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OCTOBER PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES RELEASED  
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THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN OCTOBER 1984 ROSE BY 19 PER CENT OR \$1 995 MILLION OVER THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR TO REACH \$12 473 MILLION, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES RELEASED TODAY (SUNDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS ALSO INCREASED, BY 38 PER CENT OR \$2 181 MILLION, TO \$7 896 MILLION. THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS -- DOMESTIC EXPORTS PLUS RE-EXPORTS -- AT \$20 369 MILLION, WAS 26 PER CENT OR \$4 176 MILLION HIGHER THAN A YEAR AGO.

THE VALUE OF IMPORTS WAS \$19 628 MILLION IN OCTOBER 1984, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 11 PER CENT OR \$2 010 MILLION OVER THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

AS THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS WAS GREATER THAN THAT OF IMPORTS, THE VISIBLE TRADE ACCOUNT RECORDED A SURPLUS OF \$741 MILLION.

PUTTING THE MONTH'S TRADE FIGURES INTO CONTEXT, A GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS FOR THE FIRST 10 MONTHS OF 1984 WAS \$180 840 MILLION, MADE UP OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF \$114 362 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS OF \$66 478 MILLION.

COMPARED WITH THE FIRST 10 MONTHS OF 1983, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS HAD INCREASED BY \$53 418 MILLION OR 42 PER CENT, DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY \$31 271 MILLION OR 38 PER CENT, AND RE-EXPORTS BY \$22 147 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT.

THE VALUE OF IMPORTS HAD INCREASED BY \$43 213 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT, TO \$182 699 MILLION.

AS THE GROWTH RATE OF THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS WAS MUCH FASTER THAN THAT OF IMPORTS, THE VISIBLE TRADE GAP HAD NARROWED TO 1 PER CENT IN THE FIRST TEN MONTHS OF 1984, FROM 9 PER CENT IN THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

COMMENTING ON THESE COMPARATIVE FIGURES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE GROWTH RATES OF THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS, RE-EXPORTS AND IMPORTS HAD ALL SLOWED DOWN IN RECENT MONTHS, DUE PRIMARILY TO THE SUBSTANTIAL RECOVERY IN THE SECOND HALF OF 1983.

HOWEVER, REFLECTING A SHARPER SLOWING DOWN IN THE GROWTH RATE OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS THAN THAT OF TOTAL EXPORTS, OCTOBER 1984 WAS THE FOURTH CONSECUTIVE MONTH IN WHICH A VISIBLE TRADE SURPLUS WAS RECORDED.

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THE FOLLOWING TABLE PRESENTS THE PROVISIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FIGURES FOR OCTOBER 1984:-

<u>MERCHANDISE :</u>	DOMESTIC EXPORTS	: \$12 473 MILLION
	RE-EXPORTS	: \$ 7 896 MILLION
	TOTAL EXPORTS	: \$20 369 MILLION
	IMPORTS	: \$19 628 MILLION
	TRADE BALANCE	: \$ 741 MILLION (IN SURPLUS)

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

<u>LATEST 3 MONTHS</u>	AUG-OCT 1984	AUG-OCT 1983	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	38 627	30 077	+ 8 550	+ 28.4
RE-EXPORTS	22 208	15 639	+ 6 569	+ 42.0
TOTAL EXPORTS	60 835	45 716	+15 119	+ 33.1
IMPORTS	57 339	48 228	+ 9 111	+ 18.9
TRADE BALANCE	+ 3 496	- 2 512	+ 6 008	

<u>SAME MONTH LAST YEAR</u>	OCTOBER 1984	OCTOBER 1983	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	12 473 (61.2%)	10 478 (64.7%)	+ 1 995	+ 19.0
RE-EXPORTS	7 896	5 715	+ 2 181	+ 38.2
TOTAL EXPORTS	20 369	16 193	+ 4 176	+ 25.8
IMPORTS	19 628	17 618	+ 2 010	+ 11.4
TRADE BALANCE	+ 741	- 1 425	+ 2 166	

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LAST MONTH	OCTOBER 1984	SEPTEMBER 1984	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	12 473 (61.2%)	12 414 (63.5%)	+ 59	+ 0.5
RE-EXPORTS	7 896	7 142	+ 754	+ 10.6
TOTAL EXPORTS	20 369	19 556	+ 813	+ 4.2
IMPORTS	19 628	18 587	+ 1 041	+ 5.6
TRADE BALANCE	+ 741	+ 969	- 228	
CALENDAR YEAR TO-DATE	JAN-OCT 1984	JAN-OCT 1983	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	114 362 (63.2%)	83 091 (65.2%)	+31 271	+ 37.6
RE-EXPORTS	66 478	44 331	+22 147	+ 50.0
TOTAL EXPORTS	180 840	127 422	+53 418	+ 41.9
IMPORTS	182 699	139 486	+43 213	+ 31.0
TRADE BALANCE	- 1 859	-12 064	+10 205	
LAST 12 MONTHS	NOV 1983 TO OCT 1984	NOV 1982 TO OCT 1983	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	135 676	98 630	+37 046	+ 37.6
RE-EXPORTS	78 441	52 767	+25 674	+ 48.7
TOTAL EXPORTS	214 117	151 397	+62 720	+ 41.4
IMPORTS	218 656	165 729	+52 927	+ 31.9
TRADE BALANCE	- 4 539	-14 332	+ 9 793	

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GOOD RESPONSE TO CHARITY WALKS  
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THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE THIS MORNING TURNED UP IN FESTIVE MOOD AT SEVEN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES TO RAISE FUNDS IN AID OF THE ELDERLY.

THEY WERE TAKING PART IN THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT'S CHARITY WALK FOR THE ELDERLY, ORGANISED AS ONE OF THE HOUSING FESTIVAL '84 EVENTS CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF PUBLIC HOUSING.

AMONG THEM WERE HOUSING AUTHORITY MEMBERS, LEGISLATIVE AND URBAN COUNCILLORS, DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT.

THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR DAVID FORD, LED A HOUSING TEAM IN THE WALK ON ONE OF SEVEN ROUTES, AT SHA TIN, AFTER OFFICIATING AT AN OPENING CEREMONY.

OVER 200 ORGANISATIONS, INCLUDING MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS, SCHOOLS, KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS AND BANKS TOOK PART.

THE WALK BEGAN SIMULTANEOUSLY ON ALL SEVEN ROUTES, AT ON TING ESTATE IN TUEN MUN, POK HONG IN SHA TIN, KWAI SHING WEST IN TSUEN WAN, OI MAN IN HO MAN TIN, SHUN CHI COURT IN NGAU CHI WAN, WAN TSUI IN CHAI WAN AND WAH FU IN ABERDEEN.

APART FROM MR FORD, SIX OTHER DIRECTORATE OFFICERS OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT WALKED ON THE SIX OTHER ROUTES.

THEY WERE DEPUTY DIRECTOR (ADMINISTRATION) MISS ELAINE CHUNG, IN TSUEN WAN; DEPUTY DIRECTOR (ESTATE MANAGEMENT) MR FUNG TUNG IN NGAU CHI WAN; DEPUTY DIRECTOR (OPERATIONS) MR H.H.T. BARMA IN HO MAN TIN; DEPUTY DIRECTOR (CONSTRUCTION) MR PANG YUK-LING IN CHAI WAN; ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (GENERAL) MR LIM YEW-GUAN IN WAH FU; AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (ESTATES) MR CHAN PAK IN TUEN MUN.

ON THE SHA TIN ROUTE, MR FORD WAS JOINED BY HOUSING AUTHORITY MEMBER MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG AND COMMITTEE MEMBER MR WAI HON-LEUNG, MISS CHUNG WAS JOINED ON THE TSUEN WAN ROUTE BY HOUSING AUTHORITY MEMBERS MR CHARLES SIN AND MR ALAN SCOTT AND COMMITTEE MEMBER THE REV. SEAN BURKE.

OTHER HOUSING AUTHORITY MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS ON THE WALK WERE MR EDWARD HO, MR TSE KIT-TO, MR CHAU CHAM-SON, MRS MARGARET CARTER AND MR LAU WAH-SUM ON THE WAH FU ROUTE; MR CHEUNG KIN-CHUNG AND MR CHAN YING-LUN, CHAI WAN ROUTE; MR TSO SHIU-WAI, TUEN MUN ROUTE; AND MRS LEE LO YUK-SIM, NGAU CHI WAN ROUTE.

UNOFFICIAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR MR LAM HON-KEUNG TOOK PART ON THE WAH FU ROUTE.

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SPEAKING ABOUT THE WALK TODAY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WALK'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE, CHIEF HOUSING MANAGER MOK YIU-KWONG SAID: +I THINK IT IS A GREAT SUCCESS JUDGING FROM THE LARGE AMOUNT OF DONATIONS WE HAVE RECEIVED SO FAR.

+WE HAVE ALREADY COLLECTED \$250 000 AND I EXPECT THAT MORE WILL COME FROM PLEDGES MADE BY SPONSORS.

+I AM MOST GRATEFUL TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS WORTHWHILE EVENT.+

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VALUE OF VOLUNTARY HELP STRESSED  
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COMMUNITY RECREATION AND SPORT ACTIVITIES HAD BECOME A NECESSITY AND THEIR STANDARD OF SERVICE DEPENDED HEAVILY ON THE PARTICIPATION AND HELP OF VOLUNTEERS, MR DICKEN YUNG, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, SAID TODAY.

MR YUNG SAID THAT THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE ACTIVITIES FOR MASS PARTICIPATION THROUGH THE SUPPORT OF VOLUNTEERS.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT A SEMINAR ORGANISED BY THE RSS FOR PART-TIME INSTRUCTORS IN RECREATION AND SPORTS HELD AT THE HARBOUR VIEW HOLIDAY INN TODAY (SUNDAY).

HE SAID THAT THE NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS INVOLVED IN THE PROMOTION OF SPORT WAS THE YARDSTICK FOR THE STANDARD OF SPORT.

HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THERE WAS STILL ROOM OF IMPROVEMENT IN SPORTS IN HONG KONG, THE SERVICE RENDERED BY VOLUNTEERS AS COACHES, LEADERS, DIRECTORS AND OTHERS HAD HELPED PROMOTE THE STANDARD OF SPORTING ACTIVITIES AND HAD MADE THESE ACTIVITIES ACCESSIBLE TO THE MASSES.

AFTER THE SEMINAR, THE +RSS SERVICE AWARD+ WAS PRESENTED TO 20 MEN AND WOMEN VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTORS ON BEHALF OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT BY MR GRAHAM BARNES, DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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DANCE TREAT FOR 2 000  
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SOME 2 000 PERSONS WERE GIVEN A TREAT OF ORIENTAL AND WESTERN DANCES AT TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL THIS (SUNDAY) EVENING.

THE DANCE PERFORMANCE EVENING WAS JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG DANCE FEDERATION.

AMONG THE 16 PERFORMING DANCE TROUPES WERE THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE CHINESE DANCE TROUPE, THE HONG KONG DANCE COMPANY, THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS DANCE TEAM AND THE HONG KONG ACADEMY OF BALLET.

MR YEUNG PO-KWAN, AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, PRESENTED SOUVENIRS TO THE DANCERS DURING THE INTERMISSION.

ADDRESSING THE GATHERING, MR YEUNG SAID DANCE HAD BECOME ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN HONG KONG.

+THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG DANCE FEDERATION HAVE ORGANISED VARIOUS TRAINING COURSES, SEMINARS, AND COMPETITIONS PROVIDING LOCAL DANCERS AMPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO DISPLAY THEIR TALENTS.

+THEY HAVE HELPED PROMOTE DANCE AND IMPROVE ITS GENERAL STANDARD,+ HE SAID.

A SIMILAR PERFORMANCE WILL BE STAGED AT LUT SAU HALL IN YUEN LONG AT 7.30 PM NEXT SUNDAY (DECEMBER 9).

TICKET VOUCHERS FOR THE EVENT MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE HEAD OFFICE OR DISTRICT OFFICES OF RSS.

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BIG SHOW ENDS DISTRICT FESTIVAL  
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A SPECTACULAR TWO-HOUR VARIETY SHOW PRESENTED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AT TSZ WAN SHAN MARKED THE CLOSING OF THE SECOND WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL TONIGHT (SUNDAY).

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NIGHT'S PROGRAMME INCLUDE SONGS BY LEADING LOCAL ARTISTES, CHILDREN'S CHOIR SINGING, ORIENTAL DANCES AND OPERATIC PERFORMANCES, WHICH WILL BE TELEVISED AT 9.45 PM ON HKTVB JADE ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 1).

OFFICIATING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY, WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PHILIP CHOK PRAISED THE ORGANISERS FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN MAKING THE FESTIVAL A SUCCESS.

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HE ALSO SAID THAT MANY OF THE FESTIVAL PROGRAMMES, AIMED AT BRINGING TOGETHER DIFFERENT SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY, HAD HELPED ENHANCE PUBLIC AWARENESS TOWARDS COMMUNITY BUILDING.

+FROM THE OVERWHELMING RESPONSE TO THE FESTIVAL, I AM CONFIDENT THAT MORE RESIDENTS WILL TAKE PART IN THE FORTHCOMING ELECTION AND BECOME ACTIVELY INVOLVE IN DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION,+ MR CHOK SAID.

OVER 50 000 PEOPLE ENJOYED A TOTAL OF 26 RECREATIONAL AND SPORT ACTIVITIES, PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE OR AT NOMINAL ADMISSION FEES DURING THE FESTIVAL.

THESE INCLUDED VARIOUS BALL GAMES AND COMPETITIONS, TELEMATCHES, A CROSS-COUNTRY RACE, A WATER TOUR, FAMILY OUTINGS, VARIETY SHOWS, CANTONESE OPERAS, A PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION, A PUPPET SHOW AND AN OPEN-AIR CONCERT.

THE FESTIVAL WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL, THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS COUNCIL, THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND SIK SIK YUEN.

ALSO PRESENT AT TONIGHT'S CEREMONY WERE THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, MR SIMON LUN AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR FUNG KWONG-CHUNG.

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PUBLIC HELP IN FIRE PREVENTION URGED  
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MORE THAN 1 000 FIRE INCIDENTS HAD OCCURRED IN SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OVER THE PAST TEN MONTHS, RESULTING IN TWO DEATHS AND INJURIES TO 48 PERSONS, THE DIVISIONAL COMMANDER OF KOWLOON WEST, KOWLOON FIRE COMMAND, MR TSANG KWONG-YU SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FIRE PREVENTION DAY, MR TSANG URGED THE PEOPLE TO CALL THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS A FIRE WAS DETECTED.

HE TOLD THEM NOT TO ASSUME THAT SOMEONE ELSE HAD ALREADY REPORTED THE FIRE TO THE POLICE.

+IF EVERYBODY THOUGHT THE SAME, NO ONE WOULD ALERT THE POLICE, AND THE FIRE COULD GET OUT OF CONTROL.

+THE SOONER THE FIREMEN ARRIVE AT THE SCENE, THE QUICKER WILL THE FIRE BE PUT OUT,+ HE SAID.

/MR TSANG .....

MR TSANG ALSO TOLD RESIDENTS TO KEEP AN EYE ON ANYTHING, BOTH INSIDE OR OUTSIDE THEIR HOMES, THAT MIGHT POSE A FIRE HAZARD.

REFERRING TO FACTORY OPERATORS HE URGED THEM TO TAKE GOOD CARE OF FIRE SERVICE INSTALLATIONS, AND TO MAKE SURE THEY WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR USE.

ALSO SPEAKING, SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICER MR SYLVESTER TSE SAID THAT SINCE THE SETTING UP OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD, FUNDS HAD BEEN PROVIDED TIME AND AGAIN BY THE BOARD TO SUBSIDISE THE PROMOTION OF FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGNS IN THE DISTRICT, AND ACTIONS HAD BEEN TAKEN TO IMPROVE FIRE SERVICES EQUIPMENT IN SQUATTER AREAS AND TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS IN SHAM SHUI PO.

DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, HE SAID, WERE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT FIRE SERVICE INSTALLATIONS IN PRIVATE BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT AND THE MATTER HAD BEEN FREQUENTLY RAISED AND DISCUSSED IN THE MEETINGS OF DISTRICT BOARD, INCORPORATED OWNERS OF BUILDINGS AND MUTUAL-AID COMMITTEES SO AS TO SAFEGUARD THE LIVES AND PROPERTIES OF RESIDENTS.

THE SHAM SHUI PO FIRE PREVENTION DAY, PART OF THE TERRITORY-WIDE FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN THIS YEAR, WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD AND SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE.

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#### CALL FOR INSURANCE COVER IN SCHOOLS

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SCHOOL SUPERVISORS AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES ARE BEING URGED TO OBTAIN ADEQUATE INSURANCE COVER FOR THEIR PUPILS, EMPLOYEES AND THE SCHOOL PREMISES.

IN A CIRCULAR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID IN ADDITION TO SAFETY PRECAUTIONS IN LESSONS SUCH AS PHYSICAL EDUCATION, SCIENCE, PRACTICAL AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS AS WELL AS IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, SCHOOL HEADS SHOULD TAKE OUT AN INSURANCE POLICY ON BEHALF OF THEIR PUPILS AGAINST ANY ACCIDENTAL INJURY THAT MAY BE SUSTAINED DURING SUCH LESSONS AND ACTIVITIES.

AS EMPLOYERS, MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES HAVE A STATUTORY OBLIGATION TO TAKE OUT INSURANCE POLICIES ON BEHALF OF THEIR STAFF, WHO ARE COVERED BY THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE WHICH IS APPLICABLE NOT ONLY TO MANUAL WORKERS BUT ALSO TO OTHER EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING TEACHERS, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR EARNINGS.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES ARE ALSO BEING ADVISED THAT IN THEIR OWN INTERESTS, THEY SHOULD HAVE THEIR SCHOOL PREMISES, TOGETHER WITH FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT, INSURED AGAINST LOSS, OR DAMAGE BY FIRE.

INSURANCE COVER IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL PREMISES BECAUSE OF THEIR WORKSHOPS AND LABORATORIES, THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

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+SUNKEN+ GARDEN FOR KOWLOON PARK  
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KOWLOON PARK WILL HAVE A +SUNKEN+ GARDEN AS PART OF ITS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

THE PROJECT INVOLVES THE ALTERATION OF A FORMER MILITARY SITE.

THE GARDEN, MEASURING 850 SQUARE METRES, WILL BE BUILT NEXT TO THE PARK'S AVIARY.

THE GARDEN WILL CONSIST OF FOUNTAINS, FLOWER BEDS, PATHS, A PAVILION AND A SUN SHELTER. THE SURROUNDING AREAS WILL BE LANDSCAPED.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR AND BE COMPLETED IN AUGUST.

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CULTURAL FESTIVAL POPULAR  
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AN EXHIBITION SOCCER MATCH BETWEEN THE TIANJIN FOOTBALL TEAM AND THE LOCAL SIDE, HONG KONG ELECTRIC TEAM AT THE MONG KOK STADIUM MARKED THE CLOSING OF THE MONG KOK CULTURAL AND SPORTS FESTIVAL THIS (SUNDAY) EVENING.

THE SOCCER MATCH IS ONE OF 30 CULTURAL AND SPORTS EVENTS PRESENTED DURING THE MONTH-LONG FESTIVAL, WHICH ATTRACTED THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE.

MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BOWEN LEUNG SAID TONIGHT THAT THE TURNOUT FOR THE FESTIVAL'S PROGRAMMES WAS VERY HIGH WITH ATTENDANCE RECORDED AT ABOUT 80 PER CENT FOR MOST EVENTS.

+THIS SHOWED THAT THE FESTIVAL WAS WELL RECEIVED BY RESIDENTS AND THAT THE EFFORTS AND CO-OPERATION OF LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ARE WELL REWARDED,+ HE SAID.

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FESTIVAL FOR SAI KUNG ELDERLY

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SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS CARRIE CHENG, SAID AT TODAY'S OPENING OF THE LOCAL FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY THAT THEY COULD TAKE THIS CHANCE TO ENGAGE IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

+THROUGH PARTICIPATION, THEY CAN ALSO GET TO MEET OTHER SENIOR CITIZENS FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF THIS VAST AND UNEVENLY POPULATED DISTRICT,+ SHE SAID.

SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE THREE-WEEK FESTIVAL FEATURES MORE THAN 20 SOCIAL, RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL EVENTS, INDOOR AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, TO BE STAGED IN THREE MAIN AREAS OF THE DISTRICT, SAI KUNG, HANG HAU AND RENNIE'S MILL.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FESTIVAL WILL INCLUDE DISTRICT-WIDE PROGRAMMES SUCH AS A BANQUET FOR 1 000 ELDERLY PEOPLE, AN ORTHOPAEDICS EXHIBITION, TALENT QUEST AND PHYSICAL CHECK-UPS AND HOME-HELP SERVICE FOR THE AGED.

MISS CHENG SAID, +I SINCERELY HOPE THAT THE SPIRIT OF THE FESTIVAL CAN REACH OUT TO ALL OUR SENIOR RESIDENTS, AS WELL AS INSTIL IN THE YOUNG A SENSE OF THE LOVING CARE FOR THEM.+

+TO RESPECT THE ELDERLY AND TO PROMOTE FILIAL PIETY IS A CHINESE TRADITIONAL VIRTUE.+

+WE SHOULD ALSO NOTE THAT THE STABILITY AND PROSPERITY WHICH THE YOUNG GENERATION NOW ENJOYS IS THE RESULT OF EFFORTS OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS,+ SHE SAID.

MISS CHENG THANKED THE RURAL COMMITTEES, COMMUNITY AND YOUTH CENTRES, HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY, AND OTHER LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS FOR THEIR ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT TO THE FESTIVAL.

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TAPS OFF IN SHAU KEI WAN, MAGAZINE GAP

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SHAU KEI WAN AND MAGAZINE GAP WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVERAL HOURS ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 28) AND THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 29) FOR MAINS WORK.

IN SHAU KEI WAN THE SUSPENSION WILL BE FROM 10 PM ON WEDNESDAY TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES WILL BE ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF SHAU KEI WAN ROAD FROM CHAI WAN ROAD TO SUN SHING STREET, INCLUDING SHAU KEI WAN JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC, ALDRICH VILLAGE, KAU MAN TSUEN, TSIN SHUI MA TAU VILLAGE, FU TAU WAT VILLAGE AND NAM ON FONG VILLAGE.

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IT WILL ALSO AFFECT PREMISES ALONG SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST, BASEL ROAD, FACTORY STREET, KAM WAH STREET, TAI TAK STREET, MONG LUNG STREET, WANG WA STREET, A KUNG NGAM ROAD AND A KUNG NGAM VILLAGE ROAD, INCLUDING MING WAH DAI HA.

IN MAGAZINE GAP, SUPPLY WILL BE OFF FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT PREMISES AT GUILDFORD ROAD, MANSFIELD ROAD, WATFORD ROAD, COOMBE ROAD, MIDDLE GAP ROAD, MOUNT CAMERON ROAD, 22-50 AND 21-35 MAGAZINE GAP ROAD, 25 AND 40-56 PEAK ROAD AS WELL AS 1-3 BARKER ROAD.

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RESTRICTED ZONES IN KOWLOON

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FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 27), TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN KOWLOON TONG WILL BE MADE RESTRICTED ZONES FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

THEY ARE: THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF BOUNDARY STREET BETWEEN WATERLOO ROAD AND HO TUNG ROAD, AND THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF WATERLOO ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH BOUNDARY STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 60 METRES NORTH OF THE JUNCTION.

ALSO FROM 10 AM THE SAME DAY (NOVEMBER 27), THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF ROADS WILL BE DESIGNATED 24-HOUR RESTRICTED ZONES:-

- \* LUNG CHEUNG ROAD BETWEEN WATERLOO ROAD AND HAMMER HILL ROAD, AND
- \* FUNG MO STREET BETWEEN LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND FU MEI STREET.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONES, MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS= OR LOADING OR UNLOADING GOODS.

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ROAD DIVERSION  
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THE SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD OUTSIDE SHA TIN RACE COURSE WILL BE OPEN TO TWO-LANE TRAFFIC FROM 1 AM TO 5 AM ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 27).

THE MEASURE IS TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORK.

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PLANTS AND TREES UNDER FLYOVER  
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THE SPACE UNDER THE PRINCE EDWARD ROAD FLYOVER IN MONG KOK WILL BE TURNED INTO A PLANTED AREA.

THE SITE STRETCHES FROM LAI CHI KOK ROAD TO PORTLAND STREET.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT.

THE TENDER DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 14.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL START EARLY NEXT YEAR AND TAKE THREE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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