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11TH MEETING OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP

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THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP HELD ITS ELEVENTH MEETING IN HONG KONG FROM DECEMBER 6 TO 9. THE GROUP DISCUSSED A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS AND ACHIEVED POSITIVE RESULTS. THE GROUP WELCOMED THE CLOSE CO-OPERATION WHICH HAD CONTINUED TO DEVELOP BETWEEN THE TWO OFFICES OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP SINCE THEY TOOK HONG KONG AS THEIR PRINCIPAL BASE. THEY AGREED THAT THE MEETING BETWEEN THE SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES WHICH TOOK PLACE ON NOVEMBER 9 HAD BEEN USEFUL, AND THAT SUCH MEETINGS SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE HELD IN FUTURE.

THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP CONTINUED ITS DISCUSSION OF FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SURRENDER OF FUGITIVE OFFENDERS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND RELEVANT COUNTRIES. THE TWO SIDES REACHED AGREEMENT ON THE BASIC PRINCIPLES FOR THESE ARRANGEMENTS. THEY AGREED THAT EXPERTS SHOULD CONTINUE TO DISCUSS RELEVANT DETAILS.

THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP WELCOMED THE LARGE MEASURE OF AGREEMENT ALREADY REACHED IN THE STANDING SUB-GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS ON HONG KONG'S CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND (IMF), THE INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (IBRD), THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION (IFC) AND THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (IDA). THE STANDING SUB-GROUP WILL CONTINUE ITS DISCUSSIONS.

THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP WELCOMED THE PROGRESS MADE ON THE LOCALISATION OF LEGISLATION. FOLLOWING THE AGREEMENT REACHED AT ITS TENTH MEETING ON QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE LOCALISATION OF LEGISLATION ON ADMIRALTY JURISDICTION IN HONG KONG, THE RELEVANT LEGISLATION WOULD SHORTLY BE INTRODUCED. THIS WOULD BE THE FIRST PIECE OF LOCALISED LEGISLATION IN HONG KONG. THE GROUP CONTINUED THEIR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE LOCALISATION OF LEGISLATION ON MERCHANT SHIPPING AND CIVIL AVIATION.

THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP NOTED THE FURTHER PROGRESS MADE IN CONCLUDING HONG KONG'S AIR SERVICE AGREEMENTS AND REACHED A COMMON UNDERSTANDING ON RELATED POINTS.

THE GROUP HAD A FULL AND USEFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DEFENCE OF HONG KONG AND THE MAINTENANCE OF ITS PUBLIC ORDER, AND AGREED THAT DISCUSSION SHOULD BE CONTINUED AT EXPERT LEVEL.

THE GROUP HAD A FURTHER EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE QUESTION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COURT OF FINAL APPEAL IN HONG KONG.

THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP DECIDED THAT ITS NEXT MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE IN BEIJING FROM MARCH 14 TO 17, 1989.

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POLITICAL REFORMS SHOULD BE GRADUAL, PLANNED  
AND STEADY: SIR DAVID FORD

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THE TIME IS RIPE FOR POLITICAL REFORM IN HONG KONG, BUT THE OVERWHELMING CONSENSUS REMAINS THAT THE REFORM SHOULD BE GRADUAL, PLANNED AND STEADY, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, TOLD A GATHERING IN NEW YORK ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 8).

SPEAKING TO THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK AND THE ASIA SOCIETY, SIR DAVID SAID: "HONG KONG DOES NOT WANT TO DIVE INTO THE DEEP END OF DEMOCRACY WITH A SUDDEN, COLD SHOCK; IT WANTS TO GET THERE BY CAREFUL, CONFIDENT STROKES."

"THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT WE ARE PLANNING FOR," HE ADDED.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID THAT IN 1988 TWO DOCUMENTS -- THE GOVERNMENT'S WHITE PAPER ON THE COURSE OF POLITICAL REFORM AND THE FIRST DRAFT OF THE BASIC LAW WHICH WOULD FORM THE CONSTITUTION OF THE SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION AFTER 1997 -- WERE PUBLISHED AND WOULD HAVE A VITAL BEARING ON THE COURSE OF HONG KONG'S FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.

AFTER THE MOST CAREFUL EXAMINATION OF PUBLIC OPINION ON THE WHITE PAPER, IT WAS DECIDED THAT DIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WOULD NOT BE INTRODUCED UNTIL 1991, AND THAT THE PERCENTAGE OF DIRECTLY ELECTED SEATS -- 10 IN A COUNCIL OF 56 -- SHOULD BE KEPT FAIRLY LOW, SIR DAVID SAID.

"IN THE CONTEXT OF HONG KONG'S HISTORY THIS WILL BE A VERY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT," HE SAID.

"IT WAS NOT, HOWEVER, ENOUGH TO SATISFY SOME PEOPLE," SIR DAVID SAID.

"MANY ACCUSATIONS, MOSTLY WILD, FLEW AROUND: THE MOST PERNICIOUS OF WHICH WAS THAT WE HAD OBEYED THE BRITISH, WHO HAD THEMSELVES CAVED IN TO PRESSURE FROM THE CHINESE, WHO SIMPLY DID NOT LIKE ANYTHING THAT SMELT OF DEMOCRACY," HE ADDED.

"IN POINT OF FACT NONE OF THIS WAS TRUE," SIR DAVID STRESSED.

"BUT IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT THE INSTANT DEMOCRACY LOBBY WERE DISTRESSED TO FIND THAT THE WIND OF CHANGE WAS NOT BLOWING AT QUITE THE SPEED THAT THEY WANTED, AND THAT THEY LOOKED FOR THE CONSPIRACY EXPLANATION, IGNORING THE VERY OBVIOUS REALITY THAT IS BEFORE US ALL IN HONG KONG -- THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION WANT STABILITY ABOVE ALL," SIR DAVID SAID.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID THAT THE PEOPLE WANTED THE STABLE ENVIRONMENT PRESERVED SO THAT THEY COULD CONTINUE TO DEVELOP THEIR BUSINESS INTERESTS, IMPROVE THEIR LIVING STANDARDS, EDUCATE THEIR CHILDREN AND ENJOY THE FRUITS OF THEIR HARD WORK.

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"NOT THAT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG DO NOT WANT CHANGE. FAR FROM IT," SIR DAVID SAID.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID HONG KONG WAS A MATURE, SOPHISTICATED SOCIETY, WHICH HAD OUTGROWN ANY DEPENDENT RELATIONSHIP WITH GREAT BRITAIN.

"FORTUNATELY THE BRITISH ARE NOT EXACTLY IMMATURE IN THESE MATTERS EITHER, AND HAVE LONG ACCEPTED THE REALITY THAT HONG KONG CAN, FOR THE MOST PART, RUN ITS OWN AFFAIRS," HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID SAID THE BRITISH WERE NOT THE ONLY ONES TO APPRECIATE WHAT HONG KONG REALLY WANTED.

"THE AUTHORITIES IN PEKING HAVE TAKEN THEIR SOUNDINGS IN THE TERRITORY AND ARE, WE BELIEVE, COMING TO CONCLUSIONS THAT ARE SIMILAR TO OUR OWN: THAT HONG KONG WANTS TO MAKE ITS WAY TOWARDS A MORE DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT, BUT GRADUALLY, AND ABOVE ALL WITHOUT DISTURBING THE STABILITY THAT IS ESSENTIAL TO THE TERRITORY'S PROSPERITY," HE SAID.

TURNING TO THE FIRST DRAFT OF THE BASIC LAW, SIR DAVID SAID: "WE MUST BE CLEAR ABOUT THIS: THE BASIC LAW IS A PIECE OF CHINESE LEGISLATION AND IS THEIR RESPONSIBILITY."

THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES HAD GONE TO QUITE EXTRAORDINARY LENGTHS TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR DETERMINATION TO HEAR THE WISHES OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG THROUGH A FIVE-MONTH EXERCISE TO GATHER OPINIONS ON THE FIRST DRAFT.

SIR DAVID SAID THAT THE SECOND DRAFT OF THE BASIC LAW, DUE TO BE PUBLISHED SOMETIME IN THE SPRING OF NEXT YEAR, WOULD BE OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE FOR CONFIDENCE AMONG PEOPLE IN HONG KONG.

"IF, AS WE HAVE EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE, THE CHINESE DEMONSTRATE CLEARLY THEIR WILLINGNESS TO TAKE LOCAL VIEWS INTO ACCOUNT WHEN DRAFTING WHAT IS A NATIONAL LAW, THIS WILL BE A POSITIVE INFLUENCE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT KIND," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THERE WOULD BE ANOTHER CONSULTATION EXERCISE NEXT YEAR, BEFORE ENACTMENT BY THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS IN 1990.

"AND BY THAT TIME I AM SURE THAT THE CHINESE WILL HAVE ADDRESSED MAJOR CRITICISMS IN THE REVISION," HE ADDED.

"ON THE BASIS OF THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US NOW, I THINK I CAN SAY THAT THEY WILL BE SEEN TO HAVE MADE A SUBSTANTIAL EFFORT TO HAVE MET THE COMMENTS EXPRESSED IN HONG KONG.

"THERE ARE A SMALL NUMBER OF ARTICLES IN THE DRAFT WHICH HAVE DRAWN CRITICISM, AND A LARGER NUMBER OF WHICH HAVE BEEN COMMENTED ON BY MORE PROFESSIONAL COMMENTATORS.

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"OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT THE CHINESE HAVE ABSORBED THESE VIEWS, AND THAT THE NEXT VERSION OF THE LAW WILL REFLECT THEM," SIR DAVID SAID.

PUTTING INTO PERSPECTIVE STORIES ABOUT THE "BRAIN DRAIN" FROM HONG KONG, THE CHIEF SECRETARY POINTED OUT THE FACT THAT PEOPLE HAVE ALWAYS EMIGRATED FROM HONG KONG.

IN THE LATE 1970S THE NET OUTFLOW WAS MORE THAN 30,000 PEOPLE IN A YEAR AND IN THE EARLY YEARS OF THIS DECADE THE NUMBER DROPPED TO 20,000.

"BUT IN THE LAST THREE YEARS WE HAVE SEEN A SHARP INCREASE, TO THE POINT WHERE WE EXPECT SOMETHING OVER 40,000 PEOPLE TO EMIGRATE FROM THE TERRITORY THIS YEAR," SAID SIR DAVID.

NOTING THAT THE FAVOURED DESTINATIONS WERE CANADA, AUSTRALIA AND THE UNITED STATES, SIR DAVID SAID: "THESE PEOPLE ARE NOT FLEEING WHEREVER THEY CAN: MOST OF THEM ARE SIMPLY GOING TO A BETTER LIFE."

"AS FOR THE LABEL 'BRAIN DRAIN' -- THIS REFERS TO THE FACT THAT IN RECENT YEARS THE RECEIVING COUNTRIES, NOTABLY CANADA, HAVE PUT MORE EMPHASIS ON THE ECONOMIC EDGE OF THEIR IMMIGRATION PROGRAMME.

"THIS HAS ENABLED EVEN THOSE WHO HAVE NO CONNECTIONS WITH THE COUNTRY TO EMIGRATE IF THEY POSSESS SKILLS OR ABILITIES WHICH ARE IN DEMAND," HE ADDED.

"MANY OF THOSE LEAVING ARE GOING TO JOIN THEIR FAMILIES, AS THEY ALWAYS HAVE BEEN -- UNMARRIED AUNTS, DEPENDENT CHILDREN, GRANDMOTHERS AND SO FORTH.

"WE MAY BE SORRY TO SEE THEM GO, BUT HONG KONG'S ECONOMY IS NOT GOING TO COLLAPSE BECAUSE THEY HAVE LEFT," SIR DAVID POINTED OUT.

OF THE 40,000 OR SO INTENDING TO LEAVE THIS YEAR, ONLY 50 PER CENT WERE ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE IN HONG KONG.

"OF THAT 50 PER CENT, ONLY HALF ARE PROFESSIONALLY QUALIFIED. SO WE ARE TALKING ABOUT 10,000 PEOPLE WHO ARE FROM THE KEY PROFESSIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE AREA," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THAT IN TWO RESPECTS, HOWEVER, THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE PHENOMENON.

THERE WAS FIRSTLY THE PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT ON THOSE WHO DO NOT CHOOSE TO GO.

"IT WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE WORRYING IF PEOPLE BEGAN TO FEEL THAT THERE WAS SOME BUS THAT THEY WERE MISSING. THEY ARE NOT YET, BUT WE ARE VERY SENSITIVE TO THIS AND ARE WATCHING IT CLOSELY," HE SAID.

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SECONDLY, THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONCERNED ABOUT ANY EFFECTS ON THE LABOUR MARKETS, PARTICULARLY THE MARKET FOR SKILLED OR HIGHLY QUALIFIED PEOPLE.

HONG KONG THRIVED ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT, AND UNLIKE MANY OTHER PLACES, IT DID NOT HAVE ANY SPECIAL TAX BREAKS OR OTHER INCENTIVES TO PROMOTE SUCH INVESTMENT.

"BUT FOREIGN COMPANIES HAVE BECOME USED TO BEING ABLE TO FIND LOCAL MARKET PEOPLE WITH THE SKILLS THEY NEED, OFTEN AT INTERNATIONALLY VERY COMPETITIVE RATES OF PAY," HE SAID.

"THAT MARKET, AFTER SO MANY YEARS OF FAST ECONOMIC GROWTH, IS TIGHTENING SOMEWHAT.

"IT WOULD CONCERN US IF FOREIGN INVESTORS WERE TURNING AWAY BECAUSE THEY COULD NOT FIND THE PEOPLE THEY WANT.

"WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE OF THIS YET, BUT OBVIOUSLY WE WANT TO ACT BEFORE ANY SUCH DEVELOPMENT TAKES PLACE.

"WE ARE THEREFORE LOOKING CAREFULLY AT OUR GRADUATE AND MANAGERIAL PROGRAMMES TO ENSURE WE TRAIN SUFFICIENT PEOPLE TO FILL ANY GAPS WHICH MAY ARISE.

"AT THIS TIME WE ARE PRODUCING FAR MORE GRADUATES THAN WE ARE LOSING, ALTHOUGH THERE IS OF COURSE SOME DILUTION OF EXPERIENCE."

SIR DAVID EMPHASISED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT BE PANICKED INTO HASTY ACTION, AS FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT WAS SACROSANCT.

ANY ACTION TAKEN WOULD BE OF A LONG TERM, CONSIDERED NATURE.

"A GOVERNMENT TASK FORCE HAS RECENTLY COMPLETED A STUDY OF THE WHOLE SUBJECT, AND WE NOW HAVE A MUCH BETTER PICTURE OF WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE ARE LEAVING, WHERE THEY ARE GOING, AND WHY," HE SAID.

"THE NEXT STAGE WILL BE TO LOOK AT WHAT MEASURES WE CAN TAKE TO REDUCE THE IMPACT OF THE OUTFLOW.

"ABOVE ALL, AS ALWAYS, WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO ALL WE CAN TO MAKE HONG KONG AN EVEN BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN, WORK IN, BRING UP CHILDREN IN, AND - FOR THIS IS NOT AN INSIGNIFICANT PART OF THE MATTER - RETURN TO."

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TOUGHER LAW ON BILLIARD CLUBS EFFECTIVE NEXT DECEMBER

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A NOTICE TO ANNOUNCE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1988, APPLYING TOUGHER CONTROL ON BILLIARD ESTABLISHMENTS, WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE WILL TAKE EFFECT FROM DECEMBER 15 NEXT YEAR. ALSO COMING INTO EFFECT THAT DAY WILL BE THE PLACES OF AMUSEMENT (URBAN COUNCIL) (AMENDMENT) BY-LAWS 1988 AND THE PLACES OF AMUSEMENT (REGIONAL COUNCIL) (AMENDMENT) (NO.2) BY-LAWS 1988.

THESE PROVIDE FOR EXEMPTION FROM LICENSING CERTAIN CLASSES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF BILLIARD ESTABLISHMENTS.

A MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT BY THEN, ANY PLACE OPENED, KEPT OR USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLAYING BILLIARDS, SNOOKER, POOL OR SIMILAR GAMES WOULD HAVE TO BE LICENSED BY THE AUTHORITY (THE URBAN COUNCIL OR THE REGIONAL COUNCIL) UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES ORDINANCE.

THE EXCEPTION WAS GENUINE PRIVATE HOMES AND ESTABLISHMENTS WITH FEWER THAN FOUR TABLES.

"TO ENABLE EXISTING PRIVATE CLUB OPERATORS EITHER TO APPLY FOR A LICENCE OR TO WIND UP THEIR BUSINESSES, THEY HAVE BEEN GIVEN A GRACE PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS FROM THE GAZETTING DATE OF DECEMBER 9, 1988," HE EXPLAINED.

"BILLIARDS HAS BECOME POPULAR AND MANY ESTABLISHMENTS HAVE BEEN SET UP AS PRIVATE CLUBS, SUPPOSEDLY OPEN ONLY TO MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS.

"HOWEVER, MEMBERSHIP OF SOME OF THESE PRIVATE BILLIARD CLUBS IS EASILY AND ALMOST INSTANTLY AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC THROUGH PAYMENT OF A SMALL ENTRANCE FEE OF \$5 TO \$10."

THEY WERE IN FACT OPERATING AS DE FACTO PUBLIC BILLIARD SALOONS UNDER THE GUISE OF PRIVATE CLUBS, THEREBY AVOIDING THE NEED TO BE SUBJECT TO LICENSING CONDITIONS.

"LICENSING CONDITIONS OF PUBLIC BILLIARD SALOONS INCLUDE A PROVISO THAT THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO OPERATE BETWEEN 2 AM AND 8 AM," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"MORE IMPORTANTLY, PRIVATE BILLIARD CLUBS ARE NOT SUBJECT TO RELEVANT LAWS WHICH ENABLE AUTHORITIES TO VISIT THE LICENSED PREMISES TO ENSURE THAT THE OPERATOR MAINTAINS GOOD ORDER ON THE PREMISES."

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE INCREASED INCIDENCE OF CRIME IN PRIVATE BILLIARD CLUBS WAS A MATTER OF SERIOUS CONCERN, PARTICULARLY REGARDING THE POTENTIAL EFFECT ON YOUNG PERSONS MIXING WITH UNDESIRABLE ELEMENTS IN BILLIARD ESTABLISHMENTS NOT SUBJECT TO CONTROL.

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"THIS VIEW WAS SHARED BY THE DISTRICT BOARDS AND THE TRADE WHEN THEY WERE CONSULTED ON THIS ISSUE," HE SAID.

"FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC, FROM THE LAW AND ORDER, PUBLIC HEALTH, FIRE AND STRUCTURAL SAFETY POINTS OF VIEW, IT IS NECESSARY TO EXTEND CONTROL TO THE MAJORITY OF THE PRIVATE BILLIARD CLUBS.

"IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THERE ARE ABOUT 191 PRIVATE CLUBS WITH BILLIARD FACILITIES IN THE URBAN COUNCIL AREA, AND 75 IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AREA," HE ADDED.

"IN THIS CONNECTION, THE AMENDMENT ORDINANCE 1988 WAS ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JUNE 29 TO BRING THE PRIVATE BILLIARD CLUBS INTO THE LICENSING NET.

"AFTER THE ENACTMENT OF THE AMENDMENT ORDINANCE, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND REGIONAL COUNCIL, WHICH ARE THE AUTHORITIES EMPOWERED TO EXEMPT ANY BILLIARD ESTABLISHMENT FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF OBTAINING A LICENCE, HAVE EXAMINED THE EXEMPTION CRITERIA.

"THEY CONSIDER THAT BILLIARD ESTABLISHMENTS WITH LESS THAN FOUR TABLES SHOULD BE EXEMPTED FROM LICENSING UNDER THE RELEVANT BY-LAWS BECAUSE THIS WOULD CATER FOR MOST BONA FIDE CLUBS WITH INCIDENTAL BILLIARD FACILITIES," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT IN ANY EVENT, ESTABLISHMENTS OF THIS SIZE WOULD NORMALLY NOT BE COMMERCIALY VIABLE.

"THE RESULTANT AMENDMENT BY-LAWS HAVE BEEN ENACTED BY THE COUNCILS IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER," HE SAID.

"IT HAS THEREFORE BECOME NECESSARY FOR THE GOVERNOR TO APPOINT A DATE IN THE GAZETTE AS THE COMMENCEMENT DATE FOR THE NEW LEGISLATION."

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CONTRACT AWARDED FOR KOWLOON BAY REFUSE TRANSFER STATION

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (FRIDAY) AWARDED A CONTRACT TO A COMPANY TO DESIGN, CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE, FOR 15 YEARS, A REFUSE TRANSFER STATION (RTS) AT KOWLOON BAY.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO INTRODUCE THE PROJECT, DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DR STUART REED, SAID THE RTS FACILITY, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG, WOULD BE REQUIRED TO MEET VERY EXACTING ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS, AND WOULD COST \$130 MILLION TO BUILD AND SOME \$30 MILLION A YEAR TO RUN.

"THE KOWLOON BAY RTS IS ONE IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S COMPREHENSIVE WASTE DISPOSAL STRATEGY," DR REED SAID.

THIS STRATEGY ENVISAGES THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NUMBER OF VERY LARGE LANDFILLS AT REMOTE SITES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, TO WHICH WASTE WILL BE TRANSPORTED IN BULK IN SEALED CONTAINERS FROM TRANSFER STATIONS SITUATED IN THE URBAN AREAS WHERE MOST OF THE WASTES ARE GENERATED.

UNDER THE WASTE DISPOSAL STRATEGY, REFUSE COLLECTION VEHICLES OPERATED BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL DELIVER WASTE TO THE TRANSFER STATIONS WHERE IT WILL BE COMPRESSED INTO CONTAINERS FOR BULK SHIPMENT TO THE LANDFILL SITES.

"THIS SCHEME WILL ENABLE STRICT ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO BE EXERCISED IN TRANSPORTING THE WASTE TO THE LANDFILLS, AND AT THE SAME TIME WILL GREATLY REDUCE TRANSPORT COSTS AND TOTAL NUMBER OF VEHICLE MOVEMENTS OF WASTE COLLECTION VEHICLES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY," DR REED EXPLAINED.

THE TRANSFER STATION AT KOWLOON BAY WILL COMPRISE A TOTALLY ENCLOSED AND CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT OF WASTE TRANSFER, WITH A CAPACITY OF A DAILY REFUSE INTAKE OF 1,800 TONNES.

THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S REFUSE COLLECTION VEHICLES WILL DISCHARGE THEIR LOADS INTO HYDRAULICALLY OPERATED HOPPERS AT THE FIRST FLOOR LEVEL OF A TWO-LEVEL BUILDING.

THE WASTE WILL THEN BE FED INTO COMPACTION EQUIPMENT AT THE GROUND FLOOR LEVEL WHERE IT WILL BE COMPRESSED INTO TOTALLY SEALED CONTAINERS FOR TRANSHIPMENT.

ALL AIR AND EFFLUENT EMISSIONS WILL BE TREATED PRIOR TO DISCHARGE FROM THE FACILITY.

EQUALLY STRINGENT ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS WILL APPLY TO THE BULK TRANSPORT FLEET. BOTH COLLECTION AND BULK TRANSPORT VEHICLES WILL BE REQUIRED TO PASS THROUGH A VEHICLE WASHING PLANT EACH TIME THEY LEAVE THE SITE.

"WHEN THE KOWLOON BAY RTS IS COMMISSIONED IN THE SPRING OF 1990, THE LANDFILL AT JORDAN VALLEY, TOGETHER WITH THE INCINERATOR AT LAI CHI KOK, WILL BE CLOSED," DR REED SAID.

"IT WILL BRING SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LARGE RESIDENTIAL AREAS AT SHUN LEE TSUEN AND MEI FOO SUN CHUEN RESPECTIVELY," HE ADDED.

SWIRE BFI WASTE SERVICES LIMITED, A HONG KONG-BASED COMPANY, WON THE CONTRACT AGAINST STRONG COMPETITION FROM A NUMBER OF INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED WASTE MANAGEMENT CONSORTIA WHO TENDERED FOR THE PROJECT.

KOWLOON BAY RTS IS THE FIRST MAJOR WASTE DISPOSAL PROJECT TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN HONG KONG.

"IT IS ENVISAGED THAT THERE WILL BE FURTHER CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE ENTERPRISE IN THE FUTURE TO IMPLEMENT OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS CURRENTLY BEING PLANNED BY THE EPD," DR REED SAID.

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CHANGES TO TV REGULATIONS GAZETTED

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CHANGES TO THE TELEVISION (STANDARDS OF PROGRAMMES) REGULATIONS WERE GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

"THE REGULATIONS CURRENTLY STATE THAT THE PROGRAMMES BROADCAST BY A TELEVISION COMPANY SHOULD INCLUDE A REASONABLE PROPORTION OF MATERIAL WHICH IS 'WHOLLY OF HONG KONG ORIGIN'. "A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE TELEVISION (STANDARDS OF PROGRAMMES) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, WHICH WERE MADE BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 29, 1988, WILL INTRODUCE A DEFINITION OF THIS TERM," HE EXPLAINED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT AT THE SAME TIME, THE EXISTING REQUIREMENT THAT THE PROGRAMMES BROADCAST BY A LICENSEE SHOULD INCLUDE A REASONABLE PROPORTION OF MATERIAL WHICH IS 'WHOLLY OF BRITISH OR COMMONWEALTH ORIGIN' WOULD BE REMOVED.

"THIS REQUIREMENT IS NOT IN KEEPING WITH THE AMENDED TELEVISION ORDINANCE AND THE NEW LICENCE CONDITIONS AND IS THEREFORE NO LONGER APPROPRIATE," HE SAID.

THE AMENDED REGULATIONS WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 8, 1989.

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WANG TAU HOM, TUNG TAU OZP PUBLISHED  
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THE OUTLINE ZONING PLAN FOR WANG TAU HOM AND TUNG TAU APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PLAN WAS FIRST EXHIBITED FOR INSPECTION IN 1973.

SINCE THEN, A NUMBER OF AMENDMENT PLANS HAVE BEEN GAZETTED FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AND VARIOUS OBJECTIONS TO THE AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND CONSIDERED.

THE PLAN WAS SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 6 THIS YEAR.

THE PLAN COVERS ABOUT 183 HECTARES OF LAND IN THE CENTRAL PART OF NEW KOWLOON. IT IS BOUNDED BY JUNCTION ROAD/LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD TO THE WEST, CHOI HUNG ROAD/ SHATIN PASS ROAD TO THE EAST AND TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD/TUNG TSING ROAD/PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST TO THE SOUTH.

TO THE NORTH, THE BOUNDARY EXTENDS UP TO THE FOOTHILLS OF LION ROCK.

THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE PLAN IS TO IMPOSE STATUTORY PLANNING CONTROL OVER DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA THROUGH VARIOUS LAND USE ZONINGS.

SUCH CONTROL WILL HELP INTEGRATE VARIOUS DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA, INCLUDING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS, DISTRICT OPEN SPACE AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTIONAL AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

THE PLAN CAN BE SEEN AT THE TOWN PLANNING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, AND AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG.

COPIES OF THE APPROVED PLAN NO. S/K8/6 ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE KOWLOON MAP SALES SECTION, 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE PRICES ARE \$50 EACH FOR THE COLOURED (PRINTED VERSION) AND \$10 EACH FOR THE UNCOLOURED VERSION.

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MORE ROADS TO BE BUILT IN FANLING

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING TO BUILD MORE ROADS IN FANLING AREA 34 TO PROVIDE VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO THE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA.

THE WORKS ARE PART OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CONTINUING PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF FANLING AND SHEUNG SHUI NEW TOWNS.

THE PROPOSED WORKS INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SECTION OF A LOCAL DISTRIBUTOR ROAD (ROAD L3) OF ABOUT 500 METRES IN LENGTH, VEHICULAR ACCESSES, FOOTPATHS, CYCLE TRACKS, ROADSIDE AMENITIES AND STREET FURNITURE TOGETHER WITH ANCILLARY DRAINAGE WORKS.

A SECTION OF FAN KAM ROAD AT THE PERIPHERY OF AREA 34 WILL ALSO BE WIDENED TO SERVE THE NEW DEVELOPMENT SITE.

PERMANENT ALTERNATIVE ACCESSES WILL BE PROVIDED TO CATER FOR THE EXISTING ACCESSES THAT HAVE TO BE CLOSED.

DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD, VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESSES WILL BE MAINTAINED SO THAT ANY INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC WILL BE MINIMISED.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA LIMITED, CONSULTING ENGINEERS, ON BEHALF OF THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PLAN AND SCHEME MAY BE INSPECTED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

- \* CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;
- \* NORTH DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, AND THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD FANLING ROUNDABOUT, FANLING, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON WHO OBJECTS TO THE WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, 2ND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY 7, 1988.

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FUNDS SOUGHT TO EASE TRAFFIC NOISE PROBLEMS AT SCHOOLS

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL SEEK APPROVAL FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO EMBARK ON A SECOND STAGE OF THE NOISE ABATEMENT PROGRAMME TO DEAL WITH SCHOOLS AFFECTED BY TRAFFIC NOISE.

THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR CHRIS GODWIN, SAID THIS TODAY (FRIDAY) AT A MEETING WITH A GROUP OF PARENT REPRESENTATIVES WHO EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN OVER TRAFFIC NOISE PROBLEMS FACED BY THE LUI CHEUNG KWONG LUTHERAN COLLEGE.

THE GROUP, LED BY TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, MR CHAN MOU-POU AND MR YEUNG SHUCK-CHUEN, MET WITH OFFICIALS FROM THE EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH, THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

MR GODWIN SAID: "WE ARE SYMPATHETIC TO THE PROBLEM FACED BY THE SCHOOL.

"SINCE 1987, WE HAVE BEEN TACKLING, AS A FIRST STAGE, SCHOOLS AFFECTED BY AIRCRAFT NOISE. WE ARE NOW SEEKING THE APPROVAL FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO EMBARK ON A SECOND STAGE OF THE PROGRAMME."

MR GODWIN EXPLAINED THAT THE FIRST STAGE, WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY PLANNED FOR FOUR YEARS, WAS NOW EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED NEXT YEAR, ONE YEAR AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.

"THE SECOND STAGE WAS NOT DUE TO BEGIN UNTIL 1991, BUT SUBJECT TO FINANCE COMMITTEE'S APPROVAL, WE SHALL PLAN FOR AN EARLIER START OF THE STAGE II PROGRAMME," HE SAID.

"UNFORTUNATELY, FUNDS AND OTHER RESOURCES ARE LIMITED, AND IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO TREAT EVERY SCHOOL AT THE SAME TIME.

"ONCE FINANCE COMMITTEE'S APPROVAL HAS BEEN OBTAINED, THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE ITS FIELD SURVEY TO VERIFY THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE TRAFFIC NOISE PROBLEM IN EACH AFFECTED SCHOOL, AND SCHOOLS WILL BE LISTED IN PRIORITY ORDER.

"WE HOPE TO COMPLETE TREATMENT OF ALL SCHOOLS WITH A NOISE LEVEL ABOUT 75 DECIBELS BY THE END OF 1992."

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IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY SERVICES STRESSED

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IT IS THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TO MEET THE FULL DEMAND OF THE COMMUNITY FOR FAMILY SERVICES BY FLEXIBLY ADOPTING A PLANNING RATIO OF THE ONE FAMILY SERVICES CENTRE FOR EVERY 150,000 GENERAL POPULATION BOTH IN NEW TOWNS AND IN OLD URBAN AREAS.

THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR T.H. CHAU, SAID THIS TODAY (FRIDAY) AT THE 34TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES.

"CURRENTLY, THERE ARE 400 PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS SERVING IN 53 FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES," MR CHAU SAID.

"AMONG THESE CENTRES, 24 ARE OPERATED BY SEVEN SUBVENTED VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES, INCLUDING THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY SERVICE CENTRE.

"THE OTHER 29 FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES ARE MANAGED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WHICH WILL OPEN ITS 30TH FAMILY SERVICES CENTRE IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS MONTH."

MR CHAU SAID THE DEPARTMENT ALSO HAD PLANS IN HAND TO OPEN TWO MORE CENTRES NEXT YEAR, ONE IN YUEN LONG NEW TOWN AND ANOTHER IN THE DENSELY POPULATED YAU TSIM-MONG KOK AREA.

"AT THE SAME TIME, THE MANPOWER OF THESE CENTRES WILL BE IMPROVED TO PROVIDE A BETTER QUALITY OF SERVICE," HE ADDED.

HOWEVER, MR CHAU POINTED OUT THAT ALTHOUGH THERE HAD BEEN AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF THE FAMILY SERVICES CENTRE, CERTAIN CHINESE VALUES OFTEN HINDERED PEOPLE FROM COMING FORWARD TO SEEK TIMELY ASSISTANCE AT AN EARLY STAGE UNTIL THEIR PROBLEMS HAD WORSENED.

"OBVIOUSLY, PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION WORK IS NECESSARY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES," HE SAID.

"PEOPLE SHOULD BE HELPED TO UNDERSTAND THAT SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES ARE NOT ALMS-GIVING BUT HAVE BECOME AN INDISPENSABLE PART OF MODERN LIFE.

"THESE SERVICES HAVE THE FUNCTIONS OF HELPING PEOPLE TO SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS, STABILISING THE SOCIETY AS WELL AS IMPROVING ITS QUALITY OF LIFE.

"APART FROM THE PROVISION OF SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES, IT IS NECESSARY TO HELP, THROUGH COMMUNITY EDUCATION, OUR CITIZENS REALISE THEIR OWN RESPONSIBILITIES TO THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS AND PROMOTE MUTUAL AID AS WELL AS NEIGHBOURLINESS, SO THAT TIMELY ASSISTANCE CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO FAMILIES-AT-RISK."

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ON THE OTHER HAND, MR CHAU SAID, THE GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES SHOULD CONTINUE TO JOIN HANDS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF SOCIAL SERVICES, AND TO IDENTIFY THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY FOR WELFARE SERVICES.

THEY SHOULD ALSO AIM TO FORM A COMMUNITY NETWORK AMONG SOCIAL WELFARE ORGANISATIONS AND THE PUBLIC, SO THAT THESE SOCIAL NETWORKS COULD IDENTIFY AND HELP FAMILIES IN NEED OF WELFARE SERVICES.

"SUCH SERVICES CAN THEN BE PROVIDED AT AN EARLY STAGE TO VULNERABLE FAMILY MEMBERS, SUCH AS MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN, HANDICAPPED PERSONS, BATTERED WOMEN, ABUSED CHILDREN AND SINGLE ELDERLY PERSONS," HE SAID.

"IT IS HOPED THAT THROUGH THESE MEASURES, STRESS ON NEEDY FAMILIES CAN BE ALLEVIATED AND FAMILY TRAGEDIES REDUCED."

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#### DTC REGISTRATION REVOKED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF J.P. MORGAN (HONG KONG) LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON DECEMBER 9, 1988 AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 31(2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE.

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#### IMPORTANCE OF MAKING SUITABLE CAREER CHOICE STRESSED

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A WISE CHOICE OF CAREERS IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE TO AN INDIVIDUAL, THE VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, DR WANG GUNGWU, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE CAREER A PERSON CHOSE DETERMINED HIS FUTURE WAY OF LIFE, THE PEOPLE HE WAS GOING TO MEET, THE PLACE IN WHICH HE WOULD SPEND A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF HIS TIME, AND HOW HE SPENT IT.

"YOUNG PEOPLE MAY EXPERIENCE FRUSTRATION AND DISAPPOINTMENT IF THEY CHOOSE THE WRONG CAREER," HE SAID.

"IT IS THEREFORE VERY IMPORTANT FOR THEM TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THEIR APTITUDES, INTERESTS, AND QUALIFICATIONS BEFORE THEY MAKE SUCH A CHOICE," HE ADDED.

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DR WANG WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF CAREERS '89, THE 17TH CAREERS EXHIBITION ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND CO-SPONSORED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL, AT THE CITY HALL EXHIBITION HALL.

HE SAID A PROPER MATCH BETWEEN JOB AND PERSON WAS ALSO BENEFICIAL TO THE COMMUNITY.

"WE ALL KNOW THAT HONG KONG'S PRESENT ECONOMIC SUCCESS OWES MUCH TO THE INGENUITY AND RESOURCEFULNESS OF THE MANUFACTURERS AND ENTREPRENEURS, AS WELL AS THE SKILLS AND DILIGENCE OF THE WORKERS.

"AT A TIME OF RAPID ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND FULL EMPLOYMENT, THE NEED TO BETTER UTILISE THE SKILLS AND TALENTS OF OUR LABOUR FORCE IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT.

"IN THIS RESPECT, YOUNG PEOPLE INTENDING TO ENTER THE WORLD OF WORK MUST KEEP ABREAST OF CHANGING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES BY ACQUIRING UP-TO-DATE CAREERS INFORMATION, AND BE AWARE OF AND PREPARED FOR ACQUISITION OF NEW TECHNIQUES AND SKILLS," DR WANG SAID.

CAREERS '89 PROVIDES EXACTLY THIS MUCH NEEDED INFORMATION ABOUT THE WORLD OF WORK AND ON CAREERS AVAILABLE IN HONG KONG.

OUTSIDE THE EXHIBITION, YOUNG PEOPLE CAN ALSO OBTAIN UP-TO-DATE CAREERS INFORMATION FROM THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S THREE CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRES.

EACH OF THE CENTRES IS EQUIPPED WITH A REFERENCE LIBRARY AND AN AUDIO-VISUAL LIBRARY WHICH CONTAIN INFORMATION ON EMPLOYMENT AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRAINING AS WELL AS FURTHER STUDIES.

DR WANG NOTED THAT A NEW CENTRE WOULD BE OPENED IN SHA TIN SHORTLY.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY WERE THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND, AND AN URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN.

THIS YEAR, 22 EXHIBITORS FROM COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND THE CIVIL SERVICE ARE TAKING PART IN THE 10-DAY EVENT.

THE EXHIBITION WILL OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND 6.30 PM FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) UNTIL DECEMBER 19.

LIVE CAREER SHOWS WITH WORK DEMONSTRATIONS BY VARIOUS DISCIPLINARY AND AUXILIARY SERVICES WILL ALSO BE HELD AT THE EDINBURGH PLACE OUTSIDE THE CITY HALL BETWEEN 10 AM AND 5 PM DURING THE TWO FORTHCOMING WEEKENDS.

DETAILS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- SATURDAY (DECEMBER 10) - CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT
- SUNDAY (DECEMBER 11) - FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT
- SATURDAY (DECEMBER 17) - ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE
- SUNDAY (DECEMBER 18) - AUXILIARY SERVICES (INCLUDING CIVIL AID SERVICES, ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS), ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE, AND AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES)

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ADVANCED EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT ON 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 (DECEMBER 11).

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

DEMONSTRATIONS WILL INCLUDE LEAPING FROM A HEIGHT ONTO AN AIR-FILLED RESCUE CUSHION, RESCUING INJURED PEOPLE USING TURNABLE LADDERS, AND RESCUING PEOPLE TRAPPED INSIDE A VEHICLE WITH THE USE OF ADVANCED CUTTING EQUIPMENT.

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

OTHER APPLIANCES ON DISPLAY WILL INCLUDE A HYDRAULIC PLATFORM, AN AMBULANCE, AMBULANCE AID MOTORCYCLE, 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 ALSO BE DISPLAYED.

THE SHOW WILL FEATURE PHOTOGRAPHS DEPICTING THE HISTORY OF THE FIRE SERVICES, NOTABLE FIRES AND FIRE FIGHTING AT SEA, FROM THE AIR AND ON LAND.

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

FIRE PROTECTION BUREAU OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AND TO 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 BETWEEN 10 AM AND 5 PM BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT EDINBURGH PLACE IN CENTRAL ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 11).

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CUSTOMS X-RAY VAN AND LAUNCH ON DISPLAY IN CENTRAL  
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THE NEWLY-ARRIVED MOBILE X-RAY UNIT OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT WILL BE ON DISPLAY TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE EDINBURGH PLACE IN CENTRAL.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE INTERESTED IN TAKING A LOOK AT THIS \$1.6 MILLION LATEST ADDITION TO THE CUSTOMS FLEET OF VEHICLES ARE INVITED TO VISIT "CAREERS '89" ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT BETWEEN 10.30 AM AND 4.30 PM.

ANOTHER ATTRACTION WILL BE THE CUSTOMS LAUNCH WHICH HAS PROVED SO SUCCESSFUL IN THE FIGHT AGAINST SMUGGLING AT SEA. IT WILL BE BERTHED AT QUEEN'S PIER FOR PUBLIC VISITS.

THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO STAGE TWO SESSIONS OF A DRUG DETECTION DOG SHOW TO ENTERTAIN VISITORS AT THE EXHIBITION. THE SHOW TIMES ARE 11.00 AM AND 2.30 PM.

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OUTSTANDING DISABLED STUDENTS  
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HANDICAPPED CHILDREN COULD ACHIEVE THE SAME SUCCESS AS THEIR ORDINARY COUNTERPARTS SHOULD THEY BE GIVEN THE APPROPRIATE SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE 7TH AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE SHELL/ISLAND JAYCEES SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE DISABLED, MR LI SAID MANY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN INTEGRATED IN ORDINARY SCHOOLS IN RECENT YEARS HAD OBTAINED GOOD RESULTS IN PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS AND CONTINUED THEIR STUDIES IN UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS.

HE SAID THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN PROMOTING INTEGRATION OF THE HANDICAPPED IN ORDINARY SCHOOLS IN RECENT YEARS AND HANDICAPPED PUPILS COULD BE FOUND RECEIVING EDUCATION TOGETHER WITH ORDINARY PUPILS FROM KINDERGARTENS TO SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE SHELL/JAYCEES SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE DISABLED, MR LI SAID IT WAS A VERY GOOD EXAMPLE OF SUCH ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT FOR THE HANDICAPPED.

"IN THE PAST SIX YEARS, A TOTAL OF 60 STUDENTS HAVE RECEIVED THIS SCHOLARSHIP." MR LI SAID, ADDING THAT TODAY 10 MORE STUDENTS WOULD JOIN THEM AND SHARE THE HONOUR.

MR LI EXTENDED HIS CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 10 DISTINGUISHED STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED THE SCHOLARSHIPS TODAY AND SAID HE HOPED THEY WOULD KEEP UP WITH THEIR EFFORTS AND CONTINUE TO IMPROVE IN THEIR STUDIES, CONDUCT, SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

HE ALSO PRAISED THE TEACHERS AND THE PARENTS WHO HAD CONTRIBUTED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE STUDENTS, ENABLING THEM TO ATTAIN SUCH ADMIRABLE ACHIEVEMENTS, THROUGH THEIR LOVE AND GUIDANCE.

THE AWARDS CAME INTO BEING WITH THE DONATION OF \$100,000 BY THE SHELL COMPANY OF HONG KONG LIMITED TO SET UP A FUND FOR 10 SCHOLARSHIPS AS A CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLED PERSONS IN 1981.

UNDER THIS FUND, 10 SCHOLARSHIPS AT \$800 EACH WERE AWARDED TO HANDICAPPED PUPILS AS A RECOGNITION OF THEIR ACHIEVEMENT IN SCHOOL WORK AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

THIS YEAR, THE VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP WAS INCREASED TO \$1,000 PER STUDENT TENTATIVELY FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS.

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MR LI THANKED THE SHELL HONG KONG LIMITED AND ITS MANAGING DIRECTOR, MR T.P. BRENNAND, FOR THEIR UNFAILING SUPPORT TO AND PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROJECT.

RECEIVING THE SCHOLARSHIPS AND TROPHIES FROM MR BRENNAND AT THE CEREMONY WERE LAM HON-MAN OF JOCKEY CLUB SCHOOL; CHAN KWOK-WAI AND WONG SO-KUEN OF HONG KONG SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF; WONG KAI-BING OF MARGARET TRENCH RED CROSS SCHOOL; LOK YEE-FONG AND CHIM KUK-FAN OF MONG KOK LUTHERAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF; KO SIU-KEUNG OF HO MAN TIN GOVERNMENT MIDDLE SCHOOL; LI CHI-MUN AND CHAN LAI-YEE OF LIONS MORNINGHILL SCHOOL; AND THAN SIU-CHOY OF TSZ WAN SHAN RED CROSS SCHOOL.

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CONFERENCE ON SAFE LAND SPORTS  
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A CONFERENCE ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON SAFETY IN OUTDOOR PURSUITS TO PROMOTE SAFETY HINTS FOR VARIOUS LAND SPORTS WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 11) AT THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE IN SHA TIN.

STARTING AT 9 AM, PROGRAMMES WILL INCLUDE TALKS BY EXPERTS ON PREVENTION AND REHABILITATION OF SPORT INJURIES AS WELL AS ON ROCK CLIMBING SAFETY.

THERE WILL ALSO BE WORKSHOPS WHERE PARTICIPANTS CAN SHARE THEIR VIEWS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY CODES THROUGH DISCUSSIONS.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS OF THE LAND SPORTS SAFETY CONFERENCE INCLUDE SPECTACULAR HELICOPTER RESCUE AND PARACHUTING DISPLAYS, VIDEO SHOWS AND DEMONSTRATIONS IN TRACK CYCLING AND ROLLER SKATING.

VISITORS TO THE CONFERENCE WILL ALSO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE SIMPLE MEDICAL TESTS AT A FITNESS CLINIC AND TO SEE EXHIBITIONS ON A NUMBER OF POPULAR LAND SPORTS PUT UP BY VARIOUS SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SAFETY CONFERENCE WILL BE THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE LAND SPORTS SAFETY CONFERENCE WHICH WILL START AT 9 AM ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 11) AT THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE. PHOTOGRAPHERS COVERING THE EVENT ARE ADVISED TO BRING TELE-LENSES AND TO WEAR RUBBER-SOLE SHOES.

TRANSPORT WILL BE ARRANGED FOR THE MEDIA. A GOVERNMENT VAN WILL LEAVE THE CGO CARPARK IN LOWER ALBERT ROAD AT 8.15 AM SHARP. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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CERTIFICATES FOR YAU TSIM BUILDING MANAGEMENT CAMPAIGN

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THIRTY-FOUR PEOPLE WHO HAVE ATTENDED A SERIES OF SEMINARS ORGANISED AS PART OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND FIRE SAFETY CAMPAIGN WILL BE PRESENTED WITH CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE SEMINARS COVERED FUNCTIONS OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS' CORPORATIONS, PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING MEETINGS, ACCOUNTING, LEGISLATION ON BUILDING MAINTENANCE, CLEANLINESS AND FIRE SAFETY.

PROFESSIONALS, SUCH AS LAWYERS AND BUILDING SURVEYORS, AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS HAD SPOKEN ON THE COMMON PROBLEMS IN THOSE AREAS, AND THE METHODS TO TACKLE THEM.

THE ENTIRE CAMPAIGN, CONSISTING OF AN EXHIBITION, DEMONSTRATION OF FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT AND SEMINARS, LASTED FOR FIVE MONTHS.

IT WAS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND ORGANISED BY A COMMITTEE FORMED BY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, THE DISTRICT'S BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM, PROFESSIONALS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES TO THOSE WHO ATTENDED THE BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR IN THE RESTAURANT AT THE CARITAS BIANCHI LOUNGE, SIXTH FLOOR, 4 CLIFF LANE, YAU MA TEI, TOMORROW (SATURDAY), BEGINNING AT 3 PM.

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STUDENTS' FIGHT CRIME KNOWLEDGE TO BE TESTED

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AN INTER-SCHOOL FIGHT CRIME QUIZ ORGANISED BY THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON IN THE HENRY G. LEONG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE.

STUDENTS FROM THREE SECONDARY AND THREE PRIMARY SCHOOLS WILL BE COMPETING FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP IN TWO SECTIONS. TROPHIES AND BOOK COUPONS WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNERS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE QUIZ IS PART OF THE ACTIVITIES TO DRIVE HOME TO STUDENTS THE IMPORTANCE OF FIGHTING CRIME.

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EARLIER, THE COMMITTEE ISSUED 7,000 FIGHT CRIME QUESTIONNAIRES TO 21 PRIMARY AND 11 SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT TO ENRICH STUDENTS' KNOWLEDGE ON FIGHTING CRIME.

OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE CAMPAIGN INCLUDE AN ANTI-TRIAD SEMINAR FOR PARENTS AND PRESENTATION OF GOOD CITIZEN AWARDS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE QUIZ BEGINNING 2 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) IN THE HENRY G. LEONG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 60 PUBLIC SQUARE STREET.

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CSD "WALK FOR MILLIONS" TO BE HELD TOMORROW

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MORE THAN 1,000 STAFF OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THEIR FAMILIES WILL TAKE PART IN A "WALK FOR MILLIONS" FOR THE COMMUNITY CHEST AT TAI LAM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE DEPARTMENT'S "WALK FOR MILLIONS" FORMS PARTS OF THE COMMUNITY CHEST'S FUND-RAISING AND 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION PROGRAMME.

THE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR GARTH HYDES, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY CHEST, MR DENIS BRAY, THE CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN OF COMMUNITY CHEST, MRS ANITA CHAN, MISS HONG KONG 1988, MISS MICHELE REIS AND OTHER CELEBRITIES WILL OFFICIATE AT THE STARTING CEREMONY OF THE WALK.

THE EVENT WILL START AT 11 AM IN THE SPORTS GROUND OF TAI LAM CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION.

APART FROM THE WALK, THE DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO ARRANGED A CHARITY SALE AND AN ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME FOR PARTICIPANTS AFTER THE WALK AT THE SPORTS GROUND.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S "WALK FOR MILLIONS" WHICH WILL START AT 11 AM AT THE TAI LAM CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. THOSE WHO WISH TO USE THE SERVICE SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE GROUND FLOOR OF WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG AT 9.30 AM SHARP.

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CAS BEATING RETREAT CEREMONY

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THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO WATCH A SPECTACULAR BEATING RETREAT CEREMONY TO BE STAGED BY THE CIVIL AID SERVICES AT SOCCER PITCH NO. 2 OF VICTORIA PARK ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 11) EVENING.

THE BEATING RETREAT IS A TRADITIONAL MILITARY CEREMONIAL FUNCTION, CALLING TROOPS BACK TO THE FORTRESS AT SUNSET.

IT HAS GRADUALLY BECOME A SPECTACULAR ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE PUBLIC IN PLACES WHERE MILITARY TROOPS ARE STATIONED.

THE CEREMONY, STARTING AT 8 PM, WILL FEATURE PERFORMANCES BY CAS BANDS, MOTOR CYCLE DEMONSTRATION AND SILENT DRILL.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO THIS FUNCTION AND ADMISSION IS FREE OF CHARGE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CAS BEATING RETREAT AT VICTORIA PARK, SOCCER PITCH NO. 2 ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 11). THE EVENT WILL START AT 8 PM.

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SHA TIN COMMUNITY DAY CAMP ON SUNDAY

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MORE THAN 200 REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS LOCAL MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS' CORPORATIONS, RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS, VILLAGES, AREA COMMITTEES AND YIN NGAI SOCIETIES WILL TAKE PART IN A COMMUNITY DAY CAMP ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 11).

THE CAMP AT WU KAI SHA YOUTH CAMP IS ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE FUNCTION, FREE OF CHARGE, IS AIMED AT ENHANCING COMMUNICATION AMONG SHA TIN'S COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS AND THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF LOCAL AND CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

THE PROGRAMME IN THE MORNING WILL INCLUDE A TALK BY THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER (DEVELOPMENT) OF SHA TIN, MISS MARGARET FONG, ON THE DISTRICT'S PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT.

/A LEGISLATIVE .....

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A LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR AND SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR ANDREW WONG, WILL TALK ABOUT THE ROLE OF DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS IN HONG KONG'S POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT.

THEN THERE WILL BE FREE TIME FOLLOWED BY A BARBECUE LUNCH.

IN THE AFTERNOON, A TALENT SHOW FEATURING VARIOUS PERFORMANCES BY PARTICIPANTS WILL BE STAGED.

AFTERWARDS, A FOOTBALL MATCH BETWEEN RESIDENTS LIVING ON EITHER SIDE OF THE SHING MUN RIVER WILL TAKE PLACE. OTHER PARTICIPANTS MAY ALSO ENJOY THEMSELVES BY JOINING VARIOUS GAMES.

THE RETURN TRIP WILL BE ROUTED THROUGH SAI SHA ROAD SO THAT PARTICIPANTS WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE NEWLY OPENED ROAD LINKING MA ON SHAN AND SAI KUNG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN COMMUNITY DAY CAMP AT WU KAI SHA YOUTH CAMP ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 11).

A COACH TAKING THE PRESS TO THE VENUE WILL DEPART AT 9.15 AM AT THE SHA TIN KCR HOUSE CARPARK NEAR PAI TAU VILLAGE.

REPORTERS WHO WANT TO LEAVE EARLY MAY TAKE A COACH LEAVING WU KAI SHA YOUTH CAMP AFTER THE BARBECUE LUNCH.

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#### WARM PRAISE FOR LIONS CLUBS

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LIONS CLUBS WERE PRAISED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, FOR THEIR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO SERVICE PROJECTS.

MR JACOBS WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 27TH ORIENT AND SOUTHEAST ASIAN LIONS FORUM.

THE SETTING UP OF THE UNIQUE HONG KONG EYE BANK AND RESEARCH FOUNDATION AND THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST DRUGS WERE JUST TWO OF THE FINE EXAMPLES OF THE RANGE OF SERVICES THAT THE LOCAL LIONS HAD PROVIDED, MR JACOBS SAID.

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ANOTHER RECENT EXAMPLE WAS THE CLUBS' ACTIVE ROLE IN PARTICIPATING IN THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION'S HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL CIVIC EDUCATION PROGRAMME, "TOWARDS A FULLER LIFE".

MR JACOBS POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG HAD A LONG HISTORY OF ASSOCIATION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS.

FROM THREE CLUBS AND 85 MEMBERS 28 YEARS AGO, THE INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 303, HONG KONG AND MACAU, HAD EXPANDED TO 36 LIONS CLUBS, FIVE LIONESSE CLUBS AND 11 LEO CLUBS -- WITH A TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF OVER 1,600.

NOTING THAT THE LOCAL DISTRICT WAS HOSTING THE FORUM FOR THE FOURTH TIME IN ITS 28 YEARS, MR JACOBS SAID THE SPIRIT OF LIONISM WAS TRULY INTERNATIONAL.

"THIS ANNUAL FORUM OFFERS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR EXCHANGES ON LIONISTIC MATTERS AMONG THE SEVEN DISTRICT MEMBERS IN THE REGION," HE SAID.

"AND THERE ARE PLENTY OF USEFUL THINGS TO DISCUSS, ESPECIALLY GIVEN THE PROGRESS IN SO MANY AREAS THAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED OVER THE LAST SEVEN YEARS SINCE HONG KONG LAST HOSTED A FORUM."

IN HIS SPEECH, MR JACOBS ALSO REFERRED TO HONG KONG'S VIRTUES AS AN INTERNATIONAL CITY WITH ITS TRADITIONS OF OPEN AND FAIR OPPORTUNITY FOR BUSINESS, TRADE AND INVESTMENT.

"I AM HAPPY TO ADD THAT WE ARE EXPECTING TO PLAY HOST TO A RECORD LEVEL OF FIVE-AND-A-HALF MILLION VISITORS THIS YEAR - A NUMBER ALMOST EQUIVALENT TO OUR TOTAL POPULATION," HE ADDED.

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FREE CHECK-UPS FOR TAI PO ELDERLY ON SUNDAY

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ABOUT 600 SENIOR RESIDENTS OF TAI PO WILL HAVE FREE HEALTH CHECK-UPS THIS SUNDAY (DECEMBER 11) AS PART OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S ON-GOING PROGRAMME TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY.

THE CHECK-UPS WILL BE HELD IN THE HALL OF TAI PO COMMUNITY CENTRE, HEUNG SZE WUI STREET, TAI PO MARKET FROM 9.45 AM TO 5 PM.

THE EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS WHO ARE AGED 60 OR ABOVE.

THE ELDERLY WILL HAVE THEIR BLOOD PRESSURE, URINE, EYESIGHT AND HEARING CHECKED.

HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL WILL ALSO EXPLAIN GENERAL KNOWLEDGE ON HEALTH TO PARTICIPATING ELDERLY PEOPLE.

"IN DRAWING UP OUR PROGRAMME, WE HAVE SPECIALLY ARRANGED FREE ADMISSION TO A WIDE VARIETY OF EVENTS IN ORDER TO PROMOTE ARTS TO PEOPLE OF ALL AGES AS WELL AS OF DIFFERENT INTERESTS," MR CHOW SAID.

"IN ADDITION TO SEEING THE MORE POPULAR AND TRADITIONAL PERFORMANCES, I HOPE THAT PEOPLE WILL BE TEMPTED TO ATTEND EVENTS WHICH ARE ORIGINATED BY RESIDENTS OF YUEN LONG ITSELF, SUCH AS THE YUEN LONG CHILDREN CHOIR, WHOSE PERFORMANCE TONIGHT ALSO COINCIDES WITH THEIR TENTH ANNIVERSARY.

"TOGETHER WITH OTHER LOCAL PERFORMING GROUPS, THEIR APPEARANCE IN THE FESTIVAL SERVES AS A REFLECTION THAT OUR PAST EFFORTS IN NURTURING THE ARTS HAVE BEGUN TO BEAR FRUIT.

"MORE IMPORTANTLY, IT IS OFTEN ON ACTIVITIES SUCH AS THESE THAT A CLOSELY-KNIT COMMUNITY IS BASED, ENHANCING A SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG RESIDENTS."

THE YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL FEATURES 37 EVENTS INCLUDING CONCERTS, DRAMAS, OPERAS, DANCES, FILMS, AND EXHIBITIONS, AS WELL AS A WIDE SELECTION OF FRINGE ARTS ACTIVITIES SUCH AS TALKS ON CARICATURE AND CANTONESE OPERATIC GESTURES; AND MANY OUTDOOR SHOWS IN RURAL AREAS.

THE FESTIVAL, WHICH WILL RUN UNTIL DECEMBER 27, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT ARTS COMMITTEE AND THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL.

OF THE TOTAL BUDGET OF \$880,000 FOR THE FESTIVAL, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE DISTRICT BOARD ARE CONTRIBUTING \$420,000 AND \$300,000 RESPECTIVELY WHILE THE BALANCE WILL COME FROM TICKET SALES AND LOCAL SPONSORSHIP.

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#### TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE ON THE MOVE

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THE VEHICLE INSPECTION AND RECORDS SECTION OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL MOVE TO NEW ACCOMMODATION FROM DECEMBER 12 (MONDAY), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

ALL THE FIVE OFFICES OF THE SECTION WILL MOVE TO THE 4TH AND 5TH FLOORS, 111 LEIGHTON ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

THE VEHICLE RECORDS OFFICE WILL BE ACCOMMODATED ON THE 4TH FLOOR WHILE THE VEHICLE INSPECTION OFFICE, THE DRIVING LICENCE RECORDS OFFICE, THE DRIVING-OFFENCE POINTS OFFICE AND THE VEHICLE LICENCE SUSPENSION OFFICE WILL BE MOVED TO THE 5TH FLOOR.

THERE WILL ALSO BE AN EXHIBITION AND A VIDEO TAPE SHOW RELATING TO HEALTH EDUCATION.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EVENT WILL BE THE ACTING TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS MARY CHOW SHUK-CHING, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, MR HO YUNG-SANG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE HEALTH CHECKS FOR THE ELDERLY IN THE HALL OF TAI PO COMMUNITY CENTRE, HEUNG SZE WUI STREET, TAI PO MARKET BEGINNING AT 9.45 AM ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 11).

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YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL BEGINS  
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THE NINTH YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL, ONE OF THE MORE COLOURFUL CULTURAL EVENTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, WAS OPENED THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING WITH A MUSICAL, "CINDERELLA", PERFORMED BY THE YUEN LONG CHILDREN CHOIR AT THE LUT SAU HALL.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR MICHAEL SUEN, NOTED THAT THE FESTIVAL HAD BECOME ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS FOR THE DISTRICT SINCE IT WAS LAUNCHED IN 1981.

HE POINTED OUT THAT EVERY YEAR THE ORGANISERS HAD BEEN ABLE TO PUT TOGETHER AN INTERESTING AND EXCITING PROGRAMME WITH THE RIGHT BLEND OF PERFORMANCES BY ARTISTS GROOMED IN THE DISTRICT AND THEIR COUNTERPARTS FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF THE TERRITORY.

HE SAID THAT THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME PUT SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON STIMULATING YOUNG PEOPLE IN THEIR PURSUIT OF CULTURAL ACTIVITIES BY PROVIDING A FORUM FOR ARTS APPRECIATION AS WELL AS GIVING PERFORMANCES.

"FURTHERMORE, IT IS OFTEN THROUGH THIS KIND OF EVENT THAT ARTS PERFORMERS IN HONG KONG COME TOGETHER, THUS BROADENING THE LOCAL ARTS SCENE," HE ADDED.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR CHOW YIU-WING, SAID THAT AS FIRST-CLASS ARTS PRESENTATIONS WERE NOT EASILY ACCESSIBLE FOR YUEN LONG RESIDENTS, THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL WAS ALL THE MORE MEANINGFUL TO THEM.

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THE VEHICLE INSPECTION AND RECORDS SECTION DEALS WITH DEFECTIVE VEHICLE INSPECTION AND KEEPS RECORDS OF VEHICLE LICENCES AND DRIVING LICENCES.

THE NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE SECTION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

OFFICE -----	TELEPHONE NUMBER -----
VEHICLE INSPECTION OFFICE - CONTROL UNIT	5-8901352
- APPOINTMENT UNIT	5-8901447
VEHICLE RECORDS OFFICE	5-8901416
	5-8901451
DRIVING LICENCE RECORDS OFFICE	5-8901344
DRIVING-OFFENCE POINTS OFFICE	5-8901480
VEHICLE LICENCE SUSPENSION OFFICE	5-8901569

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RECLAMATION PROPOSED IN TUEN MUN  
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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO RECLAIM AND CONSTRUCT A JETTY WITHIN APPROXIMATELY 2.31 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT YUNG LONG, TUEN MUN.

ABOUT 0.82 HECTARES OF LAND WILL BE RECLAIMED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE JETTY AND DREDGING WILL BE CARRIED OUT WITHIN THE GAZETTED LIMITS.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED WAS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OF EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 8 NEXT YEAR.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES IN KOWLOON

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE WINSLOW STREET VEHICULAR UNDERPASS WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5 AM DAILY ON DECEMBER 12 (MONDAY) AND 19 FOR TUNNEL MAINTENANCE WORKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES ON WINSLOW STREET HEADING FOR TO KWA WAN WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CHATHAM ROAD NORTH, COOKE STREET, GILLIES AVENUE AND WUHU STREET.

MEANWHILE, FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 12), BOWRING STREET BETWEEN TEMPLE STREET AND SHANGHAI STREET WILL BE CLOSED FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS FOR ROAD RECONSTRUCTION.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURE OF NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD WILL BE IMPLEMENTED DURING THE FOLLOWING PERIODS FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS:

- \* DECEMBER 12 - THE SOUTHBOUND OUTER-MOST LANE BETWEEN SHEUNG SHUI ROUNDABOUT AND TSUNG PAK LONG.
- \* DECEMBER 13 - THE SOUTHBOUND OUTER-MOST LANE BETWEEN TSUNG PAK LONG AND KWU TUNG.
- \* DECEMBER 19 - THE SOUTHBOUND OUTER-MOST LANE BETWEEN KWU TUNG AND PAK SHEK AU INTERCHANGE.

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TEMPORARY URBAN CLEARWAYS IN WESTERN DISTRICT

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BE DESIGNATED DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 12) FOR TWO WEEKS.

THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CENTRE STREET BETWEEN HOUSE NO. 32 AND ITS JUNCTION WITH DES VOEUX ROAD WEST WILL BECOME A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY FOR ROADWORKS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF DES VOEUX ROAD WEST FROM A POINT ABOUT 65 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH HILL ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 105 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE MADE AN URBAN CLEARWAY ROUND-THE-CLOCK FOR TRAM TRACK CONNECTION WORKS.

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

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INTERRUPTIONS TO FRESH WATER SUPPLY

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO THE FOLLOWING DISTRICTS WILL BE INTERRUPTED BY WATER WORKS:

- \* FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO TAI WO HAU ROAD AND BLOCKS 27 - 42 KWAI CHUNG ESTATE WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 12) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY.
- \* FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO THE AREA BOUNDED BY WING KEI ROAD, WING KIN ROAD, WING LAP STREET, WING HAU STREET, KWAI LOK STREET AND KWAI HEI ROAD IN KWAI CHUNG WILL EXPERIENCE WEAK PRESSURE FROM 8 PM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 12) TO 8 AM THE NEXT DAY.
- \* FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO ALL PREMISES AT TAI TAM ROAD, TAI TAM RESERVOIR ROAD, STANLEY GAP ROAD, STANLEY VILLAGE ROAD, STANLEY MOUND ROAD, STANLEY BEACH ROAD, STANLEY MAIN STREET, STANLEY MARKET ROAD, STANLEY NEW ROAD, STANLEY LINK ROAD, CARMEL ROAD, HOI FUNG PATH, TUNG TAU WAN ROAD, WONG MA KOK ROAD, STANLEY PRISON, PAK PAT SHAN ROAD AND REDHILL ROAD WILL BE CUT OFF FROM 10 PM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 12) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY.

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