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LORD GLENARTHUR TO SEE 'A LOT OF HONG KONG'

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THE MINISTER OF STATE AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR HONG KONG, LORD GLENARTHUR, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT HE WOULD BE HAVING MEETINGS WITH THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, AND WITH THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DURING HIS FOUR-DAY VISIT HERE.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS ON HIS ARRIVAL AT THE AIRPORT, LORD GLENARTHUR SAID HE WOULD ALSO BE MEETING A LOT OF PEOPLE AND SEEING A LOT OF HONG KONG.

HE NOTED THAT HE WAS DELIGHTED TO BE IN HONG KONG, WHICH WAS A PLACE HE ALWAYS LONGED TO VISIT.

HE SAID: "THIS IS MY FIRST VISIT ABROAD IN MY CAPACITY AS MINISTER OF STATE IN THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE. I WAS PARTICULARLY KEEN THAT HONG KONG SHOULD BE MY FIRST PORT OF CALL.

"IT'S AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT PART OF MY WORK AND I GREATLY LOOK FORWARD TO LEARNING A LOT WHILE I'M HERE," HE ADDED.

HE WAS MET AT THE AIRPORT BY SIR DAVID; THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID FORD; THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR S.Y. CHUNG; THE ACTING SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR PETER C. WONG; AND THE SENIOR BRITISH TRADE COMMISSIONER, MR REG HOLLOWAY.

DURING HIS FOUR-DAY VISIT, LORD GLENARTHUR WILL MEET MEMBERS OF OMELCO, THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS AND PEOPLE FROM OTHER SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY.

TOMORROW, THE MINISTER WILL TAKE A HELICOPTER TOUR OVER HONG KONG. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO.

HE WILL THEN ATTEND A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

IN THE AFTERNOON, LORD GLENARTHUR, ACCOMPANIED BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, WILL ATTEND A MEETING OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A TEA RECEPTION BY THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE URBAN COUNCIL AT CITY HALL.

/LORD GLENARTHUR,

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LORD GLENARTHUR, WHO TOOK OVER FROM MR TIMOTHY RENTON AS THE FOREIGN OFFICE MINISTER WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR HONG KONG IN JUNE THIS YEAR, WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE ASSISTANT UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE (ASIA), MR ROBIN MCLAREN, AND HIS PRIVATE SECRETARY, MR DAVID REDDAWAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

LORD GLENARTHUR WILL BE VISITING THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD TOMORROW. HE WILL ARRIVE AT THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AT 880-886 KING'S ROAD, NORTH POINT, BY 2.30 PM TO ATTEND THE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM BY 2.10 PM.

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WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ORDINANCE TO BE OPERATIONAL SEPTEMBER 1988
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THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ORDINANCE TO PROTECT CONSUMERS FROM FRAUDULENT OR UNFAIR TRADING PRACTICES IN CONNECTION WITH QUANTITY WILL PROBABLY NOT COME INTO OPERATION UNTIL ABOUT SEPTEMBER 1988 TO GIVE TRADERS ADEQUATE TIME TO ACCORD WITH ITS PROVISIONS, THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR PATRICK WILLIAMSON, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

ADDRESSING A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON WEST, MR WILLIAMSON SAID TRADERS WILL BE EXPECTED TO ENSURE THEIR WEIGHING EQUIPMENT IS ACCURATE AND THAT THE GOODS THEY WISH TO TRADE IN ARE PROPERLY MARKED BY THE TIME THE LAW COMES INTO FORCE.

HE ADDED THAT THE LEGISLATION WILL BE KEPT UNDER REVIEW TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER IT IS PROVIDING THE APPROPRIATE FRAMEWORK TO ACHIEVE THE DESIRED OBJECTIVE IN THE FIRST TWO YEARS OF OPERATION.

"IN ADDITION TO ACTING IN RESPONSE TO COMPLAINTS, OFFICERS OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO HAVE POWERS TO CONDUCT SPOT CHECKS ON TRADERS' PREMISES TO VERIFY THE ACCURACY OF THEIR EQUIPMENT AND TO TAKE ACTION WHERE THE EQUIPMENT IS FOUND TO BE INACCURATE OR INEFFECTIVE," HE SAID.

"PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT'S STANDARDS AND CALIBRATION LABORATORY AND THE GOVERNMENT LABORATORY.

/s/ A TRADER

"A TRADER WHO WISHES TO ENSURE THAT HIS EQUIPMENT IS ACCURATE AND EFFECTIVE CAN APPROACH ACCREDITED LABORATORIES, OR THE MANUFACTURER OR IMPORTER WHO SUPPLIED HIM WITH THE EQUIPMENT OR, INDEED, ANY SERVICE PROVIDING COMPETENT CALIBRATION FACILITIES."

MR WILLIAMSON POINTED OUT THAT THE LAW REQUIRES THE SALE OF ALL GOODS BY WEIGHT OR MEASURE IN THE COURSE OF TRADE SHOULD BE BY NET WEIGHT OR MEASURE UNLESS EXEMPTED BY REGULATION.

"IN THE CASE OF PRE-PACKED GOODS, SUPPLIED BY WEIGHT OR MEASURE, THE NET WEIGHT OR MEASURE OF THE GOODS MUST BE GENERALLY MARKED ON THE CONTAINER," HE SAID.

"GOODS SUPPLIED OTHERWISE THAN IN PRE-PACKED FORM MUST BE WEIGHED AND MEASURED BY THE SELLER IN THE PRESENCE AND FULL VIEW OF THE PURCHASER.

"THE SUPPLY OF GOODS OF A QUANTITY LESS THAN THAT CLAIMED WILL BE AN OFFENCE; SO WILL THE GIVING OF ANY INDICATION MATERIALLY FALSE OR MISLEADING AS TO THE QUANTITY OF GOODS.

"HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE DIFFICULTY EXPRESSED BY THE TRADE FOR FOOD MANUFACTURERS TO INDICATE EXACT WEIGHTS, IT IS INTENDED TO ALLOW, BY ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL, A TOLERANCE OF UP TO 3 PER CENT ON NET WEIGHTS OR MEASURES FOR MOST COMMODITIES EXCEPT PRECIOUS METALS."

MR WILLIAMSON POINTED OUT THAT THE LEGISLATION WILL NOT CONSTITUTE A BARRIER TO INTERNATIONAL TRADE SINCE AUTHORISED UNITS OF MEASUREMENT ARE BASED ON INTERNATIONALLY RECOMMENDED PRACTICE AND GOODS AND EQUIPMENT FOR EXPORT OR RE-EXPORT ARE EXEMPTED.

"THE IMPORT OF GOODS IN UNITS OTHER THAN THOSE AUTHORISED IS NO OFFENCE UNLESS THE GOODS ARE TO BE SOLD HERE.

"WHILE THE LAW PRESCRIBES THE METRIC INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM OF UNITS AS THE UNITS OF REFERENCE IT ALSO PERMITS THE CONTINUED USE OF IMPERIAL AND CHINESE UNITS, INCLUDING THE 'CHING'," HE ADDED.

HE STRESSED THOUGH IT IS NOT THEIR INTENTION TO TAKE PUNITIVE ACTION ON TRADERS WHO MAY BE IGNORANT OF THIS NEW LAW INITIALLY, THERE WILL BE NO QUARTER GIVEN WHERE THERE IS EVIDENCE OF DELIBERATE FRAUD AND WHERE A TRADER PAYS NO HEED TO EARLIER WARNINGS TO RECTIFY THE ACCURACY OF HIS EQUIPMENT AND GOODS.

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FISH KILL IN LANTAU FISH CULTURE ZONE

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (WEDNESDAY) INVESTIGATED A FISH KILL AFFECTING 30 OF THE 129 MARICULTURISTS IN THE CHEUNG SHA WAN FISH CULTURE ZONE AT LANTAU ISLAND.

FOLLOWING A REPORT RECEIVED THIS MORNING, A FISHERIES RESEARCH OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT, DR PATSY WONG, IMMEDIATELY CARRIED OUT AN ON-SITE INVESTIGATION IN THE AREA.

THE FINDINGS REVEALED THAT THE FISH KILL WHICH OCCURRED YESTERDAY WAS DUE TO OXYGEN DEPLETION CAUSED BY STAGNANT TIDES.

DR WONG ESTIMATED THAT 8.5 TONNES OF FISH CONSISTING MAINLY OF PURPLE AMBERJACKS AND GOLD-LINED SEABREAMS WERE AFFECTED RESULTING IN AN ESTIMATED LOSS OF ABOUT \$250,000.

THE DISSOLVED OXYGEN LEVEL IN THE WATER AT CHEUNG SHA WAN HAS SOMEWHAT IMPROVED TODAY AND THERE IS NO MORE FISH KILL, SHE SAID.

"HOWEVER, WE HAVE ADVISED THE MARICULTURISTS IN THE AREA TO IMPROVE THE OXYGEN LEVEL IN THE WATER THROUGH MECHANICAL MEANS, PARTICULARLY AT NIGHT.

"IN FACT, WE HAVE ALSO GIVEN SIMILAR ADVICE TO MARICULTURISTS IN OTHER FISH CULTURE ZONES WHICH MAY ALSO BE AFFECTED BY STAGNANT TIDES OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS," DR WONG SAID.

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MORE GRANTS TO BLAST VICTIMS

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TODAY (WEDNESDAY) PAID OUT AN ADDITIONAL \$13,639 IN INJURY GRANTS FROM THE CRIMINAL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT INJURIES COMPENSATION (CLEIC) FUND TO FIVE VICTIMS INJURED IN AN EXPLOSION IN TAIKOO SHING ON JULY 8.

EARLIER, THE DEPARTMENT HAD GRANTED AN INITIAL SUM OF \$9,135 IN INJURY AND INTERIM ADJUSTMENT GRANTS TO TWO OTHER INJURED.

SO FAR, THE DEPARTMENT HAD AWARDED A TOTAL OF \$35,869 TO 10 OF THE 15 PEOPLE INJURED IN THE INCIDENT. THE REMAINING VICTIMS DID NOT APPLY FOR COMPENSATION EITHER BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT QUALIFIED OR BECAUSE THEY DID NOT REQUIRE ASSISTANCE.

THE CLEIC SCHEME AIMS AT PROVIDING CASH ASSISTANCE BOTH FOR THOSE WHO ARE INJURED, DISABLED OR KILLED AS A RESULT OF A CRIME OF VIOLENCE AND FOR THOSE WHO ARE ACCIDENTALLY INJURED, DISABLED OR KILLED BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER USING A WEAPON IN THE EXECUTION OF HIS DUTY.

THE SCHEME IS NON-MEANS TESTED AND ONE OF THE QUALIFYING CONDITIONS IS THAT THE INJURY GIVES RISE TO AT LEAST THREE DAYS' LOSS OF EARNINGS OR WORKING CAPACITY.

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WINNERS OF ESSAY COMPETITION AWARDED PRIZES

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TWELVE WINNERS OF THE HONG KONG ROUND OF THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY ESSAY COMPETITION 1986/87 TODAY (WEDNESDAY) RECEIVED THEIR BOOK PRIZES FROM THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR DAVID LAN, AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, MR JIMMY MCGREGOR, AT A CEREMONY AT THE LEE GARDENS HOTEL.

THE COMPETITION IS HELD ANNUALLY BY THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY TO ENCOURAGE COMMONWEALTH STUDIES AMONG STUDENTS UNDER 19. THE BEST THREE ENTRIES IN EACH OF THE FOUR CLASSES WERE SELECTED BY A PANEL OF LOCAL JUDGES.

THE WINNERS WERE AWARDED BOOK PRIZES AMOUNTING TO \$4,200 DONATED BY THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THEIR ENTRIES SENT TO LONDON TO ENTER THE INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION.

SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY, MR LAN SAID THE LOCAL COMPETITION THIS YEAR RECEIVED GOOD RESPONSE.

"HONG KONG STUDENTS HAVE ALWAYS EXCELLED THEMSELVES IN THE COMMONWEALTH ESSAY COMPETITION WHICH ATTRACTS EVERY YEAR ENTRIES FROM SCHOOL CHILDREN OF MORE THAN 30 COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES OF WHICH THE MAJORITY ARE PREDOMINANTLY ENGLISH-SPEAKING," MR LAN SAID.

"RECORDS SHOW THAT OUR STUDENTS' NAMES HAVE ALWAYS APPEARED IN THE LISTS' OF MERITORIOUS AWARDS AND OUR GOOD TRACK RECORD IN THE CONTEST PROVIDES CONCRETE EVIDENCE TO SHOW THAT THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE STANDARDS OF OUR STUDENTS ARE GOOD," MR LAN SAID.

IN THIS CONNECTION, MR LAN SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO THE TASK OF STRENGTHENING LOCAL STUDENTS' BILINGUAL ABILITY AND WOULD ATTACH EQUAL IMPORTANCE IN PROMOTING THE TEACHING OF ENGLISH AND CHINESE LANGUAGES IN SCHOOLS.

APART FROM LAUNCHING A TWO-YEAR PILOT EXPATRIATE ENGLISH TEACHERS SCHEME AND ENRICHING THE REFRESHER COURSE FOR LOCAL TEACHERS OF ENGLISH, MR LAN SAID THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TOOK A NUMBER OF MEASURES TO ENCOURAGE SCHOOLS TO ADOPT A WIDER USE OF CHINESE IN TEACHING.

HE SAID THESE MEASURES INCLUDED THE INTRODUCTION OF A CASH AWARD SCHEME TO ENCOURAGE PUBLISHERS TO PRODUCE GOOD QUALITY CHINESE TEXTBOOKS AND ISSUING HANDBOOKS TO SCHOOLS CONTAINING THE CHINESE TRANSLATIONS OF TECHNICAL TERMS COMMONLY USED IN 19 SCHOOL SUBJECTS.

TO COMPENSATE FOR THE REDUCED EXPOSURE TO ENGLISH ARISING FROM A SWITCH TO THE USE OF CHINESE AS THE TEACHING MEDIUM, MR LAN SAID PUBLIC SECTOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS WOULD BE GIVEN ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FROM 1988 ONWARDS TO STRENGTHEN THE TEACHING OF ENGLISH.

/MR LAN

MR LAN SAID THE ESSAY COMPETITION PROMOTED TO A LARGE EXTENT THE SPIRIT OF THESE MEASURES AND HE HOPED THAT MORE SCHOOLS WOULD SUPPORT THIS EXCITING AND MEANINGFUL PROJECT TO ENHANCE STUDENTS' INTEREST IN THE USE OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE COMMONWEALTH.

THE FIRST PLACE OF CLASS A OF THE LOCAL ROUND OF THIS YEAR'S COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY ESSAY COMPETITION FOR STUDENTS AGED BETWEEN 16 AND 18 WENT TO IRENE YOUNG OF THE ST. MARY'S CANOSSIAN COLLEGE. SHE WAS AWARDED BOOK PRIZE WORTH \$600.

TWO GIRLS FROM THE SACRED HEART CANOSSIAN COLLEGE, ANNE CHUNG AND KATHERINE SZE, WON THE SECOND AND THIRD PLACE OF CLASS A OF THE COMPETITION RESPECTIVELY.

ANOTHER STUDENT OF THE SACRED HEART CANOSSIAN COLLEGE, JANE WONG, WON THE FIRST PLACE OF CLASS B OF THE LOCAL COMPETITION FOR CANDIDATES IN THE AGE GROUP OF 14 AND 15. KUEH TAN-YUAN AND JENNIFER TSANG OF THE DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL WERE COMMENDED FOR THEIR ESSAYS IN THE SAME GROUP.

THE FIRST THREE PRIZES IN CLASS C FOR CANDIDATES AGED BETWEEN 12 AND 13, ALL WENT TO STUDENTS OF THE DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL, NAMELY MONIQUE TANG, GRACE NGAI AND AMY NG RESPECTIVELY.

AWARDS FOR CLASS D FOR PUPILS AGED BELOW 12 WENT TO THREE BOYS OF THE DIOCESAN PREPARATORY SCHOOL. THEY WERE BRIAN LAM, DEREK YU AND JOSEPH NGAI.

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NEED TO GUARD ELECTRIC MACHINES STRESSED

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A FACTORY PROPRIETOR WAS RECENTLY FINED \$10,000 AT THE SHA TIN MAGISTRACY FOR FAILING TO EFFECTIVELY GUARD THE REVOLVING WORMS OF A PLASTIC EXTRUDING MACHINE.

THIS FOLLOWED AN INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT IN WHICH THE RIGHT FOREARM OF A YOUNG WORKER WAS AMPUTATED WHILE HE WAS PLACING PLASTIC STRIPS INTO THE FEEDING OPENING OF THE MACHINE.

A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE DANGER IN SCREW OR WORM MECHANISMS LIES IN THE SHEARING ACTION BETWEEN THE MOVING SCREW AND THE FIXED PARTS OF THE MACHINE BECAUSE THE SCREW ACTION COULD DRAG, MANGLE AND CRUSH A HAND OR AN ARM.

/"PROPER GUARDING

"PROPER GUARDING FOR MACHINERY CAN THEREFORE ENSURE SAFE OPERATION AT ALL TIMES AND GIVES CONFIDENCE TO OPERATIVES," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (GUARDING AND OPERATION OF MACHINERY) REGULATIONS ALREADY STIPULATED THAT THE DANGEROUS PARTS OF EVERY PIECE OF MACHINERY AND PLANT DRIVEN BY MECHANICAL POWER MUST BE EFFECTIVELY GUARDED.

HOWEVER, STATISTICS SHOWED THAT THERE WERE 3,243 MACHINERY ACCIDENTS IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR WHICH ACCOUNTED FOR SOME 17 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS IN ALL INDUSTRY.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ALSO TOOK OUT 300 PROSECUTIONS AGAINST FACTORY PROPRIETORS FOR BREACHING THE REGULATIONS RESULTING IN TOTAL FINES OF JUST OVER \$1 MILLION BEING IMPOSED ON OFFENDERS.

HE WARNED THAT ANYONE WHO CONTRAVENES THE REGULATIONS IS LIABLE, UPON CONVICTION, TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$30,000.

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CHANGES OF IMMIGRATION SERVICES ANNOUNCED

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FROM SEPTEMBER 28 (MONDAY), THE HONG KONG RE-ENTRY PERMIT OFFICE WILL BE RENAMED HONG KONG ISLAND OFFICE AND WILL PROVIDE GENERAL IMMIGRATION SERVICES INCLUDING APPLICATIONS FOR PASSPORTS, CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY, EXTENSION OF STAY, RE-ENTRY VISA ETC.

BUT THE OFFICE, LOCATED AT 2ND FLOOR IN HARBOUR BUILDING AT 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG, WILL NOT ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR HONG KONG RE-ENTRY PERMITS.

FROM THE SAME DAY, THE CAUSEWAY BAY OFFICE ON GROUND FLOOR IN PARK COMMERCIAL CENTRE AT 10 SHELTER STREET, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG WILL BE RENAMED AS THE CAUSEWAY BAY RE-ENTRY PERMIT OFFICE AND WILL ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR RE-ENTRY PERMITS ONLY.

THE OFFICE HOURS OF THE TWO OFFICES WILL BE:-

MONDAY - FRIDAY	9 AM - 12.45 PM
	2 PM - 4.30 PM
SATURDAY	9 AM - 12.30 PM
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS	CLOSED

/APPLICANTS WHO

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APPLICANTS WHO HAVE APPLIED FOR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS, EXTENSION OF STAY ETC. AT THE CAUSEWAY BAY OFFICE BEFORE SEPTEMBER 26, 1987 ARE REQUESTED TO APPROACH THE HONG KONG ISLAND OFFICE TO COLLECT THEM ON THE DATES AS SPECIFIED IN THE APPOINTMENT CARDS.

APPLICANTS WHO HAVE SUBMITTED CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY APPLICATIONS AT THE HONG KONG ISLAND OFFICE BEFORE SEPTEMBER 26, 1987 SHOULD COLLECT THEIR DOCUMENTS AT THE SAME OFFICE.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO MAKE ENQUIRIES MAY TELEPHONE THE INFORMATION OFFICE OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ON 3-7333111.

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COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS SCHOOL PLACES ALLOCATION

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MEMBERS OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS FORM ONE PLACES ALLOCATION IN THE DISTRICT AT A MEETING ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 18).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS POSTAL SERVICES IN KWONG FUK ESTATE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD AT 9.30 AM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 18) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE AT 152-172 KWONG FUK ROAD.

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KWAI TSING SPORTS FESTIVAL STARTS NEXT MONTH
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THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL WILL JOINTLY ORGANISE A DISTRICT SPORTS FESTIVAL IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS' PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS ACTIVITIES.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KWAI TSING SPORTS FESTIVAL COMMITTEE, MR CHENG WING-CHUN, TODAY (WEDNESDAY) SAID THE FESTIVAL WOULD PROVIDE RESIDENTS, MOSTLY LIVING IN HOUSING ESTATES, WITH A CHANCE FOR HEALTHY EXERCISES BY TAKING PART IN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES DURING THEIR LEISURE TIME.

A WIDE VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES WILL BE ORGANISED TO ATTRACT PARTICIPATION FROM ALL AGES AND DIFFERENT SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY. THESE INCLUDE TENNIS, MINI-TENNIS, SOCCER, BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, BADMINTON, BOWLING AND TABLE-TENNIS COMPETITIONS, ATHLETICS EVENTS, ARCHERY AND ROLLER SKATING FUN DAYS, A FUN DAY FOR THE HANDICAPPED AND THE ABLE-BODIED, AND A TELEMATCH FOR THE ELDERLY.

MR CHENG URGED RESIDENTS TO ACTIVELY TAKE PART IN THE SPORTS FESTIVAL AS SPORTS TALENTS SPOTTED IN THE ACTIVITIES MIGHT REPRESENT THE DISTRICT IN FUTURE TERRITORY-WIDE EVENTS.

APPLICATIONS FOR ALL THESE ACTIVITIES ARE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC. RESIDENTS MAY OBTAIN APPLICATION FORMS AT THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SEVEN SUB-OFFICES, AND THE OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT 9/F, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

RESIDENTS MAY CALL THE ENQUIRY TELEPHONE NUMBER 0-247201 FOR FURTHER DETAILS OF THE SPORTS FESTIVAL.

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INDUSTRY COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS COMPLAINTS FROM NEWSPAPER VENDORS
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THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (THURSDAY) TO DISCUSS A PAPER SUBMITTED BY THE MEMBERS CONCERNING A COMPLAINT FROM THE HONG KONG NEWSPAPER HAWKERS ASSOCIATION.

THE COMPLAINT CONCERNS THE LETTING OF SHOPS IN HOUSING ESTATES, AND THE ASSOCIATION POINTED OUT THAT THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT RECENTLY ALLOCATED A CERTAIN NUMBER OF SHOPS TO SOME LARGE ENTERPRISES WITHOUT GOING THROUGH THE NORMAL TENDERING PROCESS.

/A REPRESENTATIVE

A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT WILL ATTEND THE MEETING TO EXPLAIN THE ISSUE.

IN ADDITION, MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS A PROPOSED SEMINAR ON THE IMPORTANCE OF ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS IN HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON THE 3RD FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, NO. 1 TUEN HI ROAD.

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SHA TIN LOT FOR SHORT TERM TENANCY

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE SHORT-TERM TENANCY OF A 6,930-SQUARE-METRE LOT IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN, THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

A BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE LOT IS SPECIFIED FOR STORAGE OF GOODS (EXCLUDING CONTAINERS) BELONGING TO THE TENANT ONLY.

LOCATED AT AREA 47B, THE SITE WILL BE LET FOR ONE YEAR, THE AGREEMENT BEING RENEWABLE AFTERWARDS ON A QUARTERLY BASIS.

TENDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY NOON ON OCTOBER 2.

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SQUASH COURTS TO BE BUILT AT GAMES HALL

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FACILITIES AT KAI TAK EAST INDOOR GAMES HALL IN LUK HOP STREET, SAN PO KONG, WILL BE IMPROVED WHEN WORK TO BUILD THREE SQUASH COURTS IS COMPLETED NEXT AUGUST.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE DEADLINE FOR WHICH IS NOON ON OCTOBER 2.

/THE WORK

THE WORK INVOLVES CONSTRUCTING A SINGLE-STOREY EXTENSION OF ABOUT 280 SQUARE METRES TO THE EXISTING GAMES HALL. FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED, BESIDES THE THREE SQUASH COURTS, WILL INCLUDE A STORE ROOM, MANAGEMENT OFFICE, METER ROOM AND LOCKER SPACE.

CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN DECEMBER.

THE EXISTING GAMES HALL HAS A MULTI-PURPOSE ARENA WHICH CAN BE USED FOR PLAYING BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, BADMINTON AND TABLE-TENNIS.

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ENTRIES FOR NT FENCING COMPETITION INVITED

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THE SECOND NEW TERRITORIES FENCING COMPETITION NOW INVITES FENCING ENTHUSIASTS TO PARTICIPATE IN ITS MEN'S FOIL TEAM CONTEST.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TUEN MUN FENCING ASSOCIATION, YAN OI TONG COMMUNITY AND INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE, CARITAS SOCIAL CENTRE TUEN MUN GROUP AND COMMUNITY WORK SERVICE, AND SPONSORED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD, THE COMPETITION WILL BE HELD IN THE YAN OI TONG SPORTS CENTRE ON OCTOBER 11 (SUNDAY).

PARTICIPANTS SHOULD EITHER BE RESIDENTS, WORKERS OR STUDENTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES AND EACH TEAM SHOULD NOT COMPRISE MORE THAN FOUR FENCERS. THOSE UNDER 18 WISHING TO TAKE PART SHOULD OBTAIN THEIR PARENTS' OR GUARDIANS' SIGNED PERMISSION.

THE CHAMPION, FIRST AND SECOND RUNNERS-UP OF THE COMPETITION WILL EACH BE AWARDED A TROPHY.

ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE BUTTERFLY ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE, CARITAS SOCIAL CENTRE TUEN MUN GROUP AND COMMUNITY WORK SERVICE AND YAN OI TONG COMMUNITY AND INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE. COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE BUTTERFLY/WU KING SUB-OFFICE AT GROUND FLOOR, BUTTERFLY ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE IN PERSON OR BY POST ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30 (WEDNESDAY).

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT 0-851503.

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CONTESTS TO DEPICT EASTERN DISTRICT

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A PHOTOGRAPHIC CONTEST AND A COVER DESIGN COMPETITION ARE BEING HELD TO ENABLE THE PUBLIC TO DEPICT LIFE IN EASTERN DISTRICT TODAY.

ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE TWO CONTESTS ARE BEING HELD TO PAVE THE WAY TOWARDS THE FIRST-EVER EASTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

WITH AN AIM TO FOSTER A SENSE OF BELONGING TOWARDS EASTERN DISTRICT AND TO INTRODUCE COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DISTRICT, THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD BETWEEN NOVEMBER 15 AND 28 THIS YEAR.

BOTH CONTESTS SHOULD BEAR THE FESTIVAL'S THEME BY DEPICTING THE DISTRICT'S COMMUNITY FACILITIES, TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE LIVELIHOOD OF LOCAL RESIDENTS.

THE AIM IS TO CHOOSE THE WINNING ENTRIES OF THE PHOTO CONTEST FOR PRINTING THOUSANDS OF 'DISTRICT GREETING CARDS' FOR DISTRIBUTION TO LOCAL RESIDENTS AND TO WIDELY PUBLICISE THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL IN NOVEMBER.

THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE WILL PUBLISH A SPECIAL REPORT ON ALL THE ACTIVITIES DURING THE FESTIVAL AND THE COVER DESIGN COMPETITION FOR THE PUBLICATION IS ALSO NOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

DETAILED INFORMATION OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL PHOTO AND COVER DESIGN CONTESTS CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES. THE DEADLINE FOR BOTH CONTESTS WILL BE OCTOBER 14.

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HARRIERS' RUN FOR 'PITCHING IN'

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THIS YEAR'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN CONTINUES TO RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS.

MEMBERS OF A JOGGING CLUB, 'SOUTH SIDE HASH HOUSE HARRIERS', WILL 'PITCH IN' AT THE CAMPAIGN TOMORROW (THURSDAY) BY COLLECTING RUBBISH WHILE JOGGING.

THE JOGGING

THE JOGGING WILL TAKE PLACE ALONG A 3.5 KM CIRCULAR ROUTE STARTING FROM THE CARPARK AT ISLAND ROAD NEAR THE DEEP WATER BAY, THEN PASS SEAVIEW PROMENADE, BEACH ROAD, SOUTH BAY ROAD, REPULSE BAY ROAD, AND BACK TO THE CARPARK AT ISLAND ROAD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT 5.30 PM. A VAN (UC37) FOR THE PRESS WILL DEPART AT 4.30 PM FROM THE URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EDINBURGH PLACE. G.I.S. OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR SHA TIN RACE MEETINGS

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SPECIAL TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN SHA TIN DURING THE 1987-88 RACE SEASON STARTING FROM SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 19).

SPECIAL KCR TRAIN AND BUS SERVICES TO SHA TIN RACE COURSE WILL BE PROVIDED WHEN A RACE MEETING OR A CROSS-BETTING EVENT IS HELD THERE.

FOR DAY RACE MEETINGS, SPECIAL TRAIN SERVICE WILL OPERATE BETWEEN RACECOURSE STATION AND KOWLOON STATION FROM 11.06 AM TO 2.22 PM AND FROM 4.15 PM TO 7.19 PM. IN ADDITION, TRAINS FROM SHEUNG SHUI TO KOWLOON WILL BE DIVERTED TO SERVE RACECOURSE STATION BEFORE THE FIRST RACE.

TRAIN SERVICE TO RACECOURSE STATION WILL BE PROVIDED BETWEEN 11.31 AM AND 6.49 PM WHEN A DAY CROSS-BETTING EVENT IS HELD, WHILE TRAIN SERVICE TO RACECOURSE STATION WILL OPERATE BETWEEN 6.02 PM AND 11.25 PM FOR NIGHT CROSS-BETTING.

PASSENGERS TRAVELLING TO STATIONS NORTH OF RACECOURSE STATION AFTER THE RACE MEETINGS ARE ADVISED TO CHANGE FOR NORTHBOUND TRAINS AT SHA TIN STATION.

ON BUS SERVICES, THE RACE COURSE SPECIAL SERVICES OF ROUTE 848 FROM TSUEN WAN FERRY, ROUTE 887 FROM TAI KOK TSUI FERRY, ROUTE 888 FROM SHA TIN KCR STATION, ROUTE 889 FROM KWUN TONG FERRY AND ROUTE 891 FROM KOWLOON CITY FERRY WILL BE REINTRODUCED.

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ROUTE 871 WILL ALSO RESUME OPERATION, BUT WILL ONLY BE OPERATED FOR JOURNEYS TO TAI PO CENTRAL FROM THE RACE COURSE AFTER THE RACE MEETING.

PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES FROM KOWLOON TO SHA TIN RACE COURSE SHOULD MAKE USE OF THE FLYOVER ON TAI PO ROAD NEAR FO TAN KCR DEPOT, WHILE THOSE FROM TAI PO SHOULD USE THE SLIP ROAD OFF TAI PO ROAD OPPOSITE RACECOURSE STATION.

BOTH NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS AND PLB'S ARE PROHIBITED FROM USING THE RAMP OFF TAI PO ROAD AND THE ACCESS ROAD OFF TOLO HIGHWAY.

NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS SHOULD USE THE SLIP ROAD OFF TAI PO ROAD OPPOSITE RACECOURSE STATION FOR ACCESS TO THE NT TAXI STAND, WHILE URBAN TAXIS SHOULD USE THE RAMP OFF TAI PO ROAD OR THE ACCESS ROAD OFF TOLO HIGHWAY TO REACH THE URBAN TAXI STANDS UNDER GRANDSTAND II.

THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO GO TO SHA TIN RACE COURSE AS PARKING SPACES IN THE VICINITY ARE EXTREMELY LIMITED.

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NO LEFT TURN ON PUI TO ROAD
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VEHICLES ON PUI TO ROAD WESTBOUND IN TUEN MUN WILL BE BANNED FROM TURNING LEFT ON TO TIN HAU ROAD FOR ABOUT 10 DAYS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 18).

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA TSUN WEN ROAD NORTHBOUND, KIN FUNG CIRCUIT AND TSUN WEN ROAD SOUTHBOUND TO TIN HAU ROAD SOUTHBOUND.

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URBAN CLEARWAY IN WAN CHAI

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THE NEW SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM HARBOUR ROAD TO FLEMING ROAD IN WAN CHAI WILL BE DESIGNATED AS A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 19).

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

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN KENNEDY TOWN

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TO FACILITATE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORK IN KENNEDY TOWN AT THE JUNCTION OF BELCHER'S STREET AND QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, NO VEHICLE EXCEEDING SEVEN METRES IN LENGTH WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF BELCHER'S STREET BETWEEN QUEEN'S ROAD WEST AND SAI CHEUNG STREET FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 19).

THE MEASURE WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH.

AFFECTED VEHICLES, INCLUDING CHINA MOTOR BUS ROUTES 10, 47 AND CROSS HARBOUR BUS ROUTE 101 AND 104, WILL BE DIVERTED VIA KENNEDY TOWN PRAYA, SAI CHEUNG STREET TO REJOIN BELCHER'S STREET. IN ADDITION, CROSS HARBOUR BUS ROUTE 105 WILL HAVE TO TRAVEL VIA KENNEDY TOWN PRAYA TO REJOIN SANDS STREET BUS TERMINUS.

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