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PUBLICITY ON FLEXITIME WORKING HOURS LAUNCHED

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS LAUNCHED A PUBLICITY PROGRAMME TO ENCOURAGE EMPLOYERS TO ADOPT FLEXITIME AND STAGGERED WORKING HOURS AT THEIR WORKPLACES.

THE PROMOTION OF FLEXITIME AIMS TO HELP EASE THE DEMAND ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT DURING PEAK HOURS FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF PEOPLE IN EMPLOYMENT AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

ADVICE TO ANYONE INTERESTED IN ADOPTING THE SCHEME WILL BE GIVEN BY THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY): "FLEXIBLE WORKING HOURS ARRANGEMENT CAN HELP REDUCE STAFF TURNOVER AND IMPROVE PRODUCTIVITY OF THE COMPANY.

"EMPLOYEES' PERSONAL NEEDS CAN BE BETTER SATISFIED BY THESE NEW ARRANGEMENTS THEREBY BOOSTING THEIR MORALE AND ENHANCING THEIR SENSE OF BELONGING."

THE PUBLICITY PACKAGE INCLUDES A 30-SECOND TELEVISION ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST (API) WHICH HAS BEEN SCREENED ON ALL OF THE FOUR TELEVISION CHANNELS THIS MONTH.

"A RADIO API AND A LEAFLET IN SEPARATE CHINESE AND ENGLISH VERSIONS HAVE ALSO BEEN PRODUCED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE LEAFLET, ENTITLED "A MODERN APPROACH TO WORKING HOURS ARRANGEMENTS", PROVIDES INFORMATION ON THE CHARACTERISTICS AND ADVANTAGES OF FLEXITIME AND STAGGERED WORKING HOURS.

IN EXPLAINING THE MAIN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO SYSTEMS, THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT FLEXITIME ALLOWS EMPLOYEES TO DETERMINE THEIR STARTING AND FINISHING TIMES ACCORDING TO THEIR NEEDS AND HABITS.

HE SAID FLEXITIME IS TASK-ORIENTED AND RESULT-ORIENTED AND THEREFORE IS MORE SUITABLE TO OFFICE STAFF.

UNDER THE STAGGERED WORKING HOURS SCHEME, AN EMPLOYEE SELECTS ONE OF A NUMBER OF ALTERNATIVE STARTING/FINISHING TIMES PRESCRIBED BY THE EMPLOYER.

THIS SYSTEM IS GENERALLY MORE SUITABLE FOR THE MANUFACTURING AND SERVICE SECTORS, HE SAID.

THE LEAFLET ALSO CONTAINS POINTS WHICH EMPLOYERS SHOULD NOTE BEFORE ADOPTING NEW WORKING HOURS, SUCH AS CONSULTING EMPLOYEES ABOUT THE PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED PEOPLE IN MANAGEMENT POSITIONS TO CONTACT ANY BRANCH OFFICES OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE TO OBTAIN FREE COPIES OF THE LEAFLET IF THEY ARE INTERESTED IN INTRODUCING SUCH SYSTEMS IN THEIR ESTABLISHMENTS.

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HK 1989 ON SALE

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THE GOVERNMENT'S ANNUAL REPORT, HONG KONG 1989, GOES ON SALE FROM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

AN ANNUAL BESTSELLER, THE OFFICIAL YEARBOOK IS POPULAR AMONG STUDENTS, SCHOLARS AND PEOPLE IN BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL CIRCLES AS THE MOST AUTHORITATIVE WORK OF REFERENCE ON HONG KONG.

BUT IT ALSO COMMANDS A CONSIDERABLE FOLLOWING AMONG THE GENERAL PUBLIC AS AN EXCELLENT PICTORIAL SOUVENIR.

PUBLISHED IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH EDITIONS AT \$42 A COPY, THE LATEST REPORT, WITH ITS 408 PAGES OF INFORMATION, STATISTICS, AND COLOURFUL ILLUSTRATIONS OF HONG KONG LIFE, INTRODUCES A BONUS THIS YEAR IN THE FORM OF A CALENDAR OF THE MAJOR EVENTS OF 1988.

AND THE REVIEW CHAPTER, WRITTEN BY JOURNALIST/AUTHOR ROBIN HUTCHEON, DEALS WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARTS AND THE MEDIA, TAKING THE READER ON A BRIEF HISTORICAL TRIP THROUGH THE EVOLUTION OF HONG KONG CULTURE IN THE POST-WAR YEARS.

IN HIS 17-PAGE ARTICLE, MR HUTCHEON NOTES THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARTS RESULTED FROM STRONG GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR THE BUILDING AND FUNDING OF THE MANY VENUES, ACADEMIES AND EVENTS NOW AVAILABLE TO THE INTERESTED PUBLIC, AND FROM EQUALLY ENTHUSIASTIC PUBLIC RESPONSE.

THE ARTICLE IS SUPPORTED BY A COLOURFUL, EASY-TO-READ END-PAPER MAP.

THE MAP INCLUDES LOCATIONS OF MAJOR PERFORMING ARTS VENUES, STATISTICS ON ATTENDANCE, FUNDING, GROWTH OF VIEWERS AND LISTENERS IN BROADCASTING, AND NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINE READERSHIP.

HONG KONG 1989, WHICH ALSO CONTAINS AN EXTENSIVE SET OF STATISTICAL APPENDICES, IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AT DISTRICT OFFICES AND LEADING BOOKSTORES.

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MARCH SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL STARTED  
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAS STARTED TO CONDUCT THE MARCH 1989 ROUND OF THE SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL IN MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL IN RESPECT OF THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989.

THIS SURVEY IS CONDUCTED QUARTERLY AND THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE USEFUL IN PROVIDING SHORT-TERM ECONOMIC INDICATORS AS WELL AS INFORMATION ON THE STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN THE LABOUR MARKET IN HONG KONG.

THIS ROUND OF THE SURVEY COVERS ABOUT 120,000 ESTABLISHMENTS WHICH ARE DRAWN FROM VARIOUS SECTORS INCLUDING THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR (MINING AND QUARRYING; MANUFACTURING; ELECTRICITY AND GAS), THE DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES SECTOR (WHOLESALE, RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS), WITH FULL ENUMERATION OF ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE SERVICES SECTOR (TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION; FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES; COMMUNITY, SOCIAL AND PERSONAL SERVICES).

INFORMATION ON NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED AND EXISTING VACANCIES ON MARCH 31, 1989 WILL BE SOUGHT FROM EACH SELECTED ESTABLISHMENT.

SOME 10,000 ESTABLISHMENTS ARE RANDOMLY SELECTED FROM THIS SAMPLE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PAYROLL IN EACH OF THE THREE MONTHS DURING THE REFERENCE PERIOD OF JANUARY - MARCH 1989.

QUESTIONNAIRES ARE BEING MAILED TO INDIVIDUAL SAMPLE ESTABLISHMENTS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDER 1982 (LEGAL NOTICE NO. 69 OF 1982, GAZETTED ON MARCH 5, 1982), ESTABLISHMENTS RECEIVING QUESTIONNAIRES ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THEM TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD.

SHOULD RESPONDENTS FIND DIFFICULTIES IN COMPLETING THE FORMS, THEY ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE ON 5-8235076.

AS FOR THOSE ESTABLISHMENTS KNOWN TO THE DEPARTMENT DURING JANUARY-MARCH 1989, THEY WILL ALSO BE ENUMERATED IN ORDER TO MAKE THE SURVEY RESULTS COMPLETE.

FIELD OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT, EACH BEARING A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD, WILL CALL ON THESE ESTABLISHMENTS TO SOLICIT INFORMATION ON NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED, EXISTING VACANCIES, TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, NATURE OF BUSINESS AND DATE ON WHICH BUSINESS COMMENCED.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING THESE FIELD VISITS CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234770.

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CONTRACT-SIGNING FOR TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL CONNECTION  
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A \$332 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL SHA TIN NORTHERN CONNECTION WILL BE AWARDED BY THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE CONTRACT WILL BE SIGNED BETWEEN THE DIRECTOR OF TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT, DR NIP KAM-FAN, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CONTRACTOR.

TOGETHER WITH TWO OTHER CONTRACTS, ONE FOR TRUNK ROAD T6 ALREADY IN PROGRESS AND THE OTHER FOR TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL SHA TIN SOUTHERN CONNECTION AWARDED EARLIER THIS MONTH, THIS CONTRACT WILL FORM THE MAIN CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS FOR THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL SHA TIN CONNECTION.

WHEN COMPLETED, THE ROAD SYSTEM WILL FORM A MAJOR LINK FOR THE NORTH EAST NEW TERRITORIES AND MA ON SHAN WITH THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO BE OPENED IN AUGUST 1991.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CONTRACT-SIGNING CEREMONY, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 11 AM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, 18TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

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BRIDGING COURSES FOR DISABLED YOUNGSTERS  
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THREE BRIDGING COURSES HAVE BEEN RUN FOR DISABLED SECONDARY THREE LEAVERS WHO DO NOT FULLY MEET THE ENTRY REQUIREMENT OF THE CRAFT COURSES OFFERED BY TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG SKILLS CENTRE FOR THE DISABLED, THE BASIC TECHNICAL STUDIES COURSE IS TAILOR-MADE FOR SLOW LEARNERS WHO WANT TO FURTHER THEIR STUDIES AT TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

THE COURSES ON OFFICE PRACTICE STUDIES AND OFFICE RECEPTION PRACTICE ARE SUITABLE FOR PHYSICALLY DISABLED AND VISUALLY AND HEARING IMPAIRED PERSONS.

"SPECIAL WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING FACILITIES HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND EQUIPPED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF DISABLED STUDENTS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT SAID.

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IN ADDITION, RESOURCE HELP HAS ALSO BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO THEM. THIS INCLUDES THE PROVISIONS OF VERSABRAILLE, TALKING TYPEWRITER AND ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY TRAINING FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED, AND RADIO HEARING AIDS FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED STUDENTS.

THE SUCCESS OF THESE COURSES HAS BEEN MOST APPARENT IN THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF GRADUATES WHO MANAGED TO COMPLETE THE CRAFT COURSES AT TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND SUBSEQUENTLY SECURED EMPLOYMENT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN SKILL TESTS ARE ALSO ENCOURAGING.

LAST YEAR ALL GRADUATES OF THE OFFICE PRACTICE COURSE PASSED THE PITMAN PRACTICAL WORD PROCESSING EXAMINATION AND 87 PER CENT OF THEM WERE SUCCESSFUL IN THE TYPEWRITING (INTERMEDIATE) EXAMINATION, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THESE ONE-YEAR FULL-TIME COURSES HAVE BEEN OFFERED AT THE KWUN TONG SKILLS CENTRE FOR SOME YEARS AND WILL BE EXPANDED WHEN THE NEW TUEN MUN SKILLS CENTRE COMES INTO OPERATION NEXT YEAR.

APPLICATION FOR THESE BRIDGING COURSES WILL BEGIN IN JULY AND AUGUST THIS YEAR. DISABLED YOUNGSTERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THESE VOCATIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES MAY APPLY.

FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR DISABLED SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT ON 5-8932341 EXT. 304.

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TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETS TOMORROW

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THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AN APPLICATION BY THE LANTAU TAXI ASSOCIATION FOR A FARE INCREASE.

IT WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE RE-INTRODUCTION OF A ONE-WAY TOLL AND THE EXTENSION OF THE TIDAL FLOW ARRANGEMENT AT THE LION ROCK TUNNEL.

MEMBERS WILL EXAMINE THE STAR FERRY COMPANY'S FIVE-YEAR FOWARD PLANNING PROGRAMME (1989-93).

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM.

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'WOMEN'S STREET' ELECTRIFICATION SCHEME COMPLETED

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THE WHOLE STRETCH OF KOWLOON'S FAMOUS "WOMEN'S STREET", WHERE HAWKERS CATER FOR THOUSANDS OF BARGAIN HUNTERS, HAS BEEN PROVIDED WITH A LEGAL ELECTRICITY SUPPLY FOR THE FIRST TIME.

WITH THE COMPLETION OF AN ELECTRIFICATION SCHEME, THE HAWKERS NOW ON LONGER DEPEND ON UNAUTHORISED ELECTRICITY SUPPLY.

A CEREMONY TO CELEBRATE THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT IN THE TUNG CHOI STREET HAWKER PERMITTED PLACE - COMMONLY KNOWN AS "WOMEN'S STREET" - WILL BE HELD TOMORROW AFTERNOON (TUESDAY).

THE CEREMONY HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES OF THE THIRD AND FOURTH SECTIONS OF THE TUNG CHOI STREET HAWKER PERMITTED PLACE WHERE THE HAWKERS WERE THE LATEST BATCH TO BENEFIT FROM THE ELECTRIFICATION SCHEME.

MONG KOK'S DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS LORNA MA, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI, AND THE REGIONAL MANAGER (EASTERN) OF CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY LIMITED, MR TSANG KWAN-HUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM AT THE JUNCTION OF TUNG CHOI STREET AND SOY STREET IN MONG KOK.

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GOVT GRANTS FOR SIXTH FORM STUDENTS

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SECONDARY 5 SCHOOL LEAVERS WHO HAVE GENUINE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP IN CONTINUING THEIR FULL-TIME STUDIES FOR THE HIGHER LEVEL EXAMINATION (HLE) AND ADVANCED LEVEL EXAMINATION (ALE) ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR GOVERNMENT MAINTENANCE GRANTS ADMINISTERED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE MAINTENANCE GRANTS ARE AWARDED ANNUALLY TO NEEDY STUDENTS WHO HAVE OBTAINED GOOD RESULTS IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION (HKCEE) IN THE YEAR OF AWARD TO ENSURE THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE DENIED OF AN OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY FOR THE HIGHER LEVEL AND THE ADVANCED LEVEL EXAMINATIONS FOR FINANCIAL REASONS.

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THE AMOUNT OF MAINTENANCE GRANT WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE MAINTENANCE GRANTS COMMITTEE AND GRANTS AWARDED TO STUDENTS WERE IN THE REGION OF \$230 EACH MONTH IN 1988-89.

GRANTS WILL BE TENABLE FOR ONE YEAR AT ANY SECONDARY SCHOOL APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND APPLICANTS MUST BE SUPPORTED BY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM SCHOOL HEADS.

APPLICATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM JUNE 1 AT THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIP SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, FIFTH FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY.

COMPLETED FORMS FOR GOVERNMENT MAINTENANCE GRANTS FOR HLE AND ALE SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE MAINTENANCE GRANTS COMMITTEE AT THE SAME ADDRESS THROUGH THEIR SCHOOL HEADS ON JULY 22 AND NOT LATER THAN 14 DAYS AFTER THE PUBLICATION OF THE HKCEE RESULTS RESPECTIVELY.

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#### UC ELECTION FORUM IN MONG KOK

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THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD WILL ORGANISE A FORUM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) EVENING FOR THE TWO CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR ELECTION AS THE BOARD'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE URBAN COUNCIL.

THE TWO CANDIDATES ARE MR CHIU KWOK-HUNG AND MR HO FEI-CHI.

IN ADDITION TO DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL ORGANISATIONS ARE ALSO INVITED TO ATTEND THE FORUM.

DR CHAN WING-TAI, A PRINCIPAL LECTURER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED SOCIAL STUDIES AT THE CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG, WILL BE THE MODERATOR AT THE FORUM.

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#### NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FORUM, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, KOWLOON.

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DB BY-ELECTION NOMINATION TO CLOSE ON FRIDAY  
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NOMINATIONS FOR THE VACANCY IN THE PAK TIN CONSTITUENCY OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL CLOSE ON FRIDAY, MARCH 31.

PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES ARE REMINDED BY THE RETURNING OFFICER, MRS JENNIE CHEUK, TO HAND IN THEIR NOMINATION PAPER WELL BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE.

ANY ERRORS NOT CAPABLE OF BEING RECTIFIED BY THE CLOSE OF MARCH 31 MAY RENDER THE NOMINATION PAPER INVALID.

PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES MUST BE REGISTERED ELECTORS ON THE GENERAL ELECTORAL ROLL AND HAVE BEEN ORDINARILY RESIDENT IN HONG KONG FOR THE 10 YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING NOMINATION.

A CANDIDATE CAN BE A RESIDENT ANYWHERE IN HONG KONG; BUT HIS NOMINATION MUST BE SUPPORTED BY 10 REGISTERED ELECTORS IN THE PAK TIN CONSTITUENCY.

NOMINATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, 37-39 TONKIN STREET, KOWLOON AND AT THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION, HARBOUR CENTRE, 10TH FLOOR, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

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PUBLIC VEHICLE OFFICES ON MOVE  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT THE DEPARTMENT'S HONG KONG PUBLIC VEHICLE OFFICES WILL OPERATE FROM NEW PREMISES FROM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE NEW OFFICES ARE LOCATED IN ROOMS 27 AND 28 ON THE MEZZANINE FLOOR OF THE MURRAY ROAD MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 2 MURRAY ROAD, CENTRAL.

MATTERS RELATING TO THE LICENSING AND REGISTRATION OF BUSES AND TAXIS WILL BE HANDLED IN ROOM 27, WHILE ROOM 28 WILL BE FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, PRIVATE LIGHT BUSES, HIRE CARS AND CROSS BORDER VEHICLES.

NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT LICENSING AND REGISTRATION OF BUSES AND TAXIS ARE 5-269432 AND 5-248835, AND FOR LIGHT BUSES, HIRE CARS AND CROSS BORDER VEHICLES THE ENQUIRY NUMBER IS 5-260979.

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**STUDY ROOMS OPEN TO SCHOOL CHILDREN**

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE STUDY ROOM FACILITIES AT 64 SCHOOLS TO STUDENTS WHO NEED A QUIET SURROUNDING TO STUDY, AND TO DO HOMEWORK, FOR THREE MONTHS STARTING FROM MONDAY, APRIL 3.

THE FACILITIES AT 38 PRIMARY SCHOOLS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BOTH PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL CHILDREN BETWEEN 7 PM AND 9 PM FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY, EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO USE STUDY ROOM FACILITIES LOCATED AT 26 SECONDARY SCHOOLS AT VARIOUS DISTRICTS BETWEEN 7 PM AND 10 PM FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY.

STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE IDENTIFICATION PAPERS FOR ADMISSION TO A STUDY ROOM MANNED BY A SUPERVISOR.

THE STUDY ROOM SCHEME HAS PROVED POPULAR AMONG STUDENTS LIVING IN A CROWDED ENVIRONMENT, PARTICULARLY TOWARDS THE EXAMINATION PERIODS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE SCHEME IS AN EXTENSION OF THE NORMAL STUDY ROOM FACILITIES PROVIDED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AT MORE THAN 200 LOCATIONS UNDER THE CO-ORDINATION OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

ADDRESSES OF THE STUDY ROOM CENTRES, TOGETHER WITH THEIR OPENING HOURS, ARE AVAILABLE AT INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS.

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**YOUNG MUSICIANS TO GIVE CONCERT**

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STRING MUSIC LOVERS WILL BE TREATED TO A TWO-HOUR CONCERT BY THE 77-STRONG HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA OF THE MUSIC OFFICE ON SATURDAY (APRIL 1).

THE CONCERT WILL BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL, BEGINNING AT 8 PM.

IT IS AN ANNUAL EVENT ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE TO GIVE YOUNG MUSICIANS THE CHANCE TO PERFORM IN PUBLIC.

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UNDER THE BATON OF THE PRINCIPAL GUEST CONDUCTOR, YIP WING-SIB, A FORMER MEMBER OF THE YOUTH ORCHESTRA, THE YOUNG MUSICIANS WILL PRESENT SUCH POPULAR PIECES AS ROSSINI'S "THE THIEVING MAGPIE OVERTURE", TCHAIKOVSKY'S "SERENADE IN C MAJOR, FOR STRING ORCHESTRA, OP. 48" AND SHOSTAKOVICH'S "SYMPHONY NO. 1, OP. 10".

OVER THE YEARS, THE ORCHESTRA HAS GIVEN REGULAR CONCERTS IN HONG KONG BESIDES PERFORMING OVERSEAS IN AUSTRALIA, CYPRUS, FRANCE, ISRAEL, AND THE UNITED KINGDOM, AS WELL AS IN MACAU AND CHINA, WITH INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED MUSICIANS AND CONDUCTORS SUCH AS FOU TSONG, EDEN AND TAMIR, SHALOM RONLY-RIKLIS, GEORG TINTNER, SIR DAVID WILLCORKS AND KENNETH TEAN.

TICKETS AT \$15 AND \$10 EACH ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT URB TIX OUTLETS. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-7226240.

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WATER SUSPENSION IN KOWLOON CITY AREA

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN KOWLOON CITY PREMISES WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 29) TO 7 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE WATER WORKS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT 2-18 CORNWALL STREET, EDE ROAD, PILGRIMS WAY AND THE AREA BOUNDED BY PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST, LA SALLE ROAD, NGA TSIN WAI ROAD, INVERNESS ROAD, DUMBARTON ROAD AND GRAMPIAN ROAD.

IT WILL ALSO AFFECT ANOTHER AREA BOUNDED BY MA TAU CHUNG ROAD, TIN KWONG ROAD, ARGYLE STREET, LOMOND ROAD AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST.

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