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MORE PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS SUPPORT ANTI-DRUG PROGRAMMES  
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MORE PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS ARE SHOWING CONCERN OVER THE DISASTROUS EFFECT OF DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM AND TAKING AN ACTIVE PART IN LAUNCHING OR SPONSORING VARIOUS ANTI-DRUG PROGRAMMES.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, DR GERALD CHOA, TOLD THIS TO A LARGE GROUP OF AUDIENCES WHILE ADDRESSING AT A PREVIEW OF AN ANTI-DRUG TV PROGRAMME "CARTOON ALL-STARS TO THE RESCUE" TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE 30-MINUTE TELEVISION SPECIAL WAS SPONSORED BY RONALD MCDONALD CHILDREN'S CHARITIES AND WILL BE BROADCAST AT THE EVENING PRIME TIME ON DECEMBER 23 AND 26 ON TVB JADE AND PEARL CHANNELS RESPECTIVELY.

DR CHOA POINTED OUT THAT THERE WAS AN OBVIOUS INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE ABUSING DRUGS, PARTICULARLY PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES SUCH AS TRANQUILIZER AND CANNABIS, IN THE PAST FEW YEARS.

HE SAID: "AUTHORITIES CONCERNED HAVE BEEN AWARE OF THIS TREND FOR A LONG TIME AND CORRESPONDING MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS TO TIGHTEN CONTROL ON PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES ON THE ONE HAND AND TO STEP UP PUBLICITY AND PREVENTIVE EDUCATION ON THE OTHER IN A BID TO PREVENT THE SITUATION FROM GETTING WORSE."

IN RESPECT OF PUBLICITY, DR CHOA SAID THIS YEAR THE NARCOTICS DIVISION ADOPTED THE THEME "SAY YES TO LIFE, SAY NO TO DRUGS" TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO VALUE THEIR LIVES AND REFRAIN FROM ABUSING ANY DRUGS THROUGH VARIOUS CHANNELS, INCLUDING POSTERS, LEAFLETS, COMIC BOOKS, TV ANNOUNCEMENTS OF PUBLIC INTEREST, RADIO PROGRAMMES, EXHIBITIONS AND A WIDE RANGE OF OTHER ACTIVITIES.

"YOUNG PEOPLE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THE BEST USE OF THEIR SPARE TIME BY TAKING PART IN WHOLESOME CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES OR MEANINGFUL COMMUNITY SERVICES SO AS TO IDENTIFY THEIR SELF-WORTH, BOOST THEIR SELF-CONFIDENCE AND SHAPE A CORRECT AND POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS LIFE," HE ADDED.

AS REGARDS PREVENTIVE EDUCATION, DR CHOA SAID STAFF OF THE NARCOTICS DIVISION GAVE DRUG EDUCATION TALKS AT VARIOUS SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTES EVERYDAY.

HE SAID: "WORK IS ALSO UNDER WAY TO PRODUCE A SET OF VIDEO TEACHING KIT TOGETHER WITH FOLLOW-UP EXERCISES FOR USE BY SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND SOCIAL WORKERS TO ENABLE YOUNG PEOPLE TO BETTER THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF AND HEIGHTEN THEIR VIGILANCE AGAINST THE INJURIOUS EFFECTS OF USING DRUGS."

DR CHOA SAID THE KIT WAS EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO SCHOOLS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR AND HE HOPED THAT IT WOULD BE WIDELY USED SO THAT MORE YOUNG PEOPLE CAN BENEFIT FROM IT.

SEMINAR ON SIXTH FORM EDUCATION

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STUDENTS WITH SIX PASSES IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION IN 1991, OR FIVE PASSES WITH A TOTAL SCORE OF NOT LESS THAN EIGHT WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR ENTRY TO THE 1993 ADVANCED LEVEL EXAMINATION.

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR LI YUET-TING, TOLD A SEMINAR ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF SIXTH FORM CURRICULUM TODAY (SATURDAY).

"THE HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO LOWER THE LEVEL OF DIFFICULTIES OF THE A-LEVEL EXAMINATION PAPERS, ESPECIALLY IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE.

"BESIDES, SCHOOLS COUNCILS ARE NOW BEING CONSULTED ON MEASURES TO FULLY UTILISE SIXTH FORM PLACES IN PUBLIC SECTOR SCHOOLS," MR LI SAID.

THE REMEDIAL MEASURES INCLUDE REMOVING THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR SITTING A-LEVEL EXAMINATIONS, A FIVE-STAGE ADMISSION PROCEDURE TO ENSURE FULL UTILISATION OF SIXTH FORM PROVISIONS AND A SUGGESTION FOR SCHOOLS TO CO-OPERATE IN OFFERING A WIDER RANGE OF SUBJECT COMBINATIONS TO THEIR SIXTH FORM STUDENTS.

MORE THAN 300 SECONDARY SCHOOL HEADS ATTENDED THE SEMINAR WHICH WAS AIMED AT HELPING PARTICIPANTS TO HAVE A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN SIXTH FORM CURRICULUM.

MR LI SAID THE SUCCESS IN SIXTH FORM CURRICULUM REFORMS WILL DEPEND ON THE CO-OPERATION OF UNIVERSITIES, TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS, THE HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY, SCHOOL HEADS, TEACHERS AND EMPLOYERS.

ON THE DESIGN OF THE NEW ADVANCED LEVEL AND ADVANCED SUPPLEMENTARY LEVEL SYLLABUSES, THE PLANNING OF IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSES FOR TEACHERS AND IMPROVEMENT OF TEACHING FACILITIES IN SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY AND THE NEW SIXTH FORM SYLLABUSES WILL BE INTRODUCED IN 1992.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE SEMINAR, CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR SO KWOK-WING, WELCOMED THE GOVERNMENT'S MOVE TO INITIATE CHANGES IN THE SIXTH FORM EDUCATION.

"SIXTH FORM EDUCATION IN THE 1990S IS NOT ONLY PREPARATION FOR TERTIARY EDUCATION BUT ALSO AIMS AT PROVIDING A WORTHWHILE COURSE AND OTHER ASPECTS OF TRAINING FOR THOSE WHO WOULD NOT PROCEED TO HIGHER EDUCATION.

"THE SIXTH FORM CURRICULUM, THEREFORE, SHOULD NOT BE EXCESSIVELY NARROW AND DETERMINED BY UNIVERSITY ENTRY REQUIREMENTS," MR SO SAID.

TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORTS OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SIXTH FORM EDUCATION, THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE CDC IS DESIGNING AND DEVELOPING NEW AS- AND A-LEVEL SYLLABUSES.

"THE REVIEW OF THE FIRST DRAFTS OF THE 15 SYLLABUSES PREPARED BY THE SUBJECT COMMITTEES OF THE HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY AND THE CDC HAS BEEN COMPLETED, AND COMMENTS ARE BEING INVITED FROM SCHOOLS AND TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS.

"A GUIDE FOR THE SIXTH FORM CURRICULUM FOR TEACHERS HAS ALSO BEEN DRAFTED AND WILL BE SENT TO SCHOOLS FOR COMMENT BY THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR," HE SAID.

MR SO HOPED THAT UNIVERSITIES AND TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS WILL ADJUST THEIR ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS BY EXTENDING RECOGNITION TO THE NEW AS-LEVEL QUALIFICATIONS AND ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO CHOOSE A MORE BALANCED COURSE TO STUDY.

HE ALSO CALLED ON EMPLOYERS TO RECOGNISE THE ADVANCED SUPPLEMENTARY QUALIFICATIONS FOR STAFF APPOINTMENT.

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#### MAJOR SURVEY ON COUNTRY PARK TO BEGIN

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A MAJOR SURVEY WILL BE CONDUCTED FROM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) IN HONG KONG'S COUNTRY PARKS TO FIND OUT THE USAGE PATTERN OF PARK VISITORS AND TO IDENTIFY THEIR CHANGING NEEDS FOR PARK FACILITIES AND SERVICES.

THE SURVEY, THE FOURTH ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT (AFD) SINCE 1982, COVERS 17 COUNTRY PARKS AND ONE SPECIAL AREA, ALL OF WHICH ARE POPULAR AREAS FOR VISITORS.

THE COUNTRY PARKS SELECTED FOR THE SURVEY INCLUDE ABERDEEN, TAI TAM, QUARRY BAY AND POK FU LAM ON HONG KONG ISLAND; LANTAU NORTH AND LANTAU SOUTH; SAI KUNG EAST, SAI KUNG WEST AND CLEAR WATER BAY; KAM SHAN LION ROCK; MA ON SHAN, PLOVER COVE, PAT SIN LENG, TAI MO SHAN, TAI LAM, SHING MUN AND THE TAI PO KAU SPECIAL AREA.

THE DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR DEVELOPMENT OFFICER (COUNTRYSIDE), MR WONG FOOK-YEE, SAID THE SURVEY WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN DECEMBER 16 AND 23 AND BETWEEN JANUARY 6 AND 20, RESPECTIVELY, COVERING A TOTAL OF 23-DAY PERIOD.

"IT IS INTENDED THAT SOME 6,000 VISITORS TO THESE COUNTRY PARKS WILL BE SELECTED AT RANDOM FOR INTERVIEW," MR WONG SAID.

"THE INTERVIEWS WILL BE CONDUCTED MAINLY BY AFD'S UNIFORMED PARK RANGERS AND WARDENS BUT FOR THE FIRST TIME, MEMBERS OF CIVIL AID SERVICES (CAS) WILL HELP IN THE SURVEY," HE ADDED.

CAS MEMBERS, WHO WILL HELP IN THE SURVEY ON SUNDAYS AT THE SAI KUNG, MA ON SHAN, PLOVER COVE, PAT SIN LENG, KAM SHAN AND LION ROCK COUNTRY PARKS, WILL BE IN UNIFORM AND WILL WEAR A NAME PLATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF IDENTIFICATION.

SOME TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE SURVEY AT OTHER LOCATIONS.

"VISITORS WILL BE ASKED TO SUGGEST AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN COUNTRY PARKS. THEY WILL ALSO BE ASKED ON THEIR FAVOURABLE ITEMS IN THE PARKS AND THEIR MOST ENJOYABLE COUNTRY PARK.

"MOREOVER, THEY WILL BE ASKED SUCH QUESTIONS AS THEIR GROUP SIZE AND COMPOSITION, THEIR HOME DISTRICT, THE MEANS AND COST OF TRANSPORT TO COUNTRY PARKS, TRAVELLING TIME AND THE HOURS OF STAY, THE FREQUENCY OF AND REASONS FOR COUNTRY PARK VISITS AS WELL AS THE ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN AND PREFERRED," MR WONG SAID.

THE INTERVIEWS WILL TAKE PLACE DAILY BETWEEN 10.30 AM AND 5.30 PM. EACH INTERVIEW WILL LAST FOR ONLY FIVE TO EIGHT MINUTES AND EVERY INTERVIEWEE WILL BE GIVEN A SOUVENIR AT THE END OF THE INTERVIEW IN APPRECIATION OF THEIR SUPPORT.

MR WONG URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC VISITING THE DESIGNATED COUNTRY PARKS AND SPECIAL AREA DURING THE SURVEY PERIODS, TO CO-OPERATE FULLY WHEN THEY ARE APPROACHED FOR INTERVIEW.

"THE SURVEY WILL BE OF LONG-TERM BENEFIT TO THE PUBLIC AS THE RESULTS WILL PROVIDE USEFUL UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION FOR BETTER PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNTRY PARKS AND FOR FUTURE IMPROVEMENT OF PARK FACILITIES AND SERVICES," HE SAID.

HE STRESSED THAT INFORMATION AND DATA COLLECTED WILL BE COMPILED INTO A STATISTICAL SUMMARY REPORT AND UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL ANY REFERENCE BE MADE TO PERSONAL DATA OF INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEWEES.

THE LAST THREE VISITOR SURVEYS WERE CARRIED OUT IN 1982, 1985 AND 1987 RESPECTIVELY AND THE RESULTS HAD PROVIDED VERY USEFUL DIRECTIVES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF COUNTRY PARKS.

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MERCHANT FINED FOR I/E OFFENCES  
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A MERCHANT WAS FINED \$500,000 AT THE NORTH KOWLOON MAGISTRACY YESTERDAY (FRIDAY) FOR OFFENCES UNDER THE IMPORT AND EXPORT ORDINANCE.

WONG CHUN-PO OF MAJORLAND PRODUCTS COMPANY LIMITED AND FLYING RICH INDUSTRIES LIMITED WAS ACCUSED OF LODGING INACCURATE IMPORT AND EXPORT DECLARATIONS AND CAUSING FALSE INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED ON THE MANIFEST IN CONNECTION WITH SEVERAL CONSIGNMENTS OF SESAME WHICH WERE FALSELY REPRESENTED AS EITHER "DRIED RADISH STRIP" OR "SOY BEANS".

IN SOME OF THE CONSIGNMENTS, THE DEFENDANT HAD ALSO UNDERSTATED THE VALUE OF THE GOODS.

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THE COURT WAS TOLD THAT THE OFFENCES TOOK PLACE BETWEEN THE END OF LAST YEAR AND THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR, INVOLVING THE IMPORT OF SESAME FROM CHINA AND THE EXPORT OF SESAME TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT STARTED INVESTIGATION INTO THE CASE AFTER RECEIVING INFORMATION FROM THE KOREAN CUSTOMS THAT A CONSIGNMENT OF 100 METRIC TONNES OF SESAME FALSELY REPRESENTED AS "DRIED RADISH STRIP" IN THE IMPORT DOCUMENTS WAS HELD UP BY THEM AT INCHON, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, IN JANUARY THIS YEAR.

UNDER THE IMPORT AND EXPORT ORDINANCE, ANY PERSON WHO IMPORTS OR RE-EXPORTS ANY ARTICLES OTHER THAN AN EXEMPTED ARTICLE SHALL LODGE WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE AN ACCURATE AND COMPLETE DECLARATION RELATING TO SUCH ARTICLES.

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TAXI FUEL SUPPLEMENT EFFECTIVE FROM SUNDAY

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) REMINDED TAXI PASSENGERS THAT A FLAT \$1 TEMPORARY FUEL SUPPLEMENT IN ADDITION TO THE NORMAL TAXI FARE FOR URBAN, NEW TERRITORIES AND LANTAU TAXIS WOULD COME INTO EFFECT FROM TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE FUEL SUPPLEMENT WAS A TEMPORARY MEASURE AND WOULD BE WITHDRAWN WHEN EITHER THE FUEL PRICE FELL SUBSTANTIALLY OR INCORPORATED INTO THE NEXT GENERAL FARE INCREASE EXERCISE.

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TRANSPORT DEPT HEADQUARTERS ON MOVE

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ALL DIVISIONS OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS EXCEPT THE MOTOR VEHICLE EXAMINATION DIVISION WILL OPERATE FROM THEIR NEW OFFICES AT THE 37TH, AND 39TH TO 41ST FLOORS OF WANCHAI TOWER II, 7 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI, FROM MONDAY (DECEMBER 17).

THE MOTOR VEHICLE EXAMINATION DIVISION WILL MOVE TO WANCHAI TOWER II NEXT MONTH.

THE NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S HOTLINE IS 824 1266 AND THE HEADQUARTERS NEW ENQUIRY TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 829 5258.

APPLICATIONS FOR CLOSED AREA PERMITS FOR HONG KONG ISLAND SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE TRANSPORT OPERATIONS' HONG KONG SUB-DIVISION AT 37TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER II.

APPLICATIONS FOR CLOSED AREA PERMITS FOR KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL CONTINUE TO BE HANDLED BY THE TRANSPORT OPERATIONS, KOWLOON AND NEW TERRITORIES SUB-DIVISIONS AT THE DEPARTMENT'S KOWLOON HEADQUARTERS AT 25TH FLOOR, 56 DUNDAS STREET, KOWLOON.

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS WAS PREVIOUSLY LOCATED AT QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

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SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS SOLD BY AUCTION

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FORTY SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE PUT UP FOR AUCTION THIS MORNING (SATURDAY) FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,638,000 WHICH WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE RECITAL HALL OF THE CITY HALL, SAW THE REGISTRATION NUMBER EE3 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$380,000.

ANOTHER NUMBER EE77 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$220,000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$2,000 FOR EM8162.

FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF TODAY'S AUCTION:

EM1888	\$ 16,000	EE3	\$ 380,000	EM882	\$ 23,000	EM1338	\$ 10,000
EL608	5,000	EL3228	15,000	EM5	150,000	DH777	35,000
EM3268	8,000	AU116	7,000	DG163	20,000	HK450	25,000
DH11	150,000	EM8162	2,000	EM318	12,000	AK747	18,000
EM1228	10,000	EM3389	12,000	AR19	20,000	EM619	6,000
EM661	8,000	EE77	220,000	AA1883	15,000	EL9332	3,000
XX9112	5,000	EM8288	35,000	EM911	25,000	EM635	4,000
EG171	10,000	EL908	8,000	CC87	70,000	EL8890	3,000
EM1168	11,000	DD8628	18,000	EM1118	19,000	AS2339	5,000
AA812	20,000	3866	200,000	EM128	30,000	EL3988	5,000

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WERE REQUIRED TO PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

THE NUMBERS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 158TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR CHARITY REALISED SO FAR TO \$110,694,505.

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