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PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF RETAIL SALES SURVEY FOR NOVEMBER

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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES IN NOVEMBER 1987, ESTIMATED AT \$7,580 MILLION, WAS 18 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN NOVEMBER 1986 WHILE THEIR VOLUME WAS 10 PER CENT HIGHER, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THIS INCREASE WAS IN LINE WITH THE GROWTH IN THE FIRST 10 MONTHS OF 1987. IT SEEMED THAT THE UPHEAVALS IN THE STOCK MARKET IN OCTOBER HAD HAD LITTLE EFFECT ON RETAIL SALES IN GENERAL IN NOVEMBER, THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

ANALYSED BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS, RETAIL SALES OF FUELS INCREASED BY 12 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 4 PER CENT IN VOLUME IN NOVEMBER 1987 COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1986. FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO ROSE BY 9 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 2 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, RETAIL SALES OF "OTHER CONSUMER GOODS" ROSE SUBSTANTIALLY BY 27 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 19 PER CENT IN VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES WENT UP BY 16 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 8 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS INCREASED BY 6 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE BUT DROPPED SLIGHTLY BY 1 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, WHICH FORM PART OF THE RELEVANT MAJOR TRADE GROUPS, SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY BY 54 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 42 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

DEPARTMENT STORES ROSE BY 30 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 21 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

SUPERMARKETS SALES INCREASED BY 17 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 12 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED BY 3 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE BUT DECREASED BY 2 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

COMPARING THE PERIOD JANUARY TO NOVEMBER 1987 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1986, TOTAL RETAIL SALES INCREASED BY 17 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 10 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS, FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO INCREASED MODERATELY BY 10 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 5 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. FUELS WENT UP BY 4 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 3 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, RETAIL SALES OF "OTHER CONSUMER GOODS" AND CONSUMER DURABLES INCREASED BY 22 PER CENT AND 19 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN VALUE AND 13 PER CENT AND 10 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN VOLUME. CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS WENT UP BY 15 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 8 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

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ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY BY 44 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 31 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

SALES BY DEPARTMENT STORES AND SUPERMARKETS WENT UP BY 28 PER CENT AND 20 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN VALUE AND 21 PER CENT AND 15 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN VOLUME.

CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED BY 10 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 3 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

WHEN COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1987, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON IS AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, TOTAL RETAIL SALES FOR NOVEMBER 1987 HAD AN INCREASE OF 1 PER CENT IN VALUE BUT A NEGLIGIBLE CHANGE IN VOLUME.

FUELS DROPPED BY 2 PER CENT IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME. SALES OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO DECREASED BY 3 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 2 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

OVER THE SAME MONTH, RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS ROSE BY 8 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 3 PER CENT IN VOLUME. COMSUMER DURABLES WENT UP BY 3 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 2 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. "OTHER CONSUMER GOODS" INCREASED BY 1 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE BUT DECREASED BY 1 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, SALES OF DEPARTMENT STORES INCREASED BY 6 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 2 PER CENT IN VOLUME. BOTH MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS AND CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS ROSE BY 3 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 2 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. SUPERMARKETS SALES FELL BY 11 PER CENT IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED TOTAL RETAIL SALES FIGURE FOR OCTOBER 1987 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURE FOR NOVEMBER 1987.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES IN OCTOBER 1987 AND NOVEMBER 1987 (A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES, (B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS, AND (C) BY SELECTED TRADES (WHICH FORM PART OF THE RELEVANT MAJOR TRADE GROUPS), WITH AVERAGE RETAIL SALES FROM OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 TAKEN AS 100.

COMPARISONS OF NOVEMBER 1987 RESULTS WITH THOSE FOR OCTOBER 1987 AND WITH THOSE FOR NOVEMBER 1986 AND COMPARISONS OF RETAIL SALES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY TO NOVEMBER 1987 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1986 ARE ALSO GIVEN.

THE REPORT CONTAINING THE ANALYSIS OF THE NOVEMBER 1987 SURVEY RESULTS IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AT \$1 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234941.

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Provisional results

Provisional results of retail sales survey for November

TABLE 1 : TOTAL RETAIL SALES

Total Retail Sales for November 1987 (Provisional Figure) = HK\$7,580 million
for October 1987 (Revised Figure) = HK\$7,493 million

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDICES OF RETAIL SALES
FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 1987

(Monthly average of Oct. 84 = Sept. 85 = 100)

Item	Index of Retail Sales	October 1987	November 1987	November 1987 compared with October 1987		November 1987 compared with November 1986		Jan. - Nov. 1987 compared with Jan. - Nov. 1986	
		(Revised figures)	(Provisional figures)	Points	%	Points	%	Points	%
(A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES	Value	134	135	+ 2	+ 1	+20	+18	+18	+17
	Volume	118	118	.	.	+11	+10	+10	+10
(B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS									
Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco	Value	115	112	- 3	- 3	+ 9	+ 9	+10	+10
	Volume	106	104	- 2	- 2	+ 2	+ 2	+ 5	+ 5
Fuels	Value	96	94	- 2	- 2	+10	+12	+ 4	+ 4
	Volume	105	103	- 2	- 2	+ 4	+ 4	+ 3	+ 3
Clothing, footwear and allied products	Value	147	158	+11	+ 8	+10	+ 6	+18	+15
	Volume	127	131	+ 4	+ 3	- 1	- 1	+ 9	+ 8
Consumer durables	Value	133	137	+ 4	+ 3	+19	+16	+20	+19
	Volume	112	115	+ 3	+ 2	+ 9	+ 8	+10	+10
Other consumer goods	Value	148	149	+ 1	+ 1	+12	+27	+22	+22
	Volume	128	127	- 1	- 1	+20	+19	+13	+13
(C) BY SELECTED TRADES (see note 1 below)									
Supermarkets	Value	143	127	-15	-11	+19	+17	+23	+20
	Volume	132	117	-15	-11	+12	+12	+17	+15
Motor vehicles and parts	Value	195	201	+ 6	+ 3	+70	+54	+54	+44
	Volume	148	151	+ 3	+ 2	+45	+42	+33	+31
Consumer durables other than motor vehicles and parts	Value	114	117	+ 3	+ 3	+ 3	+ 3	+10	+10
	Volume	101	103	+ 3	+ 2	- 3	- 2	+ 4	+ 3
Department stores	Value	154	163	+ 9	+ 6	+37	+30	+29	+28
	Volume	133	136	+ 3	+ 2	+24	+21	+20	+21

- Notes:**
- In order to analyse the sales of certain trades within major trade groups, the value and volume indexes in respect of the following selected trades are compiled :
 - "Supermarkets" - a trade in the "Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco" group.
 - "Motor vehicles and parts" - a trade in the "Consumer durables" group.
 - "Consumer durables other than motor vehicles and parts" - a trade in the "Consumer durables" group.
 - "Department stores" - a trade in the "Other consumer goods" group.
 - Figures denoting changes are derived from the unrounded index figures.
 - "." denotes change of less than 0.5.

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CRITERIA SET FOR SELECTION OF FARMS FOR DEMONSTRATIONS

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THE STEERING GROUP UNDER THE LIVESTOCK WASTE DISPOSAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE TODAY (THURSDAY) WORKED OUT CRITERIA FOR SELECTING PRIVATE FARMS TO TAKE PART IN DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS ASSOCIATED WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL SCHEME.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STEERING GROUP, MR LEO KWAN, SAID ALL LARGER FARMS (FARMS WITH MORE THAN 300 PIGS OR 20,000 CHICKENS) IN THE TOLO HARBOUR AND CHANNEL AREA, MUI WO AND THE ANGLER'S BEACH AREA WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE DEMONSTRATION SCHEME.

"AN APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF FARMS IN THE RIVER INDUS AREA, THE SHENZHEN RIVER AREA AND THE TSUEN WAN, LIU TO VILLAGE AND TAI LAM CHUNG AREA WILL ALSO BE SELECTED TO MAKE UP A TOTAL OF NOT MORE THAN 12 PRIVATE FARMS FOR THE DEMONSTRATION SCHEME," MR KWAN SAID.

"THE DEMONSTRATION WILL INCLUDE DRY MUCK-OUT, WET MUCK-OUT METHODS, HYBRID SYSTEM AND THE EFFLUENT FREE-TECHNIQUE.

"AS FAR AS PRACTICABLE, A WIDE RANGE OF FARMS COVERING A GOOD MIXTURE OF SMALL, MEDIUM AND LARGE PIG AND POULTRY FARMS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE SCHEME."

MR KWAN NOTED THAT THE WET MUCK-OUT METHOD OR THE HYBRID SYSTEM WOULD NORMALLY BE CARRIED OUT ON FARMS KEEPING AT LEAST 300 PIGS OR 20,000 CHICKENS. THE EFFLUENT-FREE PIG RAISING TECHNIQUE COULD BE PURELY FOR PIG FARMS.

FARMS SELECTED FOR THE DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO CO-OPERATE FULLY WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) AND CONSULTANTS EMPLOYED BY THE GOVERNMENT DURING THE CONSTRUCTION AND COMMISSIONING OF THE TREATMENT FACILITIES.

THEY SHOULD ALSO AGREE TO MAKE AVAILABLE THEIR FARMS FOR DEMONSTRATION PURPOSES FOR A MINIMUM OF SIX MONTHS.

"THE COST FOR THE DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS WILL BE COVERED BY THE GOVERNMENT," MR KWAN SAID.

"UPON COMPLETION OF THE EXPERIMENT, THE FACILITIES WILL BE HANDED OVER FREE TO THE FARMERS WHO WILL BE OBLIGED TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE THEM AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE.

"IF THEY SHOULD SUBSEQUENTLY DECIDE TO CEASE BUSINESS WITHIN 12 MONTHS, THEY WOULD BE ALLOWED TO CLAIM THE EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE AFTER DEDUCTING THE COST OF INSTALLATIONS."

FARMER REPRESENTATIVES SUGGESTED THAT THEY SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO COLLECT THE FULL AMOUNT OF EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE IF THEY CEASED BUSINESS WITHIN SIX MONTHS.

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GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES WILL GIVE THIS FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

FARMERS AGREED THAT, TO AVOID POSSIBLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND TO MAINTAIN IMPARTIALITY, FARMS BELONGING TO MEMBERS OF THE LIVESTOCK WASTE DISPOSAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE OR THEIR SPOUSES, PARENTS, SONS OR DAUGHTERS SHOULD NOT BE INCLUDED FOR SELECTION.

SO FAR, 25 FARMS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED BY FARMERS' REPRESENTATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION.

THE REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE INVITED TO SUGGEST FURTHER FARMS FOR SELECTION IF THE EPD, AFTER INITIAL ASSESSMENT, CONSIDERS THAT THE NOMINATED FARMS ARE NOT SUITABLE.

THE EPD MAY ALSO IDENTIFY SUITABLE FARMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE DEMONSTRATION SCHEME TO ENSURE THAT A WIDE RANGE OF SUITABLE FARMS COVERING A GOOD MIXTURE OF SMALL, MEDIUM AND LARGE PIG AND POULTRY FARMS IS SELECTED.

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FARMERS INVITED TO VISIT DEMONSTRATION CENTRE

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, HAS BEEN ORGANISING VISITS BY INTERESTED FARMERS TO THE TA KWU LING DEMONSTRATION CENTRE SO THAT THEY CAN SEE HOW WASTE TREATMENT PLANTS WORK.

SINCE DECEMBER, MORE THAN 100 LIVESTOCK FARMERS HAVE VISITED THE DEMONSTRATION CENTRE.

THE VISITS TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY AND THURSDAY MORNINGS.

DURING THEIR VISIT, FARMERS ARE SHOWN A VIDEO TAPE ON THE THREE LIVESTOCK WASTE TREATMENT METHODS - THE DRY MUCK-OUT AND SOAKAWAY METHOD, AND THE TWO WET MUCK-OUT METHODS.

THE FARMERS ARE THEN SHOWN AROUND THE CENTRE TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES HOW THESE METHODS WORK.

THIS IS FOLLOWED BY A DISCUSSION SESSION DURING WHICH FARMERS CAN ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL.

FARMERS INTERESTED IN VISITING THE DEMONSTRATION CENTRE ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT OR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

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OVERSEAS INVESTMENT FACILITATES TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

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THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING SECTOR DEPENDS VERY MUCH ON ITS ABILITY TO ADVANCE TOWARDS PRODUCING HIGHER-END AND VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS, AND TO ADOPT NEW PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES AND PROCESSES, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR ANDREW LEUNG, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG NORTH, MR LEUNG SAID WITH THE OPENING-UP OF CHINA, MORE AND MORE LABOUR-INTENSIVE INDUSTRIES WOULD OPERATE THERE RATHER THAN IN HONG KONG.

"AS THE OTHER ASIAN NEWLY-INDUSTRIALISED COUNTRIES ARE MOVING VERY FAST IN THE ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES, HONG KONG'S INDUSTRY CANNOT AFFORD TO STAY PUT," HE ADDED.

"THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT THUS OPERATES AN INWARD INVESTMENT PROMOTION PROGRAMME TO HELP THE LOCAL MANUFACTURING COMMUNITY TO UPGRADE THE EFFICIENCY AND QUALITY OF THEIR OUTPUT, BY FACILITATING THE TRANSFER OF USEFUL TECHNOLOGY TO HONG KONG."

MR LEUNG EXPLAINED THAT THE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYED A NUMBER OF METHODS TO ATTRACT OVERSEAS COMPANIES TO SET UP MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS HERE.

"WE PUBLICISE HONG KONG'S ATTRACTIONS AS AN OFFSHORE LOCATION THROUGH ADVERTISING, MEDIA COVERAGE, SEMINARS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS INVOLVING INDUSTRIALISTS AND SENIOR OFFICIALS.

"WE ALSO ESTABLISH CONTACTS THROUGH DIRECT MAIL CAMPAIGNS, TRADE FAIRS, TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATIONS AND COMPANIES, AND CULTIVATE CONTACTS WHO SHOW INTEREST IN MANUFACTURING IN HONG KONG.

"WE ALSO RECEIVE AND GUIDE APPRAISAL MISSIONS FROM PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS."

MR LEUNG POINTED OUT THAT MORE RESOURCES WOULD BE DEVOTED TO THE PROGRAMME THIS YEAR, INCLUDING AN IMPROVED TARGETTING SYSTEM TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL INVESTORS OVERSEAS.

"WE ARE PREPARING MORE UP-TO-DATE AND BETTER RESEARCHED MATERIAL FOR USE IN PRESENTATIONS TO AND DISCUSSIONS WITH POTENTIAL INVESTORS, AND ARE CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF EXPANDING FURTHER OUR NETWORK OF OVERSEAS OFFICES."

HE ALSO NOTED THAT ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS OF UPGRADEING THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR WAS TO BRING IN OVERSEAS MANUFACTURERS WHO ALREADY POSSESSED THE ADVANCED KNOWHOW AND TECHNOLOGIES.

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"OUR PRINCIPAL AIM OF PROMOTING OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IS TO FACILITATE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND A LOT OF EFFORTS ARE MADE TO DO 'MATCH-MAKING' TO BRING ABOUT JOINT VENTURES BETWEEN OVERSEAS AND LOCAL PARTNERS.

"THE SUCCESS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S INVESTMENT PROMOTION PROGRAMME IS REFLECTED IN ITS 1987 SURVEY ON OVERSEAS INVESTMENT WHICH SHOWED THAT NEARLY HALF OF THE 541 ESTABLISHMENTS WHICH REPORTED ON OVERSEAS INTEREST WERE JOINT VENTURES BETWEEN LOCAL AND OVERSEAS FIRMS.

"OUR OWN INTERNAL ASSESSMENT OF THE 76 PROJECTS WE HAD COMPLETED IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS ALSO INDICATED THAT OVER 40 PER CENT WERE USING TECHNOLOGIES HIGHER THAN THOSE OF THE BEST HONG KONG COMPANIES."

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EASTERN PREPARES PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN FOR DB ELECTIONS

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A LARGE-SCALE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN IS BEING ORGANISED IN EASTERN DISTRICT TO PROMOTE THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS ON MARCH 10.

THE CAMPAIGN WILL RUN FROM NEXT WEEK TO ELECTION DAY.

IT IS AIMED AT URGING ELECTORS TO VOTE AND AT GIVING RESIDENTS DETAILS ABOUT THE CANDIDATES AND THEIR ELECTION PLATFORMS.

A TOTAL OF 30,000 PIECES OF LUNAR NEW YEAR 'FAI. CHUN' BEARING VOTING MESSAGES HAVE BEEN PRODUCED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO RESIDENTS.

IN ADDITION, THE DISTRICT OFFICE WILL ERECT 20 WOODEN PUBLICITY SIGNBOARDS ON MAJOR FOOTBRIDGES IN THE DISTRICT SO AS TO GENERATE AN ELECTION ATMOSPHERE.

"IN ORDER TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF THE CANDIDATES' ELECTION PLATFORMS, THE CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES AND LOCATIONS OF POLLING STATIONS, THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAS PUBLISHED 42,000 ELECTION SUPPLEMENTS," A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THESE WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TOGETHER WITH THE DISTRICT NEWSPAPERS NEXT WEEK."

SIX ELECTION FORUMS WILL BE HELD BETWEEN FEBRUARY 8 AND 12 TO INTRODUCE THE 45 CANDIDATES AND THEIR ELECTION PLATFORMS TO THE PUBLIC, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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THE DATES, TIMES AND VENUES OF THE ELECTION FORUMS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DATE/TIME -----		CONSTITUENCIES -----	VENUES -----
FEBRUARY 8 (MONDAY)	8 PM	QUARRY BAY SOUTH QUARRY BAY NORTH	BUDDHIST CHUNG WAH KORNHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL, 2 HONG YUE STREET, KORNHILL, QUARRY BAY
FEBRUARY 9 (TUESDAY)	7.30 PM	CHAI WAN NORTH	YUE WAN COMMUNITY HALL, YUE WAN ESTATE, CHAI WAN ROAD, CHAI WAN
	8 PM	CAUSEWAY BAY NORTH CAUSEWAY BAY SOUTH NORTH POINT SOUTH	S.K.H. ST. MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, 23 FORTRESS HILL ROAD, NORTH POINT
FEBRUARY 10 (WEDNESDAY)	8 PM	NORTH POINT EAST NORTH POINT NORTH	NORTH POINT ESTATE ASSEMBLY HALL, WEST MAIN BLOCK, NORTH POINT ESTATE, 31 SHU KUK STREET
FEBRUARY 11 (THURSDAY)	8 PM	A KUNG NGAM SHAU KEI WAN SAI WAN HO	HONG KONG CHINESE WOMEN'S CLUB HIOE TJO YOENG PRIMARY SCHOOL, 61 SAI WAN HO STREET
FEBRUARY 12 (FRIDAY)	7.30 PM	CHAI WAN SOUTH CHAI WAN WEST	HING WAH COMMUNITY HALL, HING WAH ESTATE, CHAI WAN ROAD

A BIG VARIETY SHOW WILL BE STAGED LATER THIS MONTH TO PROMOTE THE ELECTIONS.

FAMILIES LIVING ON BOATS IN THE TYPHOON SHELTERS IN THE DISTRICT WILL NOT BE OVERLOOKED. VISITS TO INDIVIDUAL BOATS WILL BE MADE IN EARLY MARCH.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE ELECTION FORUMS TO BE HELD IN EASTERN DISTRICT BETWEEN FEBRUARY 8 AND 12.

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WAN CHAI CANDIDATES TO MEET THE MEDIA

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CANDIDATES FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS IN WAN CHAI DISTRICT WILL INTRODUCE THEIR PLATFORMS TO THE MEDIA AT A MEET-THE-PRESS SESSION TOMORROW (FRIDAY) ARRANGED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE.

EACH CANDIDATE WILL SPEAK TO THE PRESS FOR A FEW MINUTES AFTER WHICH THERE WILL BE A QUESTION-AND-ANSWER PERIOD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEET-THE-PRESS SESSION TO BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE, EIGHTH FLOOR, TUNG WAH MANSION, 201 HENNESSY ROAD, HONG KONG. THE SESSION WILL BEGIN AT 11.30 AM.

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REMOTE ISLANDERS GET FREE DENTAL SERVICES

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A TOTAL OF 351 RESIDENTS HAVE BENEFITTED FROM THE ISLANDS DISTRICT'S OUTREACH DENTAL SCHEME WHICH WAS IMPLEMENTED IN TUNG CHUNG ON LANTAU FOR SEVEN MONTHS.

THE SERVICE HAS NOW MOVED TO PAK MONG ON THE ISLAND AND MAY BE MOVED TO OTHER AREAS IN FUTURE.

SPEAKING AFTER A CEREMONY TO MARK THE BEGINNING OF THE SERVICE AT PAK MONG TODAY (THURSDAY), THE DENTIST-IN-CHARGE OF THE SCHEME, DR PETER TREPPER, SAID THE PILOT OUTREACH DENTAL SERVICE PROVIDED IN TUNG CHUNG FROM MAY TO NOVEMBER HAD PROVED TO BE SUCCESSFUL AND WAS WELCOMED BY THE ISLANDERS.

"WE HAD CARRIED OUT 360 RESTORATIONS AND 239 EXTRACTIONS WHICH MEANS \$200,000 WORTH OF SERVICES HAD BEEN PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE TO RESIDENTS THERE," HE SAID.

THE SCHEME WAS INITIATED BY THE ADVENTIST HOSPITAL WHICH PROVIDED DENTAL PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT AND WAS ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, WHICH WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR LOGISTICAL SUPPORT.

"WE SEE IT AS OUR MISSION TO FULFIL HEALTH NEEDS WHENEVER WE CAN AND WE SAW SUCH A NEED IN THE OUTLYING ISLANDS WHERE PERMANENT DENTAL SERVICE IS LACKING, SO WE STARTED THE OUTREACH SCHEME IN TUNG CHUNG," DR TREPPER RECALLED.

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"OUR MAIN AIM IS TO HELP RESIDENTS IN THE REMOTE AREAS, PARTICULARLY THE ELDERLY AND THE YOUNG, WHO FIND IT DIFFICULT TO TRAVEL A LONG DISTANCE FOR PROPER DENTAL TREATMENT," HE SAID.

UNDER THE SCHEME, A TEAM OF ONE DENTIST AND TWO DENTAL ASSISTANTS WILL BE STATIONED AT A DENTAL CENTRE TO BE SET UP IN THE VILLAGE ONE DAY EACH WEEK.

"ALTHOUGH ALL THE DENTISTS TAKING PART IN THE SCHEME ARE EXPATRIATES, THE DENTAL ASSISTANTS CAN SERVE AS INTERPRETERS SO THERE IS NO COMMUNICATION PROBLEM," DR TREPPER SAID.

CONCERNING THE DENTAL PROBLEMS FACED BY MOST OF THE ISLANDERS, DR TREPPER SAID THAT NEGLECT OF ORAL HYGIENE WAS THE MAIN CAUSE.

"THAT IS WHY WE ALSO PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONS ON ORAL HYGIENE AND DIETARY HABITS TO EDUCATE THE ISLANDERS.

"WE HOPE THAT IN THE FUTURE, APART FROM 'CHAIR-SIDE INSTRUCTION', A MORE FORMAL DENTAL EDUCATION WHICH INCLUDES THE USE OF LITERATURE AND VIDEO TAPES CAN BE PROVIDED IF MORE RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE," HE SAID.

FOR THE NEXT 10 WEEKS, THE DENTAL TEAM WILL BE STATIONED AT THE PAK MONG COMMUNITY CENTRE EVERY THURSDAY TO PROVIDE FREE DENTAL SERVICES TO THE THREE VILLAGES OF PAK MONG, NGAU KWU LONG AND TAI HO.

"AFTER PAK MONG, WE MAY CONSIDER MOVING THE OUTREACH SERVICE TO ANOTHER REMOTE AREA AND WILL RE-VISIT SOME OF THE PLACES IN OUR LONG-TERM PLAN," DR TREPPER ADDED.

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DB TO DISCUSS HOUSING POLICY ON SINGLETONS .

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THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DISCUSS THE REVISION OF THE POLICY ON ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS CONCERNING TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA SINGLETONS WHO HAVE MARRIED.

THE BOARD WILL ALSO DISCUSS A PLAN TO BUILD THE LAI WAN MARKET UNDERNEATH THE LAI CHI KOK BAY BRIDGE. MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE CONSULTED ON THE RELOCATION OF THE LAI CHI KOK BUS DEPOT TO A SUITABLE SITE.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION INCLUDE THE PUBLICATION OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD REPORT AND THE REORGANISATION OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHAM SHUI PO DB MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR, 39 TONKIN STREET, SHAM SHUI PO.

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YMT COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETS

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THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DISCUSS THE THEMES FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS TO BE HELD IN THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS BY AREA COMMITTEES AND THE SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE FOR ORGANISING THESE PROJECTS.

REPORTS ON THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE URBAN COUNCIL'S DISTRICT CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT ACTIVITIES WILL ALSO BE TABLED FOR INFORMATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, 490 NATHAN ROAD. IT WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS REPORT ON OLD PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS

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THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DISCUSS A REPORT ON THE PROBLEMS FACING OLD PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT.

THE REPORT, CONTAINING VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS ON IMPROVING SERVICES PROVIDED BY PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY, WAS COMPILED BY A CONCERN GROUP SET UP UNDER THE COMMITTEE LAST YEAR.

BEFORE COMPLETING THE REPORT, MEMBERS OF THE CONCERN GROUP VISITED THREE DIFFERENT TYPES OF OLD PEOPLE'S HOMES AND HELD A NUMBER OF MEETINGS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY), BEGINNING AT 2.15 PM, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, TO KWA WAN.

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CCY PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY
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THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH (CCY) WILL HOLD A CEREMONY TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO PRESENT PRIZES TO THE WINNERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH YOUTH SERVICES AWARDS SCHEME AND THE OUTBOUND SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDS FOR THE 1987 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE CCY CHAIRMAN, MRS ROSANNA TAM, AND THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR BOWEN LEUNG.

THE EVENT WILL BE HELD AT 3.15 PM IN THE GARDEN ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, ROYAL GARDEN HOTEL, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH TO BE HELD AT 3.15 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE GARDEN ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, ROYAL GARDEN HOTEL, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

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KWAI TSING RESIDENTS URGED TO SUPPORT CHARITY COOKIE SALE
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RESIDENTS OF KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI HAVE BEEN URGED TO SUPPORT A CHARITABLE SALE OF COOKIES TO BE HELD BY YIN NGAI SOCIETIES IN THE DISTRICT FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE SALE HAS BEEN ORGANISED IN SUPPORT OF A LAISEE COOKIE CAMPAIGN MOUNTED BY THE HELPING HAND ORGANISATION TO RAISE FUNDS FOR ITS CARE SHELTERS FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE.

BETWEEN TOMORROW AND SUNDAY, MEMBERS OF THE FOUR YIN NGAI SOCIETIES WILL SELL LAISEE COOKIES TO THE PUBLIC AT STALLS TO BE SET UP AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN HOUSING ESTATES, MARKETS AND RESTAURANTS.

A PRELIMINARY SALE OF LAISEE COOKIES TOOK PLACE TODAY (THURSDAY) AFTER A PRESS CONFERENCE AND RECEIVED ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT FROM DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND LOCAL DIGNITARIES.

AN EXHIBITION WAS ALSO HELD TO INTRODUCE THE WORK OF THE YIN NGAI SOCIETY AS WELL AS THE LAISEE COOKIE CAMPAIGN.

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SPEAKING AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WERE LADY AKERS-JONES, AND CHAIRWOMEN OF THE FOUR YIN NGAI SOCIETIES, MRS TANG HO KIT-CHING, MS ANNIE HO, MRS LAM MAK YUEN-CHING AND MS CHAN LAI-KUEN.

ALSO PRESENT WERE THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN COAK; CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF HELPING HAND, MRS MAGGIE CARTER; ADMINISTRATOR OF HELPING HAND, FATHER SEAN BURKE; PRESIDENT OF KWAI CHUNG ROTARY CLUB, MR ANDREW CHAN; AND MRS HONG KONG, MRS ALICE PONG; AND A NUMBER OF KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

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YEAR-END CLEAN-UP IN YAU MA TEI
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A YEAR-END CLEAN-UP DRIVE WILL BE LAUNCHED BY THE YAU MA TEI/TSIM SHA TSUI ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 6) TO REMIND RESIDENTS TO DISPOSE OF REFUSE PROPERLY.

TWELVE TEMPORARY REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS WILL BE SET UP AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE DISTRICT TO COPE WITH THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR DISPOSAL FACILITIES AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR WHEN MOST PEOPLE WILL BE CLEANING UP THEIR PREMISES FOR THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CLEAN-UP DRIVE WILL BE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG; URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR KWAN LIM-HO; ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (KOWLOON) OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR T.K. CHOY; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, MR YIP WAH.

THEY WILL ALSO HELP IN DISPOSING OF RUBBISH AFTER THE CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE YAU MA TEI YEAR-END CLEAN-UP EXERCISE TO BE HELD AT 10 AM ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 6) AT THE MARKET STREET REFUSE COLLECTION POINT (NEXT TO THE YAU MA TEI MULTI-STOREY CARPARK).

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DEBUT NIGHT FOR "WONDERFUL BIRD"

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A NEW DANCE ENTITLED "MIU YAM LIU" (WONDERFUL BIRD), ARRANGED BY THE HONG KONG DANCING ASSOCIATION, WILL BE PERFORMED IN PUBLIC FOR THE FIRST TIME AT SHA TIN TOWN HALL ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 6).

THE ITEM WILL BE AMONG 11 DANCES, INCLUDING ORIENTAL FOLK, WESTERN FOLK, SOCIAL, MODERN, ORIENTAL CLASSICAL AND WESTERN CLASSICAL, TO BE PERFORMED AT THE EIGHTH SHA TIN DISTRICT DANCE COMPETITION WINNERS' SHOW WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 7 PM.

OF THESE, FIVE WILL BE PERFORMED BY WINNERS OF THE COMPETITION AND THE REST BY TALENTED DANCERS FROM THE HONG KONG DANCING ASSOCIATION, HONG KONG DANCING SCHOOL, MODERN DANCE TROUPE AND THE CHRISTINE LIAO BALLET SCHOOL.

THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN ARTS ASSOCIATION AND REGIONAL COUNCIL, WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ANDREW PYNE, AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR ROGER LAU, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS OF THE COMPETITION DURING THE SHOW.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EIGHTH SHA TIN DISTRICT DANCE COMPETITION WINNERS' SHOW TO BEGIN AT 7 PM ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 6) IN THE AUDITORIUM OF SHA TIN TOWN HALL, NEAR SHA TIN KCR STATION.

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15 FINED FOR BRINGING MEAT INTO HK WITHOUT CERTIFICATE

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FIFTEEN PEOPLE WERE FINED BETWEEN \$500 AND \$1,500 AT THE FANLING MAGISTRACY EARLIER THIS WEEK FOR BRINGING FRESH MEAT INTO HONG KONG FROM SHENZHEN WITHOUT HEALTH CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY THE COMPETENT HEALTH AUTHORITY OF CHINA.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED THE PUBLIC OF THE PROVISIONS UNDER THE IMPORTED MEAT AND POULTRY REGULATIONS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES ORDINANCE.

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ANY PERSON WHO IMPORTS FRESH OR FROZEN MEAT AND/OR POULTRY INTO HONG KONG WITHOUT A VALID HEALTH CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE HEALTH AUTHORITY OF A RECOGNISED SOURCE, EXCEPT WITH THE PERMISSION IN WRITING OF A HEALTH OFFICER, COMMITS AN OFFENCE AND IS LIABLE TO PROSECUTION.

ANY PERSON WHO IS GUILTY OF SUCH AN OFFENCE IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$25,000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT, HE ADDED.

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PUBLIC REMINDED OF FIREWORKS PROHIBITION

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT THEY ARE PROHIBITED FROM ANY UNLICENSED POSSESSION OR DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS AND FIRECRACKERS.

"UNDER THE DANGEROUS GOODS ORDINANCE, ANY PERSON WHO POSSESSES OR DISCHARGES ANY FIREWORKS WITHOUT A LICENCE IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$25,000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT," A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID SPOT CHECKS WOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY EXPLOSIVES OFFICERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S MINES DIVISION AT SHOPS AND PREMISES SUSPECTED OF SELLING OR STORING SUCH GOODS.

ANY UNLICENSED DANGEROUS GOODS FOUND WOULD BE SEIZED AND THE OFFENDERS PROSECUTED, HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED THOSE IN POSSESSION OF ANY FIREWORKS OR CATEGORY I DANGEROUS GOODS TO SURRENDER THEM IMMEDIATELY TO THE MINES DIVISION AT THE CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, KOWLOON.

THEY CAN ALSO CONTACT THE DIVISION ON 3-7332356 OR 3-7332358 FOR SUCH GOODS TO BE COLLECTED.

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CYC FUN DAY FOR THE ELDERLY

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MORE THAN 700 ELDERLY PEOPLE FROM 19 DISTRICTS ENJOYED RICH ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES AT THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE FUN DAY, ORGANISED BY THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB (CYC) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND SPONSORED BY THE LAWS TRUST FUND, WAS ONE OF THE MANY ACTIVITIES HELD BY THE CYC TO CELEBRATE ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY.

TODAY'S PROGRAMMES INCLUDED CANTONESE OPERA AND SONGS, CHINESE MUSIC, CHINESE DANCE, CHORAL SPEAKING AND PHILHARMONIC PERFORMANCE BY THE DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL, DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL, SACRED HEART CANOSSIAN COLLEGE, CARMEL PAK U SECONDARY SCHOOL AND ST. CATHERINE'S SCHOOL FOR GIRLS IN KWUN TONG.

THE ELDERLY PEOPLE WERE EACH GIVEN A RED PACKET AND A WOOLLEN KNEE BLANKET KNITTED BY CYC MEMBERS.

THERE WAS ALSO A CEREMONY DURING WHICH THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, PRESENTED CHEQUES TO THE CHAIRMEN OF 18 CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS OPERATING HOMES FOR THE AGED AND SCHOOLS, INCLUDING THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS AND THE PO LEUNG KUK.

A TOTAL OF \$290,000 WAS RAISED BY CYC MEMBERS IN THEIR SUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT LAST NOVEMBER TO CONSTRUCT THE WORLD'S LARGEST POSTER WHICH WAS SUBSEQUENTLY RECOGNISED BY THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS.

THE HUGE POSTER WAS LATER CUT INTO 90,000 CHRISTMAS CARDS TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE ELDERLY AND THE CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS.

ADDRESSING THE GATHERING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, MR LI SAID THE CYC SCHEME WAS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S EFFORT TO FOSTER A STRONG COMMUNITY SPIRIT AMONG SCHOOL CHILDREN.

"THE CYC HAS CONTRIBUTED SUBSTANTIALLY TO MANY PUBLIC CAMPAIGNS IN HONG KONG AND TODAY'S EVENT AS WELL AS OTHER SIMILAR ACTIVITIES OF THE CLUB ARE VERY CONCRETE EXAMPLES OF HOW MORAL AND CIVIC EDUCATION COULD BE EFFECTIVELY PROMOTED IN SCHOOLS." HE SAID.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN WONG TAI SIN
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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS ARE IMPLEMENTED IN WONG TAI SIN DUE TO A WATER MAIN BURST AT FEI FUNG STREET.

THESE MEASURES WILL CONTINUE UNTIL ABOUT 10 AM ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 15).

FEI FUNG STREET, FROM ITS EASTERN JUNCTION WITH SHEUNG FUNG STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION, IS CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

MEANWHILE, MING FUNG STREET IS RE-ROUTED TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC.

MOTORISTS ON SHEUNG FUNG STREET NORTHBOUND HEADING FOR FEI FUNG STREET ARE DIVERTED VIA MING FUNG STREET.

IN ADDITION, THE METERED PARKING SPACES IN FEI FUNG STREET ARE SUSPENDED.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CLUB STREET, CENTRAL
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CLUB STREET IN CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 9.30 AM TO 12.30 PM ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 7) TO FACILITATE CABLE DIVERSION WORK ON THE AREA TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM.

AFFECTED VEHICLES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA JACKSON ROAD.

MEANWHILE, BUSES ON CROSS HARBOUR ROUTE 103 ON JOURNEYS TO POKFIELD ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA GLOUCESTER ROAD, FENWICK STREET, HENNESSY ROAD AND QUEENSWAY TO JOIN COTTON TREE DRIVE.

THE BUS STOP IN CHATER ROAD, NEAR THE FURAMA HOTEL, FOR KMB AIRPORT SERVICE ROUTE NO. A2 ON JOURNEYS TO CENTRAL (MACAU FERRY) WILL BE SUSPENDED.

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