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'OLD STYLE' IDENTITY CARD HOLDERS
TOLD TO REGISTER FOR NEW ADULT CARDS
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YOUNG PEOPLE STILL HOLDING THE 'OLD STYLE' JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS, WHICH DO NOT BEAR PHOTOGRAPHS AND ARE NO MORE VALID, ARE NOW REMINDED BY THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT OF THE NEED TO REGISTER FOR ADULT IDENTITY CARDS.

THESE 'OLD STYLE' CARDS WERE NOT ISSUED AFTER OCTOBER 31, 1973, AND WERE REPLACED BY NEW-TYPE JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS BEARING PHOTOGRAPHS.

HOWEVER, CHILDREN ATTAINING THE AGE OF 11 AND OVER AT THE TIME WERE ALLOWED TO RETAIN THE USE OF THEIR 'OLD STYLE' CARDS, UNTIL THEY ATTAINED THE AGE OF 18 AND REGISTERED AS ADULTS, OR UNTIL DECEMBER 1, 1980, WHEN THE CARDS WERE FULLY PHASED OUT.

AS ALL HOLDERS OF THE 'OLD STYLE' CARDS WILL NOW HAVE REACHED THE AGE OF 18, THEY ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER AS ADULTS.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE OFFICES FOR REGISTRATION:

HONG KONG

HONG KONG BRANCH OFFICE: CAUSEWAY BAY MAGISTRACY BUILDING,
5/F, ELECTRIC ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY.

ABERDEEN OFFICE: ABERDEEN CENTRE, BLOCK K-N, SHOP 4B,
2-16 NAM NING STREET.

KENNEDY TOWN OFFICE: LUEN GAY APARTMENT, 9 DAVIS STREET.

KOWLOON

KOWLOON BRANCH OFFICE: CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 2/F,
393 CANTON ROAD, YAU MA TEI.

SAN PO KONG SUB-OFFICE: SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES,
692 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD.

SHAM SHUI PO OFFICE: SOUTH OCEAN BUILDING, 286-300 CHEUNG
SHA WAN ROAD.

NEW TERRITORIES

TSUEN WAN BRANCH OFFICE: FAR EAST BANK BUILDING, MEZZ FLOOR,
LOT 2158, CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

TAI PO OFFICE: TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 3/F, TING KOK ROAD,
TAI PO MARKET.

YUEN LONG OFFICE: FAR EAST CONSORTIUM BUILDING, 13-33 ON LOK
ROAD.

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MORE PEOPLE AIRING COMPLAINTS ABOUT PUBLIC TRANSPORT

MORE PEOPLE ARE AIRING THEIR COMPLAINTS ABOUT PUBLIC TRANSPORT THROUGH THE TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE UNIT, MR JAMES KWAN, SAID THAT SINCE THE UNIT WAS SET UP LAST SEPTEMBER, THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS HAS RISEN FROM 61 TO 76 A WEEK.

IN THE PAST SEVEN MONTHS, THE UNIT HANDLED 1 168 COMPLAINTS. MORE OFTEN THAN NOT, THE COMPLAINANTS WERE SATISFIED WITH THE EXPLANATIONS GIVEN BY THE TRANSPORT AUTHORITIES, HE SAID. MOST OF THE COMPLAINTS WERE ABOUT BUS SERVICES.

+OF THE 987 COMPLAINTS RECEIVED DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR, 422 CASES OR 43 PER CENT, CONCERNED BUS SERVICES,+ MR KWAN SAID.

+I AM, HOWEVER, MORE CONCERNED ABOUT COMPLAINTS CONNECTED WITH THE BEHAVIOUR OF BUS DRIVERS AND THEIR FAILURE TO OBSERVE BUS STOPS.+

+ALTHOUGH THE NUMBER OF THESE COMPLAINTS IS SMALL IN RELATION TO THE LARGE VOLUME OF PASSENGERS CARRIED BY KOWLOON MOTOR BUS CO AND CHINA MOTOR BUS CO, WE DO REALISE THAT THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC IS PARTICULARLY ANNOYED BY SUCH INCIDENTS.+

MR KWAN POINTED OUT THAT HALF OF THE 166 COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE BUS SERVICES WERE FROM PEOPLE LIVING IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS, THERE HAD BEEN MORE COMPLAINTS ABOUT BUS SERVICES IN SHA TIN THAN IN OTHER PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

DURING THE QUARTER UNDER REVIEW, 335 COMPLAINTS WERE RECEIVED ABOUT TRAFFIC ENGINEERING ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING TRAFFIC CONGESTION. THE MAIN PROBLEM AREAS WERE SHAU KEI WAN ROAD/KING'S ROAD, POK FU LAM ROAD AND HING FONG ROAD.

IN MOST CASES, THE PROBLEMS WERE ALREADY KNOWN, AND EITHER SHORT-TERM TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEMES OR LONG-TERM ROAD PROJECTS WERE PLANNED TO CORRECT THE SITUATIONS.

MAJOR PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR WERE: INADEQUATE BUS SERVICES TO RENNIE'S MILL= SHARING OF THE MINI-BUS STAND IN SAI KUNG BY TWO DIFFERENT TYPES OF PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES (ORDINARY PLBS AND MAXICABS), AND THE NOISE FROM BRAKES IN THE NEW LEYLAND BUSES USED BY BOTH KMB AND CMB.

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PAYMENT OFFERED TO PNEUMOCONIOSIS SUFFERERS

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PEOPLE DIAGNOSED BEFORE JANUARY 1 THIS YEAR AS SUFFERING FROM PNEUMOCONIOSIS HAVE BEEN REMINDED THAT THEY ARE ENTITLED TO EXGRATIA PAYMENTS FROM THE GOVERNMENT, SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENT OF THEIR LUNG DISEASE.

THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET BEEN ASSESSED BY THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS MEDICAL ASSESSMENT BOARD SHOULD CONTACT THE WAN CHAI CHEST CLINIC IN KENNEDY ROAD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THEY CAN CALL IN PERSON OR TELEPHONE 5-726024.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAD WRITTEN TO PEOPLE KNOWN TO BE SUFFERING FROM PNEUMOCONIOSIS TO COME FORWARD FOR MEDICAL ASSESSMENT, BUT SOME OF THEM HAD NOT RESPONDED.

+PERHAPS THIS IS BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE LETTER DUE TO CHANGE OF ADDRESSES. THEY SHOULD CONTACT THE WAN CHAI CLINIC AS SOON AS THEY LEARN OF THIS REMINDER IN THE NEWSPAPERS OR ON THE RADIO,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT SO FAR 1 130 APPLICATIONS FOR EXGRATIA PAYMENTS INVOLVING ABOUT \$31 000 000 HAD BEEN APPROVED.

PEOPLE DIAGNOSED AFTER JANUARY AS SUFFERING FROM THE LUNG DISEASE ARE NOT ENTITLED TO EXGRATIA PAYMENTS, BUT TO COMPENSATION UNDER THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS COMPENSATION ORDINANCE.

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SECONDARY SCHOOLS INVITED TO JOIN PUTONGHUA PILOT SCHEME

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SECONDARY SCHOOL HEADS ARE INVITED TO JOIN A PILOT SCHEME ON THE TEACHING OF PUTONGHUA ON A MONITORED SCHOOL BASIS AND TO NOMINATE TEACHERS FOR A RELATED TRAINING PROGRAMME STARTING IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

THE PILOT SCHEME RECOMMENDED BY THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WILL START IN THE COMING ACADEMIC YEAR IN PRIMARY 4 OF 20 MONITORED PRIMARY SCHOOLS, AND WILL BE EXTENDED TO SECONDARY SCHOOLS BY 1984.

IN READINESS FOR THIS EXTENSION THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION IS RUNNING A PART-TIME EVENING TRAINING COURSE FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS.

+TEACHERS NOMINATED SHOULD HAVE A GENUINE INTEREST IN TEACHING PUTONGHUA,+ AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

/THE TRAINING

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THE TRAINING PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF TWO PARTS, THE FIRST ON KNOWLEDGE OF AND PROFICIENCY IN PUTONGHUA- AND THE SECOND PART ON METHODOLOGY RELATED TO THE TEACHING OF PUTONGHUA, HE SAID.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE AN EXAMINATION AT THE END OF PART I OF THE PROGRAMME BEFORE THEY CAN PROCEED ON TO PART II.

PART I OF THE PROGRAMME WILL BE CONDUCTED FROM SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR TO MAY, 1982, AND PARTICIPANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND 33 EVENING CLASSES.

FEES OF \$210 ARE PAYABLE IN THREE INSTALMENTS, AND TEACHERS WHO SATISFACTORILY COMPLETE PART I OF THE PROGRAMME MAY APPLY FOR A FULL FEE REFUND, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

PART II OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMME WILL BE ORGANISED LATER ON BY THE CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE.

APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT SCHEME ON PUTONGHUA SHOULD BE SENT BEFORE JUNE 15 TO THE CHINESE SECTION, ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, 8 YUN PING ROAD, CAROLINE MANSION, FOURTH FLOOR, HONG KONG.

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SUPPORT PLEDGED FOR SEA ACTIVITY CENTRE

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INVESTMENT IN YOUTH NOW WILL HELP CREATE A RESERVOIR OF PEOPLE WITH COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY WHO WILL BE A SIGNIFICANT RESOURCE OF THE FUTURE.

SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHAN SHUI-JEUNG, SAID THIS TODAY (SUNDAY) AT A SAILING BOAT LAUNCHING CEREMONY AT THE HONG KONG SCOUT ASSOCIATION'S PAK SHA WAN SEA ACTIVITY CENTRE.

THE 2 000 SQUARE METRE SITE ON WHICH THE CENTRE IS BEING BUILT WAS GRANTED TO THE ASSOCIATION BY GOVERNMENT PRIVATE TREATY IN APRIL LAST YEAR.

FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE A BOAT HOUSE FOR CANOES AND SAMPANS, A HOSTEL TO ACCOMMODATE 48 PEOPLE, AN ASSEMBLY HALL, CANTEEN, ACTIVITY ROOM, LECTURE ROOMS AND OFFICES.

WORK ON SITE FORMATION AND A SLIPWAY HAS ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED. THE WHOLE PROJECT WILL BE COMPLETED BY 1983.

FOUR NEW SAILING BOATS BUILT WITH PRIVATE DONATIONS WERE LAUNCHED AT TODAY'S CEREMONY.

/MR CHAN

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MR CHAN SAID SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE WOULD PLEDGE FULL SUPPORT TO THE PROJECT AND HOPED IT WOULD BE COMPLETED ON SCHEDULE.

THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION HAS SO FAR RAISED \$900 000 FOR THE PROJECT.

THE SEA ACTIVITY TRAINING COMMITTEE OF THE HONG KONG SCOUT ASSOCIATION, EAST KOWLOON REGION, FOR 1981/82 WAS ALSO INAUGURATED TODAY. MR LEE HOK-MING AND MR CHAN KWAI-SANG WERE RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE.

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MANPOWER SURVEY OF INSURANCE FIRMS TO BE HELD

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THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL IS TO CARRY OUT A MANPOWER SURVEY OF ALL INSURANCE COMPANIES, BROKERS AND AGENTS BETWEEN JUNE 8 AND 19.

PLANNED BY THE INSURANCE TRAINING BOARD OF THE COUNCIL, SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES, EXPLANATORY NOTES AND DESCRIPTION OF PRINCIPAL JOBS IN THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY, IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, WILL BE SENT TO ALL INSURANCE COMPANIES, BROKERS AND AGENTS.

OFFICERS OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT THESE ESTABLISHMENTS DURING THE SURVEY PERIOD TO ANSWER QUERIES AND ASSIST IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES.

THE ESTABLISHMENTS ARE REQUESTED TO SUPPLY, FOR EACH PRINCIPAL JOB, INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF EXISTING EMPLOYEES, FORECASTS OF ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES, PERIOD OF TRAINING FOR EMPLOYEES AND OTHER PERSONNEL AND TRAINING MATTERS.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, MR ANTHONY KAN, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WOULD BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WOULD BE PUBLISHED IN STATISTICAL SUMMARIES ONLY, WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENT.

MR KAN URGED THE ESTABLISHMENTS TO OFFER THEIR COOPERATION, ADDING THAT THE INFORMATION TO BE COLLECTED FROM THE SURVEY WAS IMPORTANT FOR FORMULATING MEANINGFUL TRAINING PLANS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INDUSTRY.

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CAS OFFICERS FOR AUSTRALIAN COURSES
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FOUR SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES MR FUNG KWOK-HIM, SENIOR TRAINING OFFICER AND ASSISTANT REGIONAL COMMANDER- MR WOO MAN-KONG, DEPUTY CADET COMMANDANT- MR TSE KWOK-FU, ASSISTANT REGIONAL COMMANDER AND MR LEE SHU-WING, COMMANDER, MOUNTAIN RESCUE WILL LEAVE ON MONDAY EVENING (MAY 25) FOR AUSTRALIA TO ATTEND ADVANCED DISASTER CONTROL AND PLANNING COURSES AT THE AUSTRALIAN COUNTER DISASTER COLLEGE IN MT. MACEDON, VICTORIA.

THE OFFICERS WILL ALSO VISIT STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES ORGANISATIONS IN MELBOURNE, SYDNEY AND CANBERRA TO SEE HOW THE EMERGENCY CONTROL SYSTEM ACTUALLY WORKS ON THE GROUND IN AUSTRALIA. THE GROUP WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON JUNE 17.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE OFFICERS WILL ARRIVE AT THE AIRPORT AT 6 PM AND DEPART BY QF028 AT 7.45 PM ON MONDAY (MAY 25).

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MR CHIU WINS BATTLE AGAINST POLIO WITH HELP OF SWD
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FIFTEEN YEARS AGO, POLIO-STRICKEN CHIU YAU-SHUN FIRST WENT TO THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE, AND EVER SINCE THEN HE HAS BEEN HELPED ALONG THROUGH VARIOUS FORMS OF WELFARE SERVICES.

TODAY (SUNDAY) THE DEPARTMENT SHARES HIS JOY AS MR CHIU, NOW AGED 30 AND MARRIED WITH TWO DAUGHTERS, IS HAPPILY SETTLING DOWN IN HIS NEW HOME AT YAU OI ESTATE, TUEN MUN.

IN A TYPICAL WAY, HIS LONG-TERM CASE TELLS OF THE CONCERTED FOLLOW-UP EFFORTS THE DEPARTMENT MAKES FOR ITS CLIENTS FOR AS LONG AS THEY NEED HELP.

MORE SIGNIFICANTLY, IT SERVES AS AN INSPIRING EXAMPLE OF HOW DISABLED PEOPLE, WITH COURAGE AND DETERMINATION, CAN OVERCOME DISABILITY AND BE REINTEGRATED INTO THE COMMUNITY.

MR CHIU WAS PARALYSED IN THE LEGS BY POLIO IN INFANCY.

HE IMPROVED AFTER OPERATIONS AND PHYSIO-THERAPEUTIC TREATMENT AND DURING THIS TIME, HE COMPLETED FORM 3.

AT THE AGE OF 15, HE WAS SENT BY HIS FAMILY TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE AND WAS PLACED AT THE ABERDEEN REHABILITATION CENTRE FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

HE WAS AMONG THE FIRST DISABLED PERSONS TO USE THE SERVICES OF THE DEPARTMENT'S JOB PLACEMENT UNIT SET UP IN 1967 TO HELP FIND JOBS FOR THE HANDICAPPED.

IN 1973, HE WAS ONE OF THE FIRST TO BENEFIT FROM THE DISABILITY ALLOWANCE INTRODUCED FOR THE DISABLED TO MEET SPECIAL NEEDS.

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LATE LAST YEAR, MR CHIU WAS ALLOCATED A SELF-CONTAINED FLAT IN YAU OI ESTATE BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

+MY WIFE AND I FEEL SO GREATLY RELIEVED NOW, BOTH MENTALLY AND FINANCIALLY,+ SAID A CHEERFUL MR CHIU AS HIS CASEWORKER, MRS NG LAI YIN-MING OF THE CAUSEWAY BAY FAMILY SERVICES CENTRE, VISITED HIM IN HIS NEW FLAT.

+I THANK THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT FOR ITS CONCERN AND HELP THROUGH ALL THESE DIFFICULT YEARS,+ HE TOLD MRS NG.

+THE INSTITUTIONAL CARE, VOCATIONAL TRAINING, JOB PLACEMENTS, COUNSELLING SERVICE, SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS AND CASH GRANTS FROM CHARITABLE TRUST FUNDS HAVE BEEN SUCH A GREAT HELP,+ HE ADDED.

HAVING GRADUALLY DONE AWAY WITH WHEELCHAIRS, CRUTCHES AND STICKS EIGHT YEARS AGO, HE NOW WALKS TO WORK IN A TUEN MUN TOY FACTORY 15 MINUTES AWAY FROM HIS HOME.

MR CHIU'S CASEFILE IN THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS NOT CLOSED. FOR, AFTER HER VISIT TO THE FAMILY, MRS NG HAS ARRANGED TO TRANSFER THE FILE TO HER COLLEAGUES IN YUEN LONG FAMILY SERVICES CENTRE FOR CONTINUED MONITORING TO ENSURE THAT HELP IS GIVEN WHEN IT IS NEEDED.

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AKERS-JONES CUP PRESENTED TO NT SOCCER LEAGUE WINNERS
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SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY (SUNDAY) PRESENTED A CUP NAMED AFTER HIM TO SAI KUNG, WINNERS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES INTER-DISTRICT SOCCER LEAGUE, AT YUEN LONG STADIUM.

THE LEAGUE, INVOLVING ALL EIGHT NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICTS, STARTED LAST DECEMBER.

OF THE 14 MATCHES SAI KUNG PLAYED, THEY WON 11, LOST ONE AND DREW TWO.

THE FIRST THREE RUNNERS-UP ARE NORTH DISTRICT, TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG.

THE SOCCER LEAGUE WAS THE FIRST TO BE PROMOTED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES INTER-DISTRICT SPORTS COMPETITION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, WHICH IS CHAIRED BY THE PRINCIPAL RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER, MR DICKEN YUNG.

A BASKETBALL LEAGUE STARTED IN FEBRUARY AND A TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE WILL COMMENCE IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT MONTH. VOLLEYBALL, BADMINTON AND TENNIS LEAGUES ARE PLANNED.

/MR DICKEN

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MR DICKEN YUNG THANKED LOCAL SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN ORGANISING THE LEAGUES AND APPEALED FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT IN FUTURE SPORTING ACTIVITIES.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WAS MRS DAVID AKERS-JONES, WHO PRESENTED SOUVENIRS TO DISTRICT TEAMS.

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ROAD SAFETY DAY TODAY
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THE 1981 ROAD SAFETY DAY ORGANISED BY THE ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD AT 2.00 PM TODAY (SUNDAY) IN VICTORIA PARK.

THE HON. D.J.C. JONES, SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE PARK'S HING FAT STREET GATE AT 1.40 PM, WHERE THEY WILL BE MET BY GIS STAFF.

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