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HK-CHINA RELATIONSHIPS SHOULD BE TACKLED
IN A PRACTICAL, PRAGMATIC MANNER: CS

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IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE WHOLE QUESTION OF HONG KONG'S RELATIONSHIPS WITH CHINA BE TACKLED IN A VERY PRACTICAL AND PRAGMATIC WAY, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER ATTENDING THE ANNIVERSARY CEREMONY OF THE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, SIR DAVID SAID : "WE HAVE BEEN DOING THAT OVER THE PERIOD OF THE LAST FEW MONTHS."

"WE CERTAINLY HAVE NO WISH TO INVOLVE IN MEGAPHONE DIPLOMACY ON OUR SIDE.

"WE HAVE A LOT OF PRACTICAL ISSUES ON WHICH WE DISCUSS REGULARLY WITH THE CHINESE, AND I THINK IT'S THAT EMPHASIS THAT WE MUST CONTINUE TO MAKE IN THE MONTHS AHEAD," HE SAID.

"I AM SURE AS THINGS SETTLE DOWN WE WILL RETURN TO THE FORMER SETTLED RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES," SIR DAVID ADDED.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON ALLEGATIONS OF UNDUE FORCE USED IN MOVING VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE FROM THE CHI MA WAN DETENTION CENTRE TO PHOENIX HOUSE, THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID IT WAS AN OPERATIONAL MOVE WHICH WENT SMOOTHLY.

"THERE WERE SOME SCUFFLES INVOLVED, BUT WE RECEIVED NO COMPLAINTS FROM THE BOAT PEOPLE CONCERNED IN THAT MOVE," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THAT AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL HAD ASKED FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE CASE AND THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CLEARLY BE QUITE PREPARED TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION REQUIRED OF IT, NOTING THAT THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY WOULD BE DOING JUST THAT.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT IN CASES WHERE THERE MIGHT BE THE DANGER OF PROBLEMS THE PRESENCE OF POLICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES OFFICERS WAS NECESSARY.

"AND THERE WERE ON THAT OCCASION POLICEMEN AND INDEED CORRECTIONAL SERVICES HELD IN RESERVES IN CASE THEY WERE NEEDED," SIR DAVID SAID.

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CS PRAISES COUNCIL'S ROLE IN SOCIAL SERVICE

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THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDES AN INVALUABLE FORUM WITHIN WHICH VOLUNTARY AGENCIES CAN COME TOGETHER IN CO-OPERATION AND TO FURTHER THE PROMOTION OF OUR WELFARE PROGRAMMES, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE COUNCIL'S EMPLOYMENT SERVICE 30TH ANNIVERSARY, SIR DAVID SAID THAT THROUGH THE COUNCIL THERE WAS A VERY USEFUL CHANNEL FOR THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR.

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"OVER THE YEARS, THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR HAS MADE AN IMMENSE CONTRIBUTION IN THE PROVISION OF OUR WELFARE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES," HE SAID.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID THE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE WAS ONE OF THE MANY SHINING EXAMPLES OF THE COUNCIL'S ACHIEVEMENTS.

NOTING THAT HONG KONG HAD MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN THE 30 YEARS SINCE THE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE STARTED, THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID THE SUCCESS AND PROSPERITY OF A MODERN SOCIETY HAD ALSO BROUGHT WITH IT SOME OF THE STRESSES AND STRAINS OF RAPID DEVELOPMENT.

"BY INITIATING THE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE, THE COUNCIL IS HELPING TO MEET THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF THOSE GROUPS OF PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO REQUIRE SPECIAL CARE AND ATTENTION," SIR DAVID SAID.

THESE INCLUDED DISCHARGED PRISONERS, REHABILITATED DRUG ADDICTS, PROBATIONERS, YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WERE AT RISK OR WERE UNDER CARE AND PROTECTION ORDERS AND OTHERS WHO NEEDED SPECIAL HELP TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT.

SIR DAVID SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO LEARN THAT THE SERVICE WAS ABLE TO ARRANGE JOB PLACEMENTS FOR OVER 92 PER CENT OF THE 600 PEOPLE REFERRED TO IT LAST YEAR, AND THAT THE SERVICE HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN SECURING EMPLOYMENT FOR NEARLY ALL THE YOUNG PEOPLE AND PROBATIONERS WHO HAD SOUGHT HELP.

"I AM SURE THAT PRODUCTIVE EMPLOYMENT HAS HELPED THESE INDIVIDUALS TREMENDOUSLY IN THEIR REHABILITATION AND RE-INTEGRATION INTO SOCIETY," HE SAID.

"THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE WILL NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT CLOSE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, THE REFERRAL AGENCIES AND EMPLOYERS.

"THE CONCERN AND THE DETERMINATION TO HELP THOSE AMONG OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE LESS FORTUNATE IS INDEED ENCOURAGING AND COMMENDABLE," SIR DAVID SAID.

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CS PAYS TRIBUTE TO FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

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THE FRIENDS OF SCOUTING IS A PRIME EXAMPLE OF HOW VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS IN HONG KONG MINISTER TO THE DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS OF OUR SOCIETY. THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY FUND RAISING BALL OF THE FRIENDS OF SCOUTING, SIR DAVID SAID THE GROUP HAD BLOSSOMED INTO A PROUD ORGANISATION RUNNING A FULL RANGE OF RECREATIONAL, TRAINING AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN EIGHT CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

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HE NOTED THAT THE ORGANISATION'S PROGRAMMES COVERED MANY AREAS INCLUDING TUTORIAL CLASSES, LIBRARY SERVICE. LEADERSHIP TRAINING, DRAMA, DANCING, SPORTS AND A VARIETY OF SPECIAL PROJECTS SUCH AS THE 'KIDNEY DONATION SINGING CONTEST' AND 'BLOOD DONATION DAY'.

THE ORGANISATION ALSO RAN OTHER PROGRAMMES FOR PARENTS WHICH ENABLED THE WHOLE FAMILY TO PARTICIPATE.

"THROUGH ITS CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES, THE FRIENDS OF SCOUTING HAS ALSO ESTABLISHED FIVE SCOUTS GROUPS.

"THE SCOUTS MOVEMENT HAS EVOLVED WORLD-WIDE TO BECOME AN INSTITUTION WHICH PROMOTES THE HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND THROUGH WHICH OUR YOUNGER GENERATION ARE TRAINED IN PRACTICAL SKILLS AND CAN DEVELOP A SENSE OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

CONGRATULATING THE FRIENDS OF SCOUTING FOR DISTINCTIVE SERVICE IN THE PAST 20 YEARS, SIR DAVID SAID : "THE FRIENDS OF SCOUTING IS UNIQUE IN ITS CONCEPT OF COMPLEMENTING THE SCOUTS MOVEMENT WITH A BROAD PROGRAMME OF COMMUNITY SERVICE."

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POLICE PROGRAMME FOR PRINCESS OF WALES

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A TYPICAL WORKING MORNING FOR RECRUITS AT THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL WILL BE THE EMPHASIS OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE PROGRAMME FOR THE PRINCESS OF WALES DURING HER THREE-DAY VISIT TO HONG KONG WITH THE PRINCE OF WALES.

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS WILL SEE DRILL AND MUSKETRY TRAINING IN PROGRESS AND WATCH RECRUITS BEING INSTRUCTED IN DEALING WITH A STREET INCIDENT.

THE PRINCESS WILL VISIT THE TRAINING SCHOOL ON THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 9 AND AFTER WATCHING TRAINING IN PROGRESS WILL MEET TRAINEES AND OFFICERS INFORMALLY AT LUNCH IN THE OFFICERS MESS.

A QUARTER GUARD WILL BE MOUNTED AT THE SCHOOL GATE FOR THE PRINCESS' ARRIVAL AND SHE WILL BE GREETED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR RAYMON ANNING, WHO WILL INTRODUCE THE DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, MR KEITH LOMAS; COMMANDANT AND ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FORCE TRAINING, MR BENNY NG; AND CHIEF STAFF INSPECTOR, ADMINISTRATION, MISS ROSE TONG.

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS WILL VISIT THE SCHOOL'S TEACHING BLOCK AND GYMNASIUM, WHERE A SELF DEFENCE CLASS WILL BE IN PROGRESS.

SHE WILL BE BRIEFED ON ASPECTS OF POLICE TRAINING BY MR NEVILLE BROOMFIELD, HEAD OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES, AND MR BILL FULLERTON, STAFF OFFICER, CENTRAL TRAINING SERVICES DIVISION.

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AT THE OFFICERS MESS THE PRINCESS WILL MEET REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FORCE AS A WHOLE AND ALSO TRAINEES AND STAFF MEMBERS OF THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL, INCLUDING DEPUTY COMMANDANT MR DAVE HUGHES.

SENIOR POLICE LADIES WHO WILL HAVE THE HONOUR OF BEING PRESENTED TO HER ROYAL HIGHNESS WILL INCLUDE CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT FELICIA WONG, SUPERINTENDENTS PEGGY STEVENS, BONNIE SMITH AND YING HUI SAU-FONG; CHIEF INSPECTOR TSUI YEE-LIN; AND SENIOR INSPECTOR BEATRICE YOU.

AMONG THOSE PRESENT WILL BE STATION SERGEANT TSUI WAI-CHUN, CHAIRMAN OF THE JUNIOR POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, AND WOMAN POLICE CONSTABLE IRENE LAM, A GOLD MEDAL HOLDER OF THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME.

THE PRINCESS OF WALES WILL BE PIPED INTO LUNCH BY PIPE MAJOR HSU YORK-FUNG OF THE POLICE BAND.

THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE WILL PRESENT A FORCE FIGURINE TO THE PRINCESS, WHO WILL BE INVITED TO SIGN THE VISITORS' BOOK BEFORE POSING FOR A GROUP PHOTOGRAPH ON THE STEPS OF THE MESS.

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS WILL THEN JOIN THE PRINCE OF WALES AT TUEN MUN WHERE THEY WILL ATTEND THE TUEN MUN FESTIVAL. THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS WILL VISIT GAMES STALLS ORGANISED BY MEMBERS OF TUEN MUN JUNIOR POLICE CALL.

THE ROYAL VISIT BEGINS ON NOVEMBER 7, WHEN AFTER ARRIVING FROM INDONESIA, THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS WILL SAIL ACROSS THE HARBOUR IN THE "LADY MAURINE", THE YACHT OF THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON.

ON ARRIVAL AT QUEEN'S PIER THEY WILL INSPECT A GUARD OF HONOUR MOUNTED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS) TO MUSIC BY THE BAND OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE CONDUCTED BY ITS DIRECTOR OF MUSIC, MR COLIN WOOD.

LAUNCHES OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG MARINE POLICE WILL ESCORT THE PRINCE AND THE PRINCESS IN HONG KONG WATERS AND THEIR JOURNEYS BY ROAD WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY OUTRIDERS OF THE FORCE ESCORT GROUP.

ALTHOUGH THE PRINCE OF WALES HAS VISITED HONG KONG PREVIOUSLY IT WILL BE THE FIRST VISIT TO THE TERRITORY BY HER ROYAL HIGHNESS.

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CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT STATISTICS FOR 2ND QUARTER RELEASED

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THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS (INCLUDING WORK CARRIED OUT AT CONSTRUCTION SITES, AT ERECTED BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES, AND AT OTHER MINOR WORK LOCATIONS) IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989 AMOUNTED TO \$11,922 MILLION, WHICH WAS 0.5 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989, AND 20.4 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1988.

THIS IS SHOWN BY THE RESULTS OF THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE INDEX OF GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989 WAS 180.9, WITH THE QUARTERLY AVERAGE OF 1982 BEING TAKEN AS 100. THE CORRESPONDING INDEXES FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989 AND THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1988 WERE 180.1 AND 150.3 RESPECTIVELY.

WITH REGARD TO THE INCREASE OF 20.4 PER CENT IN THE VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989 OVER THE SAME QUARTER IN 1988, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS MOSTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE INCREASE IN CONSTRUCTION COSTS.

AFTER DISCOUNTING THE COST INCREASES, THE REAL GROWTH IN THE VOLUME OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED WAS SUBSTANTIALLY LESS. THIS POINT SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND IN INTERPRETING THE SURVEY RESULTS.

THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS AT CONSTRUCTION SITES IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989 WAS \$9,200 MILLION. THIS WAS 2.1 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND 18.4 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1988.

APART FROM WORK PERFORMED AT CONSTRUCTION SITES, THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS AT ERECTED BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES AND OTHER MINOR WORK LOCATIONS WAS \$2,722 MILLION, WHICH WAS 4.8 PER CENT LOWER THAN IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER BUT 27.9 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1988.

OF THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS AT CONSTRUCTION SITES, \$3,001 MILLION WAS RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR (INCLUDING THE GOVERNMENT, MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION AND KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION). THIS REPRESENTED INCREASES OF 0.4 PER CENT AND 17.6 PER CENT OVER THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1988 RESPECTIVELY.

AS FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR, THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS AT CONSTRUCTION SITES WAS \$6,199 MILLION, WHICH WAS 3.0 PER CENT AND 18.8 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1988 RESPECTIVELY.

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WHEN ANALYSED BY END-USE OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES, THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS AT CONSTRUCTION SITES IN RESPECT OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS (WHICH INCLUDE COMBINED RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS) AND TRANSPORT PROJECTS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989 WAS \$3,989 MILLION AND \$1,450 MILLION RESPECTIVELY.

THIS REPRESENTED INCREASES OF 7.0 PER CENT AND 11.6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER THE PRECEDING QUARTER, AND OF 10.4 PER CENT AND 24.6 PER CENT OVER THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1988.

THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS AT CONSTRUCTION SITES IN RESPECT OF COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989 WAS \$1,418 MILLION, REPRESENTING A DECREASE OF 9.6 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER BUT AN INCREASE OF 24.3 PER CENT OVER THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1988.

OWING TO THE WIDESPREAD SUB-CONTRACTING PRACTICE IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, A CONSTRUCTION ESTABLISHMENT CAN BE A MAIN CONTRACTOR FOR ONE CONTRACT AND A SUB-CONTRACTOR FOR ANOTHER CONTRACT SIMULTANEOUSLY.

THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS REFERS TO THE OUTPUT OF THOSE CONSTRUCTION ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE PROJECTS IN WHICH THEY TAKE THE ROLE OF A MAIN CONTRACTOR, AND DOES NOT INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT OF PROJECTS WHERE THEY PLAY THE ROLE OF SUB-CONTRACTORS.

HOWEVER, SUB-CONTRACTORS' CONTRIBUTION TO PROJECTS SHOULD HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY THE MAIN CONTRACTORS FOR WHOM THEY WORKED.

MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT IS GIVEN IN THE "REPORT ON THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT, 2ND QUARTER 1989".

THE REPORT IS ON SALE AT \$2.50 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, WANCHAI TOWER I, 19TH FLOOR, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI. REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION MAY ALSO BE ARRANGED.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 5-8234860.

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BILL INTENDED TO ENHANCE WORK OF CUSTOMS
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A BILL TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989 COMPLETED A REVIEW OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE ORDINANCE.

ONE PROPOSAL SEEKS TO GIVE TO MEMBERS OF THE SERVICE A CENTRALISED POWER TO EXAMINE CARGO THAT IS IMPORTED OR ABOUT TO BE EXPORTED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID SUCH POWER WAS CURRENTLY SPREAD THROUGHOUT 19 ORDINANCES ENFORCED BY THE SERVICE.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE NEW SEARCH POWER COULD ONLY BE EXERCISED AT ENTRY OR EXIT POINTS OR WHERE CARGO WAS STORED PRIOR TO COLLECTION BY A CONSIGNEE.

"IN THE CASE OF ACCOMPANIED PERSONAL BELONGINGS, ANY MEMBER OF THE SERVICE MAY REQUEST PERMISSION TO EXAMINE THEM.

"IF THE REQUEST IS REFUSED, ONLY AN OFFICER NOT BELOW THE RANK OF INSPECTOR OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE CAN ORDER THAT THE EXAMINATION TAKE PLACE," HE SAID.

ANOTHER PROPOSED AMENDMENT GIVES OFFICERS NOT BELOW THE RANK OF INSPECTOR THE POWER TO REQUIRE THE PRODUCTION OF A TRAVEL DOCUMENT.

"THIS IS NECESSARY, FOR EXAMPLE, TO ENABLE OFFICERS WORKING AT THE CONTROL POINTS TO ASCERTAIN THE DEGREE OF SUSPICION OF A PASSENGER OR TO VERIFY THAT A PASSENGER IS A VISITOR AND THUS ENTITLED TO THE DUTY-FREE CONCESSION," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 15.

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) PUBLISHED THE OUTLINE ZONING PLAN FOR MA TAU KOK WHICH WAS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL ON JULY 4.

THE PLAN COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 152 HECTARES IN THE EASTERN PART OF KOWLOON. IT IS BOUNDED BY TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD TO THE NORTH, HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND KOWLOON BAY TO THE EAST, NGAN HON STREET AND SAN LAU STREET TO THE SOUTH, AND TIN KWONG ROAD TO THE WEST.

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THE PLANNING AREA IS ONE OF THE OLDER URBAN AREAS IN KOWLOON WHICH HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY DEVELOPED FOR RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL USES.

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, WHICH IS THE PREDOMINANT LAND USE, INCLUDES PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AS WELL AS PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, MOSTLY IN THE FORM OF FLATTED FACTORY BUILDINGS FOR LIGHT MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, IS MAINLY CONCENTRATED IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE PLANNING AREA.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD SAID THE OBJECTIVE OF THE PLAN IS TO ESTABLISH A STATUTORY LAND USE FRAMEWORK WHEREBY THE VARIOUS USES OF LAND IN THE PLANNING AREA CAN BE DEVELOPED OR REDEVELOPED IN AN ORDERLY MANNER.

IN THE PLAN, 0.12 PER CENT OF THE AREA (0.18 HECTARES) IS ZONED FOR MIXED COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL USES, 31.01 PER CENT (47.17 HECTARES) FOR RESIDENTIAL USES, INCLUDING PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, 7.52 PER CENT (11.44 HECTARES) FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, AND 27.26 PER CENT (41.46 HECTARES) FOR GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY AND OPEN SPACE USES.

A FURTHER 2.73 PER CENT (4.15 HECTARES) IS ZONED FOR OTHER SPECIFIED USES INCLUDING THE MILITARY RECREATION GROUND, THE HONG KONG SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION GROUND AT TIN KWONG ROAD, AND THE KOWLOON CITY PASSENGER AND VEHICULAR FERRY PIERS.

THE REST OF THE AREA (47.71 HECTARES) IS ZONED FOR ROADS.

THE PLAN CAN BE INSPECTED AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES:

- PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG, AND .
- THE TOWN PLANNING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

COPIES OF THE APPROVED PLAN ARE AVAILABLE AT THE MAP AND PLAN SALES SECTION, SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND THE KOWLOON MAP AND PLAN SALES SECTION, 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON. (FROM MONDAY, THE KOWLOON SECTION WILL BE RELOCATED TEMPORARILY TO THE KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 405 NATHAN ROAD).

THE UNCOLOURED VERSION COSTS \$10 AND THE COLOURED PRINTED VERSION COSTS \$50.

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THREE GOVERNMENT LOTS FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION
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THREE GOVERNMENT LAND LOTS WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT AT A PUBLIC AUCTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 28 IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE.

THE AUCTION WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

THE LOTS INCLUDE TWO IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES EXCLUDING OFFENSIVE TRADE.

ONE OF THESE IS LOCATED IN AREA 8, TAI PO, AND HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 2,230 SQUARE METRES.

ACCORDING TO THE BUILDING COVENANT, THE DEVELOPER IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 12,711 SQUARE METRES BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1993.

THE OTHER LOT FOR THE SAME PURPOSE IS LOCATED IN AREA 4B, SHEUNG SHUI.

IT COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 3,785 SQUARE METRES AND THE DEVELOPER IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 11,355 SQUARE METRES BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1992 WITH NOT LESS THAN 1,890 SQUARE METRES OF MOTOR VEHICLE WORKSHOPS ON THE FIRST FLOOR.

THE THIRD LOT, WHICH COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 5,921 SQUARE METRES, IS LOCATED AT CARPENTER ROAD, KOWLOON CITY.

THE LOT IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING RESIDENTIAL, GODOWN AND HOTEL) PURPOSES AND INCLUDING A MANDATORY PROVISION OF A MULTI-STOREY CARPARK AND A CINEMA/THEATRE OF NOT LESS THAN 400 SEATS.

THE BUILDING COVENANT STIPULATES THAT A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 23,300 SQUARE METRES HAS TO BE COMPLETED ON THE LOT BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1993.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND SALE PLANS CAN BE SEEN, AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

- * THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;
- * THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRIES SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG; AND
- * THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES KOWLOON, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

CONDITIONS OF SALE ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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PREQUALIFICATION EXERCISE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF LIBRARY
AND GOVT OFFICES COMPLEX

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING CONTRACTORS TO PARTICIPATE IN A PREQUALIFICATION EXERCISE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SUPERSTRUCTURE FOR THE TSUEN WAN CENTRAL PUBLIC LIBRARY AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES COMPLEX.

THE PROJECT WILL INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 24-STOREY OFFICE TOWER AND A FOUR-STOREY LIBRARY BLOCK FOR THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT ON TOP OF A COMMON FOUR-STOREY PODIUM.

THE 3,320 SQUARE METRE SITE WILL PROVIDE FOR 18,000 SQUARE METRE NET FLOOR AREA OF OFFICE ACCOMMODATION AND 3,000 SQUARE METRE NET FLOOR AREA FOR THE LIBRARY.

THE PROJECT WILL ALSO INCLUDE AN ELEVATED PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY TO LINK UP WITH THE ADJACENT BUILDINGS.

THE CONTRACT PERIOD WILL BE 24 MONTHS.

ONLY CONTRACTORS ON THE LANDS AND WORKS APPROVED CONTRACTORS LIST 1 GROUP "C" FOR "BUILDING" MAY APPLY FOR PREQUALIFICATION.

THEY SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATION TO THE DIRECTOR OF ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, (ATTN. CHIEF ARCHITECT/1), 41ST FLOOR, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, BY NOVEMBER 24.

A NOTICE ON THE PREQUALIFICATION EXERCISE WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

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ACCESS FOR LA SALLE ROAD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

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THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO CARRY OUT ROADWORKS TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE NEW PLATFORMS FORMED UNDER THE LA SALLE ROAD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN KOWLOON CITY.

THE PROPOSED WORKS INCLUDE:

- * CONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT 600 METRES OF CARRIAGEWAY AND ASSOCIATED FOOTPATH AROUND THE PERIMETER OF THE NEW PLATFORMS TO BE FORMED EAST OF THE EXISTING RENFREW ROAD AND NORTH OF THE EXISTING HEREFORD ROAD AND CONNECTING TO THESE TWO ROADS;
- * REALIGNMENT AND WIDENING OF A SECTION OF HEREFORD ROAD EAST OF RENFREW ROAD;

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- * REALIGNMENT OF THE VEHICULAR ACCESS TO RHENISH CHURCH COLLEGE;
- * CONVERSION OF A SECTION OF FOOTPATH AT RENFREW ROAD INTO CARRIAGEWAY; AND
- * ASSOCIATED SLOPE WORKS.

THESE WORKS WILL START IN MARCH NEXT YEAR AND BE COMPLETED IN 20 MONTHS.

DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL WERE PUBLISHED IN A NOTICE IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY). A NOTICE CAN BE SEEN POSTED NEAR THE SITE OF THE PROPOSED WORKS.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;
- * KOWLOON WEST DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND
- * KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, 141-143 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, FIRST FLOOR, KOWLOON.

ANY PERSON WHO OBJECTS TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 26 THIS YEAR.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR WANG CHIU ROAD CONSTRUCTION WORKS

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF WANG CHIU ROAD BETWEEN SHEUNG YUET ROAD AND SHEUNG YEE ROAD, KOWLOON BAY.

A TENDER NOTICE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

UPON COMPLETION OF THE NEW ROAD, LOCAL TRAFFIC CIRCULATION WILL BE GREATLY IMPROVED. THERE WILL ALSO BE A SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT TO THE ROAD NETWORK IN KOWLOON BAY.

LANDSCAPING WORKS WILL ALSO BE CARRIED OUT TO ENHANCE THE ENVIRONMENT ALONG WANG CHIU ROAD.

THE WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO START IN LATE DECEMBER AND BE COMPLETED BY AUGUST NEXT YEAR.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED BY THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT WHICH WILL ALSO SUPERVISE CONSTRUCTION.

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LONDON TO MAINTAIN HOTLINE SERVICE FOR HK VISITORS

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THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN LONDON IS TO MAKE PERMANENT ITS TELEPHONE ADVISORY SERVICE (TAS) FOR HONG KONG VISITORS.

THE TAS WAS INTRODUCED A YEAR AGO ON A TRIAL BASIS AFTER A NUMBER OF HONG KONG PEOPLE COMPLAINED THAT THEY HAD FACED DIFFICULTIES WHEN ENTERING THE UK AND, IN SOME CASES, WERE REFUSED ENTRY.

SINCE THE INTRODUCTION, A TOTAL OF 65 CALLS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. OF THESE, 16 WERE REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE AND 49 WERE MISCELLANEOUS ENQUIRIES.

THE HONG KONG COMMISSIONER IN LONDON, MR JOHN YAXLEY, SAID DEMANDS ON THE SERVICE HAD NOT BEEN GREAT BUT IT WAS WORTHWHILE MAINTAINING THE FACILITY.

"WHILE THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT HONG KONG PEOPLE ARE BEING DISCRIMINATED AGAINST, THERE WILL ALWAYS BE OCCASIONS WHEN MISUNDERSTANDINGS OCCUR SO IT HELPS TO HAVE SOMEONE AVAILABLE WHO CAN EXPLAIN THE PROCEDURES IN CANTONESE," HE SAID.

THE TAS HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED TO ADVISE HONG KONG VISITORS OF THEIR RIGHTS REGARDING IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS AND APPEAL PROCEDURES IN BRITAIN. ITS PURPOSE, HOWEVER, WAS NOT TO CHALLENGE ANY IMMIGRATION DECISIONS TAKEN BY UK IMMIGRATION OFFICERS.

"IF ANY VISITOR IS AGGRIEVED BY ANY IMMIGRATION DECISION, HE SHOULD APPEAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES OF THE UK IMMIGRATION SERVICE," MR YAXLEY SAID.

THE TAS (TEL. NO. 01-629-5068) IS OPERATED BY BILINGUAL STAFF OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE SEVEN DAYS A WEEK FROM 9 AM TO 5.30 PM.

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FIREMEN MUST BE WELL PREPARED

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FIREMEN HAVE TO DEAL WITH EMERGENCIES AND THEREFORE THEY MUST BE WELL PREPARED, THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER (PROTECTION), MR LI KWOK-CHOI, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

ADDRESSING A PASSING OUT PARADE OF NINE STATION OFFICERS AND 41 FIREMEN AT THE FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL, MR LI URGED THE GRADUATES TO FOLLOW THE MAXIM OF "PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT" AS IT WAS NO SECRET THAT A FIREMAN'S SKILLS REQUIRED DEDICATION TO THE JOB.

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"THE OLYMPIC COMPETITORS SPEND YEARS OF CONTINUOUS TRAINING JUST FOR THE GLORY OF THAT MOMENT ON THE DAIS, IF THEY WIN," HE SAID.

"YOU RECEIVE YOUR GLORY IN A DIFFERENT WAY, KNOWING THAT SOME TIME IN YOUR CAREER, SOMEWHERE IN THIS TERRITORY, YOU WILL BE CALLED UPON TO PERFORM THE MOST SACRED DUTY TO SAVE LIVES AND TO PROTECT PROPERTY, AND YOU SHOULD DO YOUR BEST TO UPHOLD THE TRADITION OF THE HONG KONG FIRE SERVICES."

WELCOMING THE GRADUATES AS NEW MEMBERS OF THE DISCIPLINED SERVICE, MR LI STRESSED THAT DISCIPLINE WAS NECESSARY, AND HAD MORE THAN A CEREMONIAL SIGNIFICANCE.

"DISCIPLINE GENERATES CONFIDENCE BOTH WAYS: TO THE LEADER IT MEANS HE HAS A RELIABLE TEAM, AND TO THOSE BEING LED THE ORDERS GIVEN ARE CORRECT AND WORKABLE," HE ADDED.

AFTER REVIEWING THE PARADE, MR LI PRESENTED THE BEST RECRUIT AWARDS TO STATION OFFICER CHAN MAN-KWONG AND FIREMAN LEUNG KAM-MING.

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TENTH YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL BEGINS

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THE 10TH YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL, ONE OF THE MOST COLOURFUL CULTURAL EVENTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, OPENED THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING WITH A SPECTACULAR VARIETY SHOW AT THE LUT SAU HALL.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR ADOLF HSU, SAID THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO DEVELOP AN INTEREST IN THE ARTS AND TO ENRICH THEIR CULTURAL LIFE.

HE POINTED OUT THAT AS MORE PEOPLE MOVED INTO NEWLY ESTABLISHED HOUSING ESTATES, IT WAS ESSENTIAL TO PROVIDE THEM WITH MORE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES TO HELP THEM ADAPT TO THE NEW ENVIRONMENT.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR CHOW YIU-WING, SAID THE FESTIVAL'S AIM HAD ALL ALONG BEEN TO ENHANCE RESIDENTS' SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT.

HE NOTED THAT ONE MAJOR FEATURE OF THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMMES WAS THE STAGING OF A WIDE VARIETY OF EVENTS AT DIFFERENT VENUES SO AS TO SPREAD THE FESTIVAL TO EVERY CORNER OF THE DISTRICT.

THE FESTIVAL IS OFFERING 22 EVENTS INCLUDING CONCERTS, DRAMAS, OPERAS, DANCES, VARIETY SHOWS, FILMS AND EXHIBITIONS.

THE FESTIVAL, WHICH WILL RUN UNTIL NOVEMBER 12, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT ARTS COMMITTEE AND THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL, WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND COMMERCIAL ORGANISATIONS.

THE ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR THE FESTIVAL EXCEEDS \$1.1 MILLION.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL BEGINS TOMORROW
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ABOUT 3,000 SOUTHERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO A VARIETY SHOW TO BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) EVENING TO START OFF THE MONTH-LONG DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

THE THREE-HOUR SHOW WILL BE HELD AT THE ABERDEEN SPORTS GROUND IN WONG CHUK HANG, BEGINNING AT 6.30 PM.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, WILL ATTEND THE SHOW AND OFFICIATE AT A SWITCHING-ON AND RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS INCLUDE DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS MAUREEN CHAN; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HUI YUNG-CHUNG; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MRS SO CHAU YIM-PING.

PRODUCED BY YIU WING ENTERTAINMENT COMPANY, THE SHOW WILL FEATURE PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGERS SHIRLEY KWAN, GINA LAM, EDDIE NG AND YOLINDA YAN. DISC JOCKEY BRENDA LO WILL COMPERE THE SHOW.

FLOATS PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT'S SEVEN AREA COMMITTEES WILL TOUR THE DISTRICT EARLIER IN THE DAY TO DISTRIBUTE PROGRAMME LEAFLETS AND SOUVENIRS TO ENHANCE THE FESTIVAL ATMOSPHERE.

THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL WILL LAST UNTIL DECEMBER 3.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE SAID AN IMPRESSIVE COLLECTION OF HISTORICAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE DISTRICT DATING BACK TO THE 19TH CENTURY WILL BE EXHIBITED FROM TOMORROW AS PART OF THE FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD AT THE AP LEI CHAU COMMUNITY HALL, AP LEI CHAU ESTATE. IT WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 6 PM DAILY INCLUDING SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL PERIOD, EXCEPT ON NOVEMBER 12, 19, 25 AND 26 AND DECEMBER 2.

THE EXHIBITION ALSO INCLUDES 26 PRIZE-WINNING ENTRIES IN THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL PHOTOGRAPH COMPETITION WHICH TAKES ON THE THEME OF "SOUTHERN DISTRICT TODAY".

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE FESTIVAL OFFERS 19 OTHER RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL, ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS, MUSIC, ARTS AND CIVIC EDUCATION ACTIVITIES FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES AND INTERESTS.

MOST OF THESE WILL BE HELD ON WEEKENDS OR IN THE EVENINGS OF WEEKDAYS SO THAT MORE PEOPLE CAN ATTEND.

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ALL THE EVENTS OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL ARE FREE. PROGRAMME LEAFLETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES. TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-540271.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL OPENING CEREMONY AND VARIETY SHOW TO BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE ABERDEEN SPORTS GROUND IN WONG CHUK HANG, BEGINNING AT 6.30 PM.

PRESS BADGES WILL BE ISSUED AT THE RECEPTION COUNTER AT THE VENUE.

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VARIETY SHOW TO BEGIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL

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A VARIETY SHOW WILL MARK THE GRAND OPENING OF THE 1989 WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL TOMORROW (SATURDAY) EVENING.

MORE THAN 1,300 LOCAL RESIDENTS WILL ATTEND THE SHOW WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM. ADMISSION IS FREE.

ORGANISED BY THE 1989 WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, THE TWO-HOUR SHOW WILL FEATURE PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGERS JOHNNY YIP AND MAK KIT-MAN.

THERE WILL ALSO BE PERFORMANCES BY THE WONG TAI SIN CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND THE MIRANDA CHIN DANCING GROUP, AS WELL AS LION DANCE.

TELEVISION ARTIST PANG KIN-SUN AND DISC JOCKEY ANGEL LEUNG WILL BE MASTERS OF CEREMONY. THEY WILL ALSO GIVE THE AUDIENCE AN OUTLINE OF THE HISTORY OF WONG TAI SIN AND ITS SCENIC ATTRACTIONS.

OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN; CHAIRMAN OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD, DR MICHAEL LEE; VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR STEPHEN LAU; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN LAU; MISS ASIA PACIFIC, MISS YUNG HUNG; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR ALBERT LI.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AND VARIETY SHOW OF THE 1989 WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL IN KOWLOON TONG.

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TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL BEGINS WITH SWIMMING MARATHON

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THE 11TH TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL WILL BEGIN WITH A GRAND OPENING AND A MARATHON SWIMMING COMPETITION TOMORROW (SATURDAY) MORNING.

THE 1,500-METRE SWIM WILL START AT 10 AM AT APPROACH BEACH IN TSUEN WAN AND FINISH AT LIDO BEACH.

DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM SHIU, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE STARTING CEREMONY.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR ADOLF HSU, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT LIDO BEACH AT 10.45 AM.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH-LONG TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL INCLUDE TABLE TENNIS AND MARTIAL ARTS DEMONSTRATIONS BY TEAMS FROM CHINA AND A BOXING COMPETITION.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS AND PROGRAMME LEAFLETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICES CENTRES OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE SPORTS FESTIVAL IS ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE FEDERATION OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT SPORTS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATIONS. EXPENDITURE OF THE FESTIVAL IS ESTIMATED TO BE OVER \$1 MILLION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE 11TH TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL AND THE MARATHON SWIMMING COMPETITION TOMORROW (SATURDAY) MORNING.

TRANSPORT HAS BEEN ARRANGED TO TAKE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO THE STARTING POINT AT APPROACH BEACH. IT WILL LEAVE THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE AT TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING AT 9.15 AM.

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COURTESY CALLS TO ISLANDS RURAL COMMITTEES

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THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KIM SALKELD, TODAY (FRIDAY) PAID COURTESY CALLS TO LOCAL LEADERS AND VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES ON LANTAU ISLAND AND NORTH LAMMA.

ON LANTAU, MR SALKELD VISITED MUI WO, PUI O AND TUNG CHUNG RURAL COMMITTEES BEFORE TOURING THE 12 VILLAGES AT YUNG SHUE WAN COVERED BY THE NORTH LAMMA RURAL COMMITTEE.

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TODAY'S "GETTING TO KNOW YOU" TOUR WAS HIS SECOND IN THE DISTRICT SINCE HE TOOK UP OFFICE IN MID-OCTOBER.

LAST WEEK, MR SALKELD VISITED THE THREE RURAL COMMITTEES ON PENG CHAU, CHEUNG CHAU AND SOUTH LAMMA.

AUXILIARY POLICE EXPANDING TO HELP MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER

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TO MEET THE EVER-INCREASING REQUIREMENT OF SOCIETY, THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY POLICE ARE EXPANDING CONTINUOUSLY TO REINFORCE THEIR REGULAR COUNTERPARTS IN MAINTAINING THE LAW AND ORDER OF HONG KONG.

THIS WAS STATED BY A MEMBER OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR CHAN BING-WOON, WHEN HE TOOK THE SALUTE AT A PASSING OUT PARADE OF THE ANNUAL TRAINING CAMP OF THE SPECIAL DUTIES COMPANY HONG KONG (1) (AUXILIARY) AT THE AUXILIARY POLICE HEADQUARTERS THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

WITH AN INCREASING INFLUX OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE, MR CHAN PRAISED THE SPECIAL DUTIES COMPANY FOR PROVIDING GREAT ASSISTANCE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF VBP DETENTION CENTRES.

"IN ORDER TO TAKE UP THIS COMMITMENT, SOME OF THE AUXILIARY OFFICERS HAVE TO ASK FOR LEAVE FROM THEIR EMPLOYERS. THIS READINESS TO SACRIFICE THEIR LEISURE AND FAMILY LIFE REALLY DESERVES OUR RECOGNITION," HE SAID.

POINTING OUT THAT THERE WERE CEMETERIES AND BEACHES IN CHAI WAN AREA, MR CHAN SAID ADDITIONAL MANPOWER WOULD BE DEPLOYED TO DIRECT TRAFFIC AND CARRY OUT CROWD CONTROL DUTIES DURING CHING MING AND CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVALS AND THE SUMMER SEASON. HE ADDED THAT THE SPECIAL DUTIES COMPANY HAD PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THIS RESPECT.

IN CONCLUSION, THE DFCC MEMBER CALLED ON THE YOUNGER GENERATION IN THE DISTRICT TO JOIN THE AUXILIARY FORCE TO HELP MAINTAIN THE LAW AND ORDER IN THE TERRITORY.

ON PARADE TODAY WERE 170 OFFICERS WHO HAVE JUST COMPLETED AN ANNUAL WEEK-LONG TRAINING COURSE.

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ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMME ON HK ISLAND

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A ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMME WILL BE CONDUCTED AT TRAFFIC ACCIDENT BLACKSPOTS ON HONG KONG ISLAND IN THE NEXT TWO DAYS (SATURDAY AND SUNDAY).

THE "PEDESTRIAN ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAMME", WHICH IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION AND THE TRAFFIC HONG KONG ISLAND OF THE POLICE, AIMS TO EDUCATE PEDESTRIANS ON PROPER ROAD CROSSING BEHAVIOUR.

DURING THE TWO-DAY PROGRAMME, SOME 100 MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY PATROL WILL BE DEPLOYED IN DISTRIBUTING EDUCATIONAL LEAFLETS TO PEDESTRIANS FOUND TO VIOLATE THE ROAD CROSSING CODE.

UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION, THEIR ACTIVITIES WILL COVER SEVEN TRAFFIC ACCIDENT BLACKSPOTS IN EASTERN, WAN CHAI, CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICTS.

AN OPENING CEREMONY OF THE PROGRAMME WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 10.30 AM OUTSIDE THE ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION AT 2 STADIUM PATH, SO KON PO, HONG KONG.

THE POLICE REGIONAL COMMANDER, HONG KONG ISLAND, MR JOHN CLEMENCE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE "PEDESTRIAN ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAMME" TO BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 10.30 AM OUTSIDE THE ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION AT 2 STADIUM PATH, SO KON PO, HONG KONG.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, YOU ARE ALSO INVITED TO BOARD A BUS WHICH WILL TAKE YOU TO SOME OF THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT BLACKSPOTS TO SEE THE ROAD SAFETY PATROL MEMBERS AT WORK.

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN KOWLOON TONG TO BE CLOSED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE CERTAIN ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN KOWLOON TONG SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGERS TO THE OCCUPIERS AND TO THE PUBLIC.

THEY ARE AT APARTMENTS H ON THE SEVENTH AND THE EIGHTH FLOORS OF MARCONI COURT, 2 MARCONI ROAD.

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THE CLOSURES ARE PART OF AN EXERCISE TO ENFORCE ORDERS ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE IN JUNE 1989 AND MARCH 1985 REQUIRING THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURES.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS FROM THE SHA TIN DISTRICT COURT ON JANUARY 5 NEXT YEAR WERE POSTED ON CONSPICUOUS PARTS OF THE STRUCTURES TODAY (FRIDAY).

IT IS EXPECTED THAT DEMOLITION WILL START ONCE CLOSURE ORDERS ARE OBTAINED.

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TEMPORARY RELOCATION OF KOWLOON MAP SALES CENTRE

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THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE'S KOWLOON MAP SALES CENTRE WILL BE RELOCATED TO THE KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING FROM MONDAY (NOVEMBER 6).

THE EXISTING SINGLE-STOREY SALES CENTRE, LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF NATHAN ROAD AND GASCOIGNE ROAD, WILL BE CLOSED FOR DEMOLITION, AFTER MORNING BUSINESS, AT NOON TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

TOGETHER WITH THE ADJACENT AMENITIES AREA, THE CENTRE WILL BE REDEVELOPED INTO A LANDSCAPED GARDEN TO BLEND IN WITH THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF THE BLOCK.

A NEW MAP SALES CENTRE WILL BE ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE LANDSCAPED AREA.

DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO LAST FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS, THE MAP SALES CENTRE WILL BE RELOCATED ON THE 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 405 NATHAN ROAD.

THE CENTRE'S OPENING HOURS WILL BE 9 AM TO 5 PM WITHOUT LUNCH BREAK, MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS; AND FROM 9 AM TO NOON ON SATURDAYS.

MAP SALES SERVICES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING; THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL; AND AT VARIOUS DISTRICT SURVEY OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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CLOSURE OF POST OFFICE AT CASTLE PEAK ROAD

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THE TSUEN WAN POST OFFICE LOCATED AT 407 CASTLE PEAK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED DOWN AT THE END OF BUSINESS AT 1 PM ON NOVEMBER 11, THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE SAID THE CLOSURE WAS DUE TO THE EXPIRY OF THE LEASE FOR THE PREMISES.

"CUSTOMERS WHO NORMALLY VISIT THIS POST OFFICE SHOULD GO TO THE TSUEN WING STREET POST OFFICE, WHICH IS THE NEAREST POST OFFICE IN THE AREA.

"ITS ADDRESS IS 18-32 TSUEN WING STREET," HE SAID.

"THE POST OFFICE REGRETS ANY INCONVENIENCE THAT MAY BE CAUSED TO CUSTOMERS IN THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT," HE ADDED.

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OLD-TYPE IDENTITY CARDS INVALID AS FROM NOVEMBER 6

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) REMINDED WOMEN BORN BETWEEN 1951 AND 1956 THAT THEIR OLD-TYPE IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED BEFORE JULY 1, 1987, WILL CEASE TO BE VALID DOCUMENTS FROM NOVEMBER 6.

"THIS IS THE SIXTH BATCH OF IDENTITY CARDS DECLARED INVALID SINCE THE NEW IDENTITY CARD RE-ISSUE SCHEME STARTED IN JULY, 1987," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

HE EMPHASISED THAT ONCE AN OLD CARD WAS DECLARED INVALID, IT WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR ANY PURPOSE.

"FOR EXAMPLE, WOMEN OF THE ABOVE AGE GROUP HOLDING AN INVALID OLD-TYPE IDENTITY CARD WILL NOT BE ABLE TO USE IT FOR TRAVELLING ABROAD OR TO APPLY FOR A TRAVEL DOCUMENT.

"HOWEVER, THOSE WHO HAVE MISSED THEIR SPECIFIED CARD REPLACEMENT PERIODS DUE TO THEIR ABSENCE FROM HONG KONG OR ANY OTHER REASONS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY APPROACH ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES," HE ADDED.

THESE CASES WILL BE LOOKED INTO THOROUGHLY AND DEALT WITH ON THEIR INDIVIDUAL MERITS.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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AMENDED TIMES FOR FIRING PRACTICE

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AMENDED TIMES FOR FIRING PRACTICE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON TWO DAYS THIS MONTH WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PRACTICE ON NOVEMBER 24 WILL LAST FROM 8.30 AM TO 11.59 PM, AND ON NOVEMBER 30 IT WILL LAST FROM 8.30 AM TO 5 PM.

THE PUBLIC IS WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING.

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN WONG TAI SIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE FOLLOWING TEMPORARY TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN WONG TAI SIN ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 5) IN CONNECTION WITH THE "KOWLOON WALK FOR MILLIONS 1989-90".

TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD SECTION BETWEEN WAN WAH STREET AND SHA TIN PASS ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM 7.30 AM TO NOON. FRANCHISED BUSES AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUS (SCHEDULED) SERVICE ROUTE NOS. 18 AND 19 WILL BE EXEMPTED.

AT THE SAME TIME, SHA TIN PASS ROAD SECTION BETWEEN TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD AND FEI NGO SHAN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED AND PLB (SCHEDULED) SERVICE ROUTE NO. 18 WILL BE EXEMPTED, WHILE WAN WAH STREET SECTION BETWEEN WAI WAH STREET AND TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD WILL ALSO BE CLOSED.

NGAU CHI WAN STREET, FEI NGO SHAN ROAD SECTION BETWEEN CUSTOMS PASS AND JAT'S INCLINE, AND JAT'S INCLINE SECTION BETWEEN FEI NGO SHAN ROAD AND CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM 7.30 AM TO 3 PM, AND PLB (SCHEDULED) SERVICE ROUTE NO. 16 WILL BE EXEMPTED.

FROM 7.30 AM TO NOON, THE EXISTING TERMINUS OF PLB (SCHEDULED) SERVICE ROUTE NO. 18 ON TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD OUTSIDE SHA TIN PASS ESTATE WILL BE RELOCATED TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD.

THIS TEMPORARY TERMINUS IS ABOUT 15 METRES WEST OF THE EXISTING TERMINUS. THE EXISTING TERMINUS OF PLB (SCHEDULED) SERVICE ROUTE NO. 19 ON TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD OUTSIDE SHA TIN PASS ESTATE WILL BE RELOCATED TO A POINT ABOUT 150 METRES TO THE EAST.

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PLB (SCHEDULED) SERVICE ROUTE NOS. 20 AND 37M, WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SHEUNG FUNG STREET, WAN WAH STREET, WAI WAH STREET AND TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD INSTEAD OF SHEUNG FUNG STREET, WAN WAH STREET AND TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD WHEN HEADING TOWARDS TSZ WAN SHAN.

FROM 7.30 AM TO 3 PM, THE EXISTING TERMINUS OF PLB (SCHEDULED) SERVICE ROUTE NO. 16 IN NGAU CHI WAN STREET WILL BE RELOCATED TO JAT'S INCLINE SECTION BETWEEN NGAU CHI WAN STREET AND CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD.

THE SERVICE WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD AND JAT'S INCLINE INSTEAD OF CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD, FUNG SHING STREET AND NGAU CHI WAN STREET WHEN HEADING TOWARDS JAT'S INCLINE.

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT FOR GARDEN ROAD FLYOVER

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT TRAFFIC ON THE LEFT-HAND TRAFFIC LANE ON GARDEN ROAD FLYOVER IS NOW ALSO PROVIDING ACCESS TO QUEENSWAY.

THIS IS PART OF A TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT SCHEME TO ALLEVIATE THE CONGESTION AT THE APPROACH TO THE GARDEN ROAD FLYOVER.

THE GARDEN ROAD FLYOVER CONSISTS OF TWO LANES WITH THE RIGHT ONE LEADING ONTO QUEENSWAY WHILE THE LEFT ONE IS ORIGINALLY CONFINED TO LEFT-TURN TRAFFIC HEADING FOR COTTON TREE DRIVE NORTHBOUND.

UPON THE WIDENING OF THE DOWN RAMP OF THE GARDEN ROAD FLYOVER AND THE ADJOINING CARRIAGEWAY, BOTH LANES ON THE FLYOVER ARE NOW OPEN TO EASTBOUND TRAFFIC LEADING ONTO QUEENSWAY.

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