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NEW COURSES OF ACTION AGAINST DRUG ABUSE
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THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IS PURSUING WITH DETERMINATION ITS DECLARED POLICY OF SEEKING THE ERADICATION OF DRUG ABUSE FROM THE COMMUNITY, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE SAID THIS (SUNDAY) EVENING.

TO COMBAT THE INCREASED INVOLVEMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN DRUG TAKING HERE, SEVERAL NEW COURSES OF ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS WOULD BE FOLLOWED, HE SAID.

SIR EDWARD WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SECOND PAN PACIFIC CONFERENCE ON DRUGS AND ALCOHOL AT THE SHANGRI-LA HOTEL.

THE ONE-WEEK CONFERENCE IS BEING ATTENDED BY OVER 330 DELEGATES FROM 27 COUNTRIES AND HONG KONG.

FIRST, GREATER EMPHASIS WOULD BE GIVEN TO PREVENTIVE EDUCATION IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS, SIR EDWARD SAID.

SPECIAL ATTENTION WOULD BE PAID TO THE TREATMENT OF FIRST-TIME ADDICTS AND TO THEIR AFTER-CARE WHILE MORE HELP WOULD BE SOUGHT FROM PARENTS IN STEERING THEIR CHILDREN AWAY FROM DRUGS, HE SAID.

AT THE SAME TIME, EVERY ENCOURAGEMENT WOULD BE GIVEN TO YOUNG PEOPLE TO TAKE PART IN HEALTHY RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

ALTHOUGH ALCOHOLISM WAS A MAJOR PROBLEM IN ADVANCED COUNTRIES, IT HAD NOT REACHED SUCH PROPORTIONS IN HONG KONG, HE TOLD THE GATHERING.

+BUT OUR POSITION AS A COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE MAKES US VERY VULNERABLE TO THE TRAFFICKING OF DRUGS.

+WE ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE INCREASING INVOLVEMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN DRUG TAKING, WHICH HAS TAKEN PLACE AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF PLENTIFUL SUPPLY AND LOW STREET PRICES.

+THIS INCREASED INVOLVEMENT HAS DEVELOPED IN SPITE OF OUR VIGOROUS DRUG PREVENTION PROGRAMMES WHICH ARE COORDINATED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

OVER 2 300 OFFICERS OF THE POLICE FORCE AND CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE ARE IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE BATTLE AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING.

AT PRESENT, SOME 12 900 ADDICTS ARE IN TREATMENT OR AFTERCARE THROUGH TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES OPERATED BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN WHICH OVER 800 TRAINED STAFF ARE EMPLOYED, SIR EDWARD POINTED OUT.

THE VOLUNTARY OUTPATIENTS METHADONE PROGRAMME OPERATED BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT NOW HAS 24 CLINICS TREATING OVER 6 400 PATIENTS A DAY, HE SAID.

+THIS YEAR, INTENSIVE PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS ARE BEING CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT HONG KONG WITH FULL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT TO DRIVE HOME THE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE.

+THE GOVERNMENT WILL STRIVE TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM OF THESE CAMPAIGNS AND IS PURSUING WITH DETERMINATION ITS DECLARED POLICY OF SEEKING THE ERADICATION OF DRUG ABUSE FROM THE COMMUNITY,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

THE GATHERING OF SO MANY PROFESSIONALS AT THE CONFERENCE WAS TIMELY AND WOULD HELP HONG KONG TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON DRUGS AND TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS AND SUPPORT, SIR EDWARD SAID.

+IN RETURN, I HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO BENEFIT FROM OUR EXPERIENCE,+ HE ADDED.

+I AM SURE THAT THIS CONFERENCE WILL RESULT IN A USEFUL EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND EXPERIENCES AND WILL PROMOTE REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION IN THE BATTLE AGAINST NARCOTICS,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

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HONG KONG RED CROSS PRAISED FOR WORK
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THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DENIS BRAY, TODAY (SUNDAY) PRAISED THE HONG KONG RED CROSS FOR ITS GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS IN HONG KONG, ESPECIALLY IN THE SUCCESSFUL INTRODUCTION OF ITS VOLUNTARY BLOOD DONATION SCHEME.

HAVING NEVER OFFERED ANY REWARD TO BLOOD DONORS SAVE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THEIR CONTRIBUTION WOULD SAVE LIVES, MR BRAY SAID, THE RED CROSS +HAVE RELIED TOTALLY ON THE GROWTH OF UNDERSTANDING AND THE SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT THAT IS FOUND IN SO MANY FIELDS IN HONG KONG.+

MR BRAY, SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL PARADE OF THE HONG KONG RED CROSS AT THE SOUTH CHINA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION STADIUM, ALSO PRAISED THEIR DEVOTION TO A GREAT VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES INCLUDING WELFARE RELIEF, COLLECTION OF BLOOD, THE OPERATION OF SPECIAL SCHOOLS AND EMERGENCY AID TRAINING.

+THE HONG KONG RED CROSS HAS ALSO INVOLVED YOUNG PEOPLE IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES BY LAUNCHING A YOUTH MOVEMENT,+ HE SAID.

MR BRAY NOTED THAT THE MOVEMENT STARTED IN 1956 WITH ONE CADET UNIT OF 57 MEMBERS, BUT THAT THERE ARE NOW 128 CADET UNITS WITH 6 500 MEMBERS WHOSE MAIN FUNCTIONS ARE ORGANISING RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, PROVIDING FREE SCHOOLING TO UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN, VISITING ORPHANAGES AND HOSPITALS AND OFFERING ASSISTANCE IN EMERGENCY RELIEF TO VICTIMS OF NATURAL DISASTERS.

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SURVEY FINDS DA CONFERENCE A SUCCESS

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THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE, HELD IN MAY THIS YEAR, WAS GENERALLY REGARDED AS A SUCCESS AND MOST BOARD MEMBERS SAID THEY WOULD PARTICIPATE IN SIMILAR SEMINARS IN FUTURE, ACCORDING TO A SURVEY PUBLISHED RECENTLY.

THE SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION (CNTA) AMONG ALL THE 280 OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL BOARD MEMBERS WHO ATTENDED THE CONFERENCE.

OF THE 238 BOARD MEMBERS WHO RESPONDED TO THE SURVEY, 232 (97 PER CENT) SAID THEY WOULD TAKE PART IN SIMILAR CONFERENCES IN FUTURE.

AND 102 MEMBERS (43 PER CENT) RATED THE CONFERENCE AS USEFUL AND INTERESTING, WHILE 94 (40 PER CENT) FELT THAT IT WAS A VALUABLE EXPERIENCE FOR THEM.

AT THE CONFERENCE, MEMBERS TOOK PART IN WORKSHOPS ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT, CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT, SOCIAL SERVICES AND DISTRICT BOARDS AS CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION.

THE SURVEY INDICATED THAT 179 RESPONDENTS (75 PER CENT) CONSIDERED THESE WORKSHOPS RELEVANT TO THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AS DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

+THE SPEECHES GIVEN WERE GENERALLY REGARDED AS INFORMATIVE AND THUS WELCOMED BY THE PARTICIPANTS,+ IT SAID.

+AND 201 PARTICIPANTS (84 PER CENT) WERE SATISFIED WITH THE DISCUSSIONS, WHILE 214 (90 PER CENT) THOUGHT THE WORKSHOP SESSIONS HAD COME OUT WITH USEFUL CONCLUSIONS.+

A CNTA SPOKESMAN SAID PREPARATIONS FOR ANOTHER CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN THE FIRST PART OF NEXT YEAR WERE BEING MADE.

FOR THIS PURPOSE, AN ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND A PROGRAMME COMMITTEE COMPRISING UNOFFICIALS FROM THE 18 DISTRICT BOARDS HAD BEEN SET UP.

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YUEN LONG PEOPLE PRAISED FOR ACHIEVEMENT

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YUEN LONG'S ACHIEVEMENT DURING THE PAST 10 YEARS WAS THE RESULT OF A FIRM PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN A RESPONSIVE GOVERNMENT AND A LIVELY AND CIVIC-MINDED COMMUNITY, THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

+BUT IT IS THE COMMUNITY SPIRIT OF THE YUEN LONG PEOPLE WHICH HAS CONTRIBUTED MOST TO THE CONTINUED SUCCESS AND PROSPERITY OF YUEN LONG.+

+IT IS THE PEOPLE AND WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THEIR COMMUNITY THAT IS IMPORTANT, WHICH ATTRACTS ATTENTION AND CAPTURES THE IMAGINATION,+ HE SAID.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE YUEN LONG KAI-FONG TA CHIU CEREMONY WHICH IS HELD EVERY 10 YEARS TO THANK GODS FOR BRINGING PEACE AND PROSPERITY TO THE DISTRICT.

MR AKERS-JONES ALSO OFFICIATED AT THE LAST TWO CEREMONIES IN 1963 IN HIS CAPACITY AS YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER AND IN 1973 AS DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, NEW TERRITORIES.

HE SAID TODAY'S RITUAL MARKED ANOTHER MILESTONE OF 10 YEAR'S ACHIEVEMENT IN YUEN LONG'S HISTORY.

+THE TA CHIU ALSO OPENS A FRESH CHAPTER OF 10 YEARS IN YUEN LONG'S HISTORY, AND THERE ARE CHALLENGING TIMES AHEAD,+ HE SAID.

+DURING THIS TIME, THE POPULATION OF THE NORTH WEST WILL CONTINUE TO EXPAND, TIN SUI WAI AND THE CORRIDOR BETWEEN YUEN LONG AND TUEN MUN WILL BECOME PART OF A GREAT NORTH WEST CONURBATION, TRANSPORT LINKS WITH KOWLOON AND THE REST OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, PERHAPS EVEN WITH GUANGZHOU, WILL BE STRENGTHENED.

+YUEN LONG WILL CONTINUE ITS PROGRESS TOWARDS BECOMING, NOT A MARKET, NOT A TOWN, BUT A GREAT CITY.+

FOLLOWING TODAY'S OPENING, RITUAL CEREMONIES WILL BE PERFORMED FOR FOUR DAYS AND FIVE NIGHTS IN THE DISTRICT BY TAOIST PRIESTS FROM THE YUEN YUEN INSTITUTE.

AS A RESPECT FOR THE GODS, ALL SLAUGHTERING ACTIVITIES WILL BE STOPPED FOR ONE DAY ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 29) AND MOST RESTAURANTS IN THE DISTRICT WILL ONLY SERVE VEGETARIAN FOOD.

IN ADDITION, CANTONESE OPERAS BY THE CHOR FUNG MING OPERA TROUPE WILL BE STAGED FOR FIVE DAYS STARTING FROM DECEMBER 9.

MORE THAN \$800 000 IS BEING SPENT ON THIS YEAR'S TA CHIU WHICH HAS BEEN HELD SINCE 1923.

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IMPORTANCE OF BEING COURTEOUS STRESSED
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COURTESY IS A WAY OF LIFE WHICH, IF RESPECTED BY EVERYBODY, MINIMISES CONFLICTS IN HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS AND DISRUPTIONS TO SOCIAL ORDER, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

+AS HONG KONG DEVELOPS AND THE PACE OF LIFE QUICKENS, IT IS OFTEN EASY TO FORGET AMIDST THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING COURTEOUS TO ONE ANOTHER,+ HE SAID.

MR WIGGHAM WAS SPEAKING AT AN 'ALL STAR SHOW' WHICH IS ONE OF THE PROGRAMMES IN THE MONTH-LONG COURTESY CAMPAIGN ORGANISED BY THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD.

HE SAID ALTHOUGH MOST OF THE EVENTS IN THE CAMPAIGN HAD ALREADY BEEN CARRIED OUT SUCCESSFULLY, THIS DID NOT MEAN THAT THE CAMPAIGN WAS ENDING.

+ON THE CONTRARY, WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT WITH YOUR CO-OPERATION, THE MESSAGE OF COURTESY WILL BECOME MORE AND MORE WIDESPREAD,+ HE SAID.

+I HOPE THAT EVERYONE IN HONG KONG WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE AN EFFORT TO BEHAVE COURTEOUSLY AND KINDLY TO NEIGHBOURS, FRIENDS, EVEN TOTAL STRANGERS.

+THE ACT OF INDIVIDUALS MAY SEEM INSIGNIFICANT IN ISOLATION, BUT THE TOTAL MAY HAVE FAR-REACHING EFFECTS IN IMPROVING OUR QUALITY OF LIFE.+

HE REMARKED THAT IT WOULD BE WONDERFUL IF HONG KONG COULD ACHIEVE WHAT THE SLOGAN SAYS - 'A COURTEOUS HONG KONG, A BETTER HONG KONG'.

PRIOR TO THE 'ALL STAR SHOW', WHICH WAS PRODUCED BY COMMERCIAL RADIO 1, MR WIGGHAM ALSO PRESENTED PRIZES TO WINNERS OF THE +MOST COURTEOUS BUS CAPTAINS+ COMPETITION.

DURING THE PAST MONTH, THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD HAD ORGANISED A SERIES OF EVENTS, INCLUDING COMPETITIONS FOR DIFFERENT TARGET GROUPS, VARIETY SHOWS AND A COVENT FOR 12 000 IN THE HONG KONG COLISEUM, TO PROMOTE THE COURTESY MESSAGE.

A CARTOON CHARACTER - THE 'COURTESY BO BO' - WAS SPECIALLY CREATED FOR THE CAMPAIGN AND HAS BEEN VISITING PUBLIC PLACES TO PASS ON THE MESSAGE TO CHILDREN.

FIRST CHINESE MUSIC FESTIVAL CLOSES
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THE FIRST CHINESE MUSIC FESTIVAL, ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, ENDED TODAY (SUNDAY) FOLLOWING A SERIES OF CONCERTS, SEMINARS AND MASTER CLASSES DURING THE NINE-DAY FESTIVAL PERIOD.

MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, OFFICIATED AT A FINALE CONCERT HELD AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWNHALL THIS EVENING TO MARK THE CLOSE OF THE FESTIVAL.

MR CHEUNG SAID THE MUSIC OFFICE HAD, SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1977, BEEN PLAYING AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE PROMOTION OF BOTH CHINESE AND WESTERN MUSIC IN HONG KONG, ESPECIALLY AMONG THE YOUNGER GENERATION.

AS A RESULT, HE SAID, THERE HAD BEEN SIGNIFICANT INCREASES NOT ONLY IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE RECEIVING INSTRUMENTAL TRAINING FROM THE MUSIC OFFICE, BUT ALSO IN THE NUMBER OF ORCHESTRAS AND THE SIZE OF AUDIENCES.

+THIS FIRST CHINESE MUSIC FESTIVAL MARKS A MAJOR STEP FORWARD IN PROMOTING CHINESE MUSIC IN HONG KONG, AND THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BY LOCAL CHINESE ORCHESTRAS AND MUSICIANS IN THE EVENTS ORGANISED IS TO BE WELCOMED. I AM SURE THAT THEY WILL ALL CONTINUE TO MAKE THE BEST USE OF THEIR TALENTS IN ENRICHING THE CULTURAL LIFE OF HONG KONG,+ MR CHEUNG SAID.

MR CLIVE OXLEY, MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR, THANKED THE MUSICIANS, VARIOUS CHINESE ORCHESTRAS AND MUSIC GROUPS FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION IN THE FESTIVAL OF +THIS MAGNITUDE AND VARIETY.+

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NT TO HAVE SEVEN LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIRS
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A TOTAL OF 922 SITES FOR SELLING FLOWERS, DRY GOODS, SOFT DRINKS OR SNACKS AT SEVEN LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIRS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE PUT UP FOR PUBLIC BIDDING ON DIFFERENT DAYS IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY.

THE FAIRS WILL BE HELD BETWEEN JANUARY 26 AND FEBRUARY 2 NEXT YEAR IN YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN, TUEN MUN, TAI PO, SHA TIN, SHEUNG SHUI AND KWAI CHUNG, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

THERE WILL BE 80 TO 209 STALLS AT THE DIFFERENT FAIRS, HE SAID.

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THE DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR THE PUBLIC BIDDING ARE :-

- * DECEMBER 19 AT THE PING SHAN RURAL COMMITTEE AT ON NING ROAD FOR THE YUEN LONG FAIR.
- * DECEMBER 20 AT THE TAI HING COMMUNITY HALL IN TAI HING ESTATE FOR THE TUEN MUN FAIR.
- * DECEMBER 30 AT THE CULTURAL ACTIVITY HALL OF TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL FOR THE TSUEN WAN FAIR.
- * JANUARY 4 AT THE TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE AT HEUNG SZE WUI STREET FOR THE TAI PO FAIR.
- * JANUARY 5 AT LEK YUEN COMMUNITY HALL IN LEK YUEN ESTATE FOR THE SHA TIN FAIR.
- * JANUARY 6 AT THE NORTH DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE AND TOWN HALL FOR THE SHEUNG SHUI FAIR.
- * JANUARY 11 AT THE KWAI FONG COMMUNITY HALL AT LAI FONG STREET FOR THE KWAI CHUNG FAIR.

THE UPSET RENT FOR EACH STALL SITE WILL BE \$100.

PLANS SHOWING THE SITES MAY BE OBTAINED FROM ANY DISTRICT OFFICE OR URBAN SERVICES OFFICE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

OPENING CEREMONY
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THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR JOHN YAXLEY WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE NEW OFFICE OF THE HONG KONG KWUN TONG INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE ASSOCIATION AT UNIT 16, 10/F., CENTURY CENTRE, 44-46 HUNG TO ROAD, KWUN TONG, KOWLOON, ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 29) AT 12 NOON.

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CONTRACTORS TO GET SAFETY AWARDS
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THE TAIKOO SHING STAGE VIII CONSTRUCTION SITE OF THE GAMMON BUILDING CONSTRUCTION LTD. HAS WON THE +SAFETY CONTRACTOR AWARD+ OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY SAFETY AWARD SCHEME ORGANISED BY THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE.

THE SECOND PRIZE GOES TO THE SAU MAU PING ESTATE PHASE I RECONSTRUCTION SITE OF THE YEU SHING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LTD., WHILE THE KWAI CHUNG LOT 369 SITE OF THE MANFIELD CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LTD. HAS WON THE THIRD PRIZE.

THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE AWARD SCHEME WILL BE HELD AT THE 1 CLUB IN THE BANK OF AMERICA TOWER, CENTRAL, ON DECEMBER 6, AT 4 PM WITH THE HON CHAN NAI-KEUNG, SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, OFFICIATING.

THE AWARD, BASED ON THE ACCIDENT RATES OF SITES DURING THE DESIGNATED PERIOD OF ASSESSMENT, IS ONE OF THE THREE COMPETITIONS ORGANISED BY THE SUB-COMMITTEE.

RESULTS OF THE OTHER TWO COMPETITIONS, THE SAFETY SLOGAN AWARD AND THE SAFETY EMPLOYEE AWARD, WERE ANNOUNCED EARLIER.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

TOWN HALL TO BE REOPENED
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THE NORTH DISTRICT TOWN HALL WILL BE RE-OPENED, ON COMPLETION OF REFURNISHING WORK, FOR MAJOR ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 1), MEMBERS OF THE FESTIVAL'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMME. A GUIDED TOUR OF THE TOWN HALL WILL FOLLOW.

THE TOWN HALL WAS CLOSED IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR FOR INSTALLATION OF ACOUSTICS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT COSTING \$4 MILLION. IT HAS A SEATING CAPACITY OF 800.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE AT 11 AM IN ROOM 411 OF THE NORTH DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE, NEXT TO THE SHEUNG SHUI RAILWAY STATION.

A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 9.45 AM FOR SHEUNG SHUI.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MONG KOK BOARD TO DISCUSS +ERPS+

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THE FEASIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING THE ELECTRONIC ROAD PRICING SYSTEM WILL BE DISCUSSED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AT THEIR MEETING ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 29) AFTERNOON.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE DISTRICT'S WELFARE SERVICES AND URBAN COUNCIL PROJECTS, AND ON THE WORK OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, WILL ATTEND THE MEETING, AND WILL UNVEIL A PLAQUE TO OPEN THE NEW DISTRICT OFFICE.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 2.30 PM, AND THE FOLLOWING OPENING CEREMONY, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF TUNG PING BUILDING, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD.

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PIER EXTENSION ON LANTAU PROPOSED

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A PIER AT TUNG WAN, LANTAU, USED BY THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORTING PRISONERS TO AND FROM THE NEW MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISON AT SHEK PIK, IS TO BE EXTENDED.

THE PROJECT WILL INVOLVE RECLAMATION WITHIN A LIMIT OF 7 650 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED.

THE EXISTING PIER IS 50 METRES LONG AND THE EXTENSION WILL BE 204 METRES.

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED EXTENSION, WHICH HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE, CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS NEAR THE SITE; AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND AT ISLAND DISTRICT OFFICE, SINCERE BUILDING, 16TH FLOOR, 173 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL AND CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION SHOULD REACH THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS WITHIN TWO MONTHS FROM NOVEMBER 25.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR WATER MAINS PROJECTS
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TENDERS ARE BEING SOUGHT BY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT FOR LAYING 4 670 METRES OF FRESH AND SALT WATER MAINS IN TUEN MUN.

THE MAINS WILL BE LAID ALONG CASTLE PEAK ROAD BETWEEN PUI TO ROAD AND SHAM SHING HUI AS PART OF A PROJECT TO INCREASE WATER SUPPLY TO THE EASTERN PART OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

THE WORK WILL START NEXT MONTH AND TAKE 16 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE DEPARTMENT IS ALSO INVITING TENDERS FOR LAYING 7 600 METRES OF FRESH WATER MAINS ALONG SHA TAU KOK ROAD AND PING CHE ROAD IN THE NORTHERN NEW TERRITORIES.

THE PROJECT WILL BOOST FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO THE SHA TAU KOK AREA AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES.

WORK WILL START NEXT JANUARY AND BE COMPLETED IN 21 MONTHS.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR BOTH TENDERS IS DECEMBER 16.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN TSIM SHA TSUI
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FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 29), THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN TSIM SHA TSUI TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IN THE AREA:

- * THE LEFT-TURN MOVEMENT FROM THE EXIT OF THE NEW WORLD CENTRE CAR PARK INTO SALISBURY ROAD WESTBOUND WILL BE PROHIBITED. MOTORISTS HEADING FOR THE TSIM SHA TSUI FERRY CONCOURSE ARE ADVISED TO USE MIDDLE ROAD AND NATHAN ROAD.
- * PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS WILL BE INSTALLED AT THE CROSSINGS ON SALISBURY ROAD NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH MIDDLE ROAD.
- * THE BUS STOP FOR KMB ROUTES, 5, 5A, 5C, 8, 15X AND 25 AND THE MAXICAB STOPS FOR ROUTES 1 AND 8 ON SALISBURY ROAD EASTBOUND OUTSIDE SHERATON HOTEL WILL BE RESITED EASTWARDS TO OUTSIDE THE MIDDLE ROAD CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND UNDERNEATH THE PEDESTRIAN FOOTBRIDGE.

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FIRING PRACTICE AT HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE FOR 14 DAYS IN DECEMBER.

THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES AND TIMES OF THE PRACTICES:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
DECEMBER 1 (THURSDAY)	8 AM - 11 PM
DECEMBER 2 (FRIDAY)	8 AM - 11 PM
DECEMBER 3 (SATURDAY)	8 AM - 11 PM
DECEMBER 5 (MONDAY)	8 AM - 11 PM
DECEMBER 6 (TUESDAY)	8 AM - 11 PM
DECEMBER 7 (WEDNESDAY)	8 AM - 11 PM
DECEMBER 8 (THURSDAY)	8 AM - 6 PM
DECEMBER 9 (FRIDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 10 (SATURDAY)	8 AM - 6 PM
DECEMBER 12 (MONDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 14 (WEDNESDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 15 (THURSDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 16 (FRIDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 17 (SATURDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM

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SALT WATER MAINS WORK

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO TWO AREAS ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR FIVE HOURS -- FROM 9 AM TO 2 PM -- ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 30).

IN THE UPPER LEVEL AREA, THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT PREMISES ALONG THE SECTION OF ROBINSON ROAD, FROM CASTLE ROAD TO GARDEN ROAD, MACDONNELL ROAD, SEYMOUR ROAD, CASTLE ROAD, MOSQUE STREET, MOSQUE JUNCTION, CAINE ROAD, CONDUIT ROAD, KOTEWALL ROAD, LYTTTELTON ROAD AND BONHAM ROAD.

IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN AREA, THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT PREMISES ALONG THE SECTIONS OF CONNAUGHT ROAD, QUEEN'S ROAD AND DES VOEUX ROAD FROM ICE HOUSE STREET TO HILL ROAD, HOLLYWOOD ROAD, FIRST STREET, SECOND STREET, THIRD STREET, HIGH STREET, WATER STREET, ABERDEEN STREET, PEEL STREET AND WYNDHAM STREET.

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