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TRAVELLERS URGED TO OBSERVE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REQUIREMENTS

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THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT HAS REMINDED PEOPLE WHO TRAVEL OVERSEAS DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS NOT TO BRING BACK TO HONG KONG PROHIBITED ITEMS WITHOUT VALID IMPORT LICENCES.

AN ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR MAN SHU-HUNG, SAID THE IMPORTATION OF PROHIBITED ITEMS INTO THE TERRITORY WAS GOVERNED BY LAW AND LICENCES WERE REQUIRED IN ADVANCE BY THE AUTHORITIES CONCERNED.

PROHIBITED ITEMS INCLUDE NARCOTICS, CERTAIN MEDICINAL DRUGS, ARMS AND AMMUNITION, FIREWORKS, STRATEGIC COMMODITIES, TEXTILES, SOME ANIMALS AND PLANTS, AND MEAT AND POULTRY.

"TRAVELLERS ARE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION IF THEY BRING INTO HONG KONG ANY OF THESE PROHIBITED ITEMS WITHOUT A LICENCE.

"A LACK OF KNOWLEDGE DOES NOT EXEMPT A PERSON FROM BEING PROSECUTED WHEN HE IS CARRYING A PROHIBITED ARTICLE WHICH MIGHT BE A SOUVENIR FOR HIMSELF ONLY," HE SAID.

MR MAN ALSO REMINDED TRAVELLERS TO DECLARE TO CUSTOMS OFFICERS ANY LIQUORS, TOBACCO, CIGARETTES, CIGARS, COSMETICS AND MERCHANDISE IMPORTED FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.

"LOCAL RESIDENTS, WHO HOLD HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS, ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO BRING IN FREE OF DUTY ONE LITRE OF STILL WINE, 100 CIGARETTES OR 25 CIGARS OR 125 GRAMS OF SMOKERS' TOBACCO, 60 MILLILITRES OF PERFUME AND 250 MILLILITRES OF TOILET WATER," HE SAID.

"PASSENGERS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE DO NOT QUALIFY FOR DUTY FREE LIQUOR AND TOBACCO.

"AN INCOMING PASSENGER SHOULD NOTE THAT HE CAN ONLY CARRY HIS OWN DUTY FREE ITEMS AND NOT THOSE OF HIS COMPANIES," HE ADDED.

MR MAN ALSO APPEALED TO TRAVELLERS COMING BACK FROM OVERSEAS NOT TO VIOLATE THE LAW BY BRINGING INTO HONG KONG COUNTERFEIT GOODS THAT THEY BOUGHT IN OTHER COUNTRIES. THESE GOODS INCLUDE WATCHES, LEATHERWARE ITEMS AND SPORTING ITEMS.

NOTICES STATING THE CONCESSION RIGHTS OF TRAVELLERS, ARTICLES REQUIRED TO BE DECLARED TO CUSTOMS OFFICERS, AND ARTICLES REQUIRING IMPORT LICENCES ARE DISPLAYED AT THE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE HALLS OF ALL CUSTOMS CONTROL POINTS.

COPIES OF A LEAFLET, "ADVICE TO TRAVELLERS - PROHIBITED ITEMS", WHICH INFORMS INCOMING PASSENGERS WHAT THEY CAN OR CANNOT BRING INTO HONG KONG, ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CUSTOMS CONTROL POINTS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ALSO TELEPHONE THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT AT 8523185 FOR INFORMATION.

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THE AMOUNT AND TYPES OF MAJOR ITEMS SEIZED FROM INCOMING PASSENGERS AT VARIOUS CUSTOMS CONTROL POINTS LAST FEBRUARY (INCLUDING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR PERIOD) ARE AS FOLLOWS:

TYPE -----	QUANTITY -----
CIGARETTES	99,279 PIECES
CIGAR	370 PIECES
TOBACCO	10 KILOGRAMS
ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR	209 LITRES
HARPOON GUNS	6 PIECES
FLICK KNIFE	1 PIECE
FIREWORKS	29 KILOGRAMS
ANIMALS (INCLUDING PARTS)	36 PIECES
GRASSHOPPERS	2,000 PIECES
CRICKETS	68 PIECES
MEALWORM	4 KILOGRAMS
PLANTS	218 PIECES
MAKE-UP PREPARATIONS	74 PIECES
COUNTERFEIT LEATHERWARE ITEMS	461 PIECES
NO. 3 HEROIN	33 GRAMS
CANNABIS	6 GRAMS
METHADONE SOLUTION	24 MILLILITRES
BARBITONE SOLUTION	80 MILLILITRES
GENTAMYCIN SULPHATE	40 MILLILITRES
PROGESTERONE	20 MILLILITRES
PREDNISONE ACETATE	1,000 TABLETS
INDOMETHACIN	1,000 TABLETS
DIAZEPAM	100 TABLETS

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TEXTILES IMPORT LICENSING FULLY COMPUTERISED FROM FEBRUARY 1
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THE TEXTILES IMPORT LICENSING SYSTEM ADMINISTERED BY THE TRADE DEPARTMENT WILL BE FULLY COMPUTERISED AS FROM FEBRUARY 1 THIS YEAR.

"THE MOVE IS AIMED AT STREAMLINING CURRENT PROCEDURES AND ENHANCING MANAGEMENT INFORMATION," THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG, SAID.

HE REMINDED THE TRADE THAT TO TIE IN WITH THE COMPUTERISATION, IMPORTERS WOULD HAVE TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT IN THE FIRST PLACE BEFORE THEY MIGHT APPLY FOR IMPORT LICENCES.

A REGISTERED IMPORTER WILL BE ALLOCATED A TEXTILES IMPORTER REGISTRATION (TIR) NUMBER WHICH SHOULD BE QUOTED ON ALL APPLICATIONS FOR TEXTILES IMPORT LICENCES AS FROM FEBRUARY 1.

"TO AVOID UNNECESSARY DELAY IN THE PROCESSING OF TEXTILE IMPORT LICENCES, IMPORTERS ARE REQUESTED TO REGISTER WITH THE DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31," MR CHEUNG SAID.

ALTOGETHER 4,160 TRADERS HAVE ALREADY COME FORWARD FOR REGISTRATION.

DETAILS ON THE COMPUTERISED TEXTILES IMPORT LICENSING SYSTEM AND THE TEXTILES IMPORTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM ARE SET OUT IN CIRCULARS ISSUED EARLIER TO THE TRADE BY THE DEPARTMENT.

THE IMPORT LICENCE (TEXTILES) FORM 7 HAS BEEN REVISED TO PROVIDE SPACE FOR FILLING IN THE TEXTILES IMPORTER REGISTRATION NUMBER.

MR CHEUNG SAID APPLICATIONS FOR TEXTILE IMPORT LICENCES SHOULD ONLY BE MADE ON THE REVISED FORMS ON OR AFTER FEBRUARY 1.

"AS PART OF AN EFFORT TO ENHANCE MANAGEMENT INFORMATION, IMPORTERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO REPORT ANY SHORT-SHIPMENTS OR NON-UTILISATION OF IMPORT LICENCES.

"ALSO, TO ENSURE THAT LICENSING DATA CAN BE CORRECTLY CAPTURED ON THE COMPUTERISED SYSTEM, ALL LICENCE APPLICATION FORMS SUBMITTED ON OR AFTER FEBRUARY 1 WILL HAVE TO BE COMPLETED IN ENGLISH," HE SAID.

ANY IMPORTER WHO ENCOUNTERS DIFFICULTIES MAY SEEK ASSISTANCE FROM THE TEXTILES IMPORT LICENSING SECTION OF THE TRADE DEPARTMENT ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF OCEAN CENTRE, CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE TRADE DEPARTMENT ISSUED 1,211,319 TEXTILE IMPORT LICENCES LAST YEAR, 17.2 PER CENT UP OVER THE 1988 FIGURE.

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YAU TSIM CARNIVAL SPREADS ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE
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A SURVEY OF ROAD CROSSING FACILITIES IN YAU TSIM DISTRICT WILL START SHORTLY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN, MR NG KIN-SUN, SAID THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE SURVEY IS BEING SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

PEDESTRIANS USING 20 CROSSINGS THAT ARE TRAFFIC BLACKSPOTS WILL BE INTERVIEWED.

THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY WILL BE READY IN MARCH. INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE PASSED TO THE DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED FOR ACTION, MR NG ADDED, WHILE SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A ROAD SAFETY CARNIVAL HELD AT THE PIAZZA OF KOWLOON PARK.

AMONG THOSE OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WERE CHAIRMAN OF YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD, MR YIP WAH; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WONG HON-HO; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER (YAU MA TEI), MR LAU YUK-KUEN; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE, MR IP KWOK-CHUNG.

HUNDREDS OF YAU TSIM RESIDENTS ATTENDED THE CARNIVAL WHICH INCLUDED GAMES STALLS SET UP BY THE POLICE, ROAD SAFETY PATROL TEAMS FROM FOUR SCHOOLS AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS AS WELL AS A QUIZ ON ROAD SAFETY KNOWLEDGE, SONG AND DANCE PERFORMANCES, A FASHION SHOW, AND A GAME INVOLVING REMOTE-CONTROL MODEL CARS.

A CHILDREN'S DRAWING CONTEST HELD EARLIER IN THE DAY HAD ABOUT 1,000 PARTICIPANTS.

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DB JOINT COMMITTEE ON LRT TO MEET ON TUESDAY
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THE TUEN MUN - YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARDS' JOINT COMMITTEE ON MONITORING LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SERVICES WILL HOLD ITS FIFTH MEETING ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 23).

DURING THE MEETING, TWO MEMBERS WILL ASK FOR THE LATEST FIGURES AND INFORMATION ON ACCIDENTS WHICH OCCURRED AT LRT JUNCTIONS AND MEASURES TAKEN TO DEAL WITH THE SITUATION.

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A QUESTION CONCERNING THE FREQUENT ACCIDENTS AT THE LEVEL CROSSING ON TSING LUN ROAD WILL ALSO BE RAISED.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TUEN MUN - YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARDS' JOINT COMMITTEE ON MONITORING LRT SERVICES TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 23) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, 13TH FLOOR, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM.

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CHARITY DAY ROUNDS OFF CLEANING EXERCISE ON ISLANDS

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ABOUT 250 MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUBS OF VARIOUS PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT TOOK PART IN A CLEANING FOR CHARITY DAY ON CHEUNG CHAU TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE ACTIVITY, ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AS PART OF THE DISTRICT'S CURRENT KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN, WAS AN EXERCISE TO ROUND OFF THE CLEAN-UP FORTNIGHT HELD IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE DISTRICT.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR KWONG KWOK-KAM, SAID: "EVERY ISLANDER SHOULD TREASURE THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT WE ARE LIVING IN AND KEEP IT CLEAN SO THAT IT BECOMES A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN, AND TO ATTRACT TOURISTS."

HE ALSO URGED VISITORS TO "PITCH IN" WITH THE ISLANDERS IN THEIR KEEP CLEAN EFFORTS.

THE CURRENT CAMPAIGN BEGAN WITH A KEEP CLEAN SLOGAN WRITING COMPETITION LAST SUMMER, AND BOOKMARKS BEARING THE WINNING ENTRY WERE PRINTED TO SPREAD THE KEEP CLEAN MESSAGE.

IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS, CLEAN-UP EXERCISES WERE HELD AT THE EIGHT RURAL COMMITTEE AREAS IN THE DISTRICT. THEY WERE ORGANISED IN DIFFERENT FORMS, INCLUDING A CLEAN-UP OF STREETS, FISHING RAFTS AND CREEKS.

STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE CLEAN-UP WERE DIVIDED INTO TEAMS TO PICK UP LITTER ON DIFFERENT PARTS OF CHEUNG CHAU.

THEY WERE SPONSORED BY FRIENDS AND RELATIVES WHO WILL MAKE DONATIONS TO THE COMMUNITY CHEST.

LAST YEAR, A SIMILAR EVENT WAS ORGANISED AND A TOTAL OF \$35,000 WAS RAISED.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR LAM WAI-KEUNG, ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KIN SALKELD, AND ISLANDS DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICER, MISS LAU CHAN-YEE, WERE OFFICIATING GUESTS AT TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY.

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PRIZES FOR CLEAN AND TIDY HOMES

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FIFTEEN WINNERS OF THE TSEUNG KWAN O HOME CLEANSING COMPETITION WERE PRESENTED PRIZES AT A CEREMONY TODAY (SUNDAY) FOR KEEPING THEIR HOMES AND CORRIDOR AREAS CLEAN AND TIDY.

THE WINNERS CAME FROM PO LAM AND TSUI LAM ESTATES, YING MING AND KING MING COURTS, AND HONG SING GARDEN.

A TOTAL OF 44 HOUSEHOLDS TOOK PART IN THE COMPETITION.

THE PRIZES WERE PRESENTED BY ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, MR BRIAN LO; CHAIRMAN OF THE 1989-90 KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN WORKING GROUP, MR EDWARD PONG; CHAIRMAN OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, MR HO KOON-SHUN; SENIOR HOUSING MANAGER (SAI KUNG) OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, MRS LEUNG PO SIU-TO; AND THE DISTRICT HYGIENE SUPERINTENDENT (SAI KUNG) OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR CHU WING-WAI.

THE COMPETITION WAS PART OF THE YEAR-END CLEAN-UP EXERCISE IN THE NEW TOWN.

OTHER ACTIVITIES INCLUDED A CLEAN TSEUNG KWAN O FORTNIGHT AND THE STEPPING UP OF PROSECUTION ACTION AGAINST LITTERBUGS BY THE STAFF TEAMS SPECIALLY FORMED UNDER THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN WORKING GROUP, THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE CLEAN-UP EXERCISE IS INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO KEEP THEIR LIVING ENVIRONMENT CLEAN AND TO CLEAN UP THEIR HOMES BEFORE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

THE YEAR-END CLEAN-UP ACTIVITY STARTED ON JANUARY 13 AND WILL LAST UNTIL LUNAR NEW YEAR'S EVE ON JANUARY 26, DURING WHICH THE HOUSING ESTATES WILL PROVIDE EXTRA SPACES FOR COLLECTING JUNK, AND ALSO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL CLEANING SERVICES.

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DB TO DISCUSS LANGUAGE REPORT

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MEMBERS OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD WILL COMMENT ON A REPORT ON LANGUAGE IMPROVEMENT MEASURES AT THE BOARD'S MEETING ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 23).

THE REPORT, COMPILED BY AN INTERNAL WORKING GROUP OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, HAS REVIEWED EXISTING LANGUAGE IMPROVEMENT MEASURES AND PROPOSED MEASURES FOR FURTHER IMPROVEMENT.

THE VICE PRINCIPAL (CHINESE) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION, DR LEE HOK-MING, WILL ATTEND THE MEETING TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ON THE REPORT.

IN ADDITION, MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES IN THE 1990'S AND BEYOND.

A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE WILL ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 23) AT THE FUNG MING HALL OF WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR OPENING OF WONG CHU ROAD INTERCHANGE

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT SPECIAL TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 23) FOLLOWING THE OPENING OF WONG CHU ROAD INTERCHANGE IN TUEN MUN.

THE UNNAMED LINK ROAD 16A AND WONG CHU ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

ALL LEARNER DRIVERS, CYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIANS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE SECTION OF D11 NORTH OF ROAD 16C.

VEHICLES TRAVELLING BETWEEN WONG CHU ROAD AND AREA 16 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA ROAD D11 AND ROAD 16C.

KMB ROUTES 60M, 60X, 61X AND 62X AND GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 47S WILL BE RE-ROUTED VIA WONG CHU ROAD, ROAD D11, ROAD ROAD 16C, ROAD 16E AND ROAD 16A ON JOURNEYS FROM TSUEN WAN.

THESE SERVICES AND KMB ROUTE 59S WILL BE RE-ROUTED VIA ROAD 16A, ROAD 16E, ROAD 16C, ROAD D11 AND WONG CHU ROAD ON JOURNEYS TO TSUEN WAN.

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MEASURES TO REDUCE SMELL OF YUEN LONG NULLAH

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WILL CARRY OUT MEASURES TO REDUCE THE FOUL SMELL OF YUEN LONG NULLAH AND TO CONSTRUCT A PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE BRIDGE LINKING LONG PING ESTATE AND YEUNG UK, YUEN LONG.

THE WORKS INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF FIVE KILOMETRES OF DRY-WEATHER FLOW CHANNELS AND CONCRETE LINING OF THE NULLAHS, AN INFLATABLE DAM TO PREVENT POLLUTED TIDAL WATERS GUSHING INTO YUEN LONG FROM DEEP BAY, A PUMPING STATION AND TREATMENT OF EXISTING NULLAH WALLS INCLUDING CLEANING AND BRUSHING.

THE MEASURES WILL REDUCE BOTH THE SMELL AND THE VISUAL IMPACT OF THE YUEN LONG NULLAHS IN THE INTERIM PERIOD PENDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL PROGRAMME.

ALSO, A 150-METRE LONG, EIGHT-METRE-WIDE PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE BRIDGE LINKING LONG PING ESTATE AND YEUNG UK, AND ASSOCIATED ROADS AND DRAINAGE WORKS, WILL BE CONSTRUCTED.

THIS WILL ENABLE THE DEPARTMENT TO COMPLETE AN EXCLUSIVE GRADE-SEPARATED SYSTEM FOR PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS FROM THE NORTHWESTERN PORTION OF YUEN LONG TOWN THROUGH THE LONG PING ESTATE TO YEUNG UK.

THE WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN JUNE AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 22 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON FEBRUARY 23.

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