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ROYAL MESSAGES TO LIFE SAVERS

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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN HAS SENT A MESSAGE OF WARM CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD WISHES TO THE HONG KONG BRANCH OF THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY WHICH CELEBRATED ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY TODAY (THURSDAY).

AND IN ANOTHER MESSAGE, HRH PRINCE MICHAEL OF KENT SAID THE HONG KONG BRANCH'S RECORD IN TRAINING LIFE SAVERS +IS GREATLY ADMIRIED BY ALL THOSE WHO ARE CONCERNED WITH THE SAFETY OF BEACHES AROUND THE WORLD.+

THE MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATIONS WERE READ AT THE SOCIETY'S SILVER JUBILEE DINNER BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE.

SIR MURRAY IN HIS OWN STATEMENT, SAID: +NOTHING IS MORE ELOQUENT OF YOUR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY THAN THE 13 000 LIVES YOU HAVE SAVED OVER THE LAST 25 YEARS. THE DEBT OWED TO YOU IS ENORMOUS.+

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF SIR MURRAY'S SPEECH AT THE SILVER JUBILEE DINNER OF THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY HONG KONG BRANCH:

+I AM COMMANDED BY HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN TO READ HER REPLY TO YOUR MESSAGE.

PLEASE CONVEY MY SINCERE THANKS TO THE PRESIDENT OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG BRANCH OF THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY FOR THEIR KIND MESSAGE OF LOYAL GREETING SENT ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR SILVER JUBILEE. I WAS VERY PLEASED TO RECEIVE THIS MESSAGE AND SEND MY WARM CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD WISHES TO ALL CONCERNED ON THIS VERY SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY. I AM GREATLY LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING SOME OF YOUR MEMBERS WHEN THEY COME TO LONDON FOR THE SOCIETY'S COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE IN JUNE.
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+I HAVE ALSO BEEN ASKED BY HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE MICHAEL OF KENT TO READ TO YOU HIS REPLY TO YOUR MESSAGE:

AS COMMONWEALTH PRESIDENT I WAS THRILLED AND DELIGHTED TO RECEIVE THE KIND MESSAGE FROM THE HONG KONG BRANCH OF THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR SILVER JUBILEE.

FROM THE VERY START THE HONG KONG BRANCH OF THE SOCIETY HAS PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT PART IN OUR COMMONWEALTH WIDE ORGANISATION AND ITS RECORD IN TRAINING LIFESAVERS IS GREATLY ADMIRIED BY ALL THOSE WHO ARE CONCERNED WITH THE SAFETY OF BEACHES AROUND THE WORLD.

I SEND YOU ALL MY VERY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS OVER THE PAST QUARTER OF A CENTURY. YOU HAVE CERTAINLY JUSTIFIED THE GREAT FAITH LORD MOUNTBATTEN HAD IN YOU WHEN HE INITIATED THE FORMING OF THE HONG KONG BRANCH IN 1956.

I MUCH LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING REPRESENTATIVES OF YOUR BRANCH DURING OUR COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE IN JUNE.

FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF SENDING YOU MY PERSONAL BEST WISHES. I HAVE THE HAPPIEST MEMORIES OF OUR MEETING IN 1974.

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+TO BOTH OF THESE I WOULD LIKE TO ADD MY OWN CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SUCCESS OF THE HONG KONG BRANCH DURING THE 25 YEARS OF VERY ACTIVE LIFE AND MY SINCERE ADMIRATION FOR THOSE WHO HAVE WATCHED OVER AND LED IT DURING THESE YEARS.

+THE BRANCH STARTED AT JUST THE RIGHT TIME, SO THAT IT WAS WELL ESTABLISHED AND ORGANISED FOR THE GREAT SURGE IN LEISURE AND SPORT IN THE LAST 10 YEARS. HOLIDAYS SEE PEOPLE OF ALL AGES STREAMING OUT OF THE CITY TO OUR MAGNIFICENT BEACHES AND HILLS. OUR SPORTS CENTRES, SWIMMING POOLS, COURTS AND PITCHES SEEM NEVER TO BE IDLE. THIS IS EXCELLENT. IT IS EXACTLY WHAT WE HAVE PLANNED FOR.

+BUT NONE KNOW BETTER THAN LIFE-SAVERS LIKE YOU, THAT WITHOUT GUIDANCE OR PROPER CONSIDERATION FOR OTHERS, RECREATION CAN CAUSE DAMAGE OR DANGER.

+IN THE HILLS HOLIDAY-MAKERS CAN CAUSE FIRE AND EROSION OR SPOIL WITH LITTER, AND FOR THE UNWARY OR ILL-EQUIPPED DANGER CAN LURK EVEN ON A PATH ON A HILLSIDE. IT DOES NOT TAKE MUCH LITTER OR BROKEN GLASS TO SPOIL THE MOST BEAUTIFUL BEACH.

+THESE THINGS CAN BE PREVENTED BY EDUCATION AND TRAINING, SELF-RESTRAINT, AND A MEASURE OF GUIDANCE AND CONTROL. HERE THE COUNTRYPARKS MANAGEMENT SERVICE AND URBAN AND NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES AND THE SPORTS AND RECREATION SERVICES ALL PLAY VALUABLE ROLES AS DOES OUTWARD BOUND.

+BUT OF ALL SPORTS IN HONG KONG SWIMMING IS THE MOST POPULAR AND MOST ACCESSIBLE, AND HERE TOO LIES ALMOST THE GREATEST DANGER FOR THE INEXPERIENCED OR THOUGHTLESS. AND THIS IS WHERE YOU DO SUCH MAGNIFICENT WORK. YOUR REGULAR SWIMMING AND LIFE-SAVING COURSES PREVENT MANY TRAGEDIES. YOU HAVE TRAINED SOME 5 000 LIFE-SAVING INSTRUCTORS OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS. YOU HAVE DEMONSTRATED YOUR CONTINUING ENTERPRISE BY LAUNCHING A SPECIAL TRAINING COURSE IN CANOE LIFE-SAVING AND SUB-AQUA RESCUE. BUT NOTHING IS MORE ELOQUENT OF YOUR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY THAN THE 13 000 LIVES YOU HAVE SAVED OVER THE LAST TWENTY-FIVE YEARS. THE DEBT OWED TO YOU IS ENORMOUS.

+WHAT I ASK YOU TO DO IS TO REDEDICATE YOURSELVES TO THIS WORK. RISING AFFLUENCE AND INCREASING LEISURE MAKES YOUR WORK MORE NOT LESS IMPORTANT AND THE CALLS ON YOUR SERVICE WILL GROW NOT DIMINISH. AS HONG KONG EMERGES FROM SLUMS AND POVERTY INTO EXPANDING ALLUENCES AND BETTER ORDERED PROSPERITY, IT IS WELL THAT WE SHOULD NOT LOSE THE VIRTUES SO WELL DEMONSTRATED IN OUR STRINGENT PAST. HIGH AMONGST THESE HAS BEEN THE CONTRIBUTION WHICH VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS MADE BY THE HONG KONG BRANCH OF THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY AND THE HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB SHOULD CONTINUE AND GROW IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

+I THANK YOU FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY AND CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR SILVER JUBILEE AND WISH YOU CONTINUING SUCCESS.+

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SIR JAMES IMPRESSED WITH POLICE PROGRESS

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SIR JAMES CRANE, HER MAJESTY'S CHIEF INSPECTOR OF CONSTABULARY, IS CONFIDENT THAT THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE IS BASED ON SOUND PRINCIPLES AND SENSIBLE PLANNING.

SHORTLY BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FROM HONG KONG LAST (WEDNESDAY) NIGHT AFTER A 19-DAY VISIT, SIR JAMES SAID HE AND HIS TWO STAFF OFFICERS, CHIEF SUPERINTENDENTS ALFRED WALLEN AND SIDNEY PLEECE, HAD BEEN MOST IMPRESSED WITH THE PROGRESS MADE IN RECENT YEARS.

+WE WERE INVITED TO RETURN THIS YEAR BY THE GOVERNMENT TO DISCUSS WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE MATTERS RELATING TO THE MANAGEMENT, OPERATION AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE,+ HE SAID.

+WE HAVE ALSO TAKEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASSESS AND FOLLOW-UP THE RESULTS OF RECOMMENDATIONS MADE ON PREVIOUS VISITS,+ HE ADDED.

SIR JAMES' VISIT WAS PRECEDED BY THAT OF HIS TWO STAFF OFFICERS WHO ARRIVED IN HONG KONG ON JANUARY 24 TO CARRY OUT PRELIMINARY STUDIES.

+SINCE MY ARRIVAL ON FEBRUARY 7, WE HAVE MET AND HELD A SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GOVERNOR AND SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF AND WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE POLICE STAFF ASSOCIATIONS,+ HE SAID.

+WE HAVE ALSO MET THE COMMISSIONER OF ICAC, THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DIRECTORATE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE.

+TALKS HAVE COVERED A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS WHICH WILL BE OF IMPORTANCE TO THE CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT OF THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY OF THE FORCE,+ HE SAID.

+THESE HAVE INCLUDED EXAMINATION OF A CONCEPT OF FORCE REORGANISATION DESIGNED TO MEET THE POLICING REQUIREMENTS OF THE FUTURE,+ HE ADDED.

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NEW TRUNK ROAD FOR SHA TIN

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) AWARDED A \$81 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TRUNK ROAD BETWEEN LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD AND YUEN CHAU KOK IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED BY MR KENNETH KWOK, PROJECT MANAGER OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF KIN SHING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

MR KWOK SAID THE NEW TRUNK ROAD, IN ADDITION TO BEING PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROUTE, WOULD HELP EASE THE HEAVY TRAFFIC GENERATED BY THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN.

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+IT WILL EVENTUALLY CONNECT WITH AND FORM PART OF THE COASTAL TRUNK ROAD BETWEEN SHA TIN NEW TOWN AND TAI PO NEW TOWN,+ HE SAID.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF 1.4 KILOMETRES OF DUAL TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAYS WITH ASSOCIATED FLYOVERS, A FOOTBRIDGE AND STORMWATER DRAINAGE.

MR KWOK SAID THE WORK WOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN PHASES TO ALLOW EARLY COMPLETION OF ONE OF THE CARRIAGEWAYS TO EASE TRAFFIC IN THE AREA.

+TOGETHER WITH THE LION ROCK TUNNEL AND LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD, THE NEW TRUNK ROAD WILL BECOME A PRINCIPAL ROAD LINK BETWEEN KOWLOON AND THE EASTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES,+ HE ADDED.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT WILL START EARLY NEXT MONTH AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 35 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE PROJECT HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA, CONSULTING ENGINEERS TO THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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MORE VOLUNTEERS OFFER HELP TO YOUNG OFFENDERS

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THE VOLUNTEER SCHEME FOR PROBATIONERS RUN BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS GAINING GREATER RESPONSE AS MORE PUBLIC-SPIRITED CITIZENS HAVE JOINED TO BEFRIEND AND HELP REFORM YOUNG OFFENDERS.

EIGHTY-NINE VOLUNTEERS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE WHO DEVOTED THEIR FREE TIME TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S PROBATION OFFICERS, HAVE JUST FINISHED THEIR SERVICE.

TWENTY MORE ARE NOW DOING THEIR JOB WHICH NORMALLY LASTS FOR SIX MONTHS, AND ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE FOR ANOTHER 38 VOLUNTEERS TO HELP PROBATIONERS.

VOLUNTEERS INCLUDE STUDENTS, TEACHERS, CLERKS, SECRETARIES, WORK SUPERVISORS, BUSINESSMEN AND GOVERNMENT OFFICERS.

OF THOSE WHO HAVE FINISHED THEIR HALF-YEAR ASSIGNMENT, THE LATEST GROUP OF 28 WILL BE OFFICIALLY REWARDED FOR THEIR VOLUNTARY SERVICE AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD SHORTLY.

THEY WILL EACH RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FROM THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE (OPERATIONS), MRS EVELYN DOE.

UNDER THE SCHEME, INTRODUCED IN 1976 AS A COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECT, VOLUNTEERS SPEND THEIR FREE TIME WITH BOYS AND GIRLS PUT ON PROBATION UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF PROBATION OFFICERS.

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THEY PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND FRIENDSHIP WITHIN THEIR AREAS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS AND ABILITY: PROFESSIONALS MAY PROVIDE KNOWLEDGE IN THEIR OWN FIELD OF SPECIALTY WHILE HOUSEWIVES CAN TEACH IN MANAGING HOUSEHOLD CHORES- OTHERS MAY BECOME TUTORS IN SCHOOLWORK OR HELP PROBATIONERS DEVELOP WHOLESOME INTEREST AND HOBBIES.

ALL VOLUNTEERS ARE AGED 21 OR ABOVE, WITH SECONDARY EDUCATION QUALIFICATION, A MATURE AND SOCIABLE PERSONALITY AND A FLAIR TO HELP OTHERS.

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NEW CARGO HANDLING AREA IN WESTERN
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY AWARDED A \$3.5 MILLION CONTRACT TO WONG KEE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE SURFACING OF A PERMANENT CARGO HANDLING AREA AT THE WESTERN RECLAMATION.

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED BY MR PANG HAU-CHUNG, CHIEF ENGINEER OF HIGHWAYS (HONG KONG) DIVISION OF THE PWD, AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMPANY.

THE PERMANENT CARGO HANDLING AREA WILL BE PROVIDED ON A NEWLY CONSTRUCTED BREAKWATER AND A SEAWALL ADJOINING THE BREAKWATER AT THE WESTERN RECLAMATION, WITH 800 METRES OF SEA FRONTAGE.

CONSTRUCTION WILL BEGIN NEXT MONTH AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

UPON COMPLETION, THE EXISTING CARGO HANDLING ACTIVITIES ALONG CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST WILL THEN BE TRANSFERRED TO THE NEW AREA TO ENABLE RECLAMATION IN THE AREA TO COMMENCE.

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LADY CATER VISITS COMMUNITY CHEST MEMBER AGENCIES IN NT
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LADY CATER SPENT AN AFTERNOON TODAY VISITING TWO MEMBER AGENCIES OF THE COMMUNITY CHEST OF HONG KONG AT TUEN MUN IN HER CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF THE CHEST.

LADY CATER FIRST VISITED THE ST. SIMON HOME FOR FISHERMEN'S AND WORKMEN'S CHILDREN WHICH INCLUDED THE TAI HING DAY NURSERY AT TAI HING ESTATE, THE CHILD WELFARE CENTRE AND HOSTEL IN TSING WUN ROAD.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY CHEST, MR G.A. HENDERSON, LADY CATER WAS MET BY THE REV RICHARD P.S. TSANG GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE HOME, AND OTHER OFFICIALS.

THIS YEAR MARKS THE 27TH YEAR OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE TO BOTH THE LAND AND SEA POPULATION OF THE TUEN MUN AREA SINCE 1954 WHEN ST. SIMON STARTED AS A HOSTEL.

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WITH THE HELP OF THE GOVERNMENT AND CONTRIBUTIONS FROM VARIOUS AGENCIES AND CHURCH BODIES, ST SIMON GRADUALLY BROADENED ITS SCOPE INTO EDUCATION, SOCIAL WORK AND MEDICAL SERVICES.

LATER, LADY CATER VISITED THE YUEN LONG HOME FOR THE AGED BLIND AT ON NING ROAD WHERE SHE WAS GREETED ON ARRIVAL BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND, MR K. STUMPF, AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE HOME, MRS L.K. KOO.

THE HOME PROVIDES 24-HOUR RESIDENTIAL CARE TO BLIND PERSONS OVER 60 YEARS OF AGE AND ORGANISES REGULAR GROUP ACTIVITIES FOR THEM.

THE HOME NOW HOUSES A TOTAL OF 74 RESIDENTS, 30 MEN AND 44 WOMEN.

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TUEN MUN PROJECT MANAGER RETIRES

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MR STAN BARDEN, PROJECT MANAGER OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, WILL PROCEED ON PRE-RETIREMENT LEAVE EARLY NEXT MONTH AFTER 21 YEAR'S SERVICE WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

TO MARK HIS RETIREMENT, MR DAVID MCDONALD, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, TODAY PRESENTED MR BARDEN WITH A SOUVENIR ON BEHALF OF HIS FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES.

MR BARDEN SERVED IN MALAYA BEFORE HE CAME TO HONG KONG IN DECEMBER, 1959. HE WAS POSTED TO THE THEN ROADS OFFICE AND TRANSFERRED LATER TO THE TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DIVISION AND BECAME SENIOR ENGINEER IN CHARGE OF THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT SURVEY UNIT.

IN 1969, HAVING ACTED AS CHIEF ENGINEER, TRAFFIC ENGINEERING, HE WAS ATTACHED FOR FOUR AND A HALF MONTHS TO THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CONSULTANTS, WILBUR SMITH AND ASSOCIATES, IN SAN FRANCISCO, AND BECAME GOVERNMENT MASS TRANSIT ENGINEER IN 1973.

IN BOTH 1974 AND 1975 HE ACTED AS DIRECTOR OF MASS TRANSIT STUDIES.

MR BARDEN RETURNED TO HIGHWAYS OFFICE IN 1976 AS GOVERNMENT HIGHWAY ENGINEER AND IN 1978 WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AS PROJECT MANAGER (TUEN MUN) WHERE HIS KNOWLEDGE OF TRAMWAYS AND MASS TRANSIT PROVED INVALUABLE IN THE PLANNING OF THE TUEN MUN LIGHT RAIL TRANSPORT SYSTEM.

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WIDOW OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIM GETS MAXIMUM GRANTS

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THE WIDOW OF A MAN KILLED IN A BUS ACCIDENT IN SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON, ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 22) HAS BEEN GIVEN MAXIMUM GRANTS UNDER THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE SCHEME.

MRS POON CHO-KAI YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY) WENT TO THE DEPARTMENT TO COLLECT THE PAYMENTS TOTALLING \$18 850.

THE PAYMENTS COMPRISED A MAXIMUM DEATH GRANT OF \$13 800, A MAXIMUM BURIAL GRANT OF \$1 600, AND A MAXIMUM GRANT OF \$3 450 TO HELP COVER BASIC LIVING EXPENSES.

MRS POON APPLIED ON MONDAY FOR QUICK CASH RELIEF UNDER THE SCHEME, AND GRANTS WERE AUTHORISED FOR PAYMENT YESTERDAY MORNING.

TWO WOMEN WHO WERE INJURED IN THE SAME ACCIDENT HAD ALSO APPLIED UNDER THE NON-MEANS TESTED +NO FAULT+ SCHEME. THEIR APPLICATIONS ARE BEING PROCESSED PENDING THEIR DISCHARGE FROM HOSPITAL.

THE SCHEME PROVIDES QUICK CASH RELIEF FOR PEOPLE INJURED, OR DEPENDANTS OF THOSE KILLED, IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT, REGARDLESS OF WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR CAUSING THE ACCIDENT.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SCHEME AND APPLICATIONS CAN BE MADE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE SECTION ON 14TH FLOOR, WORLD TRADE CENTRE, 280 GLOUCESTER ROAD, HONG KONG (TEL: 5-779421 AND 5-7903650).

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ANNUAL INSPECTION AND RELICENSING OF REGISTERED TRAILERS

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OWNERS OF REGISTERED TRAILERS MANUFACTURED ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1971 AND WHOSE LICENCES EXPIRE ON OR AFTER FEBRUARY 28, 1981 ARE REMINDED THAT THEY MUST PRESENT THESE VEHICLES FOR ANNUAL EXAMINATION AT THE KOWLOON BAY VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE IN HOI BUN ROAD, NGAU TAU KOK, BEFORE RELICENSING THEM AT THE HONG KONG OR KOWLOON LICENSING OFFICES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT THIS PROCEDURE WAS REQUIRED UNDER ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE. THE PURPOSE OF THE ANNUAL EXAMINATION WAS TO ENSURE THESE TRAILERS WERE IN SOUND MECHANICAL CONDITION AND TO HELP REDUCE THE RISK OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

OWNERS SHOULD APPLY FOR THE EXAMINATION OF THEIR VEHICLES AT THE KOWLOON BAY CENTRE BY COMPLETING AN APPLICATION FORM.

ON PASSING THE EXAMINATION A ROAD WORTHINESS CERTIFICATE WILL BE ISSUED WHICH SHOULD BE PRODUCED AT THE HONG KONG LICENSING OFFICE, 2 MURRAY ROAD OR THE KOWLOON LICENSING OFFICE AT PARK-IN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, DUNDAS STREET, WHEN SEEKING LICENCE RENEWAL.

ANY QUERIES CONCERNING ANNUAL INSPECTION OR RELICENSING OF REGISTERED TRAILERS MAY BE MADE TO THE KOWLOON BAY VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE ON TEL. 3-7597505.

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FIGHT CRIME COMPETITIONS FOR TSUEN WAN
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A SERIES OF COMPETITIONS IS TO BE HELD IN TSUEN WAN AS PART OF THE FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN.

AMONG THESE IS A DRAMA COMPETITION TO BE HELD AT THE TOWN HALL ON MARCH 2 AND 3.

ELEVEN TEAMS HAVE ENTERED THE COMPETITION, WHICH IS DIVIDED INTO SECTIONS FOR COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

ALSO ALL LOCAL SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE BEING INVITED TO JOIN AN ESSAY COMPETITION DIVIDED INTO JUNIOR AND SENIOR SECTIONS.

AND FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS THERE WILL BE A CALLIGRAPHY COMPETITION.

ENTRIES IN THE ESSAY AND CALLIGRAPHY COMPETITIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE TSUEN WAN CULTURE AND RECREATION CO-ORDINATING ASSOCIATION OFFICE BY MARCH 14.

THE COMPETITIONS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF FIGHTING CRIME.

THE WINNING DRAMA TEAM WILL PERFORM AT A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY ON MARCH 21. OFFICIATING WILL BE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LUI HAU-TUEN.

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR +WALK FOR A MILLION+
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CERTAIN TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN KOWLOON ON SUNDAY (MARCH 1) BETWEEN 7.30 AM AND 3 PM TO FACILITATE THE +WALK FOR A MILLION+.

THESE ARRANGEMENTS ARE :

THE EAST-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF JUNK BAY ROAD BETWEEN LEI YUE MUN ROAD AND KAI TIN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 7.30 AM AND 11.30 AM=

THE SECTION OF KAI TIN ROAD BETWEEN PING TIN STREET AND LEI YUE MUN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, MAXICABS AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES BETWEEN 7.30 AM AND 11.30 AM. VEHICLES TO LAM TIN ESTATE SHOULD USE SAU MAU PING ROAD AND KAI TIN ROAD (SECTION NORTH OF PING TIN STREET). KMB ROUTES 15C, 15M AND 16 ON JOURNEYS TO LAM TIN ESTATE WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LEI YUE MUN ROAD AND KAI TIN ROAD=

BETWEEN 9 AM AND 3 PM, PO LAM ROAD, THE UN-NAMED ROAD LINKING SAU MAU PING ROAD TO ANDERSON ROAD AND THE SECTION OF ANDERSON ROAD FROM THE UN-NAMED ROAD TO PO LAM ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES. KMB ROUTE NO. 90 WILL BE SUSPENDED DURING THESE HOURS= AND

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ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING RIGHT FROM LEI YUE MUN ROAD ONTO TSUI PING ROAD BETWEEN 7.30 AM AND 11.30 AM.

ALL PARKING SPACES IN KAI LIM ROAD WILL BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED BETWEEN 7 AM AND 3 PM.

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SWIMMING SEASON STARTS SUNDAY

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LIFEGUARD AND FIRST-AID SERVICES AT ALL 28 GAZETTED BEACHES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL RESUME ON SUNDAY (MARCH 1).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID LIFEGUARDS WILL BE ON DUTY TO SERVE BEACHGOERS BATHING AT THE BEACHES MANAGED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

MEANWHILE, THE KWAI CHUNG SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX WILL ALSO BE OPEN TO SWIMMERS ON SUNDAY FROM 7 AM TO 9.15 AM= 9.45 AM TO NOON= 1 PM TO 4 PM, AND 4.30 PM TO 6.45 PM.

THE EVENING SESSION BETWEEN 7.45 PM TO 10 PM WILL RESUME ON APRIL 1.

THE FANLING SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX, INCLUDING ITS HEATED POOL FACILITIES, WILL ALSO BE OPENED IN APRIL.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE SHA TIN JOCKEY CLUB PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED ON APRIL 16.

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COACH SERVICE ROUTE 291 TO BE CANCELLED

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE KMB COACH SERVICE NO. 291 FROM SILVER STRAND BAY TO THE CHOI HUNG MTR STATION WILL BE WITHDRAWN ON SUNDAY, MARCH 1.

RESIDENTS IN THE CLEAR WATER BAY AREA ARE ADVISED TO MAKE USE OF THE BUS SERVICES ON ROUTES NO. 91 (FROM TAI AU MUN TO CHOI HUNG) AND NO. 91M (FROM HANG HAU TO THE DIAMOND HILL MTR STATION VIA CHOI HUNG MTR STATION).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE COACH SERVICE NO. 291 WAS DUE TO LOW PATRONAGE WHICH AVERAGED ABOUT 500 A DAY FOR BOTH JOURNEYS.

+THIS IS ONLY ABOUT 26 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL CARRYING CAPACITY OF THE COACHES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AND KMB HAD TRIED TO BOOST UP THE PATRONAGE THROUGH PUBLICITY BUT NO SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT WAS ACHIEVED, HE ADDED.

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