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ARBITRATION BILL GAZETTED

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THE ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1989, WHICH PROPOSES TO INTRODUCE A SEPARATE LAW FOR INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATIONS, SEEKS TO ENHANCE OVERSEAS CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG AS AN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CENTRE.

THE BILL, PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY), PROPOSES THAT HONG KONG ADOPTS THE MODEL LAW OF ARBITRATION DRAFTED IN 1985 BY THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW (UNCITRAL).

THE BILL, IF PASSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, WILL MEAN THAT HONG KONG WILL JOIN CANADA, AUSTRALIA AND OTHERS IN BEING ONE OF THE FIRST JURISDICTIONS IN THE WORLD TO ADOPT THE UNCITRAL MODEL LAW.

THE OBJECT OF THE BILL IS TO IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION (LRC) IN ITS REPORT ON "THE ADOPTION OF THE UNCITRAL MODEL LAW OF ARBITRATION" PUBLISHED IN SEPTEMBER 1987.

THE LRC HAD RECOMMENDED THAT ARBITRATION AGREEMENTS IN FUTURE BE GOVERNED BY ONE OF TWO REGIMES. DOMESTIC ARBITRATIONS SHOULD BE GOVERNED BY THE EXISTING LAW (SUBJECT TO SOME MINOR ALTERATIONS) WHILE INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATIONS SHOULD BE GOVERNED BY THE MODEL LAW.

HOWEVER, THE BILL ENABLES PARTIES TO A DOMESTIC ARBITRATION AGREEMENT TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THEIR DISPUTES DEALT WITH UNDER THE MODEL LAW WHILE PARTIES TO AN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION WILL HAVE THE OPTION TO HAVE THEIR ARBITRATIONS DEALT WITH UNDER THE DOMESTIC LAW.

"SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CENTRE, HONG KONG HAS BEEN DEVELOPING THE POTENTIAL FOR BEING THE LEADING CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION IN THE FAR EAST.

"IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE LAWS OF HONG KONG BE AS WELL DESIGNED AS POSSIBLE TO ASSIST THESE DEVELOPMENTS," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE MODEL LAW WAS AGREED OVER A NUMBER OF YEARS BY REPRESENTATIVES OF MANY NATIONS INCLUDING HONG KONG'S MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS.

IN ITS REPORT, THE LRC HAD SAID THE UNCITRAL INITIATIVE IN THIS FIELD WAS PROMPTED BY THE PROBLEMS THAT PRACTITIONERS OF INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION AND THEIR CLIENTS FOUND IN DEALING WITH THE WIDELY DIFFERING REGIMES UNDER WHICH ARBITRATION OPERATES IN DIFFERING JURISDICTIONS.

UNCITRAL THEREFORE TOOK THE VIEW THAT IF A COMMON PROCEDURAL BASE COULD BE ESTABLISHED, PARTIES MIGHT BE ABLE TO CONCENTRATE ON THE FAIRNESS AND CONVENIENCE OF A VENUE INSTEAD OF WORRYING ABOUT PROCEDURAL ASPECTS. IT WAS FOR THIS REASON THAT UNCITRAL ESTABLISHED A WORKING GROUP IN 1982 TO DRAFT A MODEL LAW.

THE BILL IS DUE TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 1.

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APPOINTMENT TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MRS ANSON CHAN, AS AN OFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WITH EFFECT FROM OCTOBER 11 THIS YEAR TO FILL THE SEAT VACATED BY THE FORMER SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR PETER TSAO.

MR TSAO WILL BE RE-APPOINTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AS SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS ON DECEMBER 1 THIS YEAR UPON THE RETIREMENT OF MR DONALD LIAO.

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EXPANSION OF DUTY LAWYER SCHEME
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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS APPROVED AN EXPANSION OF THE DUTY LAWYER SCHEME TO PROVIDE FREE LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR JUVENILES APPEARING IN ADULT COURTS IN THE MAGISTRACIES.

THE EXPANSION IS EXPECTED TO COST ABOUT \$500,000 ANNUALLY, AND WILL TAKE EFFECT FROM TUESDAY (OCTOBER 10).

UNTIL NOW, ONLY JUVENILES APPEARING IN THE JUVENILE COURTS WERE ENTITLED TO A FREE DUTY LAWYER. JUVENILES CHARGED WITH AN ADULT APPEARED IN THE ADULT COURTS, AND SO LOST THEIR RIGHT TO SUCH REPRESENTATION.

THE DUTY LAWYER SCHEME, WHICH IS MANAGED JOINTLY BY THE LAW SOCIETY AND THE BAR ASSOCIATION, CURRENTLY HANDLES SOME 13,758 CASES A YEAR, AND 1,635 OF THESE ARE LISTED IN THE JUVENILE COURTS.

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IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT HK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
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TO COPE WITH THE ANTICIPATED INCREASES IN PASSENGER AND CARGO TRAFFIC PASSING THROUGH THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, THE GOVERNMENT WILL SOON IMPLEMENT THE FIRST PHASE OF A MAJOR PROGRAMME OF WORKS TO EXPAND THE AIRPORT'S FACILITIES.

A \$118 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON AND CARGO FACILITY WAS SIGNED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES, DR EDWARD BRAND.

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DR BRAND SAID THE CONTRACT WAS PART OF A \$2.4 BILLION PACKAGE OF LONG-TERM IMPROVEMENTS AND EXPANSION FOR THE AIRPORT RECOMMENDED BY A GOVERNMENT-COMMISSIONED CONSULTANCY STUDY COMPLETED IN JANUARY THIS YEAR.

THE WORKS INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF 81,000 SQUARE METRES OF CONCRETE AIRCRAFT PAVEMENT. TO THE WEST OF EASTERN ROAD, FOUR NEW PRIMARY PARKING POSITIONS WILL BE PROVIDED, EACH CAPABLE OF ACCOMMODATING A B747/400 AIRCRAFT.

OTHER PARKING POSITIONS WILL BE CREATED IN THE TURFED AREA OF THE MAINTENANCE APRON. THIS WILL MEAN THAT THE AIRPORT WILL EVENTUALLY BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE OVER 55 PARKED AIRCRAFT.

OTHER ANCILLARY WORKS COVERED BY THE \$118 MILLION CONTRACT INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF APRON FLOODLIGHTING, UNDERGROUND FUEL SUPPLIES, SECURITY FENCING, APRON MARKINGS, MARSHALLING PLATFORMS AND A DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

DR BRAND NOTED THAT THE INSTALLATION OF A 400-HERTZ FIXED UNDERGROUND POWER SYSTEM FOR THE PARKING BAYS WAS ONE OF THE MORE NOTABLE IMPROVEMENT FEATURES OF THE CONTRACT.

"THIS WILL REDUCE THE NOISE AND AIR NUISANCE CAUSED BY AIRCRAFT GROUND OPERATIONS, BECAUSE IT WILL REDUCE THE NEED FOR MOBILE GENERATORS AND FOR AIRCRAFT TO USE THEIR AUXILLARY POWER SYSTEM," HE EXPLAINED.

CONSTRUCTION WILL BEGIN LATER THIS MONTH AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 25 MON HS TO COMPLETE.

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BANKING LICENCE REVOKED
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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE BANKING LICENCE OF WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., HAS BEEN REVOKED BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL AT THE REQUEST OF THE BANK.

"THE GIVING-UP OF THE BANKING LICENCE IS PART OF THE BANK'S STRATEGIC DECISION TO SCALE DOWN ITS INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS IN ORDER TO CONCENTRATE ON ITS BUSINESS IN CALIFORNIA.

"THE BANK, HOWEVER, INTENDS TO MAINTAIN A REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE IN HONG KONG", THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AFTER THE REVOCATION, THERE ARE 167 LICENSED BANKS IN HONG KONG, OF WHICH 135 ARE INCORPORATED OUTSIDE HONG KONG.

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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE LICENCE OF KB INTERNATIONAL (HONG KONG) LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY WAS REVOKED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1989 AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 32 (2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE.

THE COMMISSIONER FURTHER ANNOUNCED THAT KB INTERNATIONAL (HONG KONG) LIMITED WAS THEN REGISTERED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1989.

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MEDIA'S ROLE IN COMMUNITY LAUDED

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THE MEDIA HAVE BEEN PLAYING AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN BRIDGING COMMUNICATION GAPS, AND IN ENHANCING THE PUBLIC'S KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR COMMUNITY, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DONALD LIAO, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

"THE MEDIA NOT ONLY REACH THE VARIOUS STRATAS OF THE COMMUNITY, BUT ALSO SHOULDER THE RESPONSIBILITY OF DISSEMINATING INFORMATION.

"IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE MEDIA ARE CAPABLE OF PERFORMING AN IMPORTANT FUNCTION IN DISSEMINATING INFORMATION ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, AND IN ENCOURAGING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO TAKE PART IN COMMUNITY MATTERS," HE SAID.

MR LIAO WAS SPEAKING AT A SEMINAR ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION ORGANISED FOR DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND HELD AT THE NEW WORLD HOTEL, TSIM SHA TSUI.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE SEMINAR WAS AIMED AT ENABLING DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND EXPERIENCE SO THAT FURTHER PROGRESS COULD BE MADE IN THE PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

"THE PURPOSE OF THE SCHEME IS TO ENABLE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO PARTICIPATE IN DISTRICT MATTERS THROUGH DISTRICT BOARDS, SO THAT GOVERNMENT POLICIES WOULD BE MORE AMENABLE TO PUBLIC OPINIONS.

"ACHIEVING THIS OBJECTIVE WOULD DEPEND UPON THE PUBLIC'S FULL SUPPORT FOR, AND A GOOD KNOWLEDGE OF, DISTRICT BOARDS," HE SAID.

AT THE SEMINAR, THREE MEDIA PERSONALITIES AND A UNIVERSITY LECTURER GAVE TALKS ON THE ROLE OF THE MEDIA IN PROMOTING DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION,

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NEW CIVIC EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE OPENS NEXT WEEK

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THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION HAS RECENTLY IMPROVED THE FACILITIES OF ITS CIVIC EDUCATION RESOURCE ROOM AT A COST OF MORE THAN \$200,000.

IT HAS ALSO SET ASIDE \$100,000 IN 1989-90 FOR POSSIBLE FURTHER EXPANSION OF THE RESOURCE ROOM.

THE RESOURCE ROOM IS NOW KNOWN AS THE CIVIC EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE, AND IS SITUATED AT CNTA HEADQUARTERS ON THE 29TH FLOOR OF SOUTHOEN CENTRE IN WAN CHAI, OCCUPYING AN AREA OF 98 SQUARE METRES.

THE NEW CENTRE WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DONALD LIAO, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, DR DANIEL TSE, AND THE CONVENER OF THE RESOURCE CENTRE SUB-COMMITTEE, MR CHAN WING-TAI, ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 12).

FOLLOWING THE RECENT EXPANSION PROGRAMME, THE CENTRE HAS BECOME AN IMPORTANT SOURCE OF RESOURCE MATERIALS FOR THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION IN THE TERRITORY.

THE EQUIPMENT AND REFERENCE MATERIALS OF THE CENTRE HAVE GREATLY IMPROVED IN TERMS OF QUALITY AND QUANTITY, WITH ITS RESOURCE ITEMS HAVING BEEN INCREASED FROM ABOUT 140 TO OVER 1,700 IN TWO YEARS.

ONE OF THE MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS AT THE CENTRE IS THE COMPUTERISATION OF ITS LIBRARY SYSTEM, WITH THE GOVERNMENT DATA PROCESSING AGENCY HAVING SPECIALLY DESIGNED A LIBRARY CATALOGUE SYSTEM.

THE EQUIPMENT OF THE CENTRE HAS ALSO BEEN INCREASED WITH THE PURCHASE OF TELEVISION SETS, VIDEO-TAPE RECORDERS, CASSETTE TAPE RECORDERS AND SLIDE PROJECTORS.

THE CENTRE ALSO HAS REPORTS OF CIVIC EDUCATION PROJECTS SPONSORED UNDER THE COMMITTEE'S COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION SCHEME, AND A COMPLETE SET OF DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES AND PAPERS, BOTH OF WHICH ARE NOT AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE IN THE TERRITORY.

OTHER REFERENCE MATERIALS COVER GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS, WHICH INCLUDE CONSULTATION PAPERS ON POLICIES AND INFORMATION PAPERS, REFERENCE BOOKS, AND CASSETTES AND VIDEO-TAPES ON RADIO AND TELEVISION PROGRAMMES RELATED TO CIVIC EDUCATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A PREVIEW OF THE CENTRE AT 11 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) PRIOR TO ITS OPENING NEXT WEEK. MR CHAN WING-TAI, CONVENER OF THE RESOURCE CENTRE SUB-COMMITTEE, AND CNTA STAFF WILL BE ON HAND TO GIVE A GUIDED TOUR OF THE CENTRE AND PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION.

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POLL CARDS BEING SENT TO TSING YI VOTERS

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POLL CARDS WILL BE SENT TO THE 9,343 REGISTERED ELECTORS IN KWAI TSING DISTRICT TOMORROW (SATURDAY) FOR THE BY-ELECTION FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD'S TSING YI SOUTH CONSTITUENCY SEAT ON OCTOBER 19.

THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE POLLING STATION. THIS WILL BE LOCATED AT THE HONG KONG SZE YAP COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION CHAN LAI SO CHUN MEMORIAL SCHOOL, CHEUNG CHING ESTATE, TSING YI.

POLLING WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN 7.30 AM AND 10.30 PM. ELECTORS SHOULD BRING ALONG THEIR POLL CARDS FOR VERIFICATION.

ELECTORS IN THE TSING YI SOUTH CONSTITUENCY WHO HAVE RECENTLY CHANGED THEIR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS OR WHO FAIL TO RECEIVE THEIR POLL CARDS BY OCTOBER 12 ARE REQUESTED TO NOTIFY THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION BY TELEPHONE (5-270369 OR 5-270380) OR IN WRITING, QUOTING THEIR IDENTITY CARD NUMBER AND THEIR NEW RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.

SUCH ELECTORS ARE STILL ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THE BY-ELECTION.

A LEAFLET ON THE BACKGROUNDS OF TWO CANDIDATES IN THE BY-ELECTION, MR TSE WAI-MING AND MR CHAN KIU-ON, WILL ALSO BE SENT TO ALL ELECTORS WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK.

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20,000 RESIDENTS TO BE ENTERTAINED IN WAN CHAI FESTIVAL

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WAN CHAI RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO MORE THAN 30 RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES DURING THE THIRD WAN CHAI FESTIVAL WHICH WILL RUN FROM OCTOBER 18 TO NOVEMBER 12.

THE FESTIVAL, WHICH HAS BECOME A TRIENNIAL EVENT SINCE IT WAS FIRST HELD IN 1983, IS EXPECTED TO BRING ENTERTAINMENT TO ABOUT 20,000 DISTRICT RESIDENTS.

THE PROGRAMME FOR THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL INCLUDES CHINESE MARTIAL ARTS DEMONSTRATIONS BY EXPERTS FROM GUANGDONG PROVINCE, PERFORMANCES BY ARTISTES AND SINGERS, DISCO NIGHTS, BALLETS, A CARNIVAL, A "MUSIC BUS" THAT WILL TAKE MUSICIANS AND DANCERS TO A NUMBER OF "SHOW-STOPS" IN THE DISTRICT, EXHIBITIONS OF HISTORICAL PICTURES OF WAN CHAI, AND TRADITIONAL CHINESE ARTS PERFORMANCES.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (FRIDAY), WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM, SAID IT WAS HOPED THAT THROUGH THESE ACTIVITIES RESIDENTS WOULD HAVE A BETTER IDEA OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

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SHE ALSO HOPED THE FESTIVAL WOULD ENHANCE THE SENSE OF UNITY AND BELONGING AMONG RESIDENTS, AND WOULD PROMOTE THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF, AND PARTICIPATION IN, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

MRS LAM POINTED OUT THAT THE PROGRAMME FOR OF THE 26-DAY FESTIVAL, WHICH INCLUDED RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL, ART, MUSIC AND SPORTS EVENTS, WOULD CATER TO RESIDENTS OF DIFFERENT AGES.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE, WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER MR PETER MANN SAID THE FESTIVAL WOULD HELP PUBLICISE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DISTRICT, WHICH HAD EVOLVED FROM AN OLD RESIDENTIAL AREA INTO A FAST-GROWING COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

HE SAID THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WAS TRYING TO FURTHER IMPROVE THE DISTRICT'S ENVIRONMENT BY FUNDING A PROJECT TO INSTALL PLANTERS ON CENTRAL DIVIDERS AND NEAR LAMPPOSTS ALONG LOCKHART ROAD.

THE BOARD HAD ALSO COMMISSIONED A STUDY TO EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF ORGANISING A MAJOR TREE-PLANTING CAMPAIGN.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WAN CHAI FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR RAYMOND CHOW, CALLED ON RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN THE FESTIVAL.

HE THANKED THE AREA COMMITTEES AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS FOR ARRANGING MORE THAN 10 EVENTS IN SUPPORT OF THE FESTIVAL, WHICH INCLUDES PICNICS, A DRAWING COMPETITION, A CONCERT OF CANTONESE OPERATIC SONGS, AND A PHOTO COMPETITION.

POSTERS AND BANNERS HAVE BEEN PUT UP IN MANY STREETS IN WAN CHAI TO PUBLICISE THE FESTIVAL. DURING THE FESTIVAL PERIOD, A TRAM CARRYING A HUGE PUBLICITY BANNER WILL TOUR THE DISTRICT TO PROMOTE THE ACTIVITIES.

THE ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR THE FESTIVAL IS AROUND \$700,000, OF WHICH \$300,000 WILL BE MET BY A DONATION AND THE REST WILL BE FROM DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS.

PROGRAMME PAMPHLETS FOR THE FESTIVAL ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE.

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KOWLOON CITY TO LAUNCH CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN
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A CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN WILL BEGIN IN KOWLOON CITY TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT A HOTEL IN HO MAN TIN, BEGINNING AT 4 PM.

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OFFICIATING WILL BE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, DR TSE CHI-WAI; CHAIRMAN OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD, MR WONG SIK-KONG; AND KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR DUNCAN PESCOD.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE WILL ALSO TAKE PART.

A SERIES OF PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD DURING THE CAMPAIGN WHICH WILL CONTINUE UNTIL FEBRUARY 22.

THE MAJOR ACTIVITIES INCLUDE A "CIVIC EDUCATION AMBASSADORS" SCHEME, A "CIVIC EDUCATION FORERUNNERS" SCHEME, AND A "KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT STUDENT FESTIVAL".

IN ADDITION, A SCHEME WILL BE ORGANISED TO ENCOURAGE ELDERLY RESIDENTS TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE PART IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN, WHICH WILL BE HELD IN METROPOLE HOTEL, 75 WATERLOO ROAD, HO MAN TIN, TOMORROW (SATURDAY), BEGINNING AT 4 PM.

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ENTERTAINING WEEKEND FOR ISLANDERS

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TWO SPORTS EVENTS AND A SAND SCULPTURE COMPETITION TO ROUND UP THE ISLANDS SPORTS FESTIVAL '89 WILL TAKE PLACE ON LANTAU ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 8) MORNING.

MORE THAN 200 RUNNERS WILL TAKE PART IN THE LANTAU LONG DISTANCE RACE. THIS WILL START AT THE MUI WO PIER, PASS THROUGH THE SCENIC SOUTH LANTAU ROAD AND FINISH AT THE CHEUNG SHA MARINE POLICE HEADQUARTERS.

THE RACE IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY REGIONAL COUNCIL, ISLAND SPORTS ASSOCIATION, ISLANDS POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS SECTION, AND SPONSORED BY ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD AND ISLANDS ROTARY CLUB.

THE ISLANDS DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR WILLIAM WORRALL, WILL START THE SEVEN-KILOMETRE RACE AT 10.30 AM AND A PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT CHEUNG SHA POLICE HEADQUARTERS AT 11.30 AM.

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A CYCLE RACE WILL START NEAR THE NEW TERRITORIES HEUNG YEE KUK SOUTHERN DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL, MUI WO, AT 10 AM.

OVER 60 CYCLISTS WILL COMPETE IN THE 66-KILOMETRE RACE WHICH WILL TAKE THEM AROUND THE SECTION OF SOUTH LANTAU ROAD, BETWEEN MUI WO AND SHEK PIK, FOUR TIMES. THE FINISH IS AT NAM SHAN COUNTRY PARK.

AT SILVERMINE BAY BEACH, A SAND SCULPTURE COMPETITION WILL BEGIN AT 11 AM AND ABOUT 50 ISLANDERS WILL TAKE PART TO DISPLAY THEIR SKILL AND CREATIVITY.

A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR THE CYCLING RACE AND THE SAND SCULPTURE COMPETITION WILL BE HELD AT SILVERMINE BAY BEACH AT 1 PM. THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM WAI-KEUNG, WILL BE THE OFFICIATING GUEST.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE LONG DISTANCE RACE, CYCLE RACE AND THE SAND SCULPTURE COMPETITION TO BE HELD ON LANTAU ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 8) MORNING.

A PRESS LAUNCH, 'MD 27', WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER, TSIM SHA TSUI, FOR MUI WO AT 9.45 AM.

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ANTI-TRIAD FOOTBALL COMPETITION IN MONG KOK
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AN ANTI-TRIAD FOOTBALL COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE WILL START ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 8) AT THE MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND.

THE COMPETITION, WHICH AIMS AT SPREADING A FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE IN THE DISTRICT, WILL TAKE PLACE ON FOUR CONSECUTIVE SUNDAYS AFTER THE OPENING.

A TOTAL OF 16 LOCAL TEAMS WILL PARTICIPATE.

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POLICE SCORES MAJOR VICTORY AGAINST CREDIT CARD FRAUD
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POLICE COMMERCIAL CRIME INVESTIGATORS HAVE SCORED A MAJOR VICTORY IN THE BATTLE AGAINST CREDIT CARD FRAUD -- THIS TIME FOR THOSE COMMITTED BY GENUINE CARD-HOLDERS.

A RECENT PRECEDENT-SETTING COURT CONVICTION CONFIRMED THE CRIMINAL LIABILITY OF LOCAL CARD-HOLDERS WHO HAD PURCHASED GOODS OR SERVICE PROFUSELY BEYOND THE CREDIT LIMIT ALLOWED.

THE COURT CASE, WHICH WAS INITIATED BY THE COMMERCIAL CRIME BUREAU UNDER SECTION 18 (D) OF THE THEFT ORDINANCE, ALSO CONFIRMS THE AMBIT OF THE HONG KONG POLICE POWER TO DEAL WITH OFFENCES COMMITTED BY LOCAL CARD-HOLDERS OUTSIDE HONG KONG.

A POLICE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT A 30-YEAR-OLD MAN, WHO PLEADED GUILTY TO 20 COUNTS OF CHARGES LAID UNDER THE SECTION, WAS RECENTLY CONVICTED IN THE DISTRICT COURT. THE DEFENDANT WAS SENTENCED TO SIX MONTHS IMPRISONMENT ON EACH COUNT, TO BE RUN CONCURRENTLY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS THE FIRST TIME THIS PARTICULAR SECTION OF THE ORDINANCE WAS UTILISED TO COUNTER OFFENCES COMMITTED BY A GENUINE LOCAL CARD-HOLDER WHO USED HIS CREDIT CARD FOR MONETARY GAINS WAY ABOVE THE PERMITTED CREDIT LIMIT OUTSIDE HONG KONG.

THE SECTION STIPULATES THAT IT IS AN OFFENCE FOR ANYONE, THROUGH VARIOUS FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES, TO EFFECT AN ENTRY IN THE RECORD OF A BANK BY DECEPTION. IF CONVICTED, IT CARRIES A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF UP TO 10 YEARS IN PRISON.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE "TEST CASE" NOW GIVES POLICE THE NECESSARY LEGAL MUSCLE AND FLEXIBILITY IN CRACKING DOWN ON THIS TYPE OF CREDIT CARD OFFENCE.

PREVIOUSLY, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED, CASES IN WHICH A GENUINE CARD HOLDER HAD OVERSPENT HIS CREDIT CEILING WERE TREATED UNDER CIVIL LITIGATION.

THE COURT HEARD THAT THE CONVICTED MAN, USING HIS CREDIT CARD, TO WHICH A CREDIT LIMIT OF \$3,000 WAS GRANTED, INCURRED A TOTAL OF \$540,000 THROUGH 298 TRANSACTIONS IN MAINLAND CHINA BETWEEN APRIL AND MAY 1987.

EVIDENCE GATHERED FROM RELEVANT BANKS CONFIRMED THAT HE WAS IN A POOR FINANCIAL STATUS AT THE TIME.

HE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY CHARGED UNDER SECTION 18 (D) OF THE THEFT ORDINANCE ON MARCH 29, 1989. HE PLEADED NOT GUILTY INITIALLY BUT SUBSEQUENTLY CHANGED PLEA WHEN THE CASE WENT ON TO TRIAL.

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GRAVE SWEEPERS ADVISED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT

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POLICE TODAY (FRIDAY) REMINDED GRAVE SWEEPERS TO MAKE FULL USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT DURING THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL.

"PARKING FACILITIES IN THE VICINITY OF CEMETERIES WILL BE EXTREMELY LIMITED AND ALL VEHICLES ILLEGALLY PARKED ON THE ROAD AND PAVEMENT WILL BE TOWED AWAY WITHOUT PRIOR WARNING." A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE VICINITY OF WO HOP SHEK CEMETERY, FANLING, ON OCTOBER 7, 8, 9, 15 AND 22.

IN OTHER DAYS, ROADS IN WO HOP SHEK AREA MAY BE CLOSED BY POLICE AT SHORT NOTICE.

ACCESS TO WO HOP SHEK AREA WILL BE RESTRICTED TO KOWLOON MOTOR BUSES, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AND TAXIS CARRYING PASSENGERS ONLY. NO OTHER VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND HEARSEs.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO PAY ATTENTION TO TRAFFIC SIGNS WHICH WILL BE SET UP IN THE AREA. POLICEMEN WILL BE AT THE SCENE TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

BONA FIDE WORSHIPPERS WILL BE PERMITTED TO VISIT THEIR FAMILY GRAVES AT SANDY RIDGE AND LO WU, FROM OCTOBER 4 TO 15 INCLUSIVELY. PERMISSION TO ENTER AND REMAIN IN THE FRONTIER CLOSED AREA IS VALID BETWEEN 6 AM AND 6 PM DAILY DURING THIS PERIOD.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED: "IT IS AN OFFENCE FOR WORSHIPPERS TO ENTER THE FRONTIER CLOSED AREA OUTSIDE THE PERMITTED DATES AND TIMES."

WORSHIPPERS GOING BY TRAIN WILL ONLY BE PERMITTED TO ENTER AND LEAVE THE CEMETERIES VIA THE LO WU RAILWAY STATION OR MAN KAM TO ROAD.

VISITORS CARRYING CAMERAS ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO PHOTOGRAPH FAMILY GRAVES AND FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES.

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FIRE SAFETY ADVICE FOR GRAVE SWEEPERS

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ADVISED GRAVE SWEEPERS TO TAKE EXTRA CARE IN HANDLING FIRES IN THE COUNTRYSIDE DURING THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL PERIOD.

THE DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR COUNTRY PARKS OFFICER, MR C.W. LAI, SAID AS THE DRY SEASON WAS APPROACHING, ANY CARELESS HANDLING OF WORSHIPPING ITEMS COULD EASILY SET THE COUNTRYSIDE ABLAZE.

ON THE LAST CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL DAY, A TOTAL OF 107 HILL FIRE REPORTS WERE RECEIVED OF THEM, 21 OCCURRED IN COUNTRY PARKS, DAMAGING 97 HECTARES OF PLANTATION AND 1,000 TREES," HE SAID.

HE SAID THAT ALL THESE FIRES WERE CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE AND WOULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED IF PEOPLE OBSERVED A FEW SIMPLE RULES.

THESE RULES ARE:

- * BURN WORSHIPPING ITEMS ONLY IN METAL CONTAINERS;
- * DO NOT LEAVE LIGHTED CANDLES, JOSS STICKS AND PAPERS UNATTENDED;
- * MAKE SURE ALL WORSHIPPING ITEMS ARE EXTINGUISHED BEFORE LEAVING THE GRAVE SITES.

MR LAI ADDED THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD PROVIDED METAL CONTAINERS IN STRATEGIC LOCATIONS INSIDE COUNTRY PARK AREAS FOR USE BY WORSHIPPERS.

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FESTIVAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SHAM SHUI PO
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN SHAM SHUI PO ON SUNDAY AND MONDAY (OCTOBER 8 AND 9) TO FACILITATE VEHICULAR/PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENTS DURING THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL.

THE ARRANGEMENTS ARE:

WING MING STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM ON BOTH DAYS.

THE PARKING SPACES IN YEE KUK WEST STREET, YU CHAU WEST STREET, KING LAM STREET, WING HONG STREET AND TAI NAN WEST STREET WILL BE SUSPENDED BETWEEN 7 AM ON SUNDAY AND 7 PM ON MONDAY.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CEMETERY ABOVE CHING CHEUNG ROAD ARE ADVISED TO USE CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YEE KUK WEST STREET AND KING LAM STREET.

PARKING FACILITIES ARE VERY LIMITED AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

AS TRAFFIC CONGESTION IS EXPECTED TO OCCUR AT THE HAMMER HILL ROAD JUNCTION WITH LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC DRIVING TO THE HAMMER HILL CEMETERY ARE ADVISED TO APPROACH VIA LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, PO KONG VILLAGE INTERCHANGE AND PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD.

NO PARKING SPACES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD AND HAMMER HILL ROAD.

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FESTIVAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN YUEN LONG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW ON TAI SHU HA NULLAH-BUND ROADS DURING THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL, THE NORTHERN NULLAH-BUND ROAD FROM TAI KEI LENG TO TAI SHU HA WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY EASTBOUND AND THE SOUTHERN NULLAH-BUND ROAD WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND FROM 7 AM TO 10 PM ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 8).

AT THE SAME TIME, NEW TERRITORIES GREEN MINIBUS SERVICE ROUTE NO.73 (YUEN LONG - SUNG SHAN SAN TSUEN) WILL BE REROUTED VIA THE SOUTHERN NULLAH-BUND ROAD ON JOURNEYS TO YUEN LONG TOWN.

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ENTRY SCHEME FOR MACAU RESIDENTS

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE FOLLOWING EX-CHINA RESIDENTS OF MACAU WHO HAVE HELD MACAU IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED AFTER JANUARY 14, 1979 FOR SEVEN YEARS MAY APPLY FOR ENTRY TO HONG KONG:

- (I) HUSBANDS/WIVES (TOGETHER WITH THEIR CHILDREN) TO JOIN THEIR RESIDENT SPOUSE IN HONG KONG; AND
- (II) AGED PARENTS/DEPENDENT CHILDREN TO JOIN THEIR RESIDENT CHILDREN/PARENTS IN HONG KONG.

APPLICATIONS CAN BE SUBMITTED BY THE HONG KONG SPONSORS IN PERSON TO THE ENTRY VISA SECTION OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF 61 MODY ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, KOWLOON. THE SPONSOR'S STAY IN HONG KONG MUST NOT BE LIMITED BY THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO MAKE ENQUIRIES ABOUT THIS ENTRY SCHEME MAY TELEPHONE THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION OFFICE ON 3-7333126.

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COURSE FOR HEALTH WORKERS IN PRIVATE HOMES FOR ELDERLY

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) INVITED SERVING HEALTH WORKERS IN PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED THEIR NURSING OR MEDICAL TRAINING IN HONG KONG TO APPLY NOW FOR A THREE-MONTH TRAINING COURSE.

THOSE WHO INTEND TO TAKE UP SUCH A JOB IN THESE HOMES MAY ALSO APPLY.

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THE COURSE, WHICH WILL START IN MID-DECEMBER, IS AIMED AT RAISING THE QUALITY OF SERVICE OF PERSONNEL WORKING IN PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY.

THIS IS THE SECOND COURSE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG NURSES ASSOCIATION, THE HONG KONG COLLEGE OF NURSING AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

THE COURSE INCLUDES BASIC SKILLS IN LOOKING AFTER THE ELDERLY, PSYCHOLOGICAL AND PHYSICAL CHANGES IN THE ELDERLY, INTERPERSONAL RELATIONS, AND BASIC PRINCIPLES IN RUNNING A HOME FOR THE ELDERLY.

APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTARY PROOF OF THEIR QUALIFICATION. THOSE RECOMMENDED BY THE HOMES IN WHICH THEY ARE SERVING WILL BE GIVEN PRIORITY.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE AWARDED A CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE ON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE AND ON PASSING AN EXAMINATION.

COPIES OF LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO PRIVATE HOME OPERATORS INVITING THEM TO RECOMMEND SUITABLE CANDIDATES FOR THE COURSE.

INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INTERESTED MAY FORWARD THEIR APPLICATIONS TO THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S REGISTRATION OFFICE OF PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY AT ROOM 1105, 11TH FLOOR, WORLD TRADE CENTRE, 280 GLOUCESTER ROAD, HONG KONG. TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON 5-774185.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION IS OCTOBER 31.

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PREQUALIFICATION EXERCISE FOR EFFLUENT PUMPING STATION PROJECT
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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO IMPLEMENT AN EFFLUENT EXPORT SCHEME TO REMOVE EXCESS NUTRIENT FROM TOLO HARBOUR WATER.

THIS WILL INVOLVE THE TRANSFER OF TREATED EFFLUENT FROM TAI PO AND SHA TIN BY PUMPING VIA A TUNNEL INTO THE KAI TAK NULLAH, AND HENCE INTO VICTORIA HARBOUR.

ONE OF THE FIRST STAGES OF THIS PROJECT IS THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PUMPING STATION IN SHA TIN.

A NOTICE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY) INVITING INTERESTED ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS TO APPLY FOR PREQUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS TO TENDER FOR THE WORKS.

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THE WORKS INCLUDE THE SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF FOUR VERTICAL SPINDLE, SUBMERGED BOWL PUMPS, HIGH VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, BUILDING SERVICES, INSTRUMENTATION AND TELEMETRY SYSTEM AND ASSOCIATED ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL WORKS.

TENDERS WILL BE INVITED NEXT MONTH FROM PREQUALIFIED CONTRACTORS FOR THE WORKS.

CONTRACTORS CAN APPLY FOR PREQUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS FROM BALFOURS-HASWELL WHICH DESIGNED THE WORKS. ITS ADDRESS IS SECOND FLOOR, MAGNOLIA MANSION, 2-4 TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD, NORTH POINT.

COMPLETED PREQUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED NOT LATER THAN NOON ON OCTOBER 27.

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TUEN MUN, NORTH DISTRICT LOTS TO BE RESUMED
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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO RESUME A TOTAL OF 114 PRIVATE LOTS IN TUEN MUN AND NORTH DISTRICT FOR DEVELOPMENT.

THE LOTS TOTAL 90,827.6 SQUARE METRES AND MOST ARE PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL LOTS.

THE LOTS IN TUEN MUN, WHICH INCLUDE 105 PRIVATE LOTS WITH A TOTAL AREA OF 40,812.2 SQUARE METRES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND, ARE REQUIRED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PIPELINES AND EFFLUENT OUTFALL FORESHORE CHAMBERS AT LUNG KWU SHEUNG TAN AND AN ACCESS ROAD AT PO TONG HA, TUEN MUN.

THE LAND IN NORTH DISTRICT INCLUDES NINE PRIVATE LOTS WITH A TOTAL AREA OF 50,015.4 SQUARE METRES COMPRISING 5,654.2 SQUARE METRES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND, 29,690.8 SQUARE METRES OF GARDEN LAND AND 14,670.4 SQUARE METRES OF BUILDING LAND.

IT IS REQUIRED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NORTH DISTRICT HOSPITAL AND ASSOCIATED ROADS AND DRAINS.

BOTH PROJECTS ARE PROGRAMMED TO START IN DECEMBER.

NOTICES ON THE RESUMPTION OF THE LAND WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE LOTS WILL REVERT TO THE GOVERNMENT ON THE EXPIRY OF THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THE POSTING OF NOTICES ON THE LOTS.

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OPERATING PERIOD OF PARKING METERS EXTENDED
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 8), THE 14 PARKING METERS AT THE PEAK TRAM TERMINUS IN GARDEN ROAD WILL ALSO OPERATE ON SUNDAY AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

TEN OF THEM ARE FOR PRIVATE CARS AND LIGHT GOODS VEHICLES WHILE THE REMAINING FOUR ARE FOR BUSES AND COACHES.

THESE PARKING METERS WILL OPERATE FROM 10 AM TO 10 PM ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AND FROM 8 AM TO 12 MIDNIGHT ON WEEKDAYS.

THE PARKING CHARGE WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED AT \$2 PER 30 MINUTES.

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