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MORE SOCIAL CENTRES PLANNED FOR THE ELDERLY

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THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO BUILD 55 MORE SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS TO BRING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SUCH CENTRES TO 160 TO SATISFY THE DEMAND, THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR T.H. CHAU, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TSUI LAM HOSTEL AND SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY RUN BY THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE AGED AT TSEUNG KWAN O.

MR CHAU SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD PROVIDED FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND EXTENSIVE COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY OVER THE PAST DECADE.

"THE TSUI LAM SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY OPENED TODAY IS PART OF THE COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES OFFERED.

"NOT ONLY DOES IT PROVIDE THE ELDERLY WITH A PLACE FOR RECREATIONAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, BUT IT ALSO HELPS THEM MAKE THE BEST USE OF THEIR LEISURE, WIDEN THEIR HORIZONS, GET ACQUAINTED WITH THEIR COMMUNITY, AND ADAPT BETTER TO SOCIAL CHANGES SO THAT THEY CAN SPEND THEIR LATER YEARS IN FULLNESS AND HAPPINESS."

MR CHAU POINTED OUT THAT TO CATER FOR THE NEEDS OF THE ELDERLY, THE GOVERNMENT HAD ESTABLISHED DIFFERENT KINDS OF RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION, SUCH AS HOSTELS, SHELTERED HOUSING, HOMES FOR THE AGED AS WELL AS CARE AND ATTENTION HOME, TO ACCOMMODATE OLD PEOPLE ACCORDING TO THEIR PHYSICAL CONDITION.

"THE TSUI LAM HOSTEL FOR THE ELDERLY OPENED TODAY IS DESIGNED FOR THOSE WHO ENJOY BETTER HEALTH," HE SAID.

MR CHAU SAID THE NUMBER OF PLACES IN HOSTELS AND HOMES FOR THE AGED WOULD SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE FROM THE PRESENT 8,107 TO 13,166 IN THE COMING FIVE YEARS.

"PLACES IN CARE AND ATTENTION HOMES WILL ALSO INCREASE FROM THE PRESENT 1,860 TO 6,893," HE SAID.

MR CHAU ALSO PRAISED THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE AGED FOR ITS TREMENDOUS CONTRIBUTIONS IN PROVIDING WELFARE SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1977.

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GOVT MONITORS DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING ANTI-DUMPING PETITION

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A PETITION WAS FILED YESTERDAY WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, ALLEGING THAT THE U.S. KNITWEAR INDUSTRY HAS BEEN INJURED BY IMPORTS OF MAN-MADE FIBRE SWEATERS FROM HONG KONG, KOREA AND TAIWAN.

THE PETITION BY THE U.S. KNITWEAR AND SPORTSWEAR MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION ALLEGES THE IMPORTS ARE BEING SOLD AT LESS THAN FAIR VALUE.

COMMENTING ON THIS, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE (NORTH AMERICA), MR CHRIS JACKSON, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN MONITORING DEVELOPMENTS FOR SOME TIME.

"WE HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE KNITWEAR INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG AND WITH OUR LEGAL ADVISERS IN WASHINGTON, AND WILL FOLLOW THIS CASE CLOSELY TO ENSURE THAT OUR INDUSTRY GETS A FAIR HEARING," HE SAID.

MR JACKSON ADDED THAT THE RELEVANT U.S. INDUSTRY HAD ALREADY ENJOYED MANY YEARS OF PROTECTION UNDER THE MULTI FIBRE ARRANGEMENT.

"HONG KONG EXPORTS OF MAN-MADE FIBRE SWEATERS TO THE UNITED STATES HAVE BEEN UNDER QUOTA SINCE 1971. IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW IMPORTS FROM HONG KONG OF A PRODUCT WHICH HAS BEEN UNDER QUOTA FOR SO LONG COULD NOW DAMAGE THE U.S. INDUSTRY," HE SAID.

MR JACKSON SAID DETAILS OF THE PETITION WERE NOT YET AVAILABLE.

"QUITE HOW THE U.S. KNITWEAR INDUSTRY IMAGINES THAT MANUFACTURERS IN OUR HIGHLY COMPETITIVE TRADING ENVIRONMENT COULD AFFORD TO OPERATE AT A LOSS OR SELL AT LESS THAN FAIR VALUE REMAINS UNCLEAR.

"BUT THE U.S. INDUSTRY HAS RIGHTS UNDER U.S. LAW TO LODGE A PETITION. ANY PETITION MUST TAKE ITS COURSE AS LEGALLY PROVIDED FOR," HE SAID.

MR JACKSON SAID A WORRYING FEATURE OF THE CASE WAS THAT IT COULD REPRESENT A NEW FORM OF PROTECTION FOR THE U.S. TEXTILES INDUSTRY.

"IF IT SUCCEEDS IN ITS AIM OF IMPOSING AN EXTRA DUTY ON HONG KONG MAN-MADE FIBRE SWEATERS, PETITIONS AGAINST OTHER CATEGORIES OF HONG KONG GARMENTS COULD FOLLOW."

HE ADDED THAT THE ALLEGATION WAS DIRECTED AT THE HONG KONG KNITWEAR INDUSTRY.

"THE INDUSTRY HAS FORMED AN ACTION COMMITTEE WHICH IS HIRING EXPERT U.S. LEGAL ADVICE.

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"THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WILL REMAIN IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE INDUSTRY TO ENSURE THAT IT IS GIVEN EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT ITS CASE TO THE U.S. AUTHORITIES."

TWO U.S. AGENCIES, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION, WILL BE INVOLVED IN REVIEWING THE PETITION.

"THE PROCEDURES ARE COMPLICATED, BUT IN ESSENCE THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION MUST DECIDE WITHIN 45 DAYS OF THE PETITION BEING FILED WHETHER THERE ARE SUFFICIENT GROUNDS TO JUSTIFY AN INVESTIGATION," MR JACKSON EXPLAINED.

IN THE EVENT OF AN INVESTIGATION, SELECTED MANUFACTURERS AND EXPORTERS OF MAN-MADE FIBRE KNITWEAR IN HONG KONG WILL BE ASKED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO COMPLETE DETAILED QUESTIONNAIRES ON THEIR PRODUCTION COSTS AND SALES PRICES.

A FINDING THAT SWEATERS ARE SOLD AT LESS THAN FAIR VALUE WOULD MEAN AN ADDITIONAL DUTY PAYABLE ON ALL IMPORTS OF HONG KONG MAN-MADE FIBRE SWEATERS INTO THE UNITED STATES.

IN 1988, HONG KONG EXPORTED ABOUT 1.25 MILLION DOZEN MAN-MADE FIBRE SWEATERS TO THE UNITED STATES.

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STANDING COMMITTEE VISITS DISCIPLINED SERVICES AT AIRPORT

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MEMBERS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINED SERVICES SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE TODAY (SATURDAY) SAW FIRST-HAND THE WORK OF THE DISCIPLINED SERVICES AT THE AIRPORT DURING A VISIT TO KAI TAK.

LED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE'S POLICE SUB-COMMITTEE, MR MARTIN BARROW, THE OTHER MEMBERS INCLUDED MR WILFRED CHAN; MR ANTHONY CHEUNG; MR CHOW CHUN-FAI; MRS MIRIAM LAY; MR ANTHONY NEOH AND MR BRIAN RENWICK.

THEY FIRST VISITED THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE AND WERE BRIEFED ON THE VARIOUS OPERATIONS OF THE RHKAAF BY THE CHIEF STAFF OFFICER, MR JOHN SHAWCROSS.

THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE ALSO BRIEFED ON THE ROLE AND EXPANSION PROGRAMME OF THE RHKAAF.

AT THE AIRPORT FIRE CONTINGENT, COMMITTEE MEMBERS SAW A DISPLAY AND DEMONSTRATION OF THE FIRE-FIGHTING APPLIANCES AND EQUIPMENT. THEY WERE BRIEFED ON THE WORK OF THE TWO FIRE STATIONS IN THE AIRPORT BY THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER (HEADQUARTERS COMMAND), MR RAY JOHNSTON.

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AT THE AIRPORT POLICE STATION, THE VISITORS WERE RECEIVED BY THE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR GUS CUNNINGHAM, WHO BRIEFED THEM ON THE VARIOUS OPERATIONS AND WORK OF THE POLICE OFFICERS AT THE AIRPORT.

THEY ALSO VISITED THE NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE OFFICE AND SEVERAL POLICE POSTS DURING A TOUR OF THE AIRPORT.

LATER COMMITTEE MEMBERS VISITED THE AIRPORT DIVISION OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT WHERE THEY WERE BRIEFED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR H.C. YEUNG, ON PROCEDURES IN HANDLING THOUSANDS OF PASSENGERS.

THEY ALSO SAW IMMIGRATION OFFICERS AT WORK IN CLEARING ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE PASSENGERS, AND WERE BRIEFED ON PREVENTION ACTION AGAINST DOUBTFUL VISITORS AND FORGERY.

AT THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT, COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE BRIEFED ON THE VARIOUS OPERATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT BY THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER (OPERATIONS), MR S.H. MAN.

THEY SAW CUSTOMS AND EXCISE OFFICERS ON PATROL AT THE APRON, CARRYING OUT AIR CARGO INSPECTION AND DEPLOYING SNIFFER DOGS TO DETECT NARCOTICS.

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ANTI-VICE WORK BY MONG KOK SPECIAL SQUADS  
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LIKE A PORNOGRAPHER'S MUSEUM, MONG KOK DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS IS CRAMMED WITH MORE OBJECTS SEIZED FROM VICE ESTABLISHMENTS THAN ANY OTHER DISTRICT IN THE POLICE FORCE.

THE BACK YARD OF THE CARPARK IS PILED HIGH WITH PORNOGRAPHIC SIGNBOARDS. INSIDE A PROPERTY ROOM HUNDREDS OF MATTRESSES ARE PILED TO THE CEILING. SNACKS OF TELEVISIONS, VIDEOS AND CLOSED CIRCUIT SETS ARE KEPT IN ANOTHER ROOM.

THE EXHIBITS OCCUPY SOME 1,000 SQUARE METRES OF SPACE.

MONG KOK DISTRICT OPERATIONS OFFICER CHIEF INSPECTOR BUTE WING-KIM, SAID: "THE STORING OF THESE EXHIBITS IS A PROBLEM TO US AND WHEN NEW LEGISLATION AIMED AT CRACKING DOWN ON VICE SIGNBOARDS COME INTO FORCE HOPEFULLY AT THE END OF THE YEAR THE STORAGE PROBLEM WILL BE EVEN GREATER.

"FOR UNDER THE NEW LEGISLATION IT WILL BE AN OFFENCE TO DISPLAY OR PERMIT THE DISPLAY OF A SIGN WHICH MAY BE UNDERSTOOD TO ADVERTISE THE SERVICES OF A PROSTITUTE.

"IT WILL EMPOWER THE POLICE TO TAKE DOWN OFFENDING SIGNS WHETHER OR NOT THE PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SIGNS ARE IDENTIFIED.

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"WE WILL HAVE MORE WORK TO DO INITIALLY TAKING DOWN MORE VICE SIGNS BUT WE WILL ONLY HAVE TO KEEP THEM FOR A MONTH BEFORE DISPOSING OF THEM.

"THE MEASURES WILL HIT VICE OPERATORS AND CLEAN UP THE CITY ENVIRONMENT."

MR BUTE SAID THAT PROPOSED LEGISLATION WOULD ALSO INTRODUCE A CLOSURE ORDER SCHEME WHICH WOULD ALLOW COURTS TO ORDER THE CLOSURE OF PREMISES WHERE OFFENCES RELATED TO VICE HAD OCCURRED TWICE WITHIN ONE YEAR.

"THERE ARE SOME 460 VICE ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE AREA, CLASSIFIED INTO FISH BALL STALLS, NIGHT CLUBS/DANCE HALLS, ONE WOMAN BROTHELS, VILLAS/APARTMENTS, UNLICENSED MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS, LADY BARBER SHOPS, ESCORT COMPANIES AND PORNOGRAPHIC VIDEO CENTRES.

"EVERY MONTH WE MAKE A FRESH ACCOUNT OF THESE ESTABLISHMENTS, SHOWING INFORMATION ON NUMBERS, ADDRESSES AND SITUATIONS OF RAIDS. FROM STATISTICS GATHERED WE WORK OUT OUR PRIORITY OF ACTION.

"PRIORITY IS BASED ON WHETHER ESTABLISHMENTS HAVE UNDER-AGED GIRLS, TRIAD CONTROL AND WALK-IN SEX. WE ALSO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION WHETHER ESTABLISHMENTS INVOLVE OTHER RELATED CRIMES, LIKE LOAN SHARKING, AND WHETHER IT IS A NEW ESTABLISHMENT ON THE SCENE."

MR BUTE SAID SOME ESTABLISHMENTS WERE BEING HARD PRESSED BY FREQUENT RAIDS, WHICH ALSO SERVED AS A WARNING TO CUSTOMERS.

NEARLY 90 PER CENT OF PROSTITUTES OPERATING IN MONG KOK AREA, MR BUTE SAID, WERE FROM OTHER AREAS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA, MOSTLY FROM THE PHILIPPINES, THAILAND AND MALAYSIA.

"OVER HALF OF THE ARRESTED PROSTITUTES HOLD HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS, WHICH THEY GET FROM FALSE MARRIAGES. WHEN WE COME ACROSS THESE WOMEN HOLDING HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO REPATRIATE THEM BACK TO THEIR COUNTRIES.

"ONLY IF THEY DO NOT HAVE LOCAL IDENTITIES, ARE OVER-STAYING IN HONG KONG OR BREACHING THEIR WORKING CONDITIONS CAN WE LAY CHARGES ON THEM."

MR BUTE SAID THAT UNDER-AGED GIRLS WERE A LESSER PROBLEM.

THE STRIVING VICE BUSINESS IN MONG KOK IS PLACING A HEAVY WORK LOAD ON SPECIAL DUTY SQUADS UNDER MR BUTE'S COMMAND.

IT IS QUITE OFTEN THAT STAFF WORK CONTINUOUSLY FOR 30 HOURS AT A TIME AND SOMETIMES THEY HAVE REACHED 40 HOURS WITHOUT A BREAK.

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"BECAUSE SEIZURES USUALLY TAKE PLACE AT NIGHT, THEY THEN TAKE FIVE OR SIX HOURS TO PROCESS SUSPECTS AND CUSTOMERS IN ONE CASE, WHICH KEEPS THEM TO DAWN. THEN THEY GO TO COURTS IN THE MORNINGS AND START THEIR SHIFTS AGAIN IN THE AFTERNOON.

"THAT IS WHY OFFICERS IN THE SPECIAL DUTY SQUADS HAVE TO BE TRANSFERRED OUT AFTER SIX MONTHS TO RELIEVE THEIR BURDEN. IT'S A GOOD THING TO HAVE NEW FACES TO DO SOME UNDERCOVER WORK BUT OF COURSE WE HAVE TO SPEND TIME IN TRAINING NEWCOMERS."

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FUN-FILLED CARNIVAL CLOSES SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME  
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A FUN-FILLED CARNIVAL, ATTENDED BY MORE THAN A THOUSAND LOCAL CHILDREN AND YOUNGSTERS, MARKED THE CLOSING OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME (SYP) TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE PROGRAMME OF THE DISTRICT BOARD SPONSORED CARNIVAL INCLUDED PERFORMANCES BY POP SINGERS, GAME STALLS AND AN EXHIBITION REPORTING ON THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES HELD DURING THE SUMMER.

ABOUT 400 CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES WERE HELD IN THE DISTRICT THIS YEAR UNDER THE SYP.

THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB HAD DONATED MORE THAN \$370,000 IN SUBSIDISING THESE ACTIVITIES WHICH WERE ORGANISED BY A NUMBER OF LOCAL BODIES INCLUDING VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS.

OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S CLOSING CEREMONY WERE URBAN COUNCILLOR MR CHEUNG WING-SUM, AND ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER (SHAM SHUI PO WEST), MISS LEONIA TAI.

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S SYP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR RAYMOND CHOY, PAID TRIBUTE TO THE PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN MAKING THIS YEAR'S SYP A SUCCESS.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN IN YAU TSIM

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A CAMPAIGN TO CALL ON YAU TSIM DISTRICT RESIDENTS TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT STARTED THIS (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON WITH A VARIETY SHOW AT THE URBAN COUNCIL CENTENARY GARDEN IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

THE CAMPAIGN'S ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD UNTIL JANUARY. THEY INCLUDE CLEANLINESS COMPETITIONS FOR BUILDINGS AND COOKED FOOD STALLS, A SEMINAR ON HOUSEHOLD CLEANLINESS, REMOVAL OF ABANDONED SIGNBOARDS AND DISTRICT PATROLS, TO IDENTIFY ENVIRONMENTAL BLACK SPOTS.

THE CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY A COMMITTEE COMPRISING DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, COMMUNITY LEADERS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE, AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND URBAN COUNCIL.

AMONG THOSE OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY TODAY WERE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WONG HON-HO; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH; CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE, MR LAI WING-TAK; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR LI KING-WAH.

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FARMERS INVITED TO SEE DEMONSTRATION OF HYBRID SYSTEM

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LIVESTOCK FARMERS WHO WISH TO CONTINUE BUSINESS IN THE CONTROL AREAS ARE INVITED TO REGISTER THEIR INTEREST IN SEEING THE DEMONSTRATION OF THE HYBRID WASTE TREATMENT METHOD WITH THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

THEY CAN DO SO BY CALLING CNTA'S HOTLINES: 0-6754664 FOR FARMERS IN THE NORTH DISTRICT, 0-4792261 EXTENSION 216 FOR THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT AND 5-8351533 FOR OTHER DISTRICTS:

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STEERING GROUP ON DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS ON PRIVATE FARMS, MR LEO KWAN, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT ONE OF THE PRIVATE FARMS PARTICIPATING IN THE DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS WHICH USES THE HYBRID SYSTEM FOR TREATING LIVESTOCK WASTE IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR VISITS.

HE SAID LIVESTOCK FARMERS, PARTICULARLY OPERATORS OF BIGGER FARMS, SHOULD NOT MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE HYBRID SYSTEM WHICH CAN ENABLE THEM TO COMPLY WITH THE ANTI-POLLUTION REGULATIONS.

THE HYBRID SYSTEM IS A COMBINATION OF THE DRY AND WET MUCK-OUT METHODS AND IS SUITABLE FOR FARMS REARING A LARGER NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK.

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DB TO DISCUSS FUTURE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT

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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS FUTURE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG AT ITS MEETING ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 25).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE ISSUE AND, IN ANOTHER ITEM ON THE AGENDA, REVIEW THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 25) IN THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR, KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, 6 TUNG YAN STREET. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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READING AWARD SCHEME FOR PRIMARY 5, 6 STUDENTS

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TO HELP STUDENTS TO DEVELOP GOOD READING HABITS, IMPROVE THEIR LANGUAGE SKILLS AND TO PROMOTE THE USE OF CLASS LIBRARY RESOURCES, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S LIBRARY SECTION WILL ORGANISE A READING AWARD SCHEME FOR PRIMARY 5 AND 6 STUDENTS TO BE HELD BETWEEN NEXT MONTH AND APRIL NEXT YEAR.

THE READING AWARD SCHEME IS SPONSORED BY THE LIONS CLUBS IN ZONE 1, LIONS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 303.

TROPHIES, CERTIFICATES OF MERIT AND BOOK COUPONS WORTH BETWEEN \$600 AND \$1,000 WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FIRST THREE WINNING SCHOOLS AND WINNERS RESPECTIVELY.

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT AND BOOK COUPONS WORTH \$200 EACH WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED TO 20 ENTRIES THAT ARE HIGHLY COMMENDED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE THE DETAILS OF THE SCHEME WILL BE HELD AT THE OFFICE OF THE LIONS CLUB AT ROOM 803, DOMINION CENTRE, 43-59 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI, ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 27), BEGINNING AT 3.30 PM.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS), MRS C.H. KONG, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LIONS CLUB WILL JOINTLY CHAIR THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

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## RENOWNED AUSTRALIAN CHORUS VISITS HK

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A RENOWNED AUSTRALIAN CHORUS, THE SYDNEY CONSERVATORIUM CHORALE, ARRIVED IN HONG KONG YESTERDAY (FRIDAY) FOR A FOUR-DAY VISIT.

DURING THEIR STAY, THE 28-MEMBER CHORUS LED BY DR RONALD SMART WILL GIVE TWO SCHOOL PERFORMANCES AT THE METHODIST COLLEGE AND THE GOOD HOPE SCHOOL ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 25), BEGINNING AT 10.15 AM AND 2 PM RESPECTIVELY.

IT WILL ALSO GIVE AN EVENING CONCERT AT THE ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS ON THE SAME DAY AT 6 PM.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE AUSTRALIAN MUSIC AND OTHER FAMOUS MUSICAL PIECES.

THE CHORALE HAD WON FAVOURABLE RESPONSES FROM AUDIENCES, THE MEDIA AND ACADEMIC CIRCLES DURING ITS LAST VISIT TO HONG KONG IN 1986.

IT WILL LEAVE HONG KONG ON TUESDAY.

ADMISSION TO THE EVENING CONCERT IS FREE. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 5-8235321.

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## SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS SOLD BY AUCTION

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FORTY SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE PUT UP FOR AUCTION THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING FOR A TOTAL OF \$648,500 WHICH WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL, SAW THE REGISTRATION NUMBER EC3 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$164,000.

ANOTHER NUMBER 2992 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$80,000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1,000 EACH FOR EC1516, EC1737 AND EB7971.

FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF TODAY'S AUCTION:

EB9888	\$ 8,000	EC168	WITHDRAWN	EC3	\$ 164,000	AA172	\$ 15,000
EC350	3,000	EC8060	3,000	EC8882	16,000	EB8120	3,000
EA787	6,000	EA280	6,000	EC603	8,500	DD32	16,000
EC1516	1,000	DT666	30,000	EC1688	12,000	EC1012	2,000
CN6688	60,000	EC190	11,000	EC377	4,000	EC1737	1,000
BZ167	3,000	EC3639	2,000	2992	80,000	EB9285	WITHDRAWN
EB123	18,000	AC468	10,000	EC817	6,000	488	60,000
EC5251	WITHDRAWN	EC3778	4,000	EC1978	5,000	EB7971	1,000
EC930	5,000	HK61	40,000	EC2326	5,000	EC1301	2,000
AH1800	7,000	EC1368	10,000	EB181	9,000	EC1128	10,000

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SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WERE REQUIRED TO PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

THE NUMBERS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 142ND ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR CHARITY REALISED SO FAR TO \$85,856,132.

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#### TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN SHA TIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD T7 IN SHA TIN, THE SECTION OF TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD BETWEEN ON SUM STREET AND MA ON SHAN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM 2 PM ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 25) FOR ABOUT 12 MONTHS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS ON THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD HEADING FOR MA ON SHAN WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED ROUNDABOUT AND THE UNNAMED ROAD EAST OF RAVANA GARDEN BEFORE REJOINING MA ON SHAN ROAD EASTBOUND.

AT THE SAME TIME, MOTORISTS ON THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF MA ON SHAN ROAD HEADING FOR SHA TIN CENTRAL WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE ADJACENT UNNAMED ROAD AND THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED ROUNDABOUT EAST OF RAVANA GARDEN BEFORE REJOINING TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD WESTBOUND.

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#### TEMPORARY URBAN CLEARWAY IN WAN CHAI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 25), THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF LUARD ROAD IN WAN CHAI BETWEEN JOHNSTON ROAD AND THOMSON ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED A PEAK HOUR (7 AM - 10 AM AND 4 PM - 7 PM) DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY.

THIS MEASURE WILL LAST FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS TO FACILITATE WATERMAIN LAYING WORKS.

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

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