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LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS TO BE MONETISED

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO +MONETISE+ LETTERS B (LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS) IN AN EFFORT TO REDUCE ITS COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE 15 MILLION SQUARE FEET OF BUILDING LAND FOR THEIR REDEMPTION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LANDS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY) A CURRENCY VALUE WOULD BE ATTACHED TO LETTERS B FROM APRIL 1 NEXT YEAR SO THAT HOLDERS WOULD BE ABLE TO USE THEM IN A MUCH WIDER RANGE OF LAND TRANSACTION PAYMENTS THAN UNDER THE PRESENT SYSTEM.

THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONFIDENT SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT WOULD ALLOW FOR QUICKER REDEMPTION OF THE COMMITMENT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID THAT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES HOLDERS WOULD BE ABLE TO USE MONETISED LETTERS B TO PAY PREMIUMS WHEN TENDERING FOR SITES, TO BUY LAND AT AUCTIONS AND TO PAY PREMIUMS WHEN A SITE WAS GRANTED BY PRIVATE TREATY.

THEY COULD ALSO BE USED TO PAY FOR LICENCES, EXTENSIONS AND BUILDING COVENANT PREMIUMS.

HE SAID THE +CASH+ VALUE OF A LETTER B WOULD DEPEND ON WHEN IT WAS ISSUED.

AN AVERAGE FIGURE HAD BEEN ARRIVED AT, BASED ON THE CURRENT PRICES OF VARIOUS TYPES OF LAND IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, RANGING FROM A HIGH OF \$290.60 PER SQUARE FOOT FOR LETTERS B ISSUED IN 1960 TO A LOW OF \$19.00 FOR THOSE ISSUED IN MARCH THIS YEAR.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THESE FIGURES WOULD BE REVISED EVERY SIX MONTHS TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF CHANGING LAND VALUES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID DEVELOPERS WOULD HAVE THE OPTION OF SUBMITTING TENDERS UNDER THE PRESENT SYSTEM, WHICH GIVES PREFERENCE TO OLDER LETTERS B, OR TENDERING WITH MONETISED EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS.

TENDERS WHERE OLDER LETTERS B WERE SUBMITTED WOULD CONTINUE TO BE GIVEN PRIORITY AND THE BEST TENDER WOULD WIN THE SITE.

WHERE THESE TENDERS WERE ACCEPTED THE PREMIUM COULD BE SETTLED IN CASH OR IN MONETISED LETTERS B.

IF THERE WERE NO TENDERS USING OLDER LETTERS B THE HIGHEST MONETISED LETTER B TENDER WOULD WIN.

PAYMENT WOULD BE MADE ENTIRELY IN MONETISED LETTERS B.

IF THERE WERE NO ACCEPTABLE MONETISED LETTER B TENDERS, THE LAND WOULD BE SOLD BY AUCTION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IN OTHER TRANSACTIONS THE LESSEE WOULD HAVE THE OPTION OF MEETING THE PAYMENT IN CASH OR IN MONETISED LETTERS B OR IN A COMBINATION OF BOTH.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE NEW SYSTEM HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE MAIN LETTER B HOLDERS AND WITH THE HEUNG YEE KUK.

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DRY SEASON MAKES COUNTRY PARKS VULNERABLE TO FIRE

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SOME OF THE MOST VULNERABLE COUNTRY PARKS WILL BE CLOSED NEXT WEEKEND (DECEMBER 3 AND 4) TO PROTECT THEM FROM FIRE IF THE PRESENT DRY AND WINDY WEATHER CONDITIONS PERSIST.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CONSERVATION AND COUNTRY PARKS) OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR JOHN WHOLEY, SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT SO FAR THIS MONTH HILL FIRES HAD CAUSED DAMAGE TO MORE THAN 1 400 HECTARES OF COUNTRY PARKS.

AND TO AVOID ANY SERIOUS DAMAGE TO THE HEAVILY WOODED PLANTATION AREAS, IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO CLOSE THE TAI LAM, SHING MUN AND TAI MO SHAN COUNTRY PARKS AND THE TAI PO KAU NATURE RESERVE, HE SAID.

IF THE CLOSURE ORDER IS MADE, VISITORS MAY STILL USE THE OTHER COUNTRY PARKS.

BUT MR WHOLEY ADVISED VISITORS THAT PRE-PACKED FOOD SHOULD BE USED IN PREFERENCE TO BARBECUE PICNICS, AND THAT THEY SHOULD BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL WITH CIGARETTE ENDS.

HE SAID THAT THE PAST TWO WINTER SEASONS HAD BEEN VERY WET, THUS KEEPING DOWN THE INCIDENCE OF FIRE AND AT THE SAME TIME ENCOURAGING THE LUSH GROWTH OF VEGETATION.

+ALSO, TYPHOON ELLEN RIPPED UP A NUMBER OF TREES AND BROKE OFF BRANCHES WHICH HAVE ADDED TO THE FUEL NOW LYING IN THE COUNTRY PARKS.

+WITH SOME 20 RAINLESS DAYS, LOW HUMIDITY AND PLENTY OF FUEL AVAILABLE, THE COUNTRYSIDE IS NOW PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TO FIRE.+

+SERIOUS LOSS OF COUNTRYSIDE AMENITY CAN ONLY BE PREVENTED BY A MORE RESPONSIBLE ATTITUDE TOWARDS FIRE BY PEOPLE WORKING ON CONTRACT IN THE COUNTRYSIDE, THOSE WHO USE THE COUNTRYSIDE FOR RECREATION, AND A CHANGE IN THE WEATHER,+ MR WHOLEY SAID.

HE ADDED THAT MOST COUNTRYSIDE FIRES REPORTED THIS MONTH WERE SCRUB FIRES OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY PARKS.

+NEVERTHELESS THERE IS A GREAT RISK OF THESE FIRES INVADING THE COUNTRY PARKS AND DESTROYING LARGE ESTABLISHED FORESTRY PLANTATION,+ HE SAID.

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HUNDREDS OF HILL FIRES DEALT WITH
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THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT DEALT WITH NEARLY 650 HILL FIRE FROM THE BEGINNING OF THIS MONTH TILL YESTERDAY (SUNDAY), A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

+OVER THE WEEKEND, THERE WERE 163 HILL FIRES ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+SOME OF THE MAJOR HILL FIRES OCCURRED NEAR RESIDENTIAL AREAS AND AT ONE TIME THREATENED THE LIVES AND PROPERTY OF NEARBY RESIDENTS.

+WITH THE START OF THE DRY SEASON, EXTRA PRECAUTIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO REDUCE THE DANGER OF FIRE EITHER AT HOME OR IN THE COUNTRYSIDE,+ HE ADDED.

+THE FIRE SERVICES TOGETHER WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS HAVE LAUNCHED A MAJOR FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN, URGING THE PUBLIC TO BE SPECIALLY CAREFUL DURING THE CURRENT WINTER SEASON,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION REPORT NOW AVAILABLE
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A STATISTICAL REPORT, ENTITLED +1981 SURVEY OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION+, HAS BEEN PREPARED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IN RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES TO THE HONG KONG ECONOMY.

PREVIOUS PUBLICATIONS IN THE SAME SERIES INCLUDE THE REPORT ON THE SURVEY OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION FOR 1973 AND REPORTS ON ANNUAL SURVEYS FROM 1976 TO 1980, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SURVEY COVERED ESSENTIALLY THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR.

BUT ESTABLISHMENTS ENGAGED IN MINING AND QUARRYING, AND IN THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY, GAS AND WATER WERE ALSO COVERED.

THE REPORT PRESENTS THE MAJOR FINDINGS FROM THE SURVEY, INCLUDING INFORMATION ON THE STRUCTURAL AND OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS OF VARIOUS INDUSTRIES.

BESIDES PROVIDING INFORMATION TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR POLICY MAKING, THE STATISTICS ARE USEFUL TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR FOR DECISION MAKING, ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND MARKET RESEARCH, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THEY CAN BE USED FOR ASSESSING INDUSTRIAL PERFORMANCE, IDENTIFYING STRUCTURAL CHANGES AND DRAWING INTER-INDUSTRY COMPARISONS, HE ADDED.

THE REPORT FOR THE 1981 SURVEY IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AT \$9 A COPY.

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UK-JS AIR SERVICES TALKS

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MR NORMAN LATHAM, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, LEFT FOR LONDON TODAY (MONDAY) TO REPRESENT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IN AIR SERVICES TALKS BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND UNITED STATES AERONAUTICAL AUTHORITIES.

AT THE TALKS, WHICH WILL START ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 30), THE PARTIES WILL DISCUSS PROBLEMS RELATING TO TRANS-ATLANTIC SERVICES.

THEY WILL ALSO CONSIDER THE WORKING OF THE BILATERAL AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT AS IT RELATES TO SERVICES BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE UNITED STATES.

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THAI VISITORS IMPRESSED BY CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

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THAILAND'S DEPUTY MINISTER OF INTERIOR, MR CHALEO VAJARABUKKA, SAID HE WAS VERY IMPRESSED BY THE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS HE VISITED TODAY (MONDAY).

HE MADE THIS REMARK AFTER SEEING THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE AS WELL AS TWO PRISONS IN STANLEY WHICH HE CONSIDERED AS BEING +VERY WELL AND EFFECTIVELY MANAGED.+

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THAILAND'S DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, MR DHAVEE CHOOSUP AND 13 OTHER SENIOR THAI OFFICIALS WERE ALSO ON THE TOUR.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR THOMAS GARNER, THE PARTY FIRST VISITED THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE WHERE THEY SAW CORRECTIONAL SERVICES OFFICERS UNDERGOING TRAINING AND LOOKED AT VARIOUS FACILITIES.

THE PARTY THEN PROCEEDED TO THE NEARBY MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISON, STANLEY PRISON.

THEY TOURED ITS CELLS AND HOSPITAL AS WELL AS SAW PRISONERS AT WORK IN VARIOUS WORKSHOPS.

MR CHALEO VAJARABUKKA SAID HE WAS PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED WITH THE STANLEY PRISON WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS THE BEST HE HAD SEEN ANYWHERE.

THE VISITORS FINALLY CALLED AT THE ADJACENT TUNG TAU CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION WHERE THEY TOURED ITS DORMITORIES, CHAPEL, LIBRARY, WORKSHOPS AND OTHER FACILITIES.

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MANPOWER SURVEY ON FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY BEGINS
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AN EIGHT-DAY MANPOWER SURVEY ON FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY STARTED TODAY (MONDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL SAID THE FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY WAS ALLOWED CONSIDERABLE PROSPECTS FOR GROWTH AS NO IMPORTS RESTRICTION HAD BEEN IMPOSED ON THE INDUSTRY BY OVERSEAS MARKETS.

+HOWEVER, IT SEEMS THAT THE INDUSTRY FAILS TO ATTRACT YOUNG PEOPLE TO LEARN THE TRADE,+ HE SAID.

THEREFORE IT IS NECESSARY TO COLLECT UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AND MANPOWER REQUIRED FOR THE INDUSTRY.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED EMPLOYERS TO COOPERATE BY SUPPLYING ACCURATE INFORMATION.

ALL DATA COLLECTED WILL BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY NOTES HAVE BEEN SENT TO 250 EMPLOYERS SELECTED FROM RANDOM SAMPLING.

OFFICERS FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT THEM FROM TODAY TO DECEMBER 5 TO COLLECT AND HELP COMPLETE THE FORMS.

ALSO ASSISTING IN THE SURVEY ARE THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT DATA PROCESSING AGENCY.

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CENTRAL AND WESTERN FESTIVAL CLOSES
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THE MONTH-LONG CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL, WHICH PROVIDED LOCAL RESIDENTS WITH A PROGRAMME OF CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, CLOSED THIS (MONDAY) EVENING WITH A CELEBRITY CONCERT.

SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY, THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR ALBERT LAM, DESCRIBED THE CONCERT AS A +MOST FITTING FINALE+ AND WAS +PARTICULARLY MEANINGFUL+ IN THAT THE PERFORMERS ALL CAME FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

THE PERFORMERS INCLUDED THE VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, DR RAYSON HUANG, AND HIS STUDENTS, AND THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT YOUTH CHOIR.

THE CONCERT INCLUDED A VIOLIN SOLO BY DR HUANG; AND A KU-CHENG SOLO BY MR HON SEE-WAH; A PIANO SOLO BY MISS TERESITA BOTELHO; AND A TENOR SOLO BY MR WONG FANG; ALL OF THEM STUDENTS FROM THE UNIVERSITY.

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IT ALSO FEATURED PERFORMANCES BY THE HONG KONG CHAMBER PLAYERS, THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG'S BAROQUE ENSEMBLE, AND THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT YOUTH CHOIR.

THE FESTIVAL, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND FOR THE DISTRICT, STARTED ON OCTOBER 30 AND HAS ATTRACTED MORE THAN 90 000 PARTICIPANTS.

+THE SUCCESS OF THE FESTIVAL OWED VERY MUCH TO THE TIME AND EFFORT DEVOTED BY MEMBERS OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND ITS SUB-COMMITTEES, AS WELL AS THE SUPPORT GIVEN BY LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS.

+THE COMMUNITY SPIRIT DISPLAYED IS HIGHLY COMMENDABLE,+ MR LAM SAID.

HE NOTED THAT THE PROGRAMME IN THE FESTIVAL HAD BEEN CAREFULLY DESIGNED TO CATER FOR PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE.

AMONG OTHER EVENTS, IT COVERED A LONG-DISTANCE RUN ON THE PEAK FOR THE YOUNG AND ENERGETIC; A COLOURFUL CARNIVAL FOR THE CHILDREN; AN EXCURSION TO CHEUNG CHAU FOR THE ELDERLY; AND A HISTORICAL EXHIBITION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DISTRICT IN THE LAST 100 YEARS.

+THROUGH THESE ACTIVITIES, THE FESTIVAL AIMED AT ENHANCING OUR KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE DISTRICT AND PROMOTING A GREATER SENSE OF BELONGING,+ HE SAID.

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SAFETY-AT-WORK EXHIBITION IN CHAI WAN * * * *

THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS GONE TO GREAT LENGTHS TO PROMOTE SAFETY AT WORK AND IS ENCOURAGED BY THE FAVOURABLE RESPONSE FROM THOSE WHO HAVE ATTENDED EXHIBITIONS ON THE TOPIC, THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR YIU YAN-NANG, SAID IN CHAI WAN THIS (MONDAY) MORNING.

MR YIU WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF +SAFETY EXTRAVAGANZA+, AN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY EXHIBITION, AT THE CHAI WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD, THE 15-MINUTE SOUND-ON-SLIDE SHOW AND THE EXHIBITION OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY DISPLAY PANELS, WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 11 AM TO 8.30 PM DAILY UNTIL DECEMBER 4, 1983.

MR YIU SAID THAT THE ORIGINAL AUDIO-VISUAL PRESENTATION ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY MADE ITS SUCCESSFUL DEBUT AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC IN FEBRUARY LAST YEAR. SINCE THEN IT HAS BEEN RE-STAGED IN THE MAJOR INDUSTRIAL AREAS OF WONG CHUK HANG, TSUEN WAN, WONG TAI SIN AND TUEN MUN.

+ENCOURAGED BY THE SUCCESS, WE HAVE COMPLETELY RE-PROGRAMMED AND UPDATED ITS CONTENTS, AND EXTENDED IT FROM 12 TO 15 MINUTES.+

+I AM PLEASED TO NOTE THAT THIS UNIQUE PRESENTATION, WHICH COMBINES BOTH ENTERTAINMENT AND EDUCATION, HAS BEEN WELL RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, PARTICULARLY WORKERS,+ HE ADDED.

MR YIU URGED RESIDENTS AND WORKERS IN CHAI WAN TO VISIT THE SHOW, AND APPEALED TO EMPLOYERS TO ARRANGE FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES TO SEE IT.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER OF EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, MR LUI HAU-TUEN, LATER PERFORMED THE +SWITCHING-ON+ CEREMONY TO OFFICIALLY OPEN THE +SAFETY EXTRAVAGANZA+.

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CAMPING SPECIALLY ORGANISED FOR WORKING PEOPLE

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A TOTAL OF 12 CAMP OUTINGS WILL BE HELD AT THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT'S CHONG HING WATER SPORTS CENTRE IN SAI KUNG.

THE CENTRE, NEAR THE HIGH ISLAND RESERVOIR, HAS FACILITIES FOR CANOEING, SAILING, ROWING, CYCLING, KITE FLYING, ARCHERY AND LAND EXPEDITION.

EACH OF THE OUTINGS WILL LAST FOR TWO NIGHTS AND THREE DAYS, WITH THE FIRST DUE TO START ON DECEMBER 5 AND THE LAST ON FEBRUARY 22, NEXT YEAR.

THE ACTIVITIES ARE BEING JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND THE BRITISH FORCES.

PARTICIPANTS WILL FLY TO THE CAMP ON A ROYAL AIR FORCE HELICOPTER AND CRUISE HOME ON BOARD A MINESWEEPER.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE SAID THE OUTINGS, KNOWN AS +FLY, CAMP, CRUISE+, ARE OPEN TO WORKING PEOPLE.

+THIS IS NOT A FAMILY OUTING OR AN EVENT FOR STUDENTS AS THE CAMPS WILL BE HELD MOSTLY ON WEEKDAYS. WE FEEL THAT PEOPLE IN EMPLOYMENT CAN PARTICIPATE BY MAKING USE OF THEIR LEAVE,+ HE SAID.

APPLICATION FOR THE ACTIVITIES ARE BEING INVITED FROM PERSONS AT THE AGE OF 18 OR ABOVE.

APPLICATION FORMS AND DETAILS OF THE CAMP ARE AVAILABLE FROM ANY OF THE 19 DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE.

EACH CAMP WILL ACCOMMODATE 48 PEOPLE AND ACCEPTANCE WILL BE DECIDED BY BALLOT.

THE FEE IS \$30 PER PERSON, EXCLUDING FOOD AS CAMPERS ARE EXPECTED TO BRING OR COOK THEIR OWN MEALS.

FESTIVE DECORATIONS IN SHA TIN

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FESTIVE LIGHTINGS AND DECORATIONS WILL BE PUT UP ALONG THE TWO MAIN BRIDGES ON THE SHING MUN RIVER IN SHA TIN DURING THE COMING CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 30) MORNING, THE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL ENDORSE THE ALLOCATION OF \$300 000 FOR THE DECORATIONS AT THEIR MEETING.

AN AD HOC COMMITTEE WAS FORMED IN OCTOBER TO WORK OUT A DETAILED PROGRAMME FOR THE FESTIVE DECORATIONS, WHICH INCLUDED THE LAUNCHING OF AN OPEN CONTEST FOR THE LIGHTING DESIGN.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROGRESS REPORTS OF THE BOARD'S COMMITTEES ON HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE, INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT, HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT, RECREATION AND SPORTS, CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND FINANCE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 9 AM ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 30) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE SIXTH FLOOR OF KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION.

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CLEAN VILLAGE COMPETITION IN PROGRESS

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A FIVE-WEEK CLEAN VILLAGE COMPETITION IS BEING HELD AT EIGHT VILLAGES IN NORTH DISTRICT TO ENCOURAGE VILLAGERS TO HELP KEEP THEIR SURROUNDINGS CLEAN.

THE COMPETITION, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CLEAN HONG KONG WORKING GROUP OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, IS AIMED AT FURTHER AROUSING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE.

THE VILLAGERS' CLEAN-UP EFFORT WILL BE ASSESSED BY A PANEL OF ADJUDICATORS COMPRISING RURAL LEADERS OF NORTH DISTRICT, AN NTSD SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE EIGHT VILLAGES TAKING PART IN THE COMPETITION ARE MA CHO LUNG AND YIN KONG CHUEN IN SHEUNG SHUI, HUNG LENG AND TAN CHUK HANG IN FANLING, TAI LONG CHUEN AND YIM LIU HA IN SHA TAU KOK, KAN TAU WAI AND CHOW TIN CHUEN IN TA KWU LING.

MEANWHILE, TWO EDUCATION CAMPS WERE HELD AT THE BOY SCOUT CAMP SITE AT TUNG TZE OVER THE PAST TWO SUNDAYS.

MORE THAN 300 SCHOOL CHILDREN FROM NORTH DISTRICT ATTENDED THE CAMP WHICH FEATURED A SEMINAR, A FILM SHOW AND A SLOGAN DESIGN COMPETITION WITH THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN AS THE TOPIC.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB'S ANNUAL PARADE

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE ANNUAL PARADE OF THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, WAN CHAI, ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 30) AT 2.30 PM.

MORE THAN 3 700 CYC MEMBERS WILL ATTEND THE PARADE WHICH WILL FEATURE BAND PERFORMANCES, DANCES AND TELEMATCHES.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ANNUAL PARADE.

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NEW FOOTBRIDGE TO BE BUILT AT QUARRY BAY

CONSTRUCTION WORK WILL START EARLY NEXT YEAR ON A FOOTBRIDGE OVER SHAU KEI WAN ROAD AT ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI KOO SHING ROAD AND KING'S ROAD IN QUARRY BAY.

THE \$1.5-MILLION PROJECT WILL INCLUDE A STAIRCASE GIVING ACCESS TO THE TRAM STOP NEAR THE SITE OF THE FOOTBRIDGE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE FOOTBRIDGE WOULD BE AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT OF THE PROPOSED INTERIM TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE OPENING OF THE SECTION OF ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR FROM VICTORIA PARK TO TAI KOO SHING IN MID-1984.

HE SAID THE INCREASED VOLUME OF TRAFFIC EXPECTED WHEN THIS SECTION OF ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR OPENS WOULD WORSEN EXISTING TRAFFIC CONDITIONS IN THE AREA UNLESS ADDITIONAL CAPACITY WAS PROVIDED BY ABOLISHING THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT STREET LEVEL.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE FOOTBRIDGE, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED WITHIN FIVE MONTHS BEFORE THE OPENING OF PART OF ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR, WILL START AT THE END OF JANUARY.

IT WILL BE BUILT BY FRANKI CONTRACTORS LTD. UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS AT MONG KOK KCR STATION
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FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 30), LUEN WAN STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT 14 MONTHS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PERMANENT INTERCHANGE FACILITIES AT THE MONG KOK KCR STATION.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS HEADING FOR THE STATION ARE ADVISED TO USE BUTE STREET.

AT THE SAME TIME, BUTE STREET EAST OF SAI YEE STREET WILL BE PROHIBITED TO ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES.

THE SECTION OF BUTE STREET BETWEEN SAI YEE STREET AND THE MONG KOK KCR STATION INTERCHANGE AREA WILL ALSO BE RE-ROUTED TWO WAYS.

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OI KWAN ROAD RE-ROUTED FOR PARADE
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OI KWAN ROAD IN WAN CHAI WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY CLOCKWISE BETWEEN 12.30 PM AND 4.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 30) TO ALLOW FOR THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB ANNUAL PARADE.

ALL PARKING SPACES ON OI KWAN ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED DURING THIS PERIOD.

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TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS PLANS POSTPONED
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PLANS FOR NEW TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS FOR THE QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL COMPOUND, ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR IMPLEMENTATION ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 30), HAVE BEEN DEFERRED INDEFINITELY.

A HOSPITAL SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE POSTPONEMENT WAS DUE TO TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES.

THE PRESENT TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL REMAIN IN FORCE.

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PARKING METERS IN KOWLOON CITY

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A TOTAL OF 23 PARKING METERS WILL BE INSTALLED AT SHING TAK STREET IN KOWLOON CITY TO REGULATE THE USE OF PARKING SPACES.

THE CHARGE WILL BE \$1 FOR 30 MINUTES AT THESE TWO-HOUR METERS, WHICH WILL BE OPERATIONAL FROM 9 AM ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 30).

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WATER LEAKAGE TEST

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE INTERRUPTED FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 1) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WATER LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY NATHAN ROAD, PEKING ROAD, CANTON ROAD AND SALISBURY ROAD, AND WILL INCLUDE HANKOW ROAD, MIDDLE ROAD, ASHLEY ROAD, THE NEW WORLD CENTRE AND STAR FERRY.

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WATER FIGURES

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 94.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 555.725 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 459.111 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 78.3 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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