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GOVERNOR: NO DECISION ON IMPORTING LABOUR

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NO DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN ON THE MATTER OF IMPORTATION OF LABOUR AS IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME TO WORK OUT THE PROS AND CONS, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER VISITING THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH TRAINING CAMP IN LAM TSUEN, SIR DAVID SAID THE MATTER WAS UNDER DISCUSSION BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THAT HE WOULD NOT EXPECT A DECISION FOR SOME TIME TO COME.

"THERE'S LOT OF WORK TO BE DONE CONSIDERING THE PROS AND CONS," SIR DAVID ADDED.

ASKED WHEN THE NEXT ROUND OF TALKS WITH THE HANOI GOVERNMENT ON THE PROBLEM OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE WOULD BE HELD, SIR DAVID SAID NO DATE HAD YET BEEN FIXED.

"WE WANT OF COURSE TO MAKE PROGRESS AS SOON AS WE CAN. BUT WE DON'T EXPECT PROGRESS ON THIS TO BE QUICK," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

"WHAT WE WANT TO DO IS TO MAKE STEADY, FORWARD MOVEMENT IN SETTING UP THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR REPATRIATION, SIR DAVID STRESSED.

ASKED WHETHER THERE WOULD BE AN INDEPENDENT INQUIRY ON ALLEGATIONS THAT VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE IN HEI LING CHAU WERE BEATEN UP, SIR DAVID SAID THE REPORT BY THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WAS BEING STUDIED AT THE MOMENT.

"A DECISION WILL HAVE TO BE TAKEN ONCE EVERYBODY HAS STUDIED THE REPORT ON WHETHER OR NOT ANY FURTHER ACTION IS REQUIRED," SIR DAVID SAID.

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CITY CLEANSING TAKEN UP BY PRIVATE SECTOR

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THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED THE PUBLIC CLEANSING SERVICE ALONG A SECTION OF THE TSIM SHA TSUI WATERFRONT FOR 14 HOURS TODAY (SATURDAY) WHEN A PRIVATE COMPANY TOOK OVER THE OPERATION.

THIS WAS AN ARRANGEMENT UNDER A COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT SCHEME ORGANISED BY THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE WITH THE AIM OF SOLICITING MORE DIRECT PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN KEEPING HONG KONG CLEAN.

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THIS PRACTICE, COMMONLY TERMED PRIVATISATION, IS FREQUENTLY ADOPTED IN THE UNITED STATES, AUSTRALIA AND EUROPE, WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR TAKING OVER A SECTION OF THE CITY FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEANSING IT.

CLEANSING EFFORTS IN FRONT OF THEIR PREMISES HAVE BEEN MADE BY DAIRY FARM, MCDONALD'S RESTAURANTS AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, AMONG OTHER FIRMS AND ORGANISATIONS.

THERE ARE PROSPECTS THAT MORE COMPANIES WILL JOIN IN, ACCORDING TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE, MR WALTER SULKE.

"I HOPE EVENTUALLY WE WILL HAVE SITUATIONS SIMILAR TO THAT IN TOKYO AND ZURICH WHERE EACH HOUSEHOLDER AND EACH SHOP TENANT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING THEIR OWN BIT OF THE STREET CLEAN," MR SULKE SAID.

TODAY'S ARRANGEMENT SAW MCDONALD'S RESTAURANT STAFF TAKING ONE STEP FORWARD BY SHOULDERING THE PUBLIC CLEANSING OF THE TSM SHA TSUI WATERFRONT, FROM THE STAR HOUSE TO THE HONG KONG SPACE MUSEUM, FROM 7 AM TO 9 PM.

URBAN SERVICES STAFF WERE ON STAND-BY TO PROVIDE SUPPORT.

A REFUSE COLLECTION VAN WAS ARRANGED TO TRANSPORT THE REFUSE AT INTERVALS TO A NEARBY REFUSE COLLECTION POINT.

"WHAT IS HAPPENING HERE TODAY, IS THAT THE MCDONALD'S STAFF HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO ADOPT ONE PARTICULAR SECTION OF THE TOWN AND CLEAN IT FOR ONE DAY.

"THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE, ORGANISERS OF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN HAVE BEEN TRYING TO ACHIEVE FOR YEARS," MR SULKE SAID.

THE SPECIAL OPERATION WAS MARKED BY A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY HELD AT THE MCDONALD'S RESTAURANT IN STAR HOUSE.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WERE MEMBER OF THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE, MRS CHOW CHEUNG WAI-PING, AND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE MCDONALD'S RESTAURANTS (HONG KONG) LIMITED, DR DANIEL NG.

THE OFFICIATING GUESTS ALSO JOINED THE MCDONALD'S STAFF IN PART OF THE CLEANSING OPERATION.

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GOVT'S CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO KEEP SHA TIN CLEAN

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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VICTOR YUNG, TODAY (SATURDAY) PLEDGED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE ENVIRONMENT OF SHA TIN TO MAKE IT A NICE PLACE TO LIVE IN.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN SHA TIN DISTRICT CAMPAIGN AT THE NEW TOWN PLAZA, MR YUNG SAID THE SHA TIN DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE'S WORKING GROUP ON STREET MANAGEMENT WOULD CLEAR UP ANY ENVIRONMENTAL BLACK SPOT IN THE DISTRICT.

"THIS CAN BE DONE BY TAKING ENFORCEMENT ACTION OR URGING RESIDENTS THEMSELVES TO REMEDY THE SITUATION," HE SAID.

"IN FACT, SHA TIN'S VERY CLEAN OUTLOOK AND FRESH AIR IS THE RESULT OF CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND RESIDENTS."

MR YUNG ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD RESERVED LAND FOR RECREATIONAL USE IN EVERY POTENTIAL RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT TO ENSURE THAT THERE WAS ADEQUATE GREEN AND LEISURE SPACE FOR AN IDEAL PLACE OF LIVING.

"THIS DISTRICT CAMPAIGN," HE SAID, "IS TO REMIND OUR RESIDENTS THAT EFFORTS ON ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE AND PROTECTION MUST BE KEPT UP SO THAT SHA TIN WILL REMAIN A NICE PLACE FOR BOTH RESIDENTS THEMSELVES AND VISITORS," HE SAID.

"I AM SURE THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN COMMITTEE WILL SERVE TO GET THE MESSAGE ACROSS," HE ADDED.

THE ACTIVITIES, LASTING UNTIL DECEMBER, INCLUDE A CLEANLINESS-MINDED RESIDENTS AWARD SCHEME, KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN SHA TIN SLOGAN COMPETITION, FAMILY HYGIENE COMPETITION, MOBILE ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE EXHIBITION AS WELL AS OPENING AND CLOSING CEREMONIES.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY WERE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR NG CHAN-LAM, AND KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN SHA TIN DISTRICT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR CHOY KAN-PUI.

DURING THE CEREMONY, ABOUT 80 STUDENTS WERE APPOINTED AS "CLEANLINESS GUARDS". THERE WERE ALSO SINGING AND BRASS BAND PERFORMANCES AS WELL AS PARTICIPATION BY DISC JOCKEYS.

THE SHA TIN CAMPAIGN IS COVERED BY \$40,000 FUNDING FROM THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, \$25,000 FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE REST FROM PRIVATE SPONSORS.

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VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE UNDERWAY IN MONG KOK

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A SERIES OF PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES IS NOW UNDERWAY IN MONG KOK TO URGE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO REGISTER AS VOTERS BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30.

FROM TODAY (SATURDAY), PEOPLE CAN VIEW AN EXHIBITION ON VOTER REGISTRATION WHICH GIVES DETAILS ABOUT NECESSARY VOTER QUALIFICATIONS AND ALSO GIVES DETAILS ON MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD ACTIVITIES FOR 1988-89.

THE EXHIBITION, OUTSIDE THE SAI YEE STREET EXIT OF THE KCR MONG KOK STATION, IS OPEN FOR PUBLIC VIEWING BETWEEN 12 NOON AND 8 PM UNTIL SEPTEMBER 2.

BETWEEN NOW AND THE END OF NEXT MONTH, STAFF MEMBERS OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE WILL MAKE DOOR-TO-DOOR VISITS TO REGISTER NEW ELECTORS.

OTHER PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES INCLUDE PUTTING UP BUNTING ALONG NATHAN ROAD, A DISPLAY AT THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, AND PUBLICISING THE VOTER REGISTRATION MESSAGE THROUGH THE DISTRICT BOARD NOTICE BOARD AND THE DISTRICT NEWSPAPER.

THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED TO MAKE USE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SEND IN THEIR REGISTRATION FORMS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE OVER 21 AND ARE HONG KONG PERMANENT RESIDENTS OR HAVE RESIDED IN HONG KONG FOR SEVEN YEARS ARE ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER AS VOTERS.

PEOPLE WHO HAVE ALREADY REGISTERED FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD OR THE URBAN COUNCIL AND REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS NEED NOT REGISTER AGAIN. BUT THOSE WHO HAVE CHANGED THEIR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS SHOULD INFORM THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION BY FILLING IN THE FORM.

MONG KOK ALREADY HAS HONG KONG'S SECOND BEST REGISTRATION RATE, BEING 56.3 PER CENT OF THE ESTIMATED ELECTORATE IN 1987.

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MOBILE COUNTERS FOR VOTER REGISTRATION

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THREE MOBILE COUNTERS WILL BE SET UP TOMORROW (SUNDAY) BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE TO HELP DISTRICT RESIDENTS TO REGISTER FOR NEXT YEAR'S URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

THE COUNTERS WILL BE LOCATED AT THE MA TAU WAI ESTATE, THE CONCOURSE OF THE OI MAN COMMERCIAL COMPLEX, AND THE SITTING-OUT AREA OUTSIDE THE TO KWA WAN GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN MA TAU WAI ROAD.

THEY WILL BE MANNED BY STAFF OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE TO HELP RESIDENTS FILL IN REGISTRATION FORMS, BETWEEN 11 AM AND 5 PM.

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, ITS TWO SUB-OFFICES, AND BRANCHES OF THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK AND THE HANG SENG BANK IN THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT.

THE MOBILE COUNTERS FORM PART OF THE VOTER REGISTRATION EXERCISE NOW UNDERWAY IN THE DISTRICT.

THE OTHER MAJOR ACTIVITIES INVOLVE DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLICITY POSTERS AND BANNERS, AND A TOUR OF THE DISTRICT BY A SPECIALLY DECORATED BUS ON SEPTEMBER 10 TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO REGISTER.

DURING THE TOUR, STATIONERY AND STICKERS BEARING A VOTER REGISTRATION SLOGAN WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE PUBLIC.

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POLICE ENTERING NEW ERA IN FINGERPRINT TECHNOLOGY

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THE \$35 MILLION FIRST PHASE COMPUTERISATION OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE'S FINGERPRINT SYSTEM RECENTLY APPROVED BY FINANCE BRANCH COMES AFTER 12 YEARS OF MONITORING DEVELOPMENTS WORLD-WIDE IN POLICE FINGERPRINT COMPUTERS.

ALTHOUGH THE SYSTEMS WERE FIRST AVAILABLE IN 1976 IT WAS NOT UNTIL TWO YEARS AGO THAT SYSTEMS HAD DEVELOPED TO A STAGE THAT COULD PRODUCE A COMPUTERISED FINGERPRINT SYSTEM COMPATIBLE WITH THE NEEDS OF HONG KONG.

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AND WITH THE TENDERING PROCEDURES NOW GOING AHEAD FOR THE SELECTION OF A SUITABLE SYSTEM THAT WILL BE PARTLY ACCOMMODATED IN THE NEW POLICE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION, MR BRUCE FERGUSON, SENIOR STAFF OFFICER OF IDENTIFICATION BUREAU, SAID: +IT IS NOW THAT THE REAL WORK STARTS.

+THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PROJECT THE IDENTIFICATION BUREAU HAS EVER BEEN TASKED WITH IMPLEMENTING AND SEES US ENTERING A NEW ERA IN FINGERPRINT TECHNOLOGY.

+I AM ABSOLUTELY DELIGHTED THAT FUNDING IS NOW AVAILABLE.+

THE FINGERPRINT COMPUTER WILL BE IN THE NEW COMPUTER SUITE IN POLICE HEADQUARTERS EXTENSION BUILDING AND THE WORK STATIONS WILL BE INSTALLED IN THE BUREAU AT MAY HOUSE.

MR FERGUSON SAID PROGRESS IN FINGERPRINT COMPUTER SYSTEMS HAD BEEN UNDER SCRUTINY SINCE THEY FIRST BECAME AVAILABLE IN 1976.

+TECHNOLOGY TODAY BEARS LITTLE RESEMBLANCE TO WHAT WAS AVAILABLE THEN. ALTHOUGH THE BASIC TECHNICAL ASPECTS MAY BE THE SAME THERE HAS BEEN CONTINUAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OVER THE YEARS.

+IN 1985-86 WE DECIDED THAT SYSTEMS HAD DEVELOPED TO A STAGE THAT COULD BE MOST SUITABLE FOR USE IN HONG KONG AND SINCE THEN WE HAVE BEEN GOING THROUGH THE GOVERNMENT AND FINANCIAL PROCEDURES TO PROCURE A SYSTEM.+

THE POLICE HOLD THE FINGERPRINT RECORDS OF SOME 600,000 CONVICTED PERSONS AND THE FIRST PHASE OF THE PROJECT WILL INVOLVE THE CONVERSION OF 180,000 SCENE OF CRIME FINGERPRINT RECORDS TO THE COMPUTER SYSTEM.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT PHASE ONE WILL BE OPERATIONAL BY MID-1990 AND WITH APPROVAL AND FURTHER FUNDING ALL RECORDS WILL BE COMPUTERISED BY MID-1992.

MR FERGUSON ADDED: +SINCE WE ARE CARRYING OUT THE CONVERSION PROGRAMME OURSELVES MUCH OF OUR TRAINING IN THE NEW PROCEDURES WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THE CONVERSION AND WILL THEREFORE BE VERY MUCH ON THE JOB TRAINING.

+THE COMPUTERISED SYSTEM, COUPLED WITH NEW TECHNIQUES NOW IN USE IN DEVELOPING AND RECOVERING PRINTS FROM SCENES OF CRIME, WILL RESULT IN A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN THE EFFICIENCY OF THE BUREAU AND IN CRIME DETECTION.+

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MR DAVE OLDROYD, STAFF OFFICER, MAJOR SYSTEMS, IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BRANCH, SAID THERE WOULD BE A TWO MONTH RESPONSE PERIOD AFTER TENDERS WERE INVITED IN SEPTEMBER. THAT WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY A THREE MONTH EVALUATION PHASE DURING WHICH SUBMISSIONS FROM POTENTIAL VENDORS WOULD BE EVALUATED AGAINST MANDATORY AND DESIRABLE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SYSTEM.

+WE ARE LOOKING FOR A SYSTEM CURRENTLY AVAILABLE WHICH DOESN'T REQUIRE US TO PIONEER NEW TECHNOLOGY BUT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SYSTEM IS A DRASTIC STEP FORWARD FOR THE ORGANISATION.

+IT WILL NOT BE TAILOR-MADE TO OUR INDIVIDUAL NEEDS AND WILL COVER BASIC FUNCTIONS AND THERE IS NO OVER-RIDING NEED TO CUSTOMISE, ALTHOUGH A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF CUSTOMISATION WILL BE NECESSARY TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH THE SYSTEM WILL BE REQUIRED TO OPERATE.+

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#### MA WAN HYDRODYNAMIC STUDY ACCEPTED

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THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE HAS ACCEPTED THE FINAL REPORT OF THE MA WAN HYDRODYNAMIC STUDY RECENTLY SUBMITTED BY THE CONSULTANTS, AND THE REQUIRED RESOURCES IN CONNECTION WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE NOW BEING CONSIDERED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD LONG RECOGNISED THAT THE NARROWNESS OF THE MA WAN CHANNEL WAS CRITICAL TO THE PASSAGE OF VESSELS TO AND FROM LOCATIONS WEST OF MA WAN.

HE POINTED OUT THAT CURRENTS IN THE AREA WERE KNOWN TO BE ERRATIC IN BOTH STRENGTH AND DIRECTION BUT PRECISE DETAILS WERE LACKING.

"THERE IS AN ELEMENT OF RISK FOR LARGE AND DEEP LADEN SHIPS NAVIGATING IN THE VICINITY OF MA WAN IN PARTICULAR WHEN NEGOTIATING THE SHARP BEND TO THE NORTHEAST OF MA WAN ISLAND," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN 1986, THE GOVERNMENT COMMISSIONED THE BRITISH MARITIME TECHNOLOGY LTD (BMT) AT A CONTRACT PRICE OF ABOUT \$4.4 MILLION TO UNDERTAKE A HYDRODYNAMIC STUDY OF THE TIDAL WATERS AROUND MA WAN.

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THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY WERE TO ASCERTAIN AND DESCRIBE THE WATER MOVEMENT PATTERNS IN THE AREA, PROVIDE GUIDANCE WITH REGARD TO THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH LARGER VESSELS COULD SAFELY MOVE IN THE AREA, AND ESTABLISH THE OPTIMUM MARINE TRAFFIC CAPACITY OF THE MA WAN CHANNEL.

THE RESULTS OF THE STUDY WOULD BE OF SIGNIFICANT USE IN PLANNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NORTHWESTERN NEW TERRITORIES PROPOSALS FOR WHICH WOULD INVOLVE THE MOVEMENT OF DEEP DRAUGHT AND LARGE TONNAGE VESSELS TO THE AREA, HE ADDED.

FIELD MEASUREMENTS OF BOTH TIDE AND CURRENT WERE CONDUCTED AT A NUMBER OF LOCATIONS IN THE STUDY AREA BY USING SPECIAL INSTRUMENTATION AND EQUIPMENT.

THE DATA GATHERED WAS ANALYSED, PROCESSED AND CALIBRATED TO PROVIDE FOR A DEFINITION OF THE AREA'S TIDAL CURRENT FLOWS AND, USING THE WATER FLOW DATA THUS OBTAINED, THE BEHAVIOUR OF SHIPS NAVIGATING IN THE STUDY AREA WAS EXAMINED.

FOR ASSESSMENT OF VARIOUS OPERATIONAL ASPECTS OF NAVIGATION IN THE AREA, SIMULATIONS INVOLVING THE PARTICIPATION OF MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG PILOTS ASSOCIATION AND OFFICERS OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT WERE AMONG THE TECHNIQUES USED FOR THIS PART OF THE STUDY.

THE RESULTS ARRIVED AT WERE USED TO DETERMINE VARIOUS OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SAFE NAVIGATION IN THE MA WAN AREA AS WELL AS TRAFFIC CAPACITY OF THE WATERWAY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE STUDY HAD ACHIEVED A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE TIDAL CURRENT PATTERNS AROUND MA WAN WITH THE PRODUCTION OF A TIDAL STREAM ATLAS, WHICH PROVIDED FOR A MORE ACCURATE PREDICTION OF THE TIDAL FLOWS IN THE AREA.

"THE STUDY REPORT HAS DERIVED A THEORETICAL TRAFFIC CAPACITY FOR THE WATERWAY AND MAKES CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH LARGE VESSELS OF DIFFERING TONNAGES SHOULD TRANSIT THE CHANNEL, IN ADDITION TO PROPOSALS FOR VESSEL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT IN THE AREA.

"IT ALSO RECOMMENDS INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT INCLUDING A CURRENT METER TO FACILITATE INSTANTANEOUS PREDICTION OF THE TIDAL CURRENT IN THE AREA THROUGH THE USE OF A COMPUTER," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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MURAL PAINTING BRIGHTENS UP TAI O SEAWALL

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FREQUENT VISITORS AND RESIDENTS OF TAI O ON LANTAU MUST HAVE NOTICED THAT A LIVELY AND COLOURFUL PIECE OF MURAL PAINTING HAS BRIGHTENED UP THE PLAIN CONCRETE SEAWALL FACING THE CARPARK THERE SINCE LAST WEEKEND.

IT WAS THE MASTERPIECE OF 26 AMATEUR ARTISTS, AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 30, WHO HAD BEEN WORKING TOGETHER ON THE DESIGN AND DRAWING FOR MORE THAN FIVE WEEKS.

THE PAINTING DEPICTS HOW VILLAGERS IN TAI O CELEBRATE THE FOUR MAJOR TRADITIONAL CHINESE FESTIVALS - THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL, THE TUEN NG FESTIVAL, THE CHING MING FESTIVAL AND THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

WITH THE THEME OF "MY DRAWING OF MY HOME", THE MURAL PAINTING PROJECT WAS AIMED AT CULTIVATING A SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG LOCAL YOUTHS THROUGH HELPING TO BEAUTIFY THEIR OWN ENVIRONMENT.

IT WOULD ALSO PROVIDE A CHANCE FOR THE YOUTHS TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR ARTISTIC TALENT AS WELL AS ADDING ANOTHER LOCAL ATTRACTION FOR TOURISTS.

THE PROJECT, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE YWCA TAI O COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, WAS PART OF THE DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTED BY THE COMMUNITY BUILDING CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE DISTRICT.

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VARIETY SHOW TO CONCLUDE TAI PO SYP

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ABOUT 800 TAI PO RESIDENTS WILL BE ENTERTAINED AT A VARIETY SHOW TOMORROW (SUNDAY) IN THE TAI PO CIVIC CENTRE TO MARK THE CLOSING OF THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

THE SHOW IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, AND CO-SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

BEGINNING AT 8 PM, THE SHOW WILL FEATURE DANCES BY MEMBERS OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION AND STUDENTS OF A LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOL, AND POP MUSIC.

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FREE ADMISSION TICKETS FOR THE SHOW HAVE ALREADY BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO RESIDENTS THROUGH THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, ITS SUB-OFFICES AND LOCAL VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

OFFICIATING AT TOMORROW'S CLOSING CEREMONY WILL BE THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN BURRETT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHOW BEGINNING AT 8 PM IN THE TAI PO CIVIC CENTRE, ON PONG ROAD, TAI PO.

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DISCO NITE TO CLOSE KWUN TONG SYP

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THE EIGHT-WEEK-LONG KWUN TONG SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME (SYP), WHICH HAS ATTRACTED THOUSANDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE TO TAKE PART IN ITS 400 EVENTS, WILL COME TO A CONCLUSION ON MONDAY (AUGUST 29) NIGHT.

THE CLOSING WILL BE MARKED BY A DISCO PARTY ON BOARD A FERRY WHERE HUNDREDS OF YOUTHS WILL GATHER TO SHARE DISCO FUN AT SEA.

BEFORE THE PARTY BEGINS, A CLOSING CEREMONY FOR THE SYP WILL BE HELD DURING WHICH FIVE LOCAL ORGANISATIONS WILL BE PRESENTED WITH AWARDS FOR ORGANISING OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICES PROJECTS.

ATTENDING THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHRIS WAN; REGIONAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (EAST KOWLOON), MRS LOUISE WONG; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM HANG-FAI; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT SYP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MISS YEUNG KAM-CHUN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CLOSING CEREMONY AND DISCO NITE ON MONDAY (AUGUST 29).

THE CLOSING CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM ON BOARD A HONGKONG AND YAUMATI COMPANY FERRY BERTHED AT THE KWUN TONG FERRY PIER. AFTER THE CEREMONY, THE FERRY WILL LEAVE TO BEGIN THE DISCO NITE AT SEA.

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CHILDREN'S BASEBALL INVITATION COMPETITION TOMORROW

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THE THIRD HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN BASEBALL INVITATION COMPETITION, ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN SPORTS ASSOCIATION, WILL BE HELD AT THE SHA TIN SPORTS GROUND IN YUEN WO ROAD TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

FOUR TEAMS WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THIS EVENT -- THE U.S.A. YOUTH BASEBALL TEAM, GUANGZHOU CHILDREN BASEBALL TEAM, HONG KONG ALL STAR TEAM AND SHA TIN SPORTS ASSOCIATION BASEBALL TEAM.

THE COMPETITION WILL BE PLAYED ON A KNOCK-OUT BASIS, AND MATCHES WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM.

THE OFFICIATING GUEST WILL BE ACTING REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR LEO KWAN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE THIRD HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN BASEBALL INVITATION COMPETITION TO BEGIN AT 9.30 AM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE SHA TIN SPORTS GROUND IN YUEN WO ROAD.

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IMPROVEMENT TO YUEN LONG NULLAHS

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT INTENDS TO CARRY OUT WORKS TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS OF THE YUEN LONG NULLAHS.

THE DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO CONSTRUCT A PUMPING STATION, AN INFLATABLE DAM AND LOW FLOW CHANNELS TOGETHER WITH CONCRETE LININGS FOR THOSE CHANNELS WITHIN AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 14.91 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT THE YUEN LONG NULLAHS.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED HAS BEEN DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GAZETTE.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 25 THIS YEAR.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURE IN YUEN LONG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TO FACILITATE LRT TRACK MAINTENANCE WORK AT THE JUNCTION OF MA WANG ROAD/WANG TAT ROAD/CASTLE PEAK ROAD (PING SHAN) IN YUEN LONG, SECTIONS OF THE TRAFFIC LANE ON THESE ROADS WILL BE CLOSED IN TURN DAILY BETWEEN 9 PM AND 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FROM AUGUST 29 (MONDAY) TO SEPTEMBER 14.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT EXISTING TRAFFIC MOVEMENT AT THIS JUNCTION WILL BE MAINTAINED DURING THE WORK PERIOD.

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TEMPORARY URBAN CLEARWAY IN QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL BETWEEN HOUSE NOS. 180 AND 202 WILL BE MADE A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 30).

THIS MEASURE WILL LAST FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS FOR ROADWORKS.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN HAPPY VALLEY

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN HAPPY VALLEY FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 30) FOR ABOUT FOUR WEEKS TO FACILITATE DRAINAGE WORKS:

- \* HIP WO LANE BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH CHEONG MING STREET AND A POINT ABOUT FIVE METRES SOUTH OF THAT JUNCTION WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.
- \* CHEONG MING STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY EASTBOUND TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.
- \* SHING PING STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY WESTBOUND TO ONE-WAY EASTBOUND.

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