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INTEREST IN ELECTIONS PICKING UP
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THERE HAS BEEN MORE INTEREST SHOWN IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS THAN THE GOVERNMENT HAD EXPECTED AT FIRST, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

+PEOPLE HAVE SAID TO ME THAT THEY DIDN'T THINK MUCH OF THE FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY IDEA AT FIRST, BUT NOW THAT THEY HAVE SEEN HOW MUCH INTEREST THERE IS BEING SHOWN BY THE CANDIDATES IN THE CONSTITUENCIES AND BY THE EFFORTS THAT THEY ARE MAKING BEFORE THE ELECTIONS IN ORDER TO GET TO KNOW THEIR CONSTITUENCY AND THE ISSUES INVOLVED, THEY HAVE CHANGED THEIR OPINIONS ABOUT THE ELECTIONS.

+THIS IS A VERY ENCOURAGING SIGN,+ HE SAID.

SIR DAVID WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE TAI PO RAILWAY STATION AFTER COMPLETING THE COMMUNITY CHEST WALK FOR MILLIONS ALONG THE TOLO HIGHWAY.

HE SAID HE WAS VERY ENCOURAGED BY THE AMOUNT OF INTEREST WHICH HAS BEEN PICKING UP IN THE ELECTIONS, AND IN WHAT THE CANDIDATES HAVE HAD TO SAY ON RADIO AND TELEVISION AND AT SEMINARS.

+PEOPLE THOUGHT THAT THE KIND OF ELECTIONS THAT WE WERE GOING TO HAVE WERE VERY UNFAMILIAR; THEY HAVEN'T HEARD OF THIS KIND OF ELECTIONS BEFORE; THEY DIDN'T KNOW HOW IT WAS GOING TO WORK; AND NOW I THINK WE CAN SAY IT SEEMS TO BE WORKING.

+OF COURSE WE WON'T KNOW UNTIL THE ELECTIONS TAKE PLACE NEXT WEEK. BUT, SO FAR SO GOOD,+ HE SAID.

ASKED WHETHER THIS ENCOURAGING TREND WAS AN INDICATION FOR DIRECT ELECTIONS IN FUTURE, SIR DAVID SAID, +NO, I MEAN PEOPLE MIGHT SAY THAT THIS IS SO GOOD THAT THEY WON'T WANT ANYTHING ELSE.+

SIR DAVID DECLINED TO PREDICT THE VOTING RATE.

+EACH CONSTITUENCY IS DIFFERENT AND THEREARE DIFFERENT INTERESTS INVOLVED,+ HE SAID.

IN REPLY TO ANOTHER QUESTION, SIR DAVID SAID HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY COMPLAINTS ABOUT ILLEGAL PRACTICES IN THE ELECTIONS.

ASKED WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT WOULD RECONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF SETTING UP A CENTRAL PROVIDENT FUND SINCE MANY LEGCO CANDIDATES WERE USING THIS AS THEIR PLATFORM, THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD HAVE AN OPEN MIND IN ADDRESSING THE PROBLEM OF AN AGEING POPULATION.

/+HONG KONG

+HONG KONG HAS A PROBLEM OF AN AGEING POPULATION. THERE ARE MORE AND MORE OLD PEOPLE IN OUR POPULATION EVERY YEAR.

+WE HAVE TO ADDRESS OUR MINDS TO THAT PROBLEM, HOW WE LOOK AT THE PROBLEM OF AN AGEING POPULATION -- MORE AND MORE OLD PEOPLE, FEWER AND FEWER YOUNG PEOPLE ACTUALLY -- I THINK WE SHOULD HAVE AN OPEN MIND ABOUT IT.

+CENTRAL PROVIDENT FUNDS ARE NOT THE ANSWER TO EVERYTHING, AS YOU CAN SEE IF YOU SEE WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO CENTRAL PROVIDENT FUNDS IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

+BUT THERE MAY BE OTHER WAYS OF DEALING WITH THIS QUESTION, AND WE MUST EXAMINE ALL WAYS,+ HE SAID.

SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS A QUESTION OF SEEING HOW MUCH INTEREST THERE WAS IN THE COMMUNITY IN SOLVING THIS PROBLEM.

+IF SUFFICIENT INTEREST IS SHOWN BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS, OF COURSE THE GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE TO CONSIDER WHAT THEY HAVE GOT TO SAY ABOUT IT.

+THIS ISN'T A NEW THING. IT HAS BEEN RAISED MANY TIMES IN THE PAST BY SOME OF OUR MOST EMINENT MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,+ HE SAID.

ASKED FOR THE GOVERNMENT'S REACTION TO THE REQUESTS FOR PAY RISE BY MAGISTRATES AND CIVIL SERVANTS, SIR DAVID SAID, +ANYTHING THAT COMES FROM THE CIVIL SERVANTS ASSOCIATIONS AND UNIONS WILL BE VERY CAREFULLY EXAMINED BEFORE ANY DECISION IS MADE.+

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BUSY OUTDOOR SUNDAY FOR CHIEF SECRETARY

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, HAD A BUSY SUNDAY OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES TODAY, STARTING WITH A MORNING WALK FOR MILLIONS, AND ENDING WITH A LATE AFTERNOON JOURNEY, PARTLY BY HELICOPTER, TO MEET PLAYERS IN THE HONG KONG-JAPAN QUALIFYING WORLD CUP SOCCER MATCH.

ARRIVING AT 8.40 AM AT MA LIU SHUI PIER FOR THE RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY, SIR DAVID MET THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNITY CHEST CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, MR ROBIN CHAN, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WALK FOR MILLIONS, DR RONALD LEUNG, AND THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR NICKY CHAN, AND LATER JOINED THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE TAKING PART IN THE COMMUNITY CHEST WALK FOR MILLIONS ALONG THE TOLO HIGHWAY.

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THE WALKERS ON THE SIX-KILOMETRE ROUTE PASSED THROUGH MA LIU SHUI (THE LOCATION OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY), PAK SHEK KOK, TSUI HANG, LO WAI AND TAI PO KAU, AND FINISHED AT TAI PO RAILWAY STATION, AT ABOUT 11.20 AM.

FROM THE NEARBY ISLAND HOUSE, SIR DAVID BOARDED A HELICOPTER FOR THE OUTWARD BOUND ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S CLUB HOUSE IN NAI CHUNG, SAI KUNG.

HERE, ACCOMPANIED BY THE ASSOCIATION'S CHAIRMAN, DR SZETO YIU-KWAI, SIR DAVID SPENT ABOUT TWO HOURS, PERFORMING THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A CLIMBING WALL AND A MULTI-PURPOSE GROUND, AND TOURING THE PREMISES HOUSING A DORMITORY FOR 40 PERSONS, A HALL, A BOAT YARD AND A CANOE SHED.

AFTER LUNCH AT THE CLUB HOUSE AT ABOUT 1.40 PM, HE TOOK A HELICOPTER FOR A TEN-MINUTE AERIAL VIEW OF THE AREA, AND THEN PROCEEDED TO STANLEY FORT HELIPAD.

ARRIVING AT STANLEY FORT AT ABOUT 2 PM, SIR DAVID, ACCOMPANIED BY THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, MAJOR-GENERAL ANTHONY BOAM, WENT TO DOT THE EYES OF A 120-FOOT DRAGON TO MARK THE OPENING DAY OF THE CHESHIRE REGIMENT, AND SPENT MORE THAN AN HOUR THERE, WATCHING AN ARENA DISPLAY, INCLUDING A PARADE OF CLASSIC CARS, AND PERFORMANCES BY THE FLYING DRAGON PARACHUTE DISPLAY TEAM, AND THE TAI TAM GIRL PIPERS.

FROM HERE, SIR DAVID LATER LEFT AGAIN BY HELICOPTER FOR HMS TAMAR, FROM WHERE HE TOOK A CAR TO THE HONG KONG STADIUM, ARRIVING AT ABOUT 4 PM.

SIR DAVID THEN GREETED BOTH THE VISITING JAPANESE PLAYERS, AND THE HONG KONG TEAM MEMBERS, BEFORE THE START OF THE SECOND QUALIFYING ROUND OF THE WORLD CUP SOCCER GAMES.

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UK TRANSPORT SECRETARY ARRIVES

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT, MR NICHOLAS RIDLEY, AND MRS RIDLEY ARRIVED TODAY (SUNDAY) FOR A FOUR-DAY VISIT.

THEY WERE GREETED AT THE AIRPORT BY THE AIDE-DE-CAMP TO THE GOVERNOR, MR PAUL COLLIER, AND THE SENIOR BRITISH TRADE COMMISSIONER, MR CHRISTIAN ADAMS.

DURING HIS STAY, MR RIDLEY WILL BE MEETING SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND LOCAL BUSINESSMEN TO LEARN OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TERRITORY.

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SECOND CHOLERA CASE CONFIRMED
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A 44-YEAR-OLD MAN HAS BEEN CONFIRMED TODAY (SUNDAY) TO BE SUFFERING FROM CHOLERA. THE CASE HAS BEEN CLASSIFIED AS A LOCAL CASE SINCE THE PATIENT HAS NO HISTORY OF TRAVELLING ABROAD RECENTLY.

IT IS THE SECOND CHOLERA CASE REPORTED IN HONG KONG THIS YEAR. THE PREVIOUS REPORTED CASE IN HONG KONG WAS IN JULY.

THE PATIENT WAS ADMITTED TO QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL ON SEPTEMBER 20 SUFFERING FROM DIARRHOEA AND VOMITING. HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL AFTER CLINICAL AND LABORATORY INVESTIGATIONS CONFIRMED THAT HE WAS SUFFERING FROM CHOLERA. HIS CONDITION WAS DESCRIBED AS SATISFACTORY.

HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAVE VISITED THE PATIENT'S HOME IN HUNG HOM DISTRICT AND HAVE GIVEN PROPHYLATIC DRUGS TO HIS CO-TENANTS LIVING IN THE PREMISES.

THE PREMISES HAS ALSO BEEN DISINFECTED BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

A MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ALL NECESSARY PREVENTIVE AND CONTROL MEASURES WERE BEING TAKEN AND THE SITUATION WAS BEING CLOSELY MONITORED.

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'KNOW YOUR CANDIDATES' CALL TO RESIDENTS
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KWUN TONG RESIDENTS SHOULD ENDEAVOUR TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THEIR DISTRICT'S LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CANDIDATES AND THEIR POLITICAL PLATFORMS, THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ANNIE TAM, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE PRELIMINARIES OF AN INTER-SCHOOL DEBATE ON CIVIC EDUCATION, SHE SAID: +FOR INSTANCE, THEY CAN OBTAIN THE RELEVANT INFORMATION FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD DISPLAY BOARDS, WHICH CONTAIN THE PERSONAL PARTICULARS AND POLITICAL PLATFORMS OF THE THREE CANDIDATES.

+THEY CAN ALSO COME TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE TO COLLECT ELECTION PAMPHLETS OF THE CANDIDATES,+ SHE ADDED.

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ALTHOUGH RESIDENTS CANNOT VOTE IN THE SEPTEMBER 26 ELECTIONS, THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE CANDIDATES -- ONE OF WHOM WILL BE THEIR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL -- IS ESSENTIAL TO THE SPIRIT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT, MISS TAM ADDED.

THE INTER-SCHOOL DEBATE ON CIVIC EDUCATION, HELD AT THE LOK WAH ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE, IS PART OF THE MONTH-LONG +ACTION CIVIC YOUTH+ PROGRAMME SPONSORED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION AMONG LOCAL YOUTHS.

MISS TAM SAID SHE WAS PLEASED TO NOTE THAT PARTICIPATING STUDENTS HAD PUT FORWARD MANY VALUABLE VIEWS ON CIVIC EDUCATION AND OTHER ISSUES DURING THE DEBATES.

+I HOPE THEY WILL VOICE THEIR VIEWS AS READILY IN THEIR DAILY LIFE,+ MISS TAM SAID.

FOUR OF TODAY'S EIGHT DEBATE TEAMS WILL GO ON TO THE SEMI-FINALS TO BE HELD NEXT SUNDAY AT THE SAME VENUE.

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WONG TAI SIN RESIDENTS URGED TO REGISTER AS VOTERS
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THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PHILIP CHOK, TODAY (SUNDAY) URGED LOCAL RESIDENTS TO SIGN UP AS ELECTORS BEFORE THE CURRENT VOTER REGISTRATION EXERCISE CLOSED ON OCTOBER 1.

+THERE ARE ONLY NINE DAYS LEFT FOR ELIGIBLE VOTERS TO REGISTER SO THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO VOTE IN THE URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS NEXT YEAR,+ MR CHOK SAID.

+PEOPLE WHO HAVE REACHED THE AGE OF 21 AND HAVE LIVED IN HONG KONG FOR SEVEN YEARS SHOULD NOT MISS THE CHANCE,+ HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TSZ WAN SHAN ELDERLY AND YOUTH EXTRAVAGANZA, MR CHOK ALSO INVITED THE RESIDENTS, BOTH YOUNG AND OLD, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FUNCTIONS ORGANISED FOR THE EXTRAVAGANZA IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TWO GENERATIONS.

THE TWO-WEEK EXTRAVAGANZA IS SPONSORED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD AND ORGANISED BY THE THREE AREA COMMITTEES IN TSZ WAN SHAN AND THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE.

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RISE IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING ELDERLY
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ALTHOUGH TRAFFIC ACCIDENT AND CASUALTIES STATISTICS HAVE SHOWN A CONTINUOUS DECLINE IN RECENT YEARS, THE INCREASE IN ROAD TOLLS INVOLVING PEDESTRIANS AGED OVER 60 IS STILL A MATTER OF CONCERN FOR ALL.

MR PAANG KUI-SAN, ACTING POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, YAU MA TEI MADE THIS REMARK AT THE OPENING OF THE 1985/86 YAU MA TEI ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN HELD AT KOWLOON PARK THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

HE REVEALED THAT A TOTAL OF 3 746 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS AND 5 041 CASUALTIES WERE RECORDED IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF THIS YEAR, REPRESENTING A DROP OF 7.6 PER CENT AND 8 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY WHEN COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1984.

ACCORDING TO POLICE STATISTICS, TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING THE ELDERLY PERSONS OFTEN HAPPEN IN URBAN AREA WHERE THERE ARE BUSY AND FAST TRAFFIC FLOWS.

"OTHER FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO THE RISE IN CASUALTIES ARE THE ELDERLY PEOPLE'S SLOWNESS TO RESPONSE AND THE LACK OF KNOWLEDGE ON ROAD SAFETY CODES AND PROPER USE OF PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES AND SUBWAYS, THUS CROSSING THE ROADS AT INAPPROPRIATE TIME," MR PAANG SAID.

"IN VIEW OF THIS, THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN IS AIMED AT ENHANCING THE EDUCATION OF THE AGED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF ROAD SAFETY," HE CONTINUED.

ALSO CAUSING CONCERN IS THE INCREASE OF ACCIDENTS AT ROAD JUNCTIONS DESPITE THE REDUCTION IN OVERALL TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

"THIS IS DUE TO THE PEDESTRIANS' NEGLIGENCE AND THE DRIVERS' FAILURE IN OBEYING TRAFFIC REGULATIONS,"

"IMPROPER AND POOR VEHICULAR USE AND MAINTENANCE WILL PLACE NOT ONLY THE DRIVER BUT ALSO THE PASSENGERS AND PEDESTRIANS AT RISK," MR PAANG SAID.

HE THUS APPEALED TO ALL CAR OWNERS TO SEND THEIR CARS TO REPUTABLE GARAGES FOR MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE.

"CYCLISTS WHO ARE ANOTHER TARGET GROUP OF THIS CAMPAIGN ARE USUALLY VULNERABLE TO ROAD ACCIDENTS BECAUSE MANY OF THEM LACK ROAD SENSE AND KNOWLEDGE ON PROPER RIDING ON THE ROADS," MR PAANG POINTED OUT.

HE NOTED THAT THIS PROBLEM BECAME APPARENT IN YAU MA TEI DISTRICT AS MANY OF THE LOCAL SHOP OWNERS USED TO EMPLOY THE USE OF BICYCLES FOR THE PURPOSE OF DELIVERING GOODS.

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"HOWEVER, THESE CYCLISTS HAVE OFTEN VIOLATED TRAFFIC RULES SUCH AS DISOBEYING TRAFFIC SIGNS, OVERLOADING AND RIDING ON IMPROPER LANE," HE SAID.

WE HAVE, THEREFORE, BEEN DISTRIBUTING TO SHOP OWNERS "SAFETY CYCLING HINTS" ADVISING THEM TO ATTACH IMPORTANCE TO ROAD SAFETY WHEN ADOPTING THIS DELIVERY METHOD.

FINALLY, MR PAANG DISCLOSED THAT POLICE WOULD FROM TODAY STEP UP THEIR PROSECUTION ON JAYWALKERS AND WAYWARD DRIVERS.

ORGANISED BY THE POLICE AND YAU MA TEI ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD, THE DAY'S PROGRAMME FEATURED BRASS BAND AND POLICE DOG PERFORMANCES, A ROAD SAFETY BUS, A SEAT BELT CATAPULT, A WRECKED CAR DISPLAY AND A ROAD SAFETY PHOTOS EXHIBITION AND GAMES STALLS.

THERE WERE ALSO ROAD SAFETY QUIZ, SAFETY CYCLING TEST, TAEKWANDO DEMONSTRATION AND MASS SINGING OF ROAD SAFETY SONG BY YAU MA TEI JPC MEMBERS.

OTHER GUESTS OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S CEREMONY INCLUDED MR MIKE HARPER, SENIOR STAFF OFFICER, KOWLOON TRAFFIC, MR CHENG LUK-SAN, DISTRICT OFFICER (YAU MA TEI), MR GEORGE YUEN OF INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND MR YIP WAH, CHAIRMAN OF YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD.

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EPA DELEGATION TO VISIT GUANGDONG

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AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY DELEGATION WILL VISIT THE GUANGDONG ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BUREAU FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO SEPTEMBER 27 TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION AND TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

LED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DR STUART REED, THE GROUP COMPRISES PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICERS, MR MICHAEL CHAN AND MR PAUL HOLMES= SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICERS, DR MICHAEL CHIU AND MR RAYMOND CHAN, AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER, MR TSUI WING-SING.

THE GOVERNMENT CHEMIST, MR N.S. LEE, WILL ALSO BE ACCOMPANYING THE DELEGATION.

+THE EPA HAS ESTABLISHED A GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN GUANGDONG. THIS IS PROVING TO BE OF GREAT VALUE AND HELP TO KEEP THE EPA INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS AND ATTITUDES IN GUANGDONG,+ AN EPA SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE HONG KONG TEAM WILL EXCHANGE IDEAS ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DISCUSS CROSS-BORDER POLLUTION ISSUES AND PROPOSALS FOR SEWAGE DISPOSAL FROM AREAS ADJACENT TO HONG KONG AND VISIT A RECENTLY-COMPLETED COAL-FIRED POWER STATION TO SEE POLLUTION CONTROL MEASURES ADOPTED THERE.

THE DELEGATION WILL ALSO DELIVER A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE COLLABORATIVE STUDY ON ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT IN DEEP BAY AND BRIEF THEIR GUANGDONG COUNTERPARTS ON THE MANY DEVELOPMENTS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SINCE THEIR LAST VISIT IN MAY 1984.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION HELPED THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT TO BE KEPT INFORMED OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACTIVITIES ACROSS THE BORDER AND POSSIBLE POLLUTION SOURCES IN BOTH GUANGDONG AND HONG KONG.

HE ADDED THAT COLLABORATION WITH GUANGDONG WOULD ALSO STRENGTHEN THE RAPPORT OF THE TWO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BODIES AND HELP IDENTIFY MEASURES TO PROTECT HONG KONG'S ENVIRONMENT.

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PRIMARY ONE PLACE FORMS AVAILABLE

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APPLICATION FORMS FOR PRIMARY ONE PLACES IN GOVERNMENT OR AIDED SCHOOLS IN SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR, UNDER THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION SYSTEM, MAY BE OBTAINED FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY) UNTIL OCTOBER 5.

ADMISSION TO PRIMARY ONE IS OPEN TO ALL PERMANENTLY RESIDENT CHILDREN BORN ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1980 WHO ARE NOT STUDYING IN A PRIMARY SCHOOL, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO ARE ATTENDING KINDERGARTENS MAY OBTAIN THE APPLICATION FORMS AND RELATED INFORMATION SHEETS FROM THE KINDERGARTENS.

FORMS FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN NOT ATTENDING KINDERGARTENS ARE AVAILABLE IN DISTRICT OFFICES AND VARIOUS OFFICES OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED DIRECT TO ONLY ONE GOVERNMENT OR AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL IN WHICH THE PARENTS WISH TO APPLY FOR DISCRETIONARY PLACES FOR THEIR CHILDREN, BETWEEN OCTOBER 7 AND 11.

/THE SCHOOL

THE SCHOOL MAY BE EITHER WITHIN OR OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT IN WHICH THE FAMILY LIVES.

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED PARENTS TO SELECT A NEIGHBOURHOOD SCHOOL FOR THEIR CHILDREN TO REDUCE TRANSPORT PROBLEMS, AND TO TAKE THE POINTS SYSTEM INTO CONSIDERATION IN SELECTING THE SCHOOL.

+GENERALLY, THE POINTS SYSTEM IS BASED ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE SCHOOL AND THE CHILD'S FAMILY AS WELL AS THE CHILD'S AGE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ONLY ONE APPLICATION FORM MIGHT BE SUBMITTED FOR EACH CHILD.

PARENTS FOUND TO HAVE APPLIED TO MORE THAN ONE GOVERNMENT OR AIDED SCHOOL, WOULD AUTOMATICALLY FORFEIT THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING ELIGIBLE FOR A DISCRETIONARY PLACE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

PARENTS OF THOSE CHILDREN WHO CANNOT USE CHINESE AS THE LEARNING MEDIUM ARE REQUESTED TO SEEK ADVICE FROM THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION UNIT OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT 269 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI (TELEPHONE 5-724383), BEFORE SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION FORM.

SCHOOLS RECEIVING TOO FEW APPLICATIONS FOR DISCRETIONARY PLACES MIGHT NOT BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE PRIMARY ONE CLASSES AND CHILDREN ALREADY ACCEPTED BY THESE SCHOOLS FOR DISCRETIONARY PLACES WILL HAVE TO BE SUBSEQUENTLY RE-ALLOCATED TO SOME OTHER SCHOOLS WHICH HAVE VACANCIES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

PARENTS WHO DO NOT WISH TO APPLY FOR DISCRETIONARY PLACES IN ANY PARTICULAR SCHOOL, SHOULD RETURN THE COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS BETWEEN OCTOBER 7 AND 11 TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING COLLECTION CENTRES FOR CENTRAL ALLOCATION BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT:

- * LUI KEE EDUCATION SERVICES CENTRE (269 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, SECOND FLOOR, HONG KONG)
- * EDUCATION DEPARTMENT KOWLOON SUB-OFFICE (405 NATHAN ROAD, SIXTH FLOOR, KOWLOON.)
- * EDUCATION DEPARTMENT KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICE (TO KWA WAN MARKET AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EIGHTH FLOOR, 165 MA TAU WAI ROAD, TO KWA WAN, KOWLOON.)
- * SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE PUBLIC ENQUIRIES SERVICE CENTRE (SIXTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION, N.T.)
- * TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE PUBLIC ENQUIRIES SERVICE CENTRE (TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO, N.T.)

- * TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE PUBLIC ENQUIRIES SERVICE CENTRE
(FOU WAH CENTRE, FIRST FLOOR, 210 CASTLE PEAK ROAD,
TSUEN WAN, N.T.)
- * TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE PUBLIC ENQUIRIES SERVICE CENTRE
(FIRST FLOOR, TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING,
CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TUEN MUN, N.T.)
- * YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE PUBLIC ENQUIRIES SERVICE CENTRE
(YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING, 269 CASTLE PEAK
ROAD, YUEN LONG, N.T.)
- * NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE CHEUNG WAH SUB-OFFICE PUBLIC
ENQUIRIES SERVICE CENTRE (UNIT 115, CHEUNG CHUNG HOUSE,
CHEUNG WAH ESTATE, FANLING, N.T.)

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED ALL PARENTS WHO WISH THEIR CHILDREN TO ATTEND PRIVATE PRIMARY SCHOOLS OR PRIMARY SCHOOLS OF THE ENGLISH SCHOOLS FOUNDATION SHOULD APPLY DIRECT TO THESE SCHOOLS AS IN THE PAST, SINCE THESE SCHOOLS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION SYSTEM.

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TRAINING COURSES ON LABOUR RELATIONS OFFERED

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS ORGANISED A SERIES OF TRAINING COURSES ON LABOUR RELATIONS WHICH WILL PROVIDE PARTICIPANTS WITH A COMPREHENSIVE KNOWLEDGE OF LABOUR ORDINANCES AND WAYS TO IMPROVE MANAGEMENT SKILLS AND TOOLS.

THE CERTIFICATE COURSES ON LABOUR RELATIONS WILL BE RUN BY THE DEPARTMENT'S LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION UNIT AND ARE DESIGNED FOR EMPLOYERS, MANAGEMENT STAFF, TRADE UNION OFFICIALS AND INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEES.

THE COURSES WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CANTONESE AND WILL COVER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE, INDUSTRIAL SAFETY, EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE COMMUNICATION AND MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES.

A SPOKESMAN SAID THOSE INTERESTED MAY APPLY FOR THE FULL CERTIFICATE COURSE, WHICH COMPRISES EIGHT TWO-AND-A-HALF-HOUR SESSIONS, OR ATTEND ONE OR MORE SESSIONS OF THE COURSE. CERTIFICATES WILL BE AWARDED TO THOSE WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE FULL COURSE.

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FEES WILL BE \$120 FOR THE FULL COURSE AND \$20 FOR EACH SESSION.

ALL COURSES WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S TRAINING CENTRE IN HARBOUR BUILDING, CENTRAL, WITH THE FIRST SESSION STARTING ON OCTOBER 25.

ENROLMENT SHOULD BE MADE BEFORE OCTOBER 7 AND APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION UNIT, 12TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING. ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON 5-8523511.

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NEW UC PROJECTS FOR SHAM SHUI PO

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PLANS ARE WELL IN HAND FOR NEW RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS AS WELL AS MARKET PROJECTS FOR SHAM SHUI PO, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, SAID TODAY.

ADDRESSING AN OPENING CEREMONY OF FUND-RAISING CANTONESE OPERA PERFORMANCES ORGANISED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO KAIFONG WELFARE ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION AT THE BAPTIST COLLEGE ACADEMIC HALL, MR CHEONG-LEEN SAID THAT AMONG THE PROJECTS WAS STAGE TWO OF THE CHEUNG SHA WAN SPORTS GROUND.

+IT WILL COMPRISE A GRASS SOCCER PITCH WITH A COVERED SPECTATOR STAND WHICH CAN ACCOMMODATE 1 500 PEOPLE, WITH AN EIGHT-LANE ALL-WEATHER ATHLETIC TRACK,+ HE SAID.

+CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THIS \$17.3 MILLION PROJECT HAS ALREADY BEGUN AND IT IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN EARLY 1987.+

MR CHEONG-LEEN SAID THE FAT TSEUNG STREET PLAYGROUND WAS ANOTHER RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS PROJECT BEING PLANNED FOR SHAM SHUI PO.

+THE \$12.69 MILLION PLAYGROUND WILL HAVE THE FOLLOWING FACILITIES: EIGHT TENNIS COURTS, FOUR SQUASH COURTS, A JOGGING TRACK AND A LANDSCAPED GARDEN.

+CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN LATE 1988 AND TO BE COMPLETED IN 1990.

+CONSTRUCTION WORK HAS ALSO BEGUN ON THE URBAN COUNCIL PO ON ROAD COMPLEX -- A MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING INCLUDING MARKET FACILITIES. THE PROJECT IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR.+

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TO MARK THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL, THE URBAN COUNCIL, TOGETHER WITH THE SHAM SHUI PO KAIFONG WELFARE ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION AND A NUMBER OF ORGANISATIONS IN SHAM SHUI PO, WOULD ORGANISE THE SHAM SHUI PO MID-AUTUMN LANTERN CARNIVAL IN THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND ON SEPTEMBER 28.

IN NOVEMBER, THE COUNCIL WOULD CO-SPONSOR WITH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS IN SHAM SHUI PO A TWO-WEEK SHAM SHUI PO YOUTH FESTIVAL TO MARK THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR, HE ADDED.

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FOOD OPERATORS URGED TO OBSERVE HYGIENE RULES
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THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY URGED FOOD MERCHANTS, TRANSPORT OPERATORS AND DELIVERY PERSONNEL IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS TO FOLLOW HYGIENE RULES IN THE HANDLING AND TRANSPORTATION OF FOOD.

DURING A TWO-WEEK BLITZ WHICH ENDED ON SEPTEMBER 13, A TOTAL OF 137 FOOD OPERATORS WERE PROSECUTED BY THE RSD'S HEALTH INSPECTORS, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE OFFENCES INCLUDED THE EXPOSURE OF FOOD DURING TRANSPORTATION, PLACING OF FOOD ON THE GROUND AND FAILING TO STORE FOOD IN DUST AND VERMIN-PROOF CONTAINERS.

UNDER THE PROVISION OF THE FOOD BUSINESS (NEW TERRITORIES) REGULATIONS, OFFENDERS ARE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$2 000 AND THREE MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE STRESSED THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO PATROL ALL FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS TO SAFEGUARD PUBLIC HEALTH.

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TRAFFIC, TRANSPORT CHANGES FOR NEW ROAD OPENING
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WITH THE OPENING OF THE SHA TIN TO FANLING STRETCH OF THE NEW TERRITORIES TRUNK ROAD (COMPRISING TOLO HIGHWAY AND TAI PO ROAD TAI WO SECTION) FROM 1 PM ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 25) SPECIAL TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED.

THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL BE DESIGNATED PROHIBITED ZONES TO LEARNER DRIVERS AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES:

/* TOLO HIGHWAY

- * TOLO HIGHWAY INCLUDING ALL ITS SLIP ROADS BETWEEN SHA TIN RACECOURSE AND THE LAM KAM ROAD INTERCHANGE.
- * TAI PO ROAD TAI WO SECTION INCLUDING ALL ITS SLIP ROADS BETWEEN THE LAM KAM ROAD INTERCHANGE AND WO HOP SHEK.
- * THE NORTHEAST SLIP ROAD AND THE NORTHWEST LOOP ROAD OF WO HOP SHEK INTERCHANGE.

PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM THE CARRIAGEWAYS OF BOTH THE TOLO HIGHWAY AND TAI PO ROAD TAI WO SECTION.

THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL BE DESIGNATED 24-HOUR CLEARWAY RESTRICTED ZONES:

- * TOLO HIGHWAY INCLUDING ALL ITS SLIP ROADS BETWEEN THE SHA TIN RACECOURSE AND THE LAM KAM ROAD INTERCHANGE.
- * TAI PO ROAD TAI WO SECTION INCLUDING ALL ITS SLIP ROADS BETWEEN THE LAM KAM ROAD INTERCHANGE AND WO HOP SHEK.
- * LAM KAM ROAD INTERCHANGE.

THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL HAVE A SPEED LIMIT OF 80 KILOMETRES PER HOUR:

- * SHA TIN ROAD BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 200 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD AND TAI PO ROAD.
- * THE NORTHBOUND SLIP ROAD FROM A POINT ABOUT 100 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH YUEN WO ROAD TO ITS JUNCTION WITH SHA TIN ROAD.
- * THE SOUTHBOUND SLIP ROAD FROM SHA TIN ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 50 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH YUEN WO ROAD.
- * TAI PO ROAD (SHA TIN SECTION) BETWEEN FO TAN ROAD AND TOLO HIGHWAY.
- * TOLO HIGHWAY BETWEEN SHA TIN RACECOURSE AND A POINT ABOUT HALF A KILOMETRE SOUTH OF THE LAM KAM ROAD INTERCHANGE.
- * TAI PO ROAD TAI WO SECTION BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT HALF A KILOMETRE NORTH OF THE HONG LOK YUEN ROUNDABOUT AND WO HOP SHEK.

LOWER SPEED LIMIT OF 50 KM/H WILL APPLY BETWEEN THE TWO ROUNDABOUTS SITUATED AT ITS JUNCTIONS WITH LAM KAM ROAD AND HONG LOK YUEN ACCESS ROAD. MOTORISTS APPROACHING THE JUNCTIONS WILL BE REQUIRED TO LOWER THEIR SPEED TO 50 KM/H, SLOW DOWN FURTHER AND GIVE WAY AT THE ROUNDABOUTS.

SPECIAL YELLOW BAR MARKINGS WILL BE LAID ON THE CARRIAGEWAY LEADING TO THE LAM KAM ROAD ROUNDABOUT TO WARN MOTORISTS TO REDUCE SPEED. OTHER HIGH STANDARD TRAFFIC AIDS WILL BE INSTALLED TO PROVIDE DRIVERS WITH ADEQUATE WARNING.

APART FROM THE GENERAL SPEED LIMIT AND NO STOPPING RESTRICTION ON ALL VEHICLES, NO ADDITIONAL PROHIBITION OR RESTRICTION WILL BE IMPOSED ON NT OR URBAN TAXIS. THEY WILL BE ABLE TO REACH PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL, MEI SHA INTERNATIONAL FERRY TERMINAL AND THE SHA TIN RACECOURSE USING THE NEW ROADS.

NT GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 65R, OPERATING BETWEEN SHA TIN KCR STATION AND MEI SHA INTERNATIONAL FERRY TERMINAL, WILL BE DIVERTED TO THE MA LIU SHUI INTERCHANGE.

TWO NEW KMB EXPRESS BUS SERVICES WILL BE INTRODUCED FROM THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 26), TO OPERATE NON-STOP VIA TOLO HIGHWAY AND SHA TIN ROAD:

ROUTE	PEAK FREQUENCY	FARE
72X TAI PO CENTRAL TO TAI KOK TSUI FERRY	9 MINUTES	\$2.40
74X TAI PO CENTRAL TO KWUN TONG FERRY	12 MINUTES	\$3.10

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QUARTERS TO BE BUILT ON HEI LING CHAU
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THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF STAFF QUARTERS AT THE HEI LING CHAU TREATMENT CENTRE.

THE PROJECT INCLUDES A BARRACK, AND 14 BLOCKS OF FOUR OR FIVE STOREY HIGH WHICH WILL PROVIDE 151 UNITS FOR TREATMENT CENTRE STAFF.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1985

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WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN NOVEMBER AND BE COMPLETED IN JULY 1987.

TENDERS ARE ALSO BEING INVITED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF 36 THREE-STOREY STANDARD VILLAGE RESITE HOUSES AT KAM SHEK SUN TSUEN IN TAI PO.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN DECEMBER AND BE COMPLETED IN OCTOBER 1986.

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TENDERS CALLED FOR BEACH FACILITIES

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THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SALE OF LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AND THE HIRING OF TENTS TO THE PUBLIC AT CLEAR WATER BAY (SECOND BEACH) IN SAI KUNG.

FREQUENTED BY MORE THAN TWO MILLION SWIMMERS LAST YEAR, THE BEACH IS THE MOST POPULAR GAZETTED BEACH IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE TENDER PERIOD WAS FOR THREE YEARS FROM DECEMBER 1.

TENDER FORMS CAN BE COLLECTED FROM THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE RSD ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE PLACED IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX IN THE LIFT LOBBY ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (EAST WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE NOON ON OCTOBER 25. LATE TENDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

THOSE INTERESTED MAY CALL 3-2813680 DURING OFFICE HOURS FOR FURTHER DETAILS, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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