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HONG KONG EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER U.S. ACTION ON TEXTILES  
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HONG KONG HAS EXPRESSED ITS DEEP CONCERN TO THE UNITED STATES ON THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS PUBLISHED YESTERDAY REGARDING THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF TEXTILE IMPORTS.

COMMENTING ON THE REGULATIONS, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR MICHAEL SZE, SAID THAT IF THEY WERE IMPLEMENTED WITHOUT AMENDMENT HONG KONG'S TEXTILES EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED.

HE SAID THAT THE ORIGIN RULES WERE DISCRIMINATORY IN THAT THEY ONLY APPLIED TO TRADE IN TEXTILES UNDER BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH THE UNITED STATES. SIMILAR TRADE FROM UNRESTRAINED SOURCES WOULD BE UNAFFECTED.

UNDER THE REGULATIONS ALL IMPORTS OF TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS INTO THE UNITED STATES COVERED BY BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WHICH WERE NOT WHOLLY MANUFACTURED IN THE EXPORTING COUNTRY MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A DECLARATION WHICH MAY BE PREPARED BY THE MANUFACTURER, PRODUCER, EXPORTER OR IMPORTER OF THE PRODUCTS CONCERNED.

FURTHERMORE, THE REGULATIONS MAKE NEW PROVISIONS AS REGARDS ORIGIN OF TEXTILE PRODUCTS. THE IMPLICATIONS FOR HONG KONG ARE THAT SOME OF THE MANUFACTURING PROCESSES IN THE TERRITORY WOULD NO LONGER CONFER HONG KONG ORIGIN. THIS IS PARTICULARLY RELEVANT TO THE KNITWEAR AND FABRIC INDUSTRIES.

MR SZE SAID THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT TO ASSESS THE FULL IMPLICATIONS OF THE REGULATIONS BEFORE THEY HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE UNITED STATES. BUT A PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION INDICATED THAT THERE COULD BE SERIOUS PROBLEM FOR HONG KONG EXPORTERS.

ELABORATING ON THE IMPLICATIONS FOR HONG KONG, MR SZE SAID: +IT SEEMS THAT, WITH EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 7, 1984, HONG KONG EXPORTERS CAN NO LONGER BE SURE THAT THEIR GOODS WILL BE PERMITTED TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES, EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE BEEN LICENSED PROPERLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE US-HONG KONG BILATERAL TEXTILES AGREEMENT.+

HE ADDED THAT ANY UNILATERAL IMPOSITION OF THE REGULATIONS WAS NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT OR THE US-HONG KONG BILATERAL TEXTILES AGREEMENT.

+WE WILL NOW SEEK EARLY CONSULTATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES WITH A VIEW TO RESOLVING THE PROBLEMS POSED BY THE REGULATIONS,+ HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS BRIEFING LATER IN THE AFTERNOON, MR SZE, SAID HE WELCOMED THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE BACKGROUND TO THE NEW REGULATIONS PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER IN WASHINGTON.

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HE SAID IT WAS DIFFICULT TO ASSESS THE FULL IMPLICATIONS OF THE NEW MEASURES WITHOUT HAVING HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THEM WITH THE UNITED STATES. NEVERTHELESS, THEY WERE OF DEEP CONCERN TO HONG KONG AS PUBLISHED, AND HE HOPED THE BRIEFING WOULD ENABLE THE MEDIA TO UNDERSTAND SOME OF THOSE CONCERNS MORE FULLY.

MR ROBERT FOOTMAN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRADE, EXPLAINED THAT TWO OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW REGULATIONS WERE OF DEEP CONCERN TO HONG KONG.

HE SAID FIRSTLY, ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS WERE REQUIRED FOR TEXTILE PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO THE BILATERAL TEXTILES AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES. THE DOCUMENTATION, IN CERTAIN INSTANCES, WOULD BE DIFFICULT AND SUBSTANTIAL.

MR FOOTMAN SAID THE NEW PROVISIONS AS REGARDS ORIGIN RULES WERE NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR. BUT THE REGULATIONS WERE SPECIFIC IN EXCLUDING CERTAIN PROCESSES WHICH IN THEMSELVES WOULD NOT CONFER ORIGIN STATUS.

SPECIFICALLY NO ARTICLE WOULD BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY TRANSFORMED MERELY BY ANY OF THE FOLLOWING FOUR PROCESSES:

- (I) SIMPLE COMBINING OR PACKAGING OPERATIONS;
- (II) JOINING TOGETHER BY SEWING, LOOPING, LINKING OR OTHER MEANS OF ATTACHING OTHERWISE COMPLETED COMPONENT PARTS;
- (III) CUTTING OR OTHERWISE SEPARATING OF ARTICLES FROM MATERIALS WHICH HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN MARKED WITH CUTTING LINES, ETC; AND
- (IV) DYEING, PRINTING, SHOWERPROOFING, SUPERWASHING OR OTHER FINISHING OPERATIONS.

MR FOOTMAN SAID THAT THE REGULATIONS IMPLIED THAT THE CARRYING OUT OF THESE FOUR PROCESSES WOULD NOT IN THEMSELVES BE ORIGIN-CONFERRING.

MR SZE, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF TRADE, EMPHASISED HONG KONG'S FEAR THAT THERE WOULD BE SEVERE DISRUPTION TO EXISTING LEGITIMATE TRADE AS THE REGULATIONS WOULD COME INTO FORCE ON SEPTEMBER 7, 1984.

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION, MR SZE SAID: +THE PROBLEM IS THAT FOR ORIGIN PURPOSES WE CAN ONLY MAKE ASSUMPTIONS AS TO WHAT IS EXCLUDED BUT WE SIMPLY DO NOT KNOW WHAT IS INCLUDED.+

HE SAID THAT THE PROPOSED NEW ORIGIN RULES +SEEM TO POSE A SERIOUS THREAT TO THE KNITWEAR, DYEING AND FINISHING INDUSTRY. IN 1983 TERMS, \$2 200 MILLION WORTH OF TRADE COULD BE AFFECTED.+

MR SZE SAID THAT THE PRESENT ORIGIN RULES WERE BASED ON INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED PRACTICE AND WERE LONG-STANDING. THE NEW RULES, HE SAID, APPEARED TO CONFLICT WITH THE EXISTING ONES.

THE TRADE EFFECT FOR HONG KONG OF THESE NEW RULES COULD BE SUBSTANTIAL. IN 1983, HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT (MFA) PRODUCTS COVERED BY BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES WERE VALUED AT \$14 146 MILLION, AND ONE-SEVENTH OF THIS COULD BE AFFECTED.

MR SZE EXPRESSED THE HOPE TO HOLD CONSULTATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES VERY SHORTLY AND IT WAS EXPECTED THAT DISCUSSIONS WOULD TAKE PLACE LATER THIS MONTH.

HE SAID THAT WHEN THE TRADE DEPARTMENT LEARNED ABOUT THE PROPOSED NEW REGULATIONS SOME TIME IN JULY, THE OPPORTUNITY WAS TAKEN ON JULY 12, WHEN HONG KONG HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE AMERICAN NEGOTIATORS, TO EXPRESS HONG KONG'S DEEP CONCERN.

MR SZE ADDED: +WE HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY FOLLOWED UP WITH TALKS WITH OFFICIALS AT THE UNITED STATES CONSULATE GENERAL.

+WE HAVE ALSO HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE KNITWEAR INDUSTRY, THE DYEING AND FINISHING INDUSTRY AND THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD (TEXTAB) WHICH HELD AN EMERGENCY MEETING THIS MORNING.

+WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR EVENTS IN WASHINGTON, NEW YORK AND GENEVA AND WILL SEEK EARLY CONSULTATIONS,+ HE SAID.

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AREA GROUPS TO DISCUSS GREEN PAPER  
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FOUR AREA COMMITTEES IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT WILL HOLD SPECIAL MEETINGS IN THE COMING FORTNIGHT TO DISCUSS THE GREEN PAPER ON THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG.

THEY ARE:

- (A) QUARRY BAY AREA COMMITTEE AT 8 PM ON AUGUST 6 IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE FIRST FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD;
- (B) NORTH POINT WEST AREA COMMITTEE AT 6.30 PM ON AUGUST 6 IN THE CAUSEWAY BAY SUB-OFFICE AT 9-11 WING HING STREET;
- (C) SAI WAN HO AREA COMMITTEE AT 8 PM ON AUGUST 13 IN YMCA WONG CHUEN KIN CENTRE ON THE FIRST FLOOR 44 SAI WAN HO STREET; AND
- (D) A KUNG NGAM AREA COMMITTEE AT 8 PM ON AUGUST 15 IN THE SHAU KEI WAN SUB-OFFICE AT 243 SHAU KEI WAN ROAD.

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### TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS RISE

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THERE WERE MORE TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF THIS YEAR THAN IN THE FIRST QUARTER, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY.

DURING THE PERIOD, 1 384 COMPLAINTS WERE MADE TO THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT - AN INCREASE OF 300 CASES OVER THE 1 084 COMPLAINTS RECEIVED IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT, MR STEPHEN PANG, SAID IN THE LATEST QUARTERLY REPORT RELEASED TODAY, THAT PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES WERE STILL THE MAIN SUBJECT OF COMPLAINTS.

A TOTAL OF 618 COMPLAINTS WERE OF THIS NATURE. ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF THESE CASES WERE DIRECTED TOWARDS THE SERVICES OF THE TWO MAJOR FRANCHISED BUS COMPANIES, HE SAID.

MR PANG SAID COMPLAINTS CONCERNING CMB HAD marginally DECREASED FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER'S 116 TO 111. CASES AGAINST ITS STAFF STILL MADE UP THE LARGEST PROPORTION OF THE COMPLAINTS. THERE WERE 32 SUCH CASES, REPRESENTING 29 PER CENT OF THE COMPLAINTS LEVELLED AGAINST CMB.

+COMPLAINTS CONCERNING KMB SHOWED A NEARLY 60 PER CENT INCREASE FROM 191 IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER TO 305,+ MR PANG SAID.

+THE UPWARD TREND WAS MAINLY DUE TO MORE COMPLAINTS ABOUT INADEQUATE KMB SERVICES IN THE NEW TOWNS. BUT IMPROVEMENTS ARE EXPECTED AS THE 1984-86 ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR KMB ARE NOW BEING FINALISED.+

+COMPLAINTS ABOUT KMB STAFF, HOWEVER, REMAINED LOW (25 CASES) AS IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTERS (23 CASES),+ HE SAID.

THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS ON TRAFFIC ENGINEERING MATTERS WAS ALSO ON THE INCREASE. OF THE 360 COMPLAINTS RECEIVED IN THE QUARTER, 54 PER CENT WERE ABOUT ROAD CONGESTION, 24 PER CENT ABOUT PARKING FACILITIES AND 20 PER CENT ABOUT TRAFFIC AIDS OR PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES.

MR PANG SAID COMPLAINTS ABOUT ENFORCEMENT PROBLEMS ROSE FROM 157 IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER TO 205. MOST OF THE COMPLAINTS WERE ABOUT ILLEGAL PARKING AND OBSTRUCTION CAUSED BY PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES OR TAXIS.

+A NOTABLE CHANGE IS THAT THERE WERE FEW COMPLAINTS ABOUT ABANDONED VEHICLES. ONLY THREE COMPLAINTS WERE RECEIVED,+ HE SAID.

THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS ABOUT TAXI DRIVERS' MALPRACTICES DROPPED FROM 30 IN THE LAST QUARTER TO 25. NO COMPLAINT ABOUT INADEQUATE TAXI SERVICE HAD BEEN RECORDED. SINCE APRIL 1982, TCU HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY COMPLAINTS IN THIS CATEGORY.

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WOMEN REMINDED ABOUT I.D. CARDS  
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WOMEN BORN IN 1959 AND 1960 WERE TODAY (SATURDAY) REMINDED TO APPLY FOR NEW I.D. CARDS BEFORE THE 13TH PHASE CLOSES ON AUGUST 18.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID THAT SINCE THE START OF THIS PHASE ON JULY 16, 67 000 APPLICATIONS HAD BEEN RECEIVED, LEAVING 52 000 MORE TO COME IN THE REMAINING TWO WEEKS.

APPLICANTS WERE REMINDED TO BRING ALONG THEIR OLD I.D. CARDS WHEN THEY VISIT ANY OF THE EIGHT ISSUE OFFICES WHICH ARE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM FROM MONDAY TO SATURDAY.

+THE ISSUE OFFICES USUALLY GET BUSIER AFTER OFFICE HOURS. THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE TO WORK IN DAY TIME ARE ADVISED TO COME BEFORE 5 PM, SO THAT THEIR APPLICATIONS CAN BE PROMPTLY PROCESSED,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

PROCESSING NORMALLY TAKES 30 MINUTES.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THERE WILL BE NO AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

+ONCE DETECTED, THEY ARE REPATRIATED IMMEDIATELY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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NO LET-UP IN ANTI-DRUG DRIVE  
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THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) WILL BE KEEPING UP ITS PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY EFFORTS, THOUGH THERE HAS BEEN A DROP IN THE NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE INVOLVED IN DRUGS.

TOWARDS THIS END, ACAN WILL BE JOINING RTHK TO PRODUCE A 13-EPIISODE DRUG EDUCATION RADIO PROGRAMME AIMED AT YOUNG PEOPLE.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY) BY A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NARCOTICS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT.

EACH 30-MINUTE EPISODE WILL DRAMATICALLY DESCRIBE THE ILL EFFECTS OF DRUGS, AND WILL HAVE THE SAME NAME OF THE 1984-85 ANTI-NARCOTICS THEME SONG : +PICKING A STAR+.

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THE SERIES WILL BE BROADCAST ON RTHK (RADIO 2) FROM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) FOR 13 CONSECUTIVE SUNDAYS, BETWEEN 3 PM AND 5 PM, DURING THE YOUNGER GENERATION PROGRAMME.

+IT IS HOPED THAT THROUGH THE PROGRAMME, THE DANGERS AND GRAVE CONSEQUENCES OF DRUG ABUSE WILL BE CONVEYED TO YOUNG PEOPLE, WHO ARE MOST VULNERABLE TO DRUG ABUSE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THE PROGRAMME WILL PROVIDE THE AUDIENCE WITH A COMPREHENSIVE ACCOUNT OF THE LOCAL DRUG PROBLEM AND THE MEASURES TAKEN TO DEAL WITH IT,+ HE SAID.

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#### CURTAIN FALLS ON YOUTH MUSIC CAMP

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A GRAND CONCERT WAS HELD AT THE CITY HALL THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING MARKING THE CLOSE OF THE 1984 HONG KONG YOUTH MUSIC CAMP HELD AT THE PO LEUNG KUK PAK TAM CHUNG HOLIDAY CAMP IN SAI KUNG FOR THE PAST TWO WEEKS.

THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DENIS BRAY; THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR GUS CHUI; AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS, DR BASIL DEANE, ATTENDED THE CONCERT PERFORMED BEFORE A FULL-HOUSE BY ABOUT 350 LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MUSICIANS, INCLUDING SOME FROM MALAYSIA, THE PHILIPPINES AND MACAU.

DR DEANE SAID HE REGARDED THE MUSIC CAMP AS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TRAINING EVENT IN HONG KONG'S MUSICAL CALENDAR.

HE SAID THE RESULTS OF THE CAMP WERE IMPRESSIVE AND WOULD HAVE BENEFICIAL EFFECTS NOT ONLY FOR THE PARTICIPATING YOUNG MUSICIANS BUT ALSO FOR THE ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

COMMENTING ON THE FINALE CONCERT, THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR CLIVE OXLEY, SAID THAT IT CROWNED TWO WEEKS OF HARD WORK BY INSTRUCTORS AND CAMPERS.

THE CONCERT ALSO PROVIDED BOTH RESIDENTIAL AND DAY CAMPERS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO PERFORM IN PUBLIC.

THE AUDIENCE COULD SEE HOW THE PARTICIPANTS HAD BENEFITED FROM THE INTENSIVE MUSIC TRAINING, ESPECIALLY FROM THE PROFESSIONALISM OF THE INSTRUCTORS FROM OVERSEAS, MR OXLEY SAID.

THE TWO-HOUR CONCERT INCLUDED FIVE CHINESE PIECES AS WELL AS PERFORMANCES OF BEETHOVEN'S 8TH SYMPHONY AND BRUCKNER'S +TE DEUM+.

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LABOUR LAW OFFENDERS FINED

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A TOTAL OF 686 CONVICTIONS - WITH FINES AMOUNTING TO \$666 000 - RESULTED FROM 698 PROSECUTIONS TAKEN OUT BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT FOR BREACHES OF LABOUR LAWS IN JUNE.

MOST OF THE CASES RELATED TO BREACHES OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE AND ITS VARIOUS SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS, THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE AND THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS.

THERE WERE 245 CASES CONCERNING VIOLATIONS OF SAFETY REGULATIONS, WITH \$357 950 IN FINES, INCLUDING 117 CASES (WITH \$175 350 IN FINES) FOR BREACH OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (GUARDING AND OPERATION OF MACHINERY) REGULATIONS, AND 40 CASES (WITH \$100 850 IN FINES) FOR BREACH OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS.

ANOTHER 369 CASES RELATED TO BREACHES OF THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS, RESULTING IN \$245 550 IN FINES.

OF THE OTHER PROSECUTIONS, THREE CASES CONCERNED FAILURE TO KEEP RECORD OF EMPLOYEES, LEADING TO \$1 500 IN FINES.

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FIJI CUSTOMS OFFICERS COMPLETE TRAINING IN HK

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MR ASHRAF A. SUBEDAR AND MR PASIKALI BALE FROM THE FIJI ISLANDS CUSTOMS SERVICE WILL SOON BE RETURNING HOME WITH NEW IDEAS FOR THEIR JOB AFTER ATTENDING A SIX-WEEK TRAINING COURSE IN HONG KONG.

THE TWO SENIOR CUSTOMS OFFICERS CAME TO HONG KONG IN JUNE UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE COMMONWEALTH FUND FOR TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION (CFTC) WHICH IS AN INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MULTI-LATERAL DEVELOPMENT FUND ADMINISTERED BY THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT.

+WE HAVE LEARNED A LOT DURING THE TWO-WEEK ATTACHMENT IN VARIOUS DIVISIONS AND IN THE FOUR-WEEK INTENSIVE TRAININGS ESPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR US BY THE CUSTOMS INVESTIGATION BUREAU'S TRAINING UNIT. WE ARE VERY IMPRESSED BY THE EFFICIENCY AND SOPHISTICATION OF OUR HONG KONG COUNTERPARTS,+ MR SUBEDAR REMARKED.

HE SAID THAT THE FIJI ISLANDS CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION IS PLANNING TO SET UP A SPECIAL SQUAD RESPONSIBLE MAINLY FOR SUPPRESSING DRUG TRAFFICKING - A PROBLEM CALLING FOR MORE ATTENTION IN THE COUNTRY.

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+WE SHALL BRING HOME MANY USEFUL TECHNIQUES ON INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION, SURVEILLANCE AND INVESTIGATION,+ HE SAID.

CFTC, ESTABLISHED IN 1971, IS TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO ASSIST THEM IN MEETING THEIR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES. ALL COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENTS SUPPORT THE FUND BY MAKING ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS.

IT IS THE SECOND TIME THAT OFFICERS FROM FIJI ISLANDS HAVE BEEN SPONSORED BY THE CFTC'S FELLOWSHIP AND TRAINING PROGRAMME TO RECEIVE TRAINING IN THE HONG KONG CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE.

IN ADDITION, HONG KONG HAS ALSO OFFERED TRAINING ON CORRUPTION PREVENTION, SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES AND FISHERIES TO OVERSEAS GOVERNMENT OFFICERS FROM COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES, SUCH AS SINGAPORE AND JAMAICA.

HONG KONG ALSO BENEFITS FROM CFTC'S SCHEME. EVERY YEAR, FOUR TO FIVE GOVERNMENT OFFICERS WORKING IN THE MARINE, LABOUR AND EDUCATION FIELDS ARE SPONSORED BY THE FUND TO RECEIVE TRAINING IN SOUTH-EAST ASIAN COUNTRIES.

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FUN FAIR TO ENCOURAGE VOTING  
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SIXTY PIGEONS WERE SET FREE AND A HOT-AIR BALLOON WAS FLOWN AT A FUN FAIR IN YUEN LONG THIS (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON TO PUBLICISE THE DISTRICT'S VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN.

THE PIGEONS WERE SPECIALLY USED IN THE CAMPAIGN TO SYMBOLISE HOPE AND PEACE.

AT THE FUN FAIR, ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 3 000 CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS, THERE WERE 12 GAMES STALLS SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO EDUCATE PARTICIPANTS ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

THE FAIR ALSO FEATURED A PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION ON THE WORK OF THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD IN THE PAST TWO YEARS.

THE EVENT, HELD AT A MINI-SOCCER PITCH OUTSIDE THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL, WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE TOWN HALL.

SPEAKING AT AN OPENING CEREMONY, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JAMES WILSON, SAID THE FINE WORK BY THE DISTRICT BOARD FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS HAD SET A GOOD FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.

+BOARD MEMBERS WILL NOT BE COMPLACENT, BUT RATHER THEY WILL CONTINUE TO STRIVE FOR THE WELL-BEING OF THE RESIDENTS,+ HE SAID.

COMMENTING ON THE RECENTLY-PUBLISHED GREEN PAPER, MR WILSON SAID THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT AT THE CENTRAL LEVEL WOULD BE OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE TO THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG AND MAKE THE GOVERNMENT MORE ACCOUNTABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

+REGISTERING AS A VOTER AND PARTICIPATING IN THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS IS A DIRECT WAY TO TAKE PART IN THE REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT,+ HE SAID.

+THIS WILL ALSO MEAN GIVING A MORE DIRECT SUPPORT TO THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND CASTING A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE TO THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG,+ HE ADDED.

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AUXILIARY LITTER WARDENS HELP KEEP BEACHES CLEAN  
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TEAMS OF AUXILIARY LITTER WARDENS ARE PATROLLING SEVEN POPULAR PUBLIC BEACHES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO HELP KEEP THEM CLEAN.

THEY WILL HELP PICK UP REFUSE AT THESE BEACHES ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS THROUGHOUT THIS MONTH.

THE AUXILIARY LITTER WARDEN SCHEME IS AN ANNUAL PROGRAMME STARTED SIX YEARS AGO.

TAKING PART IN THIS YEAR'S SCHEME ARE ABOUT 500 STUDENTS FROM HONG KONG UNIVERSITY, THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC AND EIGHT OTHER TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

THE SEVEN BEACHES ARE LIDO AND CASAM BEACH IN TSUEN WAN, OLD CAFETERIA BEACH, NEW CAFETERIA BEACH AND KADOORIE BEACH IN TUEN MUN, CLEAR WATER BAY SECOND BEACH AND SILVERSTRAND BEACH IN SAI KUNG, AND TUNG WAN BEACH ON CHEUNG CHAU ISLAND.

THE VOLUNTARY WORKERS WILL ADVISE BEACHGOERS ON HOW TO DISPOSE REFUSE PROPERLY.

THEY WILL ALSO ASSIST STAFF OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN ENFORCING ANTI-LITTER LAWS ON THE BEACHES.

AN NTSD SPOKESMAN WARNED THAT LITTERING IS AN OFFENCE PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF UP TO \$5 000 AND IMPRISONMENT OF UP TO SIX MONTHS.

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FUN DAY FOR KOWLOON CITY  
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RESIDENTS OF KOWLOON CITY WILL BE TREATED TO VARIOUS RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD AT DIFFERENT VENUES TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

STARTING AT 10 AM, A KITE-FLYING COMPETITION AMONG 45 YOUNG PEOPLE BETWEEN THE AGES NINE AND 20 WILL BE HELD AT PO LO CHE IN SAI KUNG.

THE CRITERIA WILL INCLUDE DESIGNS OF THE KITES, FLYING TECHNIQUES AS WELL AS THE DURATION OF FLYING.

A GIANT KITE-FLYING DEMONSTRATION WILL BE HELD BEFORE THE COMPETITION.

STARTING AT 3 PM IN THE AFTERNOON, 24 CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES SIX AND 12 WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE UP HORSE-RIDING LESSONS IN THE POK FU LAM PUBLIC RIDING SCHOOL.

OTHER ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE A TABLE TENNIS SESSION FOR THE BLIND, AN INTER-AREA TELEMATCH, A SOFT-BALL DEMONSTRATION AND A VOLLEY-BALL MATCH.

THESE ACTIVITIES ARE PART OF A TWO-WEEK KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS FESTIVAL WHICH STARTED ON JULY 29.

THE FESTIVAL, COSTING \$120 000, IS BEING JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE FESTIVAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

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POK FU LAM, TAI PO WATER MAINS WORK  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN POK FU LAM AND TAI PO WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR NINE HOURS - FROM 9 AM TO 6 PM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 7) FOR MAINS WORK.

IN POK FU LAM THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT AREAS BOUNDED BY CONSORT RISE, BISNEY ROAD, CROWN TERRACE, MOUNT DAVIS ROAD AND A SECTION OF VICTORIA ROAD BETWEEN SECTION 3 KUNG MAN TSUEN AND HOUSE NO. 200 OF VICTORIA ROAD, INCLUDING KUNG MAN TSUEN, HOI PONG TSUEN AND WAH KWONG COTTAGE.

IN TAI PO THE AFFECTED AREAS ARE ALL PREMISES ALONG TAI PO ROAD FROM KAU LUNG HANG TO TAI PO KAU, INCLUDING TAI PO MARKET, KAM SHAN TSUEN, PUN CHUNG, PUN CHUNG SAN TSUEN, MA WO, PAK KIU TSUEN, TO YUEN TUNG, YIU TSZ KIN, LAI CHI SHAN, TAI PO RAILWAY STATION, KWONG FUK ESTATE AND WANG FUK COURT.

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ALSO AFFECTED ARE ISLAND HOUSE, WONG YI AU, MEI WOON SAN TSUEN, YIN TSZ LANE, TAI PO KAU, TAI PO KAU SAN WAI, LOOKOUT LANE, ST. CHRISTOPHER'S HOME, RURAL ESTATE AND STRAFFORD HOUSE.

AT THE SAME TIME, SALT WATER SUPPLY TO THE ABOVE AREAS IN TAI PO WILL ALSO BE TURNED OFF FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

MEANWHILE WATER PRESSURE TO ALL PREMISES ALONG LAM KAM ROAD FROM SAM TAO HANG TO PAK NGAU SHEK, INCLUDING KAU LUNG HANG, NAM WAH PO, TAI WO, TAI HANG AND HONG LOK YUEN MAY BE AFFECTED.

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ROAD CLOSURE  
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THE SECTION OF WUHU VEHICULAR UNDERPASS BETWEEN CHATHAM ROAD AND GILLIES AVENUE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5 AM FROM MONDAY (AUGUST 6) TO AUGUST 12 TO FACILITATE MAINTENANCE WORK.

DURING THE ROAD CLOSURE, MOTORISTS FROM TSIM SHA TSUI, YAU MA TEI AND THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL WISHING TO PROCEED TO HUNG HOM AREA ARE ADVISED TO USE EITHER CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH, CHEONG WAN ROAD, ON WAN ROAD, CHEONG WAN ROAD AND GILLIES AVENUE OR GASCOIGNE ROAD, CHATHAM ROAD NORTH, PAK KUNG STREET, SHUN YUNG STREET, FAT KWONG STREET AND MA TAU WAI ROAD.

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LEFT TURN ONLY  
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FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 6), NORTHBOUND VEHICLES ON CAROLINE HILL ROAD OPPOSITE TO PENNINGTON STREET WILL ONLY BE PERMITTED TO TURN LEFT INTO LEIGHTON ROAD WESTBOUND.

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