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POTENTIAL DB CANDIDATES URGED TO MAKE
LAST-MINUTE NOMINATIONS TOMORROW
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PEOPLE QUALIFIED TO STAND AS CANDIDATES FOR NEXT MONTH'S URBAN DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS ARE URGED TO HURRY UP AND MAKE USE OF TOMORROW (TUESDAY) -- THE LAST DAY FOR NOMINATIONS.

THE THREE-WEEK NOMINATION PERIOD WILL CLOSE AT 5.30 PM TOMORROW, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID TODAY.

SINCE NOMINATIONS BEGAN ON AUGUST 6 AND UP TO LAST FRIDAY, 204 CANDIDATES, INCLUDING 14 WOMEN, HAVE BEEN REGISTERED.

ELECTIONS FOR THE 76 MEMBERS ON THE 10 CITY DISTRICT BOARDS WILL TAKE PLACE ON SEPTEMBER 23, WHICH WILL BE THE FIRST OF ITS KIND EVER TO BE HELD IN THE URBAN AREAS OF HONG KONG AND KOWLOON.

A TOTAL OF 174 POLLING STATIONS WILL BE SET UP ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR FOR THE 700 000 PLUS REGISTERED ELECTORS TO CAST THEIR VOTES.

THE FOLLOWING IS A BREAKDOWN OF CANDIDATES IN EACH DISTRICT:

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>NO. OF SEATS</u>	<u>NO. OF CANDIDATES</u>
CENTRAL AND WESTERN	5	10
WAN CHAI	5	13
EASTERN	10	31
SOUTHERN	6	17
KOWLOON CITY	8	20
KWUN TONG	12	41
MONG KOK	5	14
SHAM SHUI PO	9	22
WONG TAI SIN	12	27
YAU MA TEI	4	9

AIRBORNE MERCHANDISE TRADE FIGURES FOR JANUARY-JUNE 1982

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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE BY AIR FOR JANUARY - JUNE 1982 WAS VALUED AT \$28 112 MILLION, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF NINE PER CENT OVER THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1981. AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE VALUED AT \$9 207 MILLION (UP marginally), AIRBORNE IMPORTS AT \$14 057 MILLION (UP 18 PER CENT) AND RE-EXPORTS AT \$4 847 MILLION (UP THREE PER CENT).

FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 1982, BY VALUE, 24 PER CENT OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS, 20 PER CENT OF IMPORTS AND 23 PER CENT OF RE-EXPORTS WERE CARRIED BY AIR.

IN TERMS OF WEIGHT, AIRBORNE IMPORTS AMOUNTED TO 65 266 TONNE, REPRESENTING 0.5 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL IMPORT TONNAGE, AND TOTAL AIRBORNE EXPORTS AMOUNTED TO 75 841 TONNE, OR 1.6 PER CENT OF TOTAL EXPORT TONNAGE.

THESE ARE SOME OF THE SUMMARY TRADE STATISTICS ON AIRBORNE MERCHANDISE TRADE FOR JANUARY TO JUNE RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY).

THE FOLLOWING TABLE ILLUSTRATES THE RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF THE SIX MAJOR MARKETS FOR HONG KONG'S AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS:-

	JAN.-JUNE 1982 (\$ MILLION)	JAN.-JUNE 1981 (\$ MILLION)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (\$ MILLION)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE %
U.S.A.	3 855	4 010	-155	- 4
F.R. OF GERMANY	835	907	- 72	- 8
JAPAN	617	555	+ 62	+11
U.K.	516	631	-114	-18
CANADA	309	241	+ 68	+28
SWITZERLAND	287	273	+ 14	+ 5

BY COMMODITY, INCREASES IN AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED MAINLY IN JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES AND OTHER ARTICLES OF PRECIOUS OR SEMI-PRECIOUS MATERIALS (BY \$140 MILLION OR 37 PER CENT), CLOTHING (BY \$135 MILLION OR FIVE PER CENT), BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$125 MILLION OR 65 PER CENT) AND MISCELLANEOUS OFFICE AND STATIONERY SUPPLIES (BY \$116 MILLION OR 420 PER CENT). DECREASES IN VALUE WERE RECORDED FOR PARTS AND ACCESSORIES OF OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$451 MILLION OR 41 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$196 MILLION OR SEVEN PER CENT) AND METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$44 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT).

FURTHER ANALYSIS OF COMMODITY BY COUNTRY REVEALED GROWTH IN AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES AND OTHER ARTICLES OF PRECIOUS OR SEMI-PRECIOUS MATERIALS TO THE U.S. (BY \$46 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT) AND SINGAPORE (BY \$26 MILLION OR 118 PER CENT); IN AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF CLOTHING TO JAPAN (BY \$82 MILLION OR 36 PER CENT) AND THE U.S. (BY \$28 MILLION OR TWO PER CENT) AND IN AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS TO THE U.S. (BY \$78 MILLION OR 111 PER CENT) AND CANADA (BY \$46 MILLION OR 849 PER CENT).

AIRBORNE IMPORTS FROM THE SIX MAJOR SUPPLIERS ARE GIVEN BELOW:-

	<u>JAN.-JUNE 1982 (\$ MILLION)</u>	<u>JAN.-JUNE 1981 (\$ MILLION)</u>	<u>INCREASE/ DECREASE (\$ MILLION)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE %</u>
JAPAN	2 900	2 803	+ 97	+ 3
U.S.A.	2 687	2 438	+249	+10
U.K.	1 108	673	+435	+65
SWITZERLAND	968	1 122	-155	-14
TAIWAN	902	633	+269	+42
SINGAPORE	628	543	+ 85	+16

INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN AIRBORNE IMPORTS OF PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES (BY \$990 MILLION OR 89 PER CENT), THERMIONIC, COLD CATHODE AND PHOTO-CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, PHOTOCELLS, TRANSISTORS AND PARTS (BY \$464 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT) AND CLOTHING (BY \$130 MILLION OR 42 PER CENT). IN CONTRAST, DECREASE IN VALUE WERE NOTED FOR WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$680 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT) AS WELL AS PARTS AND ACCESSORIES OF OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$239 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT).

GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN THERMIONIC, COLD CATHODE AND PHOTO-CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, PHOTOCELLS AND TRANSISTORS FROM TAIWAN (BY \$223 MILLION OR 178 PER CENT) AND JAPAN (BY \$71 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT). DECREASES IN VALUE WERE ALSO REGISTERED IN WATCHES AND CLOCKS FROM SWITZERLAND (BY \$267 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT) AND FROM JAPAN (BY \$179 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT).

AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS EXPERIENCED SLOW GROWTH IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1982. CONSIDERABLE INCREASES IN VALUES WERE RECORDED FOR PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES (BY \$289 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT), THERMIONIC, COLD CATHODE AND PHOTO-CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, PHOTOCELLS, TRANSISTORS AND PARTS (BY \$87 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT) AND POWER GENERATING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$43 MILLION OR 151 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS OF METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP DECREASED SUBSTANTIALLY (BY \$389 MILLION OR 97 PER CENT).

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THE U.S. WAS THE LARGEST MARKET FOR HONG KONG'S AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS, WITH A VALUE OF \$882 MILLION (AN INCREASE OF \$259 MILLION OR 42 PER CENT). NOTABLE INCREASES WERE ALSO REGISTERED IN AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS TO BELGIUM (BY \$82 MILLION OR 218 PER CENT), JAPAN (BY \$81 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT), SWITZERLAND (BY \$41 MILLION OR 39 PER CENT) AND SAUDI ARABIA (BY \$37 MILLION OR 62 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA, AND TO THE U.K., DECREASED CONSIDERABLY (BY \$91 MILLION OR 36 PER CENT, AND \$279 MILLION OR 72 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY).

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT IN THE JUNE ISSUE OF +HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE+, WHICH WILL BE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE IN EARLY SEPTEMBER.

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FARE RISE FOR MAXICAB SERVICES

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FARES FOR 24 MAXICAB ROUTES - 18 IN KOWLOON AND SIX IN THE NEW TERRITORIES - WILL BE INCREASED FROM WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 1) DUE TO RISING OPERATIONAL COSTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID A SURVEY REVEALED THAT FUEL COSTS, DRIVERS' WAGES, MAINTENANCE AND ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES HAD BEEN RAISED OVER THE YEARS.

THE AFFECTED ROUTES ARE:

NO	KOWLOON ROUTE	EXISTING FARE	REVISED FARE
		\$	\$
1	TSIM SHA TSUI MTR STATION - TSIM SHA TSUI EAST (CIRCULAR)	0.70	1.00
2	HUNG HOM (WHAMPOA ESTATE) - NAM SHAN ESTATE	1.50	2.00
3	TSIM SHA TSUI (HANKOW ROAD) - TAI TUNG SUN CHUEN	1.00	1.50
4	TSIM SHA TSUI (HANKOW ROAD) - YAU YAT CHUEN	1.50	2.50
5	TSIM SHA TSUI (HANKOW ROAD) - TAI WAN SHAN (SWIMMING POOL)	1.00	1.50
6	TSIM SHA TSUI (HANKOW ROAD) - HUNG HOM (WHAMPOA ESTATE)	1.00	1.50

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8	TSIM SHA TSUI (HANKOW ROAD) - HO MAN TIN ESTATE	1.50	2.50
9	UPPER PAK TIN ESTATE - SHEK KIP MEI MTR STATION (CIRCULAR)	0.50	0.80
10	NAM SHAN ESTATE - SHAM SHUI PO FERRY	0.70	1.00
12	PAK TIN - TAI TUNG SUN CHUEN	1.50	2.00
13	KOWLOON TONG (MARCONI ROAD) - HUNG HOM FERRY	1.50	2.00
15	KAI TAK AIRPORT CARGO TERMINAL - KOWLOON CITY FERRY	1.00	1.50
17	WONG TAI SIN (NORTH) - CHUK YUEN COTTAGE AREA (CIRCULAR)	0.50	0.80
18	WONG TAI SIN (NORTH) - TSE WAN SHAN (NORTH)	0.50	0.80
19	TSE WAN SHAN (NORTH) - SAN PO KONG	1.00	1.50
23	KWUN TONG (WAN HON STREET) - CHA KWO LING	0.70	1.00
24	LAM TIN (SOUTH) - SAM KA TSUEN FERRY	0.70	1.00
25	KO CHIU ROAD - SAM KA TSUEN FERRY	0.50	0.80

NO	<u>NT ROUTE</u>	<u>EXISTING FARE</u>	<u>REVISED FARE</u>
		\$	\$
3	SAI KUNG - NAM SHAN	0.70	1.00
4	SAI KUNG - TUI MIN HOI	0.50	0.80
80	TSUEN WAN (CHUEN LUNG STREET) - CHUEN LUNG	1.50	2.00

FOR NT ROUTE 1 (SAI KUNG - KOWLOON BAY TELFORD GARDENS) AND NT ROUTE 61M (KOWLOON TONG MTR STATION - TAI WAI), NO SECTIONAL FARE WILL BE CHARGED AND THE FLAT FARES WILL BE \$3 AND \$2 RESPECTIVELY.

HOWEVER, NT ROUTE 89 BETWEEN TSUEN WAN (HO PUI STREET) AND KWAI SHING (NORTH) WILL HAVE ITS SECTIONAL FARE INCREASED FROM \$0.7 TO \$1.

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RENT ALLOWANCE INCREASED
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RENT ALLOWANCES FOR PEOPLE RECEIVING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE WILL BE INCREASED NEXT MONTH TO COVER RENT RISES FOR A NUMBER OF PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

FROM SEPTEMBER 1, THE NEW MAXIMUM RENT ALLOWANCE FOR A SINGLE PERSON UNDER THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SCHEME WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$144 TO \$172, AND FROM \$690 TO \$828 FOR A FAMILY OF EIGHT OR MORE ELIGIBLE MEMBERS.

THE MAXIMUM RENT ALLOWANCE IS FIXED AT 200 PER CENT OF THE HIGHEST PUBLIC HOUSING RENT FOR A SINGLE PERSON AND 150 PER CENT FOR A FAMILY WITH MORE THAN ONE MEMBER.

THE ADJUSTMENT FOLLOWS AN ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY IN JULY THAT DOMESTIC RENTS FOR 24 POST-1973 PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES WILL GO UP FROM SEPTEMBER 1.

THE SWD SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ABOUT 2 900 HOUSEHOLDS ON PUBLIC ASSISTANCE WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE RENT INCREASES. THE REVISION OF THE RENT ALLOWANCE IS EXPECTED TO RESULT IN ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE OF OVER \$650 000 FOR THIS FINANCIAL YEAR AND SOME \$1 MILLION FOR THE NEXT.

THE EXISTING AND THE REVISED MAXIMUM RENT ALLOWANCES PAYABLE UNDER THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SCHEME ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	<u>OLD RATE</u>	<u>NEW RATE</u>
		(EFFECTIVE FROM 1.9.82)
	\$	\$
FOR A SINGLE PERSON	144	172
FOR A FAMILY OF:		
2 - 3 ELIGIBLE MEMBERS	323	387
4 - 5 ELIGIBLE MEMBERS	479	663
6 - 7 ELIGIBLE MEMBERS	585	771
8 AND MORE ELIGIBLE MEMBERS	690	828

MANPOWER SURVEY OF MACHINE SHOPS AND METAL WORKING INDUSTRY
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A MANPOWER SURVEY OF THE MACHINE SHOPS AND METAL WORKING INDUSTRY WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 13 AND OCTOBER 2 TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

THE SURVEY WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY THE MACHINE SHOPS AND METAL WORKING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SURVEY WILL COVER BASIC METAL INDUSTRIES, MANUFACTURE OF FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS EXCEPT MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, MANUFACTURE OF MACHINERY EXCEPT ELECTRICAL, MANUFACTURE OF CLOCKS AND WATCHES AND THE PLANT MAINTENANCE SECTION OF FOOD MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY, BEVERAGE INDUSTRY AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

COPIES OF A QUESTIONNAIRE AND EXPLANATORY DOCUMENTS WILL BE SENT OUT TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO ESTABLISHMENTS COVERED IN THE SURVEY= AND EMPLOYERS ARE ASKED TO SUPPLY INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF WORKERS EMPLOYED, THE NUMBER OF WORKERS UNDER TRAINING, THE NUMBER OF EXISTING VACANCIES, AND A FORECAST OF ADDITIONAL WORKERS IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS.

WHEN THE SURVEY BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 13, OFFICERS OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT EACH OF THE ESTABLISHMENTS AND ASSIST EMPLOYERS IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRE.

AS THE INFORMATION TO BE COLLECTED WILL BE IMPORTANT FOR FORMULATING MANPOWER TRAINING PLANS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE INDUSTRY, IT IS HOPED THAT THOSE ESTABLISHMENTS COVERED IN THE SURVEY WILL CO-OPERATE BY PROVIDING ACCURATE INFORMATION.

THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENT.

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BEWARE, LITTERBUGS ARE WARNED
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LITTERBUGS BEWARE, AS MORE PROSECUTIONS ARE AHEAD IN THE FINAL MONTHS OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT WARNED TODAY.

HE DISCLOSED THAT SOME 12 000 PEOPLE WERE BROUGHT TO COURTS FOR LITTERING IN PUBLIC PLACES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND FINED A TOTAL OF \$1.5 MILLION IN THE 11-MONTH-LONG CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN WHICH IS DRAWING TO A CLOSE.

IN ADDITION, SOME 12 500 PEOPLE WERE GIVEN VERBAL WARNINGS, AND ABOUT 9 000 NOTICES WERE SENT, REQUIRING SHOP-KEEPERS OR HOUSE-HOLDERS TO CLEAR AWAY RUBBISH ACCUMULATED WITHIN THE SIX-METRE BOUNDARIES OF THEIR PREMISES OR ON THE CANOPIES OF THEIR BUILDING.

IN MAKING KNOWN THESE FIGURES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT ALSO TOLD MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO BE MORE CONSCIOUS OF THE +ANTI-SOCIAL EFFECT OF INDISCRIMINATELY LITTERING PUBLIC PLACES+.

THE FINAL PHASE OF THE CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN, WILL LAST UNTIL THE END OF THIS YEAR, AND WILL CONCENTRATE MORE ON PROSECUTION THAN ON CLEANING-UP, HE SAID.

AMONG THOSE CONVICTED WERE TWO YUEN LONG PIG FARMERS WHO WERE ORDERED TO PAY \$2 000 EACH FOR HOSING AGRICULTURE WASTE INTO THE KAM TIN RIVER NEAR PAT HEUNG, DURING A MASSIVE CLEARANCE EFFORT COSTING THE GOVERNMENT MORE THAN \$4 MILLION AND INVOLVING HUNDREDS OF WORKERS.

IN ADDITION TO THE TIDY-UP OPERATION OVER A 13-KILOMETRE STRETCH OF THE RIVER, FREE FARM WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES WERE PROVIDED ALONGSIDE THE BANKS OF THE RIVER TO FACILITATE PROPER DISPOSAL OF THE WASTE, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

OTHER LITTER OFFENDERS WERE SEVEN LORRY DRIVERS WHO WERE FINED \$1 000 TO \$1 500 EACH FOR DUMPING BUILDING RUBBLE ON HIGHWAYS OR OPEN SPACES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ALTHOUGH REPEATED WARNINGS HAD BEEN ISSUED AND MORE DUMPING SITES OPENED TO THEM FOR DISPOSAL OF THE DEBRIS.

TO DEAL WITH THIS, THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE (NT) OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND THE NTSD HAD TO CLEAR 6 000 TONNES OF BUILDING RUBBLE IN THE NINE MONTHS UP TO JUNE THIS YEAR.

EXTENSIVE CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS CARRIED OUT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES DURING THE FIRST PHASES OF THE CAMPAIGN RESULTED IN THE COLLECTION OF MORE THAN 8 000 TONNES OF RUBBISH AND THE REMOVAL OF SOME 10 000 LORRY LOADS OF BULKY JUNK, ON THE TOP OF THE NORMAL ANNUAL REFUSE COLLECTION TOTALLING ABOUT 290 000 TONNES, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

AND AN ALL-OUT EFFORT IN THE INTENSIVE BLOCK-TO-BLOCK CLEAN-UPS ALSO LED TO THE ELIMINATION OF VARIOUS RUBBISH-RIDDEN BLACKSPOTS AND RESULTED IN A MARKED IMPROVEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE DURING THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD.

HOWEVER, NTSD CLEANSING STAFF STILL REGULARLY COLLECT SOME 2 400 BASKETS OF REFUSE DURING AND AFTER EACH WEEKEND AND A PUBLIC HOLIDAY FROM POPULAR PICNIC SPOTS. HALF OF THE AMOUNT WAS COLLECTED IN SAI KUNG AREA.

TO FACILITATE REPORTING OF REFUSE AND NUISANCE BY THE PUBLIC, A NT LITTER COMPLAINT HOT-LINE (0-445555) HAS BEEN IN OPERATION SINCE LAST OCTOBER, AND HAS BEEN RECEIVING HUNDREDS OF CALLS.

PROMPT FOLLOW-UP ACTION IS CARRIED OUT, AND MOST OF THE COMPLAINTS WERE DEALT WITH WITHIN TWO DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF A COMPLAINT.

IN A SEPARATE PHASE OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN, MORE THAN 200 000 YOUNG TREES AND SHRUBS WERE PLANTED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AREA TO ADD GREENERY AND MAKE IT LOOK MORE PLEASANT.

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NEW SLIP ROAD FOR CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL

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THE ADDITIONAL EXIT SLIP ROAD IN CAUSEWAY BAY FROM THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL HEADING FOR NORTH POINT WILL BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM THIS WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 1).

THERE WILL BE SIGNS TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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SHA TIN IS 'YOUNG AND DYNAMIC'

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MR DONALD TSANG'S FIRST IMPRESSION OF SHA TIN IS THAT IT IS +YOUNG AND DYNAMIC+.

MR TSANG, WHO TOOK OVER FROM DR PATRICK HASE ABOUT A MONTH AGO, SAID THIS TODAY (MONDAY) AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME HELD AT CARITAS SOCIAL CENTRE.

+NEW RESIDENTS ARE MOVING IN EVERYDAY TO SETTLE DOWN IN THE NEW TOWN,+ HE SAID.

+THEY ALL EXPECT A FULL RATION OF WHAT IS ESSENTIAL TO THEIR LIFE: HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND RECREATION.

+IN FACT, AN EXCITING SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME IS ALSO PART OF THEIR EXPECTATIONS.+

THE PROGRAMME PROVIDED NEARLY 500 ACTIVITIES FOR MORE THAN 20 000 PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT DURING THE PAST TWO MONTHS.

+ALL THE EVENTS CAME UP WITH A HUNDRED PER CENT ATTENDANCE RATE, WHICH WAS VERY ENCOURAGING TO THE ORGANISING PARTIES,+ MR TSANG CONTINUED.

+THE LAZER NIGHT AND THE WATERSPORTS CAMP, BOTH NEW ITEMS TO THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME, HAD BEEN THE TWO MOST ENJOYABLE EVENTS, ACCORDING TO SOME OF THE PARTICIPANTS.+

HE PAID SPECIAL TRIBUTES TO THE VOLUNTARY WORKERS AND OTHERS CONCERNED WHO HAD CONTRIBUTED THEIR TIME OR MONEY TO MAKE THE PROGRAMME A SUCCESS.

TURNING TO A COMING CULTURAL EVENT IN DECEMBER, THE SHA TIN ARTS FORTNIGHT, THE DISTRICT OFFICER SAID THE FESTIVAL PROGRAMMES WERE BEING PLANNED TO CATER FOR VARIOUS TASTES.

+DRAMAS, ORCHESTRAL CONCERTS, FOLK CONCERTS, DANCE PERFORMANCES AND EXHIBITIONS WILL BE INCLUDED.+

REFERRING TO THE DISTRICT BOARD'S ROLE IN PROMOTING CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, HE SAID THE BOARD WAS ALWAYS +THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND THE SCENE+. BUT THE SUCCESS ALWAYS DEPENDS ON PUBLIC SUPPORT.+

EIGHT VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN THE DISTRICT WERE AWARDED LETTERS OF APPRECIATION AT THE CEREMONY, WHICH WAS FOLLOWED BY A 90-MINUTE FOLK SONG PERFORMANCE.

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RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

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A SITTING-OUT AREA AND AMENITY PLOT WILL BE BUILT SHORTLY AT EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD IN CAUSEWAY BAY TO MEET THE NEED FOR PASSIVE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK ARE BEING INVITED BY THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR BDD SAID THAT THE SITE WAS ABOUT 800 SQUARE METRES IN AREA AND THE WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT WOULD INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF PLANTER AND TREE CURBS, FLOWER BEDS, CHAIN LINK FENCING, BENCHES AND ARBOURS.

WORK IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN OCTOBER AND BE COMPLETED IN FOUR MONTHS.

THE DEPARTMENT IS ALSO INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROVISION OF LARGE CONCRETE FLOWER BOXES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AS PART OF THE +MEI FA+ (BEAUTIFICATION) PHASE OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN.

THESE CONCRETE FLOWER BOXES (ABOUT 205 IN ALL) WILL BE PLACED AT KAI MAN PATH IN TUEN MUN, KIK YEUNG ROUND PAVEMENT, KAU YUK ROAD PAVEMENT AND CENTRAL NULLAH IN YUEN LONG AND AREAS AT LOVERS' ISLAND.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THESE CONCRETE FLOWER BOXES ARE A READY MEANS OF ENVIRONMENTAL BEAUTIFICATION BECAUSE THEY ARE EASY TO INSTALL AND REMOVE.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN OCTOBER AND BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT FOUR MONTHS.

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ENTRANTS INVITED FOR CROSS TOLO HARBOUR SWIM

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ENTRANTS ARE NOW BEING INVITED FOR THE FIFTEENTH CROSS TOLO HARBOUR SWIM WHICH WILL BE HELD IN TAI PO ON OCTOBER 17 (SUNDAY).

SWIMMERS AGED OVER 12 ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY.

THE V2 400-METRE RACE WILL START FROM SHA LAN BEACH AND END AT THE TAI MEI TUK SEA ACTIVITIES CENTRE.

ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION WITH DISTRICT BOARD SPONSORSHIP, THE ANNUAL EVENT IS AIMED AT PROMOTING YOUNG PEOPLE'S INTEREST IN WATER SPORTS ACTIVITIES.

ENTRANTS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SECTIONS, AND TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNER AND THE FIRST AND SECOND RUNNERS-UP IN EACH SECTION.

/CONSOLATION PRIZES

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CONSOLATION PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE NEXT SEVEN COMPETITORS. ALL SWIMMERS WHO FINISH THE RACE WITHIN 90 MINUTES WILL RECEIVE CERTIFICATES.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE SPORTS ASSOCIATION, THE RURAL COMMITTEE, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OFFICES IN HONG KONG AND KOWLOON.

ALL APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE RETURNED TOGETHER WITH THE \$8 ENTRY FEE BEFORE SEPTEMBER 27.

LAST YEAR, THE EVENT DREW 324 PARTICIPANTS IN THE MEN'S SECTION AND 58 IN WOMEN'S SECTION. THE WINNERS WERE MR CHEUNG WAN-CHI AND MISS LAI WAI WHO FINISHED IN 37 MINUTES 13.5 SECONDS AND 42 MINUTES 41.7 SECONDS RESPECTIVELY.

SOME 500 PARTICIPANTS ARE EXPECTED THIS YEAR.

FURTHER DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED BY TELEPHONING 0-6577111 (EXT. 257).

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STORMWATER DRAINS AND TRUNK SEWERS FOR CHAI WAN * * * *

THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF STORMWATER DRAINS AND TRUNK SEWERS IN CHAI WAN RECLAMATION.

THE WORKS WILL COMPRISE THE LAYING OF 1 400 METRES OF CONCRETE PIPES FROM 450 MM TO 2 100 MM IN DIAMETER AS WELL AS THE CONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT 545 METRES OF BOX CULVERTS OF VARIOUS SIZES.

ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT, THE PROJECT IS DESIGNED TO SERVE THE DEVELOPMENT IN CHAI WAN.

+ON COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT, SEWAGE IN THE AREA WILL BE DIRECTED THROUGH THE TRUNK SEWER TO A PROPOSED SCREENING PLANT IN SUN YIP STREET FOR TREATMENT BEFORE IT IS DISCHARGED INTO THE SEA, THUS IMPROVING THE GENERAL QUALITY OF RECEIVING WATERS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE STORMWATER DRAINS WILL EXTEND THE EXISTING SYSTEM FROM THE OUTFALL AT THE OLD SEAWALL THROUGH THE RECLAMATION TO THE OUTFALL AT THE NEW SEAWALL.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN OCTOBER AND BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT 16 MONTHS.

THE PROJECT IS DESIGNED BY THE PLANNING (LIQUID AND SOLID WASTES) DIVISION OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

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