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FIRST-CLASS PORT FACILITIES MAINTAINED

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STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT HONG KONG HAS FIRST-CLASS PORT FACILITIES, THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, SAID THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE EXPOSHIP FAR EAST '86 INTERNATIONAL MARITIME EXHIBITION, MR JACOBS SAID THAT THE PORT OF HONG KONG CONTINUED TO MEET THE DEMANDS PLACED ON IT.

+WE SEE AN INCREASING NUMBER OF SHIPS USING THE PORT, MORE CARGO HANDLED, AND, SURPRISINGLY, A GREATER PASSENGER THROUGHPUT,+ HE SAID.

+CARGOES WERE UP 12-1/2 PER CENT IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR - A TREND LIKELY TO BE MAINTAINED - AND THE NUMBER OF OCEAN-GOING VESSELS CALLING AT HONG KONG INCREASED BY 5 PER CENT DURING THE SAME PERIOD. PASSENGER TRAFFIC IN 1985 WAS UP 9 PER CENT OVER 1984,+ HE SAID.

MR JACOBS POINTED OUT THAT THE PRESENT PLANNING TOOK US BEYOND THE YEAR 2000 AND WOULD BE REGULARLY UPDATED TO MEET OUR NEEDS. +HONG KONG'S PORT HAS A BRIGHT FUTURE,+ HE SAID.

TURNING TO THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY, MR JACOBS SAID HONG KONG OCCUPIED A PROMINENT POSITION AS A CENTRE FOR SHIPOWNING AND WAS A SIGNIFICANT PORT OF REGISTRY FOR SHIPS.

+THE PRINCIPLES ON WHICH THE FUTURE REGISTER WILL OPERATE HAVE BEEN AGREED BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF BRITAIN AND CHINA AND WE ARE NOW WORKING TO CONVERT THESE PRINCIPLES INTO DETAILED WORKING PROCEDURES.+

HE ADDED THAT IT WAS THE GOVERNMENT'S FIRM INTENTION THAT THE NEW HONG KONG REGISTER WOULD RETAIN THE EXISTING HIGH STANDARDS IN RELATION TO MANNING AND OPERATION.

+WITH THE EMERGENCE OF HONG KONG AS A CENTRE FOR SHIPOWNING, HONG KONG'S SHIPPING-RELATED INDUSTRIES HAVE ALSO GROWN,+ HE NOTED.

+WE SEE MORE INVOLVEMENT IN SHIPPING BY THOSE ENGAGED IN FINANCE, INSURANCE, BANKING AND SO ON. ALSO, HONG KONG RANKS AS A LEADING SHIP MANAGEMENT CENTRE FOR THE FAR EAST, AND INDEED IN THE WORLD.+

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SECOND QUARTER CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT STATISTICS RELEASED

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THE TOTAL GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY ALL CONTRACTORS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1986 AMOUNTED TO \$9 426 MILLION, WHICH WAS 1.1 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND 0.3 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THE SAME QUARTER OF 1985, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS (INCLUDING WORK CARRIED OUT AT CONSTRUCTION SITES, ERECTED BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES, AND OTHER MINOR WORK LOCATIONS) IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1986 WAS \$6 085 MILLION.

THIS GAVE AN INDEX OF 92.4, WHICH WAS 1.1 PER CENT LOWER THAN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER BUT 0.7 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THE SAME QUARTER OF 1985. THE QUARTERLY AVERAGE OF 1982 WAS TAKEN AS 100 FOR THE INDEX.

THE FIGURES FOR MAIN CONTRACTORS ARE FREE FROM THE EFFECT OF DOUBLE-COUNTING OF CONSTRUCTION VALUE DUE TO THE SUB-CONTRACTING PRACTICE IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY. THEY ARE, THEREFORE, DIFFERENT FROM THE FIGURES ON CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY ALL CONTRACTORS.

THE GROSS VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED BY MAIN CONTRACTORS AT CONSTRUCTION SITES IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1986 AMOUNTED TO \$4 751 MILLION, WHICH WAS 1.1 PER CENT AND 0.6 PER CENT LOWER THAN THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND THE SAME QUARTER OF 1985 RESPECTIVELY. OF THIS, \$1 524 MILLION WAS CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT OF PUBLIC PROJECTS. THE LATTER RECORDED A DECREASE OF 19.9 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER, OR 10.1 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME QUARTER OF 1985.

IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, THE CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT AT SITES, AT \$3 227 MILLION, SHOWED INCREASES OF 11.1 PER CENT AND 4.7 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND THE SAME QUARTER OF 1985 RESPECTIVELY.

THE DECLINE IN CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR WAS RELATED TO TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS, NOTABLY THE COMPLETION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY ISLAND LINE. THE CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT OF TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS DROPPED BY \$348 MILLION IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1986 WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER, AND BY \$224 MILLION WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME QUARTER OF 1985.

THE OUTPUT VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1986 WAS \$1 845 MILLION. THIS REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 7.0 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND 13.7 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME QUARTER OF 1985.

THE OUTPUT VALUE OF COMMERCIAL-RESIDENTIAL (COMPOSITE) BUILDINGS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1986 WAS \$623 MILLION, WHICH WAS 23.4 PER CENT AND 64.4 PER CENT ABOVE THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND THE SAME QUARTER OF 1985 RESPECTIVELY.

THE OUTPUT VALUE OF COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS WAS \$474 MILLION, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 9.7 PER CENT IN COMPARISON WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER BUT A DROP BY 42.7 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME QUARTER OF 1985.

THE OUTPUT VALUE OF INDUSTRIAL AND STORAGE BUILDINGS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1986 WAS \$482 MILLION, WHICH WAS 21.4 PER CENT AND 69.1 PER CENT ABOVE THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND THE SAME QUARTER OF 1985 RESPECTIVELY.

MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT IS GIVEN IN THE +REPORT ON THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT, SECOND QUARTER 1986+ RELEASED TODAY BY THE DEPARTMENT.

THE QUARTERLY SURVEY REPORT IS PRICED AT \$2 A COPY. PURCHASES MAY BE MADE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT CENTRE, OR AT THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 317 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL. REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION MAY ALSO BE ARRANGED.

ENQUIRIES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT ON 3-7224490.

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TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS SHOW INCREASE
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COMPLAINTS ABOUT TRANSPORT MATTERS LODGED WITH THE TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT (TCU) IN THE PERIOD JULY TO SEPTEMBER 1986 ROSE BY 32 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO THE UNIT'S QUARTERLY REPORT RELEASED TODAY (SATURDAY).

A TOTAL OF 1 959 COMPLAINTS WERE RECEIVED DURING THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW COMPARED WITH 1 486 IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR, WHILE 1 734 WERE FILED IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER STARTING APRIL 1986.

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THE UPWARD TREND WAS DUE TO MORE COMPLAINTS ABOUT PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES, TRAFFIC CONDITIONS, ROAD MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT, SAID THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE TCU, MR MOHAMMED RUMJAHN.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES REMAINED THE LARGEST SINGLE GROUP OF COMPLAINTS HANDLED BY THE TCU, CONSTITUTING SLIGHTLY MORE THAN 40 PER CENT OF ALL COMPLAINTS RECEIVED.

REGARDING THE ADEQUACY OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES, 302 COMPLAINTS WERE RECEIVED. THESE WERE MAINLY GENERATED BY AN INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES IN NEWLY COMPLETED HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE INADEQUACY OF BUS SERVICE WERE MOSTLY MADE BY COMMUTERS IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT, QUARRY BAY, CHAI WAN, TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD AREAS AND THE WESTERN DISTRICT ON HONG KONG ISLAND, AND BY THOSE IN KWUN TONG, SHA TIN, TAI PO, TUEN MUN AND KWAI TSING DISTRICTS IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+COMPLAINTS ABOUT INADEQUACY OF SERVICE WERE REFERRED TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT FOR CONSIDERATION AS THE SUBJECTS OF COMPLAINT INCLUDE FREQUENCY - CARRYING CAPACITY, ROUTING, HOURS OF OPERATION AND PROVISION OF STOPS,+ MR RUMJAHN EXPLAINED.

COMPLAINTS CONCERNING THE STANDARD OF SERVICE OF THE VARIOUS MODES OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT MADE UP 477 CASES OR APPROXIMATELY 60 PER CENT OF THE CASES INVOLVING PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES.

+THESE COMPLAINTS WERE TAKEN UP INDIVIDUALLY WITH THE TRANSPORT OPERATORS CONCERNED OR WITH THE RELEVANT AUTHORITIES (TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT CONCERNING IRREGULARITIES IN GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES AND THE POLICE IN RESPECT OF TAXI MALPRACTICES),+ MR RUMJAHN SAID.

THE STANDARD OF SERVICE OF THE TWO FRANCHISED BUS COMPANIES WAS THE SUBJECT OF 228 COMPLAINTS. BUSES NOT KEEPING TO SCHEDULED FREQUENCY AND BUS DRIVERS - BUS CAPTAINS FAILING TO PICK UP - SET DOWN PASSENGERS ATTRACTED THE MAJORITY OF THESE COMPLAINTS.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT ERRATIC BUS SERVICE ON HONG KONG ISLAND WERE MAINLY DIRECTED AT BUS ROUTES SERVING THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT. IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES, COMPLAINTS ABOUT BUSES NOT KEEPING TO SCHEDULED FREQUENCY WERE MAINLY LEVELLED AGAINST BUS ROUTES SERVING KWUN TONG AND SHA TIN DISTRICTS AND THE WESTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

TURNING TO GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES, MR RUMJAHN POINTED OUT THAT THE MAJOR AREAS OF COMPLAINTS WERE NON-ADHERENCE TO SCHEDULED FREQUENCY - ROUTING AND CONDUCT AND PERFORMANCE OF DRIVERS.

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COMPLAINTS ABOUT TAXI SERVICE RECEIVED BY THE TCU HAD MORE THAN DOUBLED FROM 42 CASES IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER TO 103 CASES THIS QUARTER. MOST OF THE COMPLAINTS CONCERNED MALPRACTICE AND MISCONDUCT BY TAXI DRIVERS, SUCH AS REFUSING HIRE OR SOLICITING PASSENGERS, OVERCHARGING AND NOT TAKING THE MOST DIRECT ROUTE.

DURING THE PASSAGE OF TWO TYPHOONS IN JULY AND AUGUST, SIX CASES OF TAXI DRIVERS REFUSING HIRE OR DEMANDING EXCESSIVE FARES WERE REPORTED TO THE TCU.

MR RUMJAHN ADVISED COMPLAINANTS TO REPORT MALPRACTICES BY TAXI DRIVERS TO THE POLICE DIRECT AS THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE IS THE STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR TAKING ENFORCEMENT ACTION.

CONCERNING SEA TRANSPORT, MR RUMJAHN SAID ROUTES OPERATED BY THE HONGKONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY SERVING THE OUTLYING ISLANDS ATTRACTED MOST OF THE COMPLAINTS ON FERRY SERVICES LODGED WITH THE TCU. THE MAIN AREAS OF COMPLAINT WERE INADEQUACY OF SERVICE, CARRYING CAPACITY, ERRATIC SERVICE, CONDUCT OF STAFF AND PASSENGER BOARDING ARRANGEMENTS.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT ROAD CONGESTION TOTALLED 359 CASES - 97 CASES ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 153 CASES IN KOWLOON AND 109 CASES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

FACTORS WHICH WERE ATTRIBUTABLE TO ROAD CONGESTION INCLUDED VEHICLE OBSTRUCTION, TRAFFIC ENGINEERING MATTERS, INADEQUATE ROAD CAPACITY, ROAD WORKS AND HAWKER AND PAVEMENT OBSTRUCTION. OF ALL CASES CONCERNING VEHICLE OBSTRUCTION CAUSING CONGESTION, ABOUT 40 PER CENT WERE DIRECTED AGAINST PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES TOTALLED 107 CASES. THE MAJOR AREAS OF CONCERN WERE PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER RECONSTRUCTION AND ITS RELATED TRAFFIC DIVERSION SCHEME, TRAFFIC FLOW ALONG LOCKHART ROAD, TRAFFIC FLOW ALONG MAN KAM TO ROAD AND ROAD SAFETY ASPECTS IN HANG HAU ROAD, SAI KUNG.

COMPLAINTS CONCERNING MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND ROAD WORKS INCREASED TO 204 THIS QUARTER, COMPARED WITH THE 173 CASES LODGED IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER. THE MAJOR AREAS OF COMPLAINT WERE DEFECTIVE ROAD SURFACE, MALFUNCTIONING TRAFFIC LIGHTS AND DAMAGED TRAFFIC SIGNS OR AIDS.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT CASES ROSE FROM 136 CASES IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER TO 190 THIS QUARTER, MAINLY INVOLVING REQUESTS FOR TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST ILLEGAL PARKING, ABANDONED VEHICLES AND OTHER ROAD OFFENCES.

THE TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT, SET UP UNDER THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO RECEIVE AND MONITOR COMPLAINTS ON TRANSPORT MATTERS, OPERATES A 24-HOUR HOTLINE ON 5-776866.

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UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS RELEASED
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THE UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION REMAINED STABLE WHILE THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION IMPROVED IN THE JULY-SEPTEMBER 1986 QUARTER, COMPARED WITH THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 1986, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR JULY-SEPTEMBER WAS 2.8 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH THE RATE OF 3.0 PER CENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE AND OF 3.3 PER CENT FOR THE SAME QUARTER OF LAST YEAR. THE DECREASE OF 0.2 PERCENTAGE POINT COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS QUARTER IS STATISTICALLY NOT SIGNIFICANT, WHILE THE DECREASE OF 0.5 PERCENTAGE POINT COMPARED WITH THE SAME QUARTER OF LAST YEAR IS STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN THE JULY-SEPTEMBER QUARTER WAS ESTIMATED AT 75 000, COMPARED WITH 80 600 FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE AND 86 900 FOR THE SAME QUARTER OF LAST YEAR.

THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE FOR JULY-SEPTEMBER WAS 1.3 PER CENT, WHICH COMPARES WITH THE RATE OF 1.9 PER CENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE. THE RATE FOR JULY-SEPTEMBER 1985 WAS 2.1 PER CENT. THE DECREASES OF 0.6 PERCENTAGE POINT COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS QUARTER AND OF 0.8 PERCENTAGE POINT COMPARED WITH THE SAME QUARTER OF LAST YEAR ARE BOTH STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS FOR THE JULY-SEPTEMBER QUARTER WAS 36 600, COMPARED WITH 52 200 FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE AND 55 400 FOR JULY-SEPTEMBER 1985.

CONSISTENT WITH THE LATEST RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (ILO), PERSONS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS A WEEK DUE TO ECONOMIC REASONS (SUCH AS SLACK WORK, MATERIAL SHORTAGE, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWN AND INABILITY TO FIND FULL-TIME WORK) WERE REGARDED AS UNDEREMPLOYED ONLY IF THEY WERE EITHER SEEKING OR AVAILABLE FOR MORE WORK.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS SAID THAT BECAUSE THE PROPORTION OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS (PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST LEFT SCHOOL) VARIES FROM MONTH TO MONTH, UNEMPLOYMENT RATES THAT HAD BEEN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE VARIATIONS IN THE NUMBER OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS SHOULD BE USED IN MAKING COMPARISONS OVER TIME.

THE COMMISSIONER ADDED THAT, BASED ON A SYSTEM OF MANUAL EXTRACTION OF INFORMATION FROM SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES FOR THE LATEST MONTH, PROVISIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES COVERING THE LATEST THREE-MONTH PERIOD COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHIN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE SURVEY. THESE PROVIDE AN EARLY INDICATION OF THE LATEST TREND IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION.

THE PROVISIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED) FOR AUGUST-OCTOBER WAS 2.8 PER CENT AND THE PROVISIONAL UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 1.3 PER CENT. HOWEVER, THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IS EXPECTED TO BE LOWER AFTER SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT. (THE UNADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR JULY-SEPTEMBER WAS 3.0 PER CENT.)

THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE OBTAINED FROM A CONTINUOUS GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT. THIS SURVEY COVERS A QUARTERLY SAMPLE OF SOME 14 000 HOUSEHOLDS OR 50 000 PERSONS, SELECTED SCIENTIFICALLY TO REPRESENT THE LAND-BASED CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION IN HONG KONG.

PERSONAL AND LABOUR FORCE DATA WERE OBTAINED IN THE SURVEY BY INTERVIEWING EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AGED 15 AND ABOVE IN THE HOUSEHOLDS SAMPLED. IN THE SURVEY, THE DEFINITIONS USED IN MEASURING UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOLLOW CLOSELY THOSE RECOMMENDED BY THE ILO.

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS IS GIVEN IN THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY WHICH IS PUBLISHED FOUR TIMES A YEAR. THE NEXT REPORT COVERING THE QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 1986 SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AROUND DECEMBER 20, 1986.

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SCHOOL HEADS BRIEFED ON GUIDELINES

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THE LATEST SET OF GUIDELINES ON GUIDANCE WORK IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS HAS BEEN SPECIALLY PREPARED IN RESPONSE TO INCREASING DEMAND THAT SCHOOLS SHOULD PLAY A MORE POSITIVE PASTORAL ROLE AND GIVE MORE SPECIFIC AND IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE TO PUPILS IN SHAPING THEIR LIVES, PARTICULARLY THOSE WITH PROBLEMS, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

ADDRESSING A GATHERING OF 270 SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AT A SEMINAR ON GUIDANCE WORK AT QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL, MR LEUNG SAID THE PURPOSE WAS TO BRIEF THEM ON THE AIMS AND CONTENTS OF THE SUGGESTED GUIDE ON GUIDANCE WORK, CLARIFY ANY POINTS OF DOUBT AND GIVE THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE GUIDELINES AND MAKE SUGGESTIONS.

NOTING THAT +GUIDANCE WORK IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS+ HAD BEEN CHOSEN AS THE THEME OF THE SEMINAR, MR LEUNG SAID EDUCATORS AND THE PUBLIC AT LARGE WERE CONCERNED WITH PUPILS' DEVELOPMENTAL, EDUCATIONAL AND PERSONAL PROBLEMS.

+THE ENCHANCEMENT OF PUPILS' PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT IS NOT ONLY AN IMPORTANT EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVE, IT IS ALSO THE MAIN THRUST OF RECENT MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION,+ HE SAID.

MR LEUNG SAID MORE SERVICES AND RESOURCES MATERIALS WERE PROVIDED TO SCHOOLS DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS. THIS WOULD COMPLEMENT OR BROADEN THE CURRICULUM AND MADE THE SECONDARY EDUCATION MORE RELEVANT TO THE PUPILS.

+GUIDELINES ON MORAL EDUCATION, ON CIVIC EDUCATION, ON SEX EDUCATION AND, MORE RECENTLY, ON PUPIL GUIDANCE HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED FOR TEACHERS' REFERENCE SO THAT THEY WILL HAVE A READY SOURCE OF MATERIALS AND SUGGESTED PROGRAMMES.+

NOTING THAT NO NEW INITIATIVES IN SCHOOLS COULD SUCCEED WITHOUT THE FULL AND UNFAILING SUPPORT FROM THE SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, MR LEUNG SAID THEIR CO-OPERATION COULD ONLY BE SOLICITED IF THEY WERE FULLY BRIEFED ON THE NEW INITIATIVE, UNDERSTOOD ITS PURPOSES AND MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, WERE CONVINCED OF ITS VALUE.

A LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER, MR YEUNG PO-KWAN, SAID THERE WAS A STRONG NEED FOR A PUPIL GUIDANCE SERVICE BECAUSE ADOLESCENTS TODAY WERE OFTEN CONFRONTED WITH DIFFICULTIES RESULTING FROM HEAVY SCHOOL WORK, EXAMINATION STRESS, AND RAPID AND COMPLEX CHANGES IN SOCIETY.

/MR YEUNG

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MR YEUNG SAID TEACHERS WERE EXPECTED TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT PASTORAL ROLE IN THE SCHOOL SETTING AND THEIR SUCCESS DEPENDED GREATLY UPON THE AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATE SUPPORT FROM THE SCHOOL.

COMMENTING ON CONFLICTING VIEWS THAT MIGHT ARISE AMONG DIFFERENT FUNCTIONAL UNITS, MR YEUNG SAID THEY COULD BE MINIMISED THROUGH STRENGTHENING COMMUNICATION AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, ACCOMMODATING EACH OTHER'S VIEWS.

ON GUIDANCE SERVICE IN THE LONG TERM, MR YEUNG SAID MORE EFFORTS IN THIS DIRECTION WERE DEFINITELY REQUIRED SO THAT PUPILS COULD BE HELPED TO MAXIMISE THEIR OWN POTENTIAL, ACQUIRE ACCEPTABLE SOCIAL SKILLS, DETERMINE RIGHT FROM WRONG, DEVELOP APPROPRIATE VALUES, ADJUST TO SOCIO-ECONOMIC CHANGES AND, IN GENERAL, BE BETTER EQUIPPED FOR LIFE.

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HISTORY OF CUSTOMS SERVICE OUTLINED * * * * *

THE FASCINATING HISTORY OF HONG KONG'S CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE IS OUTLINED IN A NEWLY PUBLISHED REVIEW.

THE BOOK, APART FROM COVERING THE TWO CALENDAR YEARS 1984 AND 1985, ALSO GIVES A HISTORY OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE ILLUSTRATED WITH HISTORICAL PICTURES.

THE SERVICE WAS FOUNDED IN SEPTEMBER 1909, AS A RESULT OF THE ENACTMENT OF THE LIQUOR ORDINANCE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF REVENUE ON INTOXICATING LIQUOR.

THE FORMER COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR H.S. GREWAL, POINTED OUT IN THE FOREWORD TO THE REVIEW THAT: +THERE IS NO READILY AVAILABLE RECORD OF THE SERVICE'S ACTIVITIES OVER THE INTERVENING THREE-QUARTERS OF A CENTURY, A PERIOD DURING WHICH THE SERVICE HAS IN MANY WAYS REFLECTED HONG KONG'S OWN GROWTH INTO A SOPHISTICATED COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND FINANCIAL CENTRE OF WORLD SIGNIFICANCE. THIS REVIEW IS INTENDED TO FILL THAT GAP.+

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THE BOOK NOT ONLY DETAILS THE ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE SERVICE BUT ALSO RECAPTURES SOME OF THE MAJOR ISSUES OF OLD HONG KONG.

FOR EXAMPLE, IT TELLS HOW THE ADULTERATED LIQUOR TRADE WAS ONCE A SERIOUS PROBLEM AND PEOPLE WERE KNOWN TO HAVE DIED OR LOST THEIR SIGHT BY DRINKING SUCH LIQUOR.

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NEW HOME FOUND FOR ANIMALS

THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HAS FOUND A SUITABLE HOME FOR 13 ENDANGERED ANIMALS BEING KEPT IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT.

AMONG THE RARE ANIMALS ARE FIVE RHESUS MONKEYS, A CRAB-EATING MONKEY, A SERPENT EAGLE AND SIX PYTHONS. ONE OF THE PYTHONS, 2.7 METRES IN LENGTH, WAS CAPTURED IN SEPTEMBER IN TIN FU TSAI, INLAND FROM SHAM TSENG.

THESE ANIMALS, PROTECTED UNDER THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) ORDINANCE, WILL BE FLOWN TO PEKING ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 17) TO JOIN THE BREEDING COLONIES IN THE ENDANGERED ANIMALS BREEDING CENTRE THERE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PRESS BRIEFING ON THE EXERCISE WILL BE GIVEN BY THE DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR VETERINARY OFFICER, DR NORMAN CHENG, AT THE AFD AIRPORT ANIMAL HOSTEL AT 61 CONCORD ROAD (OPPOSITE HAECO BUILDING) AT 9.30 AM ON MONDAY.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE.

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OCTOBER DRIER THAN USUAL
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OCTOBER THIS YEAR WAS DRIER THAN USUAL WITH THE TOTAL RAINFALL OF 61.3 MILLIMETRES REPRESENTING ONLY 51 PER CENT OF THE NORMAL AMOUNT, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY).

AND WITH THE ARRIVAL OF AN INTENSE SURGE OF THE WINTER MONSOON ON OCTOBER 28 THE WEATHER IN HONG KONG BECAME NOTICEABLY COOLER TOWARDS THE END OF THE MONTH.

OCTOBER 1 STARTED CLOUDY WITH SOME LIGHT RAIN, BUT THE WEATHER TURNED FINE LATER IN THE AFTERNOON. FINE AND SUNNY WEATHER PREVAILED FROM OCTOBER 2 TO 9 APART FROM A FEW ISOLATED SHOWERS ON OCTOBER 8.

THE WEATHER ON OCTOBER 10 TO 12 WAS CLOUDY WITH PATCHES OF LIGHT RAIN DUE TO THE INFLUENCE OF A WEAK SURGE OF THE WINTER MONSOON. HOWEVER, SUNNY PERIODS RETURNED IN THE AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 12 AND FINE WEATHER PREVAILED FOR THE FOLLOWING THREE DAYS.

THE TEMPERATURE ROSE TO A MAXIMUM OF 30.4 DEGREES CELSIUS ON OCTOBER 15, THE HIGHEST TEMPERATURE RECORDED DURING THE MONTH.

THE WEATHER IN HONG KONG BEGAN TO DETERIORATE WITH ISOLATED SHOWERS ON OCTOBER 16 AS WINDS STRENGTHENED WITH TYPHOON ELLEN APPROACHING FROM THE SOUTHEAST. CONDITIONS BECAME OVERCAST WITH SQUALLY SHOWERS WHICH WERE HEAVY AT TIMES, AND SUCH CONDITIONS REMAINED UNTIL OCTOBER 19.

ON OCTOBER 19, AS A DRY AIRSTREAM FROM THE CONTINENTAL ANTICYCLONE ARRIVED LATER IN THE DAY, THE WEATHER IMPROVED AND THERE WERE SUNNY INTERVALS. HOWEVER, WINDS REMAINED FRESH TO STRONG IN EXPOSED PLACES.

IT WAS FINE AND SUNNY ON OCTOBER 20 AND 21.

AN EASTERLY SURGE OF THE WINTER MONSOON ARRIVED ON THE AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 22 AND THE WEATHER BECAME CLOUDY. STRONG EASTERLY WINDS WERE EXPERIENCED IN EXPOSED PLACES AND OFFSHORE DURING THE NIGHT AND CONTINUED UNTIL THE AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 23.

CLOUDY CONDITIONS PREVAILED UNTIL OCTOBER 25 AND A TRACE OF LIGHT RAIN WAS RECORDED ON OCTOBER 24. HOWEVER, SUNNY WEATHER RETURNED ON THE AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 25 AND IT WAS MAINLY FINE DURING THE NEXT TWO DAYS.

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A COLD FRONT OVER SOUTH CHINA MOVED SOUTH ACROSS THE COAST ON OCTOBER 28, BRINGING RAIN AND ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS TO HONG KONG. FRESH GUSTY NORTHERLY WINDS SET IN DURING THE AFTERNOON AND BECAME STRONG THE NEXT DAY.

IT WAS CLOUDY AT FIRST ON OCTOBER 29, BUT THE WEATHER BECAME FINE IN THE AFTERNOON. DRIER AND APPRECIABLY COOLER AIR CONTINUED TO AFFECT HONG KONG AFTER THE PASSAGE OF THE COLD FRONT.

FINE AND SUNNY WEATHER PREVAILED ON OCTOBER 30 AND 31 AND THE TEMPERATURE DROPPED TO A MINIMUM OF 17.3 DEGREES CELSIUS ON OCTOBER 30, THE LOWEST FOR THE MONTH.

DURING THE MONTH, SEVEN FLIGHTS WERE CANCELLED WHEN TYPHOON ELLEN AFFECTED HONG KONG.

A THUNDERSTORM WARNING WAS ISSUED ON OCTOBER 28.

THE RED FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON OCTOBER 12, 13, 14, 15 AND 31, WHILE THE YELLOW FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON OCTOBER 4, 5, 6, 11, 14, 15, 16, 22 AND 26.

FIVE TROPICAL CYCLONES OCCURRED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA.

TROPICAL CYCLONE AND MONSOON SIGNALS HOISTED DURING OCTOBER WERE AS FOLLOWS:

WEATHER SYSTEM	SIGNAL	DATE AND TIME OF HOISTING	DATE AND TIME OF LOWERING
TYPHOON ELLEN	1	OCT 15 2.15 PM	OCT 16 11.10 PM
	3	OCT 16 11.10 PM	OCT 19 9.15 AM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	OCT 19 9.15 AM	OCT 20 8 AM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	OCT 22 8.15 PM	OCT 23 2.30 PM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	OCT 29 5.15 AM	OCT 29 2.15 PM

/THE MONTH'S

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

SUNSHINE	190.3 HOURS = 19.6 HOURS BELOW NORMAL
RAINFALL	61.3 MM = 59.9 MM BELOW NORMAL
CLOUDINESS	58% = 6% MORE THAN NORMAL
RELATIVE HUMIDITY	73% = 1% HIGHER THAN NORMAL
MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE	27.3 DEGREES C = 0.6 DEGREE C BELOW NORMAL
MEAN TEMPERATURE	25 DEGREES C = NORMAL
MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	23.2 DEGREES C = 0.5 DEGREE C ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	19.7 DEGREES C = 0.4 DEGREE C ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	134.5 MM = 27.1 MM BELOW NORMAL

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CONCERT OPENS FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN

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HUNDREDS OF RESIDENTS IN NORTH DISTRICT ATTENDED A TWO-HOUR CONCERT AT THE SHEUNG SHUI TOWN HALL THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE DISTRICT'S ANNUAL FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN.

THE CONCERT AIMED AT AROUSING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS OF CRIME AND DRUG ABUSE. IT WAS ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND THE ASIA TELEVISION LIMITED, WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD, THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR TAO MAN-KWONG, SAID A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES HAD BEEN PLANNED TO DRIVE HOME THE ANTI-NARCOTICS AND FIGHT CRIME MESSAGES.

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THESE INCLUDED EXHIBITIONS, FILM SHOWS, SEMINARS AND TALKS, AN INTER-SCHOOL ESSAY COMPETITION, SOCCER MATCHES AND A SPORTS CARNIVAL.

MR TAO URGED RESIDENTS TO BE VIGILANT IN HOME SAFETY AND TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE POLICE BY REPORTING CRIME.

THE CONCERT FEATURED PERFORMANCES BY POP SINGERS AND TELEVISION ARTISTES AND A DRAMA ON HOW TO PREVENT CRIME.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS INCLUDED NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG= CHAIRMAN OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD, MR RAYMOND PANG= AND POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER (FRONTIER), MR G.R. LLOYD.

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WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL BEGINS TOMORROW

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THE THIRD DISTRICT FESTIVAL IN WONG TAI SIN, THE LARGEST COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITY EVER PLANNED IN THE DISTRICT, WILL BE LAUNCHED AT NOON TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT MORSE PARK.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, WILL OFFICIATE AT A CEREMONY TO SIGNAL THE OPENING OF THE FESTIVAL.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS OF THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD, MR MICHAEL CHENG= DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICHOLAS YEK= URBAN COUNCILLOR, MISS CECILIA YEUNG= AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR FUNG KWONG-CHUNG.

THERE WILL BE A BAND PARADE AND ALSO DRAGON AND LION DANCES. SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL PERFORM VARIOUS DANCES.

A GROUP OF OVER 300 STUDENTS SELECTED FROM FOUR PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT WILL PERFORM RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS.

IN THE AFTERNOON, FIVE EVENTS WILL BE HELD AT DIFFERENT SPORTS VENUES IN MORSE PARK -- A SPORTS GAME FOR THE ELDERLY, A CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL, A POP-DANCE PERFORMANCE, A PING-PONG BALL MATCH AND A BASKETBALL MATCH.

THERE WILL BE A BALL GAME FOR THE HANDICAPPED TO BE HELD AT WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY CENTRE IN THE AFTERNOON.

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IN THE EVENING, A ALL-STAR SHOW FEATURING POPULAR SINGERS WILL BE STAGED AT MORSE PARK.

TO PUBLICISE THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL, AN OPEN-TOP DOUBLE-DECKER BUS CARRYING MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, TODAY TOURED THE DISTRICT TO DISTRIBUTE PUBLICITY PAMPHLETS TO RESIDENTS.

LARGE CROWDS WERE DRAWN TO THE PUBLICITY BUS AS IT STOPPED AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE DISTRICT AND BROADCAST THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL SONG.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL 1986 OPENING CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT NOON TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE MORSE PARK NO. 1 FOOTBALL PITCH.

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ADJUDICATORS TO VISIT CRIME FIGHTERS
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ADJUDICATORS OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UNIT CONTEST IN KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT WILL MEET FINALISTS IN THE COMPETITION ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 17) EVENING.

THE GROUP INCLUDES MISS ASIA PACIFIC (HONG KONG) 1986, MISS NINA CHI, FOOTBALL PERSONALITY MR KWOK KA-MING, AND POP SINGER, MR DANNY CHAN.

THE CONTEST WAS ORGANISED AS PART OF THE DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN.

LED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR CHOI HING-SHUN, THE GROUP WILL TOUR UNITS TAKING PART IN THE CONTEST AND TALK TO MEMBERS OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES.

ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OF THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, MR PETER LEUNG, WILL ALSO JOIN THE TOUR.

A TOTAL OF 14 NOMINATIONS FOR THE CONTEST WERE RECEIVED AND THREE OF THEM WILL BE PRESENTED PRIZES AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL IN MID-JANUARY.

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SPORTS DAY FOR YAU MA TEI RESIDENTS

ABOUT 500 SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS WILL BE DISPLAYING THEIR SKILLS AT THE YAU MA TEI SPORTS DAY TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE SPORTS DAY, IN MONG KOK STADIUM, WILL FEATURE 14 TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS.

THE ANNUAL EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE URBAN COUNCIL. IT IS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG; DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR DAVID KWAN; AND URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR CHAN CHI-KWAN.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE YAU MA TEI SPORTS DAY TO BE HELD AT 9 AM TOMORROW IN MONG KOK STADIUM, BOUNDARY STREET.

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WEEKEND CAMP FOR YAU MA TEI FAMILIES
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ABOUT 200 RESIDENTS FROM YAU MA TEI DISTRICT ARE TAKING PART IN A TWO-DAY FAMILY CAMP AT WU KAI SHA YOUTH VILLAGE THIS WEEKEND.

THE ACTIVITY WAS ARRANGED BY THE YAU MA TEI CIVIC EDUCATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE AS PART OF THE DISTRICT'S CIVIC EDUCATION FESTIVAL THAT BEGAN ON NOVEMBER 9.

+THE AIM OF THE FESTIVAL IS TO BOOST CIVIC AWARENESS AMONG RESIDENTS, AND PARTICIPATING FAMILIES IN THE CAMP WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT CIVIC EDUCATION THROUGH TALKS, FILM SHOW AND CIVIC GAMES,+ A COMMITTEE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+FAMILIES ARE ONE OF OUR TARGET GROUPS IN SPREADING CIVIC EDUCATION AS THEY ARE THE FUNDAMENTAL UNITS IN SOCIETY,+ HE SAID.

MORE ACTIVITIES CATERING TO THE NEEDS OF DIFFERENT TARGET GROUPS WILL BE ORGANISED DURING THE FESTIVAL WHICH WILL CLOSE ON NOVEMBER 23.

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DANCE CONTEST TO BE HELD IN KOWLOON CITY
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SCHOOLS AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS IN KOWLOON CITY ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT DANCE COMPETITION ON DECEMBER 7.

THE ANNUAL EVENT, NOW IN ITS FOURTH YEAR, IS ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, DISTRICT ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE VENUE WILL BE THE KO SHAN THEATRE.

THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO FOUR SECTIONS: OPEN SECTION FOR ALL AGES- YOUTH SECTION FOR THOSE BETWEEN 13 AND 18- CHILDREN SECTION FOR THOSE BETWEEN SIX AND 12- AND KINDERGARTEN SECTION FOR UNDER SIX YEAR OLDS.

ALL TEAMS SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST TWO MEMBERS AND NOT EXCEED 16.

THERE WILL BE ORIENTAL DANCE AND WESTERN FOLK DANCE COMPETITIONS FOR THE OPEN, YOUTH AND CHILDREN SECTIONS.

THE FIRST THREE PLACE-GETTERS IN EACH SECTION WILL BE AWARDED PRIZES WHILE ALL PARTICIPATING TEAMS WILL RECEIVE SOUVENIRS.

ALL WINNING TEAMS WILL BE INVITED TO PERFORM IN THE KOWLOON CITY DANCE APPRECIATION NIGHT ON FEBRUARY 10.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS NOVEMBER 25 AND ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE IN KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, HO MAN TIN SUB-OFFICE IN HO MAN TIN ESTATE, HUNG HOM SUB-OFFICE AT BULKELEY STREET, AND THE KO SHAN THEATRE.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES AT AIRPORT
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A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AT HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 18) IN CONNECTION WITH THE AIRPORT STAGE FIVE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

THE ARRANGEMENTS WILL INCLUDE REMOVAL OF A MINI-ROUNDAABOUT AND DESIGNATION OF RESTRICTED ZONES.

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THE MINI-ROUNDBOUT AT THE JUNCTION OF CONCORDE ROAD AND AIRPORT DRIVE NO. 2 WILL BE REMOVED. TRAFFIC COMING FROM THE DEPARTURE CIRCUIT ON THE PODIUM LEVEL OF THE MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK VIA THE EASTERN DOWN RAMP WILL HAVE TO TURN RIGHT ONTO THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO THE ARRIVALS ROAD.

MEANWHILE, ALL VEHICLES WITH AN OVERALL HEIGHT EXCEEDING 3.5 METRES AND GOODS VEHICLES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS:

* CONCORDE ROAD WESTBOUND BETWEEN AIRPORT DRIVE NO. 3 AND THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO ARRIVALS ROAD.

* THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING FROM CONCORDE ROAD TO ARRIVALS ROAD.

* THE EASTERN DOWN RAMP LEADING FROM THE DEPARTURE CIRCUIT ON THE PODIUM LEVEL OF THE MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK TO THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO ARRIVALS ROAD.

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LEFT TURN BAN ON BOUNDARY STREET CONTINUES

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THE EXISTING BAN ON LEFT TURNING MOVEMENT FROM BOUNDARY STREET INTO SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET NORTH WILL REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR.

THE LEFT-TURN BAN WAS INTRODUCED FROM JUNE 17 BECAUSE OF ROAD WORKS IN THE AREA.

MOTORISTS WISHING TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE SECTION OF SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET NORTH, NORTH OF BOUNDARY STREET SHOULD TRAVEL VIA TAI PO ROAD SOUTHBOUND AND POPLAR STREET.

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WATER CUTS IN TWO AREAS
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TSZ WAN SHAN AND SHEUNG WAN WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 18) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

IN TSZ WAN SHAN, THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD, WAN WAH STREET AND PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD, INCLUDING YUK WAH STREET, YUK WAH LANE, PO WAI LANE, PO MING LANE, PO TIN LANE, PO HANG LANE, PO YING LANE, PO KING LANE, PO FONG LANE, KOON WAH LANE, FONG WAH LANE AND TSZ WAH LANE.

TSZ MAN ESTATE AND ON YAN HOUSE, ON KAY HOUSE, ON YEE HOUSE AND ON KA HOUSE IN TSZ ON ESTATE WILL ALSO BE AFFECTED.

IN SHEUNG WAN, THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY SHING WONG STREET, HOLLYWOOD ROAD, LADDER STREET AND CIRCULAR PATHWAY, INCLUDING 270-276 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL AND 1-2 TSUI ON LANE.

MEANWHILE, SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SAN PO KONG WILL BE SUSPENDED BETWEEN 10 AM AND 7 PM ON TUESDAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES BOUNDED BY CHOI HUNG ROAD, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST AND SZE MEI STREET.

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