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GOVT, UNHCR SIGN STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING ON BOAT PEOPLE

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THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES HAVE REACHED AN UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING THE TREATMENT OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE ARRIVING IN HONG KONG.

A STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING HAS BEEN PREPARED WHICH COVERS THE UNHCR'S ROLE IN MONITORING THE ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION AND APPEALS PROCEDURES, THE PROVISION OF LEGAL ADVICE BY THE UNHCR TO PEOPLE WISHING TO APPEAL AGAINST ELIGIBILITY DECISIONS, FUNDING AND THE OPENING OF THE CLOSED CENTRES.

THE STATEMENT WAS CONFIRMED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR ROBERT UPTON, AND THE CHARGE DE MISSION OF THE UNHCR, MR FAZLUL KARIM, THROUGH AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS.

THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT CONFIRMS IN THE JOINT STATEMENT THAT APPROPRIATE HUMANITARIAN CRITERIA BASED ON THE UNHCR HANDBOOK ON PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING REFUGEE STATUS UNDER THE 1951 CONVENTION AND THE 1967 PROTOCOL, WILL BE APPLIED IN THE DETERMINATION OF REFUGEE STATUS.

THESE CRITERIA, WHICH TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE SPECIAL SITUATION OF ASYLUM SEEKERS FROM VIETNAM, ARE REFLECTED IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE WHICH WILL FORM THE BASIS FOR INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED BY IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT OFFICERS DURING THE SCREENING OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE WHO HAVE ARRIVED AFTER THE CHANGE IN POLICY ON JUNE 15 THIS YEAR.

IN THE STATEMENT, THE UNHCR CONFIRMS THAT IT HAS BEEN CONSULTED FULLY ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CRITERIA AND THE PROCEDURES TO BE USED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT FOR THE DETERMINATION OF REFUGEE STATUS. THE UNHCR ALSO CONFIRMS THAT IT WILL BRIEF THE GOVERNMENT'S INTERVIEWERS.

THE DETERMINATION PROCEDURES, INCLUDING THE APPEALS PROCEDURES, WILL BE MONITORED BY THE UNHCR. THIS INCLUDES OBSERVING THE PROCEDURES ON A SELECTIVE BASIS AND ADVISING THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BOTH ON INDIVIDUAL CASES AND ON DETERMINATION GENERALLY.

"THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WILL ADVISE PERSONS DETERMINED NOT TO BE REFUGEES OF THE RIGHT OF OBJECTION UNDER SECTION 53 OF THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 115) AND OF THEIR RIGHT OF LEGAL ADVICE IN PREPARING AN OBJECTION AGAINST REFUSAL OF REFUGEE STATUS.

"UNHCR WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE THAT LEGAL ADVICE IS MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL THOSE WHO NEED IT," THE STATEMENT READS.

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THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT MEANWHILE REAFFIRMS ITS COMMITMENT TO TREAT THOSE ASYLUM SEEKERS DETERMINED BY THIS PROCEDURE NOT TO BE REFUGEES IN A HUMANE AND DIGNIFIED MANNER PENDING THEIR SAFE REPATRIATION TO VIETNAM.

"THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT SATISFACTORY CONDITIONS OF ACCOMMODATION ARE PROVIDED FOR ALL VIETNAMESE AS AND WHEN RESOURCES ALLOW," THE STATEMENT READS.

ON RESETTLEMENT AND OTHER DURABLE SOLUTIONS, THE AGREEMENT CONFIRMS THAT THE UNHCR WILL CONTINUE TO USE ITS BEST ENDEAVOURS TO SECURE THE EARLY RESETTLEMENT OR OTHER DURABLE SOLUTIONS FOR ALL REFUGEES IN HONG KONG, AND APPROPRIATE DURABLE SOLUTIONS FOR ALL OTHER PERSONS OF CONCERN TO UNHCR.

ON FUNDING, THE STATEMENT CONFIRMS THAT THE UNHCR WILL CONTINUE TO MEET THE COSTS OF THE CARE, MAINTENANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES REQUIRED BY ALL ASYLUM SEEKERS, REFUGEES AND PERSONS DETERMINED NOT TO BE REFUGEES AS PROVIDED IN PROJECT AGREEMENTS WITH THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

THESE INCLUDE THE COSTS OF FOOD, WATER, FUEL, TRANSPORT, REFLIEF ITEMS, EDUCATION AND TRAINING, RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND LEGAL ADVICE. THE UNHCR WILL ALSO PROVIDE EDUCATION, MEDICAL SERVICES, VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND JOB PLACEMENT SERVICES FOR REFUGEES.

REGARDING THE TREATMENT OF ASYLUM SEEKERS AND PERSONS DETERMINED NOT TO BE REFUGEES, IT IS SPELT OUT IN THE STATEMENT THAT THE CONDITIONS FOR THEM WILL, SUBJECT TO EXCEPTIONAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS, BE NO MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN THOSE THAT APPLIED IN CLOSED CENTRES PRIOR TO JUNE 16 THIS YEAR.

ON THE TREATMENT OF REFUGEES, THE STATEMENT CONFIRMS THAT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WILL START AN IMMEDIATE AND PROGRESSIVE OPENING OF THE CLOSED CENTRES. THE UNHCR THROUGH THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WILL PROGRESSIVELY ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THESE CENTRES.

THE UNHCR ALSO CONFIRMS ITS COMMITMENT TO TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE NEW REFUGEE CENTRE AT TUEN MUN AREA 46A, TO BE EXERCISED THROUGH ITS OPERATIONAL PARTNERS, AND TO MEET ALL OF THE OPERATING COSTS.

IN ADDITION, UNHCR WILL LAUNCH AN INTERNATIONAL APPEAL IN EARLY 1989 FOR FUNDS TOWARDS THE CAPITAL COST OF THE CENTRE.

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COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH IMPORTANT IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT: SIR DAVID

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (TUESDAY) STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF A MORE COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO DEVELOPING AND IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT OF RURAL AREAS.

ADDRESSING THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE 27TH TERM OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK, SIR DAVID SAID THAT ALTHOUGH MOST DEVELOPMENT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES HAD TAKEN PLACE IN THE NEW TOWNS, THE GOVERNMENT WAS FULLY AWARE OF THE NEED TO IMPROVE THE RURAL AREAS.

"THE URBAN FRINGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME AND THE LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME HAVE ALREADY BROUGHT ABOUT SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ENVIRONMENT OF SOME OF THESE AREAS.

"BUT WE ARE NOT CONVINCED THAT THIS RATHER FRAGMENTED APPROACH IS THE BEST WAY OF TACKLING THE PROBLEM.

"INEVITABLY IT IS PIECEMEAL. A MORE COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH IS NEEDED," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS NOW DRAWING UP A RURAL PLANNING AND IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE AND SYSTEMATIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE RURAL AREAS.

RECOGNISING THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF THE KUK IN PROVIDING A BRIDGE BETWEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE RURAL POPULATION, THE GOVERNOR SAID THE EXPERIENCE AND ADVICE OF KUK MEMBERS WOULD BE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE DURING THE EXERCISE.

"AS A FIRST STEP - AND TO ENSURE THAT LOCAL WISHES AND PREFERENCES ARE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT FROM THE START - THREE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE KUK HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS OF THE STEERING GROUP OF THE URBAN FRINGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME," HE SAID.

"ONCE A FIRST DRAFT HAS BEEN DRAWN UP, THE KUK'S ADVICE WILL ALSO BE SOUGHT ON THE RURAL PLANNING AND IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY ITSELF.

"THIS APPROACH SHOWS HOW MUCH IMPORTANCE THE GOVERNMENT ATTACHES TO CONSULTING THE KUK ON MATTERS AFFECTING THE RURAL POPULATION."

SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD ALSO CONTINUE TO USE WELL ESTABLISHED CHANNELS FOR REGULAR DISCUSSIONS ON OTHER MATTERS OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO THE KUK, SUCH AS LAND POLICY, SMALL HOUSE POLICY AND LAND RESUMPTION.

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NOTING THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE TERRITORY HAD MOVED IN AS THE NEW TERRITORIES HAD DEVELOPED, SIR DAVID SAID THE KUK HAD SENSIBLY RECOGNISED THIS CHANGE BY EXPANDING ITS MEMBERSHIP TO INCLUDE MEMBERS WHO WERE NOT INDIGENOUS VILLAGERS.

"THESE CO-OPTED COUNCILLORS, WHO ALL HAVE CLOSE TIES WITH THE NEW TERRITORIES, BRING WITH THEM A WIDE RANGE OF EXPERTISE," HE SAID.

"THEY ALSO GIVE THE KUK A WIDER REPRESENTATIVE BASE WHICH WILL HELP IT TO MEET THE NEW CHALLENGES OF THE FUTURE."

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TAC DISCUSSES HIGHER FIXED PENALTY FINES

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THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TODAY (TUESDAY) DISCUSSED PROPOSALS TO RAISE THE LEVEL OF FIXED PENALTY FINES FOR TRAFFIC OFFENCES TO STRENGTHEN THE DETERRENT EFFECT OF FIXED PENALTY TICKETS.

IT WAS PROPOSED THAT THE FINE FOR PARKING AND OTHER MINOR TRAFFIC OFFENCES BE INCREASED FROM $140 TO $200 WHILE THAT FOR THE MORE SERIOUS TRAFFIC OFFENCES BE RAISED FROM $200 TO $280.

THE COMMITTEE NOTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF OVERLOADING OFFENCES IN THE PAST FEW YEARS -- FROM 1,644 IN 1985 TO 23,641 IN 1987.

IT WAS PROPOSED THAT THE FINE FOR OVERLOADING SHOULD GO UP FROM THE PRESENT $200 TO $450.

THE TAC ALSO DISCUSSED THE PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE THE OFFENCE OF OVERLOADING IN THE DRIVING OFFENCE POINTS SYSTEM.

MEMBERS FELT THAT THE PROPOSAL TO IMPOSE DRIVING OFFENCE POINTS ON GOODS VEHICLE DRIVERS FOR SERIOUS OVERLOADING OFFENCES SHOULD BE EXAMINED IN CONJUNCTION WITH EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY MEASURES TO HOLD VEHICLE OWNERS RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH OFFENCES.

MEMBERS WERE INFORMED OF A PROPOSAL TO ADVANCE THE EXTENSION OF THE SEAT BELT LEGISLATION TO GOODS VEHICLES.

ORIGINALLY, IT WAS PLANNED THAT GOODS VEHICLES MANUFACTURED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1990 WOULD BE REQUIRED TO BE FITTED WITH SEAT BELTS.

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UNDER THE PROPOSAL, THE EFFECTIVE DATE WOULD BE ADVANCED TO JULY 1, 1989 FOR GOODS VEHICLES REGISTERED ON OR AFTER THAT DATE.

IT WAS ALSO PROPOSED THAT THE COMPULSORY WEARING OF SEAT BELTS FOR GOODS VEHICLES WOULD ALSO TAKE EFFECT FROM JULY 1, 1989.

THE TAC DISCUSSED THE APPLICATIONS FROM THE HONGKONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY AND THE STAR FERRY COMPANY FOR A FRANCHISED PASSENGER FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN CENTRAL AND TSIM SHA TSUI EAST. NO DECISION WAS TAKEN.

MEMBERS WERE BRIEFED ON THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY, CARRIED OUT IN MARCH THIS YEAR, ON THE LEVEL OF TAXI SERVICE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND IN THE URBAN AREAS.

REGARDING THE EFFECTS THAT A RE-INTRODUCTION OF SUMMER TIME WOULD HAVE ON TRANSPORT SERVICES IN HONG KONG, MEMBERS NOTED THE VIEWS OF THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT OPERATORS AND THE ASSESSMENT MADE BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ON THE IMPACT ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES.

THE VIEWS OF THE TRANSPORT OPERATORS HAD BEEN FORWARDED TO THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION.

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COLOUR TV EXPORTS TO UK REQUIRE CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN

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IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF HONG KONG'S TRADING SYSTEM, FUTURE EXPORTS OF COLOUR TELEVISION SETS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM WILL REQUIRE CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN.

THE ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MRS REGINA IP, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN IN THE LIGHT OF SOME CONCERN EXPRESSED BY BRITAIN, AND FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH THE TRADE ADVISORY BOARD.

FROM NOVEMBER 1, COLOUR TELEVISIONS MANUFACTURED AND ORIGINATING IN HONG KONG MUST BE COVERED BY CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN ISSUED BY THE TRADE DEPARTMENT OR ONE OF THE FIVE GOVERNMENT-APPROVED CERTIFICATION ORGANISATIONS.

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BRITAIN HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBLE ORIGIN PROBLEMS WITH TELEVISION SETS SHIPPED FROM HONG KONG, SHE SAID, AND THE NEW SYSTEM WOULD ENSURE THAT CUSTOMS AND EXCISE OFFICERS IN THE UK COULD EASILY IDENTIFY CONSIGNMENTS OF GENUINE COLOUR TELEVISION SETS FROM THE TERRITORY AND THUS SPEED CUSTOMS CLEARANCE.

"THE REQUIREMENT DEMONSTRATES HONG KONG'S RESOLVE TO MAINTAIN ITS STATUS AS A SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY AND TO TAKE EFFECTIVE ACTION AGAINST ORIGIN FRAUDS," MRS IP SAID.

"OUR MANUFACTURERS WILL BE ABLE TO MEET ORIGIN REQUIREMENTS AND RIGOROUS ENFORCEMENT WILL HELP PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF OUR TRADING SYSTEM."

THE FIVE GOVERNMENT-APPROVED CERTIFICATION ORGANISATIONS AUTHORISED TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN ARE:

HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,

INDIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, HONG KONG

FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES,

CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG

CHINESE GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

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AIR LETTER SERVICES TO UK RESUME

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THE HONG KONG POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT AIR LETTER SERVICES TO THE UNITED KINGDOM HAVE RESUMED.

THIS MEANS THAT, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SPEEDPOST SERVICE, ALL POSTAL SERVICES TO THE UNITED KINGDOM HAVE RETURNED TO NORMAL.

SPEEDPOST SERVICE IS STILL ONLY OPEN FOR 11 MAJOR CITIES - BIRMINGHAM, BRISTOL, EDINBURGH, GLASGOW, LEEDS, LIVERPOOL, LONDON, MANCHESTER, NEWCASTLE, NOTTINGHAM, AND READING.

POST OFFICE CUSTOMERS WILL BE ADVISED WHEN SPEEDPOST SERVICE FOR OTHER CITIES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM RETURNS TO NORMAL.

REMINDER ON LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR WORKING OUTSIDE HK

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EMPLOYERS OR THEIR DULY AUTHORISED AGENTS ARE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF $50,000 FOR FAILING TO ENTER INTO A WRITTEN CONTRACT WITH MANUAL WORKERS WHOM THEY ENGAGE TO WORK OUTSIDE HONG KONG.

THE FINE IS ALSO APPLICABLE IF EMPLOYERS FAIL TO PRESENT THE CONTRACTS SIGNED BY THE WORKERS TO THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT FOR ATTESTATION BEFORE THEIR DEPARTURE.

IN ADDITION, EMPLOYERS WILL BE PROSECUTED IF THEY INDUCE A WORKER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WHICH DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THE LAW OR COUNSEL A WORKER TO TAKE UP EMPLOYMENT BEFORE THE CONTRACT IS ATTESTED.

A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT UNDER THE CONTRACTS FOR EMPLOYMENT OUTSIDE HONG KONG ORDINANCE, A CONTRACT MUST CONTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT RATES OF WAGES AND OVERTIME, DAYS AND HOURS OF WORK, REST DAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

"IT MUST PROVIDE FOR VARYING OR TERMINATING THE CONTRACT AND MAKE THE EMPLOYER RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING PASSAGES TO AND FROM THE PLACE OF WORK FOR THE WORKER," THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

"THE CONTRACT SHOULD ALSO SPECIFY THE EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY TO PAY FOR MEDICAL EXPENSES.

"IN ESSENCE, THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS DEFINED IN THE CONTRACT MUST BE BROADLY IN LINE WITH THOSE PROVIDED UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE AND THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE, BOTH OF WHICH RELATE TO EMPLOYEES IN HONG KONG."

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT THERE WAS A DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS ATTESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT THIS YEAR.

BETWEEN JANUARY AND AUGUST, THE EXTERNAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT ATTESTED 136 FIRST CONTRACTS AND 65 RE-ENGAGEMENT CONTRACTS. THESE COMPARE WITH 164 FIRST CONTRACTS AND 99 RE-ENGAGEMENT CONTRACTS ATTESTED IN THE SAME EIGHT-MONTH PERIOD LAST YEAR.

"OBVIOUSLY, THE NUMBER OF MANUAL WORKERS TAKING UP EMPLOYMENT OUTSIDE HONG KONG FAR EXCEEDS THE NUMBER OF CONTRACTS ATTESTED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADVISED WORKERS INTENDING TO WORK OUTSIDE HONG KONG TO ENSURE, IN THEIR OWN INTEREST, THAT THEIR EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN ATTESTED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT BEFORE DEPARTURE.

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EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE DOUBTS ABOUT THE PROPER PROCEDURES IN RECRUITING WORKERS FOR EMPLOYMENT OUTSIDE HONG KONG ARE ALSO WELCOME TO CONTACT THE SERVICE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

THE EXTERNAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE IS LOCATED ON THE 12TH FLOOR OF HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE BY TELEPHONING 5-8523535 OR 5-8523537.

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SEMINARS ON SAFETY FOR FISHERMEN

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HAS ORGANISED A SERIES OF THREE SEMINARS THIS MONTH TO PROMOTE GREATER AWARENESS OF WORKING SAFETY ON BOARD FISHING VESSELS IN ORDER TO HELP FISHERMEN PREVENT ACCIDENTS.

THE FIRST SEMINAR WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT 10 AM AT THE DEPARTMENT'S ABERDEEN FISHERIES OFFICES, 100A SHEK PAI WAN ROAD, ABERDEEN (NEXT TO THE FMO ABERDEEN FISH MARKET).

THE TOPICS TO BE COVERED INCLUDE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SAFETY, FIRE HARZARD PREVENTION AND SAFETY IN USING LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS.

EXPERTS FROM THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND MARINE DEPARTMENT WILL DELIVER THE TALKS AT THE SEMINAR WHICH WILL LAST UNTIL 4 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE SEMINAR WILL BE PRECEDED BY A PRESS BRIEFING BY THE DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR FISHERIES OFFICER, DR PAUL MAK, AT THE ABERDEEN FISHERIES OFFICES, AT 9.45 AM.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE BRIEFING.

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PROPER HANDLING OF PLEASURE VESSELS URGED

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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) URGED OWNERS AND COXSWAINS OF PLEASURE VESSELS TO HANDLE THEIR BOATS PROPERLY AND TO PRACTISE GOOD SEAMANSHIP AT ALL TIMES.

THE DEPARTMENT MADE THIS APPEAL FOLLOWING RECENT COMPLAINTS ABOUT IMPROPER USE OF VESSELS AND INCONSIDERATE BEHAVIOUR BY PERSONS IN CHARGE OF VESSELS.

A SENIOR MARINE OFFICER, MR TSANG MAN-CHING, SAID THE SURE WAY TO ENSURE A SAFE AND HAPPY VOYAGE WAS TO OBSERVE THE "RULES OF THE ROAD" AT ALL TIMES.

HE SAID THAT IN COMPLYING WITH THE REGULATIONS IN PREVENTING COLLISIONS IT WAS GOOD SEAMANSHIP TO BE COURTEOUS AND TO SHOW DUE CONSIDERATION TO OTHER VESSELS.

"FOR INSTANCE, IT IS ESSENTIAL TO REDUCE SPEED AND TO BRING THE VESSEL UNDER CONTROL WHEN APPROACHING OR MANOEUVRING IN CONGESTED WATERS SUCH AS OFF LANDING STEPS, PUBLIC PIERS AND AT POPULAR ANCHORAGES," HE SAID.

OWNERS AND COXSWAINS ARE ASKED TO PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION WHEN PASSING VESSELS STOPPED IN ANCHORAGES.

"ALWAYS BEAR IN MIND THAT THERE MAY BE SWIMMERS IN THE WATER AND THAT SMALL VESSELS UNDERWAY IN CLOSE PROXIMITY MAY BE OBSCURED BY NEARBY LARGER VESSELS," MR TSANG SAID.

MR TSANG SAID IN SELECTING AN ANCHORAGE, DUE ALLOWANCE SHOULD BE GIVEN FOR THE EFFECT OF WIND, TIDE AND THE PRESENCE OF OTHER ANCHORED VESSELS.

"NEVER ANCHOR TOO CLOSE TO OTHER VESSELS," HE SAID, NOTING THAT IF THE INTENDED ANCHORAGE IS ALREADY CONGESTED, CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ANCHORING FURTHER OUT OR PROCEEDING TO ANOTHER ANCHORAGE.

MR TSANG ADDED THAT EVEN AFTER DROPPING THE ANCHOR, LOOKOUT SHOULD BE MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES AS THE VESSEL MAY SWING IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS AND DRAG ITS ANCHOR.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT SOME POPULAR BOATING AREAS ARE DESIGNATED SPEED RESTRICTED ZONES WHERE A SPEED LIMIT OF FIVE KNOTS IS IMPOSED.

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A PLAN SHOWING THE LOCATIONS OF THE SPEED RESTRICTED ZONES CAN BE OBTAINED FREE OF CHARGE FROM THE PLEASURE VESSELS UNIT OF THE DEPARTMENT ON THE THIRD FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, OR UPON REQUEST BY MAIL.

"SPEED BOAT COXSWAINS ARE ASKED TO PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE LIMITS OF THESE ZONES," MR TSANG SAID. "THEY SHOULD CONSIDER PLACING THE PLAN ON BOARD FOR EASY REFERENCE.

"THEY MUST ALSO REMEMBER THAT WATER SKIING IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN IN SPEED RESTRICTED ZONES."

MR TSANG SAID WHEN A PLEASURE VESSEL IS USED IN WATER-SKIING ACTIVITIES, THERE MUST BE A PERSON AGED 18 YEARS OR OLDER ACCOMPANYING THE PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE VESSEL AND TO ACT AS A LOOKOUT AND TO ADVISE THE PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE VESSEL OF THE SKIER'S SITUATION.

TURNING TO JET-SKIS AND WATER SCOOTERS, MR TSANG SAID BECAUSE OF THE SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION OF THESE SMALL CRAFT THE LICENCES FOR THEM REQUIRED RIDERS TO WEAR LIFE-JACKETS.

"THESE SMALL CRAFT SHOULD ONLY BE USED IN DAYLIGHT HOURS AND THEY MUST BE FITTED WITH AUTOMATIC STOPPING DEVICES SO AS TO AVOID ACCIDENTS SHOULD THE RIDERS FALL OFF.

"IT IS ALSO AGAINST THE LAW FOR CHILDREN UNDER 16 TO OPERATE JET-SKIS AND WATER SCOOTERS," HE SAID.

MR TSANG REMINDED OWNERS AND COXSWAINS OF PLEASURE VESSELS OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

* ALL PLEASURE VESSELS MUST BE LICENSED;

* THE NUMBER OF PERSONS CARRIED MUST NOT EXCEED THE NUMBER SPECIFIED IN THE LICENCE;

* THE TYPE AND THE NUMBER OF LIFE-SAVING APPARATUS AND FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT MUST COMPLY WITH SPECIFICATIONS OF THE LICENCE; AND

* ALL PLEASURE VESSELS WHEN UNDERWAY MUST HAVE ON BOARD PERSONS HOLDING APPROPRIATE LOCAL MASTER AND LOCAL ENGINEER CERTIFICATES (EXCEPT FOR VESSELS OF THREE METRES OR LESS IN LENGTH AND WITH ENGINES OF NOT MORE THAN THREE KW IN POWER AND THE OPERATORS ARE AGED OVER 16).

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SHAM SHUI PO COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION

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A COMMITTEE HAS BEEN SET UP IN SHAM SHUI PO TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION IN THE DISTRICT, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE COMMITTEE WILL ADVISE THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICER ON THE STRATEGY FOR PROMOTING CIVIC EDUCATION OUTSIDE SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT, CARRYING OUT RESEARCH AND COLLECTING INFORMATION ON MATTERS RELATING TO CIVIC EDUCATION.

IT ALSO AIMS AT FOSTERING AWARENESS OF CIVIC EDUCATION IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY BY PARTICIPATING IN, AND SUBSIDISING AND ORGANISING, COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECTS.

AT THE SAME TIME, IT WILL MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON POLICIES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CIVIC EDUCATION PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS.

AT ITS FIRST MEETING HELD RECENTLY, THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION AGREED TO ORGANISE A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES TO ACHIEVE ITS OBJECTIVES.

THE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE AN EXHIBITION, A SLOGAN COMPETITION, A VISIT TO THE CIVIC EDUCATION INFORMATION CENTRE, A MOCK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AND VARIOUS SEMINARS.

THE COMMITTEE, WHICH IS APPOINTED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, IS CHAIRED BY A SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, MR WU MAN-YUNG.

THE OTHER 17 MEMBERS ARE DRAWN FROM A WIDE CROSS-SECTION OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD, AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

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WEST NT LANDFILL PROJECT ON AGENDA

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO DISCUSS A PAPER SUBMITTED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CONCERNING FINDINGS OF A STUDY ON THE WEST NEW TERRITORIES LANDFILL PROJECT.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DEPARTMENT WILL ATTEND THE MEETING TO EXPLAIN TO MEMBERS THE BACKGROUND TO THE PROJECT, THE FILLING STRATEGY AND OPERATIONAL CONTROLS.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE LAND UTILISATION PROBLEM RELATED TO THE CONTAINER INDUSTRY IN TUEN MUN AND ITS EFFECT ON THE COMMUNITY, THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEM OF LUNG KWU TAN AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SHELTER FOR THE TUEN MUN TOWN PARK THEATRE.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE SILTING OF THE DRAINAGE AT SIU ON COURT, IMPROVEMENT OF LIGHTING IN AREA 37B AND LIVING ENVIRONMENT OF SAN SHEK WAN, ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION CAUSED BY FACTORIES AT SAN HING TSUEN, AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF PROPOSED DUMPING OF ASBESTOS WASTE IN PILLAR POINT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR, GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, NO. 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

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THE CULTURE COMMITTEE OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO DISCUSS THE PROGRESS REPORT ON CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS AND ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES PLANNED FOR THE DISTRICT AND THE EXTENSION ACTIVITIES OF YUEN LONG PUBLIC LIBRARY.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE FINAL PREPARATION WORK FOR A MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL VARIETY SHOW TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY EVENING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD TO BEGIN AT 3 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE DISTRICT BOARD'S CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE 13TH FLOOR OF THE YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

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NORTH DB TO DISCUSS TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT

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MEMBERS OF THE NORTH DISTRICT'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE DRAFT 1989-90 PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE DISTRICT AT A MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

AT THE MEETING, THE MEMBERS WILL CONSIDER THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MAN KAM TO ROAD TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT AND TO LUK KENG ROAD.

THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED RELAXATION OF "CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS" ON JOCKEY CLUB ROAD AND COMPLAINTS OF THE NON-STOPPAGE OF VEHICLES PASSING THROUGH THE ZEBRA-CROSSINGS AT LUNG YEUK TAU AND KWAN TEI.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING ROUNDABOUT, FANLING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY). THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM.

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TWO LANTERN CARNIVALS IN WESTERN DISTRICT

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TWO LANTERN CARNIVALS WILL BE HELD IN WESTERN DISTRICT TO CELEBRATE THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL.

THE FIRST CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 25) AT THE KING GEORGE V MEMORIAL PARK IN SAI YING PUN, STARTING AT 7 PM.

ELDERLY PEOPLE WILL BE ENTERTAINED BY A CANTONESE OPERA PERFORMANCE AND CHILDREN WILL BE GIVEN FREE LANTERNS.

THE SECOND CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 26) AT THE FORBES STREET TEMPORARY PLAYGROUND, ALSO STARTING AT 7 PM.

IT WILL FEATURE A MAGIC SHOW, ACROBATIC PERFORMANCE, LANTERN RIDDLES, PALM READING, STALL GAMES AND A LUCKY DRAW.

/THESE ACTIVITIES .....

THESE ACTIVITIES ARE BEING ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SAI YING PUN AREA COMMITTEE, KENNEDY TOWN AND MOUNT DAVIS AREA COMMITTEE AND OTHER LOCAL ORGANISATIONS. BOTH WILL BE ATTENDED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN FISHER.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-8523002 OR 5-8170196.

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MID-AUTUMN FESTIVITIES IN KWUN TONG

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KWUN TONG DISTRICT WILL BE CELEBRATING THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL THIS WEEKEND WITH A VARIETY OF CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

THE ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING A CARNIVAL, NIGHT CRUISE, "OPERA NITE" AND VARIETY SHOW WILL BE STAGED IN VARIOUS PARTS OF KWUN TONG TO PROVIDE FREE ENTERTAINMENT FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS.

A MAJOR ATTRACTION WILL BE THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT MID-AUTUMN LANTERN CARNIVAL SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 24) AT THE HONG NING ROAD PLAYGROUND.

THE CARNIVAL HAS BECOME A POPULAR ANNUAL EVENT.

IT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT CULTURE AND RECREATION PROMOTION ASSOCIATION, WITH SPONSORSHIP BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

THE CARNIVAL WILL FEATURE FORTUNE-TELLING, LANTERN RIDDLES, ACROBATICS, A LION DANCE, A DEMONSTRATION OF CHINESE FOLK ARTS, A VARIETY SHOW AND STALL GAMES.

WINNING ENTRIES IN A RECENT LANTERN DESIGN COMPETITION WILL BE DISPLAYED AT THE VENUE.

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DETAILS OF THE MID-AUTUMN CELEBRATIONS IN KWUN TONG ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
SEPTEMBER 24 (SATURDAY)	7 PM	WEST NGAU TAU KOK AREA NITE 1988	LOWER NGAU TAU KOK NO. 8 PLAYGROUND
	7.30 PM	MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL RESPECT FOR THE ELDERLY CANTONESE OPERA NITE	LOK WAH ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE
	7.30 PM	KWUN TONG DISTRICT MID-AUTUMN LANTERN CARNIVAL	HONG NING ROAD PLAYGROUND
SEPTEMBER 26 (MONDAY)	6 PM	MID-AUTUMN NIGHT CRUISE	VICTORIA HARBOUR
	8 PM	LAM TIN (SOUTH) MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL VARIETY SHOW	LAM TIN ESTATE (II) NO. 6 PLAYGROUND
	7.30 PM	NGAU TAU KOK NORTH JORDAN VALLEY ESTATE MID-AUTUMN NITE	JORDAN VALLEY ESTATE NO. 1 PLAYGROUND

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PHOTO CONTEST TO BOOST ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION AWARENESS

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PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT ENTRIES TO A PHOTO COMPETITION WHICH IS BEING HELD AS PART OF THE 1988 ISLANDS DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION CAMPAIGN. ENTRIES MUST BE SENT IN BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30.

THE COMPETITION AIMS AT DRAWING ISLANDERS' ATTENTION TO THE IMPORTANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION AND ENTRIES SHOULD BE ABLE TO FEATURE THE PROBLEMATIC SPOTS THAT CALL FOR IMPROVEMENT IN THE DISTRICT.

/AN EXHIBITION .....

AN EXHIBITION OF THE WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE HELD ON EACH OF THE FOUR MAIN ISLANDS OF THE DISTRICT - LANTAU, CHEUNG CHAU, PENG CHAU AND - LAMMA NEXT MONTH TO AROUSE ISLANDERS' AWARENESS OF THE ISSUE AND TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO JOIN WITH THE GOVERNMENT IN CONSERVING THE ENVIRONMENT.

THE COMPETITION IS ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, WHICH IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DISTRICT'S ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION CAMPAIGN.

THE COMPETITION IS OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS IN HONG KONG. THE ENTRIES ARE RESTRICTED TO COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS WITH A SIZE OF 254 MM X 203 MM AND THEY NEED NOT BE FRAMED.

ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE BY TELEPHONING 5-8524325.

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ENTRY DEADLINE FOR 21ST TOLO HARBOUR SWIM

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SWIMMERS INTENDING TO TAKE PART IN THE 21ST CROSS TOLO HARBOUR RACE TO BE HELD IN TAI PO NEXT MONTH SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS BY SEPTEMBER 27 (TUESDAY).

THE ANNUAL CROSS-HARBOUR SWIM, WHICH IS ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND CO-SPONSORED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD AND A BREWERY, WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 16 (SUNDAY).

THE 2,400-METRE RACE IS OPEN TO SWIMMERS AGED 12 OR ABOVE. IT WILL START AT 10 AM AT SHUEN WAN AND FINISH AT TAI MEI TUK.

THE FIRST 10 SWIMMERS TO FINISH IN THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GROUPS WILL BE AWARDED TROPHIES, WHILE THOSE WHO COMPLETE THE FULL COURSE WITHIN 90 MINUTES WILL RECEIVE COMMEMORATIVE CERTIFICATES.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES, OFFICES OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH (RUTTONJEE HOUSE, 14TH FLOOR, 11 DUDDELL STREET, CENTRAL.)

THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE AND THE TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION (LI FOOK LAM INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE, ON CHEUNG ROAD, TAI PO AND TAI PO JOCKEY CLUB SWIMMING POOL, ON PONG ROAD, TAI PO).

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO THE LI FOOK LAM INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE EITHER BY POST OR IN PERSON BY SEPTEMBER 27.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE BY CALLING 0-6568661, 0-6587217 OR 0-6549141.

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MEASURES TO IMPROVE KWUN TONG TRAFFIC FLOW

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A NEW SET OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON SEPTEMBER 27 TO RELIEVE TRAFFIC CONGESTION AT THE EASTERN KWUN TONG INDUSTRIAL AREA.

STEPS HAVE ALSO BEEN TAKEN TO SPEED UP CONSTRUCTION WORKS IN THE AREA.

"THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME ARE TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IN THE AREA AND TO REDUCE THE CONFLICT BETWEEN PEDESTRIANS AND VEHICLES PARTICULARLY ALONG HOI YUEN ROAD," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE SCHEME WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:

RE-ROUTEING

* THE SECTION OF HOI YUEN ROAD BETWEEN SHING YIP STREET AND WAI YIP STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY SOUTHBOUND; TWO-WAY TRAFFIC WILL CONTINUE ON THE SECTION OF HOI YUEN ROAD BETWEEN SHING YIP STREET AND KWUN TONG ROAD.

* THE SECTION OF KING YIP STREET BETWEEN HUNG TO ROAD AND HING YIP STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND;

* THE SECTION OF TSUN YIP STREET BETWEEN HUNG TO ROAD AND WAI YIP STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND;

* THE SECTION OF HUNG TO ROAD BETWEEN HOI YUEN ROAD AND KING YIP STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY EASTBOUND.

DESIGNATION OF BUS ONLY LANE

* THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF SHING YIP STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH HOI YUEN ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED AS BUS ONLY LANE.

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BANNING OF VEHICULAR TURNING MOVEMENTS

THE FOLLOWING VEHICULAR TURNING MOVEMENTS WILL BE BANNED:

* THE RIGHT TURN FROM HUNG TO ROAD EASTBOUND ONTO TSUN YIP STREET SOUTHBOUND;

* THE LEFT TURN FROM WAI YIP STREET EASTBOUND ONTO HOI YUEN ROAD NORTHBOUND;

* THE LEFT TURN FROM HUNG TO ROAD EASTBOUND ONTO HOI YUEN ROAD NORTHBOUND;

* THE RIGHT TURN FROM HING YIP STREET EASTBOUND ONTO KING YIP STREET SOUTHBOUND;

* THE LEFT TURN FROM KING YIP STREET NORTHBOUND ONTO HUNG TO ROAD WESTBOUND;

* THE RIGHT TURN FROM SHING YIP STREET WESTBOUND ONTO HOI YUEN ROAD NORTHBOUND; AND

* THE RIGHT TURN FROM CHA KWO LING ROAD NORTHBOUND ONTO LEI YUE MUN ROAD EASTBOUND.

ADDITIONAL ROAD LINK BETWEEN KING YIP STREET AND CHA KWO LING ROAD

* DECKING OF PART OF THE NULLAH ADJACENT TO KING YIP STREET TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL ROAD LINK BETWEEN SHING YIP STREET AND CHA KWO LING ROAD.

URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS

* TIGHTER URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS AT CERTAIN ROADS INCLUDING HOI YUEN ROAD, SHING YIP STREET, KING YIP STREET, HUNG TO ROAD AND WAI YIP STREET.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN KWUN TONG AND PARTICULARLY IN THE INDUSTRIAL AREA HAS BEEN A LONG STANDING PROBLEM.

IN THE TOWN CENTRE THERE IS ALSO A NEED TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES TO COPE WITH THE ANTICIPATED INCREASE IN TRAFFIC VOLUMES WITH THE OPENING OF THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING NEXT YEAR.

/A TRAFFIC .....

A TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IN KWUN TONG WAS FORMULATED AND THE ROADWORKS UNDER A $40 MILLION CONTRACT STARTED IN JUNE THIS YEAR ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED LATE NEXT YEAR.

OPPORTUNITY IS ALSO TAKEN TO RECONSTRUCT AND STRENGTHEN SOME SECTIONS OF THE ROADS WHICH WERE BUILT MORE THAN 20 YEARS AGO AND HAVE DETERIORATED.

THE TOWN CENTRE WORKS ARE TO BE COMPLETED IN FOUR STAGES WHILE THE INDUSTRIAL AREA WORKS WILL BE DONE IN THREE STAGES.

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AND THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT HAVE DEVISED TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS AND KEPT THEM UNDER CONSTANT REVIEW TO ENSURE THAT THE DISRUPTION EFFECT OF CONSTRUCTION WORKS IS KEPT TO A MINIMUM.

THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME TO BE CARRIED OUT LATER THIS MONTH IN THE EASTERN INDUSTRIAL AREA IS A RESULT OF THEIR EFFORTS.

TO SHORTEN THE PERIOD FOR REBUILDING ROADS, THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT HAS MODIFIED THE RECONSTRUCTION METHOD AT SIX LOCATIONS.

AS A RESULT, THE COMPLETION DATE FOR THE CARRIAGEWAY WORKS IN THE EASTERN INDUSTRIAL AREA WILL BE BROUGHT FORWARD BY ABOUT TWO MONTHS TO THE END OF MARCH NEXT YEAR.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CAUSEWAY BAY

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CAUSEWAY BAY FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 23).

CANAL ROAD EAST BETWEEN HENNESSY ROAD AND TANG LUNG STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

MEANWHILE, TANG LUNG STREET BETWEEN HENNESSY ROAD AND CANAL ROAD EAST WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY EASTBOUND TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.

ALSO, VEHICLES ON HENNESSY ROAD WESTBOUND HEADING FOR CANAL ROAD EAST WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TANG LUNG STREET.

THESE MEASURES WILL LAST FOR ABOUT SEVEN WEEKS TO FACILITATE LAYING OF WATER MAINS IN CANAL ROAD EAST.

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 23), ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER PING WUI STREET IN YUEN LONG.

THE MEASURE IS TO COINCIDE WITH THE OPENING OF TWO NULLAH BRIDGES ON YUEN LONG NORTHERN BYPASS, SCHEDULED FOR NEXT TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 27).

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TENDERS INVITED FOR BUILDING PUMPING STATION

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FRESH WATER PUMPING STATION AT CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD, NGAU CHI WAN.

THE NEW PUMPING STATION FORMS PART OF THE PROPOSED FURTHER EXTENSION TO THE NEW KOWLOON EAST HIGH LEVEL FRESH WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM.

IT WILL IMPROVE THE FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO HAMMER HILL, SHUN LEE TSUEN, NGAU TAU KOK AND LAM TIN AREAS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN DECEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON SEPTEMBER 30.

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