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POLICE GIVE OVERVIEW OF LAW AND ORDER SITUATION
TO FCC MEMBERS AND DFCC CHAIRMEN

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, TODAY (SATURDAY) CHAIRED A MEETING OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AT WHICH MEMBERS WERE JOINED BY THE 19 DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN.

THIS SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WAS CALLED TO EXPLAIN GOVERNMENT'S POSITION WITH RESPECT TO COMBATTING CRIME AND TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE LAW AND ORDER SITUATION.

IN HIS OVERVIEW OF THE CRIME SITUATION, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, OPERATIONS, MR JOHN SHEPPARD, SAID THE MAIN THRUST OF POLICE OPERATIONS HAD FOR MANY YEARS BEEN A STRONG AND CONVINCING PRESENCE ON THE STREETS OF HONG KONG AT ALL HOURS OF THE DAY AND NIGHT.

"THIS DEPLOYMENT PHILOSOPHY ENABLES US TO RESPOND QUICKLY TO EMERGENCIES," HE SAID. "WE BELIEVE, ALSO, THAT IN PRACTICE THIS HAS A SIGNIFICANT DETERRENT EFFECT ON CRIMINALS AND, EQUALLY IMPORTANT, IT MAKES POLICE OFFICERS READILY AVAILABLE TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO SEEK OUR ASSISTANCE."

MR SHEPPARD ASSURED FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN THAT THE FORCE WAS WELL TRAINED, WELL EQUIPPED, DEDICATED, AND PROFESSIONAL AND THAT DESPITE RECRUITMENT AND WASTAGE PROBLEMS IT REMAINED OF CONSIDERABLE SIZE.

"THE STRENGTH OF THE FORCE NOW STANDS AT 26,508, A FIGURE WHICH DOES NOT INCLUDE 5,329 AUXILIARY POLICEMEN OR 5,239 CIVILIAN PERSONNEL ATTACHED TO THE POLICE," HE POINTED OUT.

"WE ARE WELL MOTIVATED AND THE MORALE ISSUES ABOUT WHICH WE HAVE ALL READ A GREAT DEAL IN RECENT MONTHS HAVE NOT IN THE SLIGHTEST WAY AFFECTED THE DETERMINATION OF POLICEMEN TO DEAL EFFICIENTLY WITH CRIME, AND OTHER POLICE WORK."

ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE ILLEGAL IMPORTATION OF FIREARMS INTO THE TERRITORY FROM CHINA, THEIR USE IN ROBBERIES AND THE INCIDENCE OF TRIAD AND GANG ACTIVITY WERE CAUSE FOR CONCERN, MR SHEPPARD SAID CURRENT POLICE ACTION - BOTH ON OUR STREETS AS WELL AS WITHIN INVESTIGATORY AND SUPPORT UNITS - WAS CALCULATED TO FRUSTRATE THIS ACTIVITY AND APPREHEND THOSE RESPONSIBLE.

"ALL POLICE OFFICERS AGONIZE OVER CRIME STATISTICS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC DON'T FIND IT ESPECIALLY HELPFUL TO BE INFORMED THAT THEY ARE LESS LIKELY TO BE THE VICTIM OF A ROBBERY IN 1990 THAN THEY WERE IN 1980," MR SHEPPARD WENT ON. "NEVERTHELESS THIS IS TRUE. IN 1980 ROBBERIES AVERAGED 25 A DAY COMPARED WITH 21 A DAY THIS YEAR.

"CRIMINALS ARE NOT HAVING IT ALL THEIR OWN WAY AND WE HAVE HAD A GOOD DEAL OF SUCCESS IN BOTH INTELLIGENCE BASED OPERATIONS AND THROUGH THE QUICK RESPONSE OF PATROLLING OFFICERS.

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"I AM PLEASED TO SAY THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED THE FULLEST COOPERATION FROM POLICE AUTHORITIES IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN OUR EFFORTS TO STOP THE ILLEGAL IMPORTATION OF WEAPONS INTO HONG KONG.

"WE SHALL CONTINUE TO LIAISE CLOSELY WITH THEM - WE ARE DETERMINED TO DEAL RESOLUTELY WITH CRIMINALS WHO IMPORT GUNS INTO HONG KONG AND USE THEM ON OUR STREETS."

ENDORSING MR SHEPPARD'S VIEW THAT VISIBLE PRESENCE OF UNIFORMED OFFICERS IN THE STREET WAS THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO DETER CRIME, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, MR EDDIE HUI, SAID EVERY DISTRICT IS NOW PUTTING OUT AS MANY BEAT OFFICERS AS POSSIBLE AND DEPLOYING THEM IN AREAS PRONE TO CRIME.

"UNLIKE YEARS GONE BY, WHEN THE BEAT PC WAS VERY MUCH CONCERNED WITH HAWKERS, OBSTRUCTIONS IN THE STREET AND PARKING TICKETS, SUCH MATTERS ARE NOW AT THE BOTTOM OF HIS PRIORITIES AND HE IS DIRECTED VERY MUCH TO CRIME," HE SAID. "WHEN POUNDING THE BEAT HE IS NOT ALONE AND HE IS SUPPORTED BY MANY OTHER UNITS INCLUDING THE EMERGENCY UNITS, POLICE TACTICAL UNIT, TRAFFIC, UNIFORM BRANCH TASK FORCES, AND CID ACTION SQUADS.

"WHEN ALL THESE ARE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THERE ARE PLENTY OF RESOURCES ON THE GROUND TO RESPOND TO CRIME REPORTS. WE CAN RESPOND TO A 999 CALL IN JUST A FEW MINUTES. WE ARE A VERY FLEXIBLE ORGANISATION AND HAVE THE ABILITY TO SHIFT THE EMPHASIS OF OPERATION QUICKLY IN THE LIGHT OF CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES."

POINTING OUT THAT THE CRIME DETECTION RATE HAD REMAINED STEADY DURING THE PAST THREE YEARS AT AROUND 46 PER CENT, MR HUI SAID THIS WAS A CREDITABLE PERFORMANCE FOR ANY POLICE FORCE.

REFERRING TO THE RISE IN THE USE OF FIREARMS IN CRIME, MR HUI SAID THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE HAD PUT THIS CATEGORY OF CRIME AT THE VERY TOP OF HIS ENFORCEMENT PRIORITIES.

A NUMBER OF MEASURES HAD BEEN TAKEN LOCALLY TO COMBAT THE INCREASE IN AVAILABILITY OF FIREARMS. THE FORCE HAD ENHANCED ITS CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE SYSTEMS AND ENSURED THAT ALL ARRESTED PERSONS WERE PROPERLY DEBRIEFED IN ORDER TO ASCERTAIN THE SOURCE OF FIREARMS. MANY FIREARMS WERE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN BROUGHT INTO HONG KONG BY ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AND BY SMUGGLERS, SO POLICE HAD MOUNTED A NUMBER OF OPERATIONS IN AREAS SUCH AS LAU FAU SHAN WHERE FIREARMS WERE SUSPECTED TO HAVE PASSED THROUGH FROM CHINA.

"WE HAVE HAD SOME SUCCESS. WE HAVE SEIZED 52 GENUINE FIREARMS SO FAR THIS YEAR. LAST YEAR, WE SEIZED A TOTAL OF 93 BUT THIS FIGURE IS MISLEADINGLY HIGH BECAUSE 32 OF THEM WERE FOUND IN ONE CONSIGNMENT AT THE AIRPORT AND WERE POSSIBLY NOT INTENDED FOR USE IN HONG KONG," HE ADDED.

TURNING TO TRIAD-RELATED CRIME, MR HUI SAID EVERY MONTH POLICE CONDUCTED AN AVERAGE OF 3,450 RAIDS AND ARRESTED ABOUT 800 PERSONS.

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HE EMPHASISED THAT THE TRIAD SOCIETIES DIVISION (TSD) HAD BEEN DISBANDED IN 1983 NOT BECAUSE THERE WAS NO TRIAD PROBLEM, BUT BECAUSE THE FORCE WANTED TO MAKE BETTER USE OF RESOURCES BY AMALGAMATING THE FORMER TSD, SERIOUS CRIME AND HOMICIDE DIVISIONS INTO THE ORGANISED AND SERIOUS CRIME GROUP (OSCG).

SINCE ITS FORMATION, OSCG HAS CONDUCTED SOME VERY SUCCESSFUL LONG-TERM INTELLIGENCE-BASED INVESTIGATIONS, ONE CASE - AGAINST A MAJOR TRIAD SOCIETY - TAKING NEARLY FIVE YEARS TO COMPLETE. THOUGH TIME-CONSUMING, THIS TACTIC IS CONSIDERED TO BE THE MOST EFFECTIVE, AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE USED.

WITH THE RECENT ADDITION OF THE SOPHISTICATED CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE COMPUTER SYSTEM (CICS) THE FORCE WAS NOW ABLE TO MAKE BETTER ASSESSMENTS IN RELATION TO ORGANISED, SERIOUS AND TRIAD-RELATED CRIME, MR HUI POINTED OUT.

"WE HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN STREAMLINING CERTAIN PROCEDURES TO ELIMINATE TRIAD INFLUENCE, FOR EXAMPLE, IN FISH MARKETS AND ABATTOIRS AND MOST RECENTLY IN THE REGISTRATION FOR THE SALE OF FLATS.

"FROM TIME TO TIME, WE CONDUCT HIGH PROFILE ANTI-TRIAD OPERATIONS BY FLOODING BLACK SPOTS WITH BOTH UB AND CID OFFICERS. AN EXAMPLE OF THIS IS THE RECENT OPERATION AFTER THE HUNG HOM ARSON AND HOMICIDE CASE WHICH RESULTED IN 477 ARRESTS."

IN CONCLUSION MR HUI STRESSED THAT THE POLICE COULD ONLY ACT WITHIN THE LAW. THE ULTIMATE AIM WAS TO ARREST, PROSECUTE AND REMOVE CRIMINAL ELEMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY BY PUTTING THEM BEHIND BARS.

"HOWEVER, WITHOUT THE NECESSARY EVIDENCE, PARTICULARLY THAT OF WITNESSES WHO ARE VICTIMS, WE FIND THAT OUR HANDS ARE TIED.

"I THEREFORE CALL UPON THE CHAIRMEN OF ALL DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEES TO CONVEY THIS MESSAGE TO THEIR OWN DISTRICT. THE POLICE NEEDS THE HELP OF THE COMMUNITY IN ITS FIGHT AGAINST TRIAD-RELATED CRIME. THE PUBLIC MUST COME FORWARD, REPORT CRIME AND BE PREPARED TO GIVE EVIDENCE IN COURT SO THAT THE TIDE CAN TURN IN OUR FAVOUR."

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"PREVENT CRIME, REPORT CRIME, PROVE CRIME"

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"PREVENT CRIME, REPORT CRIME, PROVE CRIME" - THESE ARE THE KEY MESSAGES IN A NEW GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE TO UNITE THE COMMUNITY AND THE POLICE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME.

ANNOUNCING A SPECIAL PUBLICITY DRIVE TO SUPPLEMENT THE ON-GOING FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN TODAY (SATURDAY), THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID THE DRIVE WILL CARRY THE SLOGAN "JOIN FORCES AGAINST CRIME".

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IT WILL BE LAUNCHED NEXT MONTH AND WILL RUN FOR FOUR MONTHS.

THE NEW INITIATIVE WAS DISCUSSED DURING AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AT WHICH MEMBERS WERE JOINED BY THE 19 DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (DFCC) CHAIRMEN.

STRESSING THAT THE DFCCS HAD AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN SPEARHEADING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, SIR DAVID CALLED UPON THEM TO EXPLORE ALL METHODS BY WHICH CRIME AWARENESS COULD BE IMPROVED IN THEIR LOCAL AREAS WHILE AT THE SAME TIME TAKING EVERY POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO ENCOURAGE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO DO THEIR CIVIC DUTY.

SIR DAVID EXPLAINED THE REASON FOR INCLUDING THE THEME "PROVE CRIME" IN THE THREE KEY MESSAGES. HE SAID PUBLIC COOPERATION WAS ESSENTIAL NOT ONLY IN THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION BUT ALSO BY WITNESSES' WILLINGNESS TO COME FORWARD AND GIVE EVIDENCE.

ON CRIME PREVENTION, HE POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS NOT MERELY CONFINED TO PROTECTING HOMES, PROPERTY AND VEHICLES. "PARENTS AND GUARDIANS ARE REMINDED OF THE MEASURES THEY MUST TAKE TO PREVENT YOUNG PERSONS FROM BECOMING INVOLVED IN CRIME OR TRIAD ACTIVITIES."

AS FOR REPORTING CRIME, IN ADDITION TO DIRECTLY APPROACHING A POLICE OFFICER, CALLING AT A POLICE STATION OR DIALLING 999, OTHER METHODS INCLUDE THE USE OF CONFIDENTIAL CRIME INFORMATION FORMS, POLICE TELEPHONE HOTLINES, THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BOX 999 AND NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE OFFICES.

"CRIME CAN ONLY BE EFFECTIVELY TACKLED THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF THE WHOLE COMMUNITY WORKING TOGETHER AND THAT IS WHAT THE NEW CAMPAIGN IS INTENDED TO ACHIEVE."

GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES IN GETTING THE CAMPAIGN OFF THE GROUND WILL INCLUDE A NEW CAMPAIGN LOGO AND THEME SONG, POSTERS, LEAFLETS, TELEVISION AND RADIO COMMERCIALS, ADVERTISING ON CINEMA SCREENS AND MTR POSTER SITES AND UTILISING TELE-SCREEN DISPLAY FACILITIES AT STADIA AND RACE-COURSES.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS WILL INCLUDE A MASSIVE FIGHT CRIME RALLY EARLY NEXT YEAR AT WHICH JUNIOR POLICE CALL MEMBERS FROM ALL 19 POLICE DISTRICTS WILL BE MOBILIZED TO COMPETE ALONGSIDE COMMUNITY LEADERS, CELEBRITIES AND LOCAL ARTISTES IN A COLOURFUL TELE-GAME CONTEST WITH PUBLIC COOPERATION IN COMBATTING CRIME AS ITS THEME.POLICE WILL ORGANISE A "MINI TATTOO" AS PART OF THE PROGRAMME.

JPCS WILL THEN BE ASKED TO SPREAD THE FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE BY ORGANISING DISTRICT RALLIES AFTER WHICH PUBLICITY PACKAGES WILL BE DELIVERED TO QUARTER-OF-A-MILLION HOMES.

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WORLD STANDARDS DAY TOMORROW

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HONG KONG WILL BE JOINING MANY COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) IN RECOGNISING WORLD STANDARDS DAY WHICH MARKS ANOTHER MILESTONE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL STANDARDISATION.

THE EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION FOR STANDARDISATION (ISO) AND THE INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION (IEC), OF WHICH HONG KONG IS A MEMBER.

THE TWO ORGANISATIONS HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN DEVELOPING INTERNATIONAL PRODUCT STANDARDS AND WORKING TOWARDS COMPATIBILITY OF SYSTEMS WORLDWIDE FOR THE BENEFIT OF BOTH MANUFACTURERS AND CONSUMERS.

AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR ERNEST EVANS, SAID HONG KONG'S MAJOR MARKETS HAD BEEN PLACING INCREASING EMPHASIS ON QUALITY AND CONSUMER SAFETY IN RECENT YEARS.

"TO PROMOTE STANDARDISATION AND THE AWARENESS OF QUALITY IN HONG KONG, THE PRODUCT STANDARDS INFORMATION BUREAU OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT WAS SET UP SIX YEARS AGO TO COLLECT AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ON STANDARDS REQUIREMENTS IN HONG KONG'S OVERSEAS MARKETS TO THE INDUSTRY.

"THE BUREAU'S PRODUCT STANDARDS LIBRARY MAINTAINS THE NATIONAL STANDARDS OF HONG KONG'S MAJOR MARKETS AND INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS ISSUED BY THE ISO AND IEC.

"TO GAIN EFFICIENT ACCESS TO THE EXTENSIVE DATABASE OF OVERSEAS STANDARDS INSTITUTIONS, THE BUREAU SET UP DIRECT ON-LINE COMPUTER LINKS WITH THESE INSTITUTIONS LATE LAST YEAR," HE SAID.

IN ADDITION, MR EVANS SAID, THE BUREAU OPERATED A SALES AGENCY SERVICE THROUGH WHICH NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS COULD BE PURCHASED.

"IT IS ALSO AUTHORISED TO REPRODUCE AND SELL PHOTOCOPIES OF BRITISH, EUROPEAN, ISO AND IEC STANDARDS TO FACILITATE USERS OF STANDARDS. THE PHOTOCOPYING SERVICE WILL SOON BE EXTENDED TO COVER AUSTRALIAN STANDARDS," HE SAID.

APART FROM ANSWERING GENERAL ENQUIRIES ON STANDARDS, THE BUREAU ALSO PROVIDES A TECHNICAL ENQUIRY SERVICE TO EXPLAIN THE PARTICULAR FEATURES OF OVERSEAS REQUIREMENTS AND, WHERE APPROPRIATE, OFFERS SUGGESTIONS ON WAYS TO ENABLE A PRODUCT TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS.

THE SERVICE HAS BEEN WELL-RECEIVED BY LOCAL MANUFACTURERS AND EXPORTERS WITH THE NUMBER OF ENQUIRIES HANDLED BY THE BUREAU GROWING FROM 25 IN 1984 TO 1,600 LAST YEAR.

TO FURTHER ASSIST THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR TO MAINTAIN ITS COMPETITIVENESS BY SECURING A PERMANENT INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION FOR QUALITY, THE GOVERNMENT HAS INTRODUCED A QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME TO SUPPORT MANUFACTURERS' OWN EFFORTS TO UPGRADE THEIR PRODUCTION.

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THE PROGRAMME INCLUDES IMPROVEMENTS TO HONG KONG'S EXISTING QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE, THE INTRODUCTION OF A VOLUNTARY QUALITY CERTIFICATION SCHEME AND THE LAUNCHING OF A THREE-YEAR CAMPAIGN IN MARCH THIS YEAR TO RAISE THE LEVEL OF QUALITY AWARENESS AMONG LOCAL MANUFACTURERS.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THESE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITIES WILL ENABLE THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR TO MEET THE INCREASINGLY STRINGENT PRODUCT STANDARDS IN HONG KONG'S MAJOR OVERSEAS MARKETS.

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## QUARTERLY SURVEY OF RESTAURANT RECEIPTS AND PURCHASES FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1990

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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE ENTIRE RESTAURANT SECTOR IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1990, ESTIMATED AT $8,392 MILLION, WAS 15 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE SAME QUARTER OF 1989, WHILE THE VOLUME WAS ONE PER CENT HIGHER, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE PROVISIONAL ESTIMATE OF TOTAL PURCHASES BY RESTAURANTS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1990 WAS $3,294 MILLION, WHICH WAS NINE PER CENT HIGHER IN VALUE TERMS THAN IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989.

ANALYSED BY TYPE OF RESTAURANT, BARS, FAST FOOD SHOPS, NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS AND CHINESE RESTAURANTS WENT UP BY 24 PER CENT, 21 PER CENT, 20 PER CENT AND 13 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989, WHILE THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR "OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES" - COMPRISING HERB TEA SHOPS, CREAMERIES AND OTHER OUTLETS SELLING BEAN CURD JELLY, ETC. REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED.

IN VOLUME TERMS, THE TOTAL RECEIPTS OF BARS, FAST FOOD SHOPS AND NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS INCREASED BY 15 PER CENT, SIX PER CENT AND FOUR PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, WHILE THOSE FOR CHINESE RESTAURANTS AND "OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES" DECREASED BY TWO PER CENT AND NINE PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING THE FIRST HALF OF 1990 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989, TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS INCREASED BY 14 PER CENT IN VALUE BUT DECREASED BY TWO PER CENT IN VOLUME; AND THE VALUE OF TOTAL PURCHASES BY RESTAURANTS ROSE BY SEVEN PER CENT.

IN VALUE TERMS, INCREASES WERE RECORDED FOR BARS, FAST FOOD SHOPS, NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS, CHINESE RESTAURANTS AND "OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES", AT 24 PER CENT, 23 PER CENT, 22 PER CENT, 10 PER CENT AND TWO PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

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IN VOLUME TERMS, TOTAL RECEIPTS OF BARS, FAST FOOD SHOPS AND NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS GREW BY 15 PER CENT, SEVEN PER CENT AND SIX PER CENT RESPECTIVELY; WHILE THOSE OF CHINESE RESTAURANTS AND "OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES" DROPPED BY FIVE PER CENT AND EIGHT PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1990 WITH THE PREVIOUS QUARTER - AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON IS LIKELY TO BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS - TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS DECREASED BY THREE PER CENT IN VALUE AND SIX PER CENT IN VOLUME, WHILE THE VALUE OF TOTAL PURCHASES BY RESTAURANTS FELL BY FIVE PER CENT.

IN VALUE TERMS, TOTAL RECEIPTS OF "OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES", FAST FOOD SHOPS AND NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS WENT UP BY 12 PER CENT, NINE PER CENT AND FOUR PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, THAT OF BARS REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED, WHILE THAT OF CHINESE RESTAURANTS WENT DOWN BY SEVEN PER CENT.

IN VOLUME TERMS, TOTAL RECEIPTS OF "OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES" AND FAST FOOD SHOPS INCREASED BY EIGHT PER CENT AND FIVE PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, THAT OF NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED, WHILE THOSE OF BARS AND CHINESE RESTAURANTS DROPPED BY TWO PER CENT AND 10 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED FIGURES FOR THE TOTAL RECEIPTS AND TOTAL PURCHASES OF THE ENTIRE RESTAURANT SECTOR FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1990 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURES FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1990.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF TOTAL RECEIPTS BY TYPE OF RESTAURANT FOR THE FIRST AND THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1990, WITH THE QUARTERLY AVERAGE FROM OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 TAKEN AS 100.

ALSO TABULATED ARE COMPARISONS OF THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1990 RESULTS WITH THOSE FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1990 AND FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989. COMPARISONS OF TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 1990 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989 ARE ALSO GIVEN.

THE REPORT ON THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF RESTAURANT RECEIPTS AND PURCHASES FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1990 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AT $1 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ON THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 802 1258.

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TABLE 1 : TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS AND PURCHASES

| | | 1st qtr. 1990 (Revised figures) | 2nd qtr. 1990 (Provisional figures) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total restaurant receipts | (in HK$ million) | 8 654 | 8 392 |
| Total purchases by restaurants | (in HK$ million) | 3 455 | 3 294 |

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS FOR 1ST QUARTER 1990 AND 2ND QUARTER 1990

(Quarterly average of October 84 - September 85 = 100)

| Type of restaurant | Index of total restaurant receipts | 1st quarter 1990 (Revised figures) | 2nd quarter 1990 (Provisional figures) | 2nd qtr. 1990 compared with 1st qtr. 1990 | | 2nd qtr. 1990 compared with 2nd qtr. 1989 | | 1st-2nd qtr. 1990 compared with 1st-2nd qtr. 1989 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Points | % | Points | % | Points | % |
| Chinese restaurants | Value | 183 | 171 | -12 | -7 | +20 | +13 | +17 | +10 |
| | Volume | 120 | 108 | -12 | -10 | -2 | -2 | -6 | -5 |
| Non-Chinese restaurants | Value | 187 | 194 | +7 | +4 | +32 | +20 | +34 | +22 |
| | Volume | 123 | 123 | * | * | +5 | +4 | +7 | +6 |
| Fast food shops | Value | 231 | 251 | +20 | +9 | +44 | +21 | +44 | +23 |
| | Volume | 165 | 174 | +8 | +5 | +10 | +6 | +12 | +7 |
| Bars | Value | 151 | 151 | * | * | +29 | +24 | +29 | +24 |
| | Volume | 120 | 118 | -2 | -2 | +15 | +15 | +16 | +15 |
| Other eating and drinking places | Value | 144 | 161 | +18 | +12 | * | * | +3 | +2 |
| | Volume | 100 | 108 | +8 | +8 | -11 | -9 | -9 | -8 |
| Entire restaurant sector | Value | 186 | 181 | -6 | -3 | +24 | +15 | +22 | +14 |
| | Volume | 123 | 116 | -7 | -6 | +1 | +1 | -2 | -2 |

Notes: 1. Figures denoting changes are derived from unrounded figures.
2. * denotes a figure within ±0.5.

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YOUTH URGED TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, TODAY (SATURDAY) URGED YOUNG PEOPLE TO DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY INVOLVED IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND POLITICS SO AS TO ENSURE A BETTER FUTURE FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES.

SPEAKING AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE HONG KONG JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SENATORS, MR LAN STRESSED THAT NEXT YEAR'S ELECTIONS HAD GREAT SIGNIFICANCE TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

THE CHOICE OF LEGISLATORS WILL, NEEDLESS TO SAY, HAVE PROFOUND IMPLICATIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG AS IT DRAWS CLOSER TO THE CHANGE OF SOVEREIGNTY IN 1997, HE SAID.

"PERMANENT RESIDENTS OF HONG KONG WILL SOON HAVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE THAT CHOICE AND IT IS A RIGHT THAT THEY SHOULD NOT ABANDON," HE SAID.

"THEY CAN, HOWEVER, ONLY EXERCISE THAT RIGHT IF THEY REGISTER AS VOTERS THIS YEAR BEFORE THE CLOSE OF THE REGISTRATION ON NOVEMBER 20," HE ADDED.

HE NOTED THAT HONG KONG WAS GOING THROUGH A PERIOD OF CHANGE AND OUR FUTURE LARGELY DEPENDED ON HOW THAT CHANGE WAS BEING HANDLED.

"IT IS OF UTMOST IMPORTAMCE THAT THE YOUNG ARE NOW ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE EVOLUTION OF OUR POLITICAL STRUCTURE BECAUSE IN THE COURSE OF TIME, WE NEED TO COUNT ON THEM TO PROVIDE THE LEADERSHIP TO GUIDE OUR SOCIETY INTO A NEW ERA," HE SAID.

HE ADVISED YOUNG PEOPLE THAT PUTTING THEIR TIME AND ENERGY IN MAKING WEALTH ALONE WAS NOT GOOD ENOUGH.

"YOU MUST GET YOURSELVES DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY INVOLVED IN POLITICS. IT IS ONLY THROUGH THIS THAT YOU CAN ENSURE A BETTER FUTURE FOR YOURSELVES AND YOUR FAMILIES," HE SAID.

MR LAN'S APPEAL WAS MADE IN THE LIGHT OF THE COMPARATIVELY LOW REGISTRATION RATE AMONG PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 21 AND 25.

HE FOUND THAT SOME PEOPLE WHO DID NOT REGISTER AS VOTERS SAID THEY BELIEVED DISTRICT BOARDS WERE NO MORE THAN "A COLLECTION OF LOCAL DEBATING CLUBS IN OPEN FORUM TOTALLY DEVOID OF EXECUTIVE POWERS" AND THAT THEIR ADVICES WERE NOT RESPECTED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

MR LAN CITED THE FINDINGS OF RESEARCH CONDUCTED BY THE CNTA IN JUNE LAST YEAR TO DISPEL THIS 'GRAVE MISCONCEPTION".

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"IT WAS FOUND THAT DURING THE PERIOD BETWEEN MAY 1987 AND MAY 1989, A TOTAL OF 493 ISSUES WERE DISCUSSED AT DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS.

"THE ADVICES GIVEN BY THE BOARDS ON 416, OR 84 PER CENT, OF THESE ISSUES WERE IN FACT ACCEPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT. ADVICES THAT WERE NOT ACCEPTED ACCOUNTED FOR ONLY 69, OR 14 PER CENT, OF THE ISSUES BEING DISCUSSED, WHILE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE REMAINING EIGHT ISSUES WERE STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE GOVERNMENT AT THE TIME OF THE RESEARCH," HE SAID.

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## EMPLOYERS URGED TO HIRE MORE DISABLED PEOPLE

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR M.D. CARTLAND, TODAY (SATURDAY) APPEALED TO EMPLOYERS TO PROVIDE MORE JOB OPPORTUNITIES TO DISABLED PEOPLE.

MR CARTLAND MADE THE PLEA WHEN VISITING THE DEPARTMENT'S KAI NANG SHELTERED WORKSHOP AND HOSTEL IN KWUN TONG.

DURING HIS TOUR OF THE WORKSHOP IN WHICH A NUMBER OF HANDICAPPED WORKERS PERFORMED BOOK BINDING AND OTHER TASKS, HE SAID: "I HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE THAT SHELTERED WORKERS CAN DO SUITABLE JOBS VERY WELL INDEED. THEY ARE VERY HARD-WORKING.

"I THEREFORE APPEAL TO LOCAL MANUFACTURERS TO OFFER ASSISTANCE TO THE GROUP BY PLACING MORE JOB ORDERS WITH SHELTERED WORKSHOPS," MR CARTLAND ADDED.

MR CARTLAND, ACCOMPANIED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S REGIONAL OFFICER (EAST KOWLOON), MR LOK MAN-PAN, TOURED THE SHELTERED WORKSHOP TO UPDATE HIMSELF ON THE VARIOUS FACILITIES AND SERVICES THERE.

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## SCOUT GROUP INAUGURATED IN WHITEHEAD DETENTION CENTRE

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VIETNAMESE CHILDREN AT THE WHITEHEAD DETENTION CENTRE CAN NOW HAVE THEIR LIFE ENRICHED THROUGH SCOUTING ACTIVITIES, FOLLOWING THE INAUGURATION OF A SCOUT GROUP IN THE CENTRE TODAY (SATURDAY).

ESTABLISHED BY THE CORRECTIOAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (CSD), THE 64TH SHATIN SCOUT GROUP (WHDC) COMPRISES 60 MEMBERS AGED BETWEEN 11 AND 16.

IN ADDITION, THERE ARE THREE CSD OFFICERS, WHO VOLUNTEER TO TAKE UP THE JOB AS SCOUT LEADERS DURING THEIR SPARE TIME TO ORGANISE ACTIVITIES AND TRAINING FOR THE BOYS.

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THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (VIETNAMESE UNIT), MR RAYMOND LAI MING-KEE, SAID APART FROM GIVING VIETNAMESE CHILDREN WIDE-RANGING RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, THE SCOUT GROUP IS ALSO INTENDED TO HELP DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL AND CULTIVATE SELF-CONFIDENCE.

LAST YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT HAD FORMED A SCOUT GROUP AND A GIRL GUIDE GROUP AT THE HEI LING CHAU DETENTION CENTRE.

CSD HAD, PREVIOUSLY, ORGANISED SCOUTING ACTIVITIES FOR VIETNAMESE CHILDREN DURING THEIR MANAGEMENT OF CLOSED CENTRES FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES.

"PAST EXPERIENCES SHOWED THAT VIETNAMESE WELCOMED SCOUTING ACTIVITIES WHO FIND IT MEANINGFUL AND BENEFICIAL FOR THEIR CHILDREN TO JOIN," MR LAI ADDED.

SCOUT MEMBERS ARE OFFERED NORMAL SCOUT TRAINING SUCH AS FOOTDRILL, MAP READING, EXPEDITION, FIRST AID, PIONEERING AND KNOTTING.

AT TODAY'S INAUGURATION CEREMONY AT THE WHITEHEAD DETENTION CENTRE, MR LAI AND THE DEPUTY REGIONAL COMMISSIONER (NT REGION) OF THE HONG KONG SCOUT ASSOCIATION, MR PANG CHI-MAN, INSPECTED MEMBERS OF THE GROUP.

THERE WAS ALSO A VARIETY SHOW STAGED BY A GROUP OF VIETNAMESE CHILDREN.

AT PRESENT, THE DETENTION CENTRE ACCOMMODATED 24,500 VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE OF WHOM 30 PER CENT WERE CHILDREN UNDER 14 YEARS OLD.

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## BUILDING MANAGEMENT COURSES IN YAU TSIM

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ABOUT 100 MEMBERS OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNER'S CORPORATIONS AND RESIDENTS IN YAU TSIM DISTRICT HAVE ENROLLED IN BUILDING MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE COURSES AT THE HENRY G. LEONG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE.

THESE COURSES WILL COVER SIX AREAS INCLUDING INSURANCE, SECURITY AND MAINTENANCE, AND WILL BE HELD EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT FROM 8 PM TO 10 PM FROM (OCTOBER 18) TO NOVERMBER 22.

ORGANISED BY THE YAU TSIM BUILDING MANAGEMENT JOINT PARTICIPATION CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE WITH SPONSORSHIP OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE COURSES ARE AIMED AT HELPING PARTICIPANTS IN DAY-TO-DAY MANAGEMENT OF BUILDINGS.

EACH SESSION WILL BE CONDUCTED IN SEMINAR FORM WITH OPEN DISCUSSIONS AND A PROFESSIONAL OF THE TRADE WILL BE INVITED TO SPEAK ON EACH SUBJECT.

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THE FIRST SESSION WILL TOUCH ON LEGAL ASPECTS IN BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION. IT WILL BE CHAIRED BY A LEGAL PROFESSIONAL, MR AUGUSTINE TONG.

AN ACTING CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR JOHN CHAN, WILL BRIEF PARTICIPANTS ON THE NEWLY ENACTED 1990 ELECTRICITY ORDINANCE IN THE FOLLOWING SESSION.

THOSE WITH AN ATTENDANCE RATE OF NO LESS THAN 75 PER CENT WILL BE PRESENTED WITH CERTIFICATES.

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MAINLAND SOUTH DIVISION OF DSD MOVED

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THE MAINLAND SOUTH DIVISION OF THE DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE THEIR NEW OFFICE ACCOMMODATED ON 3RD FLOOR, EMPIRE CENTRE, 68 MODY ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, KOWLOON FROM MONDAY (OCTOBER 15).

BY THEN, THE TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR DRAINAGE COMPLAINTS OF KOWLOON REGION WILL ALSO BE CHANGED TO 310 2637.

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TUEN MUN ART FAIR

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A FAIR TO PROMOTE VARIOUS HANDICRAFT AND ART FORMS WILL BE HELD IN THE CULTURAL SQUARE ADJACENT TO TUEN MUN TOWN HALL TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

ORGANISED BY TUEN MUN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION, THE FAIR WILL FEATURE THE ART OF POTTERY, RIBBON-FLOWER MAKING, FLOWER ARRANGEMENT AND MANY OTHER FORMS OF HANDICRAFT.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN WAN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE ART FAIR TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT 2 PM IN THE CULTURAL SQUARE ADJACENT TO TUEN MUN TOWN HALL.

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