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VR REPATRIATION TO BE PURSUED AGAIN

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THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO HANOI, MR EMRYS DAVIES, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT HE WOULD TRY TO PERSUADE THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT TO THINK SERIOUSLY OF ACCEPTING BACK CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF PEOPLE WHEN HE WENT BACK TO HANOI.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT BEFORE DEPARTURE, MR DAVIES SAID HE WOULD ALSO SPEAK TO SENIOR VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND TRY TO PERSUADE THEM TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT CONTROLLING THE EXODUS OF THEIR PEOPLE.

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION WHETHER THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT WOULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEE PROBLEM, MR DAVIES SAID THEIR RESPONSE HAD BEEN QUITE NEGATIVE.

HOWEVER, HE ADDED THAT THAT SHOULD NOT STOP HIM FROM GOING BACK AND PUTTING THE CASE AGAIN.

"NOW I CAN GO BACK AND SAY I'VE ACTUALLY SEEN THE PROBLEM AND IT REALLY IS A VERY DIFFICULT PROBLEM IN HONG KONG AND PEOPLE ARE GETTING REALLY VERY VERY CONCERNED ABOUT IT.

"I THINK THAT WILL ADD WEIGHT TO WHAT I SAID AND I SHOULD CERTAINLY GO AND SAY IT AGAIN," MR DAVIES STRESSED.

THE AMBASSADOR SAID THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT HAD MADE IT CLEAR SO FAR THAT THEY WERE NOT PREPARED TO TAKE BACK LARGE GROUPS OF PEOPLE, BUT THEY WOULD CONSIDER REPATRIATION ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS, WHICH WOULD MEAN THAT IT WOULD BE A VERY SLOW PROCESS.

HE ADDED THAT UNLESS AND UNTIL THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT SHOWED ANY SORT OF WILLINGNESS TO TALK ABOUT MORE THAN CASE-BY-CASE REPATRIATION, THERE WOULD NOT BE ANY MAJOR IMPROVEMENT TO THE SITUATION.

MR DAVIES SAID THERE WAS NO QUESTION THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WAS AWARE OF THE PROBLEM, ADDING THAT THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEE PROBLEM FIGURED VERY HIGH ON THE AGENDA OF ITEMS WHICH HE WAS BRIEFED ON BEFORE HE WENT TO HANOI.

HE ALSO SAID THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WAS TRYING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE PROBLEM NOT ONLY THROUGH HIM IN HANOI, BUT ALSO IN LONDON, BY TALKING TO THE VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR THERE.

MR DAVIES SAID HE WOULD BE LEAVING HONG KONG WITH A VERY STRONG IMPRESSION OF THE ENORMOUS LOCAL INTEREST IN THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEE PROBLEM.

THERE WAS A GREAT DESIRE IN HONG KONG TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM IN A WAY WHICH MADE SENSE IN PRACTICAL TERMS, HE SAID.

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"AND I THINK IT'S RIGHT TOO TO SAY THAT THERE IS A GOOD DEAL OF HUMANITARIAN FEELING ON THE SUBJECT. AND I'M ALSO IMPRESSED BY WHAT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE HAD MADE FOR THE REFUGEES."

MR DAVIES SAID WHEN HE VISITED THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEE CAMP IN TUEN MUN, HE FOUND THAT THE REFUGEES WERE LOOKED AFTER IN A VERY IMPRESSIVE MANNER AND THAT THE ATMOSPHERE IN THE CAMP WAS EXTRAORDINARILY FRIENDLY AND RELAXED.

ASKED IF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT COULD BE PERSUADED TO STOP ITS PEOPLE FROM FLEEING THE COUNTRY, MR DAVIES POINTED OUT THAT THEY HAD THEIR DIFFICULTIES.

"IT IS A DIFFICULT COASTLINE FOR THEM. IT IS A LONG COASTLINE. IF YOU LOOKED AT THE MAP OF VIETNAM, MOST OF VIETNAM IS VERY NEAR THE SEA SO THAT MOST PEOPLE CAN FAIRLY EASILY GET ACCESS TO THE COASTAL AREA. I THINK IT'S VERY DIFFICULT FOR THEM WITHOUT IMPOSING A SORT OF DRACONIAN REGIME WHICH PERHAPS WE ARE GOING TO COMPLAIN ABOUT," HE SAID.

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NEW STATISTICS ON AIDS RELEASED
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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT ANOTHER NINE PERSONS IN HONG KONG WERE FOUND TO BE INFECTED BY THE AIDS (ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME) VIRUS IN JULY AND AUGUST.

THE LAST ANNOUNCEMENT ON AIDS FIGURES COVERING THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1987 WAS MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT IN AUGUST.

IN VIEW OF PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AIDS SITUATION IN HONG KONG, THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECENTLY DECIDED TO ANNOUNCE THE AIDS STATISTICS ON A MONTHLY BASIS IN FUTURE.

UP TO THE PRESENT, THERE IS A TOTAL OF SIX CONFIRMED AIDS CASES IN HONG KONG.

IN RELEASING THE LATEST SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME STATISTICS ON AIDS, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE NEW FIGURE BRINGS TO 100 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS FOUND TO BE POSITIVE FOR HIV ANTIBODY. THIS FIGURE INCLUDES THE SIX CONFIRMED CASES OF AIDS WHO HAD ALL DIED.

DURING THE PAST TWO MONTHS, 6,857 PERSONS WERE TESTED FOR THE AIDS INFECTION BY THE VIRUS UNIT OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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OF THESE, NINE WERE FOUND TO BE POSITIVE FOR HIV ANTIBODY. THESE INCLUDE FIVE REFERRALS FROM GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS AND CLINICS, TWO REFERRALS FROM PRIVATE PRACTITIONERS AND TWO HAEMOPHILIACS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE EXTENT OF INFECTION HAS REMAINED LOW FOR THE PEOPLE WHO ARE REFERRED FROM PRIVATE PRACTITIONERS FOR TESTING.

ONLY TWO OUT OF THE 335 PEOPLE WHO WERE REFERRED FROM PRIVATE PRACTITIONERS FOR THE HIV ANTIBODY TEST HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE POSITIVE.

UNDER THE AIDS SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME, GROUPS WHO ARE AT RISK OF BEING INFECTED BY THE VIRUS SUCH AS SEXUALLY PROMISCUOUS PERSONS, MULTITRANSFUSED PATIENTS AND INTRAVENOUS DRUG ABUSERS ARE TESTED FOR THE INFECTION.

SINCE APRIL 1985, A TOTAL OF 63,566 PERSONS HAD BEEN TESTED AND SO FAR 100 WERE FOUND POSITIVE.

BETWEEN JULY AND AUGUST, THE HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE HAD ALSO CARRIED OUT HIV TESTS FOR 26,098 BLOOD DONORS AND NONE OF THEM WAS FOUND TO BE POSITIVE.

SINCE ITS MASS SCREENING PROGRAMME IN AUGUST, 1985, THE NUMBER OF BLOOD DONOR UNITS TESTED BY THE RED CROSS FOR AIDS ANTIBODY TOTALLED 295,428.

UP TO NOW, FIVE BLOOD DONOR UNITS WERE FOUND TO BE INFECTED BY THE VIRUS.

SINCE THE GOVERNMENT INTENSIFIED ITS EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN ON AIDS ON APRIL 21, THE AIDS COUNSELLING SERVICE HAS RECEIVED 9,053 CALLS.

THE SERVICE WAS FIRST SET UP IN NOVEMBER 1985, AND UP TO NOW OVER 15,380 CALLS WERE RECEIVED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOLLOWING IS A LIST SHOWING THE STATISTICS ON THE AIDS BLOOD TEST RESULTS FOR JULY AND AUGUST 1987, AND AN ANALYSIS OF THE NEWLY DETECTED SEROPOSITIVE INDIVIDUALS.

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AIDS VIRUS (HIV) ANTIBODY TESTING

MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT

VIRUS UNIT

	APRIL 85 - JUNE 87		JULY 87 - AUG 87		TOTAL	
	NO. TESTED	NO. +VE	NO. TESTED	NO. +VE	NO. TESTED	NO. +VE
REFERRALS FROM GOVT. HOSPITALS AND CLINICS.	2,582	15	462	5	3,044	20
REFERRALS FROM PRIVATE PRACTITIONERS AND SUBVENTED HOSPITALS	857	20	335	2	1,192	22
ATTENDANCES AT SOCIAL HYGIENE CLINICS	51,333	9	5,853	0	57,186	9
HAEMOPHILIACS	229	47#	14	2	243*	49
IV DRUG ABUSERS	1,352	0	118	0	1,470	0
REFERRALS FROM FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION	106	0	2	0	108	0
HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL	250	0	73	0	323	0
TOTAL	56,709	91#	6,857	9	63,566	100

* THIS INDICATES THE NUMBER OF SPECIMENS AND NOT PERSONS AS TESTS ARE REPEATED FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.

THIS INCLUDES ONE LATE REPORT MADE IN SEPTEMBER.

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	APRIL 85 - JUNE 87		JULY 87 - AUG 87		TOTAL	
	NO. TESTED	NO. +VE	NO. TESTED	NO. +VE	NO. TESTED	NO. +VE
HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE	269,330	5	26,098	0	295,428	5

HIV ANTIBODY TESTING
ANALYSIS OF THE NEWLY DETECTED
SEROPOSITIVE INDIVIDUALS JULY - AUG 87

1. SOURCE OF REFERRAL

GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL/CLINIC	5
PRIVATE PRACTITIONERS	2
HAEMOPHILIACS	2
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	9

2. NATIONALITY

CHINESE	5
NON-CHINESE	4
	-
	9

3. SEX

MALE	8
FEMALE	1
	-
	9

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4.	AGE	
	ADULT	9
5.	RISK FACTOR	
	SEXUALLY ACQUIRED	6
	HAEMOPHILIAC	2
	UNKNOWN	1
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AUSTRALIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INAUGURATED
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THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AUSTRALIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN HONG KONG WILL HELP TO STRENGTHEN THE ECONOMIC LINK BETWEEN HONG KONG AND AUSTRALIA, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION RECEPTION OF THE AUSTRALIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, SIR DAVID SAID TWO-WAY TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO PLACES HAD GROWN STEADILY, AT AN ANNUAL RATE OF OVER 10 PER CENT IN RECENT YEARS. HE ADDED THAT GROWTH RATE FOR THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR WAS 24 PER CENT.

HE ALSO NOTED THAT AUSTRALIAN INTERESTS IN THE SERVICES AND OTHER SECTORS WERE WELL ESTABLISHED IN HONG KONG.

"ONE ONLY HAS TO LOOK AT CERTAIN BUILDINGS IN THE CENTRAL DISTRICT, READ PART OF THE ENGLISH PRESS OR TUNE IN TO ONE OF OUR TELEVISION STATIONS TO KNOW THIS," HE SAID.

HE SAID THERE IS SCOPE FOR INCREASING THESE ECONOMIC LINKS AND THE CHAMBER WOULD MAKE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION IN DOING SO.

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ELDERLY VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE THEIR PEERS

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ELDERLY VOLUNTEERS CONSTITUTE IMPORTANT HUMAN RESOURCES IN ACHIEVING CARE IN THE COMMUNITY FOR THEIR PEER GROUP, DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ST. JAMES SETTLEMENT, MRS WONG SAID THE ELDERLY COULD CONTINUE TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY AFTER THEIR RETIREMENT BY TAKING PART IN VOLUNTEER SERVICES, DRAWING ON THEIR RICH EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE.

"WITH THEIR PRECIOUS WORKING EXPERIENCE AND EXPERIENCE IN LIFE, COUPLED WITH PATIENCE, CARE, TIME AND SKILLS, THE ELDERLY CAN PROVIDE SERVICES COMPLEMENTARY TO THOSE OF THE PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS.

"OUR WORKERS WOULD THEN BE ABLE TO CONCENTRATE THEIR EFFORTS IN THE AREAS OF ADMINISTRATION, SOCIAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL DIAGNOSES, AND ORGANISING THERAPEUTIC PLANS," SHE SAID.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT "SELF-SERVICING PROGRAMMES" WERE BEING PROMOTED TO ORGANISE GROUPS WITH IDENTICAL NEEDS TO EXERCISE MUTUAL SUPPORT AND HELP.

"LIKEWISE, ELDERLY VOLUNTEERS CAN ACHIEVE THE SAME EFFECT.

"THEY ARE EFFECTIVE IN THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO THE ELDERLY BECAUSE THEY SHARE THE SAME EXPERIENCE AND UNDERSTAND THEIR PROBLEMS, THUS MAKING IT EASIER TO COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER," SHE SAID.

SHE NOTED THAT OLD PEOPLE STAYING IN HOSTELS OR HOMES NORMALLY DEPENDED HEAVILY ON OTHERS.

THIS PHENOMENON COULD BE CHANGED, SHE SAID, CITING THE EXAMPLE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S SHELTERED HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY IN WAN CHAI WHERE REPRESENTATIVES FROM DIFFERENT UNITS FORMED THEMSELVES INTO A COMMITTEE AND WAS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN REFLECTING OPINIONS, CONCERNING THE MAINTENANCE OF THEIR HOSTELS AND THE ORGANISATION OF ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS CARING FOR OTHER ELDERLY IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE.

"SOME ELDERLY PERSONS RARELY MAKE USE OF THE SERVICES OF SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY AND THEY MAY BE SOCIALLY ISOLATED, WORRIED AND LACK OF CONCERN, AND SOME MAY EVEN BE SICK OR UNATTENDED. THIS IS WHERE THE ELDERLY VOLUNTEERS COME IN.

"THROUGH CONCERN VISITS, A FRIENDSHIP TIE COULD BE ESTABLISHED WITH THEIR DEPRIVED PEER GROUP, IN ADDITION TO MAKING THEIR OWN DAILY LIFE MORE INTERESTING.

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"FURTHERMORE, THEY CAN MOTIVATE THESE ELDERLY TO PARTICIPATE MORE IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND BECOME A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE," MRS WONG SAID.

MRS WONG URGED THE ELDERLY TO JOIN THE RANKS OF VOLUNTEERS, SO THAT WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS, THEY COULD LEARN NEW THINGS, FACE UP TO CHALLENGE IN LIFE AND KEEP UP WITH THE FAST CHANGES IN SOCIETY.

"THROUGH HELPING THE LESS FORTUNATE, THE ELDERLY WILL BE ABLE TO REAFFIRM THEIR SELF-VALUE AND RECTIFY THE MISCONCEPTION THAT THEY ARE PASSIVE AND RELIANT ON OTHERS AND ULTIMATELY TO MAKE THEIR LIFE MORE MEANINGFUL," SHE SAID.

ADDRESSING THE 37TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE ST. JAMES SETTLEMENT'S NEW BUILDING, MRS WONG COMPLIMENTED THE AGENCY FOR ITS DIVERSIFIED COMMUNITY SERVICES, ESPECIALLY ITS PIONEER SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY.

THE AGENCY HAS BEEN IN OPERATION SINCE 1949 AND ITS SERVICES INCLUDE CHILD CARE, YOUTH, ELDERLY REHABILITATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY.

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APPLICATION FORMS FOR PRIMARY ONE PLACES NOW AVAILABLE

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PARENTS WHO WISH TO APPLY FOR A PRIMARY ONE PLACE IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR FOR THEIR CHILDREN IN SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR UNDER THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION SYSTEM CAN OBTAIN APPLICATION FORMS FROM TODAY (TUESDAY) UNTIL OCTOBER 3, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT APPLICATION THIS YEAR FOR ADMISSION TO PRIMARY ONE IS OPEN TO ALL HONG KONG BELONGING CHILDREN WHO WERE BORN ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1982 AND WHO ARE NOT STUDYING IN A PRIMARY SCHOOL.

HE SAID THAT PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO ARE ATTENDING KINDERGARTENS CAN OBTAIN THE APPLICATION FORMS AND RELATED INFORMATION SHEETS FROM THE KINDERGARTENS.

FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN NOT ATTENDING KINDERGARTENS, THE FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN DISTRICT OFFICES AND OFFICES OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED BETWEEN OCTOBER 5 AND 12 (EXCLUDING OCTOBER 8, A PUBLIC HOLIDAY AND OCTOBER 10, SATURDAY) TO ONLY ONE GOVERNMENT OR AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL DIRECT IN WHICH THE PARENT, WISHES TO APPLY FOR A DISCRETIONARY PLACE. THIS SCHOOL MAY EITHER BE WITHIN OR OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT IN WHICH THE FAMILY LIVES.

BUT THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT PARENTS ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO SELECT A NEIGHBOURHOOD SCHOOL IN ORDER TO REDUCE UNNECESSARY TRANSPORT PROBLEMS AND TO TAKE THE POINTS SYSTEM INTO CONSIDERATION IN SELECTING THE SCHOOL.

GENERALLY, THE POINTS SYSTEM IS BASED ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE SCHOOL AND THE CHILD'S FAMILY AS WELL AS THE CHILD'S AGE.

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT ONLY ONE APPLICATION FORM CAN BE SUBMITTED IN RESPECT OF ANY ONE CHILD.

"IF PARENTS ARE FOUND TO HAVE APPLIED TO MORE THAN ONE GOVERNMENT OR AIDED SCHOOL, THEY WILL AUTOMATICALLY FORFEIT THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING ELIGIBLE FOR A DISCRETIONARY PLACE," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REQUESTED PARENTS OF THOSE CHILDREN WHO CANNOT USE CHINESE AS THE LEARNING MEDIUM TO SEEK ADVICE FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION UNIT AT 269 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI (TEL. NO. 5-724383), BEFORE SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION FORM. HE FURTHER SAID THAT SCHOOLS RECEIVING TOO FEW APPLICATIONS FOR DISCRETIONARY PLACES MIGHT NOT BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE PRIMARY ONE CLASSES, AND IN SUCH CASES, CHILDREN ALREADY ACCEPTED BY THESE SCHOOLS FOR DISCRETIONARY PLACES WILL HAVE TO BE SUBSEQUENTLY RE-ALLOCATED TO SOME OTHER SCHOOLS WHICH HAVE VACANCIES.

IF PARENTS DO NOT WISH TO APPLY FOR A DISCRETIONARY PLACE IN ANY PARTICULAR SCHOOL, THEY SHOULD RETURN THE COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM BETWEEN OCTOBER 5 AND 12 TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING COLLECTION CENTRES FOR CENTRAL ALLOCATION BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT:-

1. LUI KEE EDUCATION SERVICES CENTRE
(269 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, 2/F., HONG KONG.)
2. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT KOWLOON SUB-OFFICE
(405 NATHAN ROAD, 6/F., KOWLOON.)
3. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICE
(TO KWA WAN MARKET AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 8/F.,
165 MA TAU WAI ROAD, TO KWA WAN, KOWLOON.)
4. SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE PUBLIC ENQUIRIES SERVICE CENTRE
(1/F., KCR HOUSE, SHATIN STATION, N.T.)

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5. TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE PUBLIC ENQUIRIES SERVICE CENTRE
(TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING,
TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO, N.T.)
6. TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE PUBLIC ENQUIRIES SERVICE CENTRE
(TSUEN WAN MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING,
174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, N.T.)
7. TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE PUBLIC ENQUIRIES SERVICE CENTRE
(2/F., TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING,
1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN, N.T.)
8. YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE PUBLIC ENQUIRIES SERVICE CENTRE
(G/F., YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING,
CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG, N.T.)
9. NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, CHEUNG WAH SUB-OFFICE,
PUBLIC ENQUIRIES SERVICE CENTRE
(UNIT 115, CHEUNG CHUNG HOUSE
CHEUNG WAH ESTATE, FANLING, N.T.)

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT PARENTS WHO WISH THEIR CHILDREN TO ATTEND PRIVATE PRIMARY SCHOOLS OR PRIMARY SCHOOLS OF THE ENGLISH SCHOOLS FOUNDATION SHOULD APPLY TO THESE SCHOOLS DIRECT AS IN THE PAST SINCE THEY ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION SYSTEM.

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ELDERLY VOLUNTEERS TO VISIT OLD PEOPLE IN KWAI TSING

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A TOTAL OF 150 ELDERLY VOLUNTEERS OF THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT WILL VISIT OTHER SENIOR CITIZENS LIVING IN THE DISTRICT FROM MID-OCTOBER TO DECEMBER UNDER A 1987 RESPECT THE ELDERLY PROJECT.

WITH A BUDGET OF \$50,000, THE PROJECT IS ONE OF THE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL HELP AMONG THE DISTRICT'S ELDERLY.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROJECT, MR SIU KONG-YU, TODAY (TUESDAY) SAID THE PROJECT RECEIVED VERY ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND ABOUT 10 CENTRES CARING FOR THE ELDERLY.

ANYONE AGED OVER 55 LIVING IN THE DISTRICT CAN BECOME AN ELDERLY VOLUNTEER. A SPECIAL SEMINAR ON THE VOLUNTEERS' WORK WILL BE HELD FOR THEM BEFORE INCEPTION OF THE PROGRAMME OF VISITS.

THE TARGET OF THE VISITS ARE 450 SENIOR RESIDENTS LIVING ALONE AND RECEIVING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, AND THOSE REQUIRING LONG-TERM MEDICAL SERVICES.

MEMBERS OF THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD AND THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WILL ACCOMPANY THE GROUP VISITS TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT TOWARDS THE PROJECT.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE ELDERLY VOLUNTEERS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE SEVEN SUB-OFFICES, AND AT THE DISTRICT'S VARIOUS CENTRES FOR THE AGED BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30.

MR SIU ALSO INVITED THE PUBLIC TO TAKE PART IN THE PROJECT BY WRITING POSTCARDS SHOWING THEIR CONCERN FOR THE ELDERLY AND SEND THEM TO THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE SELF-ADDRESSED POSTCARDS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BY THE VOLUNTEERS TO OTHER SENIOR RESIDENTS DURING THE VISITS.

RESIDENTS MAY TELEPHONE 0-273593 FOR FURTHER DETAILS OF THE KWAI TSING 1987 RESPECT THE ELDERLY PROJECT.

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CASH ASSISTANCE TO TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIM
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) ALLOCATED A SUM OF \$31,090 FROM THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE (TAVA) FUND TO THE FAMILY OF A WOMAN KILLED IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT ON SEPTEMBER 8.

THE SUM, COMPRISING \$3,000 BURIAL GRANT, \$19,660 DEATH GRATUITY AND \$8,430 INTERIM ADJUSTMENT GRANT, WAS GRANTED TO THE FAMILY OF MADAM LEE SO-MUI, A WORKER ON A CONSTRUCTION SITE, WHO WAS KILLED IN A CHAIN COLLISION OF SEVEN VEHICLES ALONG HIRAM'S HIGHWAY NEAR NAM WAI.

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

ENQUIRIES AND APPLICATION CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE DEPARTMENT'S TAVA SECTION ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF VICTORIA CENTRE, 15 WATSON ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY OR BY CALLING 5-702342.

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TUEN MUN DISTRICT OPEN SPACE PROPOSED

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS PROPOSING CONSTRUCTION OF A DISTRICT OPEN SPACE IN TUEN MUN AS PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE RECREATIONAL AND SPORTING FACILITIES FOR THE NEW TOWN.

THE OPEN SPACE TO THE NORTH OF WU SHAN ROAD WOULD OCCUPY 10.9 HECTARES BETWEEN LUNG MUN ROAD AND TUEN MUN NULLAH.

THE WORK WILL INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF THE OPEN SPACE WITH AN ARTIFICIAL TURF SOCCER PITCH, FOUR BASKETBALL COURTS, CYCLE HIRE AND CYCLING FACILITIES, A CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA, A ROAD SAFETY TOWN AND A SERVICE BUILDING, ALL IN A LANDSCAPED PARK SETTING.

CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTPATH TO A PAVILION TO BE BUILT AT THE SUMMIT OF AN EXISTING WOODED KNOLL AND NEW PLANTING OF TREES AND SHRUBS IN THE WOODLAND WILL ALSO BE CARRIED OUT.

EXISTING FOOTBRIDGES OVER WU SHAN ROAD WILL BE EXTENDED TO FORM ACCESSES TO THE OPEN SPACE.

A 3.5 METRE WIDE CYCLETRACK WILL ALSO BE CONSTRUCTED ALONG WU SHAN ROAD AND ROAD D11.

ANOTHER CYCLETRACK OF THE SAME WIDTH AND A 3.5 METRE WIDE FOOTPATH AS A PROMENADE ALONG TUEN MUN NULLAH WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSAL.

DRAINAGE, EARTHWORKS AND ASSOCIATED AND ANCILLARY WORKS ARE PART OF THE PROJECT.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PLANNED WORKS SHOULD REACH THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT BY NOVEMBER 17.

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ANTI-DRUG PLAY STAGED IN SHAM SHUI PO

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MORE THAN 800 PEOPLE FROM MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES (MACS), OWNERS' CORPORATIONS, YOUTH CENTRES, COMMUNITY CENTRES AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT WERE ENTERTAINED YESTERDAY AND TODAY (TUESDAY) TO THREE PERFORMANCES OF A STAGE PLAY WITH AN ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE.

ORGANISED BY THE NARCOTICS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT AS PART OF THE DISTRICT CAMPAIGN, THE PLAY, ENTITLED "A DANGEROUS GAME", WAS PRESENTED BY THE CHUNG YING THEATRE COMPANY AT THE CHEUNG SHA WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE.

WITH SPONSORSHIP AND ADVICE FROM THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, "A DANGEROUS GAME" IS A PLAY FOR TEENAGERS AND THOSE WHO CARE ABOUT TEENAGERS.

THE STORY EVOLVES AROUND THREE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO SUDDENLY FIND THEMSELVES PLAYING A DANGEROUS GAME --- DRUGS.

YOUNG AND TALENTED LOCAL PLAYWRIGHT, MR MOK HEI, HAS WRITTEN A TEXT WHICH HONESTLY ENGAGES ITSELF WITH THE EFFECT OF DANGEROUS DRUGS ON THE THREE CONFUSED TEENAGERS.

"IN ADDITION TO THE PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATION, THE PLAY IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BECAUSE IT CARRIES A STRONG AND SIGNIFICANT MESSAGE WHICH WARNS THE AUDIENCE, PARTICULARLY THE YOUNG ONES, ABOUT THE DANGERS OF PSYCHOTROPIC DRUG ABUSE," THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR GARETH MULLOY, SAID.

MR MULLOY, WHO WAS AMONG THE YOUNG AUDIENCE TODAY, THANKED THE CHUNG YING THEATRE COMPANY FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS AND THEIR HARD WORK IN MAKING THE PLAY A GREAT SUCCESS.

PRIOR TO THE DRAMA, THE AUDIENCE WERE TREATED TO AN ANTI-DRUG SLIDE SHOW AND THE NEWLY-PRODUCED LEAFLET ON PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS WERE DISTRIBUTED.

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MARKETING COURSE FOR BANKERS

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THE BANKING TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL WILL ORGANISE AN UPGRADING COURSE FOR BANKING STAFFS REQUIRED TO SELL AND DEVELOP THEIR BANK'S FACILITIES.

THE "MARKETING FOR BANKERS" COURSE WILL BE HELD ON THREE CONSECUTIVE SATURDAYS FROM OCTOBER 10 TO 24. THE OBJECTIVE IS TO HELP TRAINEES DEVELOP THE STRATEGIC MARKETING SKILLS NECESSARY TO IMPROVE THEIR SALES PERFORMANCE AND TO PREPARE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PLANS.

COURSE FEE IS \$600. CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION IS SEPTEMBER 25. THE COUNCIL WILL REIMBURSE HALF OF THE FEES TO PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE ATTAINED 80 PER CENT ATTENDANCE. ALL APPLICANTS HAVE TO BE SPONSORED BY EMPLOYERS.

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, CONTACT SECRETARY OF THE TRAINING BOARD AT 5-8932341 EXT. 255 DURING OFFICE HOUR.

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CAREERS SEMINARS FOR JOB-SEEKERS

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS JUST COMPLETED A SERIES OF CAREERS SEMINARS FOR SOME 200 JOB-SEEKERS REGISTERED WITH ITS HIGHER EDUCATION EMPLOYMENT SERVICE.

THE OBJECTIVE OF THE SEMINARS WAS TO ACQUAINT THE PARTICIPANTS, ALL OF WHOM WERE IN POSSESSION OF POST-SECONDARY, UNIVERSITY OR PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS, WITH UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND CAREER PROSPECTS IN DIFFERENT SEGMENTS OF THE JOB MARKET.

IT ALSO HELPED TO ENHANCE THEM WITH PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE ON JOB APPLICATIONS AND INTERVIEWING TECHNIQUES.

GUEST SPEAKERS FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS SECTOR WERE INVITED TO SPEAK ON A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS INCLUDING THE CIVIL SERVICE, ENGINEERING, JOB-HUNTING SKILLS, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, ELECTRONICS, DATA PROCESSING AND BANKING.

IN VIEW OF THE ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE, SIMILAR SEMINARS WILL BE ORGANISED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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VARIETY SHOW FOR MONG KOK RESIDENTS

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RESIDENTS OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT WILL BE TREATED TO AN ENTERTAINING VARIETY SHOW ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 26) AT THE MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND.

PROGRAMME FOR THE NIGHT INCLUDES SINGING AND DANCING PERFORMANCES, SHORT PLAYS AND DEMONSTRATION OF MARTIAL ARTS.

GAMESTALLS WILL ALSO BE SET UP AND PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN PRIZES AT A LUCKY DRAW.

THE EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE MONG KOK SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE AS A PRELUDE TO THE MONG KOK FESTIVAL TO BE HELD LATER THIS YEAR.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS FOR THE SHOW ARE AVAILABLE AT MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE AT 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD.

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DR HAYES TO LAY FOUNDATION STONE

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, DR JAMES HAYES, WILL OFFICIATE AT A FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY OF THE WAN HO KAN CENTRE FOR THE AGED ON CHEUNG CHAU TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE CONSTRUCTION SITE OF THE CENTRE NEAR THE CHUNG SHAK HEI HOME FOR THE AGED AT PAK SHE AT 3 PM.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRE, MR YIU KAI-HANG; CHAIRMAN OF THE CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE, MR FUNG PAK-TAI, AND ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JONATHAN NG, WILL ALSO ATTEND THE CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY OF THE WAN HO KAN CENTRE FOR THE AGED TO BE HELD AT 3 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT PAK SHE, CHEUNG CHAU.

PRESS REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO MAKE USE OF THE LAUNCH 'CLEMENTI' WHICH WILL LEAVE THE MARINE DEPARTMENT PIER IN CENTRAL AT 1.30 PM.

INFORMATION OFFICER, MR RAYMOND TAM, WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS STREET SLEEPERS
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CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING AND SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 24) TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS CONCERNING STREET SLEEPERS IN THE DISTRICT.

AN INFORMATION PAPER ON RELATED SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL BE PRESENTED FOR MEMBERS' CONSIDERATION.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO HEAR VIEWS FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT ON THE FEASIBILITY TO DEVELOP THE OLD FIRE STATION IN BELCHER'S STREET INTO A HOSTEL FOR THE ELDERLY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING STARTING AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 24) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON 14/F., HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN WANG TAU HOM
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FROM 2.30 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY), SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN WANG TAU HOM FOR ABOUT SEVEN MONTHS FOR SUBWAY CONSTRUCTION.

THESE ARE:

THE RIGHT TURNING MOVEMENT FROM JUNCTION ROAD WESTBOUND ON TO FU MEI STREET NORTHBOUND WILL BE BANNED.

MOTORISTS ON JUNCTION ROAD WESTBOUND HEADING FOR FU MEI STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED VIA WANG TAU HOM EAST ROAD.

THE LEFT TURNING MOVEMENT FROM FU MEI STREET SOUTHBOUND ON TO JUNCTION ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE BANNED.

MOTORISTS ON FU MEI STREET SOUTHBOUND HEADING FOR JUNCTION ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE RE-ROUTED VIA THE OLD WANG TAU HOM BUS TERMINUS.

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