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GOVERNOR AND EXCO MEMBERS MEET PM

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, AND FIVE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS MET THE PRIME MINISTER, MR JOHN MAJOR, ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 6). SIR PERCY CRADOCK WAS ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

SPEAKING TO THE PRESS OUTSIDE NO. 10 DOWNING STREET AFTER THE MEETING, SIR DAVID SAID EXCO MEMBERS AND HIMSELF APPRECIATED VERY MUCH THAT THE PRIME MINISTER, IN HIS FIRST FULL WEEK IN OFFICE, HAD TAKEN TIME OUT TO MEET THEM.

"WE HAD A GOOD DISCUSSION IN WHICH WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF THE PRIME MINISTER ON WHAT'S GOING ON IN HONG KONG AT THE MOMENT. AND IN WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER MADE PARTICULARLY THE POINT THAT, WITH THE CHANGE IN PRIME MINISTER, THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO CHANGE IN THE BRITISH COMMITMENT TO HONG KONG, TO THE COMMITMENT TO THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JOINT DECLARATION, THE WISH TO SEE A STRONG ADMINISTRATION IN HONG KONG UP TO 1997.

"HE VERY KINDLY SAID THAT HE WOULD ALWAYS BE WILLING TO SEE PEOPLE FROM HONG KONG, FROM THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS, TIME PERMITTING, WHEN THEY WERE IN LONDON AND IF THEY HAD PARTICULAR ISSUES TO RAISE.

"SO FOR US IT WAS A MARVELLOUS OPPORTUNITY TO MEET THE PRIME MINISTER IN HIS FIRST WEEK IN OFFICE," SIR DAVID SAID.

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION WHETHER MR MAJOR WOULD BE VISITING HONG KONG AT SOME STAGE, SIR DAVID SAID: "I DID SAY TO HIM HE WOULD BE VERY WELCOME TO VISIT HONG KONG AS SOON AS HE COULD MANAGE IT.

"ALSO THAT I REALISE HE WILL HAVE A VERY BUSY PROGRAMME HERE SO I DIDN'T EXPECT HIM TO COMMIT HIMSELF TO A TIME," SIR DAVID SAID.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO COME TO HONG KONG AS SOON AS HE COULD MANAGE TO DO IT, BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN THERE BEFORE, THE GOVERNOR SAID.

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GOVERNOR EMPHASISES HK OPPORTUNITIES

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HONG KONG IS A TREMENDOUS PLACE OF OPPORTUNITY WHERE THOSE WHO HAVE GOT WHAT IT TAKES TO BE COMPETITIVE CAN BE MORE SUCCESSFUL IN A SHORTER PERIOD OF TIME THAN ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID IN LONDON TODAY (THURSDAY).

OPENING A SEMINAR JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE AND THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, SIR DAVID URGED AN OVERFLOW AUDIENCE OF MORE THAN 150 PROMINENT UK BUSINESSMEN TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES AND PARTICIPATE IN THE TERRITORY'S FUTURE.

STRESSING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE JOINT DECLARATION AND THE ARRANGEMENTS IT PROVIDES, THE GOVERNOR SAID: "THE BASIS IS THERE AND WE MUST BUILD ON THOSE FOUNDATIONS TO GIVE HONG KONG EVERY POSSIBLE CHANCE OF BEING A SUCCESS IT OUGHT TO BE."

HE SAID THERE WAS EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT WOULD REMAIN COMMITTED TO THE AGREEMENT.

"THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAS REPEATED, AGAIN AND AGAIN, AND DID SO THROUGHOUT THE DIFFICULT TIMES OF LAST YEAR, THAT THEY ARE FULLY COMMITTED TO THE JOINT DECLARATION."

"THERE IS NO REASON TO DOUBT THAT COMMITMENT, NONE AT ALL," HE STRESSED, ADDING THAT CHINA HAD AN IMMENSE PRACTICAL INTEREST IN ENSURING THE ARRANGEMENTS WORK.

HONG KONG CONTRIBUTES ENORMOUSLY TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF CHINA; 70 PER CENT OF ALL FOREIGN INVESTMENT COMES FROM HONG KONG OR THROUGH THE TERRITORY.

IN HONG KONG ITSELF, SIR DAVID SAID THE POLITICAL STRUCTURE HAD TO CHANGE QUITE SUBSTANTIALLY. THE FIRST MAJOR STEP WOULD BE THE DIRECT ELECTIONS OF 18 MEMBERS INTO THE LEGISLATURE.

THE GOVERNOR DESCRIBED THE "BRAIN DRAIN" AS A PROBLEM BUT NOT A CRISIS, WHICH HAD TO BE DEALT WITH BY TRAINING MORE PEOPLE.

"WE HAVE A PLAN TO VERY SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE OUR EDUCATIONAL MANPOWER RESOURCES. IN FACT, WE ARE GOING TO DOUBLE THE NUMBER OF OUR FIRST DEGREE PLACES BY 1994," HE SAID.

ON THE BUILDING OF INFRASTRUCTURE FOR HONG KONG'S FUTURE, SIR DAVID SAID: "WE CANNOT STAND STILL AND LEAVE HONG KONG THE WAY IT IS," CITING AS EXAMPLES THE NEW CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL, THE OPENING OF THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL NEXT YEAR, NEW ROADS, PORT EXPANSION AND PLANS TO BUILD A NEW AIRPORT.

COMMENTING ON CHINA'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE NEW AIRPORT PLAN, HE SAID: "WE ARE CAREFULLY AND PATIENTLY EXPLAINING TO THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT THE REALITY OF THE SITUATION. IN OTHER WORDS, HONG KONG MUST HAVE A NEW AIRPORT AND THAT, I THINK, IS ACCEPTED QUITE CLEARLY BY THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT."

"BUILDING IT IS NOT ONLY ESSENTIAL, BUT IT IS SOMETHING WELL WITHIN HONG KONG'S FINANCIAL CAPACITY," SIR DAVID SAID.

IN CONCLUSION, THE GOVERNOR EMPHASISED THE IMPORTANT ROLE THAT HONG KONG PLAYS: AS AN INTERNATIONAL CENTRE OF BUSINESS AND FINANCE.

"IT IS A BRIDGE BETWEEN CHINA AND THE REST OF THE WORLD.

"THAT IS THE WAY THAT HONG KONG CAN BE USEFUL TO CHINA AND TO THE REST OF THE DEVELOPED CAPITALIST WORLD," HE SAID.

THE SEMINAR WAS CHAIRED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HKTDC, BARONESS DUNN. THE OTHER SPEAKERS WERE OMELCO MEMBERS MR ALLEN LEE, MRS RITA FAN, MRS ROSANNA TAM, AND MR WILLIAM PURVES OF THE HONGKONG BANK. TWO PROMINENT BUSINESSMEN, MESSRS C.H. TUNG AND D.M.T. VON DE LEUHE, ALSO SPOKE.

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#### HK WILL STAY IN FOREFRONT OF INT'L TELECOMMUNICATION TRENDS

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HONG KONG MOVED ALONG FAST WITH INTERNATIONAL TRENDS IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN THE LAST 10 YEARS AND WILL REMAIN IN THE FOREFRONT IN THE DECADE AHEAD, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR DOMINIC WONG, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF "COMMTel '90 CONFERENCE", MR WONG SAID THE INTERNATIONAL TREND OF OPENING UP THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS MARKET TO COMPETITION WAS CLEARLY DISCERNIBLE IN THE 80S AND HONG KONG FOLLOWED THE SAME TREND TOO.

THE SALE OF CUSTOMER PREMISES EQUIPMENT WAS OPENED UP TO COMPETITION IN 1983 AND LEGISLATION WAS ALSO AMENDED IN 1985 TO PERMIT THE INTERCONNECTION OF WIRELESS SERVICES WITH THE PUBLIC SWITCHED TELEPHONE NETWORK.

MR WONG SAID A DECISION WAS MADE IN 1988 TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SECOND TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK FOR NON-VOICE SERVICES ALONGSIDE A CABLE TELEVISION SERVICE, AND AN EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE WAS AWARDED IN AUGUST 1989.

"UNFORTUNATELY, THE RECENT WITHDRAWAL OF THE INTENDED LICENSEE HAS CAUSED A TEMPORARY SETBACK. THE GOVERNMENT WILL NEED TO CONSIDER THE WAY AHEAD. THIS, WE WILL DO EXPEDITIOUSLY," MR WONG SAID.

HE SAID THE GENERALLY COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT CREATED BY THE DEREGULATORY POLICIES OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENTS. IN THE 1980S LED DOMINANT CARRIERS TO FURTHER IMPROVE THEIR QUALITY OF SERVICE.

THE HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY AND THE HONG KONG TELECOM INTERNATIONAL ALSO REACTED POSITIVELY TO THE CHALLENGE BY FURTHER INCREASING THEIR INVESTMENTS, IMPROVING THEIR SERVICES AND UPGRADING THEIR BASIC NETWORKS.

SOME 28,000 KILOMETRES OF OPTICAL FIBRES WERE LAID BY THE TELEPHONE COMPANY THROUGHOUT HONG KONG AND OVER 60 PER CENT OF EXCHANGE LINES WERE DIGITALISED.

INTERNATIONALLY, THE HONG KONG TELECOM INTERNATIONAL BECAME A MAJOR PARTNER IN THE LAYING OF FIBRE OPTIC CABLES WHICH LINK HONG KONG WITH TAIWAN, SINGAPORE, JAPAN, KOREA AND CHINA.

MR WONG SAID THE BENEFITS WERE APPARENT. WITHIN HONG KONG THE NUMBER OF TELEPHONE LINES INCREASED BY 74 PER CENT IN THE LAST DECADE, GIVING A TOTAL OF 2.4 MILLION DIRECT LINES TODAY (I.E. 42 PER 100 POPULATION OR ALMOST EVERY HOUSEHOLD).

IN ADDITION, OVER 100,000 FACSIMILE LINES ARE NOW IN USE AND THE LOW CHARGES FOR INTERNATIONAL CALLS LED TO A TWELVE-FOLD INCREASE IN INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE USAGE OVER THE PAST DECADE, TO THE PRESENT 1,350 MILLION CALLS MINUTES A YEAR.

THE LOW RATES ALSO ATTRACTED OVER 700,000 RADIO PAGING SUBSCRIBERS (OR A PENETRATION RATE OF 12 PER CENT POPULATION WHICH WAS THE HIGHEST IN THE WORLD) AND OVER 110,000 CELLULAR RADIO-TELEPHONE USERS (OR TWO PER CENT PENETRATION), MR WONG ADDED.

"GIVEN THE QUANTUM LEAPS IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENT OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS, THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE PACE OF GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT AROUND THE WORLD WILL CONTINUE TO INTENSIFY IN THE YEARS AHEAD."

MR WONG SAID THE INCREASING EMPLOYMENT OF DIGITAL AND FIBRE OPTIC TECHNOLOGIES WOULD FURTHER ENHANCE SPEED AND CAPACITY.

"IN HONG KONG, WE EXPECT FULL DIGITALISATION OF TELEPHONE EXCHANGES TO BE EFFECTED BY 1993.

"FURTHER FIBRE OPTIC SUBMARINE CABLES WILL BE LAID TO FACILITATE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS TRAFFIC TO AND FROM HONG KONG ON THE GLOBAL DIGITAL HIGHWAY NETWORK," HE SAID.

MR WONG SAID IN SATELLITE FACILITIES AND SERVICES, HONG KONG SURGES TO THE FOREFRONT TOO.

"THE LAUNCHING OF ASIASAT I BY A PRIVATE HONG KONG-BASED COMPANY EARLIER THIS YEAR HAS OPENED THE SKIES TO NEW TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES POSSIBLY COVERING 35 COUNTRIES IN ASIA."

HE ADDED THAT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAS RECENTLY ANNOUNCED A LICENSING FRAMEWORK FOR SATELLITE TELEVISION BROADCASTING AND RECEPTION.

"THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PAN-ASIAN SATELLITE TELEVISION SERVICE (WITH A CAPITAL OUTLAY OF US\$400 MILLION) IS NOW A DISTINCT PROBABILITY," MR WONG SAID.

MEANWHILE, MR WONG SAID TELEPOINT SERVICES USING THE SECOND GENERATION CORDLESS TELEPHONE TECHNOLOGY ARE BEING PLANNED IN SINGAPORE AND HONG KONG.

"WE ARE NOW STUDYING SEVERAL SERVICE PROPOSALS AND ARE LIKELY TO LICENSE BETWEEN TWO AND FOUR TELEPOINT OPERATORS IN EARLY 1991," HE SAID.

MR WONG ALSO SAID THAT BARRING UNFORESEEN TECHNOLOGICAL SETBACKS, DIGITAL CELLULAR SERVICES WOULD BE INTRODUCED IN HONG KONG AS FROM 1992.

CONCERNING PERSONAL COMMUNICATION NETWORKS (PCNS), MR WONG SAID HONG KONG WERE KEEPING A CLOSE EYE ON PROGRESS AND THE ISSUES INVOLVED BEFORE A DECISION WAS TAKEN ON THE INTRODUCTION OF PCNS.

"WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF DISCUSSING TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED KINGDOM ON THE USE OF INTERNATIONAL PRIVATE LEASED CIRCUITS TO CARRY VALUE-ADDED NETWORK SERVICES.

"THE ARRANGEMENTS EVENTUALLY MADE WILL HELP TO MAKE AVAILABLE MORE INNOVATIVE AND CHEAPER SERVICES FOR BUSINESS USERS IN COMMUNICATING WITH THEIR OVERSEAS TRADING PARTNERS," MR WONG SAID.

MR WONG ALSO SAID THE YEAR 1997 DID NOT HAVE ANY PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE IN THE GOVERNMENT'S PLANNING OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS OR OTHER INFRASTRUCTURAL PROJECTS IN HONG KONG.

"THAT YEAR HAS NO MORE SIGNIFICANCE THAN ANY OTHER YEAR IN THE NEXT DECADE AND WILL NOT AFFECT THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG.

"INDEED, SEVERAL LARGE-SCALE PROJECTS REPRESENTING SUBSTANTIAL PRIVATE INVESTMENTS UNDERTAKEN BY INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIA HAVE LIFE SPANS EXTENDING WELL BEYOND 1997," MR WONG SAID.

MR WONG SAID THE STYLE OF ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN HONG KONG AFTER 1997 WOULD ALSO REMAIN MUCH THE SAME AS AT PRESENT.

HE SAID IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION AND THE BASIC LAW, HONG KONG WOULD CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN ITS VOICE IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS IN THE APPROPRIATE FIELDS, AND TO CONCLUDE AND IMPLEMENT ITS OWN AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER ADMINISTRATIONS.

HONG KONG WOULD ALSO CONTINUE TO BE AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY AND PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION.

"WE FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT IS A LONG-TERM INVESTMENT, AND WILL CONTRIBUTE TO OUR FUTURE STABILITY AND PROSPERITY.

"IT REMAINS OUR STRONG AIM TO MAINTAIN HONG KONG'S POSITION AS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT COMMERCIAL, FINANCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS CENTRES IN THE WORLD," MR WONG SAID.

VBP PROBLEM MAY UNDERMINE PROTECTION FOR REFUGEES

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REFUGEES NEED PROTECTION AND THIS PROTECTION IS AT RISK UNLESS THE PROBLEM OF THE NON-REFUGEES CAN BE DEALT WITH IN A FAIR AND COMPASSIONATE, YET REALISTIC, MANNER WHICH DOES NOT OVERWHELM THE RESOURCES OF THE COUNTRIES OF FIRST ASYLUM AND OF RESETTLEMENT, THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR ALISTAIR ASPREY, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

MR ASPREY NOTED THAT IT WAS SOMETIMES REPRESENTED THAT HONG KONG'S POLICY ON THE VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE WAS A PERVERSE AND MALICIOUS INVENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT TO DENY THE OPPORTUNITIES OF RESETTLEMENT TO THOSE WHOM THE COUNTRIES IN THE WEST WERE ONLY TOO ANXIOUS TO ACCEPT.

"NOTHING OF COURSE COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH," HE SAID AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 303.

IT IS PRECISELY BECAUSE THE RESETTLEMENT COUNTRIES OF THE WEST WERE UNWILLING TO ACCEPT THOSE WHO WERE NOT REFUGEES THAT WE HAD TO INTRODUCE SCREENING, AND THAT WE MUST MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF OUR SCREENING PROCEDURES, HE SAID.

"I DO NOT CLAIM THAT THE SCREENING SYSTEM'S PROCEDURES ARE PERFECT. BUT WITHIN THE INEVITABLE CONSTRAINTS OF HUMAN FALLIBILITY, OUR PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY DESIGNED IN FULL CONSULTATION WITH THE UNHCR."

THE PROCEDURES WERE BASED ON THE INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED CRITERIA FOR REFUGEE STATUS, THEY USED THE UNHCR DESIGNED QUESTIONNAIRE, THEY ALLOWED FOR UNHCR MONITORING AND LEGAL ADVICE TO ASYLUM SEEKERS, AND THE STAFF INVOLVED IN STATUS DETERMINATION HAD RECEIVED TRAINING FROM THE UNHCR, HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYED OVER 300 STAFF IN THE SCREENING AND REVIEW PROCESS, AT A COST OF OVER \$100 MILLION PER YEAR.

"WE HAVE TO BALANCE THE NEED FOR THOROUGHNESS AGAINST THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE AND THE WISH TO KEEP PEOPLE WAITING AS SHORT A TIME AS POSSIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION AND DECISION OF THEIR CASE," HE SAID.

HE SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO REDUCE THE TIME WHICH PEOPLE HAD TO WAIT FOR SCREENING. BUT THIS COULD NOT BE DONE AT THE EXPENSE OF THOROUGHNESS AND FAIRNESS.

"I THEREFORE FIND IT IRONIC THAT ESSENTIALLY THE SAME PEOPLE WILL CRITICISE US ON THE ONE HAND FOR BEING TOO SLOW, AND ON THE OTHER HAND, WHEN IT SUITS THEM, FOR BEING TOO HASTY," HE ADDED.

ON THE ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE, MR ASPREY HOPED THAT ARRIVALS WOULD BE REDUCED MUCH FURTHER IN 1991.

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"WE SHALL SEEK TO BRING THIS ABOUT THROUGH PUBLICITY IN VIETNAM. WE ARE CO-OPERATING WITH THE UNHCR AND THE VIETNAMESE IN THE PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTARY TELEVISION PROGRAMMES TO BE SHOWN IN VIETNAM.

"THE CLEAR MESSAGE OF THE DOCUMENTARY WILL BE THAT THE DAYS OF AUTOMATIC RESETTLEMENT ARE OVER; THAT A VOYAGE TO HONG KONG WILL RESULT IN A LONG PERIOD OF DETENTION, AND FOR MOST EVENTUAL RETURN TO VIETNAM; AND THAT THERE ARE OTHER ASSURED AVENUES FOR EMIGRATION FROM VIETNAM, SPECIFICALLY THE ORDERLY DEPARTURE PROGRAMME THROUGH WHICH OVER 80,000 PEOPLE SHOULD OBTAIN RESETTLEMENT IN 1990."

MR ASPREY SAID THERE HAD BEEN GREATER NUMBERS VOLUNTEERING AND RETURNING TO VIETNAM IN THE PAST COUPLE OF MONTHS.

"BUT WE HAVE YET TO REACH OUR INITIAL TARGET OF 1,000 RETURNEES PER MONTH. AND WE SHALL NOT BE CONTENT TO REST ON OUR LAURELS WHEN WE DO REACH THAT TARGET. WE WILL SEEK TO INCREASE THE NUMBER WELL BEYOND 1,000 PER MONTH."

HE ADDED THAT HE WAS PLEASED TO SEE THAT THE COUNSELLING EFFORTS OF THE UNHCR WERE GRADUALLY RESULTING IN MORE PEOPLE COMING FORWARD TO VOLUNTEER TO RETURN TO VIETNAM.

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#### 91 VBP RETURN TO VIETNAM

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A GROUP OF 91 VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE TODAY (THURSDAY) RETURNED TO VIETNAM UNDER THE UNHCR'S VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION PROGRAMME.

COMPRISING 35 MEN, 23 WOMEN, 11 BOYS AND 22 GIRLS, THEY WERE THE 43RD BATCH TO GO BACK UNDER THE PROGRAMME.

THIS GROUP BROUGHT TO 5,920 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE WHO HAVE RETURNED VOLUNTARILY.

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#### STATEMENT ON GURKHA DEPLOYMENT

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THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IS ISSUED BY THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR ALISTAIR ASPREY, TODAY (THURSDAY):

AS PERSONNEL OF THE GURKHA TRANSPORT REGIMENT WILL LEAVE FOR THE UK TONIGHT TO JOIN OTHER UNITS OF THE BRITISH ARMY IN THE GULF, I SHOULD LIKE TO WISH THEM GOOD FORTUNE, AND A SAFE AND EARLY RETURN TO HONG KONG.

THE BEST WISHES OF OUR COMMUNITY GO WITH THEM. THEY AND THEIR FAMILIES HERE IN HONG KONG, WILL BE VERY MUCH IN OUR THOUGHTS IN THE WEEKS AHEAD.

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BETTER HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AGED

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THE ELDERLY CAN LOOK FORWARD TO BETTER AND MORE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH SERVICES UNDER A PLAN BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO DEVELOP PRIMARY HEALTH CARE (PHC).

THIS WAS STATED BY THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, DR S.H. LEE, WHEN SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE AGED TODAY (THURSDAY).

DR LEE SAID UNDER THE PHC SYSTEM, SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE AGED WILL INCLUDE PREVENTIVE, CURATIVE, REHABILITATIVE AND HEALTH PROMOTION WORK.

ON THE PREVENTION OF ILLNESS, HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT PLANS TO PROVIDE CHECKS ON OLD-AGE-RELATED DISEASES SUCH AS DIABETES AND HYPERTENSION TO PATIENTS AGED 65 AND OVER WHO CONSTITUTE 21 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL ATTENDANCE AT GOVERNMENT GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINICS.

THOSE FOUND SUFFERING FROM THESE DISEASES WILL BE TREATED AT THE CLINICS OR REFERRED TO SPECIALIST CLINICS, HE SAID.

ON THE CURATIVE SIDE, THERE ARE PLANS TO INTRODUCE AN APPOINTMENT SYSTEM FOR THE ELDERLY SUFFERING FROM CHRONIC DISEASES, THUS SAVING THEM THE NEED TO QUEUE UP FOR DISCS.

REFERRING TO REHABILITATIVE SERVICE, DR LEE SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAS PLANS TO INTRODUCE A DISTRICT HEALTH SYSTEM (DHS) UNDER WHICH THE HEALTH SERVICES OF EACH DISTRICT WILL BE CO-ORDINATED BY A DISTRICT NETWORK.

THIS SYSTEM, HE SAID, CALLS FOR CLOSE CO-OPERATION AMONG DOCTORS, NURSING STAFF, SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL STAFF, SOCIAL WORKERS, DISPENSERS AND SO ON FROM BOTH GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS TO PROVIDE BETTER SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC AND HENCE THE ELDERLY.

A PILOT SCHEME WILL BE LAUNCHED IN TWO SELECTED DISTRICTS BEFORE INTRODUCING THE SYSTEM TO OTHER AREAS.

ON HEALTH PROMOTION WORK, DR LEE SAID HEALTH EDUCATION FOR THE ELDERLY HAS ALWAYS BEEN AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT.

APART FROM STAGING EXHIBITION, THE DEPARTMENT HAS PRODUCED A BIGGER NUMBER OF EDUCATIONAL LEAFLETS ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS AND ORGANISED HEALTH TALKS FOR THE AGED.

TO COINCIDE WITH THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE, HE SAID, A TRIAL SCHEME WILL BE IMPLEMENTED EARLY NEXT YEAR AT YUEN LONG MADAM YUNG FUNG SHEE HEALTH CENTRE TO DISSEMINATE HEALTH MESSAGES.

THIS WILL BE DONE THROUGH THE PLAYING OF VIDEO TAPES ON VARIOUS HEALTH SUBJECTS AND THE ORGANISATION OF ACTIVITIES FOR PATIENTS ESPECIALLY THOSE SUFFERING FROM DIABETES AND HYPERTENSION.

ALL THESE, DR LEE SAID, POINT TO BETTER AND MORE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AGED IN THE FUTURE.

MORE PORNOGRAPHIC TAPES SEIZED IN MONG KOK

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PORNOGRAPHIC TAPES SEIZED IN MONG KOK UP TO NOVEMBER THIS YEAR TOTALLED 1,646 TAPES, ALMOST FOUR TIMES MORE THAN THE 421 TAPES SEIZED LAST YEAR.

POLICE DISTRICT OPERATIONS OFFICER OF MONG KOK, CHIEF INSPECTOR ROBIN JOLLY, SAID THERE WERE 45 PORNOGRAPHIC CASES AS AGAINST 32 LAST YEAR AND TWO MORE CASES WERE SUCCESSFULLY PROSECUTED FOR DECEPTION THIS YEAR.

IN ONE OF THE DECEPTION CASES, A CANADIAN VISITOR WROTE A LETTER TO THE FORCE SAYING THAT HE SPENT \$40 FOR A PORNOGRAPHIC TAPE BUT FOUND THAT IT WAS BLANK.

INVESTIGATIONS FOLLOWED. THE POLICE CHARGED AN OPERATOR WITH DECEPTION AS HE SOLD A BLANK TAPE TO AN AGENT WHO WAS SUSPECTED NOT TO BE A GENUINE CUSTOMER.

"THIS IS BETTER FOR US," SAID MR JOLLY. "USUAL CHARGES TO PORNOGRAPHIC TAPE OPERATORS ARE PUBLISHING SUCH TAPES AND POSSESSING THEM FOR PUBLISHING, WHICH LEADS TO ONLY ONE YEAR IMPRISONMENT. MAXIMUM IMPRISONMENT FOR DECEPTION IS THREE YEARS."

"FIVE YEARS AGO, PORNOGRAPHIC TAPES WERE NOT SO WIDESPREAD AS TODAY." AT THAT TIME, ANY PERSON INTERESTED IN SUCH TAPES WOULD HAVE TO GO TO A SPECIAL PLACE TO BUY THEM.

"SUPPLY COMES AS DEMAND EXISTS. TODAY, ANYONE CAN BUY THESE TAPES AT SMALL COUNTERS UNDERNEATH STAIRCASES.

"THE POPULARITY OF VIDEO MACHINES IN THE CONSUMER MARKET HAS ACCELERATED DEMAND FOR PORNOGRAPHIC TAPES." HE SAID.

SMALL INVESTMENT AND REASONABLE PROFITS CONTRIBUTED TO THE WIDE-SPREADING OF PORNOGRAPHIC TAPES, MR JOLLY SAID.

THESE TAPES COULD BE REPRODUCED IN RESIDENTIAL PREMISES AND POSED NO GREAT PROBLEM. IN ONE CASE, POLICE OFFICERS SAW A RACK ACCOMMODATING THREE PLAYERS, ONE TELEVISION SET, 11 VIDEO CASSETTE RECORDERS AND MANY BLANK TAPES.

"COST OF A TAPE IS ABOUT \$5 TO \$7 AND ABOUT \$2,500 FOR EACH VCR. A ROUGH CALCULATION OF REPRODUCTION COSTING COMES TO ABOUT \$40,000.

"RETAIL PRICES FOR EACH PORNOGRAPHIC TAPE VARY FROM \$250 TO \$400 DEPENDING ON QUALITY." MR JOLLY SAID. HE BELIEVED THAT PORNOGRAPHIC LASER DISCS WERE ALSO AVAILABLE LOCALLY.

HE SAID HE WOULD SAY AN OPERATOR COULD OBTAIN A REASONABLE PROFIT FROM PRODUCING ANY TYPE OF TAPES.

FINES FOR THE OFFENCE AVERAGE BETWEEN \$5,000 AND \$7,000.

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"THESE CAN BE TREATED AS PART OF OPERATIONAL COST," MR JOLLY SAID, ADDING THAT SHOP OWNERS COULD ALSO HIRE SOMEBODY TO ADMIT THE OFFENCE.

MOST CUSTOMERS FOR THE TAPES WERE SINGLE YOUNG ADULTS WHO WERE CURIOUS ABOUT SEX, HE SAID.

HOWEVER, THE AMOUNT OF SEIZED TAPES MIGHT NOT NECESSARILY INCREASE MANY TIMES NEXT YEAR AS MR JOLLY THOUGHT THE MARKET HAD BECOME SATURATED.

"COMPETITION AMONG SHOPS IS HIGH AND THERE WILL BE MORE POLICE ACTION TOO," HE SAID.

"THERE ARE 23 SHOPS SELLING PORNOGRAPHIC TAPES AND MOST OF THEM ARE LOCATED IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD OF SOY STREET.

"THEY ARE FLY-BY-NIGHT OPERATIONS AND ALL 23 SHOPS HAVE BEEN PROSECUTED."

AS THE 23 SHOPS CONSTITUTED LESS THAN FIVE PER CENT OF SOME 400 VICE-RELATED PREMISES IN MONG KOK, OFFICERS IN MONG KOK DISTRICT SAW THE PROBLEM AS NOT HIGH PRIORITY, MR JOLLY SAID.

HE ALSO BELIEVED THAT THERE WAS NO SYNDICATE INVOLVEMENT IN THE CRIME AND NO LOCAL PRODUCTION OF PORNOGRAPHIC TAPES.

MOST TAPES WERE PIRATED WITH ORIGINALS COMING FROM JAPAN, TAIWAN AND EUROPE, HE ADDED.

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STATEMENT ON WELFARE ASSISTANTS ISSUE

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IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ENQUIRIES ON WHETHER THE MANAGEMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT (SWD) HAD REFUSED A REQUEST FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF WELFARE ASSISTANTS' BRANCH OF THE HONG KONG CHINESE CIVIL SERVANTS ASSOCIATION THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING TO HOLD A MEETING IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR INDUSTRIAL ACTION, AN SWD SPOKESMAN SAID THE MANAGEMENT HAD RECEIVED NO SUCH REQUEST THIS MORNING.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THE MANAGEMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO HOLD DIALOGUES WITH THE STAFF SIDE IN ORDER TO SOLVE THE MANPOWER ISSUE FOR THE INTEREST OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

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SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR CHILDREN - JOIN THE FOSTER CARE SERVICE

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MANY CHILDREN IN HONG KONG, BESETTED WITH VARIOUS FAMILY PROBLEMS, ARE UNABLE TO OBTAIN PROPER FAMILY CARE OR ENJOY A NORMAL CHILDHOOD.

"IF YOU HAVE A HAPPY AND STABLE FAMILY, AND IF YOU LOVE CHILDREN AND WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND YOUR LOVE, PLEASE JOIN OUR FOSTER FAMILY SERVICE AND HELP TO TAKE CARE OF THESE UNFORTUNATE CHILDREN," A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE SPOKESMAN SAID PARTICIPATION IN THE FOSTER CARE SERVICE IS BOTH JOYFUL AND REWARDING FOR THE FOSTER FAMILY.

"FURTHERMORE, FOSTER PARENTS, IN THE FOSTERING AND UPBRINGING PROCESS, CAN DEVELOP THEIR COMMUNITY SERVICE SPIRITS AND IMPROVE THEIR CAPABILITIES AND CONFIDENCE AS PARENTS," THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED.

THOSE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A FOSTER PARENT CAN TELEPHONE 561 8504 OR 561 8946 FOR DETAILS.

MEANWHILE, A FOSTER FAMILY SERVICE AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT A WAN CHAI RESTAURANT ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 9) IN APPRECIATION OF A TOTAL OF 29 FOSTER FAMILIES FOR THEIR COMMITTED SERVICES OVER THE PAST YEARS.

THE AWARD, THE FIRST EVER IN THE TERRITORY, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICE, THE HONG KONG FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY, THE SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND AND THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SERVICE HONG KONG BRANCH.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR ALFRED CHUI.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

THE AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 12 NOON ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 9) AT HSIN KUANG RESTAURANT IN HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER THE EVENT ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE AT THE RESTAURANT AT 11.45 AM. A NUMBER OF FOSTER PARENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWS.

SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT INFORMATION OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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SCHOOLS DRAMA FESTIVAL TO BE LAUNCHED IN 1991-92

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ANOTHER FESTIVAL WILL BE ADDED TO THE 1991-92 SCHOOL CALENDAR, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR LI YUET-TING, ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE BY YOUNG THESPIANS, TEACHERS AND SCHOOLS TO THE 1989 SCHOOLS ENGLISH DRAMA PROJECT AND THIS YEAR'S ENGLISH AND CHINESE PROJECTS HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR WORK TO BEGIN IN ORGANISING THE FIRST SCHOOLS DRAMA FESTIVAL, MR LI SAID.

THE FESTIVAL HAS THE FINANCIAL BACKING OF THE LOK SIN TONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY WHICH HAS PLEDGED AN ANNUAL DONATION OF \$500,000 TOWARDS ITS DEVELOPMENT, HE SAID.

THIS DONATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE \$200,000 WHICH WAS PRESENTED TO MR LI TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THIS YEAR'S ENGLISH DRAMA PROJECT.

"THE DRAMA PROJECTS WERE HELD TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH AN EXCITING AND INTERESTING FOCUS FOR ENGLISH AND CHINESE LANGUAGE ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM," HE SAID.

MR LI ADDED THAT DRAMA IS A VERY GOOD CHANNEL FOR DEVELOPING CREATIVE AND IMAGINATIVE EXPRESSION AND IMPROVING STUDENTS' LANGUAGE SKILLS.

SPEAKING IN LAUNCHING THE 1990 ENGLISH DRAMA PROJECT, MR LI SAID A SCHOOLS DRAMA COUNCIL WILL BE SET UP TO ADVISE THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON THE ORGANISATION OF THE SCHOOLS DRAMA FESTIVAL.

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL WILL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE LOK SIN TONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY, WHICH IS WELL-KNOWN FOR ITS LONG HISTORY IN PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG AND IN EDUCATION, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, DRAMA EXPERTS, SCHOOL HEADS AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS INTERESTED IN PROMOTING DRAMA IN SCHOOLS.

DRAMA, MR LI SAID, IS AN INTEGRATED ART WHICH CAN MERGE THE TALENTS FROM DIFFERENT SUBJECT DISCIPLINES SUCH AS MUSIC, ARTS, DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY, AND EVEN DOMESTIC SCIENCE.

HE SAID DRAMA MADE ITS DEBUT IN THE FORM OF AN ENGLISH DRAMA PROJECT, SPONSORED BY THE HONG KONG LANGUAGE CAMPAIGN, WAS INTRODUCED LAST YEAR WITH 30 SCHOOLS TAKING PART.

THE ACHIEVEMENT WAS REMARKABLE AND THE PERFORMANCES WERE SO WELL RECEIVED THAT IT WAS DECIDED TO INCLUDE CHINESE DRAMA.

"THIRTY-THREE SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO TAKE PART IN THIS YEAR'S ENGLISH COMPETITION," MR LI SAID.

APART FROM A CASH GRANT OF \$1,000 TO EACH PARTICIPATING SCHOOL TOWARDS THE COST OF PRODUCING A PLAY, ASSISTANCE IN SCRIPT WRITING, PRODUCTION OF PLAY AS WELL AS TRAINING AND OUT-REACHING SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS.

TEACHERS OF THE PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND TRAINING COURSES CONDUCTED BY THE ACADEMY AND THE CHUNG YING THEATRE COMPANY.

THE CURTAIN WILL RISE FROM LATE FEBRUARY OR EARLY MARCH NEXT YEAR FOR PRELIMINARY JUDGING OF THE DRAMAS AND THOSE SELECTED WILL TAKE PART IN THE FINALS TO BE HELD IN THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE NEXT APRIL.

HIGHLY COMMENDED DRAMAS WILL PERFORM AT A GALA EVENING TO BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE IN MAY.

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TWO GOVT SITES TO LET BY TENDER

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT TERM TENANCY OF TWO GOVERNMENT LOTS.

A SITE OF 5,250 SQUARE METRES IN AREA 35, TSUEN WAN, IS FOR A FEE PAYING PUBLIC CARPARK.

THE SECOND SITE, OCCUPYING 1,980 SQUARE METRES, IS AT A KUNG NGAM, HONG KONG.

IT IS FOR CONCRETE BATCHING INCLUDING THE HANDLING OF AGGREGATE AND CEMENT BUT EXCLUDING ROCK CRUSHING; AND/OR A WORKS AREA WITH ASSOCIATED VEHICLE PARKING; AND/OR AN OPEN STORAGE AREA (EXCLUDING CONTAINERS) OR A FEE PAYING CAR/LORRY PARKING AREA (EXCLUDING CONTAINER VEHICLES).

THE INITIAL TENANCY FOR THE SITES IS TWO YEARS, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

FORMS OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICES AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND TENDER PLANS INSPECTED AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF HONG KONG EAST AND TSUEN WAN; THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD; AND THE KOWLOON DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON DECEMBER 21.

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'DRAW A HAPPY LIFE TOGETHER' COMIC STORY DESIGN COMPETITION

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THOSE WHO HAVE CREATIVE IDEAS IN PROMOTING ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE AND CAN PRESENT THEM IN DRAWING ARE NOW ENCOURAGED TO TAKE PART IN A "DRAW A HAPPY LIFE TOGETHER" COMIC STORY DESIGN COMPETITION.

ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS YOUTH VOLUNTEER GROUP, THE COMPETITION IS TO ENCOURAGE AND INSTIL IN YOUNGSTERS A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS LIFE AND "SAY NO TO ALL DRUGS".

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NARCOTICS DIVISION SAID TODAY (THURSDAY): "PARTICIPANTS SHOULD DEVELOP A STORY WITH THE THEME 'ENJOY A HAPPY LIFE WITHOUT DRUGS'.

"THROUGH CREATIVE PROCESS, THEY WILL LEARN NOT ONLY HOW TO PROMOTE A HAPPY LIFE MESSAGE BUT ALSO THE WAYS TO STAY AWAY FROM DRUGS," HE ADDED.

THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO THE PRIMARY SCHOOL, SECONDARY SCHOOL AND OPEN DIVISIONS. TOP THREE WINNERS OF EACH DIVISION WILL BE EACH AWARDED WITH A TROPHY AND COUPON VALUE BETWEEN \$300 TO \$3,000.

ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW OBTAINABLE FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICES AND THE NARCOTICS DIVISION ON 23RD FLOOR OF QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

ENTRIES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE NARCOTICS DIVISION BY JANUARY 15 NEXT YEAR.

TO ENABLE PARTICIPANTS TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF HONG KONG'S DRUG PROBLEM AND THE TECHNIQUE IN COMIC DRAWING, A COMIC DRAWING SEMINAR WILL BE HELD AT 3 PM ON DECEMBER 15 IN FJ 304 LECTURE ROOM OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

ADMISSION TICKETS IS AVAILABLE AT THE NARCOTICS DIVISION.

ENQUIRIES COULD BE MADE ON TEL. 867 2762.

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SOUTHERN DB TO REPORT WORK

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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL REPORT ITS WORK TO MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT'S SEVEN AREA COMMITTEES AT A SEMINAR TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE AP LEI CHAU COMMUNITY HALL. IT WILL BEGIN AT 7.15 PM.

THE ANNUAL SEMINAR IS THE THIRD ONE IN THE BOARD'S THREE-YEAR TERM, AND IS JOINTLY ORGANISED WITH THE DISTRICT OFFICE TO STRENGTHEN TIES WITH AREA COMMITTEES.

ABOUT 100 AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR AND DISCUSS DISTRICT AFFAIRS WITH BOARD MEMBERS.

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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS MAUREEN CHAN, AND OFFICIALS FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WILL ALSO TAKE PART.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

THE SEMINAR FOLLOWS A SERIES OF SEVEN SIMILAR FORUMS HELD EARLIER BY AREA COMMITTEES FOR THE DISTRICT'S MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS CORPORATIONS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATIONS.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE "SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETS AREA COMMITTEES" SEMINAR TO BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE AP LEI CHAU COMMUNITY HALL, AP LEI CHAU ESTATE. THE SEMINAR WILL BEGIN AT 7.15 PM.

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SAI KUNG CIVIC EDUCATION DAY ON SATURDAY

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A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES TO MARK THE SAI KUNG CIVIC EDUCATION DAY WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 8) IN SAI KUNG.

ORGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG CIVIC EDUCATION PROMOTION COMMITTEE, THE ACTIVITIES ARE AIMED AT ENHANCING THE CIVIC AWARENESS OF LOCAL RESIDENTS.

DETAILS OF THE ACTIVITIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PROGRAMME -----	TIME -----	VENUE -----
CIVIC EDUCATION EXHIBITION	3 PM - 9.30 PM	SAI KUNG JOCKEY CLUB TOWN HALL
DAY CAMP	9 AM - 3 PM	SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE
EXHIBITION AND SEMINAR ON ELECTION	10 AM - 5 PM	TSUI LAM COMMUNITY HALL, TSUI LAM ESTATE
SEMINAR AND VISIT ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	9 AM - 6 PM	TSUI LAM YOUTH CENTRE, TSUI LAM ESTATE
CIVIC EDUCATION CARNIVAL	2.30 PM - 5.30 PM	RENNIE'S MILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

KARAOKI CONCERT	7.30 PM - 9 PM	SAI KUNG JOCKEY CLUB TOWN HALL
PO LAM CIVIC EDUCATION DAY	3 PM - 9 PM	PO LAM YOUTH CENTRE, PO LAM ESTATE.

ALL RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO TAKE PART IN THE ACTIVITIES.  
ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 792 4455 EXT. 25.

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CARNIVAL TO PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
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SECONDARY STUDENTS IN EASTERN DISTRICT WILL TAKE PART IN A RUBBISH BIN REDECORATING CONTEST AND POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION AT A CARNIVAL IN VICTORIA PARK ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 9).

ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE CARNIVAL AIMS TO BRING HOME THE MESSAGE OF BUILDING A BETTER ENVIRONMENT FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS.

AN EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD TO DRAW RESIDENTS' ATTENTION TO VARIOUS TYPES OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION PROBLEMS.

THE THREE-HOUR CARNIVAL WILL ALSO INCLUDE A VARIETY SHOW, STALL GAMES AND A COLOURING GAME FOR CHILDREN.

COUPONS FOR THE STALL GAMES ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE ASSISTANT EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS SANDY CHAN; ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (HONG KONG) OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR CHAN CHI-SUM; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, MR WONG MING-KUEN.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CARNIVAL WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 9) AT THE VICTORIA PARK FOOTBALL PITCHES.

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BANQUET FOR SENIOR CITIZENS IN SHAM SHUI PO

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A BANQUET WILL BE HELD FOR ELDERLY RESIDENTS IN SHAM SHUI PO AT THE FU SHING RESTAURANT IN NAM CHEONG STREET NEXT THURSDAY (DECEMBER 13).

IT IS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD'S WORKING GROUP ON THE PREFERENTIAL SCHEME FOR THE ELDERLY TO CELEBRATE THE COMING DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

RESIDENTS AGED 65 AND ABOVE ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE FEAST.

ADMISSION TICKETS AT \$10 PER PERSON WILL BE ON SALE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 9) BEGINNING AT 9 AM AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

CHEUNG SHA WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE,  
55 FAT TSEUNG STREET;

NAM CHEONG COMMUNITY CENTRE,  
CHEONG SAN LANE, NAM CHEONG ESTATE;

TAI HANG TUNG COMMUNITY CENTRE,  
17 TONG YAM STREET, TAI HANG TUNG;

LAI KOK COMMUNITY HALL, LAI KOK ESTATE,  
SHAM SHUI PO;

PAK TIN COMMUNITY HALL, PODIUM,  
BLOCK 3, PAK TIN ESTATE; AND

SHEK KIP MEI COMMUNITY HALL,  
BLOCK 42, SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE,  
NAM CHEONG STREET.