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REGULATIONS ON ELECTION ARRANGEMENTS TO BE GAZETTED

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TWO MORE SETS OF REGULATIONS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AS PART OF THE LEGISLATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 1991 DIRECT ELECTIONS.

THESE REGULATIONS SEEK TO AMEND EXISTING SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION UNDER THE ELECTORAL PROVISIONS ORDINANCE TO GIVE EFFECT TO CHANGES INTRODUCED BY THE ELECTORAL PROVISIONS (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1990, PASSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 28, AND TO MAKE FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EXISTING ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS.

THE FIRST SET, THE ELECTORAL PROVISIONS (REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1990, MAKE CONSEQUENTIAL CHANGES TO THE TIMING OF THE REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS FOR GEOGRAPHICAL CONSTITUENCIES UNDER THE ELECTORAL PROVISIONS ORDINANCE.

PREVIOUSLY THE REGISTRATION OFFICER WAS REQUIRED TO COMPILE A PROVISIONAL REGISTER BEFORE NOVEMBER 15 IN EACH YEAR AND TO COMPILE AND PUBLISH A FINAL REGISTER BEFORE JANUARY 15 OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

THE ELECTORAL PROVISIONS (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1990 HAS CHANGED THESE DATES TO JUNE 22 AND AUGUST 8 IN THE SAME YEAR. AS A RESULT, THE SPECIFIC DATES FOR THE RECEIPT AND PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR INCLUSION IN THE PROVISIONAL REGISTER AND THE FINAL REGISTER ARE AMENDED CORRESPONDINGLY.

THE REGULATIONS ALSO REINFORCE THE MEASURES PROVIDED IN THE ELECTORAL PROVISIONS (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1990 IN RESPECT OF FRAUDULENT REGISTRATION, BY INTRODUCING AN ADDITIONAL OFFENCE OF INTIMIDATING OR PERSUADING ANOTHER TO PROVIDE FALSE INFORMATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE REGISTRATION OF AN ELECTOR, AND BY PUTTING THE BURDEN OF PROVING THE TRUTH OF ANY INFORMATION GIVEN IN RESPECT OF REGISTRATION AS AN ELECTOR ON THE SUPPLIER OF THE INFORMATION.

THE ELECTORAL PROVISIONS (PROCEDURE) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1990 PROVIDE FOR THE CONDUCT OF DIRECT ELECTIONS IN GEOGRAPHICAL CONSTITUENCIES TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS.

OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO POTENTIAL CANDIDATES IS A LOWERING OF THE THRESHOLD FOR THE REFUND OF ELECTION DEPOSITS. THIS MEANS THAT A CANDIDATE WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR A REFUND IF HE RECEIVES FIVE PER CENT OR MORE OF THE TOTAL VOTES CAST, INSTEAD OF THE PRESENT 12.5 PER CENT.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE ELECTION DEPOSIT FOR MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AND DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS WILL BE INCREASED BY \$1,000 TO \$4,000 AND \$3,000 RESPECTIVELY. THE DEPOSIT FOR LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL DIRECT ELECTIONS WILL BE \$5,000.

ALSO TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TOMORROW WILL BE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (ELECTORAL PROVISIONS) (REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS AND APPOINTMENT OF AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVES) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1990 AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (ELECTORAL PROVISIONS) (PROCEDURE) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1990, WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE UNDER THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (ELECTORAL PROVISIONS) ORDINANCE.

THESE TWO SETS OF REGULATIONS SEEK TO GIVE EFFECT TO CHANGES INTRODUCED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (ELECTORAL PROVISIONS) (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1990 AS WELL AS TO MAKE FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES.

THE REGULATIONS PROVIDE FOR, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE REMOVAL OF REFERENCES TO ELECTORAL COLLEGE CONSTITUENCIES AND THE LODGING OF APPLICATIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR FOR REGISTRATION AS ELECTORS IN FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES IN CONFORMITY WITH THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR REGISTRATION IN GEOGRAPHICAL CONSTITUENCIES.

A NUMBER OF THE AMENDMENTS MIRROR THE OTHER REGULATIONS MADE UNDER THE ELECTORAL PROVISIONS ORDINANCE. THESE INCLUDE IN PARTICULAR A LOWERING OF THE THRESHOLD FOR THE REFUND OF ELECTION DEPOSITS FOR FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES FROM 12.5 PER CENT OF THE AGGREGATE PREFERENCE VOTES TO ONLY FIVE PER CENT AND AN INCREASE IN THE SIZE OF THE DEPOSIT FROM \$4,000 TO \$5,000.

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LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS FOR INTRODUCTION OF ULP

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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS ADVISED THAT TWO BILLS SHOULD BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO ENABLE THE INTRODUCTION OF UNLEADED PETROL (ULP) AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PRIVATE VEHICLE EMISSION TESTING CENTRES AS PART OF THE VEHICLE EMISSION CONTROL STRATEGY OUTLINED IN THE WHITE PAPER ON POLLUTION.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (THURSDAY), THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS, MR MARTIN LEWIS, SAID THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 AND THE ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1990 WOULD BE GAZETTED ON DECEMBER 28 AND WERE EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JANUARY 9 NEXT YEAR.

"THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 IS TO ENSURE THE AVAILABILITY OF ULP AFTER APRIL 1.

"THE AMENDMENTS WILL ALSO PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR NEW REGULATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT POWERS FOR VEHICLE EMISSION CONTROL," HE SAID.

MR LEWIS SAID REGULATIONS WERE BEING DRAFTED TO REDUCE EMISSIONS FROM NEW PETROL AND DIESEL ENGINED VEHICLES IMPORTED INTO HONG KONG.

"NEW EMISSION STANDARDS AND DESIGN REQUIREMENTS WILL APPLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED FROM JANUARY 1, 1992, AND CATALYTIC CONVERTERS WILL BE FITTED TO NEW PETROL VEHICLES SO THAT THEY CAN MEET THE STANDARDS.

/"THOSE EMISSION

"THOSE EMISSION CONTROL DEVICES ARE ONLY EFFECTIVE IF ULP IS USED," HE SAID.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE, A PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD), MR BILL FARRELL, SAID ABOUT 70 PER CENT OF EXISTING PETROL VEHICLES COULD USE ULP WITHOUT ANY ADJUSTMENT AND WITH NO ADVERSE EFFECTS.

"ONLY ABOUT SIX PER CENT CANNOT USE IT AT ALL WHILE THE REMAINING 24 PER CENT OF VEHICLES WILL REQUIRE ADJUSTMENT (10 PER CENT) OR HAVE TO USE ONE TANKFUL OF LEADED PETROL FOR EVERY THREE OR FOUR TANKFULS OF ULP (14 PER CENT)," HE SAID.

UNLEADED PETROL WILL BE AVAILABLE AT ALL FILLING STATIONS WHILE LEADED PETROL WILL BE AVAILABLE AT 40 TO 50 PER CENT OF STATIONS.

IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE THE WIDE USE OF ULP WHEREVER POSSIBLE, THERE WILL BE A DIFFERENTIAL RATE OF DUTY BETWEEN LEADED AND UNLEADED PETROL TO MAKE THE LATTER \$1 CHEAPER.

"THIS DUTY ADJUSTMENT WOULD BE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PURPOSES AND FOR THE TIME BEING, WOULD BE FIXED AT A 'REVENUE NEUTRAL' LEVEL," MR FARRELL SAID.

DETAILED INFORMATION ON ULP WILL BE PROVIDED TO ALL MOTORISTS AS PART OF A PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN COMMENCING NEXT MONTH.

THE KEY ELEMENTS OF THE CAMPAIGN WILL INCLUDE A MOTORISTS GUIDE TO ULP, POSTERS, WALLCHARTS, A HOTLINE SERVICE, PLUS TELEVISION, RADIO AND NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE "MOTORISTS GUIDE TO UNLEADED PETROL" WILL BE MAILED TO ALL REGISTERED OWNERS OF PETROL-DRIVEN VEHICLES IN HONG KONG, FROM JANUARY 20 THROUGH MID-FEBRUARY.

THE BOOKLET CONTAINS A ULP COMPATIBILITY RATING OF MORE THAN 400 CAR MODELS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE IN HONG KONG AND A QUESTION-AND-ANSWER SECTION.

CAMPAIGN POSTERS AND WALLCHARTS WILL BE DISPLAYED IN FILLING STATIONS, MOTOR TRADER SHOWROOMS AND SELECTED GOVERNMENT LOCATIONS FROM END OF JANUARY.

THE ULP HOTLINE, TO ENABLE THE PUBLIC TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON THE USE OF ULP, WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON FEBRUARY 1 TO COINCIDE WITH THE SERIES OF TELEVISION, RADIO AND PRINT MEDIA ADVERTISEMENTS.

MR FARRELL SAID ACCORDING TO THE FINDINGS OF A RECENT SURVEY, ULP WOULD QUICKLY BECOME THE GRADE OF PETROL USED BY MOST HONG KONG MOTORISTS.

MEANWHILE, THE INTRODUCTION OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1990 WILL EXPAND THE VEHICLE SMOKE CONTROL PROGRAMME CURRENTLY OPERATED BY THE EPD.

/MR FARRELL

MR FARRELL SAID PRIVATE VEHICLE EMISSION TESTING CENTRES COULD THEN BE SET UP TO INCREASE TESTING CAPACITY TO ABOUT 5,000 VEHICLES PER MONTH.

"EPD NOW TESTS ABOUT 1,600 SMOKY VEHICLES SPOTTED BY ITS TEAM OF 250 TRAINED OBSERVERS EACH MONTH, BUT THIS IS NOT ENOUGH TO SOLVE THE SMOKY VEHICLE PROBLEM.

"IT IS THEREFORE PROPOSED TO ENLIST THE SUPPORT OF PRIVATE GARAGES TO INCREASE THE TESTING CAPACITY," HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT INITIALLY ABOUT 12 TESTING CENTRES WOULD BE SET UP AND, TOGETHER WITH EPD'S OWN TESTING CENTRE AT HO MAN TIN, THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO TEST AT LEAST 5,000 VEHICLES PER MONTH.

"AS WITH THE CURRENT SCHEME, FAILURE TO PASS THE TEST OR TO PRESENT THE VEHICLE FOR TESTING WILL LEAVE THE VEHICLE LIABLE TO LICENCE CANCELLATION.

"IN ADDITION, A \$140 FEE WILL APPLY TO ALL TYPES OF VEHICLES FOR EVERY TEST, AND COMPLIANCE WILL BE REQUIRED WITHIN A SHORTER PERIOD.

"THE PROPOSED SCHEME, IF PASSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN MID-1991," HE SAID.

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EXCO APPROVES LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF TAXI LICENCES

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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS APPROVED THAT NO NEW LICENCES FOR NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS SHOULD BE ISSUED IN 1990, AND FOR 1991 AND 1992, A TOTAL OF NOT MORE THAN 100 NEW NT TAXI LICENCES SHOULD BE ISSUED.

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ALSO APPROVED THAT THE ISSUE OF NEW LICENCES FOR URBAN TAXIS SHOULD NOT BE MORE THAN 400 EVERY TWO YEARS AND THE CURRENT MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUE OF NEW LICENCES FOR LANTAU TAXIS SHOULD REMAIN IN FORCE FOR ANOTHER TWO YEARS.

THE SIZE OF THE LANTAU TAXI FLEET HAD REMAINED AT 40 SINCE 1985.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (THURSDAY) EXPLAINED THAT THE DECISION WAS BASED ON THE LEVEL OF AND PUBLIC DEMAND FOR TAXI SERVICES, THE VIABILITY OF THE TAXI TRADE AND THE EFFECT OF ADDITIONAL LICENCES FOR TAXI ON ROAD CONGESTION.

HE ADDED THAT THESE LIMITS FOR TAXI LICENCES WOULD BE REGULARLY REVIEWED.

DETAILS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL'S DECISION WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) UNDER THE TAXIS (LIMITATION ON NUMBER) NOTICE 1990.

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FOUR COMPANIES INVITED TO APPLY FOR TELEPOINT LICENCES

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THE POSTMASTER GENERAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY, MR DOMINIC S.W. WONG, ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT, AFTER CONSIDERING THE SEVEN PROPOSALS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO GAZETTE NOTIFICATION G.N. 2291 PUBLISHED ON JUNE 29, 1990, FOUR COMPANIES HAVE BEEN INVITED TO FORMALLY APPLY FOR LICENCES TO OPERATE TELEPOINT SERVICES IN HONG KONG BASED ON THE SECOND GENERATION CORDLESS TELEPHONE (CT2) TECHNOLOGY.

THEY ARE: CHEVALIER (TELEPOINT) LIMITED, HONG KONG TELECOM CSL LIMITED, HUTCHISON PAGING LIMITED, AND PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS LIMITED.

"THESE FOUR COMPANIES HAVE UNTIL JANUARY 18, 1991 TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS," MR WONG SAID.

"WE INTEND TO ISSUE UP TO FOUR LICENCES EARLY NEXT YEAR.

"TELEPOINT SERVICES WILL BECOME AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC BEFORE THE END OF 1991 AND WILL GRADUALLY EXPAND TO COVER MOST PARTS OF HONG KONG WITHIN THE NEXT THREE YEARS."

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GOVT DETERMINED TO KEEP HK A SAFE PLACE

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THE COMMUNITY, THE POLICE AND THE REST OF THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT TOGETHER TO KEEP HONG KONG A SAFE PLACE IN WHICH TO WORK, PLAY AND BRING UP FAMILIES, THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR IAN STRACHAN, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

"AS A COMMUNITY WE MUST SUPPORT THE POLICE; AS A GOVERNMENT WE MUST ENSURE THAT THE POLICE HAVE THE RESOURCES AT ITS DISPOSAL TO FIGHT CRIME EFFECTIVELY," HE TOLD A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ZONTA CLUB OF HONG KONG EAST.

"IN HONG KONG WE HAVE ONE OF THE BEST POLICE FORCES IN THE WORLD, WELL LED, WELL TRAINED AND WELL EQUIPPED. WITH FIRM RESOLVE, WE WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT EFFECTIVELY TOGETHER TO KEEP HONG KONG A SAFE PLACE," HE SAID.

MR STRACHAN NOTED THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CRIMES REPORTED TO THE POLICE IN THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF THIS YEAR WAS 80,959, AN INCREASE OF 9.1 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR. THERE WAS ALSO AN UPSURGE OF VIOLENT CRIMES BY 9.7 PER CENT.

BUT HONG KONG REMAINED ONE OF THE WORLD'S SAFEST CITIES. ALTHOUGH OUR RATE OF VIOLENT CRIME WAS HIGHER THAN THAT OF NEIGHBOURS IN THE REGION, ON SPECIFIC CRIMES SUCH AS RAPE AND MURDER HONG KONG COMPARED VERY WELL. THE OVERALL CRIME RATE WAS AMONG THE LOWEST IN THE REGION.

"HONG KONG HAS MORE POLICEMEN ON THE STREETS THAN IS THE CASE IN MANY MAJOR CITIES OF THE REGION.

"POLICE STRENGTH PER 100,000 POPULATION IN HONG KONG IS 419.8 IN 1989, COMPARED WITH 262.6 IN SINGAPORE, 347.2 IN TOKYO AND 184.7 IN BANGKOK. THIS IS THE BEST DETERRENT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME," HE SAID.

MR STRACHAN SAID DESPITE THE INCREASE IN THE CRIME RATE AS COMPARED WITH LAST YEAR, IF THIS WAS VIEWED IN PERSPECTIVE, THE OVERALL CRIME RATE IN 1990 IN FACT REMAINED BROADLY THE SAME AS THAT OF THE PAST DECADE.

"THE CRIME RATES PER 100,000 POPULATION IN THE PAST 10 YEARS HAVE FLUCTUATED BETWEEN 1,400 AND 1,600. THE PROJECTED CRIME RATE FOR THE WHOLE OF 1990 IS 1,522.7. THIS IS ACTUALLY LOWER THAN THE CRIME RATE IN FIVE YEARS OUT OF THE PAST 10 YEARS.

"OVER THE PAST MONTHS LARGE NUMBERS OF POLICEMEN HAVE CONDUCTED FREQUENT RAIDS ON VICE ESTABLISHMENTS, MAHJONG PARLOURS AND OTHER PLACES WHICH THESE CRIMINALS FREQUENT. A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF WANTED CRIMINALS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED.

"THE MAIN EFFECT OF THESE RAIDS HAS BEEN TO DEMONSTRATE TO SUCH CRIMINALS THAT IF THEY WILL NOT LIVE PEACEFUL, LAW-ABIDING LIVES THEY WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE RIGOURS OF THE LAW," HE SAID.

MR STRACHAN SAID A NEW PIECE OF COMPREHENSIVE LEGISLATION WAS BEING DRAFTED TO FURTHER COMBAT ORGANISED CRIME. THE PUBLIC WOULD BE CONSULTED ON THIS LEGISLATION IN THE FORM OF A WHITE BILL EARLY NEXT YEAR, HE SAID.

MR STRACHAN SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD ALWAYS CONSIDERED IT IMPORTANT TO INVOLVE THE PUBLIC IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME.

HE ADDED THAT BUILDING ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME, WHICH ENCOURAGED MUTUAL HELP AMONG NEIGHBOURS, HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEES REACH RIGHT DOWN TO THE FAMILY UNIT, WHICH PLAYED A VITAL ROLE IN DEVELOPING CIVIC AWARENESS AND COMBATTING CRIME.

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201 VBP RETURN TO VIETNAM

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A GROUP OF 201 VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE TODAY (THURSDAY) RETURNED TO VIETNAM UNDER THE UNHCR'S VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION PROGRAMME.

COMPRISING 71 MEN, 49 WOMEN, 52 BOYS AND 29 GIRLS, THEY WERE THE 45TH BATCH TO GO BACK UNDER THE PROGRAMME.

SO FAR, A TOTAL OF 6,296 VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE HAVE RETURNED VOLUNTARILY.

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WORK STARTS ON DEVELOPMENT
RELATING TO SOME MAJOR ECR 4 RECOMMENDATIONS
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WORK HAS ALREADY BEGUN ON RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SOME OF THE MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION REPORT NO.4 (ECR 4), THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND HEAD OF THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION, DR V. BICKLEY, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING IN OPENING A SERIES OF WORKSHOPS ON LANGUAGE PROJECTS AND HOW THEY RELATE TO THE ECR 4 RECOMMENDATIONS, DR BICKLEY SAID THE WORK WAS BEING FINANCED BY THE HONGKONGBANK FOUNDATION AND THE GOVERNMENT.

ONE ECR 4 RECOMMENDATION WAS THAT ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENTS AND ATTAINMENT TARGETS FOR CHINESE AND ENGLISH AT PRIMARY 6 AND SECONDARY 3 SHOULD BE DEVELOPED, TESTED AND ADMINISTERED, DR BICKLEY SAID.

TWO WORKSHOPS WILL FOCUS ON THIS RECOMMENDATION AND WILL DESCRIBE AND SOLICIT QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS IN RELATION TO:

- * THE STEPS THAT ARE TO BE TAKEN TO DEVELOP BROAD ACHIEVEMENT TARGETS IN ENGLISH FOR PRIMARY 3, PRIMARY 6 AND IN SECONDARY 3 FOR ENGLISH-MEDIUM STUDENTS AND TO PILOT THESE IN SCHOOLS; AND
- * DEVELOPING TARGET-RELATED ASSESSMENTS FOR PRIMARY 3, PRIMARY 6 AND SECONDARY 3 AND TO PILOT THESE IN SCHOOLS.

OTHER WORKSHOPS WILL LOOK INTO:

- * THE PURPOSE AND NATURE OF A SECONDARY 1 BRIDGING COURSE AND THE ACTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO PREPARE IT FOR EVENTUAL TESTING IN SCHOOLS;
- * A BRIDGING COURSE FOR SECONDARY 5 CHINESE-MEDIUM STUDENTS WHO ARE JOINING THE WORKFORCE - THE WORKSHOP WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION AND SEEK FEEDBACK ON THE PROJECT THAT HAS BEEN LAUNCHED TO INVESTIGATE THE GAP IN ENGLISH PROFICIENCY BETWEEN SECONDARY 5 SCHOOL LEAVERS AND THE LANGUAGE SKILLS REQUIRED IN THE WORKPLACE, AND BETWEEN THE ENGLISH PROFICIENCY OF TECHNICAL INSTITUTE GRADUATES AND THE LANGUAGE NEEDS OF THE WORKPLACE;
- * COMMENTS ON THE INITIAL EFFORTS TO RESEARCH AND ESTABLISH PROFILES OF MINIMUM LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH AND FOR TEACHERS USING ENGLISH AS MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION, IN PARTICULAR, TRAINEE TEACHERS;
- * STEPS TO BE TAKEN TO ESTABLISH A PROFILE OF MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR TEACHERS OF PUTONGHUA AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS; AND
- * WAYS AND MEANS OF PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE POST-SECONDARY TO TERTIARY BRIDGING PROGRAMME FOR CHINESE-MEDIUM STUDENTS.

"THE PROJECTS ARE CLOSELY INTER-RELATED. THUS, THE COURSE INTENDED TO HELP STUDENTS CROSS THE BRIDGE BETWEEN CHINESE-MEDIUM INSTRUCTION IN THE PRIMARY SCHOOL TO ENGLISH-MEDIUM INSTRUCTION IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOL WILL NEED TO BE RELATED, TO SOME EXTENT, TO THE BROAD TARGETS SET FOR PUPILS IN THE LAST PRIMARY SCHOOL YEAR," DR BICKLEY EXPLAINED.

THE NEW COURSES AND TARGET-RELATED ASSESSMENTS TO BE DEVELOPED FOR STUDENT TEACHERS IN THE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE STUDENTS' OWN LANGUAGE BACKGROUNDS AND PROFICIENCY AS THESE WOULD BE AFFECTED BY THE NEW MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION POLICY, HE SAID.

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BROADCASTING OF SIX-PIP TIME SIGNAL ON RADIO
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AT 8 AM ON JANUARY 1, 1991, THE USUAL SIX-PIP TIME SIGNAL FROM THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY WILL NOT BE BROADCAST BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG.

IT WILL RESUME AT 8.30 AM OR 9 AM, DEPENDING ON THE RADIO CHANNEL. THIS IS TO ENABLE AN ADJUSTMENT TO BE APPLIED WHICH WILL RESULT IN A DELAY OF ONE SECOND TO THE RESUMED TIME SIGNAL.

THIS ADJUSTMENT ARISES FROM THE FACT THAT THE TIME SCALE NOW IN USE, KNOWN AS THE CO-ORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME (UTC), IS BASED ON THE ATOMIC TIME SCALE WHICH PROVIDES A MORE PRECISE AND UNIFORM SECOND THAN THAT DERIVED BY ASTRONOMICAL MEANS.

IT HAS BEEN INTERNATIONALLY AGREED THAT AN ADJUSTMENT OF ONE SECOND SHOULD BE APPLIED FROM TIME TO TIME SO THAT THE CO-ORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME WILL NOT DIFFER FROM THE ASTRONOMICAL TIME BY MORE THAN NINE-TENTHS OF A SECOND.

THE LAST ADJUSTMENT WAS MADE ON JANUARY 1, 1990.

THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY OPERATES A HIGH PRECISION ATOMIC CLOCK GIVING CO-ORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO CARRY OUT TIME CHECKS CAN EITHER LISTEN TO THE TIME SIGNAL BROADCAST BY RTHK OR CALL THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY ON TEL. 732 9472.

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NEW ORGAN DONATION CARD AVAILABLE NEXT MONTH

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS DESIGNED A NEW ORGAN DONATION CARD TO FURTHER PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF ORGAN DONATION.

THE NEW ORGAN DONATION CARD, WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC NEXT MONTH (JANUARY), IS JOINTLY DESIGNED BY THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE NEW DONATION CARD COVERS THE DONATION OF KIDNEYS, CORNEA AND OTHER ORGANS SPECIFIED BY THE DONORS IN ONE SINGLE CARD.

"THE NEW CARD WILL REPLACE THE KIDNEY DONATION CARD AND THE EYE DONATION CARD WHICH ARE CURRENTLY IN CIRCULATION.

"IN FUTURE, WHAT POTENTIAL DONORS HAVE TO DO IS TO INDICATE IN THE NEW CARD WHICH ORGAN OR ORGANS THEY WISH TO DONATE UPON THEIR DEATH AND CARRY ONLY ONE DONATION CARD WITH THEM," HE SAID.

"HOWEVER, THE OLD KIDNEY AND EYE DONATION CARDS ARE STILL VALID AND THE WISH OF THOSE WHO HAVE SIGNED UP WILL BE FOLLOWED IF THE TIME COMES, WHETHER THEY CARRY THE OLD OR THE NEW CARD," THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WANT TO SIGN UP TO INDICATE THEIR WISH TO DONATE THEIR ORGANS AFTER THEY HAVE PASSED AWAY CAN OBTAIN AN ORGAN DONATION CARD FROM THE FOLLOWING PLACES STARTING NEXT MONTH:

- * DISTRICT OFFICES;
- * CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SEVENTH FLOOR, SOUTHOBN CENTRE, HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI);
- * LICENSING OFFICES OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT;
- * IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT OFFICES;
- * HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE: DONOR CENTRES; AND
- * ENQUIRY OFFICES OF ALL PUBLIC HOSPITALS AND GOVERNMENT CLINICS.

"AFTER THEY HAVE SIGNED UP, THEY SHOULD CARRY THE DONATION CARD WITH THEM ALL THE TIME SO THAT THEIR WISH WOULD BE KNOWN AND FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY IF THE TIME COMES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

TO ENHANCE PUBLIC AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE TRANSPLANTATION AND DONATION OF KIDNEYS IN PARTICULAR, THE CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WILL RUN A 24-HOUR TELEPHONE INFORMATION SERVICE (833 0111) ON KIDNEY DONATION DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY.

THE PRE-RECORDED MESSAGE RUNS ABOUT FIVE MINUTES AND IS AIMED AT PROMOTING THE AWARENESS OF KIDNEY DONATION AMONG THE YOUNGER GENERATION.

IN MAY THIS YEAR, THE HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, STARTED A PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN ON KIDNEY DONATION THROUGH TELEVISION AND RADIO ANNOUNCEMENTS OF PUBLIC INTEREST (API), LEAFLETS AND POSTERS UNDER THE SLOGAN OF "GIVE HOPE - GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE".

"THROUGH THESE PUBLICITY MATERIALS, WE HOPE TO BOOST PUBLIC AWARENESS OF KIDNEY DONATION AND PUT ACROSS THE MESSAGE THAT BY DONATING, WE ARE GIVING NEW LIFE TO OTHERS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN OBTAIN A LEAFLET ON ORGAN TRANSPLANTATION AND DONATION FROM THE NEAREST PUBLIC HOSPITAL OR GOVERNMENT CLINIC IF THEY WANT FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE SUBJECT.

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KAIFONGS URGED TO SUPPORT NEXT YEAR'S ELECTIONS

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THE ACTING REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR FUNG KWOK-KEUNG, TODAY (THURSDAY) CALLED ON KAIFONG LEADERS TO EXERCISE THEIR CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY BY VOTING IN NEXT YEAR'S THREE ELECTIONS.

MR FUNG MADE THE APPEAL WHEN OFFICIATING AT THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ABERDEEN KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION AND ITS "1990'S YOUTH GOLD MEDAL AWARD SCHEME" PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

HE SAID THE SUCCESS OF NEXT YEAR'S THREE-TIER ELECTIONS AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT SYSTEM WOULD DEPEND VERY MUCH ON THE SUPPORT OF DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS AND RESIDENTS.

"IN THE FACE OF POLITICAL CHANGES IN THE 90'S, KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS HAVE PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN GROOMING FUTURE LEADERS," HE SAID.

MR FUNG WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO NOTE THAT THE ABERDEEN KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION'S COMMUNITY CENTRE HAD EMBARKED ON A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES TO FOSTER YOUTH DEVELOPMENT.

"THE OBJECTIVE IS TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO SHOW CONCERN FOR THE SOCIETY AND TO ENRICH THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE SO AS TO BE BETTER PREPARED TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS IN FUTURE," HE SAID.

NOTING THAT THE KAIFONG ASSOCIATION HAD MADE TREMENDOUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY IN THE PAST 40 YEARS, MR FUNG HOPED IT WOULD CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN ITS FUNCTIONS AND STRUCTURE TO KEEP PACE WITH SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

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THE ACTING REGIONAL SECRETARY THEN PRESENTED GOLD MEDALS TO WINNERS OF THE "1990'S YOUTH AWARD SCHEME" ORGANISED BY THE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

SOME 60 YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THE DISTRICT WERE COMMENDED FOR THEIR PERFORMANCE IN VARIOUS TRAINING COURSES DURING THE PAST YEAR.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S GATHERING WERE THE ASSOCIATION'S SENIOR HONORARY PATRON, MR LIU LIT-FOR, AND HONORARY PATRONS MR NG HUNG AND MR WONG CHI-KEUNG.

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DB MEMBERS SPREAD CHRISTMAS JOY

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WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON VISITED TWO LOCAL WELFARE ORGANISATIONS TO SHARE CHRISTMAS JOY WITH THE ELDERLY AND THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE THERE.

LED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN LAU, AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, DR MICHAEL LEE, THE MEMBERS VISITED THE WONG TAI SIN DAY ACTIVITY CENTRE AND THE CHUK YUEN (NORTH) ESTATE JOCKEY CLUB HOME FOR THE ELDERLY.

THE FORMER PROVIDES DAY CARE FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE AND ASSISTS THEM TO BECOME MORE INDEPENDENT IN THEIR DAILY LIVES, WHILE THE LATTER PROVIDES RESIDENTIAL CARE TO THOSE AGED 60 AND ABOVE WHO ARE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES.

BOARD MEMBERS DISTRIBUTED CHRISTMAS PRESENTS TO THE RESIDENTS AND PLAYED GAMES WITH THEM.

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LADY WILSON TO OPEN FLOWER, BIRD, INSECT, FISH SHOW

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A LARGE-SCALE EXHIBITION OF FLOWERS, BIRDS, INSECTS AND FISH WILL BE HELD IN THE NORTH DISTRICT TO PROVIDE THE PUBLIC WITH ENTERTAINMENT OVER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

THE FOURTH NORTH DISTRICT FLOWER, BIRD, INSECT AND FISH SHOW WILL BE HELD FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DECEMBER 26 (WEDNESDAY) AT THE FANLING RECREATION GROUND AND THE ADJACENT FANLING ROTARY YOUTH CENTRE.

LADY WILSON WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE SHOW AND WILL PRESENT A TROPHY TO THE WINNER OF THE BEST FLOWER EXHIBIT.

THE SHOW WILL FEATURE A WIDE RANGE OF FLORAL AND HORTICULTURAL ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS COMPETITIONS FOR POT PLANTS, MINIATURE POT PLANTS, AFRICAN VIOLETS, BONSAI-TYPE PLANTS, EXOTIC ORCHIDS AND ORIENTAL AND LOCAL ORCHIDS.

AMONG THE FLORAL EXHIBITS WILL BE THREE NEW SPECIES OF ORCHID.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS WILL INCLUDE RARE SPECIES OF FISH SUCH AS STURGEON AND AUSTRALIAN BONY TONGUE, DIFFERENT SPECIES OF PHEASANT AND OVER 20 KINDS OF PIGEON.

ALSO ON DISPLAY WILL BE WHITE-COLOUR TERRAPIN, NEWT AND SPECIMENS OF BATS AND DOLPHINS.

THE SHOW WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 1 PM TO 5.30 PM TOMORROW, BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND 5.30 PM FROM SATURDAY TO TUESDAY, AND FROM 9.30 AM TO 4 PM ON WEDNESDAY.

ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE FOURTH NORTH DISTRICT FLOWER, BIRD, INSECT AND FISH SHOW TO BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 10.15 AM AT THE FANLING RECREATION GROUND (ADJACENT TO THE FANLING RAILWAY STATION).

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TSUEN WAN TO SWITCH ON FESTIVE LIGHTS
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A SWITCHING-ON CEREMONY FOR THE FESTIVE LIGHTING IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 6 PM AT THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE.

OFFICIATING WILL BE THE WIFE OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS MARGARET YOUNG.

THE LIGHTING HAS BEEN INSTALLED ALONG CASTLE PEAK ROAD (NEAR TSUEN WAN TOWN CENTRE) AND TAI HO ROAD.

IN ADDITION, A CARNIVAL WITH DANCING AND KARAOKE COMPETITIONS, CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND LUCKY DRAW WILL BE HELD ON CHRISTMAS EVE AT THE SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND. IT WILL START AT 7 PM.

OFFICIATING AT THE PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE CARNIVAL WILL BE THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR RAYMOND YOUNG, AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHAU HOW-CHEN.

ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TSUEN WAN FESTIVE LIGHTING SWITCHING-ON CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT 6 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE IN TAI HO ROAD, AND THE CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL TO BE HELD AT THE SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND ON CHRISTMAS EVE, BEGINNING AT 7 PM.

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ANTI-NARCOTICS CARNIVAL IN SHAM SHUI PO

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A GROUP OF EX-DRUG ADDICTS WILL DEMONSTRATE THEIR MUSICAL TALENTS IN AN ANTI-NARCOTICS CARNIVAL IN SHAM SHUI PO ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 23).

THE CARNIVAL, WHICH AIMS TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO LEAD A HEALTHY LIFE AND NOT TO ABUSE DRUGS, WILL BE HELD FROM 2.15 PM TO 5 PM AT THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND.

OTHER PROGRAMME ITEMS WILL INCLUDE A MAGIC SHOW, SINGING, AN EXHIBITION AND GAMES STALLS.

THE CARNIVAL IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

OFFICIATING AT THE CARNIVAL WILL BE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR TAI TUNG-NGOK; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALAN FUNG; POLICE REGIONAL COMMANDER (KOWLOON), MR PETER LEE; AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR DAVID WEEKS.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHAM SHUI PO ANTI-NARCOTICS CARNIVAL WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.15 PM ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 23) AT THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND.

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SWD CORRECTIONAL HOMES CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

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RESIDENTS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S SEVEN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS TODAY (THURSDAY) SHARED THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS AT A GATHERING HELD AT THE HENRY G. LEONG YAUMATEI COMMUNITY CENTRE.

THEY CAME FROM THE MA TAU WEI GIRLS' HOME, BEGONIA ROAD BOYS' HOME, PUI CHI BOYS' HOME, PUI YIN JUVENILE HOME, O PUI SHAN BOYS' HOME, CASTLE PEAK BOYS' HOME AND KWUN TONG HOSTEL.

THE YOUNGSTERS WERE PARTICULARLY HAPPY THAT THOSE ATTENDING THE PARTY, WHICH INCLUDED THEIR PARENTS, COULD ENJOY THE INTERESTING CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION PROGRAMME THEY DESIGNED AND ORGANISED.

THE PERFORMANCES BY THE YOUNGSTERS INCLUDED A CHINESE FAN DANCE, DRAMA, FOLK DANCE AND A FASHION SHOW. THEY COMPETED FOR THE BEST PERFORMANCE AWARD.

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OFFICIATING AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY WERE THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ROSE GOODSTADT, AND AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR ALEXANDER FUNG.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE GATHERING, MRS GOODSTADT SAID THE DEPARTMENT'S CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS AIMED TO COUNSEL JUVENILE OFFENDERS THROUGH THE PROVISION OF RESIDENTIAL TRAINING AND AFTERCARE SERVICES.

"IT IS HOPED THAT THEIR SELF-CONFIDENCE WOULD BE RESTORED AND THEY COULD THEN LEAD A NORMAL LIFE IN FUTURE," SHE SAID.

MRS GOODSTADT ALSO THANKED THE YOUNGSTERS FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN ORGANISING THE PARTY AND IN PARTICULAR THE ENJOYABLE ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME.

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ENJOY DRUG-FREE CHRISTMAS

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YOUNG PEOPLE ARE REMINDED THAT THEY MUST NOT TAKE DRUGS WHILE CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS, BECAUSE THE CONSEQUENCE CAN BE DISASTROUS.

A MEMBER OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN), MR PAO PING-WING, GAVE THIS ADVICE TODAY (THURSDAY) WHEN SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE "SAY YES TO LIFE" DISCO NIGHT.

"DRUG ABUSE CAN EASILY LEAD TO ADDICTION AND DAMAGE TO THE ORGANIC AND NERVOUS SYSTEMS OF A HUMAN BODY, RESULTING IN RUINING MANY YOUNGSTERS' FUTURE AND EVEN THEIR LIVES," HE SAID.

"YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD BE ON ALERT WHEN ATTENDING CHRISTMAS PARTIES OR GATHERINGS AND MUST NOT TRY OR TAKE ANY DRUGS BECAUSE OF CURIOSITY OR PEER GROUP PRESSURE."

AIMED AT ENCOURAGING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, PARTICULARLY YOUNG PEOPLE, TO "SAY YES TO LIFE AND SAY NO TO DRUGS", THE DISCO NIGHT WILL BE HELD FROM 8 PM TO 10 PM ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 23) AT LOK FU SHOPPING CENTRE, KOWLOON.

IT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AND ACAN, AND WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE ON RTHK RADIO 2.

ADMISSION TO THE SHOW IS FREE.

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STATUTORY HOLIDAY REMINDER

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT EITHER THE WINTER SOLSTICE (DECEMBER 22) OR CHRISTMAS DAY (DECEMBER 25) SHOULD BE DESIGNATED AS ONE OF THE 11 STATUTORY HOLIDAYS FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES.

ALL EMPLOYEES, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR WAGE LEVELS, ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY AND MUST BE PAID FOR THE DAY OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THE SAME EMPLOYERS FOR THREE MONTHS OR LONGER IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO AN EMPLOYEE'S EARNINGS ON A FULL WORKING DAY AND SHOULD INCLUDE BASIC WAGES AS WELL AS ALLOWANCES THAT CAN BE EXPRESSED IN MONEY TERMS SUCH AS MEALS AND COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCES.

WHERE THE EARNINGS VARY FROM DAY TO DAY, HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE THE AVERAGE DAILY EARNINGS DURING EVERY COMPLETE WAGE PERIOD, WHICH COULD BE BETWEEN 28 DAYS AND 31 DAYS, PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY.

IF AN EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO WORK ON A STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST BE GIVEN AN ALTERNATIVE DAY OFF WITHIN 60 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER THAT DAY.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE AT ANY BRANCH OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE.

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EIGHT CLINICS OPEN FOR HOLIDAY SERVICE

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THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT EIGHT GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINICS WILL REMAIN OPEN DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS -- BETWEEN 9 AM AND 1 PM ON DECEMBER 25 AND 26 (TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY).

THE EIGHT CLINICS ARE: THE VIOLET PEEL HEALTH CENTRE AND SHAU KEI WAN JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC ON HONG KONG ISLAND; KWUN TONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE, ROBERT BLACK HEALTH CENTRE AND YAU MA TEI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC IN KOWLOON; AND LADY TRENCH POLYCLINIC, SHEK WU HUI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC AND YUEN LONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ALL OTHER OUT-PATIENT AND EVENING CLINICS WILL BE CLOSED.

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QUARTERLY REPORT ON GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY RELEASED

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THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY FOR JULY TO SEPTEMBER 1990 IS NOW AVAILABLE.

IT CONTAINS STATISTICS ON EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOR THE QUARTER.

IT ALSO CONTAINS DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF MEMBERS OF THE LABOUR FORCE, INCLUDING THEIR AGE AND SEX STRUCTURE, EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, ACTIVITY STATUS, OCCUPATION, INDUSTRY, HOURS WORKED PER WEEK, MONTHLY EMPLOYMENT EARNINGS AS WELL AS REASON FOR UNEMPLOYMENT AND DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOR THE UNEMPLOYED.

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