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DEBATE ON MOTION OF THANKS

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A TWO-DAY DEBATE ON THE MOTION OF THANKS FOR THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS, TO BE MOVED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, THE HON SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, WILL BEGIN IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

TWENTY-FIVE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL SPEAK ON THE MOTION TOMORROW AND ON THURSDAY.

STARTING OFF THE DEBATE TOMORROW WILL BE THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER, THE HON ROGER LOBO. HE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE HON T.S. LO, THE HON LYDIA DUNN, THE HON FRANCIS TIEN, THE HON ALEX WU, THE HON S.L. CHEN, THE HON PETER C. WONG, THE HON CHARLES YEUNG, DR THE HON HO KAM-FAI, THE HON ALLEN LEE PENG-FEI, THE HON ANDREW SO, THE HON F.K. HU AND THE HON WONG PO-YAN.

ON THURSDAY, 12 OTHER UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL SPEAK ON THE MOTION. THEY ARE DR THE HON HARRY FANG, THE HON W.C.L. BROWN, THE HON K.C. CHAN, THE HON J.J. SWAINE, THE HON STEPHEN CHEONG, THE HON SELINA CHOW, THE HON MARIA TAM, DR THE HON HENRIETTA IP, THE HON Y.L. CHAN, THE HON RITA FAN, THE HON PAULINE NG AND THE HON PETER POON.

THE SPEECHES WILL BROADCAST LIVE ON RTHK'S CHINESE AND ENGLISH SERVICES RADIO 1 AND 3.

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MACAU GOVERNOR TO VISIT H.K.

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THE GOVERNOR OF MACAU WILL BE CALLING ON THE GOVERNOR TOMORROW (OCTOBER 26) MORNING. AFTER THE CALL SIR EDWARD WILL ENTERTAIN REAR ADMIRAL ALMEIDA E COSTA TO LUNCH.

REAR ADMIRAL ALMEIDA E COSTA'S VISIT IS PART OF THE REGULAR EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE GOVERNORS OF THE TWO TERRITORIES ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. SIR EDWARD VISITED MACAU ON MAY 19. REAR ADMIRAL ALMEIDA E COSTA HAS VISITED HONG KONG ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS.

THERE IS NO AGENDA FOR THE DISCUSSIONS. THE TWO GOVERNORS WILL EXCHANGE VIEWS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE TERRITORIES.

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GROUP LOOKS OVER SHA TIN PROJECTS
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS SUB-COMMITTEE, LED BY THEIR CHAIRMAN, SIR JOHN BREMRIDGE, THIS AFTERNOON TOOK A FIRST HAND LOOK AT THE PROGRESS OF SOME OF THE MAJOR GOVERNMENT PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED ON THE VISIT BY THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR CHAN NAI-KEONG; THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT, MR BRYAN O'RORKE AND THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT, MR JOSE LEI.

IN NOVEMBER EACH YEAR THE SUB-COMMITTEE HOLDS A MEETING TO REVIEW ALL PROJECTS IN THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME, AND TO CONSIDER PROJECTS TO START IN THE COMING YEAR.

THE VISIT THIS YEAR COINCIDES WITH THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, SET UP IN 1973 WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF BUILDING THE NEW TOWNS.

THE PARTY FIRST WENT TO A LOOKOUT POINT WHERE THEY WERE BRIEFED ON SHA TIN DEVELOPMENT IN GENERAL BY THE PROJECT MANAGER (SHA TIN), MR C.K. CHOW.

+SINCE THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME STARTED IN 1973, MORE THAN \$5.2 BILLION HAS BEEN SPENT,+ MR CHOW SAID.

DURING THE PAST 10 YEARS, SIX PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND FOUR HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEMES WERE COMPLETED. IN ADDITION, THREE OTHER PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES ARE NEARING COMPLETION.

THE PRESENT POPULATION REACHES 240 000 MORE THAN 10 TIMES OF THAT IN 1973.

ON TRANSPORTATION, THE NEW TOWN IS SERVED BY THE ELECTRIC TRAINS OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION AND BOTH EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL BUS ROUTES.

TWENTY-SEVEN PRIMARY AND 15 SECONDARY SCHOOLS WERE BUILT.

ALSO COMPLETED WERE TWO CLINICS, FOUR ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRES, AND FIVE CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES.

TURNING TO MA ON SHAN, MR CHOW SAID IT WAS AN EXTENSION OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN AND WOULD ULTIMATELY PROVIDE A BALANCED COMMUNITY FOR A POPULATION OF 300 000.

HE ADDED THAT CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIRST PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE, CAPABLE OF HOUSING 30 000 PEOPLE WOULD BEGIN THERE EARLY NEXT YEAR.

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THE GROUP THEN PROCEEDED TO THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY HOUSE, A NINE-STORY OFFICE COMPLEX ON THE PODIUM OF THE SHA TIN RAILWAY STATION WHERE THEY HAD A BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF THE TOWN CENTRE, WHICH IS STEADILY TAKING SHAPE, AND THE SHA TIN CENTRAL PARK.

SITUATED IN THE HEART OF SHA TIN AND OCCUPYING A SITE OF ABOUT 20 HECTARES, THE TOWN CENTRE WILL BE COMPLETED IN 1986.

THE SHA TIN CENTRAL PARK, WHICH COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT EIGHT HECTARES, LIES BETWEEN THE TOWN CENTRE AND THE SHING MUN RIVER.

WORK ON THE PROJECT STARTED IN MAY THIS YEAR AND IS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED IN EARLY 1985.

THE NEXT PROJECT VISITED WAS THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL.

THERE PWSC MEMBERS WERE BRIEFED BY THE GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT, MR S.C. KWAN.

MR KWAN SAID THE 1 400-BED HOSPITAL, BUILT ON A 10-HECTARE SITE, WAS BEING HANDED OVER THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT BY PHASES.

THE HAND-OVER, WHICH BEGAN EARLY THIS MONTH, WOULD BE COMPLETED WITHIN A WEEK, HE ADDED.

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IMPORTANCE OF INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT STRESSED

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THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR E.P. HO TODAY (TUESDAY) STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUED INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT AND RE-INVESTMENT FOR HONG KONG'S FUTURE PROSPERITY.

+THE STATE OF OUR MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY TOMORROW WILL DEPEND LARGELY ON INVESTMENT MADE TODAY,+ HE SAID.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE 9 300-SQUARE METRES NEW SAN PO KONG HEADQUARTERS FOR ELEC AND ELTEK COMPANY, WHICH HAS GROWN FROM A MODEST BEGINNING 10 YEARS AGO TO ONE OF THE LARGEST SUPPLIERS OF PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARDS (PCB) TO MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES IN THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE.

DIVERSIFYING INTO HIGHER TECHNOLOGY, THE COMPANY, WITH BRANCH FACTORIES LOCATED IN TO KWA WAN, KWAI CHUNG, TSUEN WAN AND YUEN LONG, HAS STARTED MANUFACTURING COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, 8-LAYER PCB AND COMPUTERS.

MR HO CONGRATULATED THE COMPANY FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS OVER THE PAST YEARS.

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HE SAID THAT THE DECISION TO INVEST IN UP-TO-DATE MACHINERY AND DIVERSIFY INTO NEW PRODUCTS HELPED TO BROADEN THE BASIS OF LOCAL INDUSTRY.

+IT ALSO REPRESENTS A STEP FORWARD IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION OF PRODUCTS REQUIRING NEW AND HIGHER TECHNOLOGY,+ HE SAID.

MR HO SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN AN ENORMOUS INCREASE IN HIGH TECHNOLOGY FIXED INVESTMENT IN THE INDUSTRIALLY ADVANCED COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY IN HONG KONG'S MAJOR EXPORT MARKET - THE UNITED STATES.

+THIS TREND IS CONTINUING, AND OUTSTRIPPING THE RATE OF INVESTMENT IN MANY MORE TRADITIONAL INDUSTRIES. WE MUST BE AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF AND POSSIBILITIES OFFERED BY NEW TECHNOLOGY IF OUR ECONOMIC GROWTH IS TO CONTINUE TO INCREASE, AND IF WE ARE TO REMAIN COMPETITIVE, NOT JUST IN ELECTRONICS, BUT IN MANUFACTURING GENERALLY.

+THE STATE OF OUR MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY TOMORROW WILL DEPEND LARGELY ON INVESTMENT MADE TODAY. I SHOULD THEREFORE LIKE TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUED INVESTMENT AND RE-INVESTMENT FOR OUR FUTURE PROSPERITY,+ MR HO SAID.

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REPORT ON UNLICENSED VEHICLES STUDIED
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MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TODAY STUDIED A REPORT ON UNLICENSED VEHICLES COMPILED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IN RESPONSE TO THEIR EARLIER QUERY ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A GROWING PROBLEM.

THE REPORT SHOWS THAT IN MOST CASES, VEHICLES WERE UNLICENSED BECAUSE OF LEGITIMATE REASONS.

THESE INCLUDED LAPSED LICENCES PRIOR TO SCRAPPING, VEHICLES HELD BY DEALERS FOR RESALE, OWNERS ABSENT FROM THE TERRITORY, AND THE 15-DAY RENEWAL PERIOD OF GRACE UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC (REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF VEHICLES) REGULATIONS.

PRIVATE CARS REPRESENTED THE MAIN CATEGORY OF UNLICENSED VEHICLES, BUT PAST FIGURES INDICATED THAT ONLY 7.6 PER CENT OF THESE VEHICLES REMAINED UNLICENSED FOR A PERIOD OF TWO TO 12 MONTHS.

SPOT CHECKS WERE CONDUCTED AT ABERDEEN AND LION ROCK TUNNELS AND IN GOVERNMENT CAR PARKS IN JUNE THIS YEAR. OF THE 15 396 VEHICLES EXAMINED, ONLY 115 HAD EXPIRED LICENCES, OF WHICH 74 WERE WITHIN THE 15-DAY GRACE PERIOD.

THERE WILL BE A FURTHER DETERRENT AGAINST ILLEGAL NON-LICENSING FROM AUGUST 1984 WHEN HEAVIER PENALTIES WILL COME INTO FORCE UNDER THE NEW ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE.

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THE NEW PENALTY WILL BE A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR THREE MONTHS IN THE CASE OF FIRST CONVICTION. OFFENDERS WILL BE LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$10 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS FOR A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT CONVICTION.

THE COMMITTEE NOTED THE SITUATION AND ASKED THAT THE SITUATION CONTINUE TO BE MONITORED CLOSELY.

ON ANOTHER ITEM ALSO RELATING TO THE NEW ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE, THE TAC ENDORSED A PROPOSAL TO UPDATE THE HIGHWAY CODE AND TO REPLACE IT WITH A NEW ROAD USERS' CODE.

THE NEW CODE SETS DOWN ADVICE AND REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL ROAD USERS, INCLUDING DRIVERS, PUBLIC TRANSPORT PASSENGERS, PEDESTRIANS, CYCLISTS AND PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN. THE NEW CODE WAS EARLIER ENDORSED BY THE ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL.

IT IS DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS. THE FIRST PART, WHICH IS DESIGNED ESSENTIALLY FOR NON-DRIVERS, CONTAINS ADVICE FOR PEDESTRIANS AND WILL BE ESPECIALLY USEFUL FOR TEACHERS, PARENTS AND OTHERS WHO HAVE TO TRAIN CHILDREN TO USE THE ROADS SAFELY. THERE IS ALSO DETAILED ADVICE FOR CYCLISTS.

THE SECOND PART IS DESIGNED FOR ALL DRIVERS. IT SETS OUT THE RULES FOR DRIVERS AND INCLUDES SPECIAL SECTIONS FOR COMMERCIAL DRIVERS AND MOTOR CYCLISTS. BOTH PARTS CONTAIN DETAILS OF THE NEW ROAD TRAFFIC SIGNS.

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OFFICER TO MEET VILLAGERS

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THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR THOMAS CHAN, WILL VISIT A NUMBER OF VILLAGES IN LAM TSUEN TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL AFFAIRS.

ACCOMPANIED BY MEMBERS OF THE TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE, MR CHAN WILL VISIT NG TUNG CHAI, PAK NGAU SHEK, SHUI WO AND TAI MONG CHE.

THE TRIP WILL BE THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF VILLAGE VISITS TO BE MADE IN THE COMING MONTHS.

THERE ARE ABOUT 80 VILLAGES IN TAI PO WITH A POPULATION OF 30 000 PEOPLE.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE VISIT. A GOVERNMENT VAN WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 1.15 PM FOR TAI PO.

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UNHCR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS IN GENEVA
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THE 34TH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES MET IN GENEVA BETWEEN OCTOBER 10 AND 19 THIS YEAR.

THE PURPOSE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING WAS TO REVIEW THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S PROGRAMME FOR THE YEAR AND TO ADVISE ON AND FINANCE FUTURE PROJECTS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED THAT FOR THE SECOND YEAR RUNNING A HONG KONG REPRESENTATIVE, MR P.J. WILLIAMSON, ATTENDED AS A MEMBER OF THE UK DELEGATION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE PURPOSE OF A HONG KONG GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDING EXCOM WAS TO ENSURE THAT HONG KONG'S CURRENT PROBLEMS WITH THE REFUGEES REMAINED IN THE LIMELIGHT WHENEVER THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY REVIEWED THE WORLDWIDE REFUGEE SITUATION; AND TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE APPROACHES TO OTHER DELEGATIONS IN AN EFFORT TO SECURE A GREATER RESETTLEMENT OFFTAKE FROM HONG KONG.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT IT WAS TOO EARLY TO SAY WHAT THE RESULTS, IF ANY, FOR HONG KONG OF THESE LATEST APPROACHES AND DISCUSSIONS IN GENEVA MIGHT BE.

HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT OPINION AT THE COMMITTEE HAD STRESSED VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION AS AN ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION TO THE INDOCHINESE REFUGEE PROBLEM WHICH HAD NEVER BEEN FULLY UTILISED.

HE STRESSED THAT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ALL MOVES BY THE UNHCR TO RELIEVE HONG KONG OF ITS CONTINUING REFUGEE BURDEN, WHETHER BY A GREATER LEVEL OF RESETTLEMENT OVERSEAS OR BY REPATRIATION TO VIETNAM.

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YOUTH ORCHESTRA TO HOLD ANNIVERSARY CONCERT
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THE HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA WILL STAGE A CONCERT AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 30) TO CELEBRATE ITS FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

THE CONCERT, WHICH WILL START AT 8 PM, WILL BE JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (NT DIVISION).

THE ORCHESTRA HAS 85 MEMBERS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 13 AND 23, DRAWN FROM VARIOUS DISTRICTS OF HONG KONG.

A NUMBER OF THEM ARE PRIZE WINNERS OF THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS MUSIC FESTIVAL.

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THE AIM OF THE ORCHESTRA IS TO PROVIDE YOUNG MUSICIANS IN HONG KONG WITH ORCHESTRAL TRAINING AND TO BROADEN THEIR MUSICAL EXPERIENCE BY EXPOSING THEM TO VARIOUS TYPES OF CHINESE MUSIC.

DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS, OUTSTANDING MEMBERS OF THE ORCHESTRA HAVE GIVEN WELL-RECEIVED PERFORMANCES OVERSEAS.

THE ORCHESTRA PERFORMS IN VARIOUS LOCAL ANNUAL EVENTS SUCH AS THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION CONCERT, AS WELL AS OTHER CONCERTS.

FIVE CONDUCTORS SPECIALISING IN DIFFERENT FIELDS OF CHINESE MUSIC, WILL TAKE PART IN THE CONCERT.

THEY ARE MR TONG LEUNG-TAK, THE PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR- AND MADAM CHAN MAN-CHONG, MR AIK YEW-GOH, MR WONG SHU-WING AND MR HO MAN-CHUEN, ASSISTANT CONDUCTORS OF THE ORCHESTRA.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE WORKS SPECIALLY WRITTEN BY FAMOUS LOCAL COMPOSERS FOR THE OCCASION AND A VARIETY OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE PIECES.

TICKETS AT \$5 EACH ARE NOW ON SALE AT THE BOX OFFICE OF TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL AND ALL MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE.

FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED BY DIALLING 3-7561328.

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NEW TRAFFIC PLAN FOR KWUN TONG - KOWLOON BAY

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FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 27), THE FOLLOWING ROAD OPENING AND TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE EFFECTED TO FACILITATE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IN KWUN TONG - KOWLOON BAY:

- * THE MAIN FLYOVER LINKING KAI CHEUNG ROAD IN KOWLOON BAY WITH NGAU TAU KOK ROAD WILL BE OPEN TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC.
- * THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM KAI CHEUNG ROAD NORTHBOUND IN KOWLOON BAY TO WAI YIP STREET EASTBOUND WILL BE OPEN TO ONE-WAY EASTBOUND.
- * THE SLIP ROAD LINKING WAI YIP STREET EASTBOUND WITH KAI CHEUNG ROAD SOUTHBOUND WILL BE OPEN TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.
- * MOTORISTS FROM THE AIRPORT TUNNEL AND KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION AREA HEADING FOR NGAU TAU KOK OR VICE VERSA ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA THE NEWLY OPENED MAIN FLYOVER.
- * RIGHT-TURNING TRAFFIC FROM KAI CHEUNG ROAD TO WAI YIP STREET AND RIGHT-TURNING TRAFFIC FROM WAI YIP STREET TO KAI CHEUNG ROAD ARE ADVISED TO MAKE USE OF THE RESPECTIVE SLIP ROADS NOW OPEN TO USE.
- * CYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIANS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE NEW FLYOVER AND SLIP ROADS.

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SOCCER MATCHES FOR THE DEAF
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A SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE DEAF IS TO BE LAUNCHED NEXT MONTH.

THE 11-A-SIDE MATCHES ARE BEING ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE Y'S MEN'S CENTRE FOR THE DEAF.

TEAMS INTERESTED IN TAKING PART SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS NOW.

ONLY 12 TEAMS WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE KNOCK-OUT ROUNDS WHICH WILL START ON NOVEMBER 6 (SUNDAY), WITH THE SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS HELD ON NOVEMBER 13 AND 20. THE MATCHES ARE TO BE HELD AT THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE IN SHA TIN.

MRS BESS FONG, A RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER SAID THAT THE CHAMPIONSHIP IS A PILOT PROJECT AIMED AT TRYING OUT THE RESPONSE FROM THE DEAF AND PARTIALLY DEAF.

+PREVIOUSLY, ONLY SEVEN-A-SIDE MATCHES WERE ORGANISED,+ SHE SAID.

+IF THE 11-A-SIDE MATCHES PROVE TO BE POPULAR, WE'LL CONSIDER ORGANISING THE CHAMPIONSHIP EVERY YEAR.+

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE CHAMPIONSHIP MAY BE OBTAINED BY TELEPHONING 3-7171754 AND 5-458511.

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