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GOVT STATEMENT ON PROMULGATION OF BASIC LAW

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THE BASIC LAW WAS PROMULGATED BY THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS OF CHINA ON APRIL 4, BUT THE FINAL TEXT HAS YET TO BE OFFICIALLY PUBLISHED IN HONG KONG.

THE FOLLOWING IS A STATEMENT ISSUED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE GOVERNMENT ON THE PROMULGATION OF THE BASIC LAW:

"THE BASIC LAW IS THE PRODUCT OF EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS OVER ALMOST FIVE YEARS BY THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES WITH HONG KONG PEOPLE. A NUMBER OF CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE DURING THAT PROCESS TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF HONG KONG CONCERNS.

"THE PROMULGATION OF THE BASIC LAW IS AN IMPORTANT LANDMARK IN LAYING FOUNDATIONS FOR HONG KONG'S FUTURE STATUS AS A SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

"WE HAVE HAD DETAILED CONFIDENTIAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES DURING THE COURSE OF THE DRAFTING PROCESS. AS A RESULT, CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE TO MANY PROVISIONS.

"AS WAS INDICATED IN OUR STATEMENT OF FEBRUARY 16, WE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO SEE MORE DIRECTLY ELECTED SEATS IN THE BASIC LAW FOR 1997. WE WILL CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO PERSUADE THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT, ONCE THEY HAVE SEEN THE ARRANGEMENTS TO BE INTRODUCED IN 1991 WORKING IN PRACTICE, THAT THIS WOULD BE DESIRABLE. MEANWHILE, AS THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON MARCH 21, WE INTEND TO MAKE A SUCCESS OF 1991 AND ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE COUNCIL WHICH CONVENES IN OCTOBER 1991 WILL PROVIDE A FIRM FOUNDATION ON WHICH TO BASE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF OUR DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM.

"THE BASIC LAW SETS OUT IN DETAIL THE WAY THAT THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION WILL OPERATE FOR AT LEAST 50 YEARS AFTER 1997. PEOPLE IN HONG KONG WILL WISH TO STUDY IT CAREFULLY. FOR ITS PART THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WILL WISH TO CONSIDER CAREFULLY WHAT STEPS WILL BE NEEDED TO ENSURE A SMOOTH TRANSITION IN 1997."

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FRANCIS MAUDE ARRIVES SATURDAY FOR FIVE-DAY VISIT

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THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, MR FRANCIS MAUDE, WILL ARRIVE IN HONG KONG ON SATURDAY (APRIL 7) FOR A FIVE-DAY VISIT.

DURING HIS STAY, MR MAUDE WILL MEET A WIDE CROSS SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMEN, PROFESSIONAL BODIES AND CIVIL SERVANT UNION LEADERS.

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HIS PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE VISITS TO A VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE DETENTION CENTRE, A NEW TOWN IN NORTH DISTRICT, THE BORDER AREA, WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT AND THE CITY POLYTECHNIC.

MR MAUDE WILL ALSO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH UNHCR OFFICIALS ABOUT THE VBP ISSUES AND VISIT THE BRITISH TRADE COMMISSION AND THE OFFICE OF THE BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP.

THE MINISTER WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 11) AFTERNOON BEFORE RETURNING TO BRITAIN IN THE EVENING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MR MAUDE WILL ARRIVE BY FLIGHT CX 250 AT 2 PM ON SATURDAY. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING HIS ARRIVAL SHOULD ASSEMBLE IN THE AIRPORT PRESS ROOM AT THE ARRIVAL HALL BY 12.45 PM.

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO BE SIGNED NEXT WEEK

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A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WILL BE SIGNED NEXT MONDAY (APRIL 9) BETWEEN THE LABORATORY ACCREDITATION SCHEMES OF THE TERRITORY AND THOSE OF TWO MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS, THE UNITED STATES AND AUSTRALIA.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY (QUALITY SERVICES), MR ERNEST EVANS, SAID THE SIGNING WOULD FACILITATE TRADE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THESE TWO COUNTRIES BY ELIMINATING ONE OF THE TECHNICAL BARRIERS EXISTING IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

"UNDER THESE MOU'S, TEST CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY THE HONG KONG LABORATORY ACCREDITATION SCHEME (HOKLAS) WILL BE ACCEPTED IN THE UNITED STATES AND AUSTRALIA WITH THE SAME VALIDITY AS IF THEY WERE CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY THE ACCREDITED LABORATORIES OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LABORATORY ACCREDITATION (A2LA) AND AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TESTING AUTHORITIES (NATA)," MR EVANS SAID.

AFTER THE MUTUAL AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN SIGNED, TRADE IN GOODS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND HONG KONG, AS WELL AS THAT BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND HONG KONG, WHERE ACCOMPANIED BY TEST CERTIFICATES, WILL NO LONGER BE INTERRUPTED AT POINTS OF IMPORTATION OF CUSTOMS QUERIES OVER THE TECHNICAL INTEGRITY OR THE VERACITY OF TEST DATA, HE SAID.

/TRADERS IN .....

TRADERS IN HONG KONG HAVE BEEN ENJOYING SUCH CONVENIENCE WHEN DOING BUSINESS WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM SINCE LAST APRIL WHEN A MOU WAS SIGNED BETWEEN HOKLAS AND THE NATIONAL MEASUREMENT ACCREDITATION SERVICE (NAMAS).

MR EVANS SAID THERE WERE ONLY EIGHT SIMILAR MOU'S BETWEEN MAJOR ACCREDITATION SCHEMES OF THE WORLD. THOSE TO BE SIGNED BETWEEN HOKLAS AND A2LA AND HOKLAS AND NATA WOULD BE THE NINTH AND TENTH.

"IT INDICATES WELL THE STANDING AND INTEGRITY OF THE LABORATORY ACCREDITATION SCHEME IN HONG KONG," MR EVANS SAID.

AT MONDAY'S SIGNING CEREMONY, THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR T.H. BARMA, WILL REPRESENT THE HONG KONG SCHEME AND SIGN THE MOU'S WITH THE PRESIDENT OF A2LA, MR JOHN LOCK, AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF NATA, MR J.A. GILMOUR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SIGNING CEREMONY WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.45 PM ON MONDAY (APRIL 9) AT THE CENTENARY ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE OMNI HONG KONG HOTEL, TSIM SHA TSUI.

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MYTH ABOUT HK TRIADS QUASHED  
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THE POPULAR MYTH THAT HONG KONG TRIADS ARE CONTROLLING A CRIMINAL NETWORK OUTSIDE OF THE TERRITORY SIMILAR TO THAT OF MAFIA GANGS WAS QUASHED DURING A RECENT ORGANISED CRIME CONFERENCE IN JAPAN.

PARTICIPANTS AT THE TOKYO CONFERENCE ON ORGANISED CRIME IN THE ASIAN REGION ALSO SUPPORTED THE FORCE'S ASSESSMENT THAT THERE WAS NO INDICATION AT THIS JUNCTURE OF AN EXODUS OF TRIAD PERSONALITIES FROM HONG KONG.

THE FORCE'S REPRESENTATIVE AT THE WEEK-LONG CONFERENCE, MR JIM MAIN, CHIEF STAFF OFFICER, CRIME HEADQUARTERS, SAID THAT PARTICIPATING NATIONS CONCLUDED THAT CLOSER INTERNATIONAL AND BILATERAL CO-OPERATION WAS THE BEST WAY TO COMBAT ORGANISED CRIME IN THE REGION.

"THE CONFERENCE UNDOUBTEDLY INCREASED EACH PARTICIPATING COUNTRY'S KNOWLEDGE OF ORGANISED CRIME THROUGHOUT THE AREA. IT ALSO ENHANCES OUR CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION. YOU KNOW PEOPLE IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS," MR MAIN ADDED.

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THE CONFERENCE, THE SECOND IN TWO YEARS HOSTED BY THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES, WAS INITIATED BY THE COUNTRY'S NATIONAL POLICE AGENCY.

PARTICIPANTS NUMBERING NEARLY 40 INCLUDED ORGANISED CRIME EXPERTS FROM BRUNEI, INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, THE PHILIPPINES, SOUTH KOREA, SINGAPORE, THAILAND, HONG KONG AND THE HOST COUNTRY.

IT WAS DURING THE CONFERENCE THAT DELEGATES FROM THE US, CANADA AND AUSTRALIA - ATTENDING AS OBSERVERS - CONSENTED TO THE FORCE'S ASSESSMENT THAT THERE WAS NO BASIS TO SUPPORT A COMMON BELIEF THAT HONG KONG TRIADS HAD EXTENDED THEIR INFLUENCE TO CONTROL CRIME BEYOND THE TERRITORY.

WHILE THE POTENTIAL FOR TRIAD PERSONALITIES FROM HONG KONG GOING OVERSEAS DID DRAW INTEREST FROM OTHER PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES, PARTICIPANTS AGREED THAT THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE TO SUGGEST THIS WAS THE CASE AT THE MOMENT.

DELEGATES FROM SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA ALSO ENDORSED THE FORCE'S VIEWS THAT TRIADS WERE NOT SYNONYMOUS WITH ORGANISED CRIME.

"THEY ARE LINKED BUT EACH IS A PROBLEM IN ITS OWN RIGHT," MR MAIN EXPLAINED.

"ONE OF THE THINGS THAT IS OBVIOUS IS THAT, REGARDLESS OF NATIONALITIES AND CULTURES, ORGANISED CRIME TENDS TO OPERATE IN LARGELY SIMILAR AREAS - VICE, NARCOTICS, GAMBLING AND ENTERTAINMENT, ETC" HE ADDED.

IN TERMS OF LEGAL MUSCLE AGAINST ORGANISED CRIME RACKETS, MR MAIN SAID HONG KONG HAD SOME ADVANTAGES AND SOME DISADVANTAGES WHEN COMPARED WITH LEGISLATION IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

HOWEVER, HONG KONG IS ALWAYS REVIEWING ITS LEGISLATION.

ON THE ORGANISED CRIME FRONT BETWEEN HONG KONG AND JAPAN, WHICH ARE CLOSE TRADING PARTNERS, MR MAIN SAID THERE WAS NO INDICATION THAT SUGGESTED CRIMINAL INVOLVEMENT OF THE "BORYOKUDAN" (JAPANESE CRIMINAL GANGS) IN HONG KONG, AND VICE VERSA.

"OBVIOUSLY, TRIAD PERSONALITIES DO GO OVERSEAS AND EQUALLY, MEMBERS OF THE JAPANESE TRIADS DO COME TO HONG KONG AND GO ELSEWHERE," HE SAID.

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FREE HANDBOOK ON WORK SITE SAFETY

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS RECENTLY PUBLISHED A BRIEF GUIDE TO THE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ENSURING THE SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE OF WORKERS ON CONSTRUCTION SITES.

ENTITLED "A GUIDE TO THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS", THE HANDBOOK EXPLAINS IN SIMPLE LANGUAGE THE VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE REGULATIONS.

IT SERVES AS A HANDY REFERENCE FOR BOTH EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS IN THE INDUSTRY AND PROVIDES A CHECK LIST OF MATTERS RELATING TO SITE SAFETY WHICH REQUIRE PARTICULAR ATTENTION.

THE HANDBOOK ALSO SPECIFIES THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CONTRACTORS AND SETS OUT THE SAFETY RULES CONCERNING DIFFERENT WORK PROCESSES AND EQUIPMENT USED ON SITE.

TO MEET THE VARIOUS NEEDS OF CONSTRUCTION PERSONNEL, THE BOOKLET INTRODUCES A RANGE OF SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION COURSES OFFERED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE.

THE HANDBOOK, PRINTED IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, IS NOW AVAILABLE FREE AT ALL BRANCH OFFICES OF THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE.

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PAMPHLET TO PROMOTE SAFETY AWARENESS TOWARDS FLOODING

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A PAMPHLET TO PROMOTE SAFETY AWARENESS AMONG NEW TERRITORIES RESIDENTS TOWARDS FLOODING HAS BEEN PUBLISHED AS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PUBLICITY ON THE SUBJECT.

PRODUCED BY THE DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE COLOURFUL PAMPHLET WHICH IS ILLUSTRATED WITH CARTOONS, IS TARGETTED PRIMARILY AT VILLAGERS LIVING IN THE LOW-LYING AREAS SUCH AS YUEN LONG AND THE NORTH DISTRICT.

COPIES OF THE PAMPHLET CAN BE OBTAINED FROM VARIOUS RURAL COMMITTEES OR VILLAGE OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

WITH THE APPROACH OF THE RAINY SEASON, ITS PUBLICATION IS TIMED TO PROVIDE VILLAGERS OF FLOOD-PRONE AREAS WITH NECESSARY INFORMATION ON WHAT TO DO BEFORE AND DURING A FLOODING INCIDENT.

APART FROM SUGGESTIONS ON MEASURES TO MINIMISE LOSS AND DAMAGE THE PUBLICITY MATERIAL HIGHLIGHTS THE EXISTING MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM AS WELL AS THE MAIN CAUSES OF FLOODING, SUCH AS HEAVY OR PROLONGED RAINFALL, THE EFFECT OF TIDAL SURGE AND INADEQUATE LAND DRAINAGE.

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ON PREVENTION MEASURES, IT EMPHASISES THE IMPORTANCE OF THE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THE INHERENT FLOOD RISK OF THE LIVING PLACE AND ADVISES VILLAGERS TO AVOID BLOCKING GULLIES AND LAND DRAINAGE WITH RUBBISH, WHICH HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A MAIN CAUSE OF FLOODING.

A LIST OF TELEPHONE NUMBERS IS ALSO INCLUDED IN THE PAMPHLET AS AN EASY REFERENCE FOR VILLAGERS TO REPORT FLOODING INCIDENTS TO THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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MARCH SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL BEING CONDUCTED  
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS CONDUCTING THE MARCH 1990 ROUND OF THE SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL IN MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY.

THE SURVEY COVERS ABOUT 100,000 ESTABLISHMENTS WHICH ARE DRAWN FROM VARIOUS SECTORS INCLUDING THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR (MINING AND QUARRYING; MANUFACTURING; ELECTRICITY AND GAS), THE DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES SECTOR (WHOLESALE, RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS), WITH FULL ENUMERATION OF ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE SERVICES SECTOR (TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION; FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES; COMMUNITY, SOCIAL AND PERSONAL SERVICES).

QUESTIONNAIRES WERE MAILED TO INDIVIDUAL SAMPLE ESTABLISHMENTS AT THE END OF MARCH 1990. REMINDERS ARE NOW BEING SENT TO ESTABLISHMENTS NOT RESPONDING TO THE INITIAL QUESTIONNAIRES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDER 1982 (LEGAL NOTICE NO. 69 OF 1982, GAZETTED ON MARCH 5, 1982), ESTABLISHMENTS RECEIVING QUESTIONNAIRES ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THEM TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD.

INFORMATION IS BEING SOUGHT ON THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED AND EXISTING VACANCIES ON MARCH 30, 1990 FOR EACH SAMPLED ESTABLISHMENT.

SOME 10,000 ESTABLISHMENTS HAVE BEEN RANDOMLY SELECTED FROM THIS SAMPLE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PAYROLL IN EACH OF THE THREE MONTHS DURING THE REFERENCE PERIOD OF JANUARY-MARCH 1990.

ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE SERVICES SECTOR (TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION; FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES; COMMUNITY, SOCIAL AND PERSONAL SERVICES) WILL ALSO BE REQUESTED TO FURTHER PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE MAJOR KIND OF BUSINESS ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS ENDING MARCH 1990.

SHOULD RESPONDENTS FIND DIFFICULTIES IN COMPLETING THE FORMS, THEY ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE ON TEL. 823 5076.

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AMS RECRUITMENT DAY AND PASSING-OUT PARADE ON SUNDAY

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THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES WILL HOLD ITS KOWLOON AND NEW TERRITORIES REGIONS RECRUITMENT DAY AND A PASSING-OUT PARADE ON SUNDAY (APRIL 8).

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR ADOLF HSU, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE RECRUITMENT DRIVE'S OPENING CEREMONY AND INSPECT THE PARADE.

THE EVENT WILL BEGIN AT 11 AM AT MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND, CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, SHAM SHUI PO.

A DISPLAY OF FIRST-AID EQUIPMENT AND PICTURES INTRODUCING THE ACTIVITIES OF AMS WILL BE STAGED AT THE VENUE. THOSE INTERESTED IN FIRST AID SERVICE CAN APPLY FOR ENROLMENT AT THE SITE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES RECRUITMENT DAY AND PASSING-OUT PARADE TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY (APRIL 8) AT MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND, SHAM SHUI PO. THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 11 AM.

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ENTRY TO ABERDEEN DRAGON BOAT RACE INVITED

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COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATIONS AND RESIDENT BODIES ARE BEING INVITED TO FORM TEAMS TO TAKE PART IN THE ABERDEEN DRAGON BOAT RACE ON MAY 28 TO CELEBRATE THE TUEN NG FESTIVAL.

"THE RACE HAS BEEN AN ANNUAL EVENT IN ABERDEEN FOR DECADES," THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MRS SO CHAU YIM-PING, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

"THIS YEAR'S RACE IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD," SHE SAID.

THE EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE, AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, ALONG A 330-METRE CHANNEL OFF THE ABERDEEN WATERFRONT BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM ON THE DAY OF THE FESTIVAL.

THERE WILL BE A FISHERMEN'S EXHIBITION MATCH DIVISION, A GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS INVITATION DIVISION AND A MEDIUM-BOAT DIVISION.

/"THE MEDIUM .....

"THE MEDIUM BOAT DIVISION IS NOW OPEN FOR ENTRY. COMMERCIAL FIRMS, FACTORIES, REGISTERED ASSOCIATIONS AND RESIDENTS' BODIES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY ARE WELCOME TO FORM TEAMS TO TAKE PART," MRS SO SAID.

THE DIVISION IS SUB-DIVIDED INTO THREE SECTIONS - INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL, ORGANISATIONS, AND LADIES' OPEN. ENTRY FEE FOR THE INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL SECTION IS \$500 WHILE THAT FOR THE OTHER TWO SECTIONS IS \$250.

EACH TEAM SHOULD HAVE 22 MEMBERS. THEY WILL BE PROVIDED WITH DRAGON BOATS, OARS, DRUMS, AND IF NECESSARY, A DRUMMER AND A COXSWAIN. PRACTICE SESSIONS WILL BE ARRANGED.

ENTRY FORMS AND INFORMATION LEAFLETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE IN ABERDEEN CENTRE AND AT ITS SUB-OFFICES IN ABBA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, LEI TUNG ESTATE, WAH FU ESTATE AND STANLEY VILLAGE ROAD.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRY IS APRIL 26. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 552 0508 AND 552 0343.

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TENDERS FOR MAINLAYINGS IN NEW TERRITORIES

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE LAYING OF ABOUT 6,300 METRES OF FRESH AND SALT WATERMANS IN MA ON SHAN.

THE WATERMANS, WHICH WOULD FORM PART OF THE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM AT MA ON SHAN, ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED TO MEET THE FRESH AND SALT WATER DEMAND TO BE GENERATED BY THE PROPOSED NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT THERE.

THE WATERMANS WOULD RANGE FROM 150 MM TO 600 MM IN DIAMETER. WORK WOULD START IN JULY AND WOULD TAKE 17 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

MEANWHILE, TENDERS ARE ALSO BEING INVITED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PUMP HOUSE, A HEADER TANK AND LAYING OF A FRESH WATERMAIN AT LUNG KWU TAN IN TUEN MUN.

THE FIVE-KILOMETRE MAIN AND THE OTHER FACILITIES ARE TO BE USED FOR SUPPLYING WATER TO THE FUTURE WEST NEW TERRITORIES LANDFILL SITE.

THE DIAMETER OF THE MAIN WOULD RANGE FROM 100 MM TO 250 MM. WORK WOULD START BY THE END OF NEXT MONTH AND BE COMPLETED IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR.

TENDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE CENTRAL TENDER BOARD BEFORE NOON ON APRIL 20 (FRIDAY).

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FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR TAI PO SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS IN TAI PO ARE REMINDED TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS TO THE TAI PO DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE BEFORE TUESDAY (APRIL 10).

THE FUNDS WILL BE ALLOCATED TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS FOR ORGANISING RECREATIONAL, SPORTS OR CULTURAL ACTIVITIES THIS SUMMER FOR YOUTH AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 25.

THESE ACTIVITIES SHOULD CARRY THE THEME "SHARE THE FUN, SERVE THE COMMUNITY".

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AT 1 TING KOK ROAD.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 657 7111 EXT. 256.

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CHAMPION SCHOOL DANCERS TO PERFORM AT SHA TIN TOWN HALL, CITY HALL

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CHAMPION DANCERS FROM SCHOOLS WILL GIVE A SERIES OF PERFORMANCES STARTING FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT SHA TIN AND ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

THE YOUNG PERFORMERS ARE WINNERS OF THE 26TH SCHOOLS DANCE FESTIVAL IN WHICH 379 TEAMS, COMPRISING 3,680 STUDENTS, FROM 263 SECONDARY, PRIMARY AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS TOOK PART.

THE PRIZE-WINNING PRESENTATION OF COLOURFUL CHINESE, ORIENTAL, CREATIVE AND MODERN DANCES WILL BE HELD EVERY EVENING AT SHA TIN TOWN HALL STARTING TOMORROW AND ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, AND IN THE CONCERT HALL OF CITY HALL FOR FIVE EVENINGS FROM APRIL 17 TO 21.

THE SHA TIN EVENTS ARE JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS SPORTS COUNCIL WHILE THOSE AT CITY HALL ARE PRESENTED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE SCHOOLS SPORTS COUNCIL, AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

THIRTY TEAMS WERE AWARDED HONOURS, 129 HIGHLY COMMENDED, 180 COMMENDED AND 16 WON CHOREOGRAPHY AWARDS.

PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONIES WILL BE HELD AT EACH OF THE PERFORMANCES.

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, WILL PRESENT AWARDS DURING THE APRIL 8 (SUNDAY) PERFORMANCE AT SHA TIN TOWN HALL.

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OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENTING THE AWARDS ARE THE SENIOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (DEVELOPMENT), MR ROBERT LO; ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS), MR S.W. WONG; REGIONAL COUNCILLOR, MR KAN CHUNG-NIN; URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR MAN SAI-CHEONG; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LAWS FOUNDATION TRUST, MR RAYMOND LAW; THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR DICKEN YUNG; AND PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (CULTURE), MR PETER BURTON.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO SEE THE PRIZE-WINNING DANCES ARE WELCOME TO OBTAIN TICKETS, AT \$10, \$15 AND \$20, AT ALL URBIX OUTLETS.

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URBAN CLEARWAY IN WAH SING STREET  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (APRIL 7), THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF WAH SING STREET IN KWAI CHUNG BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH KUNG YIP STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 85 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

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

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURE ON ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (APRIL 7), TWO LANES ON BOTH THE WESTBOUND AND EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAYS OF THE SECTION OF ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR FRONTING PROVIDENT CENTRE WILL BE CLOSED FOR 20 DAYS.

THE MEASURE IS TO FACILITATE HIGHWAY NOISE REDUCTION SURFACING WORKS.

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