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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PRESS FACILITY TO COVER GOVERNOR'S DEPARTURE
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THERE WILL BE A FACILITY FOR PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN TO COVER THE DEPARTURE OF THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, FOR PEKING ON MONDAY (AUGUST 1).

SIR EDWARD, ACCOMPANIED BY THE ACTING POLITICAL ADVISER, MR RICHARD MARGOLIS, WILL BE LEAVING ON FLIGHT CA 102, ETD 1 PM.

PLEASE ADVISE THOSE ASSIGNED TO COVER THE DEPARTURE TO ASSEMBLE IN THE PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING NOT LATER THAN 12 NOON ON MONDAY. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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CAR REGISTRATION NO. 3 FETCHES \$1 030 000 FOR CHARITY
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THIRTY-FOUR SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD BY AUCTION THIS MORNING (SATURDAY) FOR A TOTAL OF \$1 406 150 WHICH WILL GO INTO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION HELD AT RECITAL HALL OF THE CITY HALL, 8TH FLOOR, SAW THE REGISTRATION NUMBER 3 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$1 030 000.

ANOTHER NUMBER 7007 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$65 000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1 000.

THE OTHER SPECIAL REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD AT THE FOLLOWING PRICES:

	\$		\$		\$
DA 821	2 000	CZ 891	2 000	CZ 2218	1 000
BE 2	12 000	DA 911	9 500	CZ 3618	1 000
BE 3	33 000	CZ 8676	1 000	CZ 729	1 000
CZ 8886	1 100	CJ 888	30 000	DA 348	3 500
DA 133	5 500	DA 628	3 500	AA 731	2 750
CZ 8122	1 000	CM 8	56 000	DA 511	1 000
DA 5111	1 000	BM 6668	21 500	BB 306	5 000
DA 1500	1 000	DA 1283	4 100	CZ 3998	3 400
CV 1	53 000	AH 9500	1 000	CZ 8283	3 300
AR 317	1 500	CH 1000	7 500	DA 938	3 500
CY 10	37 500	CJ 85 (WITHDRAWN)		BH 216	1 000

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THE NUMBERS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 86TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR CHARITY REALISED SO FAR TO \$29 072 282.

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CONCESSIONS TO DISABLED DRIVERS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT ALL APPLICATIONS FOR EXEMPTION FROM LICENSING FEES AND PRIVILEGED PARKING LABELS FOR DISABLED PERSONS WOULD BE DEALT WITH BY THE KOWLOON DRIVING TEST SECTION AT PUI CHING ROAD FROM MONDAY (AUGUST 1).

FOR APPLICATIONS IN PERSON, APPOINTMENTS SHOULD BE MADE IN ADVANCE BY DIALLING 3-7134881 OR 3-7137262.

THE EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF LICENSING FEES FOR THE DISABLED WITH CONSIDERABLE WALKING DIFFICULTIES COVERS:

- * PROVISIONAL DRIVING LICENCES,
- * DRIVING TESTS,
- * FULL DRIVING LICENCES,
- * ANNUAL VEHICLE LICENCE OF A PRIVATE CAR WITH ENGINE CYLINDER CAPACITY NOT EXCEEDING 1 500 C.C. WHICH IS OWNED AND DRIVEN BY THE DISABLED PERSON, AND
- * FIRST REGISTRATION TAX OF A PRIVATE CAR WITH TAXABLE VALUE NOT EXCEEDING \$30 000, IF HE HAS NOT WITHIN THE PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS REGISTERED A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT PAYMENT OF TAX.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID, +ON RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATIONS, THE DEPARTMENT WILL ARRANGE A MEDICAL EXAMINATION APPOINTMENT FOR THE APPLICANTS TO ASCERTAIN THEIR DEGREE OF WALKING DIFFICULTIES.

+THE EXEMPTION WILL BE CONSIDERED ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH OFFICER.

+IN ADDITION, A DISABLED DRIVER WITH A FULL DRIVING LICENCE MAY APPLY FOR A PRIVILEGED PARKING LABEL FOR HIS CAR IF IT IS REGISTERED IN HIS NAME AND SOLELY DRIVEN BY HIM,+ HE SAID.

+THE PRIVILEGED PARKING LABEL WILL EXEMPT HIM FROM PARKING CHARGES AT METERS DESIGNATED FOR PRIVATE CARS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN MEDICALLY EXAMINED AND BEEN EXEMPTED FROM PAYMENT OF THE LISTED LICENSING FEES SHOULD MAKE THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF FIRST REGISTRATION TAX AT THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S LICENSING OFFICE, 2 MURRAY ROAD, HONG KONG.

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IDENTITY CARD SCHEME ENTERING FOURTH PHASE
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THE FOURTH PHASE OF THE NEW IDENTITY CARD SCHEME WILL BEGIN ON AUGUST 8, TWO DAYS AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE CURRENT PHASE, THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

UNLIKE THE FIRST THREE PHASES, THE COMING PHASE WILL COVER TWO AGE GROUPS INSTEAD OF ONE, I.E. MEN BORN IN 1961 AND 1960.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT DURING THE FIVE-WEEK PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 10, ABOUT 128 000 MEN ARE EXPECTED TO TURN UP FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS -- AN AVERAGE OF 4 600 PEOPLE A DAY.

+WE HAVE GEARED UP RESOURCES TO COPE WITH THE INCREASED WORKLOAD. NEVERTHELESS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE FULL CO-OPERATION FROM THE APPLICANTS TO FACILITATE THE SMOOTH IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PHASE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE IN PERSON TO ANY OF THE EIGHT NEW I.D. CARD ISSUE OFFICES WHICH ARE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS.

APPLICANTS WERE ALSO REMINDED TO BRING ALONG THEIR OLD IDENTITY CARDS TO THESE OFFICES.

+THE PROCESSING WILL TAKE ONLY HALF AN HOUR AND APPLICANTS WILL BE INFORMED OF THE DATE TO PICK UP THEIR NEW CARDS AND TO SURRENDER THEIR OLD ONES,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

MEANWHILE, 49 000 APPLICATIONS HAD BEEN RECEIVED IN THE CURRENT PHASE OF THE SCHEME, AIMED AT MEN BORN IN 1962.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED THE REMAINING 13 000 TO COME FORWARD BEFORE APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON AUGUST 6.

HE REITERATED THAT THOSE WHO ARE AWAY FROM HONG KONG DURING THE SPECIFIED PERIOD MUST MAKE THEIR APPLICATIONS WITHIN 30 DAYS UPON THEIR RETURN.

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FEWER COMPLAINTS ABOUT PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES
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THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT HAD BEEN RECEIVING FEWER COMPLAINTS AGAINST PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES.

IN ITS LATEST QUARTERLY REPORT, COVERING APRIL 1 TO JUNE 30, THE TCU RECORDED 1 208 DIRECT COMPLAINTS - SOME 550 OF THEM (45 PER CENT) BEING ABOUT PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES. IN THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, 760 CASES WERE IN THIS CATEGORY, AMOUNTING TO SOME 57 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL OF 1 328 DIRECT COMPLAINTS.

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THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE UNIT, MR STEPHEN PANG, SAID THAT FEWER COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE FRANCHISED BUS SERVICES WERE THE MAJOR CAUSE FOR THE DOWNWARD TREND. COMPARED WITH THE FIGURES FOR THE SAME PERIOD OF LAST YEAR, THE COMPLAINTS DIRECTED TOWARDS CMB AND KMB HAD DROPPED FROM 521 TO 365.

+THE DECREASE IN THESE COMPLAINTS CAN PROBABLY BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE IMPROVEMENT IN BUS ALLOCATION. RECENT SURVEYS BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT REVEALED THAT CMB'S VEHICLE ALLOCATION WAS UP TO THE SCHEDULED REQUIREMENT AND THE TOTAL OUT-TURN OF KMB BUSES IN SERVICE WAS ABOVE THE SCHEDULED ALLOCATION REQUIREMENT,+ SAID MR PANG.

HOWEVER THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST CMB STAFF IN THE QUARTER UNDER REVIEW WAS STILL RELATIVELY HIGH. SEVENTY-FOUR COMPLAINTS WERE REFERRED TO THE COMPANY FOR INVESTIGATION AGAINST 58 IN THE LAST QUARTER.

THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST KMB STAFF HAD ALSO INCREASED FROM 31 IN THE LAST QUARTER TO 36 IN THE CURRENT QUARTER.

+ANOTHER OBVIOUS CHANGE IN TREND IS THAT COMPLAINTS ABOUT ROAD CONGESTION, TRAFFIC AIDS, PEDESTRIAN AND PARKING FACILITIES HAVE INCREASED. IT IS LIKELY THAT MORE PEOPLE HAVE BECOME AWARE THAT THE TCU DOES NOT ONLY DEAL WITH PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES,+ SAID MR PANG.

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BEACHGOERS WARNED ABOUT ILLEGAL CAMPING

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THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) WARNED BEACHGOERS THAT IT IS AN OFFENCE TO PUT UP TENTS OUTSIDE DESIGNATED AREAS AT ANY GAZETTED BEACHES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND ON OUTLYING ISLANDS.

THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR THE OFFENCE IS A \$500 FINE AND IMPRISONMENT OF UP TO TWO WEEKS, A SPOKESMAN SAID.

NTSD STAFF ARE STEPPING UP THEIR OPERATION AGAINST ILLEGAL CAMPING AT THE GAZETTED BEACHES, PARTICULARLY AT SILVERMINE BAY, PUI O, UPPER CHEUNG SHA AND LOWER CHEUNG SHA ON LANTAU.

MAKING BARBECUE FIRE OUTSIDE DESIGNATED AREAS AT GAZETTED BEACHES IS ALSO PROHIBITED UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES ORDINANCE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HOLIDAY-MAKERS WERE URGED TO MAKE USE OF DESIGNATED CAMP SITES AND BARBECUE PITS AT GAZETTED BEACHES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

WINDSURFING, PARA-SAILING AND WATER-SKIING ARE NOT ALLOWED WITHIN THE AREA MARKED OUT FOR SWIMMERS.

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NEW ADDRESSES FOR TWO SWD UNITS

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S WONG TAI SIN SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNIT AND TUNG TAU SHELTERED WORKSHOP WILL OPERATE FROM NEW PREMISES FROM NEXT MONDAY (AUGUST 1).

THE NEW OFFICE OF THE WONG TAI SIN FIELD UNIT WILL BE AT YUE TUNG HOUSE, NO. 1-6, GROUND FLOOR, TUNG TAU ESTATE, AND THE TELEPHONE NUMBER WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED AT 3-823738.

THE TUNG TAU SHELTERED WORKSHOP WILL BE AT BLOCK 6, WANG TAU HOM ESTATE, GROUND FLOOR, WONG TAI SIN, AND THE NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS WILL BE 3-368623 AND 3-367197.

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NEW OFFICE BUILDING IN FANLING

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A TEMPORARY OFFICE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR BOTH THE DISTRICT OFFICE, NORTH, AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, NORTH, NEAR THE FANLING ROUNDABOUT.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE PROJECT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF FIVE TWO-STOREY OFFICE BUILDINGS ON A 4 600-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT JOCKEY CLUB ROAD NEAR THE FANLING MAGISTRACY.

UPON COMPLETION, THE FIVE BUILDINGS WILL PROVIDE A TOTAL OF ABOUT 2 500 SQUARE METRES OF TEMPORARY OFFICE ACCOMMODATION FOR THE TWO OFFICES.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL START IN SEPTEMBER AND IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT EIGHT MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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SPORTING ACTIVITIES FOR OFFICE WORKERS

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STAFF OF 16 BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL FIRMS IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN WILL BE COMPETING IN VARIOUS SPORTING ACTIVITIES IN THE COMING FOUR MONTHS.

AN INTER-HONG SPORTS PROGRAMME, SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE DISTRICT'S RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND SEVEN AREA COMMITTEES, WILL START OFF WITH A SWIMMING GALA AT 2 PM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE KENNEDY TOWN SWIMMING POOL.

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AND IN THE FOLLOWING WEEKENDS UNTIL NOVEMBER, A BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT, A SOCCER MATCH, A TABLE TENNIS COMPETITION AND A LONG-DISTANCE RUN WILL BE HELD.

EACH COMPANY CAN SEND TEAMS TO TAKE PART IN NOT MORE THAN THREE EVENTS AND THE TEAM WITH THE HIGHEST ACCUMULATED SCORE WILL BE THE CHAMPION.

THE PROGRAMME IS AIMED AT AROUSING THE STAFF'S INTEREST IN SPORTS AND AT GIVING THEM A BREAK FROM THE MONOTONOUS NINE-TO-FIVE OFFICE WORK.

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PLB RESTRICTIONS IN TAI WAI AND SHA TIN
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FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 1) UNTIL MIDNIGHT ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS AT THE SECTION OF TAI WAI ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH CHIK CHUEN STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 40 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION. THEREAFTER THE PROHIBITION WILL LAST FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT EACH DAY.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EXISTING 24 HOUR DAILY PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTIONS ON SHING HO ROAD AND TAI WAI ROAD WILL BE RESCINDED.

FROM THE SAME DAY AT 10 AM, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL ALSO BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE FOLLOWING ROADS UNLESS AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE AUTHORITY:-

- (I) KENG HAU ROAD;
- (II) THE SECTION OF LOWER SHING MUN ROAD EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI PO ROAD;
- (III) THE SECTION OF TSUEN NAM ROAD SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI WAI ROAD;
- (IV) THE SECTION OF TSUEN NAM ROAD NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH CHIK LUK LANE;
- (V) SHING CHUEN ROAD;
- (VI) CHIK TAK LANE;
- (VII) THE SECTION OF CHIK FUK STREET BETWEEN TAI WAI ROAD AND CHIK LUK LANE;
- (VIII) THE SECTION OF CHIK FUK STREET BETWEEN SHING HO ROAD AND CHIK SHUN STREET;
- (IX) CHIK SHUN STREET, AND
- (X) MAN LAM ROAD.

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AND ON THE SAME DAY AND TIME, THE FOLLOWING ROADS IN SHA TIN WILL BE DESIGNATED AS 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY RESTRICTED ZONES:-

- (I) THE SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD BETWEEN LOWER SHING MUN ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 170 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH SHING TSUEN ROAD;
- (II) THE SLIP ROADS ON TAI PO ROAD LEADING TO ROAD P3 AND TAI WAI ROAD;
- (III) THE SLIP ROAD FROM ROAD P3 TO NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TAI PO ROAD;
- (IV) THE SECTION OF ROAD P3 FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH THE ACCESS ROAD TO MEI LAM ESTATE TO A POINT ABOUT 150 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- (V) THE SECTION OF SHING HO ROAD BETWEEN TAI PO ROAD AND CHIK SHUN STREET;
- (VI) THE SECTION OF CHIK CHUEN STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH SHING HO ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 25 METRES FROM THE SAME JUNCTION;
- (VII) THE SECTION OF ROAD P3 BETWEEN LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD AND ROAD P1, AND
- (VIII) THE SECTION OF ROAD P1 BETWEEN SHA TIN TAU ROAD AND ROAD P3.

WITHIN THE ABOVE RESTRICTED ZONES, ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS AND LOADING OR UNLOADING GOODS DURING THE SAID HOURS DAILY.

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PLAYGROUND FOR CENTRAL

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A TEMPORARY CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND WILL SOON BE BUILT AT ABERDEEN STREET, CENTRAL DISTRICT.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THIS PROJECT.

THE PLAYGROUND WILL OCCUPY A SITE OF ABOUT 380 SQUARE METRES AND WILL PROVIDE FACILITIES SUCH AS BENCHES, A STOREROOM AND PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT.

WORK WILL START IN SEPTEMBER AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED EARLY NEXT YEAR.

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TRAFFIC RESTRICTION IN CENTRAL

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FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 1), THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL BETWEEN DOUGLAS STREET AND PEDDER STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED AS A 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAY.

NO VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE.

ALSO FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY, THE EASTBOUND TRAM TRACK ON DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL BETWEEN DOUGLAS STREET AND PEDDER STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED AS A TRAM-ONLY LANE.

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