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CONFERENCE ON NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT

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HUNDREDS OF DELEGATES FROM 27 COUNTRIES WILL ATTEND A FIVE-DAY CONFERENCE ON NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT DUE TO OPEN TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE.

IT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE GOVERNMENT, LOCAL PROFESSIONALS AND INSTITUTES, AND THE INTERNATIONAL URBAN DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (INTA).

AMONG THOSE OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING WILL BE THE SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS, MR TONY EASON, AND THE DIRECTOR OF TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT, MR CHOW CHE-KING.

THE CONFERENCE ENABLES DELEGATES TO EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE AND INFORMATION ON NEW TOWN AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT POLICIES.

MR CHOW SAID THE EVENT WOULD ALSO HELP TO PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING AND ENHANCE HONG KONG'S IMAGE.

"BUILDING ON OVER 20 YEARS OF NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT, THE LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES, INCLUDING THOSE FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE CONFERENCE AND REVIEW THEIR EXPERIENCE ON A GLOBAL LEVEL.

"GIVEN THAT HONG KONG IS AN IMPORTANT ECONOMIC, TRADE AND FINANCIAL CENTRE IN THE REGION, THE CONFERENCE IS LIKELY TO ATTRACT A LOT OF ATTENTION LOCALLY AND OVERSEAS," HE SAID.

SITE TOURS, RECEPTIONS AND SOCIAL GATHERINGS WILL ALSO BE LINED UP.

"BY PARTICIPATING IN THE CONFERENCE, THE GOVERNMENT HAS REAFFIRMED ITS COMMITMENT NOT ONLY TO IMPLEMENTING THE NEW TOWN PROGRAMME BUT ALSO TO MEETING THE ASPIRATION OF RESIDENTS FOR A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE," MR CHOW SAID.

THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (TDD), WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CO-ORDINATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW TOWN PROGRAMME, IS AN ACTIVE PARTNER IN PLANNING THE CONFERENCE.

"THE CONFERENCE PROGRAMME WILL BE FULLY PACKED WITH THE WISDOM OF EXPERTS. LOCAL PEOPLE WILL WELCOME THE INITIATIVES TO IMPROVE ON A JOB THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN WELL DONE," MR CHOW SAID.

HELPING TO ORGANISE THE "INTA 17 - NEW TOWN EXPERIENCE JOINT CONFERENCE - HONG KONG" ARE PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

OTHER PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS WHO GIVE SUPPORT INCLUDE THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF PLANNERS, THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF SURVEYORS, THE ASSOCIATION OF CONSULTING ENGINEERS OF HONG KONG, THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERS, THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF HOUSING AND THE HONG KONG CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION.

SINCE TDD WAS SET UP 20 YEARS AGO, EIGHT NEW TOWNS HAVE SPRUNG UP IN THE TERRITORY.

WITH THE NINTH NEW TOWN UNDER CONSTRUCTION, 2.5 MILLION PEOPLE ARE ALREADY ENJOYING WELL-PLANNED NEW LIVING ENVIRONMENT IN MORE THAN 8,000 HECTARES OF DEVELOPMENT AREAS.

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RETAILERS URGED TO CO-OPERATE IN HORLICKS RECALL  
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THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TODAY (SATURDAY) CONFIRMED WITH THE SMITHKLINE BEECHAM LIMITED REGARDING THE RECALL OF NEW OVAL-SHAPED BOTTLES OF HORLICKS BECAUSE OF THE RISK OF CONTAMINATION OF GLASS CHIP.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT URGED RETAILERS TO CO-OPERATE IN THE RECALL EXERCISE AND RETURN THE AFFECTED PRODUCTS TO THE COMPANY FOR DISPOSAL.

FOOD INSPECTORS OF THE DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT SOME RETAIL OUTLETS LATER TODAY AND TAKE SAMPLES OF THE PRODUCTS FOR TESTING.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO URGED THE PUBLIC NOT TO CONSUME THE PRODUCTS UNDER RECALL. ANY PERSON FEELING UNWELL AFTER CONSUMPTION OF THE PRODUCTS SHOULD CONSULT DOCTORS IMMEDIATELY.

SO FAR, NO COMPLAINTS CONCERNING HORLICKS IN NEW BOTTLES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

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KOWLOON CITY TO HOLD LANTERN CARNIVAL  
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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT WILL HOLD A LANTERN CARNIVAL TO CELEBRATE THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL AT THE ARGYLE STREET PLAYGROUND TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN IN THE FUN. ADMISSION IS FREE.

APART FROM A SHOW BY POPULAR SINGERS AND A LANTERN EXHIBITION, THERE WILL BE RIDDLES, WESTERN AND ORIENTAL FOLK DANCES, CHINESE ACROBATICS, PUPPET SHOW, CHINESE HANDICRAFTS DEMONSTRATIONS, PALM-READING, CHESS COMPETITION AS WELL AS CANTONESE OPERA.

GAMES TICKETS AND COUPONS FOR HANDICRAFTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE VENUE.

COLOURFUL LANTERNS WILL ALSO BE GIVEN TO CHILDREN ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

THE CARNIVAL IS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL, AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

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OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM YAP, AND THE WORKING GROUP CHAIRMAN OF KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL LANTERN CARNIVAL, MR LEE HOI-SANG.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL LANTERN CARNIVAL WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 7 PM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE ARGYLE STREET PLAYGROUND AT THE JUNCTION OF ARGYLE STREET AND MA TAU CHUNG ROAD. AN OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 8 PM.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS  
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	\$ MILLION
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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,000
REVERSAL OF LAF	NIL
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	2,000
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-395
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,605
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER      TWI 112.4 *-0.1*      25.9.93	

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GOVERNOR TO MEET THE PUBLIC ON POLICY ADDRESS

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE INVITED TO PUT QUESTIONS TO THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, ON HIS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ADDRESS IN A SERIES OF MEETINGS NEXT MONTH, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE MEETINGS WILL BE OPEN TO EVERYONE AND FREE ADMISSION TICKETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THE URBIX SYSTEM FROM THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 30).

THE FIRST PUBLIC MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE SHATIN TOWN HALL ON OCTOBER 7 (THURSDAY) AND THE SECOND ONE AT THE CULTURAL CENTRE, TSIM SHA TSUI THE FOLLOWING DAY (OCTOBER 8).

BOTH MEETINGS WILL RUN FROM 5.45 PM TO 7.15 PM. INTERPRETATION FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE.

URBTIX OUTLETS WHERE ADMISSION TICKETS CAN BE OBTAINED ARE:

- \* HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE
- \* HONG KONG COLISEUM
- \* NGAU CHI WAN CIVIC CENTRE
- \* QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM
- \* CITY HALL
- \* SHEUNG WAN CIVIC CENTRE
- \* SAI WAN HO CIVIC CENTRE
- \* SHATIN TOWN HALL
- \* TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL
- \* TUEN MUN TOWN HALL
- \* HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS
- \* HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE
- \* TOM LEE MUSIC COMPANY BRANCHES IN
  - CAMERON LANE, TSIM SHA TSUI,
  - CITY PLAZA, TAIKOO SHING,
  - 521 HENNESSY ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY,
  - CITY CENTRE BUILDING, 144-149 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI, AND
  - TSUEN WAN TOWN SQUARE.

A SEPARATE SESSION FOR TERTIARY STUDENTS AND STAFF WILL BE HELD AT LOKE YEW HALL, UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG ON OCTOBER 15 (FRIDAY).

THIS SESSION WILL BEGIN AT 6 PM AND WILL LAST UNTIL 7.30 PM.

/FREE ADMISSION .....

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THE FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS:

- \* THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
- \* THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
- \* THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
- \* THE CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG
- \* HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC
- \* HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE
- \* SHUE YAN COLLEGE
- \* LINGNAN COLLEGE
- \* NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
- \* SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
- \* GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
- \* HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE
- \* THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS
- \* THE OPEN LEARNING INSTITUTE OF HONG KONG

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HONG KONG SUPPORTS WORLD MARITIME DAY

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THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANISATION (IMO), OF WHICH HONG KONG IS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER, WILL CELEBRATE THE WORLD MARITIME DAY FROM SEPTEMBER 27 TO OCTOBER 1.

THE ORGANISATION USES THE OCCASION EVERY YEAR TO PUBLICISE ITS WORK. THIS YEAR, THE THEME IS "IMPLEMENTATION OF IMO STANDARDS - THE KEY TO SUCCESS".

IN HIS ANNUAL MESSAGE, THE IMO SECRETARY-GENERAL, MR WILLIAM O'NEIL, ADDRESSES A NUMBER OF ISSUES:

- \* THE IMO'S MAIN ROLE IS TO DEVELOP INTERNATIONAL SAFETY AND STANDARDS TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF LIFE AND PROPERTY AT SEA;
- \* SINCE 1959, THE IMO HAS ADOPTED MORE THAN 40 CONVENTIONS, MOST OF WHICH HAVE BEEN RATIFIED BY THE MAJORITY OF THE WORLD'S MARITIME NATIONS INVOLVING 96 PER CENT OF THE WORLD'S MERCHANT SHIPS;
- \* THE MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL THE IMO CONVENTIONS IS THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974; AND

\* ANOTHER CONVENTION, GIVEN GREAT IMPORTANCE, IS THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS.

WHILE THE IMO TAKES THE LEAD, PROVIDES THE VENUE AND ENCOURAGES CONSENSUS AMONG MEMBERS, IT IS INDIVIDUAL ADMINISTRATION WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING SURE THAT IMO CONVENTIONS, ONCE BROUGHT INTO FORCE INTERNATIONALLY, ARE THEN TRANSLATED INTO LOCAL LAWS.

TWO WAYS OF DOING THIS HAVE EVOLVED: FLAG STATE IMPLEMENTATION AND PORT STATE CONTROL.

FLAG STATE IMPLEMENTATION MEANS THAT A GOVERNMENT'S MARITIME AUTHORITY MUST ENSURE THAT ITS OWN LAWS CONFORM WITH THE STANDARDS OF THE CONVENTION.

THIS MEANS CONSTANT ADAPTATION AND THE WRITING OF NEW LAWS BY PROFESSIONAL OFFICERS OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT WORKING WITH LAW DRAFTSMEN IN THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT.

PORT STATE CONTROL IS A MEANS BY WHICH ONE PORT STATE CAN INSPECT FOREIGN SHIPS CALLING AT ITS PORTS TO ENSURE THAT THE CONVENTION STANDARDS ARE BEING OBSERVED AND, IF NECESSARY, WITHHOLD CLEARANCE FROM THAT SHIP TO SAIL UNTIL IDENTIFIED DEFECTS AND OMISSIONS HAVE BEEN REMEDIED.

THE IMO IS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED THAT THE HARD WORK OF THE ORGANISATION AND MOST OF ITS MEMBERS OVER THE LAST THREE DECADES IS BEING JEOPARDISED BY THE FAILURE OF SOME ADMINISTRATIONS TO DISCHARGE THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE CONVENTIONS.

THEREFORE, A NEW SUB-COMMITTEE ON FLAG STATE IMPLEMENTATION MET FOR THE FIRST TIME IN APRIL THIS YEAR. ITS TASK IS TO CONSIDER WAYS TO HELP ADMINISTRATIONS IMPROVE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS.

THESE AND MANY OTHER MEASURES SHOW THAT THE IMO IS DETERMINED TO KEEP WORKING TOWARDS ITS DUAL OBJECTIVES OF SAFER SHIPPING AND CLEANER SEAS.

BUT ACHIEVEMENT OF THESE OBJECTIVES DEPENDS ON THE FULL CO-OPERATION OF MEMBER ADMINISTRATIONS.

THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR ALLAN PYRKE, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT HONG KONG, BEING AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE IMO AND HAVING AN AUTONOMOUS SHIPPING REGISTRY, IS BOUND BY THESE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS.

"I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THE TARGETS SET BY THE IMO. HONG KONG IS IN THE FOREFRONT OF THOSE ADMINISTRATIONS IMPLEMENTING LOCAL LAWS STEMMING FROM INTERNATIONALLY RATIFIED MARITIME SAFETY CONVENTIONS AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE SO," MR PYRKE SAID.

"HONG KONG INTENDS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGIONAL CO-OPERATION ON PORT STATE CONTROL. A REGIONAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WILL BE FINALISED AT A MEETING IN DECEMBER THIS YEAR IN TOKYO AT WHICH HONG KONG WILL BE REPRESENTED."

TOWN PLANNING VIDEO WINS INTERNATIONAL AWARD

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A VIDEO ON TOWN PLANNING IN HONG KONG HAS RECENTLY BEEN AWARDED A CERTIFICATE FOR CREATIVE EXCELLENCE IN THE 26TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL AWARDS COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE U.S. INTERNATIONAL FILM AND VIDEO FESTIVAL.

THE 15-MINUTE VIDEO WAS PRODUCED BY THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

IN ENGLISH, CANTONESE AND MANDARIN VERSIONS, IT AIMS TO INTRODUCE THE WORK OF TOWN PLANNING IN HONG KONG AND TO OUTLINE THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORT IN THIS AREA.

THE VIDEO IS AVAILABLE ON LOAN TO LOCAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS INTERESTED IN TOWN PLANNING.

REQUEST CAN BE MADE TO THE PLANNING INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL ADMINISTRATION UNIT OF THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT ON 16TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, CENTRAL OR ON TELEPHONE 848 2402.

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52 NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED IN JULY

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY APPROVED 52 NEW BUILDING PLANS IN JULY THIS YEAR.

OF THEM, 14 WERE FOR HONG KONG, 12 FOR KOWLOON AND 26 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE APPROVED PLANS INCLUDED 18 FOR APARTMENT, APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS, EIGHT FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS AND 13 FOR FACTORY AND INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

IN THE MONTH, CONSENTS WERE GIVEN FOR WORK TO START ON 40 PROJECTS, INVOLVING 134,442 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA AND 200,887 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED WAS ABOUT \$2,131 MILLION. USABLE FLOOR AREAS OF THE BUILDINGS FOR DOMESTIC AND NON-DOMESTIC USES WERE 206,171 SQUARE METRES AND 68,978 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY.

IN JULY, THE AUTHORITY ISSUED 34 OCCUPATION PERMITS - 17 FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, NINE FOR KOWLOON, AND EIGHT FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN ADDITION, 29 DEMOLITION CONSENTS INVOLVING 64 BUILDINGS WERE ISSUED.

THE CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION RECEIVED 913 COMPLAINTS OF UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS, CARRIED OUT 1,672 INSPECTIONS AND ISSUED 1,301 REMOVAL ORDERS IN RESPECT OF UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS.

THE DANGEROUS BUILDINGS SECTION INSPECTED 864 BUILDINGS AND OBTAINED NINE EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDERS.

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RESIDENTS INVITED TO JOIN FAMILY GAME CONTEST

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ENTER A COMPETITION TO DESIGN GAMES FOR THE FAMILY.

IT IS ONE OF THE ACTIVITIES TO CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF FAMILY (IYF) NEXT YEAR WHICH WAS PROCLAIMED BY THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

THE COMPETITION IS HELD BY THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE ON THE OPENING EVENT OF IYF FORMED UNDER THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE ON IYF SET UP BY SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE IS MADE UP OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS.

"THE OBJECTIVES OF THE COMPETITION ARE TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF HARMONIOUS FAMILY RELATIONSHIP AND TO ENHANCE COMMUNICATION AMONG FAMILY MEMBERS THROUGH GAMES," THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MRS WAN LEE LAI-MUI, SAID.

THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO OPEN AND STUDENT SECTIONS.

THE FIRST THREE WINNERS IN EACH SECTION WILL BE AWARDED CASH OF \$5,000, \$3,000 AND \$2,000 RESPECTIVELY.

ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S GROUP WORK UNITS IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS AND THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE.

ENTRANTS SHOULD SEND THEIR NEW-DESIGN MODEL AND AN APPLICATION FORM TO THE OFFICES BY NOVEMBER 26.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 864 2957.

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