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WORKS TO IMPROVE TRANSFER CAPABILITIES OF CHINA WATER

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THE RECEPTION AND TRANSFER SYSTEM FOR WATER FROM CHINA WILL BE GREATLY INCREASED BY 1995 WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE FIRST STAGE OF A CAPACITY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

ON THE COMPLETION OF THE WORKS, THE CAPACITY OF CHINA WATER RECEPTION AND TRANSFER SYSTEM WILL BE INCREASED FROM THE EXISTING MAXIMUM OF 620 TO 1,100 MILLION CUBIC METRES PER YEAR.

THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR WONG KWOK-LAI, TODAY (MONDAY) SIGNED A CONSULTANCY AGREEMENT WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF PHH/SWK WATER CONSULTANTS FOR DETAILED DESIGN AND CONTRACT SUPERVISION FOR THE FIRST PACKAGE OF THE STAGE I IMPROVEMENT WORK.

AFTER THE SIGNING CEREMONY, THE ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR/CHINA WATER, MR C.G. KO SAID.:

"FOLLOWING THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND THE GUANGDONG PROVINCIAL PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT ON THE SUPPLY OF WATER TO HONG KONG FROM THE EAST RIVER ON DECEMBER 21, 1989, THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT HAS COMPLETED THE CONCEPTUAL PLANNING FOR THE WORKS REQUIRED TO RECEIVE AND DISTRIBUTE ADDITIONAL WATER SUPPLY FROM CHINA TO COPE WITH ANTICIPATED DEMAND BEYOND 1994.

"IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORKS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO STAGES WITH THE FIRST STAGE TO BE COMPLETED BY 1995 AND THE REMAINING STAGES PROGRAMMED OVER THE PERIOD 1995 TO 2001.

"THE STAGE I WORKS, AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$1.9 BILLION, ARE SPLIT INTO TWO PACKAGES FOR THE ENGAGEMENT OF CONSULTANTS TO UNDERTAKE DETAILED DESIGN AND CONTRACT SUPERVISION," MR KO ADDED.

THE FIRST PACKAGE OF THE STAGE I WORK CONSISTS:

- (I) CONSTRUCTION OF MUK WU 'C' PUMPING STATION AND THE ASSOCIATED RECEPTION TANKS AT THE BORDER INCLUDING RIVER CROSSING PIPEWORK TO CONNECT WITH THE DELIVERY SYSTEM OF CHINA AT THE NORTHERN BANK OF SHENZHEN RIVER. THE PUMPING STATION HAS A PLANNED ULTIMATE PUMPING CAPACITY OF 2,300 MEGA-LITRES PER DAY (MLD). THE INSTALLED CAPACITY FOR STAGE I WILL BE 2,000 MLD.
- (II) CONSTRUCTION OF AU TAU 'B' PUMPING STATION TO BOOST PUMP WATER DELIVERED FROM MUK WU TO TAI LAM CHUNG RESERVOIR. THE INITIAL INSTALLED PUMPING CAPACITY WILL BE ABOUT 700 MLD. THIS WILL BE INCREASED ULTIMATELY TO ABOUT 1,000 MLD IN SUBSEQUENT STAGES.
- (III) UPGRADING THE TRANSFER CAPACITY OF THE EXISTING MUK WU/TAI PO TAU AQUEDUCT BY DUPLICATING SOME 16 KILOMETRES OF ABOUT 2,200 MILLIMETRES DIAMETER WATERMAINS ALONG ITS WHOLE ROUTE.

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(IV) UPRATING THE TRANSFER CAPACITY OF THE EXISTING MUK WU/AU TAU AQUEDUCT BY DUPLICATING THE WATERMAINS SECTIONS OF THIS AQUEDUCT. ALTOGETHER, APPROXIMATELY SIX KILOMETRES OF ABOUT 2,200 MILLIMETRES DIAMETER WATERMAINS WILL BE LAID IN THIS ROUTE.

THESE WORKS WILL ENHANCE THE TRANSFER CAPABILITIES OF WATER RECEIVED FROM CHINA IN THE WESTERLY AND CENTRAL DIRECTIONS.

THE ESTIMATED COST OF THIS PACKAGE OF WORKS IS \$1 BILLION, ALL OF WHICH ARE SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BEFORE THE END OF 1994.

THE SECOND PACKAGE OF THE STAGE I WORKS, WHICH AIMS TO ENHANCE THE TRANSFER CAPABILITIES IN THE EASTERLY DIRECTION AS WELL AS IN THE REVERSE DIRECTION DURING THE ANNUAL CHINA WATER SHUT-DOWN PERIOD, WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF TAI PO TAU 'D' PUMPING STATION AND SAI O PUMPING STATION, AND THE UPRATING OF THE EXISTING TAI MEI TUK 'A' PUMPING STATION.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FESTIVAL TO BE HELD NEXT MONTH

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE WILL ORGANISE A LARGE-SCALE FORTNIGHTLY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FESTIVAL BETWEEN NOVEMBER 10 AND 24.

THIS WAS DISCLOSED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, MRS PEGGY LAM, AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF VICTORIA TODAY (MONDAY).

MRS LAM POINTED OUT THAT "IT IS A LARGE-SCALE EVENT INTENDED TO BE HELD ANNUALLY TO INSTALL THE WEIGHT OF MOMENTUM OF A RECOGNISABLE CAMPAIGN IN THE AREA OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

"WE HAVE GAINED THE ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT FROM DISTRICT BOARDS, ALL THE MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNED GROUPS AND SCHOOLS."

A CEREMONY TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD IN THE VICTORIA PARK ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10. THE MAIN THEME OF "REDUCE, RE-USE AND RECYCLE" WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED.

MRS LAM SAID: "IN ORDER TO TACKLE THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION PROBLEMS, THE GOVERNMENT HAS A TEN-YEAR PLAN AND A NEW ADMINISTRATIVE FRAMEWORK TO CARRY FORWARD EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMMES AND INITIATIVES.

"ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IS NOT JUST THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES, IT IS OURS TOO AS IT DIRECTLY AFFECTS OUR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING AND PARTICULARLY TO THE CHILDREN.

IN THIS CONTEXT, MRS LAM SAID: "THE COMMITTEE HAS CHOSEN 'ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION STARTS WITH ME' AS ITS SLOGAN AND IT IS OUR MISSION TO PROTECT OUR OWN ENVIRONMENT."

THE ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE WAS FORMED EARLY THIS YEAR UPON THE APPOINTMENT OF THE GOVERNOR. IT AIMS AT PROMOTING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ISSUES, AND ENCOURAGING AND MOBILIZING PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS A BETTER ENVIRONMENT.

IT IS A NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATION AND ITS MEMBERS INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE ACADEMIC FIELD, THE EDUCATION SECTOR, PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTIONS, INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS, ANTI-POLLUTION BODIES, DISTRICT BOARDS, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AS WELL AS FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB HAS GRANTED \$4 MILLION TO THE COMMITTEE FOR ALL ITS CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES AND THE GOVERNMENT PROVIDES EXECUTIVE SUPPORT TO THE COMMITTEE THROUGH THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT AND THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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FS REVOKED EAST ASIA WARBURG LTD'S RESTRICTED BANKING LICENCE

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THE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE RESTRICTED BANKING LICENCE OF EAST ASIA WARBURG LIMITED WAS REVOKED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON OCTOBER 5, 1990 AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 32(2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE.

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TRADERS MAKE USE OF DISKETTE SUBMISSION SCHEME

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IN LINE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT THAT MORE AND MORE TRADING FIRMS ARE HANDLING THEIR DOCUMENTATION BY COMPUTER, THE GOVERNMENT HAS OPERATED THE DISKETTE SUBMISSION SCHEME SINCE JULY 1 LAST YEAR TO PROVIDE TRADERS WITH AN OPTION TO SUBMIT IMPORT AND EXPORT DECLARATIONS ON MICRO-COMPUTER DISKETTES.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SCHEME IS TO HELP TRADERS IN PREPARING AND SUBMITTING THEIR IMPORT AND EXPORT DECLARATIONS MORE ACCURATELY AND EFFICIENTLY THROUGH THE USE OF COMPUTERS.

ABOUT 600 FIRMS ARE ALREADY USING THE SCHEME AND THEY SUBMIT SOME 53,000 DECLARATIONS EACH MONTH. THIS REPRESENTS SOME SEVEN PER CENT IN TERMS OF DECLARATIONS.

FEEDBACK FROM PARTICIPANTS INDICATES THAT THE SCHEME HAS GREATLY FACILITATED THEIR DECLARATION WORK, PARTICULARLY THE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF DECLARATIONS.

FIRSTLY, ACCORDING TO THE PARTICIPANTS, THEIR WORK IN PREPARING DECLARATIONS HAS BEEN HALVED. SECONDLY, THE PROCESSING TIME AT THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT'S DECLARATION COLLECTION OFFICES HAS BEEN GREATLY REDUCED.

TO JOIN THE SCHEME, TRADERS NEED ONLY TO HAVE A SIMPLE MICRO-COMPUTER SYSTEM.

FOR TRADERS WHO ARE USING COMPUTERS BUT HAVE NOT YET COMPUTERISED THEIR TRADE DOCUMENTATION WORK, THE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE AVAILABLE USER FRIENDLY MICRO-COMPUTER SOFTWARE. THE SOFTWARE, TOGETHER WITH THE OPERATION MANUAL, IS AVAILABLE AT \$160 PER SET FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

TRADERS CAN, IF THEY WISH, DEVELOP THEIR OWN COMPUTER SYSTEMS TO MEET THEIR SPECIFIC NEEDS. THE ONLY REQUIREMENT IS THAT THE OUTPUT FORMATS OF DECLARATIONS MUST CONFORM TO THE GOVERNMENT'S SPECIFICATIONS WHICH ARE DETAILED IN THE RELEVANT HONG KONG GOVERNMENT GAZETTE NOTICE (G.N. 3747 ISSUED ON NOVEMBER 4, 1988).

FOR TRADERS WHO PREFER TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN COMPUTER SYSTEMS IN JOINING THE SCHEME, THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ASSISTING THEM IN THE PROCESS. AS A RESULT, THE REJECTION RATE FOR SUBMISSIONS ON DISKETTES IS LESS THAN ONE PER CENT.

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAS ORGANISED A NUMBER OF SEMINARS/DEMONSTRATIONS/HANDS-ON SESSIONS FOR TRADERS TO ASSIST THEM IN UNDERSTANDING THE SCHEME.

FOR THOSE TRADERS WHO HAVE ACQUIRED THE GOVERNMENT'S SOFTWARE BUT HAVE DIFFICULTY IN USING IT, THE DEPARTMENT HAS OFFERED A NUMBER OF FREE TRAINING SESSIONS. MORE OF THESE WILL BE ORGANISED. THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED SHOULD TELEPHONE 866 3196 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

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PUBLIC URGED TO SUPPORT ELECTIONS

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR ADOLF HSU, THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON URGED THE PUBLIC TO SUPPORT THE THREE-TIER ELECTIONS NEXT YEAR.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE NORTH DISTRICT EYE-CARE CAMPAIGN FOR THE ELDERLY, MR HSU STRESSED THAT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE ELECTIONS WILL HAVE FAR-REACHING EFFECTS ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TERRITORY'S POLITICAL SYSTEMS.

"I HOPE LOCAL PEOPLE WOULD SHOW MORE CONCERN ON COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND WORK FOR THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG," HE SAID.

ON THE EYE-CARE CAMPAIGN, MR HSU PRAISED THE TWO ORGANISERS - THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD AND THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS - FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN PROVIDING SERVICES TO THE ELDERLY.

THE CAMPAIGN, WHICH RUNS UNTIL NOVEMBER 3, IS AIMED AT DISSEMINATING EYE-CARE KNOWLEDGE TO RESIDENTS, AS WELL AS PROVIDING FREE EYE CHECK-UPS AND FREE SPECTACLES FOR THOSE AGED 60 AND ABOVE.

THE EYE CHECK-UP SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE EYE-CARE EXHIBITIONS TO BE HELD IN SIX VENUES IN THE DISTRICT BETWEEN TOMORROW (OCTOBER 9) AND NOVEMBER 3.

OFFICIATING GUESTS OF TODAY'S CEREMONY INCLUDED THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM HUI; THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR PANG HANG-YIN; THE REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, MR LEE CHUNG-KEUNG.

ENQUIRIES ON THE CAMPAIGN MAY BE MADE TO THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE ON TEL. 675 1697 OR THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS ON TEL. 544 7480.

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DB MEMBERS BRIEFED ON DRAFT SOCIAL WELFARE WHITE PAPER

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MORE THAN 30 DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WERE THIS AFTERNOON (MONDAY) BRIEFED BY MEMBERS OF THE WORKING PARTY ON SOCIAL WELFARE POLICIES AND SERVICES ON THE DRAFT SOCIAL WELFARE WHITE PAPER.

THE BRIEFING AIMED AT PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY TO CLARIFY, ELABORATE AND EXPLAIN ISSUES OF CONCERN OR INTEREST IN THE DRAFT WHITE PAPER TO BOARD MEMBERS, SO THAT THE DOCUMENT CAN BE THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED IN FUTURE DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS.

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IN HIS OPENING REMARKS, DR NELSON CHOW, A WORKING PARTY MEMBER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BRIEFING SESSION EXPLAINED TO BOARD MEMBERS THE GIST OF THE DRAFT.

THE PANEL OF SPEAKERS INCLUDED FOUR OTHER WORKING PARTY MEMBERS. THEY WERE MR THOMAS KWOK, DR WONG HOI-KWOK, MR ERIC LI, AND MS ALICE YUK. CHAIRMEN OF FIVE SUB-COMMITTEES OF THE WORKING PARTY WERE ALSO PRESENT TO ANSWER POINTS RAISED BY BOARD MEMBERS.

MRS LOUISE WONG, SECRETARY OF THE WORKING PARTY SAID THE BRIEFING SESSION WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL AND THE RESPONSE ENCOURAGING.

"THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE DRAFT WHITE PAPER BEFORE DECEMBER 17," MRS WONG SAID.

THE WORKING PARTY WILL THEN ASSESS PUBLIC VIEWS ON THE WHITE PAPER AND, IF APPROPRIATE, INCORPORATE THEM IN ITS RECOMMENDATIONS.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR ROAD BUILDING ON WESTERN RECLAMATION  
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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS AND ASSOCIATED DRAINS ON WESTERN RECLAMATION - PHASE I.

A TENDER NOTICE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

WORK FOR THE PROJECT INCLUDES THE PROVISION OF TWO ACCESS ROADS TO THE WESTERN WHOLESALE MARKET - PHASE I AND THE WESTERN PARK - PHASE I.

IT WOULD ALSO INCLUDE THE LAYING OF DRAINS ALONG THESE TWO ROADS.

CONSTRUCTION WORKS ON SITE IS EXPECTED TO START IN DECEMBER AND WILL TAKE ABOUT EIGHT MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE WORKS WERE DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISED BY THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE  
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 57.6 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 337.512 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 391.074 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 66.7 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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WATER CUT IN THREE KOWLOON DISTRICTS  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN WONG TAI SIN WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 10) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TEST.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT CERTAIN PREMISES BOUNDED BY SHATIN PASS ROAD, LUNG FUNG STREET, SHEUNG FUNG STREET, PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD, FUNG TAK ROAD AND YING FUNG LANE.

MEANWHILE, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN MONG KOK AND YAU MA TEI WILL ALSO BE SUSPENDED FROM 10 PM ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 11) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE WATER WORKS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES BOUNDED BY ARGYLE STREET, NATHAN ROAD, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST, WATERLOO ROAD, JORDAN ROAD AND THE SEA FRONT.

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AWARDS FOR CARETAKERS AND WATCHMEN  
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RESPONSIBLE AND DILIGENT CARETAKERS AND WATCHMEN OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS IN EASTERN DISTRICT WILL BE HONOURED UNDER AN AWARD SCHEME ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THE SCHEME WAS AIMED AT BOOSTING THE MORALE OF CARETAKERS AND WATCHMEN BY GIVING DUE RECOGNITION TO THEIR HARD WORK AND OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE.

RESIDENTS MAY NOMINATE THEIR CARETAKERS AND WATCHMEN THROUGH A BUILDING'S OWNERS CORPORATION, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE, MANAGEMENT COMPANY OR OWNERS ASSOCIATION.

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THERE IS NO RESTRICTION ON THE NUMBER OF NOMINATIONS FROM EACH BUILDING AS LONG AS EACH CANDIDATE SECURES THE VOTES OF AT LEAST 30 PER CENT OF THE HOUSEHOLDS IN THE BUILDING.

NOMINATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD. COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE EASTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AT THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE BEFORE OCTOBER 19.

AFTER RECEIVING THE FORMS, THE COMMITTEE WILL SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO VISIT THE BUILDINGS AND ASSIST IN VOTING PROCEDURES.

RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN EARLY DECEMBER AND THE WINNERS WILL BE PRESENTED WITH COMMENDATION CERTIFICATES.

THE AWARD SCHEME IS CO-ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE DISTRICT POLICE STATION AND THE DISTRICT FEDERATION OF MULTI-STOREY BUILDING ORGANISATIONS, WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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