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14 QUESTIONS, EIGHT BILLS ON LEGCO AGENDA

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MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL ASK A TOTAL OF 14 QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER EIGHT BILLS AT THE COUNCIL'S MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 18).

OF THE EIGHT BILLS, FOUR WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS AND DEBATES ON THEM WILL BE ADJOURNED.

THEY ARE THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990, THE COMMODITIES TRADING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990, THE STOCK EXCHANGES UNIFICATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990, AND THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) (NO.2) BILL 1990.

THE OTHER BILLS ARE EACH DUE TO BE GIVEN A SECOND READING, AND THEN TO GO THROUGH THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING.

THEY ARE THE RATING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990, THE SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (1989-90) BILL 1990, THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (SAFETY) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990, AND THE SHIPPING AND PORT CONTROL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990.

THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS WILL MOVE A MOTION UNDER THE LANDLORD AND TENANT (CONSOLIDATION) ORDINANCE.

IN ADDITION, DR THE HON HENRIETTA IP WILL SPEAK ON THE REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TRAVEL AGENTS' RESERVE FUND FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 1988 TO MARCH 31, 1989, AND THE HON PETER POON WILL SPEAK ON THE REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ON REPORT NO. 15 OF THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT ON THE RESULTS OF VALUE FOR MONEY AUDITS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO OBSERVE THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SITTINGS FROM THE PUBLIC GALLERIES AND THEY MAY MAKE RESERVATIONS BY TELEPHONING 844 0899.

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CLOSE TIES NEEDED FOR HK AND MACAU

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IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT HONG KONG AND MACAU, BOTH HAVING MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PLANS, SHOULD KEEP CLOSELY IN TOUCH WITH EACH OTHER TO ENSURE THAT EACH SIDE KNOWS WHAT THE OTHER IS DOING, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON.

SIR DAVID WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE HONG KONG MACAU FERRY TERMINAL WHERE HE BID FAREWELL TO THE MACAU GOVERNOR, DR CARLOS MELANCIA.

THIS WAS A RETURN VISIT OF THE MACAU GOVERNOR TO THE TERRITORY AFTER SIR DAVID OFFICIALLY VISITED MACAU IN JANUARY LAST YEAR.

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"WE ARE VERY CLOSE NEIGHBOURS AND WHAT ONE DOES AFFECTS THE OTHER," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

WHEN ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE NEW AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT IN MACAU, SIR DAVID SAID: "I SEE THE AIRPORT IN MACAU AS SOMETHING WHICH IS VERY MUCH COMPLEMENTARY TO HONG KONG, NOT IN ANY WAY A THREAT TO HONG KONG'S DEVELOPMENT PLANS."

HE DID NOT THINK THE EARLY COMPLETION OF THE MACAU AIRPORT WOULD DO ANY DAMAGE AT ALL TO HONG KONG'S PLANS.

SIR DAVID ADDED THAT THE ONE THING BOTH SIDES MUST WORK OUT TOGETHER WOULD BE HOW TO DEAL WITH AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL BECAUSE OF THE RELATIVELY CLOSE PROXIMITY OF THE TWO AIRPORTS.

THE MACAU GOVERNOR ARRIVED THIS MORNING AND HELD A DISCUSSION WITH SIR DAVID IN THE GOVERNMENT HOUSE ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

IN THE AFTERNOON, DR MELANCIA VISITED MODERN TERMINALS LIMITED IN KWAI CHUNG TO SEE THE FACILITIES THERE. HE LATER FLEW BY HELICOPTER TO CHEK LAP KOK WHERE HE WAS BRIEFED ON THE PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT.

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WAGE INDEXES FOR MARCH PUBLISHED

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THE OVERALL NOMINAL WAGE INDEX FOR MARCH 1990, AT 199.1, INCREASED BY 12.7 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH MARCH 1989 AND BY 6.6 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1989, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS PUBLISHED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE OVERALL REAL WAGE INDEX, AT 115.2 IN MARCH 1990, WAS 2.4 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THAT IN MARCH 1989 AND 2.5 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THAT IN SEPTEMBER 1989.

WHILE THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX MEASURES CHANGES IN WAGE RATES IN MONEY TERMS, THE REAL WAGE INDEX, WHICH IS OBTAINED BY DEFLATING THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A), MEASURES CHANGES IN THE PURCHASING POWER OF THE WAGES RECEIVED.

IN MARCH 1990, THE YEAR-ON-YEAR RATE OF INCREASE OF THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX FOR THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR WAS 11.2 PER CENT, AND FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR WAS 16.7 PER CENT.

WHEN COMPARING MARCH 1990 WITH SEPTEMBER 1989, IT IS NOTED THAT THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX WAS HIGHER BY 3.4 PER CENT IN THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR, AND BY 8.5 PER CENT IN THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR.

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THE NOMINAL AND REAL WAGE INDEXES FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 1989 TO MARCH 1990 FOR SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 1 AND TABLE 2 RESPECTIVELY. DETAILED BREAKDOWNS OF THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 3.

THE WAGE INDEXES ARE DERIVED FROM THE SURVEY OF WAGES, SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SURVEY COVERS BOTH MANUAL AND NON-MANUAL WORKERS (EXCLUDING EMPLOYEES AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL LEVELS) IN SELECTED INDUSTRIES IN FIVE MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS.

THE FREQUENCY OF THE SURVEY HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM QUARTERLY TO HALF-YEARLY BASIS STARTING FROM SEPTEMBER 1989. FOLLOWING THE MARCH 1990 SURVEY, THE NEXT HALF-YEARLY SURVEY WILL BE CONDUCTED IN SEPTEMBER 1990. THE BASE PERIOD OF THE WAGE INDEX IS MARCH 1982.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT DREW ATTENTION TO THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE WAGE INDEXES AND THE INDEXES OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED WHICH ARE PUBLISHED AT QUARTERLY INTERVALS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT WHILE WAGE RATES PROVIDE A MEASURE OF THE UNIT PRICE OF LABOUR, PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IS A MEASURE OF PER CAPITA EARNING.

WAGE RATES REPRESENT THE AMOUNT OF REMUNERATION FOR NORMAL HOURS OF WORK, AND ARE DEFINED TO INCLUDE BASIC WAGES AND SALARIES, COST-OF-LIVING ALLOWANCE, MEAL BENEFITS, COMMISSION AND TIPS, GOOD ATTENDANCE BONUS AND NIGHT SHIFT ALLOWANCE, YEAR-END BONUS AND OTHER GUARANTEED AND REGULAR BONUSES AND ALLOWANCES.

TOTAL PAYROLL IS THE AMOUNT OF DIRECT CASH PAYMENT THAT EMPLOYEES RECEIVE FROM EMPLOYERS, AND THEREFORE ALSO INCLUDES OVERTIME PAY AND OTHER NON-GUARANTEED AND IRREGULAR BONUSES AND ALLOWANCE.

HENCE, STATISTICS ON PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED TEND TO BE SENSITIVE TO CHANGES IN THE NUMBER OF HOURS ACTUALLY WORKED, THE TIMING OF THE PAYMENT OF BONUSES AND BACK-PAY, AND THE COMPOSITION OF THE LABOUR FORCE.

AS A RESULT, MOVEMENTS IN WAGE RATES DO NOT NECESSARILY CONFORM WITH THOSE IN PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED.

THE SURVEY FINDINGS ARE PUBLISHED IN A REPORT ON HALF-YEARLY SURVEY OF WAGES, SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS STATISTICS VOLUME I, MARCH 1990 WHICH WILL BE ON SALE SHORTLY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

THE VOLUME II ISSUE OF THE REPORT CONTAINING DETAILED OCCUPATIONAL STATISTICS, SUCH AS WAGE RATES, NUMBER OF NORMAL HOURS OF WORK AND NUMBER OF STANDARD WORKING DAYS IS EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT MONTH.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE WAGE INDEXES CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE WAGES AND LABOUR COSTS STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 823 4744 OR 823 4747.

TABLE 1: NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES BY SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS

SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS	INDEXES (MARCH 1982 = 100)				
	MAR. 1989	SEPT. 1989	MAR. 1990	% CHANGE MAR. 1990/ SEPT. 1989	% CHANGE MAR. 1990/ MAR. 1989
MANUFACTURING	171.3	180.6	192.2	+6.4	+12.2
WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	174.8	181.0	194.3	+7.3	+11.2
TRANSPORT SERVICES	199.9	222.3	229.9	+3.4	+15.0
BUSINESS SERVICES	201.7	217.0	235.4	+8.5	+16.7
PERSONAL SERVICES	194.8	209.4	224.4	+7.2	+15.2
ALL SECTORS ABOVE	176.7	186.7	199.1	+6.6	+12.7

TABLE 2: REAL WAGE INDEXES BY SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS

SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS	INDEXES (MARCH 1982 = 100)				
	MAR. 1989	SEPT. 1989	MAR. 1990	% CHANGE MAR. 1990/ SEPT. 1989	% CHANGE MAR. 1990/ MAR. 1989
MANUFACTURING	109.1	108.7	111.2	+2.3	+1.9
WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	111.3	108.9	112.5	+3.3	+1.1
TRANSPORT SERVICES	127.2	133.8	133.0	-0.6	+4.6
BUSINESS SERVICES	128.4	130.6	136.2	+4.3	+6.1
PERSONAL SERVICES	124.0	126.1	129.9	+3.0	+4.8
ALL SECTORS ABOVE	112.5	112.4	115.2	+2.5	+2.4

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TABLE 3 : NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES FOR MAJOR INDUSTRIES IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR

SELECTED MAJOR INDUSTRIES	INDEXES (MARCH 1982 = 100)				
	MAR. 1989	SEPT. 1989	MAR. 1990	% CHANGE MAR. 1990/ SEPT. 1989	% CHANGE MAR. 1990/ MAR. 1989
GARMENTS	144.2	153.1	160.9	+5.1	+11.6
GLOVES	189.1	192.2	191.0	-0.6	+1.0
HANDBAGS	162.2	180.5	192.2	+6.5	+18.5
COTTON SPINNING/WEAVING	190.3	193.0	210.7	+9.2	+10.7
KNITTING	161.6	168.3	175.0	+4.0	+8.3
BLEACHING AND DYEING	189.6	200.6	207.7	+3.5	+9.5
PRINTING	203.5	222.9	238.5	+7.0	+17.2
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	165.2	170.5	184.1	+8.0	+11.4
METAL PRODUCTS	182.7	193.9	201.7	+4.0	+10.4
ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	208.0	227.7	244.4	+7.3	+17.5
ELECTRONICS	202.8	210.6	228.4	+8.5	+12.6
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	215.3	224.6	243.4	+8.4	+13.1
MANUFACTURING	171.3	180.6	192.2	+6.4	+12.2

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS ON FOREX DEALINGS

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WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS TO THE WORKING GROUP SET UP TO STUDY THE NEED TO IMPOSE CONTROL ON LEVERAGED DEALINGS IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE BY RETAIL INVESTMENT COMPANIES HAVE TO BE MADE BEFORE THE END OF THIS (JULY) MONTH, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

THE GROUP, WHICH WAS FORMED BY THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS UNDER THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH, HAS BEEN INVITING WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS ON THE SUBJECT IN EARLY JUNE.

"SINCE THEN A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANISATIONS HAVE SENT IN THEIR SUBMISSIONS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

CHAIRMAN BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, THE WORKING GROUP INCLUDES REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF BANKING AND THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION.

"IT WILL EXAMINE ALL THE SUBMISSIONS BEFORE DECIDING WHETHER AND IF SO WHAT CONTROL SHOULD BE IMPOSED ON LEVERAGED DEALINGS IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE BY COMPANIES WHICH ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE EXISTING SUPERVISION AND REGULATION FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING AND THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS AT THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH, 24TH FLOOR, ADMIRALTY CENTRE, TOWER 2, 18 HARCOURT ROAD.

ALL WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS WILL BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE.

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NEW YAU TSIM OFFICE CONTINUES TO SERVE DISTRICT

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REDEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN IN YAU TSIM IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS WILL BRING ABOUT A FACELIFT FOR THE DISTRICT, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE NEW OFFICE OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE AND YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD.

CITING THE "SIX STREETS" REDEVELOPMENT SCHEME AS EXAMPLE, MR LAN SAID THIS WAS TO BE COMPLETED IN TWO PHASES AND THE WHOLE SCHEME WOULD EVENTUALLY PROVIDE THE DISTRICT WITH A LARGE NUMBER OF BUILDINGS, EITHER FOR SALE OR FOR RENTAL, AS WELL AS COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND RECREATIONAL AREAS.

"THIS, TOGETHER WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT OF YUNNAN LANE AND THE RECLAMATION OF THE YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER, WOULD RESULT IN A NEW OUTLOOK FOR THE DISTRICT," HE SAID.

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IN THE MEANTIME, A SERIES OF IMPROVEMENT WORKS WAS BEING PLANNED AS STOP-GAP MEASURES TO COPE WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS IN THE OLDER PARTS OF THE DISTRICT, MR LAN NOTED.

IN THIS RESPECT, THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAD SET UP A BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM IN 1985 TO PROVIDE LOCAL RESIDENTS, OWNERS' CORPORATIONS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES WITH EXPERT ADVICE ON IMPROVING THE MANAGEMENT OF THEIR BUILDINGS.

ON COMMUNITY BUILDING, MR LAN SAID THE DISTRICT OFFICE ASSISTED LOCAL NON-PROFIT MAKING GROUPS IN ORGANISING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES SUCH AS THE ANNUAL SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN.

TO HELP PROMOTE RESIDENTS' SENSE OF BELONGING AND ENCOURAGE GREATER COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND DISTRICT BOARD WOULD HOLD THE SECOND DISTRICT FESTIVAL WHICH WOULD LAST FROM NOVEMBER UNTIL JANUARY NEXT YEAR.

MR LAN URGED ALL RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN THE THREE-MONTH FESTIVAL WHICH WOULD PROVIDE MORE THAN 40 ACTIVITIES INCLUDING A CONCERT, AN EXHIBITION ON YAU TSIM'S TOMORROW AND A CARNIVAL.

ON THE WORK OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE, MR LAN NOTED THAT THE OFFICE HANDLED MORE THAN 10,000 CASES EVERY MONTH. THESE INCLUDED GENERAL ENQUIRIES, COMPLAINTS, DECLARATION SERVICE AND FREE LEGAL ADVICE AS WELL AS BOOKING APPOINTMENTS FOR MEETING DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

MR LAN SAID WITH THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT, THE ROLE OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAD BECOME MORE IMPORTANT.

"TO MEET THIS CHALLENGE, THE DISTRICT OFFICE WILL FURTHER STRENGTHEN ITS ROLE AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PUBLIC," HE SAID.

"IT WILL ALSO CANVASS MORE VIGOROUSLY THE SUPPORT OF GRASS-ROOT ORGANISATIONS IN PROMOTING PUBLIC CAMPAIGNS, COMMUNITY BUILDING AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT IN THE DISTRICT," HE ADDED.

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PROPER LABELLING FOR PREPACKAGED FOOD

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FOOD MANUFACTURERS AND RETAILERS ARE TODAY (MONDAY) REMINDED TO SELL FOOD ITEMS IN PREPACKAGED FORM, WHETHER COMPLETELY OR PARTIALLY PACKED, WITH PROPER LABELLING AS REQUIRED BY THE THIRD SCHEDULE OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS (COMPOSITION AND LABELLING) REGULATIONS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH POINTED OUT THAT OFFENDERS MAY BE FINED A MAXIMUM OF \$25,000 AND JAILED FOR SIX MONTHS.

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THE REMINDER FOLLOWS RECENT COURT CASES IN WHICH FOUR RETAILERS WERE FINED FROM \$750 TO \$2,000.

IN THE FIRST TWO CASES, A SUPERMARKET IN CENTRAL AND A GINSENG AND DRIED SEAFOOD COMPANY IN KOWLOON WERE EACH FINED \$2,000 FOR SELLING PREPACKAGED FOOD ITEMS, ALMONDS AND INSTANT NOODLES AND PISTACHIO WITHOUT PROPER MARKING OR LABELLING.

THE ITEMS DID NOT HAVE THE LIST OF INGREDIENTS, INDICATION OF MINIMUM DURABILITY, THE NAME OR DESIGNATION OF THE FOOD, NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MANUFACTURER OR PACKER, NUMERICAL COUNT OF THE CONTENTS OR THE NET WEIGHT OR NET VOLUME OF THE FOOD AS STIPULATED IN THE THIRD SCHEDULE OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS (COMPOSITION AND LABELLING) REGULATIONS.

FOR CONTRAVENING THE SAME REGULATIONS, TWO SHOPS IN TUEN MUN AND CENTRAL, SELLING PREPACKAGED DRIED PORK, OX LIVER WITH ONION AND COOKED CHICKEN WITH VEGETABLES WERE FINED \$750 AND \$1,500 RESPECTIVELY.

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OVERSEAS YOUNG MUSICIANS TAKE PART IN MUSIC CAMP
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THREE HUNDRED YOUNG MUSICIANS INCLUDING 10 FROM OVERSEAS COUNTRIES ARE TAKING PART IN THE 11TH HONG KONG YOUTH MUSIC CAMP AT LEI YUE MUN PARK IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT.

ADDRESSING THE YOUNG MUSICIANS AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CAMP TODAY (MONDAY), THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MRS RACHEL CARTLAND, SAID THE MUSIC CAMP OFFERED A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG MUSIC TALENTS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND EXPERIENCES WITH FELLOW MUSIC LOVERS THROUGH AN INTENSIVE PROGRAMME OF MUSIC TRAINING AND APPRECIATION.

"THE REASON WE CHOSE A HOLIDAY CAMP SITE FOR THE EVENT IS TO PROVIDE A CONGENIAL ATMOSPHERE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES TO CULTIVATE FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING," SHE SAID.

"I AM DELIGHTED TO SEE YOUNG MUSICIANS FROM AUSTRALIA, CANADA, CHINA, JAPAN, MACAU, MALAYSIA, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES TAKING PART THIS YEAR, AND I HOPE YOU WILL ENJOY THIS STIMULATING EXPERIENCE," SHE ADDED.

THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR OF THE MUSIC OFFICE, MRS AGNES ALLCOCK, PAID TRIBUTE TO THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE WESTERN JUNIOR POLICE CALL AND THE FRINGE CLUB FOR THEIR UNFAILING SUPPORT IN PLANNING AND ORGANISING THE MUSIC CAMP.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, MEMBERS OF THE WESTERN JUNIOR POLICE CALL PERFORMED A LION DANCE, WHILE THE HONG KONG FRINGE CLUB PRESENTED A MIME SHOW, ACROBATICS AND JUGGLING AND CLOWN MAGIC SHOWS.

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THE YOUNG MUSICIANS ATTENDING THE CAMP WILL JOIN EITHER THE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, CHINESE ORCHESTRA, STRING ORCHESTRA, SYMPHONIC BAND OR THE COMBINED YOUTH CHOIR.

DURING THE TWO-WEEK CAMPING PERIOD, THEY WILL RECEIVE INSTRUCTION AND GUIDANCE FROM LOCAL MUSICIANS AS WELL AS GUEST MUSICIANS FROM CHINA, JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THEY WILL ALSO TAKE PART IN ORCHESTRAL AND SECTIONAL REHEARSALS, MASTER CLASSES AND DEMONSTRATION CONCERTS.

IN ADDITION, A WIDE RANGE OF RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES WILL BE ARRANGED TO PROVIDE A BALANCED PROGRAMME FOR THE CAMPERS.

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NEW PLAYGROUNDS FOR WESTERN DISTRICT AND KOWLOON BAY

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND IN WESTERN DISTRICT AND A PLAYGROUND AT KOWLOON BAY.

WORK ON THE 594-SQUARE-METRE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND IN MUI FONG STREET, WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR AND BE COMPLETED IN MARCH NEXT YEAR.

IT WILL PROVIDE FACILITIES INCLUDING PLANTERS, SITTING BENCHES, CHESS TABLES AND PLAY EQUIPMENT WITH SAFETY MATTING.

THE PLAYGROUND IN LAM WAH STREET, KOWLOON BAY, MEASURING ABOUT 5,900 SQUARE METRES, WILL CONSIST OF A MINI SOCCER PITCH AND A SITTING-OUT AREA WITH LANDSCAPING, ELEVATED ARCADE, ARBOURS AND TOILETS.

WORK IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR AND TAKE ABOUT 10 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS FOR BOTH PROJECTS IS NOON ON AUGUST 3.

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KWUN TONG DB REPORT PUBLISHED

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A REPORT ON THE WORK AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD FOR THE YEAR 1989-90 IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE 28-PAGE BOOKLET, IN FULL COLOUR, IS ENTITLED "FOURTH TERM KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD WORK REPORT 1989-90" WITH CHAPTERS ON THE BOARD'S COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS AS WELL AS ITS STRUCTURE AND MEMBERSHIP.

THE BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM HANG-FAI, SAID THE REPORT WOULD GIVE LOCAL RESIDENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, INCLUDING ITS ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE PAST FINANCIAL YEAR.

A TOTAL OF 50,000 COPIES, COSTING ABOUT \$100,000, HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED. COPIES OF THE REPORT WILL BE SENT TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS INCLUDING AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS' CORPORATIONS AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY COUNTERS OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

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PARENTS INVITED TO APPLY FOR KINDERGARTEN FEE REMISSION

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HONG KONG RESIDENTS WITH CHILDREN AGED THREE OR ABOVE STUDYING IN REGISTERED KINDERGARTENS ARE BEING INVITED TO APPLY FOR FEE REMISSION.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE NEW KINDERGARTEN FEE REMISSION SCHEME CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE KINDERGARTENS IN WHICH THEIR CHILDREN ARE ATTENDING, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

"PARENTS MAY FORWARD APPLICATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE KINDERGARTENS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR OR AT ANY TIME WHEN FEE REMISSION IS NEEDED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE RETURNED WITH COPIES OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO THE KINDERGARTENS, BUT THE DEPARTMENT WILL DIRECTLY INFORM PARENTS OF THE RESULT.

"THE GOVERNMENT WILL PAY THE REMITTED FEES TO SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS THROUGH THE KINDERGARTENS," HE SAID.

A LEAFLET INTRODUCING THE KINDERGARTEN FEE REMISSION SCHEME HAS BEEN PREPARED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

PARENTS MAY OBTAIN THE LEAFLETS FROM KINDERGARTENS, DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICES AND THE KINDERGARTEN FEE REMISSION SCHEME UNIT OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE KINDERGARTEN FEE REMISSION SCHEME UNIT, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, ON TEL. 839 2546 OR 839 2344.

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HK REGIONAL HEPATITIS B VACCINATION CENTRE ON MOVE

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THE HONG KONG REGIONAL HEPATITIS B VACCINATION CENTRE IS OPERATING FROM ITS NEW ADDRESS AT WESTERN MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRE, ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF DAVID TRENCH REHABILITATION CENTRE, BONHAM ROAD, WESTERN DISTRICT FROM TODAY (MONDAY), THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCED.

THE CENTRE WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE HEALTH EDUCATION SERVICE AND FOLLOW-UP INJECTIONS FOR BABIES BORN TO HEPATITIS B CARRIER MOTHERS.

THE NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 540 7011. THE HOURS OF OPERATION WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

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DB COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER FUND APPLICATIONS

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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S FINANCE AND GENERAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER THREE APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS TOTTALLING \$201,210 AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE AMOUNT WILL BE USED FOR RECONSTRUCTING A FOOTPATH AT TUNG LO WAN, AND ORGANISING A DRAMA FESTIVAL AND A YOUTH DRAMA PROJECT.

THE WORKING GROUP ON PUBLIC RELATIONS WILL ALSO REPORT ON ITS WORK PROGRESS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S FINANCE AND GENERAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON SIXTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 11.30 AM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS PREFERENTIAL SCHEME FOR ELDERLY

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THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS A PREFERENTIAL PRIVATE MEDICAL AND TRANSPORT SCHEME FOR THE ELDERLY IN THE DISTRICT AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS A FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PROGRAMME FOR THE DISTRICT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, 6 TUNG YAN STREET.

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REPERTORY THEATRE TO PERFORM IN SOUTHERN

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO A PLAY BY THE HONG KONG REPERTORY THEATRE ON SUNDAY (JULY 22).

SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE PERFORMANCE IS JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION (SDACA) AND THE URBAN COUNCIL. IT WILL OPEN AT 8 PM AT THE AP LEI CHAU COMMUNITY HALL, AP LEI CHAU ESTATE.

ENTITLED "THE CUSTOMS", THE PLAY IS ABOUT THE UNEXPECTED REUNION OF A PAIR OF FORMER LOVERS WHILE BEING HELD HOSTAGE BY A DRUNKARD AT THE CUSTOMS SECTION OF AN AIRPORT.

"IT IS HOPED THAT THE PERFORMANCE WILL NOT ONLY PROVIDE ENTERTAINMENT FOR RESIDENTS BUT ALSO PROMOTE THEIR INTEREST IN THEATRE ARTS," A DB SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

FREE TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE SDACA OFFICE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF LEI CHAK HOUSE, AP LEI CHAU ESTATE AND THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

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PRESERVATION OF SCENERY ON DB AGENDA

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL STUDY THE NEED FOR PRESERVING THE SCENERIES IN THE DISTRICT AT A MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

A MEMBER WILL SUGGEST THAT THE GOVERNMENT PROTECT THE OLD PINE GROVE AT KAM TSIN VILLAGE IN SHEUNG SHUI, PLANT MORE TREES AND CONTROL THE NUMBER OF GRAVES ON THE HILLSLOPE BEHIND FUNG YING SIN KOON, FANLING.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER WHETHER TO ORGANISE A CARNIVAL IN SUPPORT OF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, AND PROGRESS REPORTS ON SQUATTER AREA IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND VILLAGE LIGHTING INSTALLATIONS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 50 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 293.192 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 324.578 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 55.4 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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WATER CUT IN TAI KOK TSUI
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TAI KOK TSUI WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 18) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT CERTAIN PREMISES BOUNDED BY TONG MEI ROAD, FUK TSUN STREET, IVY STREET, ANCHOR STREET, TAI KOK TSUI ROAD AND CHERRY STREET INCLUDING ASH STREET, OAK STREET, PINE STREET, BEECH STREET, POK HOK LANE, TIT SHU STREET AND 1-18 ELM STREET.

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TEMPORARY PARTIAL LANE CLOSURE ON TOLO HIGHWAY
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 9 AM ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 18) TO 6 AM ON JULY 26, THE THREE TRAFFIC LANES OF TOLO HIGHWAY NORTHBOUND (HEADING FOR FANLING) NEAR HA WUN YIU, TAI PO WILL BE PARTIALLY CLOSED IN TURN TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS.

CLOSURE OF TWO TRAFFIC LANES WILL ONLY BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 10 PM TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY. ONE TRAFFIC LANE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE REST OF THE PERIOD.

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