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RECORD TRAFFIC AT HONG KONG AIRPORT

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THE HIGHEST GROWTH RATE FOR 15 YEARS HAS GIVEN RISE TO A RECORD NUMBER OF PASSENGERS, AIRCRAFT AND FREIGHT AT THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT DURING 1988, THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY).

ANNUAL PASSENGER MOVEMENTS ROSE BY 20.6 PER CENT TO 15.3 MILLION, WHICH IS A SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE IN HONG KONG'S AVIATION HISTORY.

AUGUST WAS THE ALL TIME HIGH MONTH WITH A TOTAL OF 1.47 MILLION PASSENGERS PASSING THROUGH THE AIRPORT.

DURING TYPICAL BUSY HOUR CONDITIONS, 3,900 PASSENGERS (IN EACH DIRECTION) USED THE PASSENGER TERMINAL BUILDING, WHICH IS AN INCREASE OF 17 PER CENT OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR, EXCEEDING THE STAGE IV TERMINAL DESIGN CAPACITY OF 3,400 PASSENGERS.

CARGO VOLUME SURGED TO 694,000 TONNES, UP 13.7 PER CENT OVER 1987. THE GREATEST GROWTH OCCURRED IN NOVEMBER WHEN 67,000 TONNES OF FREIGHT WAS HANDLED.

THE NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS INCREASED BY 18 PER CENT TO OVER 87,000, THE LARGEST NUMBER OF OPERATIONS EVER RECORDED IN A YEAR.

THE STANDARD BUSY HOUR RATE FOR AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS ROSE FROM 26 IN 1987 TO 29 IN 1988; AND OVER 80 PER CENT OF THE AIRCRAFT WERE WIDE-BODIED.

SINCE 1986, PASSENGER TRAFFIC HAS GROWN BY MORE THAN 50 PER CENT, BREAKING THE 10-MILLION MARK IN 1986, THE 12-MILLION MARK IN 1987 AND NOW THE 15-MILLION MARK IN 1988.

HONG KONG IS CURRENTLY SERVED BY 36 INTERNATIONAL SCHEDULED AIRLINES AND CONNECTED TO OVER 70 CITIES WORLDWIDE.

DURING THE YEAR, CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS OPERATED THE LARGEST PROPORTION OF FLIGHTS, TOTALLING 19,666, FOLLOWED BY CIVIL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION OF CHINA WHICH OPERATED JUST UNDER 15,000 FLIGHTS.

WITH HONG KONG BEING A MAJOR CENTRE FOR AIR TRAFFIC IN THE SOUTHEASTERN ASIA REGION, A GOVERNMENT CONSULTANCY REPORT RECENTLY FORECAST THAT PASSENGER TRAFFIC WOULD CONTINUE TO GROW WITH A LONG TERM GROWTH RATE OF 5.7 PER CENT PER ANNUM TO REACH A TOTAL OF 46 MILLION BY THE YEAR 2010.

CARGO MOVEMENTS ARE ALSO FORECAST TO INCREASE AT AN AVERAGE 6.5 PER CENT PER ANNUM, REACHING 2.6 MILLION TONNES IN 2010.

TO COPE WITH THE EVER-INCREASING DEMAND, THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT HAS UNDERGONE MANY STAGES OF EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS AND EXPANSION WORK.

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IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR, THE STAGE V EXTENSION TO THE PASSENGER TERMINAL BUILDING WAS OPENED, OFFERING 50 PER CENT MORE SPACE AND FACILITIES FOR PASSENGERS AND INCREASING THE STANDARD BUSY HOUR PASSENGER THROUGHPUT CAPACITY TO 5,300 PASSENGERS IN EACH DIRECTION.

CONSTRUCTION OF A SECOND AIR CARGO TERMINAL HAS STARTED AND ON COMPLETION IN MID-1991 THE ANNUAL CARGO HANDLING CAPACITY AT KAI TAK WILL BE DOUBLED TO 1.4 MILLION TONNES.

ALSO IN PROGRESS IS AN APRON EXTENSION SCHEME WHICH IS AIMED TO ADD THREE MORE PARKING BAYS FOR WIDE-BODIED AIRCRAFT OR SIX FOR NARROW-BODIED AIRCRAFT BY SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, AND TO PROVIDE FURTHER ADDITIONAL PARKING POSITIONS FOR AIRCRAFT OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

A PROGRAMME OF DEVELOPMENTS WAS RECENTLY RECOMMENDED BY THE KAI TAK CAPACITY STUDY CONSULTANT IN ORDER TO FURTHER IMPROVE AIRPORT FACILITIES AND REALISE KAI TAK'S ULTIMATE POTENTIAL CAPACITY, WHICH IS PROJECTED TO BE REACHED BY THE MID-1990'S BASED UPON THE CONSULTANT'S LONG-TERM FORECAST.

HOWEVER, A CAD SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT ALL INDICATIONS WERE THAT 1989 WOULD SEE THE CONTINUATION OF HIGH GROWTH RATES AND RECORD THROUGHPUT, IN WHICH CASE THE CONSULTANT'S TRAFFIC LEVEL FORECAST FOR 1990 WILL IN FACT BE EXCEEDED BY MID-1989.

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FURTHER TALKS ON BOUNDARY MATTERS

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE BOUNDARIES BETWEEN HONG KONG AND GUANGDONG WILL TAKE PLACE IN HONG KONG ON FEBRUARY 22 TO 23 BETWEEN THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND THE GUANGDONG PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES.

THE HONG KONG TEAM WILL BE LED BY MR DONALD TSANG, DEPUTY SECRETARY, GENERAL DUTIES.

THE GUANGDONG TEAM WILL BE LED BY MR FU FEN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE GUANGDONG FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICE.

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MORE APPOINTMENTS TO STANDING COMMITTEE

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THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED EIGHT MORE MEMBERS TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINED SERVICES SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE AND ITS TWO SUB-COMMITTEES.

THE APPOINTMENTS ARE FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS WITH EFFECT FROM FEBRUARY 18 THIS YEAR.

APPOINTED TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE AND ITS POLICE SUB-COMMITTEE ARE MRS NELLIE FONG, MR ANTHONY NEOH, MR BRIAN RENWICK AND MR TANG KWAI-NANG.

APPOINTED TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE AND ITS GENERAL DISCIPLINED SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE ARE MR WILFRED CHAN, MR ANTHONY CHEUNG, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI AND MRS MIRIAM LAU.

AS ALREADY ANNOUNCED, THE STANDING COMMITTEE IS CHAIRED BY MR JOHN SWAINE; THE POLICE SUB-COMMITTEE BY MR MARTIN BARROW, AND THE GENERAL DISCIPLINED SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE BY MR PAUL CHENG.

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12 QUESTIONS ON LEGCO AGENDA

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MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL ASK 12 QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER TWO BILLS AT THE COUNCIL'S MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE INSURANCE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989 WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

DEBATE IS TO RESUME ON THE SECOND READING OF THE SUPREME COURT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988, WHICH IS THEN DUE TO GO THROUGH THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING.

IN ADDITION, THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT WILL MOVE THREE MOTIONS -- UNDER THE FIXED PENALTY (CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS) ORDINANCE, THE FIXED PENALTY (TRAFFIC CONTRAVENTIONS) ORDINANCE AND THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE.

A MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING.

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DISTRICT OFFICERS PLAY IMPORTANT ROLE

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THE ROLE OF THE DISTRICT OFFICER AS A COMMUNICATION LINK BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL WOULD BECOME MORE IMPORTANT AS HONG KONG CONTINUED TO FACE UP TO CHANGES IN THE YEARS TO COME.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, SAID THIS TODAY (TUESDAY).

"THE DISTRICT OFFICERS OF THE PRESENT ARE ALREADY A REASSURANCE TO THE PUBLIC THAT THE GOVERNMENT CARES ABOUT ITS PERFORMANCE AT THE LEVEL OF THE ORDINARY PEOPLE," HE NOTED.

IN A TALK ON "THE DISTRICT OFFICERS TODAY" AT THE JOINT MEETING OF THE ZONE VII OF LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 303, MR LAN POINTED OUT THAT DISTRICT OFFICERS WERE GENERALLY REGARDED AS THE "PEOPLE'S MAN BY THE MAN-IN-THE-STREET".

"THE REASONS FOR THEIR POPULARITY ARE THAT THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO OFFER SOME REALLY HELPFUL PERSONAL SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC.

"THE DISTRICT OFFICERS COULD ALSO REFLECT RESIDENTS' GRIEVANCES TO ENSURE THAT THEY GOT A FAIRER DEAL," MR LAN SAID.

"THEY HAVE HELPED TO EXPLAIN GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND OBTAIN FEEDBACK FROM THE PUBLIC ON SUCH POLICIES.

"WITH THE BENEFIT OF THE ADVICE OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS WHO ARE CONSTANTLY KEEPING IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH A WIDE SPECTRUM OF PEOPLE AND GROUPS AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL, MANY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ARE ABLE TO PLAN SERVICES MORE COGNIZANT OF LOCAL NEEDS WITH BETTER TIMING ON THEIR IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMMES," MR LAN ADDED.

MR LAN WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE DISTRICT OFFICER SCHEME CAME INTO BEING FOLLOWING THE PUBLICATION OF THE WHITE PAPER ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION IN HONG KONG IN 1981, WHICH ANNOUNCED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DISTRICT BOARD (DB) AND A DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (DMC) IN EACH OF THE THEN 18 DISTRICTS IN THE TERRITORY.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME HAD BROUGHT ABOUT IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE WORK OF DISTRICT OFFICES.

DISTRICT OFFICES WERE WORKING HAND IN HAND WITH DB'S AND OTHER LOCAL ORGANISATIONS TOWARDS ACHIEVING THE AIM OF BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN RESIDENTS AND THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

THROUGH CLOSE LIAISON WITH THE DB'S, AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS' CORPORATIONS AND OTHER DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS, THE DISTRICT OFFICES COULD MORE EFFECTIVELY IDENTIFY LOCAL NEEDS, MONITOR THE EFFECTIVENESS OF PUBLIC SERVICES IN THE DISTRICTS AND REFLECT PUBLIC OPINION TO THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

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IN ADDITION, WITH THE ADVICE OF THE DB'S, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, THROUGH HIS CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE DMC, WAS ABLE TO CO-ORDINATE GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL TO ENSURE THAT DISTRICT NEEDS WERE MET AND DISTRICT PROBLEMS RESOLVED EFFECTIVELY.

MR LAN FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT ACCORDING TO A REVIEW OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME IN 1987, DB MEMBERS GENERALLY CONSIDERED THAT A CORDIAL WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DB WAS ESSENTIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME.

THE REVIEW RECOMMENDED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE DISTRICT OFFICE SHOULD CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE DB CHAIRMAN, TO LIAISE WITH RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS TO ENSURE PROMPT ACTION ON THE DB'S REQUESTS AND TO KEEP THE BOARD INFORMED OF PROGRESS.

"IN VIEW OF HIS CO-ORDINATION ROLE OF GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL, THE DISTRICT OFFICER IS NO DOUBT ASSUMING THE ROLE AS A GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL, IN SO FAR AS THE MAN-IN-THE-STREET AND LOCAL GROUPS ARE CONCERNED," HE NOTED.

ALL DISTRICT OFFICES PERFORM OTHER TASKS AS WELL, SUCH AS OPERATING ENQUIRY COUNTERS WHERE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC COULD OBTAIN A VARIETY OF SERVICES, MR LAN CONTINUED.

DURING 1988, THE 67 PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE COUNTERS IN THE 19 DISTRICT OFFICES HANDLED A TOTAL 6.5 MILLION ENQUIRIES/CASES.

DURING NATURAL DISASTERS OR EMERGENCIES, DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF WERE MOBILISED TO CO-ORDINATE RELIEF OPERATIONS AND FIND TEMPORARY SHELTERS FOR THE HOMELESS.

IN ADDITION, THE DISTRICT OFFICE WAS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR NUMEROUS OTHER IMPORTANT FUNCTIONS. THEY INCLUDED:

- (A) STIMULATING AND ORGANISING COMMUNITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS ORGANISING DISTRICT CULTURAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES, AND ASSISTING IN THE FORMATION OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS CORPORATIONS, AND SO ON;
- (B) MANAGING 55 COMMUNITY CENTRES IN THE TERRITORY;
- (C) PROVIDING SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS - ALL DISTRICT OFFICERS ARE JUSTICES OF PEACE AND SOME OF THEIR LIAISON OFFICERS ARE APPOINTED COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS TO ADMINISTER DECLARATIONS; AND
- (D) PROVIDING ASSISTANCE, ADVICE AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO OWNERS AND TENANTS OF PRIVATE BUILDINGS FOR IMPROVING THE STANDARDS OF MANAGEMENT IN THEIR BUILDINGS.

UP TILL NOW, 10 DISTRICTS HAVE EACH SET UP A BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM WITH STAFF SECONDED FROM THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT TO UNDERTAKE THIS TASK.

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THEY ARE HANDLING A TOTAL OF ABOUT 200 TARGET BUILDINGS, AND THEIR WORK IS GUIDED BY THE CORRESPONDING DISTRICT INTER-DEPARTMENTAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES OF WHICH THE DISTRICT OFFICERS ARE CHAIRMEN.

IN CONCLUSION, MR LAN SAID HE WAS MOST CONFIDENT THAT THE DISTRICT OFFICE SYSTEM WOULD PROSPER AND GROW STRONGER WHILE DISTRICT OFFICERS WOULD ALL FIND THEIR WORK MOST STIMULATING AND EXCITING WITH THE CHALLENGES THAT LAY AHEAD IN THE YEARS TO COME.

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TAXI OPERATORS URGED TO CO-OPERATE IN SURVEY

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS URGED URBAN TAXI OPERATORS AND TRADE ASSOCIATIONS TO CO-OPERATE IN A SURVEY ON THE OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS AND FINANCIAL SITUATION OF URBAN TAXIS.

"IT IS IMPORTANT FOR TAXI OPERATORS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SURVEY AS IT WILL HELP THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ASSESS CORRECTLY THE OPERATING CONDITIONS OF THE TRADE," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL AND ONLY BE USED FOR STATISTICAL ANALYSIS.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE SURVEY IS AN ANNUAL EXERCISE AND CONSISTS OF TWO PARTS: QUESTIONNAIRE AND METER READING. URBAN TAXIS HAVE BEEN RANDOMLY SELECTED FOR THE EXERCISE.

OWNERS OF THE SELECTED TAXIS ARE REQUESTED TO COMPLETE A SHORT QUESTIONNAIRE ON THEIR OPERATIONS WHICH INCLUDE ITEMS SUCH AS OPERATING FORMAT, INCOME AND FUEL AND MAINTENANCE COSTS. THEY ARE REQUESTED TO RETURN THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE TO THE DEPARTMENT BY FEBRUARY 28.

TAXI OPERATORS ARE ALSO ASKED TO PRESENT THEIR TAXIS TWICE FOR METER READING FROM MARCH 6 TO MARCH 10 AND FROM MARCH 13 TO MARCH 17 BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND 12.30 PM OR BETWEEN 2 PM AND 4.30 PM.

TEN METER READING CENTRES WILL BE OPENED FOR THE EXERCISE:

- * OI KWAN ROAD OUTSIDE MORRISON HILL SWIMMING POOL, WAN CHAI.
- * TAXI STAND NEAR WAN CHAI FERRY PIER, WAN CHAI.
- * CARPARK NEAR ANNE BLACK HEALTH CENTRE, HEALTHY STREET WEST, NORTH POINT.

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- * CARPARK OUTSIDE TIN KWONG ROAD DRIVING TEST CENTRE, TO KWA WAN.
- * KAU PUI LUNG ROAD SOUTHBOUND, SECTION BETWEEN MAIDSTONE LANE AND LOK SHAN ROAD, TO KWA WAN.
- * CARPARK NEAR PARIS THEATRE, KING FUK STREET, SAN PO KONG.
- * TAXI STAND AT TAI KOK TSUI FERRY CONCOURSE.
- * PITT STREET, SECTION BETWEEN TUNG FONG STREET AND WATERLOO ROAD.
- * TAXI STAND AT TSUEN WAN FERRY PIER, TSUEN WAN.
- * TAXI STAND OUTSIDE SHA TIN TOWN HALL, TAM KON PO STREET, SHA TIN.

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NEW CAREERS CENTRE OPEN IN SHA TIN
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A NEW CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRE IS OPEN IN SHA TIN TO PROVIDE UP-TO-DATE CAREERS INFORMATION AND GUIDANCES TO YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE BURGEONING NEW TOWN.

THE CENTRE, WHICH CAME INTO OPERATION LAST MONTH, IS CENTRALLY LOCATED ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF CHANWAY SHOPPING CENTRE, SHA TIN CENTRE STREET. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 0-6015101.

IT IS THE FOURTH BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE. THE OTHER THREE ARE IN CAUSEWAY BAY, TO KWA WAN AND TSUEN WAN.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS THE OBJECTIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT TO CONSTANTLY IMPROVE ITS CAREERS SERVICES TO YOUNG PEOPLE AND HELP THEM CHOOSE A CAREER BEST SUITED TO THEIR TALENTS, INTERESTS AND ABILITIES.

"THE SHA TIN OFFICE WILL NOT ONLY OFFER SERVICES TO RESIDENTS IN THE NEW TOWN, BUT WILL ALSO CATER FOR THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS, CAREERS TEACHERS AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"IT MAINTAINS UP-TO-DATE CAREERS MATERIALS, INCLUDING PUBLICATIONS AND AUDIO-VISUAL PRESENTATIONS ON JOB PROSPECTS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUAL TRADES AND PROFESSIONS.

"EXPERIENCED OFFICERS ARE ALSO ON HAND TO GIVE GUIDANCES AND ANSWER ENQUIRIES CONCERNING CAREERS DEVELOPMENT."

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, INCLUDING TEACHERS, SOCIAL WORKERS, PARENTS AND STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO MAKE USE OF THE REFERENCE LIBRARY, AUDIO-VISUAL UNITS AND ENQUIRY SERVICE AVAILABLE AT THE CENTRE.

IN ADDITION, CAREERS INFORMATION IS ALSO DISSEMINATED THROUGH VARIOUS ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE, INCLUDING CAREERS TALKS, EXHIBITIONS, SEMINARS AND WORK ORIENTATION PROGRAMMES.

LAST YEAR MORE THAN 1,100 STUDENTS FROM 45 SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS TOOK PART IN THE SERVICE'S WORK ORIENTATION PROGRAMMES.

UNDER THE PROGRAMME, VISITS WERE ARRANGED FOR STUDENTS TO SPECIALISED FIELDS OF WORK SO THAT THEY COULD SEE FOR THEMSELVES THE ACTUAL WORKING ENVIRONMENT.

OTHER ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE SERVICE INCLUDE AN ANNUAL CAREERS EXHIBITION, CAREERS QUIZ, CAREERS DAYS AND SEMINARS FOR CAREERS TEACHERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE SHA TIN CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRE WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD'S COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT SERVICES, MR CHAN YUN-CHE, AND THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR HAROLD KWOK, AT 3.30 PM ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 24).

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY. THE ADDRESS IS SECOND FLOOR, CHANWAY SHOPPING CENTRE, SHA TIN CENTRE STREET.

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JUNK BAY FIRE STATION, AMBULANCE DEPOT OFFICIALLY OPENED
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THE JUNK BAY FIRE STATION AND JUNK BAY AMBULANCE DEPOT WERE TODAY (TUESDAY) OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD, MR WILLIAM WAH HON-CHEUNG.

SPEAKING AT THE JOINT OPENING CEREMONY, MR WAN SAID THAT WITH A PROJECTED POPULATION OF 440,000 IN THE JUNK BAY NEW TOWN, THERE WAS A NEED TO SET UP FIRE STATIONS AND AMBULANCE DEPOTS IN THE AREA SO THAT FIRE APPLIANCES AND AMBULANCES COULD REACH THE SCENE OF EMERGENCY WITHIN TARGETTED TIMES.

THE TARGETTED TIMES FOR FIRE ENGINES AND AMBULANCES TO REACH A SCENE OF EMERGENCY ARE SIX AND 10 MINUTES RESPECTIVELY.

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"I BELIEVE ALL RESIDENTS IN JUNK BAY ARE GLAD TO HAVE THIS WELL-EQUIPPED FIRE STATION AND AMBULANCE DEPOT," MR WAN SAID.

"IT IS ALSO MY HOPE THAT IF THEY HAVE ANY PROBLEMS CONCERNING FIRE AND AMBULANCE SERVICES, THEY WOULD CONTACT THE OFFICERS AT THIS FIRE STATION AND AMBULANCE DEPOT WHO WOULD NO DOUBT OFFER ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE."

LOCATED IN PO LAM ROAD OPPOSITE PO LAM ESTATE, THE FIRE STATION AND AMBULANCE DEPOT HAVE BEEN IN OPERATION RESPECTIVELY SINCE APRIL AND JUNE LAST YEAR.

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AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 25) AT THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL. THE AUCTION WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM.

A TOTAL OF 40 SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING, THEY ARE:

DY2988	AW132	DX1128	DY892
BK802	CK5555	DY379	DY2823
BL17	DZ3893	DZ1	DX168
DZ112	DZ619	DY368	DD9911
DY817	DY3288	DZ1982	DZ968
DD82	DZ911	DD93	CB7322
DZ6638	DZ238	DY2833	DZ133
AT1939	DD36	CC698	DY2002
CS300	DZ6698	DD3322	AB938
BB389	AT8883	DZ1123	DY6618

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION MUST BE PRODUCED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE AUCTION IF THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK IS TO BE REGISTERED UNDER THE NAME OF A BODY CORPORATE.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL AS USUAL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE COMING AUCTION WILL BE THE 135TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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MANPOWER SURVEY ON BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING INDUSTRY BEGINS
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THE BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL WILL START A SURVEY TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO COLLECT UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON THE INDUSTRY'S MANPOWER AND EMPLOYMENT SITUATION.

SURVEY INTERVIEWING OFFICERS FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL CALL AT ALL ACTIVE CONSTRUCTION SITES AND THE OFFICES OF ABOUT 600 CONTRACTORS AND CONSULTING ENGINEERING FIRMS TO COLLECT THE REQUIRED INFORMATION DURING THE SURVEY PERIOD.

EMPLOYERS ARE URGED TO CO-OPERATE BY PROVIDING THE NECESSARY INFORMATION INCLUDING THE NUMBER OF TRAINEES, WORKERS EMPLOYED AND EXISTING VACANCIES.

THE SURVEY WILL BE COMPLETED ON MARCH 30 THIS YEAR. THE FINDINGS WILL BE USED IN FORMULATING TRAINING PLANS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE INDUSTRY.

INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENT.

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ELECTION FORUMS FOR SHAM SHUI PO CANDIDATES
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TWO PUBLIC ELECTION FORUMS WILL BE ORGANISED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE TO INTRODUCE CANDIDATES CONTESTING THE SEATS OF THE SHAM SHUI PO EAST AND SHAM SHUI PO WEST CONSTITUENCIES IN THE URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

THE FORUM FOR THE SHAM SHUI PO WEST CONSTITUENCY CANDIDATES, MR MA LEE-WO AND MR WONG PING-HON, WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY), BEGINNING AT 8.30 PM AT THE BASKETBALL COURT OPPOSITE BLOCK 4 OF THE UN CHAU STREET ESTATE.

THE FORUM FOR THE SHAM SHUI PO EAST CONSTITUENCY, IN WHICH MR FUNG KIN-KEE AND MRS TSE LING SUK-YIN ARE STANDING FOR ELECTION, WILL BE HELD FROM 8.30 PM ON FRIDAY, MARCH 3, AT THE BASKETBALL COURT NEAR NAM WAI HOUSE IN NAM SHAN ESTATE.

THE CANDIDATES WILL PRESENT THEIR PLATFORMS AT THE FORUMS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ELECTION FORUMS.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMMES ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA
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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS PROGRAMMES TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE DISTRICT AT ITS MEETING ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 23).

THE PROGRAMMES INCLUDE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT A NUMBER OF PUBLIC REAR LANES AND PAVEMENTS WHERE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES HAD BEEN CLEARED DURING RECENT OPERATIONS.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR \$20,000 TO CARRY OUT THESE FOLLOW-UP WORKS.

THEY WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO ENDORSE AN ALLOCATION OF \$40,000 FOR THE REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF DISTRICT BOARD INSTALLATIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

ANOTHER ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS THE PROVISION OF RAILINGS FOR A FOOTBRIDGE AT THE HUNG HOM FERRY PIER.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 23) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.15 PM.

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DEADLINE FOR CIVIC EDUCATION SUBSIDY APPLICATIONS
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REGISTERED COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS ARE TODAY (TUESDAY) REMINDED THAT FEBRUARY 28 IS THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS FOR A SUBSIDY TO ORGANISE CIVIC EDUCATION PROJECTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION SAID A TOTAL OF \$700,000 HAD BEEN SET ASIDE FOR THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION SCHEME THIS YEAR TO SUBSIDISE CIVIC EDUCATION PROJECTS ORGANISED BY LOCAL BODIES.

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"A MAXIMUM SUBSIDY OF \$50,000 MAY BE GRANTED TO EACH PROJECT WHICH CAN TAKE THE FORM OF EXHIBITION, DRAMA, PRODUCTION, TRAINING COURSE, AND SO ON," HE SAID.

APPLICATION FORMS AND INFORMATION ON APPLICATION PROCEDURES ARE OBTAINABLE FROM ALL DISTRICT OFFICES.

FURTHER DETAILS OF THE SUBSIDY SCHEME MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE GENERAL DIVISION OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION ON 3-7303950 OR 3-7309074.

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FERRY SERVICE ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL EXPLORE WAYS OF IMPROVING THE FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN TUEN MUN AND CENTRAL AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

A DISCUSSION PAPER HAS TAKEN NOTE OF COMPLAINTS FROM THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE FREQUENCY OF THE SERVICE.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS PAPERS REQUESTING THE PROVISION OF A BUS STOP OUTSIDE SIU HEI COURT, AND THE ERECTION OF RAILINGS BY LAU TAK YUNG MEMORIAL SCHOOL AT SIU HEI COURT WITH A VIEW TO ENCOURAGING PEDESTRIANS TO USE THE PROPER CROSSING FACILITIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR, GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN.

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MORE WATER MAINS FOR SHA TIN

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR LAYING A TOTAL OF 2,850 METRES OF FRESH WATER MAINS FROM SIU LEK YUEN TO A KUNG KOK IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

THE CONTRACT WORKS WILL INVOLVE THE LAYING OF 1,400 METRES OF 600 DIAMETER WATER MAINS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF THE FRESH WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM IN AREA 11 SHA TIN AND 1,450 METRES OF 800 MM DIAMETER WATER MAINS AS PART OF THE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM FOR MA ON SHAN.

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THE LATTER WILL FROM PART OF THE WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME TO BE COMPLETED BY 1992 TO MEET THE PROJECTED NEEDS OF MA ON SHAN DEVELOPMENT.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE NOON ON MARCH 10.

THE WORK IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN MAY.

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TWO LAND LOTS IN NT TO LET
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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT FOR LETTING TWO LOTS OF LAND IN SHA TIN AND TSING YI.

A LOT MEASURING ABOUT 2,400 SQUARE METRES AT KWEI TEI STREET, FO TAN, SHA TIN, HAS BEEN DESIGNATED FOR A FEE-PAYING PUBLIC CARPARK FOR ALL TYPES OF VEHICLES (BUT EXCLUDING CONTAINERS) OR STORAGE OF GOODS, BUILDING MATERIALS, PLANT AND MACHINERY (BUT EXCLUDING CONTAINERS) BELONGING TO THE TENANT.

THE OTHER LOT, MEASURING ABOUT 1.53 HECTARES IN AREA 21, TSING YI, WILL BE LET FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTAINER STORAGE, AND STUFFING AND DESTUFFING OF CONTAINERS.

BOTH LOTS WILL BE LET FOR AN INITIAL TENANCY PERIOD OF ONE YEAR, RENEWABLE ON A QUARTERLY BASIS.

FORMS OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICES AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, SHA TIN, 2 TUNG LO WAN HILL ROAD, SHA TIN; AND FROM DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KWAI TSING, 11TH FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES.

THEY MAY ALSO BE OBTAINED FROM THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND FROM THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES KOWLOON, 10TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

THE TENDER PLAN MAY ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THE ABOVE OFFICES.

TENDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY NOON ON MARCH 3.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS IN CENTRAL DISTRICT

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS IN CENTRAL WILL BE DESIGNATED 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 24):

- * THE WESTERN SECTION OF CONNAUGHT PLACE EXCLUDING THE LAYBY OUTSIDE EXCHANGE SQUARE.
- * THE EASTERN SECTION OF CONNAUGHT PLACE.
- * THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CONNAUGHT PLACE EXCLUDING THE LAYBY OPPOSITE TO THE GENERAL POST OFFICE.
- * THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CONNAUGHT PLACE FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH THE ENTRANCE TO THE GENERAL POST OFFICE CARPARK TO A POINT ABOUT FOUR METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.
- * THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL BETWEEN THE WESTERN SECTION OF CONNAUGHT PLACE AND EDINBURGH PLACE (WEST).
- * THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF EDINBURGH PLACE (WEST) FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL TO A POINT ABOUT 35 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

IN ADDITION, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS ALONG THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF THE WESTERN SECTION OF CONNAUGHT PLACE, EXCLUDING THE LAYBY, FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY.

AT THE SAME TIME, ALL EXISTING URBAN CLEARWAYS IN CONNAUGHT PLACE AND THE EXISTING PEAK HOUR (7 AM - 10 AM AND 4 PM - 7 PM) DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY ON THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL BETWEEN THE WESTERN SECTION OF CONNAUGHT PLACE AND EDINBURGH PLACE (WEST) WILL BE LIFTED.

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PUBLIC LIGHT BUS BAN IN FANLING

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 24), ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS IN FANLING :

- * THE SECTION OF ROAD B200 SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH ROAD D6;
AND
- * THE NORTH ACCESS ROAD AND ROAD W100 ON THE WEST SIDE OF KIU TAU ROAD LEADING TO WO HOP SHEK CEMETERY.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EXISTING PUBLIC LIGHT BUS BAN ON THE SECTION OF KIU TAU ROAD WEST OF TAI WO SERVICE ROAD WEST WILL BE LIFTED.

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LAI CHI KOK BRIDGE LANE CLOSED FOR REPAIR

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THE KOWLOON-BOUND OFF-SIDE LANE OF LAI CHI KOK BRIDGE, NEAR CHING CHEUNG ROAD, WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 24) FROM 11 AM TO 4 PM FOR EMERGENCY REPAIR WORK.

THE CLOSURE WILL BE REPEATED ON FEBRUARY 25 FROM 11 AM TO 4 PM; ON FEBRUARY 26 FROM 8 AM TO 5 PM; AND ON MARCH 5 FROM 8 AM TO 5 PM.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN HAPPY VALLEY

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 24), BROADWOOD ROAD IN HAPPY VALLEY BETWEEN WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD AND LINK ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO ONE-WAY UPHILL FOR ABOUT FOUR MONTHS BECAUSE OF CABLE LAYING WORK.

DURING THIS PERIOD, DOWNHILL TRAFFIC FROM THE UPPER SECTION OF BROADWOOD ROAD AND LEIGHTON HILL WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LINK ROAD, CAROLINE HILL ROAD AND LEIGHTON ROAD.

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