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CONTRACT FOR ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR AWARDED

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) AWARDED THE LARGEST SINGLE HIGHWAY CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF STAGE ONE OF THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR.

THE CONTRACT, VALUED AT \$485 MILLION, WENT TO COSTAIN-PEARSON BRIDGE JOINT VENTURE. IT WAS FORMALLY SIGNED BY MR CHAN NAI-KEONG, DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT OF PWD, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMPANY.

COSTAIN-PEARSON BRIDGE JOINT VENTURE WAS FORMED BY COSTAIN INTERNATIONAL LTD. AND PEARSON BRIDGE HONG KONG LTD.

AFTER THE CONTRACT SIGNING CEREMONY, MR CHAN SAID THAT WORK ON THE CONTRACT WOULD START IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR AND WOULD BE COMPLETED IN 1984.

ON COMPLETION, HE SAID, THE HIGHWAY WOULD PROVIDE A HIGH CAPACITY RELIEF ROUTE BETWEEN CAUSEWAY BAY AND NORTH POINT.

MR CHAN SAID, +THE HIGHWAY WILL BE A 2.3-KILOMETRE ELEVATED ROAD, MOSTLY OVER WATER ALONG THE NORTHERN SHORE OF HONG KONG ISLAND.

+IT WILL START FROM VICTORIA PARK ROAD IN CAUSEWAY BAY AND END AT HEALTHY STREET WEST IN NORTH POINT, WITH THE PROVISION FOR FUTURE EXTENSION TO TAIKOO SHING AND THEN TO SHAU KEI WAN.

+THE ELEVATED ROAD WILL LINK THE EXISTING ROAD NETWORK BY SLIP ROADS FROM HING FAT STREET IN CAUSEWAY BAY AND TONG SHUI ROAD IN NORTH POINT.+

THE MAIN DECK OF THE ELEVATED ROAD WILL BE SUPPORTED BY ABOUT 80 SETS OF PIERS. THE DECK LEVEL WILL VARY FROM 12 METRES TO 18 METRES ABOVE WATER.

MR CHAN SAID ABOUT HALF OF THE LENGTH OF THE ELEVATED ROAD WOULD BE A DUAL FOUR-LANE CARRIAGEWAY AND THE REMAINING SECTION WOULD BE A DUAL THREE-LANE CARRIAGEWAY.

+THE NEW ROAD WILL HAVE A CAPACITY OF 10 000 VEHICLES PER HOUR, NEARLY TREBLING THAT OF KING'S ROAD,+ HE ADDED.

REFERRING TO STAGE TWO OF THE CORRIDOR, MR CHAN SAID, IT WOULD RUN FROM HEALTHY STREET WEST TO TAIKOO SHING, A MAJOR PART OF WHICH WOULD BE BUILT ON RECLAMATION.

WORK HAS BEGUN ON A 665-METRE SEAWALL OFF QUARRY BAY. ON COMPLETION, THE AREA BETWEEN THE SEAWALL AND THE EXISTING WATERFRONT AS WELL AS THE AREA IMMEDIATELY EAST TO THE SEAWALL WILL BE RECLAIMED TO PROVIDE ABOUT 30 HECTARES OF LAND FOR THE ROAD PROJECT AND LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AND CARGO HANDLING USES.

HE SAID, +WORK ON STAGE TWO OF THE ROAD PROJECT IS PLANNED TO START AT THE END OF NEXT YEAR WHEN THE RECLAMATION IS SUFFICIENTLY COMPLETE.

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+IF EVERYTHING GOES ACCORDING TO PLAN, THE SECOND STAGE OF THE CORRIDOR WILL ALSO BE COMPLETED AND OPENED TO TRAFFIC IN 1984, MORE OR LESS THE SAME TIME AS STAGE ONE.+

THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR PROJECT HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA ON BEHALF OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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MORE AMENDMENTS TO EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION LAW IN PIPELINE
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS IN THE PROCESS OF PREPARING ANOTHER AMENDMENT BILL TO INTRODUCE FURTHER CHANGES TO THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE.

THIS WAS STATED BY SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER, MR HOUDINI HO HON-TANG, TODAY (TUESDAY) IN A TALK TO A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE LIFE UNDERWRITERS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG.

HE EXPLAINED THAT POSSIBLE CHANGES WHICH ARE OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY INCLUDE THE INTRODUCTION OF COMPULSORY INSURANCE FOR ALL EMPLOYMENTS AND THE PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION TO EMPLOYEES INJURED WHILE TRAVELLING TO AND FROM THEIR PLACE OF WORK IN SOME FORMS OF TRANSPORT PROVIDED BY THE EMPLOYER.

OTHER POSSIBLE CHANGES RELATE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ASSESSMENT BOARD TO PROVIDE A MORE REALISTIC AND FAIRER ASSESSMENT OF THE LOSS OF EARNING CAPACITY AND CERTAIN MEASURES TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESSING OF EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION CASES.

MR HO ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE ORDINANCE, KNOWN FORMERLY AS THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ORDINANCE UNTIL ITS NAME WAS CHANGED ON NOVEMBER 1, WAS BROUGHT INTO FORCE IN 1953. IT HAS SINCE THEN BEEN AMENDED MANY TIMES IN ORDER FOR IT TO BE COMPATIBLE WITH SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AND WORLD TRENDS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROVISION OF SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS IN RESPECT OF EMPLOYMENT INJURIES.

THE MAIN FEATURES OF THESE AMENDMENTS WERE THE EXTENSION OF COVERAGE, INCREASE OF COMPENSATION, CREATION OF NEW BENEFITS, SPEEDING UP OF PAYMENTS AND BETTER PROTECTION OF THE INTERESTS OF INJURED EMPLOYEES OR THEIR DEPENDANTS. HOWEVER, DESPITE ALL THESE AMENDMENTS, THE MAIN PRINCIPLES AND FRAMEWORK OF THE COMPENSATION SYSTEM HAVE REMAINED UNCHANGED THROUGHOUT THESE YEARS.

MR HO WENT ON TO OUTLINE DETAILS OF THE LAST AMENDMENTS TO THE ORDINANCE EFFECTIVE FROM NOVEMBER 1. SOME OF THE MAJOR ONES WERE:

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1. REMOVING THE QUALIFYING WAGE CEILING OF \$5 000 PER MONTH TO COVER ALL EMPLOYEES IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR EARNINGS-
2. RAISING THE MAXIMUM COMPENSATION FROM \$60 000 TO \$168 000 FOR DEATH AND FROM \$80 000 TO \$192 000 FOR PERMANENT TOTAL INCAPACITY-
3. RAISING THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF CONSTANT ATTENTION ALLOWANCE FOR TOTAL PERMANENT INCAPACITY FROM \$32 000 TO \$77 000-
4. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE AGE OF THE EMPLOYEE IN DETERMINING COMPENSATION= AND
5. REQUIRING AN EMPLOYER TO PAY FOR THE COST OF REPAIRS AND RENEWALS OF AN EMPLOYEE'S PROSTHESIS OF SURGICAL APPLIANCE WITHIN A PERIOD OF 10 YEARS AFTER ITS INITIAL FITTING, SUBJECT TO A MAXIMUM OF \$30 000.

THE AMENDMENT TO THE FIRST SCHEDULE OF THE ORDINANCE WHICH STIPULATES THE PERCENTAGES OF LOSS OF EARNING CAPACITY FOR VARIOUS INJURIES, HOWEVER, WILL NOT COME INTO OPERATION UNTIL NOVEMBER 1 NEXT YEAR.

IN CONCLUSION, MR HO SAID EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION IS AN AREA OF SOCIAL SECURITY WHICH REQUIRES REGULAR REVIEW AND AMENDMENT AND THAT HIS DEPARTMENT WILL CERTAINLY MAKE THE NECESSARY REVIEW AND AMENDMENTS WHENEVER SUCH NEED ARISES.

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LEGO MEETS TOMORROW
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THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE ASKED TO MAKE A STATEMENT AT TOMORROW'S LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING ON THE IMPROVEMENTS THE BUS COMPANIES UNDERTOOK TO IMPLEMENT FOLLOWING THE LAST ROUND OF BUS FARE INCREASE AND TO WHAT EXTENT THESE HAVE BEEN MET.

THE QUESTION FROM THE HON CHAN KAM-CHUEN IS AMONG THE 13 QUERIES TO BE RAISED BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS AT TOMORROW'S SITTING.

THE HON FRANCIS TIEN WILL ASK THE GOVERNMENT TO EXPLAIN THE CRITERIA GOVERNING THE ALLOWANCE OF INCREASES IN PUBLIC UTILITY CHARGES WITH PARTICULAR REGARD TO ELECTRICITY CHARGES AND THE INTERESTS OF INDUSTRY.

REV THE HON JOYCE BENNETT WILL ASK TWO QUESTIONS ARISING FROM THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE - THE FIRST ON THE REASONS FOR NOT GRANTING MARRIED FEMALE CIVIL SERVANTS THE SAME ELIGIBILITY FOR FRINGE BENEFITS AS THEIR MALE COUNTERPARTS AND THE SECOND ON WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO RECOGNISE FINANCIALLY THE ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF VICE PRINCIPALS IN GOVERNMENT AND AIDED SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

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OTHER QUESTIONS OF PUBLIC INTEREST RELATE TO SPACE FOR COOKED FOOD STALLS IN NEW TOWNS, THE NUMBER OF PROSECUTIONS TAKEN OUT AGAINST DRIVERS OF FRANCHISED BUSES AND PRIVATE BUSES- THE COMPLETION DATE OF THE STUBBS ROAD FLYOVER, FUTURE PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN- EFFORTS MADE BY THE DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED TO EXPLAIN TO THE PUBLIC THE REASONS FOR CLEARANCES OF SQUATTERS ON CROWN LAND REQUIRED FOR DEVELOPMENT- THE OUTCOME OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE CAUSE OF AN EXPLOSION IN A KWAI CHUNG INDUSTRIAL BUILDING- AND RESCHEDULED COMPLETION DATES FOR HOME OWNERSHIP ESTATES IN CHAI WAN, HO MAN TIN AND KWAI CHUNG.

AT TOMORROW'S MEETING, SIX BILLS WILL BE TABLED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS. THEY ARE THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL 1980, THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1981, THE INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1981, THE REVISED EDITION OF THE LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1981, THE FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANIES DEPOSIT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1981, AND THE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1981.

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INCREASED PUBLIC AWARENESS OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY

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THE RESPONSE TO THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY QUIZ COMPETITION JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, HONG KONG DAILY NEWS AND REDIFFUSION TELEVISION IS A VERY ENCOURAGING SIGN REFLECTING INCREASED PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE NEED TO IMPROVE STANDARDS OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR J.C.A. HAMMOND, TODAY (TUESDAY) WHEN HE PRESENTED PRIZES TO THE WINNER AND RUNNERS-UP OF THE THIRD QUIZ COMPETITION AT A CEREMONY HELD AT THE DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE COMPETITION WHICH WAS HELD ONCE A MONTH HAS SO FAR ATTRACTED MORE THAN 16 000 ENTRIES SINCE IT FIRST BEGAN IN SEPTEMBER.

THE AIM OF THE COMPETITION IS TO DRIVE HOME THE MESSAGE TO BOTH FACTORY OPERATORS AND WORKERS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY, WHICH CAN BE A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH ON THE FACTORY FLOOR OR AT THE WORKPLACE.

MR HAMMOND STRESSED THAT THE PROMOTION OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY IS A TRIPARTITE AFFAIR REQUIRING THE CO-OPERATION OF GOVERNMENT, MANAGEMENT AS WELL AS WORKERS.

HE THANKED HONG KONG DAILY NEWS AND RTV FOR THEIR VERY GENEROUS AND VALUABLE SUPPORT IN CO-SPONSORING THE COMPETITION.

THE FIRST PRIZE -- TWO RETURN AIR TICKETS TO THE PHILIPPINES, PLUS FOOD AND LODGING, BY COURTESY OF THE DAILY NEWS -- WAS WON BY MISS CHEUNG TAK-CHING.

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THE SECOND PRIZE -- A TELEVISION SET -- AND THE THIRD PRIZE -- A WRIST WATCH -- WENT TO MR YAU KING-SHEUNG AND MR LIU HON-KONG RESPECTIVELY.

THE LUCKY PRIZE -- A TRANSISTOR RADIO -- WAS PRESENTED TO 10 OTHER PARTICIPANTS BY THE CHIEF EDITOR OF THE NEWSPAPER, MR JOSEPH LAW.

THE RTV SPECIAL PRIZE OF A MINIATURE GOLD SAFETY HELMET WAS PRESENTED BY MRS ELEANOR MORRIS, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE RTV MANAGING DIRECTOR.

THE COMPETITION WILL TAKE A BREAK THIS MONTH BECAUSE OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON AND WILL BE RESUMED NEXT MONTH (JANUARY), WITH THE QUESTIONNAIRES ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY BEING PUBLISHED IN THE HONG KONG DAILY NEWS EVERY DAY.

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DSW SEES SALVATION ARMY'S SERVICES

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE, TODAY (TUESDAY) SHOWED KEEN INTEREST IN THE SERVICES RUN BY THE SALVATION ARMY FOR GIRLS IN NEED OF CARE AND PROTECTION, MENTALLY DISABLED CHILDREN AND AGED PEOPLE.

CONTINUING HIS SERIES OF VISITS TO VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, MR ALLEYNE CALLED AT THE SALVATION ARMY GIRLS' HOME, THE LAI KING HOME FOR THE MENTALLY DISABLED, AND THE NAM SHAN HOSTEL FOR THE ELDERLY.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE OFFICER-COMMANDING, LT.COL. BRAM MOORE, AND THE SOCIAL SERVICES SECRETARY, MAJ. GLEN GILDEN, HE INSPECTED THE SERVICES AND SAW HOW THE INMATES WENT ABOUT THEIR DAILY LIFE.

THE GIRLS' HOME IN KWAI CHUNG PROVIDES SOCIAL REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR 40 GIRLS AGED 12 TO 19 YEARS WHO ARE IN NEED OF CARE AND PROTECTION.

IT PROVIDES GENERAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN DRESS-MAKING, PAINTING, GARDENING, COOKING AND HANDICRAFT. INTEREST GROUPS IN TYPING, CHINESE FOLK DANCE AND BIBLE CLASSES HAVE ALSO BEEN ORGANISED.

THE LAI KING HOME RUNS RESIDENTIAL CARE, SCHOOLING AND PREVOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR 126 MILD-GRADE MENTALLY DISABLED CHILDREN TO HELP RE-INTEGRATE THEM INTO THE COMMUNITY.

DURING THE VISIT MR ALLEYNE INSPECTED ITS DORMITORIES, CLASSROOMS, DINING HALL, PLAYGROUND, SWIMMING POOL AND OTHER RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

THE NAM SHAN HOSTEL ACCOMMODATES 153 ELDERLY PEOPLE IN ITS MEALS SECTION AND SELF-CARE SECTION, WHERE THEY ARE PROVIDED WITH VARIOUS SERVICES.

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APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR GRANTS FROM RECREATION FUND

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FROM VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS FOR GRANTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1981/82 FROM THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION.

THE FUND WAS SET UP IN 1970 WITH A \$3 MILLION DONATION TO ASSIST IN PROVIDING FACILITIES FOR A WIDE RANGE OF RECREATIONAL, SPORTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES OTHER THAN THOSE IN THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WHICH HAVE ALREADY ATTRACTED CONSIDERABLE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE GOVERNMENT, THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

PROJECTS OF CONSTRUCTIVE AND LONG-TERM BENEFIT, WHICH WILL HELP DEVELOP THE INDIVIDUAL AND ENCOURAGE PURPOSEFUL USE OF LEISURE TIME BY YOUNG PEOPLE, ARE GIVEN PRIORITY.

SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT, MORE THAN \$3.5 MILLION IN GRANTS DERIVED FROM INTEREST EARNED IN THE INVESTMENT OF THE FUND HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO FINANCE VARIOUS COMMUNITY PROJECTS.

IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR, GRANTS AMOUNTING TO ABOUT \$540 000 HAVE BEEN MADE TO 102 AGENCIES TO START NEW PROJECTS OR TO PURCHASE SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT.

THE FUND IS ADMINISTERED BY THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT. APPLICATION FORMS FOR GRANTS NEXT YEAR ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL CITY DISTRICT OFFICES, OFFICES OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE SECRETARY, COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), 3RD FLOOR, ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG BEFORE JANUARY 31, 1981.

GRANTS FROM THE FUND WILL BE MADE TO THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS IN LATE JULY 1981.

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SINGAPORE STUDY TOUR FOR HOME AFFAIRS OFFICERS

A GROUP OF 15 OFFICERS FROM THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT WILL LEAVE FOR SINGAPORE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) FOR A ONE-WEEK STUDY TOUR.

DURING THE VISIT THE PARTY WILL STUDY URBAN RENEWAL SCHEMES AND TOWN MANAGEMENT SKILLS AND VISIT THE PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION AND CITIZENS CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES.

ON THE EVE OF THEIR DEPARTURE, THE GROUP HEADED BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, MISS ELLE SHUM, WAS BRIEFED BY THE SINGAPORE HIGH COMMISSIONER, MR L.H. KOH.

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AFTER THE BRIEFING THE DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, MR GRAHAM BARNES PRESENTED A MEMENTO TO MR KOH IN APPRECIATION OF HIS ASSISTANCE IN ORGANISING THE TOUR.

AT THE PRESENTATION MR BARNES SAID, +THE PURPOSE OF THE STUDY TOUR IS TO AVAIL LOCAL OFFICERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE AND COMPARE APPROACHES TO MUTUAL PROBLEMS AND WORK METHODS WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN SINGAPORE.+

MEMBERS OF THE PARTY INCLUDE MR KEITH KWOK, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (YAU MA TEI)- MR EDDY CHAN, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) AND MR KEVIN HO, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (LANDS).

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LITERATURE CAMP TO BE HELD IN SAI KUNG

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SAI KUNG DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD WILL HOLD A THREE-DAY LITERATURE CAMP DURING CHINESE NEW YEAR IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE YOUTH LITERARY AWARD ORGANISING COMMITTEE.

THE THEME OF THE CAMP WILL BE +A GENERAL STUDY OF WORKS BY YOUNG HONG KONG NOVELISTS+. IT WILL BE HELD AT THE NEW LADY MACLEHOSE HOLIDAY VILLAGE IN EAST SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK FROM FEBRUARY 8 TO 10 (THE FOURTH, FIFTH AND SIXTH DAYS OF CHINESE NEW YEAR).

THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS WILL BE LIMITED TO 100, OF WHICH 30 PLACES WILL BE RESERVED FOR SAI KUNG RESIDENTS.

ANYONE AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 30 WHO HAS REACHED FORM THREE STANDARD OR ABOVE CAN JOIN THE CAMP, THE FEE FOR WHICH IS \$30 PER PERSON.

INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAMME WILL BE SEMINARS, DISCUSSIONS, SLIDE SHOWS, AND TALKS BY ACCOMPLISHED WRITERS.

A SAI KUNG DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID IT WOULD BE THE FIRST TIME THIS KIND OF CULTURAL ACTIVITY HAD BEEN ORGANISED BY A NEW TERRITORIES DAB. IT WAS HOPED THAT THROUGH CONTACT WITH THEIR URBAN COUNTERPARTS SAI KUNG YOUNG PEOPLE WOULD GAIN GREATER INSIGHT AND STIMULATION IN WRITING.

LETTERS OF APPLICATION SHOULD REACH THE BRANCH OFFICE OF SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE AT MAN NIN STREET, OR THE YOUTH LITERARY AWARD ORGANISING COMMITTEE, C/O HONG KONG UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' UNION, BY JANUARY 12.

THE YOUTH LITERARY AWARD ORGANISING COMMITTEE, COMPOSED OF STAFF AND STUDENTS OF THE HONG KONG AND CHINESE UNIVERSITIES, REGULARLY ORGANISES ACTIVITIES SUCH AS WRITING COMPETITIONS, SEMINARS AND EXHIBITIONS. THE LITERARY CAMP IS PART OF ITS EFFORT TO PROMOTE INTEREST IN WRITING AMONG YOUNG HONG KONG PEOPLE.

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REDUCED FARES FOR STUDENTS TO CONTINUE
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STUDENTS MAY CONTINUE TO ENJOY REDUCED FARES WHEN USING APPROVED PUBLIC TRANSPORT BETWEEN HOME AND SCHOOL, AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

CURRENT STUDENT PASSES ISSUED BY THESE PUBLIC TRANSPORT COMPANIES WHICH ARE DUE TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 1980, WILL REMAIN VALID AFTER THAT DATE, STUDENTS AND PARENTS ARE ADVISED TO RETAIN THE PRESENT PASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

A CIRCULAR WILL SOON BE SENT TO ALL SCHOOL HEADS INFORMING THEM OF THIS INTERIM ARRANGEMENT WITH THE TRANSPORT COMPANIES. THEY WILL BE ASKED TO INFORM THEIR STUDENTS ACCORDINGLY.

+THE GOVERNMENT IS STUDYING A NEW STUDENT TRAVEL SUBSIDY SCHEME, DETAILS OF WHICH WILL BE PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED WHEN A DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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TECHNICAL STUDENTS TO COMPETE IN SPORTS MEET
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ABOUT 300 STUDENTS FROM THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL COMPETE IN A JOINT ATHLETIC MEET AT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT STADIUM ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 18).

FIELD AND TRACK EVENTS WILL BE HELD FROM 9 AM TO 4 PM, IN THREE DIVISIONS FOR GIRLS, SENIOR BOYS AND JUNIOR BOYS.

THE PARTICIPANTS ARE FROM MORRISON HILL, KWAI CHUNG, KWUN TONG, HAKING WONG AND LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

UNOFFICIAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR HU FA-KUANG WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS AFTER THE SPORTS MEET.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE JOINT ATHLETIC MEET OF THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES ON THURSDAY, (DECEMBER 18) FROM 9 AM TO 4 PM AT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT STADIUM. UNOFFICIAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR HU FA-KUANG WILL OFFICIATE AT THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY AT 3.30 PM.

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EASTERN STREET TO RE-OPEN TO TRAFFIC
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A SECTION OF EASTERN STREET BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST AND
DES VOEUX ROAD WEST WILL RE-OPEN FOR ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC
FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 18).

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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