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IDENTITY CARD CHECK AREAS EXTENDED

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT, IN VIEW OF THE CONTINUING HIGH LEVEL OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION, AN ORDER HAD BEEN MADE EXTENDING THE MANDATORY CARRYING OF IDENTITY CARDS TO COVER THE WHOLE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES AND OUTLYING ISLANDS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF NEW KOWLOON, TSUEN WAN TOWN, KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI ISLAND.

THE EXTENSION WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE NEXT MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15.

THE ORDER, UNDER THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS REGULATIONS, ALSO EXCLUDES HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON, AP LEI CHAU, MIDDLE ISLAND AND STONECUTTERS ISLAND.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID RESIDENTS OF THE AREAS, AND THOSE WHO GO THERE, WHO FOR ANY REASON DID NOT HAVE IDENTITY CARDS MUST APPLY FOR THEM AT REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICES.

ANYONE WHO HAS LOST HIS CARD, OR HAD IT STOLEN, SHOULD IMMEDIATELY TAKE STEPS TO APPLY FOR A REPLACEMENT.

WHEN A NEW CARD OR A REPLACEMENT HAS BEEN APPLIED FOR, THE APPLICANT SHOULD CARRY WITH HIM THE OFFICIAL RECEIPT OF HIS APPLICATION.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT PERSONS WHO ARE NOT REQUIRED TO HOLD IDENTITY CARDS - ESPECIALLY VISITORS TO HONG KONG - SHOULD CARRY SOME OTHER PROOF OF IDENTITY WHEN VISITING THE AREAS AFFECTED BY THE ORDER.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE REASONS FOR EXTENDING THE AREAS WHERE THE CARRIAGE OF IDENTITY CARDS WAS REQUIRED WERE TO ASSIST THE SECURITY FORCES IN TRYING TO DETECT ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS EN ROUTE TO THE URBAN AREA, AND TO LESSEN INCONVENIENCE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC BY SPEEDING UP THE PROCESS WHEN THEY ARE STOPPED FOR AN IDENTITY CHECK.

OVER THE LAST 14 MONTHS SIMILAR REQUIREMENTS WERE INTRODUCED FOR THE FRONTIER CLOSED AREA, PING CHAU IN MIRS BAY, THE MAI PO BIRD SANCTUARY AND THE SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARKS AND ADJACENT VILLAGE AREAS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID : +THE INTRODUCTION OF THESE REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN OF MARKED BENEFIT TO THE SECURITY FORCES IN IDENTIFYING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS. BY EXTENDING THE AREAS COVERED TO INCLUDE MOST OF THE NEW TERRITORIES AND OUTLYING ISLANDS WE HOPE TO REAP EVEN MORE BENEFICIAL RESULTS.+

HE EXPLAINED THAT PEOPLE LIVING IN OR VISITING THE AREAS AFFECTED COULD HAVE THEIR IDENTITIES VERIFIED FROM THEIR IDENTITY CARDS IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEY WERE STOPPED.

+THIS MEANS INCONVENIENCE WILL BE CONSIDERABLY REDUCED AND THE SECURITY FORCES WILL BE ABLE TO CONCENTRATE THEIR ENQUIRIES ON THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES SATISFACTORILY,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE LEVEL OF ARRESTS OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS REACHED A PEAK IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR WITH A FIGURE OF 15 000. FOR THE WHOLE YEAR THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ARRESTS WAS NEARLY 90 000.

ALTHOUGH THE FIGURES THEN DROPPED, THEY ROSE SHARPLY AGAIN IN RECENT MONTHS, AND SO FAR THIS YEAR THE NUMBER OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ARRESTED STANDS AT MORE THAN 56 000.

+IT IS ESTIMATED THAT DURING THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF THIS YEAR ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION WOULD HAVE ADDED ANOTHER 50 000 TO HONG KONG'S POPULATION. THE ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE GOVERNMENT'S SOCIAL PROGRAMMES HAS BEEN VERY CONSIDERABLE,+ HE SAID.

THE MAJORITY OF THESE EVADERS HAVE BEEN REACHING THE URBAN AREA BY WAY OF RURAL AREAS STRETCHING IN AN ARC BETWEEN CASTLE PEAK IN THE WEST AND SAI KUNG IN THE EAST.

THE REMAINDER COME MAINLY BY BOAT AND LAND IN OTHER PARTS OF THE TERRITORY, INCLUDING THE OUTLYING ISLANDS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS, THEREFORE, IMPORTANT FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO SHOULD HAVE IDENTITY CARDS TO CARRY THEM WHEN VISITING THE AREAS AFFECTED.

+IF ANYONE WHO SHOULD BUT DOES NOT HAVE AN ID CARD,+ HE SAID, +THEN HE MUST GO TO A REGISTRATION OF PERSONS (ROP) OFFICE AND APPLY TO GET ONE, TAKING ALONG TWO PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS OF HIMSELF.+

PERSONS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR IDENTITY CARDS SHOULD APPLY FOR REPLACEMENT CARDS AT ANY OF THE THREE MAIN ROP OFFICES IN THE CAUSEWAY BAY MAGISTRACY BUILDING ON HONG KONG ISLAND, THE CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING IN KOWLOON, OR THE FAR EAST BANK BUILDING IN TSUEN WAN.

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR ADDITIONAL STAFF IN ROP OFFICES TO BE ON DUTY TO HANDLE APPLICATIONS.

THOSE PERSONS FOUND NOT CARRYING IDENTITY CARDS AFTER THE ORDER COMES INTO EFFECT WILL BE LIABLE TO A FINE OF UP TO \$3 000 OR IMPRISONMENT FOR ONE YEAR.

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ROYAL COLLEGE OF DEFENCE STUDIES GROUP
VISIT SHA TIN
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A 12-MEMBER GROUP FROM THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF DEFENCE STUDIES IN BRITAIN, WHICH IS ON A ONE-WEEK VISIT TO HONG KONG AS PART OF A FAR EAST TOUR, TODAY VISITED AN ANCESTRAL HALL IN TAI WAI AND THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY IN SHA TIN.

THE PARTY, WHICH CONSISTS OF SENIOR MILITARY AND GOVERNMENT OFFICERS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM, AUSTRALIA, BRAZIL, NORWAY, THE UNITED STATES AND INDIA, ARRIVED IN HONG KONG LAST FRIDAY.

THEY BEGAN TODAY'S TOUR WITH A VISIT TO NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS FOR A BRIEFING BY DEPUTY NEW TERRITORIES SECRETARY, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI KAM, FOLLOWING WHICH THEY TRAVELLED TO SHA TIN NEW TOWN WHERE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, DR PATRICK HASE, BRIEFED THEM ON PLANS TO DEVELOP THE DISTRICT INTO A SELF-CONTAINED COMMUNITY OF 750 000 PEOPLE BY THE END OF THE DECADE.

THE PARTY WAS THEN TAKEN TO TAI WAI VILLAGE AND THE WAI KIN FUK ANCESTRAL HALL WHERE THEY WERE GREETED BY THE SHA TIN RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR WAI HON-LEUNG.

MR WAI, WHO IS ALSO A SHA TIN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER, TOLD THE VISITING GROUP THAT THE ANCESTRAL HALL WAS BUILT IN THE MING DYNASTY MORE THAN 300 YEARS AGO AND WAS RENOVATED EARLIER THIS YEAR.

HE SPOKE OF COMMUNITY BUILDING WORK IN THE NEW TOWN AND ALSO SHOWED THE GROUP SOME 500-YEAR-OLD POTTERY. THE PARTY LEADER, AIR VICE-MARSHAL MIKE ARMITAGE, TOLD MR WAI: +THIS WILL BE A HIGHLIGHT OF OUR VISIT TO HONG KONG.+

THE VISITORS WERE THEN DRIVEN THROUGH SHA TIN'S HOUSING ESTATES AND INDUSTRIAL AREA, DURING WHICH DR HASE EXPLAINED TO THEM THE LARGE NUMBER OF PROJECTS CONNECTED WITH THE NEW TOWN PROGRAMME.

AFTER A SHORT TOUR OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY THEY WENT TO ISLAND HOUSE, HOME OF THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, FOR A BRIEFING ON TAI PO NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICHOLAS NG, THE PROJECT MANAGER, MR JEFF THOMAS, AND THE COMMERCIAL DIRECTOR OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION, MR P.K. WONG.

AFTER LUNCH THEY VISITED A FACTORY IN SAN PO KONG AND THE TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT.

THE GROUP WILL VISIT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, HMS TAMAR AND THE BORDER AREA WHILE THEY ARE IN HONG KONG.

THEY LEAVE HONG KONG ON THURSDAY FOR KOREA, JAPAN AND MALAYSIA.

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TAX EXEMPTION ON INTEREST EARNED

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INTEREST PAYABLE BY LICENSED BANKS, BY CERTAIN PUBLIC UTILITIES AND BY THE GOVERNMENT AT RATES OF UP TO 5-1/2 PER CENT PER ANNUM WILL BE EXEMPT FROM INTEREST TAX FROM TODAY, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED.

THIS REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF 1/2 PER CENT IN THE EXEMPTION LIMIT, AND FOLLOWS THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE EXCHANGE BANKS' ASSOCIATION ON SATURDAY THAT THE RATE OF INTEREST PAYABLE ON SAVINGS ACCOUNTS WOULD BE INCREASED TO 5-1/2 PER CENT WITH EFFECT FROM TODAY.

A NOTICE SIGNED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY UNDER SECTION 28(1) OF THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE IS PUBLISHED IN AN EXTRAORDINARY ISSUE OF THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

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METRICATION CAMPAIGN FINDS STUDENT SUPPORTERS

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THE METRICATION COMMITTEE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND MOBIL OIL HONG KONG LIMITED WILL JOIN HANDS IN THE COMING MONTHS TO PROMOTE METRIC AWARENESS AMONG STUDENTS.

THE PLAN WAS DISCLOSED BY PROFESSOR S.Y. KING, CHAIRMAN OF THE METRICATION COMMITTEE IN A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY.

A 30-MINUTE TELEVISION PROGRAMME AIMED AT ENCOURAGING THE PUBLIC TO ADOPT METRIC UNITS WAS SCREENED IN JULY THIS YEAR AND WAS RECORDED BY MOST SCHOOLS FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

+OWING TO THE FAVOURABLE RESPONSE TO THIS PROGRAMME, WE PLAN TO ORGANISE A METRIC QUIZ FOR ALL FORM 4 AND 5 PUPILS AS A MEANS OF PROMOTING METRIC AWARENESS,+ SAID PROF KING.

+THE REASON FOR FORM 4 AND 5 STUDENTS TO BE SELECTED FOR THIS QUIZ IS THAT MOST OF THEM WILL BE SERVING THE SOCIETY IN A FEW YEARS' TIME AND IT IS APPROPRIATE TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO USE THE METRIC UNITS FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR SOCIETY,+ HE ADDED.

THE +METRIC QUIZ+ TO BE CONDUCTED ON NOVEMBER 27 BY THE METRICATION COMMITTEE AND THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS SPONSORED BY THE MOBIL OIL HONG KONG LIMITED. MORE THAN 200 000 STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART. MOBIL IS THE FIRST PRIVATE COMPANY IN THE COMMERCIAL SECTOR TO SPONSOR THE COMMITTEE'S PROMOTION EFFORTS.

THE QUIZ WILL CONSIST OF 20 MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS ON SUBJECTS RELATED TO THE DAILY LIFE OR STUDIES OF THE STUDENTS AND THOSE WHO SCORE SATISFACTORY RESULTS WILL BE AWARDED A SLIDE RULE WITH METRIC CONVERSIONS. THESE PRIZES, 20 000 IN ALL, ARE DONATED BY THE MOBIL OIL HONG KONG LIMITED AS A GESTURE OF SUPPORT TO THE METRICATION CAMPAIGN.

A SEMINAR FOR TEACHERS OF PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS WILL BE HELD PRIOR TO THE QUIZ TO SUPPLY THEM WITH BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON METRICATION IN HONG KONG AND THE WAYS AND MEANS TO IMPRESS STUDENTS WITH METRIC IDENTITIES.

REPORTING ON THE PROGRESS ON METRICATION, PROF KING POINTED OUT THAT A MARKET RESEARCH ON METRICATION HAD BEEN CONDUCTED RECENTLY AND THE RESULT SHOWS THAT PEOPLE IN HONG KONG ARE HIGHLY RECEPTIVE TO CHANGES AND THEY ARE NOT LIKELY TO COME ACROSS SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN ADAPTING TO METRIC UNITS.

NEVERTHELESS, TO REDUCE PEOPLE'S WORRIES ON METRIC CHANGE, PLANS ARE NOW IN HAND TO PRODUCE PAMPHLETS AND INFORMATION SHEETS FOR THE REFERENCE OF VARIOUS TRADE SECTORS.

AT A CEREMONY FOLLOWING THE PRESS CONFERENCE, MR J.L. SOONG, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF MOBIL OIL HONG KONG LIMITED PRESENTED A FACSIMILE SLIDE RULE AND A CHEQUE TO PROF KING.

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PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE INVITED

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS URGED SCHOOL HEADS TO INFORM THEIR PUPILS OF THE SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE AND TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO JOIN THE SCHEME.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT PUPILS IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND THOSE IN FORMS/MIDDLE I-III MAY PARTICIPATE.

+THE FEE IS \$5 FOR TWELVE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF ENTRY. THE SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE BOARD WILL PAY EACH DOCTOR \$35 A YEAR FOR EVERY PUPIL ALLOCATED TO HIM,+ HE SAID.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SCHEME IS TO PROVIDE SUBSIDIZED AND ECONOMICAL MEDICAL TREATMENT TO ALL PUPILS WHO WISH TO HAVE IT. IT ALSO SERVES THEIR SPECIAL NEEDS BY ALLOWING FOR THE EARLY DETECTION AND DIAGNOSIS OF DEFECTS AND CONTINUED MEDICAL SUPERVISION.

+FAILURE TO INFORM PUPILS OF THE SERVICE PREVENTS THEM AND THEIR PARENTS FROM MAKING A FREE, PERSONAL CHOICE AS TO WHETHER TO PARTICIPATE OR NOT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HEADS OF PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS NEED ONLY TO CHOOSE A DOCTOR FROM A LIST SUPPLIED ON REQUEST BY THE BOARD, PROVIDE PARTICIPATION CARDS TO PUPILS ON THE DAY THEY JOIN, AND PAY ONCE A MONTH ALL \$5 FEES COLLECTED BY THE SCHOOL DURING THE PREVIOUS MONTH TO THE BOARD.

+A PARTICIPATION CARD ENTITLES A PUPIL TO VISIT THE DOCTOR AS MANY TIMES AS HE WISHES DURING THE ENSUING TWELVE MONTHS.

/+THE BOARD

+THE BOARD WILL BE HAPPY TO SUPPLY A LIST OF DOCTORS ON REQUEST,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

AFTER THE DOCTOR HAS BEEN CHOSEN, THE BOARD WILL FORWARD PARTICIPATION CARDS AND EXPLANATORY PAMPHLETS TO THE SCHOOL.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, SCHOOL HEADS CAN CONTACT THE SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE BOARD AT TEL 5-764765.

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PROPERTY ENQUIRIES FEE RAISED
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THE FEE CHARGED FOR ENQUIRIES ON OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS OF RATES, PROPERTY TAX AND CROWN RENT WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$15 TO \$25 FROM MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 15).

SUCH ENQUIRIES ARE USUALLY MADE IN A TRANSFER OF PROPERTY.

A TREASURY SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE REVISION WAS INTRODUCED IN THE LIGHT OF RISING COSTS.

HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE NEW FEE WOULD BE CHARGED PER TYPE OF ACCOUNT. AN ENQUIRY ON OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS OF BOTH RATES AND PROPERTY TAX OF THE SAME PROPERTY WOULD COUNT AS TWO ENQUIRIES.

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WATER RECREATION FOR CAS MEMBERS
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THE CIVIL AID SERVICES WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL SWIMMING GALA ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 13) AFTERNOON AT THE MORSE PARK SWIMMING POOL. OVER 330 MEMBERS AND CADETS WILL COMPETE IN THE VARIOUS EVENTS.

A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND ORGANISATIONS WILL TAKE PART IN AN INVITATION RELAY WHILE THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE WILL ASSIST IN ORGANISING THE RACES.

THE CAS DEPUTY COMMISSIONER (DEVELOPMENT), MR SO YUN-LAM WILL PRESENT PRIZES AT THE END OF THE DAY.

THE ANNUAL SWIMMING GALA IS ONE OF THE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES ORGANISED FROM TIME TO TIME FOR CAS VOLUNTEER MEMBERS AND CADETS APART FROM THEIR REGULAR TRAINING.

THIS TRAINING COVERS A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS : FIRST AID, YOUTH LEADERSHIP, LIGHT AND HEAVY RESCUE, MOUNTAIN SEARCH AND RESCUE, AND COMMUNICATION AND OPERATIONAL DUTIES SUCH AS CROWD CONTROL, COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION AND RURAL AREA PATROL.

OTHER ACTIVITIES INCLUDE PARTICIPATION IN CHARITY DRIVES, GOVERNMENT PUBLIC CAMPAIGNS, AS WELL AS PRIVATE FUNCTIONS.

CAS SERVICE CAN BE OBTAINED BY ASKING FOR THE PRINCIPAL TRAINING OFFICER ON TEL 5-763236 DURING OFFICE HOURS. A TEAM OF TRAINED MOUNTAIN RESCUERS ARE ALSO ON STANDBY ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AT THE CAS KOWLOON TRAINING CENTRE AND THEIR HELP IS AVAILABLE BY DIALLING 999 OR 3-015011.

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