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OCTOBER ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL FIGURES RELEASED

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THE ORDERS POSITION IN OCTOBER 1989 AS REPORTED BY THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH BOTH SEPTEMBER 1989 AND OCTOBER 1988, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (SUNDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARING OCTOBER 1989 WITH SEPTEMBER 1989, THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRY BUT DECREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, ORDERS SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND TEXTILES INDUSTRIES.

COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1988, THE ORDERS POSITION IN OCTOBER 1989 INCREASED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS, WEARING APPAREL AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES. ON THE OTHER HAND, ORDERS DECREASED MODERATELY IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY, AND SLIGHTLY IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

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

ON EMPLOYMENT, THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED REPORTED THAT THEIR TOTAL WORKFORCE IN OCTOBER 1989 REMAINED ALMOST THE SAME AS IN SEPTEMBER 1989, BUT DECREASED BY 8 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1988.

COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1989, EMPLOYMENT IN OCTOBER 1989 INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRY AND SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE IN THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRY. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, EMPLOYMENT DECREASED SLIGHTLY IN MOST OTHER MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED.

COMPARING OCTOBER 1989 WITH OCTOBER 1988, EMPLOYMENT INCREASED IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRY. ON THE OTHER HAND, EMPLOYMENT DECREASED IN MOST OTHER MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, WITH THE LARGEST DECREASES RECORDED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

COMPARING OCTOBER 1989 WITH SEPTEMBER 1989, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SURVEYED DECREASED BY 2 PER CENT IN MONEY TERMS. THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND TEXTILES INDUSTRIES REPORTED SIGNIFICANT DECREASES IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS DUE LARGELY TO THE ISSUE OF SPECIAL BONUSES IN SEPTEMBER 1989 BY SOME MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SURVEYED.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRY BUT DECREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

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COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1988, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN OCTOBER 1989 INCREASED BY 18 PER CENT. WHILE PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN MOST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, THE LARGEST INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

IN THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES SURVEYED, EMPLOYMENT IN OCTOBER 1989 INCREASED SLIGHTLY OVER SEPTEMBER 1989, BUT DECREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1988. PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN OCTOBER 1989 INCREASED SLIGHTLY OVER SEPTEMBER 1989 BUT SIGNIFICANTLY OVER OCTOBER 1988. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT FIGURES FOR THIS SECTOR COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

IN THE SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS, THE OVERALL EMPLOYMENT IN OCTOBER 1989 INCREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH BOTH SEPTEMBER 1989 AND OCTOBER 1988. PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN OCTOBER 1989 DECREASED MODERATELY WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1989, DUE MAINLY TO THE ISSUE OF BONUSES IN SEPTEMBER 1989 BY SOME UTILITY COMPANIES SURVEYED. COMPARING OCTOBER 1989 WITH OCTOBER 1988, PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY FOR THE SERVICE SECTORS TAKEN TOGETHER.

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

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

THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT AS THE SURVEY IS NOT BASED ON A SCIENTIFICALLY SELECTED SAMPLE, THE MAGNITUDES OF CHANGE INDICATED BY THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE MERELY A REFLECTION OF THE EXPERIENCE OF THE COMPANIES SURVEYED. HOWEVER, GIVEN THE COMPOSITION OF THE PANEL, IT SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR MAKING A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1989 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI AT \$2 PER COPY.

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

TABLE 1: ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	ORDERS-ON-HAND		
	AS AT THE END OF	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
	OCTOBER 1989	SEP. 89	OCT. 88
	(MONTHS)	(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	4.27	*	*
WEARING APPAREL	4.81	+1	+3
TEXTILES	2.23	*	-5
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	2.71	-3	+8
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4.51	*	+1
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5.05	*	-2
OTHERS	4.11	-1	-1

* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5 PER CENT

TABLE 2: EMPLOYMENT

PERSONS ENGAGED AT THE END OF OCTOBER 1989

INDUSTRY/SERVICES	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
	SEP. 89	OCT. 88
	(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	*	-8
FOOD AND DRINKS	+3	+5
WEARING APPAREL	*	-9
TEXTILES	-1	-2
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	-1	-20
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	-1	-6
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	-1	-14
OTHERS	+1	+1
CONSTRUCTION#	+1	-3
SERVICES	+1	+3
BANKS	*	+2
HOTELS	+1	*
PUBLIC UTILITIES	+1	+1
OTHERS	+1	+9

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* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5 PER CENT

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

TABLE 3: PER CAPITA EARNINGS

INDUSTRY/SERVICES	AVERAGE AS IN OCTOBER 1989	PER CAPITA EARNINGS	
		CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH SEP. 89	OCT. 88
	(HK\$)	(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	5,247	-2	+18
FOOD AND DRINKS	6,200	-2	+20
WEARING APPAREL	4,337	+1	+13
TEXTILES	4,977	-8	+13
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	5,221	-10	+18
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	5,022	-1	+16
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5,076	-1	+20
OTHERS	6,742	-2	+17
CONSTRUCTION#	7,529	+1	+14
SERVICES	8,662	-5	+17
BANKS	8,354	*	+19
HOTELS	5,598	-1	+16
PUBLIC UTILITIES	8,734	-12	+14
OTHERS	9,592	+1	+19

* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

PER CAPITA EARNINGS COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

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

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'NO PREFIX' CAR NUMBERS FOR YEAR OF THE HORSE
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CAR OWNERS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACQUIRE "NO PREFIX" NUMBERS FOR THEIR VEHICLES TO GREET THE YEAR OF THE HORSE.

TWENTY-ONE SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS BEARING NO PREFIX WILL BE PUT UP FOR SALE AT A LUNAR NEW YEAR "LUCKY" VEHICLE NUMBER AUCTION ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 6.

HEADING THE LIST IS NUMBER 2828 WHICH IS CONSIDERED A LUCKY NUMBER MEANING "EASY TO PROSPER".

THE NUMBERS AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING ARE AS FOLLOWS:

2828	886	1188
178	223	15
1313	8833	822
988	11	813
67	818	27
939	388	983
2222	89	399

ALL THE NUMBERS ARE NOT TRANSFERRABLE.

WITH AN EXPECTED LARGE TURNOUT AT THE COMING AUCTION, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR IT TO BE HELD AT A LARGER VENUE. THE AUCTION WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE INSTEAD OF THE RECITAL HALL, BEGINNING AT 10 AM.

PREVIOUS LUNAR NEW YEAR AUCTIONS SAW THE AUSPICIOUS NUMBER "8" FETCH A RECORD \$5 MILLION LAST YEAR AND THIS YEAR "7" WAS SOLD FOR \$4.8 MILLION.

ALL PROCEEDS FROM LUCKY CAR NUMBER AUCTIONS GO TO THE LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES.

THE PROCEEDS FROM ALL THE AUCTIONS THIS YEAR HAVE TOTALLED ABOUT \$20 MILLION COMPARED WITH \$20.23 MILLION LAST YEAR AND \$7.88 MILLION IN 1987.

SINCE MAY 1973, A TOTAL OF 145 AUCTIONS HAVE BEEN HELD BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, RAISING ABOUT \$90 MILLION FOR THE LOTTERIES FUND.

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SURVEY OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT USE IN NORTHEAST NT

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS COMMISSIONED MVA CONSULTANCY TO SURVEY USAGE OF VARIOUS PUBLIC TRANSPORT MODES, INCLUDING KMB BUSES, RAILWAYS, RED PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AND GREEN MINIBUSES AND RESIDENTIAL COACHES, IN THE NORTHEAST NEW TERRITORIES.

THE SURVEY FORMS PART OF A STUDY AIMED AT REVIEWING AND RATIONALISING THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT NETWORK IN THE NORTHEAST NEW TERRITORIES.

QUESTIONNAIRES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO PASSENGERS ON BOARD AND BE COLLECTED AS THEY ALIGHT DURING THE THREE-MONTH SURVEY COMMENCING ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 18).

INTERVIEWS WILL ALSO BE CONDUCTED ON BOARD OR AT STOPS, TERMINI OR STATIONS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT URGED COMMUTERS TO CO-OPERATE AND PROVIDE THE TRAVEL INFORMATION REQUESTED, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE.

HE GAVE AN ASSURANCE THAT ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED WILL BE KEPT IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WILL ONLY BE USED FOR THE STUDY.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR HANDICAPPED IN SWD CENTRES

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, TODAY (SUNDAY) CALLED ON PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE TO HELP HANDICAPPED PEOPLE INTEGRATE INTO THE COMMUNITY.

SHE MADE THE APPEAL AT A JOINT CHRISTMAS PARTY OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S REHABILITATION CENTRE AND THE KAI CHI CHILDREN'S CENTRE.

MRS WONG POINTED OUT THAT SERVICES FOR THE HANDICAPPED WERE PROVIDED WITH AN AIM TO HELP THEM BUILD UP CONFIDENCE AND DEVELOP THEIR OWN POTENTIALS.

"TO ACHIEVE THE AIM, SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION OF PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE IS NEEDED," SHE SAID.

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY WAS ATTENDED BY RESIDENTS OF THE TWO CENTRES AND THEIR FAMILIES, REPRESENTATIVES OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, PRINCIPALS OF SPECIAL SCHOOLS AND STAFF OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

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ACTIVITIES INCLUDED A LUCKY DRAW AND PERFORMANCES BY RESIDENTS OF THE TWO CENTRES, SUCH AS A KUNG FU DEMONSTRATION AND A DRAMA.

THE HIGHLIGHT WAS A FUN FAIR WITH A SPONSORSHIP OF \$16,000 FROM THE ROUND TABLE NO.3 (VICTORIA).

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GOVERNOR TO VISIT NORTH DISTRICT

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL TOUR SHA TAU KOK TOWN IN THE FRONTIER CLOSED AREA DURING HIS VISIT TO NORTH DISTRICT ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 4.

SIR DAVID WILL SEE VARIOUS FACILITIES PROVIDED UNDER THE \$300 MILLION REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME OF SHA TAU KOK TOWN.

HE WILL FIRST VISIT THE SHA TAU KOK CENTRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL, AN AMALGAMATION OF FIVE RURAL SCHOOLS DISPERSED IN REMOTE VILLAGES TO PROVIDE BETTER FACILITIES AND TEACHING STAFF.

NEXT, HE WILL TOUR THE SHA TAU KOK RURAL PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE, WHICH IS BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE HONG KONG HOUSING SOCIETY TO ACCOMMODATE PEOPLE AFFECTED BY CLEARANCE OF TWO NEARBY SQUATTER AREAS.

WHILE IN NORTH DISTRICT, SIR DAVID WILL PROCEED TO TIN PING ESTATE FOR A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE FANLING AND SHEUNG SHUI NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENTS.

HE WILL ALSO INSPECT THE SHEUNG SHUI FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEME AND VISIT A CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO NORTH DISTRICT ON JANUARY 4 (THURSDAY).

TO FACILITATE APPLICATIONS FOR FRONTIER CLOSED AREA PERMITS, REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS COVERING THE VISIT SHOULD GIVE THEIR NAMES AND IDENTITY CARD NUMBERS TO MRS ANGELA WONG, INFORMATION OFFICER OF NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, ON TEL. 0-6756974 BEFORE FRIDAY (DECEMBER 22). LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED.

TRANSPORT FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE PROVIDED ON JANUARY 4.

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SHA TIN FESTIVAL CENTRES ON COMMUNITY BUILDING

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THE MONTH-LONG SHA TIN FESTIVAL, PROVIDING MORE THAN 40 ACTIVITIES, BEGAN TODAY (SUNDAY) AMIDST SINGING BY A 600-STRONG CHORUS AND 1,000 COLOURFUL RISING BALLOONS.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE FESTIVAL HELD IN FRONT OF THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR ADOLF HSU, SAID EVERY SHA TIN RESIDENT SHOULD BE PROUD OF THIS SPIRIT OF ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

"SHA TIN HAS BEEN DEVELOPING VERY RAPIDLY. IN THE FESTIVE MOOD OF THIS FESTIVAL, IT IS GOOD TIME TO REVIEW THE DISTRICT'S DEVELOPMENT IN THE LAST DECADE AND TO PREPARE FOR FURTHER COMMUNITY BUILDING WORK IN THE FUTURE," HE SAID.

MR HSU SAID THE SUCCESS FO COMMUNITY BUILDING DEPENDED ON CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND RESIDENTS, AS WELL AS THE ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT OF COMMUNITY LEADERS.

"GOOD COMMUNICATION AND CO-OPERATION IS VERY VISIBLE IN THE FESTIVAL, THE ORGANISATION OF WHICH INVOLVES MANY DISTRICT BODIES," HE NOTED.

"WHILE WELCOMING ALL SHA TIN RESIDENTS FOR THEIR ARDENT SUPPORT, I HOPE RESIDENTS OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT WILL ALSO TAKE PART IN THE VARIED ACTIVITIES," HE SAID.

TODAY'S PROGRAMME INCLUDED AN "ELDERS' MARKET", A "YOUTH CORNER" AND NINE GAME STALLS STAGED BY THE NINE AREA COMMITTEES IN SHA TIN.

AT THE SAME TIME, IN THE EXHIBITION GALLERY OF THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL, A STATIC DISPLAY ENTITLED "SHA TIN - THE PAST AND THE PRESENT" WAS HELD.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN DAILY FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM TILL DECEMBER 21.

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DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES IN CIVIC EDUCATION

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THE DISTRICT OFFICES AND THE DISTRICT BOARDS ARE TASKED WITH PROMOTING CIVIC EDUCATION AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL, THE CONVENER OF THE RESOURCE CENTRE WORKING GROUP OF THE CIVIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE, MR CHAN WING-TAI, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT A CIVIC EDUCATION CARNIVAL AT THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND, MR CHAN CITED AS AN EXAMPLE THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION WHICH WAS APPOINTED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR.

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SINCE THEN THE COMMITTEE HAD ORGANISED A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS TALKS, EXHIBITIONS, MOCK DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS, AND COMPETITIONS OF DIFFERENT NATURE, ALL AIMED AT FOSTERING CIVIC EDUCATION.

MR CHAN NOTED THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ALSO MAINTAINED CLOSE TIES WITH HIS OWN COMMITTEE SO AS TO ENSURE THAT THE DISTRICT ACTIVITIES IN SHAM SHUI PO MATCHED THOSE AT THE TERRITORY LEVEL.

TO GIVE RESIDENTS A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF ITS WORK, THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION DISTRIBUTED AT THE CARNIVAL LEAFLETS ABOUT ITS ACTIVITIES, ITS LOGO, AND THE SCOPE OF CIVIC EDUCATION.

OTHER EVENTS INCLUDED GAMES STALLS, A CHILDREN'S COLOURING COMPETITION, AND PERFORMANCES BY THE SHAM SHUI PO ARTS ASSOCIATION YOUTH, CHILDREN CHOIRS, AND POPULAR SINGERS.

IN ADDITION, VIDEOS ON DIFFERENT THEMES OF CIVIC EDUCATION WERE SHOWN.

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YOUNG PEOPLE ARE FUTURE 'PILLARS' OF HK
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WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PETER MANN, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT YOUNG PEOPLE ARE THE FUTURE "PILLARS" OF SOCIETY AND CALLED ON THEM TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS BUILDING A PROSPEROUS HONG KONG.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE WAN CHAI YOUTH FESTIVAL, MR MANN SAID THE EVENT WAS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD'S CONCERN FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES WORKING GROUP IN SUPPORT OF THE TERRITORY-WIDE YOUTH FESTIVAL.

HE NOTED THAT THE DISTRICT YOUTH FESTIVAL OFFERED A CARNIVAL, PERFORMANCES AND AN OPEN FORUM TO CATER FOR THE DIFFERENT INTERESTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

THE DISTRICT YOUTH FESTIVAL, WHICH AIMED AT PROMOTING A SENSE OF COMMITMENT AMONG YOUTH TOWARDS BUILDING A BETTER HONG KONG, WAS ORGANISED WITH THE SUPPORT OF MORE THAN 40 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, INCLUDING VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, YOUTH CENTRES, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND SCHOOLS.

HUNDREDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE TOOK PART IN THE FORUM, ENTITLED "LOOKING FORWARD: YOUTH, HONG KONG AND FUTURE". THERE WERE ALSO A DRAMA, SINGING AND CHINESE ORCHESTRAL MUSIC PERFORMANCES AND MARTIAL ARTS DEMONSTRATION.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, MRS ROSANNA TAM; WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S CONCERN FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES WORKING GROUP, MR SAN STEPHEN WONG.

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ELDERLY PEOPLE SHOULD ADOPT POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS LIFE

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THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS LORNA MA, TODAY (SUNDAY) CALLED ON ELDERLY PEOPLE TO ADOPT A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS LIFE.

"AS LONG AS YOU REMAIN HEALTHY, CHEERFUL AND OPTIMISTIC, AND ARE WILLING TO SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE WITH YOUNG PEOPLE, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY A POSITIVE AND PROSPEROUS LIFE AS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE COMMUNITY," MRS MA TOLD MORE THAN 500 SENIOR RESIDENTS WHO ATTENDED A "FUN DAY FOR THE ELDERLY".

THE DISTRICT OFFICER SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROBLEMS OF SENIOR RESIDENTS AND HAD BEEN EXPANDING RELEVANT SERVICES TO CATER TO THEIR NEEDS.

MRS MA ALSO CALLED ON YOUNG PEOPLE TO UPHOLD THE CHINESE TRADITION OF RESPECTING THE ELDERLY AND SHOWING FILIAL PIETY.

"YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD TAKE RESPECTING, LOVING AND PROTECTING THE ELDERLY AS THEIR DUTIES AND TRY THEIR BEST TO MAKE THEM FEEL LOVED AND CARED FOR.

"THEN THE ELDERLY COULD SPEND THE REST OF THEIR LIVES HAPPILY," SHE SAID.

THE FUN DAY, WHICH IS PART OF THE 1989-90 MONG KOK FESTIVAL, HAS BEEN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD, THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE MONG KOK KAIFONG ASSOCIATION CHAN HING SOCIAL SERVICES CENTRE AND THE YANG MEMORIAL SOCIAL SERVICES CENTRE.

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ESTABLISHMENT OF SCOUT GROUP IN TUEN MUN

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WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OPEN SCOUT GROUP IN TUEN MUN, LOCAL YOUTH WILL HAVE MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN AND BENEFIT FROM SCOUT ACTIVITIES, THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN WAN, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY TO MARK THE FORMATION OF THE 80TH TUEN MUN GROUP.

ESTABLISHED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, THE GROUP WILL PROVIDE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AND FOSTER A CIVIC SPIRIT AMONG ITS MEMBERS.

/MR WAN

MR WAN POINTED OUT THAT IN VIEW OF TUEN MUN'S GROWING YOUTH POPULATION, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND LOCAL VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WERE WORKING TOWARDS SATISFYING THEIR NEEDS FOR OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES AND PURSUITS.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WAS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR KINGSLEY SIT, THE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER OF TUEN MUN, MR HUI CHIU-YIN, INSPECTED THE SCOUTS.

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RESIDENTS LEARN ABOUT ROAD SAFETY AT CARNIVAL

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THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS IN WONG TAI SIN LEARNED TO OBSERVE ROAD SAFETY REGULATIONS IN A CARNIVAL HELD AT MORSE PARK THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE CARNIVAL, WITH EDUCATIONAL AND PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES ON ROAD SAFETY, MARKED THE CLOSE OF THE DISTRICT'S ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN WHICH BEGAN IN OCTOBER.

SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE, MR YEUNG CHIU-MING, SAID A SERIES OF PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES HAD BEEN ORGANISED DURING THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD.

"THESE INCLUDED PUTTING UP PUBLICITY BANNERS AT THE DISTRICT'S TRAFFIC BLACKSPOTS, STAGING ROAD SAFETY EXHIBITIONS IN HOUSING ESTATES, VISITING CENTRES FOR THE AGED TO SPREAD THE ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE AND ORGANISING COMPETITIONS FOR PUPILS," HE SAID.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, THE POLICE DEPUTY DISTRICT COMMANDER OF WONG TAI SIN, MR DICK YOUNG, SAID CARELESSNESS ON THE PART OF PEDESTRIANS WAS A COMMON FACTOR IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

"IT IS PARTLY FOR THIS REASON THAT TODAY'S CARNIVAL HAS BEEN AIMED AT INCREASING THE ROAD SAFETY AWARENESS OF PEDESTRIANS," HE SAID.

MR YOUNG POINTED OUT THAT THE OVERALL ACCIDENT RATE FOR THIS YEAR WAS DECLINING WHEN COMPARED WITH LAST YEAR.

"THE DECREASE IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS MUST BE PARTLY ATTRIBUTED TO LAST YEAR'S DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN," HE SAID.

ALSO ATTENDING THE CEREMONY TODAY WERE THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, DR MICHAEL LEE; LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR MR MICHAEL CHENG; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN LAU; AND STAFF OFFICER OF TRAFFIC POLICE (KOWLOON EAST), MR LEUNG CHING-PONG.

TODAY'S FUNCTION WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE, THE DISTRICT'S POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICE AND THE ROAD SAFETY OFFICE OF KOWLOON TRAFFIC POLICE.

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FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN STARTS IN WONG TAI SIN SQUATTER AREAS

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A CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE FIRE PREVENTION AND COMBAT ILLEGAL TAPPING OF ELECTRICITY AT SQUATTER AREAS IN WONG TAI SIN BEGAN TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE FOUR-WEEK-LONG CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY A WORKING GROUP UNDER THE DISTRICT BOARD'S SQUATTER AREAS COMMITTEE.

SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY THIS AFTERNOON, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CAMPAIGN WORKING GROUP, MR LI YUK-WA, SAID THE CAMPAIGN AIMED AT ENHANCING RESIDENTS' AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF FIRE PREVENTION AND THE DANGER OF ILLEGAL POWER TAPPING.

HE ALSO URGED RESIDENTS TO TAKE PART IN THE VARIOUS EDUCATIONAL AND PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD DURING THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD.

"WITHOUT RESIDENTS' SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION, THE CAMPAIGN WILL NOT BE SUCCESSFUL," HE SAID.

THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CAMPAIGN INCLUDE CROSSWORD PUZZLE AND COLOUR-SHADING COMPETITIONS, HOUSEHOLD VISITS, VISITS TO A FIRE STATION AND A SEMINAR ON FIRE PREVENTION.

THE CEREMONY WAS FOLLOWED BY AN EXHIBITION ON FIRE PREVENTION AND THE PROPER USE OF ELECTRICITY. THERE WAS ALSO A DEMONSTRATION ON FIRE FIGHTING AND PERFORMANCE BY A SILVER BAND.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, THE DIVISIONAL COMMANDER OF KOWLOON CENTRAL DIVISION OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR JACK MORAN, SAID ALTHOUGH THE PROBLEM OF ILLEGAL POWER TAPPING IN SQUATTER AREAS WAS NOT AS SERIOUS AS IN THE PAST YEARS, VIGILANCE WAS STILL NECESSARY.

HE POINTED OUT THAT FIRE SERVICES PERSONNEL REGULARLY VISITED SQUATTER AREAS TO CHECK FIRE INSTALLATIONS, DISTRIBUTE ADVISORY LEAFLETS AND ASSIST IN THE TRAINING OF FIRE WATCH TEAMS.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS AT THE CEREMONY WERE THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, DR MICHAEL LEE; CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S SQUATTER AREAS COMMITTEE, MRS LEE LO YUK-SIM; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN LAU; AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY LIMITED, MR LEUNG SHUI-CHUNG.

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SPORTS CARNIVAL IN SHAM SHUI PO

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MORE THAN A THOUSAND SHAM SHUI PO RESIDENTS ATTENDED A SPORTS CARNIVAL TODAY (SUNDAY) AT CHEUNG SHA WAN PLAYGROUND.

THE CARNIVAL WAS ONE OF THE MAJOR EVENTS IN THIS YEAR'S SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FESTIVAL WHICH BEGAN LAST WEEK AND WILL LAST UNTIL JANUARY 8.

SPONSORED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD, THE CARNIVAL WAS ORGANISED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND VARIOUS SPORTS ORGANISATIONS.

AFTER AN EYE-DOTTING CEREMONY PERFORMED BY THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR JAMES SO, THE CARNIVAL BEGAN WITH A PERFORMANCE BY THE TAI TAM GAP WIND BAND OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

OTHER PERFORMANCES INCLUDED WRESTLING DEMONSTRATIONS BY A GROUP OF EXPERTS FROM SHENZHEN AND AEROBIC DANCE. CHILDREN WERE TREATED TO A VARIETY OF GAMES.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS AT THE CARNIVAL WERE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR TAI TUNG-NGOK, AND DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALAN FUNG.

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ROAD SAFETY SIGNBOARDS IN EASTERN DISTRICT

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THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD HAS PUT UP A TOTAL OF 50 SIGNBOARDS AT TRAFFIC ACCIDENT BLACKSPOTS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT TO DRIVE HOME THE ROAD SAFETY MESSAGES.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD'S WORKING GROUP ON ROAD SAFETY, MR FU YUEN-CHEUNG, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE SIGNBOARDS SERVED TO REMIND LOCAL RESIDENTS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFETY ON ROADS.

MR FU WAS SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY BEFORE BOARDING AN OPEN-TOP DOUBLE-DECKER BUS FOR A TOUR OF THE DISTRICT.

HE WAS JOINED BY MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY PATROLS IN THE VISIT TO VARIOUS PLACES IN THE DISTRICT TO APPEAL TO RESIDENTS TO OBSERVE TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

THEY SET OFF FROM THE CHAI WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE, TRAVELLED ALONG KING'S ROAD TO THE NORTH POINT FERRY PIER, AND FINALLY STOPPED AT LAI TAK TSUEN IN CAUSEWAY BAY.

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THE DISTRICT TOUR FORMED PART OF THIS YEAR'S ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN WHICH HAS BEEN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

MR FU SAID THE CAMPAIGN WOULD CONCLUDE WITH A LARGE-SCALE "ROAD SAFETY DAY" TO BE HELD IN VICTORIA PARK ON JANUARY 7.

A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN LINED UP FOR THE OUTDOOR FUNCTION, INCLUDING A MOTORCYCLE RIDING SKILL DEMONSTRATION AND A "ROAD SAFETY TOWN" DISPLAY.

MR FU POINTED OUT THAT A QUIZ AND A SLOGAN DESIGN CONTEST HELD EARLIER IN CONNECTION WITH THE ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN HAD ATTRACTED A FAVOURABLE RESPONSE FROM THE ELDERLY AND STUDENTS.

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SKETCH COMPETITION ON CENTRAL AND WESTERN BUILDINGS

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CENTRAL AND WESTERN RESIDENTS WITH ARTISTIC TALENT ARE BEING INVITED TO ENTER A SKETCH COMPETITION ON THE DISTRICT'S UNIQUE BUILDINGS.

THE AIM OF THE COMPETITION IS TO STRENGTHEN RESIDENTS' SENSE OF BELONGING, A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

IT IS DIVIDED INTO SENIOR AND JUNIOR SECTIONS FOR RESIDENTS AGED BETWEEN EIGHT AND 30.

THE COMPETITION IS BEING JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE MID-LEVELS (CENTRAL) AREA COMMITTEE AND THE HONG KONG YWCA.

THE SKETCHES SHOULD BE MADE ON A WHITE DRAWING PAPER MEASURING 29.5 CM BY 38.5 CM. ENTRIES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE 11TH FLOOR OF HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, BEFORE THE END OF JANUARY.

THE WINNERS IN EACH SECTION WILL BE AWARDED TROPHIES AND BOOK COUPONS.

THE RESULTS OF THE COMPETITION WILL BE PUBLISHED ON THE MARCH ISSUE OF THE DISTRICT NEWSPAPER.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-223101 OR 5-8523485.

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SECOND AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE MAJOR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF AN ENGINEERING FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE SELECTION OF A LOCATION FOR THE SECOND AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (MONDAY).

ACCORDING TO A CONSULTATION PAPER TO BE TABLED BY THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT, THE POPULATION IN AP LEI CHAU WILL REACH ABOUT 100,000 IN THE MID-1990'S AND A SECOND BRIDGE WILL BE REQUIRED TO COPE WITH THE GROWTH IN TRAFFIC VOLUME.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SECOND BRIDGE CAN START IN EARLY 1991 IF FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE INTERCHANGE AT THE JUNCTION OF ABERDEEN PRAYA ROAD AND TIN WAN PRAYA ROAD.

THE PROJECT, WHICH COSTS ABOUT \$100 MILLION, IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN MARCH NEXT YEAR AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 20 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

ALSO, MEMBERS WILL REVIEW THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT PROBLEMS IN THE DISTRICT IN THE LIGHT OF THE INDUSTRIAL ACTION TAKEN EARLIER BY THE CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY WORKERS, AND WILL ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TAXI STAND IN NAM NING STREET IN ABERDEEN.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, 7-11 NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN CENTRE.

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48 ENTRIES CHOSEN FOR INTERNATIONAL POSTER CONTEST

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FORTY-EIGHT ENTRIES SELECTED FROM SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL BE SENT TO THE SECOND ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST IN CHICAGO, USA.

THE LOCAL "PICTURE A PEACEFUL WORLD" POSTER CONTEST WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LIONS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 303 AND THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB (CYC) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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SPEAKING AT A LOCAL PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT THE HILTON HOTEL TODAY (SUNDAY), THE DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MRS C.H. KONG, SAID THE POSTER CONTEST HAD SIGNIFICANT EDUCATIONAL MEANING.

"IT NOT ONLY PROMOTES STUDENTS' INTEREST IN DRAWING SKILLS BUT ALSO ENCOURAGES THEM TO EXPRESS THEIR IMAGINATION ON WORLD PEACE," SHE SAID.

MRS KONG SAID IT WAS VERY ENCOURAGING TO SEE THE COMPETITION HAD ATTRACTED 950 ENTRIES FROM 32 SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND 116 PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

THE FIRST PRIZE, WORTH \$1,500, WENT TO LAW KAM-HUNG OF HENNESSY ROAD GOVERNMENT PRIMARY AM SCHOOL.

THE SECOND PRIZE OF \$1,000 AND THE THIRD PRIZE OF \$800 WERE AWARDED TO YEUNG SIU-YIN OF THE GCCITKD CHEONG WONG-WAI PRIMARY SCHOOL AND LEUNG WAI-NGAR OF THE ST ROSE OF LIMA'S SCHOOL, RESPECTIVELY.

THE REMAINING 45 MERIT PRIZE WINNERS EACH RECEIVED \$300 BOOK AND STATIONERY COUPONS.

THE GRAND PRIZE IN THE INTERNATIONAL CONTEST IS A ROUND TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY WITH TWO FAMILY MEMBERS, A CASH AWARD OF US\$1,500 AND AN ENGRAVED COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE.

MRS KONG PAID TRIBUTE TO THE LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 303 FOR ITS SUPPORT OF THE LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION, "PICTURE A PEACEFUL WORLD", AND FOR ALL THE CONTRIBUTIONS IT HAD MADE TOWARDS THE CYC SCHEME SINCE 1977.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WAS THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR OF LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 303, MR PAUL FAN.

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LARGE TURNOUT AT CYC CARNIVAL

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MORE THAN 20,000 STUDENTS FROM 60 SECONDARY SCHOOLS TODAY (SUNDAY) ATTENDED A SCHOOL CULTURAL ACTIVITIES CARNIVAL ORGANISED BY THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB (CYC) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT VICTORIA PARK, CAUSEWAY BAY.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, SAID THE CARNIVAL WAS HELD IN SUPPORT OF THE HONG KONG YOUTH FESTIVAL.

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NOTING THAT THE THEME OF THE FESTIVAL WAS TO INDUCE A SENSE OF COMMITMENT AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE TOWARDS BUILDING A BETTER COMMUNITY THROUGH THEIR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION, MR LI SAID THIS COINCIDED WITH THE CYC MOTTO -- "LEARN, BE CONCERNED AND SERVE".

MR LI HOPED THE CARNIVAL WOULD HELP PUT ACROSS THE MESSAGE THAT YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD GET THEMSELVES INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, MRS ROSANNA TAM; CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE ON YOUTH FESTIVAL, MR ERIC LI; AND THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI.

THE EXHIBITION STALLS PUT UP BY STUDENTS AT THE CARNIVAL INCLUDED A VARIETY OF ART AND CRAFT ARTICLES.

OTHER PROGRAMME ITEMS INCLUDED A BAND MARCH, A LION DANCE, CHINESE DANCES, SINGING AND MARTIAL ART DEMONSTRATION BY CYC MEMBERS.

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60 NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED IN SEPTEMBER

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THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE APPROVED A TOTAL OF 60 NEW BUILDING PLANS IN SEPTEMBER.

OF THE PLANS, 27 WERE FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, 10 FOR KOWLOON AND 23 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE APPROVED PLANS INCLUDED 28 FOR APARTMENT, APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS; 13 FOR OFFICE OR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS AND THREE FOR FACTORY OR GODOWN PURPOSES.

DURING THE MONTH, THE OFFICE GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 36 PROJECTS, INVOLVING 173,939.6 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA AND 153,061.3 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS ABOUT \$1,600 MILLION, WITH THE APPROXIMATE USABLE FLOOR AREAS FOR DOMESTIC AND NON-DOMESTIC USES BEING 177,130.1 SQUARE METRES AND 155,619.07 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY.

ALSO DURING THE MONTH, THE OFFICE ISSUED 49 OCCUPATION PERMITS - 11 FOR HONG KONG, NINE FOR KOWLOON AND 29 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IT ALSO ISSUED 26 DEMOLITION CONSENTS AFFECTING 35 BUILDINGS.

THE CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION RECEIVED 594 COMPLAINTS ON ILLEGAL BUILDING WORKS, CARRIED OUT 652 INSPECTIONS AND ISSUED 194 REMOVAL ORDERS.

THE DANGEROUS BUILDINGS SECTION INSPECTED 407 BUILDINGS AND OBTAINED THREE EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDERS.

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CONSTRUCTION OF NEW PIPE BRIDGE PROPOSED

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CONSTRUCT A NEW PIPE BRIDGE ACROSS THE SHING MUN RIVER WITHIN AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 0.41 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT THE SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS.

THE BRIDGE WILL CARRY TWO 1.4-METRE DIAMETER SEWAGE EFFLUENT PIPES AND OTHER UTILITY SERVICES ACROSS THE SHING MUN RIVER.

THE GOVERNMENT ALSO INTENDS TO CONSTRUCT ABOUT 3,700 METRES OF VERTICAL SEAWALL AND BREAKWATER TO FORM A TYPHOON SHELTER WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 70 HECTARES AT THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE EXISTING YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER.

ABOUT 22 HECTARES OF LAND WILL BE RECLAIMED AND THE EXISTING YAU MA TEI PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA WILL BE REPROVISIONED WITHIN THE RECLAIMED AREA.

IN ANOTHER PROJECT, THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO GRANT A WAYLEAVE FOR THE LAYING OF TWIN 600-MILLIMETRE DIAMETER INTERMEDIATE PRESSURE SUBMARINE GAS PIPELINES ACROSS THE EASTERN HARBOUR.

DREDGING WILL BE CARRIED OUT OVER AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 2.8 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED BETWEEN QUARRY BAY AREA ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND CHA KWO LING IN KOWLOON.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREAS AFFECTED HAS BEEN DESCRIBED IN NOTICES PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GAZETTE.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 14 NEXT YEAR.

THE NOTICE OF SUCH OBJECTION SHOULD DESCRIBE THE INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT OF THE OBJECTOR AND THE MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED.

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SUSPENSION OF FLUSHING WATER SUPPLY IN WEST KOWLOON

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FLUSHING WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN WEST KOWLOON WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 AM TO 7 PM ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 19) TO FACILITATE WATER WORKS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT PREMISES BOUNDED BY CHAK ON ESTATE, LUNG CHEUNG ROAD (BETWEEN NAM CHEONG STREET AND LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD), BEACON HEIGHTS, BROADCAST DRIVE, MARCONI ROAD AND FESSENDEN ROAD.

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LANE CLOSURE ON TOLO HIGHWAY IN SHA TIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF T6 INTERCHANGE AT THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TOLO HIGHWAY NEAR MA LIU SHUI INTERCHANGE, A SECTION ABOUT 500 METRES OF THE SLOW LANE OF THE SAID CARRIAGEWAY WILL BE CLOSED FOR FIVE MONTHS FROM 2.30 PM ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 19).

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