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NO NEW CASES OF CHOLERA REPORTED
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NO NEW CASES OF CHOLERA WERE REPORTED BY LATE THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE NUMBER OF CONFIRMED CASES IN THE PRESENT OUTBREAK REMAINS AT 20, AND ALL PATIENTS ARE IN A SATISFACTORY CONDITION, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAID.

+THE SITUATION SEEMS TO BE IMPROVING,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THERE WAS A FURTHER DECLINE IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING THE EIGHT INOCULATION CENTRES. UP TO 4 PM, 6 616 PEOPLE HAD BEEN INOCULATED, COMPARED WITH 11 493 ON THURSDAY.

THE FOLLOWING IS A BREAKDOWN OF THE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE INOCULATED TODAY (WITH YESTERDAY'S FIGURES IN BRACKETS):

SAI YING PUN JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC	411	(661)
SHAU KEI WAN JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC	520	(950)
KWUN TONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE	2 100	(3 950)
YAU MA TEI JOCKEY CLUB POLYCLINIC	915	(1 600)
LADY TRENCH POLYCLINIC, TSUEN WAN	1 100	(1 800)
YUEN LONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE	700	(1 200)
SHEK WU HUI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC	360	(623)
TAI PO JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC	510	(709)
PORT HEALTH OFFICES	1 261	(1 699)

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> FULL-SCALE ACTION AGAINST ILLEGAL COOKED FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS
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THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS CARPET-SEARCHING EVERY PART OF KWUN TONG AND TSZ WAN SHAN TO CRACK DOWN ON ILLEGAL COOKED FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS AND IS ALSO STEPPING UP CHECKS ON LICENSED FOOD PREMISES IN THE URBAN AREA, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES (ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION), MR TOMMY CHOY, SAID TODAY.

+THE DEPARTMENT IS MAKING AN ALL-OUT EFFORT TO FIND OUT ANY POSSIBLE FOOD SOURCE OF THE CURRENT CHOLERA OUTBREAK,+ HE SAID AFTER INSPECTING AN USD OPERATION AGAINST ILLEGAL COOKED-FOOD HAWKING IN KWUN TONG.

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+BESIDES RAIDING ILLEGAL COOKED FOOD HAWKERS AND CLEARING UP ILLEGAL FOOD PREPARATION STRUCTURES, HEALTH INSPECTORS OF THE DEPARTMENT ALSO HAVE INSPECTED ABOUT 700 LICENSED FOOD PREMISES DAILY DURING THE WEEK.

+WE ARE ALSO MAKING THOROUGH INVESTIGATIONS INTO FOOD SOURCES AFTER INQUIRING ABOUT THE DAILY EATING HABITS OF CHOLERA VICTIMS AND DISINFECTING THEIR RESIDENCES.+

EARLIER, 50 MEMBERS OF THE USD'S GENERAL DUTIES TEAMS CRACKED DOWN ON MORE THAN 10 ILLEGAL COOKED FOOD STALLS ON THE PAVEMENT AT 389-449, KWUN TONG ROAD.

AS A RESULT OF THE OPERATION, THREE LORRY-LOADS OF HAWKER PARAPHERNALIA WERE SEIZED AND ALL ILLEGAL STRUCTURES WERE TORN DOWN.

+WE HAVE ALSO SENT SIX FOOD SAMPLES, THREE ENVIRONMENTAL SWAPS AND FIVE RECTAL SWAPS OF THE COOKED FOOD STALL OPERATORS TO THE PATHOLOGICAL INSTITUTE FOR ANALYSIS,+ SAID THE CHIEF HEALTH INSPECTOR OF KWUN TONG, MR LAW SHEK-KAI.

IN ADDITION, CLEANSING STAFF TODAY CLEANED UP A PRIVATE SIDE LANE IN HOW MING STREET WHERE MORE THAN 20 ILLEGAL COOKED FOOD STALLS WERE REMOVED BY THE USD YESTERDAY. ANTI-PEST MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN LATER TO IMPROVE THE HYGIENE STANDARD THERE.

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GENERAL DUTIES TEAMS MAKE 48 ARRESTS

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A TOTAL OF 48 ILLEGAL COOKED FOOD AND DRINKS HAWKERS WERE ARRESTED BY MEMBERS OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S GENERAL DUTIES TEAMS DURING TODAY'S CONTINUED CRACKDOWN ON FOOD-FOR-MAN TRADERS.

THEY WERE ALL CHARGED WITH CAUSING OBSTRUCTION AND ILLEGAL HAWKING.

A BREAKDOWN OF THE ARRESTS IN THE 11 URBAN DISTRICTS IS AS FOLLOWS:

EASTERN	7
WAN CHAI	3
CENTRAL	2
WESTERN	2
SOUTHERN	5
YAU MA TEI	1
SHAM SHUI PO	2
WONG TAI SIN	4
KWUN TONG	1
KOWLOON CITY	1
MONG KOK	20

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NEW MEASURES FOR CONTROLLING ANIMAL WASTES
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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED A PACKAGE OF NEW MEASURES WHICH HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL FOR THE CONTROL OF POLLUTION CAUSED BY ANIMAL WASTES.

THE PACKAGE, COSTING \$490 MILLION OVER 10 YEARS, HAS BEEN FORMULATED FOLLOWING EXTENSIVE CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT IN THE EARLIER PART OF THIS YEAR.

DURING THE FOUR MONTHS ENDING APRIL 30, 1986, A TOTAL OF 54 ORGANISATIONS, INCLUDING THE 19 DISTRICT BOARDS, THE URBAN COUNCIL, REGIONAL COUNCIL, HEUNG YEE KUK AND ASSOCIATIONS OF LIVESTOCK FARMERS AND RELATED TRADES WERE ASKED TO COMMENT ON A CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT WHICH THE GOVERNMENT PUBLISHED IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR. THIS SET OUT A PROPOSED PACKAGE OF MEASURES INVOLVING A BAN ON LIVESTOCK KEEPING IN THE MAIN BUILT-UP AREA AND CONTROLS ELSEWHERE.

THE ASSOCIATIONS OF FARMERS AND RELATED TRADES AND THE HEUNG YEE KUK REACTED STRONGLY AGAINST THE PROPOSALS; THE URBAN DISTRICT BOARDS IN GENERAL SUPPORTED THE PROPOSAL TO BAN LIVESTOCK KEEPING IN URBAN AREAS AND URGED THE GOVERNMENT TO PAY COMPENSATION IN SUCH CASES AND TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE FOR COMPLIANCE IN CONTROLLED AREAS.

THE URBAN COUNCIL SUPPORTED THE PROPOSAL FOR A BAN IN THE URBAN AREA.

MOST OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT BOARDS AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL GENERALLY ACKNOWLEDGED THE NEED TO TAKE ACTION BUT RECOMMENDED SYMPATHETIC TREATMENT FOR SMALL FARMERS IN PARTICULAR, WITH PROVISION BOTH FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR COMPLIANCE AND COMPENSATION FOR THOSE WHO MAY BE DRIVEN OUT OF BUSINESS THROUGH INABILITY TO COMPLY. OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSALS WAS MORE STRONGLY VOICED IN THE NORTH, YUEN LONG, TUEN MUN AND ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARDS.

A 10-YEAR PROGRAMME IS PLANNED, INCLUDING ONE YEAR FOR UNDERTAKING A SURVEY, RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING OF STAFF AND PROVIDING ADVANCE NOTICE FOR AFFECTED FARMERS.

IN OUTLINE, THE PHASING AND SCOPE OF THE MEASURES FOLLOWED THOSE DESCRIBED IN THE CONSULTATIVE PAPER:

- (A) PHASE 1 (YEAR 2 TO YEAR 4): LIVESTOCK KEEPING WOULD BE BANNED ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND IN KOWLOON, NEW KOWLOON, SHA TIN, TAI PO, FANLING, SHEUNG SHUI, TSUEN WAN AND TUEN MUN NEW TOWNS. IN ADDITION, THE STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF ANIMAL WASTE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS WOULD BE CLOSELY CONTROLLED:

/(I) TOLO

(I) TOLO HARBOUR AND TOLO CHANNEL WATER CATCHMENT
(OUTSIDE THE TWO NEW TOWNS)

(II) RIVER INDUS AND UPPER SHENZHEN CATCHMENT

(III) TSUEN WAN HINTERLAND AND TAI LAM CHUNG CATCHMENT

(IV) TUEN MUN HINTERLAND

(B) PHASE II (YEAR 5 TO YEAR 7): LIVESTOCK KEEPING WOULD BE BANNED IN YUEN LONG NEW TOWN AND PART OF TUEN MUN - YUEN LONG CORRIDOR. IN ADDITION, THE STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF ANIMAL WASTE IN THE YUEN LONG HINTERLAND, TIN SHUI WAI AND KAM TIN WOULD BE CLOSELY CONTROLLED.

(C) PHASE III (YEAR 8 TO YEAR 10): THE STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF ANIMAL WASTE IN THE REMAINING AREAS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES WOULD BE CLOSELY CONTROLLED.

IN AREAS WHERE CONTROLS - RATHER THAN A BAN - WILL APPLY, NEW REGULATIONS WILL HAVE TO BE FOLLOWED BY ALL KEEPERS OF LIVESTOCK. THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE REGULATIONS WILL BE TO ENSURE THAT PROPER WASTE STORAGE AND DISPOSAL METHODS ARE PRACTISED AT ALL PREMISES WHERE LIVESTOCK ARE KEPT.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEW CONTROLS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PROGRAMME OF AGRICULTURAL AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY EXTENSION SERVICES WHICH WILL ADVISE FARMERS HOW TO COMPLY WITH THE NEW CONTROLS, ASSIST THEM TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF COMPLIANCE IN INDIVIDUAL CASES, DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ON RELEVANT WASTE TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY AND PROMOTE ALTERNATIVE ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO ITS ORIGINAL PROPOSALS TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF VIEWS EXPRESSED DURING THE CONSULTATION. THE MOST IMPORTANT CHANGE IS THAT IT IS NOW PLANNED TO PROVIDE ANIMAL WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES FOR FARMERS.

THE PROVISION OF COLLECTION SERVICES RECOGNISES THE FACT THAT ACCESS TO A COLLECTION SERVICE WILL, FOR MOST FARMERS, BE THE CRITICAL FACTOR DETERMINING THEIR ABILITY TO COMPLY WITH THE NEW CONTROLS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE GOVERNMENT HAS ACCEPTED THAT THE FARMING SECTOR IS NOT SUFFICIENTLY UNIFIED OR ORGANISED FOR IT TO BE REALISTICALLY ASSUMED THAT COLLECTION SERVICES WILL SPRING UP IN RESPONSE TO THE UNDOUBTED DEMAND WHICH THE NEW CONTROLS WILL CREATE.

FARMERS WILL STILL NEED TO INVEST IN ANY 'ON-FARM' IMPROVEMENTS NECESSARY TO COMPLEMENT THEIR PARTICIPATION IN A COLLECTION SERVICE AND TO COMPLY WITH THE CONDITIONS REGARDING 'ON-FARM' HANDLING AND STORAGE OF WASTE.

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COLLECTION SERVICES WILL BE DESIGNED AND TENDERED TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND, INITIALLY, THEY WILL BE ENTIRELY FUNDED FROM THE GENERAL REVENUE; THE ELEMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDING WILL BE PROGRESSIVELY REDUCED OVER THE PERIOD OF NINE YEARS, SO THAT THE COST OF COLLECTION SERVICES WILL IN DUE COURSE BE AN INTEGRAL COMPONENT OF LOCAL LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION COSTS.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT PUBLIC EXPENDITURE ON COLLECTION SERVICES WILL AMOUNT TO MORE THAN \$175 MILLION IN THE 10-YEAR PROGRAMME.

IN BANNED AREAS, LIVESTOCK FARMERS WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR EX-GRATIA PAYMENTS. IN CONTROLLED AREAS, SOME FARMERS WILL BE UNABLE TO COMPLY WITH THE NEW CONTROLS, BECAUSE OF SITE CONSTRAINTS, FOR EXAMPLE. HAVING REGARD TO VIEWS EXPRESSED DURING THE CONSULTATION, IT IS NOW INTENDED THAT EX-GRATIA PAYMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED TO THOSE FARMERS WHO ARE UNABLE TO COMPLY WITH THE CONTROLS. RATES OF PAYMENT WILL BE THE SAME AS THOSE USED FOR DEVELOPMENT CLEARANCES.

ANOTHER FEATURE OF THE PACKAGE IS TO PROVIDE LANDLORDS IN THOSE AREAS WHICH WILL IN FUTURE BE SUBJECT TO CONTROLS, WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO FOREGO THE RIGHT TO KEEP LIVESTOCK ON THEIR LAND IN RETURN FOR COMPENSATION IN THE NATURE OF A PREMIUM WHICH WILL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNTS OF EX-GRATIA PAYMENTS TO FARMERS IN THE BANNED AREAS. THIS SHOULD HELP TO REDUCE THE LONG-TERM ENFORCEMENT IMPLICATIONS OF THE SCHEME.

THESE NEW CONTROLS ON THE DISPOSAL OF ANIMAL WASTES COMPLEMENT RECENTLY ANNOUNCED MEASURES TO CONTROL TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL DISCHARGES, STARTING IN THE TOLO WATER CONTROL ZONE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE SENT BY FACSIMILE NETWORK LATER.

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TAC SUB-COMMITTEE TO REVIEW TAXI POLICY
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A SUB-COMMITTEE UNDER THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) HAS BEEN FORMED TO REVIEW THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ON TAXIS.

THE SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ITS FIRST MEETING TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE NEED FOR THE REVIEW WAS AGREED BY TAC AT ITS MEETING HELD ON JUNE 17 AFTER CONSIDERING PROPOSALS ON THE LIMITATION ON TAXI NUMBERS.

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THE COMMITTEE FELT THAT THE QUESTION OF TAXI NUMBERS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN CONJUNCTION WITH A LONG-TERM GOVERNMENT POLICY ON THE ISSUE AND AGREED TO SET UP A SUB-COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER.

THE SUB-COMMITTEE IS CHAIRED BY MR JACKIE CHAN CHAI-KEUNG, WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE TAC.

+THE SUB-COMMITTEE AIMS TO MAKE PROPOSALS TO THE TAC ON A COHERENT LONG-TERM POLICY FOR REGULATING THE OPERATION OF TAXIS,+ MR CHAN SAID.

+IT WILL PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE ROLE OF TAXIS IN THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEM, THE CONTROL ON THE NUMBER OF TAXIS, THE METHOD OF ISSUING LICENCES, FARE POLICY, THE ADEQUACY OF EXISTING REGULATIONS ON TAXI OPERATION, AND THE QUALITY OF SERVICE.+

THE SUB-COMMITTEE COMPRISES FIVE TAC MEMBERS AND TWO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

THE TAC MEMBERS ARE DR CONRAD LAM KUI-SHING, MR STEPHEN CHENG WUI-YAU (A SENIOR LECTURER AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC), DR LEUNG CHI-KEUNG (READER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND GEOLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG) AND DR STEPHEN TANG LUNG-WAI (A LECTURER IN SOCIOLOGY AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG).

THE ADMINISTRATION IS REPRESENTED BY THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR H.C. PANG, AND THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR S.T. PANG.

A WIDE-RANGING PROGRAMME HAS BEEN DRAWN UP FOR CONSULTING INTERESTED PARTIES AND THE PUBLIC ON MATTERS UNDER REVIEW.

+THE SUB-COMMITTEE WILL FULLY CONSULT THE TAXI TRADE AND THE DISTRICT BOARDS BEFORE PUTTING FIRM PROPOSALS TO THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE. INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS ARE ALSO WELCOME TO PUT FORWARD THEIR VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS TO THE SUB-COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION,+ MR CHAN SAID.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO PUT FORWARD THEIR VIEWS OR SUGGESTIONS TO THE SUB-COMMITTEE ARE INVITED TO CONTACT MISS BETTY CHING, SECRETARY TO THE SUB-COMMITTEE, AT 5-240495 OR TO SEND THEIR WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS TO THE TRANSPORT BRANCH (SEVENTH FLOOR, ST JOHN'S BUILDING, 33 GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG).

THE SUB-COMMITTEE WILL CONSULT THE DISTRICT BOARDS ON ITS FINDINGS AND PROPOSALS BEFORE IT SUBMITS FIRM RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE TAC. THE WHOLE PROCESS IS EXPECTED TO TAKE 18 MONTHS.

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FS VISITS KWAI CHUNG WATCH FACTORY
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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, VISITED A KWAI CHUNG WATCH FACTORY TODAY (FRIDAY) TO LOOK AT WHAT MAKES THE LOCAL INDUSTRY TICK.

MR JACOBS WAS TAKEN ON A TOUR OF THE PRECISION ENGINEERING LIMITED WHICH MANUFACTURES ANALOGUE, QUARTZ AND MECHANICAL WATCHES UNDER THE SEIKO BRAND NAME. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR K.Y. YEUNG.

THE VISIT WAS THE FIRST STOP IN A PROGRAMME OF FAMILIARISATION VISITS WHICH WILL TAKE HIM TO SIX FACTORIES OVER A PERIOD OF SIX WEEKS.

PRECISION ENGINEERING, A SUBSIDIARY OF SEIKO INSTRUMENTS AND ELECTRONICS LIMITED, WAS SET UP IN 1968 AND WAS ONE OF THE FORERUNNERS IN THE MOVE BY JAPANESE BUSINESSES TO INVEST IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

TODAY, ALMOST TWO DECADES LATER, THE SIZE OF THE JAPANESE PRESENCE IN THE LOCAL MANUFACTURING SECTOR HAS GROWN CONSIDERABLY. JAPANESE INVESTMENT IS REPRESENTED BY 127 FACTORIES INCLUDING 67 JOINT VENTURES WITH AN AGGREGATE INVESTMENT VALUE OF ABOUT \$2 964 MILLION.

JAPAN NOW RANKS SECOND ONLY TO THE UNITED STATES AS THE LARGEST SOURCE OF DIRECT OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY WITH A 21 PER CENT SHARE IN THE OVERSEAS INVESTMENT STAKES.

AND THERE ARE SIGNS THAT JAPANESE INDUSTRIALISTS ARE PLANNING TO STEP UP THEIR EFFORTS TO INVEST IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING SECTOR.

SO FAR THIS YEAR, FIVE EXISTING MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS WITH JAPANESE INTERESTS HAVE BEEN EXPANDED AND SIX NEW ONES ESTABLISHED WITH INVESTMENTS ADDING UP TO MORE THAN \$550 MILLION. IN ADDITION, 10 FIRMS ARE PLANNING TO SET UP FACTORIES WITH AN ESTIMATED INVESTMENT OF MORE THAN \$230 MILLION.

THE WATCHES AND CLOCKS INDUSTRY IS THE FIFTH LARGEST AMONG HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES. IN EXPORTS OF WATCHES, HONG KONG IS THE LARGEST IN THE WORLD IN TERMS OF QUANTITY AND THE THIRD LARGEST - AFTER SWITZERLAND AND JAPAN - IN TERMS OF VALUE.

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THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS IN THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF 1986, AT \$4 141 MILLION, WAS \$801 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT MORE THAN IN THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF 1985. EXPORTS OF ELECTRONIC WATCHES ACCOUNTED FOR THE BULK OF THE GROWTH.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PHOTOGRAPH OF MR JACOBS' VISIT WILL BE SENT BY FACSIMILE NETWORK LATER.

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MISSION OFF TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT
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AN INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT MISSION LEFT FOR AUSTRALIA TODAY (FRIDAY) AS PART OF CONTINUING EFFORTS TO PROMOTE AUSTRALIAN INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

THE DELEGATION, COMPRISING PRINCIPAL CONSULTANT, MR C.L. CHU, AND A CONSULTANT, MR TOMMY LAI, FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S +ONE STOP UNIT+, WILL VISIT WESTERN AUSTRALIA, MAINLY IN AND AROUND PERTH, FROM AUGUST 11 TO 15.

AS A FOLLOW-UP MISSION TO ONE IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR, MR CHU AND MR LAI WILL RENEW CONTACTS WITH COMPANIES ALREADY KNOWN TO THE DEPARTMENT AND HAVING AN INTEREST IN INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG.

THEY WILL VISIT A NUMBER OF PRE-SELECTED COMPANIES TO DISCUSS THE ADVANTAGES OF HONG KONG AS AN OFFSHORE MANUFACTURING BASE. IN ADDITION, THEY WILL CALL ON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATIONS AND BANKS TO EXPLAIN HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROMOTION POLICY AND ACTIVITIES.

AS ONE OF A REGULAR SERIES OF INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROMOTION MISSIONS TO AUSTRALIA ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT SINCE 1976, THE MISSION IS INTENDED TO MAINTAIN THE INTEREST OF AUSTRALIAN INVESTORS IN HONG KONG.

AUSTRALIA RANKS EIGHTH AMONG OVERSEAS COUNTRIES INVESTING IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY, WITH A TOTAL OF 28 ESTABLISHMENTS EMPLOYING SOME 3 000 WORKERS.

TOTAL AUSTRALIAN INVESTMENT IS VALUED AT ABOUT \$191 MILLION, OF WHICH THE LARGEST ARE IN THE NON-METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS AND BASIC METAL INDUSTRIES.

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HOME SAFETY CAMPAIGN TO BE LAUNCHED SUNDAY

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THE HOME SAFETY CAMPAIGN, ONE OF GOVERNMENT'S MAJOR PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS IN 1986-87, WILL BE LAUNCHED AT THE LOK FU SHOPPING CENTRE THIS SUNDAY (AUGUST 10).

OFFICIATING AT THE EVENT, THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, MR JOHN CHAN, WILL INTRODUCE THE THEMES WHICH WILL BE USED TO CONVEY HOME SAFETY MESSAGES TO THE PUBLIC.

A WEEK-LONG HOME SAFETY EXHIBITION SHOWING THE PUBLIC HOW TO AVOID MANY OF THE ACCIDENTS WHICH OCCUR IN THE HOME WILL ALSO BE LAUNCHED AT THE SAME TIME.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, A ONE-HOUR VARIETY SHOW, PRODUCED AND BROADCAST LIVE BY RTHK, WILL PROVIDE ENTERTAINMENT WITH SONGS AND QUIZZES.

SINGERS ALBERT AU, CALLY KWONG AND WAI YIN CLUB MEMBERS WILL PERFORM AT THE SHOW.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING (RADIO), MR SIMON LUN, CHAIRMAN OF THE FONG SHU FOOK TONG FOUNDATION FUND, MR HENRY FONG, WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, MR LI SZE-BAY, MR LIU SHING-LI AND MR WONG CHUNG-CHUEN.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE HOME SAFETY CAMPAIGN AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY AT THE OPEN DECK OF LOK FU SHOPPING CENTRE.

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SEMINAR ON ANTI-NARCOTICS

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EXPERTS FROM 17 COUNTRIES IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC REGION WILL GATHER IN HONG KONG TO UNDERTAKE A TWO-DAY FIELD STUDY OF ANTI-NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES.

CHAIRMAN OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, PROFESSOR GERALD CHOA, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE HONG KONG PROGRAMME OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON DRUG PROBLEMS IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC REGION TO BE HELD AT THE OLD LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, AT 9 AM ON AUGUST 11 (MONDAY).

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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BRIEFING ON ENHANCEMENTS TO SSPA SYSTEM
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A PRESS BRIEFING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ENHANCEMENTS TO THE SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES ALLOCATION SYSTEM WILL BE HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT LEE GARDENS, THIRD FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, AT 2.30 PM TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PRINCIPAL EDUCATION OFFICER (SYSTEMS AND RESEARCH), MR HSU SHOW-HOO, WILL BE PRESENT AT THE PRESS BRIEFING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS BRIEFING. INFORMATION NOTES OF THE ENHANCEMENTS TO SSPA SYSTEM WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING AT 2 PM AT THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS.

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TOURISM SURVEY TO BEGIN IN ISLANDS DISTRICT
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THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE WILL CONDUCT A TWO-WEEK MARKETING SURVEY THIS MONTH TO COLLECT FIGURES AND FACTS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN THE DISTRICT.

THE SURVEY WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS, COVERING QUALITY AND QUANTITY.

+THE QUALITY SECTION WILL BE CARRIED OUT ON BOARD FERRIES SERVING THE ISLANDS AND PEOPLE WILL BE ASKED ABOUT THE PLACES THEY VISITED AND WHAT THEY THINK OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

+THE QUANTITY SECTION WILL BE DONE BY TELEPHONE INTERVIEWS. THIS IS DESIGNED TO FIND OUT HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE VISITED THE ISLANDS IN THE PAST YEAR AND THE FREQUENCY OF THEIR TRIPS.+

+THE SURVEY IS DESIGNED TO FIND OUT VISITORS' PREFERENCES, AND THEIR COMPLAINTS, SO AS TO FACILITATE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PLANNING,+ HE ADDED.

THE INTERVIEWERS WILL CARRY A TEMPORARY STAFF CARD ISSUED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

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FURTHER APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR INSTITUTE COURSES
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THE SEVEN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL ARE INVITING FURTHER APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO 59 EVENING COURSES DUE TO START NEXT MONTH.

THE FIRST STUDENT ENROLMENT EXERCISE FOR THE INSTITUTES' 124 EVENING COURSES IN THE COMING ACADEMIC YEAR TOOK PLACE IN APRIL.

THE SECOND ENROLMENT EXERCISE IS INTENDED TO FILL A LIMITED NUMBER OF VACANCIES LEFT IN THE FOLLOWING DISCIPLINES: HOTEL-KEEPING AND TOURISM STUDIES, COMMERCIAL STUDIES, CONSTRUCTION, ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, GENERAL STUDIES, INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY, MARINE AND FABRICATION, APPLIED SCIENCE AND MOTOR VEHICLE ENGINEERING.

APPLICATION FORMS AND GUIDES TO APPLICANTS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM ALL INSTITUTES, EXCEPT THE ONE IN SHA TIN. CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS SATURDAY, AUGUST 16.

THE EVENING COURSES OFFERED BY THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES ARE AT CRAFT AND TECHNICIAN LEVELS, PROVIDING ONE TO THREE YEARS' COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION FOR PEOPLE WORKING IN THE INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND SERVICE SECTORS.

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SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR SECONDARY EDUCATION
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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) REMINDED CHILDREN OF FARMING AND FISHING FAMILIES IN NEED OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CONTINUE THEIR SECONDARY EDUCATION THAT THEY ARE ELIGIBLE FOR SUBSIDIES UNDER THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND MARINE FISH SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT APPLICATIONS FOR SUBSIDIES, WHICH ARE PROVIDED IN THE FORM OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS, WILL CLOSE ON AUGUST 15.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS ON THE 12TH FLOOR OF CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON, AND FROM DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES LIAISON OFFICES.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BE IN FORM 4 TO 7. THE AWARDS ARE TENABLE AT ANY SECONDARY SCHOOL IN HONG KONG.

/SCHOLARSHIPS.....

SCHOLARSHIPS MAY BE AWARDED TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE ACHIEVED A STANDARD OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+STUDENTS APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS MAY ALSO APPLY FOR GRANTS TO COVER TUITION FEES AND PURCHASE OF BOOKS AND SUCH APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED ON A FINANCIAL NEED BASIS,+ HE ADDED.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT APPLICATION PROCEDURES CAN BE MADE TO THE SECRETARY OF THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND MARINE FISH SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT 3-7332227.

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GIANT LANTERN DESIGN COMPETITION
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RESIDENTS IN KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THIS YEAR'S GIANT LANTERN DESIGN COMPETITION.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE, IT IS SPONSORED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD.

THE DESIGNS, WITH BRIEF DESCRIPTION, MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE BEFORE AUGUST 16. TOTAL MEASUREMENT OF THE LENGTH, WIDTH AND HEIGHT OF THE LANTERN SHOULD NOT BE LESS THAN FOUR METRES.

THE BEST 15 ENTRIES WILL BE GRANTED A SUBSIDY OF UP TO \$800 EACH AS PRODUCTION COST.

THE LANTERNS WILL BE DISPLAYED AND ADJUDICATED AT THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL CARNIVAL AT THE ARGYLE STREET PLAYGROUND ON SEPTEMBER 19 (FRIDAY).

DESIGNERS OF THE BEST THREE LANTERNS WILL BE AWARDED PRIZES.

THE COMPETITION IS OPEN TO PEOPLE LIVING, STUDYING OR WORKING IN THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT. THEY CAN PARTICIPATE IN GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALLY.

ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AT KAU PUI LUNG ROAD AND ITS TWO SUB-OFFICES AT BULKELEY STREET IN HUNG HOM AND HOMANTIN ESTATE.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN WESTERN
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TO FACILITATE RECONSTRUCTION WORK ON BELCHER'S STREET, THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN WESTERN DISTRICT FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 11):

- * THE EXISTING TEMPORARY PROHIBITED ZONE ON THE SECTION OF SMITHFIELD BETWEEN HOUSE 41A AND ITS JUNCTION WITH BELCHER'S STREET WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE FOR ANOTHER SEVEN WEEKS. NO VEHICLE OTHER THAN EMERGENCY VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THIS ROAD SECTION.
- * TRAFFIC EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES FROM SMITHFIELD SOUTH OF BELCHER'S STREET WILL BE BANNED FROM TURNING RIGHT INTO BELCHER'S STREET FOR SEVEN WEEKS. WHEN ON THIS SECTION OF SMITHFIELD, GREEN MINIBUSES ON ROUTES 12 AND 23 WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT INTO BELCHER'S STREET. ALL OTHER AFFECTED VEHICLES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA POKFIELD ROAD AND POK FU LAM ROAD.

IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING MEASURES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY FOR ABOUT GPQ WEEKS:

- * HAU WO STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND, WHILE THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF HAU WO STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED A PEAK HOUR (7 - 10 AM AND 4 - 7 PM) DAILY RESTRICTED ZONE. METERED PARKING SPACES ON HAU WO STREET WILL BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED.
- * THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS STAND ON SMITHFIELD, OPPOSITE THE KENNEDY TOWN PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL, WILL BE RESITED TO HAU WO STREET NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH DAVIS STREET. THE PLB STAND ON SMITHFIELD NORTH OF BELCHER'S STREET WILL BE RESITED TO THE SECTION OF SMITHFIELD BETWEEN FORBES STREET AND BELCHER'S STREET.
- * THE SECTION OF SMITHFIELD BETWEEN HAU WO STREET AND BELCHER'S STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES. AFFECTED VEHICLES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA HAU WO STREET AND DAVIS STREET TO REJOIN BELCHER'S STREET.
- * VEHICLES NOT EXCEEDING 10 METRES IN LENGTH ON WESTBOUND BELCHER'S STREET WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT INTO SMITHFIELD.
- * PLB WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE SECTION OF CADOGAN STREET BETWEEN BELCHER'S STREET AND CATCHICK STREET AND THE SECTION OF CATCHICK STREET BETWEEN CADOGAN STREET AND SMITHFIELD. AT THE SAME TIME, THE SAME ROAD SECTIONS WILL BE MADE 24-HOUR DAILY PLB RESTRICTED ZONES.

/* GREEN MINIBUSES

- * GREEN MINIBUSES ON ROUTE 12 ON JOURNEYS TO SAI YING PUN WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SMITHFIELD, BELCHER'S STREET WESTBOUND, CADOGAN STREET, CATCHICK STREET, SANDS STREET AND BELCHER'S STREET EASTBOUND BEFORE RESUMING NORMAL ROUTEING. ON JOURNEYS TO KWUN LUNG LAU, THEY WILL HAVE TO USE BELCHER'S STREET AND SMITHFIELD, OMITTING CADOGAN STREET AND CATCHICK STREET.
- * GREEN MINIBUSES ON ROUTE 13 ON JOURNEYS TO SAI YING PUN WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CATCHICK STREET, SANDS STREET, BELCHER'S STREET WESTBOUND AND SMITHFIELD BEFORE RESUMING NORMAL ROUTEING.
- * GREEN MINIBUSES ON ROUTE 23 ON JOURNEYS TO POK FU LAM WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CATCHICK STREET, SANDS STREET, BELCHER'S STREET WESTBOUND AND SMITHFIELD BEFORE RESUMING NORMAL ROUTEING. ON JOURNEYS TO KENNEDY TOWN, THEY WILL HAVE TO USE SMITHFIELD, BELCHER'S STREET WESTBOUND, CADOGAN STREET, CATCHICK STREET, SANDS STREET AND BELCHER'S STREET EASTBOUND BEFORE TERMINATING AT HOLLAND STREET.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE FOR FOOTBRIDGE CONSTRUCTION
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TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE, THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF GLOUCESTER ROAD AND HARCOURT ROAD BETWEEN O'BRIEN ROAD AND RODNEY STREET WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC DAILY BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5 AM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 11) AND TUESDAY.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES ON GLOUCESTER ROAD HEADING FOR CENTRAL WILL BE DIVERTED TO INNER GLOUCESTER ROAD, FENWICK STREET, HENNESSY ROAD AND QUEENSWAY.

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