STOP ON THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF VICTORIA PARK ROAD ABOUT 50 METRES EAST OF THE GLOUCESTER ROAD FLYOVER WILL ALSO BE SUSPENDED BETWEEN 6 AM AND 1 PM.

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YAU MA TEI LOTS TO BE RESUMED FOR RECREATIONAL USE

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THREE PRIVATE LOTS AT 570 AND 574, CANTON ROAD AND 57, BATTERY STREET, YAU MA TEI, ARE TO BE RESUMED FOR CREATING A PUBLIC OPEN SPACE TO EASE THE SHORTAGE OF THESE RECREATIONAL AREAS IN THE DISTRICT.

COMPRISING A CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA AND A REST GARDEN, THE OPEN SPACE WILL OCCUPY THE LOTS AS WELL AS FIVE OTHER ADJOINING SITES ALREADY UNDER THE POSSESSION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT.

WORK ON CREATING THE OPEN SPACE WILL START AT THE END OF THIS YEAR FOR COMPLETION IN LATE 1989.

A NOTICE FOR RESUMING THE PRIVATE LOTS HAS BEEN POSTED ON THE SITES AND RESUMPTION IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN MID-APRIL.

OWNERS AND TENANTS OF THE PRIVATE LOTS WILL BE ENTITLED TO CLAIM COMPENSATION FOR THE LOSS OF THEIR INTEREST UNDER THE CROWN LANDS RESUMPTION ORDINANCE.

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN MONG KOK FACE DEMOLITION

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON ROOFS A AND B OF NOS. 438 AND 440, PORTLAND STREET IN MONG KOK ARE TO BE DEMOLISHED.

THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HONG KONG ON MARCH 22 TO CLOSE THE STRUCTURES.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDER WERE POSTED ON CONSPICUOUS PARTS OF THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES TODAY (FRIDAY).

A BUILDING AUTHORITY SPOKESMAN SAID CLOSING THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES PRIOR TO DEMOLITION WAS IN THE INTERESTS OF THE OCCUPANTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

ORDERS TO DEMOLISH THE STRUCTURES WERE ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE ON JANUARY 29, 1985, BUT THEY HAD NOT BEEN COMPLIED WITH, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID DEMOLITION WORK WOULD BE CARRIED OUT AS SOON AS THE CLOSURE ORDERS WERE OBTAINED.

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ROAD CLOSURES AND LEFT-TURN BAN

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TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FLYOVER, THE KOWLOON-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TSUEN WAN ROAD NEAR THE ROUNDABOUT AT TEXACO ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC DAILY BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5.30 AM ON JANUARY 25 (MONDAY), 26 AND 27.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS HEADING FOR KOWLOON WILL HAVE TO USE THE ROUNDABOUT AT TEXACO ROAD.

IN HUNG HOM, YAN FUNG STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICLES FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 25) FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS.

VEHICLES ON CHATHAM ROAD NORTH HEADING FOR YAN FUNG STREET, INCLUDING KMB ROUTES NO. 41 AND 45 AND CROSS HARBOUR ROUTE NO. 109, WILL BE DIVERTED VIA PAK KUNG STREET, SHUN YUNG STREET AND FAT KWONG STREET.

IN ADDITION, TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM, NO VEHICLE ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT ON TO MA MIU ROAD NORTHBOUND FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY.

THE MEASURE WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS. VEHICLES ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD EASTBOUND HEADING FOR MA MIU ROAD OR ON NING ROAD WILL HAVE TO USE KIK YEUNG ROAD.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN CENTRAL

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TO FACILITATE ROAD RESURFACING WORK, HOLLYWOOD ROAD IN CENTRAL BETWEEN ABERDEEN STREET AND GRAHAM STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES FROM 9 PM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 25) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

VEHICLES ON HOLLYWOOD ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA ABERDEEN STREET, WHILE VEHICLES ON EASTBOUND CAINE ROAD HEADING FOR HOLLYWOOD ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA OLD BAILEY STREET.

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URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION IN KWUN TONG

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A 55-METRE STRETCH OF THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF AN UNNAMED ROAD WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI YIP STREET NORTHBOUND IN KWUN TONG WILL BE MADE A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 25).

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

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