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THIRD VEHICULAR BORDER CROSSING TO BE OPENED ON FRIDAY

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THE THIRD VEHICULAR HONG KONG-CHINA BORDER CROSSING AT LOK MA CHAU WILL BE OPENED ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 29).

INITIALLY THE CROSSING WILL BE RESTRICTED TO GOODS VEHICLES AND OPERATE FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM DAILY.

APPROPRIATE DIRECTIONAL SIGNS HAVE BEEN ERECTED TO GUIDE DRIVERS TO THE NEW CROSSING WHICH LINKS LOK MA CHAU ON HONG KONG SIDE WITH HUANGGONG IN CHINA BY A BRIDGE.

THE LENGTH OF THE BORDER LINK FROM THE LOK MA CHAU INTERCHANGE TO THE SOUTH BANK OF SHENZHEN RIVER IS ABOUT 1.8 KILOMETRES.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (MONDAY) SAID THAT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CROSSING IS A JOINT EFFORT BY HONG KONG AND SHENZHEN AUTHORITIES WITH EACH SIDE BUILDING THEIR RESPECTIVE HALF OF THE BRIDGE.

"CONSTRUCTION OF THE BORDER CROSSING BY THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED IN TWO STAGES. WORKS STARTED IN DECEMBER 1985.

"THE FIRST STAGE COSTING \$260 MILLION INCLUDED THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE EASTERN BRIDGE, A DUAL TWO-LANE HIGHWAY LINKING WITH THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD, THE FOUNDATION FOR THE WESTERN BRIDGE, A BORDER COMPLEX AREA, AND TWO VEHICLE HOLDING AREAS, EACH WITH A CAPACITY TO HOLD 370 GOODS VEHICLES.

"THE SECOND STAGE, WHICH COMPRISES THE SUPERSTRUCTURE FOR THE WESTERN BRIDGE, WILL COMMENCE NEXT MONTH AND IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN MID 1991 AT A COST OF \$30 MILLION," HE SAID.

THE CUSTOMS, IMMIGRATION, POLICE AND OTHER CONTROL FACILITIES IN THE BORDER CONTROL AREA WERE BUILT BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THESE FACILITIES COSTING \$84.6 MILLION INCLUDE A TWO-STORY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AND TWO ROWS OF BOOTHS FOR CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION CHECKING.

OTHER CONTROL AREAS INCLUDE THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH FOOD CONTROL CHECKPOINT FOR EXAMINING IMPORTED FOOD SUCH AS VEGETABLES AND SHELL FISH; AND THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT ANIMAL INSPECTION STATION FOR THE CONTROL OF IMPORT AND EXPORT OF ANIMALS, BIRDS, PLANTS, PLANT PESTS AND ENDANGERED SPECIES.

AS REGARDS IMMIGRATION FACILITIES, THERE ARE 14 EXAMINATION KIOSKS FOR BOTH INCOMING AND OUTGOING VEHICLES AT THE CONTROL POINT.

THERE ARE 28 REVERSIBLE COUNTERS IN THE IMMIGRATION EXAMINATION HALL FOR THE CLEARANCE OF COACH PASSENGERS.

/THE CUSTOMS

THE CUSTOMS FACILITIES INCLUDE TWO SEPARATE CARGO EXAMINATION COMPLEXES WITH 10 AND FOUR EXAMINATION PLATFORMS FOR THE EXAMINATION OF IMPORT AND EXPORT CARGO RESPECTIVELY.

THERE IS A TOTAL OF 14 MANIFEST PROCESSING KIOSKS FOR GOODS VEHICLES.

IN THE PASSENGER HALL, THERE ARE 15 BAGGAGE EXAMINATION COUNTERS FOR PASSENGERS.

OTHER FACILITIES SUCH AS X-RAY MACHINES FOR DETECTING CONTRABAND AND FIREARMS HIDDEN IN CARGOES, INSPECTION PITS FOR EXAMINING THE UNDER-SIDE OF VEHICLES, AND METAL DETECTORS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE CONTROL POINT.

THE OTHER TWO EXISTING VEHICULAR CROSSINGS ARE AT MAN KAM TO AND SHA TAU KOK.

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\$2 MILLION PAID TO NEEDY FROM EMERGENCY FUND

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THE GOVERNMENT PAID OUT OVER \$2 MILLION FROM THE EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND (ERF) TO PEOPLE IN NEED IN THE 1988-89 FISCAL YEAR.

THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ERF IS VESTED IN THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE INCORPORATED WHO ACTS ON THE ADVICE OF THE ERF COMMITTEE. THE ERF CONSISTS OF PUBLIC DONATIONS MADE FROM TIME TO TIME AND AN ANNUAL ALLOCATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING GRANTS AND LOANS TO PERSONS WHO ARE IN NEED OF RELIEF AS A RESULT OF FIRE, FLOOD, TYPHOON OR OTHER DISASTERS.

IN 1988-89, RECIPIENTS OF GRANTS FROM THE FUND WERE MOSTLY VICTIMS OF FIRES AND LANDSLIDES.

GRANTS MADE FROM ERF FALL INTO THE FOLLOWING FIVE MAIN CATEGORIES:-

- * DEATH AND PERSONAL INJURY GRANTS;
- * DOMESTIC RE-ACCOMMODATION, RE-EQUIPMENT, SITE FORMATION AND REPAIR GRANTS;
- * GRANTS FOR THE REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF VESSELS;
- * PRIMARY PRODUCE GRANTS; AND
- * SPECIAL GRANTS.

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A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT PAYMENTS OF DOMESTIC RE-ACCOMMODATION, RE-EQUIPMENT, SITE FORMATION AND REPAIR GRANTS MOUNTED TO \$1.8 MILLION, OR 84 PER CENT OF THE YEAR'S TOTAL EXPENDITURE. MEANWHILE, GRANTS FOR PRIMARY PRODUCE WERE SLIGHTLY OVER \$300,000.

THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR APPROVING GRANTS AND MAKING PAYMENTS IS IN MOST CASES VESTED IN OFFICERS OF THE SWD, THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, THE MARINE DEPARTMENT AND THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WHILE THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERALL CO-ORDINATION IN THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT GRANTS MIGHT BE MADE TO ANY PERSON WHO WAS LEGALLY IN HONG KONG AND WHO WAS IN NEED AS A RESULT OF A NATURAL DISASTER SUCH AS TEMPEST, TYPHOON, RAINSTORM, LANDSLIDE AND FLOODING, WHICH HAD CAUSED SUFFERING OR LOSS TO AN EXTENT WHICH MERITED ASSISTANCE.

"IN ADDITION, VICTIMS OF FIRE, HOUSE COLLAPSE, BOAT CAPSIZE, SHIPWRECK, EXPLOSION, EVICTION FROM A DANGEROUS BUILDING OR ON A COURT ORDER ARE ALSO ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE.

"HOWEVER, NO PAYMENT WILL BE MADE TO ANY APPLICANT WHO IS PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACT LEADING TO THE DISASTER, FOR EXAMPLE ARSON, BREACH OF MARINE REGULATIONS, DELIBERATE NEGLIGENCE," HE SAID.

"PUBLIC DONATIONS SPECIFICALLY GIVEN FOR VICTIMS OF A PARTICULAR INCIDENT WOULD BE DISBURSED EXCLUSIVELY TO THE DESIGNATED VICTIMS AND PAID IN ADDITION TO ANY ENTITLEMENT UNDER THE ERF PAYMENT SCHEDULE, EVEN IF THE DONATION IS SPECIFIED FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE," THE SPOKESMAN CONCLUDED.

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'NO PREFIX' LUCKY CAR NUMBERS FOR AUCTION

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CAR OWNERS WHO WISH TO ACQUIRE "NO PREFIX" NUMBERS FOR THEIR VEHICLES TO GREET THE YEAR OF THE HORSE SHOULD NOT MISS THE LUNAR NEW YEAR LUCKY VEHICLE NUMBER AUCTION ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 6.

THE AUCTION, ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, WILL OFFER 21 SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS WITH NO PREFIX FOR SALE, AND THE PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE CHARITABLE LOTTERIES FUND.

HEADING THE LIST IS THE CAR NUMBER 2828 WHICH IS CONSIDERED A LUCKY NUMBER MEANING "EASY TO PROSPER".

/THE NUMBERS

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THE NUMBERS AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING ARE AS FOLLOWS :

2828	886	1188
178	223	15
1313	8833	822
988	11	813
67	818	27
939	388	983
2222	89	399

THE NUMBERS ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE.

PREVIOUS LUNAR NEW YEAR AUCTIONS SAW THE AUSPICIOUS NUMBERS "8" FETCH A RECORD HIGH OF \$5 MILLION LAST YEAR AND THIS YEAR "7" WAS SOLD FOR \$4.8 MILLION.

SINCE MAY 1973, A TOTAL OF 145 AUCTIONS HAVE BEEN HELD BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, RAISING ABOUT \$90 MILLION FOR THE LOTTERIES FUND.

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THOUSANDS VISIT FLOWER, BIRD, INSECT, FISH SHOW
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ABOUT 40,000 FLOWER LOVERS, BIRD FANCIERS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE VISITED THE THIRD NORTH DISTRICT (1989) FLOWER, BIRD, INSECT AND FISH SHOW AT THE FANLING RECREATION GROUND SINCE IT OPENED ON FRIDAY.

"THE LARGE-SCALE JOINT EXHIBITION, WHICH EMBODIES BOTH UNCOMMON AND BEAUTIFUL SPECIES OF THE FLORA AND FAUNA OF DIFFERENT PLACES, IS AIMED AT AROUSING PUBLIC INTEREST IN NATURAL HISTORY AND ENHANCING KNOWLEDGE OF IT.

"THE SHOW IS INTENDED FOR PEOPLE SEEKING A RELAXING OUTLET FROM THE HURLY-BURLY OF MODERN CITY LIFE, AND FOR THE FAMILY AS A WORTHWHILE OUTING TO ENJOY AN INEXPENSIVE FORM OF ENTERTAINMENT," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

"THE SHOW, WHICH IS SPONSORED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, IS ALSO OF GREAT EDUCATIONAL VALUE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WERE WELCOME TO VISIT THE FIVE-DAY SHOW WHICH WOULD END AT 4 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

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STUDENTS TO BE SHOWN WORLD OF WORK

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STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE A FIRST-HAND LOOK AT THE WORLD OF WORK UNDER A YEAR-LONG WORK ORIENTATION PROGRAMME STARTING NEXT MONTH.

THE ANNUAL PROGRAMME IS ORGANISED BY THE CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE (CAS) OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT MAINLY FOR FORM 4 TO FORM 7 STUDENTS TO HELP THEM PLAN FOR THEIR FUTURE CAREERS.

"THROUGH VISITS TO DIFFERENT ESTABLISHMENTS, STUDENTS CAN OBTAIN UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON VARIOUS INDUSTRIES AND PROFESSIONS AND CAN SEE FOR THEMSELVES THE REAL WORKING ENVIRONMENT," THE SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER (CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE), MR LEUNG LIT-CHEONG, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

"WITH A MORE REALISTIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD OF WORK, THEY WILL HAVE LESS TROUBLE IN THEIR EVENTUAL TRANSITION FROM SCHOOL TO WORK," HE SAID.

"THIS TIME, THE VISITS WILL BE ARRANGED THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE YEAR TO ENSURE THAT STUDENTS HAVE A BETTER CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENT," HE ADDED.

INITIALLY, ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR OVER 600 SECONDARY SCHOOLS STUDENTS IN SHAM SHUI PO, SAI KUNG, TAI PO, YUEN LONG AND SOUTHERN DISTRICTS TO VISIT 21 DIFFERENT ESTABLISHMENTS FROM JANUARY TO MARCH.

THESE ESTABLISHMENTS INCLUDE HOTELS, BANKS, AIRLINE COMPANIES, CONTAINER TERMINALS, NEWSPAPERS AND BROADCASTING STATIONS, FACTORIES, PUBLIC UTILITIES, ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS, A SCHOOL OF COMMERCE, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND TRAINING INSTITUTES.

DURING THESE VISITS, STUDENTS MAY TALK TO STAFF OF THE ESTABLISHMENTS TO GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE, TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT AND OTHER INFORMATION OF INTEREST TO THEM.

APART FROM THIS CAREERS EDUCATION PROJECTS, YOUNG PEOPLE SEEKING CAREERS GUIDANCE MAY ALSO APPROACH THE CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRES OF THE CAS IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE TERRITORY.

THESE CENTRES ARE ALL EQUIPPED WITH A REFERENCE LIBRARY OFFERING THE LATEST MATERIALS ON EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND FURTHER STUDIES, AS WELL AS AUDIO-VISUAL PRESENTATIONS.

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THE CENTRES ARE LOCATED AT

SOUTHORN CENTRE, 16TH FLOOR,
130 HENNESSY ROAD,
WAN CHAI;

TO KWA WAN MARKET AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES, NINTH FLOOR,
165 MA TAU WAI ROAD,
KOWLOON;

TAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR,
16 TSUN WEN ROAD,
TUEN MUN; AND

CHANWAY SHOPPING CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, SHOP 8B,
11-17 SHA TIN CENTRE STREET,
SHA TIN.

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DB SUBSIDIES OPEN FOR APPLICATION

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ORGANISATIONS IN YAU TSIM DISTRICT ARE BEING INVITED TO APPLY FOR DISTRICT BOARD SUBSIDIES FOR ORGANISING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS.

THE AIM OF THE PROJECTS SHOULD BE EITHER PROMOTING DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, FINDING OUT THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF THE DISTRICT OR ENHANCING RESIDENTS' SENSE OF BELONGING, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

THE PROJECTS CAN ALSO BE RECREATIONAL, SPORTS OR CULTURAL ACTIVITIES ORGANISED FOR RESIDENTS, STUDENTS OR WORKERS IN THE DISTRICT, HE ADDED.

THERE ARE THREE APPLICATION PERIODS FOR THESE SUBSIDIES - DECEMBER 1, 1989 TO JANUARY 31, 1990 (FOR ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED FOR APRIL TO JUNE, 1990); FEBRUARY 1 TO MARCH 31, 1990 (FOR ACTIVITIES FOR JULY TO OCTOBER, 1990) AND JULY 1 TO AUGUST 31, 1990 (FOR ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER 1990 TO FEBRUARY 1991).

ALL APPLICATIONS WILL BE VETTED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE AND THE RESULTS WILL BE MADE KNOWN TWO MONTHS AFTER THE APPLICATION DEADLINE.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT AT 14TH FLOOR, 490 NATHAN ROAD. TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-7700424.

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OPEN SPACE FOR SAI KUNG RESIDENTS

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SAI KUNG RESIDENTS WILL SOON HAVE ONE MORE VENUE FOR LEISURE ACTIVITIES.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS SIGNED A CONTRACT WITH TAI DOU BUILDING CONTRACTOR FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LOCAL OPEN SPACE AT WAI MAN ROAD IN SAI KUNG.

WORK ON THE \$16.36 MILLION PROJECT WILL START LATER THIS MONTH AND TAKE ABOUT 10 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

FACILITIES OF THE 7,500 SQUARE METRE SITE WILL INCLUDE A WATER FOUNTAIN, PAVILIONS, AN OPEN-AIR MINI-THEATRE, OUTDOOR FITNESS TRAINING EQUIPMENT, AND SITTING-OUT AND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS.

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ROAD WORKS IN YAU MA TEI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE KERBSIDE LANE OF JORDAN ROAD EASTBOUND OUTSIDE DIOCESAN GIRL'S SCHOOL IN YAU MA TEI WILL BE CLOSED FROM 8 AM WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 27) TO 7 PM ON DECEMBER 30 FOR THE LAYING OF PIPES.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN WONG TAI SIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 27), UPHILL TRAFFIC ON THE SECTION OF CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD BETWEEN JAT'S INCLINE AND FEI NGO SHAN ROAD IN WONG TAI SIN WILL BE BANNED FOR FOUR MONTHS TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS.

DURING THIS PERIOD, ALL VEHICLES ON CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD EASTBOUND HEADING FOR SAI KUNG, INCLUDING NEW TERRITORIES GMB ROUTES 1 AND 11, WILL BE DIVERTED VIA NEW CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD AND CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD EASTBOUND.

MOREOVER, VEHICLES ON CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD EASTBOUND HEADING FOR FEI NGO SHAN ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA NEW CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD AND CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD WESTBOUND.

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LANE CLOSURES ON TAI PO ROAD (FANLING)

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORK, THE OUTERMOST LANE OF A SECTION OF ABOUT 1.5 KILOMETRE OF TAI PO ROAD (FANLING) SOUTHBOUND NEAR WO HOP SHEK INTERCHANGE WILL BE CLOSED FROM WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY (DECEMBER 27 TO 29).

ALSO, THE OUTERMOST LANE OF A SECTION OF ABOUT 1.5 KILOMETRE OF TAI PO ROAD (FANLING) NORTHBOUND SOUTH OF WO HOP SHEK INTERCHANGE WILL BE CLOSED ON JANUARY 2 AND 3.

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