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NOISE CONTROL APPLIES TO FOREIGN AIRCRAFT

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) PUBLISHED A NOTICE EXTENDING THE APPLICATION OF THE NOISE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT TO FOREIGN SUBSONIC JET AIRCRAFT.

AT PRESENT THE NOISE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT APPLIES ONLY TO LOCAL SUBSONIC JET AIRCRAFT, THAT IS THE SUBSONIC JET AIRCRAFT REGISTERED IN HONG KONG AND SUBSONIC JET AIRCRAFT NOT REGISTERED IN HONG KONG BUT OWNED OR OPERATED BY A COMPANY INCORPORATED, OR BY A PERSON ORDINARILY RESIDENT, IN HONG KONG.

THE CIVIL AVIATION (AIRCRAFT NOISE) (AIRCRAFT CLASSES) NOTICE 1988, PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE, SPECIFIES THAT EFFECTIVE FROM NOVEMBER 1 THIS YEAR ALL SUBSONIC JET AIRCRAFT WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT UNDER THE CIVIL AVIATION (AIRCRAFT NOISE) ORDINANCE.

THE ORDINANCE, WHICH WAS ENACTED IN JUNE 1986, EMPOWERS THE GOVERNMENT TO PROHIBIT AIRCRAFT NOT MEETING INTERNATIONAL AIRCRAFT NOISE STANDARDS FROM LANDING AND TAKING OFF IN HONG KONG.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE WERE BEING IMPLEMENTED IN TWO STAGES, A PRACTICE WIDELY ADOPTED BY COUNTRIES ELSEWHERE.

THE FIRST STAGE, APPLICABLE TO LOCAL SUBSONIC JET AIRCRAFT, CAME INTO EFFECT ON MAY 1 LAST YEAR.

"IN THE FORTHCOMING SECOND-STAGE APPLICATION OF THE MEASURES, BOTH LOCAL AND FOREIGN SUBSONIC JET AIRCRAFT OPERATING SERVICES TO/FROM HONG KONG WILL HAVE TO CARRY A NOISE CERTIFICATE OR OTHER DOCUMENTARY PROOF OF COMPLIANCE BY THE AIRCRAFT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL AIRCRAFT NOISE STANDARDS, WHICH HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANISATION AND PUBLISHED IN ANNEX 16 TO THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION," HE SAID.

"IT IS IMPORTANT, AND IN THE INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC, THAT HONG KONG TAKES STEPS TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THESE AIRCRAFT NOISE STANDARDS BY ALL SUBSONIC JET AIRCRAFT," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"WITH THE ORDINANCE COMING IN FULL OPERATION, NON-CERTIFICATED SUBSONIC JET AIRCRAFT WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE SKY OF HONG KONG," HE ADDED.

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PROTECTION OF WORKERS' HEALTH VITAL

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EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES WERE TODAY (FRIDAY) URGED TO OBSERVE THEIR STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITY IN REDUCING THE NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS AND TO PROTECT WORKERS FROM INDUSTRIAL HEALTH HAZARDS.

THIS APPEAL WAS MADE BY THE CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MR YIP YUK-LUN, WHEN ADDRESSING THE OPENING OF A DISCUSSION SESSION ON LEGISLATION GOVERNING WORKERS' HEALTH IN THE WORKPLACE.

MR YIP SAID THAT UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE, BOTH EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES HAD DIFFERENT STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS.

"IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROPRIETOR OF AN INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKING TO ENSURE THAT THE WORKING ENVIRONMENT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A DANGER TO THE HEALTH OF HIS EMPLOYEES," HE SAID.

"HE SHOULD ALSO SEE TO IT THAT THE EMPLOYEES STRICTLY ADHERE TO THE SAFETY PRINCIPLES AT ALL TIMES."

AS FOR EMPLOYEES, THEY SHOULD MAKE FULL USE OF THE EQUIPMENT PROVIDED FOR THEM BY THEIR EMPLOYERS AND REPORT ANY DEFECT FOUND.

MR YIP SAID ADVICE ON MATTERS OF INDUSTRIAL HEALTH AND WAYS AND MEANS OF REDUCING INDUSTRIAL HEALTH HAZARDS WAS AVAILABLE FROM THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE AND THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH DIVISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

IN ADDITION, A VARIETY OF BOOKLETS ON THE PROTECTION OF WORKERS' HEALTH HAD BEEN PRODUCED TO HIGHLIGHT FOR EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS THE POTENTIAL DANGERS THAT COULD BE ENCOUNTERED IN INDUSTRY AND TO OFFER ADVICE ON MEASURES WHICH COULD BE ADOPTED TO MINIMISE SUCH DANGERS.

THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE OFFERED FREE COURSES ON SAFETY AND HEALTH AND ORGANISED PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES IN ENHANCING WORKERS' AWARENESS OF HEALTH AT WORK.

MR YIP ALSO SAID AN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY EXHIBITION WOULD BE HELD FROM OCTOBER 21 TO 23 AT THE NEW TOWN PLAZA, SHA TIN, TO HIGHLIGHT THE USE OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT IN INDUSTRY.

IT WOULD BE CO-ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS WITH SUPPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY MEDICINE OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

ABOUT 50 INDUSTRIALISTS AND TRADE UNIONISTS TOOK PART IN TODAY'S DISCUSSION SESSION AT THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE.

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IT PROVIDED A FORUM FOR BOTH THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE AND THOSE WORKING IN THE TRADE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON MATTERS RELATING TO WORKERS' HEALTH.

IT WAS THE SECOND DISCUSSION SESSION ORGANISED BY THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE AFTER ONE HELD IN JUNE, WHICH CONCENTRATED ON SAFETY LEGISLATION RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION WORK.

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EMERGENCY HOLDING CENTRE FOR BOAT PEOPLE

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THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO USE PART OF A PIECE OF CROWN LAND IN TUEN MUN NEAR THE CASTLE PEAK POWER PLANT TO BUILD AN EMERGENCY HOLDING CENTRE FOR VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE BEFORE THE WHITEHEAD DETENTION CENTRE BECOMES AVAILABLE IN LATE DECEMBER.

THE SAME SITE (TUEN MUN AREA 46 A) WILL LATER BE USED FOR AN OPEN CENTRE FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES WHEN THE PRESENT CLOSED CENTRES BECOME PROGRESSIVELY LIBERALISED IN FUTURE.

THESE PLANS FOR THE SITE WERE OUTLINED TO MEMBERS OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE REFUGEE CO-ORDINATOR, MR MIKE HANSON, AND THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MRS CARRIE YAU, AT A SPECIAL MEETING.

MR HANSON SAID THERE WAS AN URGENT NEED FOR AN EMERGENCY HOLDING CENTRE BECAUSE OF THE CONTINUING LEVEL OF ARRIVALS OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE, AND THE LEAD TIME NECESSARY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW DETENTION CENTRE AT WHITEHEAD, WU KAI SHA.

THE HOLDING CENTRE WILL BE MADE UP OF A MIXTURE OF HUTS AND CONTAINERS AND SHOULD PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION FOR ABOUT 3,000 PEOPLE BY THE END OF THIS MONTH.

THE BOAT PEOPLE TO BE HOUSED THERE WILL BE MOVED TO WHITEHEAD ONCE IT IS AVAILABLE AND THE CENTRE WILL LATER BE TURNED INTO AN OPEN CAMP FOR REFUGEES WHO ARRIVED BEFORE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCREENING POLICY ON JUNE 16.

MR HANSON POINTED OUT THAT THE LIBERALISATION OF CLOSED CENTRES WOULD RELIEVE THE BURDEN ON THE GOVERNMENT IN TERMS OF STAFF COSTS AND RECURRENT COSTS.

THE SAVING, NOT INCLUDING THE CONTRIBUTION TO BE MADE BY THE UNHCR TOWARDS THE CAPITAL COST OF THE OPEN CENTRE, IS ESTIMATED TO BE IN THE ORDER OF \$100 MILLION TO \$150 MILLION PER YEAR.

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THE SECURITY, HEALTH AND FIRE RISKS WILL ALSO BE SMALLER THAN THOSE RESULTING FROM LOCKING UP LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE IN CONFINED SPACES.

DETAILED DESIGNS FOR THE OPEN CENTRE HAVE NOT BEEN FINALISED AND THE GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO LISTEN TO THE VIEWS OF DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AS TO HOW BEST TO PREPARE FOR THE OPEN CAMP WITHOUT CAUSING UNDUE WORRY AMONG RESIDENTS, MR HANSON ADDED.

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LOCAL MARINE INQUIRY ORDERED

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FOLLOWING INITIAL INVESTIGATIONS AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF THE SHIPPING AND PORT CONTROL ORDINANCE (CAP. 313), THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR DERICK HALL, HAS ORDERED A LOCAL MARINE INQUIRY INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES ATTENDING THE FOUNDERING OF THE HEAVY-LIFT CRANE BARGE "KWONG HING 18" IN THE VICINITY WEST OF STONECUTTERS ISLAND LAST SATURDAY (AUGUST 27).

SURVEYOR OF SHIPS, MR PAU TAT-SUN, HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO CONDUCT THE INQUIRY. MR PAU WILL SUBMIT A REPORT ON HIS FINDINGS TO THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE.

THE VESSEL FOUNDERED IN THE AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 27. A MAN DIED AND ANOTHER WAS MISSING IN THE INCIDENT.

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DREDGING FOR MARINE SAND OFF LANTAU

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL CARRY OUT DREDGING AT THREE AREAS OF FORESHORE AND SEABED OFF LANTAU TO EXTRACT MARINE SAND FOR USE AS FILL REQUIRED FOR THE RECLAMATION OF TSING YI TOWN LOT NO. 108.

TWO OF THE AREAS, OF ABOUT 249 HECTARES AND 99.25 HECTARES RESPECTIVELY, ARE OFF NORTH LANTAU AND THE THIRD AREA OF ABOUT 93.5 HECTARES IS SOUTH OF MA WAN.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREAS AFFECTED ARE DESCRIBED IN NOTICES OF AUTHORISATION PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED WILL BE INJURIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THESE UNDERTAKINGS MAY MAKE A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION.

THE CLAIM SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS BY SEPTEMBER 1 NEXT YEAR.

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JUNK BAY LOTS TO BE RESUMED

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO RESUME THE LAND ON WHICH YAU YUE WAN VILLAGE NOW STANDS AS PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF JUNK BAY.

THE PRE-1898 VILLAGE IS SITUATED ON LAND BELOW THE ACCEPTABLE SITE FORMATION LEVEL AND WILL BE RELOCATED TO NEWLY FORMED VILLAGE RESITE PLATFORMS.

THE LAND VACATED WILL BE FORMED TO PROVIDE SITES FOR A CHURCH, A CARE AND ATTENTION HOME FOR THE ELDERLY, AN ACCESS ROAD AND AN OPEN SPACE.

THE LAND COMPRISES 42 LOTS WITH A TOTAL AREA OF 2,010.2 SQUARE METRES, 409.5 SQUARE METRES OF WHICH IS BUILDING LAND AND THE REMAINDER -- 1,600.7 SQUARE METRES -- BEING AGRICULTURAL LAND.

RESUMPTION OF LAND IS REQUIRED NOW TO ALLOW WORKS TO COMMENCE IN DECEMBER AFTER THE THREE MONTHS' RESUMPTION NOTICE HAS EXPIRED.

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ROAD WORKS PLANNED IN TAI PO

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING TO UNDERTAKE ROADWORKS IN AN AREA OF TAI PO.

THE AREA IS BOUNDED BY TING KOK ROAD TO THE EAST, TAI PO TAI WO ROAD TO THE SOUTH AND THE RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED NEW ROAD CONNECTING THESE TWO ROADS WHICH FORMS THE NORTHWEST BOUNDARY OF THE AREA.

THE PROPOSED ROADS AND ACCOMPANYING DRAINAGE WILL TIE IN WITH DEVELOPMENT WORKS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND ENABLE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT WORK IN THIS AREA TO TAKE PLACE.

UPON COMPLETION OF THE WORKS, ACCESS WILL BE PROVIDED TO SALEABLE GOVERNMENT LAND, SITES UNDER REDEVELOPMENT AND A PROPOSED SECONDARY SCHOOL.

WORKS WILL INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF A NEW BUS BAY AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF AN EXISTING ONE, A NEW TAXI BAY, A 3.5-METRE-WIDE CYCLE TRACK ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF TING KOK ROAD, PROVISION OF 16 NEW CARPARKING SPACES AND CONSTRUCTION OF EMERGENCY ACCESS ROADS/PEDESTRIAN WAYS, FOOTPATHS AND AMENITY AREAS.

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PERMANENT ALTERNATIVE ACCESS WILL BE PROVIDED TO CATER FOR THE EXISTING ACCESS THAT HAS TO BE CLOSED. DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD, TEMPORARY ACCESS WILL BE MAINTAINED SO THAT ANY INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC WILL BE MINIMISED.

THE EXISTING CYCLE TRACK ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF TING KOK ROAD WILL BE MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES UNTIL COMPLETION OF THE NEW CYCLE TRACK ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE ROAD.

THE EXISTING BUS BAY NEAR SAN KUNG TAO TONG WILL BE MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES UNTIL COMPLETION OF THE NEW BUS BAY TO THE NORTH.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA LTD, CONSULTING ENGINEERS ON BEHALF OF THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, AND AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, TAI PO AND AT THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL MUST WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN NOVEMBER 1 THIS YEAR.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR BUILDING BRIDGE IN TAI TAM ROAD

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THE GOVERNMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE H2 IN TAI TAM ROAD.

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

THE WORKS COMPRISE DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING BRIDGE H2 IN TAI TAM ROAD AND REPLACING IT WITH A BOX CULVERT. THE OPPORTUNITY WILL BE TAKEN TO REALIGN AND RECONSTRUCT A SECTION OF TAI TAM ROAD.

STORM WATER DRAINS WILL BE LAID AND RETAINING WALLS AND A FOOTWAY WILL BE CONSTRUCTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ROADWORKS.

CONSTRUCTION IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN NOVEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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

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RESUMPTION AND REPAIR OF HAM YU ST, GEORGE'S LANE

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO RESUME AND REPAIR HAM YU STREET IN WESTERN AND GEORGE'S LANE IN CENTRAL.

HAM YU STREET AND GEORGE'S LANE ARE NOT PROPERLY MANAGED AND MAINTAINED BECAUSE THEY ARE UNDER PRIVATE MULTIPLE OWNERSHIP.

AS A RESULT THEY ARE GENERALLY NOT IN GOOD REPAIR AND THE STREETS ARE PARTLY OCCUPIED BY STALLS.

THE SITUATION HAS SOMETIMES GIVEN RISE TO CONSIDERABLE ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRAFFIC PROBLEMS.

IT IS NOW PROPOSED TO RESUME HAM YU STREET AND GEORGE'S LANE SO THAT GOVERNMENT CAN REPAIR AND THEREAFTER MAINTAIN THE ROADS AND DRAINS TO A PROPER STANDARD FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

THE PROPOSED WORKS INVOLVE THE REPAIR OF THE DEFECTIVE CARRIAGEWAYS, FOOTPATHS AND DRAINS WITHIN THE PRIVATE STREETS. WORKS ON THESE PROJECTS ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN THE FIRST HALF OF NEXT YEAR.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

PLANS SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS AND LAND RESUMPTION CAN BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;

DISTRICT LAND OFFICE, HONG KONG WEST, 12TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG;

CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSALS MUST WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN NOVEMBER 1 THIS YEAR.

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INFORMATION ON FUND ACCOUNTING ARRANGEMENTS

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CERTAIN RELEVANT INFORMATION CONCERNING THE NEW ACCOUNTING ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE EXCHANGE FUND AND THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION (HSBC) WILL BE RELEASED FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION FROM MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 5).

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (FRIDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH SAID THAT FROM NEXT MONDAY ONWARDS, THE EXCHANGE FUND WOULD RELEASE FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION AT APPROPRIATE TIMES EACH DAY THROUGH REUTERS THE BALANCE IN HSBC'S ACCOUNT WITH THE EXCHANGE FUND AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS THE PREVIOUS DAY AND THE NET EFFECT OF OPERATIONS, IF ANY, CARRIED OUT BY THE EXCHANGE FUND DURING THE DAY ON THE BALANCE.

"THE REUTERS PAGE CODE IS 'HKEF'," THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT, ADDING THAT OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION WOULD BE SO PUBLISHED WHEN CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE.

HE RECALLED THAT THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, MR DAVID NENDICK, IN ANNOUNCING THE NEW ACCOUNTING ARRANGEMENTS ON JULY 15 THIS YEAR, HAD INDICATED THAT, GIVEN THE MONETARY EFFECTS OF EXCHANGE FUND OPERATIONS THEREUNDER, IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND MONEY MARKET PARTICIPANTS TO HAVE ACCESS TO CERTAIN RELEVANT INFORMATION.

"THE ARRANGEMENTS WITH REUTERS WILL SERVE THIS PURPOSE," HE NOTED.

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MORE OLD-TYPE IDENTITY CARDS DECLARED INVALID

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT ALL OLD-TYPE IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED BEFORE JULY 1 LAST YEAR TO MEN BORN BETWEEN 1957 AND 1962 WILL CEASE TO BE VALID DOCUMENTS FROM SEPTEMBER 12 THIS YEAR.

A NOTICE TO THIS EFFECT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THIS IS THE SECOND BATCH OF IDENTITY CARDS DECLARED INVALID SINCE THE NEW IDENTITY CARD RE-ISSUE SCHEME BEGAN ON JULY 1 LAST YEAR.

"ONCE AN OLD CARD IS DECLARED INVALID, IT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR ANY PURPOSE," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

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"FOR EXAMPLE, MEN OF THE ABOVE AGE GROUP HOLDING AN INVALID OLD-TYPE I.D. CARD WILL NOT BE ABLE TO USE IT FOR TRAVEL TO CHINA OR MACAU OR TO APPLY FOR A TRAVEL DOCUMENT."

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.

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

THE SIZE OF THE NEW-TYPE IDENTITY CARDS IS THE SAME AS THE OLD ONES.

"HOWEVER THERE ARE SOME DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE OLD CARDS AND THE NEW ONES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE MAIN DIFFERENCES ARE:

- (A) THE IDENTITY CARD NUMBER IS PRINTED IN THE TOP RIGHT CORNER IN THE OLD CARD, BUT IN THE BOTTOM RIGHT CORNER OF THE NEW CARD.
- (B) THE HONG KONG CREST AT THE BACK IS REPLACED BY THE MULTICOLOUR BACKGROUND PRINTING.

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

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON VISITED TWO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO UPDATE HIMSELF ON THEIR LATEST DEVELOPMENTS.

HE FIRST CALLED AT THE HEADQUARTERS WORKSHOP OF THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WHERE HE WAS BRIEFED BY THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES, MR GRAHAM OSBORNE ON THE WORK OF DIFFERENT SECTIONS.

MR OSBORNE TOLD HIM THAT THE WORKSHOPS DIVISION, COMPRISING TWO MAJOR WORKSHOPS AND SEVEN SMALLER DEPOTS WITH A TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT OF ABOUT 2,100, WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF ALL MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL, AIR-CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION EQUIPMENT BELONGING TO THE GOVERNMENT AND THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS.

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ITS MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY IS THE MAINTENANCE OF A WIDE RANGE OF VEHICLES, INCLUDING SALOON CARS, LORRIES AND SPECIALIST VEHICLES SUCH AS AMBULANCES, THE CRASH TENDERS AT THE AIRPORT, THE REFUSE COLLECTION VEHICLES OF THE TWO MUNICIPAL COUNCILS.

MR OSBORNE TOLD THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY THAT THE DIVISION WAS LOOKING AFTER 6,400 VEHICLES OF VARIOUS TYPES, AROUND 1,000 PIECES OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT AND GENERATORS, 3,000 WATER PUMPS, 80 LAND BOILERS, 7,000 TRAFFIC SIGNAL EQUIPMENT, 21,000 AIR-CONDITIONING UNITS AND 12,000 REFRIGERATORS.

MR JACOBS THEN WENT TO THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IN NORTH POINT WHERE HE WAS MET BY THE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES, MR ROY KILVERT AND THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, MR MICHAEL SMITH.

THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT, ESTABLISHED IN 1938 AS THE GOVERNMENT'S CENTRAL PURCHASING AND SUPPLY AGENCY, IS CELEBRATING ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR.

HE LEARNED THAT A SPECIAL CONTRACT NEGOTIATION TEAM WAS FORMED IN APRIL THIS YEAR TO SECURE BETTER PURCHASE PRICES AND MORE FAVOURABLE TERMS FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS PROFESSIONAL TEAM, THE DEPARTMENT IS BETTER ABLE TO PROCURE GOODS AND SERVICES WHICH GIVE THE BEST VALUE FOR MONEY, MR JACOBS WAS TOLD.

HE LATER VISITED VARIOUS NEWLY RENOVATED DIVISIONS, INCLUDING THE PROCUREMENT DIVISION, THE PROVISIONING AND INSPECTION SECTION, THE FURNITURE SECTION, AND STOCK VERIFICATION AND SUPPLIES SURVEYS SECTION AND WAS IMPRESSED BY THEIR MODERN OFFICE LAYOUT.

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NEW SPECIFICATIONS FOR DESTINATION INDICATORS
AND FARE CARDS ON PLBS

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A NOTICE LISTING SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF DESTINATION INDICATORS AND FARE CARDS DISPLAYED ON PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THESE DESTINATION INDICATORS AND FARE CARDS WERE FIRST GAZETTED IN 1976 AND ARE CURRENTLY APPLIED TO ALL GREEN MINIBUSES AND "RED" PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES. TODAY'S NOTICE IS TO UPDATE THE REQUIREMENTS.

UNDER THE NEW REQUIREMENTS, THE DESTINATION INDICATOR APERTURE MUST BE OF A MINIMUM SIZE OF EITHER 140 MM (HEIGHT) BY 460 MM (WIDTH) OR 80 MM (HEIGHT) BY 920 MM (WIDTH). THE HEIGHT OF LETTERING MUST AT LEAST BE 70 MM.

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AS FOR THE FARE CARD, IT MUST BE 150 MM IN LENGTH AND 75 MM IN WIDTH, WITH RED LETTERS AND CHARACTERS ON A WHITE BACKGROUND.

THE NEW REQUIREMENTS WILL TAKE EFFECT FROM TODAY (FRIDAY) AND WILL APPLY ONLY TO NEWLY REGISTERED GREEN MINIBUSES AND "RED" PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES. VEHICLES ALREADY REGISTERED WILL NOT BE AFFECTED AND ARE ONLY REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THE SPECIFICATIONS SET OUT IN 1976.

THE NOTICE ALSO REMINDED OWNERS AND DRIVERS OF PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES THAT THE DESTINATION INDICATOR SHOULD BE ADEQUATELY ILLUMINATED AT ALL TIMES DURING POOR VISIBILITY AND HOURS OF DARKNESS AND CLEARLY INDICATE THE DESTINATION IN ENGLISH AND IN CHINESE CHARACTERS BY REFERENCE TO A ROAD JUNCTION OR A SIMILARLY PRECISE LOCATION.

ONLY ONE DESTINATION INDICATOR SHOULD BE DISPLAYED AT THE FRONT OF THE VEHICLE AT ANY ONE TIME.

THE COLOUR OF THE DESTINATION INDICATORS ALSO DEPENDS ON THE OPERATING AREAS OF THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES.

THE LETTERS AND CHARACTERS SHOULD BE WHITE IN COLOUR, WITH DARK BLUE BACKGROUND FOR ROUTES OPERATING ON HONG KONG ISLAND, GREEN BACKGROUND FOR ROUTES TERMINATING IN KOWLOON AND NEW KOWLOON, YELLOW BACKGROUND FOR ROUTES TERMINATING IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND RED BACKGROUND FOR CROSS HARBOUR ROUTES.

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KCRC TO TAKE OVER GMB ROUTE 45

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THE OPERATION OF GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE NO. 45 PLYING BETWEEN SHAN KING ESTATE AND ON TING ESTATE IN TUEN MUN WILL BE TAKEN OVER BY THE KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION FROM SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 4), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE OPERATOR OF THE GMB SERVICE HAS NOTIFIED THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT OF HIS DECISION TO CEASE OPERATING THIS ROUTE, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO BE WITHDRAWN UPON THE COMMERCIAL OPENING OF THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM.

TO MAINTAIN THE EXISTING LEVEL OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES FOR PASSENGERS IN THE AREA PENDING THE COMMERCIAL OPENING OF THE LRT, THE KCRC HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE A REPLACEMENT SERVICE BY USING 24-SEATER COACHES CHARGING THE SAME FARES AS AT PRESENT.

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INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE PROJECT IN TAI PO
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AN INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE IS TO BE BUILT AT TAI PO KAU HUI IN TAI PO.

THE TWO-STOREY CENTRE WILL COMPRISE A MULTI-PURPOSE GAMES HALL AND THREE SQUASH COURTS.

OTHER FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE FITNESS TRAINING ROOMS, ACTIVITY ROOMS, TOILETS AND CHANGING ROOMS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START NEXT MONTH AND BE COMPLETED IN EARLY 1990.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT AND THESE MUST BE SUBMITTED BY NOON ON SEPTEMBER 23.

UPON COMPLETION, THE CENTRE WILL PROVIDE ABOUT 2,900 SQUARE METRES OF GAMES AREA FOR NEARBY TAI YUEN AND TAI WO ESTATES AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

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LOW CRIME RATE IN CENTRAL
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CENTRAL DISTRICT, WHICH IS THE COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL CENTRE OF HONG KONG, HAS A CRIME RATE SLIGHTLY LOWER THAN THAT OF OTHER DISTRICTS.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL CENTRAL DISTRICT ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE, MR WU KING-CHEONG, WHEN HE ADDRESSED THE PASSING OUT PARADE OF THE CENTRAL DISTRICT AUXILIARY POLICE AT THE AUXILIARY POLICE HEADQUARTERS IN KOWLOON BAY THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

HE ATTRIBUTED THE LOW CRIME RATE IN CENTRAL DISTRICT TO THE SUSTAINED EFFORTS BY THE AUXILIARY POLICE AND THEIR REGULAR COUNTERPARTS.

NOTING THAT THE AUXILIARY POLICE PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN HELPING TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER IN THE TERRITORY, MR WU SAID MORE THAN 20 AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICERS WERE DEPLOYED IN CENTRAL DISTRICT DAILY.

HE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE PART-TIME OFFICERS FOR SACRIFICING THEIR LEISURE TIME IN SERVING THE COMMUNITY, AND ENCOURAGED THEM TO BE PATIENT, COURTEOUS AND IMPARTIAL WHEN DEALING WITH MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

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IN CONCLUSION, MR WU ALSO URGED THEM TO PUT WHAT THEY HAD LEARNED INTO PRACTICE TO HELP MAINTAIN THE STABILITY AND PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG.

ON PARADE TODAY WERE 174 AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICERS AND CONSTABLES WHO HAVE JUST COMPLETED A ONE-WEEK ANNUAL RESIDENTIAL TRAINING COURSE AND WILL BE RETURNING TO THEIR NORMAL DUTIES.

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FIGHT CRIME SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP IN MONG KOK

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A FIGHT CRIME SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP HAS BEEN ORGANISED IN MONG KOK IN A BID TO AROUSE YOUNG PEOPLE'S INTEREST IN THE SPORT AND TO DEVELOP THEIR CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE NEED TO FIGHT CRIME.

A TOTAL OF 16 TEAMS HAVE ENTERED THE COMPETITION AND WILL START PLAYING THE FIRST ROUND AFTER AN OPENING CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT 6 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE FIRST ROUND WILL CONTINUE ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 4) WHILE THE SEMI-FINALS WILL TAKE PLACE ON SEPTEMBER 11 AND 18 AND THE FINAL ON SEPTEMBER 25. ALL THESE GAMES WILL BEGIN AT 9 AM.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY MONG KOK DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND URBAN COUNCIL, THE MATCHES WILL BE HELD AT MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND IN SAI YEE STREET.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

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APPRENTICE TRAINING SCHEME A SUCCESS

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THE GOVERNMENT HAD SUCCEEDED IN TRAINING ITS CRAFTSMEN AND TECHNICIANS TO MEET ITS OWN NEED THROUGH AN APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING SCHEME IT INTRODUCED IN 1969.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, MR CHAN KAM-CHUEN, DURING A GRADUATION CEREMONY HELD AT MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR CHAN SAID THE GOVERNMENT'S TRAINING EFFORT HAD BEEN IMPRESSIVE BY ANY STANDARD.

"IN THE PAST 19 YEARS, SOME 460 TECHICIAN APPRENTICES AND 1660 CRAFT APPRENTICES HAD SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED TRAINING.

"AT PRESENT, GOVERNMENT HAS A TARGET OF RECRUITING SOME 50 TECHNICIANS AND 160 CRAFT APPRENTICES ANNUALLY AND THERE ARE SOME 590 APPRENTICES UNDER VARIOUS STAGES OF TRAINING," MR CHAN SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT APPRENTICE TRAINING SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WHICH ALSO COORDINATES THE RECRUITMENT OF GOVERNMENT APPRENTICES.

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EYE CARE CAMPAIGN FOR SENIOR RESIDENTS

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AN EYE CARE CAMPAIGN WILL BE HELD BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 10 AND 22 IN KWUN TONG TO PROVIDE FREE EYE CHECK-UPS AND SPECTACLES FOR SENIOR RESIDENTS AGED 60 AND ABOVE.

THE CAMPAIGN IS CO-ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD AND THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE HONG KONG OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON, THE CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MRS WINNIE POON, SAID THE CAMPAIGN SERVED A DUAL PURPOSE OF OFFERING EYE CARE SERVICE TO SENIOR RESIDENTS AND AROUSING PUBLIC CONCERN TOWARDS CARE AND RESPECT FOR THE ELDERLY.

THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE LAUNCHED ON SEPTEMBER 10 (SATURDAY) WITH AN EYE CARE EXHIBITION AT THE LOK WAH ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE. SENIOR RESIDENTS ATTENDING THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE GIVEN FREE EYE CHECK-UPS AND A BOOKLET ON EYE CARE.

THE EXHIBITION WILL ALSO BE STAGED AT 13 OTHER VENUES IN THE DISTRICT, WHERE SIMILAR EYE CARE SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED.

"AFTER CHECK-UPS BY OPTOMETRISTS, SENIOR RESIDENTS CAN OBTAIN, IF REQUIRED, SPECTACLES AT DESIGNATED OPTICAL SHOPS FREE OF CHARGE," SHE ADDED.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, MR PAUL YU SHIU-TIN, SAID IT WAS THE EIGHTH EYE CARE CAMPAIGN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE GROUP WITH DISTRICT BOARDS AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, ADDING THAT SUCH A MEANINGFUL COMMUNITY SERVICE HAD BEEN WELL RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

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THE BUDGET FOR THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT EYE CARE CAMPAIGN FOR THE ELDERLY IS \$260,800, OF WHICH \$20,000 IS CONTRIBUTED BY KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD AND THE BALANCE BY THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS.

THE TIME TABLE FOR THE FREE EYE CHECK-UPS IS AS FOLLOWS:

AREA -----	DATE -----	VENUE -----
NGAU TAU KOK EAST	SEPTEMBER 10	LOK WAH ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE
TOWN CENTRE & INDUSTRIAL AREA	SEPTEMBER 11	KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, TUNG YAN STREET
PING SHEK/KAI YIP	SEPTEMBER 12	KAI YIP ESTATE COMMUNITY HALL
TING HONG	SEPTEMBER 13	KWONG YUM HOME FOR THE AGED
TSUI PING	SEPTEMBER 14	KWUN TONG COMMUNITY CENTRE, TSUI PING ROAD
SHUN LEE	SEPTEMBER 15	SHUN LEE ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE
NGAU TAU KOK NORTH	SEPTEMBER 16	NGAU TAU KOK CARITAS SOCIAL CENTRE
NGAU TAU KOK WEST	SEPTEMBER 17	TELFORD GARDEN WELLINGTON COLLEGE
YAU TONG SZE SHAN	SEPTEMBER 18	HO CHING PRIMARY SCHOOL
SAU MAU PING SOUTH	SEPTEMBER 19	SAU MAU PING (SOUTH) COMMUNITY CENTRE
SAU MAU PING NORTH	SEPTEMBER 20	SAU MAU PING (SOUTH) COMMUNITY CENTRE
LAM TIN NORTH	SEPTEMBER 21	LAM TIN (EAST) COMMUNITY CENTRE
LAM TIN SOUTH	SEPTEMBER 22	LAM TIN (EAST) COMMUNITY CENTRE

EYE CHECK-UP SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM 11.30 AM TO 4.30 PM ON SEPTEMBER 10 AND FROM 9 AM TO 4.30 PM DAILY BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 11 AND 22.

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KOWLOON CITY SYP CLOSES ON SUNDAY

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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WILL CLOSE WITH A WATER CARNIVAL TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 4) AT THE TAI WAN SHAN SWIMMING POOL.

THE CARNIVAL, BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM, WILL FEATURE SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING, A WATER TELEMATCH, SWIMMING SESSIONS AND LUCKY DRAWS.

THE EVENTS IS ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD.

UNDER THE DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME, ABOUT 340 ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN ORGANISED FOR 40,000 YOUNG PEOPLE AT A COST OF \$360,000 CONTRIBUTED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD.

THESE ACTIVITIES, CENTRED ON THE THEME OF "SHARING THE FUN AND SERVING THE COMMUNITY", HAVE INCLUDED CAMPING, OUTINGS, CARNIVALS, GAMES, SPORTS, TRAINING COURSES AND VARIOUS CLASSES.

OFFICIATING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY WILL BE THE REGIONAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (WEST KOWLOON), MR K.C. FUNG; KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SIK-KONG; AND ASSISTANT KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS LORNA MA.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CLOSING CEREMONY AND WATER CARNIVAL TO BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 4) AT THE TAI WAN SHAN SWIMMING POOL.

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CANTONESE SONG CONCERT TO CLOSE SYP ON CHEUNG CHAU

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ABOUT 500 ISLANDERS WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY A CANTONESE SONG CONCERT TOMORROW (SATURDAY) NIGHT AT THE PLAYGROUND OF THE TUNG WAN YOUTH RECREATIONAL CENTRE ON CHEUNG CHAU.

THE CONCERT, ORGANISED BY THE CHEUNG CHAU SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, WILL BE THE FINALE OF THE PROGRAMME ON THE ISLAND.

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ABOUT 20,000 YOUNG ISLANDERS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN 50 SUMMER ACTIVITIES HELD IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT.

BEFORE THE CONCERT BEGINS, A BRIEF CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 5 PM TO MARK THE CLOSING OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JONATHAN NG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CHEUNG CHAU SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CLOSING CEREMONY TO BEGIN AT 5 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE PLAYGROUND OF TUNG WAN YOUTH RECREATIONAL CENTRE, CHEUNG CHAU.

THE PRESS LAUNCH "CLEMENTI" WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER, TSIM SHA TSUI AT 3.30 PM. INFORMATION OFFICER, MR RAYMOND TAM, WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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SAI KUNG SYP CLOSES TOMORROW

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THE EIGHT-WEEK SAI KUNG DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WILL BE BROUGHT TO A CLOSE TOMORROW (SATURDAY) WHEN A SEMINAR ON THE YOUTH POLICY REPORT IS HELD AT THE CLEAR WATER BAY GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB.

PRIOR TO THE SEMINAR, ORGANISATIONS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WILL BE GIVEN SOUVENIRS FOR THEIR WORK IN ORGANISING SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR HUNDREDS OF LOCAL YOUTHS AT A CLOSING CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT 2 PM.

OFFICIATING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY AND THE SEMINAR WILL BE THE SAI KUNG ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS BETTY CHING AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WILLIAM WAN.

THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WAS ORGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE AND CO-ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (SAI KUNG OFFICE).

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MORE THAN 70 PROGRAMMES ARRANGED BY THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE TOOK PLACE BETWEEN JULY 9 AND THE END OF AUGUST.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE 1988 SAI KUNG DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME AND THE SEMINAR ON THE YOUTH POLICY REPORT TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE CLEAR WATER BAY GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB.

THE CLOSING CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM. TRANSPORT FOR THE MEDIA WILL DEPART FROM THE SAI KUNG JOCKEY CLUB TOWN HALL, FUK MAN ROAD, SAI KUNG TOWN AT 1.30 PM.

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SUNDAY PHOTO SESSION AT COUNTRY PARK

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THE "FIELD DAY FOR PHOTO ENTHUSIASTS" - AN OUTDOOR ACTIVITY FOR PARTICIPANTS OF THE CLEAN AND GREEN '88 PHOTO COMPETITION - WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 4) MORNING IN THE SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK.

THE EVENT WILL BE PRECEDED BY A BRIEF CEREMONY OFFICIATED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTRY PARK BOARD PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE, MR WILLIAM WAN, AND THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CONSERVATION AND COUNTRY PARKS) OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR K.C. IU.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE ACTIVITY IS AN HOUR-LONG PHOTO SESSION DURING WHICH POPULAR ARTISTES OF THE TELEVISION BROADCASTS LIMITED WILL POSE FOR PARTICIPATING PHOTOGRAPHERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT. TRANSPORT FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE PROVIDED AND WILL LEAVE AFD HEADQUARTERS, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON AT 9 AM ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 4).

AS THE EVENT VENUE IS WITHIN COUNTRY PARK AREA WHERE PUBLIC VEHICULAR ACCESS IS RESTRICTED, MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO ARRANGE THEIR OWN TRANSPORT ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE AFD INFORMATION UNIT AT 3-7332176 BEFORE 12 NOON TOMORROW FOR THE NECESSARY PERMITS. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED.

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SPECIAL STAMP MARKS CATHEDRAL'S CENTENARY
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A SPECIAL 60 CENT STAMP TO MARK THE CENTENARY OF THE CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL WILL BE ISSUED BY THE POST OFFICE ON SEPTEMBER 30.

THE STAMP WAS DESIGNED BY MR CARLITOS J. BUENDIA AND PRINTED IN AUSTRALIA BY CPE AUSTRALIA LTD.

OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVERS AT 50 CENTS EACH WILL BE PUT ON SALE AT ALL POST OFFICES ON SEPTEMBER 16.

EXPLAINING THE BACKGROUND TO THE ISSUE, A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE BUILDING IS ONE OF THE OLDEST IN HONG KONG.

CATHOLICISM TOOK ROOT IN HONG KONG WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THE FIRST MISSIONARIES SOME 147 YEARS AGO.

PLANS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL IN CAINE ROAD WERE INITIATED BY THE MOST REV. T. RAIMONDI AND THE CONSTRUCTION BEGAN IN 1883 WITH ITS FOUNDATION STONE LAID ON DECEMBER 8.

THE CATHEDRAL WAS COMPLETED IN 1888 AND WAS INAUGURATED ON DECEMBER 8 OF THE SAME YEAR.

AT THE TIME, THIS GOTHIC STYLE CATHEDRAL DOMINATED THE HARBOUR AS NO OTHER BUILDING OF THE CITY DID, AND IN THE DIGNITY OF ITS ARCHITECTURE, ITS SIZE AND ITS SPACIOUS SURROUNDINGS, IT RANKED AMONG THE GREAT CHURCHES OF THE EAST.

THE CATHEDRAL WAS DESIGNED BY A HONG KONG ARCHITECT, MR CROWLEY, AND CONSTRUCTED AT A COST OF \$120,000 WHICH WAS CONSIDERED A GREAT SUM EVEN FOR A LARGE CHURCH IN THOSE DAYS.

DURING THE PAST 100 YEARS MORE THAN 30,000 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN BAPTISED AND ABOUT 10,000 COUPLES MARRIED IN THE CATHEDRAL.

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NO TURNING MOVEMENTS ON EASTBOUND CONNAUGHT ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT VEHICLES ON EASTBOUND CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN DIRECTLY INTO THE CENTRAL VEHICULAR FERRY PIER OR GILMAN STREET FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 5).

THE MEASURE WILL FACILITATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION WORKS.

VEHICLES HEADING FOR THESE TWO PLACES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA RUMSEY STREET AND PIER ROAD.

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