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THE PRINCESS ROYAL VISITS ZOOLOGICAL AND BOTANICAL GARDENS

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HER ROYAL HIGHNESS, THE PRINCESS ROYAL, WAS THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING INTRODUCED TO A TOTALLY DIFFERENT ASPECT OF BUSTLING HONG KONG WHEN SHE SAW HOW THE HONG KONG ZOOLOGICAL AND BOTANICAL GARDENS (ZBG) PRESERVED WILDLIFE.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, THE PRINCESS ROYAL WAS BRIEFED BY THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR A.L. PURVES, AND THE HONORARY ZOOLOGICAL CURATOR, DR K.C. SEARLE, ON ZBG'S CONSERVATION WORK AND THE CAPTIVE BREEDING PROGRAMMES.

MR PURVES THEN PRESENTED FOUR OFFICERS OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WHO ARE PAST STUDENTS OF THE JERSEY WILDLIFE PRESERVATION TRUST, TO THE PRINCESS ROYAL, WHO IS THE PATRON OF THE TRUST.

SINCE 1979, MESSRS WAT CHI-CHUEN, CHEUNG YIU-FAI, WONG PAK-SIU AND CHAN KA-HING HAVE EACH RECEIVED A FOUR-MONTH ON-THE-JOB TRAINING ON THE CONSERVATION OF WILDLIFE CONDUCTED BY THE TRUST.

THE OBJECTIVE OF THE TRUST IS TO SAVE ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILDLIFE FROM EXTINCTION.

THE PRINCESS ROYAL VISITED THE AVIARY AND WAS BRIEFED ON THE BREEDING PROGRAMME FOR BIRDS AND POULTRY, INCLUDING SOME RARE SPECIES.

SHE THEN WENT TO THE ANIMAL ENCLOSURES TO SEE THE VARIETY OF ANIMALS THAT ARE MAJOR ATTRACTIONS AT ZBG. IN FRONT OF AN ENCLOSURE FOR THE ORANG-UTAN, HER ROYAL HIGHNESS ALSO INSPECTED A PLAQUE WHICH WAS LAID BY HER FATHER, HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH WHO IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD WIDE FUND FOR NATURE, DURING A VISIT TO HONG KONG IN 1983.

ZBG WAS OPENED IN 1871 AND THE GARDENS' ZOOLOGICAL FRONT UNDERWENT MAJOR EXPANSION IN 1975. SINCE THEN ZBG HAS EVOLVED INTO ONE OF THE INTERNATIONAL-STANDARD ZOOS.

ZBG'S REMARKABLE BREEDING SUCCESS IN 1988 INCLUDES BORNEAN ORANG-UTAN, EMPEROR TAMARIN, GOLDEN LION TAMARIN, GOLDEN-HEADED TAMARIN, SIAMANG, WHITE-WINGED WOOD DUCK, ROTHSCHILD'S MYNA, ROTHSCHILD'S PEACOCK PHEASANT, AFRICAN PYGMY GOOSE AND PALAWAN PEACOCK PHEASANT.

TO DATE, THERE ARE ABOUT 300 SPECIES OF BIRDS COMPRISING 1,000 HEADS, 18 SPECIES OF MAMMALS COMPRISING 70 HEADS AND 13 SPECIES OF REPTILES COMPRISING 40 HEADS BEING KEPT IN THE ZOO.

AT THE END OF THE HOUR-LONG TOUR OF ZBG, THE PRINCESS ROYAL WAS PRESENTED WITH SOUVENIRS, INCLUDING THE URBAN COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT AND TWO BOOKS, ONE ON BIRDS AND ONE ON ANIMALS.

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DISABLED CHILDREN ENTERTAIN PRINCESS ROYAL

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A GROUP OF DISABLED CHILDREN HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW OFF THEIR RIDING SKILLS THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING WHEN THEY PERFORMED FOR HER ROYAL HIGHNESS, THE PRINCESS ROYAL AT THE POKFULAM PUBLIC RIDING SCHOOL.

THE PERFORMANCES WERE PRESENTED BY THE RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION, OF WHICH THE PRINCESS ROYAL IS THE PARTON.

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS WAS MET AT THE RIDING SCHOOL BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION, MR ALAN LI; THE CHAIRMAN, MRS BINKIE LEADER, AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, MAJOR-GENERAL G.H. WATKINS.

THE PRINCESS ROYAL WATCHED FROM A RAISED PLATFORM AS THE CHILDREN, FROM VARIOUS SCHOOLS AND CENTRES, WENT THROUGH THEIR PACES IN FIVE PERFORMANCES.

AFTER THE DISPLAY, HER ROYAL HIGHNESS MET THE RIDERS IN THE Paddock AND PRESENTED THEM WITH ROSETTES.

SHE THEN MET DISABLED RIDERS WHO HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO TAKE PART IN THE EVENTS AND ALSO PRESENTED THEM WITH ROSETTES.

BEFORE THE PRINCESS ROYAL LEFT, SHE WAS PRESENTED WITH A SMALL POSY BY A CHILD FROM THE WAH FU MORNING LIGHT SCHOOL.

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PRINCESS ROYAL VISITS SCF OFFICE AND M & S STORE

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HER ROYAL HIGHNESS, THE PRINCESS ROYAL, TODAY (FRIDAY) VISITED THE HONG KONG OFFICE OF THE SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND IN WAN CHAI WHERE SHE WAS BRIEFED ON THE ORGANISATION'S PROJECTS TO HELP UNDER-PRIVILEGED CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN HONG KONG AND IN THE EASTERN PART OF CHINA.

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS, WHO IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND, WAS ALSO BRIEFED ON THE WORK DONE TO HELP VIETNAMESE REFUGEE CHILDREN STAYING IN CENTRES AND CAMPS IN HONG KONG AWAITING RESETTLEMENT.

DURING THE VISIT, THE PRINCESS ROYAL MET FOSTER FAMILIES AND FOSTER CARE STAFF WHO LOOK AFTER CHILDREN PLACED UNDER THE FOSTER CARE PROGRAMME. SHE ALSO MET MEMBERS OF THE FUND'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

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THE PRINCESS ROYAL WAS PRESENTED WITH A GIFT FROM VILLAGE PEOPLE OF YUNNAN IN CHINA TO SHOW THEIR APPRECIATION FOR THE FUND'S HELP IN THE CHINESE PROVINCE.

LATER IN THE DAY, DURING A VISIT TO THE MARKS AND SPENCER STORE IN OCEAN CENTRE, TSIM SHA TSUI, HER ROYAL HIGHNESS WAS PRESENTED WITH A CHEQUE FROM THE STORE FOR THE SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND.

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#### PRINCESS ROYAL OPENS NEW HKSPC CENTRE

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HER ROYAL HIGHNESS, THE PRINCESS ROYAL, THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON OPENED THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN'S NEW PORTLAND STREET CENTRE IN MONG KOK.

SHE WAS MET ON ARRIVAL BY LADY WILSON AND THE DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL, AIR COMMODORE VIVIAN LLOYD WARRINGTON. THE PRINCESS ROYAL WAS THEN PRESENTED TO HKSPC'S PRESIDENT, MR PETER WONG AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, MRS NELLIE FONG.

DURING A TOUR OF THE SIX-STORY BUILDING, HER ROYAL HIGHNESS VISITED THE DAY NURSERY FOR CHILDREN BETWEEN TWO AND SIX-YEAR-OLD AND THE RESIDENTIAL CRECHE FOR ONE AND TWO-YEAR-OLD BABIES.

SHE ALSO TOURED THE CENTRE'S GARDEN ON THE GROUND FLOOR WHERE MEMBERS OF HKSPC'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY COMMITTEE, MAJOR DONORS, THE ARCHITECTS AND BUILDERS ALSO ATTENDED.

THE PRINCESS ROYAL THEN UNVEILED A PLAQUE COMMEMORATING THE OPENING OF THE CENTRE.

THE HKSPC PROVIDES A VARIETY OF SERVICES TO IMPROVE THE WELFARE OF SOME 1,300 UNDER-PRIVILEGED CHILDREN IN HONG KONG. IT OPERATES NINE DAY CRECHES, SIX DAY NURSERIES AND A RESIDENTIAL CRECHE FOR 90 BABIES.

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INTERIM BULLETIN ON AIR CRASH RELEASED

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THE CHIEF INSPECTOR OF ACCIDENTS, WHO IS ALSO THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, MR TREVOR THORPE, PUBLISHED AN INTERIM BULLETIN TODAY (FRIDAY) CONCERNING THE ACCIDENT INVOLVING A CAAC TRIDENT AIRCRAFT ON AUGUST 31.

THE BULLETIN, BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY FINDINGS, GIVES AN ACCOUNT OF THE FLIGHT UP TO THE POINT THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED, THE ROUTES AND APPROACH PROCEDURES, COMMUNICATIONS, AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL DIRECTIONS, METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS AS WELL AS THE SPECIFICATIONS OF THE AIRCRAFT AND THE LICENCE AND EXPERIENCE OF THE FLIGHT CREW.

ACCORDING TO THE BULLETIN, THE AIRCRAFT HAD TO DEVIATE FROM ITS INTENDED ROUTE TO AVOID WEATHER ON ITS WAY TO HONG KONG.

THE AIRCRAFT WAS POSITIONED BY AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL BY SURVEILLANCE RADAR FOR AN INSTRUMENT LANDING SYSTEM APPROACH TO RUNWAY 31 FROM THE SOUTHEAST OVER THE SEA, TO BE MONITORED BY AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL ON THE PRECISION APPROACH RADAR SERVING THE SAME RUNWAY.

AT ABOUT 9 AM THAT MORNING, THE SURFACE WIND WAS FIVE TO SIX KNOTS FROM THE SOUTHEAST, VISIBILITY 4,500 METRES IN RAIN AND THUS THE RUNWAY SURFACE WAS WET.

THE AIRCRAFT REPORTED AT 9.14 AM IT WAS ESTABLISHED ON THE INSTRUMENT LANDING SYSTEM.

THE PILOT WAS INFORMED AT 9.17 AM THAT THE PRECISION APPROACH RADAR WAS UNABLE TO PICK UP THE AIRCRAFT DUE TO SEVERE SIGNAL ATTENUATION BY RAIN AND WAS GIVEN CLEARANCE TO LAND.

THE AIRCRAFT ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT OF THE MESSAGE, WHICH WAS THE LAST RECORDED MESSAGE FROM IT, AND CONTINUED ITS APPROACH ON THE INSTRUMENT LANDING SYSTEM FOR LANDING.

AT 9.19 AM, THE AIRCRAFT WAS FIRST OBSERVED BY THE DUTY OFFICER AT THE AIRPORT FIRE CONTINGENT SUB-STATION AT THE APPROACH END OF THE RUNWAY, TO PASS BY ON THE RUNWAY IN AN UNUSUAL ATTITUDE AND THE ALARM WAS SOUNDED.

OTHER WITNESS REPORTS STATED THAT THE AIRCRAFT WITH ITS RIGHT WING TOUCHING THE GROUND, LEFT THE RUNWAY AND SLEWED TO THE RIGHT, CROSSED THE GRASSED AREA AND THE TAXIWAY, AND LEFT THE RUNWAY PROMONTORY BEFORE FINALLY COMING TO REST NOSE DOWN IN THE WATER IN KOWLOON BAY.

THE AIRPORT CRASH AND RESCUE UNITS ARRIVED PROMPTLY ON THE SCENE AND LAUNCHED A RESCUE OPERATION, HELPING THE PASSENGERS TO SAFETY, MAINLY THROUGH TWO OF THE FOUR OVER-WING EMERGENCY EXITS AND THE ENTRANCE DOOR.

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A SMALL FIRE NEAR THE CENTRE ENGINE WAS QUICKLY PUT OUT BY THE AIRPORT FIRE CONTINGENT.

SUBSEQUENT PATHOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF THE BODIES OF THE SIX CREW MEMBERS TRAPPED IN THE SUBMERGED NOSE SECTION INDICATED THAT THEY HAD DIED OF DROWNING.

INITIAL EXAMINATION OF THE WRECKAGE AND THE UNDERSHOOT AREA OF RUNWAY 31 INDICATED THAT THE INNERMOST APPROACH LIGHT HAD BEEN STRUCK BY THE RIGHT WING TRAILING EDGE FLAP. THE RIGHT MAIN LANDING GEAR HAD THEN TOUCHED THE LIP OF THE SEA WALL AND BEEN TORN FROM THE AIRCRAFT.

THE CHIEF INSPECTOR OF ACCIDENTS POINTED OUT THAT THE BULLETIN CONTAINED MERELY FACTS RELATING TO THE ACCIDENT AS DETERMINED UP TO THE PRESENT STAGE.

HE EMPHASISED THAT THE INFORMATION SHOULD BE TREATED AS TENTATIVE AND MIGHT BE SUBJECT TO ALTERATION OR CORRECTION IF ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE BECAME AVAILABLE.

IN THE MEANTIME, HE SAID, INVESTIGATION WORK WOULD CONTINUE UNTIL THE CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT WAS ESTABLISHED.

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#### SAN YICK POPULATION DENSITY TO BE REDUCED

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO GRADUALLY REDUCE THE POPULATION DENSITY OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES AT THE SAN YICK CLOSED CAMP BY TRANSFERRING SOME OF THEM TO AREA 46A IN THE SAME DISTRICT AS NEW ACCOMMODATION BECOMES AVAILABLE, THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MRS CARRIE YAU, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

AT A MEETING WITH THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD, MRS YAU SAID THE MOVE MEANT TRANSFERRING SOME REFUGEES AWAY FROM THE TOWN CENTRE TO A MORE ISOLATED AREA AND DID NOT INVOLVE MOVING ADDITIONAL REFUGEES INTO THE DISTRICT.

IT WOULD GREATLY RELIEVE OVERCROWDED CONDITIONS AT SAN YICK AND AVOID POTENTIAL HEALTH AND SAFETY HAZARDS, SHE SAID.

"DEPENDING ON THE PROGRESS OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE EMERGENCY HOLDING CENTRE AT AREA 46A, AND THE RATE OF ARRIVAL OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE, THE PLAN IS TO MOVE SOME 1,300 AND 1,500 REFUGEES FROM SAN YICK INTO THE AREA SOME TIME NEXT MONTH," SHE SAID.

"THE INTENTION IS TO MOVE OUT MOST OF THE REFUGEES AT SAN YICK BY THE END OF THE YEAR."

/MRS YAU .....

MRS YAU POINTED OUT THAT REFUGEES TO BE MOVED TO AREA 46A WOULD CONTINUE TO BE MANAGED BY THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT UNTIL THE UNHCR WAS READY TO TAKE OVER.

"IT DOES NOT MEAN A SPEEDING UP OF THE RELAXATION PROGRAMME FOR CLOSED CAMPS WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN A GRADUAL AND SYSTEMATIC MANNER.

"A WORKING GROUP TO MONITOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RELAXATION PROGRAMME WILL BE SET UP IN THE CAMP AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE GROUP," SHE SAID.

MRS YAU ALSO PROVIDED DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WITH FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE RELAXATION PROGRAMME AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OPEN CAMP AT AREA 46A.

ON LAW AND ORDER, MRS YAU REASSURED DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS THAT EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO DEVELOP A LAW ABIDING AND RESPONSIBLE COMMUNITY FROM THE FIRST DAY THEY MOVED INTO THE CAMP.

"UNDER PRESENT PLANS, A NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE UNIT MANNED BY ONE SERGEANT AND SEVEN CONSTABLES ROUND-THE-CLOCK WOULD BE DEPLOYED TO THE PROPOSED CAMP AT AREA 46A.

"THIS CONSTITUTES A HIGH POLICE PRESENCE. LAW AND ORDER IN THE CAMP WILL BE CONTINUOUSLY MONITORED AND AN APPROPRIATE POLICE PRESENCE WILL BE MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES," SHE SAID.

SHE ADDED THAT THE POLICE WOULD WORK WITH THE CAMP MANAGEMENT TO ENSURE THAT A RESPONSIBLE ATTITUDE WAS ADOPTED BY THE REFUGEE POPULATION AND TO REASSURE THE LOCAL COMMUNITY THAT THEY HAD NOTHING TO FEAR FROM THE PRESENCE OF REFUGEES IN THE COMMUNITY.

TURNING TO MEMBERS' CONCERN OVER THE POSSIBILITY OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES BEING TAKEN AWAY FROM LOCAL RESIDENTS WITH THE OPENING UP OF THE REFUGEE CAMP, MRS YAU SAID THIS WAS UNLIKELY.

CITING THE RESULTS OF A JOB VACANCY ASSESSMENT CARRIED OUT BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, SHE SAID A TOTAL OF 2,329 JOB VACANCIES WERE REGISTERED AT LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OFFICES AT THE END OF LAST MONTH AND 638 NEW VACANCIES WERE REGISTERED DURING AUGUST ALONE.

"THE PATTERN OF VACANCIES IN TUEN MUN INDICATES THAT 56 PER CENT OF VACANCIES REGISTERED WITH THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ARE IN PRODUCTION AND RELATED FIELDS WHICH INCLUDE BOTH SKILLED AND UNSKILLED JOBS.

"MOST OF THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ARE UNSKILLED AND WOULD ONLY BE CAPABLE INITIALLY OF DOING JOBS OF A ROUTINE NATURE SUCH AS ASSEMBLERS AND PACKERS. IT IS EXPECTED THAT MOST OF THEM WOULD BE ENGAGED IN VOCATIONAL TRAINING AT THE EARLY STAGE OF THE RELAXATION PROGRAMME.

"FOR ALL THE OTHER SKILLED OR UNSKILLED JOBS, AN ABILITY TO SPEAK CANTONESE AND THE POSSESSION OF TESTED SKILLS ARE NORMALLY REQUIRED BY EMPLOYERS," SHE SAID.

AS FOR CLERICAL AND RELATED POSTS SUCH AS CLERKS, STOREKEEPERS AND MESSENGERS, ALTHOUGH MOST OF THEM DID NOT REQUIRE ANY SPECIFIC COMMERCIAL SKILLS, A MINIMUM OF FORM 3 STANDARD WITH BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH WAS USUALLY NECESSARY.

"MOREOVER, MESSENGER POSTS WOULD REQUIRE A CERTAIN DEGREE OF FAMILIARITY WITH THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT OF HONG KONG. UNLESS THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES CAN PROVE THEIR ABILITIES EMPLOYERS WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO CONSIDER THEM FOR SUCH POSTS," SHE SAID.

MRS YAU POINTED OUT THAT IN LOOKING FOR SUITABLE JOBS FOR REFUGEES, THE AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR JOB PLACEMENT SERVICE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNHCR WOULD NOT CONFINE ITSELF JUST TO TUEN MUN BUT WOULD MAKE IT A TERRITORY-WIDE EXERCISE.

REGARDING MEMBERS' CONCERN OVER THE IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED CAMP ON TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT FACILITIES IN TUEN MUN, SHE SAID THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT CONSIDERED THAT THE AMOUNT OF EXTRA TRAFFIC GENERATED BY THE CAMP WOULD BE INSIGNIFICANT AND THEREFORE LUNG MUN ROAD COULD CATER ADEQUATELY FOR THE ADDITIONAL ROAD TRAFFIC DEMAND.

"NO ADDITIONAL PRIVATE CAR OWNERSHIP WILL BE GENERATED AND VEHICLES TRAVELLING TO THE CAMP OTHER THAN PUBLIC TRANSPORT VEHICLES WILL BE FEW.

"THE OPEN CAMP WILL CONTAIN A BUS TERMINUS WITH MAJOR FEEDER ROUTES TO THE TUEN MUN/YUEN LONG AREA AND THE IMPACT ON TRAFFIC AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT FACILITIES WILL NOT BE EXCESSIVE," SHE NOTED.

"THE KCRC HAS INDICATED THAT THE LRT HAS AMPLE CAPACITY TO MEET THE ADDITIONAL DEMAND AND THAT A FEEDER SERVICE TO THE NEAREST LRT STATION AT BUTTERFLY ESTATE CAN BE INTRODUCED," MRS YAU SAID.

"THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL MONITOR THE IMPACT ON EXTERNAL TRANSPORT SERVICES, SUCH AS KMB AND HYF SERVICES, AND THE PROVISION OF SUCH SERVICES WILL BE ADJUSTED TO SUIT DEMAND," SHE SAID.

MRS YAU ALSO PROVIDED DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WITH DETAILS OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE WORKING GROUPS TO MONITOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RELAXATION PROGRAMME.

THE SPECIFIC TERMS OF REFERENCE INCLUDE:

\* TO DEVISE A SUITABLE PROGRAMME FOR A SYSTEMATIC LIBERALISATION OF THE CLOSED CENTRE WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE SERVICES PROVIDED TO REFUGEES UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNHCR. THESE SERVICES INCLUDE:

/- SCHOOLING .....

- SCHOOLING
- RECREATION
- VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT
- MEDICAL SERVICES
- OTHER SERVICES

\* TO ASSESS THE NEED FOR MEASURES TO ALLEVIATE THE IMPACT ON LAW AND ORDER AND TRANSPORT WITHIN THE LOCAL DISTRICT.

\* TO RECOMMEND STANDARDS AND RULES TO BE APPLIED IN THE REFUGEE CENTRES AS LIBERALISATION PROGRESSES IN LINE WITH THE IMMIGRATION (VIETNAMESE REFUGEE CENTRES) (OPEN CENTRE) RULES.

\* TO ENSURE THE SMOOTH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LIBERALISATION PROGRAMME WITH A VIEW TO HANDING OVER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CLOSED CENTRE TO UNHCR OR ITS AGENT.

EARLIER IN THE DAY, TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WERE TAKEN ON A TOUR OF THE SAN YICK CLOSED CAMP TO ENABLE THEM TO TAKE A FIRST-HAND LOOK AT CONDITIONS THERE. THEY ALSO VISITED THE SITE AT AREA 46A WHICH IS NEAR THE CASTLE PEAK POWER STATION.

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#### JULY ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL FIGURES

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IN JULY 1988, THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND REPORTED BY THE 200 LARGEST FIRMS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR DECREASED BY 1 PER CENT AND 4 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH JUNE 1988 AND JULY 1987 RESPECTIVELY, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARING JULY 1988 WITH JUNE 1988, THE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY BUT DECREASED MODERATELY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE ORDERS POSITION IN THE WEARING APPAREL AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE.

COMPARED WITH JULY 1987, THE ORDERS POSITION IN JULY 1988 DROPPED IN ALL THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, PARTICULARLY IN THE TEXTILES, PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRIES.

THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IS MEASURED IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF MONTHS AND REFERS TO ORDERS OUTSTANDING AS AT THE END OF THE REFERENCE MONTH.

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ON EMPLOYMENT, THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED REPORTED THAT THE JULY 1988 LEVEL WAS 1 PER CENT ABOVE THAT IN JUNE 1988, BUT WAS LOWER BY 6 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH JULY 1987.

THE INCREASE OVER JUNE 1988 WAS MAINLY DUE TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF SUMMER WORKERS IN SOME OF THE INDUSTRIES SURVEYED.

COMPARED WITH JUNE 1988, EMPLOYMENT IN JULY 1988 INCREASED MODERATELY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY MAINLY DUE TO THE RECRUITMENT OF SUMMER WORKERS.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, EMPLOYMENT IN THE WEARING APPAREL, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES INCREASED SLIGHTLY.

COMPARING JULY 1988 WITH JULY 1987, EMPLOYMENT DECREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY AND MODERATELY IN THE WEARING APPAREL, TEXTILES AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES, BUT INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRY.

PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE MANUFACTURING FIRMS SURVEYED INCREASED, IN CURRENT PRICE TERMS, BY 2 PER CENT IN JULY 1988 OVER JUNE 1988, AND BY 17 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH JULY 1987.

COMPARED WITH JUNE 1988, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN JULY 1988 INCREASED MODERATELY IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY AND TO A LESSER EXTENT IN THE WEARING APPAREL AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES, BUT DECREASED MODERATELY IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY.

COMPARING JULY 1988 WITH JULY 1987, PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN MOST INDUSTRIES SURVEYED.

AMONG THE VARIOUS INDUSTRIES, THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY RECORDED THE SLOWEST INCREASE IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS.

IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, EMPLOYMENT IN JULY 1988 INCREASED SLIGHTLY OVER JUNE 1988 BUT REMAINED AT ABOUT THE SAME LEVEL AS IN JULY 1987.

ON THE OTHER HAND, PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED MODERATELY OVER JUNE 1988 AND SUBSTANTIALLY OVER JULY 1987.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT, FOR THIS SECTOR, THE EMPLOYMENT FIGURES COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

IN THE SERVICE SECTORS SURVEYED, THE OVERALL LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT IN JULY 1988 INCREASED WHEN COMPARED WITH BOTH JUNE 1988 AND JULY 1987.

PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN JULY 1988 INCREASED MODERATELY OVER JUNE 1988 DUE TO SALARY REVISIONS AND ISSUE OF BONUSES IN SOME HOTELS AND PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS WERE RECORDED WHEN COMPARED WITH JULY 1987, PARTICULARLY IN HOTELS.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS ARE SHOWN IN THE ATTACHED TABLES 1 TO 3.

THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND THE 50 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS, CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZES IN SEPTEMBER 1986.

AS THE SAMPLE WAS NOT DRAWN ON A RANDOM BASIS, THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT THE MAGNITUDES OF CHANGES INDICATED BY THE SURVEY RESULTS MIGHT NOT REFLECT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE.

NEVERTHELESS, THESE ARE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR JULY 1988 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, 19/F., WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT \$1.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT 5-8234820.

TABLE 1: ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	ORDERS-ON-HAND		
	AS AT THE END OF JULY 1988 (MONTHS)	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH JUN. 88 (%)	JUL. 87 (%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	4.30	-1	-4
WEARING APPAREL	4.72	*	-6
TEXTILES	2.36	+2	-17
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	3.00	-5	-10
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4.45	-3	-1
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5.05	*	-1
OTHERS	4.17	*	-3

\* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

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TABLE 2: EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY/SERVICES	PERSONS ENGAGED AT THE END OF JULY 1988	
	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
	JUN. 88	JUL. 87
	(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	+1	-6
FOOD AND DRINKS	*	+3
WEARING APPAREL	+1	-8
TEXTILES	*	-4
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	+6	-22
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	+2	*
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	+1	-5
OTHERS	+2	-1
<sup>#</sup> CONSTRUCTION	+1	*
SERVICES	+1	+3
BANKS	+2	+4
HOTELS	+1	*
PUBLIC UTILITIES	*	-1
OTHERS	+1	+12

\* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

# PERSONS ENGAGED COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

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TABLE 3: PER CAPITA EARNINGS

INDUSTRY/SERVICES	PER CAPITA EARNINGS		
	AVERAGE AS IN JULY 1988	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
	(HK\$)	JUN. 88 (%)	JUL. 87 (%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	4,241	+2	+17
FOOD AND DRINKS	4,995	*	+10
WEARING APPAREL	3,622	+3	+11
TEXTILES	4,183	-6	+8
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	3,627	*	+18
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4,211	+3	+19
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	4,184	+7	+24
OTHERS	5,402	-1	+13
CONSTRUCTION	6,134	+4	+17
SERVICES	7,495	+7	+15
BANKS	6,925	-4	+18
HOTELS	5,512	+12	+39
PUBLIC UTILITIES	7,663	+15	+12
OTHERS	8,371	+6	+15

\* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

NOTES TO TABLES 1-3: UNLIKE "ORDERS-ON-HAND" AND "PER CAPITA EARNINGS", WHICH ARE AVERAGE FIGURES AMONGST THE FIRMS SURVEYED, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE FIRMS SURVEYED IS NOT MEANINGFUL INFORMATION ON ITS OWN (BECAUSE THIS IS A PANEL SURVEY) AND IS THEREFORE NOT SHOWN.

DTC REGISTRATION REVOKED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF HOARESTOTT FINANCE LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED TODAY (FRIDAY) UNDER SECTION 31(1)(D)(I) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE ON THE GROUND THAT THE COMPANY IS NOT A FIT AND PROPER BODY TO REMAIN REGISTERED.

PLANS FOR LAND SALES ANNOUNCED

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THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO OFFER A FURTHER 30 SITES, ABOUT 19 HECTARES, IN THE URBAN AREA AND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION AND TENDER DURING THE SECOND HALF OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31 NEXT YEAR.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED BY ACTING PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT OF THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, MR C.M. MO, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (FRIDAY).

TOGETHER WITH THE SITES OFFERED IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS, A TOTAL OF 48 SITES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE WHOLE YEAR, AMOUNTING TO ABOUT 24 HECTARES EXCLUDING CONTAINER TERMINAL NO. 7.

IN THE COMING SIX MONTHS, 16 SITES WOULD BE OFFERED BY AUCTION, FIVE BY CASH TENDER AND NINE BY LETTER A/B TENDER, MR MO SAID.

"A 7,100-SQUARE-METRE COMMERCIAL SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF HARBOUR ROAD AND FLEMING ROAD ON THE WAN CHAI RECLAMATION WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE THE MOST VALUABLE LOT AND KEEN BIDDING IS EXPECTED WHEN THE SITE IS AUCTIONED IN JANUARY," HE SAID.

"TWO OTHER COMMERCIAL SITES WILL REQUIRE THE PURCHASER TO PROVIDE PUBLIC CAR PARKING IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND WILL BE SOLD BY AUCTION IN NOVEMBER AND FEBRUARY RESPECTIVELY."

SALES OF RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT INCLUDE MEDIUM DENSITY SITES AT TUEN MUN, ARGYLE STREET AND TAT CHEE AVENUE IN KOWLOON, AND TAI WO TSUEN IN KWAI CHUNG. TWO OF THESE SITES ARE IN EXCESS OF ONE HECTARE IN AREA.

THREE LOTS WILL BE SOLD BY AUCTION FOR INDUSTRIAL USE AND ONE FOR DEVELOPMENT AS A DANGEROUS GOODS GODOWN.

TURNING TO THE CASH TENDER SALES, MR MO SAID THAT THREE SITES WOULD BE OFFERED UNDER THE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME (PSPS) AT LOCATIONS IN JUNK BAY, TAI PO AND FANLING.

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THESE SITES WOULD BE DEVELOPED TO PROVIDE ABOUT 4,200 PSPS FLATS.

"A SITE AT GARDEN ROAD IN CENTRAL FOR A SUPERMARKET WILL BE SOLD BY TENDER AND KEEN INTEREST FROM LOCAL RETAIL GROUPS IS ANTICIPATED," MR MO SAID.

NINE SITES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE DISPOSED OF BY LETTER A/B TENDER.

THESE INCLUDE THREE COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL SITES IN CENTRAL LOCATIONS IN FANLING WITH AREAS OF 1.1 HECTARES, 1.3 HECTARES AND 0.8 HECTARE, AND THE FIRST COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL SITE WITH AN AREA OF 2.7 HECTARES TO BE OFFERED IN THE MA ON SHAN NEW TOWN EXPANSION AREA.

A HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL SITE IN MA ON SHAN WILL ALSO BE OFFERED BY LETTER A/B TENDER.

"THE SECOND HALF YEAR'S SALES PROGRAMME INCLUDES TWO SITES FROM THE 'SUPPLEMENTARY' LIST COMPRISING 0.75 HECTARE OF THE FIVE HECTARES OF LAND WHICH THE LAND COMMISSION HAD AGREED TO MAKE AVAILABLE SUBJECT TO A SUSTAINED DEMAND FOR COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SITES.

"FURTHER SITES FROM THIS LIST MIGHT BE RELEASED SUBJECT TO A REVIEW LATER IN THE YEAR," MR MO SAID.

HE STRESSED THAT THE SALES PROGRAMME WAS PROVISIONAL AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE. FURTHER DETAILS AND DATES WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE AND ADVERTISED IN MAJOR NEWSPAPERS.

COPIES OF THE TENTATIVE LAND SALES PROGRAMME FOR THE OCTOBER-MARCH PERIOD ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, THIRD FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, OR FROM ANY OF THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES.

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#### HIRAM'S HIGHWAY TO BE WIDENED

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IS PROPOSING TO CARRY OUT ROAD IMPROVEMENT TO THE SECTIONS OF HIRAM'S HIGHWAY BETWEEN NAM WAI AND THE CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD JUNCTION.

AT PRESENT, THE SUBSTANDARD ROAD ALIGNMENT, STEEP GRADIENT AND THE ABSENCE OF A CLIMBING LANE ON THOSE SECTIONS OFTEN CAUSE LONG DELAY TO TRAFFIC DUE TO SLOW MOVING HEAVY VEHICLES.

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THE PROJECT CONSISTS OF THE REALIGNMENT AND WIDENING OF A SECTION OF HIRAM'S HIGHWAY FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD TO ABOUT 350 METRES SOUTH OF NAM WAI BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 850-METRE-LONG THREE-LANE CARRIAGEWAY AND ASSOCIATED FOOTPATHS.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT IS WIDENING OF THE SECTION OF HIRAM'S HIGHWAY AT NAM WAI BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN EXTRA SHORT RIGHT-TURN LANE AND A 150-METRE-LONG EXTRA CLIMBING LANE.

A BRIDGE OF 45 METRES IN LENGTH WILL BE BUILT ACROSS THE VALLEY AT ABOUT 450 METRES SOUTH OF NAM WAI.

THE WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT WILL FORM THE FIRST PHASE OF A PROJECT WHICH WILL EVENTUALLY PROVIDE FOR A DUAL CARRIAGEWAY ROAD FROM CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD TO HO CHUNG.

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

THE PLAN AND SCHEME OF THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:-

- \* THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;
- \* THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SAI KUNG;
- \* THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SAI KUNG.

ANY PERSON WHO OBJECTS TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 15, 1988.

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KWAI CHUNG ROAD TO BE WIDENED

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO UNDERTAKE MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS TO KWAI CHUNG ROAD BETWEEN LAI CHI KOK BRIDGE AND TSUEN WAN ROAD.

THE PROJECT IS AIMED AT PROVIDING IMPROVED ACCESS AND ADDITIONAL CAPACITY FOR TRAFFIC HEADING TO THE CONTAINER POST AND FOR TRAFFIC TRAVELLING TO AND FROM THE NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES.

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A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY). A NOTICE IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE CAN ALSO BE SEEN ON THE NOTICE BOARDS POSTED AT THE SITE.

THE IMPROVEMENTS WILL INCLUDE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF KWAI CHUNG ROAD BETWEEN TSUEN WAN ROAD AND LAI CHI KOK BRIDGE AND THE WIDENING OF KWAI CHUNG ROAD FROM DUAL-FOUR LANES TO DUAL-FIVE LANES.

ALSO INCLUDED WILL BE NEW ROAD CONNECTIONS TO THE CONTAINER PORT FROM LAI CHI KOK BRIDGE AND CHING CHEUNG ROAD.

A NEW ACCESS TO THE PORT WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED AT THE PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL INTERCHANGE FOR SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON KWAI CHUNG ROAD.

THE WORKS ARE SCHEDULED TO START EARLY NEXT YEAR AND WILL TAKE ABOUT THREE YEARS TO COMPLETE.

THE PLANS AND SCHEME MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

- \* CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;
- \* KWAI TSING DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, 10TH-11TH, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES;
- \* KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG, NEW TERRITORIES;
- \* SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND, 1ST AND 2ND FLOORS, 37-39 TONKIN STREET, KOWLOON; AND
- \* DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON WEST, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE WORKS MUST WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, NOT LATER THAN NOVEMBER 15 THIS YEAR.

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AMENDMENTS TO DRAFT WAN CHAI OZP

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT WAN CHAI OUTLINE ZONING PLAN.

THE BOUNDARY OF THE PLAN TO THE NORTH OF THE EXHIBITION CENTRE IS EXTENDED BEYOND THE SEAWALL.

THE EXTENSION AREA IS ZONED, AND THE EASTERN PART OF THE ADJOINING "OPEN SPACE" SITE IS RE-ZONED, TO "OTHER SPECIFIED USES" ANNOTATED "PROMENADE, WITH PIER LANDING AREA AND UNDERGROUND PUMPHOUSE AND ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES".

THE EASTERN PART OF THE "GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY" SITE BOUNDED BY GLOUCESTER ROAD, FENWICK STREET AND HARBOUR ROAD IS RE-ZONED TO "COMMERCIAL".

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD EXPLAINED THAT THE AMENDMENTS WERE NECESSARY TO REFLECT THE INTENDED USES OF THESE TWO SITES RECENTLY AGREED IN PRINCIPLE BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD.

THE AMENDED PLAN CAN BE SEEN AT THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE, 201 HENNESSY ROAD, GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG; THE TOWN PLANNING OFFICE, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENTS MAY SUBMIT HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 7 THIS YEAR.

COPIES OF THE AMENDMENT PLAN ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, AND THE KOWLOON MAP SALES SECTION, 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON, AT \$10 EACH UNCOLOURED AND \$60 EACH COLOURED.

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WYNDHAM STREET AMENDMENT WORKS

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO AMEND THE WORKS WHICH INVOLVE THE WIDENING OF WYNDHAM STREET ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

THE NOTICE ON THE ORIGINALLY PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE IN MARCH LAST YEAR.

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THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT INVOLVES ADDITIONAL WIDENING TO THE CARRIAGEWAY OF THE SECTION OF WYNDHAM STREET NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH LOWER ALBERT ROAD AND GLENEALY TO MEET LONG-TERM TRAFFIC DEMANDS. ASSOCIATED FOOTPATHS OR ISLANDS WILL ALSO BE BUILT.

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

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT CAN BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

- \* CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;
- \* HONG KONG WEST DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, 12TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG; AND
- \* CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON WHO OBJECTS TO THE PROPOSAL MUST WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, NOT LATER THAN NOVEMBER 15.

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MORE EXCLUSIVE PARKING SPACES FOR DISABLED

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS AGAIN DESIGNATED A NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR FOR EXCLUSIVE USE BY DISABLED DRIVERS WHO ARE ISSUED PRIVILEGED PARKING LABELS BY THE DEPARTMENT.

THE PARKING SPACES ARE LOCATED AT HING FAT STREET AND OI KWAN ROAD (NEAR MORRISON HILL SWIMMING POOL) ON THE HONG KONG ISLAND, AND AT SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET (NEAR JUNCTION WITH DUNDAS STREET) AND KING FUK STREET IN KOWLOON.

TWO PARKING SPACES AT PARKES STREET NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH AUSTIN ROAD HAVE BEEN RESERVED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE DISABLED MOTORISTS SINCE EARLY AUGUST. MORE PARKING SPACES ON LOCKHART ROAD, MARBLE ROAD AND HOLY CROSS PATH WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

THESE PARKING SPACES ARE DESIGNATED UNDER A PILOT SCHEME AIMED AT PROVIDING BETTER PARKING FACILITIES FOR DISABLED MOTORISTS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID.

"TRAFFIC SIGNS HAVE BEEN ERECTED TO INDICATE THESE PARKING SPACES AND TO GUIDE MOTORISTS. DISABLED DRIVERS SHOULD TRY TO MAKE FULL USE OF SUCH PARKING SPACES," HE ADDED.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES IN SHA TIN, TUEN MUN  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TO FACILITATE THE EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT OF A RUSTY STREET LIGHT POLE ON LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD, A 200-METRE SECTION OF THE SOUTHBOUND FAST LANE OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD NEAR SUN TIN WAI ESTATE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 PM ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 19) TO 5 AM ON TUESDAY.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO WATCH OUT FOR TEMPORARY TRAFFIC SIGNS AND DRIVE WITH EXTRA CARE AND PATIENCE.

IN TUEN MUN, TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE AT STREET B IN TUEN MUN TOWN CENTRE, THE STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5.30 AM DAILY FROM SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 18) TO TUESDAY.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO DRIVE VIA STREETS C AND D AND TUEN LUNG STREET FOR JOURNEYS BETWEEN TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD AND TUEN HI ROAD.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN WANG TAU HOM  
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IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WESTERN ACCESS ROAD LINKING MA CHAI HANG AND JUNCTION ROAD, SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN WANG TAU HOM FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 19), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

THE SECTION OF FU MEI STREET BETWEEN JUNCTION ROAD AND KIT SAM MIDDLE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME A NEW ROAD LINKING FU MEI STREET AND JUNCTION ROAD WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC.

IN ADDITION, LEFT-TURNING MOVEMENTS FROM FU MEI STREET ONTO JUNCTION ROAD SOUTHBOUND WILL BE BANNED PERMANENTLY.

AFFECTED MOTORISTS WILL BE DIVERTED VIA FU MEI STREET, FU YUE STREET, WANG TAU HOM NORTH ROAD, WANG TAU HOM EAST ROAD AND JUNCTION ROAD.

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FRONTIER CURFEW TO BE TEMPORARILY LIFTED  
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AN ORDER WAS PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY) IN THE GAZETTE WHICH TEMPORARILY LIFTS THE CURFEW IN THE FRONTIER CLOSED AREA FOR THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL.

UNDER THE PUBLIC ORDER CURFEW (VARIATION)(NO.2) ORDER 1988, THE CURFEW ORDER SHALL NOT APPLY ON SEPTEMBER 25 AND 26 THIS YEAR.

THERE IS A PERMANENT CURFEW IN THE FRONTIER CLOSED AREA BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 4 AM TO AID ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT OPERATIONS.

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NEW DISTRICT OFFICER FOR MONG KOK  
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MRS LORNA MA WILL TAKE UP HER APPOINTMENT AS DISTRICT OFFICER OF MONG KOK ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 19), A CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

MRS MA WAS ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OF KOWLOON CITY.

SHE JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN AUGUST, 1981, AND HAD BEEN POSTED TO THE FORMER INFORMATION BRANCH AND HOME AFFAIRS BRANCH, AS WELL AS OMELCO.

SHE WAS POSTED TO KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AS ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER IN AUGUST, 1987, AND WAS PROMOTED SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN APRIL, 1988.

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FORUM FOR LEGCO ELECTIONS CANDIDATES  
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A FORUM TO INTRODUCE CANDIDATES FOR THE KWUN TONG ELECTORAL COLLEGE CONSTITUENCY OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 18) EVENING.

THE FORUM HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE TO ENABLE THE TWO CANDIDATES, MR POON CHI-FAI AND MR LI WAH-MING, TO MEET MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD, AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL-AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS' CORPORATIONS.

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THE FORUM WILL BE CHAIRED BY KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHRIS WAN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FORUM TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 18) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, TUNG YAN STREET. THE FORUM WILL START AT 8 PM.

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FORUM FOR NT (WEST) CANDIDATES IN ELECTIONS

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THE TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICES WILL JOINTLY ORGANISE A LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTION FORUM ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 18) TO INTRODUCE TWO CANDIDATES CONTESTING THE NEW TERRITORIES (WEST) ELECTORAL COLLEGE SEAT.

THE FORUM IS SCHEDULED FOR 10 AM IN THE TUEN MUN TOWN HALL CULTURAL ACTIVITIES HALL, AND IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

THE CANDIDATES ARE MR MAN FOR-TAI AND MR TAI CHIN-WAH, WHO ARE BOTH MEMBERS OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD.

CHAIRED BY MR ERIC CHOI OF COMMERCIAL RADIO, THE FORUM WILL START WITH A BRIEF INTRODUCTION OF THE CANDIDATES AND THEIR PLATFORMS.

THE CANDIDATES WILL ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND FROM THE FLOOR AND WILL ALSO PUT QUESTIONS TO EACH OTHER.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE LEGCO ELECTIONS FORUM (NT WEST) WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 18) IN THE TUEN MUN TOWN HALL CULTURAL ACTIVITIES HALL.

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EXHIBITION ON LEGCO IN MONG KOK

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AN EXHIBITION ON THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WAS PUT UP OUTSIDE THE SAI YEE STREET EXIT OF KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY IN MONG KOK TODAY (FRIDAY) AND WILL BE ON DISPLAY FOR ONE WEEK.

THE EXHIBITION, SET UP BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, AIMS AT EDUCATING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE DUTIES, STRUCTURE AND COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL IN CONNECTION WITH THE LEGCO ELECTIONS ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 22).

IT WILL BE ON DISPLAY BETWEEN 12 NOON AND 8 PM DAILY UNTIL AFTER THE ELECTIONS.

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CIVIC EDUCATION SEMINAR FOR WONG TAI SIN RESIDENTS

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THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD A CIVIC EDUCATION SEMINAR FOR RESIDENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE AREA COMMITTEES AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN THE DISTRICT THIS SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 18).

THE SEMINAR WILL FOCUS ON THIS YEAR'S CIVIC EDUCATION THEME OF PROMOTING MUTUAL HELP AND RESPECT AND ENCOURAGING PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF HONG KONG ON DIFFERENT LEVELS.

IT WILL BE HELD IN FUNG MING HALL OF THE WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE AT 2.30 PM ON SUNDAY.

THREE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, MR CHENG KAI-NAM, MRS PAULINE NG AND MR CHAN CHUN-FAT, WILL ATTEND THE SEMINAR AS PANELISTS. MR CHENG WILL ALSO SPEAK ON CIVIC EDUCATION IN HONG KONG.

THE SEMINAR WILL BE PRECEDED BY AN INAUGURATION CEREMONY FOR THE DISTRICT'S 14 CIVIC EDUCATION TEAMS, WHICH HAVE BEEN FORMED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE AREA COMMITTEES IN THE DISTRICT TO ORGANISE AND CARRY OUT CIVIC EDUCATION PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES.

CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MR DANIEL TSE; WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR MICHAEL LEE; AND WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NG HON-WAH, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

THE CIVIC EDUCATION SEMINAR IS ONE OF A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE WORKING GROUP ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION IN WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT SET UP UNDER THE DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE.

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OTHER ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR THE YEAR INCLUDE THE PUBLICATION OF A PAMPHLET ON THE ELECTION SYSTEM OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE DISTRICT BOARD; A GOOD CITIZEN AWARD CAMPAIGN; A SLOGAN COMPETITION; A POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION; A PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION; A VARIETY SHOW; PUBLICATION OF A NEWSPAPER SUPPLEMENT; AND THE MOUNTING UP OF PUBLICITY PENNANTS ON LAMP POSTS IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT'S CIVIC EDUCATION SEMINAR TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 18) IN THE FUNG MING HALL OF THE WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE.

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BASIC LAW SEMINAR IN SHA TIN TOMORROW

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A SEMINAR TO DISCUSS THE DRAFT BASIC LAW WILL BE HELD AT THE LEK YUEN ESTATE COMMUNITY HALL IN SHA TIN TOMORROW (SATURDAY), BEGINNING AT 2 PM.

THE FUNCTION IS ORGANISED BY THE BASIC LAW WORKING COMMITTEE OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD.

SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE MR TANG SHU-HUNG, MS EMILY LAU, MR ANDREW WONG AND DR JOHN YOUNG.

ADMISSION IS FREE.

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SEMINAR ON INTERACTION WITH DB MEMBERS

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MEMBERS OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (DMC) THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING ATTENDED AN EXPERIENCE-SHARING SEMINAR IN THE FAIRVIEW PARK COUNTRY CLUB WITH THE AIM OF FURTHER FOSTERING THEIR CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE SEMINAR WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE CIVIL SERVICE TRAINING CENTRE (CSTC) AS PART OF GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAMME TO IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME.

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IT PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WHO ATTEND MEETINGS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD TO DISCUSS AND ENHANCE APPRECIATION OF THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SCHEME.

THE PROGRAMME OF THE SEMINAR INCLUDED CASE STUDIES, GENERAL DISCUSSION AND TWO TALKS BY THE CSTC OFFICIALS, RESPECTIVELY ON "CONCEPTS ON PERSUASIVE PRESENTATION" AND "YUEN LONG DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND ITS WORK ENVIRONMENT".

THE TALKS GAVE A VALUABLE ANALYSIS ON THE YUEN LONG DB MEMBERSHIP, THEIR KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE AND EXPECTATIONS OF THE DMC MEMBERS.

IT ALSO DEFINED SOME OF THE CONSTRAINTS DMC MEMBERS ARE FACING FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF WORKLOAD, NATURE OF SERVICES PROVIDED AND LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION.

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#### ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN IN KWUN TONG

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A SIX-WEEK CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY AWARENESS WILL BEGIN IN KWUN TONG TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE CAMPAIGN, ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE AND INVOLVING ASSISTANCE FROM THE POLICE, IS TARGETTED AT PEDESTRIANS, PARTICULARLY CHILDREN AND SENIOR RESIDENTS WHO ARE MOST VULNERABLE TO ACCIDENTS, AND YOUNG AND INEXPERIENCED MOTORISTS AS WELL AS CYCLISTS.

TO DRIVE HOME THE ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE, A SERIES OF EDUCATIONAL AND PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD.

THEY INCLUDE A MOBILE EXHIBITION, DISPLAY OF PUBLICITY SIGNBOARDS AND POSTERS, A ROAD SAFETY QUIZ FOR THE ELDERLY, AND A COLOURING AND CALLIGRAPHY COMPETITION FOR STUDENTS.

A CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 30 TO WIND UP THE CAMPAIGN.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE LOK WAH ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE AN EXHIBITION ON ROAD TRAFFIC RULES AND ROAD SAFETY MEASURES, A LION DANCE AND A QUIZ.

/OFFICIATING WILL .....

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OFFICIATING WILL BE THE KWUN TONG ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VINCENT LIU; STAFF OFFICER (TRAFFIC KOWLOON), MR T.P. JOHN; POLICE ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMANDER, KWUN TONG, MR KONG CHEUK-FAI; POLICE DIVISIONAL COMMANDER, SAU MAU PING, MR S.G. CHANDLER, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE KWUN TONG ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, MR SZETO CHAK.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN-OPENING CEREMONY AND EXHIBITION TO BEGIN AT 2 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE LOK WAH ESTATE COMMERCIAL CENTRE, NGAU TAU KOK.

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HK FILM FESTIVAL LAUNCHED IN NEW YORK

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THE FIRST-EVER HONG KONG FILM FESTIVAL IN THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN LAUNCHED BY SENIOR MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, MISS LYDIA DUNN AT A GALA CEREMONY HELD AT THE PARK AVENUE HEADQUARTERS OF THE ASIA SOCIETY.

ADDRESSING A LARGE GATHERING OF NEW YORK PERSONALITIES, MISS DUNN PAID TRIBUTE TO HONG KONG'S "DYNAMIC AND PROLIFIC FILM INDUSTRY" WHICH SHE NOTED HAD "MATURED INTO A MAJOR PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION CENTRE OF INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE - WINNING CRITICAL ACCLAIM WORLDWIDE.

"CHINESE, WESTERN, TRADITIONAL AND MODERN INFLUENCES HAVE BEEN BLENDED IN THE 'NEW WAVE' HONG KONG CINEMA OF THE 80'S, WHICH HAS PRODUCED FILMS OF HIGH COMMERCIAL AND ARTISTIC MERIT," SHE SAID.

WITH MISS DUNN AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WERE THE MAYOR OF NEW YORK CITY, MR EDWARD KOCH, THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE AFFAIRS MINISTER, MR PETER LO, AND ASIA SOCIETY TRUSTEE, MR JEROME COHEN.

AMONG THE CELEBRITY GUESTS FROM HONG KONG WERE TWO FILM STARS SELECTED FOR THE FESTIVAL, MISS DO DO CHENG (WONDER WOMEN), AND LIN CHING HSIA (PEKING OPERA BLUES), TWO DIRECTORS KAM KWOK LEUNG AND LAWRENCE AH MON, AND WILLIE CHAN, AGENT FOR DO DO CHENG AND JACKIE CHAN.

MAYOR KOCH SAID HE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO TAKING A CLOSER LOOK AT HONG KONG WHEN HE HEADS A "NEW YORK WEEK IN HONG KONG" DELEGATION TO THE TERRITORY IN MID-NOVEMBER.

THE MAYOR SAID NEW YORK AND HONG KONG HAD MUCH IN COMMON "LIKE YOU, WE ARE AN INTERNATIONAL CITY, KEY TRADING POSTS IN THE GLOBAL VILLAGE. LIKE YOU, WE ASTONISH OUR NEIGHBOURS AT THE VITALITY AND THE ENERGY THAT SURGE THROUGH OUR STREETS".

/MR LO, .....

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MR LO, HONG KONG'S SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE IN NORTH AMERICA, WELCOMED THE JOINT SPONSORSHIP OF THE FESTIVAL BY THE ASIA SOCIETY AND THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICES AND THE GROWING LINKS BETWEEN THE TWO BODIES.

HE NOTED TWO FUTURE ASIA SOCIETY EVENTS IN NEW YORK: ONE FOR SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS DAVID NENDICK ON NOVEMBER 10. THE OTHER FOR THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD ON DECEMBER 8.

MR COHEN WHO SPENDS ALMOST HALF HIS TIME IN HONG KONG, ANNOUNCED THAT THE ASIA SOCIETY PLANNED A MAJOR REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN HONG KONG IN 1990.

MAYOR KOCH PRESENTED MISS DUNN WITH A CRYSTAL PAPERWEIGHT ENCLOSING THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, WHILE MISS DUNN PRESENTED MR KOCH WITH HIS OWN PERSONAL CHINESE CHARACTER SEAL CHOP.

THE HONG KONG FILM FESTIVAL IN NEW YORK, WILL RUN FROM SEPTEMBER 16 TO OCTOBER 8.

THE EIGHT FILMS FEATURED ARE: PROJECT A PART-2; WONDER WOMEN; A CHINESE GHOST STORY; JUST LIKE WEATHER; GANGS; MR VAMPIRE; A BETTER TOMORROW AND PEKING OPERA BLUES.

IN NOVEMBER, THE FESTIVAL WILL MOVE TO MIAMI, FLORIDA, WHERE THE FILMS WILL BE SCREENED AS PART OF THE ARTS EXTRAVAGANZA "ASIAFEST".

OTHER SUPPORTERS OF THE FESTIVAL ARE THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS, THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION AND THE NEW YORK COUNCIL ON THE ARTS.

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SPEEDPOST TO BANGLADESH RESUMES

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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED THAT THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE FROM HONG KONG TO BANGLADESH WHICH WAS SUSPENDED ON SEPTEMBER 5 WAS NOW BACK TO NORMAL.

THIS FOLLOWS THE ADVICE FROM THE BANGLADESH POSTAL ADMINISTRATION THAT THE FLOOD SITUATION IN BANGLADESH WAS IMPROVING.

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