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CASH ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO FAMILY  
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INJURY GRANTS AMOUNTING TO \$1 380 HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT UNDER THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE (TAVA) SCHEME ON BEHALF OF TWO CHILDREN INJURED IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED IN CASTLE PEAK ROAD ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

A MAN AND HIS SON WERE KILLED IN THE ACCIDENT WHILE TWO OTHER SONS AND A DAUGHTER WERE INJURED. ONE OF THE INJURED BOYS DIED YESTERDAY (THURSDAY).

THE GRANTS ARE IN ADDITION TO THE \$2 700 MADE AVAILABLE BY THE DEPARTMENT FROM CHARITABLE TRUST FUND TO THE FAMILY YESTERDAY FOR TEMPORARY MAINTENANCE.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL KEEP IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE FAMILY AND GIVE COUNSELLING AND OTHER ASSISTANCE THAT MAY BE REQUIRED.

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HONG KONG-AUSTRIA TEXTILES AGREEMENT INITIALLED  
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HONG KONG AND AUSTRIA HAVE INITIALLED A NEW THREE-YEAR TEXTILES AGREEMENT, THE TRADE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE AGREEMENT, CONCLUDED AFTER CONSULTATION IN VIENNA THIS WEEK, WILL RUN FROM FEBRUARY 1 NEXT YEAR UNTIL JANUARY 31, 1990.

THE NEW AGREEMENT COVERS THE SAME FOUR CATEGORIES PUT UNDER RESTRAINT IN THE CURRENT AGREEMENT AND PROVIDES FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN SOME ASPECTS.

THE NEW ACCORD PROVIDES FOR AN ANNUAL GROWTH RATE OF ONE PER CENT FOR WOVEN SHIRTS AND BLOUSES COMPARED TO 0.5 PER CENT IN THE CURRENT AGREEMENT.

ANNUAL GROWTH RATES FOR THE TWO OTHER RESTRAINT CATEGORIES -- WOVEN SLACKS, SHORTS, TROUSERS AND DIVIDED SKIRTS AND KNITTED AND WOVEN DRESSES AND WOVEN SKIRTS -- REMAIN UNCHANGED AT TWO PER CENT.

CARRYOVER-CARRYFORWARD FOR THE FOUR RESTRAINT CATEGORIES WILL BE INCREASED FROM THE CURRENT TEN PER CENT AND FIVE PER CENT TO ELEVEN PER CENT AND SIX PER CENT, WHILE THE SWING PROVISION FOR ALL CATEGORIES REMAINS AT FIVE PER CENT, THE SAME PERCENTAGE ALLOWED FOR IN THE CURRENT AGREEMENT.

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FOUR ITEMS CURRENTLY PUT UNDER AN EXPORT AUTHORISATION (EA) ARRANGEMENT WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE COVERAGE OF THE NEW EA ARRANGEMENT. MEANWHILE, BOTH GOVERNMENTS ARE MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR THE RATIFICATION OF THIS BILATERAL AGREEMENT.

COMMENTING ON THE AGREEMENT, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR TONY MILLER, WHO LED FOR HONG KONG, SAID THAT WHILE IT FELL SHORT OF HONG KONG'S EXPECTATIONS THE NEW AGREEMENT NEVERTHELESS CONTAINED SOME MODEST IMPROVEMENTS AND WAS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

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IMPORTANCE OF HONG KONG'S GROWING TRADE LINKS WITH CHINA  
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HONG KONG AND ITS IMMEDIATE HINTERLAND IN GUANGDONG PROVINCE IS NOT ONLY ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING AND DYNAMIC GROWTH AREAS IN ASIA OR IN THE PACIFIC RIM BUT ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD, THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MR JOHN YAXLEY, SAID IN SAN FRANCISCO TODAY (FRIDAY, HONG KONG TIME).

ADDRESSING A MEETING OF THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION, MR YAXLEY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF HONG KONG'S GROWING LINKS WITH CHINA BOTH IN TRADE AND INVESTMENT.

+THERE HAS BEEN A DRAMATIC UPSURGE IN HONG KONG'S VISIBLE TRADE WITH CHINA. BETWEEN 1978 - WHICH MARKS THE BEGINNING OF CHINA'S OPEN DOOR POLICY - AND 1985, THE TOTAL VOLUME OF THIS BILATERAL TRADE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA GREW AT AN AVERAGE ANNUAL RATE OF 41 PER CENT. THE GROWTH IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THIS SAME PERIOD WAS 111 PER CENT EACH YEAR AND GROWTH IN RE-EXPORTS GREW BY 115 PER CENT EACH YEAR,+ HE SAID.

MR YAXLEY NOTED THAT IN 1982 CHINA OVERTOOK JAPAN AS HONG KONG'S LARGEST IMPORT SUPPLIER; IN 1984 CHINA BECAME THE SECOND LARGEST MARKET, AFTER THE UNITED STATES, FOR HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS; AND IN 1985 CHINA OVERTOOK THE UNITED STATES TO BECOME HONG KONG'S LARGEST TRADING PARTNER.

+ON THE INVESTMENT SIDE HONG KONG HAS ALSO PLAYED A MOST IMPORTANT ROLE. ABOUT 60 PER CENT OF ALL FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN CHINA COMES FROM HONG KONG.

+IF YOU LOOK AT THE SOUTHERN PART OF CHINA, PARTICULARLY THE SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE OF SHENZHEN, THAT FIGURE RISES TO ABOUT 80 PER CENT,+ MR YAXLEY SAID, ADDING THAT HONG KONG TOO WELCOMED THE INVESTMENT IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION - BY CHINA IN HONG KONG - WHICH WAS MAINLY IN THE SERVICES SECTOR.

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REGARDING ECONOMIC LINKS, MR YAXLEY POINTED OUT THAT THESE WERE INCREASINGLY EXTENSIVE AND REFLECTED IN THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF CROSS BORDER INFRASTRUCTURE; ROADS AND BRIDGES, RAIL, AIR AND SHIPPING.

TURNING TO THE FUTURE, MR YAXLEY OUTLINED THREE MAIN ECONOMIC TRENDS FOR HONG KONG.

FIRSTLY HE NOTED THE NEED FOR FURTHER TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES IN THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY, BUT REITERATED THAT DESPITE COMPETITION FROM WITHIN THE REGION AND THE GOVERNMENT BEING CONTINUALLY UNDER PRESSURE TO SUBSIDISE INDUSTRY, PARTICULARLY THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY, THAT WAS A PRESSURE THE GOVERNMENT WOULD RESIST.

THE SECOND TREND WOULD BE THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE SERVICES SECTOR, IN PARTICULAR THE FINANCIAL COMPONENT OF THE SECTOR. +I DON'T THINK WE ARE GOING TO RIVAL TOKYO OR LONDON OR NEW YORK. I SEE HONG KONG AS A SECOND LEVEL REGIONAL FINANCIAL BASE.+

MR YAXLEY SUGGESTED THE SECTOR WOULD DEVELOP IN RELATION TO HONG KONG'S OWN ECONOMY AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, WOULD DEVELOP TO SERVICE CHINA.

AS FOR THE THIRD TREND, THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG-CHINA ECONOMIC RELATIONS, MR YAXLEY PROPOSED THAT THE TERRITORY WOULD BE A CONDUIT FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES WHICH WOULD BE NEEDED BY CHINA.

+CHINA'S SEVENTH FIVE-YEAR PLAN, WHICH COVERS THE YEARS 1986 TO 1990, CALLS FOR ANNUAL GROWTH RATES OF SEVEN PER CENT. NOW CLEARLY THERE IS A ROLE HERE FOR HONG KONG TO PLAY IN ASSISTING CHINA TO MEET THOSE ECONOMIC TARGETS.+

+CHINA WILL ALSO NEED CONSIDERABLE INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE - IN RAILWAYS, IN ROADS, IN PORTS AND IN POWER. AND HERE HONG KONG IS ALREADY PLAYING A ROLE,+ MR YAXLEY NOTED.

ON POLITICAL PROSPECTS, MR YAXLEY SAID THAT THE JOINT DECLARATION SIGNED BY BRITAIN AND CHINA TWO YEARS AGO CHARTED A UNIQUE COURSE FOR HONG KONG TO BECOME A SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF CHINA WHILE PROVIDING FOR THE CONTINUATION OF ITS WELL KNOWN LIFESTYLE AND ITS ECONOMIC SYSTEM.

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GOVERNOR TO VISIT LONDON

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WILL VISIT LONDON FROM NOVEMBER 25 TO 27. THIS VISIT WILL BE ANOTHER IN THE SERIES OF HIS REGULAR CONSULTATIONS WITH MINISTERS AND SENIOR OFFICIALS ON MATTERS OF CURRENT INTEREST.

THE GOVERNOR LAST VISITED LONDON IN SEPTEMBER WITH MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

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MEET THE MEDIA

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THE SECRETARY FOR GENERAL DUTIES, MR PETER WILLIAMS, WHO WILL RETIRE LATER THIS MONTH, WILL MEET THE PRESS AT 11 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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PORT STUDY IDENTIFIES TWO EXPANSION OPTIONS

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A GOVERNMENT STUDY HAS IDENTIFIED THAT EXISTING AND FIRMLY PLANNED CONTAINER TERMINAL FACILITIES WILL CONTINUE TO BE FULLY UTILISED AND IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL CONTAINER TERMINALS AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES WILL BE REQUIRED TO MEET ANTICIPATED DEMANDS IN THE 1990'S AND BEYOND.

THIS IS THE FINDING OF THE PORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY STUDY (PDSS) UNDERTAKEN BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND IN FULL CONSULTATION WITH RELEVANT SEGMENTS OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

/THE STUDY, .....

THE STUDY, ACCORDING TO A MARINE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN, PROPOSED TWO BASIC OPTIONS FOR THE PROVISION OF SUCH FACILITIES - RECLAMATION AT STONECUTTERS ISLAND AND CREATION OF A PORT ISLAND AT KELLETT BANK.

OF THE TWO, STONECUTTERS HAD THE BENEFIT OF BEING LESS COST-INTENSIVE AND ALSO HAVING THE FLEXIBILITY TO EXTEND THE TERMINALS INCREMENTALLY AS DEMAND DICTATED, WHILE PORT ISLAND WOULD REQUIRE EXCEPTIONALLY HEAVY EXPENDITURE AND DID NOT HAVE THE FLEXIBILITY OF MEETING ANY CHANGE IN DEMAND, HE SAID.

THE STONECUTTERS OPTION WOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR THE EXCHANGE OF LOCAL AND TRANSHIPMENT CARGO BETWEEN LOCAL CRAFT, CONVENTIONAL CARGO VESSELS AND CONTAINER VESSELS.

+THE CONSOLIDATION OF ALL THESE CARGO ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE ONE AREA WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE MAXIMUM UTILISATION OF THE CENTRAL HARBOUR AREA THEREBY KEEPING CARGO-HANDLING COSTS TO A MINIMUM TO THE ULTIMATE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE, WHICH WILL ALSO ENABLE HONG KONG TO REMAIN COMPETITIVE WITH ITS NEIGHBOURING PORTS AS WELL AS MAINTAINING ITS EFFICIENCY AS A MAJOR WORLD PORT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE STUDY ALSO IDENTIFIED THAT EXISTING AND PLANNED PROVISION OF HARBOUR MOORINGS SHOULD BE ABLE TO MEET DEMAND UP TO ABOUT 1992 AFTER WHICH SHORTAGES WOULD BEGIN TO BECOME APPARENT.

IT RECOMMENDED THAT A SYSTEM OF FORE-AND-AFT MOORINGS BE INTRODUCED WITH A VIEW TO OPTIMISING THE UTILISATION OF WATER AREAS IN THE CENTRAL HARBOUR AS A STRATEGY FOR PROVIDING NEW FACILITIES FOR CONVENTIONAL CARGO VESSELS, AND FOR REPROVISIONING HARBOUR MOORINGS DISPLACED BY OTHER STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE INTRODUCTION OF DOUBLE MOORINGS FOR OCEAN-GOING VESSELS WAS A UNIQUE CONCEPT FOR A MAJOR NATURAL HARBOUR OF THE SIZE OF HONG KONG.

+FORE-AND-AFT MOORINGS ARE MAINLY USED IN PORTS WHERE SPACE IS ALREADY AT A PREMIUM OR IN RIVERS AND ARTIFICIAL (MAN-MADE) PORTS. AS HONG KONG IS SUSCEPTIBLE TO TROPICAL STORMS, ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR TYPHOON MOORINGS WILL BE MAINTAINED,+ HE ADDED.

IT IS THE FIRST TIME THAT SUCH A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT IN HONG KONG.

THE PRIMARY AIM OF THE STUDY IS TO FORMULATE A STRATEGY AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL MAJOR PORT FACILITIES UP TO THE YEAR 2001 BASED ON ANTICIPATED FUTURE DEMANDS DERIVED FROM THE LATEST TRADE FORECASTS, THE EFFICIENT OPERATIONAL THROUGHPUT CAPACITIES OF EXISTING AND PLANNED PORT FACILITIES, AS WELL AS THE MEDIUM AND LONG TERM STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES WITH A VIEW TO IDENTIFYING THE LIKELY FUTURE NEEDS AND LOCATIONS OF KEY PORT INFRASTRUCTURES AND FACILITIES.

+THESE ASPECTS OF PORT FACILITIES ARE ESSENTIAL IN ORDER TO SUSTAIN AND ENHANCE THE ROLE OF HONG KONG AS A PORT FOR ITS OWN OVERSEAS TRADE, AS AN ENTREPOT, AND AS AN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS, FINANCIAL AND MARITIME CENTRE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE STUDY HAD REVIEWED EXISTING KEY PORT INFRASTRUCTURES AND FACILITIES AND THE CAPACITIES OF DIFFERENT MODES OF CARGO-HANDLING. A BROAD SPECTRUM OF MAJOR PORT FACILITIES HAD BEEN CONSIDERED AND THESE ARE:

- \* CONTAINER TERMINALS AND RELATED USES;
- \* PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREAS;
- \* TYPHOON SHELTERS AND SHELTERED ANCHORAGES FOR LOCAL CRAFT;
- \* MOORING BUOYS FOR CONVENTIONAL CARGO VESSELS;
- \* MAJOR FERRY TERMINALS; AND
- \* REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE FACILITIES.

THE STUDY CONSISTED OF TWO PHASES.

+PHASE I FOCUSED ON TRADE FORECASTS, PORT FACILITIES AND THROUGHPUT CAPACITIES, TOGETHER WITH STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS.

+PHASE II INVOLVED THE TRANSLATION OF THE TRADE FORECASTS INTO PORT FACILITY REQUIREMENTS AS WELL AS THE ASSESSMENT OF THE CAPACITIES OF EXISTING, PLANNED AND OTHER STRATEGIC PROVISIONS, THUS LEADING TO IDENTIFICATION OF SURPLUSES-SHORTFALLS AND THE LAND REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE NEEDED TO PROVIDE THE ADDITIONAL FACILITIES,+ HE SAID.

THE PORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY STUDY HAD BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE LAND DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE WHICH HAD DIRECTED THAT THE MAJOR CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STUDY BE COMBINED WITH FUTURE LAND DEVELOPMENT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (TDS).

THE COMMITTEE ALSO DIRECTED THAT HYDRAULIC AND WATER QUALITY STUDIES BE CARRIED OUT TO DETERMINE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ON THE HARBOUR REGIME FROM EXISTING AS WELL AS PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS ARISING FROM THE PDSS AND TDS.

THE PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES OF THE HYDRAULIC AND WATER QUALITY STUDIES ARE TO ENSURE THAT:

- \* EXISTING WATER QUALITY OF THE WATERS OF THE HARBOUR IS NOT SIGNIFICANTLY ALTERED;
- \* LEVEL OF SCOURING AND SEDIMENTATION IN THE HARBOUR IS NOT SIGNIFICANTLY ALTERED;
- \* A SMOOTH TIDAL FLOW IS MAINTAINED IN THE HARBOUR SO THAT ADVERSE EFFECTS DUE TO TIDAL EDDIES AND SLACK WATER ZONES MAY BE AVOIDED; AND
- \* NO UNDUE DIFFICULTY IS CAUSED TO MARINE ACTIVITIES INCLUDING SHIP MOVEMENTS AND CARGO HANDLING AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS WITHIN THE HARBOUR.

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#### TESTS ON CIGARETTES SHOW LITTLE CHANGE

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THE RANGE OF TAR AND NICOTINE CONTENT IN CIGARETTES SOLD IN HONG KONG HAS SHOWN LITTLE CHANGE, ACCORDING TO RESULTS OF THE LATEST TEST CONDUCTED BY THE GOVERNMENT CHEMIST COVERING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY TO JULY THIS YEAR.

THIS STUDY CONDUCTED EVERY SIX MONTHS, IS THE SEVENTH SINCE REGULAR TESTS BEGAN IN 1983 AT THE TIME OF GOVERNMENT'S FIRST MAJOR DRIVE AGAINST SMOKING.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THIS EXERCISE IS THOUGHT TO BE A HELP TO SMOKERS WHO FIND IT TOO HARD TO GIVE UP BUT WISH TO CUT DOWN ON THE MORE DANGEROUS ELEMENTS OF SMOKING.

+THESE DETAILED AND SCIENTIFIC SURVEYS ALSO HELP CONFIRM THE ACCURACY OF THE INFORMATION ON CIGARETTE PACKETS,+ HE SAID.

MORE THAN A HUNDRED BRANDS OF CIGARETTES ARE TESTED, AND THIS TIME THESE SAMPLES INCLUDED 12 NEW BRANDS AS AGAINST SIX PREVIOUS BRANDS WITHDRAWN DURING THE PERIOD UNDER STUDY.

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+THERE IS A PREPONDERANCE HERE OF MIDDLE TAR AND LOW TO MIDDLE TAR BRANDS, BUT THERE ARE NO HIGH TAR AND ONLY FOUR MIDDLE TO HIGH TAR BRANDS ON THE MARKET, AS AGAINST A DOZEN LOW TAR,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

TWO BRANDS AT THE TOP OF THE MOST RECENT TABLE HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER TAR AND NICOTINE YIELDS COMPARED EVEN TO OTHER LOW TAR BRANDS.

+BUT SMOKING LOW TAR OR LOW NICOTINE CIGARETTES IS NOT SAFE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID. +IT IS MERELY A MARGINALLY SAFER WAY TO CONTINUE WITH A PARTICULARLY DANGEROUS HABIT.+

+THERE IS EVEN SOME MEDICAL EVIDENCE THAT A FEW HEAVY SMOKERS WHO HOPE TO REDUCE THE RISK TO THEIR LIVES BY SWITCHING TO LOW TAR OR NICOTINE CIGARETTES, MERELY COMPENSATE EITHER BY SMOKING MORE, OR BY INHALING THE LOWER YIELDS MORE THOROUGHLY, TO GET THE SAME EFFECT,+ HE ADDED.

+HOWEVER, SINCE TAR AND NICOTINE ARE CIGARETTES' MOST LETHAL ELEMENTS AMONG MANY, THE FORMER LEADING TO LUNG CANCER, THE LATTER SIMILARLY CLOSELY CONNECTED WITH A NUMBER OF HEART DISEASES, THE SMOKER WHO TAKES IN SIGNIFICANTLY LESS OF THEM IS NOT AT QUITE SUCH A RISK+.

THE GOVERNMENT THEREFORE FELT IT WAS USEFUL TO CONTINUE THE REGULAR PUBLICITY ON TAR AND NICOTINE CONTENT, PARTICULARLY DURING THE PRESENT ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN, HE EXPLAINED.

+FAR BETTER THAN MERELY SWITCHING BRANDS IS TO GIVE UP,+ HE SAID, AND HE SUGGESTED SMOKERS MAKE A START NEXT THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 20) WHICH WAS DESIGNATED A SMOKEOUT DAY.

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PROVISIONAL BOARD MEMBER SPEAKS ABOUT LDC  
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THE ORIGINAL INTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT IN PROMOTING THE IDEA OF A LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (LDC) WAS TO ENCOURAGE PRIVATE SECTOR INVOLVEMENT IN THE PRODUCTION OF LAND AND TO FACILITATE THE SITE FORMATION PROCESS IN A CONTROLLED AND EFFECTIVE MANNER.

A MEMBER OF THE LDC'S PROVISIONAL BOARD, MR SAMUEL P.W. WONG, WHO IS ALSO AN URBAN COUNCILLOR, SAID THIS TODAY (FRIDAY) IN A LUNCHEON SPEECH TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND WEST.

MR WONG ADDED: +HOWEVER, THE ROLE OF THE LDC WAS EXTENDED LATER TO ACCOMMODATE URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS SITE PROMOTION.+

/THIS WAS .....

THIS WAS PARTLY DUE TO A REALISATION THAT GOVERNMENT EFFORTS IN THE FIELD OF URBAN RENEWAL HAD NOT BEEN PARTICULARLY SUCCESSFUL AND IT WAS CONSIDERED PREFERABLE FOR THE GOVERNMENT'S ROLE TO BE RESTRICTED AS FAR AS POSSIBLE.

WITH THESE ASSUMPTIONS, AND FOLLOWING FURTHER STUDY, IT BECAME CLEAR THAT THE FORMATION OF AN INDEPENDENT AGENCY WOULD HAVE TO BE PROMOTED INITIALLY WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS.

+IN THE LONG RUN, THE PRIVATE SECTOR SHOULD BECOME MORE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE LDC'S ACTIVITIES,+ MR WONG SAID.

HE SAID ACCORDING TO THE STEERING GROUP'S SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL, THE OBJECTIVES OF THE LDC WOULD BE TO:

- \* IMPROVE THE QUALITY AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF DEVELOPMENT BY ASSEMBLING LARGER SITES;
- \* ENSURE EQUITABLE TREATMENT OF TENANTS AFFECTED;
- \* PROVIDE IMPROVED COMMUNITY FACILITIES, INCLUDING BETTER TRAFFIC CIRCULATION;
- \* ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION OF LAND OWNERS IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS;
- \* SPEED UP PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT IN SELECTED AREAS; AND
- \* MINIMISE THE NEED FOR DIRECT GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES AND THE APPLICATION OF COMPULSORY ACQUISITION POWERS.

TO ACHIEVE THESE OBJECTIVES, MR WONG SAID, THE LDC WOULD HAVE TO BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH THE FOLLOWING ISSUES:-

- \* ACQUISITION: THE LDC WOULD BE EXPECTED TO NEGOTIATE WITH EXISTING PROPERTY OWNERS ON THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY WITHIN AREAS IDENTIFIED TO BE IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT. IT WOULD BE EXPECTED TO ACQUIRE A MAJORITY OF THE PROPERTIES WITHIN AN AREA TO BE REDEVELOPED THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS.
- \* HOUSING: OFFERS MADE TO OWNER OCCUPIERS SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO ENABLE THEM TO PURCHASE A MODERN PROPERTY OF SIMILAR SIZE AND IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA AS THEIR ORIGINAL PREMISES.

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- \* DEVELOPMENT: IT WOULD FORM INDIVIDUAL SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES TO UNDERTAKE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. THESE COMPANIES WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR RAISING FINANCE FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND NEGOTIATING WITH PROPERTY OWNERS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THEIR PROPERTIES, AS WELL AS FOR PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF DEVELOPMENT, OR SETTING UP JOINT VENTURE PROJECTS.
- \* PROJECT MANAGEMENT: IT SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERSEEING THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS.
- \* BUILDING MANAGEMENT: IT WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ARRANGING THE MANAGEMENT OF PROPERTY IT ACQUIRED PRIOR TO DEMOLITION AND FOR RETAINED PARTS OF COMPLETED DEVELOPMENTS.

MR WONG SAID THE LDC WOULD REQUIRE AN INITIAL INJECTION OF FUNDS TO ENABLE IT TO BE SET UP AND BEGIN OPERATIONS.

HOWEVER, THIS INITIAL LOAN WOULD BE PRIMARILY TO COVER OPERATING COSTS.

+THE LDC THROUGH ITS SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES, IS EXPECTED TO RAISE FINANCE TO FUND INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT FROM PRIVATE SECTOR SOURCES SUCH AS BANKS,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THE PROVISIONAL LDC BOARD HAD MET FOUR TIMES SO FAR.

IT HAD BEEN BRIEFED BY THE GOVERNMENT ON STUDIES CARRIED OUT BY THE TOWN PLANNING OFFICE INTO URBAN RENEWAL STUDY AREAS AND THE IDENTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AREAS.

A TOTAL OF 19 AREAS CONTAINING SITES SUITABLE FOR COMPREHENSIVE REDEVELOPMENT HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED AND A REPORT ON THESE AREAS WOULD BE COMPLETED SOON.

REFERRING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF A CHIEF EXECUTIVE, MR WONG SAID IT WAS HOPED THAT A SHORT LIST OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATES WOULD BE AVAILABLE AROUND THE END OF THIS MONTH.

HE SAID DRAFTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE LDC ORDINANCE HAD BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE PROVISIONAL BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION.

SUBJECT TO THE PRESSURE OF WORK IN THE LAW DRAFTING DIVISION, IT WAS HOPED THAT THE FIRST DRAFT OF THE LDC BILL WOULD BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THIS YEAR.

+IT IS THEREFORE POSSIBLE BY THE END OF MARCH NEXT YEAR THAT THE LDC COULD BE FORMALLY ESTABLISHED UNDER ITS OWN ORDINANCE AND THE DAY-TO-DAY MANAGEMENT OF ITS CHIEF EXECUTIVE,+ MR WONG SAID.

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ADOPTION SERVICE HAS BEEN IMPROVED

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS CONSTANTLY LOOKING FOR WAYS TO REDUCE THE TIME TAKEN TO PLACE A CHILD IN A SUITABLE ADOPTIVE HOME SO AS TO MINIMISE CHILDREN'S STAY IN INSTITUTIONS, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ANSON CHAN, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SHE TOLD A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON NORTH OF THE IMPROVEMENTS THAT HAD BEEN ACHIEVED AND THOSE BEING PLANNED FOR THE ADOPTION SERVICE.

SHE SAID THAT WITH THE STREAMLINING OF THE ADOPTION PROCEDURES AND ADDITIONAL MANPOWER, SOME 120 BACKLOG APPLICATIONS HAD BEEN CLEARED BY THE END OF 1985 AND THE DEPARTMENT HAD NOW BUILT UP A SMALL POOL OF SUITABLE PROSPECTIVE ADOPTERS.

DURING 1985-86, A TOTAL OF 114 LOCAL HOMES WERE APPROVED FOR ADOPTION OF A WARD AND 106 WARDS WERE PLACED IN ADOPTIVE HOMES, REPRESENTING A RESPECTIVE INCREASE OF 60 PER CENT AND 70 PER CENT OVER THAT OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

+AT PRESENT, WE HAVE A POOL OF 14 FAMILIES WAITING FOR MATCHING WITH A CHILD AND ANOTHER 76 HOMES ARE UNDERGOING A HOME STUDY.

+AT THE SAME TIME, 41 CHILDREN (21 BOYS AND 20 GIRLS) ARE AVAILABLE FOR LOCAL ADOPTION,+ MRS CHAN SAID.

SHE ALSO NOTED THAT A SUPPORTIVE GROUP FOR FIRST-TIME CHINESE ADOPTIVE PARENTS HAD BEEN LAUNCHED.

+THIS WAS WELL RECEIVED AND WE INTEND TO ORGANISE ADDITIONAL GROUPS TO EQUIP ADOPTERS WITH PARENTING KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS AND TO HELP THEM IN ADJUSTING TO THEIR NEW RESPONSIBILITIES,+ SHE SAID.

IN AN EFFORT TO FURTHER IMPROVE THE SERVICE, MRS CHAN SAID, ALL ADOPTION WORK WOULD SHORTLY BE CENTRALISED IN THE ADOPTION UNIT.

AT PRESENT, PRE-ADOPTION SERVICE IS PROVIDED BY STAFF IN THE 22 FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES WHILE ASSESSEMENT OF PROSPECTIVE ADOPTIVE PARENTS, MATCHING AND THE SUBSEQUENT LEGAL FORMALITIES ARE CARRIED OUT BY THE ADOPTION UNIT.

MRS CHAN SAID IT WAS HOPED THAT CENTRALISING WOULD ENABLE THE DEPARTMENT TO EITHER ELIMINATE OR AT LEAST KEEP TO A MINIMUM THE NEED FOR INSTITUTIONAL CARE OF CHILDREN AWAITING ADOPTION.

EARLIER THIS YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT WAS ABLE TO PLACE TWO NEW-BORN BABIES STRAIGHT FROM HOSPITAL WITH SUITABLE AND WILLING PROSPECTIVE ADOPTERS FOR TEMPORARY CARE AND CUSTODY INITIALLY AND SUBSEQUENTLY FOR ADOPTION AFTER THE BABIES WERE FORMALLY RELINQUISHED BY THEIR MOTHERS AT SIX WEEKS.

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THIS ARRANGEMENT WAS POSSIBLE BECAUSE THE MOTHERS CONCERNED HAD DECIDED TO GIVE UP THEIR BABIES EVEN BEFORE BIRTH AND THERE WERE SUITABLE ADOPTIVE PARENTS AVAILABLE, SHE SAID.

ON OVERSEAS ADOPTION, SHE SAID THAT THE SERVICE WAS ALSO REVIEWED RECENTLY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SERVICE (ISS) WITH A VIEW TO RECRUITING MORE HOMES AND TO EFFECT EARLIER ADOPTION PLACEMENTS.

+WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SPEED UP THE AVERAGE PROCESSING TIME FROM THE PREVIOUS 24 MONTHS TO AROUND 15 MONTHS FOR THE MAJORITY OF OUR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, THOUGH MORE DIFFICULT CASES MAY REQUIRE A LONGER TIME.

+SOME 78 NEW HOMES WERE RECRUITED IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS REPRESENTING A 28 PER CENT INCREASE OVER THE 61 HOMES RECRUITED IN THE SAME PERIOD IN 1985,+ SHE SAID.

NOTING THAT THERE WAS A STEADY STREAM OF APPLICATIONS FROM OVERSEAS CHINESE FAMILIES, MRS CHAN SAID IT WAS INTENDED TO CONDUCT A SURVEY OF POSSIBLE DEMANDS FROM OVERSEAS CHINESE TO ADOPT FROM HONG KONG.

+ALL THINGS BEING EQUAL WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD TO PLACE HIM OR HER WITH ADOPTIVE PARENTS WHO SHARE THE SAME CULTURE AND ETHNIC BACKGROUND,+ SHE SAID.

+WE ARE ALSO LOOKING INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF EXPANDING THE PRESENT SERVICE NETWORK TO COUNTRIES IN EUROPE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ADOPTION OUTLETS FOR OUR HOMELESS CHILDREN,+ SHE ADDED.

EARLIER IN HER SPEECH, MRS CHAN OUTLINED THE PROCEDURES FOR ADOPTION IN HONG KONG.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT ADOPTION IN HONG KONG FELL BROADLY INTO TWO CATEGORIES -- ADOPTION OF ORPHANED AND ABANDONED CHILDREN AND CHILDREN GIVEN UP BY THEIR PARENTS, WHO ARE MADE WARDS OF THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, AND ADOPTION BY PRIVATE ARRANGEMENT.

FOR ABANDONED CHILDREN, SHE EXPLAINED THAT THE PROCEDURE WOULD INVOLVE TRACING THE PARENTS THROUGH RADIO BROADCAST AND PRESS RELEASES. IN THE CASE OF AN ILLEGITIMATE CHILD, IT WOULD INVOLVE HELPING THE UNMARRIED PARENT OR PARENTS TO ASSESS THEIR ABILITY TO CARE FOR THE CHILD AS WELL AS OTHER ALTERNATIVES BEFORE MAKING THEIR DECISION TO SIGN OFF THE CHILD FOR ADOPTION.

IN 1985-86, SOME 140 OF THESE CHILDREN CAME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE DEPARTMENT'S FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES. AMONG THEM, LESS THAN 20 WERE ABANDONED WHILE THE MAJORITY WERE SIGNED OFF BY THEIR UNMARRIED MOTHERS.

/+WHEN PROCEDURES .....

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+WHEN PROCEDURES TO FREE THE CHILDREN ARE IN PROGRESS, THEY ARE PLACED IN CHILDREN'S CENTRES OR CRECHES FOR TEMPORARY CARE AND UNDERGO MEDICAL EXAMINATION FACILITATE ONWARD WELFARE PLANNING FOR THEM, INCLUDING ADOPTION,+ MRS CHAN EXPLAINED.

SHE ADDED THAT FOR LOCAL ADOPTION, INTERESTED RESIDENTS WERE WELCOME TO APPROACH THE ADOPTION UNIT FOR AN INTERVIEW.

FOR OVERSEAS ADOPTION, MRS CHAN SAID THERE WAS AN OVERSEAS ADOPTION PROGRAMME THAT THE DEPARTMENT RAN IN CLOSE CO-OPERATION WITH I.S.S. WHICH HAD AN INTER-COUNTRY ADOPTION NETWORK COVERING U.S.A., CANADA, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND U.K.

+THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF THIS PROGRAMME IS TO SECURE SUITABLE HOMES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS WHO STAND A VERY SLIM CHANCE OF BEING ADOPTED LOCALLY,+ SHE EXPLAINED.

APART FROM THE ADOPTION OF HOMELESS CHILDREN THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT, SHE NOTED THAT THE OTHER FORM OF ADOPTION WAS BY PRIVATE ARRANGEMENT WHEREBY THE STATUS OF THE ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN OR CHILDREN FROM A PREVIOUS MARRIAGE COULD BE LEGALISED IN THE CURRENT MATRIMONIAL HOME OF THE PARENT; AND THOSE CHILDREN GIVEN AWAY BY THEIR NATURAL PARENTS OR GUARDIAN TO UNRELATED PERSONS COULD BE LEGALLY ADOPTED BY THESE PERSONS.

MRS CHAN OBSERVED THAT THIS FORM OF ADOPTION WAS NOT ALWAYS SATISFACTORY IN THAT THERE WAS NO PRIOR ASSESSMENT OF THE SUITABILITY OF THE PROSPECTIVE ADOPTERS AND IT MIGHT BE MONTHS OR EVEN YEARS AFTER THE CHILD HAD BEEN PLACED WITH HIS ADOPTERS THAT THE DEPARTMENT WAS NOTIFIED OF THE ADOPTERS' INTENTION TO ADOPT THE CHILD.

+FOR THE SAKE OF THE CHILD, I WOULD URGE ALL SUCH PARENTS TO APPROACH THE DEPARTMENT IN THE FIRST INSTANCE IF THEY INTEND TO GIVE UP THEIR CHILD FOR ADOPTION,+ SHE SAID.

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HEADMASTER APPOINTED TO NORTH DB  
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THE HEADMASTER OF A SCHOOL IN SHEUNG SHUI, MR POON HUEN-WAI, HAS BEEN APPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD TO REPLACE A MEMBER WHO DIED IN MAY. THE APPOINTMENT WAS MADE BY THE GOVERNOR.

MR POON, THE PRINCIPAL OF THE HONG KONG TAOIST ASSOCIATION TANG HIN MEMORIAL SECONDARY SCHOOL, WILL TAKE OFFICE FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO MARCH 31, 1988.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID MR POON IS INVOLVED IN NUMEROUS COMMUNITY WORK AND VARIOUS RECREATION AND CULTURE PROGRAMMES.

+HE HAS MADE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO VARIOUS EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+HE IS ALSO AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF NUMEROUS COMMITTEES INCLUDING THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD AND THE NORTH DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.+

MR POON WILL TAKE UP THE SEAT FORMERLY HELD BY MR LIU YUN-SUM.

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ROAD SAFETY FOR ELDERLY STRESSED  
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THE NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING ELDERLY RESIDENTS IN KOWLOON CITY HAS BEEN INCREASING IN RECENT YEARS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHOULD PAY MORE ATTENTION TO THE SAFETY OF THE ELDERLY ON THE ROADS.

THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALEX FONG, SAID THIS AT THE OPENING OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING.

MR FONG NOTED THAT IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR ABOUT ONE-FIFTH OF THE 426 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT INVOLVED THE ELDERLY AND MOST OCCURRED WHILE THEY WERE CROSSING THE ROAD.

+THOUGH THE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR DROPPED BY 52 CASES COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, THIS INDICATES THAT MUCH ATTENTION SHOULD STILL BE PAID TO ROAD SAFETY.

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+IN VIEW OF THIS, AND TO TIE IN WITH THE AIM OF THE CENTRAL ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN, THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN THIS YEAR WILL HAVE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY - PARTICULARLY FOR THE ELDERLY - AS THE MAIN THEME,+ MR FONG ADDED.

A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES HAS BEEN ORGANISED IN THE DISTRICT TO PUBLICISE ROAD SAFETY AND TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF ROAD SAFETY CODES.

A SPECIALLY DECORATED OPEN TOP DOUBLE-DECKER BUS, CARRYING MEMBERS OF THE CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE, TOURED THE DISTRICT TODAY TO SPREAD THE ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE.

IT STOPPED AT VARIOUS PEDESTRIAN BLACKSPOTS AND ROAD SAFETY PAMPHLETS WERE GIVEN TO PASSERS-BY.

AT THE SAME TIME, MODEL PEDESTRIANS WERE SELECTED ON THE SPOT AND SPECIAL ROAD SAFETY UMBRELLAS WERE PRESENTED TO THEM.

TO SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN, 32 PUBLICITY BANNERS AND SIGNBOARDS REMINDING THE PUBLIC TO OBSERVE ROAD CROSSING SAFETY RULES HAVE BEEN MOUNTED AT 16 PEDESTRIAN BLACKSPOTS.

AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, PRIZES WERE ALSO PRESENTED TO 23 WINNERS OF A RECENT ROAD SAFETY CROSSWORD PUZZLE AND SLOGAN COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN.

THE PRIZE WINNERS WILL BE INVITED TO VISIT THE ROAD SAFETY TOWN IN SAU MAU PING ON NOVEMBER 22.

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#### MORE EMPHASIS PLACED ON GROUP WORK

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THERE HAVE BEEN SOME CHANGES RECENTLY IN THE SERVICES THAT THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT PROVIDES IN COMMUNITY CENTRES, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR STEPHEN LAW, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SHENG KUNG HUI LADY MACLEHOSE CENTRE, HE SAID THAT INSTEAD OF DIRECTLY PROMOTING COMMUNITY WORK, EMPHASIS WAS BEING PLACED ON STRENGTHENING GROUP WORK.

THE INTENTION WAS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF FAMILY MEMBERS AND TO PROVIDE ACTIVITIES TO FOSTER THE LINKS BETWEEN THEM, THUS TURNING THE COMMUNITY CENTRE INTO A FAMILY ACTIVITIES CENTRE.

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IN ADDITION, MORE SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES WERE BEING ORGANISED FOR INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENTS, HE SAID.

+THE MORE NOVEL DEVELOPMENT IS THE INTRODUCTION OF SUPPORTIVE GROUPS TO ASSIST INDIVIDUALS OR FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL DIFFICULTIES OR SPECIAL NEEDS TO ENHANCE THEIR ABILITY TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS AS WELL AS TO PROVIDE THEM WITH OTHER SUITABLE SERVICES,+ HE ADDED.

HE NOTED THAT SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF SUPPORTIVE GROUPS AT THE END OF LAST YEAR, MANY FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, HOUSEWIVES, ELDERLY SINGLE PEOPLE, MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE AND FORMER MENTAL PATIENTS HAD BENEFITTED FROM THIS SERVICE.

+THROUGH MUTUAL ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT, THEIR ADJUSTMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENT HAS BEEN ENHANCED,+ HE SAID.

+WE FEEL THAT THIS KIND OF WORK CAN ASSIST OTHER WELFARE SERVICE UNITS TO MORE FULLY DISCHARGE THEIR FUNCTIONS WHILE THE CLIENTS ARE RECEIVING MORE SUPPORT,+ HE ADDED.

+THEREFORE, THE ROLE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IN COMMUNITY CENTRES HAS FOCUSED MORE ON THE WELFARE SERVICES SIDE,+ HE SAID.

AS FOR THE OTHER ASPECT OF COMMUNITY CENTRE WORK -- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT -- MR LAW SAID IT REQUIRED THE PARTICIPATION AND INVOLVEMENT OF RESIDENTS IN ORDER TO MEET THEIR NEEDS.

HE PRAISED THE LADY MACLEHOSE CENTRE FOR BEING ALERT TO THE NEEDS OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD AND FOR DEVELOPING NEW SERVICES TO MEET THESE NEEDS.

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YOUNG PEOPLE URGED TO ACQUIRE NEW TECHNIQUES, SKILLS  
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HONG KONG NEEDS A LABOUR FORCE WHICH CAN COPE WITH AN INCREASING DEMAND FOR QUALITY AND TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD'S COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT SERVICES, MR CHAN SUI-KAU, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THIS WOULD ENABLE HONG KONG TO MAINTAIN ITS PRODUCTS' COMPETITIVE POSITION IN BOTH THE LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MARKETS, HE EXPLAINED.

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+I WOULD ADVISE YOUNG PEOPLE INTENDING TO TAKE UP ANY NEW CAREER TO BE AWARE OF, AND BE PREPARED FOR, THE CHANCES OF ACQUIRING NEW TECHNIQUES AND UPDATING SKILLS, AS HONG KONG, FACED WITH KEEN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION, HAS TO IMPROVE ITS PRODUCTS AND MOVE TO THE UPPER END OF THE MARKET,+ HE SAID.

+ALTHOUGH NOBODY KNOWS HOW QUICKLY AND TO WHAT EXTENT CHANGES WILL TAKE PLACE, YOUNG PEOPLE MUST ALWAYS BE READY TO LEARN AND UPDATE THEIR SKILLS.+

MR CHAN WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE 15TH ANNUAL CAREERS EXHIBITION JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE URBAN COUNCIL AT THE CITY HALL EXHIBITION HALL.

HE NOTED THAT THE SUCCESS OF HONG KONG DEPENDED HEAVILY ON ITS HUMAN ASSETS. BUT HUMAN RESOURCES COULD ONLY BE EFFECTIVELY UTILISED IF THEY WERE PROPERLY CHANNELLED INTO THE RIGHT COURSE AND GIVEN THE CHANCE TO DEVELOP, HE ADDED.

+FOR THIS REASON, CAREERS SERVICE, WHICH EMPHASISES THE IMPORTANCE OF INDIVIDUALS FINDING JOBS BEST SUITED TO THEIR POTENTIAL, HAS MUCH TO CONTRIBUTE.+

HOWEVER, HE ADDED, CAREERS WORK COULD NOT SUCCEED WITHOUT THE CO-OPERATION AND CONCERTED EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT, SCHOOLS, PARENTS AND EMPLOYERS.

IN PARTICULAR, EMPLOYERS HAD THE OBLIGATIONS TO SUPPLY INFORMATION SUCH AS EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES RELATING TO CAREERS GUIDANCE AND CO-OPERATE WITH OTHER PARTIES INVOLVED IN THE PROMOTION OF CAREERS EDUCATION.

+IN THE LONG TERM, OUR SOCIETY WILL BENEFIT FROM BEING ABLE TO OPTIMISE ITS USE OF HUMAN RESOURCES,+ HE SAID.

MR CHAN ALSO REFERRED TO THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S THREE CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRES WHICH, HE POINTED OUT, WERE EQUIPPED WITH AN ABUNDANCE OF PRINTED AND AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION AND PUBLIC VIEWING.

WITH THE BACKING OF THE COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT SERVICES, THE CENTRES WERE PLANNING TO PRODUCE A SERIES OF VIDEOS ON HOW TO CHOOSE A CAREER WHICH +WILL PROVE EXTREMELY USEFUL TO THOSE AT THE CROSSROADS OF MAKING CAREERS DECISIONS+.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR H.M.G. FORSGATE, SAID HE SHARED MR CHAN'S VIEW THAT YOUNG PEOPLE MUST BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT CHALLENGES BY ACQUIRING NEW SKILLS IN THE WAKE OF THE TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS.

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+THE URBAN COUNCIL FULLY APPRECIATES THE NEED FOR HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND AND REALISE THEIR POTENTIAL BY CHOOSING SUITABLE CAREERS, AND WE FULLY SUPPORT THIS EXHIBITION,+ HE SAID.

HE NOTED THAT THE EXHIBITION ATTRACTED MORE THAN 100 000 VISITORS LAST YEAR AND HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THIS YEAR'S RESPONSE WOULD BE AS ENCOURAGING.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WAS THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR DARWIN CHEN.

THE EXHIBITION, INTENDED TO PROVIDE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THE WIDEST POSSIBLE RANGE OF CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES IN HONG KONG, IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 9.30 AM TO 6.30 PM DAILY AT THE CITY HALL EXHIBITION HALL UNTIL NOVEMBER 24.

IN ASSOCIATION WITH THIS EXHIBITION, LIVE CAREERS SHOWS WILL BE STAGED OUTSIDE THE CITY HALL IN EDINBURGH PLACE TOMORROW, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 AND 23 BY A NUMBER OF DISCIPLINARY FORCES AND AUXILIARY SERVICES.

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#### FIREMEN TO GIVE PUBLIC DISPLAY

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A DEMONSTRATION AND DISPLAY OF SOME OF THE WORLD'S MOST ADVANCED EQUIPMENT AND APPLIANCES IN DEALING WITH FIRES AND OTHER EMERGENCIES WILL BE STAGED BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT EDINBURGH PLACE IN CENTRAL ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 16).

PART OF ACTIVITIES RELATING TO THE CAREERS EXHIBITION ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, THE SHOW IS INTENDED TO INTRODUCE THE WORK OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO THE PUBLIC. IT WILL BE HELD FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM.

DEMONSTRATIONS WILL INCLUDE JUMPS ON TO AN AIR-FILLED RESCUE CUSHION, RESCUE OF INJURED PEOPLE FROM A HEIGHT BY USING THE ROLLGLISS RESCUE SYSTEM, AND RESCUE OF INJURED PEOPLE TRAPPED UNDER A VEHICLE, USING AIR-LIFTING BAGS.

VISITORS WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO INSPECT A WEST GERMAN-MADE 50-METRE TURNABLE LADDER, AND TO BOARD A FIRE BOAT AT QUEEN'S PIER TO SEE ITS FIRE FIGHTING INSTALLATIONS.

OTHER APPLIANCES WILL INCLUDE A HYDRAULIC PLATFORM, AN AMBULANCE, AMBULANCE LAND-ROVER, MOBILE CASUALTY TREATMENT CENTRE, AND A MOBILE COMMAND UNIT.

EQUIPMENT USED IN DEALING WITH VARIOUS EMERGENCIES, INCLUDING LANDSLIDES, TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, HOUSE COLLAPSES AND MOUNTAIN RESCUES, WILL BE DISPLAYED.

THE SHOW WILL ALSO FEATURE PHOTOGRAPHS DEPICTING THE HISTORY OF THE FIRE SERVICES.

A TEMPORARY RECRUITMENT CENTRE WILL BE SET UP WHERE INTERESTED SPECTATORS CAN UNDERGO MEASUREMENT, EYESIGHT AND STRENGTH TESTS. THE DAILY WORK OF A FIREMAN WILL BE SHOWN ON VIDEO.

FIRE PROTECTION BUREAU OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AND WILL ALSO DEMONSTRATE HOW TO OPERATE SOME COMMON TYPES OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EXHIBITION TO BE STAGED BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT EDINBURGH PLACE IN CENTRAL ON SUNDAY BETWEEN 10 AM AND 5 PM.

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SEMINAR ON GUIDANCE WORK FOR SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

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AROUND 270 SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS WILL ATTEND A SEMINAR ON GUIDANCE WORK IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS AT QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL, MONG KOK, TOMORROW (SATURDAY) MORNING.

ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE SEMINAR IS INTENDED TO INTRODUCE THE RECENTLY PUBLISHED +GUIDELINES ON GUIDANCE WORK IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS+ AND TO ALLOW PRINCIPALS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GUIDANCE SERVICE IN SCHOOLS.

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, WILL ADDRESS THE GATHERING AND A LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER, MR YEUNG PO-KWAN, WILL ALSO SPEAK.

AT A PLENARY SESSION, A SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER, MR H.W. LEUNG, WILL TALK ON +ORGANISING AND PROMOTING GUIDANCE WORK IN SCHOOL+.

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THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICE WILL SPEAK ABOUT THE +ROLE AND CONTRIBUTION OF KEY PERSONNEL IN GUIDANCE WORK FOR SECONDARY PUPILS+.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE SEMINAR TO BEGIN AT QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL AT 152 SAI YEE STREET, KOWLOON AT 9.15 AM TOMORROW.

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EXHIBITION HIGHLIGHTS CUSTOMS WORK  
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YOUNG PEOPLE ASPIRING TO SERVE IN THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE AS A CAREER WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE WORK OF THE SERVICE TOMORROW (SATURDAY) WHEN AN EXHIBITION RELATING TO ITS ACTIVITIES IS HELD AT EDINBURGH PLACE, CENTRAL.

THE EXHIBITION, FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM, WILL INCLUDE PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAYS AND A SERIES OF DEMONSTRATIONS TO SHOW THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF DUTIES UNDERTAKEN BY CUSTOMS OFFICERS.

AMONG THE HIGHLIGHTS WILL BE A DEMONSTRATION BY DRUG DETECTOR DOGS AND A DEMONSTRATION ON THE USE OF A METAL DETECTOR.

ALSO ON SHOW WILL BE A SELECTION OF SPECIAL EQUIPMENT USED BY THE CUSTOMS, INCLUDING DIVING EQUIPMENT AND SHIP-RUMMAGING TOOLS.

A WIDE RANGE OF CONTRABAND SEIZED BY CUSTOMS OFFICERS WILL BE ON DISPLAY.

IN ADDITION, A CUSTOMS PATROL LAUNCH WILL BE OPEN TO PUBLIC INSPECTION AT QUEEN'S PIER.

THE EXHIBITION IS BEING HELD IN CONNECTION WITH THE CAREERS '86 EXHIBITION AT CITY HALL.

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BANK GRANTED REVOCATION OF LICENCE

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THE REQUEST BY NCNB NATIONAL BANK OF NORTH CAROLINA TO REVOKE ITS BANKING LICENCE HAS BEEN GRANTED ON THE GROUND THAT IT HAS CEASED TO TRANSACT BANKING BUSINESS IN HONG KONG. A NOTICE TO THIS EFFECT WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE BANK'S DECISION TO CLOSE ITS HONG KONG OFFICE WAS MADE ON COMMERCIAL GROUNDS FOLLOWING A REASSESSMENT OF ITS OVERALL CORPORATE STRATEGY.

+WITH THIS REVOCATION, THE NUMBER OF LICENSED BANKS IN HONG KONG NOW STANDS AT 151,+ HE ADDED.

SO FAR THIS YEAR, 10 BANKING LICENCES HAVE BEEN GRANTED AND TWO LICENCES REVOKED.

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DTC REGISTRATION REVOKED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAS TODAY (FRIDAY) REVOKED THE REGISTRATION OF FINANCIAL AND INVESTMENT SERVICES FOR ASIA LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY, ON THE GROUND THAT THE COMPANY IS BEING WOUND UP.

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KOWLOON CITY POLICE STATION TO BE REFURBISHED

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KOWLOON CITY POLICE STATION, WHICH IS 40 YEARS OLD, IS TO BE REFURBISHED.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR THE \$1.8 MILLION PROJECT.

THE TWO-STORY STATION, WHICH IS IN ARGYLE STREET, WILL UNDERGO PARTITIONING, REWIRING AND PLUMBING WORK AT THE REPORT ROOM, OFFICES, CELLS, BARRACK ROOMS, STORE ROOMS AND THE OFFICERS' MESS.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT IS REDECORATION AND REFITTING OF THE JUNIOR POLICE OFFICERS' CANTEEN AND KITCHEN IN THE ANNEXE BLOCK.

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THE ANNEXE BLOCK IS A FOUR-STOREY BUILDING CONSTRUCTED MORE THAN 10 YEARS AGO. IT HOUSES THE STORE ROOMS, OFFICES, CANTEEN AND RECREATION ROOM.

WORK WILL START NEXT MONTH AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN EIGHT MONTHS.

THE POLICE STATION WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE THE PUBLIC WHILE REFURBISHING WORK IS IN PROGRESS.

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EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM FOR CORRIDOR  
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AN EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM WILL BE INSTALLED AT THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR'S CHEUNG SHA WAN SECTION AND THE TUNG CHAU STREET-TONG MEI ROAD RAMP.

THE SYSTEM WILL COMPRISE 16 SETS OF EMERGENCY TELEPHONES INSTALLED AT CONVENIENT ROADSIDE LOCATIONS.

THE TELEPHONES WILL BE LINKED DIRECTLY TO THE POLICE REGIONAL COMMAND AND CONTROL CENTRE AT KOWLOON REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS.

MOTORISTS ON THE CARRIAGEWAY REQUIRING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE WILL THEN BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE POLICE.

THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS CALLING FOR TENDERS TO SUPPLY AND INSTALL THE SYSTEM. THEY SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BEFORE NOON ON DECEMBER 19.

THE ELECTRONICS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DESIGNING THE SYSTEM AND SUPERVISING INSTALLATION WORK.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL BEGINS NEXT WEEK  
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SOUTHERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO A VARIETY OF FREE CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL, SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES IN A FESTIVAL STARTING NEXT SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 22).

THE TWO-WEEK-LONG FESTIVAL COINCIDES WITH THE DISTRICT'S CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN AND FESTIVAL ORGANISERS HOPE THAT COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND RESIDENTS' SENSE OF BELONGING WOULD BE BOOSTED THROUGH TAKING PART IN WIDE-RANGING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES.

A SPOKESMAN OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT \$380 000 WOULD BE SPENT ON STAGING 13 PROGRAMMES FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES AND INTERESTS. MOST WOULD BE HELD ON WEEKENDS TO ENSURE MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION.

+OF THE SUM, \$230 000 IS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, AND THE REMAINDER COMES FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, COMMUNITY LEADERS AND COMMERCIAL BODIES,+ HE SAID.

MEMBERS OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE INCLUDE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, URBAN COUNCILLORS, AREA COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN, LEADING PERSONALITIES AND ADVISERS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS SUCH AS THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE URBAN SERVICES, THE POLICE FORCE, ICAC, AND SOCIAL WELFARE.

THE FESTIVAL WILL BE LAUNCHED AT AN OPENING CEREMONY AND LASER VARIETY SHOW AND CLOSE WITH A GRAND TATTOO, BOTH TO BE HELD AT THE WONG CHUK HANG SOCCER PITCH.

REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON), MR T.H. CHAU, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE SWITCH-ON CEREMONY AND ATTEND THE LASER SHOW AT 7 PM ON NOVEMBER 22.

DECORATED VANS WILL TOUR THE DISTRICT'S SIX AREAS THAT DAY AND AREA COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES WILL FORM A DISTRICT BOARD LOGO DURING THE OPENING CEREMONY TO SYMBOLISE THE UNITY OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS. WELL-KNOWN DISC-JOCKEYS AND POPULAR SINGERS WILL PERFORM AT THE VARIETY SHOW.

ANOTHER HIGHLIGHT OF THE FESTIVAL WILL BE A CARNIVAL FEATURING CRAFTS STALLS, STAGE PERFORMANCES, EXHIBITIONS AND STAFF GAMES ON NOVEMBER 23 AT THE ABERDEEN PROMENADE REST GARDEN.

THERE WILL BE DEMONSTRATIONS BY CRAFTSMEN, PALM READING, LIVE SKETCHES, FOLK SONGS AND DANCES, CHILDREN'S DANCE, MAGIC SHOWS AND AN EXHIBITION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DISTRICT AT THE CARNIVAL. RESIDENTS CAN ALSO VISIT A MODERN FISHING VESSEL MOORED ALONGSIDE THE PROMENADE THAT DAY.

A GRAND TATTOO WITH DISPLAYS AND PERFORMANCES BY VARIOUS DISCIPLINED UNITS AND LOCAL GROUPS WILL MARK THE CLOSE OF THE FESTIVAL ON DECEMBER 7. THERE WILL BE A DISPLAY OF WEAPONS BY THE COLDSTREAM GUARDS, FIRE ENGINES, POLICE ARMoured CARS, LION AND DRAGON DANCES, MOCK BATTLES, DEMONSTRATIONS OF KARATE, MOTORCYCLE AND BMX BICYCLE TECHNIQUES, AND PERFORMANCES BY THE POLICE AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS).

OTHER PROGRAMMES INCLUDE A SINGING CONTEST, A NINE-KILOMETRE RACE, A ONE-DAY DISTRICT TOUR FOR THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED, AND A MURAL PAINTING COMPETITION FOR STUDENTS.

THE URBAN COUNCIL WILL HOLD FOUR OUTDOOR PERFORMANCES IN SUPPORT OF THE FESTIVAL. TOGETHER WITH THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT SPORTS AND RECREATION COUNCIL, IT WILL ALSO ORGANISE A LARGE-SCALE SANDSOAPING COMPETITION AT SHEK O AND A TELEMATCH AMONG LOCAL FACTORIES AND COMMERCIAL FIRMS IN THE ABERDEEN SPORTS GROUND.

A PAMPHLET GIVING DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMMES IS OBTAINABLE AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND SUB-OFFICES IN ABERDEEN CENTRE, WAH FU AND STANLEY. ENQUIRES CAN BE MADE TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON 5-540271.

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CIVIC-MINDEDNESS CAMPAIGN DAY IN KWUN TONG  
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A CIVIC-MINDEDNESS CAMPAIGN DAY WILL BE HELD IN KWUN TONG ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23.

THE CAMPAIGN DAY HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, SHUN LEE AREA COMMITTEE AND FOUR LOCAL VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS. THE VENUE WILL BE THE SHUN ON BASKETBALL COURT AND NEARBY OPEN SPACE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE DESCRIBED CIVIC-MINDEDNESS AS AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF CIVIC EDUCATION AND THE CAMPAIGN WILL AIM AT AROUSING RESIDENTS' AWARENESS IN THIS REGARD.

ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE A CIVIC-MINDEDNESS SLOGAN COMPETITION. LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE AREA'S PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS INVITING PUPILS TO TAKE PART.

OUTSTANDING SLOGANS WILL BE PRINTED ON A CALENDAR CARD WHICH WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO PARTICIPANTS ATTENDING THE CIVIC-MINDEDNESS CAMPAIGN DAY.

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ON THE CAMPAIGN DAY, THERE WILL BE A CHILDREN'S DRAWING COMPETITION SO THAT PARTICIPANTS CAN ILLUSTRATE THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF CIVIC-MINDEDNESS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE GAMES STALLS BASED ON THE THEME OF THE CAMPAIGN.

A VIDEO TAPE AIMED AT OBTAINING RESIDENTS' VIEWS ON CIVIC-MINDEDNESS IS BEING MADE AND WILL BE SHOWN THAT DAY.

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BUS PARADE TO PUBLICISE DISTRICT FESTIVAL  
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A DECORATED BUS WILL TOUR WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO REMIND RESIDENTS ABOUT THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE FROM NOVEMBER 16 TO 30.

THE OPEN-TOP DOUBLE-DECKER WILL STOP AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS WHERE MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, ASSISTED BY AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STUDENTS, WILL DISTRIBUTE PUBLICITY LEAFLETS TO RESIDENTS.

A SPECIALLY COMPOSED DISTRICT FESTIVAL SONG WILL BE BROADCAST DURING THE TOUR.

THE BUS WILL STOP AT CHING TAK STREET, WANG TAU HOM SOUTH ROAD, JUNCTION ROAD, TUNG FAT ROAD, SZE MEI STREET, NING YUEN STREET AND CHOI HUNG ESTATE IN THE MORNING.

IN THE AFTERNOON, IT WILL STOP AT HAMMER HILL ROAD, FUNG SHING STREET, NING WAH STREET, WAN WAH STREET (NEAR TSZ ON ESTATE), WONG TAI SIN ROAD (NEAR WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE), CHUK YUEN ESTATE AND CHOI WAN ESTATE.

A CEREMONY TO MARK THE PUBLICITY DAY WILL BE HELD AT THE CAR PARK OF HO LAP COLLEGE AT 2 PM.

AMONG THOSE PRESENT WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR FUNG KWONG-CHUNG= CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP, MRS LEE LO YUK-SIM= AND WONG TAI SIN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER (EAST), MR CHESTER KWOK.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY MARKING THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL PUBLICITY DAY AT 2 PM TOMORROW AT THE HO LAP COLLEGE CARPARK AT 15 TSEUK LUK STREET, SAN PO KONG.

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600 TO COMPETE IN KWAI TSING ATHLETICS MEET  
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ABOUT 600 ATHLETES WILL COMPETE IN MORE THAN 25 EVENTS IN THE FIRST KWAI TSING DISTRICT ATHLETIC MEET ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 16) AT THE TSUEN WAN SPORTS GROUND IN YEUNG UK ROAD.

THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION, WHICH WAS SET UP IN JULY WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, HAS BEEN CLOSELY INVOLVED IN ARRANGING THE FIXTURE.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD, MR HO TUNG-CHING= CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD'S CULTURE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE, MR CHENG WING-CHUN= REGIONAL COUNCILLOR, MR WONG WING-TAI= AND THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PETER LEUNG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE FIRST KWAI TSING DISTRICT ATHLETICS MEET AT 9 AM ON SUNDAY IN THE TSUEN WAN SPORTS GROUND, YEUNG UK ROAD.

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OPERA TREAT FOR SHAM SHUI PO  
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SHAM SHUI PO RESIDENTS WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO ENJOY THE CHOR FUNG MING CANTONESE OPERA SHOW DURING THE 1986 SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

THE PERFORMANCE WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 6 AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL IN KOWLOON TONG.

TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, 39 TONKIN STREET, KOWLOON, MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS, AT 9.30 AM - NOON AND 2 PM - 4 PM.

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GAMES DAY FOR TUEN MUN ELDERLY  
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ABOUT 3 000 SENIOR RESIDENTS IN TUEN MUN WILL CELEBRATE THE ANNUAL +FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY+ THERE WITH A DAY OF GAMES AND ENTERTAINMENT AT THE YAN OI TOWN SQUARE ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 16).

ORGANISED BY THE TUEN MUN RESPECT FOR THE AGED ASSOCIATION, AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE EVENT IS AIMED AT FOSTERING FRIENDSHIP AND PROMOTING THE THEME OF +HARMONIOUS OLD AGE+ AMONG SENIOR RESIDENTS.

THE VARIED PROGRAMME RANGES FROM A VARIETY SHOW, PALM-READING, MAGIC SHOW, ACROBATIC PERFORMANCES, GAMES STALLS AND CHARITY SALE OF HANDICRAFTS TO A BOOK EXHIBITION, SONG DEDICATION AND CALLIGRAPHY.

THE VARIETY SHOW WILL RUN FROM 2.30 PM TO 5 PM.

AN OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 2 PM. OFFICIATING WILL BE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN SELBY; DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MR CHAN CHE-HIM; DISTRICT LEISURE MANAGER, MR JIMMY CHOW; AND CHAIRMAN OF TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE, MISS ROWENA WAN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY IN THE YAN OI TOWN SQUARE, YAN CHING CIRCUIT IN TUEN MUN.

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KOWLOON PARK DRIVE CLOSED ONE HOUR

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THE SOUTHBOUND KOWLOON PARK DRIVE BETWEEN CANTON ROAD AND PEKING ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM 1 AM TO 2 AM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 17).

THE MOVE IS TO FACILITATE THE DELIVERY OF A FUMIGATOR TO THE HONG KONG MUSEUM OF HISTORY.

MOTORISTS FROM YAU MA TEI HEADING FOR SALISBURY ROAD SHOULD USE CANTON ROAD.

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