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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PRESS ARRANGEMENTS FOR SIR GEOFFREY HOWE'S VISIT
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THE FOLLOWING ARE DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS FOR ACCREDITED MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER SIR GEOFFREY HOWE'S PUBLIC FUNCTIONS DURING HIS VISIT TO HONG KONG. SPECIAL LAPEL BADGES FOR EACH FUNCTION ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE GIS DUTY OFFICER BY THOSE WHO HAVE SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS FOR THEM.

PLEASE NOTE THAT BECAUSE OF CROWD CONTROL AND SECURITY REQUIREMENTS, THERE WILL BE FIXED PRESS POSITIONS TO COVER MOST OF SIR GEOFFREY'S PUBLIC FUNCTIONS. TELEPHOTO LENSES WILL BE USEFUL FOR SOME OCCASIONS.

GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND AT ALL LOCATIONS TO ASSIST.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

ARRIVAL AT KAI TAK

SIR GEOFFREY IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN HONG KONG FROM PEKING ON AN RAF VC 10 FLIGHT AT 3.10 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY). MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER HIS ARRIVAL SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE ARRIVAL HALL NOT LATER THAN 1.45 PM. THEY SHOULD BRING WITH THEM THEIR LAPEL BADGES FOR THE OCCASION AS WELL AS THEIR ID CARDS OR PASSPORTS.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

SIR GEOFFREY WILL ARRIVE BY CAR AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES FOR A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AT 9.30 AM. THERE WILL BE FIXED PRESS POSITIONS BOTH OUTSIDE THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE CGO AND INSIDE THE GROUND FLOOR LOBBY FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN TO COVER HIS ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BRING WITH THEM THEIR LAPEL BADGES FOR THE OCCASION.

LUNCH WITH COMMUNITY LEADERS

AFTER THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING, SIR GEOFFREY WILL PROCEED BY CAR TO THE GRAND BALLROOM OF THE HILTON HOTEL TO ATTEND A LUNCH HOSTED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS AND THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION FOR LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS. THE EXACT TIMING OF HIS ARRIVAL WILL DEPEND ON THE DURATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING BUT HE IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE AT ABOUT 12.45 PM.

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THERE WILL BE A FIXED PRESS POSITION AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE HOTEL AND ANOTHER FIXED POSITION INSIDE THE GRAND BALLROOM FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE FOR THE COCKTAIL RECEPTION BEFORE THE LUNCH. AS THE WHOLE FACILITY WILL ONLY LAST FOR ABOUT 10 MINUTES, PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO PROCEED DIRECT TO THE GRAND BALLROOM WITHOUT WAITING AT THE ENTRANCE FOR SIR GEOFFREY'S ARRIVAL. ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN WILL HAVE TO LEAVE THE GRAND BALLROOM BEFORE LUNCH STARTS AT 1 PM.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BRING WITH THEM THEIR LAPEL BADGES FOR THE OCCASION.

VISIT TO SHA TIN

GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT FOR ACCREDITED MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL LEAVE FOR SHA TIN FROM THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES CAR PARK AT 1.15 PM SHARP. SIR GEOFFREY WILL ARRIVE BY HELICOPTER AT THE LION'S PAVILION AT ABOUT 2.40 PM. HE WILL STAY IN THE PAVILION FOR ABOUT 30 MINUTES AND WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

THERE WILL BE A FIXED PRESS POSITION IN THE PAVILION FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE VISIT. FROM THE PAVILION, SIR GEOFFREY WILL PROCEED BY CAR TO WO CHE ESTATE WHERE HE WILL TOUR THE COMMERCIAL CENTRE AND VISIT A FAMILY FLAT.

BECAUSE OF THE TIGHT SCHEDULE, MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL HAVE TO LEAVE THE PAVILION AT LEAST 10 MINUTES AHEAD OF SIR GEOFFREY. GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT, WITH SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS, WILL TAKE THEM TO WO CHE WHERE THEY WILL BE IN POSITION BEFORE SIR GEOFFREY'S ARRIVAL.

AT WO CHE, THERE WILL BE A PRESS POSITION ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE COMMERCIAL CENTRE WHERE SIR GEOFFREY WILL SEE AN EXHIBITION ON THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME. SIR GEOFFREY WILL THEN TAKE A SHORT WALK THROUGH THE CENTRE AND PROCEED TO VISIT A FAMILY LIVING IN ONE OF THE ESTATE'S UNITS. PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN WILL HAVE TO LEAVE THE EXHIBITION AREA FIVE MINUTES AHEAD OF SIR GEOFFREY AND GO TO A SECOND POSITION IN THE MIDDLE OF THE COMMERCIAL CENTRE WHERE THEY CAN TAKE PICTURES OF SIR GEOFFREY LOOKING AT THE SHOPS. AFTER SIR GEOFFREY HAS PASSED, THEY WILL GO TO A THIRD POSITION AT AN OPEN SPACE OUTSIDE THE UNIT WHICH HE IS VISITING.

BECAUSE OF LIMITED SPACE INSIDE THE UNIT, POOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE PROVIDED BY GIS WHILE RTHK WILL MAKE AVAILABLE SPECIAL FOOTAGE TO TELEVISION STATIONS.

THE VISIT WILL FINISH AT 3.40 PM AND PRESS TRANSPORT WILL LEAVE WO CHE FOR THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES SHORTLY AFTERWARDS. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD WEAR APPROPRIATE LAPEL BADGES THROUGHOUT THE VISIT.

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VISIT TO BRITISH TRADE COMMISSION

SIR GEOFFREY WILL ARRIVE AT THE OFFICE OF THE BRITISH TRADE COMMISSION AT THE BANK OF AMERICA TOWER AT 4 PM FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH COMMISSION OFFICIALS. THERE WILL BE A FIXED PRESS POSITION AT THE LAMBETH WALK ENTRANCE TO THE BUILDING FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN TO COVER HIS ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE. SIR GEOFFREY IS EXPECTED TO LEAVE THE COMMISSION AT ABOUT 4.30 PM.

APPROPRIATE LAPEL BADGES FOR THE OCCASION SHOULD BE WORN BY MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.

RECEPTION AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE

SIR GEOFFREY WILL ATTEND A RECEPTION FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE FROM 5.30 PM TO 6.30 PM. BECAUSE OF SPACE LIMITATIONS, ONLY TELEVISION CAMERAMEN ISSUED WITH SPECIAL LAPEL BADGES FOR THE FUNCTION WILL BE ALLOWED TO FILM INSIDE GOVERNMENT HOUSE. THIS WILL BE DONE FROM A FIXED POSITION AND WILL BE LIMITED TO ABOUT FIVE MINUTES. PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE RECEPTION WILL BE ISSUED BY GIS TO THE PRINT MEDIA.

ACCREDITED TELEVISION CAMERAMEN SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE MAIN GATE OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE AT 5 PM WHEN THEY WILL BE ESCORTED INTO THE BALLROOM BY GIS OFFICERS.

MEETING AND DINNER WITH UMELCO

SIR GEOFFREY WILL ARRIVE AT THE UMELCO OFFICE AT ABOUT 7 PM FOR A MEETING AND DINNER WITH UMELCO MEMBERS. THERE WILL BE A FIXED POSITION OUTSIDE THE PEDDER STREET ENTRANCE OF SWIRE HOUSE FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN TO COVER HIS ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE. APPROPRIATE LAPEL BADGES SHOULD BE WORN.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

SIR GEOFFREY WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT 11 AM. ADMISSION TO THE COUNCIL PREMISES WILL BE BY LAPEL BADGE ONLY. REPORTERS HAVE BEEN ISSUED WITH GREEN BADGES WHICH WILL ENABLE THEM TO STAY IN THE CHAMBER THROUGHOUT THE PRESS CONFERENCE. PHOTOGRAPHERS HAVE BEEN ISSUED WITH ORANGE BADGES (MARKED +PHOTOGRAPHER+) AND THEY MUST LEAVE THE CHAMBER AFTER A TWO-MINUTE PHOTO-CALL. PURPLE BADGES (MARKED +BOOTH+) HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THOSE WHO WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED IN THE BOOTHS.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER WILL BE OPENED FROM 8 AM ONWARDS FOR THE SETTING UP OF EQUIPMENT. THIS MUST BE COMPLETED BY 10.30 AM AT THE LATEST. TV CAMERA CREWS HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED FIXED POSITIONS EITHER INSIDE THE BOOTHS OR THE CHAMBER. THOSE ALLOCATED SPACE INSIDE THE CHAMBER SHOULD NOTE THAT NO POWER POINTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THEIR CAMERAS.

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ALL OTHER MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BE SEATED BY 10.50 AM. THERE WILL BE TWO MINUTES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY BEFORE THE CONFERENCE AND NO PHOTOGRAPHY WILL BE ALLOWED ONCE THE CONFERENCE IS UNDER WAY. PHOTOGRAPHERS ISSUED WITH ORANGE BADGES WILL HAVE TO LEAVE THE CHAMBER AFTER THE FIRST TWO MINUTES.

ALL RECORDING WILL BE DONE INSIDE THE BOOTHS AND NO MICROPHONES OR HAND-HELD RECORDERS WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE DAIS. REPORTERS CAN, IF THEY WISH, RECORD THE PROCEEDINGS BY PLUGGING INTO THEIR SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION RECEIVERS. ADDITIONAL CLEAN SOUND OUTLETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR USE BY TV AND RADIO STATIONS.

THE PRESS CONFERENCE IS EXPECTED TO LAST FOR ONE HOUR. A FULL TRANSCRIPT, TOGETHER WITH A CHINESE TRANSLATION, WILL BE ISSUED BY GIS.

DEPARTURE FROM HONG KONG

SIR GEOFFREY IS EXPECTED TO LEAVE HONG KONG FOR OKINAWA ON AN RAF VC 10 AT 1 PM. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING HIS DEPARTURE SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE ARRIVAL HALL AT 11.45 AM. THEY SHOULD BRING WITH THEM THEIR LAPEL BADGES FOR THE OCCASION AS WELL AS THEIR ID CARDS OR PASSPORTS.

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UK TRANSPORT OFFICIAL SEES KAI TAK
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MR DAVID MITCHELL, PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT, WHO IS IN HONG KONG ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT, MADE A COMPREHENSIVE TOUR OF HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING.

HE WAS ALSO BRIEFED ON THE PRESENT AIR TRANSPORT SYSTEM AND THE PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, MR TREVOR THORPE, MR MITCHELL SAW VARIOUS ASPECTS OF AIRPORT OPERATION AND PASSENGER FACILITIES, AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INCLUDING THE NEW COMPUTERISED AUTOMATIC MESSAGE DISTRIBUTION CENTRE COMMISSIONED LAST MONTH.

HE THEN TOURED THE PASSENGER TERMINAL TO SEE PASSENGER PROCESSING, BAGGAGE HANDLING AND SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS.

MR MITCHELL CONCLUDED HIS AIRPORT TOUR WITH A VISIT TO OTHER AIRPORT ORGANISATIONS.

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BROADCASTING BOARD SEEKS PUBLIC VIEWS
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INDIVIDUALS OR ORGANISATIONS WITH AN INTEREST IN BROADCASTING ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT REPRESENTATIONS TO THE BROADCASTING REVIEW BOARD.

THE 16-MEMBER BOARD, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR IN FEBRUARY 1984, IS CONDUCTING AN OVERALL REVIEW OF TELEVISION AND SOUND BROADCASTING TO ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT TO PREPARE AN OVERALL POLICY FOR BROADCASTING IN LINE WITH THE NEEDS OF HONG KONG PEOPLE.

AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, THE HON MR JUSTICE POWER, SAID THE BOARD WAS INVITING PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS SET OUT IN THE TERMS OF REFERENCE.

HE SAID REPRESENTATIONS MAY BE MADE IN RESPECT OF ANY OR ALL OF THE MATTERS REFERRED TO IN THE TERMS OF REFERENCE, WHICH INCLUDE:

- * ASSESSMENT OF THE LONG-TERM NEEDS OF THE LOCAL POPULATION AFTER 1988 FOR BOTH TELEVISION AND SOUND BROADCAST;
- * EXAMINATION OF TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN RELATED FIELDS AND ASSESSMENT OF THE OPTIONS FOR ORGANISING COMMERCIAL TELEVISION AND RADIO BROADCASTS;
- * ASSESSMENT OF THE FINANCIAL AND MANPOWER RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE LOCAL BROADCASTING INDUSTRY;
- * CONSIDERATION OF THE CHANGES REQUIRED IN THE CONDITIONS OF ADVERTISING CONTROL;
- * ASSESSMENT OF THE ROLE OF RTHK AND GOVERNMENT BROADCASTS AND ASSESSMENT OF THE FUTURE CENSORSHIP AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS.

WITH REGARD TO THE TERM OF REFERENCE CONCERNING THE LONG-TERM NEEDS OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AFTER 1988 FOR TELEVISION AND SOUND BROADCAST, MR JUSTICE POWER STRESSED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES REPRESENTING MINORITY GROUPS, FOR EXAMPLE THOSE WITH IMPAIRED HEARING, ARE PARTICULARLY INVITED TO SUBMIT REPRESENTATIONS.

+IT IS LIKELY THAT THE BOARD MAY WISH, AFTER CONSIDERING INITIAL REPRESENTATIONS, TO HAVE SOME OF THOSE REPRESENTATIONS, PARTICULARLY THOSE MADE BY PERSONS OR ORGANISATIONS INVOLVED IN THE BROADCASTING INDUSTRY, SUPPLEMENTED ORALLY OR IN WRITING.

+THE BOARD WILL COMMUNICATE ITS DESIRE TO RECEIVE SUPPLEMENTARY REPRESENTATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER AUGUST 10, 1984, AND REPRESENTATIONS WILL BE MADE TO A HEARING COMMITTEE WHICH WILL COMMENCE SITTING FOR THIS PURPOSE IN MID-NOVEMBER,+ HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT INVITATIONS TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD IN SUPPORT OF REPRESENTATIONS WOULD BE ISSUED BY THE BOARD AT ITS SOLE DISCRETION AND ALL WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS WOULD, UPON RECEIPT, BE TABLED BEFORE THE HEARING COMMITTEE.

+THE HEARING COMMITTEE MAY GIVE LEAVE TO INTERESTED PARTIES TO INSPECT AND COPY ANY WRITTEN SUBMISSION AND THE COMMITTEE AND THE BOARD MAY PUBLISH ANY SUBMISSION MADE TO IT IN WHOLE OR IN PART.

+ANY PART OF A SUBMISSION DEALING WITH THE CURRENT FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE SUBMITTOR MAY BE SUBMITTED SEPARATELY UNDER SEALED COVER AND WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL.

+ANY OTHER SUBMISSION MARKED CONFIDENTIAL, WHERE THE BOARD CONSIDERS IT JUSTIFIED, WILL BE TREATED WITH CONFIDENTIALITY. MATERIAL THAT IT DECIDES DOES NOT MERIT CONFIDENTIALITY WILL BE RETURNED AND WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED OR COPIED OR PUBLISHED. SUCH MATERIAL MAY BE RE-SUBMITTED AS OPEN MATERIAL,+ HE SAID.

REPRESENTATIONS MAY BE IN CHINESE OR ENGLISH AND SHOULD GENERALLY FOLLOW THE FORMAT OF A PROFORMA OBTAINABLE FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE BROADCASTING REVIEW BOARD. THEY SHOULD BE LEGIBLY WRITTEN OR TYPEWRITTEN ON SIZE A4 PAPER, BE RELATED AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE TO WHICH THEY REFER AND INCLUDE, WHERE PRACTICABLE, ANY DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE REFERRED TO OR RELIED UPON.

REPRESENTATIONS SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE SECRETARY AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, ROOM 135, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND IN ANY EVENT NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 10, 1984.

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CANTON MAYOR VISITS SHA TIN

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THE MAYOR OF CANTON, MR YE XUANPING, VISITED SHA TIN THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING TO LOOK AT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR DONALD TSANG, HE FIRST WENT TO THE LIONS PAVILION FOR A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE NEW TOWN.

MR YE WAS TOLD THAT SHA TIN WOULD BE A SOCIALLY BALANCED AND MAINLY SELF-SUPPORTING COMMUNITY WITH HOUSING, SHOPPING, EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR THE LOCAL POPULATION BY THE END OF THE 1980S.

THE MAYOR ALSO SHOWED INTEREST IN THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY'S ELECTRIFIED TRAINS WHICH PASS THROUGH SHA TIN FROM HUNG HOM TO THE CHINESE BORDER.

NEW STATIONS ARE BEING BUILT AT FO TAN AND TAI WAN TO SUPPLEMENT THE EXPANDED CENTRAL, UNIVERSITY AND RACE-COURSE STATIONS.

LATER IN THE MORNING, THE MAYOR VISITED THE KOWLOON POLICE HEADQUARTERS TO SEE THE MONITORS OF THE WEST KOWLOON TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTRE.

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LADY YOUDE MEETS SCHOOL DANCERS
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LADY YOUDE, GUEST OF HONOUR AT THE OPENING OF THE 20TH SCHOOLS DANCE FESTIVAL AND PRIZE-WINNERS PERFORMANCE AT THE CITY HALL, THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING PRESENTED PRIZES TO THE ELEVEN WINNING SCHOOLS.

OVERALL CHAMPIONS AT THE FESTIVAL WERE BISHOP HALL JUBILEE SCHOOL (SECONDARY SECTION) AND ST. PAUL'S CONVENT SCHOOL (PRIMARY).

SPEAKING AT THE FUNCTION, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, SAID THE SCHOOLS DANCE TEAMS, FORMED FROM THE BEST DANCERS OF THE SCHOOLS DANCE FESTIVALS EACH YEAR, HAD REPRESENTED HONG KONG OVERSEAS ON MANY OCCASIONS AND HAD BEEN ENORMOUSLY SUCCESSFUL AS CULTURAL AMBASSADORS.

THESE OCCASIONS INCLUDED THE EXPO' 70 IN JAPAN, THE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF YOUTH ORCHESTRAS 1976, THE QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS IN BRITAIN 1977, THE COMMONWEALTH CARNIVAL, EDMONTON, CANADA 1978, THE COMMONWEALTH FILM AND TELEVISION FESTIVAL IN CYPRUS AND THE ISRAEL ARTS FESTIVAL, 1980= AND HONG KONG/MACAU SCHOOL DANCE PERFORMANCES, IN MACAU, 1981 AND 1982.

MR HAYE SAID WHEN THE FESTIVAL STARTED IN 1965, ONLY 240 CHILDREN FROM 24 SCHOOLS TOOK PART. BUT THIS YEAR 3 867 CHILDREN FROM 280 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS TOOK PART IN FOUR CATEGORIES OF EVENTS - WESTERN FOLK AND NATIONAL DANCE, CHINESE DANCE, ORIENTAL DANCE AND CREATIVE DANCE.

+THIS REMARKABLE GROWTH IS, I THINK, A SPLENDID TRIBUTE TO THE DEDICATION AND CREATIVE TALENT OF SUCCESSIVE PARTICIPANTS AND ORGANISERS,+ MR HAYE SAID.

SEVEN PRIZE-WINNERS PERFORMANCES ARE BEING HELD BETWEEN APRIL 17 AND 28 THIS YEAR -- SIX IN THE CITY HALL AND ONE IN THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL.

THE EVENTS ARE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (NEW TERRITORIES DIVISION), THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS SPORTS COUNCIL, THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SCHOOL SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

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REVISED SAFETY OFFICER SCHEME DISCUSSED

MEMBERS OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD MET TODAY (TUESDAY) TO DISCUSS A REVISED SCHEME FOR THE COMPULSORY EMPLOYMENT OF SAFETY OFFICERS AND SAFETY SUPERVISORS IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY.

THEY ADVISED THAT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SHOULD PROCEED WITH DETAILED EXAMINATION OF THE PROPOSALS.

THE BOARD CONSIDERED AGAIN A NUMBER OF MINOR AMENDMENTS TO THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE AND GENERALLY REAFFIRMED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THESE PROPOSALS.

THESE AMENDMENTS DO NOT INVOLVE ANY SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE IN THE LAW BUT ARE ONLY INTENDED TO CLARIFY A NUMBER OF POINTS THAT HAVE CAUSED DISPUTES.

THE MEETING ALSO ENDORSED A PROPOSAL TO BUILD INTO THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE PROVISIONS TO PREVENT THE MISUSE OF EMPLOYEES' CONTRIBUTION TO STAFF RETIREMENT SCHEMES.

THE BOARD REVIEWED PROGRESS WITH SEVERAL PIECES OF PROPOSED LABOUR LEGISLATION ON WHICH IT HAD PREVIOUSLY GIVEN ADVICE, AND THE WORK DONE BY THE BOARD'S COMMITTEES ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY, EMPLOYMENT SERVICES AND IMPLEMENTATION OF LABOUR STANDARDS.

THE MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR RON BRIDGE, AND WAS ATTENDED BY SIX EMPLOYEE AND FOUR EMPLOYER REPRESENTATIVES.

THE LAB COMPRISES THE COMMISSIONER OR THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER AS THE EX-OFFICIO CHAIRMAN AND SIX EMPLOYER REPRESENTATIVES AND SIX EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES AS MEMBERS. IT ADVISES THE COMMISSIONER ON SUCH MATTERS, INCLUDING LEGISLATION, AS HE MAY REFER TO IT.

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PUBLIC URGED TO USE APPROVED GAS TUBING

THE GAS ADVISER, MR KENNETH TUNNAH, TODAY (TUESDAY) REMINDED THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE DANGERS OF USING SUB-STANDARD RUBBER TUBING FOR DOMESTIC GAS APPLIANCES.

+FAULTY TUBING MAY LEAD TO GAS LEAKS AND FIRES WHICH CAN RESULT IN FATAL ACCIDENTS LIKE THE ONE THAT HAPPENED LAST DECEMBER IN TUEN MUN, WHERE A 27-YEAR-OLD WOMAN WAS KILLED,+ HE SAID.

MR TUNNAH POINTED OUT THAT CONTINUOUS TV AND RADIO PUBLICITY HAS BEEN GIVEN BY THE GOVERNMENT TO THE NEED FOR CAREFUL MAINTENANCE OF LP GAS CYLINDERS AND RUBBER TUBING. NEW POSTERS DEPICTING THE TYPICAL DEFECTS TO BE FOUND IN SUB-STANDARD TUBING ARE CURRENTLY DISPLAYED IN HOUSING ESTATES, DISTRICT OFFICES, GOVERNMENT POSTER SITES AND GAS DEALERS' SHOPS.

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GAS SAFETY IS ONE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S MAJOR PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS THIS YEAR, AND A NEW TV ANNOUNCEMENT ON RUBBER TUBING HAS ALREADY BEEN INCLUDED IN THE PLAN.

+ONLY TWO TYPES OF TUBING HAVE GOVERNMENT APPROVAL, AND UNDER VOLUNTARY AGREEMENTS WE REACHED LAST YEAR WITH THE GAS AND OIL COMPANIES AND THE GAS APPLIANCE IMPORTERS, THESE SHOULD BE THE ONLY ONES ON SALE IN THE LOCAL MARKET,+ SAID MR TUNNAH.

A PERSONAL LETTER WILL BE SENT TO ALL LP GAS DEALERS AND TUBING IMPORTERS TO REMIND THEM OF THE VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT.

+MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH GAS APPLIANCES CONNECTED BY RUBBER TUBING SHOULD CHECK ITS CONDITION REGULARLY. IF IN DOUBT, THEY SHOULD CONTACT THEIR AUTHORISED DEALER IMMEDIATELY,+ MR TUNNAH SAID.

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SWEDISH GROUP SEES ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR

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A 14-MEMBER SWEDISH BUILDING INDUSTRY DELEGATION TODAY (TUESDAY) TRAVELLED THE LENGTH OF THE HONG KONG ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR - FROM CAUSEWAY BAY TO CHAI WAN - BY BOAT.

LED BY THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND PHYSICAL PLANNING, MR HANS GUSTAFSSON, THE GROUP WAS BRIEFED BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY (WORKS) OF THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH, MR ROBIN SAUNDERS, ON PROGRESS BEING MADE ON THE DUAL THREE-LANE CARRIAGEWAY WHICH IS DUE TO BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, ON JUNE 7.

THE PARTY DISEMBARKED AT THE NEW PUBLIC PIER CONSTRUCTED IN NORTH POINT TO INSPECT THE FIRST 3.7-KILOMETRE SECTION OF THE NEW ROAD, RUNNING FROM CAUSEWAY BAY TO TAIKOO SHING.

ITS OPENING IN TWO MONTHS SHOULD HELP REDUCE PRESSURE ON THE ROAD NETWORK CURRENTLY SERVING EASTERN AREAS OF THE ISLAND.

MR SAUNDERS TOLD THE VISITORS THAT FROM TAIKOO SHING THE NEW ROAD WOULD CONTINUE ACROSS RECLAIMED LAND TO SHAU KEI WAN.

THIS SECTION, NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION BY THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION AS PART OF THE WORK FOR THE ISLAND LINE, IS DUE TO BE COMPLETED BY MID-1985.

THE GROUP ALSO SAW THE CHAI WAN END OF THE CORRIDOR, PART OF THE THIRD STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION WHICH WILL LINK SHAU KEI WAN AND CHAI WAN BY 1987.

THE SWEDISH DELEGATION, HERE ON A THREE-DAY VISIT, YESTERDAY (MONDAY) TOURED THE SITE OF THE 47-STORY GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT QUEENSWAY.

THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT, MR CHAMSON CHAU.

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HYGIENE COURSES HELD FOR NT FOOD WORKERS
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A SERIES OF FOOD HYGIENE TRAINING COURSES IS BEING HELD FOR OPERATORS AND WORKERS OF NEW TERRITORIES FOOD PREMISES.

ORGANISED BY THE HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE SERIES COVERS INSTRUCTION IN A WIDE RANGE OF MATTERS - FROM PERSONAL HYGIENE AND FOOD HANDLING TO THE CARE AND CLEANLINESS OF UTENSILS, BASICS OF MICROBIOLOGY, AND FOOD BUSINESS LAWS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

MORE THAN 30 RESTAURANT LICENSEES, MANAGERS, CHEFS AND SUPERVISORS WILL BE ATTENDING THE COURSES, HE SAID.

THE FIRST FOUR-SESSION COURSE BEGAN YESTERDAY AT THE SHATIN HEALTH EDUCATION CENTRE.

IT IS INTENDED THAT THOSE TAKING THE COURSE WILL PASS ON THEIR KNOWLEDGE TO OTHER WORKERS IN THEIR FOOD PREMISES, HE SAID.

FILM AND SLIDE SHOWS WILL ALSO BE USED DURING THE INSTRUCTION.

+THROUGH VISUAL DISPLAY, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO SEE VIVIDLY SOME OF THE TYPES OF BACTERIA WHICH CAUSE HEALTH HAZARD,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

SIMILAR TRAINING COURSES WILL ALSO BE HELD IN OTHER NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICTS IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, HE ADDED.

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BOARD TO DISCUSS PUBLICITY PLANS
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MEASURES TO PUBLICISE THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ACTIVITIES WILL BE DISCUSSED BY MEMBERS AT THEIR MEETING ON THURSDAY (APRIL 19) AFTERNOON.

MEMBERS WILL ENDORSE THE ALLOCATION OF \$42 000 FOR SEVEN SIGNBOARDS AND \$45 000 FOR 100 000 PUBLICITY PAMPHLETS.

A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION'S SOONVAR OFFICE, MR MICHAEL TONG, WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE OFFICE'S LIAISON WORK IN THE DISTRICT IN THE COMING YEAR.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WILL INCLUDE A REVIEW ON COMMUNITY CENTRE FACILITIES AND PROGRESS REPORTS OF THE BOARD'S COMMITTEES.

MEANWHILE, NORTH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS AT THEIR MEETING IN THE MORNING.

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A SUM OF \$1.55 MILLION HAS BEEN PROPOSED FOR THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR, TO BE SPENT ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT, ARTS AND CULTURAL, AND RECREATIONAL AND SPORTING ACTIVITIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER:

- (A) THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 9.30 AM ON THURSDAY (APRIL 19) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE IN KWONG FUK ROAD; AND
- (B) THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 4 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF WYLLIE BUILDING, 222-224 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FREE LEGAL ADVICE OFFERED
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THE KWUN TONG FREE LEGAL ADVICE BUREAU WILL BE OPEN FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) EVENING.

THREE VOLUNTEER LAWYERS FROM THE HONG KONG LAW SOCIETY WILL BE ON DUTY IN THE BUREAU EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 6.30 PM TO 8.30 PM.

THE SETTING UP OF A FREE LEGAL ADVICE CENTRE IN KWUN TONG IS A RESULT OF THE EFFORT OF THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD WHICH PUT FORWARD THE REQUEST TO THE LAW SOCIETY IN MID-1983.

TOMORROW, AN URBAN COUNCILLOR, MRS ELSIE ELLIOTT, AND A DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR CARSON WEN, WILL OFFICIATE AT AN OPENING CEREMONY.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY AT 6 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE LOCAL DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, TUNG YAN STREET.

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1983 TRADE REVIEW ON SALE
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THE +HONG KONG REVIEW OF OVERSEAS TRADE IN 1983+ IS ON SALE TODAY.

PREPARED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, THE REVIEW CONTAINS A BRIEF TEXT ON HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE PERFORMANCE, 18 GRAPHS AND 35 STATISTICAL APPENDICES WITH COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR THE PREVIOUS YEARS.

IT PRESENTS A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE DIRECTION AND COMPOSITION OF HONG KONG'S OVERSEAS TRADE IN 1983, INCLUDING A COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS OF TRADE BY MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS AND BY COMMODITY CATEGORIES, AS WELL AS STATISTICS ON HONG KONG'S PERFORMANCE IN WORLD TRADE AND IN PRINCIPAL OVERSEAS MARKETS, COMPARED WITH THOSE OF MAJOR COMPETITORS.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE PUBLICATION ARE STATISTICS ON EXCHANGE RATES OF PRINCIPAL FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND THE EFFECTIVE (TRADE-WEIGHTED) EXCHANGE RATE INDEX FOR THE HONG KONG DOLLAR AS AGAINST THE CURRENCIES OF 15 PRINCIPAL TRADING PARTNERS.

AS FROM JANUARY 1983, A REVISED WEIGHTING SYSTEM DERIVED FROM THE TRADE PATTERN IN 1981 WAS USED IN COMPILING THE EFFECTIVE EXCHANGE RATE INDEX.

ACCORDING TO THE REVIEW, SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN VALUE WERE NOTED IN IMPORTS FROM CHINA (BY \$9 886 MILLION OR 30%) AND FROM JAPAN (BY \$8 793 MILLION OR 28%).

AMONG THE OVERSEAS MARKETS WITH THE HIGHEST GROWTH IN VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE THE U.S. (BY \$12 578 MILLION OR 40%) AND CHINA (BY \$2 417 MILLION OR 63%). HOWEVER, DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO PANAMA AND THE NIGERIA DROPPED CONSIDERABLY IN VALUE (BY \$303 MILLION OR 39%, AND BY \$474 MILLION OR 53%, RESPECTIVELY).

FOR COMMODITY CATEGORIES, SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH IN VALUE WAS REGISTERED IN IMPORTS OF TEXTILES (BY \$5 864 MILLION OR 32%) AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS, APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$5 830 MILLION OR 56%), WHEREAS THE COMMODITIES WITH THE HIGHEST GROWTH IN VALUE IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE CLOTHING (BY \$5 541 MILLION OR 19%) AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$2 874 MILLION OR 127%).

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THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORT TRADE ROSE BY 27% IN 1983. CHINA WAS ONCE AGAIN THE LARGEST SUPPLIER OF GOODS FOR SUBSEQUENT RE-EXPORT. RE-EXPORTS OF CHINA ORIGIN INCREASED BY \$4 987 MILLION OR 34%, WITH THE LARGEST INCREASE REGISTERED IN CLOTHING (BY \$1 381 MILLION OR 51%). RE-EXPORTS OF JAPAN ORIGIN ALSO GREW (BY \$2 545 MILLION OR 41%), PARTICULARLY FOR WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$538 MILLION OR 27%). THE U.S. WAS THE LARGEST MARKET FOR RE-EXPORTS OF CHINA ORIGIN, ACCOUNTING FOR 28% OF ALL RE-EXPORTS OF CHINA ORIGIN THROUGH HONG KONG. THE COMMODITY WITH SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH WAS CLOTHING (BY \$813 MILLION OR 58%). NEARLY ONE THIRD OF THE RE-EXPORTS OF JAPAN ORIGIN WENT TO CHINA WITH THE HIGHEST GROWTH IN ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$243 MILLION OR 25%). RE-EXPORTS TO INDONESIA FELL BY \$731 MILLION OR 16% BUT RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA ROSE BY \$4 190 MILLION OR 52%.

THE VALUE OF AIRBORNE TRADE IN 1983, REPRESENTING 24% OF TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE, INCREASED BY \$19 851 MILLION OR 31% OVER 1982. IN TERMS OF TONNAGE, AIRBORNE TRADE CONSTITUTED LESS THAN 1% OF TOTAL TRADE. AIRBORNE IMPORTS FROM JAPAN ROSE BY \$2 812 MILLION OR 45% AND AIRBORNE EXPORTS TO THE U.S. ROSE BY \$5 283 MILLION OR 53%. ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, IMPORTS OF THERMIONIC, COLD CATHODE AND PHOTO-CATHODE VALVES TUBES, PHOTOCELLS, TRANSISTERS AND PARTS SHIPPED BY AIR EXPERIENCED THE HIGHEST GROWTH (BY \$3 300 MILLION OR 71%), WHILST IN THE CASE OF EXPORTS BY AIR, CLOTHING RECORDED THE HIGHEST GROWTH (BY \$3 534 MILLION OR 50%).

THE REVIEW ALSO PUBLISHES UNIT VALUE AND QUANTUM INDEXES WHICH ARE OFTEN USED TO ASSESS THE MOVEMENTS IN COMMODITY PRICES AND CHANGES IN TRADE VOLUME. COMMENCING FROM MARCH 1983, PRICES OF SELECTED IMPORTS (C.I.F.) AND EXPORTS (F.O.B.) COLLECTED FROM PRICE SURVEYS WERE USED TO COMPILE PRICE INDEXES. THESE PRICE INDEXES, WHICH ARE BASED ON COMMODITY SPECIFICATIONS, HAVE REPLACED THOSE UNIT VALUE INDEXES WHICH ARE MOST LIABLE TO PROBLEMS DUE TO CHANGES IN QUALITY, PRODUCT MIX, MARKETS AND SOURCES, ETC. IN ADDITION, A NEW SERIES OF TRADE INDEXES BY PRINCIPAL COMMODITY GROUPS FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA AND JAPAN WERE INTRODUCED IN APPENDIX 3. DURING 1983, THE TRADE VOLUMES FOR IMPORTS, DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 10%, 14% AND 15%, RESPECTIVELY, OVER 1982. SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN THE EXPORT VOLUME OF METAL ORES AND SCRAP (BY 142%), AND IN THE IMPORT AND RE-EXPORT VOLUMES OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES (BY 20% AND 17% RESPECTIVELY).

HONG KONG WAS THE LARGEST EXPORTER OF CLOTHING, TOYS, DOLLS, GAMES, AND ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS IN THE WORLD IN 1982. HONG KONG WAS ALSO THE SECOND LARGEST EXPORTER OF COMPLETE WATCHES AFTER SWITZERLAND, RADIO-BROADCAST RECEIVERS AFTER JAPAN, AND FANS, DOMESTIC TYPE AFTER TAIWAN.

THIS REVIEW IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$12 A COPY.

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FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT FOR QUARTERS
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THE POLICE RANK AND FILE MARRIED QUARTERS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT OLD BAILEY STREET IN CENTRAL WILL BE PROVIDED WITH STANDARD FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT.

A CONTRACT TO SUPPLY THE EQUIPMENT, VALUED AT \$169 000, HAS BEEN AWARDED TO CHUBB (HONG KONG) LIMITED BY THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

UNDER THE CONTRACT WATER PIPES, PUMPS AND A HOSEREEL WILL BE INSTALLED.

WORK ON BUILDING THE QUARTERS STARTED LATE LAST YEAR AND WILL BE COMPLETED BY JUNE 1985, PROVIDING 144 UNITS OF STANDARD-DESIGN TWO-BEDROOM QUARTERS.

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HOLIDAY CLINIC SERVICES
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EIGHT GOVERNMENT OUT-PATIENT CLINICS WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM DAILY DURING THE EASTER HOLIDAYS - FROM APRIL 20 TO 23.

THE EIGHT CLINICS ARE : VIOLET PEEL POLYCLINIC AND SHAU KEI WAN JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC ON HONG KONG ISLAND; KWUN TONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE, ROBERT BLACK HEALTH CENTRE AND YAU MA TEI JOCKEY CLUB POLYCLINIC IN KOWLOON; LADY TRENCH POLYCLINIC, YUEN LONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE AND SHEK WU HUI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ALL OTHER OUT-PATIENT AND EVENING CLINICS WILL BE CLOSED DURING THIS PERIOD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SITES FOR AUCTION
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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT WILL OFFER THREE SITES FOR SALE BY AUCTION TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT THE SHOUSON THEATRE OF THE ARTS CENTRE.

THE SITES ARE AT ABERDEEN, CHAI WAN AND SHA TIN.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE AUCTION WHICH BEGINS AT 2.30 PM.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES
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CHAI WAN ROAD BETWEEN ITS TWO JUNCTIONS WITH WAN TSUI ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM MIDNIGHT TOMORROW AND THURSDAY (APRIL 18 AND 19) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAYS FOR WORK ON A FOOTBRIDGE.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA WAN TSUI ROAD AND HONG MAN STREET.

AND FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY, THE TRAFFIC LANE ON THE EASTBOUND TRAM TRACK OF KING'S ROAD BETWEEN HOUSE NO. 501 AND TIN CHIU STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED AS TRAM-ONLY LANE.

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