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NEED FOR LOCAL SPECIALIST MEDICAL TRAINING PROGRAMMES

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THERE IS AN URGENT NEED TO ESTABLISH FORMALISED, LOCALLY-BASED POST-GRADUATE AND CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMMES IN HONG KONG TO HELP DOCTORS ACQUIRE SPECIALIST TRAINING MORE EASILY AND WITHOUT HAVING TO GO OVERSEAS.

THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID THIS AT THE ANNUAL DINNER OF THE HONG KONG COLLEGE OF ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEONS THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING.

SHE NOTED THAT IT WAS IN RESPONSE TO SUCH NEED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED TO ESTABLISH A HONG KONG ACADEMY OF MEDICINE.

THE DECISION TO ESTABLISH THIS STATUTORY BODY ALSO FOLLOWED THE RECOGNITION THAT WITH THE RAPID ADVANCE OF MEDICAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING WERE NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE COMPETENCY OF DOCTORS AFTER GRADUATION AND TO PROVIDE ACCEPTABLE STANDARDS OF CARE IN MEDICAL SPECIALISATIONS.

"FOLLOWING ON FROM THIS, IT IS ALSO AS DESIRABLE TO HAVE LOCALLY-DEFINED STANDARDS OF SPECIALISATION, INSTEAD OF RELYING ENTIRELY ON STANDARDS SET BY OVERSEAS BODIES SUCH AS THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF EDINBURGH AND AUSTRALASIA.

"WITH OUR MANY YEARS OF EXPERTISE IN HONG KONG, WE ARE WELL POISED TO ENHANCE HONG KONG'S REPUTATION INTERNATIONALLY AND TO ESTABLISH A RIGHTFUL NICHE IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA OF SPECIALISATION," MRS WONG SAID.

THE PRINCIPAL ROLE OF THE ACADEMY WOULD BE TO SET STANDARDS, ORGANISE EDUCATION, TRAINING AND EXAMINATIONS, AND ACCREDIT THOSE DOCTORS WHO HAD SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE REQUIRED COURSE OF STUDIES.

"THE ACADEMY WILL BE MADE UP OF COLLEGES, FACULTIES AND SPECIALTY BOARDS, WITH WHOM THE ACTUAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR TRAINING AND EXAMINATION WILL LIE.

"THERE WILL INITIALLY BE SEVEN COLLEGES AND SIX FACULTIES, BUT THESE WILL INCREASE AS NEW SPECIALTIES DEVELOP AND GROW," MRS WONG POINTED OUT.

A PREPARATORY COMMITTEE WOULD SHORTLY BE APPOINTED TO UNDERTAKE THE NECESSARY PLANNING WORK FOR THE FORMATION OF THE ACADEMY AND TO ADVISE ON THE LEGISLATION REQUIRED TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE ACADEMY'S OPERATIONS.

MRS WONG SAID THE COLLEGE OF ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEONS HAD BEEN CHOSEN TO BE ONE OF THE NOMINATING BODIES FOR THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE.

"THE WORK OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE, LEADING TO THE INAUGURATION OF THE ACADEMY WITH ITS FOUNDATION COLLEGES, FACULTIES AND SPECIALTY BOARDS IN THE MIDDLE OF 1991," SHE SAID.

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YOUTH MUST BE EDUCATED ON PROTECTING ENVIRONMENT

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EDUCATING YOUNGSTERS AT SCHOOL LEVEL ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IS OF FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE TO THE FUTURE.

THIS WAS THE MESSAGE GIVEN BY THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DR STUART REED, WHEN HE SPOKE TO TEACHERS THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING.

ABOUT 130 TEACHERS FROM 111 SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE TERRITORY WERE BRIEFED ON DETAILS OF THE SCHOOLS ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS SCHEME.

THE AWARDS SCHEME IS CO-ORGANISED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AND CO-SPONSORED BY DUTY FREE SHOPPERS INTERNATIONAL LIMITED AND THE SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST.

"THE OBJECTIVES OF THE AWARDS SCHEME ARE TO RAISE THE PUBLIC'S AWARENESS ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND TO CULTIVATE A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS THE ENVIRONMENT AMONG THE YOUNG GENERATION," DR REED SAID.

IN ORDER TO TAKE PART IN THIS SCHEME, STUDENTS FROM THE PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS HAVE TO TEAM UP AND SUBMIT PROPOSALS BEFORE FEBRUARY 24 TO THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF THE AWARDS SCHEME.

THE THEME OF THE PROJECT MAY EITHER BE BUILDING A BETTER ENVIRONMENT OR FIGHTING POLLUTION.

TWENTY PROPOSALS WILL BE SELECTED FROM THE ENTRIES AND EACH SELECTED TEAM WILL BE SUBSIDISED TO THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 TO DEVELOP ITS PROJECT AND PREPARE FOR THE DISPLAY TO BE HELD IN AUGUST.

IN THE AUGUST EXHIBITION, THE THREE TOP SCHOOLS WILL EACH BE AWARDED A COMPUTER AND A TROPHY. THE MEMBERS OF THE WINNING SCHOOL TEAMS WILL BE AWARDED BOOK COUPONS TOTALLING \$36,000 IN VALUE AND OTHER PRIZES.

TODAY'S BRIEFING SESSION WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY MR LIU YUK-WAH, A PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT; DR LAU MAY-MING, TECHNICAL SECRETARY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT; MR ROGER THOMAS, PUBLIC AFFAIRS MANAGER OF DUTY FREE SHOPPERS INTERNATIONAL LIMITED; AND MR PHILLIP CRAWLEY, EDITOR OF THE SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST.

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PRIZE-GIVING FOR ESSAY COMPETITION ON AIDS

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YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD LEARN THE TRUTH ABOUT AIDS THROUGH VARIOUS AIDS EDUCATION ACTIVITIES AND JOIN THE WORLDWIDE FIGHT AGAINST THE DISEASE, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE ON AIDS EDUCATION ACTIVITIES, MRS PEGGY LAM, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SHE WAS SPEAKING AT A PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY FOR THE INTER-SECONDARY SCHOOL ESSAY COMPETITION ON AIDS.

THE COMPETITION, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AIMED AT AROUSING AWARENESS AND CONCERN AMONG SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ABOUT AIDS.

THERE WERE FOUR SECTIONS IN THE COMPETITION -- CHINESE SENIOR, CHINESE JUNIOR, ENGLISH SENIOR AND ENGLISH JUNIOR.

ALTOGETHER, 275 ESSAYS WERE ENTERED IN THE COMPETITION AND, OF THESE, 112 WERE FOR THE ENGLISH SENIOR SECTION.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MR S.W. WONG, SAID THAT UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THEIR TEACHERS, STUDENTS HAD MADE GREAT EFFORTS IN COLLECTING USEFUL INFORMATION ON AIDS, AND HAD GAINED A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF THE DISEASE.

"SUCH OBSERVATION INDICATES THAT THE COMPETITION HAS REALLY SERVED ITS PURPOSE OF ENCOURAGING YOUNG PEOPLE TO BECOME MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THE AIDS PROBLEM," HE ADDED.

THE WINNERS OF THE CHINESE SENIOR SECTION AND CHINESE JUNIOR SECTION WERE JENNY MOK FROM ST PAUL'S CONVENT SCHOOL AND SUE CHAN FROM KING'S COLLEGE, RESPECTIVELY. THE FIRST PRIZE FOR THE ENGLISH SENIOR SECTION WENT TO YAM CHI-KIN FROM ST JOAN OF ARC SECONDARY SCHOOL. THE ENGLISH JUNIOR SECTION FIRST PRIZE WAS WON BY CHENG LING-CHEUNG FROM QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

THE PRIZES, WHICH INCLUDED CASH COUPONS FOR BOOKS AND STATIONERY AND TROPHIES, WERE SPONSORED BY SING TAO JIH PAO, WAH KIU YAT PO AND HANG SENG BANK.

ALSO ATTENDING TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (SPECIAL HEALTH SERVICES) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, DR PAUL T.A. SAW, AND THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (GEOGRAPHY, SOCIAL STUDIES, AND HEALTH EDUCATION) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MRS SANDRA LAU.

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50 GOOD CITIZENS COMMENDED

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FIFTY CIVIC-MINDED RESIDENTS WERE PRESENTED GOOD CITIZEN AWARDS BY THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE THIS (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MR YANG TSZ-KIANG, PRAISED THE RECIPIENTS FOR THEIR ALERTNESS AND BRAVERY IN HELPING THE POLICE CATCH THE CULPRITS IN 35 CASES IN THE DISTRICT.

THESE INCLUDED SHOP AND CAR BURGLARIES, PICK-POCKETING, INDECENT ASSAULTS ON MTR TRAINS, THEFT AND ROBBERY.

OFFICIATING AT THE PRESENTATION HELD AT THE ACTIVITY CENTRE OF THE YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI CULTURE AND ARTS ASSOCIATION WERE THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WONG HON-HO, AND POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER (YAU MA TEI), MR LAU YUK-KUEN.

A DISPLAY OF PRIZE-WINNING ENTRIES IN A FIGHT CRIME POSTERS DESIGN COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE WAS HELD AT THE VENUE.

ANOTHER PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITY BEING ORGANISED IS A SINGING CONTEST SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 4 AT THE KO SHAN THEATRE.

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NEW SUB-OFFICE OPENS IN NEW TOWN

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THE SETTING UP OF THE TSEUNG KWAN O SUB-OFFICE OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE WILL PROVIDE BETTER SERVICE AND HELP BUILD A BETTER COMMUNITY IN THE NEW TOWN, THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR FREDERICK TONG, SAID AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SUB-OFFICE TODAY (SATURDAY).

HE SAID TSEUNG KWAN O TOOK IN ITS FIRST RESIDENTS IN EARLY 1988 AND THE NEW COMERS FACED SOME PROBLEMS AT THAT TIME BECAUSE OF INADEQUATE SERVICES AND FACILITIES. THE DISTRICT OFFICE THEREFORE SET UP TWO PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE COUNTERS AT PO LAM AND TSUI LAM ESTATES LATER THAT YEAR TO STRENGTHEN LIAISON AND COMMUNICATION WITH THE RESIDENTS.

MR TONG SAID, "THE RAPID GROWTH OF THE NEW TOWN HAD PROMPTED THE DISTRICT OFFICE TO SET UP THE TSEUNG KWAN O SUB-OFFICE AT PO NING HOUSE, PO LAM ESTATE, ON DECEMBER 11, 1989 TO PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES FOR THE RESIDENTS.

"THE SERVICES INCLUDE ANSWERING ENQUIRIES ON GOVERNMENT SERVICES, STATUTORY DECLARATIONS, JOB VACANCIES AND THE FREE LEGAL ADVICE SCHEME.

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"THE SUB-OFFICE ALSO ACTS AS A CONVENIENT CHANNEL FOR THE RESIDENTS TO LODGE COMPLAINTS AND MAKE SUGGESTIONS REGARDING TRANSPORT, COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT IN THE AREA."

MR TONG HOPED THE SUB-OFFICE WOULD HELP STEP UP COMMUNITY BUILDING WORK IN THE NEW TOWN.

HE ADDED: "THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE SUCCESSFULLY ASSISTED IN FORMING A NUMBER OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES IN THE PAST ONE OR TWO YEARS, AND THE TSEUNG KWAN O AREA COMMITTEE IN THE MIDDLE OF 1989.

"APART FROM THE CONTRIBUTIONS BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, THESE COMMITTEES COULD HARDLY BE FORMED WITHOUT THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF THE RESIDENTS AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

"THE TSEUNG KWAN O AREA COMMITTEE HAS CONTRIBUTED MUCH IN IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT AND MAKING THE NEW TOWN A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN. THE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES HAVE ORGANISED MANY CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND CAMPAIGNS TO FORGE BETTER COMMUNICATION AND LINK AMONG THE RESIDENTS.

"THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD IS ALWAYS CONCERNED WITH DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NEW TOWN AND HAS FORMED A WORKING GROUP ON TSEUNG KWAN O TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORK. DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS ALSO REFLECT THE VIEWS AND NEEDS OF THE RESIDENTS TO THE GOVERNMENT FROM TIME TO TIME."

MR TONG SAID TSEUNG KWAN O WOULD CONTINUE UNDERGOING MANY CHANGES WITH THE COMPLETION OF KING LAM ESTATE IN THE NEAR FUTURE, AS WELL AS YAN MING AND HO MING COURTS AND FU NING GARDEN IN THE MIDDLE OF THE YEAR.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WERE THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR LEO KWAN; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD, MR WILLIAM WAN; AND ELECTED DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER OF TSEUNG KWAN O, MR WONG KWOK-YEE.

THE OFFICIATING GUESTS WERE LATER BRIEFED BY MR TONG ON THE SERVICES OF THE NEW OFFICE AND THE FACILITIES OF TSEUNG KWAN O NEW TOWN AT A MINI-EXHIBITION.

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RUMSEY STREET FLYOVER OPENED

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THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, TODAY (SATURDAY) OFFICIALLY OPENED THE RUMSEY STREET FLYOVER WHICH IS BUILT ALONG A SECTION OF CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL BETWEEN GILMAN STREET AND SUTHERLAND STREET.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WERE THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS, MR KWEI SEE-KWAN; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD, MR AMBROSE LAU; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, MR LAM KIN-LAI.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, MR KWEI SAID THAT AFTER THE FLYOVER WAS OPENED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM TOMORROW, THROUGH TRAFFIC ON CONNAUGHT ROAD BETWEEN ADMIRALTY AND HILL ROAD WOULD BE UNIMPEDED BY SIGNAL CONTROLS AND SEGREGATED FROM LOCAL TRAFFIC.

HE SAID THE 1.1-KILOMETRE-LONG FLYOVER WOULD INITIALLY CARRY DUAL TWO LANES OF TRAFFIC.

HE POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT THE FLYOVER WAS BUILT TO TAKE DUAL THREE LANES OF TRAFFIC TO CATER FOR FUTURE GROWTH AFTER COMPLETION OF THE WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING AND EXTENSION OF ROUTE 7 FROM SAI YING PUN TO ABERDEEN.

HE ADDED THAT THE CEREMONY ALSO MARKED THE COMPLETION OF THE LAST OF THREE MAJOR GRADE-SEPARATED ELEMENTS OF THE PROJECT FOR UPGRADING AND DUALLING OF CONNAUGHT ROAD.

THE OTHER TWO MAJOR ELEMENTS WERE THE HARCOURT ROAD FLYOVER AND THE PEDDER STREET UNDERPASS.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE RUMSEY STREET FLYOVER STARTED IN DECEMBER 1986 AND WAS COMPLETED AT A COST OF \$187 MILLION.

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FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES GIVE SUPPORT TO CORE FAMILIES

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YOUNG CORE FAMILIES HAVING PROBLEMS IN ADJUSTING TO LIFE IN A NEW ENVIRONMENT SHOULD SEEK ASSISTANCE FROM FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

THE REGIONAL OFFICER (NEW TERRITORIES EAST) OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, MR ANTHONY CHAN, SAID THIS TODAY (SATURDAY) AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SHENG KUNG HUI - THE CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE IN TAI PO.

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MR CHAN SAID THAT WITH THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TOWNS IN RECENT YEARS, MANY YOUNG PEOPLE MARRIED AND MOVED INTO THESE NEW TOWNS TO RAISE THEIR OWN FAMILIES.

"AS A RESULT, MANY OF THEM LOST THEIR SUPPORTIVE LINKS FROM FRIENDS AND RELATIVES LIVING IN URBAN AREAS. SOME OF THEM MIGHT BE SUBJECT TO GREAT PRESSURES IN ADJUSTING TO THEIR NEW ENVIRONMENT," HE SAID.

HE SAID THE NEW RESIDENTS SHOULD APPROACH THE SWD'S FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES, SET UP TO HELP INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES COPE WITH FAMILY OR SOCIAL ADJUSTMENT PROBLEMS THROUGH PROFESSIONAL COUNSELLING OR OTHER ASSISTANCE.

TO ENCOURAGE BETTER COMMUNICATION AMONG FAMILY MEMBERS AND PREVENT FAMILY PROBLEMS, MR CHAN SAID THE SWD ALSO SUBVENTED VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN ORGANISING ACTIVITIES AND RELATED SERVICES.

HE COMMENDED THE CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE WHICH PROVIDES FAMILY COUNSELLING AS WELL AS ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES IN TAI PO, WHICH NOW HAS A POPULATION OF 190,000.

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WARNING ON CUTTING TREES AND PLANTS

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THE PUBLIC WERE TODAY (SATURDAY) WARNED NOT TO CUT ANY TREES OR PLANTS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE FOR DECORATIVE USE DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR PERIOD.

THE SENIOR COUNTRY PARKS OFFICER OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR MARTIN LEUNG, EXPLAINED THAT CUTTING TREES OR PLANTS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE IS AN OFFENCE UNDER THE FORESTS AND COUNTRYSIDE ORDINANCE.

"CONTRAVENTION OF THE ORDINANCE MAY LEAD TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$2,000 AND ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT," HE SAID.

"ALTHOUGH THE PUBLIC IS BECOMING MORE AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF CONSERVING THE COUNTRYSIDE ENVIRONMENT, FIVE PEOPLE WERE PROSECUTED LAST YEAR FOR CUTTING TREES AND PLANTS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE," HE SAID.

MR LEUNG SAID THAT WILD FLOWERS AND TREES ARE BEST APPRECIATED IN THEIR NATURAL HABITAT AND SHOULD NOT BE PICKED OR CUT.

HE APPEALED FOR PUBLIC CO-OPERATION BY REPORTING OF ANY SUCH ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES TO THE NEAREST COUNTRY PARK MANAGEMENT CENTRE.

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JFIU GETS NEW HOTLINE NUMBER

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THE NARCOTICS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT TODAY (SATURDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT THE TELEPHONE HOTLINE OF THE JOINT POLICE/CUSTOMS FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT (JFIU) WILL BE CHANGED TO 8663366 TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

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1989-90 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY MAKING GOOD PROGRESS

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS APPEALING TO ALL SELECTED HOUSEHOLDS TO SUPPORT THE 1989-90 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

THE 12-MONTH SURVEY, WHICH BEGAN LAST OCTOBER, IS JOINTLY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AND THE HANG SENG BANK LTD TO COLLECT UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE PATTERNS FOR REVISING THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY), "PUBLIC RESPONSE TO THE SURVEY IN THE PAST THREE MONTHS HAS BEEN VERY ENCOURAGING; THE SELECTED HOUSEHOLDS WERE VERY CO-OPERATIVE IN SUPPLYING THE REQUIRED INFORMATION."

INTERVIEWERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OR THE HANG SENG BANK WILL CONTINUE TO VISIT SELECTED HOUSEHOLDS IN THE COMING MONTHS. EACH PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLD IN THE SURVEY WILL HAVE TO KEEP DAILY RECORDS OF THEIR EXPENSES FOR 14 CONSECUTIVE DAYS.

"OUR INTERVIEWING OFFICERS ARE READY TO ASSIST THE HOUSEHOLDS IN THEIR RECORD KEEPING AS FAR AS POSSIBLE AND THEY ALSO WORK IN THE EVENING TO SUIT THE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUAL HOUSEHOLDS," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

HE STRESSED THAT ALL INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND PARTICULARS OF INDIVIDUAL HOUSEHOLDS WILL NOT BE RELEASED TO OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS OR PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS IN ANY IDENTIFIABLE FORM.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY MAY BE MADE TO THE DEPARTMENT ON 8234968 OR 8235065, DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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LONG DISTANCE RUN AND CLEANING EXERCISE ON CHEUNG CHAU

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ABOUT 350 RUNNERS WILL TAKE PART IN THE CHEUNG CHAU LONG DISTANCE RUN TOMORROW (SUNDAY) MORNING. THIS WILL ROUND OFF A SERIES OF LONG DISTANCE RUNS HELD ON THE FOUR MAIN ISLANDS OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT FOR 1989-90.

RUNNERS IN THE SIX-KILOMETRE RACE WILL START FROM CHEUNG CHAU SPORTS GROUND AT 11 AM, PASS THROUGH PEAK ROAD AT SAI WAN AND TURN BACK TO THE STARTING POINT.

THE ISLANDS DISTRICT LONG DISTANCE RUN IS AN ANNUAL EVENT JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, ISLANDS SPORTS ASSOCIATION, AND ISLANDS POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS SECTION. IT IS SPONSORED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD AND ISLANDS ROTARY CLUB.

THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KIM SALKELD, WILL START THE RACE. HE WILL ALSO OFFICIATE AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AROUND NOON.

IN THE AFTERNOON, A CLEANING FOR CHARITY DAY ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD AT TUNG WAN PLAYGROUND, CHEUNG CHAU.

ABOUT 200 STUDENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUBS OF VARIOUS PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS OF THE DISTRICT WILL TAKE PART IN THE CLEAN-UP EXERCISE. THE FUNDS RAISED WILL BE DONATED TO THE COMMUNITY CHEST.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR MR LAM WAI-KEUNG, DISTRICT OFFICER MR SALKELD, ISLANDS DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICER MISS LAU CHAN-YEE, AND THE DB'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MR KWONG KWOK-KAM WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CHEUNG CHAU LONG DISTANCE RUN AND THE CLEANING FOR CHARITY DAY TO BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE MARINE DEPARTMENT PIER IN CENTRAL AT 9.30 AM AND TAKE THE MARINE DEPARTMENT LAUNCH "MD5" TO CHEUNG CHAU.

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FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITION IN NGAU TAU KOK

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THE FIFTH IN A SERIES OF NINE FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITIONS, ORGANISED BY THE FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP, WILL BE HELD AT LOK WAH (NORTH) ESTATE, NGAU TAU KOK, TOMORROW (SUNDAY) FROM 11 AM TO 3.30 PM.

THE EXHIBITIONS AIM TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF FIRE PREVENTION AND OF THE POTENTIAL HAZARD OF ELECTRICAL FAULT WHICH REMAINS A MAJOR CAUSE OF DOMESTIC AND INDUSTRIAL FIRES.

"ELECTRICAL FAULTS CAN BE AVOIDED IF REGULAR MAINTENANCE OF POWER POINTS AND APPLIANCES IS CARRIED OUT BY PROFESSIONALS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WORKING GROUP SAID.

"IN ORDER TO HELP THE PUBLIC OBTAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE SUBJECT, OFFICERS FROM THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL BE PRESENT AT THE EXHIBITIONS TO ANSWER QUESTIONS."

THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT IS ALSO TAKING IN THE EXHIBITIONS, TO ADVISE THE PUBLIC ON HOW TO PREVENT HILL FIRES.

VISITORS TO TOMORROW'S EXHIBITION WILL RECEIVE A BOOKLET ON THE PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC FIRES AND SOUVENIRS SPONSORED BY KWONG ON BANK.

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NEW SALT WATER PUMPING STATION FOR EAST KOWLOON

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A NEW SALT WATER PUMPING STATION HAS BEEN COMMISSIONED IN CHA KWO LING TO CATER FOR FLUSHING WATER DEMAND IN THE EAST KOWLOON AREAS AND TO IMPROVE THE INTAKE OF SEA WATER.

THE ONE-STOREY PUMPING STATION CONSISTS OF THREE ELECTRICAL PUMP SETS, EACH WITH A CAPACITY OF 50,000 CUBIC METRES PER DAY.

THE PROJECT ALSO COMPRISES CONSTRUCTION OF ASSOCIATED INTAKE CULVERT, MAINLAYING AND REINSTATEMENT OF VERTICAL SEAWALL.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT SAID THE QUALITY OF SALT WATER FOR FLUSHING SUPPLY TO THE AREAS WAS MUCH IMPROVED AFTER THE PUMPING STATION CAME INTO SERVICE.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SHA TIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF SHA TIN WAI ROAD BETWEEN NGAN SHING STREET AND SHA TIN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM 11 PM TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY ON MONDAY (JANUARY 22) AND WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 24) TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD T5 IN SHA TIN.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS ON THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF SHA TIN WAI ROAD HEADING FOR KOWLOON WILL BE DIVERTED VIA NGAN SHING STREET, SIU LEK YUEN ROAD, TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD AND SHA TIN ROAD.

MOTORISTS ON THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF NGAN SHING STREET HEADING FOR SHA KOK ESTATE WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SHA TIN WAI ROAD EASTBOUND, SIU LEK YUEN ROAD, TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD, SHA TIN WAI ROAD EASTBOUND AND SHA KOK STREET.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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URBAN CLEARWAY IN WAN CHAI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM MONDAY (JANUARY 22), HENNESSY ROAD WESTBOUND FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH TIN LOK LANE TO A POINT ABOUT 25 METRES TO THE EAST WILL BE DESIGNATED A TEMPORARY URBAN CLEARWAY 24 HOURS DAILY FOR TWO DAYS TO FACILITATE ROAD RESURFACING WORKS.

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

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EXISTING RESTRICTION FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM ON THE ABOVE MENTIONED SECTION OF HENNESSY ROAD WILL BE TEMPORARILY CANCELLED.

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