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CARRYING OF ID CARDS IN FRONTIER CLOSED AREA AND MAI PO BIRD SANCTUARY IS COMPULSORY FROM NEXT FRIDAY

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THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL HAS MADE AN ORDER, EFFECTIVE FROM NEXT FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 23) DESIGNATING THE FRONTIER CLOSED AREA AND MAI PO BIRD SANCTUARY AS AREAS IN WHICH MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, WHO ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER UNDER THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE, MUST CARRY IDENTITY CARDS AND PRODUCE THEM FOR INSPECTION ON DEMAND BY SECURITY FORCES.

THE ORDER WHICH WAS MADE UNDER THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS REGULATIONS AND PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S (FRIDAY) GOVERNMENT GAZETTE IS TO FACILITATE THE CONTROL OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION FROM CHINA.

THE REGULATIONS AMENDED EARLIER THIS YEAR UNDER THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1979, STATE THAT THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL MAY, BY ORDER PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE, REQUIRE THAT EVERY PERSON, OR PERSONS OF SUCH CLASS SPECIFIED IN THE ORDER, SHALL CARRY HIS IDENTITY CARD IN AN AREA DESIGNATED IN THE ORDER.

THE REGULATIONS ALSO REQUIRE THAT ON DEMAND BY SECURITY FORCES, A PERSON SHOULD PRODUCE HIS IDENTITY CARD FOR INSPECTION IN A DESIGNATED AREA.

FAILURE TO CARRY AN IDENTITY CARD IN A DESIGNATED AREA OR TO PRODUCE IT FOR INSPECTION ON DEMAND BY SECURITY FORCES WOULD CONSTITUTE AN OFFENCE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE COMPULSORY CARRYING OF IDENTITY CARDS IN DESIGNATED AREAS IS TO HELP SECURITY FORCES IDENTIFY THOSE WHO HAVE ENTERED HONG KONG ILLEGALLY.

HE ASSURED THAT AT THIS JUNCTURE THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT INTEND TO DESIGNATE LARGE AREAS OF POPULATION AS PLACES IN WHICH PEOPLE WOULD BE REQUIRED TO CARRY IDENTITY CARDS.

PING CHAU IN MIRS BAY IS THE FIRST AREA SO DESIGNATED BY THE ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL ON JULY 16, THIS YEAR.

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HK/USA TEXTILE TALKS CONTINUING IN WASHINGTON
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DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, MR. WILLIAM DORWARD, AND USA TRADE OFFICIALS ARE CONTINUING IN WASHINGTON.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (FRIDAY) THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR. PETER TSAO, SAID A NEWS AGENCY REPORT HAD GIVEN THE IMPRESSION THAT THE DISCUSSIONS HAD ENDED INCONCLUSIVELY.

+YESTERDAY MR. DORWARD HAD A MEETING WITH THE USA SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR TRADE, MR. REUBEN ASKEW, ON A POSSIBLE FRAMEWORK IN WHICH CONSULTATIONS ON THE CURRENT HONG KONG/US TEXTILE AGREEMENT COULD BE RESUMED,+ SAID MR. TSAO.

+FOLLOWING THIS MEETING MR. DORWARD IS HAVING FURTHER TALKS WITH USA TRADE OFFICIALS,+ HE SAID.

MR. DORWARD IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO HONG KONG NEXT WEEK.

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REPORT ON QUARTERLY BUSINESS SURVEY PUBLISHED
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAS COMPILED A REPORT ON A QUARTERLY BUSINESS SURVEY HELD IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR.

IN THE SURVEY ABOUT 820 FIRMS FROM VARIOUS INDUSTRIES, REPRESENTING A CROSS-SECTION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, WERE ASKED ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS EXPERIENCE IN THE THIRD QUARTER THIS YEAR, AND THEIR EXPECTATIONS FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER.

THE SURVEY INDICATED THAT IN THE THIRD QUARTER HONG KONG'S BUSINESS PERFORMANCE WAS BETTER THAN HAD EARLIER BEEN EXPECTED AND FAIRLY SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENTS WERE ACHIEVED.

+LOOKING INTO THE FOURTH QUARTER, FURTHER ADVANCES ARE EXPECTED BY ALL FIRMS WITH OPTIMISM MAINLY FROM THE SERVICES SECTOR,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, 'WATCHES AND CLOCKS' INDUSTRY DID VERY WELL IN THE THIRD QUARTER AND IS REMARKABLY CONFIDENT FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER.

THE 'ELECTRONICS' AND 'MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES' ALSO HAD A GOOD THIRD QUARTER, AND THEY PREDICT A STEADY FOURTH QUARTER.

'WEARING APPAREL', 'TEXTILES', 'PRINTING' AND 'FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS' EXPERIENCED MODERATE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER AND EXPECT BUSINESS TO STAY AT THE SAME LEVEL IN THE FOURTH QUARTER.

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'PLASTICS' AND 'ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES' HAD A GOOD THIRD QUARTER BUT EXPECTED A DOWNTURN IN THE FOURTH QUARTER.

THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ACHIEVED MILD ADVANCES DESPITE EARLIER EXPECTATIONS TO THE CONTRARY. IT HOLDS THE VIEW THAT IMPROVEMENTS WILL COME IN THE FOURTH QUARTER, AFTER PREDICTING PESSIMISTICALLY IN THE PREVIOUS TWO QUARTERS.

FOR THE SERVICES SECTOR, THE 'WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE', 'RESTAURANTS', 'HOTELS' AND 'TRANSPORTATION' REPORTED MODERATE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER AND EXPRESSED MUCH CONFIDENCE IN THE FOURTH QUARTER.

BANKING REPORTED A STEADY THIRD QUARTER AND LOOKED FORWARD ALSO TO A STEADY FOURTH QUARTER. THE 'MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS SERVICES' REPORTED SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER AND IS OPTIMISTIC THAT THERE WILL BE YET FURTHER ADVANCES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE DATA, OBTAINED WITH A MINIMUM TIME LAG, WERE BASICALLY INTENDED TO FACILITATE A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION IN HONG KONG.

APART FROM A LIMITED NUMBER OF QUESTIONS REQUIRING ANSWERS IN QUANTITATIVE TERMS, FIRMS WERE ASKED TO COMPARE THE QUARTER JUST PAST WITH THE PREVIOUS QUARTER AND SIMILARLY FOR THE FORTHCOMING ONE. THEY ONLY HAD TO INDICATE WHETHER, IN THEIR OPINION, A CERTAIN VARIABLE WAS 'UP', 'SAME' OR 'DOWN'.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IN A SURVEY OF THIS NATURE, CONSIDERABLE RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE IN THE INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS, AS IT WAS DIFFICULT TO ESTABLISH THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE RESPONDENTS' PRECEPTION OF THE PAST AND THE FUTURE ACCORDS WITH THE UNDERLYING TRENDS, AND THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE PROBABLY AFFECTED CONSIDERABLY BY SEASONS.

COPIES OF THE REPORT, CONTAINING AN ANALYSIS OF AND STATISTICAL TABLES ON VARIOUS ECONOMIC VARIABLES, HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO FIRMS TAKING PART IN THE SURVEY AND OTHER BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS.

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ACTING GOVERNOR TO OPEN TSUEN WAN ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN

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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR JACK CATER, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN AT THE YEUNG UK ROAD PLAYGROUND THIS SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 18) AT 3 PM.

SIR JACK WILL ALSO INSPECT A COLOURFUL PROCESSION FEATURING FLOATS, FOOT-PARADE, BANDS, DRAGON AND LION DANCES AND THE FAMOUS CHIU CHOW GONG AND DRUM DANCE.

MORE THAN 2 000 STUDENTS AND RESIDENTS IN TSUEN WAN WILL TAKE PART IN THE PROCESSION TO LAUNCH THE MONTH-LONG ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN. IT IS EXPECTED ABOUT 100 000 PEOPLE WILL WATCH THE THREE-HOUR COLOURFUL PROCESSION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN BY THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR JACK CATER, AT THE YEUNG UK ROAD PLAYGROUND AT 3 PM. THIS SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 18) AND THE GRAND PROCESSION.

PRESS REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE AT THE YEUNG UK ROAD PLAYGROUND NOT LATER THAN 2.30 PM. INFORMATION OFFICERS FROM THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES AND THE NARCOTICS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THEM.

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NEW EDUCATION ASSESSMENT SYSTEM FOR FORM/MIDDLE III FIRST SCALING TEST IN 1981

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AS FROM SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR, FORM/MIDDLE III STUDENTS IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR WILL HAVE THEIR ELIGIBILITY FOR SUBSIDISED FORM/MIDDLE IV PLACES DETERMINED BY INTERNAL ASSESSMENT.

THIS MEANS THAT STUDENTS WISHING TO BE ALLOCATED A SUBSIDISED PLACE WILL HAVE TO MAINTAIN A GOOD ACADEMIC STANDARD IN SCHOOL.

TO ENSURE FAIRNESS, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ITS FIRST SCALING TEST UNDER THE JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSESSMENT SYSTEM (JSEA) FOR THESE STUDENTS IN JANUARY/FEBRUARY, 1981.

THE JSEA SCALING TEST, AS ITS NAME IMPLIES, WILL BE FOR THE PURPOSE OF SCALING SCHOOLS' INTERNAL ASSESSMENTS SO THAT INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL RESULTS CAN BE FAIRLY COMPARED. IT WILL CONSIST OF TEST PAPERS IN THE BASIC SUBJECTS OF ENGLISH, CHINESE AND MATHEMATICS.

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+THOUGH ONLY SCALED INTERNAL ASSESSMENT WILL BE COUNTED IN THE ALLOCATION OF SCHOOL PLACES, THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT INDIVIDUAL PUPIL'S RESULTS IN THE SCALING TEST ARE NOT IMPORTANT SINCE THE OVERALL SUCCESS OF THE SCHOOL IN PLACING ITS PUPILS IN FORM/MIDDLE IV WILL DEPEND ON THEM,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SCALING TEST IS CURRICULUM ORIENTED AND THE FACT THAT INDIVIDUAL RESULTS WILL NOT BE COUNTED IN THE ALLOCATION PROCESS IS MAINLY TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BALANCED CURRICULUM IN SCHOOLS.

INVITATIONS TO SCHOOLS TO TAKE PART IN THE JSEA SCALING TEST WILL BE MADE ABOUT A YEAR IN ADVANCE - AROUND FEBRUARY EACH YEAR FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

+ALL GOVERNMENT, AIDED, PRIVATE NON-PROFIT-MAKING AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS WITH BOUGHT PLACES IN FORM/MIDDLE I-III MUST PARTICIPATE.

+PRIVATE INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS NOT IN THE BOUGHT PLACE SCHEME WHICH DO NOT PARTICIPATE MUST INFORM PARENTS THAT THEIR CHILDREN WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR ALLOCATION TO SUBSIDISED FORM/MIDDLE IV PLACES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL ISSUE TO ALL PARTICIPATING PUPILS A RECORD OF THEIR GRADES ACHIEVED IN EACH SCALED AND UNSCALED SUBJECT AS WELL AS THEIR ATTAINMENT IN SCHOOL.

KNOWN AS THE HONG KONG JUNIOR CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION, IT WILL CONSIST OF TWO PARTS, FIRSTLY THE STANDARD ACHIEVED BY THE PUPIL IN EACH SUBJECT TAKEN IN THE SCHOOL AND SECONDLY, AN ASSESSMENT BY THE SCHOOL OF THE PUPIL'S PERSONAL QUALITIES AND ACTIVITIES. THE STANDARD ACHIEVED IN EACH SUBJECT WILL BE RECORDED BY COMPUTER AS ONE OF EIGHT GRADES OF WHICH A IS THE HIGHEST AND H THE LOWEST.

SCHOOLS ARE EXPECTED TO ISSUE THESE CERTIFICATES TO STUDENTS NOT LATER THAN MID-OCTOBER OF EACH YEAR.

PARTICIPANTS, HOWEVER, WILL KNOW OF THEIR RESULTS IN JULY AND PUPILS ALLOCATED AN AIDED FORM IV PLACE WILL BE ISSUED WITH REGISTRATION FORMS AT THE SAME TIME.

+SCHOOL CIRCULARS OUTLINING DETAILS OF THE JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSESSMENT SYSTEM WERE ISSUED TODAY AND SHOULD REACH ALL SCHOOLS NEXT WEEK,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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1 700 FULL-TIME PLACES IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES FOR F5 LEAVERS

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THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE ABOUT 1 700 FIRST YEAR PLACES FOR FORM FIVE LEAVERS ON FULL-TIME COURSES NEXT SEPTEMBER, MR. DAN WATERS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL) SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE SPEECH DAY OF SCHOOLS OPERATED BY THE CHAN'S EDUCATIONAL ORGANSIATION HELD AT THE CHAN SHU KUI HALL IN NORTH POINT.

+IN SEPTEMBER, 1979 THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 10 QUALIFIED APPLICANTS FOR EVERY AVAILABLE FULL-TIME POST-FORM FIVE PLACE.+ MR. WATERS SAID.

SOME 1 500 FIRST YEAR PLACES WERE PROVIDED FOR FORM FIVE LEAVERS LAST SEPTEMBER.

IN A +TRACER STUDY+ CONDUCTED THIS YEAR BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AMONG STUDENTS WHO LEFT THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE SIX YEARS AGO, IT WAS FOUND THAT THE MAJORITY OF STUDENTS WHO COMPLETED FULL-TIME TECHNICIAN (POST-FROM FIVE) COURSES IN 1973 WERE NOW EARNING MORE THAN $2 700 A MONTH.

EVEN ON COMPLETION OF A FULL-TIME COURSE, MR. WATERS SAID, IT WOULD STILL BE NECESSARY FOR A STUDENT TO TAKE UP A JOB AND TO GAIN INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE, POSSIBLY AT THE SAME TIME TAKING UP PART-TIME STUDIES.

ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS WISHING TO PURSUE TECHNICAL EDUCATION IS TO CONTACT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TO BECOME REGISTERED TECHNICIAN APPRENTICES, SO THAT THEY WILL BE INDENTURED WITH A FIRM WHICH WILL SEND THEM FOR PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE STUDIES IN THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

+THERE IS A LOT TO BE SAID FOR PART-TIME DAY STUDIES BECAUSE IN THIS WAY PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE THAT IS GAINED ON THE JOB CAN BE MARRIED WITH THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION YOU RECEIVED IN AN INSTITUTE,+ MR. WATERS SAID.

SCHOOL LEAVERS CAN ALSO JOIN AN INDUSTRIAL TRAINING CENTRE SUCH AS CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRE OR CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRE.

+THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION DIVISION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS A PANEL OF SPEAKERS WHO ARE PREPARED TO GO TO SCHOOLS TO GIVE CAREER TALKS.+ HE SAID.

SCHOOLS WISHING TO HOLD THESE TALKS SHOULD CONTACT THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION DIVISION OR THE CAREERS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, OR A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE DIRECT.

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CROWN LAND FOR SALE

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THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL OFFER FOR SALE BY AUCTION THREE LOTS OF CROWN LAND FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

ONE OF THE SITES, MEASURING 1 500 SQUARE METRES, IS AT TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, KOWLOON.

THE OTHER TWO ARE LOCATED AT HOLLYWOOD ROAD AND BONHAM STRAND, HONG KONG, AND MEASURE 63.5 AND 42.7 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY.

THE AUCTION WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE AT 2.30 P.M. ON DECEMBER 12, 1979.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND SALE PLANS INSPECTED AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG AND AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR.

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SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK HELPS STUDENTS WITH PROBLEMS

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, TODAY (FRIDAY) STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK IN GUIDING AND HELPING STUDENTS WITH LEARNING OR BEHAVIOURAL PROBLEMS.

SPEAKING AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON CHIU CHOW SCHOOL AT THE CITY HALL, MR. LEE SAID THAT APART FROM IMPARTING ACADEMIC KNOWLEDGE, SCHOOLS SHOULD TAKE ACCOUNT OF ANY FACTORS WHICH MIGHT AFFECT STUDENTS' LEARNING.

HE POINTED OUT THAT FROM TIME TO TIME, SCHOOL CHILDREN MIGHT HAVE PERSONAL MALADJUSTMENT, LEARNING DIFFICULTIES OR BEHAVIOURAL PROBLEMS WHICH THEY WERE UNABLE TO SOLVE THEMSELVES.

+SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK IS AN APPLICATION OF SOCIAL WORK PRINCIPLES AND METHODS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE PERSONAL GUIDANCE AND HELP IN OVERCOMING THESE PROBLEMS,+ HE SAID.

MR. LEE SAID SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS, IN CLOSE LIAISON WITH TEACHERS AND PARENTS, HELPED STUDENTS THROUGH INTERVIEWS, COUNSELLING OR FAMILY VISITS.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNISED NOT ONLY THE IMPORTANCE OF PROVIDING GENERAL YOUTH SERVICES BUT ALSO THE NEED TO REACH THOSE WITH PROBLEMS AT SCHOOLS.

THE LATEST WHITE PAPER ON SOCIAL WELFARE INDICATES THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO EXTEND SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK TO COVER ALL SCHOOLS, HE ADDED.

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AT PRESENT, HE SAID, SOME 200 SECONDARY SCHOOLS ARE BEING SERVED BY FULL-TIME SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S STUDENT GUIDANCE OFFICER SCHEME COVERS MORE THAN 300 PRIMARY SCHOOLS, HE SAID.

MR. LEE CALLED ON STUDENTS TO MAKE THE BEST USE OF THIS SERVICE IN SCHOOLS.

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LAND SPORTS PLAY SAFE DAY

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SAFETY MEASURES FOR VARIOUS POPULAR LAND SPORTS WILL BE DEMONSTRATED IN A 'PLAY SAFE DAY' ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 18) AT VICTORIA PARK BETWEEN 2 P.M. AND 5 P.M.

THE LAND SPORTS PLAY SAFE DAY, ORGANISED BY THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON SAFETY IN OUTDOOR PURSUITS OF THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT, AIMS AT PROMOTING SAFETY RULES IN SPORTS.

MR. HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL WILL BE THE GUEST OF HONOUR AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE DEMONSTRATIONS OF SAFETY MEASURES FOR CYCLING, MOTORCYCLING, CAMPING, ARCHERY, SKATEBOARDING AND ROLLER SKATING. SPECTATORS WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN SOME OF THE SPORTS SUCH AS CYCLING AND ARCHERY.

IN ADDITON, EQUIPMENT FOR HILL-WALKING, KITE-FLYING AND CYCLING WILL BE DISPLAYED. THERE WILL ALSO BE PUPPET SHOWS AND FILM SHOWS ON SPORTS.

THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE CIVIL AID SERVICES, THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND A NUMBER OF ORGANISATIONS INCLUDING THE HONG KONG CYCLING ASSOCIATION, THE SCOUTS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, THE HONG KONG ARCHERY ASSOCIATION AND THE ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION WILL BE PARTICIPATING.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE LAND SPORTS PLAY SAFE DAY IN VICTORIA PARK ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 18). MEMBERS OF THE PRESS ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT THE QUEEN VICTORIA STATUE IN VICTORIA PARK AT 1.50 P.M. WHERE THEY WILL BE MET BY GIS REPRESENTATIVES. COPIES OF PROGRAMME OF THE LAND SPORTS PLAY SAFE DAY WILL BE DISTRIBUTED SEPARATELY IN GIS PRESS BOXES, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, THIS EVENING.

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VALUE OF VOLUNTARY LIFEGUARDS STRESSED

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THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR. BRIAN WILSON, TODAY (FRIDAY) PRAISED THE HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB FOR PROVIDING HONORARY LIFE GUARDS DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS AT PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHING BEACHES.

MR. WILSON WAS SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE SUMMER YOUTH TRAINING PROGRAMME ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB AT REPULSE BAY.

HE SAID THAT NO FEWER THAN 3 263 HONORARY LIFE GUARDS WERE PROVIDED THIS SUMMER AT SWIMMING POOLS AND BEACHES MANAGED BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN HONG KONG AND KOWLOON= AND 2 686 HONORARY LIFE GUARDS AT NEW TERRITORIES BEACHES.

+ORGANISING SUCH A PROGRAMME IS NOT SOME MINOR FUN THING,+ MR. WILSON SAID.

HE ALSO SAID THAT MANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WERE PROBABLY UNFAMILIAR WITH THE SCOPE AND THE VALUE OF THE SUMMER YOUTH TRAINING PROGRAMME, ALTHOUGH IT HAS BEEN TAKING PLACE ANNUALLY FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS.

+THIS PROGRAMME IS A QUITE REMARKABLE EFFORT ON THE PART OF SEVERAL DIFFERENT ORGANISATIONS DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS TO PROVIDE A SERIES OF TRAINING COURSES ON USEFUL WATER ACTIVITIES SUCH AS LIFE SAVING, SWIMMING, DIVING, CANOEING, FIRST AID, AND ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION,+ HE SAID.

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USD PUBLIC INFORMATION UNIT MOVES TO NEW OFFICES

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THE PUBLIC INFORMATION UNIT, ACCOUNTS SECTION AND SUPPLIES SECTION OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL MOVE TO NEW OFFICES IN THE CLUB LUSITANO BUILDING, ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE NEW OFFICES WILL START OPERATING ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 19) AND THE ENQUIRIES TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 5-214113.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE PUBLIC INFORMATION UNIT OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL MOVE TO THE FIRST FLOOR OF CLUB LUSITANO BUILDING, ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

FOLLOWING ARE THE NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR YOUR REFERENCE :

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CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER, MR. J.G. MARSHALL	5-214113 EXT. 40
PRINCIPAL INFORMATION OFFICER, MR. PETER ILIFFE-MOON	EXT. 41
SENIOR INFORMATION OFFICER (NEWS), MR. PAUL WAI	EXT. 45
INFORMATION OFFICER (NEWS), MR. CHAN SHING-YEE	EXT. 46
LIAISON OFFICER (TV), MISS HOLLY LAU	EXT. 47
ASSISTANT INFORMATION OFFICER (TV), MISS WINNIE PONG	EXT. 48

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AIR MAIL SERVICES TO VIETNAM TO RESUME NEXT MONDAY

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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT AIR MAIL SERVICES TO VIETNAM WHICH WERE SUSPENDED SINCE AUGUST 10 THIS YEAR WILL RESUME ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 19).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE SAID AT THE MOMENT ONLY ONE AIR MAIL OUTLET TO VIETNAM PER WEEK WOULD BE AVAILABLE.

+AND THIS WILL BE ON EVERY WEDNESDAY FOR WHICH THE LATEST TIME OF POSTING AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, KOWLOON CENTRAL AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICES WILL BE AT 11 A.M. ON THAT DAY,+ HE SAID.

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THREE BUILDINGS IN CENTRAL DECLARED DANGEROUS

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY (FRIDAY) DECLARED BUILDINGS AT 32 AND 30 TUNG STREET, CENTRAL TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION AND THAT AT 28 TUNG STREET LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE SAID THESE THREE-STOREY PRE-WAR BUILDINGS HAD BEEN UNDER REGULAR SURVEILLANCE SINCE 1965.

HE SAID: +THESE BUILDINGS ARE IN VERY POOR CONDITION, IN PARTICULAR THE LOAD-BEARING BRICK WALLS ARE BADLY ERODED AND FRACTURED.

+RECENTLY NEW MOVEMENT HAS BEEN DETECTED IN THE PARTY WALL BETWEEN THE BUILDINGS AT 32 AND 30 TUNG STREET. AS THERE IS NOW A SERIOUS RISK OF COLLAPSE IT IS NECESSARY TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH THESE TWO BUILDINGS.+

+ALTHOUGH THE BUILDING AT 28 TUNG STREET IS NOT IN SUCH A SERIOUS CONDITION IT WOULD BE LEFT TOTALLY ISOLATED BY THE COLLAPSE OR DEMOLITION OF THE ADJOINING BUILDINGS AND CONSEQUENTLY MUST BE CLOSED AND DEMOLISHED AS IT IS LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS,+ HE ADDED.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS IN VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 A.M. ON DECEMBER 14 WERE POSTED TODAY.

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NEW PUBLIC DUMP TO OPEN IN TUEN MUN

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A NEW PUBLIC DUMP IN AREA 18, TUEN MUN WILL BE OPENED ON DECEMBER 1 TO REPLACE THE EXISTING ONE IN THE AREA WHICH WILL BE CLOSED ON THE SAME DAY.

THE NEW DUMP IS ABOUT ONE AND A HALF KILOMETRES SOUTH OF THE PRESENT DUMP IN AREA 17S, TUEN MUN KAU HUI.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID ACCESS TO THE NEW DUMP WILL BE FROM LUNG MUN ROAD, AND VEHICLES WITHOUT DUMPING PERMITS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO DUMP MATERIAL IN AREA 18.

DUMPING PERMITS FOR AREA 18 MAY BE OBTAINED FREE OF CHARGE ON WRITTEN APPLICATION TO THE PROJECT MANAGER (TUEN MUN), TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, 91-93 HOI PA STREET, TSUEN WAN.

ONLY APPROVED STONE AND DEBRIS UP TO 225 MM IN SIZE, PROVIDING IT IS WELL MIXED WITH EARTH, WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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APPROVED SOFT MATERIAL, EXCLUDING HOUSEHOLD REFUSE AND VEGETABLE MATTER, WILL ALSO BE ACCEPTED.

EACH APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER, THE ORIGIN, TYPE AND APPROXIMATE QUANTITY OF MATERIALS TO BE DUMPED AND THE PERIOD FOR WHICH THE PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR A PARTICULAR JOB.

DUMPING WILL BE ALLOWED BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 6 P.M. DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND LUNAR NEW YEAR PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

ALL DUMPING MUST BE CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE DUMP SUPERVISOR.

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TWO GOVERNMENT QUARRY WORKERS RETIRING

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TWO GOVERNMENT QUARRY WORKERS ARE RETIRING AFTER EACH SERVING MORE THAN 28 YEARS WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

THEY ARE MR. WONG KWAI-YE, 56, AND MR. KWAN WAH-SUN, 59.

THEY BOTH JOINED THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN 1951. SINCE THEN, THEY HAVE WORKED IN VARIOUS GOVERNMENT QUARRIES AND OFFICES OF THE PWD, INCLUDING THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE, THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE AND THE GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE.

AT A CEREMONY HELD AT THE GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE OF THE PWD THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON, MR. WU LEUNG, ACTING CHIEF TECHNICAL OFFICER, ON BEHALF OF HIS COLLEAGUES, PRESENTED SOUVENIRS TO THEM.

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PARTIAL CLOSURE OF GARDEN ROAD FLYOVER

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THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF GARDEN ROAD FLYOVER FROM MAGAZINE GAP ROAD TO GARDEN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 2 P.M. TO 10 P.M. TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AND FROM 7 A.M. TO 7 P.M. ON THE FOLLOWING DAY (SUNDAY) FOR MAINTENANCE WORK.

THE FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED AGAIN FROM 2 P.M. TO 10 P.M. ON NOVEMBER 24 AND FROM 7 A.M. TO 7 P.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY.

DURING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE, VEHICLES PROCEEDING NORTHWARDS FROM MAGAZINE GAP ROAD TO GARDEN ROAD SHOULD USE THE ALTERNATIVE GROUND LEVEL ROUTE, HE SAID.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN TSUEN WAN ON SUNDAY

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN TSUEN WAN BETWEEN 3 P.M. AND 4.30 P.M. ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 18) FOR THE GRAND PROCESSION OF THE TSUEN WAN ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN.

UNDER THE ARRANGEMENTS THE FOLLOWING STREETS WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC DURING THAT PERIOD:

* WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF YEUNG UK ROAD BETWEEN MA TAU PA STREET AND CHUNG ON STREET - WESTBOUND TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED EITHER VIA MA TAU PA STREET, TEXACO ROAD TO CASTLE PEAK ROAD, OR VIA KWU HANG ROAD, SHA TSUI ROAD, TEXACO ROAD TO CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

* SECTION OF CHUNG ON STREET BETWEEN SHA TSUI ROAD AND YEUNG UK ROAD - SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA HAM TIN STREET TO YEUNG UK ROAD.

* WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF SHA TSUI ROAD BETWEEN CHUNG ON STREET AND TAI HO ROAD - WESTBOUND TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA HAM TIN STREET, YEUNG UK ROAD, TEXACO ROAD TO CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

* EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF SHA TSUI ROAD BETWEEN TSO KUNG STREET AND TAI HO ROAD - EASTBOUND TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TSO KUNG STREET, HOI PA STREET TO TAI HO ROAD.

IN ADDITION THE TAI HO ROAD ROUNDABOUT MAY BE CLOSED FOR A SHORT PERIOD TO FACILITATE THE PROCESSION.

ALL PARKING FACILITIES IN CHUNG ON STREET, TSO KUNG STREET AND HOI PA STREET WILL BE SUSPENDED DURING THE PROCESSION.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP AND POLICE OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO AVOID GOING TO THE AREA BETWEEN 2 P.M. AND 5.30 P.M. ON THAT DAY WHEN TRAFFIC IS EXPECTED TO BE CONGESTED.

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