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FUTURE OF HOUSING SOCIETY ASSURED: CS

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THE FUTURE OF THE HONG KONG HOUSING SOCIETY, WHICH HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC HOUSING FOR WELL OVER 40 YEARS, IS ASSURED, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE HOUSING SOCIETY'S HEAD OFFICE AT TAI HANG, SIR DAVID SAID THE SOCIETY HAD A FIRMLY COMMITTED ROLE TO PLAY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LONG TERM HOUSING STRATEGY.

IN THE PAST YEARS, IT HAD BEEN MUCH INVOLVED IN THE BUILDING OF HIGH-RISE RENTAL ESTATES, URBAN RENEWAL, RURAL PUBLIC HOUSING AND MORE RECENTLY, IN THE PRODUCTION OF FLATS FOR SALE.

"DURING ALL THIS TIME THE SOCIETY HAS MANAGED TO KEEP UP STEADY PRODUCTION, ENTER INTO VENTURES AND EXPAND THE SCOPE OF ITS WORK," SIR DAVID SAID.

"AT THE SAME TIME IT HAS REMAINED SOLVENT, WHICH IS QUITE AN EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT.

"THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT OVER THE YEARS, THE SOCIETY HAS MADE A VERY IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE HOUSING PROBLEM AND TO THE COMMUNITY OF HONG KONG," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THE NEW HEAD OFFICE, WHICH STOOD ON LAND RESUMED FOR THE SOCIETY'S URBAN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND INCORPORATED TWO TOWERS OF HOME OWNERSHIP FLATS ABOVE IT, WAS AN APT REMINDER OF THE SOCIETY'S ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PAST, AND MISSION FOR THE FUTURE.

THE OFFICE ALSO DEMONSTRATED CONSIDERABLE ACUMEN ON THE PART OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN THAT IT HAD MANAGED TO EXPAND THE FACILITIES, BY MAKING USE OF REDEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND WITHOUT INCURRING HEAVY RENTAL PAYMENTS, SIR DAVID NOTED.

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ROYAL VISIT PROGRAMME NOT FINALISED

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THE PROGRAMME FOR THE VISIT TO HONG KONG BY THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES IN NOVEMBER IS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION AND THE DETAILS ARE NOT FINALISED, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SIR DAVID MADE THE REMARKS WHEN ASKED TO RESPOND TO REPORTED ALLEGATIONS BY BRITISH NEWSPAPERS THAT THE ROYAL COUPLE WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED ENTRY TO A VIETNAMESE REFUGEE CAMP WHEN THEY COME HERE.

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SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OPENING THE HOUSING SOCIETY'S HEAD OFFICE, THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID: "THE PROGRAMME IS STILL VERY MUCH UNDER DISCUSSION. IT'S NOT BEEN FINALISED AND IT'S REALLY FAR TOO EARLY TO COMMENT ON WHERE THEY MIGHT OR MIGHT NOT GO."

ASKED IF THERE WAS DIFFICULTY IN THE DRAFTING WORK ON THE BILL OF RIGHTS, BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT HAD APPOINTED A LEGAL EXPERT FROM CANADA TO ADVISE ON THE BILL, SIR DAVID SAID THIS WAS NOT THE CASE.

HONG KONG DID HAVE EXPERIENCED LAWYERS, BUT IT DID NOT HAVE LAWYERS WHO WERE EXPERIENCED IN THE MANAGEMENT OF A BILL OF RIGHTS.

"CANADA DOES HAVE CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE IN HAVING A BILL OF RIGHTS AND KNOWING WHAT THE IMPACT OF THAT IS.

"BEFORE WE GET INTO THE DETAILS OF DRAFTING, IT'S OBVIOUSLY USEFUL TO HAVE SOMEONE WHO COMES FROM THAT SORT OF ENVIRONMENT," SIR DAVID SAID.

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CONSULTANT ON BILL OF RIGHTS TO ARRIVE SOON

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MR JUSTICE BARRY STRAYER, OF THE FEDERAL COURT OF CANADA, WILL BE ARRIVING IN EARLY OCTOBER TO TAKE UP A THREE-MONTH APPOINTMENT AS A CONSULTANT TO THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT.

HE WILL BE ASSISTING THE DEPARTMENT IN LEGAL RESEARCH FOR A BILL OF RIGHTS FOR HONG KONG.

MR JUSTICE STRAYER WAS APPOINTED ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER OF JUSTICE IN CANADA IN 1974.

HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PUBLIC LAW BRANCH WHICH DEALS WITH CONSTITUTIONAL LAW, ADMINISTRATIVE LAW, INTERNATIONAL LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS UNTIL JULY 1983.

IN THIS POSITION, HE WAS THE SENIOR JUSTICE OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE CANADIAN HUMAN RIGHTS ACT, ADOPTED IN 1977, AND FOR PREPARATION AND PRESENTATION IN 1980 OF CANADA'S FIRST REPORT TO THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS.

HE WAS HEAVILY INVOLVED FOR MANY YEARS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CANADIAN CHARTER OF RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS, THE CONSTITUTIONAL BILL OF RIGHTS ADOPTED BY CANADA IN 1982.

HE WAS APPOINTED A JUDGE OF THE FEDERAL COURT IN 1983 AND HAS SINCE HEARD MANY CASES INVOLVING THE CHARTER.

"AS CANADA HAS ITS OWN BILL OF RIGHTS AND MR JUSTICE STRAYER HAS CONSIDERABLE PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE OF THE OPERATION OF SUCH A BILL WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT HE WILL MAKE A VERY VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO OUR WORK," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT SAID.

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CANADIAN JUDGE BRINGING GREAT DEAL OF EXPERIENCE

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR JEREMY MATHEWS, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THE CANADIAN JUDGE WHO WILL BE ASSISTING THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT IN LEGAL RESEARCH FOR A BILL OF RIGHTS WILL BE BRINGING TO HONG KONG "A GREAT DEAL OF HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE" OF THE WORKINGS OF A HUMAN RIGHTS CHARTER.

"WE REALLY WANT TO TAP INTO THAT HANDS-ON KNOWLEDGE OF HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS," HE SAID.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE HONG KONG HOUSING SOCIETY'S HEAD OFFICE IN TAI HANG, MR MATHEWS SAID: "WE ARE UNDERTAKING A GREAT DEAL OF LEGAL RESEARCH INTO A WHOLE RANGE OF VERY COMPLEX LEGAL ISSUES CONNECTED WITH HUMAN RIGHTS.

"MR JUSTICE (BARRY) STRAYER COMES FROM A JURISDICTION THAT HAS VERY RECENTLY INTRODUCED A COMPREHENSIVE BILL OF RIGHTS, THE CANADIAN CHARTER OF RIGHTS AND HE BRINGS A GREAT DEAL OF PRACTICAL HUMAN RIGHTS EXPERIENCE IN TERMS OF ADVISING ON HUMAN RIGHTS LEGISLATION WHICH HE DID IN 1977 AND MORE LATTERLY IN 1982.

"FURTHERMORE, AS A JUDGE SITTING IN THE FEDERAL COURT HE'S HEARD MANY CASES INVOLVING HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS.

"SO HE'LL BE BRINGING TO THE OFFICE A PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE OF RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS AND LITIGATION," MR MATHEWS SAID.

ASKED WHETHER THE APPOINTMENT OF A CANADIAN JUDICIAL OFFICER AS A CONSULTANT MEANT THAT THE CANADIAN BILL OF RIGHTS HAD MORE RELEVANCE TO HONG KONG, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL REPLIED: "IT'S A WORKING BILL OF RIGHTS, IT'S RECENT, IT WAS INTRODUCED IN 1982 AND THAT RECENT EXPERIENCE IS ONE THAT WE ARE VERY ANXIOUS TO TAP INTO."

ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE APPOINTMENT OF AN OVERSEAS EXPERT MEANT THAT HONG KONG LACKED THE NECESSARY EXPERTISE, MR MATHEWS SAID: "WE HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF EXPERTISE IN THE OFFICE AND WE HAVE A LARGE TEAM OF HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL AND COMPETENT LAWYERS WORKING ON THIS ISSUE BUT, AS I HAVE SAID, WE REALLY NEED TO DRAW ON THE EXPERIENCE OF THOSE WHO HAVE HAD REAL, DAY-TO-DAY APPLICATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES. THAT IS SOMETHING WE HAVE NOT HAD HITHERTO IN HONG KONG."

MR MATHEWS ALSO TOLD REPORTERS THAT THE TEAM IN THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT WAS WORKING HARD ON THE LEGAL ISSUES WHICH WERE "VERY COMPLEX".

MR JUSTICE STRAYER, OF THE FEDERAL COURT OF CANADA, WILL BE ARRIVING EARLY NEXT MONTH TO TAKE UP A THREE MONTH APPOINTMENT AS A CONSULTANT TO THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT AND WILL BE ASSISTING THE DEPARTMENT IN LEGAL RESEARCH FOR A BILL OF RIGHTS FOR HONG KONG.

COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION WILL BE SOUGHT ON CHINESE MEDICINE
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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING PARTY ON CHINESE MEDICINE, MR NIGEL SHIPMAN, SAID THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON THAT THE FIRST TASK OF THE WORKING PARTY IS TO OBTAIN COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION ON THE USE AND PRACTICE OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE IN HONG KONG.

SPEAKING TO THE MEDIA AFTER THE WORKING PARTY'S FIRST MEETING, MR SHIPMAN SAID THAT A SIX TO NINE MONTH WORK PROGRAMME HAD BEEN DRAWN UP FOR THIS PURPOSE.

"ALTHOUGH VARIOUS FORMS OF CHINESE MEDICINE HAVE BEEN USED EXTENSIVELY BY THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, THERE IS NO READILY AVAILABLE OR DOCUMENTED INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT.

"WE THEREFORE HAVE TO EXPLORE EVERY POSSIBLE AVENUE TO OBTAIN ACCURATE, UP-TO-DATE AND COMPREHENSIVE DATA," HE SAID.

THE WORK PROGRAMME ENDORSED BY THE WORKING PARTY COMPRISES THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:

- (A) A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM FROM THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG WILL BE ENGAGED TO CONDUCT A STUDY WHICH WILL INCLUDE A SURVEY OF USERS AND PROVIDERS OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE;
- (B) MAJOR ASSOCIATIONS AND PRACTITIONERS OF CHINESE MEDICINE WILL BE INVITED TO MAKE SUBMISSIONS, AND GROUP DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM MAY BE ARRANGED AS AND WHEN NECESSARY;
- (C) PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS OF PRACTITIONERS OF WESTERN MEDICINE SUCH AS THE HONG KONG MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (HK BRANCH) WILL ALSO BE INVITED TO SEND IN THEIR VIEWS TO THE WORKING PARTY;
- (D) CONTACT WILL BE MAINTAINED WITH THE CONSUMER COUNCIL ABOUT COMPLAINTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC; AND
- (E) INFORMATION WILL BE OBTAINED ON THE PRACTICE OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE IN CHINA, TAIWAN, SINGAPORE, ETC. AND ON THE TRAINING AND REGULATION OF PRACTITIONERS IN THESE PLACES.

"WE HOPE TO COMPILE AN INTERIM REPORT ON OUR FINDINGS AT THE END OF THE INITIAL STAGE OF WORK. WE COULD THEN PROCEED TO FORMULATE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THAT BASIS," MR SHIPMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE WORKING PARTY WOULD AIM AT PROMOTING THE GOOD PRACTICE OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE.

HKPC PROVIDES VALUABLE INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT SERVICES

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THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL IS PLAYING AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE IN PROVIDING VALUABLE INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT SERVICES TO HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING SECTOR. THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR JOHN CHAN, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

MR CHAN WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL'S SURFACE MOUNT TECHNOLOGY (SMT) LABORATORY, PHOTO-CHEMICAL MACHINING (PCM) LABORATORY, AND THE RADIO FREQUENCY AND DIGITAL, COMMUNICATION LABORATORY.

HE SAID THE AIM OF THE SMT LABORATORY WAS TO ASSIST LOCAL MANUFACTURERS TO ADOPT AND MASTER THIS TECHNOLOGY QUICKLY AND EFFECTIVELY.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SMT USERS IN HONG KONG HAD DOUBLED EVERY YEAR SINCE 1986, WITH ABOUT 120 COMPANIES NOW COMMITTED TO THE USE OF THIS TECHNOLOGY IN THEIR MANUFACTURING, COMPARED WITH LESS THAN 20 IN 1986.

"WHILST I WOULD NOT LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT HAS TAKEN PLACE ONLY BECAUSE OF THE SMT LABORATORY'S FACILITIES, THE LABORATORY HAS ALREADY PROVED ITSELF TO BE A VERY POPULAR SERVICE, AND I AM SURE THAT IT WILL BECOME EVEN MORE SO IN FUTURE," HE SAID.

TURNING TO THE PHOTO-CHEMICAL MACHINING LABORATORY, MR CHAN NOTED THAT THE COUNCIL HAD INVESTED \$4.65 MILLION TO ESTABLISH A PCM LABORATORY WHICH WAS EQUIPPED WITH A RANGE OF HIGH PRECISION EQUIPMENT FOR SEMI-COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION OF PCM COMPONENTS.

"THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF ESTABLISHING A PCM LABORATORY WERE TO PROVIDE MANUFACTURING SUPPORT SERVICES TO LOCAL MANUFACTURERS AND TO ACT AS A TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AGENT," HE SAID.

"THE PCM UNIT WILL ALSO PROVIDE CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO ASSIST LOCAL MANUFACTURERS TO SET UP THEIR OWN PCM FACILITIES," HE SAID.

ON THE RADIO FREQUENCY AND DIGITAL COMMUNICATION LABORATORY WHICH WAS EQUIPPED WITH MODERN SCREEN ROOMS, MR CHAN SAID THE LABORATORY WOULD ALLOW MANUFACTURERS TO CARRY OUT THEIR OWN DEVELOPMENTAL WORK AND TESTING.

"THE LABORATORY WILL ALSO OFFER CONSULTANCY SERVICES ALONG THE SAME LINES," HE SAID.

"THIS FACILITY WILL BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL TO NEW COMPANIES WISHING TO ENTER THIS FIELD, AND TO EXISTING FIRMS LOOKING TO DEVELOP INTO NEW PRODUCT AREAS," HE ADDED.

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REWARD FOR INFORMATION ON ORIGIN FRAUD INVOLVING TEXTILES
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AS FROM OCTOBER 1, THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT WILL EXTEND ITS EXISTING REWARD SYSTEM TO THOSE PROVIDING INFORMATION ON FRAUDULENT ACTIVITIES RELATING TO THE ORIGIN OF TEXTILES.

THE PRESENT SCHEME COVERS NARCOTICS, DUTIABLE COMMODITIES AND SMUGGLING OF PROHIBITED GOODS.

UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENT, A REWARD EQUIVALENT TO 10 PER CENT OF THE COURT FINE, SUBJECT TO A MAXIMUM OF \$10,000 IN EACH CASE, WILL BE GIVEN TO PERSONS PROVIDING INFORMATION LEADING TO THE PROSECUTION AND CONVICTION OF THE OFFENDERS OF ORIGIN FRAUD IN THE EXPORT OF TEXTILES UNDER QUOTA.

THE TYPES OF FRAUD COVERED BY THE SYSTEM INCLUDE FALSE REPRESENTATIONS AS TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF TEXTILES IN APPLICATIONS FOR EXPORT LICENCES AND CERTIFICATES OF HONG KONG ORIGIN, AND FALSE LABELLING AS TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF TEXTILES EXPORTS.

THE PRINCIPAL TRADE CONTROLS OFFICER OF THE CUSTOMS TRADE INVESTIGATION BUREAU, MR Y.Y. LEUNG, SAID THE EXTENSION OF THE REWARD SYSTEM WAS PART OF THE DEPARTMENT'S RE-ORGANISATION PROGRAMME, AS A RESULT OF WHICH MORE EMPHASIS WAS PLACED ON INTELLIGENCE GATHERING AS A COST-EFFECTIVE APPROACH TO THE DETECTION OF ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES.

"THE NEW SCHEME ALSO AIMS AT STRENGTHENING CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT OF THE CERTIFICATION OF ORIGIN SYSTEM RELATING TO RESTRAINED TEXTILE EXPORTS.

"IT REFLECTS THE GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION TO STAMP OUT THESE ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES RATHER THAN ANY PARTICULAR INCREASE IN THEM." MR LEUNG SAID.

ANYONE WHO WISHES TO SUPPLY INFORMATION ON ANY OF THE FRAUDULENT ACTIVITIES DESIGNATED IN THE SYSTEM MAY APPROACH THE TRADE INVESTIGATION BUREAU OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT BY WRITING TO THE PRINCIPAL TRADE CONTROLS OFFICER OF THE BUREAU OR CALLING AT HIS OFFICE AT SEVENTH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, OR TELEPHONING A HOTLINE NO. 5-8523288.

ALL INFORMATION GIVEN WILL BE TREATED IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE.

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STUDY ON EXTENSION OF SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE NEEDED

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR DR HENRIETTA IP SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THERE WAS A NEED TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THE FEASIBILITY OF EXTENDING THE PRESENT SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE TO COVER PRE-SCHOOL AND SECONDARY SCHOOL CHILDREN.

DR IP WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TUEN MUN SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC.

SHE SAID THE NEED FOR A REVISED FRAMEWORK FOR FUTURE ORAL HEALTH CARE HAD INCREASED DUE TO CHANGES IN ORAL DISEASE PATTERNS, CHANGES IN CONCEPTS OF DISEASE PREVENTION OR INTERVENTION, DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES AND CHANGES IN ORAL CARE TECHNOLOGY.

"THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH A PROPOSAL WOULD CONSTITUTE ANOTHER STEP FORWARD IN THE HISTORY OF DEVELOPMENT OF DENTAL SERVICES IN HONG KONG," SHE SAID.

DR IP DESCRIBED THE PROGRESS OF DENTISTRY IN HONG KONG OVER THE PAST DECADE OR SO AS "VERY IMPRESSIVE".

FOLLOWING THE SETTING UP OF THE TANG SHIU KIN DENTAL THERAPISTS TRAINING SCHOOL IN 1978, THE SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN WAS INTRODUCED TWO YEARS LATER, SHE NOTED.

DURING THE SAME YEAR, THE PRINCE PHILIP DENTAL HOSPITAL FOR THE TRAINING OF DENTISTS WAS ESTABLISHED.

BETWEEN 1980 AND 1988, DR IP SAID, FOUR SCHOOL DENTAL CLINICS WERE ESTABLISHED IN HONG KONG AND KOWLOON FOLLOWED BY THE OPENING EARLIER THIS YEAR OF THE ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT IN ARGYLE STREET, KOWLOON.

EARLIER, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, DR S.H. LEE, SAID THE SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE SCHEME HAD BEEN RECOGNISED AS A SIMPLE, EFFICIENT AND COST-EFFECTIVE DENTAL SERVICE FOR CHILDREN IN HONG KONG.

SINCE ITS INTRODUCTION IN 1980, THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS HAD SOARED FROM 27,000 TO 370,000, HE SAID.

AS A RESULT, PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN HAD 30 PER CENT LESS DENTAL DECAY THAN THEY DID AT THE BEGINNING OF 1980, AND PARTICIPANTS OF THE SCHEME HAD 50 PER CENT FEWER DECAYED TEETH COMPARED WITH NON-PARTICIPANTS AS SHOWN IN RECENT SURVEYS.

TURNING TO THE NEW SCHOOL CLINIC, DR LEE SAID IT FORMED PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S OVERALL PLAN TO DEVELOP SCHOOL DENTAL CLINICS ON A REGIONAL BASIS.

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THE CLINIC CONSISTED OF 30 TREATMENT CUBICLES OPERATED BY DENTAL THERAPISTS, TWO DENTAL OFFICER SURGERIES, AN X-RAY ROOM WITH AN ADJOINING DARK ROOM, A PLASTER ROOM, A CENTRAL DISPENSARY AND STERILISING AREA, TWO TOOTH-BRUSHING BAYS AND A DENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION ROOM, HE SAID.

ON FUTURE PLANS, DR LEE SAID THREE MORE CLINICS WOULD BE BUILT IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DENTAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, CHILDREN IN HONG KONG WOULD CONTINUE TO ENJOY BETTER ORAL HEALTH IN THE YEARS TO COME, HE SAID.

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SEMINAR ON MARITIME RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING
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A ONE-DAY SEMINAR ON MARITIME RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING FOR THE HONG KONG SHIPPING INDUSTRY WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE SEMINAR IS JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG SHIPOWNERS ASSOCIATION TO EXAMINE WAYS IN WHICH RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING FOR THE SEAFARING INDUSTRY SHOULD BE STIMULATED.

THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR DERICK HALL, WILL DELIVER THE OPENING ADDRESS AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SEMINAR.

THERE WILL BE A HOST OF OTHER SPEAKERS TO PRESENT A VARIETY OF PAPERS DURING THE SEMINAR. AMONG THEM WILL BE THE FORMER DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, MR DOMINIC WONG (WHO IS NOW POSTMASTER GENERAL); THE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG SHIPOWNERS ASSOCIATION, MR MICHAEL FARLIE; THE PRINCIPAL SURVEYOR (NAUTICAL) OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, MR TONY JESTICO; AND THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NAUTICAL STUDIES, MR K.M. WALLACE, AND HEAD OF THE MECHANICAL AND MARINE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, MR T.P. LEUNG, BOTH OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

THE SEMINAR WILL BEGIN AT 9 AM TOMORROW IN THE OLD LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER IN THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE SEMINAR ON MARITIME RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING FOR THE HONG KONG SHIPPING INDUSTRY WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 9 AM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE OLD LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER IN THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

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WONG TAI SIN TO HOLD CIVIC EDUCATION SEMINAR
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A SEMINAR ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION WILL BE HELD IN WONG TAI SIN ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 2), BEGINNING AT 7.30 PM AT THE WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY CENTRE, 104 CHING TAK STREET.

THE SEMINAR IS ORGANISED BY THE WORKING GROUP ON PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION IN WONG TAI SIN UNDER THE DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE.

ABOUT 300 MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT'S AREA COMMITTEES AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, AS WELL AS LOCAL RESIDENTS WILL TAKE PART IN THE SEMINAR, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WORKING GROUP SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, MR CHAN WING-TAI, AND A COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE HONG KONG BAR ASSOCIATION, MR ANTONY NEOH, WILL SPEAK AT THE SEMINAR.

"THE TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION WILL BE RELATED TO THIS YEAR'S THEMES DESIGNATED BY THE COMMITTEE ON PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE THEMES ARE TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF, AND PARTICIPATE IN, LOCAL POLITICAL AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, AND TO PROMOTE THE SPIRIT OF THE RULE OF LAW.

OFFICIATING GUESTS AT THE SEMINAR WILL BE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, DR MICHAEL LEE; ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM KWAN; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP ON PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION IN WONG TAI SIN, MR ALBERT LI.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION IN WONG TAI SIN WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 2) AT THE WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY CENTRE, 104 CHING TAK STREET.

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CARD DESIGN COMPETITION FOR EASTERN STUDENTS
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A CARD DESIGN COMPETITION AIMED AT ENCOURAGING STUDENTS TO SHOW RESPECT FOR THEIR TEACHERS AND CARE FOR FELLOW STUDENTS IS BEING HELD IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT.

THE COMPETITION IS ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD. IT IS DIVIDED INTO PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SECTIONS.

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THE DRAWINGS SHOULD BE MADE ON A4 SIZE PAPER WITH WORDINGS HONOURING TEACHERS OR EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR SCHOOLMATES.

THE FIRST THREE WINNERS OF EACH SECTION WILL BE AWARDED BOOK COUPONS OF \$300, \$200 AND \$100 RESPECTIVELY, WHILE COMMENDATION CERTIFICATES WILL BE PRESENTED TO SEVEN OTHER PARTICIPANTS WHO ENTERED DISTINGUISHED DESIGNS.

STUDENTS WHO WISH TO JOIN THE COMPETITION SHOULD SEND IN THEIR ENTRIES, TOGETHER WITH THEIR PERSONAL PARTICULARS, TO THE EASTERN DISTRICT SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE AT THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD, BEFORE OCTOBER 16.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-614649.

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SEMINAR ON VOLUNTEER SERVICE BY THE ELDERLY

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ABOUT 200 ELDERLY VOLUNTEERS WILL ATTEND A SEMINAR ON VOLUNTEER SERVICE BY THE ELDERLY TO BE HELD BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 30).

THE SEMINAR, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND, IS INTENDED TO IMPROVE THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS OF ELDERLY VOLUNTEERS AND TO PROVIDE A VENUE FOR MUTUAL EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE IN VOLUNTEER WORK.

THERE WILL BE A FILM SHOW, TALKS AND DISCUSSION AT THE SEMINAR.

THE PANEL OF SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ST. JAMES' SETTLEMENT, MRS GRACE WAN; A LECTURER AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, DR LAM MONG-CHAU; AND AN ELDERLY VOLUNTEER, MADAM CHAN YUK.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR ALFRED CHUI, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON ELDERLY SERVICE HAD RECOMMENDED IN A REPORT LAST YEAR THAT VOLUNTEER WORK BY THE ELDERLY SHOULD BE PROMOTED SO THAT THE SENIOR CITIZENS' POTENTIAL, WISDOM AND EXPERIENCE COULD CONTINUE TO BE OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SEMINAR ON VOLUNTEER SERVICE BY THE ELDERLY ON THE FOURTH FLOOR, HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE, WAN CHAI, AT 9.30 AM ON SATURDAY.

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NOMINATIONS INVITED FOR OUTSTANDING YOUTH VOLUNTEERS AWARDS

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NOMINATION IS NOW OPEN FOR "THE OUTSTANDING YOUTH VOLUNTEERS AWARDS" ORGANISED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG TO SHOW APPRECIATION TO THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN VOLUNTARY SERVICES.

THE AWARD SCHEME IS CO-ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, THE AGENCY FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE AND THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, AND SPONSORED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

CANDIDATES SHOULD BE AGED BETWEEN 12 AND 25, AND NOMINATED BY THE AGENCY OR ORGANISATION TO WHICH THEY RENDERED VOLUNTARY SERVICES.

"THE AWARD IS AMONG THE PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR RTHK'S NEW TELEVISION SERIES, 'YOUTH 90', WHICH WILL BE SCREENED IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR," THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, MISS MARIA WAN, TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (THURSDAY).

"TODAY'S YOUNG PEOPLE ARE TOMORROW'S FUTURE," SHE SAID. "IT IS HOPED THAT, THROUGH THE AWARD SCHEME, YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO SHARE THE EXPERIENCES OF THE OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS, AND TAKE MORE INTEREST IN CONTRIBUTING TOWARDS SOCIETY."

THE ADJUDICATORS FOR THE AWARD SCHEME WILL BE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILOR AND DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, MR HUI YIN-FAT; ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, MISS MARIA WAN; ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR KWOK KA-CHI; MEMBER OF THE AGENCY FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE, MR LEE JARK-PUI; MEMBER OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, MR PAO PING-WING; AND MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, MR KWOK KAR-MING.

THEY WILL JUDGE THE CANDIDATES BY THEIR PERFORMANCE, AND THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF AND ATTITUDE TOWARDS SOCIAL SERVICES. THE SELECTED CANDIDATES WILL EACH RECEIVE A SCHOLARSHIP WORTH \$3,000 AND A TROPHY.

NOMINATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM RTHK, DISTRICT YOUTH OFFICES OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, THE AGENCY FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE, THE NARCOTICS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT AND ALL DISTRICT OFFICES.

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A DECADE OF SAFETY OFFICER TRAINING

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MORE THAN 1,000 INDUSTRIAL PERSONNEL HAVE RECEIVED FORMAL TRAINING IN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY IN THE PAST DECADE UNDER A SAFETY OFFICERS TRAINING PROGRAMME JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

THE PROGRAMME, WHICH STARTED IN 1979, PROVIDES A ONE-YEAR CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY IN AN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY COURSE FOR MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISORY STAFF IN VARIOUS INDUSTRIES.

IT IS ALSO THE FIRST FORMAL INDUSTRIAL SAFETY COURSE PROVIDED IN HONG KONG WHICH LEADS TO AN ACADEMIC AWARD.

THE COURSE EQUIPS PARTICIPANTS WITH THE NECESSARY KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS IN ACCIDENT PREVENTION AND SAFETY MANAGEMENT ESSENTIAL TO PROMOTING THE OVERALL STANDARD OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

GRADUATES OF THE COURSE ARE RECOGNISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AS SATISFYING THE ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS SAFETY OFFICERS IN HONG KONG.

AS A RESULT OF THE OVERWHELMING SUPPORT FROM EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES, THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC OFFERS TWO ADVANCED COURSES IN CONSTRUCTION AND MANUFACTURING FOR THE CERTIFICATE COURSE GRADUATES, BEGINNING FROM 1986.

TO MARK THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SAFETY OFFICERS COURSES, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC AND THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL SAFETY ASSOCIATION WILL JOINTLY ORGANISE A LARGE-SCALE SEMINAR AND DINNER PARTY THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING AT THE NEW WORLD HOTEL, TSIM SHA TSUI.

GUEST SPEAKERS INVITED TO TALK ON THE ROLE AND GROWTH OF SAFETY OFFICERS AS WELL AS SAFETY EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN HONG KONG INCLUDE THE CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MR YIP YUK-LUN; HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC LECTURER, MR LO HON-YEUNG; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL SAFETY ASSOCIATION, MR PETER YU.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE POLYTECHNIC COUNCIL, MR STEPHEN CHEONG, WILL PRESENT SOUVENIRS AFTER THE SEMINAR.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE SEMINAR TO MARK THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SAFETY OFFICERS COURSES WILL BEGIN AT 6.30 PM AND MR STEPHEN CHEONG WILL PRESENT THE SOUVENIRS TODAY (THURSDAY) AT 8 PM IN THE FOUR SEASONS ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, NEW WORLD HOTEL, TSIM SHA TSUI.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR AND THE SOUVENIR PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

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CONSTRUCTION SAFETY OFFICE OPENS IN TUEN MUN

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS RECENTLY SET UP A NEW OFFICE IN TUEN MUN TO DEAL WITH SAFETY IN CONSTRUCTION WORK IN THE TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG DISTRICTS.

THE NEW BUILDING AND ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION DIVISIONAL OFFICE OF THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION IS LOCATED ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 1 TUEN HI ROAD.

IT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE INCLUDING INSPECTION OF CONSTRUCTION SITES, INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION AND ADVISING EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS ON HOW TO ELIMINATE POTENTIAL HAZARDS.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH CAN BE MADE TO THE OFFICE ON 0-4511143.

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CSD TACTICAL RESPONSE SQUADRON INAUGURATION PARADE

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THE TACTICAL RESPONSE SQUADRON (TRS) OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD AN INAUGURATION PARADE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY TOMORROW AFTERNOON (FRIDAY).

THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR RAYMON ANNING, WILL TAKE THE SALUTE AT THE PARADE.

THE FIRST TRS TRAINING COURSE WAS INTRODUCED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN AUGUST 1985, WITH 75 TRAINEES. SUBSEQUENTLY, 275 MEMBERS HAVE BEEN TRAINED AND POSTED AT VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

THE TRS NOT ONLY PROVIDES AN INSTANT REINFORCEMENT IN THE EVENT OF EMERGENCY, BUT ALSO RENDERS ASSISTANCE TO THE MANAGEMENT AND STAFF WORKING IN PENAL INSTITUTIONS, AND IN VIETNAMESE REFUGEE AND BOAT PEOPLE CENTRES.

ON PARADE TOMORROW WILL BE 126 TRS MEMBERS AND EIGHT TRAINED DOGS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S DOG UNIT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE INAUGURATION PARADE OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S TACTICAL RESPONSE SQUADRON TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE, 47 TUNG TAU WAN ROAD, STANLEY. IT WILL BEGIN AT 4 PM.

PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. THOSE WHO WISH TO USE THE SERVICE SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT 3 PM AT THE GROUND FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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DEADLINE SOON FOR ENTRY TO TWO ANTI-DRUG RACES

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RESIDENTS WISHING TO JOIN AN ANTI-DRUG MODEL CAR RACE AND A LONG RUN TO BE HELD NEXT MONTH ARE REMINDED TODAY (THURSDAY) TO SEND IN THEIR ENTRIES BEFORE THE DEADLINES ON OCTOBER 3 AND OCTOBER 5 RESPECTIVELY.

THE EVENTS, BEING ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS AND ITS YOUTH VOLUNTEER GROUP RESPECTIVELY, ARE TO BE HELD AS PART OF THE "THE ROAD TO A HAPPY LIFE" ANTI-DRUG PROGRAMME THIS YEAR TO ADVISE RESIDENTS TO STAY AWAY FROM DRUGS AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO TAKE PART IN HEALTHY PURSUITS.

THE MODEL CAR RACE IS CO-ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG RADIO CONTROL MODEL CAR ASSOCIATION (HKRCMA).

WITH "THROUGH THE BARRICADES" AS ITS THEME, THE RACE FOR 1/8 SCALE RADIO-CONTROLLED, COMBUSTION-ENGINED MODEL CARS WILL BE HELD AT THE SOUTHERN PLAYGROUND IN WAN CHAI ON OCTOBER 15 (SUNDAY).

AFTER A PRELIMINARY SELECTION, FOUR GROUPS OF PARTICIPANTS WILL BE SHORTLISTED FOR THE FINAL.

WINNERS WILL BE AWARDED PRIZES WHILE ALL ENTRANTS WILL BE GIVEN A SOUVENIR.

THE ANTI-DRUG LONG RUN WILL BE HELD AT THE ABERDEEN COUNTRY PARK ON OCTOBER 22 (SUNDAY). IT IS DIVIDED INTO THREE DIVISIONS: MEN'S, WOMEN'S AND GROUP. THE RUNNERS MUST BE AGED 18 OR ABOVE, AND THOSE WISHING TO TAKE PART IN THE GROUP DIVISION MUST FORM A FIVE-PERSON TEAM TO ENTER THE COMPETITION.

ENTRANTS FOR THE INDIVIDUAL DIVISIONS WILL HAVE TO FINISH A FULL COURSE OF ABOUT SIX KILOMETRES LONG WHILE THE DISTANCE FOR THE GROUP DIVISION WILL BE 14 KILOMETRES.

TROPHIES AND GIFT COUPONS WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FIRST THREE WINNERS IN EACH DIVISION.

IN ADDITION TO BEING AVAILABLE AT THE NARCOTICS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, 23RD FLOOR, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, CENTRAL, THE ENTRY FORMS FOR THE MODEL CAR RACE ARE ALSO OBTAINABLE FROM THE HKRCMA ON THE GROUND FLOOR, 252 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI.

THOSE INTERESTED IN THE LONG RUN CAN OBTAIN ENTRY FORMS FROM ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND SUB-OFFICES.

COMPLETED FORMS FOR THE TWO EVENTS CAN BE RETURNED EITHER IN PERSON OR BY MAIL TO THE NARCOTICS DIVISION.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-8672760-6.

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CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS ON HK ISLAND

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON HONG KONG ISLAND FOR THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL WHICH FALLS ON OCTOBER 8 (SUNDAY) THIS YEAR.

UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM ON OCTOBER 8 AND 9.

CHAI WAN AREA

ROAD CLOSURES

THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC:

- * CAPE COLLINSON ROAD EAST OF LIN SHING ROAD EXCEPT FOR GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 18M AND HEARSEs.
- * THE SLIP ROAD LEADING TO THE GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE AND CREMATORIUM FROM CAPE COLLINSON ROAD EXCEPT FOR HEARSEs AND VEHICLES CARRYING PASSENGERS TO SERVICES AT THE CREMATORIUM.
- * THE SLIP ROAD LEADING TO CHAI WAN CHINESE PERMANENT CEMETERY.
- * CAPE COLLINSON ROAD AND LIN SHING ROAD MAY BE CLOSED DEPENDING ON THE TRAFFIC CONDITIONS.

RE-ROUTEINGS

- * CAPE COLLINSON ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND FROM LIN SHING ROAD TO SHEK O ROAD.
- * LIN SHING ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND FROM WAN TSUI ROAD TO CAPE COLLINSON ROAD.
- * THE EASTERN SECTION OF WAN TSUI ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND FROM CHAI WAN ROAD TO FEI TSUI ROAD.

PARKING

NO PARKING WILL BE PERMITTED FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM ON SEPTEMBER 30 AND ON OCTOBER 1, 8, 9, 14 AND 15 IN WAN TSUI ROAD, CAPE COLLINSON ROAD, LIN SHING ROAD AND SHEK O ROAD BETWEEN TAI TAM GAP CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION AND TAI TAM ROAD.

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BAN ON TAXIS, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AND PRIVATE CARS

ALL TAXIS, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AND PRIVATE CARS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER LIN SHING ROAD FOR CAPE COLLINSON ROAD EXCEPT FOR LOCAL ACCESS TO WAN TSUI ESTATE FROM 10 AM TO 3 PM ON OCTOBER 8 AND 9.

THESE VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS IN WAN TSUI ROAD BETWEEN LIN SHING ROAD AND FEI TSUI ROAD BUT PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE NOT ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS IN WAN TSUI ROAD BETWEEN ITS EASTERN JUNCTION WITH CHAI WAN ROAD AND LIN SHING ROAD.

BUS SERVICES

* SPECIAL SERVICES ON OCTOBER 8 AND 9

- CMB ROUTE 388 PLYING BETWEEN CHAI WAN MTR BUS TERMINUS AND CHAI WAN CEMETERY (CIRCULAR) WILL OPERATE BETWEEN 7 AM AND 5.40 PM AT FIVE-MINUTE INTERVALS.
- CMB ROUTE 389 PLYING BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN BUS TERMINUS AND CHAI WAN CEMETERY (CIRCULAR) WILL OPERATE FROM 7 AM TO 5.54 PM AT SIX-MINUTE INTERVALS.

* BUS STOPS

- THE BUS STOP ON WAN TSUI ROAD WEST OF CHAI WAN ROAD (NEAR WAN TSUI ESTATE) WILL BE SUSPENDED.
- THE BUS STOP ON WAN TSUI ROAD EAST OF LIN SHING ROAD WILL BE RESITED ABOUT 40 METRES WESTWARDS TO NEAR FEI TSUI ROAD.
- A TEMPORARY BUS STOP WILL BE PROVIDED ON CHAI WAN ROAD EAST OF HONG MAN STREET FOR EASTBOUND BUSES OF THE AFFECTED ROUTES.
- A TEMPORARY BUS STOP WILL BE PROVIDED ON LIN SHING ROAD BETWEEN WAN TSUI ROAD AND WAH HA STREET FOR CMB ROUTES 388 AND 389.

* BUS DIVERSIONS

- CMB ROUTES 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 780 AND CROSS HARBOUR ROUTES 106 AND 606 ON THEIR JOURNEYS TO CHAI WAN WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO OPERATE ALONG CHAI WAN ROAD OMITTING WAN TSUI ROAD.
- CMB ROUTES 81 AND 81M ON LEAVING HING WAH ESTATE WILL BE RE-ROUTED VIA THE WESTERN SECTION (INSTEAD OF EASTERN SECTION) OF WAN TSUI ROAD BETWEEN FEI TSUI ROAD AND CHAI WAN ROAD ONTO CHAI WAN ROAD.

- CMB ROUTES 81 AND 81M ON THEIR JOURNEYS TO HING WAH ESTATE WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CHAI WAN ROAD AND THE WESTERN SECTION OF WAN TSUI ROAD.

GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES

- * ROUTE 16M ON ITS JOURNEYS TO THE CHAI WAN MTR STATION WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO OPERATE ALONG TAI TAM ROAD AND CHAI WAN ROAD OMITTING SHEK O ROAD, CAPE COLLINSON ROAD, LIN SHING ROAD AND WAN TSUI ROAD.
- * ROUTE 18M ON ITS JOURNEYS TO THE CHAI WAN MTR STATION WILL BE RE-ROUTED VIA CAPE COLLINSON ROAD WEST OF LIN SHING ROAD, SHEK O ROAD, TAI TAM ROAD AND CHAI WAN ROAD OMITTING LIN SHING ROAD AND WAN TSUI ROAD.

THE ABOVE TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CHAI WAN MAY ALSO BE IMPLEMENTED ON SEPTEMBER 30 AND OCTOBER 1, 14 AND 15 IF NECESSARY.

POK FU LAM AREA

RE-ROUTEING

CONSORT RISE WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND FROM VICTORIA ROAD TO BISNEY ROAD.

SPECIAL BUS SERVICES

ON OCTOBER 8 AND 9, CMB ROUTE 357 RUNNING BETWEEN CENTRAL (EXCHANGE SQUARE) AND CHINESE CHRISTIAN CEMETERY (CIRCULAR) WILL OPERATE BETWEEN 7 AM AND 5.52 PM AT A FREQUENCY OF SEVEN TO EIGHT MINUTES.

ABERDEEN AREA

ROAD CLOSURES

THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC:

- * PEEL RISE IN THE VICINITY OF ABERDEEN CHINESE CEMETERY.
- * THE SLIP ROAD FROM SHEK PAI WAN ROAD LEADING TO ABERDEEN CHINESE CEMETERY.

HAPPY VALLEY AREA

- * THE BUS STOP ON WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD NORTHBOUND NEAR HAU TAK LANE WILL BE SUSPENDED.

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- * THE TRAM STOP ON WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD NORTHBOUND OPPOSITE TO THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB WILL BE RESITED NORTHWARDS FOR ABOUT 30 METRES.

PEAK AREA

ROAD CLOSURE

MOUNT AUSTIN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT VEHICLES REQUIRING LOCAL ACCESS.

RE-ROUTEING

THE SECTION OF PEAK ROAD OUTSIDE THE UPPER PEAK TRAM TERMINUS CARPARK AND THE ACCESS ROAD WITHIN THE CARPARK WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY CLOCKWISE.

BUS SERVICES ON OCTOBER 8 AND 9

- * ROUTE 15B PLYING BETWEEN CAUSEWAY BAY AND THE PEAK WILL OPERATE BETWEEN 8 AM AND 7.40 PM AT AN INTERVAL OF 20 MINUTES.
- * ROUTE 15M PLYING BETWEEN ADMIRALTY MTR STATION (EAST) AND THE PEAK WILL OPERATE BETWEEN 8 AM AND 7.12 PM AT A PEAK FREQUENCY OF 12 MINUTES.

PARKING

- * ALL PARKING SPACES AT PEAK GARDEN WILL BE SUSPENDED.
- * ALL PARKING FACILITIES EXCEPT THE DESIGNATED SPACES FOR FRANCHISED BUSES, GREEN MINIBUSES AND TAXIS AT THE UPPER PEAK TRAM TERMINUS WILL BE SUSPENDED.
- * ALL METERED PARKING SPACES IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE UPPER PEAK TRAM TERMINUS WILL BE SUSPENDED.

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GRADING OF BEACH WATER QUALITY
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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF ALL BATHING BEACHES IN HONG KONG.

AN EPD SPOKESMAN SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE GRADING SYSTEM IS TO INFORM SWIMMERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT THE STATE OF BACTERIAL POLLUTION AT VARIOUS BEACHES.

THE GRADING WILL BE ANNOUNCED BIWEEKLY DURING THE BATHING SEASON, TO COINCIDE WITH THE FREQUENCY AT WHICH BEACH WATERS ARE USUALLY SAMPLED.

THE GRADING IS BASED ON THE MOST RECENT BACTERIA DATA OBTAINED BY THE EPD IN ITS ROUTINE MONITORING PROGRAMME.

THIS YEAR, FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE GRADING ALSO INCLUDES AN ESTIMATE OF THE RISK OF SUFFERING SOME MINOR SKIN OR GASTROINTESTINAL COMPLAINTS AS A RESULT OF SWIMMING AT A BEACH WHICH HAS SOME DEGREE OF POLLUTION.

THE ESTIMATE IS BASED ON A VERY LARGE BODY OF STATISTICAL INFORMATION GATHERED IN HONG KONG DURING RECENT BATHING SEASONS.

THE GRADING OF SOME BEACHES MAY VARY DURING THE SUMMER. THIS REPRESENTS A NATURAL FLUCTUATION IN THE BACTERIAL QUALITY OF BATHING WATERS IN MOST CASES, AS RAIN AND TIDES BRING MORE OR LESS POLLUTION TO THE BEACHES.

BATHING WATERS COMMONLY BECOME WORSE DUE TO HEAVY USAGE DURING THE SUMMER. HOWEVER, THE GRADES GIVE A GOOD GENERAL PICTURE OF THE WATER QUALITY AT BATHING BEACHES AT THE TIME OF REPORTING AND FORM THE BEST AVAILABLE FORECAST FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

THE SYSTEM FOR GRADING BEACH WATER QUALITY IS AS FOLLOWS:

"A" GRADE INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS GOOD. THE MEAN E. COLI COUNT IS LESS THAN 100 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS LESS THAN SEVEN CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

"B" GRADE INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS ACCEPTABLE. THE MEAN E. COLI COUNT IS LESS THAN 1,000 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS LESS THAN 18 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

"C" GRADE INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS POOR. THE MEAN E. COLI COUNT IS 1,000 OR MORE PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS 18 OR MORE CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

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THE DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO CLOSE A BEACH TO SWIMMERS IS BASED ON A JUDGEMENT OF WHAT DEGREE OF POLLUTION IS ACCEPTABLE.

NORMALLY, A RECOMMENDATION ON CLOSURE WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED BY THE URBAN OR REGIONAL COUNCIL IF A "C" GRADING OCCURRED REPEATEDLY, SO THAT THE AVERAGE HEALTH RISK OVER THE BATHING SEASON EXCEEDED 15 CASES PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

SIMILARLY, A RECOMMENDATION TO RE-OPEN A CLOSED BEACH WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED IF A "B" GRADE OR BETTER WERE CONSISTENTLY OBTAINED.

AT PRESENT, SIX BATHING BEACHES HAVE BEEN DECLARED UNSUITABLE FOR SWIMMING PURPOSE, BASED ON THE WATER QUALITY DURING PAST SEASONS. THESE BEACHES ARE ANGLERS', CASTLE PEAK, SILVERMINE BAY, OLD CAFETERIA, ROCKY BAY AND TING KAU.

THEY ARE POLLUTED BY FAECAL WASTES AND FAIL TO ACHIEVE CONSISTENTLY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION AND HONG KONG STANDARDS. THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED NOT TO SWIM IN THESE SIX BEACHES. THEY ARE IDENTIFIED BY AN "X" IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE.

THE GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF VARIOUS BEACHES IN HONG KONG AS AT TODAY AND TWO WEEKS AGO ARE LISTED BELOW:

BEACH -----	LAST GRADING ----- (AS AT 14.9.89)	PRESENT GRADING ----- (AS AT 28.9.89)
HONG KONG SOUTH -----		
BIG WAVE BAY	A	A
CHUNG HOM KOK	A	A
DEEP WATER BAY	A	A
HAIRPIN	A	A
MIDDLE BAY	A	A
REPULSE BAY	A	A
SHEK O	B	B
SOUTH BAY	A	A
ST STEPHEN'S	A	A
TURTLE COVE	A	A
STANLEY MAIN	A	B

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ROCKY BAY	X	X
TO TEI WAN*	A	A
ISLANDS DISTRICT		

CHEUNG SHA UPPER	A	A
CHEUNG SHA LOWER	B	A
DISCOVERY BAY*	A	A
HUNG SHING YEH	A	A
KWUN YAM WAN	A	A
TONG FUK	A	A
LO SO SHING	A	A
PUI O	A	A
SILVERMINE BAY	X	X
TUNG WAN, CHEUNG CHAU	A	A
TUNG O*	A	A
SAI KUNG DISTRICT		

CAMPERS	A	A
CLEAR WATER BAY 1ST BEACH	B	A
CLEAR WATER BAY 2ND BEACH	A	A
HAP MUN BAY	A	A
KIU TSUI	A	A
PAK SHA CHAU	A	A
SILVERSTRAND	B	A
TRIO (HEBE HAVEN)	A	A

TSUEN WAN DISTRICT

ANGLERS'	X	X
APPROACH	A	A
CASAM	A	A
GEMINI	A	A
HOI MEI WAN	B	A
LIDO	A	A
TING KAU	X	X
TUNG WAN, MA WAN	A	A

TUEN MUN DISTRICT

OLD CAFETERIA	X	X
NEW CAFETERIA	B	B
CASTLE PEAK	X	X
KADOORIE	B	B
BUTTERFLY	B	B

NOTE: "X" THE BEACH HAS BEEN DECLARED UNSUITABLE FOR SWIMMING
 * NON-GAZETTED BEACHES.

THE FOLLOWING BEACHES HAVE CHANGED GRADING ON THIS OCCASION:

CHEUNG SHA LOWER, CLEAR WATER BAY 1ST BEACH, SILVERSTRAND AND HOI MEI WAN, FROM "B" TO "A"; AND STANLEY MAIN, FROM "A" TO "B".

THE CHANGES ARE WITHIN THE NORMAL RANGE OF FLUCTUATION OF THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF THESE BEACHES.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT MR PAUL R. HOLMES, PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER (WATER POLICY) OF THE EPD, ON TEL. 5-8351234.

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ID CARD REMINDER FOR MEN BORN IN 1945-48

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED MEN BORN IN 1945, 1946, 1947 OR 1948 TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS BEFORE OCTOBER 21 THIS YEAR.

"TO AVOID THE LAST-MINUTE RUSH, MEN OF THIS AGE GROUP WHO HAVE NOT YET APPLIED FOR A NEW IDENTITY CARD SHOULD COME FORWARD WITHOUT DELAY," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

"FAILURE TO APPLY FOR A NEW IDENTITY CARD WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD IS AN OFFENCE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$3,000," HE ADDED.

APPLICANTS CAN GO TO ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES TO RENEW THEIR IDENTITY CARDS.

THESE OFFICES ARE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM DAILY, EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

"THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE VERY CROWDED IN THE EVENINGS. TO AVOID HAVING TO QUEUE UP FOR A LONG TIME AT THE ISSUE OFFICES OR TO COME BACK ON ANOTHER DAY, APPLICANTS ARE ADVISED TO GO TO THESE OFFICES IN THE MORNINGS AND THE AFTERNOONS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THEY MAY 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

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THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AMNESTY FOR
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