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COMPATIBILITY OF ORGANISED CRIME BILL WITH BILL OF RIGHTS EXPLAINED

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THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR IAN STRACHAN, TODAY (SATURDAY) RESPONDED TO CONCERNS RAISED BY OMELCO MEMBERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CONCERNING THE COMPATIBILITY OF SOME PROVISIONS IN THE ORGANISED CRIME WHITE BILL WITH THE BILL OF RIGHTS.

MR STRACHAN EXPLAINED THAT FOLLOWING THE ENACTMENT OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS (BOR) ORDINANCE IN JUNE THIS YEAR, ANY PROPOSED LEGISLATION TENDERED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MUST BE COMPATIBLE WITH THE RELEVANT PROVISION OF THAT ORDINANCE. IF IT IS NOT, THEN UPON CHALLENGE IT WILL BE STRUCK DOWN BY THE COURTS.

"IT IS NOT A QUESTION OF WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT WANTS TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE BOR ORDINANCE, IT MUST ENSURE COMPLIANCE, IN SO FAR AS IT IS ABLE TO DO SO, BECAUSE THAT IS THE LAW," HE SAID.

HE SAID AFTER STUDYING THE PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS ON THE WHITE BILL AND FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE OMELCO SECURITY PANEL, THE ADMINISTRATION HAD NOW FORMED SOME PRELIMINARY VIEWS ON THE PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN THE WHITE BILL.

"DURING THE COURSE OF OUR REVIEW OF THE BILL WE WILL HAVE TO CONSIDER NOT ONLY HOW TO ENSURE ITS COMPATIBILITY WITH THE BOR ORDINANCE, BUT ALSO TO PRODUCE LEGISLATION WHICH IS EFFECTIVE AGAINST ORGANISED CRIME, AGAINST THE NECESSITY OF BEING FAIR TO AN ACCUSED," HE ADDED.

TURNING TO SPECIFIC CONCERNS RAISED BY SOME OMELCO MEMBERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, MR STRACHAN NOTED THAT IT HAD BEEN ARGUED THAT THE INTRODUCTION OF EVIDENCE OF PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS, BAD CHARACTER OR CRIMINAL ASSOCIATIONS WOULD HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON AN ACCUSED'S RIGHT TO A FAIR HEARING.

"WE WILL HAVE TO ADDRESS THESE CRITICISMS BUT WE HAVE NOT YET FORMED A VIEW ON THIS. BUT IN SO FAR AS THE RELEVANT CLAUSES CREATE AGGRAVATED OFFENCES, OR PROVIDE FOR ENHANCED PUNISHMENT OF RECIDIVIST OFFENDERS, WE ARE SATISFIED THAT THEY WILL NOT CONFLICT WITH THE PROHIBITION AGAINST DOUBLE JEOPARDY CONTAINED IN THE BOR ORDINANCE, HE SAID.

"WHILST NOT ACCEPTING THAT TAKING ACCOUNT OF CRIMINAL ACTS COMMITTED BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE LEGISLATION IS OFFENSIVE TO THE PROHIBITION AGAINST THE CREATING OF RETROSPECTIVE CRIMINAL OFFENCES AS CONTAINED IN THE BOR ORDINANCE, WE DO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE WAY IN WHICH THE BILL DEALS WITH THIS MAY BE OBJECTIONABLE.

"IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THEREFORE, I CONFIRM THAT THE CLAUSE MAY WELL BE MODIFIED TO ADDRESS THIS DIFFICULTY."

REFERRING TO THE CLAUSE CONCERNING PRESUMPTION OF TRIAD MEMBERSHIP, MR STRACHAN SAID ON THE BASIS OF A COURT OF APPEAL RULING ON A TEST CASE, THIS CLAUSE COULD NOT SURVIVE THE BOR CHALLENGE IN ITS PRESENT FORM.

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"I CONFIRM THAT IT WILL HAVE TO BE REVIEWED," HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT WHETHER IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO DELETE THE CLAUSE ALTOGETHER OR WHETHER IT WOULD BE REPLACED BY THE CREATION OF A PERMISSIVE PRESUMPTION AS ADVOCATED BY SOME COMMENTATORS HAD YET TO BE DECIDED.

MR STRACHAN ADDED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING THE VIEWS LEGCO MEMBERS WERE GOING TO EXPRESS DURING NEXT WEDNESDAY'S DEBATE ON THE BILL.

"THE ADMINISTRATION WILL DO WHATEVER IT CAN TO WORK WITH MEMBERS OVER THIS VERY IMPORTANT BILL. WE ARE COMMITTED TO THE CONCEPT OF PARTNERSHIP," HE SAID.

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GOVT STATEMENT ON SOCIAL WORKERS' PROTEST

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THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IS ISSUED TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR RICKY FUNG, IN RESPONSE TO ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE RALLY HELD BY SOCIAL WORKERS IN PROTEST AGAINST THE "CUTS" IN SOCIAL WELFARE EXPENDITURE:

"AS THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE POINTED OUT IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY, THE RECURRENT EXPENDITURE ON SOCIAL WELFARE IS ACTUALLY EXPECTED TO INCREASE IN REAL TERMS BY ABOUT 16 PER CENT OVER THE NEXT FOUR FINANCIAL YEARS.

"I WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASISE THAT THE MEASURE IN QUESTION IS NOT TO CUT STAFF WORKING IN STUDY/READING ROOMS OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES AND COMMUNITY CENTRES.

"IT IS ONLY THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL NO LONGER RECOGNISE, FOR SUBVENTION PURPOSES, ONE POST IN EACH OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES AND COMMUNITY CENTRES WITH STUDY/READING ROOMS.

"THESE STUDY/READING ROOMS ARE A PART OF THE CENTRES, AND THEREFORE REDEPLOYMENT OF MANPOWER WITHIN THE CENTRE SHOULD BE POSSIBLE. CORRESPONDING MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN TO DELETE ONE POST FROM EACH OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S GROUP WORK UNITS."

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TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS TOTALLED 2,394 IN THIRD QUARTER

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DURING THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1991, THE TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT (TCU) OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 2,394 COMPLAINTS, A RISE OF THREE PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TCU SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT DESPITE THE MINIMAL INCREASE, A SIGNIFICANT DROP IN THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINT CASES WAS RECORDED ON SOME FRONTS.

THESE INCLUDED THE ADEQUACY AND STANDARD OF FRANCHISED BUS SERVICES, FERRY SERVICES, TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES, ROAD MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID A TOTAL OF 192 COMPLAINTS ON THE INADEQUACY OF FRANCHISED BUS SERVICES WERE RECEIVED DURING THE PERIOD, REPRESENTING A DROP OF 49 CASES OR 20 PER CENT OVER THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

ON THE STANDARD OF FRANCHISED BUS SERVICE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID A TOTAL OF 343 COMPLAINTS WAS RECEIVED, REPRESENTING A DECREASE OF 17 PER CENT COMPARED WITH 414 IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

THESE COMPLAINTS WERE INDIVIDUALLY TAKEN UP WITH THE BUS COMPANIES CONCERNED.

DURING THE PERIOD, THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE FERRY SERVICES ALSO DECREASED FROM 27 TO 17.

"THE MAIN COMPLAINT AREAS INCLUDED REGULARITY OF SERVICE, CONDITIONS OF VEHICLES/VESSELS, AND PASSENGER SERVICES AND FACILITIES," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID COMPLAINTS ABOUT TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES DROPPED FROM 194 CASES TO 178 OR BY EIGHT PER CENT.

THE MAJOR AREAS OF CONCERN INCLUDED PHASING OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS AND TRAFFIC LAND ARRANGEMENT, ADDITION OF TRAFFIC SIGNS AND AIDS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

COMPLAINTS CONCERNING ROAD MAINTENANCE DECREASED BY FIVE PER CENT FROM 136 CASES TO 129 CASES WITH MAJORITY OF THE COMPLAINTS ON DEFECTIVE ROAD SURFACES, FAULTY TRAFFIC LIGHTS AND DAMAGED TRAFFIC SIGNS OR AIDS.

"TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT CASES STAND AT 399, A DROP OF 34 CASES OR EIGHT PER CENT COMPARED WITH FIGURES FOR THE PREVIOUS QUARTER."

"THESE ARE RELATED MAINLY TO ILLEGAL PARKING AND MOTORISTS FAILING TO COMPLY WITH TRAFFIC REGULATIONS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT DURING THE PERIOD, A 53 PER CENT INCREASE IN COMPLAINTS AGAINST TAXI SERVICES WAS RECORDED, RISING FROM 364 CASES TO 556 CASES.

"OF THESE, 535 CASES OR 96 PER-CENT ARE ABOUT TAXI DRIVER MALPRACTICES. TWO MAJOR AREAS OF COMPLAINTS ARE OVERCHARGING (140 CASES) AND REFUSING HIRE (146 CASES)," HE SAID.

THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS RELATED TO RAIL TRANSPORT SERVICES ALSO ROSE FROM 29 CASES IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER TO 34 CASES THIS QUARTER.

IN ADDITION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID COMPLAINTS ABOUT ROAD CONGESTION INCREASED FROM 208 CASES TO 275 CASES, 55 ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 79 IN KOWLOON AND 141 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO ROAD CONGESTION INCLUDED TRAFFIC ENGINEERING MATTERS, VEHICLE OBSTRUCTION AND ROAD WORKS, HE SAID.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR NORTH LANTAU EXPRESSWAY
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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FROM PREQUALIFIED TENDERERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TAI HO SECTION OF THE NORTH LANTAU EXPRESSWAY BETWEEN TA PANG PO IN THE EAST AND KEI TAU KOK IN THE WEST ON LANTAU ISLAND.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE TAI HO SECTION WAS THE FIRST SECTION OF A DUAL THREE-LANE EXPRESSWAY TO BE CONSTRUCTED ALONG THE NORTH LANTAU COASTLINE.

"IT WILL FORM A PART OF AN EXTENSIVE TRANSPORT NETWORK TO PROVIDE DIRECT ACCESS TO THE NEW AIRPORT AND DEVELOPMENTS ON LANTAU ISLAND. THE ROADWAY WILL BE BUILT MOSTLY ON RECLAMATIONS.

"CONCURRENTLY LAND FOR THE AIRPORT RAILWAY AND A RESERVE FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES WILL BE FORMED UNDER THE SAME CONTRACT," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

SEVEN PREQUALIFIED TENDERERS WERE INFORMED OF THE AVAILABILITY OF TENDER DOCUMENTS. PREQUALIFICATION WAS ASSESSED ON FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL CAPABILITIES.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS MARCH 1992. THE AWARD OF THE CONTRACT WILL BE MADE IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1992 AND CONSTRUCTION IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN FOUR YEARS AND FOUR MONTHS.

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NOMINATIONS FOR SHA TIN DB BY-ELECTION TO BEGIN ON MONDAY

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NOMINATIONS FOR THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD BY-ELECTION FOR THE YUEN WO CONSTITUENCY WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 16).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID THE NOMINATION PERIOD WILL LAST UNTIL DECEMBER 30 AND NOMINATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE ON THE 10TH FLOOR OF HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

HE SAID CANDIDATES MUST BE REGISTERED ELECTORS AND HAVE BEEN ORDINARILY RESIDENT IN HONG KONG FOR THE 10 YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING NOMINATION.

A CANDIDATE CAN BE A RESIDENT ANYWHERE IN HONG KONG, BUT HIS NOMINATION PAPER MAY ONLY BE SUBSCRIBED BY REGISTERED ELECTORS IN THE YUEN WO CONSTITUENCY.

EACH NOMINATION REQUIRES 10 SUBSCRIBERS AND EACH SUBSCRIBER MAY GIVE SUPPORT TO ONLY ONE CANDIDATE.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE ON TEL. 827 1122.

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CNTA HANDLES 3.5 MILLION PUBLIC ENQUIRIES

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ABOUT 3.5 MILLION ENQUIRIES WERE HANDLED BY THE 20 PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES (PESC'S) OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION (CNTA) DURING THE FIRST 10 MONTHS OF THIS YEAR.

A CNTA SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) MOST ENQUIRIES CENTRED ON FREE DECLARATION SERVICE WITH SOME 487,000 OATHS AND DECLARATIONS BEING ADMINISTERED DURING THE PERIOD.

MEANWHILE, MORE THAN 14,600 ENQUIRIES ON RENT AND TENANCY PROBLEMS WERE HANDLED BY RENT OFFICERS AT 15 DISTRICT OFFICES.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE PESC'S ALSO REFERRED MORE THAN 2,000 CASES FOR FREE LEGAL CONSULTATION TO THE LAW SOCIETY.

HE POINTED OUT THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICES MAY APPROACH ANY OF THE PESC'S LOCATED IN THE 19 DISTRICTS.

THEY MAY ALSO VISIT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE SECTION OF THE CNTA HEADQUARTERS ON 29TH FLOOR, SOUTHOEN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, OR CALL THE CENTRAL TELEPHONE ENQUIRY CENTRE ON 835 1501.

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WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER URGES YOUTHS TO HELP FIGHT CRIME

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THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PETER MANN, CALLED ON YOUNG PEOPLE TO CONTINUE THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE TERRITORY-WIDE FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN.

MR MANN MADE THIS APPEAL WHEN HE ADDRESSED HUNDREDS OF PARTICIPANTS AT THE OPENING OF THE DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL ON SOUTHOEN PLAYGROUND TODAY (SATURDAY).

"YOUNG PEOPLE CAN HELP PREVENT AND FIGHT CRIME BY BECOMING JUNIOR POLICE CALL (JPC) MEMBERS, TAKING PART IN CRIME PREVENTION ACTIVITIES AND CO-OPERATING WITH THE POLICE IN VARIOUS WAYS.

"I HOPE THAT THROUGH TODAY'S FUN-FILLED CARNIVAL YOUTHS WILL BE MADE MORE AWARE OF THEIR CIVIC CONSCIOUSNESS AND RESPONSIBILITIES," HE SAID.

MR MANN ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (DFCC) FOR THEIR UNFAILING EFFORTS IN PROMOTING THE MEANINGFUL CAUSE.

THIS YEAR A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN PLANNED BY THE DFCC, ALL WITH THE MAIN AIM OF PUBLICISING THE ANTI-CRIME MESSAGE, HE SAID.

THESE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE AN EXHIBITION, A COLOURING COMPETITION, A QUIZ, INSPECTION OF UNDERSIRABLE ESTABLISHMENTS AND TODAY'S CARNIVAL, HE ADDED.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CARNIVAL, THE DISTRICT'S POLICE COMMANDER, MR LAM KIN, SAID THE DISTRICT'S OVERALL CRIME FIGURE THIS YEAR HAD DROPPED 18 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

BUT THERE HAVE BEEN AN INCREASE OF SIX AND NINE PER CENT RESPECTIVELY ON ROBBERIES AND BURGLARIES, HE SAID, ADDING THAT THIS "DOUBLE UPSURGE" WAS A WORRYING TREND.

MR LAM NOTED THAT THE POLICE, APART FROM STEPPING UP PATROLS IN CRIME BLACKSPOTS IN THE DISTRICT, HAD SOLICITED SUPPORT FROM JPC MEMBERS TO DISTRIBUTE ANTI-BURGLARY PAMPHLETS IN LOCAL COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS.

THE DISTRICT COMMANDER URGED BUILDING MANAGEMENT STAFF, REPRESENTATIVES OF OWNERS CORPORATIONS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE POLICE TO PREVENT CRIME.

WHILE APPRECIATING THAT THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF "YOUTH GANG" ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT, MR LAM WAS WORRIED ABOUT THE INCREASING INCIDENTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE POSING AS TRIAD MEMBERS TO BLACKMAIL LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS.

HE THEREFORE CALLED ON SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, TEACHERS AND PARENTS TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNICATION AND KEEP A WATCHFUL EYE ON THE BEHAVIOUR OF THEIR STUDENTS OR CHILDREN SO AS TO PREVENT THEM FROM GOING ASTRAY.

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STARTING NEXT YEAR, A POLICE INSPECTOR FROM THE WAN CHAI STATION WILL BE ASSIGNED AS A LIAISON OFFICER WITH SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT TO HELP GUIDE AND COUNSEL STUDENTS, MR LAM ADDED.

TOGETHER WITH A FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE MEMBER MRS MIRIAM LAU, MR LAM PRESENTED CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION TO GOOD CITIZENS IN WAN CHAI WHO HAD MADE CONTRIBUTION IN HELPING POLICE FIGHT CRIME THIS YEAR.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS INCLUDED CHAIRMAN OF THE DFCC, MR LESTER KWOK; CONVENOR OF THE DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN WORKING GROUP, MR CHAN CHING-CHOW, AND CHAIRMEN OF VARIOUS AREA COMMITTEES.

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CONCERT FOR SHAM SHUI PO RESIDENTS

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MORE THAN 2,000 SHAM SHUI PO RESIDENTS ATTENDED A CONCERT AT THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE IN TSIM SHA TSUI THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING.

THE ANNUAL CONCERT, ORGANISED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO ARTS ASSOCIATION WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD, WAS ONE OF THE MAJOR EVENTS OF THE CURRENT DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

THE TWO-HOUR CONCERT FEATURED GROUP SINGING, DRAMA AND DANCING PERFORMANCES.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CONCERT WERE THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHOY WAI-SHEK; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALAN FUNG; URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR AMBROSE CHEUNG AND THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR CHAN MOW-FAT.

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POLICE PASSING OUT PARADE

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THE VERY MUCH STRETCHED MANPOWER IN THE POLICE FORCE IS LIKELY TO GET SOME RELIEF, WITH 208 OFFICERS, INCLUDING 28 INSPECTORS AND 180 POLICE CONSTABLES, PASSING OUT TODAY (SATURDAY) FROM THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL.

THEY ARE EXPECTED TO JOIN THEIR VETERAN COUNTERPARTS IN VARIOUS POLICE POSTS AND FILL SOME OF THE VACANCIES THAT HAVE EXISTED FOR QUITE SOME TIME.

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SPEAKING TO THE PASSING OUT OFFICERS, THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS OF THE POLICE, MR HUI KI-ON, SAID THE YEARS AHEAD WERE NOT GOING TO BE EASY FOR THE OFFICERS, WITH THE APPROACH OF 1997 AND AN INCREASE IN VIOLENT CRIME, COUPLED WITH THE CONTINUED MANPOWER SHORTAGES.

HE SAID THE GRADUATING OFFICERS HAD CHOSEN TO JOIN THE FORCE AT A PARTICULARLY CHALLENGING TIME, BUT ADDED THAT HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE DEDICATION AND DETERMINATION OF THE OFFICERS WOULD ENABLE THEM TO MEET THOSE CHALLENGES.

"YOU WILL SOON BE IN THE FRONT LINE, PUTTING INTO PRACTICE THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS YOU HAVE ACQUIRED," HE SAID.

HE TOLD THE OFFICERS THAT THEY MIGHT FACE FRUSTRATIONS AND CRITICISMS, COMPLAINTS AND DEMANDS, AND SOMETIMES OUT-RIGHT HOSTILITY FROM THE PUBLIC BUT THAT AS PART OF THEIR JOB, THEY HAD TO ACT IN GOOD FAITH AND IMPARTIALLY.

MR HUI ASSURED THE OFFICERS THAT DESPITE THESE DIFFICULTIES AND FRUSTRATIONS, THE CAREER THEY HAD CHOSEN WAS SECOND TO NONE THAT WOULD BRING MOMENTS OF GREAT PRIDE AND ENJOYMENT AS MUCH AS SATISFACTION IN CARRYING OUT AN IMPORTANT SERVICE WHICH WAS CRUCIAL TO THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

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1,285 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS REPORTED IN NOVEMBER

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A TOTAL OF 1,728 CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED IN 1,285 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS WHICH OCCURRED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR.

A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT 299 OF THESE ACCIDENTS OCCURRED ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 243 IN KOWLOON EAST, 414 IN KOWLOON WEST AND 329 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE PROVISIONAL FIGURES FOR NOVEMBER SHOWED THAT 23 PEOPLE WERE KILLED, 412 PEOPLE WERE SERIOUSLY INJURED AND 1,293 SLIGHTLY INJURED IN THESE ACCIDENTS.

THE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS AND CASUALTIES REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 0.47 PER CENT AND 6.7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

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SURVEY ON STUDENTS' SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR

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FINDINGS OF A SURVEY ON SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR OF MORE THAN 5,000 FIRST YEAR TERTIARY STUDENTS WERE RELEASED AT AN "AIDS AWARENESS SLOGAN AND VIDEO COMPETITION" PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE SURVEY, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY ON AIDS AND THE HONG KONG TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS HEALTH CARE WORKING GROUP, WAS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND CONDUCTED IN HONG KONG.

ALTOGETHER 5,005 SAMPLES WERE COLLECTED FROM SIX TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS NAMELY, THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG, THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE AND LINGNAN COLLEGE.

SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY, CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP MS LYDIA LING SAID: "WE BELIEVE THAT THE FINDINGS WILL GIVE A CLEARER PICTURE OF THE SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR OF THE ACADEMIC YOUTH GROUP AND PROVIDE SOME IMPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE PLANNINGS OF SEX EDUCATION IN TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS.

THE SURVEY AND THE "AIDS AWARENESS SLOGAN AND VIDEO COMPETITION" WERE ORGANISED AS PART OF THE PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAMME IN SUPPORT OF "WORLD AIDS DAY 91" AND AIMED AT PROMOTING TERTIARY SUUDENTS' GENERAL HEALTH AWARENESS.

A TOTAL OF 23 ENTRIES FROM SIX TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS WERE RECEIVED AND 10 CONTESTANTS WERE SELECTED FOR THE FINAL TODAY.

EACH OF THE 10 FINALISTS WERE PROVIDED WITH A SUBVENTED VIDEO PRODUCTION FEE OF \$3,000. PRIZES AND SOUVENIRS VALUED AT ABOUT \$15,000 WERE PRESENTED TO THE THREE WINNERS BY THE JUDGES COMPRISING DR LEONG CHE-HUNG, MRS LO YAN HAU-YEE AND MS BAU WAI-NGAN.

THE WINNING VIDEOS AND SLOGANS WILL BE USED FOR FUTURE AIDS AWARENESS EDUCATION.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE ABLE TO VIEW THE WINNING VIDEOS AT THE "SHARING THE CHALLENGE" AIDS EXHIBITION AT THE LOW BLOCK OF CITY HALL FROM JANUARY 3 TO 7 NEXT YEAR.

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EMPLOYMENT OFFICES TO MERGE

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THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSUEN WAN BRANCH OFFICES OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (LES) WILL MERGE ON DECEMBER 21 (SATURDAY).

FOLLOWING THE MERGER, EMPLOYERS AND JOB-SEEKERS IN KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICTS CAN SEEK ASSISTANCE FROM THE LES'S TSUEN WAN OFFICE AT 67 - 69 TAI HO ROAD, GROUND FLOOR. ITS TELEPHONE NO. IS 492 0154-6.

THE LES IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING FREE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES TO EMPLOYERS AND JOB-SEEKERS.

EMPLOYERS RECRUITING STAFF CAN TELEPHONE THEIR NEAREST LES OFFICE WHERE PARTICULARS OF JOB VACANCIES ARE TRANSMITTED THROUGH A FACSIMILE SYSTEM FOR DISPLAY AT ALL THE 11 LES OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

JOB-SEEKERS ARE REQUIRED ONLY TO BRING ALONG THEIR IDENTITY CARDS TO REGISTER WITH AN LES OFFICE. ITS STAFF WILL ASSIST THEM IN SELECTING SUITABLE JOBS AND WILL ARRANGE INTERVIEWS WITH PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYERS.

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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 \$1,487,000 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 AK400 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$102,000.

ANOTHER NUMBER CT10 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$101,000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$2,000 EACH FOR BB3550, EU2972.

FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF THE AUCTION:

ET968	\$ 12,000	EU823	\$ 45,000	AH8881	\$ 40,000	EU228	\$ 68,000
BB3550	2,000	AT89	54,000	EU6789	37,000	AA3219	39,000
EU163	33,000	EU928	32,000	HK226	75,000	EU601	8,000
CN87	90,000	XX731	37,000	EU1348	WITHDRAWN	CT10	101,000
EU836	21,000	AK400	102,000	BC9	92,000	EU120	25,000
BS143	23,000	EU1668	51,000	EU190	8,000	ET8038	9,000
EU2972	2,000	CS2948	8,000	CC1118	58,000	EU1128	40,000
AB121	62,000	EU666	76,000	EW1199	38,000	ER999	80,000
EU4606	2,000	EU7113	5,000	EU428	6,000	ET3168	7,000
BU3999	16,000	ET8017	4,000	AP3228	57,000	EU348	21,000

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THERE WAS NO BIDDER FOR EU1348 AND THIS NUMBER WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE ORIGINAL APPLICANT.

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 171ST ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR CHARITY REALISED SO FAR TO \$128,022,105.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
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CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	13.12.91	500
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	14.12.91	NEUTRAL
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		NEUTRAL

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