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PRESS FREEDOM IS OF ENORMOUS IMPORTANCE: GOVERNOR
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PRESS FREEDOM IN HONG KONG IS OF ENORMOUS IMPORTANCE AND THERE IS NO WISH NOR INTENTION OF TRYING IN ANY WAY TO HINDER PRESS FREEDOM, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE GOVERNOR MADE THE REMARKS WHEN ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE POLICE SEIZURE OF NEWS VIDEO TAPES FROM TVB AND ATV TWO DAYS AGO.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER VISITING TUEN MUN DISTRICT, SIR DAVID SAID WHAT THE POLICE DID WAS ENTIRELY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW.

"THAT IS. THEY GOT A MAGISTRATE'S WARRANT AND THEY USED IT. WHETHER OR NOT THE POLICE WISH TO USE THAT PARTICULAR PART OF THE LAW MUST BE, OF COURSE, A MATTER OF JUDGEMENT FOR THEM, SO IT WAS ENTIRELY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW," HE SAID.

"THERE IS NO QUESTION IN HONG KONG OF A WISH TO HINDER PRESS FREEDOM. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT PRESS FREEDOM WAS INFRINGED.

"I THINK IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE SHOULD NOT, IN HONG KONG, DO ANYTHING TO INFRINGE PRESS FREEDOM," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

ASKED IF HE THOUGHT THE POLICE HAD ACTED CORRECTLY, THE GOVERNOR SAID: "IT'S NOT FOR ME TO JUDGE OPERATIONAL MATTERS OF THE POLICE. WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS THAT WE HAVE LAWS, AND THAT THE POLICE, LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE, SHOULD OPERATE WITHIN THE LAW."

ASKED FOR HIS COMMENTS ON THE CASE INVOLVING CHINESE SWIMMER, MR YANG YANG, SIR DAVID SAID THAT THROUGHOUT, THE CASE HAD BEEN DEALT WITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS AND PROCEDURES OF HONG KONG.

"THAT IS WHAT HAS BEEN UPPERMOST IN OUR OWN MINDS. IT HAS BEEN A DIFFICULT CASE TO DEAL WITH BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN GIVEN AN IMMENSE AMOUNT OF PUBLICITY." HE SAID.

ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS ANY QUESTION THAT THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION HAD EXCEEDED HIS POWERS IN HANDLING THE CASE, THE GOVERNOR SAID: "THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION HAS THE POWER TO DIRECT WHERE A PERSON SHOULD GO. HE HAS THE POWER TO DIRECT THAT SOMEBODY SHOULD RETURN TO CHINA.

"HE HAS THE POWER TO USE HIS DISCRETION IF SOMEBODY HAS A VALID TRAVEL DOCUMENT TO GO ELSEWHERE, AS MR YANG DID, TO SAY THAT HE SHOULD GO TO THE UNITED STATES," HE SAID.

TURNING TO PETITIONS BY TUEN MUN RESIDENTS AGAINST PROPOSED FARE INCREASE FOR THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT, THE GOVERNOR SAID THAT IT WAS PERFECTLY UNDERSTANDABLE THAT NOBODY LIKED THEIR FARES TO GO UP, BUT THE LRT, LIKE ALL OTHER FORMS OF TRANSPORT IN HONG KONG, MUST WORK ON A COMMERCIAL BASIS.

"IF IT DOESN'T, WHAT DOES IT MEAN? IT SIMPLY MEANS THAT SOME OTHER PART OF THE COMMUNITY IS SUBSIDISING IT, SO IT HAS TO WORK ON A COMMERCIAL BASIS," HE SAID.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN TUEN MUN

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TUEN MUN HAS MUCH TO OFFER IN TERMS OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAW FOR HIMSELF THE DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL OF THE AREA DURING A TOUR OF THE DISTRICT TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE GOVERNOR WAS BRIEFED ON THE PROPOSED RECLAMATION OF MORE THAN 100 HECTARES OF COASTAL AREA IN THE DISTRICT WHICH WILL BE USED FOR INDUSTRIES AND A RIVER TRADE PORT.

HE WAS ALSO SHOWN THE NAM FUNG INDUSTRIAL CITY, AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMPLETE WITH A SHOPPING MALL AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES HOUSED IN A CENTRAL SERVICES COMPLEX.

"THIS NEW CONCEPT OF A SELF-CONTAINED INDUSTRIAL CITY IS CERTAINLY A GREAT IMPROVEMENT ON THE TRADITIONAL FLATTED FACTORIES," SIR DAVID SAID.

HE VISITED AN OLDER COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL AREA ISOLATED FROM THE TOWN CENTRE AND WAS BRIEFED ON HOW THE AREA COULD BENEFIT FROM BETTER BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

THE GOVERNOR WAS TOLD THAT A BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM WOULD SOON BE SET UP IN THE DISTRICT TO ADVISE RESIDENTS ON HOW BEST THEIR BUILDINGS COULD BE MANAGED.

SIR DAVID ALSO SAW THE OPERATION OF LOCAL INDUSTRY WHEN HE VISITED A WIND-SURFING SAILS MANUFACTURING FACTORY IN THE DISTRICT'S INDUSTRIAL AREA.

DURING THE VISIT, SIR DAVID MET MEMBERS OF THE TUEN MUN YIN NGAI SOCIETY WHICH WAS FORMED BY A GROUP OF LOCAL HOUSEWIVES.

THE GOVERNOR PRAISED THE SOCIETY FOR ITS WORK IN FOSTERING A SENSE OF NEIGHBOURLINESS AND MUTUAL HELP IN THE COMMUNITY.

AFTER TOURING THE TUEN MUN PLAZA, ONE OF THE LARGEST RESIDENTIAL-COMMERCIAL PROJECTS IN HONG KONG, SIR DAVID NOTED THAT COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT HAD CONTINUED TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF RESIDENTS IN THE NEW TOWN WHILE STEADILY INCREASING INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OFFERED GOOD EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

"TUEN MUN, WITH NEW FACILITIES STEADILY COMING ON STREAM, IS NOW TAKING SHAPE WELL AS A COMMUNITY AND AS A GOOD PLACE FOR PEOPLE TO LIVE AND WORK IN," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

SIR DAVID MET LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS AT A TEA RECEPTION BEFORE CONCLUDING HIS VISIT. ACCOMPANYING HIM ON THE VISIT WERE THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR ADOLF HSU, AND TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN WAN.

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MUCH CAN BE DONE TO SECURE FUTURE: SES

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THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MRS ANSON CHAN, TOLD BUSINESSMEN IN LONDON TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT PEOPLE IN HONG KONG WERE NOT ALLOWING THE DOOM AND GLOOM SCENARIO TO OVERWHELM THEM.

"OUR FUTURE LIES ESSENTIALLY IN OUR OWN HANDS AND THERE IS MUCH THAT CAN BE DONE TO SECURE THAT FUTURE," SHE SAID.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT THE ECONOMY, AS ALWAYS, WAS THE KEY TO HONG KONG'S FUTURE STABILITY AND PROSPERITY.

UNDERPINNING THE GROWTH OF THE ECONOMY WAS THE ADEQUACY OF OUR PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE, SHE SAID, POINTING OUT THAT OVER THE NEXT DECADE, HONG KONG HAD AMBITIOUS PLANS FOR INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENTS COVERING A NEW AIRPORT, CONTAINER TERMINALS AND OTHER NEW PORT FACILITIES, ADDITIONAL ROAD AND RAIL LINKS, URBAN RENEWAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MEASURES THAT WOULD TAKE HONG KONG WELL INTO THE 21ST CENTURY.

SHE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE NEW SECOND STAND-ALONE TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORK, TOGETHER WITH THE EXISTING FACILITIES, WOULD MAKE HONG KONG THE MOST ADVANCED AND HIGHLY COMPETITIVE COMMUNICATION CENTRE IN THE WORLD.

ON THE CONTINUING LOSS OF PROFESSIONAL, MANAGERIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SKILLS FROM HONG KONG THROUGH EMIGRATION, MRS CHAN SAID IT WAS AN ISSUE OF GROWING CONCERN TO OVERSEAS INVESTORS AND THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT SHARED THIS CONCERN.

"ALTHOUGH WE ARE UNLIKELY TO SEE A DRAMATIC UPSURGE IN THE NUMBERS LEAVING, IT IS LIKELY THAT IN THE SHORT TERM, NET EMIGRATION MIGHT BE HIGHER THAN WE HAVE SEEN IN PREVIOUS YEARS, ASSUMING THAT THE IMMIGRATION POLICIES OF OTHER COUNTRIES DO NOT CHANGE," SHE SAID.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT NOW HAD A BETTER IDEA OF THE PATTERN OF EMIGRATION AND A CLEARER PLAN OF ACTION AS A RESULT OF A TASK FORCE SET UP TO LOOK INTO THIS PROBLEM.

"IN THE LONGER TERM, WE HAVE A PROGRAMME OF SUSTAINED EXPANSION IN EDUCATION AND TRAINING, PARTICULARLY AT THE TERTIARY LEVEL TO MEET THE DEMANDS CAUSED NOT ONLY BY EMIGRATION BUT BY OUR OWN BURGEONING SERVICES SECTOR FOR MORE SOPHISTICATED AND SPECIALISED SKILLS.

"EVEN WITHIN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, OUR REQUIREMENTS ARE CHANGING AND LEANING TOWARDS A HIGHER TECHNOLOGICAL CONTENT," SHE SAID.

HONG KONG'S EDUCATION AND TRAINING SYSTEM MUST BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE GRADUATES OF THE RIGHT MIX TO MEET THIS DEMAND, SHE STRESSED.

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"THE NUMBER OF FIRST DEGREE GRADUATES FROM OUR TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IS SET TO INCREASE FROM 3,600 CURRENTLY TO AROUND 10,000 BY THE MID-1990'S. IN ADDITION THERE WILL BE INCREASES IN OUTPUT AT THE SUB-PROFESSIONAL STREAMS," SHE SAID.

IN THE MEDIUM TERM, MRS CHAN POINTED OUT THAT BY THE EARLY 1990'S, THOSE WHO EMIGRATED IN THE PAST THREE YEARS WOULD BE ELIGIBLE TO COME BACK HAVING OBTAINED THEIR PASSPORTS.

"WE MUST MAKE SURE THAT THESE PEOPLE ARE ADEQUATELY BRIEFED ABOUT THE SITUATION IN HONG KONG, INCLUDING JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND THAT THERE ARE ADEQUATE FACILITIES IN HONG KONG TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO RETURN," SHE SAID, QUOTING EDUCATION FACILITIES FOR CHILDREN AS AN EXAMPLE.

"IN THE SHORT TERM, IF PARTICULAR SHORTAGES OF SKILLS EMERGE, WE ARE PREPARED TO BE FLEXIBLE IN ALLOWING IMMIGRATION OF PERSONNEL TO FILL THE GAPS LEFT BY EMIGRATION," SHE SAID.

"IN THE COMING MONTHS WE HAVE SOME DIFFICULT PROBLEMS TO GRAPPLE WITH. NOTWITHSTANDING THESE DIFFICULTIES AND THE POLITICAL UNCERTAINTIES FACING HONG KONG, I BELIEVE THAT WE CAN LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING, IF MORE MODEST, ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE COMING DECADE," SHE SAID.

"OUR OPTIMISM IS FOUNDED NOT ON BLIND FAITH BUT ON THE FACT THAT WE HAVE A FUNDAMENTALLY SOUND ECONOMY, SUPPORTED BY CONTINUITY IN GOVERNMENT POLICIES THAT RELY ON THE OPERATION OF THE FREE MARKET TO ALLOCATE RESOURCES EFFICIENTLY.

"WE TRADE WITH ALL AND DISCRIMINATE AGAINST NONE, WHETHER IT IS IN INVESTMENTS OR IN THE SALE OF GOODS AND SERVICES," SHE SAID.

THE JOINT DECLARATION PROMISED THE POST-1997 HONG KONG AUTONOMY IN OUR ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL SYSTEMS AND MAINTENANCE OF ALL THE FREEDOMS THAT WE CURRENTLY ENJOYED, SHE SAID.

"DESPITE THE TIANANMEN EVENTS THERE IS NO REASON TO THROW IN THE TOWEL NOW. ON THE CONTRARY, WE MUST REDOUBLE OUR EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT HONG KONG REMAINS AN ATTRACTIVE PLACE FOR PEOPLE TO WORK AND LIVE IN," SHE SAID.

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FREE TRADE ENVIRONMENT NECESSARY FOR EXPORT OF SERVICES
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THE GROWTH POTENTIAL FOR HONG KONG'S EXPORTS OF SERVICES IS ENORMOUS, BUT THIS POTENTIAL CANNOT BE REALISED UNLESS THERE IS A MULTILATERAL INSTRUMENT THAT COULD CREATE AND SUSTAIN A FREE TRADE ENVIRONMENT FOR SERVICES.

THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR JOHN CHAN, SAID THIS AT THE CLOSING OF THE HONG KONG SEMINAR ON TRADE IN SERVICES TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE SEMINAR WAS HELD TO INCREASE THE AWARENESS OF HONG KONG'S BUSINESSMEN, PARTICULARLY THOSE ENGAGED IN THE SERVICES INDUSTRIES, OF THE CURRENT GATT NEGOTIATIONS ON SERVICES AND OF THE ISSUES WHICH HAVE A BEARING ON THE EXPORT OF SERVICES FROM, AND IMPORT OF SERVICES INTO, HONG KONG.

IT ALSO HELPED TO OBTAIN DIRECT FEEDBACK FROM THE SERVICES INDUSTRIES ON OBSTACLES THEY FACED IN EXPORTING THE SERVICES OVERSEAS WHICH SHOULD BE ADDRESSED IN THE GATT NEGOTIATIONS.

MR CHAN SAID PRINCIPLES OF NON-DISCRIMINATION, TRANSPARENCY OF REGULATORY FRAMEWORK, PROFESSIONAL LIBERALISATION OF RESTRICTIONS ON TRADE IN SERVICES, EQUAL TREATMENT BETWEEN DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN SERVICES PROVIDERS AS WELL AS AMONG FOREIGN SERVICES PROVIDERS, SHOULD BE FULLY ENSHRINED IN THE PROPOSED MULTILATERAL FRAMEWORK ON TRADE IN SERVICES AND TRANSLATED INTO OPERATIONAL PROVISIONS.

"THESE IMPORTANT PRINCIPLES WOULD PERMIT SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZED ECONOMIES SUCH AS HONG KONG, WITH LIMITED BARGAINING POWER IN TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, TO BENEFIT SUBSTANTIALLY FROM MEMBERSHIP OF THE PROPOSED FRAMEWORK," HE SAID.

"THEY WOULD ALSO ENSURE THAT THE BENEFITS OF OPTIMUM ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES UNDER THE BASIC ECONOMIC CONCEPT OF 'COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGE' WOULD BE REALISED TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE," HE ADDED.

MR CHAN POINTED OUT THAT THE VIEWS EXPRESSED IN THE TWO-DAY SEMINAR WOULD PROVIDE USEFUL INPUTS TO THE GOVERNMENT'S THINKING ON THE ISSUES THAT NEEDED TO BE TACKLED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AND HELP SET THE GOVERNMENT'S PRIORITIES IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

"IT IS MY HOPE THAT THE QUESTIONS YOU HAVE RAISED AND THE PROBLEMS YOU ENCOUNTER IN EXPORTING YOUR SERVICES OVERSEAS WOULD BE ADEQUATELY ADDRESSED IN THE PROPOSED MULTILATERAL FRAMEWORK ON TRADE IN SERVICES TO BE AGREED BY THE END OF THE URUGUAY ROUND," HE SAID.

MR CHAN STRESSED THAT IT WOULD BE WRONG TO EXPECT IMMEDIATE, WIDE RANGING CHANGES TO EMERGE.

"THE PROCESS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE A DRAWN OUT ONE AND IT MAY BE SOME TIME BEFORE MAJOR CHANGES AFFECTING INDIVIDUAL TRADERS OF SERVICES ARE PUT INTO EFFECT.

"THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT THERE IS NOW A MULTILATERAL COMMITMENT TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS IN THE VARIOUS SERVICES MARKETS.

"THIS COMMITMENT CAN CREATE A NEW AND BETTER ENVIRONMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES. WE AS A GOVERNMENT MUST WORK TOGETHER WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO GIVE MOMENTUM AND DIRECTION TO INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS IN THIS WORK WHICH WILL BENEFIT US ALL," HE SAID.

MR CHAN POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS NOT ONLY FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO PUSH FOR THE OPENING UP OF MARKETS OVERSEAS FOR OUR EXPORTS OF SERVICES, THERE WAS A DEFINITE ROLE FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO PLAY.

"THIS SEMINAR IS JUST A FIRST STEP IN OUR CONSULTATION WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN THE RUN-UP TO THE CONCLUSION OF THE URUGUAY ROUND NEGOTIATIONS IN ABOUT A YEAR'S TIME.

"IN THE COMPLEX NEGOTIATIONS THAT LIE AHEAD, WE WILL NEED TO CONTINUE THIS DIALOGUE AND TO RELY ON THE ADVICE OF OUR BUSINESSMEN IN THE SERVICES FIELD TO GUIDE OUR NEGOTIATORS ON WHAT IS AND WHAT IS NOT ULTIMATELY ACCEPTABLE TO HONG KONG." HE ADDED.

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PROVISIONAL SPORTS DEVELOPMENT BOARD STARTS OPERATION NEXT MONTH
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPOINTED A PROVISIONAL SPORTS DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO OPERATE FROM NOVEMBER 1 TO PAVE THE WAY FOR THE EVENTUAL ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HONG KONG SPORTS DEVELOPMENT BOARD (SDB) IN APRIL NEXT YEAR, THE SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI, ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

"IT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THE PREPARATORY WORK TO ESTABLISH THE STATUTORY SDB ON APRIL 1, 1990.

"IT WILL TAKE OVER ALL THE FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT WHOSE TERM OF OFFICE WILL EXPIRE ON NOVEMBER 1, 1989," HE SAID.

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PROVISIONAL SDB AT A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS AFTERNOON, MR CHUI SAID IT WAS IN LINE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SPORTS CONSULTANCY REPORT, WHICH WAS ISSUED IN MAY LAST YEAR, THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD ESTABLISH AN SDB TO PROMOTE SPORTS AND PHYSICAL RECREATION IN THE TERRITORY.

"THE BOARD WILL HAVE EXECUTIVE POWERS AND ITS OWN STAFF TO DEAL WITH THE VARIOUS FUNCTIONS ENTRUSTED TO IT.

"THE MAJOR TASK OF THE BOARD IS TO FORMULATE AN OVERALL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR SPORTS AND PHYSICAL RECREATION, TO STRENGTHEN SPORTS ADMINISTRATION, TO IMPROVE COACHING AND TO ENHANCE THE TRAINING OF TALENTED ATHLETES AND AT THE SAME TIME TO SUPPORT SPORTS PROMOTION AT THE GRASSROOT LEVEL," HE SAID.

AT TODAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE, MR CHUI ALSO ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE PROVISIONAL SPORTS DEVELOPMENT BOARD.

THE CHAIRMAN IS MR WILLIAM PURVES AND THE VICE-CHAIRMAN, MR PAUL CHENG.

THERE WILL BE FOUR EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS. THEY ARE THE PRESIDENT OF THE AMATEUR SPORTS FEDERATION AND OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF HONG KONG, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, AND THE SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE.

SEVEN OTHER APPOINTED MEMBERS ARE MR CHAN KA-KUI, MR CHAU HOW-CHEN, DR DAVID HO, MR R.L. WILSON, MR TSUI TSIN-TONG, MISS BETTY MAIR, AND MR MIKE SPEAK.

MR CHUI ALSO FORMALLY INTRODUCED THE APPOINTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SDB, MR HOWARD WELLS, WHO WAS FORMERLY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE.

"MR WELLS WILL HELP THE PROVISIONAL SDB TO SET UP ITS EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT WHICH WILL BE ACCOMMODATED ON THE 10TH FLOOR OF HARBOUR CENTRE IN WAN CHAI," HE SAID.

"MY STAFF IN THE RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH THE BOARD, ITS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND STAFF TOWARDS OUR COMMON OBJECTIVES OF PROMOTING AND DEVELOPING SPORT IN HONG KONG," MR CHUI ADDED.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE, THE NEWLY APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF THE PROVISIONAL SDB, MR WILLIAM PURVES, SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS NEW INITIATIVE AND HE CONGRATULATED THE GOVERNMENT FOR ACTING IN RESPONSE TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SPORTS CONSULTANCY REPORT.

"THE TIME FOR CONSULTATION IS NOW PAST AND THROUGH THE PROVISIONAL BOARD AND EVENTUALLY THROUGH THE FULL BOARD, WE MUST DEMONSTRATE THAT IT WOULD BE A BODY GEARED TO ACTION," HE SAID.

MR PURVES SAID THESE WERE EXCITING TIMES FOR HONG KONG. SPORT AND RECREATION WERE A VITAL PART OF THE WAY AHEAD.

HOWEVER, THE TASK AHEAD WOULD NOT BE EASY, HE SAID.

"THERE WILL DOUBTLESS BE TEETHING TROUBLES, SO PLEASE DO NOT EXPECT THE BOARD TO 'RUN BEFORE IT CAN WALK'," HE SAID.

MR PURVES ALSO STRESSED THAT THE SDB WAS NOT A GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT AND IT WOULD NEED TO LOBBY HARD WITH GOVERNMENT TO OBTAIN SUFFICIENT FUNDS.

"SPORT AND RECREATION ARE INTEGRAL ASPECTS OF THE SOCIETY AND THEIR IMPORTANCE IS LIKELY TO INCREASE. EACH INDIVIDUAL SHOULD LEARN OF THE BENEFITS OF SPORT AND HEALTHY EXERCISE," HE SAID.

"WHILE THERE ARE ENCOURAGING SIGNS FOR RESOURCE ALLOCATION IN THE FIRST YEAR, THERE IS UNLIKELY TO BE SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO UNDERTAKE ALL PROJECTS AND THE BOARD WILL NEED TO TAKE AN AGGRESSIVE APPROACH IN OUR SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME, IF WE ARE TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT IN THE LONGER TERM.

"THE BOARD WILL AIM TO KEEP ITS OVERHEADS LOW AND ITS STAFFING LEAN SO THAT AS FAR AS POSSIBLE AVAILABLE FUNDS ARE UTILISED WHERE MOST NEEDED," HE SAID.

"BUT IT IS NOT JUST ABOUT FUNDING. THERE IS A NEED TO STREAMLINE PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS AND TO CO-ORDINATE THE INPUT OF THE MANY AGENCIES INVOLVED IN SPORTS PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT," HE CONCLUDED.

PREVENTION THE SOLUTION TO HILL FIRE PROBLEM

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PREVENTION, RATHER THAN FIRE FIGHTING, IS THE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF COUNTRYSIDE FIRES IN HONG KONG, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CONSERVATION AND COUNTRY PARKS) OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR FRANK LAU, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY HELD AT THE TWISK MANAGEMENT CENTRE OF THE TAI LAM COUNTRY PARK TO LAUNCH THE 1989-90 COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PREVENTION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN.

MR LAU NOTED THAT OF THE HILL FIRES WHICH RAVAGED THE COUNTRYSIDE LAST YEAR, 234 HAD OCCURRED INSIDE OR THREATENED COUNTRY PARKS, DESTROYING 97,000 TREES IN AN AREA OF 2,000 HECTARES.

"VIRTUALLY ALL COUNTRYSIDE FIRES IN HONG KONG ARE CAUSED BY MAN, USUALLY AS A RESULT OF CARELESSNESS. THE OUTBREAK OF HILL FIRES COULD BE REDUCED IF EVERYBODY IS MORE CAREFUL IN THE USE OF FIRES IN THE OPEN COUNTRYSIDE," HE SAID.

MR LAU REMINDED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT ANY INCORRECT USE OF FIRES IN THE OPEN COUNTRYSIDE IS AN OFFENCE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5,000 AND ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HAD DEVELOPED AN EFFECTIVE SYSTEM OF HILL FIRE DETECTION AND FIRE FIGHTING, HE SAID.

WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES, THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE AND THE ROYAL AIR FORCE, THE FIRE FIGHTING SYSTEM HAD MANAGED TO REDUCE CONSIDERABLY THE LOSS AND DAMAGE CAUSED BY HILL FIRES.

NEVERTHELESS, THE FACT REMAINED THAT HILL FIRES DESTROYED VEGETATION COVER, KILLED WILDLIFE AND DESTROYED THEIR HABITATS, DEFACED THE SCENIC COUNTRYSIDE AND EXPOSED THE SOIL TO EROSION.

"HILL FIRES MAY EVEN THREATEN LIFE AND PROPERTIES," MR LAU ADDED.

TO PREVENT HILL FIRES, HE URGED VISITORS TO COUNTRY PARKS TO LIGHT FIRES ONLY IN BARBECUE PITS AND TO MAKE SURE THE FIRES WERE EXTINGUISHED BEFORE LEAVING. HE ALSO EMPHASISED THAT LIGHTED CIGARETTES MUST NOT BE THOUGHTLESSLY THROWN AWAY.

MR LAU ALSO ADVISED GRAVE WORSHIPPERS TO BURN THEIR OFFERINGS ONLY IN CONTAINERS, AND HE ADDED THAT FARMERS BURNING RUBBISH AND WEEDS SHOULD NOT LEAVE THESE FIRES UNATTENDED.

"WE IN THIS COMMUNITY HAVE A DUTY AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT OUR SCENIC HILL LANDS BOTH FOR OURSELVES AND FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

"WE MUST TAKE A MORE POSITIVE ATTITUDE IN HILL FIRE PREVENTION," HE SAID.

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MAJOR ANTI-DRUG ACTIVITIES LINED UP FOR OCTOBER

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A MONTH-LONG PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN DESIGNED TO DISSEMINATE THE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE THROUGH A MIXED AND BALANCED PROGRAMME WILL BEGIN ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 7).

ENTITLED "THE ROAD TO A HAPPY LIFE", THE CAMPAIGN IS PART OF THIS YEAR'S TERRITORY-WIDE PUBLICITY DRIVE ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN).

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE CAMPAIGN AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (THURSDAY), THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR DAVID WEEKS, SAID THE OBJECTIVE WAS TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF DRUG ABUSE WITH EMPHASIS ON ABUSE OF PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES.

"IT IS ALSO AIMED AT ENCOURAGING PARENTS TO CARE MORE FOR THEIR CHILDREN AND EDUCATING YOUNGSTERS TO REJECT THE ILLICIT USE OF DRUGS," HE ADDED.

DURING THE MONTH, A WIDE RANGE OF RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES WILL BE ORGANISED. THESE INCLUDE A FAMILY CAMP, A VARIETY SHOW, A MODEL CAR RACE, A DRUG EDUCATION TALK, A LONG RUN, A TRAINING CAMP AND A DRAMA COMPETITION.

ABOUT 230 FAMILIES WILL TAKE PART IN A FAMILY CAMP AT THE LEI YUE MUN PARK HOLIDAY VILLAGE ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY (OCTOBER 7 AND 8).

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PARENTS AND CHILDREN ATTENDING WILL BE ABOUT 690. AMONG THEM, 290 WILL BE RESIDENTIAL CAMPERS AND THE OTHER 400 DAY CAMPERS.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NARCOTICS DIVISION, THE YIN NGAI CENTRAL COUNCIL, A WELL-ESTABLISHED WOMEN'S ORGANISATION, WILL STAGE AN ANTI-NARCOTICS VARIETY SHOW ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 8). ABOUT 780 YIN NGAI MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND.

A MODEL CAR RACE WITH "THROUGH THE BARRICADES" AS ITS THEME WILL BE HELD AT THE SOUTHOEN PLAYGROUND IN WAN CHAI ON OCTOBER 15.

THE EVENT IS CO-ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG RADIO CONTROL MODEL CAR ASSOCIATION.

IT IS LIMITED TO 1/8 SCALE RADIO-CONTROLLED, COMBUSTION-ENGINED MODEL CARS AND IS AIMED AT ENCOURAGING THE PUBLIC, IN PARTICULAR YOUNGSTERS, TO TAKE PART IN HEALTHY PURSUITS.

A DRUG EDUCATION TALK ON THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF NARCOTICS WILL BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE ON OCTOBER 19.

SUPPLEMENTED BY VIDEO AND SLIDE SHOWS, THE TALK WILL PROVIDE SOME 400 SCHOOL TEACHERS, STUDENT COUNSELLORS AND OUTREACHING SOCIAL WORKERS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN AN IN-DEPTH UNDERSTANDING OF THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF DRUGS.

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AMONG THE SPEAKERS WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF ACAN, DR GERALD CHOA, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE NARCOTICS DIVISION, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SOCIETY FOR THE AID AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG ABUSERS AND PS33, A COUNSELLING CENTRE FOR PSYCHOTROPIC DRUG ABUSERS.

ON OCTOBER 22, THE ACAN YOUTH VOLUNTEER GROUP (YVG) WILL ORGANISE A LONG RUN AT THE ABERDEEN COUNTRY PARK. PARTICIPANTS WILL RUN AROUND THE ABERDEEN RESERVOIR.

ON OCTOBER 28 AND 29, A TRAINING CAMP SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR ABOUT 400 YOUTH LEADERS WILL BE HELD AT THE SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL CENTRE.

THE PARTICIPANTS ARE NOMINATED BY THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL, COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB, THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, THE HONG KONG GIRL GUIDE ASSOCIATION, THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME, AND THE ACAN YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP AND YOUTH VOLUNTEER GROUP.

THEY WILL LEARN ABOUT THE INJURIOUS EFFECTS OF DRUG ABUSE AND WILL THEN HELP RELAY THE INFORMATION BACK TO THEIR PEERS.

DRAMA ENTHUSIASTS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR SCRIPTS FOR ENTERING THE DRAMA COMPETITION, ENTITLED "THE PERPLEXED GROUP". BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE ON OCTOBER 21.

THE COMPETITION, WHICH IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ACAN AND THE ROTARY CLUB OF TOLO HARBOUR WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE SEALS PLAYERS, IS DIVIDED INTO TWO DIVISIONS -- SECONDARY SCHOOL DIVISION AND OPEN DIVISION.

THE FINALS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE HELD AT THE SHOUSON THEATRE OF THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, WAN CHAI, ON NOVEMBER 26.

ACAN WILL ALSO BE ORGANISING AN ANTI-DRUG SYMBOL DESIGN COMPETITION THIS MONTH TO LOOK FOR A SYMBOL TO COMMEMORATE ACAN'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY NEXT YEAR. DETAILS OF THE COMPETITION, WHICH IS SPONSORED BY ORIENTAL DAILY NEWS, WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN MID-OCTOBER.

IN REVIEWING THE DRUG SITUATION IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1989, THE COMMISSIONER SAID THE NUMBER OF PERSONS NEWLY REPORTED TO THE GOVERNMENT COMPUTERISED CENTRAL REGISTRY OF DRUG ABUSE HAD CONTINUED TO DROP.

MR WEEKS SAID THE NUMBER OF PERSONS OF ALL AGES NEWLY REPORTED DECREASED BY 12.6 PER CENT. WITH 984 PERSONS REPORTED IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR, COMPARED WITH 1,126 IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR.

"HOWEVER, THE NUMBER OF NEWLY REPORTED YOUNG PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 21 INCREASED BY 11.5 PER CENT. THERE WERE 357 PERSONS REPORTED IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF LAST YEAR, AND 398 PERSONS REPORTED IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD THIS YEAR." HE SAID.

THERE ARE ABOUT 42,000 ACTIVE DRUG ABUSERS RECORDED IN THE REGISTRY. AMONG THEM, OVER 90 PER CENT ARE HEROIN ADDICTS AND THE OTHERS TAKE MAINLY MANDRAX, CANNABIS AND OPIUM.

/MR WEEKS

MR WEEKS SAID THERE WAS AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE REPORTED TO HAVE ABUSED PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES AND IN PARTICULAR, CANNABIS.

"A TOTAL OF 274 PERSONS WERE REPORTED AS HAVING ABUSED CANNABIS IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR, COMPARED WITH 98 IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR."

MR WEEKS SAID THE MAJOR THRUST OF THIS YEAR'S PUBLICITY DRIVE CONTINUED TO BE TO INFORM YOUNGSTERS ABOUT THE DANGERS OF ABUSING PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES AND THE SEVERE LEGAL CONSEQUENCES OF TRAFFICKING IN THESE DRUGS.

"PUBLICITY HAS ALSO BEEN STEPPED UP AGAINST CANNABIS ABUSE IN RECENT MONTHS. POSTERS HAVE BEEN PUT UP AT GOVERNMENT POSTER SITES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY AND AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN PUBLIC INTEREST HAS BEEN SCREENED ON TELEVISION.

"A RECORD AMOUNT OF CANNABIS, 340 KILOGRAMMES, WAS SEIZED IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1989, INCLUDING A MAJOR SEIZURE OF 300 KILOGRAMMES OF HERBAL CANNABIS IN MARCH THIS YEAR," HE SAID.

OTHER SEIZURES DURING THE PERIOD INCLUDED 230 KILOGRAMMES OF NO. 3 HEROIN, 63 KILOGRAMMES OF NO. 4 HEROIN AND OVER 5,000 MANDRAX TABLETS. HE ADDED.

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BILL TO AMEND BANK NOTES ISSUE ORDINANCE

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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS ADVISED THAT A BILL SHOULD BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO PROVIDE THAT BANK NOTES ISSUED BY THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION SHALL CONTINUE TO BE LEGAL TENDER FOLLOWING THE CHANGE IN THE BANK'S NAME TO THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION LIMITED TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

BANK NOTES BEARING THE OLD NAME WILL CONTINUE TO BE ISSUED FOR SOME TIME.

THEY WILL REMAIN LEGAL TENDER INDEFINITELY BUT AS THEY WEAR OUT AND ARE RETURNED TO THE BANK THEY WILL GRADUALLY BE REPLACED BY NOTES BEARING THE BANK'S NEW NAME. THIS PROCESS IS EXPECTED TO TAKE SEVERAL YEARS.

THE BILL TO AMEND THE BANK NOTES ISSUE ORDINANCE WILL PROVIDE THAT ANY BANK NOTES BEARING THE FORMER NAME, WHETHER ISSUED BEFORE, ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 6, 1989, SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE BANK NOTES LAWFULLY ISSUED AND LEGAL TENDER FOR THE PURPOSES OF THAT ORDINANCE.

THE BILL WILL ALSO PROVIDE THAT SECTION 93 OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE, WHICH REQUIRES A COMPANY TO MENTION ITS NAME IN ALL PROMISSORY NOTES SIGNED BY OR ON ITS BEHALF, SHALL NOT APPLY TO BANK NOTES ISSUED BY A NOTE-ISSUING BANK.

/THE BANK

THE BANK NOTES ISSUE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989 WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13.

A NOTICE MADE UNDER SECTION 55 OF THE INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES ORDINANCE WILL EFFECT THE DELETION OF THE BANK'S OLD NAME WHEREVER IT OCCURS IN THE LAWS OF HONG KONG AND THE SUBSTITUTION OF THE NEW NAME.

THE BANK'S INTENTION TO REGISTER ITSELF AS A LIMITED COMPANY UNDER THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE IN ORDER TO MODERNISE ITS STATUTORY FRAMEWORK WAS ANNOUNCED IN AUGUST AND APPROVED BY SHAREHOLDERS AT AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 19.

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SEPTEMBER SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES, PAYROLL UNDERWAY
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS CONDUCTING THE SEPTEMBER 1989 ROUND OF THE SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL IN MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY.

THE SURVEY COVERS ABOUT 40,000 ESTABLISHMENTS WHICH ARE DRAWN FROM VARIOUS SECTORS.

THESE INCLUDE THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR (MINING AND QUARRYING; MANUFACTURING; ELECTRICITY AND GAS), THE DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES SECTOR (WHOLESALE, RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS) AND THE SERVICES SECTOR (TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION; FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES; COMMUNITY, SOCIAL AND PERSONAL SERVICES).

QUESTIONNAIRES WERE MAILED TO INDIVIDUAL SAMPLE ESTABLISHMENTS AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER. REMINDERS ARE NOW BEING SENT TO ESTABLISHMENTS NOT RESPONDING TO THE INITIAL QUESTIONNAIRES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDER 1982 (LEGAL NOTICE NO.69 OF 1982, GAZETTED ON MARCH 5, 1982), ESTABLISHMENTS RECEIVING QUESTIONNAIRES ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THEM TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD.

INFORMATION IS BEING SOUGHT ON THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED AND EXISTING VACANCIES ON SEPTEMBER 29, 1989 FOR EACH SAMPLED ESTABLISHMENT. SOME 10,000 ESTABLISHMENTS HAVE BEEN RANDOMLY SELECTED FROM THIS SAMPLE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PAYROLL IN EACH OF THE THREE MONTHS DURING THE REFERENCE PERIOD JULY-SEPTEMBER 1989.

SHOULD RESPONDENTS FIND DIFFICULTIES IN COMPLETING THE FORMS, THEY ARE WELCOME TO TELEPHONE THE DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE ON 5-8235076.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1989

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HOLIDAY CLINIC SERVICE SUSPENDED

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THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THERE WILL BE NO CLINIC SERVICE ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, THE DAY FOLLOWING CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL AND A PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

ON THAT DAY, ALL GOVERNMENT OUT-PATIENT CLINICS AND EVENING CLINICS WILL BE CLOSED.

THESE CLINICS WILL BE RE-OPENED ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10.

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURE IN TAI PO TO BE CLOSED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE AN ILLEGAL STRUCTURE IN TAI PO SO THAT IT CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND THE PUBLIC.

THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURE IS AT FLAT B, SECOND FLOOR, 10 WAN TAU KOK LANE.

THE CLOSURE IS PART OF AN EXERCISE TO ENFORCE AN ORDER ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE ON DECEMBER 3, 1987 REQUIRING THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURE.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE SHA TIN DISTRICT COURT ON DECEMBER 7 WAS POSTED ON A CONSPICUOUS PART OF THE STRUCTURE TODAY (THURSDAY).

IT IS EXPECTED THAT DEMOLITION WILL START IMMEDIATELY AFTER A CLOSURE ORDER IS MADE.

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URBAN CLEARWAY IN KOTEWALL ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 7), THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF KOTEWALL ROAD IN THE MID-LEVELS BETWEEN KOTEWALL FIRE STATION AND A POINT ABOUT 115 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH UNIVERSITY DRIVE WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY ROUND-THE-CLOCK.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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SPEED LIMIT ON KWUN TONG ROAD
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 7), THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF KWUN TONG ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST AND ITS JUNCTION WITH THE WESTERN END OF THE FLYOVER JOINING WAI YIP STREET WILL BE SUBJECT TO A SPEED LIMIT OF 70 KILOMETRES PER HOUR.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CAUSEWAY BAY, TIN HAU
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 7), NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CAUSEWAY BAY.

THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY:

- THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF SUGAR STREET;
- THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF SUGAR STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH YEE WO STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 25 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION;
- THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF GLOUCESTER ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH SUGAR STREET TO A POINT ABOUT FIVE METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION; AND
- THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF YEE WO STREET FROM A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH SUGAR STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EXISTING RESTRICTIONS ON SECTIONS OF SUGAR STREET, GLOUCESTER ROAD AND YEE WO STREET WILL BE LIFTED.

ALSO FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY, THE TIN HAU MTR STATION TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE WHICH CONSISTS OF A BUS TERMINUS AND A TAXI STAND WILL BE OPENED. ONLY FRANCHISED BUSES AND TAXIS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EXISTING ON-STREET TERMINUS OF CMB ROUTE 23B IN TUNG LO WAN ROAD WILL BE RELOCATED TO THE TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE.

IN ADDITION, BUS STOPS FOR CMB ROUTES 25 AND 25M WILL BE PROVIDED THERE.

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