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REPORTS ON GEOTECHNICAL AREA STUDIES COMPLETED

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS JUST PUBLISHED THE GEOTECHNICAL AREA STUDIES PROGRAMME REPORT (GASP XII) FOR THE TERRITORY OF HONG KONG.

WITH THE RELEASE OF THIS REPORT, THE GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE (GCO) HAS COMPLETED THE SERIES OF 12 REPORTS CONTAINING REGIONAL GEOTECHNICAL INFORMATION FOR PLANNING AND LAND MANAGEMENT PURPOSES.

THE FIRST OF THESE REPORTS, FOR THE HONG KONG ISLAND AND KOWLOON AREA, WAS RELEASED IN JULY 1987.

THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER, DR A.W. MALONE, SAID THAT GASP XII SUMMARISED THE 11 REGIONAL GASP STUDIES ALREADY ON SALE, AND WITH ITS PUBLICATION THE GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE HAD COMPLETED A SYSTEMATIC INVENTORY OF THE LAND RESOURCES OF THE TERRITORY.

"THE RELEASE OF GASP XII IS TIMELY BECAUSE, WITH THE RECENT DECISION TO BUILD THE NEW AIRPORT, WE ARE ABOUT TO EMBARK ON AN EXCITING AND CHALLENGING NEW PHASE OF THE TERRITORY'S DEVELOPMENT," DR MALONE SAID.

"IT WILL BE A VERY IMPORTANT SOURCE OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE TERRAIN TO BE USED DURING THE PLANNING PROCESS TO ENSURE SAFE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TO MINIMISE THE LIKELIHOOD OF SLOPE FAILURE," HE ADDED.

THE REPORT CONTAINS A WEALTH OF FACTUAL INFORMATION INCLUDING DATA TABLES, AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS, REPRODUCTIONS OF OLD MAPS AND FOLD-OUT COLOUR MAPS. FOURTEEN 1:100,000 SCALE "GEOTECS" COMPUTER MAPS, HIGHLIGHTING DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THE RESOURCES OF THE TERRITORY, ARE IN THE ACCOMPANYING MAP FOLDER.

GASP XII SHOULD BE OF VALUE TO THOSE CONCERNED WITH PLANNING, LAND DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND ENGINEERING FEASIBILITY STUDIES.

IT WILL ALSO BE OF INTEREST TO TEACHERS AND ACADEMICS INVOLVED IN EARTH SCIENCE-RELATED SUBJECTS.

THE GASP STUDIES WERE DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY FOR PLANNING AND WERE BASED ON A UNIQUE SYSTEM FOR EVALUATING THE GEOTECHNICAL LIMITATIONS OF THE LAND.

DR MALONE POINTED OUT THAT THE GASP STUDIES EMPLOYED TERRAIN CLASSIFICATION TECHNIQUES USING AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS, FIELD SURVEY AND EXISTING SITE INVESTIGATION RECORDS.

"THE EXPERTISE DEVELOPED IN HONG KONG DURING THESE STUDIES HAS ATTRACTED CONSIDERABLE INTERNATIONAL INTEREST.

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"HONG KONG IS WELL KNOWN ABROAD FOR ITS VORACIOUS CAPACITY TO BUILD AND CONSTRUCT, BUT THE HIGHLY DEVELOPED METHODS USED HERE TO ASSIST IN THE PLANNING OF DEVELOPMENT ARE NOT GENERALLY APPRECIATED BY THE PUBLIC." HE SAID.

"GASP XII IS ALSO AN HISTORICAL DOCUMENT IN ITS OWN RIGHT, BECAUSE IT CONTAINS MORE THAN 220 PHOTOGRAPHS ILLUSTRATING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TERRITORY SINCE THE MID-19TH CENTURY." HE ADDED.

ELEVEN REGIONAL GASP REPORTS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AND MAP SALES OUTLETS OF THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT. THEY ARE:

- GASP I - HONG KONG AND KOWLOON
- GASP II - CENTRAL NEW TERRITORIES
- GASP III - WEST NEW TERRITORIES
- GASP IV - NORTH WEST NEW TERRITORIES
- GASP V - NORTH NEW TERRITORIES
- GASP VI - NORTH LANTAU
- GASP VII - CLEAR WATER BAY
- GASP VIII - NORTH EAST NEW TERRITORIES
- GASP IX - EAST NEW TERRITORIES
- GASP X - ISLANDS
- GASP XI - SOUTH LANTAU

DR MALONE POINTED OUT THAT THE 12 GASP REPORTS AND ACCOMPANYING 55 MAPS PUBLISHED SINCE 1987 COMPLEMENTED THE NEW GEOLOGICAL MAPS AND MEMOIRS WHICH THE GCO WAS PRODUCING AS PART OF THE REVISED GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF HONG KONG.

THE NEW GEOLOGICAL MAPS AND THE GASP REPORTS FORMED IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OF THE GCO'S CO-ORDINATED APPROACH TO THE ASSESSMENT OF THE TERRITORY'S LAND AND MARINE RESOURCES, HE ADDED.

BETTER FINANCIAL AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THE ELDERLY

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS STEPPED UP EXPANSION ON VARIOUS COMMUNITY SUPPORTIVE SERVICES IN ADDITION TO IMPROVED FINANCIAL AIDS FOR THE ELDERLY. THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR ALFRED CHUI, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE METHODIST SOUTHOEN CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY, MR CHUI POINTED OUT THAT THESE SERVICES INCLUDED STRENGTHENING OF HOME HELP SERVICES AND SETTING UP MORE SOCIAL CENTRES, DAY-CARE CENTRES AND MULTI-SERVICE CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY.

"THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALWAYS BEEN VERY KEEN ON SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY, AND WE MAY TRACE BACK TO 1973 WHEN A WORKING PARTY WAS SET UP TO STUDY THE SOCIAL NEEDS OF THE ELDERLY," HE SAID.

IT WAS RECKONED THAT THE PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH OLD AGE COULD NOT BE SATISFACTORILY TACKLED UNLESS THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE WAS WILLING AND ABLE TO FOSTER A CARING ROLE, MR CHUI EXPLAINED.

"INSTITUTIONAL CARE, WHICH MAY SEGREGATE THE ELDERLY FROM THE ENVIRONMENT THEY ARE FAMILIAR WITH, MAY BE PROVIDED TO THE ELDERLY ONLY AS A LAST RESORT WHEN OTHER ALTERNATIVES ARE NOT AVAILABLE," MR CHUI SAID.

"DURING THE LAST TWO YEARS, THE GOVERNMENT HAS SET UP A CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY AND A WORKING GROUP ON HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY WHICH REVIEWED RELATED SERVICES AND PROVIDED A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS.

"THESE INCLUDED THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RESPITE SERVICES AND OUTREACHING SERVICES; SPEEDING UP THE PROVISION OF DAY-CARE CENTRES AND SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY; CATERING FOR THE NEEDS AND IMPROVING THE STANDARD OF SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES; AND STEPPING UP COMMUNITY EDUCATION ON THE CONCEPT OF 'CARE IN THE COMMUNITY'." HE SAID.

MR CHUI COMMENDED THE METHODIST CENTRE FOR ITS ZEALOUS EFFORTS IN THE PROVISION OF SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY. AT PRESENT, THE METHODIST SOUTHOEN CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY HAS AN ENROLMENT OF ABOUT 260.

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HEAVY FINES FOR SITE SAFETY OFFENDERS

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CONTRACTORS ARE TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED OF THEIR LEGAL OBLIGATION TO OBSERVE REGULATIONS ON CONSTRUCTION SITES TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND HEALTH OF WORKERS.

THIS FOLLOWED A NUMBER OF RECENT PROSECUTIONS AGAINST SITE CONTRACTORS FOR BREAKING VARIOUS SAFETY LAWS, RESULTING IN HEAVY FINES IMPOSED ON THE OFFENDERS.

IN ONE OF THE CASES, A PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR WAS PROSECUTED FOR FAILURE TO EMPLOY A FULL-TIME SAFETY OFFICER FOR THE 244 WORKMEN HE EMPLOYED ON FOUR CONSTRUCTION SITES.

UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (SAFETY OFFICERS AND SAFETY SUPERVISORS) REGULATIONS, A PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR MUST EMPLOY ONE REGISTERED SAFETY OFFICER ON A FULL-TIME BASIS WHEN 200 OR MORE PERSONS ARE EMPLOYED ON HIS SITE OR SITES, AND TO EMPLOY A SAFETY SUPERVISOR ON A SITE WITH 20 OR MORE WORKERS.

THE CONTRACTOR PLEADED GUILTY AND WAS FINED \$2,000 BY A WESTERN MAGISTRATE.

THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME A CONTRACTOR WAS CONVICTED OF THE OFFENCE, WHICH CARRIES A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$20,000.

IN ANOTHER CASE, A CONTRACTOR WAS FINED \$25,000 BY A CENTRAL MAGISTRATE FOR FAILURE TO ENSURE THAT ALL WORKMEN ON HIS SITE WORE SUITABLE SAFETY HELMETS, AS REQUIRED UNDER THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS.

A FACTORY INSPECTOR HAD FOUND THAT ONLY EIGHT OUT OF THE 58 WORKERS AT THE SITE WORE SAFETY HELMETS.

THE REGULATIONS REQUIRE A CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE SUITABLE SAFETY HELMETS FOR EVERY WORKMAN EMPLOYED AND TO TAKE REASONABLE STEPS TO ENSURE THAT NO WORKMAN REMAINS ON THE SITE UNLESS HE WEARS A HELMET.

A NUMBER OF PROSECUTIONS WERE ALSO TAKEN OUT AGAINST TWO OTHER CONTRACTORS FOR BREAKING VARIOUS PROVISIONS UNDER THE REGULATIONS.

THE CONTRACTOR OF A SITE IN YUEN LONG WAS FINED A TOTAL OF \$50,000 BY A FANLING MAGISTRATE FOR FAILURE TO PROVIDE GUARDRAILS AT FLOOR EDGES AND FLOOR OPENINGS TO PREVENT THE FALL OF PERSONS FROM HEIGHT.

ANOTHER CONTRACTOR WAS FINED \$40,000 ON CHARGES OF FAILING TO PROVIDE GUARDRAILS FOR LIFT SHAFT OPENINGS AND FLOOR OPENINGS AT A SITE IN SHEK WU HUI.

THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS REQUIRE ALL PLACES LIKELY TO CAUSE FALLS OF PERSONS IN A CONSTRUCTION SITE TO BE SECURELY FENCED. OFFENDERS ARE LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$50,000.

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POLICE PRESENCE IN KOWLOON WALLED CITY

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PETITE WOMAN POLICE INSPECTOR TRACEY LEE HAD NEVER SET FOOT INSIDE KOWLOON WALLED CITY -- UNTIL SHE BECAME ASSISTANT OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF KOWLOON CITY DIVISIONAL TASK FORCE RESPONSIBLE FOR POLICING THE SQUALID SETTLEMENT.

THAT WAS IN JULY THIS YEAR.

NOW SHE CAN FIND HER WAY WITH EASE ALONG THE LABYRINTHINE ALLEYS AND STEP NIMBLY ACROSS THE CLOSELY LINKED ROOFTOPS. SHE NO LONGER SCREAMS WHEN SHE SEES A RAT.

"I'VE SEEN THEM AS BIG AS CATS," SAID TRACEY, "AND THE WHOLE PLACE IS DARK, DIRTY AND HAZARDOUS TO PATROL. IT'S LIKE A JIGSAW PUZZLE.

"BUT I'VE NEVER REGARDED THE WALLED CITY AS A DANGEROUS PLACE."

THREE TASK FORCE TEAMS OF A SERGEANT AND FIVE CONSTABLES ARE ON WALLED CITY DUTIES ON A THREE SHIFT 24-HOUR DAY FOR THREE MONTHS.

THERE ARE PROBABLY NO POLICE OFFICERS HAPPIER THAN THEY THAT THE WALLED CITY IS BEING CLEARED OF ITS 30,000 POPULATION IN A THREE PHASED PROGRAMME TO CLEAR HONG KONG'S LEAST POPULAR BEATS.

THE 2.7 HECTARE MAZE OF FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND HOMES IS BEING VACATED ENTIRELY BEFORE IT IS DEMOLISHED TO MAKE WAY FOR AN OPEN SPACE OF PARKLAND.

THE FIRST PHASE IS ALMOST COMPLETE; THE TWO-PART SECOND PHASE SHOULD BE VACANT BY THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR AND THE ENTIRE AREA CLEAR AND READY FOR DEMOLITION BY 1992.

MAIN CRIME PROBLEMS INSIDE THE WALLED CITY ARE STILL BURGLARIES, SNATCHINGS AND ROBBERIES. THE DRIPPING WATER PIPES, THE DARK AND DIRTY ALLEYS AND THE HAZARDS OF SUDDENLY COLLAPSING WALLS PRESENT MORE UNPLEASANTNESS.

AND AS THE RESIDENTS HAVE MOVED OUT TO NEW HOMES ELSEWHERE SO THE CRIME FIGURES HAVE DROPPED.

"WE WERE AVERAGING ABOUT 20 CRIMES A MONTH BEFORE THE EVACUATIONS STARTED," SAID TRACEY. "NOW IT'S DOWN TO ABOUT THREE OR FOUR."

THE PEOPLE SEEM QUITE HAPPY TO ACCEPT THE COMPENSATION DEAL OFFERED TO THEM BY THE GOVERNMENT.

"THE TIME FOR TROUBLE WAS AFTER THE LETTERS FIRST WENT OUT INFORMING PEOPLE OF THE EVACUATION AND COMPENSATION PROGRAMME. THERE WERE BANNERS AND POSTERS AND DEMONSTRATIONS BUT NOW THE TERMS HAVE BEEN FULLY EXPLAINED THERE ARE NO PROBLEMS."

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TRACEY ACKNOWLEDGED THE VALUABLE WORK OF THE LOCAL KAIFONG ASSOCIATION IN EXPLAINING TO RESIDENTS THE NEED FOR THE EVACUATION AND ITS TERMS.

"WE NOW HAVE NO INCIDENTS AT ALL. THERE ARE NO MAJOR PROBLEMS WITH THE RESIDENTS. IN FACT THE PEOPLE ARE FRIENDLY AND THE CONSTABLES IN THE WALLED CITY ARE BEING TREATED WITH RESPECT. THEY ARE GETTING ON FINE WITH THE RESIDENTS.

"THE CRIME RATE IS DECREASING ALL THE TIME. WE HAVE NO REAL EVIDENCE OF ORGANISED CRIME AND WE HAVE NO PROBLEMS OVER THE ILLEGAL EMPLOYMENT OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS."

NEVERTHELESS POLICE OF THE TASK FORCE ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE AN INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF THE LAYOUT OF THE HAPHAZARDLY STRUCTURED BUILDINGS IN THE WALLED CITY.

THEY KNOW THAT BY ASCENDING IN ONE OF THE TWO LIFTS THEY CAN WALK ACROSS ROOFTOPS AND DESCEND IN THE OTHER. THEY KNOW THE LOCATIONS OF CORRIDORS LINKING ONE BUILDING WITH ANOTHER AND EVERY NOOK AND CRANNY IN THE SLIMY AND SLIPPERY ALLEYS.

ALTHOUGH ONE SECTION OF THE CITY IS ALMOST CLEARED OF PEOPLE AND WATER AND ELECTRICITY SUPPLIES DISCONNECTED POLICE STILL PAY ATTENTION TO THOSE AREAS, WHICH ARE NOW UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A SECURITY COMPANY.

"WE DON'T WANT PEOPLE COMING BACK AFTER AN AREA HAS BEEN CLOSED," SAID TRACEY. "AND SOME HOMES ARE DIVIDED INTO SEVERAL CUBICLES WITH MANY KEY HOLDERS. AS LONG AS A PLACE IS NOT ENTIRELY CLEARED THE POLICE PRESENCE WILL BE THERE."

TRACEY IS THE THIRD WOMAN INSPECTOR TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE POLICING OF THE WALLED CITY SINCE THE EVACUATIONS WERE ANNOUNCED.

"I THINK IT'S BECAUSE WOMEN ARE REGARDED AS POSSIBLY MORE DIPLOMATIC IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES," SHE SAID. "I'M STILL LEARNING ABOUT THE PLACE. IT'S DAMP, DARK AND DIRTY WITH POOR SANITATION -- AND WHEN I SAW SOME OF THE FOOD BEING PREPARED THERE I GAVE UP EATING SOME THINGS I HAD ENJOYED.

"YOU CAN WALK IN ONE WAY AND GET LOST AND COME OUT SOMEWHERE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT. IT'S LIKE WORKING IN A LABYRINTH.

"BUT FOR US IT'S ONLY PART OF OUR NORMAL PATROLS."

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PLANS FOR PROVISION OF MEALS TO POLICE AT BORDER POSTS

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PROVIDING THREE SQUARE MEALS A DAY FOR 1,000 POLICE OFFICERS ON BORDER DUTIES AFTER THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE ARMY IS A PRIORITY IN POLICE FORCE PLANNING IN PREPARATION FOR THE PHASED MILITARY PULLOUT, DUE TO BE COMPLETED BY 1993.

AS THE BORDER DUTIES ARE RESUMED BY POLICE OF THE NEW FIELD PATROL DETACHMENT A SERIES OF BORDER KITCHENS WILL ALSO GO INTO ACTION TO PROVIDE MORALE BOOSTING GOOD FOOD.

PLANS FOR THE PROVISION OF MEALS TO POLICE AT BORDER POSTS INCLUDE THE INTRODUCTION OF MOBILE FOOD CONVOYS DELIVERING HOT BOXES CONTAINING A VARIETY OF CHINESE DISHES AT OUTPOSTS STRUNG ALONG THE BORDER.

PLANS ALSO INCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF HELICOPTER FOOD DROPS AT MORE ISOLATED POSTS IN HILLY AND INACCESSIBLE AREAS.

MR ARTHUR LUKE OF THE FORCE CATERING UNIT IN WELFARE BRANCH HAS BEEN APPOINTED CHIEF STAFF INSPECTOR, CATERING, FIELD PATROL DETACHMENT, AND WILL WORK AT THE BORDER UNDER THE COMMAND OF THE DETACHMENT'S CHIEF STAFF OFFICER.

A TRAINING SECTION FOR THE FIELD PATROL DETACHMENT TO BE SET UP AT THE NEW TERRITORIES DEPOT WILL HAVE ITS OWN CANTEEN, AND THREE KITCHENS FOR THE PREPARATION OF DAILY HOT MEALS WILL BE BASED IN KITCHENS CURRENTLY OPERATED BY THE ARMY IN EAST, CENTRAL AND WEST SECTORS OF THE BORDER.

EACH KITCHEN WILL DISTRIBUTE FOOD TO 10 POINTS IN EACH SECTOR ALONG THE BORDER.

MR LUKE SAID: "THE CATERING SECTION WILL MOVE IN AS THE ARMY MOVES OUT, STARTING WITH SHA TAU KOK, WHICH WE PROPOSE TO TAKE OVER TOWARDS THE END OF NEXT YEAR.

"FROM THAT BASE IN SHA TAU KOK VILLAGE WE SHALL CARRY OUT CATERING SERVICES FOR THE 10 LOCATIONS IN THAT SECTOR. WE WILL ALSO BASE CATERING SERVICE AREAS AT SANDY SPUR AND MAN KAM TO."

MR LUKE SAID THE PLAN WAS TO DELIVER HOT BOXES OF FOOD AND THERMAL INSULATED CONTAINERS OF HOT AND COLD DRINKS TO UP TO EIGHT MEN MANNING EACH POST ON A ROUND THE CLOCK BASIS - THREE SHIFTS DAILY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK.

"THERE WILL BE THREE DELIVERIES DAILY TO EACH POST TO PROVIDE THREE GOOD MEALS A DAY FOR EACH SHIFT. VANS WILL DROP FOOD AND COLLECT EMPTY CONTAINERS AND WE ARE CONSIDERING A SYSTEM OF SUPERMARKET-TYPE TROLLEYS FOR THE HOT BOXES TO BE MOVED FROM DELIVERY POINTS TO THE BORDER POSTS.

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"SOME OF THE POSTS ARE IN ISOLATED HILLTOP POSITIONS AND REACHING THEM WILL BE DIFFICULT SO IT IS POSSIBLE THAT IN SOME CIRCUMSTANCES FOOD MIGHT BE DELIVERED BY HELICOPTER."

ONE DELIVERY VAN WOULD OPERATE FROM EACH KITCHEN AND A MOBILE CANTEEN WOULD BE PROVIDED TO SUPPORT THE TRAINING UNIT AT FANLING, MR LUKE SAID.

A RATION VEHICLE WILL PROCURE FOOD FOR PREPARATION AT THE FOUR KITCHENS.

"THERE WILL BE A THOUSAND MEN, INCLUDING HEADQUARTERS STAFF, ON BORDER DUTIES AFTER THE ARMY HAS PULLED OUT AND FEEDING THEM WILL BE AN IMPORTANT MATTER.

"WE ARE PLANNING THAT EACH MEAL WILL CONSIST OF FOUR OR FIVE CHINESE DISHES AND WE AIM AT MODIFYING THE EXISTING ARMY KITCHENS TO ENABLE US TO PREPARE GOOD CHINESE MEALS.

"WHEN THE FORCE MOVES INTO THE BORDER AREAS ALL OFFICERS ARE NATURALLY GOING TO BE THINKING OF THEIR NEXT MEAL. IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE IN ISOLATED POSITIONS DOING MONOTONOUS DUTIES FOR 13 WEEKS, FOOD HAS GOT TO BE SOMETHING WORTH HAVING.

"OFFICERS ARE GOING TO BE SITTING ON THE TOP OF WATCH TOWER, LOOKING FORWARD TO THEIR FOOD. IT'S GOING TO BE A BIG EVENT IN THEIR DAY AND MAKING SURE THEY GET IT IS GOING TO PROVIDE A BIG BOOST TO THEIR MORALE," MR LUKE SAID.

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TWO BEATING RETREAT CEREMONY SHOWS NEXT MONTH

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THE BEATING RETREAT CEREMONY--A HISTORICAL AND STIRRING MILITARY-STYLE SPECTACULAR--WILL STAGE TWO SHOWS AT THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL IN WONG CHUK HANG NEXT MONTH.

"THIS WILL BE THE FIFTH YEAR THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ADMITTED TO ENJOY THIS COLOURFUL AND ENTERTAINING CEREMONY, COINCIDENTALLY RAISING MONEY FOR CHARITY PURPOSES," A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

HE SAID PUBLIC RESPONSE TO THE PERFORMANCES DURING THE PAST FOUR YEARS WAS VERY ENCOURAGING AND OVER \$250,000 HAD BEEN RAISED.

"PROCEEDS FROM THIS YEAR'S EVENT WILL GO TO THE SOCIETY FOR REHABILITATION," HE ADDED.

THE TWO PUBLIC SHOWS, TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 18 (SATURDAY) AND 19 (SUNDAY), BOTH BEGINNING AT 7 PM, WILL BE PREPARED BY THE PRESTIGIOUS BANDS OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ROYAL MALAYSIA POLICE BAND.

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OTHER ITEMS INCLUDE FAN DANCE BY THE POLICE WOMEN'S CHINESE DANCE CLUB AND A DISPLAY OF SILENT DRILL.

TICKETS FOR THE TWO SHOWS, AT \$30, \$80, \$120 AND \$250, ARE NOW ON SALE AT THE POLICE WELFARE BRANCH (5-8041111) IN WAN CHAI, POLICE SPORTS AND RECREATION CLUB (3-7780258) IN SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET, NEW TERRITORIES REGIONAL WELFARE OFFICE (0-4872270) IN KWAI CHUNG AND ALL DISTRICT POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICES.

AMPLE PARKING SPACES WILL BE PROVIDED FOR SPECTATORS AT THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL WHICH, LOCATED JUST NEXT TO THE OCEAN PARK, IS ALSO WELL SERVED BY A NUMBER OF BUS ROUTES.

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COMIC BOOK TO SPREAD ANTI-JUVENILE CRIME MESSAGES

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YOUNG COMIC BOOK FANS WILL SOON BE LEARNING ANTI-JUVENILE CRIME MESSAGES FROM THEIR READING WHEN A NEW COMIC BOOKLET COMES INTO CIRCULATION NEXT MONTH.

THE 32-PAGE CHINESE COMIC BOOK, WHICH IS JOINTLY PUBLISHED BY THE POLICE PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH AND THE DENON STUDIO, CONTAINS A STORY WHICH TELLS OF A POSITIVE APPROACH TO LIFE AND OF THE IMPORTANCE OF AVOIDING CRIMES.

A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT A TOTAL OF 100,000 BOOKLETS HAD BEEN PRINTED AND THEY WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE PUBLIC FREE OF CHARGE IN MID-NOVEMBER.

HE ADDED THAT AS THE COMIC BOOK WAS MAINLY TARGETTED AT YOUNGSTERS, ABOUT 50,000 COPIES WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED DIRECTLY TO FORM 1 STUDENTS BY POLICE SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICERS.

THE REST WILL BE PLACED AT DISTRICT OFFICES AND DISTRICT POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICES, TO BE GIVEN OUT ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

COPIES OF THE BOOK WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR LOAN AT VARIOUS PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

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CLEANER ENVIRONMENT IN WONG TAI SIN SQUATTER AREAS

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THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT IN WONG TAI SIN'S SQUATTER AREAS HAS IMPROVED AS A RESULT OF A CLEANLINESS CAMPAIGN.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY (SUNDAY) BY MR LI YUK-WA, CHAIRMAN OF THE WONG TAI SIN SQUATTER AREAS CLEANLINESS CAMPAIGN WORKING GROUP FORMED UNDER THE DISTRICT BOARD'S SQUATTER AREAS COMMITTEE.

SPEAKING AT A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AND TEA RECEPTION TO MARK THE CLOSING OF THE CAMPAIGN, MR LI SAID MANY RUBBISH BLACKSPOTS AND CLOGGED DRAINAGES IN THE SQUATTER AREAS HAD BEEN CLEARED BY URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT STAFF AND PRIVATE CONTRACTORS HIRED WITH DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS.

MR LI COMMENDED MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE FOR THEIR JOINT EFFORT IN MAKING THE CAMPAIGN A SUCCESS.

"WITHOUT THEIR ASSISTANCE AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE GOOD RESULTS IN THE SQUATTER AREAS CLEANLINESS CAMPAIGN," HE SAID.

MR LI POINTED OUT THAT PUBLICITY MATERIALS HAD BASICALLY REACHED EVERY RESIDENT OF THE SQUATTER AREAS AND THAT HUNDREDS OF RESIDENTS HAD TAKEN PART IN ACTIVITIES AND COMPETITIONS ORGANISED TO CONVEY THE "KEEP CLEAN" MESSAGE.

THE FOUR-WEEK-LONG CAMPAIGN, WHICH STARTED ON SEPTEMBER 24, WAS ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN SQUATTER AREAS CLEANLINESS CAMPAIGN WORKING GROUP.

ACTIVITIES HELD INCLUDED CROSSWORD PUZZLE AND COLOUR-SHADING COMPETITIONS, AND A COMPETITION TO SELECT THE CLEANEST HOUSEHOLD AND VILLAGE. THERE WERE ALSO CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS AND PEST CONTROL EXERCISES.

THE UPPER LION ROCK VILLAGE WAS SELECTED THE CLEANEST SQUATTER VILLAGE OF THE DISTRICT WHILE SHEUNG YUEN LENG AND HEUNG YEUNG VILLAGES WERE THE FIRST AND SECOND RUNNERS-UP.

OFFICIATING GUESTS AT TODAY'S CEREMONY INCLUDED THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, DR MICHAEL LEE; CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S SQUATTER AREAS COMMITTEE, MRS LEE LO YUK-SIM; ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS SANDY CHAN; AND THE DISTRICT'S HYGIENE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR KONG WAN-FEE.

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RESIDENTS URGED TO TAKE PART IN DISTRICT FESTIVAL

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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN FISHER, TODAY (SUNDAY) CALLED ON LOCAL RESIDENTS TO TAKE PART IN ACTIVITIES OF THE \$1.5 MILLION DISTRICT FESTIVAL DUE TO START LATER THIS MONTH.

HE SAID RESIDENTS WOULD HAVE A CHOICE OF A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES DURING THE MONTH-LONG FESTIVAL, TO BE HELD IN ITS THIRD YEAR.

"APART FROM RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND SPORTING PURSUITS, THERE WILL BE ACTIVITIES SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO ENHANCE CIVIC AWARENESS AND ENCOURAGE MORE PARTICIPATION IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS," HE ADDED.

MR FISHER MADE THE APPEAL AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE DISTRICT'S ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEET AT THE WAN CHAI SPORTS GROUND.

HE ALSO PRESENTED TROPHIES TO WINNERS OF SOME OF THE COMPETITION'S TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS.

MORE THAN 500 ATHLETES, MOSTLY YOUNG PEOPLE, TOOK PART IN THE ANNUAL SPORTS MEET WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY A LARGE NUMBER OF SPECTATORS.

IT WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION (DRSA), WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE DISTRICT'S SIX AREA COMMITTEES.

ALSO ATTENDING THE FUNCTION WERE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER MRS IRENE LEE, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DRSA, MR NGAI WAI-MING AND MR WOO KING-CHEONG.

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EASTERN DISTRICT LOOKS FOR OUTSTANDING YOUTHS

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EASTERN DISTRICT IS IN SEARCH OF CARING AND ENTHUSIASTIC YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND VOLUNTARY WORK.

THEY WILL BE HONOURED WITH THE TITLE OF "1989 EASTERN DISTRICT OUTSTANDING YOUTH" AND AWARDED PRIZES WHICH INCLUDE A STUDY TRIP TO SINGAPORE AND BOOK COUPONS.

ANY YOUNG PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 16 AND 30 WHO LIVE, STUDY OR WORK IN THE DISTRICT MAY BE NOMINATED FOR THE AWARD IF THEY HAVE A GOOD RECORD OF COMMUNITY SERVICE.

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THE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA WILL ALSO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS. THEIR ANALYTICAL ABILITY AND THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARDS WORK.

NOMINEES ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT, TOGETHER WITH NOMINATION FORMS. A 300-WORD ARTICLE ON THEIR VIEWS ON THE ROLE OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY.

SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND AN INTERVIEW ON NOVEMBER 29.

THE AWARD SCHEME IS BEING JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD, THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT'S YOUTH RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF THE TERRITORY-WIDE YOUTH FESTIVAL SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER.

THE ADJUDICATORS FOR THE AWARD SCHEME WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, MRS ROSANNA TAM; EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GARY YEUNG; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG; CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S YOUTH RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MISS SUN FONG-CHUNG; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP ON YOUTH FESTIVAL IN THE DISTRICT, MR WU TING-PANG.

THE THREE TOP WINNERS WILL EACH BE OFFERED AN EIGHT-DAY STUDY TRIP TO SINGAPORE IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR IN ADDITION TO A TROPHY. SEVEN OTHER OUTSTANDING CANDIDATES WILL BE AWARDED BOOK COUPONS WORTH \$500 AND TROPHIES.

NOMINATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS THREE SUB-OFFICES. TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-630181 EXT. 32.

THE FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AT GROUND FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD BY NOVEMBER 17.

WINNERS WILL BE INVITED TO RECEIVE THE AWARDS AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE YOUTH FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES IN EASTERN DISTRICT AT VICTORIA PARK ON DECEMBER 10.

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ENTRIES INVITED FOR FLOWER SHOW

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FLOWER-LOVERS ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT ENTRIES TO THE THIRD NORTH DISTRICT FLOWER, BIRD, INSECT AND FISH SHOW TO BE HELD DURING CHRISTMAS.

"SPONSORED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. THE SHOW WILL BE HELD AT THE FANLING RECREATION GROUND AND THE ADJACENT FANLING ROTARY YOUTH CENTRE FROM DECEMBER 22 TO 26." A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

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LADY WILSON WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE FIVE-DAY SHOW, WHICH IS A DISTINCTIVE CULTURAL EVENT IN NORTH DISTRICT.

A COMPETITION WILL BE HELD FOR SIX CATEGORIES OF FLOWERS AND PLANTS - POT PLANTS. MINIATURE POT PLANTS. AFRICAN VIOLETS. BONSAI-TYPE PLANTS. EXOTIC ORCHIDS. AS WELL AS ORIENTAL AND LOCAL ORCHIDS.

"THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IN THE FLOWER COMPETITION SECTION IS DECEMBER 5." THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"TROPHIES, CERTIFICATES AND CASH PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO WINNERS IN EACH CATEGORY." HE ADDED.

ENTRY FORMS. TOGETHER WITH DETAILS OF RULES AND REGULATIONS, CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE IN JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING; THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BRANCH OFFICE IN CHO YUEN ESTATE, SHEUNG SHUI; AND THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES LOCATED AT SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEUNG SHUI AND IN CHEUNG WAH ESTATE, FANLING.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, 67 SAN FUNG AVENUE, FIRST FLOOR, SHEUNG SHUI.

"LAST YEAR THE JOINT EXHIBITION ATTRACTED ABOUT 60,000 VISITORS.

"THIS YEAR'S SHOW WILL BE LARGER IN SCOPE AND WITH MORE ATTRACTIONS." THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

COLOURFUL BIRDS OF DIFFERENT SPECIES WILL BE DISPLAYED IN SIX LARGE CAGES IN ADDITION TO ILLUSTRATIONS PROVIDED BY THE WORLD WIDE FUND FOR NATURE HONG KONG ON BIRD WATCHING, MIGRATION, DIET AND RINGING.

THE INSECT SECTION WILL FEATURE BOTH LIVE INSECTS AND SPECIMENS, WITH EMPHASIS ON THEIR ECOLOGY. CAMOUFLAGE. MIMICRY AND REPRODUCTION.

ALSO OF EDUCATIONAL VALUE WILL BE A DISPLAY BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT ON FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE WITH MODELS OF FISHING BOATS.

TANKS OF VARIOUS SPECIES OF TROPICAL AQUARIUM FISH, GOLDFISH AND CORAL FISH WILL BE ANOTHER ATTRACTION IN THE FISH SECTION.

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NOISE CONTROL SEMINAR IN SHAM SHUI PO
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THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE WILL HOLD A SEMINAR ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 26) TO PROVIDE FACTORY AND RESTAURANT OPERATORS IN THE DISTRICT WITH A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE INDUSTRIAL PROVISIONS OF THE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE WHICH WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE LATER THIS YEAR.

THE SEMINAR, CONDUCTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM AT THE LAI KOK COMMUNITY HALL, LAI KOK ESTATE.

THE INDUSTRIAL PROVISIONS OF THE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE SET OUT TO CONTROL NOISE FROM PLACES OTHER THAN DOMESTIC PREMISES, PUBLIC PLACES OR CONSTRUCTION SITES.

THOSE WHO FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS ARE SUBJECT TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$50,000 ON FIRST CONVICTION AND \$100,000 ON SUBSEQUENT CONVICTIONS.

APART FROM BRIEFING LOCAL FACTORY AND RESTAURANT OPERATORS ON DETAILS OF THE PROVISIONS, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO EXPLAIN TO THE OPERATORS THE STEPS THAT SHOULD BE TAKEN WHEN A NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICE IS RECEIVED.

THEY WILL ALSO INTRODUCE SOME BASIC PRINCIPLES IN REDUCING INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL NOISE.

A PAMPHLET ENTITLED "A PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR THE REDUCTION OF INDUSTRIAL NOISE" WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO PARTICIPANTS AT THE SEMINAR.

TELEPHONE RESERVATION CAN BE MADE ON 5-8351124.

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KWAI TSING TO PROMOTE REHABILITATION CONCEPT
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THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD WILL ORGANISE A SERIES OF REHABILITATION ACTIVITIES FROM THE END OF THIS MONTH TO EARLY NEXT YEAR TO PROMOTE THE REHABILITATION CONCEPT AMONG RESIDENTS.

THESE INCLUDE SEMINARS, VISITS TO REHABILITATION ORGANISATIONS, AN EXHIBITION AND A GAMES DAY.

A SEMINAR INTRODUCING REHABILITATION SERVICES TO RESIDENTS IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 27 AT TSING YI ESTATE WHILE ANOTHER ONE TARGETTED AT PROFESSIONALS WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 11 IN THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM.

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VISITS WILL BE ARRANGED IN DECEMBER TO THE NEW LIFE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION'S KWAI SHING WORKSHOP, THE SOCIETY OF HOMES FOR THE HANDICAPPED'S LAI YIU ADULT TRAINING CENTRE, AND THE WINIFRED MARY CHEUNG MORNING HOPE SCHOOL.

THE SERIES OF ACTIVITIES WILL BE CONCLUDED WITH AN EXHIBITION AND A GAMES DAY ON JANUARY 7 AT HING FONG ROAD PLAYGROUND.

ENQUIRIES AND ENROLMENT CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 0-4273593.

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SINGING CONTEST IN TAI PO
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MUSIC LOVERS IN TAI PO ARE INVITED TO JOIN A CIVIC EDUCATION SINGING CONTEST TO BE HELD IN THE DISTRICT NEXT MONTH (NOVEMBER).

THE CONTEST IS DIVIDED INTO FIVE SECTIONS -- PRIMARY SCHOOL CHORUS, SECONDARY SCHOOL CHORUS, PUBLIC CHORUS, CHILDREN'S SOLO AND PUBLIC SOLO.

EACH PARTICIPATING TEAM OF THE SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS CHORUS SECTIONS SHOULD COMPRISE BETWEEN 20 TO 50 MEMBERS WHILE THAT OF THE PUBLIC CHORUS SECTION SHOULD COMPRISE MORE THAN TWO PERSONS.

PARTICIPANTS OF THE CHILDREN'S SOLO SECTION SHOULD BE AGED 12 OR BELOW AND THOSE OF THE PUBLIC SOLO SECTION SHOULD BE OVER 13 YEARS OLD.

SEMI-FINALS WILL BE HELD AT THE TAI PO COMMUNITY CENTRE ON NOVEMBER 11 AND 19. THE FINAL WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE TAI PO CIVIC CENTRE ON NOVEMBER 25.

PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE AMATEUR SINGERS. THEY ARE REQUIRED TO SING TWO SONGS OF WHICH ONE IS ASSIGNED.

WINNERS OF EACH SECTION WILL BE AWARDED TROPHIES AND WILL BE INVITED TO PERFORM DURING THE DISTRICT'S COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES. EACH PARTICIPANT WILL BE GIVEN A COMMEMORATIVE CERTIFICATE.

THE CONTEST IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE 1989-90 TAI PO DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN AND THE TAI PO DISTRICT ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION. IT IS SPONSORED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD AND DISTRICT OFFICE.

ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE TAI PO DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN AT ROOM 232, TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO BEFORE OCTOBER 31.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 0-6586520 OR 0-6581223.

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KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN TELEMATCH

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STUDENTS IN KWUN TONG DISTRICT WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO DISPLAY THEIR ATHLETIC TALENTS AT A TELEMATCH. THE "KEEP KWUN TONG CLEAN YOUTH RALLIES". NEXT MONTH.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S WORKING GROUP ON KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN. THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE URBAN COUNCIL. THE GAMES WILL BE HELD AT SAU NGA ROAD PLAYGROUND. SAU MAU PING. ON NOVEMBER 26.

OPEN TO STUDENTS AGED BETWEEN 13 AND 18, IT IS ONE OF THE DISTRICT'S ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF THIS YEAR'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

THOSE WHO WISH TO TAKE PART IN THE TELEMATCH SHOULD APPROACH THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE'S LAM TIN SUB-OFFICE AT UNIT 2. BLOCK 15, LAM TIN ESTATE. TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-404855.

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GOVT TUNNEL STAFF COMPLETE TRAINING ON VEHICLE RECOVERY

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TRANSPORT CONTROLLERS OF GOVERNMENT TUNNELS HAVE COMPLETED A REFRESHER TRAINING COURSE ON VEHICLE RECOVERY TO ENHANCE THEIR CAPABILITY AND EFFICIENCY IN MAINTAINING A SMOOTH FLOW OF TRAFFIC INSIDE VEHICULAR TUNNELS.

SIXTEEN TUNNEL CONTROLLERS TOOK PART IN THE FIVE-DAY COURSE CONDUCTED BY THE ROYAL ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS OF THE BRITISH FORCES AT SHEK KONG.

THE COURSE. COMPRISING BOTH WORKSHOP TRAINING AND FIELD EXERCISES. FORMED PART OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S TRAINING PROGRAMME TO IMPROVE THE OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY IN RECOVERING AND REMOVING CRIPPLED VEHICLES ARISING FROM ACCIDENTS AND BREAKDOWNS OF VEHICLES WITHIN TUNNEL AREAS.

DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR THE THREE GOVERNMENT TUNNELS - LION ROCK, ABERDEEN AND AIRPORT - RECORDED A TOTAL OF 1,562 ACCIDENTS AND BREAKDOWNS.

TUNNEL STAFF WERE TAUGHT ON THE EFFECTIVE USE OF CRANES, TOWAGE EQUIPMENT AND ANCHORS IN VEHICLE RECOVERY OPERATIONS. A SIMILAR COURSE WAS CONDUCTED IN JANUARY THIS YEAR.

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NEW IDENTITY CARDS FOR MEN BORN IN 1941-44

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MEN BORN IN 1941, 1942, 1943 OR 1944 ARE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO NOVEMBER 25.

MEN OF THE ABOVE AGE GROUP SHOULD CALL AT ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES DURING THIS PERIOD.

"THE NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES ARE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM DAILY, EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

"IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE ISSUE OFFICES WILL BE VERY CROWDED IN THE EVENINGS. TO AVOID HAVING TO QUEUE UP AT THE ISSUE OFFICES OR TO COME BACK ON ANOTHER DAY, APPLICANTS ARE ADVISED TO GO TO THESE OFFICES IN THE MORNINGS AND AFTERNOONS." HE ADDED.

APPLICANTS MAY ALSO MAKE USE OF THE PHONE-IN SERVICE TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING THE OFFICE OF THEIR CHOICE.

THE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE:

- HONG KONG : BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI.
TEL. NO. 5-747070
- EAST KOWLOON : AMOY PLAZA, SECOND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD
TEL. NO. 3-7553679
- WEST KOWLOON : CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR, 393 CANTON ROAD, YAU MA TEI
TEL. NO. 3-7232424
- TSUEN WAN : EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, 29-37 TSUEN FU STREET
TEL. NO. 0-4981259
- SHA TIN : SHOP 8A, SECOND FLOOR, CHANWAY SHOPPING CENTRE, 11-17, SHA TIN CENTRE STREET, SHA TIN
TEL. NO. 0-6059108
- YUEN LONG : HOP YICK CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK ROAD
TEL. NO. 0-4771543
- TUEN MUN : CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, CHI LOK FA YUEN
TEL. NO. 0-4580862
- SHEUNG SHUI : TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR, 82-84 SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI
TEL. NO. 0-6727191

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"APPLICANTS NORMALLY NEED TO BRING ALONG THEIR EXISTING IDENTITY CARDS IF THEIR CARDS WERE FIRST REGISTERED NOT LESS THAN SEVEN YEARS AGO AND BEAR THE *** SYMBOL," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"HOWEVER, IF THE APPLICANT'S IDENTITY CARD WAS FIRST REGISTERED LESS THAN SEVEN YEARS AGO OR DOES NOT HAVE THE *** SYMBOL, HE IS REQUIRED TO FURNISH MORE PERSONAL PROOF.

"IN ADDITION TO PRODUCING HIS EXISTING IDENTITY CARD, HE MUST PRODUCE HIS TRAVEL DOCUMENT AND EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING (IF ANY) - HONG KONG BIRTH CERTIFICATE, HONG KONG NATURALISATION CERTIFICATE OR HONG KONG REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE," HE SAID.

"IN SOME CASES, APPLICANTS MAY BE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THEIR CLAIM TO HAVE THE RIGHT OF ABODE IN HONG KONG. IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, THEY WILL BE ADVISED INDIVIDUALLY," HE ADDED.

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

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'JING YING' CONCERT FOR CHINESE MUSIC LOVERS
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THE MUSIC OFFICE WILL HOLD A "JING YING" CONCERT FOR LOCAL CHINESE MUSIC LOVERS ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 26) AS PART OF THE 1989 HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE MUSIC FESTIVAL WHICH STARTED TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE CONCERT WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM AT THE SHOUSON THEATRE OF HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE.

PERFORMING AT THE CONCERT WILL BE THE NEWLY FORMED MUSIC OFFICE CHINESE ORCHESTRA, WINNERS OF THE SCHOOLS MUSIC FESTIVAL AND FOUR CHINESE GUEST MUSICIANS - MR REN TONGXIANG (ON SUONA), MR WANG FANDI (ON PIPA), MISS WANG HONGYI (ON LIUQIN) AND MR JIANG XUNFENG (ON ERHU).

UNDER THE BATON OF RENOWNED MUSICIAN MISS CHAN MAN-CHONG, THE MUSIC OFFICE CHINESE ORCHESTRA WILL PRESENT A WELL-KNOWN COMPOSITION "RAINBOW".

DURING THE FESTIVAL PERIOD THE FOUR GUEST MUSICIANS WILL GIVE A SERIES OF MASTERCLASSES AT THE MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE.

THE MUSIC DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG CHINESE ORCHESTRA, MR KUAN NAI-CHUNG, WILL GIVE A LECTURE ON THE CHARACTERISTICS OF CHINESE MUSIC IN HONG KONG ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 24), WHILE THE MUSIC OFFICE WILL HOLD A SEMINAR ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 28) ON "THE NATIONALITY AND INTERNATIONALITY OF CHINESE MUSIC".

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BOTH THE LECTURE AND THE SEMINAR, TO BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM.

TICKETS FOR THE "JING YING" CONCERT AT \$20 AND \$30 EACH ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL URBIX OUTLETS.

ADMISSION TO THE MASTERCLASSES, LECTURE AND THE SEMINAR IS FREE. FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 5-8235321.

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FRESH WATER CUTS IN TWO AREAS

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SHEUNG SHUI WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 10 PM ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 24) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY CHOI YUEN ESTATE, CHOI PO COURT, YUK PO COURT AND SHEUNG SHUI TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA.

ALSO TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 25) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, POPLAR STREET, BOUNDARY STREET, LAI CHI KOK ROAD, WONG CHUK STREET, TAI NAN STREET, KI LUNG STREET, YU CHAU STREET AND APLIU STREET.

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