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EPCOM MAKES RECOMMENDATION ON WATER CONTROL ZONES

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EPCOM) TODAY (MONDAY) RECOMMENDED THAT ALL REMAINING WATER CONTROL ZONES SHOULD BE DECLARED WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

THIS WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNOR'S ANNUAL ADDRESS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 12.

FOLLOWING A DISCUSSION ON THE RESULTS OF A STUDY TO ASSESS THE ECONOMIC EFFECTS ON INDUSTRY OF CONTROLS IMPOSED BY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TOLO WATER CONTROL ZONE, MEMBERS OF EPCOM URGED THAT FURTHER WATER CONTROL ZONES SHOULD BE DECLARED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THE RESULTS OF THE STUDY COMPLETED RECENTLY BY THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL (HKPC) SHOWED THAT THE FINANCIAL IMPACT OF PRESENT WATER CONTROL MEASURES WAS RELATIVELY INSIGNIFICANT FOR THE MAJORITY OF INDUSTRIES IN THE TOLO HARBOUR AREA, ALTHOUGH THE CONTROLS HAD SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED THE DISCHARGES OF INDUSTRIAL EFFLUENT IN THE AREA.

MEMBERS NOTED FROM THE STUDY THAT AFFECTED INDUSTRIES LACKED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN DESIGNING SYSTEMS TO REDUCE AND PREVENT WATER POLLUTION.

MEMBERS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT OMELCO SHOULD ENDORSE THE RESULTS OF THE HKPC STUDY AND THAT ALL HONG KONG WATERS SHOULD BE COVERED BY WATER POLLUTION CONTROLS.

SOME MEMBERS, REFERRING TO THE EXEMPTION FOR EXISTING DISCHARGES, ARGUED THAT PRESENT MEASURES WERE INEFFECTIVE AND CALLED FOR AN URGENT REVIEW OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WERE BRIEFED ON THE PROGRESS OF THE CONSULTANCY STUDY TO DEVELOP A SEWERAGE MASTER PLAN FOR EAST KOWLOON.

THE STUDY SHOWED THAT THE SEWERS IN THE AREA WERE FAR TOO SMALL AND THAT ILLEGAL CROSS CONNECTION TO THE STORMWATER SEWERS OCCURRED IN OVER 50 PER CENT OF THE CASES INVESTIGATED.

A SERIES OF OPTIONS HAD BEEN DEVELOPED FOR RECTIFYING THE SITUATION.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE WOULD, AMONG OTHER THINGS, GO A LONG WAY TO SOLVING THE PROBLEM OF THE SMELL FROM THE KAI TAK NULLAH AND THE FLOODING WITH SEWAGE OF PAVEMENTS, ALLEYS AND ROADS.

THIS WAS THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF PLANS DESIGNED TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

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MEMBERS ALSO NOTED THAT THE LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL SCHEME WAS PROGRESSING SMOOTHLY AND THERE HAD BEEN A CONSIDERABLE REDUCTION IN POLLUTION LOAD FROM LIVESTOCK KEEPING ACTIVITIES.

THE CHAIRMAN, DR DAVID JOHNS, ANNOUNCED THAT MR WILLAM COURTAULD, AN EPCOM MEMBER, HAD ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO BECOME CHAIRMAN OF THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY (WED) 1989 WORKING GROUP. THE WORKING GROUP WOULD BE CONVENED SHORTLY TO PREPARE A PROGRAMME FOR WED 1989, ON JUNE 5 NEXT YEAR.

AS THIS WAS THE FINAL EPCOM MEETING OF THE 1986-88 SESSION, THE CHAIRMAN, DR JOHNS, THANKED MEMBERS FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND WISHED THE NEW EPCOM EVERY SUCCESS FOR THE 1988-90 SESSION.

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GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS ON PULVERISED FUEL ASH DISPOSAL ON LAMMA
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THE GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS ON HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY'S (HEC) ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF THE LONG TERM DISPOSAL OF PULVERISED FUEL ASH (PFA) ARISING FROM ITS POWER STATION ON LAMMA ISLAND, WERE PRESENTED AT THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TODAY (MONDAY).

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT'S PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER, MR SIMON HEWITT, WHO CHAIRED A GOVERNMENT STUDY MANAGEMENT GROUP (SMG), BRIEFED MEMBERS ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS.

THE SMG, COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, WAS SET UP TO MONITOR AND GUIDE HONGKONG ELECTRIC'S CONSULTANCY STUDY IN DEVELOPING A LONG-TERM STRATEGY FOR PFA DISPOSAL AND TO EXAMINE THE RESULTS OF THE STUDY.

MR HEWITT TOLD THE MEETING THAT THE SMG HAD IN GENERAL ENDORSED THE DISPOSAL STRATEGY RECOMMENDED BY THE CONSULTANT, COMPRISING

- (I) MAXIMISING THE BENEFICIAL USE OF PFA THROUGH :
CONTINUED MARKETING OF PFA FOR INDUSTRIAL USE;
USE OF PFA AS FILL FOR LAND FORMATION;
USE OF PFA AS FILL TO RESTORE LAMMA QUARRY; AND
- (II) STORAGE OF ANY PFA, THAT COULD NOT BE PUT IMMEDIATELY TO SOME BENEFICIAL USE, IN A LAGOON ADJACENT TO THE POWER STATION.

/THE SMG

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THE SMG HAD ACCEPTED THAT THE STRATEGY WAS AN INTEGRATED ONE AND THAT IT COULD PROVIDE A RELIABLE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY ACCEPTABLE MEANS OF ASH DISPOSAL.

IN PARTICULAR, IT ACCEPTED THAT SOME FORM OF LAGOON WAS A NECESSARY PART OF THIS STRATEGY TO ACT AS A BUFFER TO ENSURE THAT A RELIABLE MEANS OF DISPOSAL WAS ALWAYS AVAILABLE, MR HEWITT SAID.

AFTER HEARING DETAILS OF THE OVERALL STRATEGY, THE BOARD WAS TOLD THAT THE SMG HAD DISAGREED WITH THE LOCATION OF THE LAGOON PROPOSED BY HEC AND ITS CONSULTANTS (SITE P).

THE SMG FELT THAT THE SITE IN FRONT OF THE POWER PLANT (SITE Q) WOULD CAUSE LESS DISRUPTION TO RESIDENTS AND WOULD HAVE LESS POTENTIAL FOR ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT THAN THE BEACH SITE AT TAI WAN TO (SITE P).

THE SMG ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT HEC BE ASKED TO RECONSIDER THE SIZE OF LAGOON NEEDED IN VIEW OF THE POSSIBLE AVAILABILITY OF THE QUARRY SITE AS EARLY AS 1994; AND THAT A PROPOSED TRIAL PLACEMENT OF PFA IN THE QUARRY SHOULD PROCEED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

IT VIEWED THAT THE QUARRY RESTORATION PLANS SHOULD PROCEED SUBJECT TO THE RESULTS OF THE TRIAL AND THE CONTINUING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND THAT FURTHER ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT SHOULD BE CONDUCTED TO INVESTIGATE IN DETAIL THE KEY ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED, AND ON MITIGATION MEASURES.

THE DB LEARNT THAT PFA WAS AN UNAVOIDABLE BY-PRODUCT OF A COAL-FIRED POWER PLANT. AT PRESENT, ALL PFA PRODUCED AT LAMMA POWER STATION WAS SOLD FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES. HOWEVER, THE EXISTING CONTRACTS TERMINATE IN 1992 WITH NO GUARANTEE THAT THEY WILL BE EXTENDED.

"IN VIEW OF THE FORECAST POWER REQUIREMENTS FOR HONG KONG, HEC'S LAMMA POWER STATION MUST BE KEPT IN OPERATION FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. RELIABLE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY ACCEPTABLE METHODS MUST THEREFORE BE FOUND TO DISPOSE OF PFA," MR HEWITT ADDED.

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SCREENING OF 48 VIETNAMESE COMPLETED

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS COMPLETED ITS SCREENING PROCEDURES FOR DETERMINING THE STATUS OF 48 VIETNAMESE ASYLUM SEEKERS WHO HAVE ARRIVED IN HONG KONG AFTER JUNE 15 THIS YEAR.

OF THE GROUP SCREENED, SEVEN PEOPLE IN ONE FAMILY WERE FOUND TO BE REFUGEES. THESE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO A REFUGEE CAMP PRIOR TO RESETTLEMENT OVERSEAS.

THE OTHER 41, COMPRISING SEVEN GROUPS AND 18 INDIVIDUALS, WERE FOUND NOT TO BE REFUGGES. THEY WILL BE HELD IN DETENTION CENTRES PENDING REPATRIATION TO VIETNAM.

"DETERMINATION NOTICES HAVE BEEN SERVED ON THE 48 ASYLUM SEEKERS TODAY BY IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT STAFF AT THE CHI MA WAN DETENTION CENTRE," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THOSE PEOPLE FOUND NOT TO BE REFUGEES HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF THEIR RIGHT TO OBJECT TO THE RESULT UNDER THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE, AS WELL AS THEIR RIGHT TO LEGAL ADVICE IN PREPARING THEIR OBJECTIONS.

"THE UNHCR WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE THAT LEGAL ADVICE IS MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL THOSE WHO NEED IT."

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE SCREENING PROCEDURES WERE BASED ON THE UNHCR PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING REFUGEE STATUS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE 1951 CONVENTION AND THE 1967 PROTOCOL, AND TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THE SPECIAL SITUATION OF ASYLUM SEEKERS FROM VIETNAM.

"STAFF OF THE UNHCR WERE PRESENT DURING SOME OF THE INTERVIEWS AS OBSERVERS," HE SAID.

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TWO AIDS CARRIERS IN SEPTEMBER

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TWO MORE PERSONS WERE FOUND TO BE AIDS (ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME) INFECTED IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED IN THE LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS ON THE AIDS SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME BY THE MEDICAL & HEALTH DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY).

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CARRIERS OF THE DEADLY VIRUS NOW STANDS AT 127, AND OUT OF WHICH 52 ARE HAEMOPHILIACS.

THERE WAS NO NEW CONFIRMED AIDS PATIENT IN THE PAST SIX MONTHS AND THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PATIENTS REPORTED SO FAR REMAINS AT 13. TWO OF THE PATIENTS ARE STILL ALIVE AND UNDER THE CARE OF THE AIDS COUNSELLING CLINIC.

THE DEPARTMENT STARTED THE SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME ON AIDS IN 1985 TO MONITOR THE AIDS SITUATION IN HONG KONG.

SO FAR, 105,561 TESTS HAD BEEN CONDUCTED ON THE HIGH RISK GROUPS INCLUDING HAEMOPHILIACS WHO USE BLOOD PRODUCTS, DRUG ABUSERS WHO USE NEEDLES AND PEOPLE WHO ARE PROMISCUOUS.

ALTOGETHER 127 PEOPLE WERE FOUND TO BE INFECTED BY THE AIDS VIRUS AND 21 OF THEM WERE DETECTED THIS YEAR.

THE HONG KONG BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE HAS NOT FOUND ANY INFECTED BLOOD AMONG ITS BLOOD DONORS IN SEPTEMBER. A TOTAL OF 12,515 UNITS OF BLOOD WERE SCREENED IN THE MONTH.

SINCE AUGUST 1985, 463,607 UNITS OF BLOOD HAD BEEN SCREENED AND ONLY SEVEN UNITS WERE FOUND TO BE POSITIVE.

/AIDS Virus

愛滋病抗體檢驗
AIDS Virus (HIV) Antibody Testing

Medical & Health Department

醫務衛生署醫務中心

Virus Unit

	April 85 - Aug 88		Sept 88		Total	
	No. tested	No. +ve	No. tested	No. +ve	No. tested	No. +ve
經由政府醫院及診所介紹 Referrals from Govt. hospitals and clinics	6 237	33	295	1	6 532	34
經由私家醫生及輔助醫院介紹 Referrals from private practitioners and subvented hospitals	1 677	29	7	0	1 684	29
到社會衛生科求診人次 Attendances at social hygiene clinics	90 484	11	3 071	1	93 555	12
血友病患者 Haemophiliacs	333	52	7	0	340	52
濫用注射藥物者 IV drug abusers	2 640	0	160	0	2 800	0
經由家庭計劃指導員介紹 Referrals from Family Planning Association	139	0	3	0	142	0
健康護理人員 Health care personnel	502	0	6	0	508	0
Total 總數	102 012	125	3 549	2	105 561	127

* This indicates the number of specimens and not persons as tests are repeated for certain individuals.
此項數字為檢驗次數，並非人數，且某些人士的檢驗次數

	Aug 85 - Aug 88		Sept 88		Total	
	No. tested	No. +ve	No. tested	No. +ve	No. tested	No. +ve
香港紅十字會輸血服務 Hong Kong Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service	451 092	7	12 515	0	463 607	7

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ENTRY SCHEME FOR MACAU RESIDENTS

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE FOLLOWING EX-CHINA RESIDENTS OF MACAU MAY APPLY FOR ENTRY TO HONG KONG:

- (I) HUSBANDS/WIVES WHO HOLD MACAU IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED BETWEEN 1 FEBRUARY 1981 AND 31 MARCH 1981 (TOGETHER WITH THEIR CHILDREN) TO JOIN THEIR RESIDENT SPOUSE IN HONG KONG;
- (II) AGED PARENTS/DEPENDENTS CHILDREN WHO HOLD MACAU IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED BETWEEN 1 OCTOBER 1979 AND 31 MARCH 1981 TO JOIN THEIR RESIDENT CHILDREN/PARENTS IN HONG KONG.

APPLICATIONS CAN BE SUBMITTED AS FROM 1 NOVEMBER 1988 (TUESDAY) BY THE HONG KONG SPONSORS IN PERSON TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT, 61 MODY ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, KOWLOON.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISHES TO MAKE ENQUIRIES ABOUT THIS ENTRY SCHEME MAY TELEPHONE THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION OFFICE AT 3-7333126.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR OPENING OF SAI SHA ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPENING OF SAI SHA ROAD BETWEEN NAI CHUNG AND MA ON SHAN, NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 11 AM ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 27).

SAI SHA ROAD WILL BE SUBJECT TO A SPEED LIMIT OF 50 KILOMETRES PER HOUR.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER NAI CHUNG BUS TERMINUS.

ALSO, CYCLISTS WILL BE BANNED FROM SAI SHA ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI MONG TSAI ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 70 METRES EAST OF THE NAI CHUNG BUS TERMINUS ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

AT THE SAME TIME, MA ON SHAN ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH HANG HONG STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 690 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED A 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY.

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WAN CHAI TO LAUNCH HEALTH MONTH FOR THE ELDERLY
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ELDERLY RESIDENTS IN WAN CHAI WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY FREE MEDICAL CHECK-UP SERVICES UNDER THE PROGRAMME "1988 HEALTH MONTH FOR THE ELDERLY IN WAN CHAI" TO BE LAUNCHED LATER THIS WEEK.

THE PROGRAMME, ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, AND CO-SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND RTHK, AIMS AT AROUSING GREATER PUBLIC CONCERN AND CARE FOR THE AGED AMONGST RESIDENTS IN WAN CHAI.

DURING THE MONTH-LONG PROJECT, FREE HEALTH CHECK-UPS WILL BE OFFERED TO PEOPLE AGED 60 OR ABOVE AT SIX SERVICE CENTRES AND KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

IN ADDITION, EXHIBITIONS ON COMMON GERIATRIC DISEASES AND WAYS OF PREVENTING THEM WILL BE LAUNCHED IN TWO SHOPPING AND COMMERCIAL CENTRES.

A TOTAL OF 20,000 PAMPHLETS PROMOTING HEALTH CARE FOR THE ELDERLY WILL ALSO BE DISTRIBUTED.

THE SCHEME, WHICH COSTS ABOUT \$200,000, IS EXPECTED TO BENEFIT 2,000 PEOPLE.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE PROJECT TODAY (MONDAY), WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN MRS PEGGY LAM SAID THERE WERE ABOUT 30,000 PEOPLE AGED OVER 60 IN WAN CHAI, REPRESENTING 15 PER CENT OF THE DISTRICT'S POPULATION.

THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE TUNG WAH GROUP WERE CO-ORGANISING THE PROGRAMME IN RESPONSE TO THE NEED OF THIS AGE GROUP, SHE SAID.

SHE ADDED THAT THE DISTRICT BOARD HAD A LONG-STANDING INTEREST IN THE WELFARE OF THE ELDERLY IN THE DISTRICT.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE, CONVENOR OF THE PUBLICITY SUB-GROUP UNDER THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR KENNETH LEE, SAID THAT DOCTORS AND NURSES FROM THE TUNG WAH GROUP WOULD PROVIDE FREE CHECK-UP SERVICES AT VARIOUS VOLUNTARY AND WELFARE AGENCIES IN THE DISTRICT DURING THE HEALTH MONTH.

PARTICIPATING ELDERLY PEOPLE WOULD BE GIVEN CHECK-UPS ON BODY WEIGHT AND HEIGHT, BLOOD PRESSURE, BLOOD SUGAR LEVEL, BLOOD TESTS, CARDIAC EXAMINATIONS AND CHEST X-RAYS.

THOSE WHO REQUIRE FOLLOW-UP TREATMENT WOULD BE REFERRED TO THE RELEVANT UNITS OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, HE SAID.

/THE CO-CHAIRMAN

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THE CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR SAMMY POONE, SAID RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG WOULD SUPPORT THE SCHEME BY INTRODUCING A NEW RADIO PROGRAMME FROM TODAY TO NOVEMBER 3 FEATURING TALKS ON VARIOUS TYPES OF GERIATRIC DISEASES AND HEALTH CARE KNOWLEDGE FOR THE ELDERLY BY MEDICAL DOCTORS.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WAS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, MR PAUL YU. HE SAID THAT HIS GROUP HAD FORMULATED A SERIES OF DEVELOPMENT PLANS ON ELDERLY SERVICES TO COPE WITH THE GROWING NEED.

HE NOTED THAT THE HEALTH MONTH WOULD ENABLE SENIOR RESIDENTS TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR STATE OF HEALTH AND ENCOURAGE THE PUBLIC TO RESPECT THE AGED.

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CANTONESE OPERA TREAT FOR SHA TIN ELDERLY
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SENIOR RESIDENTS IN SHA TIN WILL BE ENTERTAINED TOMORROW (TUESDAY) NIGHT BY A CANTONESE OPERA WHICH WILL BE STAGED BY THE GUANGDONG CANTONESE OPERA SCHOOL OF CHINA.

A GUEST PERFORMER WILL BE MR LUO PINCHAO, A CANTONESE OPERA STAR IN CHINA.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY ALL MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN THE YUEN WO AREA, SHA TIN, THE OPERA NIGHT WILL BEGIN AT 7 PM AT THE SIR RUN RUN SHAW HALL AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY.

OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE A MASTER OF THE GUANGDONG OPERA SCHOOL, MR CHEN QUIREN; SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR NG CHAN-LAM; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD CULTURE AND SPORTS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR WONG PO-MING.

COACHES WILL DEPART FROM THE KIANGSU-CHEKIANG COLLEGE IN WO CHE ESTATE AT 6.15 PM TO TAKE PEOPLE TO THE VENUE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CANTONESE OPERA NIGHT FOR SENIOR RESIDENTS TO BEGIN AT 7 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT THE SIR RUN RUN SHAW HALL, CHINESE UNIVERSITY, SHA TIN. COACHES WILL DEPART FROM THE KIANGSU-CHEKIANG COLLEGE IN WO CHE ESTATE, TOWN CENTRE, SHA TIN AT 6.15 PM TO TAKE THE SENIOR RESIDENTS TO THE VENUE.

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HARNESSING FAMILY MUSICAL TALENT

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MUSICALLY-MINDED OR TALENTED FAMILIES HAVE ONLY A FEW DAYS LEFT TO JOIN A TERRITORY-WIDE COMPETITION AIMED AT ENHANCING FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION THROUGH MUSIC.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 IS THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES TO THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION MUSIC COMPETITION JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH AND THE WORKING GROUP ON THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN.

THE COMPETITION IS OPEN TO IMMEDIATE MEMBERS OF A FAMILY AND PARTICIPATING TEAMS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PERFORM A MUSICAL PIECE THAT REFLECTS LOVE, UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT OF A HARMONIOUS FAMILY.

PRELIMINARY COMPETITIONS WILL BE HELD THROUGHOUT THE 19 DISTRICTS IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, AND THE FINALS WILL BE STAGED AT THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS ON MARCH 24.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MUSIC OFFICE SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT FROM FAMILY MEMBERS WERE IMPORTANT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG TALENT.

"LOVE AND UNDERSTANDING ARE EQUALLY IMPORTANT FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS TO DEVOTE THEIR TIME AND EFFORT TO PRACTISING THEIR INSTRUMENTS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"WE HAVE RECEIVED ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT FROM PARENTS AND TEACHERS IN ORGANISING NUMEROUS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING SESSIONS FOR THOUSANDS OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS THROUGH THE YEARS," HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT MANY YOUNG MUSICIANS WHO WERE TRAINED UNDER PROGRAMMES ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE HAVE WON PRIZES IN NUMEROUS MUSIC COMPETITIONS.

"A TYPICAL EXAMPLE IS THAT OF TWO SISTERS WHOSE DEDICATION AND TALENT HAVE HELPED THEM ACCOMPLISH OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES AT HIGH-LEVEL COMPETITIONS," HE SAID.

MOK O-CZARN, A 16-YEAR-OLD STUDENT FROM ST CLARE'S GIRLS' SCHOOL AND HER YOUNGER SISTER, BY A YEAR, O-GAY FROM ST PAUL'S CO-EDUCATIONAL COLLEGE, JOINED THE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING SCHEME (IMTS) OF THE MUSIC OFFICE IN 1981.

"IT WAS MY PARENTS WHO ENCOURAGED AND SIGNED ME UP FOR VIOLIN LESSONS," O-CZARN SAID.

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SHE BEGAN VIOLIN STUDIES UNDER THE INSTRUCTION OF RENOWNED VIOLINIST, TAKAKO HEYMANN. SHE PROGRESSED RAPIDLY AND JOINED THE YOUTH STRING ORCHESTRA OF THE MUSIC OFFICE IN 1985, WHICH ENABLED HER TO TRAVEL ABROAD AND PERFORM IN VARIOUS CITIES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM IN 1987.

"I KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THE VIOLIN BEFORE I JOINED THE IMTS, BUT NOW I HAVE GROWN TO LOVE PLAYING THE INSTRUMENT SO MUCH THAT I SPEND ABOUT TWO HOURS EVERY DAY PRACTISING," O-CZARN SAID.

BEING A TALENTED VIOLINIST, O-CZARN STOLE THE LIMELIGHT AT THE 1987 SCHOOLS MUSIC FESTIVAL WHEN SHE WON THE VIOLIN SOLO (UNDER 15) AND THE VIOLIN DUET (SENIOR).

UNLIKE HER SISTER, 15-YEAR-OLD O-GAY PREFERS PLAYING THE PIPA. SHE LEARNED THE PLAYING SKILL FROM A NUMBER OF WELL-KNOWN PIPA PLAYERS SUCH AS MS CHAN MAN-CHONG AND MS LI PING OF THE MUSIC OFFICE.

HER TALENT ENABLED HER TO JOIN THE YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA IN 1987, HELPED HER ACHIEVE THE FIRST RUNNER-UP IN THE PIPA SOLO (INTERMEDIATE) AND PIPA ENSEMBLE IN THIS YEAR'S SCHOOL MUSIC FESTIVAL.

AS A MEMBER OF THE YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA, O-GAY HAS REPRESENTED HONG KONG IN PERFORMANCES IN AUSTRALIA DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

ALTHOUGH VIOLIN AND PIPA ARE TWO DIFFERENT TYPES OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS WHICH REQUIRE DIFFERENT PLAYING TECHNIQUES AND HAVE DIFFERENT TIMBRE AND ACOUSTIC FIDELITY, THE SISTERS FOUND THAT THE DIFFERENCES DID NOT PREVENT THEM FROM EXCHANGING LEARNING EXPERIENCES DURING THEIR PRACTICES AT HOME.

"AFTER JOINING THE YOUTH STRING ORCHESTRA, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE MY PLAYING SKILL AND TO MAKE FRIENDS WITH MANY MUSIC LOVERS," O-CZARN SAID.

BOTH SISTERS, HOWEVER, EMPHASISED THE IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY SUPPORT.

"THE ENCOURAGEMENT AND ENDLESS SUPPORT OF MY PARENTS ENABLED ME TO SPEND LONG HOURS PRACTISING AT HOME," THE ELDER ONE SAID.

THE MUSIC OFFICE HAS FOUND THAT COMMON INTEREST IN MUSIC WOULD HELP ENHANCE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AMONG FAMILY MEMBERS.

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THE SPOKESMAN SAID WINNERS IN THE PRELIMINARY CONTESTS AND THE FINALS OF THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION MUSIC COMPETITION WILL BE GIVEN PRIZES AND TROPHIES DONATED BY THE YAOHAN DEPARTMENT STORE WHICH SPONSORS THE COMPETITION.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE COMPETITION ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE, DISTRICT OFFICES AND YOUTH AND COMMUNITY OFFICES OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON 5-8954036 OR 0-4928127.

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TSUEN WAN DB STUDY GROUP LEAVES FOR PEKING

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A TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD DELEGATION LEFT FOR PEKING THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON FOR A SEVEN-DAY STUDY TOUR.

THE 32-MEMBER DELEGATION IS LED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHAU HOW-CHEN.

THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM SHIU, IS ACTING AS ITS ADVISER.

IN PEKING, THE GROUP WILL MEET SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE HONG KONG AND MACAU AFFAIRS OFFICE UNDER THE STATE COUNCIL, THE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY, AND THE STATE PHYSICAL CULTURE AND SPORTS COMMITTEE.

THE AIM IS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN AND TO ENHANCE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING.

THE DELEGATION WILL ALSO VISIT THE QINGHUA UNIVERSITY BEFORE RETURNING TO HONG KONG ON OCTOBER 30.

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WAN CHAI ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE TO MEET .

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MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS TOMORROW (TUESDAY) THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR REMOVING OBSCENE SIGNBOARDS IN THE DISTRICT.

AT THE MEETING, THEY WILL ALSO EXAMINE THE NINTH STREET MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME UNDER WHICH FIVE LOCATIONS WERE IDENTIFIED FOR STREET MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS, INCLUDING STREET CLEANSING AND ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST PAVEMENT OBSTRUCTION AS WELL AS ILLEGAL PARKING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE TO BEGIN AT 4 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE, EIGHTH FLOOR, TUNG WAH MANSION, 201 HENNESSY ROAD, HONG KONG.

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JOINT KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE MEETS TOMORROW

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MEMBERS OF THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THEY WILL DISCUSS THE BUDGET FOR THE COMING 1989-90 KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN AND REVIEW THE PROGRESS OF THE 1988-89 CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO TALK ABOUT THE PREPARATORY ARRANGEMENT FOR THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN FLOAT PARADE TO BE HELD IN DECEMBER.

THE MEETING WILL START AT 2.30 PM IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, NO. 2, 4TH FLOOR, URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EDINBURGH PLACE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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DB COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER JOINT VENTURE PROJECT
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MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD WILL CONSIDER CARRYING OUT AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT AT NELSON STREET (WEST) MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY ENTRANCE AREA WITH A REAL ESTATE COMPANY AS A JOINT VENTURE AT A MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THEY WILL ALSO BE INFORMED OF THE ENACTMENT OF AN ORDINANCE WHICH ENABLES THE URBAN COUNCIL TO PHYSICALLY CLOSE DOWN UNLICENSED FOOD PREMISES; A NEW PROCEDURE FOR PROCESSING TAXI COMPLAINTS AND A FORECAST OF POPULATION DISTRIBUTION FROM 1987 TO 1997.

THE MEETING WILL ALSO HEAR PROGRESS REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE'S WORKING GROUPS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, KOWLOON.

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PRESS CONFERENCE ON KWAI TSING SPORTS FESTIVAL '88
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THE KWAI TSING SPORTS FESTIVAL '88 COMMITTEE WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE OPENING CEREMONY SCHEDULED ON OCTOBER 29 AND THE PROGRAMME FOR THE FESTIVAL.

THE SPORTS FESTIVAL, WITH A BUDGET OF OVER \$600,000, IS CO-ORGANISED BY THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD, REGIONAL COUNCIL, AND KWAI TSING DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION TO PROMOTE RESIDENTS' PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS ACTIVITIES.

THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR TANG KWOK-WAI, AND THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR CHENG WING-CHUN, WILL SPEAK ABOUT THE MONTH-LONG FESTIVAL PROGRAMME.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE ON KWAI TSING SPORTS FESTIVAL '88 TO BEGIN AT 3 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, KWAI CHUNG.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SHAM SHUI PO
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN SHAM SHUI PO FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 27).

THE FOLLOWING MEASURES WILL LAST FOR ABOUT FOUR MONTHS TO FACILITATE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS IN YUET LUN STREET.

- * THE ACCESS ROAD TO YUET LUN STREET LEADING FROM LAI CHI KOK ROAD WESTBOUND WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.
- * THE EASTERN SECTION OF YUET LUN STREET WILL BE CONVERTED FROM ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND TO ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.
- * THE SOUTHERN SECTION OF YUET LUN STREET WILL BE CONVERTED FROM ONE-WAY WESTBOUND TO ONE-WAY EASTBOUND.
- * VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT FROM THE NORTHERN SECTION OF YUET LUN STREET EASTBOUND TO THE EASTERN SECTION OF YUET LUN STREET.
- * MOTORISTS ON LAI CHI KOK ROAD WESTBOUND HEADING FOR YUET LUN STREET WILL BE DIVERTED VIA PO LUN STREET.

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TEMPORARY URBAN CLEARWAY IN QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL BETWEEN COCHRANE STREET AND WELLINGTON STREET WILL BE MADE A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 27).

THIS MEASURE WILL LAST FOR ABOUT FOUR WEEKS TO FACILITATE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS IN WELLINGTON STREET.

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

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URBAN CLEARWAY IN MA ON SHAN ROAD
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT A SECTION OF MA ON SHAN ROAD WILL BE MADE AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 27).

THE URBAN CLEARWAY, TO BE EFFECTIVE FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY, WILL BE DESIGNATED ON MA ON SHAN ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH HANG HONG STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 690 METRES NORTH OF THE JUNCTION.

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

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INTERRUPTION TO FRESH WATER SUPPLY
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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THE FOLLOWING DISRUPTIONS TO FRESH WATER SUPPLY:

- * FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO PREMISES AT NO. 1-3 BARKER ROAD, NO. 10-56 PEAK ROAD, NO. 9-50 MAGAZINE GAP ROAD, NO. 47-53 STUBBS ROAD, COOMBE ROAD, MOUNT CAMERON ROAD, MIDDLE GAP ROAD, GUILDFORD ROAD, WATFORD ROAD, MANSFIELD ROAD, NO. 1-3 TREGUNTER PATH AND NO. 1-3 MAY ROAD, WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 1 PM TO 8 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) DUE TO TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLY.
- * FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO PREMISES IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, ROAD D3 AND ROAD L9 IN SHEUNG SHUI WILL BE CUT OFF FROM 11 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR WATER WORKS. AFFECTED PREMISES WILL INCLUDE TIN PING ESTATE AND THE SHEK WU HUI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 43.3 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 254.076 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 404.208 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 69.0 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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