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JOINT STATEMENT FOLLOWING HANOI TALKS

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE JOINT STATEMENT AND TWO AIDE MEMOIRES ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND HONG KONG, THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AND THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES FOLLOWING THEIR TALKS IN HANOI FROM SEPTEMBER 19 TO 21, 1990:

JOINT STATEMENT

DELEGATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AND OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND HONG KONG AND THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES HELD TALKS IN HANOI ON 19 - 21 SEPTEMBER 1990 ON THE PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF ACTION (CPA) AS A FURTHER STEP IN THE CONTINUING DIALOGUE TO ACHIEVE MULTILATERAL CONSENSUS WITHIN THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INDO-CHINESE REFUGEES (ICIR).

THEY REAFFIRMED THAT THEIR OBJECTIVE REMAINS A COMPREHENSIVE AND DURABLE SOLUTION TO THE WHOLE COMPLEX OF PROBLEMS POSED BY THE EXODUS OF VIETNAMESE ASYLUM SEEKERS. ALL PARTIES WELCOMED AND RECOGNISED THE IMPORTANCE OF REINTEGRATION ASSISTANCE BY THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND OTHER DONORS TO THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE AND DURABLE SOLUTION.

THEY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

- (A) PRIORITY WILL CONTINUE TO BE GIVEN TO THE RETURN OF VOLUNTEERS TO WHICH END A NUMBER OF DETAILED CHANGES TO EXISTING PROCEDURES WERE EXAMINED AND ADOPTED. THE AIM IS THE EARLY ACHIEVEMENT OF THE RATE OF RETURN OF 1,000 PER MONTH FROM HONG KONG AGREED BETWEEN THE BRITISH AND HONG KONG GOVERNMENTS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM IN FEBRUARY 1990.
- (B) AS THE NEXT STEP TOWARDS THE COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION, THEY AGREED THE MODALITIES OF REPATRIATING THOSE WHO, WHILE NOT VOLUNTEERING TO RETURN, ARE NEVERTHELESS NOT OPPOSED TO GOING BACK, WITH UNHCR PLAYING AN ACTIVE ROLE FULLY COMPATIBLE WITH ITS HUMANITARIAN MANDATE.

FINALLY, THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AND OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND HONG KONG DECIDED THAT, IF THE MEASURES AGREED DURING THEIR HANOI TALKS FAIL TO ESTABLISH AN ACCELERATED FLOW OF RETURNS, THEY WILL CONDUCT AN URGENT REVIEW IN ORDER TO ENSURE, THROUGH FURTHER MEASURES, THAT PROGRESS TOWARDS THEIR OVERALL OBJECTIVE IS MAINTAINED.

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AIDE MEMOIRE ON
MODALITIES OF RETURN
UNDER THE VOLUNTARY PROGRAMME

IN FURTHERANCE OF PREVIOUS UNDERSTANDINGS, THE FOLLOWING IMPROVEMENTS WERE AGREED:

1. THE UNHCR WILL SUBMIT LISTS CONTAINING THE NAMES AND OTHER DETAILS REQUESTED BY THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT IN RESPECT OF THOSE WHO VOLUNTEER TO RETURN TO VIETNAM. WITHIN ONE MONTH OF RECEIPT OF EACH SUCH LIST, THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT WILL CONFIRM THE LIST OF PERSONS RETURNING, AND AUTHORISE THEIR RETURN.
2. IF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT DECIDES TO EXERCISE ITS RIGHT TO SEND OFFICIALS TO HONG KONG TO INTERVIEW RETURNEES, THIS WILL BE DONE WITHIN THE ONE MONTH OF RECEIPT OF EACH LIST OF RETURNEES MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH ONE ABOVE.
3. THE UNHCR WILL INFORM THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT OF THE DATE, PLACE AND FLIGHT DETAILS OF THE RETURN ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE OF THE FLIGHT AND SEEK THE NECESSARY DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE. THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT WILL INFORM THE UNHCR OF ITS AUTHORISATION OF THE FLIGHT AT LEAST 72 HOURS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED DEPARTURE OF THE FLIGHT.
4. THE UNHCR WILL PROVIDE THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT WITH A DEFINITIVE LIST OF THE RETURNEES AT THE AIRPORT ON ARRIVAL.
5. IF SO REQUIRED BY THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT, THE UNHCR WILL ALSO PROVIDE THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT WITH HEALTH CERTIFICATES IN RESPECT OF THE RETURNEES AT THE AIRPORT ON ARRIVAL. HOWEVER, THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT WILL CONSIDER WHETHER IT IS WILLING TO CONDUCT ANY NECESSARY MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS IN VIETNAM FOLLOWING RETURN, AND SO DISPENSE WITH THE NEED FOR HEALTH CERTIFICATES ON ARRIVAL.

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AIDE MEMOIRE ON
MODALITIES OF RETURN
FOR THOSE NON-VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE NOT
OPPOSED TO REPATRIATION

BUILDING ON PREVIOUS UNDERSTANDINGS AND EXPERIENCE, THE
FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL MEASURES WERE AGREED:

1. THE AGREED OBJECTIVE IS TO INITIATE A CONTINUING PROGRAMME OF REPATRIATION OF THOSE NON-REFUGEES WHO, WHILE NOT VOLUNTEERING TO RETURN TO VIETNAM, ARE NEVERTHELESS NOT OPPOSED TO REPATRIATION. THIS PROGRAMME IS ADDITIONAL TO THE VOLUNTARY PROGRAMME.
2. UNHCR WILL SUBMIT LISTS CONTAINING THE NAMES AND OTHER DETAILS REQUESTED BY THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT. WITHIN ONE MONTH OF RECEIPT OF EACH SUCH LIST, THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT WILL CONFIRM THE LIST OF PERSONS RETURNING AND AUTHORISE THEIR RETURN.
3. THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT EXERCISE ITS RIGHT TO SEND OFFICIALS TO HONG KONG TO INTERVIEW RETURNEES IN THIS CATEGORY.
4. THE UNHCR WILL INFORM THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT OF THE DATE, PLACE AND FLIGHT DETAILS OF THE RETURN ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE OF THE FLIGHT AND SEEK THE NECESSARY DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE. THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT WILL INFORM THE UNHCR OF ITS AUTHORISATION OF THE FLIGHT AT LEAST 72 HOURS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED DEPARTURE OF THE FLIGHT.
5. THE UNHCR WILL PROVIDE THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT WITH A DEFINITIVE LIST OF THE RETURNEES AT THE AIRPORT ON ARRIVAL.
6. IF SO REQUIRED BY THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT, THE UNHCR WILL ALSO PROVIDE THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT WITH HEALTH CERTIFICATES IN RESPECT OF THE RETURNEES AT THE AIRPORT ON ARRIVAL. HOWEVER, THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT WILL CONSIDER WHETHER IT IS WILLING TO CONDUCT ANY NECESSARY MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS IN VIETNAM FOLLOWING RETURN, AND SO DISPENSE WITH THE NEED FOR HEALTH CERTIFICATES ON ARRIVAL.
7. RETURNEES IN THIS CATEGORY WILL ENJOY THE SAME GUARANTEES AS FORESEEN IN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING OF 13 DECEMBER 1988 BETWEEN THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AND UNHCR, WILL BE REINTEGRATED ACCORDING TO THE SAME PROCEDURES APPLYING TO VOLUNTARY RETURNEES, AND WILL RECEIVE THE SAME ASSISTANCE AS THE LATTER.

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CRIME SITUATION NOT OUT OF CONTROL: CHIEF SECRETARY

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THE CRIME SITUATION IN HONG KONG IS NOT OUT OF CONTROL AND IT IS STILL A SAFE CITY, HOWEVER, THERE ARE THREE MAIN WAYS IN WHICH THE CRIME SITUATION CAN BE TACKLED, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER CHAIRING A MEETING OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, SIR DAVID SAID: "WE'VE HAD A VERY USEFUL DISCUSSION IN THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE ABOUT THE LEVEL OF CRIME GENERALLY IN HONG KONG, AND IN PARTICULAR ABOUT THE PUBLIC CONCERNS WITH LAW AND ORDER."

"ON THE LEVEL OF CRIME, IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE GET IT IN PERSPECTIVE. THE CRIME SITUATION IN HONG KONG IS NOT OUT OF CONTROL. HONG KONG IS STILL A SAFE CITY, AND WE ARE DETERMINED TO MAKE SURE THAT IT REMAINS A SAFE CITY.

"WE ARE IN NO WAY COMPLACENT ABOUT THE SITUATION. WE REALISE THAT THE PUBLIC IS WORRIED, IN PARTICULAR ABOUT THE RECENT SPATE OF ARMED ROBBERIES AND ABOUT TRIAD ACTIVITY GENERALLY IN HONG KONG," HE SAID.

ONE OF THE THREE WAYS TO TACKLE THE SITUATION, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, WAS BY POLICE OPERATIONS, THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID.

"WE'VE HEARD FROM THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER WHAT THEY ARE DOING TO STEP UP THEIR ACTIVITIES IN TERMS OF ACTION AGAINST ARMED ROBBERIES AND AGAINST TRIAD ACTIVITIES.

"I THINK WE WERE ALL REASSURED TO HEAR AND TO BELIEVE THAT THE POLICE FORCE IS WELL ON TOP OF THE PROBLEM. WE ARE VERY FORTUNATE IN HONG KONG IN HAVING A HIGHLY MOTIVATED, PROFESSIONAL, WELL-TRAINED AND WELL-EQUIPPED POLICE FORCE THAT IS CAPABLE AND ABLE TO DO THE JOB, AND WE WILL GIVE IT THE SUPPORT THAT IT NEEDS," SIR DAVID SAID.

"THE POLICE, HOWEVER, CANNOT OPERATE ONLY IN A VACUUM; THEY CANNOT COMBAT CRIME ON THEIR OWN. THEY NEED PUBLIC CO-OPERATION AND PUBLIC SUPPORT, AND WE ARE LOOKING AT WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN HELP THE POLICE GET MORE PUBLIC SUPPORT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME," HE ADDED.

ANOTHER AREA IN WHICH THE SITUATION COULD BE TACKLED WAS TO MAKE SURE THAT THE LAWS WERE ADEQUATE TO DEAL WITH THE PRESENT SITUATION, THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID.

"THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IS PRESENTLY REVIEWING THE LAW IN A NUMBER OF AREAS, IN PARTICULAR IN WAYS IN WHICH ORGANISED CRIME CAN BE DEALT WITH, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING PROPOSALS FROM HIM VERY SHORTLY IN THAT RESPECT," SIR DAVID SAID.

"NOW, WHAT WE INTEND TO DO IS THAT WE BELIEVE THAT WE MUST CARRY THE CAMPAIGN FORWARD," THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID.

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"I HAVE ASKED THAT THERE SHOULD BE A MEETING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEES' CHAIRMEN, AND THAT WE WILL MAKE A PRESENTATION TO THEM ON THE MEASURES WHICH ARE BEING TAKEN TO DEAL WITH THE PRESENT SITUATION IN TERMS OF POLICE OPERATIONS, OUR PROPOSALS FOR MORE PUBLIC CO-OPERATION AND OUR REFORM IN THE LAW," HE ADDED.

"WE WILL BE VERY INTERESTED TO HEAR THEIR VIEWS OBVIOUSLY, AND ANY IDEAS WHICH THEY HAVE," HE SAID.

COMMENTING ON YESTERDAY'S ROBBERY AT THE RESIDENCE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, SIR DAVID SAID: "I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT THERE IS NO SUGGESTION WHATSOEVER THAT THIS WAS A CHALLENGE TO POLICE AUTHORITY. IT WAS A CRIME, A REGRETTABLE CRIME, BUT IT WAS NOT SPECIFICALLY AIMED AT THE POLICE FORCE, OR INDEED, AT THE COMMISSIONER HIMSELF."

"THERE IS NO EVIDENCE TO SUGGEST THAT THE ROBBERS CONCERNED KNEW THAT THEY WERE ROBBING THE HOUSE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE. I THINK THAT IS IMPORTANT, BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY, THE PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT OF THAT CASE WILL HAVE AN EFFECT ON PEOPLE IN HONG KONG. BUT IT'S IMPORTANT THAT IT SHOULD BE SAID IN THAT CONTEXT," HE ADDED.

ASKED ABOUT MORALE IN THE POLICE FORCE AND JUNIOR OFFICERS' DISSATISFACTION WITH THE RECENT PAY REVIEW, THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID THAT IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT TO KEEP THESE TWO ISSUES SEPARATE.

"THIS POINT WAS MADE VERY STRONGLY BY THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER TO US THIS MORNING THAT YES, THERE IS SOME UNHAPPINESS WITHIN THE POLICE FORCE AND HAS BEEN ANYWAY ABOUT THEIR CONDITIONS AND PAY, BUT THAT THERE HAS NOT IN ANY WAY AFFECTED THEIR ABILITY TO FIGHT CRIME IN HONG KONG," SIR DAVID SAID.

"THE TWO ISSUES ARE TOTALLY SEPARATE. HE MADE THE POINT, AND I ABSOLUTELY ENDORSE IT THAT IT IS NOT IN ANY WAY A CONNECTION BETWEEN THE TWO. THAT TO SUGGEST THAT ON THE ONE HAND THE POLICE UNHAPPINESS WITH PAY SHOULD HAVE AN EFFECT ON THEIR CRIME FIGHTING ABILITY, IS SOMETHING WHICH I THINK THEY RESENT MOST STRONGLY AND FEEL VERY STRONGLY ABOUT IT," HE ADDED.

"I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO SEE WHAT THE DIFFERENCE IS BETWEEN SOMEONE WHO IS UNSETTLED ABOUT HIS PAY AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE, AND ALLOWING THAT PROFESSIONALLY TO AFFECT THE WAY IN WHICH HE DOES HIS WORK," SIR DAVID POINTED OUT.

"I THINK THE POLICE FORCE AS A WHOLE WOULD ACCEPT THAT ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE HAD SOME DIFFERENCES OVER THE QUESTION OF PAY, THAT HAS NOT AFFECTED THEIR ABILITY TO DEAL WITH CRIME IN HONG KONG. THERE IS NO SUGGESTION WHATSOEVER THAT THEIR EFFICIENCY HAS BEEN IMPAIRED," HE SAID.

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"IF YOU HAVE A SITUATION IN WHICH PEOPLE TOTALLY LOSE MOTIVATION AND ARE NO LONGER INTERESTED IN THE JOB AND ARE LEAVING IN LARGE NUMBERS, THEN THAT WILL AFFECT THEIR ABILITY. BUT THERE IS NO SUGGESTION FROM THE POLICE FORCE EITHER FROM THE OFFICERS OR THE SENIOR OFFICERS OR FROM THE RANK AND FILE, THAT THAT SITUATION APPERTAINED IN HONG KONG," THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID.

ASKED IF THE RECENT SPATE OF CRIMES WOULD AFFECT HONG KONG'S IMAGE ABROAD, SIR DAVID SAID: "I THINK THERE IS A DANGER ALWAYS WHEN THERE IS HIGH PROFILE CRIME WHICH CATCHES THE PUBLIC HEADLINES THAT IT WILL BE TAKEN OUT OF PERSPECTIVE."

"THAT IS WHY I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE IN HONG KONG SEE THE PROBLEM IN PERSPECTIVE. IT IS A FACT THAT IN HONG KONG WE ARE ONE OF THE SAFEST CITIES IN THE WORLD; SAFEST IN THE REGION; SAFEST IN THE WEST, AND WE INTEND TO KEEP IT A SAFE CITY," HE SAID.

"CLEARLY, THOSE HIGH PROFILE CRIMES THAT DO CATCH THE HEADLINES DO HAVE AN IMPACT HERE AND OVERSEAS, AND WE MUST TAKE THAT INTO ACCOUNT," HE ADDED.

ASKED IF LAW AND ORDER WAS DETERIORATING BECAUSE OF THE INCREASE IN CRIME RATE, SIR DAVID SAID: "IN SOME AREAS OUR CRIME IS INCREASING, BUT IF YOU LOOK AT THE FIGURES OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS; IF YOU LOOK AT THE CRIME PER THOUSAND POPULATION, YOU WILL SEE THAT OUR CRIME NOW IS NO HIGHER THAT IT WAS 10 YEARS AGO."

"THAT IS A REMARKABLE RECORD. ONE WHICH WE MUST BEAR IN MIND AND WE MUST KEEP IN OUR MIND. CRIME IS NOT OUT OF CONTROL. HONG KONG IS NOT AN UNSAFE CITY, BUT THERE ARE PROBLEMS WHICH WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH. WE BELIEVE WE ARE GOING TO DEAL WITH THEM AS VIGOROUSLY AS WE POSSIBLY CAN," THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID.

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RELENTLESS ACTION AGAINST CRIMINALS STRESSED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR LI KWAN-HA, TODAY (SATURDAY) STRESSED THAT THE FORCE WOULD BE RELENTLESS IN ITS ACTION AGAINST CRIMINALS.

SPEAKING AFTER A PASSING-OUT PARADE AT THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL IN ABERDEEN, MR LI SAID THAT POLICE HAD LAUNCHED A MASSIVE SERIES OF DUSK-TO-DAWN ANTI-CRIME OPERATIONS DURING THE PAST WEEK.

AS A RESULT OVER 350 CRIMINALS, 30 WANTED PERSONS AND BETWEEN 600 AND 700 ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WERE ARRESTED.

HE SAID THE OPERATION INVOLVED POLICE TACTICAL UNIT, EMERGENCY UNITS, OPERATIONAL PERSONNEL AND OFFICERS FROM THE ORGANISED AND SERIOUS CRIME GROUP.

AT THE SAME TIME DAILY POLICE OPERATIONS WERE ALSO CARRIED OUT RESULTING IN 30 BURGLARY CASES BEING UNCOVERED, 50 ROBBERY CASES DETECTED AND THE RECOVERY OF THREE GUNS.

"WE WILL CONTINUE TO MOUNT SUCH OPERATIONS AGAIN IN THE FUTURE," MR LI STRESSED.

POINTING OUT THAT MAXIMUM EFFORT WAS BEING MADE TO COMBAT CRIME, MR LI ASSURED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT POLICE WERE NOT LOSING CONTROL OF THE SITUATION.

TURNING TO YESTERDAY'S ROBBERY AT HIS OWN PREMISES, MR LI SAID IT WAS AN UNFORTUNATE ISOLATED INCIDENT. "THE ROBBERS WERE JUST LOOKING FOR MONEY."

"LIKE ANY HUSBAND I WAS CONCERNED FOR MY WIFE," HE ADDED.

THE INCIDENT, HE SAID, RESULTED FROM SOME NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF A MAID WHO ALLOWED PEOPLE TO ENTER THE HOUSE WITHOUT CHECKING IDENTITY.

SUBSEQUENTLY MRS LI HAD SUPPLIED ALL THE NECESSARY DETAILED INFORMATION AND DESCRIPTIONS OF THE WANTED PERSONS TO THE INVESTIGATING OFFICERS.

USING HIS WIFE'S ACTION AS AN EXMAPLE, MR LI SAID THAT AT THIS JUNCTURE HE WOULD LIKE TO APPEAL TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO GIVE THE SAME CO-OPERATION TO THE POLICE IF THEY WERE EVER WITNESSES TO CRIME.

"WITH THIS TYPE OF CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE POLICE AND THE PUBLIC WE WILL ACHIEVE THE SAME GOAL, WHICH IS A GOOD THING," HE CONCLUDED.

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MAINTENANCE OF LAW AND ORDER PRESENTS A CHALLENGE

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THE MAINTENANCE OF LAW AND ORDER PRESENTED EVEN MORE OF A CHALLENGE TO POLICE OFFICERS IN THESE YEARS OF TRANSITION LEADING TO 1997, OMELCO MEMBER MRS ROSANNA TAM SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

ADDRESSING A PASSING-OUT PARADE AT THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL IN WONG CHUK HANG, MRS TAM SAID THE WAY POLICE OFFICERS BEHAVED IN COMBATING ANY DANGER OF LAWLESSNESS WOULD AFFECT THE CONFIDENCE OF HONG KONG PEOPLE.

"YOUR SUCCESS IN DEALING WITH THE SORT OF VIOLENT INCIDENT WE HAVE SEEN HERE RECENTLY WILL DO MUCH TO ENCOURAGE THEIR CO-OPERATION. THE MORE YOU HAVE THE CO-OPERATION OF ORDINARY PEOPLE, THE EASIER YOUR TASK WILL BE."

/MRS TAM

MRS TAM TOLD THE GRADUATING OFFICERS THAT THE MOST SERIOUS AND CENTRAL TASK AND THE ONE WHICH MUST HAVE DRAWN THEM TO A POLICE CAREER IN THE FIRST PLACE WAS TO ENSURE THAT LAW AND ORDER WERE MAINTAINED WITHIN THE TERRITORY.

"THE TASK WOULD INVOLVE YOU IN AN ENORMOUS VARIETY OF DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES," SHE ADDED.

"YOUR TRAINING WILL HAVE PREPARED YOU AT YOUR VARIOUS LEVELS FOR THE WIDE RANGE OF DUTIES THAT COME WITHIN THE SCOPE OF A POLICE OFFICER'S WORK," MRS TAM SAID.

SHE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT POLICE OFFICERS NEEDED TO BE TOUGH AND HAVE HIGH STANDARDS.

"THEY MUST HAVE THE HIGHEST INTEGRITY AND STICK TO THE PRINCIPLES THEY KNOW ARE RIGHT. BUT ALSO, IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT THEIR ROLE SUCCESSFULLY, TO INSPIRE TRUST AND GAIN CO-OPERATION, THEY HAVE TO BE TACTFUL, CARING AND HUMANE.

"POLICEMEN AND POLICEWOMEN ARE PEOPLE FOR WHOM WE SHOULD FEEL RESPECT; WHO SERVE SOCIETY, ASSIST IN ITS WEAKER MEMBERS, THOSE IN TROUBLE OR DIFFICULTY, THE ELDERLY, THE CHILDREN; AND KEEP ORDER IN THE COMMUNITY," MRS TAM SAID.

ON PARADE TODAY WERE 32 PROBATIONARY INSPECTORS AND 189 CONSTABLE RECRUITS WHO HAVE JUST COMPLETED THEIR BASIC TRAINING.

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POLICE ANTI-CRIME OPERATIONS RESULT IN ARRESTS

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TERRITORY-WIDE ANTI-CRIME OPERATIONS OVER THE PAST WEEK HAVE RESULTED IN THE ARREST OF 380 INDIVIDUALS FOR A VARIETY OF OFFENCES AND THE DISCOVERY OF 33 WANTED PERSONS.

A TOTAL OF 650 ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WERE ALSO ARRESTED.

FORMATIONS TAKING PART INCLUDED THE POLICE TACTICAL UNIT, EMERGENCY UNITS, ORGANISED AND SERIOUS CRIME GROUP, REGIONAL CID AND UNIFORM BRANCH PERSONNEL.

IN ADDITION TO THESE FORCEWIDE OPERATIONS, DAY-TO-DAY POLICE DUTIES WERE SUCCESSFUL IN THE DETECTION OF 29 CASES OF BURGLARY AND 50 CASES OF ROBBERY.

OF PARTICULAR NOTE DURING THIS PERIOD WERE THE FOLLOWING CASES INVOLVING THE ARREST OF PERSONS IN POSSESSION OF FIREARMS :

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- * ON SEPTEMBER 12, FOLLOWING AN AMBUSH BY POLICE IN A CARPARK ON TSING YI ISLAND, ONE CHINESE MAN AND TWO CHINESE WOMEN WERE ARRESTED AND A GENUINE CHINESE MADE 7.62MM AUTOMATIC PISTOL WAS SEIZED TOGETHER WITH 14 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION.
- * IN THE EARLY MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 18, POLICE IN MONG KOK ARRESTED TWO ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS, ONE OF WHOM WAS FOUND IN POSSESSION OF A CHINESE 7.62MM AUTOMATIC PISTOL AND EIGHT ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION. THE ARRESTED PERSONS, TOGETHER WITH OTHERS, HAD RECENTLY ARRIVED IN HONG KONG.
- * IN THE EARLY MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 18, DURING A RAID IN SAU MAU PING, CUSTOMS OFFICERS ARRESTED TWO MEN FOR POSSESSION OF 2.5 KILOGRAMS OF NO. 4 HEROIN AND SEIZED AN 7.62MM AUTOMATIC PISTOL AND SIX ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION.

THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR LI KWAN-HA, SAID POLICE ACTION TO DETECT AND THWART GANG ACTIVITY HAD BEEN STEPPED UP AND WOULD CONTINUE.

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NEW MEASURES AGAINST ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION PROPOSED

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO INTRODUCE NEW LEGISLATION WHICH WILL MAKE IT VERY DIFFICULT FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FROM CHINA TO FIND EMPLOYMENT IN HONG KONG, THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR IAN STRACHAN, SAID THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING.

LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS TO THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE WOULD BE MADE TO CREATE A NEW OFFENCE FOR A MAIN CONTRACTOR ALLOWING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS TO BE PRESENT ON A CONSTRUCTION SITE UNDER HIS CONTROL, MR STRACHAN SAID.

ADDRESSING THE VICTORIA JAYCEES 40TH ANNIVERSARY BALL, MR STRACHAN SAID THE GOVERNMENT ALSO PROPOSED THAT THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR THE OFFENCE OF EMPLOYING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS BE INCREASED.

IN ADDITION, THE FINE FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FOUND STAYING IN HONG KONG OR ILLEGALLY ENTERING HONG KONG WOULD BE INCREASED.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT APPRECIATED THAT THESE PROPOSALS POSED PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES FOR MAIN CONTRACTORS ON CONSTRUCTION SITES.

"SO WE INTEND TO INCLUDE A 'DUE DILIGENCE' CLAUSE IN THE REVISED LEGISLATION SUCH THAT IT SHALL BE A DEFENCE IF A DEFENDANT PROVES THAT HE HAS TAKEN ALL PRACTICABLE STEPS TO PREVENT ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FROM BEING ON THE CONSTRUCTION SITE UNDER HIS CONTROL AND TO ASCERTAIN THAT ALL HIS EMPLOYEES ARE LAWFULLY EMPLOYABLE," HE SAID.

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"THE HEAVY FINE PROPOSED AIMS TO PROVIDE A STRONG DETERRENT AGAINST PRINCIPAL CONTRACTORS CONNIVING AT THE EMPLOYMENT OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS BY SUB-CONTRACTORS."

MR STRACHAN SAID THE GOVERNMENT BELIEVED THAT THESE PROPOSALS WOULD PROVIDE A LOGICAL AND FAIR LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR CONTROLLING ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION AND THEY HAD A CLEAR MESSAGE.

"GIVEN THE LEVEL OF FINE, IT WILL NOT BE COST-EFFECTIVE TO RISK EMPLOYING AN ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT, AND THERE IS NO POINT IN COMING TO HONG KONG ILLEGALLY BECAUSE THERE WILL BE NO WORK AVAILABLE."

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE DISCUSSING WITH THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES IN CANTON TO SEEK THEIR ASSISTANCE TO GET THIS MESSAGE ACROSS.

"THERE WILL BE NO AMNESTY AND THE BATTLE AGAINST ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION WILL CONTINUE," HE SAID.

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HK CUSTOMS SERVICE ONE OF WORLD'S FINEST
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THE HONG KONG CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE IS ONE OF THE FINEST IN THE WORLD, THE COMMISSIONER, MR PATRICK WILLIAMSON, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

MR WILLIAMSON WAS SPEAKING AT A PASSING-OUT PARADE OF CUSTOMS INSPECTORS AND CUSTOMS OFFICERS.

HE LISTED A NUMBER OF REASONS WHY THE SERVICE HAS SUCH A REPUTATION: THE DEDICATION AND PROFESSIONALISM SHOWN BY ITS MEMBERS IN ALL THE DIFFERENT DUTIES IT CARRIES OUT; THE COMPETENCE AND EXPERTISE DISPLAYED ON SO MANY OCCASIONS; THE CO-OPERATION AND ASSISTANCE EXTENDED NOT ONLY TO OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IN HONG KONG BUT TO CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATIONS OVERSEAS; THE CHEERFULNESS AND POLITENESS OFFERED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC; AND THE SMARTNESS AND DISCIPLINE DEMONSTRATED AT ALL TIMES.

"AND PERHAPS ABOVE ALL ELSE THE VERY REAL - AND I MIGHT ADD FULLY JUSTIFIED - PRIDE IN BEING A MEMBER OF THE HONG KONG CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE," HE SAID.

MR WILLIAMSON ALSO SAID FOR HIM THE PARADE MARKED ALMOST THE END OF FOUR YEARS' SERVICE AS COMMISSIONER.

"FOR ME, PERSONALLY, THIS IS A SPECIAL AND MEMORABLE DAY: THE LAST TIME I SHALL WEAR A CUSTOMS UNIFORM.

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"I HOPE YOU CAN WEAR YOUR UNIFORM WITH THE PRIDE THAT I HAVE; IF YOU WILL LIVE UP TO THE STANDARDS EXPECTED OF YOU, THEN YOU WILL HAVE EVERY REASON TO DO SO," HE SAID.

THE PASSING-OUT SQUADS INCLUDED 26 CUSTOMS INSPECTORS AND 67 CUSTOMS OFFICERS WHO HAVE COMPLETED RESPECTIVELY 26-WEEK AND 13-WEEK RESIDENTIAL TRAINING COURSES AT THE DEPARTMENT'S TRAINING SCHOOL AT TAI LAM CHUNG IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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JOINT EFFORT TO PROVIDE RESIDENTIAL SERVICES FOR ELDERLY
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THE GOVERNMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO PROVIDE VARIOUS FORMS OF RESIDENTIAL SERVICES TO SUIT THE NEEDS OF THE ELDERLY, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR M.D. CARTLAND, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

HE WAS ADDRESSING THE OPENING OF THE SALVATION ARMY'S LUNG HANG HOSTEL FOR THE ELDERLY IN SHA TIN.

MR CARTLAND SAID HOSTELS FOR THE ELDERLY WERE A FORM OF RESIDENTIAL CARE SERVICE WHICH ALLOWED THE ELDERLY TO REMAIN, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, IN THE COMMUNITY WHILE LIVING APART FROM THEIR FAMILIES.

"THE LEVEL OF FAMILY SUPPORT FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE, IN GENERAL, HAS BEEN ON THE DECLINE WITH INCREASING URBANISATION AND THE CORRESPONDING CHANGE IN THE FAMILY STRUCTURE TOWARDS THE SMALL NUCLEAR FAMILY," HE SAID.

"THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF WOMEN JOINING THE WORK FORCE, FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME, AND THE WIDENING AGE GAP BETWEEN THE OLD AND THE YOUNG, ARE OTHER FACTORS," HE ADDED.

MR CARTLAND POINTED OUT THAT THE HOSTELS FOR THE ELDERLY ENABLED THE AGED TO MAINTAIN A CLOSE LINK WITH THE COMMUNITY AND TO CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

"THE SALVATION ARMY IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST CONTRIBUTORS OF WELFARE SERVICES IN HONG KONG AND HAS PIONEERED THIS HOSTEL SERVICE FOR THE ELDERLY FOR MORE THAN 10 YEARS.

"I AM SURE THAT THIS WELL FURNISHED FACILITY, THE THIRD OF ITS KIND TO BE OPERATED BY THE ARMY, WILL OFFER ITS TENANTS A COMFORTABLE 'HOME' WHILE ENABLING THEM TO CONTINUE AS ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE LUNG HANG COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

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CASH ASSISTANCE TO TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIM'S FAMILY
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) APPROVED \$64,420 FROM THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE (TAVA) FUND TO THE FAMILY OF A TAXI DRIVER KILLED IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT ON SEPTEMBER 1.

THE VICTIM WAS KILLED IN A CAR CRASH INVOLVING A TAXI AND A PRIVATE VEHICLE AT TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD.

THE TAVA SCHEME PROVIDES QUICK FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS OR THEIR DEPENDENTS WITHOUT TAKING REGARD OF THE MEANS OF A FAMILY OR THE ELEMENT OF FAULT IN CAUSING THE ACCIDENT.

BENEFICIARIES UNDER THE SCHEME WILL RETAIN THE RIGHT TO MAKE CLAIMS FOR LEGAL DAMAGES OR COMPENSATION FROM OTHER SOURCES IN THE USUAL WAY.

HOWEVER, THOSE WHO RECEIVE OTHER DAMAGES OR COMPENSATION IN RESPECT OF THE ACCIDENT ARE REQUIRED TO REPAY THE AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE ALREADY RECEIVED FROM THE SCHEME. IN ANY CASE, THE AMOUNT TO BE REPAID WOULD NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF DAMAGES OR COMPENSATION AWARDED.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT MAKING APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THE SCHEME MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE DEPARTMENT'S TAVA SECTION AT 15 WATSON ROAD, VICTORIA CENTRE, FIRST FLOOR, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG OR ON TEL. 570 2410.

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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 (SATURDAY) MORNING FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,813,000 WHICH WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL, SAW THE REGISTRATION NUMBER EM1 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$550,000.

ANOTHER NUMBER EE22 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$310,000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1,000 EACH FOR CB1931, BB3501, AK1494 AND EK1946.

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FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF TODAY'S AUCTION:

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| EJ6388 | \$ 6,000 | EL223 | \$ 32,000 | EM1 | \$ 550,000 | EK9238 | \$ 6,000 |
| CB1931 | 1,000 | AA1737 | 8,000 | EK817 | 20,000 | EE2002 | 26,000 |
| EK200 | 20,000 | EJ819 | 11,000 | EJ1386 | 10,000 | AA194 | 10,000 |
| BB3501 | 1,000 | 2212 | 195,000 | EK9388 | 7,000 | EK4228 | 4,000 |
| AG13 | 80,000 | BB3522 | 5,000 | EE22 | 310,000 | DD1000 | 41,000 |
| EJ7008 | 3,000 | EJ877 | 25,000 | EJ6889 | 5,000 | AZ486 | 6,000 |
| EC323 | 30,000 | AB123 | 60,000 | EJ911 | 55,000 | EJ5152 | 6,000 |
| HK1830 | 40,000 | CA1958 | 4,000 | HK1980 | 15,000 | AR164 | 5,000 |
| AK1494 | 1,000 | EJ448 | 30,000 | BD897 | 8,000 | EK1946 | 1,000 |
| EK299 | 25,000 | EK889 | 35,000 | BW3388 | 110,000 | EJ3813 | 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 155TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR CHARITY REALISED SO FAR TO \$106,385,505.

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MONG KOK RESIDENTS URGED TO KEEP CLEAN

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RESIDENTS SHOULD SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATE IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN IN STRIVING FOR A BETTER HOME AND A CLEANER COMMUNITY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT URBAN/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE, MR TONG KAM-BIU, SAID THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE MONG KOK ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN AT THE MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND, MR TONG SAID THE SPIRIT OF THE CAMPAIGN WAS TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE QUALITY OF LIVING.

A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES INCLUDING BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINARS AND VISITS, MARKET STALL, BLOCK-TO-BLOCK, STREET AND BUILDING CLEAN-UP COMPETITIONS, AND A YEAR-END CLEAN-UP WILL BE HELD DURING THE CAMPAIGN WHICH WILL LAST UNTIL FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR YIM KWOK-ON, ALSO URGED SHOPOWNERS TO EXERCISE SELF-DISCIPLINE BY KEEPING THE PAVEMENTS CLEAN AND TIDY.

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MORE THAN 1,000 RESIDENTS ENJOYED A VARIETY SHOW WHICH FOLLOWED THE OPENING CEREMONY.

OFFICIATING GUESTS AT THE CEREMONY INCLUDED MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS LORNA MA, AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI.

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FINALE TO SHAM SHUI PO SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME

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A VARIETY SHOW TO MARK THE CLOSE OF THIS YEAR'S SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WILL BE HELD AT THE CHEUNG SHA WAN PLAYGROUND TOMORROW (SUNDAY), BEGINNING AT 3.30 PM.

THERE WILL BE PERFORMANCES BY POP SINGERS AND A PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION.

A PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 4 PM. FOUR OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS WHO HAD DEVOTED MUCH EFFORT IN ORGANISING A VARIETY OF EVENTS DURING THE SUMMER WILL RECEIVE AWARDS.

ALSO, A VOTER REGISTRATION COUNTER WILL BE SET UP AT THE VENUE TO ENABLE PARTICIPANTS TO SIGN UP.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CLOSING CEREMONY WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 4 PM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE CHEUNG SHA WAN PLAYGROUND (NEAR CHEUNG SHA WAN MTR STATION).

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WATER CUT IN SHAM SHUI PO

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 24) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT CERTAIN PREMISES BOUNDED BY TAI PO ROAD, NAM CHEONG STREET, WOH CHAI STREET AND PAK TIN STREET INCLUDING 180-230 TAI PO ROAD, 203-213 NAM CHEONG STREET, 43-61 BERWICK STREET, 134-138 AND 197-209 PEI HO STREET, AND BLOCKS 25-44 SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE.

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