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GOVERNOR CONTINUES DISCUSSIONS IN LONDON

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, TODAY (WEDNESDAY) CONTINUED HIS ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN LONDON, MID-WAY THROUGH HIS WEEK-LONG VISIT.

MOST OF THE DAY WAS CONCERNED WITH TRADE MATTERS.

LATE IN THE MORNING SIR EDWARD HAD A MEETING WITH THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, MR PETER REES, WHO WAS RECENTLY IN HONG KONG. AFTER THESE DISCUSSIONS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE THE GOVERNOR ATTENDED A LUNCH HOSTED BY MR REES. THIS LUNCH WAS ATTENDED BY OTHER COMMERCIAL PEOPLE FROM THE CITY WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND HONG KONG.

ALSO DURING THE AFTERNOON SIR EDWARD MET WITH THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE, LORD COCKFIELD.

IN THE MORNING, BEFORE HIS LENGTHY TRADE TALKS, THE GOVERNOR CALLED ON THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND LATER MET MR ALAN DONALD, HEAD OF THE FAR EAST DEPARTMENT IN THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE.

DURING THE NEXT TWO DAYS BEFORE RETURNING TO HONG KONG ON FRIDAY, SIR EDWARD WILL HAVE FURTHER TALKS WITH TRADE AND OTHER SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

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CONSUMER PRICE INCREASE SLOWS DOWN

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) AND CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) FOR DECEMBER 1982 WERE BOTH 135, EACH BEING ONE POINT OR 0.7 PER CENT HIGHER THAN FOR THE PRECEDING MONTH, ACCORDING TO FIGURES PUBLISHED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1981, BOTH CPI (A) AND CPI (B) INCREASED BY 12 POINTS OR 9.8 PER CENT.

THE AVERAGE MONTHLY CPI (A) AND CPI (B) FOR 1982 WERE 130.3 AND 130 RESPECTIVELY, WHICH WERE 10.6 PER CENT AND 10.8 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY HIGHER THAN FOR THE PRECEDING YEAR. THIS REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT UPON THE CORRESPONDING INCREASES OF 15.4 PER CENT AND 14.8 PER CENT IN 1981.

RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND CHARGES FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS INCREASED IN DECEMBER. RENTALS FOR SOME RESIDENTIAL FLATS IN PUBLIC HOUSING AND CIGARETTE PRICES ALSO WENT UP. ON THE OTHER HAND, PRICES OF FRESH FRUITS DECLINED.

THE CPI (A) AND CPI (B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1979/80 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY. THE CPI (A) REFERRED TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$1 000 AND \$3 499 A MONTH AND THE CPI (B) TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$3 500 AND \$6 499 A MONTH AT THAT TIME.

THE INDEXES FOR DECEMBER 1982 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES ARE GIVEN BELOW, TOGETHER WITH THOSE FOR NOVEMBER 1982 AND DECEMBER 1981.

(OCTOBER 1979 TO SEPTEMBER 1980 AVERAGE = 100)

<u>SECTION</u>	<u>CPI (A)</u>			<u>CPI (B)</u>		
	<u>DEC. 81</u>	<u>NOV. 82</u>	<u>DEC. 82</u>	<u>DEC. 81</u>	<u>NOV. 82</u>	<u>DEC. 82</u>
FOODSTUFFS	124	138	138	124	138	139
HOUSING	119	129	131	119	129	130
FUEL AND LIGHT	131	140	140	131	140	140
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	118	125	127	117	124	126
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	124	137	136	125	137	136
DURABLE GOODS	108	108	108	110	110	110
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	119	126	127	116	125	126
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	135	145	145	133	146	146
SERVICES	127	140	141	126	139	141
ALL ITEMS	123	134	135	123	134	135

THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS REMAINED UNCHANGED FOR CPI (A) AND INCREASED BY ONE POINT IN CPI (B). THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES WENT UP AS A RESULT OF STRONG DEMAND DURING THE MONTH. RISES WERE ALSO RECORDED IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH-WATER FISH AND IN THE AVERAGE CHARGES FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH FRUITS DECREASED.

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THE INDEX FOR HOUSING INCREASED BY TWO POINTS IN CPI (A) AND BY ONE POINT IN CPI (B) BECAUSE OF INCREASED RENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL FLATS IN HOUSING AUTHORITY GROUP B ESTATES AND FOR FORMER GOVERNMENT LOW-COST HOUSING FLATS IN THE GROUP A ESTATES.

THE TWO-POINT INCREASE IN THE INDEX FOR ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION) IN BOTH CPI (A) AND CPI (B) WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HIGHER PRICES OF CIGARETTES.

THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR DECREASED BY ONE POINT IN BOTH CPI (A) AND CPI (B) OWING TO LOWER PRICES OF OUTERCLOTHING.

HIGHER PRICES OF MEDICINES AND JEWELLERY CAUSED THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS TO INCREASE BY ONE POINT IN BOTH CPI (A) AND CPI (B).

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES INCREASED BY ONE POINT IN CPI (A) AND BY TWO POINTS IN CPI (B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER CHARGES FOR PACKAGE TOUR AND FOR ADMISSION TO DISCOTHEQUES AND NIGHT CLUBS AROUND THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN THE OTHER SECTIONS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

AS FROM DECEMBER 1982, THE MONTH-TO-MONTH PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN THE ALL-ITEMS AND FOODSTUFFS SECTION SERIES OF THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI (A) AND CPI (B) WILL BE PUBLISHED MONTHLY. THE AVERAGE MONTHLY CHANGES OF THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI (A) AND CPI (B) FOR THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED IN DECEMBER 1982 WERE 1.1 PER CENT AND ONE PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

TO ASSIST USERS TO INTERPRET THESE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED FIGURES, AN INTRODUCTORY ARTICLE IS ATTACHED AS AN APPENDIX TO THE +CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT+ FOR DECEMBER 1982.

DETAILS OF THESE PRICE MOVEMENTS ARE GIVEN IN THE +CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT+ FOR DECEMBER 1982.

BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE VERSIONS OF THIS REPORT ARE AVAILABLE AT \$3 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.

FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES, PLEASE CONTACT THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT TELEPHONE NO. 3-7216512.

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JOB SPECIFICATIONS FOR INSURANCE INDUSTRY PUBLISHED

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THE INSURANCE TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL HAS PUBLISHED A MANUAL PROVIDING SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE PRINCIPAL JOBS IN THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY.

ON THE BASIS OF THE BOARD'S FINDINGS, THE MANUAL CLASSIFIES JOB SPECIFICATIONS AT VARIOUS LEVELS FOR THE LIFE INSURANCE AND THE GENERAL INSURANCE SECTOR.

THESE JOBS ARE GROUPED INTO MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL, SUPERVISORY AND TECHNICAL, AND CLERICAL AND SECRETARIAL JOBS.

THE SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND TRAINING REQUIRED FOR EACH OF THE JOBS ARE LAID DOWN IN THE MANUAL.

THE MANUAL ALSO PROVIDES GUIDELINES FOR COURSES AND TRAINING PROGRAMME PLANNING AND FOR TESTING COMPETENCY OF TRAINEES OR STUDENTS ON COMPLETION OF THEIR TRAINING.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRAINING BOARD, MR ANTHONY KAN, SAID THAT THIS MANUAL SHOULD BE A USEFUL TOOL TO TECHNICAL INSTITUTIONS, TRAINING ORGANISATIONS AND EMPLOYERS ENGAGED IN INSURANCE TRAINING.

HE ALSO SAID IT WOULD HELP UPGRADE MANPOWER TRAINING WHICH IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT OF THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY.

THE MANUAL IS ON SALE AT \$19 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE.

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GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS IN EDUCATION

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THE YEAR 1982 WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A VERY SIGNIFICANT YEAR IN HONG KONG'S HISTORY OF EDUCATION, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, SAID IN A SPEECH TO THE ZONTA CLUB TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

+FOR IT WAS IN THIS YEAR THAT THERE WAS A NOTICEABLE INCREASE IN THE TEMPO OF QUALITATIVE IMPROVEMENT OF THE EDUCATION SERVICES,+ MR HAYE POINTED OUT.

PLACING THE PRESENT IN ITS HISTORICAL CONTEXT, HE DESCRIBED DRAMATIC EXTENSIONS OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY SINCE WORLD WAR II AND ADDED, +THE PROBLEM OF QUANTITY SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN SOLVED. WHAT REMAINS IS THE PROBLEM OF QUALITY.+

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SOME OF THE MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS OF 1982 CITED BY MR HAYE INCLUDED:

- \* EXPANSION OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR BY THE ADMISSION OF 93 NON-PROFIT-MAKING SCHOOLS TO FULLY AIDED STATUS, AND THE OPENING OF 21 NEW AIDED SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THEIR OWN PREMISES IN SEPTEMBER,
- \* MORE TEACHERS IN SCHOOLS FOR REMEDIAL WORK, CAREERS EDUCATION AND COUNSELLING SERVICES,
- \* IMPROVEMENT OF THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION THROUGH STEPPED-UP TRAINING OF TEACHERS, CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, MORE RESOURCES (PARTICULARLY BOOKS, ETV AND AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS), AND BETTER LANGUAGE TEACHING,
- \* IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1981 WHITE PAPER ON PRIMARY EDUCATION AND PRE-PRIMARY SERVICES COVERING LEGISLATION, TEACHERS, TRAINING, RESOURCES, CURRICULUMS, FEES, GRANTS, RATES AND RENTS, AND THE MAJOR NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION,
- \* INVOLVEMENT IN DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, AND
- \* THE OVERALL REVIEW OF THE HONG KONG EDUCATION SYSTEM.

+MEANWHILE THE BUSY DAY TO DAY LIFE OF THE DEPARTMENT WENT ON, WITH AN INCREASING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF WHAT WE WERE DOING,+ MR HAYE SAID.

EDUCATION HAD BEEN IN THE NEWS FOR MUCH OF THE YEAR, AND THE PRESS FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN GOOD, +LARGELY BECAUSE WE DEMONSTRATED SOCIAL CONCERN NOT ONLY WITH WORDS BUT IN DEEDS,+ HE ADDED.

MR HAYE SAID THAT HE HAD NO DIFFICULTY IN DEFENDING EDUCATION POLICIES AND PRACTICES IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND ELSEWHERE.

NOTEWORTHY HAD BEEN THE SUCCESSFUL PARTICIPATION OF PROFESSIONAL STAFF IN SEMINARS, PANEL DISCUSSIONS AND PROGRAMMES ON RADIO AND TELEVISION, HE POINTED OUT.

+I THINK WE WERE SEEN NOT ONLY TO CARE BUT TO ARTICULATE OUR CONCERN FOR A HAPPIER, HEALTHIER EDUCATION SYSTEM.+

+MORE IMPORTANT, WE WERE ABLE TO POINT AT WHAT WE WERE DOING AND THE QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE ADVANCES WE WERE MAKING,+ HE STATED.

TURNING TO THE PROSPECTS OF 1983, MR HAYE SAID THAT HE AND HIS DEPARTMENT WOULD BE INVOLVED IN PROCESSING SIR JOHN LLEWELLYN'S OVERALL REVIEW OF THE HONG KONG EDUCATION SYSTEM.

+I THINK IT IS SAFE TO PROPHECY THAT WE SHALL BE TAKING A VERY HARD LOOK AT WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING AND WHERE WE ARE GOING,+ HE SAID.

/MR HAYE .....

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MR HAYE WAS CONFIDENT THAT HE AND HIS STAFF WOULD ACCOMPLISH AS MUCH IN 1983 AS THEY DID IN 1982.

AS FOR WORRIES ABOUT THE FUTURE, WHICH APPEARED TO BE FASHIONABLE AT THIS TIME, MR HAYE SAID, +THERE IS A WISE SAYING WHICH REMINDS US THAT 'TODAY' IS THE 'TOMORROW' WE WORRIED ABOUT YESTERDAY - AND ALL IS WELL.+

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+LIVELY DRAGON JOG+ ATTRACTS 3 000  
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MORE THAN 3 000 PEOPLE HAVE APPLIED TO TAKE PART IN THE +LIVELY DRAGON JOG+ ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 30), AN EVENT ORGANISED AS PART OF THE KWUN TONG ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN.

THE RUNNERS, INCLUDING THREE MARATHON RUNNERS, REPRESENTATIVES FROM CIVIC, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL BODIES AS WELL AS SCHOOLS WILL SET OFF AT 2 PM ON A 4 200 METRE CIRCUIT FROM KWUN TONG RECREATION GROUND, TSUI PING ROAD.

THE ROUTE COVERS TSUI PING ROAD, KWUN TONG ROAD, JUNK BAY ROAD, SAU MAU PING ROAD, HIU KWONG STREET, HIP WO STREET, BACK TO TSUI PING ROAD AND INTO THE KWUN TONG RECREATION GROUND.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE KWUN TONG ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, THE EVENT IS INTENDED TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING THE BODY HEALTHY AND FREE OF DRUGS.

SOUVENIRS AND BADGES WILL BE AWARDED TO INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS COMPLETING THE COURSE.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE MR DOUGLAS JORDAN, COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE; MR C.M. LEUNG, ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS; MR EDDIE LAMB, CHAIRMAN OF THE KWUN TONG ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE; MR D. CHIU OF THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE AND MR P. PANG OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE +LIVELY DRAGON JOG+ OPENING CEREMONY AT THE KWUN TONG RECREATION GROUND, TSUI PING ROAD, AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 30).

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TUEN MUN DB CONTINUES MEET-THE-PUBLIC SCHEME  
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THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD HAS DECIDED TO CONTINUE WITH ITS MEET-THE-PUBLIC SCHEME AS FROM FRIDAY (JANUARY 28).

UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS, THERE WILL BE ONE SESSION PER WEEK TO BE HELD ON ALTERNATE TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS.

A DISTRICT BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID THE TUESDAY SESSIONS WOULD BE HELD IN THE AFTERNOON AT THE DISTRICT BOARD OFFICE AT FOO YICK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, SAN ON CIRCUIT, AND THE FRIDAY SESSIONS IN THE EVENING AT THE ON TING/YAU OI COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BRANCH OFFICE.

HE STRESSED THAT THE SCHEME PROVIDED A GOOD CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND THE DISTRICT BOARD AND ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAVING COMPLAINTS OR SUGGESTIONS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE WELL-BEING OF THE DISTRICT SHOULD MAKE GOOD USE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE THEM.

THE SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED LAST YEAR FOR A TRIAL PERIOD OF FOUR MONTHS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO MEET DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS WITH THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT AT 0-843801 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR CROWN LAND TENANCIES  
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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE LANDS DEPARTMENT FOR THE SHORT-TERM TENANCIES OF TWO PIECES OF CROWN LAND IN KOWLOON.

THE LARGER SITE, COVERING ABOUT 2.45 HECTARES AT THE JUNCTION OF CHERRY STREET AND FERRY STREET IN TAI KOK TSUI, IS FOR FEE PAYING GOODS VEHICLE PARKING.

TENANCY FOR THIS SITE IS FOR SIX MONTHS INITIALLY AND MONTHLY THEREAFTER.

THE OTHER SITE IS AT CHOI SHEK LANE, KWUN TONG. IT MEASURES ABOUT 4 650 SQUARE METRES AND IS FOR OPEN STORAGE OF TENANT'S GOODS, VEHICLES, CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS, EXCLUDING CONCRETE BATCHING.

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THE TENANCY FOR THIS SITE IS FOR ONE YEAR AND QUARTERLY THEREAFTER.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS FOR THE TAI KOK TSUI SITE IS 12 NOON ON FEBRUARY 11, WHILE THAT FOR THE KWUN TONG SITE IS 12 NOON ON MARCH 11.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND TENDER PLANS INSPECTED AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES (KOWLOON EAST AND WEST), KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 9TH AND 10TH FLOORS, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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ROAD CLOSURES IN WANG TAU HOM AND CENTRAL  
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FU KEUNG STREET IN WANG TAU HOM NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH FU WAN STREET WILL BE CLOSED FROM 1 AM TO 5 AM ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY (JANUARY 28 AND 29) FOR DEMOLITION OF A FOOTBRIDGE.

THIS WILL ALSO APPLY TO WANG TAU HOM CENTRAL ROAD NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH FU KEUNG STREET.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC ON WANG TAU HOM SOUTH ROAD AND FU KEUNG STREET SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH FU WAN STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED TWO-WAY.

MEANWHILE, EDINBURGH PLACE EAST IN CENTRAL, OUTSIDE QUEEN'S PIER, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 8.30 AM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 29) TO 12 MIDNIGHT THE NEXT DAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE ARTS FESTIVAL.

BRIDGES STREET BETWEEN TANK LANE AND LADDER STREET WILL ALSO BE CLOSED, FROM 8 AM TO 6 PM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 30) FOR A FUN FAIR.

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