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JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON ISSUE OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE

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THE FOLLOWING IS A JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE BRITISH AND HONG KONG GOVERNMENTS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM TODAY (THURSDAY):

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BRITISH AND HONG KONG GOVERNMENTS AND OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM MET IN HANOI ON AUGUST 3 AND 4 TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS CREATED BY THE NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE ENTERING HONG KONG. THE MEETING TOOK PLACE IN AN OPEN AND FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE.

BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT, WHILE THE HISTORICAL AND SOCIAL CAUSES OF THE OUTFLOW FROM VIETNAM WERE COMPLEX, REALISTIC AND EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO BRING IT TO AN END WERE URGENTLY REQUIRED. THEY FURTHER AGREED THAT ANY SOLUTION WOULD NEED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF INTERNATIONAL LAWS, NATIONAL LAWS AND THE REALITIES OF SITUATION FOR BOTH SIDES.

THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH REPATRIATION ON A HUMANITARIAN BASIS MIGHT TAKE PLACE WERE CONSIDERED. BOTH SIDES AGREED FURTHER TO CONSIDER THE ISSUES URGENTLY, WITH A VIEW TO ANOTHER MEETING SOON AT WHICH PRACTICAL DECISIONS COULD BE TAKEN.

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GOVT AND KCRC TO ACT ON INVESTIGATION REPORT

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THE GOVERNMENT AND THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION HAVE ACCEPTED RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE RAILWAY INSPECTOR, MR ALAN COOKSEY, IN HIS REPORT ON THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE COLLISION BETWEEN A LIGHT GOODS VEHICLE AND A LIGHT RAIL VEHICLE, THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR C.F. MAK, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

IN HIS REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MR COOKSEY SUGGESTED THAT THE TRAINING AND ABILITY OF ALL LIGHT RAIL VEHICLE (LRV) DRIVERS BE REVIEWED.

THE KCRC HAS INFORMED THE GOVERNMENT THAT IT HAS ACCEPTED THE RAILWAY INSPECTOR'S SUGGESTION AND HAS ALREADY TAKEN STEPS, IN CONJUNCTION WITH ITS CONSULTANTS, TO CARRY OUT REGULAR REINFORCEMENT ON THE TRAINING OF LRV DRIVERS.

AS PART OF THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT (LRT) CONTRACT, THE LEIGHTON MTA CONSORTIUM PROVIDES A SPECIALIST CONSULTANT WITH EXPERT KNOWLEDGE IN THE LRT OPERATION, THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT CONSULTANTS SERVICES PTY (MTCS), TO CONDUCT TRAINING COURSES FOR THE LRV DRIVERS.

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THE TRAINING COURSE HAS BEEN INDEPENDENTLY EVALUATED BY A SEPARATE AUTHORITY, THE TORONTO TRANSIT CONSULTANTS (TTC). THE DRIVERS HAVE BEEN TESTED AND CERTIFIED BY MTCS AND SEPARATELY EXAMINED BY A TTC EXAMINER.

THE FOUR-WEEK TRAINING COURSE INCLUDES NINE DAYS IN THE CLASSROOM ON THE PRINCIPLES OF THE LRT SYSTEM AND THE VEHICLES, RULE BOOK AND ROAD REGULATIONS AND THE THEORY OF OPERATION OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS, AND 15 DAYS OF PRACTICAL DRIVING ON THE ROAD, INCLUDING DEFENSIVE DRIVING TRAINING.

DURING THE PERIOD IN WHICH THE LRV PRACTICE RUNS HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED, THE DRIVERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN ADDITIONAL TRAINING IN AREAS OF OBSERVED WEAKNESS TO REINFORCE THEIR DRIVING SKILLS.

THERE WILL CONTINUE TO BE REGULAR REINFORCEMENT ON THE TRAINING OF DRIVERS. BRIEFINGS ON NEW TRAFFIC CONDITIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED TO REINFORCE THE DRIVERS' KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL.

AUDIO VISUAL TRAINING PROGRAMMES BASED ON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE TTC BUT ADAPTED FOR LOCAL CONDITIONS ARE ALSO CURRENTLY BEING DEVELOPED.

ON THE RECOMMENDATION BY MR COOKSEY TO REPOSITION THE SECONDARY TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT PING HA ROAD, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED HAVE CARRIED OUT AN ON-SITE INSPECTION.

TEMPORARY MODIFICATIONS TO THE SIGNALS WILL BE COMPLETED WITHIN A WEEK. PERMANENT MODIFICATIONS WILL BE COMPLETED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THESE WILL REQUIRE THE WIDENING OF THE CENTRAL DIVIDER.

INSPECTION WILL BE CARRIED OUT ON THE OTHER ROAD JUNCTIONS WHERE SIMILAR LAYOUTS EXIST. MODIFICATION WORKS, IF REQUIRED, WOULD BE CARRIED OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THE SECONDARY TRAFFIC SIGNALS ARE SIGNALS ERECTED ON THE FAR SIDE OF A ROAD JUNCTION TO ASSIST MOTORISTS TO SEE THE LIGHTS IF THEIR VIEW OF THE PRIMARY SIGNALS IS BLOCKED. PRIMARY SIGNALS ARE THOSE LOCATED AT THE "STOP" LINE AT THE JUNCTIONS.

MR MAK POINTED OUT THAT THE TRAFFIC SIGNALS IN THE LRT TRANSIT SERVICE AREA, INCLUDING THOSE CURRENTLY USED AT THE PING HA ROAD JUNCTION, ARE DESIGNED TO THE SAME FULL SAFETY STANDARDS CURRENTLY APPLICABLE TO ALL ROAD JUNCTIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

ON THE RECOMMENDATION THAT MORE EFFORTS BE MADE TO PUBLICISE MAJOR CHANGES TO ROAD JUNCTIONS, MR MAK NOTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT ALL ALONG HAD BEEN WORKING JOINTLY WITH THE KCRC ON A CO-ORDINATED PUBLICITY PROGRAMME TO PROMOTE SAFE USE OF THE LRT SYSTEM.

A COMMITTEE, COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND KCRC, HAS BEEN SPECIFICALLY SET UP TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT PUBLICITY EFFORTS AIMED AT EDUCATING ROAD USERS ON THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LRT SYSTEM.

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AS PART OF THE ON-GOING PROGRAMME, THE FOLLOWING PUBLICITY ITEMS HAD ALREADY BEEN IMPLEMENTED:

- (A) API'S (ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST) ON LRT SAFETY HAD BEEN PRODUCED FOR BROADCASTING BY THE TV AND RADIO STATIONS STARTING FROM JULY 29.
- (B) 30,000 LEAFLETS EXPLAINING THE NEW ROAD SIGNS AND MARKINGS HAD BEEN PRINTED FOR DISTRIBUTION THROUGH THE TWO DISTRICT OFFICES AND OTHER OUTLETS.
- (C) 50,000 COPIES OF THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE ROAD SAFETY QUARTERLY FEATURING LRT SAFETY HAD BEEN SENT TO THE TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICES FOR DISTRIBUTION.
- (D) FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE SAFE USE OF THE LRT SYSTEM WAS DISSEMINATED THROUGH THE LOCAL DISTRICT NEWSPAPERS "COMMUNITY STAR".

IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN PLANNED BY THE COMMITTEE FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS:

- (A) A FIVE-MINUTE PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMME FEATURING LRT SAFETY IS SCHEDULED TO BE SHOWN BY THE TWO TV STATIONS ON AUGUST 22 AND AUGUST 27.
- (B) A SPECIAL EPISODE OF THE RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG PROGRAMME, "ACCESS", WILL BE SCREENED LATER THIS MONTH OR EARLY NEXT MONTH.
- (C) ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE FOR CINEMA SLIDES TO BE SHOWN IN TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG.
- (D) 100,000 LEAFLETS ON LRT SAFETY WILL BE PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED BY THE KCRC THROUGH ITS OWN CHANNELS.
- (E) INTENSIVE CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES AIMING AT PROMOTING THE SAFE USE OF THE LRT SYSTEM AND EDUCATING OTHER ROAD USERS WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TWO DISTRICT BOARDS. SUCH ACTIVITIES WOULD INCLUDE SEMINARS, EXHIBITIONS, SLIDE-SHOWS, SCHOOL TALKS AND BRIEFINGS FOR RESIDENTS ORGANISATIONS.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO BE LIAISING WITH THE TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARDS TO CONSIDER WHETHER FURTHER PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES ARE REQUIRED.

THE KCRC, ON ITS PART, HAD BEEN ORGANISING EDUCATIONAL AND PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR OVER TWO YEARS. LAST WEEK IT ANNOUNCED THE LAUNCHING OF A MAJOR ORIENTATION CAMPAIGN CONCERNING THE LRT OPERATION. ACTIVITIES BEING PLANNED INCLUDE:

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- (A) PAMPHLETS CONTAINING INFORMATION RELATING TO SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AT ROAD JUNCTIONS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO MOTORISTS AT CAR PARKS AND SERVICE STATIONS.
- (B) DOOR-TO-DOOR DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION KITS ON THE LRT SYSTEM, INCLUDING A DRIVER'S GUIDE, TO HOUSEHOLDS THROUGHOUT TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG.
- (C) BRIEFING SESSIONS WITH TAXI, LIGHT BUS AND OTHER TRANSPORT RELATED TRADES AND BUSINESS AND ASSOCIATIONS.
- (D) OUTDOOR PRESENTATIONS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT WILL BE STAGED BY VANS EQUIPPED WITH AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT.

THESE WILL BE UNDERTAKEN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE.

POLICE ROAD SAFETY PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN ORGANISING PEDESTRIAN EDUCATION PROGRAMMES AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS ALONG THE TRACKS OF THE LRT.

IN RESPONSE TO MR COOKSEY'S RECOMMENDATION, THESE EFFORTS WILL BE CONTINUED.

IN ADDITION, POLICE WILL PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO MAJOR ROAD JUNCTIONS TO GUIDE MOTORISTS AGAINST INCORRECT BEHAVIOUR.

WITH REGARD TO MR COOKSEY'S COMMENT ON THE USE OF SEAT BELTS IN LIGHT GOODS VEHICLES, MR MAK SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD ORIGINALLY INTENDED TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION LATER THIS YEAR REQUIRING THE FITTING OF SEAT BELTS IN ALL GOODS VEHICLES, INCLUDING LIGHT GOODS VEHICLES, MANUFACTURED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1990.

THIS PROGRAMME HAS NOW BEEN REVISED TO INCLUDE GOODS VEHICLES MANUFACTURED ON OR AFTER JULY 1 NEXT YEAR.

THEREAFTER, LEGISLATION CONCERNING THE COMPULSORY WEARING OF SEAT BELTS IN THE FRONT SEATS OF GOODS VEHICLES WOULD BE INTRODUCED AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE.

THE GOVERNMENT ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT, AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE RAILWAY INSPECTOR, THE KCRC WILL RESUME TEST RUNS OF THE LRV'S OVER THE WHOLE SYSTEM THROUGHOUT TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG AT A MAXIMUM SPEED OF 50 KILOMETRES PER HOUR FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) ONWARDS.

THE RESUMPTION OF FULL SCHEDULED PRACTICE RUNS, HOWEVER, WILL DEPEND ON THE FINDINGS OF THE RAILWAY INSPECTOR'S SAFETY REPORT WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED SOME TIME NEXT WEEK.

COOKSEY MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT LRT ACCIDENTS

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THE UK DEPUTY CHIEF RAILWAY INSPECTING OFFICER, MR ALAN COOKSEY, MADE A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOLLOWING AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE JULY 25 FATAL ACCIDENT INVOLVING A LIGHT RAIL VEHICLE AND A VAN.

MR COOKSEY WAS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT ON JULY 26 TO LEAD AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION INTO THE ACCIDENT. HE WAS ASSISTED BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR CHENG HON-KWAN, AND AN EXPERT IN TRAFFIC ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC SIGNALS, MR BRIAN HARBORD.

IN HIS REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE CHIEF SECRETARY YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY), MR COOKSEY SAID: "THE INTENSIVE TECHNICAL INVESTIGATION AND TESTS OF THE SIGNAL CONTROL SYSTEM FOUND NO FAULT THAT COULD HAVE BEEN THE CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT."

IT WAS ESTABLISHED WITHOUT ANY DOUBT THAT GREEN LIGHTS COULD NOT HAVE BEEN DISPLAYED SIMULTANEOUSLY TO BOTH THE ROAD VEHICLE DRIVER AND THE LRV DRIVER.

"THE ACCIDENT MUST, THEREFORE, HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY AN ERROR ON THE PART OF ONE OR BOTH OF THE DRIVERS. THERE IS, HOWEVER, INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO BE ABLE TO ESTABLISH WITHOUT REASONABLE DOUBT WHICH DRIVER WAS PRIMARILY AT FAULT."

IN HIS REPORT, MR COOKSEY MADE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS:

- \* IT IS CONSIDERED PRUDENT THAT THE TRAINING AND ABILITY OF ALL LRV DRIVERS SHOULD BE REVIEWED.
- \* IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE SECONDARY SIGNAL AT THE JUNCTION BETWEEN PING HA ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD WHERE THE FATAL ACCIDENT OCCURRED, BE EITHER REPOSITIONED TO THE LEFT OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD OR, AT LEAST, A SET OF RIGHT TURN SIGNALS BE PROVIDED ALONGSIDE IT.
- \* IT IS ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT ANY SIMILAR SITUATIONS, WHICH MAY EXIST AT OTHER JUNCTIONS, BE IDENTIFIED AND THE NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN.
- \* IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT WHEN MAJOR AND COMPLICATED CHANGES ARE MADE TO ROAD JUNCTIONS MORE EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO ADVISE AND HELP THE ROAD USERS.
- \* MORE IMPORTANTLY, ACTION IS NEEDED AT THE JUNCTION FOR SOME TIME AFTER SUCH CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE TO IDENTIFY INCORRECT BEHAVIOUR BY MOTORISTS AND TO ADVISE THEM OF THEIR ERRORS AND WHAT THEY SHOULD HAVE DONE. THE POLICE HAVE AN IMPORTANT PREVENTATIVE ROLE TO PLAY IN THIS.
- \* IT IS ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO REQUIRING THE FITTING AND WEARING OF SEAT BELTS ON LIGHT GOODS VEHICLES.

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COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY INTO CIVIL SERVICE PAY DISPUTE APPOINTED

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THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED AN INDEPENDENT COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY TO LOOK INTO THE DISPUTE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND ITS STAFF OVER THE 1988 PAY INCREASE AND RELATED MATTERS, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE COMMITTEE HAS THREE MEMBERS. THE CHAIRMAN IS MR GORDON BURRETT, A RETIRED DEPUTY SECRETARY IN THE UK CIVIL SERVICE DEPARTMENT. HE IS WELL VERSED IN CIVIL SERVICE PAY MATTERS.

THE OTHER TWO MEMBERS ARE MR BRIAN BARRETT AND MR PETER POON.

MR BARRETT IS CURRENTLY THE HEAD OF THE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS IN THE OPEN COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF EAST ASIA AND HAS EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS IN THE UK. HE HAS BEEN NOMINATED BY THE STAFF SIDE OF THE SENIOR CIVIL SERVICE COUNCIL.

MR POON IS A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT. HE HAS SERVED ON A NUMBER OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEES INCLUDING THE COUNCIL OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE FUND. HE IS NOMINATED BY THE OFFICIAL SIDE OF THE SENIOR CIVIL SERVICE COUNCIL.

THE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN SET UP UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE 1968 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE MAIN STAFF ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTED ON THE SENIOR CIVIL SERVICE COUNCIL.

IT WILL REVIEW THE 1987-88 PAY TREND SURVEY AND THE 1988 PAY ADJUSTMENT AS WELL AS CONSIDER THE 1986 PAY LEVEL SURVEY ON NON-DIRECTORATE CIVIL SERVANTS.

THE COMMITTEE IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE WORK IN THE SECOND HALF OF OCTOBER AND TO SUBMIT A PRELIMINARY REPORT ONE MONTH LATER.

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SIR DAVID VISITS MENTAL HOSPITAL

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE PROVIDING MORE AND BETTER PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES IN THE FORM OF PSYCHIATRIC UNITS, DAY CARE CENTRES, OUT-PATIENT CLINICS AND COMMUNITY NURSING CARE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL IN THE NEXT DECADE.

THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID THIS TODAY (THURSDAY) AFTER HIS VISIT TO THE KWAI CHUNG HOSPITAL WHICH PROVIDES 1,500 BEDS FOR MENTAL PATIENTS.

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HE EXPLAINED THAT THE PROVISION OF THESE SERVICES WAS IN LINE WITH THE CONTEMPORARY VIEW REGARDING TREATMENT FOR PATIENTS SUFFERING FROM MENTAL DISORDERS.

"THE PRESENT THINKING IS TO TREAT PATIENTS OUTSIDE LONG-STAY CUSTODIAL ASYLUM SO AS TO SPEED UP REHABILITATION AND EARLY INTEGRATION OF THE PATIENTS BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY AND ALSO TO OBTAIN THE STIGMA OF HAVING TO STAY IN A MENTAL INSTITUTION."

SIR DAVID SAID THAT BY 1996, THE NUMBER OF MENTAL HOSPITAL BEDS WOULD BE BOOSTED BY MORE THAN 50 PER CENT TO 6,300. THE PRESENT PROVISION IS OVER 4,000 BEDS IN SEVEN HOSPITALS.

THE NEW BEDS ARE TO BE PROVIDED IN PSYCHIATRIC UNITS OF NEW GENERAL HOSPITALS OR EXTENSION PROJECTS OF EXISTING HOSPITALS. FOR EXAMPLE, THE NEW TUEN MUN HOSPITAL WILL HAVE 136 BEDS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO OPEN NINE PSYCHIATRIC DAY HOSPITALS OR CENTRES, WHICH WILL PROVIDE ANOTHER 360 PLACES FOR THE MENTALLY ILL. THE EXISTING NUMBER OF PLACES IS 475.

THE DAY CENTRES ARE OPERATED TO HELP MENTAL PATIENTS TO INTERACT SOCIALLY, LEARN SOME SKILLS AND TO PARTICIPATE IN GROUP ACTIVITIES.

FOR OUT-PATIENT SERVICES, THE NUMBER OF CLINICS WILL INCREASE FROM 15 TO 21.

FOUR MORE PSYCHIATRIC COMMUNITY NURSING CENTRES ARE ALSO BEING PLANNED TO PROVIDE AFTER CARE TREATMENT FOR DISCHARGED PATIENTS.

THE ACTING GOVERNOR PAID A VISIT TO KWAI CHUNG HOSPITAL THIS AFTERNOON TO OBTAIN FIRST HAND INFORMATION ON THE OPERATION OF A MENTAL HOSPITAL. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR K.L. THONG, ON HIS VISIT.

SIR DAVID WAS FIRST TAKEN TO SEE AN ACUTE WARD FOR FEMALE PATIENTS, FOLLOWED BY A VISIT TO A CHILD PSYCHIATRIC WARD.

HE THEN TOURED THE PATIENTS SOCIAL CENTRE WHERE HE WATCHED SOME PATIENTS TAKING PART IN RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

SIR DAVID WAS ALSO TAKEN TO THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DEPARTMENT WHERE PATIENTS WERE TAUGHT VARIOUS SKILLS SUCH AS TAILORING, SEWING AND PRINTING.

HE MADE A FINAL STOP AT THE PSYCHIATRIC NURSING SCHOOL TO SEE HOW STUDENT NURSES WERE BEING TRAINED FOR THEIR JOB.

BEFORE ENDING HIS VISIT, SIR DAVID HAD A DISCUSSION WITH SENIOR STAFF OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE HOSPITAL.

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\$35M APPROVED FOR COMPUTERISED FINGERPRINT SYSTEM  
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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED FUNDS OF \$35 MILLION FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF A COMPUTERISED FINGERPRINT SYSTEM IN THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE.

THE POLICE HOLD FINGERPRINT RECORDS OF SOME 600,000 CONVICTED PERSONS AND THE FIRST PHASE OF THIS PROJECT WILL INVOLVE THE CONVERSION OF 180,000 FINGERPRINT RECORDS TO THE COMPUTER SYSTEM.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT PHASE I WILL BE OPERATIONAL BY MID-1990 AND, WITH APPROVAL AND FURTHER FUNDING, ALL RECORDS WILL BE COMPUTERISED BY MID-1992.

DEVELOPMENT IN THIS FORENSIC FIELD HAS BEEN INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED AS THE MOST IMPORTANT TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCE IN CRIME INVESTIGATION AND DETECTION IN THE PAST DECADE.

TODAY, OVER 70 MAJOR POLICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES HAVE COMPUTER ASSISTED FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION SYSTEMS.

THE ADVANTAGES OF SUCH A SYSTEM ARE THE SPEED AT WHICH FINGERPRINT SEARCHES CAN BE COMPLETED, THE ACCURACY OF THESE SEARCHES AND THE CAPABILITY OF THE SYSTEM TO SEARCH AND IDENTIFY PRINTS RECOVERED FROM CRIME SCENES THAT WOULD BE CONSIDERED UNSUITABLE FOR SEARCH MANUALLY.

A PARTIAL FINGERPRINT FOUND AT THE SCENE OF A MURDER CAN TAKE SEVERAL WEEKS TO SEARCH BY THE EXISTING MANUAL PROCEDURES AND THE SEARCH WILL BE LIMITED TO SELECTED RECORDS. THE COMPUTER AIDED SYSTEM WILL COMPLETE THIS SEARCH IN A MATTER OF HOURS AND COVER ALL RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM DATA BASE.

THE SYSTEM WILL LEAD TO THE SPEEDY IDENTIFICATION OF AN OFFENDER AND AN EARLY ARREST, THEREBY PREVENTING THE COMMISSION OF FURTHER CRIME.

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS WILL INCLUDE SAVINGS IN MANPOWER AND ACCOMMODATION.

THE HONG KONG COMPUTER ASSISTED FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM (CAFIS) HAS YET TO BE SELECTED. FOLLOWING TENDERING PROCEDURES, SELECTION OF A SUITABLE SYSTEM SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN THREE MONTHS.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT VENDORS WILL INCLUDE MANUFACTURERS FROM JAPAN, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES. THERE ARE NO LOCAL MANUFACTURERS.

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CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT STATISTICS FOR FIRST QUARTER OF 1988

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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 FIRST QUARTER OF 1988 AMOUNTED TO \$9,541 MILLION, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THIS AMOUNT IS ABOUT THE SAME AS IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER BUT 27.6 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987.

THE INDEX OF GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1988 WAS 144.8, WITH THE QUARTERLY AVERAGE OF 1982 BEING TAKEN AS 100.

THE CORRESPONDING INDEXES FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1987 AND THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987 WERE 144.3 AND 113.4 RESPECTIVELY.

WITH REGARD TO THE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE OF 27.6 PER CENT IN THE VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1988 OVER THAT IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS PARTLY DUE TO THE SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN CONSTRUCTION COSTS.

HE REMARKED THAT THE VOLUME OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED, AFTER DISCOUNTING COST INCREASE, ACTUALLY GREW MUCH MORE SLOWLY THAN IS IMPLIED BY THE NOMINAL CONSTRUCTION VALUES REPORTED IN THIS PRESS RELEASE. READERS SHOULD BEAR THIS POINT IN MIND WHEN INTERPRETING THE SURVEY RESULTS.

THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS AT CONSTRUCTION SITES IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1988 WAS \$7,384 MILLION. THIS WAS 1.2 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND 27.8 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987.

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 \$2,157 MILLION, WHICH WAS 2.6 PER CENT LOWER THAN IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER BUT 27 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987.

OF THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS AT CONSTRUCTION SITES, \$2,388 MILLION WAS RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS SPONSORED BY PUBLIC SECTOR (INCLUDING HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION AND KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION).

THIS REPRESENTED INCREASES OF 1.5 PER CENT AND 21.9 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987 RESPECTIVELY.

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AS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION WORK SPONSORED BY PRIVATE SECTOR, THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS AT CONSTRUCTION SITES WAS \$4,996 MILLION, WHICH WAS 1.1 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND 30.9 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987.

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 FIRST QUARTER OF 1988 WAS \$3,244 MILLION AND \$1,090 MILLION RESPECTIVELY.

THESE REPRESENTED DECREASES OF 1.9 PER CENT AND 6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER, BUT INCREASES OF 23.2 PER CENT AND 17.8 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987.

THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS AT CONSTRUCTION SITES IN RESPECT OF COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS WAS \$1,342 MILLION IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1988, REPRESENTING INCREASES OF 19.8 PER CENT AND 72.3 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987 RESPECTIVELY.

THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS AT CONSTRUCTION SITES IN RESPECT OF INDUSTRIAL AND STORAGE BUILDINGS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1988 WAS \$656 MILLION, SAME AS IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER BUT 31.2 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987.

DUE TO THE WIDESPREAD SUB-CONTRACTING PRACTICE IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, A CONSTRUCTION ESTABLISHMENT CAN BE A MAIN CONTRACTOR FOR ONE CONTRACT BUT 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, WHICH IMPLICITLY INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT OF THE SUB-CONTRACTORS.

MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT IS GIVEN IN THE "REPORT ON THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT, FIRST QUARTER 1988", WHICH IS ON SALE AT \$2.50 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, OR AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATION SALES COUNTER, WANCHAI TOWER I, 19TH FLOOR, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI. REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION MAY ALSO BE ARRANGED.

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

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MARINE CLEAN-UP OPERATION INTENSIFIED

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ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, 2,727 TONNES OF FLOATING REFUSE WERE COLLECTED IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR.

THE FIGURE INDICATES A POSSIBLE UPWARD TREND AS THE AVERAGE ANNUAL FIGURE IN PAST YEARS WAS 4,000 TONNES.

"HONG KONG'S WATER CONTINUES TO SUFFER HEAVILY FROM INDISCRIMINATE DUMPING OF REFUSE, AND THE PROBLEM IS GETTING MORE SERIOUS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, MR LEUNG CHUN-MING, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

"THE MAIN SOURCE OF REFUSE IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE INTENTIONAL ILLEGAL DUMPING OF REFUSE ALONG THE SHORE LINES, AND THE MOST SERIOUS OF THE KIND IS THE PLANNED DISCHARGE OF WASTE BY LORRIES OVER QUIET AREAS OF THE SEAFRONT.

"PEOPLE'S PERCEPTION OF THE HARBOUR AS A NATURAL WASTE BIN IS ANOTHER PRIME FACTOR THAT NEEDS TO BE LOOKED INTO."

MR LEUNG SAID THE MARINE DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN UNDERTAKING A MORE INTENSIVE CLEAN-UP OPERATION OF THE HARBOUR, STARTING IN APRIL.

LAST MONTH IT JOINED THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE IN ORGANISING A KEEP HARBOUR CLEAN CAMPAIGN AIMED AT APPEALING TO THE PUBLIC'S CONSCIENCE.

"THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, CARRIED OUT THREE SPECIAL TYPHOON SHELTER CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS IN CAUSEWAY BAY, ALDRICH BAY AND CHAI WAN FROM APRIL TO JULY," MR LEUNG SAID.

IN THESE OPERATIONS, THE MARINE DEPARTMENT DEPLOYED ITS WATERWITCHES, SAMPANS AND REFUSE RECEPTION VESSELS TO CLEAN UP THE WATERS OF THE BASINS WHILE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT WORKERS CLEANED UP THE SEAWALLS AND BREAKWATERS.

"A TOTAL OF 103 TONNES OF REFUSE WAS COLLECTED IN THESE OPERATIONS," HE ADDED.

MR LEUNG SAID SIMILAR OPERATIONS WOULD BE HELD IN THE ABERDEEN TYPHOON SHELTER FROM AUGUST 10 TO 12 AND IN YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER FROM AUGUST 24 TO 25.

THE CAMPAIGN IS BEING SUPPORTED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD.

A LOCAL CLEAN WATER CAMPAIGN IS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 27 AND CLEAN WATER OPERATIONS WILL AGAIN BE CARRIED OUT IN CAUSEWAY BAY, ALDRICH BAY AND CHAI WAN.

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MORE MOTORISED SAMPANS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE TYPHOON SHELTERS TO COLLECT REFUSE, AND, STARTING THIS MONTH, AN ADDITIONAL MODERN REFUSE RECEPTION VESSEL WILL BE HIRED TO STRENGTHEN THE SERVICE.

"WE ALSO DISTRIBUTE ABOUT 600 PLASTIC GARBAGE BAGS DAILY TO BOAT DWELLERS IN THE TYPHOON SHELTERS OF YAU MA TEI, CAUSEWAY BAY, ALDRICH BAY, ABERDEEN AND SAI KUNG EVERY DAY," MR LEUNG SAID, ADDING THAT, HOWEVER, USUALLY ONLY ABOUT 300 GARBAGE BAGS OF REFUSE WERE RETURNED.

"WE ARE TRYING TO ENCOURAGE MORE BOAT DWELLERS TO MAKE USE OF THE GARBAGE BAGS," HE POINTED OUT.

IN ORDER TO PUBLICISE THE KEEP HARBOUR CLEAN MESSAGE ON A WIDER SCALE, A CLEAN WATER API (ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST) WILL BE SHOWN ON TELEVISION FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AND, IN ADDITION, POSTERS WILL BE AVAILABLE LATER THIS MONTH.

THE MARINE DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO PRODUCED LEAFLETS FOR DISTRIBUTION TO BOAT DWELLERS AND FISHERMEN IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER.

ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, MARINE OFFICERS ARE SENT ON BOARD FERRIES AND ON PATROLS OF THE SHORE LINE TO COMBAT "MARINE LITTERING". OFFENDERS COULD FACE PROSECUTION.

LETTERS HAVE ALSO BEEN SENT TO ALL YACHT CLUBS URGING THEIR MEMBERS TO REPORT MARINE LITTER-BUGS.

"IF YOU FIND ANYONE DUMPING LITTER INTO THE SEA, PLEASE REPORT TO THE MARINE DISTRICT OFFICES," HE SAID. REPORTS CAN ALSO BE MADE ON 5-8523001.

UNDER PRESENT LEGISLATION, ANY PERSON WHO ILLEGALLY DUMPS LITTER INTO THE SEA IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS.

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#### NETHERSOLE HOSPITAL GROUP CALLS ON TAI PO DB

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REPRESENTATIVES OF NETHERSOLE HOSPITAL VISITED THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE RESITING OF THE HOSPITAL AND TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH THE DISTRICT.

LED BY THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT, DR CHEN CHUNG-I, THE REPRESENTATIVES WERE MET AT THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT BY THE BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HO YUNG-SANG, TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN BURRETT, AND CHAIRMEN OF THE BOARD'S FIVE COMMITTEES.

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MR HO GAVE A GENERAL INTRODUCTION ON THE STRUCTURE AND WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND ITS COMMITTEES.

HE THEN EXPRESSED THE BOARD'S INTEREST IN THE RELOCATION OF THE HOSPITAL FROM BONHAM ROAD ON HONG KONG ISLAND TO YUE KOK IN TAI PO.

MR HO ALSO INFORMED THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BOARD'S RESOLUTION AT A RECENT MEETING THAT IT WOULD SUPPORT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE HOSPITAL, SUCH AS FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGNS OR FLAG-SELLING DAYS, WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

DR CHEN SAID PLANNING WORK WAS GOING SMOOTHLY AND THE TARGET COMPLETION DATE FOR THE NEW HOSPITAL IN TAI PO WAS 1992-93. THE DISTRICT BOARD WOULD BE KEPT INFORMED OF PROGRESS.

HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION OF THE BOARD'S WILLINGNESS TO GIVE THE HOSPITAL SUPPORT.

AS IT WAS ANTICIPATED THAT A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF THE HOSPITAL STAFF WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK IN NETHERSOLE HOSPITAL EVEN AFTER ITS MOVE TO TAI PO, DR CHEN SAID STAFF MEMBERS WERE EAGER TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE DISTRICT, ESPECIALLY ITS HOUSING, EDUCATION, TRANSPORT AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

MR BURRETT SAID THE DISTRICT OFFICE WOULD ARRANGE A BRIEFING ON THE DISTRICT FOR STAFF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HOSPITAL IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

THE HOSPITAL WILL HAVE 640 BEDS, A SPECIALIST CLINIC, STAFF QUARTERS AND ANCILLARY FACILITIES. IT WILL BE A DISTRICT HOSPITAL FOR TAI PO, PROVIDING MEDICAL SERVICES FOR THE DISTRICT AND ITS NEARBY RESIDENTS.

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CHANCE FOR YOUTH TO COMBAT CRIME

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YOUNG PEOPLE ARE INVITED TO JOIN A RALLY TO TAKE A PLEDGE AGAINST YOUTH CRIME, ESPECIALLY SHOP THEFT, IN SHA TIN ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 6).

THE RALLY WILL BE HELD AT THE OPEN SPACE BETWEEN SHA TIN TOWN HALL AND NEW TOWN PLAZA, BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM.

THE RALLY WILL MARK THE OPENING OF A LARGE-SCALE ANTI-SHOP THEFT CAMPAIGN ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE'S JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ACTION GROUP WHICH WAS FORMED IN JULY.

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ACCORDING TO POLICE FIGURES, IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR 406 PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED IN SHA TIN FOR SHOP THEFT, AND 317 WERE AGED UNDER 17.

AFTER TAKING THE PLEDGE, THE YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BE DIVIDED INTO GROUPS AND LED BY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS IN DISTRIBUTING ANTI-SHOP THEFT PUBLICITY MATERIALS AT SHOPPING CENTRES IN THE DISTRICT'S NINE DISTRICT BOARD CONSTITUENCIES.

OFFICIATING AT THE RALLY WILL BE THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF POLICE (NEW TERRITORIES), MR RICHARD SMALLSHAW; ACTING SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ANDREW PYNE; CHAIRMAN OF SHA TIN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR CHAN SZE-BUN; AND SHA TIN DISTRICT POLICE COMMANDER, MR PETER HALLIDAY.

THOSE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE RALLY SHOULD REPORT TO THE ORGANISER AT THE VENUE AT 2 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FIGHT CRIME RALLY ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE'S JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ACTION GROUP ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 6) AT THE OPEN SPACE BETWEEN SHA TIN TOWN HALL AND NEW TOWN PLAZA. THE RALLY WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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#### HK ORCHESTRA PERFORMS IN EXPO 88

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THE HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA FROM THE MUSIC OFFICE WILL END ITS CONCERT TOUR OF AUSTRALIA AND RETURN TO HONG KONG TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE ORCHESTRA GAVE A CONCERT IN THE WORLD EXPO 88 IN BRISBANE THIS MORNING, ATTRACTING A LARGE AUDIENCE.

IN A LONG DISTANCE PHONE CALL, MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR AND TOUR DIRECTOR, MS LOLLY CHIU, SAID THE AUDIENCE, WHO WERE MAINLY VISITORS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES, FOUND THE ORCHESTRA'S PERFORMANCE OF CHINESE MUSIC FASCINATING.

"MANY OF THEM SAID THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME THEY HAD EVER LISTENED TO CHINESE MUSIC.

"WE ARE VERY HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO PERFORM IN A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL EVENT LIKE THE WORLD EXPO," MS CHIU ADDED.



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ALSO, ON THAT DAY A SPECIAL HAND-BACK SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE POST OFFICE FOR PHILATELISTS.

UNREGISTERED "FIRST DAY" COVERS PREPARED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, AND BEARING A LOCAL ADDRESS WILL BE ACCEPTED OVER THE COUNTER.

THEY WILL BE IMPRESSED WITH THE NORMAL POST OFFICE DATESTAMP AND HANDED BACK TO THE PERSON PRESENTING THEM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE FU SHIN POST OFFICE TO BE HELD AT 11 AM ON AUGUST 11 (THURSDAY) ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE FU SHIN ESTATE SHOPPING CENTRE IN TAI PO.

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TRAFFIC, TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS IN YUEN LONG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE EXISTING RIGHT-TURN MOVEMENTS FROM EASTBOUND CASTLE PEAK ROAD (YUEN LONG SECTION) ONTO FUNG CHEUNG ROAD WILL BE BANNED FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE ARRANGEMENT IS PART OF THE YUEN LONG TOWN TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME FOR THE OPERATIONS OF LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM.

VEHICLES ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD (YUEN LONG SECTION) HEADING FOR FUNG CHEUNG ROAD WILL HAVE TO USE CASTLE PEAK ROAD (YUEN LONG SECTION), YUEN LONG ON LOK ROAD, YUEN LONG TAI CHEUNG STREET, KUK TING STREET, TAI TONG ROAD, HOP YICK ROAD AND FUNG CHEUNG ROAD.

AT THE SAME TIME, GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE NO. 73 PLYING BETWEEN YUEN LONG (FOOK HONG STREET) AND SUNG SHAN SAN TSUEN WILL ALSO BE RE-ROUTED TO OPERATE VIA TUNG LOK STREET, YUEN LONG ON NING ROAD, SAI TAI STREET, KUK TING STREET AND TAI TONG ROAD ON ITS JOURNEYS TO SUNG SHAN SAN TSUEN.

IN TSING YI, NO VEHICLES OTHER THAN TAXIS AND GREEN MINIBUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE ACCESS ROAD BETWEEN TAM KON SHAN ROAD AND CHEUNG ON BUS TERMINUS AT ANY TIME OF THE DAY FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 6).

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ROADS IN TUEN MUN DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT A NUMBER OF ROAD SECTIONS IN TUEN MUN WILL BE MADE 24-HOUR DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE MEASURE IS PART OF THE TUEN MUN TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME FOR THE OPERATIONS OF LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM.

AFFECTED ROADS INCLUDE SECTIONS OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD (LAM TEI SECTION), CASTLE PEAK ROAD (HUNG SHUI KIU SECTION), THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN ACCESS ROADS LEADING TO TSING CHUEN WAI, THE ACCESS ROAD OPPOSITE SHUN FUNG WAI, FUK HANG TSUEN ROAD, LAM TEI MAIN STREET, THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN ACCESS ROADS LEADING TO YICK YUEN, AND THE ACCESS ROAD OPPOSITE CHUNG UK TSUEN.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS AND ROAD MARKINGS WILL BE PROVIDED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

NO VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP WITHIN THESE URBAN CLEARWAYS FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

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