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EXCO APPROVES KMB FARE RISE

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THE APPLICATION BY THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY FOR A FARE INCREASE HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO TAKE EFFECT ON FEBRUARY 24. KMB'S LAST GENERAL FARE INCREASE WAS IN MAY 1983.

THE NEW FARES FOR THE CROSS HARBOUR ROUTES WILL ALSO APPLY TO CROSS HARBOUR SERVICES OPERATED BY THE CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY IN CONJUNCTION WITH KMB.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT IN APPROVING THE FARE INCREASE, THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AS WELL AS THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAD TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE VIEWS EXPRESSED PUBLICLY ON KMB'S APPLICATION.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE NEED FOR AN INCREASE IN FARES AS SUBMITTED BY KMB AROSE FROM INCREASING COSTS, INCLUDING THE ADDITIONAL OPERATING COSTS ARISING FROM THE EXPANSION OF THE BUS FLEET REQUIRED BY THE ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME. THE ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME WAS DRAWN UP AFTER EXTENSIVE CONSULTATION WITH THE DISTRICT BOARDS AND WAS ENDORSED BY THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

ANY EXCESS PROFITS ABOVE THE PERMITTED RETURN ARE UNDER THE LAW RETAINED IN THE DEVELOPMENT FUND.

IN MONEY TERMS, 77.4 PER CENT OF PASSENGERS WILL PAY AN ADDITIONAL FARE OF 10 CENTS TO 20 CENTS, 19.3 PER CENT 30 CENTS TO 50 CENTS AND LESS THAN 0.1 PER CENT WILL PAY AN ADDITIONAL FARE OF MORE THAN 50 CENTS.

3.3 PER CENT OF PASSENGERS WILL CONTINUE TO PAY EXISTING FARES. BECAUSE OF THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW FARE BANDS IN THE NT URBAN AND EXPRESS ROUTE GROUPS, FARES ON FOUR ROUTES WILL ACTUALLY BE REDUCED BY 10 CENTS.

THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT IN RECENT YEARS THERE HAD BEEN SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS IN THE STANDARD AND IN THE LEVEL OF KMB'S SERVICES AND HE EXPECTED KMB TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE A SATISFACTORY AND EXPANDING SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC.

HE ADDED THAT THE METRIC UNITS USED IN THE FARE SCALES OF KMB, CMB AND THE NEW LANTAU BUS COMPANY FOR BAGGAGE AND GOODS HAVE BEEN ROUNDED UP FOLLOWING THEIR CONVERSION FROM THE IMPERIAL SYSTEM. THE EFFECT OF THESE CHANGES IS INSIGNIFICANT.

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RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED THAT MR T.S. LO HAS SOUGHT THE PERMISSION OF THE GOVERNOR TO RESIGN FROM THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS WITH EFFECT FROM TODAY (TUESDAY).

IN ACCEDING TO THIS REQUEST, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, THANKED MR LO MOST WARMLY FOR THE LONG AND DEDICATED SERVICE HE HAD GIVEN TO BOTH COUNCILS AND PAID TRIBUTE TO HIM FOR HIS SUPPORT AND ADVICE OVER THE PERIOD WHEN THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG WAS UNDER DISCUSSION.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE QUESTION OF A SUCCESSOR TO MR LO ON BOTH COUNCILS WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION, BUT THAT NO EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT SHOULD BE EXPECTED.

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CIVIC EDUCATION PROMOTION MAKES PROGRESS

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THE BOARD OF EDUCATION HAS EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT THE PROGRESS MADE BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS.

MEMBERS HAVE NOTED THAT A SEMINAR FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL HEADS ON +CIVIC EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS+ WAS HELD IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR AND THAT A SIMILAR SEMINAR FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADS IS TO BE HELD IN APRIL.

A CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP HAS ALREADY STARTED DRAFTING GUIDELINES ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS AND CONSIDERING TEACHING MATERIALS FOR THE FORMAL AS WELL AS THE INFORMAL SCHOOL CURRICULUM. THE GROUP IS TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE FEEDBACK FROM THE DECEMBER SEMINAR.

THE BOARD HAS ALSO NOTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS ACTIVELY CONSIDERING THE VARIOUS SUGGESTIONS MADE BY SCHOOL HEADS AT THAT SEMINAR. THESE INCLUDE THE RUNNING OF SPECIAL TRAINING COURSES ON CIVIC EDUCATION FOR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS AND TEACHERS; THE PROVISION OF MORE STAFF AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES; AND THE SETTING UP OF A RESOURCE CENTRE.

THE BOARD HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY HAS ISSUED THE DRAFT SYLLABUSES FOR GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS (HIGHER AND ADVANCED LEVELS) TO SCHOOLS FOR COMMENT AND THAT THE DRAFT CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION SYLLABUS ON THE SAME SUBJECT WILL BE ISSUED SOON. ALL THREE DRAFT SYLLABUSES WILL BE REVIEWED IN THE LIGHT OF COMMENTS RECEIVED.

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MORE LAND BEING FORMED

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ABOUT 24 HECTARES OF LAND WILL BE FORMED IN TWO AREAS IN SHEK WU HUI, UNDER A $19.9 MILLION CONTRACT AWARDED RECENTLY BY THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

ONE SITE IS LOCATED AT THE SOUTH OF CHOI YUEN ESTATE AND THE OTHER AT YUK PO COURT.

THE CONTRACT INCLUDES CONSTRUCTION OF ONE TRIPLE CELL AND ONE SINGLE CELL BOX CULVERT AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE, AND EXCAVATION WORK IN CORPS RIDGE BORROW AREA.

WORK WILL START IN EARLY MARCH AND TAKE 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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BE PROUD OF BEING +A HONGKONGER+ - UC CHAIRMAN

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URBAN COUNCIL CHAIRMAN MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN TODAY MADE A PLEA FOR A GREATER SENSE OF IDENTITY AMONG HONG KONG PEOPLE, AND MORE PRIDE IN THEIR MANYFOLD ACHIEVEMENTS.

SPEAKING AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE URBAN COUNCIL HE SAID: +WE WHO HAVE ACHIEVED SO MUCH -- AND WHO NOW HAVE THE CHANCE TO ACHIEVE EVEN MUCH MORE -- SHOULD NOT ONLY BE PROUD OF OUR GREAT CITY, BUT SHOULD ALSO BE PROUD OF OUR MANY ACHIEVEMENTS.

+LETS US THEN DEVELOP A COMMUNITY SPIRIT BASED ON OUR PAST ACHIEVEMENTS AND LET THE WORLD KNOW THAT WE AS HONGKONGERS ARE JUSTIFIABLY PROUD OF OUR CITY AND INTEND TO GUIDE ITS DESTINY AS CHINA'S GATEWAY - ECONOMICALLY AND CULTURALLY - TO THE REST OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, AND THUS TO PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN CHINA'S MODERNIZATION PROGRAMME.

+IN SO DOING, WE WILL EQUALLY BE ENSURING THAT HONG KONG AND HER 5.5 MILLION PEOPLE WILL REMAIN A STABLE AND PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY, AND WILL BE GOVERNING OURSELVES UNDER THE RULE OF LAW, PRESERVING A HIGH LIVING STANDARD AND UPHOLDING SOCIAL JUSTICE AND RESPECT FOR INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM.+

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NO REQUEST FOR INCREASE IN RATE IN COMING FINANCIAL YEAR

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THE URBAN COUNCIL WILL NOT BE ASKING FOR ANY INCREASE IN ITS SHARE OF THE RATE IN THE COMING FINANCIAL YEAR.

THIS WAS STATED EMPHATICALLY BY COUNCIL CHAIRMAN MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN DURING TODAY'S OPENING MEETING OF THE COUNCIL, WHO ADDED: +RATEPAYERS CAN TAKE THAT AS A FIRM ASSURANCE CONCERNING THE COMING 1985/86 FINANCIAL YEAR.+

HE SAID: +THE PLAIN FACT IS THAT OUR RESERVES ARE GRADUALLY SHRINKING AND POSSIBLY BY 1986/87 WE COULD BE GETTING INTO A CRITICAL FINANCIAL POSITION.

+WE HAVE BEEN WELL AWARE OF THIS LIKELIHOOD SINCE THE SECOND HALF OF LAST YEAR AT WHICH TIME WE STARTED A DIALOGUE WITH THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO SEE WHAT SHOULD BE DONE.

+WE HAVE DECIDED TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY MADE TO US IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR TO PARTICIPATE IN A WORKING PARTY TO GO FURTHER INTO THE MATTER OF THE COUNCIL'S LONGER TERM FINANCIAL NEEDS.+

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COUNCIL TO STUDY RSS POLICIES

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THE EXISTING POLICIES AND PRACTICES OF THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE (RSS) OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT WHICH THE URBAN COUNCIL WILL TAKE OVER AS FROM APRIL 1, ARE EXPECTED TO BE RETAINED FOR A TRANSITION PERIOD OF UP TO SIX MONTHS.

THIS WILL ENABLE THE URBAN COUNCIL TO STUDY THE SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE RSS, TO INTEGRATE SUCH SERVICE WITH ITS OWN SPORTS PROMOTION PROGRAMME AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO THE BEST USE OF RESOURCES IN FUTURE.

REPLYING TO A QUESTION BY MR JOSEPH CHAN AT THE OPEN MEETING TODAY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE RECREATION SELECT COMMITTEE, MR KENNETH LO, SAID: +DURING THIS TRANSITION PERIOD IT WILL BE IMPORTANT THAT THE SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC DOES NOT IN ANY WAY SUFFER, NOR THAT THE STRONG LINKS WHICH HAVE BEEN FORGED BY THE RSS WITH THE DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS, WILL BE WEAKENED IN ANY WAY.

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+IT IS MAINLY FOR THIS REASON THAT THE RECREATION SELECT COMMITTEE WILL BE LOOKING AT PROPOSALS TO RETAIN EXISTING POLICIES OF THE RSS FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AND TO ADOPT PROGRAMMES ALREADY PREPARED FOR THE EARLIER PART OF THE NEW YEAR.+

A PAPER OUTLINING THE INTERIM TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENT WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE RECREATION SELECT COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION SHORTLY.

MR LO ALSO SAID THE COST OF ABSORBING THE URBAN PART OF RSS IS IN THE REGION OF $23 MILLION PER ANNUM AND THE COMPOSITION OF THIS COMMITMENT WILL BE STUDIED DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD.

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POSITION ON VACANCIES EXPLAINED

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STAFF OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT ARE SELDOM CALLED UPON TO DOUBLE UP IN TWO POSTS, DR KIM CHAM, CHAIRMAN OF THE ADMINISTRATION SELECT COMMITTEE, SAID.

REPLYING TO QUESTIONS BY MR WALTER SULKE AT THE URBAN COUNCIL OPEN MEETING TODAY, DR CHAM POINTED OUT THAT THROUGHOUT THE MANAGEMENT-SUPERVISORY RANKS IN THE URBAN AREA, ONLY SIX OFFICERS ARE DOUBLING UP IN TWO POSTS LATERALLY AND THREE DOUBLING UP VERTICALLY.

TO DOUBLE UP LATERALLY MEANS THAT OFFICERS ARE USUALLY ONLY REQUIRED TO UNDERTAKE ABOUT 60 PER CENT OF THE DUTIES OF THE SECOND POST WHILE THE REMAINING DUTIES ARE ABSORBED BY OTHER COLLEAGUES. SUCH CASES OF DOUBLING UP, HE MAINTAINED, ARE INFREQUENT.

AND TO DOUBLE UP VERTICALLY MEANS THAT WHEN A SECTION HEAD GOES ON LEAVE FOR A RELATIVELY SHORT TIME, HIS DEPUTY ACTS UP.

+IN SUCH CASES DOUBLING UP IS QUITE OFTEN THE BETTER SOLUTION, TO AVOID DISRUPTING THE RANKS BELOW,+ DR CHAM SAID. +IT DOES NOT IMPLY THAT EITHER POST IS UNNECESSARY, ONLY THAT WITH AN EXTRA EFFORT IT CAN MAKE DO FOR A SHORT TIME.+

HE ALSO NOTED THAT THERE ARE 280 OFFICERS IN THE MANAGEMENT-SUPERVISORY RANKS, REPRESENTING SEVEN PER CENT OF THE TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT, WHO ARE CURRENTLY ACTING FOR ADMINISTRATIVE CONVENIENCE.

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SUCH ACTING APPOINTMENTS ARE MADE ON THE GROUNDS THAT SOME TEMPORARY OR SUPERNUMERARY POSTS CAN ONLY BE FILLED ON A TEMPORARY ACTING BASIS WHEN A SUBSTANTIVE OFFICE HOLDER IS ABSENT ON LEAVE, TRAINING OR IS ON TRIAL IN ANOTHER RANK, ANOTHER OFFICER WILL BE SELECTED TO ACT IN HIS POST AND WHEN VACANCIES ARISE AFTER THE ANNUAL PROMOTION EXERCISE, THEY WILL ALSO BE FILLED BY CANDIDATES IDENTIFIED TO POSSESS POTENTIAL FOR ADVANCEMENT.

TURNING TO THE QUESTION OF TRANSFER OF STAFF BETWEEN THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT (URBAN) AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, DR CHAM EXPLAINED THAT CAREER DEVELOPMENT POSTINGS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF GRADE MANAGEMENT AND ARE AIMED AT IMPROVING INDIVIDUAL OFFICER'S ALL-ROUND ABILITIES, RAISING AND MAINTAINING STANDARDS IN THE GRADE, AND GROOMING FUTURE MANAGERS.

+CAREER POSTINGS INVOLVE TRANSFERS WITHIN THE SUB-DEPARTMENTS AND BETWEEN THEM, BUT ARE USUALLY ARRANGED ON THE BASIS OF INTERCHANGING STAFF,+ HE SAID.

+THUS OVERALL THESE CROSS-TRANSFERS BALANCE OUT AND THIS IS CONFIRMED BY THE STATISTICS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY TO DECEMBER 1984, WHEN 139 STAFF WERE TRANSFERRED TO NTSD AND 138 STAFF WERE POSTED FROM NTSD TO THE URBAN AREA.+

HE SAID THESE FIGURES RELATE TO ALL MANAGEMENT SUPERVISORY RANKS AND IF MINOR STAFF ARE INCLUDED, THE NUMBER OF STAFF TRANSFERRED FROM USD (URBAN) TO NTSD IN 1984 TOTALLED 154 WHILE THAT FROM NTSD TO USD (URBAN) WAS 152.

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POLICE VIEWS ON SPEAKER'S CORNERS SOUGHT

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THE PROPOSAL BY MR WALTER SULKE TO SET UP SPEAKERS' CORNERS SIMILAR TO THE ONE IN LONDON'S HYDE PARK WHERE ANYONE CAN MAKE A POLITICAL SPEECH SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE FOR HIS COMMENTS BEFORE IT IS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE RECREATION SELECT COMMITTEE.

THIS COUNTER-PROPOSAL WAS MADE BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THAT COMMITTEE, MR KENNETH LO, AT THE URBAN COUNCIL MEETING TODAY.

MR LO SAID: +I CAN POINT OUT THAT MEETINGS OF THE NATURE THAT MIGHT BE GENERATED BY SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT MAY WELL BECOME MEETINGS AS DEFINED IN THE PUBLIC ORDER ORDINANCE.

/+SUCH MEETINGS .....

+SUCH MEETINGS MAY ONLY BE HELD IF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE IS INFORMED BEFOREHAND THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE ALSO HAS THE POWER TO PROHIBIT SUCH MEETINGS.....

+MEMBERS MAY WISH TO KNOW THAT SINCE 1979 SIX OF THE COUNCIL'S RECREATION FACILITIES HAVE BEEN DECLARED AS DESIGNATED PUBLIC AREAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOLDING MEETINGS UNDER THE PUBLIC ORDER ORDINANCE.+

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LANTERN CARNIVAL SET FOR MARCH 6

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THE 1985 SPRING LANTERN CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD AT KO SHAN PARK ON MARCH 6.

REPLYING TO A QUESTION BY MR TONG KAM-BIU AT THE URBAN COUNCIL MEETING TODAY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ENTERTAINMENT SELECT COMMITTEE, MR STEPHEN LAU, SAID HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CARNIVAL WILL INCLUDE TWO CANTONESE OPERAS, A GOLDEN OLDIES SHOW AND OTHER MORE TRADITIONAL ITEMS OF ENTERTAINMENT.

+TO ENSURE THAT THE FESTIVITIES REACH A WIDER SECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY, MORE ACTIVE MEDIA PARTICIPATION IS BEING SOUGHT,+ HE SAID.

+IN ADDITION, SUPPORTING FESTIVALS WILL BE HELD WITH THE COUNCIL'S SUPPORT IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS INCLUDING CENTRAL, WESTERN, WONG TAI SIN, MONG KOK, WAN CHAI AND SOUTHERN.+

MR LAU ALSO REPORTED THAT THE MID-AUTUMN LANTERN CARNIVALS ORGANISED BY THE COUNCIL LAST YEAR WERE VERY WELL RECEIVED BY THE PUBLIC.

A TOTAL OF 198 000 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE MAIN CARNIVALS AT VICTORIA PARK AND KO SHAN PARK WHILE SOME 133 000 PARTICIPATED IN THE 18 SUPPORTING DISTRICT CARNIVALS.

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CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS COMMENDED
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NINE STAFF MEMBERS OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WERE TODAY COMMENDED FOR EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES.

AT A SPECIAL CEREMONY HELD AT THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS IN WAN CHAI, THEY WERE PRESENTED WITH THE COMMISSIONER'S COMMENDATION CERTIFICATES BY ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR BARRY HIGGINBOTTOM.

MR HIGGINBOTTOM SAID THE AWARDS WERE GIVEN IN RECOGNITION OF ACTIONS +FAR ABOVE AND BEYOND THE NORMAL CALL OF DUTY+.

+IT IS ONLY ON RARE OCCASIONS SUCH AS THIS THAT THE ATTENTION OF THE PUBLIC CAN BE DRAWN TO THE DILIGENCE, DEVOTION TO DUTY AND, ON MANY OCCASIONS, ACTUAL BRAVERY SHOWN BY OFFICERS WHOSE WORK MUST, BY ITS VERY NATURE BE PERFORMED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS MOST OF THE TIME,+ MR HIGGINBOTTOM SAID.

THE AWARDS WERE A CLEAR INDICATION OF THE PRIDE THEY TOOK IN THEIR WORK AND IN RETURN THE DEPARTMENT WAS PROUD OF THEM, HE SAID.

AWARD RECIPIENTS WERE: PRINCIPAL OFFICER KWONG YIU-WING, ASSISTANT OFFICERS MANUEL DA SILVA, CHAN KAI-KUEN, CHU KWOK-LEUNG, TSUI KAM-CHIU, YEUNG YIU-TING AND LAM CHIU-CHUNG, TECHNICAL INSTRUCTOR LAM KWONG, AND SENIOR MASTER CHEUNG KAI-KWONG.

THE SENIOR MASTER WAS COMMENDED FOR HIS +EXCEPTIONAL INTEREST, DEDICATION AND CONTRIBUTION TO PROMOTING PRISONERS' EDUCATIONAL CLASSES IN STANLEY PRISON+.

THE TECHNICAL INSTRUCTOR WAS COMMENDED FOR THE EXCEPTIONAL WAY IN WHICH HE HAD APPLIED HIS PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE IN ASSISTING WITH BUILDING WORK ON HEI LING CHAU ISLAND= ASSISTANT OFFICERS YEUNG YIU-TING AND LAM CHIU-CHUNG WERE COMMENDED FOR THEIR EXCEPTIONAL ZEAL AND DEDICATION IN SUPERVISING AND DIRECTING INMATES ON THE ISLAND'S CONSTRUCTION WORK.

THE OTHERS WERE COMMENDED FOR TRACING AND APPREHENDING AN ESCAPEE, SEIZURE OF DANGEROUS DRUGS AND PREVENTING A SUICIDE ATTEMPT BY A PRISONER.

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POSTMAN WITH 38 YEARS ON THE JOB
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THE RAPID POST-WAR DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG AND ITS POSTAL SERVICE CAN BE WRITTEN IN VOLUMES. BUT HOW DOES A POSTMAN, WHO HAS SERVED MORE THAN 38 YEARS, FEEL ABOUT IT?

WALKING ALONG THE WATERFRONT OF WAN CHAI WITH ITS HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS, POSTMAN TSE KWONG-YUI SAID, +THIS AREA WHERE I'VE SERVED FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS HAS CHANGED BEYOND RECOGNITION.+

GONE ARE MOST OF THE THREE-STOREY PRE-WAR RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS WHERE HE USED TO CLIMB UP RICKETY STAIRS WITH A HEAVY MAIL BAG ON HIS BACK.

+I HAVE LITERALLY WATCHED THE WAN CHAI SHORELINE BEING PUSHED FURTHER INTO THE SEA AS THE TEMPO OF RECLAMATION QUICKENED,+ MR TSE SAID.

HIS OLD BEAT - FROM ARSENAL STREET ALONG THE WATERFRONT RIGHT DOWN TO PERCIVAL STREET - HAS ALSO BEEN SUB-DIVIDED SEVERAL TIMES TO MEET THE WORKLOAD POSED BY THE POPULATION EXPANSION AND THE GROWTH OF WAN CHAI INTO A COMMERCIAL CENTRE.

AT PRESENT, THE SAME AREA CONSISTS OF 15 BEATS, A BEAT BEING A WELL-DEFINED AREA WHERE A POSTMAN DELIVERS HIS MAIL. THE SIZE OF EACH BEAT IS DECIDED ACCORDING TO THE MAIL VOLUME, THE DELIVERY TIME AND THE HOUSEHOLD DENSITY IN THE DISTRICT.

MR TSE KWONG-YUI JOINED THE POST OFFICE IN 1946. HIS FIRST JOB WAS TO UNLOAD MAIL BAGS FROM INCOMING SHIPS AT BLAKE PIER AND CARRY THEM TO THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, WHERE THEY WERE FURTHER DISTRIBUTED TO VARIOUS DISTRICTS IN THE TERRITORY.

HE SAID HE MISSED SOME OF THE OLD LANDMARKS, SUCH AS THE RED-BRICK GENERAL POST OFFICE, BUT THAT THE WORK WAS PRETTY STRENUOUS IN THOSE DAYS. +WE DIDN'T HAVE ADEQUATE TRANSPORT FACILITIES AND HAD TO CARRY MAIL BAGS ON OUR SHOULDERS OR BY HANDCART,+ HE RECALLED.

AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, MAIL WAS PROCESSED AND SORTED MANUALLY. BESIDES WORKING AS PORTERS, MR TSE AND 30 OTHER COLLEAGUES HAD TO HELP WITH HAND-STAMPING THE LETTERS.

+IT BECAME A TIRESOME JOB, ESPECIALLY DURING THE CHRISTMAS OR LUNAR NEW YEAR RUSH WHEN ONE HAD TO HAND-STAMP MORE THAN A THOUSAND LETTERS A DAY+, HE SAID.

IN ADDITION, POSTMAN TSE AND HIS COLLEAGUES HAD TO COLLECT LETTERS AND OTHER ITEMS FROM PILLAR BOXES, IN RAIN OR SHINE.

NOW, WITH NEW TECHNOLOGY, THE POST OFFICE HAS BEEN MECHANISED AND THE JOB OF A POSTMAN HAS BECOME EASIER.

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IN THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, MAIL BAGS ARE TRANSPORTED BY CONVEYORS TO DIFFERENT SECTIONS FOR PROCESSING.

STAMP CANCELLING IS NOW DONE BY AN AUTOMATIC MACHINE WHICH HANDLES UP TO 40 000 LETTERS PER HOUR.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 1 189 DELIVERY POSTMEN SERVING IN 23 DELIVERY OFFICES. IN 1983-84, THESE OFFICES DELIVERED 356 MILLION LETTERS AND OTHER POSTAL ITEMS.

THERE ARE TWO DELIVERIES A DAY TO MOST AREAS AND ON AVERAGE, A POSTMAN DELIVERS 1 000 LETTERS DAILY.

AT THE AGE OF 58, MR TSE KWONG-YUI IS STILL FULL OF VITALITY, DOING HIS JOB WITH UNDIMINISHED ENTHUSIASM.

+EVERYDAY, I COME TO THE OFFICE AT EIGHT AND AFTER SPENDING ABOUT ONE AND A HALF HOURS ON PREPARATION WORK, I START OFF WITH MY FIRST DELIVERY ALONG GLOUCESTER ROAD, WHICH I WILL AGAIN VISIT IN THE AFTERNOON,+ HE SAID.

OVER THE YEARS, HE HAS MADE FRIENDS WITH COUNTLESS RESIDENTS IN WAN CHAI.

+I'VE NEVER THOUGHT OF RETIRING. MEETING AND OCCASIONALLY CHATTING WITH MANY LONG-TIME RESIDENTS HAS BECOME PART OF MY LIFE,+ HE ADDED.

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CANDIDATES TO SPEAK AT FORUMS

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FIVE FORUMS WILL BE HELD BETWEEN TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AND FEBRUARY 28 TO INTRODUCE CANDIDATES CONTESTING THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS TO THE PUBLIC.

THE 21 CANDIDATES, CONTESTING THE 10 SEATS WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO PRESENT THEIR PLATFORMS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC.

THE FORUMS ARE ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE, TO ENABLE RESIDENTS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CANDIDATES.

THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR RAYMOND YOUNG, WILL BE THE MODERATOR.

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FORUM DETAILS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DATE	TIME	CONSTITUENCY	VENUE
TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY)	8 PM	WAN CHAI EAST	YU MAK YUEN YOUTH CENTRE, 20/F., TUNG WAH MANSION, 201 HENNESSY ROAD
FEBRUARY 15 (FRIDAY)	8 PM	WAN CHAI WEST	AUDITORIUM, DUKE OF WINDSOR SOCIAL SERVICE BUILDING, 15 HENNESSY ROAD
FEBRUARY 26 (TUESDAY)	8 PM	HAPPY VALLEY	ST PAUL'S SECONDARY SCHOOL, VENTRIS ROAD, HAPPY VALLEY
FEBRUARY 27 (WEDNESDAY)	8 PM	TAI HANG AND SO KON PO	CONFUCIUS HALL MIDDLE SCHOOL, CAROLINE HILL ROAD, SO KON PO
FEBRUARY 28 (THURSDAY)	8 PM	CAUSEWAY BAY CENTRAL	JARDINE SPORTS ASSOCIATION, 38/F., WORLD TRADE CENTRE, 280 GLOUCESTER ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY

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MORE SHELTERED WORKSHOPS FOR THE HANDICAPPED

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IT WAS GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TO SET UP MORE SHELTERED WORKSHOPS BEFORE THE END OF THE DECADE TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO SOME 4 000 HANDICAPPED PEOPLE, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ANSON CHAN, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE PO LEUNG KUK'S SHEK KIP MEI WORKSHOP, SHE SAID THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT NOT ONLY CONSTRUCTED AND OPERATED ITS OWN WORKSHOPS, BUT ALSO SUBVENTED VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO PROVIDE THIS MUCH NEEDED SERVICE.

THE NEW WORKSHOP, SITUATED AT BLOCKS 42 AND 43 SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE, PROVIDED SHELTERED EMPLOYMENT FOR 120 MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE.

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THE PO LEUNG KUK GRANTED OVER $700 000 TOWARDS THE CAPITAL COST OF THE PROJECT AND ITS CHAIRMAN DONATED A SUM OF $180 000 FOR THE FITTING OUT COSTS.

MRS CHAN COMMENDED THE SPEEDY COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT WHICH TOOK ONLY TEN MONTHS.

+THIS COMMENDABLE ACHIEVEMENT OWES MUCH TO THE KUK'S GENEROSITY, THE ASSISTANCE OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND THE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE KUK AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT,+ SHE SAID.

SHE PRAISED THE KUK FOR ITS LONG AND DISTINGUISHED TRADITION OF PROVIDING WELFARE SERVICES, WHICH HAD WON THE CONFIDENCE AND APPRECIATION OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

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INTELPOST REACHES FINLAND

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THE INTELPOST NETWORK FROM HONG KONG WILL BE EXTENDED TO FINLAND FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY), THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY.

INTELPOST ITEMS POSTED IN HONG KONG BEFORE 6 PM WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION BY THE ADDRESSEE AT THE INTELPOST CENTRES OR DELIVERED TO THE ADDRESSEE THE SAME DAY THROUGHOUT FINLAND, A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

CHARGES FOR THE SERVICE TO FINLAND WILL BE:

FOR THE FIRST SIDE OF AN A4 SHEET OF PAPER	$65
FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT A4 SIDE SENT TO THE SAME ADDRESSEE AT THE SAME TIME	$30

INTELPOST IS ALSO AVAILABLE TO MANY OTHER COUNTRIES.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE SERVICE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE INTELPOST REPRESENTATIVE ON TELEPHONE 5-2671148.

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WINNING POSTERS ON DISPLAY

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MORE THAN 200 OUTSTANDING ENTRIES IN THE KEEP SHING MUN RIVER CLEAN PUBLICITY POSTERS AND SIGNS COMPETITION WERE DISPLAYED AT THE NEW TOWN PLAZA IN SHA TIN FROM TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HEALTH GROUP OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE COMMITTEE OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD, MR CHAN KAI-YUNG, THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OF SHA TIN, MR TANG KWOK-WAI, AND THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF SHA TIN, MR NG YING-NEEN, OFFICIATED AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL FEBRUARY 27 (WEDNESDAY).

AT A PRIZE-PRESENTING CEREMONY HELD LATER AT A RESTAURANT, SOUVENIR CUPS AND BANNERS WERE AWARDED TO 39 WINNERS OF THE COMPETITION.

THE COMPETITION, WHICH ATTRACTED MORE THAN 400 ENTRIES, WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE COMMITTEE OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE SHA TIN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR.

THE DESIGN COMPETITION WAS DIVIDED INTO THREE SECTIONS - THE OPEN SECTION FOR POSTERS, THE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SECTIONS FOR SIGNS.

WINNING ENTRIES IN THE POSTER SECTION WILL BE PRINTED AND WINNING ENTRIES IN THE SIGN SECTION WILL BE PUT UP AT THE NOTICE BOARDS AT PUBLIC PLACES TO PUT ACROSS THE MESSAGE OF KEEPING THE RIVER CLEAN AND TIDY.

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WARNING ON POSSESSION OF FIREWORK

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT THEY ARE PROHIBITED FROM ANY UNLICENSED POSSESSION OR DISCHARGE OF FIREWORK, FIRE-CRACKERS, PISTOL CAPS AND PARTY POPPERS.

UNDER THE DANGEROUS GOODS ORDINANCE, ANY PERSON WHO POSSESSES OR DISCHARGES ANY FIREWORK WITHOUT A LICENCE IS LIABLE, ON CONVICTION, TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF $25 000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT, ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S MINES DIVISION.

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HE SAID SPOT CHECKS WOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY EXPLOSIVES OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT, ESPECIALLY AROUND THE LUNAR NEW YEAR, TO SHOPS AND PREMISES SUSPECTED OF SELLING AND STORING SUCH GOODS.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT ANY UNLICENSED DANGEROUS GOODS WHEN FOUND WOULD BE SEIZED AND THE OFFENDERS WOULD BE PROSECUTED.

HE URGED THAT ANYONE WHO FOUND HIMSELF IN POSSESSION OF ANY FIREWORK OR ANY CATEGORY I DANGEROUS GOODS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY HAND THEM TO THE MINES DIVISION AT CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES OR TO THE NEAREST POLICE STATION.

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CANDIDATES MEET PRESS

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THE 38 DISTRICT BOARD ELECTION CANDIDATES IN KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT WILL MEET THE PRESS AT 3 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE 10TH FLOOR OF THE KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES (NEXT TO THE KWAI HING MTR STATION), AT 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

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CHILDREN'S CHOIR LOOKING FOR NEW TALENT

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THE SAI KUNG CHILDREN'S CHOIR IS LOOKING FOR NEW TALENT.

YOUNGSTERS BETWEEN SIX AND FIFTEEN WHO ARE INTERESTED IN MUSIC ARE URGED TO TRY OUT FOR THE CHOIR, WHICH WAS FORMED SIX YEARS AGO UNDER SPONSORSHIP OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD.

THE CHOIR HAS ABOUT 60 MEMBERS IN THE JUNIOR AND SENIOR DIVISIONS, AND STAGES ANNUAL CONCERTS AT THE CITY HALL, THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL AND THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL.

IT HAS ALSO PRODUCED A UNIQUE SONG, THE +SAI KUNG SUITE+, WHICH IS SPLIT INTO TWO SECTIONS, THE +SONG OF THE EARTH+ AND +SONGS OF THE SEA+. THE SONG DESCRIBES THE SAI KUNG SCENERY AND THE COMMUNITY'S RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL LIFE.

IN ADDITION TO THE WEEKLY TRAINING SESSIONS IN THE SUNG TSUN MIDDLE SCHOOL, THE CHOIR'S ACTIVITIES INCLUDE MUSIC CAMPS AND PERFORMANCES ON TELEVISION AND IN DISTRICT FUNCTIONS.

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+THE SAI KUNG CHILDREN'S CHOIR IS A FINE EXAMPLE OF THE KEEN INTEREST SHOWN BY COMMUNITY LEADERS IN THE WELFARE OF CHILD AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT,+ A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THE IDEA OF A CHILDREN'S CHOIR WAS A SPONTANEOUS RESPONSE TO CHILDREN'S CULTURAL NEEDS IN THE DISTRICT AND BEGAN IN A SMALL WAY,+ HE SAID.

+BUT SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1979, THE CHOIR HAS GROWN FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH AND HAS TRAINED MORE THAN 100 CHILDREN IN CHOIR SINGING.+

ANYONE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE SAI KUNG CHILDREN'S CHOIR SHOULD CONTACT MISS VICKY WONG ON 3-2814455 EXT. 28.

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QUOTA SYSTEM TO COPE WITH BUSY DAYS

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A QUOTA SYSTEM WILL BE INTRODUCED AT FOUR LICENSING OFFICES OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TO COPE WITH THE LARGE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS ON BUSY DAYS.

+UNDER THE SYSTEM, LICENCE AND PERMIT APPLICANTS WILL BE GIVEN AN 'APPOINTMENT DISC' ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS IN THE LICENSING OFFICES BEFORE THE APPLICATION IS PROCESSED,+ A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

+THE NEW SYSTEM WILL BE CARRIED OUT ON AN EXPERIMENTAL BASIS. IT IS EXPECTED TO REDUCE WAITING TIME AT BUSY PERIOD ESPECIALLY DURING THE BEGINNING AND END OF EACH MONTH AND ENCOURAGE APPLICANTS TO MAKE USE OF THE LESS BUSY DAYS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH,+ HE SAID.

MEANWHILE, APPLICATIONS MAY ALSO BE MADE BY REGISTERED POST, ENCLOSING THE RELEVANT APPLICATION FORMS, SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AND APPROPRIATE FEES, TO P.O. BOX 69511, KWUN TONG POST OFFICE.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT VEHICLE AND DRIVING LICENCES COULD BE RENEWED AT ANY TIME DURING THE FOUR MONTHS BEFORE LICENCE EXPIRED.

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121 PASS MEDICAL EXAMINATION

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A TOTAL OF 121 CANDIDATES HAD PASSED PART I OF THE LICENTIATE EXAMINATION FOR UNREGISTRABLE DOCTORS, THE MEDICAL COUNCIL OF HONG KONG ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY).

ALTOGETHER, 479 CANDIDATES SAT FOR THE MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTION PAPER ON PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE ON JANUARY 8, 1985.

PART II OF THE EXAMINATION, DESIGNED TO TEST THE CANDIDATES' PROFICIENCY IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE, WILL TAKE PLACE ON MARCH 5, AND MAY 7 THIS YEAR.

IN ADDITION TO THE 121 SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES, 19 OTHER CANDIDATES WHO FAILED PART II OF THE EXAMINATION IN PREVIOUS YEARS, WILL ALSO SIT FOR THE SAME EXAMINATION.

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SHA TIN LIGHTS UP FOR NEW YEAR

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SHA TIN TOWN CENTRE WILL BE ADORNED WITH BRIGHT DECORATIVE LIGHTS TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO HERALD THE FESTIVE LUNAR NEW YEAR SEASON.

UNOFFICIAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG WILL OFFICIATE AT THE FESTIVE LIGHTS SWITCHING-ON CEREMONY AT THE SAND MARTIN BRIDGE, WHICH WILL BE FOLLOWED BY SPECTACULAR DRAGON AND LION DANCES.

ALSO ATTENDING THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SHA TIN FESTIVE LIGHTING ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR CHOI KAN-PUI, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM WOON-KWONG, UNOFFICIAL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, AND CHAIRMEN OF AREA COMMITTEES.

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NEW MAXICAB SERVICE IN SHA TIN

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A NEW MAXICAB SERVICE WILL START RUNNING BETWEEN KAU TO AND FO TAN KCR STATION FROM FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 15).

THE SERVICE, NO. 66K, WILL RUN FROM 7 AM TO 9 PM DAILY, AT A FARE OF $1.50.

AT THE SAME TIME, MAXICAB ROUTE 65K OPERATING BETWEEN SIU LEK YUEN AND FO TAN, AND KMB ROUTE 82K OPERATING BETWEEN MEI LAM AND FO TAN, WILL BE EXTENDED TO TERMINATE AT FO TAN KCR STATION.

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CENTRES OFFER ANTI-RABIES SHOTS FOR DOGS

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SIX TEMPORARY CENTRES WILL BE SET UP FOR TWO DAYS DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS FOR FISHERMEN WHO WANT TO HAVE THEIR DOGS INOCULATED AGAINST RABIES.

THE CENTRES WILL BE AT THE FISHERIES MARKETS IN SHAU KEI WAN, ABERDEEN, SHA TAU KOK, SAM SHING HUI IN CASTLE PEAK, SAI KUNG AND AT THE SEAFRONT IN SAM MUN CHAI, TAI PO, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

THEY WILL BE OPENED ON FEBRUARY 14 AND 28 FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THESE TWO DAYS WERE CHOSEN BECAUSE MOST FISHERMEN WOULD BE BACK FROM THEIR FISHING TRIPS AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR FOR THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

HE SAID THAT ALL DOGS OVER FIVE MONTHS OF AGE WERE REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE LICENSED, INOCULATED AGAINST RABIES AND KEPT UNDER CONTROL AT ALL TIMES.

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'FORTUNE SCROLLS' BEING HANDED OUT

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+SPRING+ SCROLLS WITH THE CHINESE CHARACTER +FOOK+, WHICH MEANS GOOD FORTUNE, BLESSING AND HAPPINESS, WILL BE DISTRIBUTED DOOR-TO-DOOR TO NEARLY ALL HOUSEHOLDS IN KWUN TONG DISTRICT.

THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD HAS SPENT $17 000 PRINTING 200 000 OF THE SCROLLS, WHICH ARE TRADITIONALLY PASTED ON DOORS TO BRING GOOD FORTUNE TO THE HOUSEHOLD DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

MESSAGES REMINDING PEOPLE TO VOTE IN THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS ON MARCH 7 ARE PRINTED IN SMALLER TYPE ALONG THE EDGES OF THE SCROLLS.

THE +FOOK+ SCROLLS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY COUNTERS OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS FIVE SUB-OFFICES.

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TIPPING WORKS START IN TUEN MUN

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PHASE II OF CONTROLLED TIPPING WORK AT PILLAR POINT VALLEY IN TUEN MUN STARTED LAST WEEK, AFTER THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR THE PROJECT.

THE $11.9 MILLION CONTRACT INCLUDES FURTHER SITE PREPARATION AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF DRAINAGE SYSTEMS.

WHEN THE TIP IS FILLED, ABOUT 5.5 HECTARES OF OPEN SPACE CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR RECREATIONAL AND AMENITY USE.

THE ENTIRE PROJECT WILL BE COMPLETED BY MID-1987.

PHASE I OF THE WORK, WHICH INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF ACCESS ROADS, DRAINAGE SYSTEMS AND SLOPE PROTECTION, STARTED TWO YEARS AGO AND WILL BE COMPLETED THIS YEAR.

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RECREATIONAL VENUES CLOSE FOR NEW YEAR FAIRS

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SIX RECREATIONAL VENUES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE WHOLLY OR PARTIALLY CLOSED FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) FOR LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIRS.

THE SIX VENUES ARE TUEN MUN PLAYGROUND, TAI PO PLAYGROUND, SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND IN TSUEN WAN, SHEK WU HUI PLAYGROUND IN SHEUNG SHUI, YUEN WO ROAD PLAYGROUND IN SHA TIN AND KWAI CHUNG SPORTS GROUND, ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE FAIRS WILL BE HELD FROM FEBRUARY 13 TO 20.

IN YUEN LONG, THE FAIR WILL BE HELD AT THE PEDESTRIAN MALL OPPOSITE THE YUEN LONG PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL.

A TOTAL OF 981 STALLS, EARMARKED FOR SELLING FLOWERS, DRY GOODS, DRINKS AND ICE-CREAM, WILL BE PUT UP AT THE SEVEN FAIR SITES.

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CLEARWAY TO BE EXTENDED

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THE EXISTING URBAN CLEARWAY AT BELCHER'S STREET EASTBOUND BETWEEN SANDS STREET AND COLLINSON STREET IN KENNEDY TOWN WILL BE EXTENDED EASTWARDS FOR ABOUT 60 METRES FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 15).

THE EXTENSION, WHICH IS TO FACILITATE SLOPE WORK, WILL LAST FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE, NO MOTOR VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM DAILY.

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THE EXISTING 7 AM TO 10 AM AND 4 PM TO 7 PM TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS AT THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE OF HEUNG SZE WUI STREET, AND THE SOUTHERN SECTION OF WAI YAN STREET BETWEEN PO HEUNG STREET AND ON FU ROAD WILL BE RESCINDED, FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 15).

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