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NATIONALITY ISSUES UNDER SERIOUS CONSIDERATION

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THE UK GOVERNMENT IS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING THE REQUESTS MADE BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OVER THE NATIONALITY ISSUE BUT NO DECISION HAS YET BEEN TAKEN, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT ON HIS RETURN FROM LONDON, SIR EDWARD POINTED OUT THAT THE UK GOVERNMENT HAD ALREADY SAID THAT PROVIDING A SATISFACTORY FORMULA COULD BE FOUND, THEY WOULD AGREE TO AN ENDORSEMENT IN THE NEW BN(O) PASSPORTS MAKING IT CLEAR THAT ENTRY VISAS WOULD NOT BE REQUIRED BY BONA FIDE VISITORS TO THE UK.

+I WAS ABLE TO HAVE A FURTHER TALK WITH THEM ABOUT THAT,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

+ON THE OTHER ISSUES WHICH ARE MORE COMPLICATED, I WAS ABLE TO HAVE SOME DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM, AND I CAN ASSURE YOU IT'S ALL BEING VERY SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED IN LONDON AT THIS TIME, BUT NO DECISION HAS YET BEEN TAKEN.+

ON WHETHER HE HAD DISCUSSED CONTROLS OF BANKS IN HONG KONG WITH OFFICIALS OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND, SIR EDWARD SAID HE ALWAYS WENT TO SEE THE BANK OF ENGLAND WHEN HE WAS IN LONDON FOR A GENERAL REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

+BUT WE WERE NOT TALKING ABOUT ANY SPECIFIC MEASURES,+ HE SAID.

AS FOR WHETHER THERE WAS A +SECRET REPORT+ ON THE BANKING SITUATION IN HONG KONG, THE GOVERNOR SAID THERE WAS NO SUCH SECRET REPORT.

RECOUNTING HIS TRIP TO LONDON, SIR EDWARD SAID HE HAD HAD A BUSY WEEK THERE SEEING FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS; THE SECRETARY OF STATE, SIR GEOFFREY HOWE; AND THE MINISTER OF STATE, MR TIMOTHY RENTON.

+THE MAIN PURPOSE THERE WAS TO GIVE THEM AN UP-TO-DATE BRIEFING ON DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG SINCE I WAS LAST IN THE UK,+ HE SAID.

+THEY WERE VERY INTERESTED AND CONCERNED TO KNOW ABOUT THE PROGRESS OF THE ECONOMY, HOW THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WAS SETTLING DOWN, THE STATE OF OPINION GENERALLY, AND ALSO THE PREPARATIONS AND WORK WHICH IS BEING DONE IN HONG KONG ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JOINT DECLARATION.

+NATURALLY I ALSO WENT TO THE HOME OFFICE AND SAW HOME OFFICE MINISTERS.

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+YOU KNOW WE HAD A TEAM OVER THERE JUST BEFORE I WAS THERE, AND THAT ENABLED US TO IDENTIFY SOME MORE WORK TO BE DONE. BUT I WAS ABLE TO REPRESENT DIRECT TO HOME OFFICE MINISTERS AND TO FOREIGN OFFICE MINISTERS IN GREATER DEPTH THE FEELING IN HONG KONG ON THESE ISSUES.+

SIR EDWARD SAID HE ALSO WENT TO SEE OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE TO GO OVER WITH THEM THE PROSPECTS OF THIS YEAR AND TO BRING HOME TO THEM HONG KONG'S CONCERNS ON PROTECTIONIST TENDENCIES IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD.

+I HAD A FEW MEETINGS WITH DR WILSON WHO IS LEADING THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP TEAM IN A FEW WEEKS' TIME TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE ON LINE ON THE PREPARATIONS FOR THAT,+ HE ADDED.

SIR EDWARD WAS GREETED AT THE AIRPORT BY SIR JOHN BREMRIDGE, FINANCIAL SECRETARY; MR OSWALD CHEUNG, UNOFFICIAL EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR; AND MISS LYDIA DUNN, SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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SIR DAVID TO PROMOTE HK IN NORTH AMERICA
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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, LEFT HONG KONG TODAY (MONDAY) ON A SEVEN-DAY VISIT TO NORTH AMERICA.

THE PURPOSE IS TO PROMOTE HONG KONG IN NORTH AMERICA AND TO DISCUSS WITH THE OFFICERS WORKING ON THE SCENE HONG KONG'S OVERSEAS PUBLIC RELATIONS WORK.

HIS FIRST STOP IS MONTREAL WHERE HE WILL ADDRESS A LUNCH MEETING OF THE HONG KONG-CANADA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION ON FEBRUARY 18 AND ATTEND THE TDC FASHION GALA AT THE EATON'S DEPARTMENT STORE, IN THE EVENING.

IN WASHINGTON D.C., SIR DAVID WILL ATTEND THE THIRD JOINT PLENARY SESSION OF THE HK-U.S. AND THE U.S.-HK ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION COMMITTEES AND MEET WITH OVERSEAS REPRESENTATIVES OF HONG KONG-BASED AGENCIES WITH OFFICES IN NORTH AMERICA.

HE WILL ADDRESS THE PHILADELPHIA WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 21.

SIR DAVID WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON FEBRUARY 24.

SEEING HIM OFF AT THE AIRPORT WERE THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR JOHN BREMRIDGE, THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MISS LYDIA DUNN, AND MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, MR OSWALD CHEUNG.

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CORDLESS PHONES FOR HOMES SEEN IN A YEAR

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CORDLESS TELEPHONES MIGHT BE AVAILABLE FOR DOMESTIC USE IN HONG KONG IN ABOUT A YEAR'S TIME, THE ACTING POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR DAVID LAN, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT A DINNER MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW TERRITORIES, MR LAN SAID HONG KONG-MADE CORDLESS TELEPHONES WERE PROHIBITED FROM USE BECAUSE THEY WERE MAINLY DESIGNED FOR OVERSEA MARKETS AND OPERATED ON FREQUENCIES IN THE 49 MHZ BAND WHICH INTERFERED WITH POLICE COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS.

THE POST OFFICE HAD RECENTLY IDENTIFIED A TYPE OF CORDLESS TELEPHONE USING 47 MHZ BAND WHICH WAS SUITABLE FOR HONG KONG, HE SAID.

DETAILS ON SPECIFICATION OF THE EQUIPMENT AND HOW THEY WERE TO BE CONTROLLED HAD NOT BEEN FINALISED, BUT IT WAS HOPED THAT A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT COULD BE MADE IN ABOUT SIX MONTHS' TIME, WITH AN IMPLEMENTATION DATE LATER IN THE YEAR OR EARLY NEXT YEAR, HE SAID.

MR LAN ALSO SAID THE POST OFFICE HAD RECENTLY COMPLETED PLANS TO IMPROVE FM AS WELL AS TELEVISION RECEPTION IN HONG KONG.

UNDER THE FM IMPROVEMENT PLAN NOW BEING IMPLEMENTED, HONG KONG PEOPLE WOULD BY THE END OF NEXT YEAR, BE ABLE TO GET EXCELLENT RECEPTION OF FM SIGNALS FROM BOTH RTHK AND COMMERCIAL RADIO VIRTUALLY EVERYWHERE IN HONG KONG.

AS FOR TELEVISION RECEPTION, A TRANSPOSER WAS BEING BUILT TO IMPROVE TV RECEPTION IN SHA TAU KOK AND NORTH-EAST FANLING. THIS WOULD BE OPERATIONAL IN THREE MONTHS.

ANOTHER ONE WAS EXPECTED TO BE OPERATIONAL IN SOUTH LANTAU NEXT YEAR, MR LAN SAID.

IT HAD BEEN DECIDED THAT ALL COMMUNITIES OF MORE THAN 6 000 INHABITANTS WOULD HAVE TO BE SERVED BY A TELEVISION TRANSPOSER.

MEANWHILE, THE POST OFFICE CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN ITS HIGH STANDARD OF SERVICE AND TO LOOK FOR IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE FUTURE.

THE POST OFFICE PROCESSED 1.55 MILLION LETTERS AND PARCELS EVERYDAY, AND THE TRAFFIC WAS GROWING AT AN ANNUAL RATE OF EIGHT TO 10 PER CENT.

HE ALSO SAID THAT:

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- * NINETY-EIGHT PER CENT OF LOCAL MAIL IS DELIVERED TO MOST URBAN AREAS WITHIN A DAY AFTER POSTING, AND
- * NINETY-NINE PER CENT OF ALL OUTGOING AIRMAIL WAS DESPATCHED WITHIN 24 HOURS IF OUTGOING FLIGHTS WERE AVAILABLE.

THE HONG KONG POST OFFICE, HE SAID, HAD EARNED A GOOD REPUTATION LOCALLY AS WELL AS OVERSEAS FOR ITS RELIABLE AND EFFICIENT SERVICE.

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COUNTRY PARKS REOPENING TOMORROW
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THE SHING MUN, TAI MO SHAN AND TAI LAM COUNTRY PARKS AND THE TAI PO KAU NATURE RESERVE, WHICH HAVE BEEN CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC FOR MORE THAN A MONTH DUE TO EXTREMELY HIGH FIRE RISK, WILL BE RE-OPENED FROM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR JOHN RIDDELL-SWAN, MADE THE DECISION TODAY FOLLOWING AN OVERALL REVIEW OF THE RECENT HILL FIRE SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY PARKS, AND AFTER CONSIDERING THE WEATHER CONDITIONS.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE FIRE RISK IN THE COUNTRYSIDE HAD BECOME LOWER BECAUSE OF THE RECENT RAIN AND THE GENERAL RISE IN RELATIVE HUMIDITY.

+THE CLOSURE AND THE BAN ON BARBECUING IN ALL COUNTRY PARKS HAVE ACHIEVED THE GOAL OF REDUCING THE NUMBER OF FIRE OUTBREAKS AND THE PUBLICITY GENERATED HAS MADE THE PUBLIC MORE FIRE-CONSCIOUS. BEFORE THE CLOSURE (JANUARY 11), THERE WERE ABOUT 30 FIRES IN OR NEAR COUNTRY PARKS IN A WEEK, BUT THE NUMBER DROPPED TO 16 AND 5 IN THE FIRST AND SECOND WEEK AFTER CLOSURE RESPECTIVELY.+

THE BAN ON BARBECUING HAD BEEN LIFTED SINCE FEBRUARY 6 AFTER CONSIDERING THE IMPROVEMENT IN WEATHER CONDITIONS AND THE FACT THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE WOULD BE GOING OUT TO THE COUNTRYSIDE SEEKING RECREATION DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

+COUNTRYSIDE VISITORS SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE, ESPECIALLY DURING SHORT SPELLS OF DRY WEATHER. THEY SHOULD BARBECUE ONLY IN DESIGNATED PLACES AND DISCARD CIGARETTE ENDS WITH CARE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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INTELPOST EXTENDED TO SHENZHEN
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THE INTELPOST (INTERNATIONAL ELECTRONIC POST) NETWORK FROM HONG KONG WILL BE EXTENDED TO SHENZHEN FROM TOMORROW (TUESDAY), A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

INTELPOST ITEMS FOR LOWU AND SHANGBU POSTED BEFORE 2 PM AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE AND THOSE FOR NANTOU, SHEKOU, SHATOUKOK AND BAOAN POSTED BEFORE NOON AT GPO WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE ADDRESSEE THE SAME DAY, HE SAID.

ITEMS POSTED AFTER THESE TIMES WILL BE DELIVERED THE NEXT DAY, HE ADDED.

THE CHARGE FOR THE SERVICE TO SHENZHEN WILL BE:

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| 'SHORT MESSAGE' FACILITY | \$28 |
| FOR THE FIRST SIDE OF AN A4 SHEET OF PAPER | \$35 |
| FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT A4 SIDE SENT TO THE SAME ADDRESSEE AT THE SAME TIME | \$15 |

PEOPLE WISHING TO USE THE SERVICE SHOULD HAND OVER THEIR DOCUMENTS AT ANY ONE OF THE 23 ACCEPTANCE OFFICES.

INTELPOST IS NOW AVAILABLE TO 36 COUNTRIES, INCLUDING USA, UK, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, JAPAN AND CHINA.

THOSE HAVING FACSIMILE MACHINES IN THEIR OFFICES CAN, BY ARRANGEMENT, TRANSMIT THEIR ITEMS DIRECT TO THE POST OFFICE INTELPOST TERMINAL IN THE GENERAL POST OFFICE FOR RETRANSMISSION OVERSEAS.

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

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SKILLED CONSTRUCTION WORKERS NEEDED FOR RECOVERY
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THERE WILL BE GROWING DEMAND FOR TRAINED WORKERS IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR AFTER A SLOW RECOVERY IN THE INDUSTRY LAST YEAR, A VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL SURVEY REVEALED.

INCREASING COMPLEX PROJECTS AND STRINGENT QUALITATIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION WORKS ALSO REQUIRE MORE SKILLED PERSONNEL TO JOIN THE INDUSTRY AND TO KEEP PACE WITH TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENT, MR JOHN LOK, CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL'S BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

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HE NOTED THAT FINDINGS CONTAINED IN THE SURVEY ALSO SHOWED THAT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WORKING IN THE INDUSTRY LAST YEAR HAD INCREASED BY ABOUT ONE PER CENT TO 87 000 FROM 86 000 IN 1983.

+THE GROWTH, THOUGH MINIMAL, INDICATED THE INDUSTRY HAS BEEN UNDERGOING A SLOW RECOVERY OUT OF THE RECESSION BETWEEN 1981 AND 1983 WHEN THE WORKFORCE EXPERIENCED AN AVERAGE ANNUAL DROP OF SEVEN PER CENT,+ MR LOK SAID.

BASED ON THE FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY AND THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, THE BOARD FORECAST THAT SKILLED WORKFORCE AT CRAFT, TECHNICIAN AND TECHNOLOGIST LEVELS WOULD CONTINUE TO GROW BY ABOUT SIX TO SEVEN PER CENT ANNUALLY IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

THAT MEANS EMPLOYERS IN THE INDUSTRY NEED TO TRAIN AT LEAST 420 TECHNOLOGISTS, 810 TECHNICIANS AND 1 700 CRAFTSMEN EACH YEAR TO MEET THE DEMAND FOR FUTURE RECOVERY, MR LOK SAID.

HE NOTED THAT MANPOWER TRAINING WAS A LONG-TERM PROCESS AND SHOULD NOT BE DETERRED BY SHORT-TERM BUSINESS FLUCTUATIONS. EMPLOYERS SHOULD THEREFORE STEP UP STAFF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES IN ORDER TO UPGRADE THE QUALITY OF THEIR WORKFORCE.

THE 1985 MANPOWER SURVEY REPORT ON THE BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING INDUSTRY IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE AT \$15 EACH.

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MORE LAND FOR JUNK BAY
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WORK WILL START IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS ON A \$107-MILLION RECLAMATION CONTRACT TO PRODUCE 45 HECTARES OF ADDITIONAL LAND IN THE HANG HAU AREA OF JUNK BAY.

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE JUNK BAY PROJECT MANAGER, MR NORMAN TUCKER, AND MR AKIRA SHIMADA, GENERAL MANAGER OF THE CONTRACTORS, AOKI CORPORATION.

IT INCLUDES THE PLACING OF 3.8 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF FILLING MATERIAL AS PART OF THE RECLAMATION, FORMATION AND PROVISION OF SERVICES FOR THE COASTAL AREAS OF AP TSAI WAN AND THE WESTERN HALF OF HANG HAU.

THE NEWLY-FORMED LAND WILL BE USED FOR PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME HOUSING, RENTAL PUBLIC HOUSING, VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT, COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONAL AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

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THE SOUTHERN TIP OF THE AP TSAI PENINSULA WILL BE EXCAVATED TO PROVIDE FILLING MATERIAL AND A BUILDING PLATFORM. THE EXCAVATED FACES OF THE PENINSULA WILL BE SHAPED AND LANDSCAPED AS PART OF THE PROPOSED URBAN FRINGE PARK.

ADDITIONAL FILLING MATERIAL WILL BE OBTAINED FROM EXCAVATIONS FOR EXTENSIONS TO THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT'S LAM TIN SOUTH ESTATE AND FROM THE BORROW AREA AT PAK SHEK KOK.

ASSOCIATED WITH THE RECLAMATION WILL BE MAJOR DRAINAGE WORKS INCLUDING 900 METRES OF STORMWATER CULVERT.

THE WHOLE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO TAKE THREE YEARS TO COMPLETE.

THE ENGINEERS FOR THE CONTRACT ARE MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA WHO HAVE DESIGNED AND WILL SUPERVISE THE WORK ON BEHALF OF THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT.

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HAWKER ISSUE ON BOARD AGENDA

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WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT ON HAWKER AND MARKET POLICIES AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE CONSULTATIVE PAPER ON THE CONTROL OF POLLUTION CAUSED BY ANIMAL WASTES.

DURING THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL ALSO RAISE QUESTIONS REGARDING THE PROPOSED UNDERGROUND CARPARK AT SOUTHERN PLAYGROUND, BILLIARD ROOMS AND THE PROBLEMS OF SIGNBOARDS IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 18) AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE AT 201 HENNESSY ROAD, 8TH FLOOR, TUNG WAH MANSION, WAN CHAI.

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GROUP TO DISCUSS SPORTS SUBSIDIES
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THE RECREATION AND CULTURE SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO DISCUSS THE PROCEDURES AND VETTING PRINCIPLES FOR SUBSIDISING SPORTS ACTIVITIES IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AREA.

THE MEETING WILL START AT 2.30 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT THE TSUEN WAN MULTI-STOREY CARPARK AND GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING, 2ND FLOOR, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING.

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RESTAURANT SITE OFFERED IN SHA TIN
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A REPLACEMENT FOR THE COLOURFUL SHA TIN FLOATING RESTAURANT WHICH WAS TOWED TO GUANGZHOU AT THE END OF 1984 COULD BE IN OPERATION IN A YEAR'S TIME.

A SITE ALONG THE SHING MUN RIVER NEAR WHERE THE PREVIOUS RESTAURANT WAS ANCHORED IS BEING OFFERED FOR TENDER BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR A SIMILAR RESTAURANT TO BE BUILT.

THE LANDS DEPARTMENT HAS JUST CALLED FOR TENDERS FOR A 7 709-SQUARE METRE SITE AT SHA TIN. THIS INCLUDES 6 000 SQUARE METRES OF SPACE ON LAND FOR USE AS CAR PARKS AND FOR LANDSCAPING.

A SPOKESMAN FOR SHA TIN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE SAID ALTHOUGH IT IS KNOWN AS THE +FLOATING RESTAURANT+ SITE, A SUITABLE VESSEL COULD NO LONGER BE OPERATED ON THE SHING MUN RIVER.

+THE SITE OFFERED IS WITHIN THE RIVER SO THAT A MODERN CONCRETE STRUCTURE OF NOT MORE THAN THREE STOREYS CAN BE ERECTED OVER THE WATER AND SUPPORTED BY PILES,+ HE SAID.

+IT IS HOPED THAT A BUILDING RESEMBLING A TRADITIONAL CHINESE FLOATING RESTAURANT WILL BE CONSTRUCTED WITH ALL THE UTILITIES SUCH AS POWER, WATER AND DRAINAGE.

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+THIS RESTAURANT WHEN COMPLETED WILL NOT POSE ANY POLLUTION PROBLEMS IN THE RIVER BECAUSE ITS EFFLUENT WILL BE DISCHARGED THROUGH AN UNDERGROUND SEWER,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID A NUMBER OF BUSINESSMEN CONNECTED WITH THE HOTEL AND RESTAURANT TRADE HAD SHOWN INTEREST IN THE PROJECT.

HE SAID THE PROPOSED RESTAURANT COULD BECOME OPERATIONAL WITHIN A YEAR, IF EVERYTHING WENT ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE.

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COURSE ON PHOENIX MUSHROOM OFFERED
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SIXTH FORM BIOLOGY TEACHERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A FREE LECTURE AND WORKSHOP ON CULTIVATION OF THE PHOENIX MUSHROOM, TO BE HELD ON SEVERAL DAYS NEXT MONTH AND IN APRIL.

THE LECTURE AND WORKSHOP, ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 7, 8 AND 10, AND APRIL 4, 12 AND 26.

THERE WILL BE MEETINGS FOR THE LECTURE ON THE BIOLOGY AND CULTIVATION OF THE PHOENIX MUSHROOM AND FOR THE WORKSHOP ON CULTIVATION OF PHOENIX MUSHROOM METHODS AND PRACTICE.

THE LECTURE AND WORKSHOP ARE RELEVANT PARTLY TO THE TEACHING OF THE HONG KONG ADVANCED LEVEL EXAMINATION'S MORPHOLOGY OF AN AGARIC FUNGUS AND PLANTS AND ANIMALS USED FOR FOOD, AND PARTLY TO THE HONG KONG HIGHER LEVEL EXAMINATION'S RECYCLING OF WASTES AND BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES EXPLOITED BY MAN.

THE LECTURE AND THE WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD AT TAI LUNG FARM IN SHEUNG SHUI AND THE SCIENCE TEACHING CENTRE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT.

A HORTICULTURIST OF TAI LUNG FARM, AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR HO KOON-YUE, WILL CONDUCT THE LECTURE AND WORKSHOP.

SCHOOL HEADS WISHING TO NOMINATE A BIOLOGY TEACHER TO THE LECTURE OR WORKSHOP, OR BOTH, SHOULD SUBMIT NOMINATIONS TO THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (BIOLOGY), ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, BEFORE FEBRUARY 26.

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LAST TWO WEEKS FOR LOGO CONTEST ENTRIES
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PEOPLE WISHING TO TAKE PART IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION HAVE ONLY TWO MORE WEEKS TO SUBMIT THEIR ENTRIES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID ALL ENTRIES SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE TWO COLLECTION POINTS -- THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OR THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS -- BEFORE 12 NOON ON SATURDAY, MARCH 1.

THE COMPETITION IS ORGANISED BY THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL TO ACQUIRE A LOGO FOR THE REGIONAL COUNCIL WHICH WILL COME INTO BEING ON APRIL 1.

THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE A CASH PRIZE OF \$30 000. TROPIES WILL ALSO BE AWARDED TO THE WINNER AND THE FIRST TWO RUNNERS-UP.

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PRIZES FOR SAFETY SLOGAN WINNERS
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THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR DARWIN CHEN WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS OF THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY SLOGAN COMPETITION AT 4 PM ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 19), AT THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, 13/F., HARBOUR BUILDING IN CENTRAL.

THE FIRST PRIZE OF A FREE TRIP TO JAPAN, WORTH \$5 000 WAS WON BY MR TSANG WING-SHING.

THE SECOND PRIZE OF A FREE TRIP TO SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA, WORTH \$3 530, WENT TO MR CHUN WAI-YIN, AND THE THIRD PRIZE OF A FREE TRIP TO GUILIN, WORTH \$1 690, WENT TO MR TANG SAI-LING.

THE COMPETITION WAS ORGANISED BY THE METALWARE SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD, TO PROMOTE WORK SAFETY IN THE INDUSTRY.

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24-CLASSROOM SCHOOL FOR CHEUNG CHAU
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WORK WILL START WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS ON BUILDING A 24-CLASSROOM SECONDARY SCHOOL ON CHEUNG CHAU ISLAND.

DUE FOR COMPLETION BY THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR, THE \$11.6 MILLION SCHOOL WILL INCLUDE AN ASSEMBLY HALL, WOODWORK AND METALWORK ROOM, ART AND DESIGN STUDIOS, FOUR LABORATORIES, A LIBRARY AND HOME MANAGEMENT AND GEOGRAPHY ROOMS.

BECAUSE OF HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON BUILDINGS ON CHEUNG CHAU, THE SCHOOL WILL DIFFER FROM THE STANDARD GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL AND WILL BE ONLY TWO-AND-A-HALF STOREYS HIGH.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS ARE USUALLY BUILT TO FIVE OR SIX STOREYS.

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TRAFFIC CHANGE FOR SLOPE WORK
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TAI WO HAU ROAD IN TSUEN WAN, NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH SHEK TAU STREET WILL BE CONVERTED TO ONE-LANE, TWO-WAY TRAFFIC FROM 9 AM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THIS WILL LAST FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS, TO FACILITATE SLOPE REPAIR WORK.

MOTORISTS TRAVELLING TO TSUEN WAN ARE ADVISED TO USE TSUEN WAN ROAD OR KWAI CHUNG ROAD AS TRAFFIC CONGESTION MAY OCCUR ON TAI WO HAU ROAD.

THE BUS STOPS AT THIS SECTION OF TAI WO HAU ROAD FOR KMB ROUTES NO. 30, 33, 33A, 34, 34A, 43 AND 46A WILL BE SUSPENDED DURING THIS PERIOD.

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ONE-HOUR TUNNEL CLOSURE
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TO FACILITATE EQUIPMENT TESTING, THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 3 AM AND 4 AM ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 20).

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES TRAVELLING BETWEEN WAN CHAI AND SOUTHERN DISTRICT MAY USE STUBBS ROAD, WONG NAI CHUNG GAP ROAD AND NAM FUNG ROAD OR REPULSE BAY ROAD.

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ONE-WEEK TRAFFIC CHANGE
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TO FACILITATE THE LAYING OF DUCT NETWORK FOR THE AREA TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM, THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF HYSAN AVENUE BETWEEN SUN WUI ROAD AND LEIGHTON ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 20) FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK.

DURING THE CLOSURE, WESTBOUND VEHICLES ON HYSAN AVENUE HEADING FOR LEIGHTON ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SUN WUI ROAD. THE METERED PARKING SPACES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE SECTION OF SUN WUI ROAD BETWEEN HYSAN AVENUE AND LEIGHTON ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURES
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 61.2 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 358.790 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR, THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 402.746 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 68.7 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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