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TRAFFIC MEASURES AT CONTAINER TERMINAL AREA EFFECTIVE
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THE IMPROVEMENT MEASURES IMPLEMENTED IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS AT THE CONTAINER PORT AREA HAVE PROVED TO BE EFFECTIVE IN PROMOTING TRAFFIC CIRCULATION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE MEASURES WERE FORMULATED BY A WORKING GROUP SET UP UNDER THE CONTAINER TERMINAL (OPERATION LIAISON) GROUP.

"THE TASK OF THE WORKING GROUP IS TO REVIEW THE RELATIVE LOCATIONS, USE AND THE NUMBER OF ACCESS POINTS TO THE VARIOUS TERMINALS WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING TRAFFIC FLOW AND MINIMISING DESTRUCTION OF ACCESS POINTS BY TRAFFIC QUEUES," HE SAID.

THE MEASURES WERE:

- * 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION ALONG BOTH SIDES OF CONTAINER PORT ROAD - THIS SCHEME WAS IMPLEMENTED ON AUGUST 6 LAST YEAR ALONG THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF CONTAINER PORT ROAD;
- * NEW EMERGENCY EXIT CONNECTING CONTAINER PORT ROAD NEAR TERMINAL NO. 8 WITH PO LUN STREET IN LAI CHI KOK - THIS PROVIDED AN ADDITIONAL OUTLET FOR THE CONTAINER PORT TRAFFIC DURING EMERGENCY AND THE WORK WAS COMPLETED ON SEPTEMBER 9 LAST YEAR.
- * U-TURN LANE AT THE NORTH OF THE ROUNDABOUT OPPOSITE TERMINAL NO. 4 - THIS SCHEME PROVIDED A SEPARATE EXIT LANE TO KWAI CHUNG ROAD, THEREBY REDUCING THE BURDEN AT THE BUSY ROUNDABOUT AND THE WORK WAS COMPLETED ON SEPTEMBER 17 LAST YEAR;
- * OPENINGS AT THE CENTRAL DIVIDER IN CONTAINER PORT ROAD FOR EMERGENCY USE - THREE SECTIONS OF CENTRAL DIVIDER, EACH OF 20 METRES WIDE IN FRONT OF TERMINALS NO. 4, 7, AND 8 WERE REMOVED WITH DROP-GATE PROVISION.

THE WORK WAS COMPLETED IN EARLY NOVEMBER LAST YEAR. THE OPENINGS WILL BE MANAGED BY THE POLICE UNDER EMERGENCIES TO RELEASE THE EXIT TRAFFIC FROM THE TERMINALS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE;

- * ROAD LINK BETWEEN THE NORTH-BOUND SLIP ROAD OF CHING CHEUNG ROAD AND THE PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL FLYOVER TO LAI KING HILL ROAD - THIS SCHEME WILL SEPARATE THE LAI KING TRAFFIC FROM THAT OF CONTAINER PORT ROAD AND WAS COMPLETED EARLY LAST MONTH.

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, TOGETHER WITH THE CONTAINER TERMINAL OPERATORS, FLEET OPERATORS AND CONCERNED GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, WILL CONTINUE TO CLOSELY MONITOR THE TRAFFIC SITUATION, PARTICULARLY IN PREPARING FOR THE COMING OF THE NEXT TYPHOON SEASON, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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SHIPBUILDING AND REPAIRING OWNERS REMINDED OF SAFETY

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OWNERS IN THE SHIPBUILDING AND REPAIRING INDUSTRY HAVE BEEN REMINDED OF THEIR STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS TO SAFEGUARD WORKERS FROM INJURIES DURING THE RECENTLY COMPLETED SPECIAL INSPECTION CAMPAIGN CONDUCTED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

THE TWO-WEEK CAMPAIGN, WHICH WAS MOUNTED IN NOVEMBER 1993 IN ADDITION TO NORMAL ROUTINE INSPECTIONS, AIMED AT ENHANCING SAFETY TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS AT WORKPLACES.

"DURING THE CAMPAIGN, FACTORY INSPECTORS VISITED 135 SHIP AND BOAT YARDS ALL OVER THE TERRITORY," CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR, MR CHAN TAT-KING, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

A TOTAL OF 12 SUMMONSES WERE TAKEN OUT AGAINST NINE OWNERS OF SHIP AND BOAT YARDS WHO FAILED TO COMPLY WITH THEIR STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS, HE SAID.

AMONG THEM, FIVE WERE CHARGED FOR FAILING TO ADOPT MEASURES TO PREVENT THE FALL OF PERSONS FROM HEIGHT.

FOUR RELATED TO FAILURE TO PROVIDE SUITABLE FENCING FOR CIRCULAR SAW.

ONE FOR FAILING TO PROVIDE EMPLOYEES WITH SUITABLE APPROVED EYE PROTECTORS, SHIELDS OR FIXED SHIELDS TO PREVENT EMPLOYEES FROM GETTING EYE INJURIES.

ANOTHER FOR NOT ENSURING EMPLOYEES MAKE FULL AND PROPER USE OF SAFETY EQUIPMENT.

THE REMAINING SUMMONS WAS ON FAILURE TO PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN A SAFE PLANT WHICH WAS AN OFFENCE UNDER THE GENERAL DUTIES PROVISIONS OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE.

APART FROM PROSECUTIONS, FACTORY INSPECTORS ALSO ISSUED WARNINGS TO 110 OWNERS AND 80 CONTRACTORS AND SUB-CONTRACTORS REMINDING THEM TO IMPROVE WORK SAFETY.

THESE GENERALLY REFERRED TO LESS SERIOUS SITUATIONS NOT WARRANTING IMMEDIATE AND DRASTIC LEGAL ACTIONS.

"THE SHIPBUILDING AND REPAIRING INDUSTRY IS ONE OF THE INDUSTRIES INVOLVING VARIOUS KINDS OF HIGH-RISK WORK PROCESSES SUCH AS THE USE OF LIFTING APPLIANCES, MACHINERY AND DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES, WORKING AT HEIGHT AND IN CONFINED SPACES," MR CHAN POINTED OUT.

"OWNERS AND EMPLOYEES MUST, THEREFORE, UPKEEP THE SAFETY STANDARD OF THEIR WORKPLACES BY COMPLYING WITH THE PROVISIONS IN THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE AND RELEVANT SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS.

"PROVIDING AND CARRYING OUT BASIC SAFETY PRECAUTIONS IN MOST CASES IS A RELATIVELY SIMPLE JOB WHICH COULD BE ACHIEVABLE IN A SHORT TIME, BUT IT WILL PROTECT WORKERS FROM INJURIES OR EVEN DEATHS," HE ADDED.

/MR CHAN

MR CHAN REITERATED THAT FACTORY INSPECTORS WOULD CONTINUE TO KEEP A CLOSE WATCH TO ENSURE THAT THE SAFETY LAWS WERE BEING OBSERVED.

"WE WILL NOT HESITATE TO PROSECUTE ANY OWNERS OR EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE BLATANTLY TURNED A BLIND EYE TO THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS.

"AN OWNER WHO BREACHES THE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS WILL BE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$200,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR 12 MONTHS WHILE AN EMPLOYEE WILL FACE A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$50,000 AND AN IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS," HE ADDED.

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PUBLIC REMINDED NOT TO CUT TREES

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THE PUBLIC WAS TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED NOT TO CUT TREES OR PLANTS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE FOR DECORATIONS DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR PERIOD.

ACTING SENIOR COUNTRY PARKS OFFICER OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR CHAN PING-KWONG, SAID CUTTING TREES OR PLANTS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE WAS AN OFFENCE UNDER THE FORESTS AND COUNTRYSIDE ORDINANCE.

THE MAXIMUM FINE FOR VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE IS \$25,000.

"ALTHOUGH THE PUBLIC IS NOW MORE AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF CONSERVING THE COUNTRYSIDE, THERE ARE SOME REPORTS OF PEOPLE PICKING FLOWERS OR CUTTING PLANTS," HE SAID.

HE REMINDED VISITORS TO COUNTRY PARKS DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR PERIOD NOT TO DAMAGE ANY PLANTS THERE.

WILD FLOWERS AND TREES ARE BEST APPRECIATED IN THEIR NATURAL HABITAT, HE SAID.

MR CHAN ALSO CALLED ON MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO REPORT TO THE NEAREST COUNTRY PARK MANAGEMENT CENTRE IF THEY SPOTTED SUCH ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES.

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SOUVENIR COVER MARKS STAMP EXHIBITION

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THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR MIKE PAGLIARI, TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT THE OFFICIAL SOUVENIR COVER COMMEMORATING THE OPENING OF THE HONG KONG '94 STAMP EXHIBITION WOULD BE ON SALE AT ALL POST OFFICES (EXCEPT AIRPORT POST OFFICE) FROM TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 8).

THIS COVER MAY BE USED TO COMPLEMENT THE "VISIT HONG KONG '94 STAMP EXHIBITION" \$10 DEFINITIVE STAMP SHEETLET ISSUED ON AUGUST 12 LAST YEAR AND THE \$5 DEFINITIVE STAMP SHEETLET - "A STAMP IS BORN".

THE \$5 DEFINITIVE STAMP SHEETLET WILL BE ISSUED ON FEBRUARY 18 TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION.

IT WILL BE ON SALE AT ALL POST OFFICES (EXCEPT AIRPORT POST OFFICE) AND AT THE POST OFFICE SALES COUNTERS AT THE EXHIBITION VENUE, SEVENTH FLOOR, HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE, ON FEBRUARY 18.

"USING THE TWO DEFINITIVE STAMP SHEETLETS SPECIALLY PRINTED FOR 'HONG KONG '94' WILL FORM A NICE SET OF COMMEMORATIVE COVERS," MR PAGLIARI SAID.

CUSTOMERS WHO WISH TO BUY THE \$10 DEFINITIVE SHEETLET MAY, FROM FEBRUARY 8, VISIT ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SIX PHILATELIC OFFICES:

- GENERAL POST OFFICE
- TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE
- GRANVILLE ROAD POST OFFICE
- PEAK POST OFFICE
- BEACONSFIELD HOUSE POST OFFICE
- SHATIN CENTRAL POST OFFICE

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POSTER DESIGN CONTEST PROMOTES GREEN MESSAGE

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ENTER A POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION UNDER THE 1993/94 CLEAN AND GREEN SCHEME.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SAID THE COMPETITION, ENTITLED "THINK AND PAINT", WAS ONE OF THE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED UNDER THE SCHEME THIS YEAR.

NOW IN ITS 11TH YEAR, THE SCHEME IS AIMED TO MAKE THE PUBLIC, PARTICULARLY YOUTHS, AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING COUNTRY PARKS CLEAN AND GREEN.

ALL ENTRIES SHOULD BE IN COLOUR AND OF A1 SIZE (594 MILLIMETRES BY 891 MILLIMETRES). THEY SHOULD CARRY SOME GENERAL MESSAGES OF KEEPING COUNTRY PARKS CLEAN AND GREEN. A SMALL SPACE SHOULD BE RESERVED IN THE DESIGN FOR THE SCHEME'S LOGO.

THERE IS NO LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES SUBMITTED BY PARTICIPANTS.

THE OVERALL CHAMPION WILL RECEIVE A PRIZE WORTH \$10,000, WHILE THE FIRST AND SECOND RUNNERS-UP WILL BE AWARDED PRIZES VALUED AT \$5,000 AND \$3,000 RESPECTIVELY. THERE ARE ALSO SEVEN CONSOLATION PRIZES VALUED AT \$300 EACH.

ENTRIES MAY BE SENT IN PERSON TO THE DEPARTMENT'S CONSERVATION EDUCATION UNIT, ROOM 321, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON, OR ANY OF THE SIX COUNTRY PARK VISITOR CENTRES OR THE LIONS NATURE EDUCATION CENTRE IN SAI KUNG BY MARCH 31.

RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN EARLY MAY. WINNERS WILL BE TOLD SEPARATELY.

THE WINNING ENTRIES MAY BE USED FOR EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY PURPOSES BY THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY IN THE FUTURE.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE COMPETITION CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE UNIT ON 733 2121.

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PART-TIME INSTRUCTORS FOR MUSIC OFFICE

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LOCAL MUSICIANS ARE NOW INVITED TO JOIN THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH AS PART-TIME INSTRUCTORS, AND PERFORMERS FOR BOTH WESTERN AND CHINESE INSTRUMENTS.

APPLICANTS FOR PART-TIME INSTRUCTORS OF WESTERN MUSIC SHOULD EITHER BE GRADUATES OF THE HONG KONG CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC OR HAVE A DIPLOMA IN MUSIC FROM THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS OR THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE, OR POSSESS LRSM, LRAM, ARCM, LGSM, LTCL, FTCL, DRAM, GRSM, GRNCM, GTCL, GGSM OR EQUIVALENT, OR A DEGREE IN MUSIC FROM A RECOGNISED UNIVERSITY.

THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN APPLYING AS PART-TIME INSTRUCTORS OF CHINESE MUSIC (GEHU, SHENG, XIAO, DI-ZI, SUO-NA, BAN-HU, GAO-HU, ER-HU, ZHONG-HU, DA-GE-HU, DI-YIN-GE-HU, LIU-YE-QIN, PI-PA, SAN-XIAN, RUAN, ZHENG, YANG-QIN, PERCUSSION) SHOULD HAVE COMPLETED MUSICAL TRAINING IN A RELEVANT INSTRUMENT IN AN ACCEPTABLE INSTITUTION OR HAVE AT LEAST FIVE YEARS' RELEVANT EXPERIENCE IN AN ACCEPTABLE PROFESSIONAL PERFORMING GROUP OR ACADEMY.

FOR THE POST OF PART-TIME PERFORMER, ALL CANDIDATES SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST FIVE YEARS' PERFORMING EXPERIENCE IN AN ACCEPTABLE PROFESSIONAL PERFORMING GROUP.

APPLICATION FORMS (G.F. 340) ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES.

COMPLETED FORMS TOGETHER WITH COPIES OF RELEVANT DOCUMENTS AND DIPLOMAS SHOULD REACH THE MUSIC OFFICE ON 25TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI BY FEBRUARY 28.

CANDIDATES WHO ARE NOT INVITED FOR AN AUDITION OR AN INTERVIEW WITHIN FOUR WEEKS FROM THE CLOSING DATE MAY ASSUME THAT THEIR APPLICATIONS ARE UNSUCCESSFUL.

INTERESTED PERSONS MAY CONTACT THE MUSIC OFFICE ON TEL 582 5340 FOR DETAILS CONCERNING DUTIES AND REMUNERATION OF THE POSTS.

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