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EXCO APPROVES MEASURES TO ALLEVIATE TUNNEL CONGESTION

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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS ENDORSED A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES TO MINIMISE CONGESTION AT THE LION ROCK TUNNEL AND TAI PO ROAD BEFORE THE COMPLETION OF THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL IN MID-1991, THE ACTING DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR RICHARD MEAKIN, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE IN THE LION ROCK TUNNEL TRAFFIC STUDY IS THAT THE TIDAL-FLOW ARRANGEMENT AND THE USE OF TRAFFIC LIGHT SIGNALS TO CONTROL THE MERGING OF TRAFFIC STREAMS AT THE APPROACH TO THE LION ROCK TUNNEL SHOULD REMAIN IN OPERATION UNTIL THE OPENING OF THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL.

THE STUDY WAS CARRIED OUT BY CONSULTANTS BETWEEN OCTOBER AND MAY.

MR MEAKIN SAID THAT TIDAL-FLOW AND SIGNAL-CONTROLLED MERGING SCHEMES HAVE BEEN IN OPERATION DURING MORNING PEAK HOURS SINCE JANUARY AND HAVE ACHIEVED POSITIVE RESULTS.

THE PEAK HOUR TUNNEL CAPACITY HAS BEEN INCREASED BY ABOUT 10 PER CENT, WHILE SOUTHBOUND QUEUES HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED BEFORE 7.30 AM AND SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED AFTER 7.30 AM.

IT IS ALSO INTENDED THAT THE ONE-WAY TOLL SCHEME WHEREBY SOUTHBOUND DRIVERS PASS THROUGH LION ROCK TUNNEL FREE OF CHARGE AND NORTHBOUND DRIVERS PAY A "DOUBLE" \$6 TOLL WILL BE RE-INTRODUCED. EARLY NEXT YEAR.

THIS WILL BE DONE AS SOON AS ADDITIONAL NORTHBOUND CAPACITY BECOMES AVAILABLE ON TAI PO ROAD NORTHBOUND UPON THE COMPLETION OF THE STAGE II ROAD WIDENING WORKS.

THE ONE-WAY TOLL SCHEME WAS TRIED AND EVALUATED AT THE END OF LAST YEAR.

ALTHOUGH GIVING SOUTHBOUND VEHICLES A NON-STOP PASSAGE THROUGH THE TOLL BOOTHS DID NOT HAVE ANY SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON TUNNEL THROUGHPUT, THE INCREASED NORTHBOUND TOLL DID RESULT IN A DIVERSION OF NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC TO TAI PO ROAD.

THE DIVERSION OF SOME NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC TO TAI PO ROAD WILL ENABLE THE TIDAL-FLOW SCHEME, WHICH GIVES THREE OF THE FOUR TUNNEL LANES TO KOWLOON-BOUND TRAFFIC BEFORE THE MORNING PEAK HOURS, TO BE OPERATED UP TO HALF AN HOUR LONGER.

THIS WILL FURTHER INCREASE CAPACITY FOR KOWLOON-BOUND TRAFFIC.

MR MEAKIN SAID ANOTHER RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY EXCO IS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT PRIORITY MEASURES ON THE LION ROCK TUNNEL CORRIDOR.

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THESE INCLUDE AN EXTENSION OF THE OPERATING HOURS OF THE SOUTHBOUND BUS LANE BEYOND 9 AM AND THE INTRODUCTION OF A BUS GATE SCHEME ON LUNG CHEUNG ROAD FOR NORTHBOUND JOURNEYS.

THE DRAFT FINAL REPORT OF THE LION ROCK TUNNEL TRAFFIC STUDY WAS FIRST CONSIDERED BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL IN APRIL THIS YEAR AND IT WAS ADVISED THAT THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND RELEVANT DISTRICT BOARDS SHOULD BE CONSULTED.

CONSULTATIONS WERE CARRIED OUT BETWEEN MAY AND JULY AND THE MEASURES RECOMMENDED WERE GENERALLY ACCEPTED.

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INDUSTRY DIRECTOR OPENS WORLD APPAREL EXPO 88

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EXHIBITIONS SUCH AS THE WORLD APPAREL EXPO 88 HELP BRING TOGETHER MANUFACTURERS AND EXPORTERS IN THE APPAREL TRADE FROM COUNTRIES ALL OVER THE WORLD, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR ANDREW LEUNG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THIS HELPS TO KEEP HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURERS IN TOUCH WITH RELEVANT DEVELOPMENTS ELSEWHERE, MR LEUNG SAID WHEN SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE SECOND WORLD APPAREL EXPO 88.

MR LEUNG SAID THE EXHIBITION PROVIDED VALUABLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL GARMENTS MANUFACTURERS TO EXAMINE THE LATEST FABRICS AND ACCESSORIES AND FOR OVERSEAS VISITORS TO SEE THE HIGH QUALITY TEXTILES AND GARMENTS WHICH HONG KONG HAD TO OFFER.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE TEXTILES AND GARMENTS INDUSTRY REMAINED A MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO THE ECONOMY, ACCOUNTING FOR 41.7 PER CENT BY VALUE (OR \$81 BILLION) OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS LAST YEAR, WITH IMPORTS VALUED AT \$83 BILLION.

"THE INDUSTRY IS, HOWEVER, FACING STIFF COMPETITION FROM OTHER PRODUCERS, AND HAS TO COPE WITH PROTECTIONISM AND RISING COSTS, ESPECIALLY FOR LABOUR," HE SAID.

"TO ASSIST LOCAL MANUFACTURERS TO INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY AND IMPROVE QUALITY, GOVERNMENT HAS PROVIDED THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL (HKPC) WITH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ESTABLISH A NEW TEXTILES AND APPAREL DIVISION FOR DEVELOPING BOTH EXISTING AND NEW SERVICES DESIGNED TO HELP INDUSTRIALISTS MEET THOSE CHALLENGES.

"THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY HAS ALSO JOINED WITH THE HKPC AND THE GOVERNMENT TO SEE HOW GREATER USE OF AUTOMATION CAN BE ENCOURAGED."

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JOINT ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION OPERATION MOUNTED

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A TERRITORY-WIDE ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION OPERATION JOINTLY MOUNTED BY THE POLICE, AND THE LABOUR AND IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENTS YESTERDAY (THURSDAY) HAS RESULTED IN THE ARRESTS OF 81 PERSONS.

THE OPERATION WAS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUOUS EFFORT TO FLUSH OUT ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

OF THE ARRESTED PERSONS, 12 WERE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS CAUGHT AT THE BORDER. THEY HAVE BEEN SENT TO SAN UK LING FOR REPATRIATION.

THE REMAINING 69 HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION. THOSE FOUND TO BE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WILL BE REPATRIATED.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN REITERATED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF ANY AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

"OUR LATEST OPERATION SHOULD DRIVE HOME THE POINT THAT THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE TO THIS POLICY. ANYONE FOOLISH ENOUGH TO BELIEVE OTHERWISE IS ONLY CHEATING HIMSELF," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT APART FROM CONTINUOUS CHECKS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, THERE WAS NO LET-UP IN ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION EFFORTS AT THE BORDER.

"A HIGH STATE OF VIGILANCE WILL CONTINUE TO BE MAINTAINED BY THE POLICE AND THE SECURITY FORCES BOTH AT THE LAND AND SEA BORDERS," HE SAID.

DURING THE JOINT OPERATION, WHICH BEGAN AT 5 AM YESTERDAY AND ENDED THIS MORNING, THE POLICE HAD STEPPED UP THEIR IDENTIFICATION SPOT CHECKS IN PUBLIC PLACES AND CARRIED OUT CHECKS AT SUSPICIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

AS A RESULT, A TOTAL OF 31,243 PERSONS, 3,066 VEHICLES AND 1,297 VESSELS WERE STOPPED FOR IDENTIFICATION CHECKS.

TWENTY-FOUR PERSONS WERE SUMMONED FOR FAILING TO PRODUCE PROPER PROOF OF IDENTITY AND A FURTHER 26 WERE WARNED IN RESPECT OF THIS OFFENCE, WHICH CARRIES A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$1,000.

ON THE LABOUR FRONT, INSPECTORS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT VISITED 2,383 ESTABLISHMENTS TO WEED OUT ANY ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WHO MAY BE WORKING, AND TO CHECK THAT EMPLOYERS FULFIL THEIR LEGAL OBLIGATION OF KEEPING PROPER RECORDS OF THEIR EMPLOYEES.

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A TOTAL OF THREE PERSONS IN THREE ESTABLISHMENTS WERE FOUND WITHOUT PROPER PROOF OF IDENTITY AND HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

ANOTHER SEVEN ESTABLISHMENTS WERE FOUND TO BE POSSESSING NO RECORD OF EMPLOYEES AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THEY COULD BE FINED UP TO \$50,000 AND JAILED FOR UP TO A YEAR IF THEY WERE FOUND TO BE EMPLOYING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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FIREMEN ENCOURAGED TO MAINTAIN HIGH STANDARD OF SERVICE

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THE DEPUTY COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, BRIGADIER GILES ARNOLD, TODAY (FRIDAY) ENCOURAGED RECRUIT FIRE OFFICERS AND FIREMEN TO MAINTAIN A HIGH STANDARD OF SERVICE AND IMPROVE THEIR PROFESSIONAL SKILLS.

HE WAS ADDRESSING A PASSING-OUT PARADE BY 24 PROBATIONARY STATION OFFICERS AND 59 FIREMEN WHO HAVE COMPLETED 26 WEEKS' TRAINING AT THE PAT HEUNG FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL.

MR ARNOLD TOLD THEM THAT THEY WERE ENTERING AN EXCITING, DEMANDING AND OFTEN DAUNTING PROFESSION, THE EFFICIENCY OF WHICH WAS ESSENTIAL TO THE WELL-BEING OF THE CITIZENS OF HONG KONG.

"THE FIRE SERVICES BY ITS VERY NATURE IS OFTEN IN THE PUBLIC EYE AND PEOPLE WILL RELY ON YOU IN TIMES OF CRISIS AS NEVER BEFORE. I KNOW YOU WILL NOT LET THEM DOWN," HE SAID.

"I HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH FIRE SERVICES AROUND THE WORLD, PARTICULARLY IN THE TROUBLE-TORN PROVINCE OF NORTHERN IRELAND AND HAVE NOTHING BUT THE HIGHEST REGARD FOR THEIR STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE AND DEVOTION TO DUTY.

"I ENCOURAGE YOU NOW TO MAINTAIN THESE STANDARDS AND MISS NO OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE YOUR PROFESSIONAL ABILITY.

"IN THIS WAY YOU WILL ENSURE THAT THE GREAT TRADITION OF THE FIRE SERVICES CAN BE MAINTAINED," HE ADDED.

MR ARNOLD ALSO PRESENTED THE BEST RECRUIT AWARDS TO PROBATIONARY STATION OFFICER MR LAU TAK-KIT AND FIREMAN MR NG KIT-MING.

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ELEVEN FIRE SERVICES OFFICERS PROMOTED

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ELEVEN SENIOR STATION OFFICERS OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL OFFICER, EFFECTIVE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE OFFICERS ARE ATTACHED TO THE THREE OPERATIONAL COMMANDS, THE FIRE PROTECTION BUREAU AND THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS. THEY WERE GIVEN CONGRATULATORY LETTERS BY THEIR RESPECTIVE CHIEF FIRE OFFICERS THIS MORNING.

"THIS IS ONE OF THE LARGEST BATCH OF OFFICERS BEING PROMOTED RECENTLY," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

"WITH THE CONTINUOUS EXPANSION OF THE DEPARTMENT, IT IS EXPECTED THAT PROMOTION PROSPECTS FOR FIRE SERVICES PERSONNEL WILL BE GETTING BETTER AND BETTER."

THE PROMOTED OFFICERS ARE MR LAW MUK-SHAN, MR KWAN HIN-CHU, MR HUI YUN-CHEUNG, MR YIU BOON-FAI, MR TONG CHING-SHEK, MR CHAN KWAI-KEUNG, MR CHEUNG WAH-KONG, MR LAI SHIU-MING, MR CHAN KWOK-WING, MR LAU KWAI-WING AND MR YU KAM-KEUNG.

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FS LOOKS OVER GPO OPERATIONS

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, VISITED THE GENERAL POST OFFICE IN CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR GORDON SIU, MR JACOBS SWITCHED ON THE POST OFFICE LOGO WHICH WAS DISPLAYED BY THREE BOXES LOCATED ON THE GROUND AND FIRST FLOORS OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE.

THEN HE MET THE COUNTER STAFF AT WORK, FOLLOWED BY A TOUR OF THE SORTING OFFICE AND SPEEDPOST ROOM.

MR JACOBS WAS ALSO BRIEFED BY MR SIU ON THE POSTAL TRAFFIC, REVENUE FORECAST AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES.

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LIBERATION DAY OBSERVANCE

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A WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY (AUGUST 29) IN MEMORY OF MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS WHO DIED IN DEFENCE OF HONG KONG IN DECEMBER 1941 OR LATER AS PRISONERS OF WAR.

THE CEREMONY, TO OBSERVE THIS YEAR'S LIBERATION DAY, WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE SHRINE IN THE CITY HALL GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE, BEGINNING AT 10.45 AM.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM MILITARY FORCES AND VETERANS ASSOCIATIONS WILL LAY WREATHS AT THE SHRINE, TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE SOUNDING OF THE LAST POST, A TWO-MINUTE SILENCE AND REVEILLE, AND THE FIRING OF THREE VOLLEYS IN SALUTE.

THE FIRING PARTY, BUGLER AND SENTRIES WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS).

LAYING WREATHS AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE:

DEPUTY COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, BRIGADIER G.G. ARNOLD, FOR THE BRITISH FORCES IN HONG KONG;

MR J.V.G. MITCHELL FOR THE HONG KONG PRISONERS OF WAR ASSOCIATION;

COLONEL H.A. DE B. BOTELHO FOR THE HONG KONG WAR MEMORIAL FUND AND THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION;

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL C.G. PATEY FOR THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS);

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA, MS A.M. DOYLE, FOR THE HONG KONG VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA;

COLONEL H.S. GREWAL FOR THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS) ASSOCIATION;

WARRANT OFFICER SECOND CLASS P.G. DOBSON FOR THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT;

MR HO WAI-MAN FOR THE BRITISH ARMY AID GROUP;

MR J.O. EDWARDS FOR THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF FAR EAST PRISONERS OF WAR CLUB;

MR MAXIMO A. CHENG FOR THE SECOND WORLD WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION; AND

MAJOR R.D. TAYLOR FOR THE EX-GUNNERS ROLL OF HONG KONG.

/REMEMBRANCE CEREMONIES

REMEMBRANCE CEREMONIES WILL ALSO BE HELD AT THE LITTLE SAI WAN AND STANLEY CEMETERIES FOR MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG POLICE RESERVE WHO DIED IN THE WAR.

AT BOTH CEMETERIES THERE WILL BE PARADES BY MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY POLICE FORCE AND WREATHS WILL BE LAID ON BEHALF OF THE COMMANDANT AND OFFICERS.

CONTINGENTS WILL ARRIVE AT LITTLE SAI WAN AT 10.30 AM AND AT STANLEY AT 11.30 AM.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONIES WILL BE CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT HEADQUARTERS (AUXILIARY), MR CHAN KANG-PO.

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PRIVATE COMPANY HELPS CLEAN TSIM SHA TSUI

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PRIVATISATION OF CLEAN CITY OPERATIONS HAS PROVED VERY EFFECTIVE IN THE UNITED STATES AND AUSTRALIA, AND HONG KONG MAY SOON BE ABLE TO FOLLOW THEIR FOOTSTEPS IF THE COMMUNITY IS MORE READILY PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE THEIR PART IN THE OPERATION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE SAID THIS TODAY (FRIDAY).

"THE SCOPE OF PRIVATISATION IS WIDE-RANGING. IT CAN BE AS STRAIGHT FORWARD AS PRIVATE COMPANIES, COMMERCIAL CONCERNS AND EVEN A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TAKING UP THE CLEANSING RESPONSIBILITY OF A SECTION OF THE CITY," HE SAID.

"IT HAS LONG BEEN THE OBJECTIVE OF THE JOINT COUNCIL STEERING COMMITTEE TO SOLICIT MORE ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN KEEPING THE TERRITORY CLEAN; WE SEE THIS AS THE ONLY MEANS THROUGH WHICH TO ACHIEVE THE ULTIMATE PURPOSE OF A CLEAN HONG KONG."

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT PRIVATISATION COULD SAVE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR TAXPAYERS.

LAST YEAR THE URBAN COUNCIL AND REGIONAL COUNCIL TOGETHER SPENT A TOTAL OF \$605.6 MILLION ON CLEANSING ALONE, WHILE ANOTHER \$8,511 MILLION WAS USED FOR HIRING OPERATIONAL STAFF.

"PRIVATISATION CAN RESULT IN THE CUTTING DOWN ON STAFF, TIME AND RESOURCES IN THE CLEANSING OPERATION, AND AS IT HAS BEEN SO POPULAR IN OTHER COUNTRIES, WE DO NOT SEE ANY TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY THAT SHOULD PREVENT HONG KONG FROM FOLLOWING," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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A PRIVATE COMPANY, THE MCDONALD'S RESTAURANTS, WILL RESPOND TO THE COMMITTEE'S CALL BY ADOPTING A STRETCH OF THE TSIM SHA TSUI WATERFRONT, FROM STAR HOUSE TO HONG KONG SPACE MUSEUM, AND SHOULD THE CLEANSING OF THE AREA FOR ONE DAY TOMORROW (SATURDAY). THE ADOPTION WILL BE FROM 7 AM TO 9 PM.

URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT STAFF WILL BE ON THE STANDBY TO PROVIDE FIELD SUPPORT.

A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 11.30 AM TOMORROW AT THE MCDONALD'S STAR HOUSE SHOP AT NO. 3 SALISBURY ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.

CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT COUNCIL STEERING COMMITTEE, MR WALTER SULKE, AND MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE MCDONALD'S RESTAURANTS (HONG KONG) LIMITED, DR DANIEL NG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY AND PARTICIPATE IN A SESSION OF THE CLEAN-UP OPERATION TO BE HELD AT THE STAR FERRY KOWLOON CONCOURSE.

"WE HAVE HAD PRIVATE COMPANIES SUPPORTING US BY TAKING CHARGE OF CLEANSING THE AREAS IN FRONT OF THEIR SHOPS. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT SUCH AN EFFORT IS EXTENDED TO COVER A SECTION OF THE CITY," THE SPOKESMAN REMARKED.

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LARGE-SCALE KEEP CLEAN CAMPAIGN TO START IN SHA TIN

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A LARGE-SCALE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL WILL BE HELD IN SHA TIN FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) UNTIL DECEMBER.

CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE A CLEANLINESS-MINDED RESIDENTS AWARD SCHEME, KEEP SHA TIN CLEAN SLOGAN COMPETITION, FAMILY HYGIENE COMPETITION, MOBILE ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE EXHIBITION AS WELL AS OPENING AND CLOSING CEREMONIES.

UNDER THE CLEANLINESS-MINDED RESIDENTS AWARD SCHEME, STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN APPOINTED AS "CLEANLINESS GUARDS" WILL SPOT RESIDENTS WHO PUT RUBBISH IN THE RUBBISH BINS DURING THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD.

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WITH THE RESIDENTS' CONSENT, THEIR PERSONAL PARTICULARS WILL BE RECORDED AND THEY WILL BE AWARDED SOUVENIRS AND CERTIFICATES FOR THEIR CIVIC-MINDEDNESS AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE CAMPAIGN ON DECEMBER 3.

PEOPLE WHO EITHER LIVE, STUDY OR WORK IN SHA TIN CAN TAKE PART IN THE SLOGAN COMPETITION.

THE THEME IS TO PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF PERSONAL HYGIENE AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. THERE WILL BE THREE WINNING AND 10 CONSOLATION PRIZES AND THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS OCTOBER 1.

AS FOR THE FAMILY HYGIENE COMPETITION, THE 246 MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS' CORPORATIONS IN SHA TIN WILL EACH NOMINATE ONE HOUSEHOLD FOR ENTRY INTO THE DISTRICT-WIDE COMPETITION.

THERE WILL BE ONE PRIZE FOR THE CLEANEST HOUSEHOLD IN EACH OF SHA TIN'S NINE CONSTITUENCIES.

THE MOBILE ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD IN SHA TIN'S NINE CONSTITUENCIES FROM SEPTEMBER 3 TO 28.

IT WILL FEATURE THE ELEMENTS OF HEALTHY LIFE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON RESIDENTS' ROLE IN MAINTAINING A CLEAN LIVING ENVIRONMENT.

TO MARK THE COMMENCEMENT OF THIS LARGE-SCALE CAMPAIGN IN SHA TIN, AN OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE MUSIC FOUNTAIN AREA OF THE NEW TOWN PLAZA AT 4 PM TOMORROW.

THE OCCASION WILL BE TAKEN TO APPOINT STUDENTS AS "CLEANLINESS GUARDS". THERE WILL BE SINGING AND BRASS BAND PERFORMANCES, AS WELL AS PARTICIPATION BY DISC JOCKEYS.

THE OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VICTOR YUNG; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR NG CHAN-LAM; AND KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN SHA TIN DISTRICT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR CHOY KAN-PUI.

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

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN SHA TIN DISTRICT CAMPAIGN TO BE HELD AT 4 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE MUSIC FOUNTAIN AREA, NEW TOWN PLAZA, SHA TIN KCR STATION.

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EXEMPTIONS FROM SECURITIES DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) PUBLISHED THE SECURITIES (DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS) (EXCLUSIONS) REGULATIONS SETTING OUT CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FROM THE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE SECURITIES (DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS) ORDINANCE, ENACTED ON JULY 13 THIS YEAR, REQUIRED SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS, DIRECTORS AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES OF LISTED COMPANIES INCORPORATED IN HONG KONG TO DISCLOSE THEIR SHAREHOLDINGS AND SHARE DEALINGS.

"THE ORDINANCE PROVIDES THAT REGULATIONS MAY BE MADE TO EXEMPT CERTAIN INTERESTS IN SHARES FROM THE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE INTERESTS EXEMPTED UNDER THE REGULATIONS INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, INTERESTS HELD BY A BENEFICIARY UNDER AN APPROVED RETIREMENT SCHEME, INTERESTS OF THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER AND INTERESTS HELD BY A TRUST COMPANY IN ITS CAPACITY AS A TRUSTEE OR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE.

"STOCK BROKERS OR REGISTERED DEALERS ARE ALSO EXEMPTED WHERE, NOT BEING THE REGISTERED HOLDER OF THE SHARES, THEY ARE ENTITLED TO DISPOSE OF THE SHARES UNDER A WRITTEN AGREEMENT TO MANAGE INVESTMENTS FOR ANOTHER PERSON," HE ADDED.

THE REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL, AND WILL COME INTO FORCE TOGETHER WITH THE SECURITIES (DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS) ORDINANCE, ON A DATE TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

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TWO MORE AIDS CARRIERS

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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT TWO MORE PERSONS WERE FOUND TO BE INFECTED BY THE AIDS (ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME) VIRUS LAST MONTH.

THIS BRINGS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF AIDS CARRIERS IN HONG KONG TO 125.

IN THE PAST FOUR MONTHS, THAT IS APRIL, MAY, JUNE AND JULY, NO NEW AIDS PATIENTS WERE REPORTED. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CONFIRMED AIDS CASES HAS REMAINED AT 13 WITH TWO SURVIVING PATIENTS.

RELEASING THE LATEST STATISTICS ON ITS AIDS SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME, THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT SO FAR 98,799 PERSONS HAD BEEN TESTED FOR THE AIDS ANTIBODY.

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ON THESE, 125 PERSONS WERE FOUND TO BE POSITIVE. THESE COMPRISED 52 HAEMOPHILIACS, 33 REFERRALS FROM GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS AND CLINICS, 29 REFERRALS FROM PRIVATE PRACTITIONERS AND SUBVENTED HOSPITALS AND 11 ATTENDANCES AT THE SOCIAL HYGIENE CLINICS.

THE SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME WAS STARTED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN 1985 TO MONITOR THE AIDS SITUATION IN HONG KONG.

UNDER THIS PROGRAMME, HIGH RISK GROUPS SUCH AS INTRAVENOUS DRUG ABUSERS, SEXUALLY PROMISCUOUS PERSONS AND HAEMOPHILIACS WERE TESTED FOR THE HIV ANTIBODIES.

SINCE 1985, THE HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE HAS ALSO CONDUCTED A MASS SCREENING PROGRAMME ON ALL DONATED BLOOD.

UP TO LAST MONTH, A TOTAL OF 438,773 UNITS OF DONATED BLOOD HAS BEEN TESTED AND ONLY SEVEN UNITS WERE FOUND TO BE POSITIVE.

LAST MONTH, THE DEPARTMENT'S AIDS COUNSELLING AND HEALTH EDUCATION CENTRE RECEIVED OVER 1,601 CALLS.

THE CENTRE IS SPECIALLY SET UP TO PROVIDE COUNSELLING TO PEOPLE WHO FEAR THEY MIGHT HAVE CONTRACTED AIDS AND ALSO TO CONDUCT HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMMES, SUCH AS SEMINARS AND TALKS, FOR COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS AND CONCERNED BODIES.

SINCE ITS OPENING IN 1985, A TOTAL OF 32,716 CALLS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE HEALTH STAFF MANNING THE CENTRE.

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DETAILED BREAKDOWNS OF THE AIDS STATISTICS FOR JULY 1988

愛滋病抗體檢驗
AIDS Virus (HIV) Antibody Testing
醫務衛生署
Medical & Health Department
病毒組
Virus Unit

	April 85 - June 88		July 88		Total	
	No. 檢驗 tested 次數	No. 陽性 +ve 次數	No. tested	No. +ve	No. tested	No. +ve
經由政府醫院及診所轉介 Referrals from Govt hospitals and clinics	5 744	32	258	1	6 002	33
經由私家醫生及補助醫生介紹 Referrals from private practitioners and subvented hospitals	1 638	28	24	1	1 662	29
到社會衛生科求診人次 Attendances at social hygiene clinics	84 911	11	2 805	0	87 716	11
血友病患者 Haemophiliacs	322	52	6	0	328*	52
濫用注射藥物者 IV drug abusers	2 346	0	128	0	2 474	0
經由家庭計劃指導會介紹 Referrals from Family Planning Association	128	0	7	0	135	0
健康護理人員 Health care personnel	475	0	7	0	482	0
Total 總數	95 564	123	3 235	2	98 799	125

* This indicates the number of specimens and not persons as tests are repeated for certain individuals.

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	April 85 - June 88		July 88		Total	
	No. tested	No. +ve	No. tested	No. +ve	No. tested	No. +ve
香港紅十字會輸血服務 Hong Kong Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service	426 460	6	12 313	1	438 773	7

本港愛滋病患者分析
Analysis of AIDS cases in Hong Kong

	<u>as of</u> <u>26.7.88</u>	<u>as at</u> <u>26.8.88</u>
1. Total no. of cases 個案總數	13	13
2. Total no. of deaths 總死亡人數	11	11
3. Risk factor 感染因素		
sexually acquired 性接觸	10	10
unknown 不詳	3	3
	<hr/> 13	<hr/> 13
4. Sex 性別		
male 男	12	12
female 女	1	1
	<hr/> 13	<hr/> 13
5. Age 年齡		
Adult 成年人	13	13
6. Nationality 國籍		
Chinese 中國	6	6
Non-Chinese 非中國	7	7
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ANTI-DRUG MESSAGES TO BE DISSEMINATED AT BEACHES

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THE MOBILE PUBLICITY UNIT OF THE NARCOTICS DIVISION WILL SPREAD ANTI-NARCOTICS MESSAGES AT THREE POPULAR BEACHES ON HONG KONG ISLAND OVER THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND.

"WE ARE TAKING THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY THE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGES AMONG BEACH-GOERS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NARCOTICS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE UNIT'S GREEN AND YELLOW PUBLICITY VAN BEARING ANTI-DRUG POSTERS AND MESSAGES WILL BE PARKED AT LOCATIONS SO THAT IT WILL ATTRACT ATTENTION FROM SWIMMERS AND SUNBATHERS.

"THE UNIT WILL BE STATIONED AT DESIGNATED PARKING SPACE WHERE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGES AND THEME SONGS WILL BE BROADCAST THROUGH THE UNIT'S PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM.

"LEAFLETS WILL ALSO BE DISTRIBUTED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE VAN WILL BE AT THE BEACHES FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM. IT WILL VISIT REPULSE BAY BEACH TOMORROW (SATURDAY), SHEK O BEACH ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 28), AND STANLEY MAIN BEACH ON MONDAY (AUGUST 29).

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TSUEN WAN DB SEAT DECLARED VACANT

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THE OFFICE OF MR DAVID YEUNG FUK-KWONG AS A MEMBER OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD HAS BECOME VACANT AS FROM APRIL 1 THIS YEAR BY VIRTUE OF SECTION 14 OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS ORDINANCE FOLLOWING HIS HOLDING OF PUBLIC OFFICE AS A PERMANENT MAGISTRATE.

A NOTICE ON THE VACATION OF OFFICE WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID NOMINATIONS TO FILL THE VACANT SEAT WILL OPEN FROM SEPTEMBER 2 AND CLOSE ON SEPTEMBER 16.

"A BY-ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 6," HE ADDED.

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MISCELLANEOUS CHANGES TO LEGAL AID REGULATIONS
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CERTAIN MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS TO THE LEGAL AID REGULATIONS WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE LEGAL AID (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1988 WERE MADE UNDER THE LEGAL AID ORDINANCE.

ONE AMENDMENT INCREASES FROM \$300 TO \$600 THE INITIAL APPLICATION FEE FOR LEGAL AID UNDER THE SUPPLEMENTARY LEGAL AID SCHEME WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1984.

THE INCREASE IS NECESSARY IN VIEW OF RISING COSTS INVOLVED IN THE PROCESSING OF INITIAL APPLICATIONS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LEGAL AID DEPARTMENT SAID.

ANOTHER AMENDMENT IS INTENDED TO PREVENT ABUSE OF THE SCHEME BY THE LODGING OF REPEATED APPLICATIONS BY VEXATIOUS APPLICANTS.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THOUGH SUCH VEXATIOUS APPLICATIONS WERE SMALL IN NUMBER THEY DID RESULT IN AN ABUSE OF THE SERVICE AND A WASTE OF PROFESSIONAL TIME AND MANPOWER.

UNDER THE ORIGINAL REGULATIONS SUCH VEXATIOUS APPLICANTS VARIED THEIR STATED REASONS FOR SEEKING LEGAL REPRESENTATION AND THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AID WAS UNABLE TO MAKE A CLEAR ORDER PREVENTING FURTHER VEXATIOUS APPLICATIONS EVEN THOUGH HE WAS SATISFIED THE CONDUCT OF SUCH APPLICANTS HAD AMOUNTED TO AN ABUSE OF THE SERVICES OF THE LEGAL AID SCHEME.

THE AMENDED REGULATIONS CLARIFY AND STRENGTHEN THE POWER OF THE DIRECTOR TO MAKE AN ORDER THAT WOULD PREVENT REPEATED VEXATIOUS APPLICATIONS BEING MADE. HOWEVER, THE ORDER WOULD BE SUBJECT TO APPEAL TO THE REGISTRAR OF THE SUPREME COURT.

ANOTHER AMENDMENT WILL ENSURE THAT COUNTER-CLAIMS, CROSS-PETITIONS AND CROSS-APPEALS ARE BROUGHT ONLY IN THOSE LEGAL AID CASES IN WHICH PRIOR APPROVAL HAS BEEN GIVEN BY THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AID.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE OPPORTUNITY HAS BEEN TAKEN TO REVISE THE STATUTORY FORMS REQUIRED IN MAKING APPLICATIONS FOR LEGAL AID. THIS WILL MAKE THE FORMS MORE EASILY UNDERSTOOD BY PEOPLE USING THEM WHEN SEEKING LEGAL AID, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

MEMBERSHIP OF ACAF SUB-COMMITTEES ANNOUNCED

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MEMBERSHIP OF THE FIVE NEWLY-FORMED SUB-COMMITTEES OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES (ACAF) WERE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE FIVE SUB-COMMITTEES ARE THE CROP FARMING SUB-COMMITTEE; LIVESTOCK SUB-COMMITTEE; AQUACULTURE SUB-COMMITTEE; CAPTURE FISHERIES SUB-COMMITTEE; AND MARKETING SUB-COMMITTEE.

THEIR TERMS OF REFERENCE ARE TO ADVISE THE ACAF ON THE FORMULATION OF LONG-TERM POLICIES AND ON THE MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR RESPECTIVE INDUSTRIES.

THE CROP FARMING SUB-COMMITTEE IS CHAIRED BY MR LAU WONG-FAT, WITH MR CHAN KWOK-WAI AS VICE-CHAIRMAN, AND HAS FOUR MEMBERS AND FIVE CO-OPTED MEMBERS AND FOUR OFFICIAL MEMBERS.

THE OFFICIAL MEMBERS REPRESENT THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT.

THE FOUR MEMBERS AND FIVE CO-OPTED MEMBERS OF THE CROP FARMING SUB-COMMITTEE ARE:

MEMBERS:

MR ANDREW WONG, DR LAM KIN-CHE, MR YUNG TIN-TACK, AND DR ZEE SZE-YONG.

CO-OPTED MEMBERS:

MR CHOI SUI-KWONG, MADAM FUNG CHOI-YUK, MR LEUNG YING, MR NG YIU-TING, AND MR WONG WAI-YIM.

THE LIVESTOCK SUB-COMMITTEE COMPRISES ITS CHAIRMAN, DR STAN CHEUNG TSANG-KAY, VICE-CHAIRMAN MR LEUNG CHIK, THREE MEMBERS, FIVE CO-OPTED MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT.

THE EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE LIVESTOCK SUB-COMMITTEE ARE:

MEMBERS:

MR ANDREW WONG, MR CHAN KWOK-WAI, AND DR LAM KIN-CHE.

CO-OPTED MEMBERS:

MR CHAN HON-LAM, MR CHAN YUE-YUK, MADAM HUI SIU-WAH, MR KWOK MING-CHEUNG, AND MR WONG SHUI-FAN.

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THE CAPTURE FISHERIES SUB-COMMITTEE COMPRISES ITS CHAIRMAN, MR LEUNG TIN-PUI, VICE-CHAIRMAN MR CHENG FOR-YAU, TWO MEMBERS, TWO CO-OPTED MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND THE MARINE DEPARTMENT.

THE TWO MEMBERS OF THE CAPTURE FISHERIES SUB-COMMITTEE ARE MR PO YIU-KWONG AND MR SO MOON-CHEUNG WHILE THE TWO CO-OPTED MEMBERS ARE DR PETER P.F. CHAN AND MR PETER SZETO.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AQUACULTURE SUB-COMMITTEE IS MR ANDREW WONG AND THE VICE-CHAIRMAN IS MR SO MOON-CHEUNG.

THE SUB-COMMITTEE HAS THREE MEMBERS, FOUR CO-OPTED MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH, MARINE DEPARTMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT.

THE MEMBERS AND CO-OPTED MEMBERS OF THE AQUACULTURE SUB-COMMITTEE ARE:

MEMBERS:

MR CHENG FOR-YAU, DR LAM KIN-CHE, AND MR PO YIU-KWONG.

CO-OPTED MEMBERS:

MR CHAN KOON-YAU, MR CHAN SHUI-LAM, MR JONATHAN GRAY, AND MR LEUNG KICK-CHIU.

THE MARKETING SUB-COMMITTEE IS COMPOSED OF ITS CHAIRMAN, DR ZEE SZE-YONG, VICE-CHAIRMAN MR YUNG TIN-TACK, MEMBER MR IP YEUK-LAM, SEVEN CO-OPTED MEMBERS AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

THE SEVEN CO-OPTED MEMBERS OF THE MARKETING SUB-COMMITTEE ARE: MR CHAN CHI-KWONG, MR CHAN CHUN-HING, MR LAI KWOK-KUI, MR LEUNG WOON, MR LI CHIK-KEUNG, MR LO KWOK-YIN, AND MR TANG SUN.

THE CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN OF THE FIVE SUB-COMMITTEES WERE ELECTED AT THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON JUNE 27.

"WITH THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS AND CO-OPTED MEMBERS AND THE NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF CONCERNED GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, THE FIVE SUB-COMMITTEES HAVE NOW COMMENCED WORK," THE SECRETARY OF THE ACAF, MR JAMES LI, SAID.

"THEY WILL COMPLETE THEIR FIRST ROUND OF MEETINGS BY EARLY NEXT MONTH AND PRESENT THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT ITS SECOND MEETING TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 19," HE SAID.

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES IS A GOVERNMENT-APPOINTED BODY FORMED IN MAY THIS YEAR TO PROVIDE FORMALISED CONSULTATIVE MACHINERY TO ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LOCAL AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES PRODUCTION AND THE FORMULATION OF LONG-TERM POLICIES FOR THE RESPECTIVE INDUSTRIES.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE.

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SPECIAL DELIVERY FOR OLYMPICS MESSAGES

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SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR DELIVERY OF POSTFAX MESSAGES SENT FROM HONG KONG TO CONGRATULATE OR ENCOURAGE MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG TEAM THAT WILL BE TAKING PART IN THE OLYMPIC GAMES IN SEOUL, THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

A SPOKESMAN SAID THE SPECIAL DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE BY THE POST OFFICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, AND WOULD APPLY FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1 TO OCTOBER 5.

POSTFAX MESSAGES FROM HONG KONG WILL BE PUT IN A SPECIALLY DESIGNED ENVELOPE WITH THE SEOUL OLYMPIC EMBLEM AND MASCOT AND WILL BE SPEEDILY DELIVERED TO THE HONG KONG TEAM MEMBERS BY SPECIAL MESSENGERS ON ARRIVAL.

POSTFAX MESSAGES ELIGIBLE FOR THIS SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT MUST BE ADDRESSED AS FOLLOWS:

(NAME OF PARTICIPANT)
(NAME OF SPORTS AND EVENT)
C/O HONG KONG DELEGATION
OLYMPIC VILLAGE
SONGPA-GU
SEOUL 138-150
REP. OF KOREA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO TELEPHONE THE POST OFFICE ENQUIRY BUREAU ON 5-231071.

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POSTFAX SERVICE TO NEW ZEALAND TO CEASE

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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT AS THE NEW ZEALAND TELECOM CORPORATION WILL CEASE TO OPERATE THE POSTFAX SERVICE WITH EFFECT FROM THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, THE POSTFAX SERVICE TO NEW ZEALAND WILL BE DISCONTINUED FROM THAT DATE.

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PARTIAL CLOSURE OF LION ROCK TUNNEL

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD RESURFACING WORK, THE SLOW LANE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES-BOUND TUBE OF THE LION ROCK TUNNEL WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM MIDNIGHT ON MONDAY (AUGUST 29) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE SAME MEASURE WILL BE IN FORCE AGAIN FROM MIDNIGHT ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 30) TO 6 AM THE NEXT MORNING.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO WATCH OUT FOR TEMPORARY TRAFFIC SIGNS AND DRIVE WITH EXTRA CARE AND PATIENCE.

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FEEES FOR INSPECTION OF SOCIETIES REGISTERS WAIVED

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NEW PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION OF ENTRIES IN THE REGISTER OF REGISTERED SOCIETIES AND THE REGISTER OF EXEMPTED SOCIETIES WERE SET OUT UNDER THE SOCIETIES (AMENDMENT) RULES 1988 GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT WITH EFFECT FROM TODAY, THE \$1 FEE WHICH A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAD TO PAY TO INSPECT THE REGISTER OF REGISTERED SOCIETIES OR THE REGISTER OF EXEMPTED SOCIETIES WAS WAIVED.

"BOTH REGISTERS ARE KEPT BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE IN THE POLICE LICENSING OFFICE," HE SAID.

"UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENT, THOSE WISHING TO INSPECT THE REGISTERS ARE REQUIRED ONLY TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FORM, GIVING THEIR PERSONAL PARTICULARS AND THE NAME OF THE SOCIETY IN WHICH THEY ARE INTERESTED," HE SAID, ADDING THAT THE FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE LICENSING OFFICE.

HE SAID INSPECTION OF ENTRIES WOULD BE LIMITED TO FIVE A DAY FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL.

THE SOCIETIES RULES HAVE ALSO BEEN AMENDED TO PROVIDE THAT A FEE OF \$65 IS PAYABLE FOR THE ISSUE OF A DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OR CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION.

"THIS IS THE USUAL FEE FOR THE ISSUE OF A DUPLICATE OF ANY DOCUMENT BY A PUBLIC OFFICER," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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TWO LOTS OF GOVT LAND FOR SALE BY AUCTION

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TWO LOTS OF GOVERNMENT LAND WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT ON SEPTEMBER 21.

ONE LOT IS IN AREA 4B IN SHEUNG SHUI, NEW TERRITORIES, COVERING ABOUT 2,816 SQUARE METRES. IT IS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES, EXCLUDING OFFENSIVE TRADES.

ACCORDING TO THE BUILDING COVENANT, THE BUYER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 8,448 SQUARE METRES BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 1992.

THE OTHER LOT IS AT THE JUNCTION OF PO ON ROAD AND CHEUNG WAH STREET IN CHEUNG SHA WAN.

THE AREA OF THIS LOT IS ABOUT 2,110 SQUARE METRES AND IT IS FOR MULTI-STOREY CARPARK AND NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING PETROL FILLING STATION, GODOWN AND HOTEL) PURPOSES.

THE BUILDING COVENANT STIPULATES THAT THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 14,500 SQUARE METRES BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 1991.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND SALE PLANS SEEN, THE FOLLOWING PLACES:

THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING ENTRANCE), HONG KONG; AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES KOWLOON, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

CONDITIONS OF SALE ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF SHA TIN, TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN, KWAI TSING, TAI PO, NORTH, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS.

THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE, STARTING AT 2.30 PM.

RESUMPTION AND REPAIR OF PRIVATE STREET AND LANES

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO RESUME AND REPAIR TUNG ON STREET AND THE SCAVENGING LANES EAST OF TUNG ON STREET WITHIN LOT NO. KML 84 IN KWUN TONG.

THE PRIVATE STREET AND LANES ARE AT PRESENT NOT PROPERLY MAINTAINED AND MANAGED BECAUSE THEY ARE UNDER MULTIPLE SUBDIVIDED OWNERSHIP. AS A RESULT, THEY ARE IN GENERALLY POOR CONDITION, GIVING RISE TO SERIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL AND ACCESS PROBLEMS.

IT IS THEREFORE NECESSARY IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO RESUME THIS PRIVATE STREET TO ENABLE ITS PROPER MAINTENANCE AND USE.

WORKS WILL INCLUDE THE REPAIR OF CARRIAGEWAYS, FOOTWAYS AND SCAVENGING LANES AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT WORKS.

THEY WILL COMMENCE IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR AND TAKE ABOUT FIVE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED WORKS IS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PLAN AND SCHEME MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

- * THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;
- * THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON WEST, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND
- * THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE, 490 NATHAN ROAD, HOP FAT COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, KOWLOON.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD SEND HIS OBJECTIONS IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN OCTOBER 25 THIS YEAR.

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ROADWORKS FOR CHEUNG CHAU RURAL PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO CARRY OUT ROAD WORKS AT SIN YAN TSENG ON CHEUNG CHAU ANCILLARY TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW RURAL PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE THERE.

THE WORKS INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 4.5-METRE-WIDE ACCESS ROAD IN THE HOUSING ESTATE AND THE WIDENING OF A SECTION OF PEAK ROAD WEST THROUGH THE ESTATE.

DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL ARE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY) AND A NOTICE CAN BE SEEN ON THE NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE OF THE PROPOSED WORKS.

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

- * THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;
- * THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, ISLANDS, HARBOUR BUILDING, 19TH FLOOR, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG; AND
- * THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, HARBOUR BUILDING, 20TH FLOOR, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON WISHING TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, NOT LATER THAN OCTOBER 25 THIS YEAR.

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VILLA IN SHA TIN DECLARED DANGEROUS

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY (FRIDAY) DECLARED A VILLAGE TYPE HOUSE KNOWN AS KAE LO VILLA AT TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD, SHA TIN, DD 184 LOT 533D R.P., TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION AND ITS ADJOINING STRUCTURES LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED THIS MORNING, THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID THIS SINGLE-STOREY BUILDING WITH TIMBER BOARDED ROOF ON SAND BRICK AND STONE RUBBLE LOAD-BEARING WALLS IS IN AN ADVANCED STAGE OF DILAPIDATION.

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THE SAND BRICKS AND THE MORTAR JOINTS ARE VERY SOFT AND ARE BADLY DETERIORATED WITH NUMEROUS VERTICAL CRACKS, PARTICULARLY AT THE WALL OPENINGS.

THE TIMBER ROOF JOISTS AND BOARDING ARE FOUND TO BE GENERALLY ROTTEN. THE WHOLE BUILDING IS CONSIDERED TO BE BEYOND REASONABLE REPAIR.

THE ADJOINING TEMPORARY STRUCTURES BUILT OF SHORT-LIVED MATERIALS ARE CONSIDERED AS LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS AS THEY ARE GAINING SUPPORT FROM THE ADJACENT BUILDING AND ARE ALSO IN A VERY DILAPIDATED CONDITION.

IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THERE IS A RISK OF COLLAPSE OF THE MAIN BUILDING AND THE ADJOINING STRUCTURES. THEREFORE IT IS NECESSARY TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH ALL OF THEM IN ONE OPERATION.

A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER IN THE SHATIN DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 AM ON OCTOBER 26 WAS POSTED TODAY.

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