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BOWEN LEUNG NAMED AS DEPUTY SDA
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THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BOWEN LEUNG, WILL BECOME DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION EARLY NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR, SUBJECT TO THE FORMAL CREATION OF THE POST, A CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (GENERAL), MR C.M. LEUNG, WILL TAKE UP THE DUTIES OF THE DSDA POST FOR ADMINISTRATIVE CONVENIENCE WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT UNTIL MR BOWEN LEUNG ASSUMES DUTY.

MR C.M. LEUNG IS FILLING AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B POST WHICH WAS REDEPLOYED FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES REGION TO CNTA HEADQUARTERS FOLLOWING THE ADMINISTRATIVE SPLIT OF TSUEN WAN DISTRICT IN SEPTEMBER.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE CREATION OF THE DSDA POST WAS NECESSARY BECAUSE OF THE INCREASING WORKLOAD AT CNTA HEADQUARTERS.

DSDA WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SUPERVISION OF THE FIVE OPERATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISIONS IN CNTA HEADQUARTERS AND FOR ASSISTING THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION IN THE FORMULATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF POLICIES RELATING TO THE OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

+THE DSDA WILL ALSO MONITOR AND, WHERE NECESSARY, CO-ORDINATE THE WORKING RELATIONSHIP AND POLITICAL INTERFACE BETWEEN THE DISTRICT BOARDS AND OTHER GOVERNMENT ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+HE WILL ALSO CO-ORDINATE POLICY AND IMPORTANT OPERATIONAL ISSUES THAT ARE OF CONCERN TO THE TWO REGIONAL SECRETARIES,+ HE ADDED.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT AREA OF HIS WORK IS THE OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE REVIEW OF OPERATIONAL AND LEGISLATIVE MATTERS RELATING TO THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

HE HAS ALSO BEEN CHARGED WITH THE TASK OF REVIEWING THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS IN THE OPERATION OF THE LOCAL ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM AND IN THE OVERALL CONTEXT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

+THE DSDA WILL BE ASSISTING THE SDA IN THE FORMULATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF POLICIES IN THE AREAS OF COMMUNITY BUILDING, YOUTH MATTERS, CIVIC EDUCATION OUTSIDE SCHOOLS AND TRADITIONAL MATTERS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+HE WILL ALSO GUIDE AND SUPERVISE THE OVERALL SYSTEM OF COLLECTING, COLLATING AND ASSESSING COMMUNITY INFORMATION AS WELL AS PUBLIC REACTIONS TO VARIOUS GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS,+ HE ADDED.

THE SUCCESSOR TO MR BOWEN LEUNG WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN DUE COURSE.

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FAMILIARISATION WILL BE INITIAL TASK
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THE FIRST JOB OF THE NEXT GOVERNOR WILL BE TO BRING HIMSELF UP-TO-DATE WITH WHAT IS GOING ON IN HONG KONG, THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OPENING THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR FOR LANGUAGE TEACHERS, SIR DAVID SAID THE NEW GOVERNOR WOULD FIRST KEEP ABREAST WITH +WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SENSE, WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE POLITICAL SENSE, AND WHAT'S GOING ON WITH REGARD TO THE BUILDING OF HONG KONG FOR THE FUTURE -- THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF HONG KONG.+

+HONG KONG NOW IS A HIGHLY COMPLICATED PLACE, AND IT WILL TAKE HIM SOME TIME TO READ HIMSELF IN,+ HE SAID.

ASKED ABOUT BUILDING OF RELATIONS WITH CHINA AS A PRIORITY FOR THE NEW GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID SAID: +AGAIN, YOU CAN'T SAY THAT ONE THING IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN ANOTHER. ALL THESE FACTORS ARE IMPORTANT.+

QUERIED ABOUT CONSIDERATION TO BE GIVEN BY THE GOVERNMENT TO THE RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS IN THE BASIC LAW DRAFTING COMMITTEE ABOUT HONG KONG'S POLITICAL SYSTEM, SIR DAVID SAID THERE WAS A CONSIDERABLE HONG KONG COMPONENT IN THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE.

+AND THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE ARE ADVISED BY 180 PEOPLE IN HONG KONG WHO FORM THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE. THEY ARE PEOPLE FROM HONG KONG, THEY'LL BE SPEAKING IN THE BASIC LAW DRAFTING COMMITTEE AND THEY'LL ALSO BE SPEAKING IN HONG KONG ABOUT THE HONG KONG SYSTEM,+ HE SAID.

+SO THERE IS A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF DUALITY, IF YOU LIKE.+

WHEN ASKED IF THERE WOULD BE A NEW POST OF DEPUTY GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID SAID THIS WAS SPECULATION.

+I THINK OUR IMPORTANT TASK NOW IS TO WAIT PATIENTLY UNTIL THE APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW GOVERNOR IS ANNOUNCED, AND NOT TO SPECULATE TOO WILDLY ABOUT WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN NEXT,+ HE SAID.

AS TO WHETHER THERE WOULD BE A WIDE-RANGING RESHUFFLE, AND THE NUMBER OF OFFICIALS TO BE AFFECTED, THE ACTING GOVERNOR SAID: +IF A NUMBER OF PEOPLE LEAVE THE GOVERNMENT FOR WHATEVER REASON OR ANOTHER, THEN OBVIOUSLY THERE HAS TO BE QUITE A SHIFT OF PEOPLE OCCUPYING THE KEY POSTS IN THE GOVERNMENT. THIS MUST BE OBVIOUS TO EVERYONE, AND IT'S THAT WHICH WILL CONCERN US OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS AND MONTHS, BUT THE FIRST THING TO DO IS TO WAIT UNTIL WE HAVE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW GOVERNOR.

+THERE ARE ONE OR TWO OBVIOUS KEY FIGURES IN THIS, AND TO MENTION ONE PARTICULAR APPOINTMENT WHICH WE ALL KNOW ABOUT, THAT IS, THE COMMISSIONER IN LONDON WILL BE RETIRING AND HE HAS TO BE REPLACED. WE HAVE TO FIND SOMEONE TO REPLACE HIM, AND THEN WE HAVE TO FIND SOMEONE TO REPLACE HIM. SO YOU KNOW THERE IS A KNOCK-ON EFFECT TO ALL THESE APPOINTMENTS.+

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WIDER ROLE FOR CANTONESE IN SCHOOLS

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CANTONESE WOULD, IN FUTURE, BE USED MORE WIDELY IN SCHOOLS, FOLLOWING THE DECISION TO ENCOURAGE ITS USE AS A MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION, THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON RE-EXPLORING CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR LANGUAGE TEACHERS ORGANISED BY THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, HE SAID 241 SECONDARY SCHOOLS HAD INDICATED THAT THEY WERE INTERESTED IN MAKING THIS CHANGE.

EXTRA RESOURCES WOULD BE PROVIDED TO THOSE SCHOOLS THAT DECIDED TO MAKE THE CHANGE TO ENSURE THAT THEY WERE ABLE TO MAINTAIN A GOOD STANDARD OF ENGLISH.

NOTING THAT SIGNIFICANT CHANGES WERE TAKING PLACE IN THE ROLES OF LANGUAGES IN HONG KONG'S FORMAL EDUCATION SYSTEM AND IN THE USES OF CANTONESE, PUTONGHUA AND ENGLISH, SIR DAVID SAID, +THE CHANGES THAT ARE PERTINENT TO EACH OF THESE THREE WILL ALSO AFFECT THE OTHER TWO.+

HE SAID THAT PUTONGHUA HAD BEEN OFFERED AS AN OPTIONAL SUBJECT IN ALL PUBLIC SECTOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS SINCE SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR.

+THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL CONSIDER OFFERING IT AS AN OPTIONAL SUBJECT IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS AFTER THE CONCLUSION, NEXT YEAR, OF THE SECOND PHASE OF A SECONDARY SCHOOL PUTONGHUA PILOT PROJECT.

+PUTONGHUA IS CERTAINLY BECOMING MORE POPULAR BECAUSE OF THE INCREASING LINKS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA,+ HE SAID.

TURNING TO ENGLISH, WHICH HAD PLAYED A CRUCIAL ROLE IN COMMERCE IN HONG KONG SINCE THE TERRITORY FIRST BEGAN TO DEVELOP AS A TRADING CENTRE LAST CENTURY, SIR DAVID SAID, +ENGLISH HAS BECOME AN INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE AND, TODAY, NEARLY A THIRD OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION OF FOUR BILLION PEOPLE HAVE CAUSE TO USE ENGLISH AS AN IMPORTANT MEDIUM OF COMMUNICATION AND AS A SIGNIFICANT LANGUAGE IN COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

+THERE IS, HOWEVER, NO DOUBT THAT THE USE OF ENGLISH FOR THESE PURPOSES IN HONG KONG WILL INCREASE AND THAT IT WILL, THEREFORE, NEED TO BE EMPLOYED WITH EVER-INCREASING SOPHISTICATION.+

SIR DAVID MENTIONED WAYS IN WHICH THE GOVERNMENT WAS DEALING, IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR EDUCATION SYSTEM, WITH THE PARTICULAR CHANGES THAT WERE TAKING PLACE IN LANGUAGE USE.

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+IN ORDER TO ASSIST SCHOOLS THAT DECIDE TO CHANGE THEIR MEDIA OF INSTRUCTION, THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION WILL OFFER, FROM FEBRUARY 1987, COURSES FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS IN THE USE OF CHINESE FOR THE TEACHING OF SUBJECTS OTHER THAN ENGLISH,+ HE SAID.

+IN-SERVICE TRAINING OF TEACHERS TO BE PROFICIENT IN PUTONGHUA AND TO BE COMPETENT IN TEACHING THE SUBJECT IS EXPANDING.+

THE INSTITUTE WAS NOW RUNNING, EACH SUMMER, SPECIAL SHORT COURSES IN LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT, AND TEACHING METHODS, IN ADDITION TO ITS REGULAR FULL-TIME CHINESE REFRESHER COURSES, WHICH INCLUDED COMPULSORY FUNDAMENTAL STUDIES IN PUTONGHUA.

THERE WERE TWO PROJECTS WHICH BORE UPON CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHERS, HE SAID.

THE FIRST WAS A PILOT RESEARCH AND TEACHER EDUCATION PROJECT TO ENCOURAGE EXTENSIVE READING IN JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL.

AN EXPERIMENTAL STUDY HAD BEEN LAUNCHED IN NINE SCHOOLS, AND SEMINARS FOR TEACHERS FROM THESE SCHOOLS HAD BEEN HELD AT THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION TO BRIEF THEM ON THE PURPOSE OF THE STUDY AND ON ITS METHODOLOGY.

+I UNDERSTAND THAT RIGOROUS EVALUATION PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN BUILT INTO THE PROJECT DESIGN AND THAT THE PROGRESS MADE BY PUPILS IN THE PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS IS BEING MONITORED,+ HE SAID.

THE SECOND PROJECT INCLUDED AN INTENSIVE THREE-WEEK RESIDENTIAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY COURSE IN HONG KONG TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE INSTITUTE AND AN IMMERSION PROGRAMME IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

+ABOUT 100 TEACHERS WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE COURSES IN 1987 AND, IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS, THE NUMBERS WILL INCREASE TO APPROXIMATELY 300 PER YEAR AND WILL INCLUDE GRADUATE AS WELL AS NON-GRADUATE SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS OF ENGLISH,+ SIR DAVID SAID.

POLICY AIMED AT ACHIEVING HIGHER LEVEL OF PRODUCTIVITY
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THE CENTRAL AIM OF THE GOVERNMENT'S INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT POLICIES IS TO STIMULATE INVESTMENT IN ACTIVITIES THAT WOULD ENABLE MANUFACTURERS TO ACHIEVE HIGHER LEVELS OF PRODUCTIVITY AND TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THEIR OUTPUT, THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR K.Y. YEUNG, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT A SEMINAR ORGANISED BY THE JAPANESE JIJI PRESS, MR YEUNG SAID THAT WITHOUT INVESTMENT IN AUTOMATION AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT SYSTEMS, IN PRODUCT DESIGN AND PRODUCT INNOVATION, IN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIES WERE LIKELY TO COME UNDER INCREASING PRESSURE FROM COMPETITORS IN THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION.

MR YEUNG SAID THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT PROVIDE STIMULUS TO INVESTMENT THROUGH GRANTS AND TAX INCENTIVES BUT THROUGH MANPOWER TRAINING PROGRAMMES, THE PRODUCTIVITY ENHANCEMENT SERVICES OF THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL AND THE QUALITY PROMOTION SERVICES OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT.

HE CITED EXAMPLES OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS THAT WOULD HELP UPGRADE THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY, SAYING:

+IN THE FIELD OF MANPOWER TRAINING THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT IS SEEKING, WITH THE HELP OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL (VTC), TO INTRODUCE NEXT YEAR A SCHEME OF TRAINING SCHOLARSHIPS TO ENABLE PRACTISING ELECTRONICS ENGINEERS TO BE TRAINED IN THE DESIGN OF APPLICATIONS SPECIFIC INTEGRATED CIRCUITS (ASIC), AN ACTIVE COMPONENT THAT HAS REVOLUTIONISED THE WORLD'S ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY IN RECENT YEARS.

+IN THE FIELD OF PRODUCTIVITY SERVICES, THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL IS RAPIDLY EXPANDING THEIR BUREAU AND CONSULTANCY SERVICES IN PRECISION TOOLING FOR MANUFACTURERS, AND DEVELOPING PROPOSALS TO PROVIDE A CONSULTANCY SERVICE ON SURFACE MOUNTING, THE PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY WHICH HAS ENABLED THE WORLD'S ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY TO ACHIEVE A REMARKABLE DEGREE OF PRODUCT SPECIALISATION AND MINIATURISATION.

+IN THE FIELD OF QUALITY SERVICES, THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS UNITS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S STANDARDS AND CALIBRATION LABORATORY (SCL) HAVE BEEN ACCREDITED BY BRITAIN'S NATIONAL PHYSICAL LABORATORY. THIS WOULD ENABLE THE SCL NOT ONLY TO PROVIDE A FIRST CLASS CALIBRATION SERVICE FOR OUR ELECTRONICS MANUFACTURERS ON THE BASIS OF STANDARDS TRACEABLE TO INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS, BUT ALSO TO ATTRACT TO HONG KONG FOREIGN MANUFACTURERS WHO RELY ON THESE STANDARDS AND SERVICES FOR THEIR PRODUCTION.+

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ON JAPANESE INVESTMENT, MR YEUNG SAID OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF JAPANESE INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG ESTIMATED AT U.S. \$2 799 MILLION, ONLY U.S. \$380 MILLION WAS IN MANUFACTURING AND WAS DISAPPOINTINGLY SMALL.

HE SAID HONG KONG'S POLICIES ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT WERE NOT ONLY STABLE BUT ALSO NON-DISCRIMINATORY AS BETWEEN FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC INVESTORS.

+THE FACT IS THAT WE MAINTAIN AN OPEN AND SIMPLE SYSTEM, WITH MINIMAL REGULATION OVER ANY BUSINESS.+

WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PRECISION TOOLING TRAINING CENTRE, WITH CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR PRECISION TOOLING ABOUT TO BE PROVIDED, AND APPROPRIATE TRAINING FOR ASIC DESIGNERS ABOUT TO BE LAUNCHED, IT WAS HOPED THAT MORE JAPANESE COMPANIES WOULD SERIOUSLY CONSIDER SETTING UP OPERATIONS HERE, MR YEUNG SAID.

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ENVIRONMENTAL NUISANCES UNDER DB SCRUTINY

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THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH COOKED FOOD STALLS IN THE MONG KOK WEST AREA AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

A SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE AREA COMMITTEE IDENTIFIED SUCH PROBLEMS AS FIRE HAZARD, OBSTRUCTION OF PAVEMENT, BLOCKAGE OF PUBLIC DRAINS AND NOISE NUISANCE.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO EXPRESS VIEWS ON THE LATE NIGHT NOISE NUISANCE CAUSED BY TAXI DRIVERS IN FA YUEN STREET AND PLAYING FIELD ROAD.

ALSO TO BE DISCUSSED ARE GENERAL TAXI POLICY AND A COMPLAINT ON PROBLEMS ARISING FROM ILLEGAL HAWKING ACTIVITIES IN ARGYLE STREET OPPOSITE MONG KOK MARKET.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, KOWLOON.

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DB TO CONSIDER 'MEET THE PUBLIC' SCHEME
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MEMBERS OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS A QUESTION REGARDING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE +MEET-THE-PUBLIC+ SCHEME AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

ANOTHER QUESTION CONCERNS THE OPERATION OF RESTAURANTS BEFORE LICENCES ARE ISSUED.

FURTHER DISCUSSION WILL TAKE PLACE ON STREET SLEEPING.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE A PROGRESS REPORT ON PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS IN WAN CHAI DISTRICT, AND REPORTS FROM THE BOARD'S COMMITTEES, THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND AREA COMMITTEES.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TOMORROW IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE AT 201 HENNESSY ROAD, EIGHTH FLOOR, TUNG WAH MANSION, WAN CHAI. IT WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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PUBLIC REMINDED OF FIREWORKS PROHIBITION
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT THEY ARE PROHIBITED FROM UNLICENSED POSSESSION OR DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS, 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.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT SPOT CHECKS WOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY EXPLOSIVES OFFICERS OF THE MINES DIVISION, ESPECIALLY AROUND CHRISTMAS AND LUNAR NEW YEAR, ON SHOPS AND PREMISES SUSPECTED OF SELLING OR STORING SUCH GOODS.

+ANY UNLICENSED DANGEROUS GOODS FOUND WILL BE SEIZED AND THE OFFENDERS WILL BE PROSECUTED,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ANYONE IN POSSESSION OF ANY FIREWORKS OR ANY CATEGORY I DANGEROUS GOODS SHOULD HAND THEM OVER TO THE MINES DIVISION IMMEDIATELY.

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BRIEFINGS ORGANISED ON ISLAND VEHICLE CONTROLS

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BRIEFINGS WILL BE HELD TOMORROW AND WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 16 AND 17) TO EXPLAIN VILLAGE VEHICLE CONTROL MEASURES TO RESIDENTS OF OUTLYING ISLANDS.

FOLLOWING LENGTHY CONSULTATIONS, THE GOVERNMENT DECIDED TO INTRODUCE CONTROL ON VILLAGE VEHICLES ON THE ISLANDS FROM FEBRUARY 2 NEXT YEAR.

THE BRIEFINGS OVER THE NEXT TWO DAYS WILL MAKE VILLAGE VEHICLE OWNERS FAMILIAR WITH WHAT THE MEASURES ENTAIL.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE WILL CONDUCT BRIEFINGS ON LANTAU, CHEUNG CHAU, LAMMA, AND PENG CHAU.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE CHEUNG CHAU VILLAGE VEHICLE CONTROL BRIEFING WILL TAKE PLACE TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT THE RURAL COMMITTEE PREMISES, 2 CHURCH ROAD, STARTING AT 2.30 PM. YOU ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

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ANNUAL DIGEST OF STATISTICS GOES ON SALE

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THE 1986 EDITION OF THE HONG KONG ANNUAL DIGEST OF STATISTICS IS NOW ON SALE.

THE DIGEST, PUBLISHED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, IS THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE SOURCE OF OFFICIAL STATISTICS. IT PROVIDES UP-TO-DATE STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TERRITORY.

THE PUBLICATION IS AVAILABLE AT \$95 A COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IN CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND FROM THE PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IN KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 317 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.

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STATISTICS IN THE LATEST EDITION COVER A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS. THESE INCLUDE POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS, LABOUR, INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES, TRANSPORT AND SERVICES, EXTERNAL TRADE, GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCTS, PUBLIC FINANCE, MONEY AND BANKING, PRICES AND HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE, FOOD SUPPLIES, TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATIONS AND TOURISM, BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION, HOUSING, EDUCATION, MEDICAL AND HEALTH, SOCIAL WELFARE, LAW AND ORDER.

THE DIGEST ALSO INCLUDES A NEW SECTION ON CULTURE AND RECREATION.

ALTOGETHER, 17 NEW TABLES HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE 1986 ISSUE WHICH PROVIDES A TOTAL OF 295 TABLES AND COVERS WHEREVER POSSIBLE A 10-YEAR PERIOD 1976 - 1985.

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VARIED BRIEFING GIVEN ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT
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ABOUT 150 MEMBERS OF OWNERS' CORPORATIONS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN WAN CHAI DISTRICT ATTENDED A SEMINAR ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND FIRE PREVENTION THIS (MONDAY) EVENING.

THEY WERE BRIEFED ON VARIOUS TOPICS BY THE WAN CHAI ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS CARMAN CHIU, AND BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HOUSING, FIRE SERVICES, LABOUR, AND ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTS AND THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION.

THE TOPICS RELATED TO BUILDING MANAGEMENT, FIRE PREVENTION, GAS SAFETY, AND EMPLOYMENT OF CARETAKERS AND WATCHMEN.

THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A GROUP DISCUSSION IN WHICH PARTICIPANTS DISCUSSED PROBLEMS AND EXCHANGED EXPERIENCES IN BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

THE SEMINAR WAS PART OF A BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND FIRE PREVENTION TRAINING PROGRAMME ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME WERE TO EDUCATE PARTICIPANTS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT SUCH AS SECURITY INSIDE BUILDINGS, MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF COMMON AREAS, AND PREVENTION OF FIRE.

EARLIER IN THE MONTH, SOME OF THE PARTICIPANTS VISITED THE POLICE CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU IN TSIM SHA TSUI WHERE THEY SAW THE LATEST SECURITY DEVICES. THEY WERE ALSO BRIEFED ON PREVENTION OF BULGARIES IN RESIDENTIAL AND OFFICE BUILDINGS.

ANOTHER VISIT WAS MADE TO THE OPERATIONS AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS DEPARTMENTS OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION.

THE DISTRICT OFFICE WOULD CONTINUE TO ORGANISE SUCH TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR THE BENEFIT OF RESIDENTS, A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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OLD BRIDGES ON ROUTE TWISK TO BE UPGRADED
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FOUR BRIDGES, CONSTRUCTED BY THE ARMY IN THE LATE 1940S, ON ROUTE TWISK IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ARE TO BE UPGRADED TO FULL HIGHWAY STANDARD UNDER AN IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

THE SINGLE CELL BOX CULVERTS ARE CONSIDERED SUBSTANDARD BY PRESENT HIGHWAY STANDARDS.

THE BRIDGES WILL BE STRENGTHENED BY LINING THE CULVERTS INTERNALLY WITH CORRUGATED STEEL, SO THAT THEIR BEARING CAPACITY CAN BE UPGRADED.

THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION METHOD WILL AVOID THE NECESSITY FOR TRAFFIC AND UTILITY DIVERSION WORK.

IMPROVEMENT SCHEME WILL ALSO INCLUDE REMOVING THE SHARP BEND NEAR ONE OF THE BRIDGES BY REALIGNING ABOUT 160 METRES OF APPROACH ROAD WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SECTION OF ROAD EMBANKMENT.

THE LAYING OF AN 1 800-MILLIMETRE DIAMETER DRAIN AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE AND SLOPE STABILISATION WORK WILL ALSO BE CARRIED OUT.

THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE WORK WHICH IS EXPECTED TO START IN FEBRUARY AND TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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NEW I/E DECLARATION FORMS ON SALE
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NEW REVISED IMPORT AND EXPORT DECLARATION FORMS HAVE BEEN PUT ON SALE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

THE NEW FORMS ARE TO REPLACE THE EXISTING IMPORT DECLARATION FORM 1 (CED 50), EXPORT/RE-EXPORT DECLARATION FORM 2 (CED 51) AND EXPORT DECLARATION FORM 3 (CED 52) FROM JANUARY 1, 1987.

THE EXPORT DECLARATION FORM 3 FOR THE EXPORT OF HONG KONG-MADE CLOTHINGS (INCLUDING FOOTWEAR ITEMS) IS TO BE REPLACED BY THE EXPORT DECLARATION FORM 2A.

FOR THE EXPORT AND RE-EXPORT OF ITEMS OTHER THAN HONG KONG-MADE CLOTHINGS, THE REVISED EXPORT/RE-EXPORT DECLARATION FORM 2 HAS TO BE USED.

THE IMPORT DECLARATION FORM 1, CURRENTLY USED FOR THE IMPORT OF ALL ITEMS, WILL BE REVISED AND ITS USE WILL BE LIMITED TO THE IMPORT OF ALL GOODS OTHER THAN FOOD ITEMS AS A NEW IMPORT DECLARATION FORM, FORM 1A, WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR THE IMPORT OF FOOD ITEMS.

THE NEW FORMS ARE ON SALE AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES:

- * GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION CENTRE,
GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING,
G/F, CONNAUGHT PLACE,
HONG KONG.
- * CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT
HONG KONG COLLECTION OFFICE,
SECOND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING,
38, PIER ROAD,
CENTRAL,
HONG KONG.
- * CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT
KOWLOON COLLECTION OFFICE,
GROUND FLOOR, OCEAN CENTRE,
CANTON ROAD,
KOWLOON.

UNDER THE LAW, IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS ARE REQUIRED TO LODGE IMPORT OR EXPORT DECLARATIONS WITH THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT IN SPECIFIED FORMS WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE IMPORT OR EXPORT OF THE GOODS.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT PROMOTES COURTESY
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RESIDENTS OF STANLEY AND SHEK O ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A SLOGAN COMPETITION ON THE THEME OF COURTESY TO PROMOTE THE AREA'S IMAGE AS A POPULAR TOURIST SPOT.

DETAILS OF THE SCHEME WERE GIVEN BY A SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN TODAY (MONDAY).

THE COMPETITION IS ORGANISED BY THE STANLEY AND SHEK O CIVIC EDUCATION TEAM IN SUPPORT OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.

ENTRY FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S STANLEY BRANCH, AND THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20. THE WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE PRINTED ON BANNERS AND BOOKMARKS TO PROMOTE COURTESY.

THE CIVIC EDUCATION PROGRAMMES FOR THE AREA ALSO INCLUDE HOUSEHOLD VISITS, A +LOVE YOUR ELDERLY+ CAMPAIGN AND ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

AS PART OF SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY, THE CIVIC EDUCATION TEAM WILL VISIT THE CHESHIRE HOME FOR THE ELDERLY AFTER CHRISTMAS.

THERE ARE ALSO PLANS TO ORGANISE A QUIZ ON REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT AND TO VISIT SCHOOLS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN THE AREA TO EXPLAIN THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

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STUDENT AMBASSADORS GET CERTIFICATES
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THREE FORM SIX STUDENTS WHO HAVE WON TRIPS OVERSEAS AS STUDENT AMBASSADORS RECEIVED CERTIFICATES AT A PRESENTATION TODAY (MONDAY).

THE THREE, WHO WON THEIR AWARDS UNDER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT STUDENT AMBASSADOR SCHEME, ARE RAYMOND BO OF LA SALLE COLLEGE, CHUNG MAN-FONG OF ST ROSE OF LIMA'S SCHOOL AND FUNG KIT-LIN OF MARYKNOLL CONVENT SCHOOL.

THE BOY WILL VISIT JAPAN AND THE TWO GIRLS WILL VISIT SINGAPORE. ALL THREE WILL BEGIN THEIR SEVEN-DAY TRIPS ON DECEMBER 22.

THEY SAID THEY WERE HAPPY TO BE CHOSEN AS STUDENT AMBASSADORS AND WOULD TAKE THE VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN THE CULTURE, LIVELIHOOD AND EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS OF THE HOST COUNTRIES.

DURING THE STUDY VISIT, THEY WILL STAY WITH FAMILIES ARRANGED UNDER THE EXPERIMENT INTERNATIONAL LIVING OF HONG KONG.

THEY WILL VISIT UNIVERSITIES, SCHOOLS, MUSEUMS, BROADCASTING STATIONS, AND COMMUNITY CENTRES.

THE STUDENT AMBASSADORS WILL BE GIVEN AN ORIENTATION COURSE ON HONG KONG BEFORE THEIR DEPARTURE, SO THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE GOODWILL INTRODUCTIONS ON THE TERRITORY TO THE PEOPLE THEY MEET.

OTHER STUDENTS RECEIVED BOOK COUPONS WORTH \$300 AND \$500 UNDER THE SCHEME.

TWO KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, DR DANIEL TSE AND MR WONG WING-PIU, CONTRIBUTED \$15 000 AND \$3 000 RESPECTIVELY TO RUNNING THE STUDENT AMBASSADOR SCHEME.

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FIRST SHA TIN FESTIVAL STARTS ON SUNDAY
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THE FIRST SHA TIN FESTIVAL, INVOLVING MANY CULTURAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES, WILL BE OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 21).

THE FESTIVAL HAS BEEN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

+THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE FESTIVAL IS TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS' INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES THROUGH PARTICIPATION. THIS WILL ENHANCE THEIR COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND MORE IMPORTANTLY DEVELOP A SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT+, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR WONG PO-MING, SAID AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (MONDAY).

+ACTIVITIES IN THE FESTIVAL WILL PROVIDE HEALTHY ENJOYMENT FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS AND AT THE SAME TIME ADD FESTIVE ATMOSPHERE,+ HE ADDED. THERE WILL BE MORE THAN 60 EVENTS.

THE FESTIVAL IS COSTING ABOUT \$1 MILLION, WITH ABOUT \$650 000 BEING SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE REST BEING MET BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND PRIVATE DONORS.

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A COLOURFUL PROCESSION, INVOLVING LION AND UNICORN DANCES, FLOATS AND A BAND PERFORMANCE, WILL MARK THE OPENING OF THE FESTIVAL AT 2 PM AT THE SHA TIN SPORTS GROUND.

THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MISS LYDIA DUNN, WILL OFFICIATE.

DISTRICT RESIDENTS WILL TAKE PART IN A NUMBER OF PERFORMANCES ON DECEMBER 27 AT LEK YUEN, SHA KOK, CHUN SHEK, SUN TIN WAI, POK HONG, WO CHE, LUNG HANG AND SHING MUN EAST.

A POPULAR EVENT WILL BE AN EXHIBITION ON THE HISTORY OF SHA TIN. THIS WILL BE HELD IN THE NEW SHA TIN TOWN HALL FROM JANUARY 1 TO 12, AND WILL FEATURE RELICS AND PHOTOGRAPHS.

OTHER ACTIVITIES INCLUDE BOAT RACES, FOOTBALL AND BASEBALL COMPETITIONS, DRAMA, CHINESE OPERA, ORCHESTRAL PERFORMANCES, AND A PHOTO COMPETITION.

THE FESTIVAL WILL CLOSE ON JANUARY 10 WITH A DANCE COMPETITION. MOST OF THE EVENTS ARE FREE OF CHARGE THOUGH ADMISSION TICKETS HAVE TO BE OBTAINED.

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VARIETY SHOW FOR MONG KOK RESIDENTS
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MONG KOK RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO AN ENTERTAINING VARIETY SHOW ON CHRISTMAS EVE AT THE ANCHOR STREET PLAYGROUND TO MARK THE CLOSING OF THE DISTRICT'S HEALTHY LIFE CAMPAIGN.

THE CAMPAIGN WAS LAUNCHED IN MAY BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, RELIGIOUS BODIES AND VARIOUS VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AS A DRIVE TO COUNTERACT THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF PORNOGRAPHIC PUBLICATIONS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

ACTIVITIES DURING THE CAMPAIGN WERE HELD IN FOUR STAGES, NAMED AFTER THE YEAR'S FOUR SEASONS TO SYMBOLISE GROWTH FROM CHILDHOOD TO ADULTHOOD.

THE VARIETY SHOW ON CHRISTMAS EVE WILL BE THE WINTER ACTIVITY AND WILL CONVEY THE MESSAGE OF PEACE.

PROGRAMMES FOR THE NIGHT INCLUDES SINGING AND DANCE PERFORMANCES AND A SLIDE SHOW. CHRISTMAS PRESENTS WILL BE GIVEN TO CHILDREN AND SOUVENIRS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE PARTICIPANTS.

ADMISSION TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS TAI KOK TSUI SUB-OFFICE.

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YOUTH BAND FESTIVAL BEGINS FRIDAY
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THE 1986 HONG KONG YOUTH BAND FESTIVAL WILL BEGIN ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 19) AND PROVIDE FIVE DAYS OF EVENTS.

THE FESTIVAL IS ORGANISED ANNUALLY BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH.

ON THE FIRST DAY, INTEREST WILL CENTRE ON A WIND ENSEMBLE CONTEST.

AN OPENING CONCERT WILL BE HELD AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 20), STARTING AT 8 PM.

THIS CONCERT, JOINTLY PRESENTED WITH THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, WILL FEATURE PERFORMANCES BY THE MUSIC OFFICE'S YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND AND A GUEST BAND FROM JAPAN -- THE HAKATA GIRLS' COMMERCIAL HIGH SCHOOL WIND BAND OF FUKUOKA.

DURING THE FESTIVAL, A SERIES OF THREE CHRISTMAS CONCERTS WILL BE HELD AT DIFFERENT VENUES TO ENTERTAIN THE PUBLIC.

THE CLIMAX WILL BE A GALA FINALE TO BE HELD AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM ON DECEMBER 23 (TUESDAY), BEGINNING AT 8 PM.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MUSIC OFFICE SAID THE AIMS OF THE FESTIVAL ARE TO STIMULATE INTEREST IN BAND MUSIC AND TO RAISE THE STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE AMONG BAND PLAYERS.

+AT THE SAME TIME, WE ALSO HOPE TO ENCOURAGE SCHOOLS AND ORGANISATIONS TO FORM BANDS,+ HE ADDED.

THE FESTIVAL IS ORGANISED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE TOM LEE MUSIC CO., LTD.

OTHER EVENTS INCLUDE A SYMPHONIC BAND CONTEST AND A MARCHING BAND CONTEST.

TICKETS AT \$5 AND \$10 EACH FOR THE OPENING CONCERT AND THE GALA FINALE ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BOX OFFICE OF TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL AND THE URBIX OUTLETS AT THE CITY HALL, QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, SPACE MUSEUM, HONG KONG COLISEUM AND TOM LEE MUSIC CO., LTD. (CAMERON LANE, MAN YEE BUILDING, TAIKOO SHING CITY PLAZA AND HENNESSY ROAD).

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON 3-7226240.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 61.3 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 359.603 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 411.061 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 70.1 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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SHA TIN WATER CUT
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FRESH AND SALT WATER SUPPLIES TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN THE NORTHERN PART OF SHA TIN DISTRICT WILL BE CUT OFF FROM 10 PM ON DECEMBER 18 (THURSDAY) UNTIL 7 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR INSTALLATION OF A NEW CONNECTION TO THE PRIMARY DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY SHA TIN CLINIC, MAN LAM ROAD, MAN LAI ROAD, TAI WAI INDUSTRIAL AREA, TAI WAI, TO FUNG SAN, TO LO WAN HILL, PAK TIN, MEI LAM ESTATE, MEI SHING COURT, MUI LEE T.H.A., HEUNG FAN LIU, TAI WAI NEW VILLAGE, LOWER SHING MUN ROAD, LOWER SHING MUN T.H.A., FU SHAN CREMATORIUM, SHA TIN HEIGHTS.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN CENTRAL
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THE SECTION OF MORRISON STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL AND A POINT ABOUT FIVE METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION, WHICH HAS BEEN CLOSED TO TRAFFIC SINCE NOVEMBER 27 FOR ROAD WORKS, WILL REMAIN CLOSED FOR ANOTHER TWO WEEKS FROM THURSDAY (DECEMBER 18).

TRAFFIC RE-ROUTINGS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CLOSURE WILL CONTINUE TO APPLY. THEY ARE:

- * THE SECTION OF MORRISON STREET BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT FIVE METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL AND WING LOK STREET IS RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND TO TWO-WAY FOR LOCAL ACCESS.
- * NORTHBOUND VEHICLES ON MORRISON STREET ARE ALLOWED TO MAKE A LEFT TURN INTO WING LOK STREET.
- * THE SECTION OF CLEVERLY STREET BETWEEN DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL AND WING LOK STREET IS RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND TO ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.

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