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REFUGEE CAMPS TOUR A +MOVING EXPERIENCE+
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THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, MR RICHARD LUCE, TODAY (MONDAY) DESCRIBED AS A +VERY MOVING EXPERIENCE+ HIS VISIT TO SOME OF THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEE CAMPS IN HONG KONG.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER A TOUR OF THE KAI TAK TRANSIT CENTRE FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES, HE SAID HE WAS VERY IMPRESSED BY THE TREMENDOUS EFFORTS, SUPPORT AND WORK BEING DONE BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, BY THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES, BY THE RED CROSS AND BY THE VAST RANGE OF VOLUNTARY BODIES WHO WERE HELPING OUT WITH THIS +REAL HUMAN PROBLEM+.

+WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES ABOUT THE BROADER INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM THAT IS FACED BY VIETNAMESE REFUGEES,+ HE ADDED.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR CLINTON LEEKS, MR LUCE WAS MET ON ARRIVAL AT THE CAMP BY MR PETER MEIJER, DEPUTY CHARGE' DE MISSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES, DR T.C. CHENG, CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG RED CROSS, MR MORRIS MORGAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG RED CROSS TRANSIT CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND MR HENRY LOKE, CENTRE MANAGER.

HE THEN TOURED THE TRANSIT CENTRE AND SAW VARIOUS CAMP FACILITIES INCLUDING NURSERIES, DORMITORIES, PLAY GROUPS, SCHOOLS, AND A CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.

BEFORE VISITING THE KAI TAK TRANSIT CENTRE, MR LUCE ALSO VISITED THE CHI MA WAN CLOSED CAMP FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES.

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED ON THIS VISIT BY THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR THOMAS GARNER.

EARLIER IN THE AFTERNOON, THE VISITING MINISTER HAD A MEETING WITH UMELCO MEMBERS IN THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

HE TOLD REPORTERS AFTER THE MEETING THAT HE HAD BEEN LISTENING VERY CAREFULLY TO THE VIEWS OF ALMOST EVERY SINGLE MEMBER OF UMELCO ON THE SITUATION.

HE VALUED THIS SESSION VERY MUCH, HE ADDED.

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MINISTER HAS BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF NT
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THE MINISTER OF STATE AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, MR RICHARD LUCE, NOW ON A FOUR-DAY VISIT TO HONG KONG, WENT ON A FAMILIARISATION TOUR OF THE NEW TERRITORIES IN A HELICOPTER THIS MORNING.

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR CHAN NAI-KEONG, AND THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT, MR BRYAN O'RORKE.

THE TOUR COVERED TSUEN WAN, TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG, FANLING, TAI PO AND SHA TIN.

MR LUCE WAS BRIEFED ON THE DEVELOPMENT TAKING PLACE IN AND PLANNED FOR THE NEW TOWNS.

PRIOR TO THE TOUR OF THE NEW TOWNS, THE HELICOPTER HOVERED OVER THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF HONG KONG ISLAND AND TSIM SHA TSUI EAST WHERE THERE HAS BEEN TREMENDOUS DEVELOPMENT IN RECENT YEARS.

MR LUCE, WHO WAS LAST IN HONG KONG ABOUT FIVE YEARS AGO, NOTED THE RAPID PACE OF DEVELOPMENT THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

HE SHOWED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWNS.

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SPECIAL POST FOR SIR PERCY CRADOCK
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SIR PERCY CRADOCK WILL BE RETIRING FROM THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

THEREAFTER HE WILL BE TAKING UP A SPECIAL APPOINTMENT IN THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE AS DEPUTY UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT SIR PERCY'S SUCCESSOR WILL BE MADE NEARER THE TIME.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM LONDON

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THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE IN LONDON THIS MORNING:

+SIR PERCY CRADOCK WILL BE RETIRING FROM THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE AT THE END OF THE YEAR. THEREAFTER HE WILL BE TAKING UP A SPECIAL APPOINTMENT IN THE FCO AS DEPUTY UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG. HE WILL ALSO, AS ANNOUNCED BY 10 DOWNING STREET TODAY, ACT AS AN ADVISER ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO THE PRIME MINISTER IN SUCCESSION TO SIR ANTHONY PARSONS.+

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+THE PRIME MINISTER HAS APPOINTED SIR PERCY CRADOCK GCMG, TO BE AN ADVISER ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AT 10 DOWNING STREET FOLLOWING HIS RETIREMENT AS HER MAJESTY'S AMBASSADOR TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AT THE END OF THE YEAR. HE WILL DIVIDE HIS TIME BETWEEN THIS POST AND THE SPECIAL APPOINTMENT IN THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE AS DEPUTY UNDER-SECRETARY WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG, WHICH THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE IS ANNOUNCING TODAY. HE WILL SUCCEED SIR ANTHONY PARSONS GCMG MVO MC, WHO IS RETIRING AT THE END OF DECEMBER.+

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AUGUST CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES RELEASED

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) AND CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) FOR AUGUST 1983 WERE 143 AND 142 RESPECTIVELY, THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT REPORTED TODAY.

COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING MONTH, CPI(A) INCREASED BY 1 POINT OR 0.7 PER CENT AND CPI(B) REMAINED UNCHANGED. WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1982, CPI(A) ROSE BY 11 POINTS OR 8.3 PER CENT AND CPI(B), BY 11 POINTS OR 8.4 PER CENT. DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED IN AUGUST 1983, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI(A) INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 0.5 PER CENT EACH MONTH AND THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI(B), 0.6 PER CENT.

DURING AUGUST, PRICES OF LIVE POULTRY AND FRESH VEGETABLES ROSE. IN ADDITION, CHARGES FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS ALSO WENT UP. ON THE OTHER HAND, PRICES OF FRESH FRUITS AND CLOTHING ITEMS DECREASED.

THE CPI(A) AND CPI(B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1979/80 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY. THE CPI(A) REFERRED TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$1 000 AND \$3 499 A MONTH AND THE CPI(B) TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$3 500 AND \$6 499 A MONTH AT THAT TIME.

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THE INDEXES FOR AUGUST 1983 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES ARE GIVEN BELOW, TOGETHER WITH THOSE FOR JULY 1983 AND AUGUST 1982.

(OCTOBER 1979 TO SEPTEMBER 1980 AVERAGE = 100)

| SECTION | CPI(A) | | | CPI(B) | | |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | AUG.82 | JUL.83 | AUG.83 | AUG.82 | JUL.83 | AUG.83 |
| FOODSTUFFS | 137 | 143 | 144 | 137 | 144 | 144 |
| HOUSING | 126 | 138 | 138 | 126 | 137 | 138 |
| FUEL AND LIGHT | 134 | 144 | 145 | 135 | 145 | 145 |
| ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION) | 125 | 184 | 183 | 124 | 177 | 177 |
| CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR | 129 | 140 | 138 | 129 | 141 | 139 |
| DURABLE GOODS | 108 | 113 | 113 | 110 | 116 | 116 |
| MISCELLANEOUS GOODS | 122 | 132 | 133 | 119 | 131 | 132 |
| TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES | 141 | 156 | 156 | 142 | 158 | 158 |
| SERVICES | 135 | 152 | 153 | 134 | 150 | 151 |
| ALL ITEMS | 132 | 142 | 143 | 131 | 142 | 142 |

COMPARED WITH JULY 1983, THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY 1 POINT IN CPI(A). THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF LIVE POULTRY ROSE DUE TO HIGHER PRICES OF CHICKENS CAUSED BY REDUCED SUPPLY AND HIGHER FEEDING COSTS AFTER THE ABANDONMENT OF USING GROWTH STIMULANTS.

THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES WENT UP AS A RESULT OF INADEQUATE SUPPLY CAUSED BY ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS DURING THE LATTER PART OF THE MONTH. INCREASES WERE ALSO RECORDED IN THE AVERAGE CHARGES FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH FRUITS, SUCH AS PEARS AND HONEYDEW MELONS, DECREASED. THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SALT-WATER FISH ALSO WENT DOWN. THE EFFECT OF MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS ON THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS WAS INSIGNIFICANT.

THE INDEX FOR HOUSING INCREASED BY 1 POINT IN CPI(B) OWING TO HIGHER MULTI-STORY BUILDING MAINTENANCE FEES.

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THE INDEX FOR FUEL AND LIGHT INCREASED BY 1 POINT IN CPI(A) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER FUEL COST ADJUSTMENT IN ELECTRICITY CHARGES.

THE INDEX FOR ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION) DECREASED BY 1 POINT IN CPI(A), REFLECTING THE FULL IMPACT OF REDUCTIONS IN THE PRICES OF SOME BRANDS OF CIGARETTES.

LOWER PRICES OF OUTERCLOTHING CAUSED THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR TO DECREASE BY 2 POINTS IN BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B).

THE 1-POINT INCREASE IN THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS IN BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B) WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HIGHER PRICES OF MEDICINES, JEWELLERY, TOILET REQUISITES AND COSMETICS.

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES WENT UP BY 1 POINT IN BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER CHARGES FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT AND THE FULL IMPACT OF RISES IN ADMISSION CHARGES FOR CINEMAS.

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN THE OTHER SECTIONS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

DETAILS OF THESE PRICE MOVEMENTS ARE GIVEN IN THE +CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT+ FOR AUGUST 1983. BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE VERSIONS OF THIS REPORT ARE AVAILABLE AT \$3 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG. FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES, PLEASE CONTACT THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT TELEPHONE NO. 3-7216512.

(FIGURES PRESENTED IN THIS PRESS RELEASE REFER TO CPI SERIES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED)

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OBJECTIONABLE SIGNBOARDS TO BE REMOVED

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SIXTY OBJECTIONABLE SIGNBOARDS WILL BE PULLED DOWN FROM THE SKYWAY MANSION AT 289-295 PORTLAND STREET IN MONG KOK TOMORROW (TUESDAY) MORNING.

THE CLEARANCE OPERATION IS BEING CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MULTI-STOREY BUILDING ORDINANCE.

A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THE OPERATION WAS AIMED AT IMPROVING THE SURROUNINGS OF THE BUILDINGS AS WELL AS LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE RESIDENTS.

+DURING THE OPERATION, ANY ARTICLES CAUSING SERIOUS OBSTRUCTIONS ALONG CORRIDORS AND STAIRCASES WILL ALSO BE CLEARED,+ HE ADDED.

INITIATED BY THE SKYWAY MANSION OWNERS CORPORATION, THE OPERATION IS JOINTLY CARRIED OUT BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, THE POLICE AND THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

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YOUNG MEN REMINDED ABOUT ID CARDS
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MEN BORN BETWEEN 1958 AND 1964 WERE REMINDED TODAY (MONDAY) TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS BEFORE OCTOBER 29.

THE CURRENT PHASE OF THE NEW ID CARD ISSUE SCHEME, WHICH IS PRIMARILY TARGETED AT MEN BORN IN 1958 AND 1959, ALSO PROVIDES A LAST CHANCE FOR THE OTHER AGE GROUPS TO APPLY FOR NEW CARDS BEFORE THEIR OLD ONES BECOME INVALID.

THEY SHOULD BRING WITH THEM THEIR OLD ID CARDS AND CALL AT ANY OF THE EIGHT ISSUE OFFICES BETWEEN 8 AM AND 9.30 PM, MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT WARNED THAT ANYONE WITHIN THESE AGE BRACKETS FOUND TO BE HOLDING AN OLD ID CARD AFTER IT HAS BEEN DECLARED INVALID WILL BE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION.

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THOSE LIVING IN THE REMOTE PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE DEPARTMENT WILL INTRODUCE A VISITING SERVICE EARLY NEXT MONTH (OCTOBER) WHEN MOBILE OFFICES WILL BE SET UP IN SAI KUNG, CHEUNG CHAU, MUI WO AND LAMMA ISLAND.

+THE AIM OF THE SERVICE IS TO SAVE RESIDENTS THE TROUBLE OF MAKING LONG JOURNEYS TO THE ISSUE OFFICES IN THE URBAN AREAS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+SHOULD THE SERVICE PROVE USEFUL AND PRACTICABLE, CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO EXTENDING IT TO OTHER PHASES OF THE SCHEME,+ HE ADDED.

THE MOBILE TEAMS IN SAI KUNG AND CHEUNG CHAU WILL OPERATE SIMULTANEOUSLY FROM THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICE IN MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG AND THE CHEUNG CHAU DISTRICT FIELD OFFICE IN KWUN YAM WAN ROAD, CHEUNG CHAU BETWEEN OCTOBER 3 AND 24. THE TEAM IN MUI WO WILL BE STATIONED AT THE MUI WO COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BRANCH OFFICE, LANTAO BETWEEN OCTOBER 3 AND 17, WHILE THE ONE ON LAMMA ISLAND WILL BE AT THE NORTH LAMMA RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE BETWEEN OCTOBER 18 AND 24. THESE OFFICES WILL OPEN FROM 10 AM TO 1 PM AND FROM 2 PM TO 4 PM, MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS.

LOCAL RESIDENTS WHO WISH TO MAKE USE OF THE SERVICE SHOULD BRING ALONG THEIR OLD ID CARDS WHEN VISITING THE OFFICES.

DETAILS OF THE SERVICE ARE BEING PUBLICISED THROUGH THE DISTRICT OFFICES, RURAL COMMITTEES AND THROUGH THE CIVILIAN INFORMATION TEAM OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE BY TELEPHONING 5-8393221.

NEW APPROACH TO A GREENER COUNTRYSIDE
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A BRAND NEW CONCEPT TO DRIVE HOME THE MESSAGE FOR A CLEANER AND GREENER COUNTRYSIDE, ESPECIALLY IN THE COUNTRY PARKS, BEGINS NEXT WEEK.

THE CONCEPT IS AN EDUCATIONAL SCHEME TITLED THE +CLEAN AND GREEN+ COMPETITION AND CARRIES WITH IT THE GRAND PRIZE OF A FREE CAMPING TRIP TO AUSTRALIA.

THE COMPETITION, DEVISED BY THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY ADMINISTERED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, ALSO INVOLVES THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, WHICH DESIGNS ALL PUBLICITY MATERIALS.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON EAST PLAYS A VITAL PART BY DONATING GENEROUSLY TOWARDS IT, WHILE OTHER SPONSORS ALSO CONTRIBUTE FOR THE PRIZES.

THE SCHEME, WHICH WILL BE LAUNCHED OFFICIALLY ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 2), IS OPEN TO HOLDERS OF HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 1968. THUS MEANS THAT THE PARTICIPANTS MUST BE 15 YEARS OLD OR MORE.

A MAXIMUM OF 10 000 PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR THE SCHEME.

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE SCHEME AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY, MR HOWARD YOUNG, CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTRY PARK'S BOARD'S WORKING GROUP FOR THE SCHEME, SAID THAT SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COUNTRY PARKS, THE NUMBER OF VISIT HAS BEEN HIGH, WITH A TOTAL OF MORE THAN SEVEN MILLION VISITS LAST YEAR.

IT WAS TIME TO EMPHASISE THE PROPER USE OF THESE COUNTRY PARKS, ESPECIALLY BY THE YOUNGER GENERATION.

AND THE IMPORTANCE OF PRESERVING THE HERITAGE OF OUR GREEN AND RELATIVELY SPACIOUS COUNTRY PARKS COULD NOT BE OVER-EMPHASISED.

THE SCHEME DEVISED SHOULD SEE A CLEANER AND GREENER COUNTRY PARKS SYSTEM, MR YOUNG ADDED.

ALL PARTICIPANTS TO THE SCHEME WILL BE INVOLVED IN ACTIVE PROJECTS IN 12 OF THE 21 DESIGNATED COUNTRY PARKS OVER THE NEXT 12 MONTHS. THESE PROJECTS ARE ALL GEARED TO CONSERVATION OF THE COUNTRY PARKS AND WILL INCLUDE LITTER COLLECTION, FIRE PREVENTION AND OTHER RELATED WORK.

THERE WILL ALSO BE FUN-FILLED QUIZ CONTESTS.

OTHER PRIZES INCLUDE CAMERA AND ACCESSORIES AND CAMPING AND HIKING EQUIPMENT, DONATED BY SPONSORS.

OTHER SPECIALLY DESIGNED SOUVENIRS, INCLUDING T-SHIRTS, CLEAN AND GREEN BADGES, PENNANTS AND COUNTRY PARKS INFORMATION LEAFLETS WILL ALSO BE GIVEN AWAY TO THE PARTICIPANTS.

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THE 12 COUNTRY PARKS FOR REPORTING AND REGISTRATION FOR THE FIRST STAGE OF THE SCHEME ARE AT SHING MUN, TAI MO SHAN, TAI LAM, PLOVER COVE, PAT SIN LENG, KAM SHAN, SAI KUNG WEST, SAI KUNG EAST, CLEAR WATER BAY, ABERDEEN, QUARRY BAY AND LANTAU SOUTH.

INFORMATION LEAFLETS AND POSTERS GIVING DETAILS OF THE SCHEME ARE AVAILABLE FROM VARIOUS OUTLETS INCLUDING THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, ITS COUNTRY PARKS MANAGEMENT CENTRES, AS WELL AS DISTRICT OFFICES AND RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE OUTLETS.

THE COMPETITION WILL BE IN FIVE STAGES, CULMINATING IN A GRAND FINALE IN AUTUMN NEXT YEAR.

AFTER INITIAL REGISTRATION, WHICH REQUIRES THE COLLECTION OF 30 CAN PLUGS, PARTICIPANTS WILL BE INVITED TO VISIT ANY THREE OF THE 12 COUNTRY PARKS TO PICK UP LITTER ON THREE DIFFERENT DAYS BETWEEN NOVEMBER AND JANUARY NEXT YEAR. ON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF EACH VISIT, A MERIT STAMP WILL BE ENTERED IN THE PASSBOOK.

DURING THE NEXT TWO STAGES, THE PARTICIPANTS WILL INVOLVE THEMSELVES IN A VARIETY OF CONSERVATION WORK, INCLUDING TREE PLANTING, MAKING FIRE BEATERS, CLEARING GRASS AND UNDERGROWTH AND CLEANING BARBECUE FURNITURE.

DURING THE FOURTH STAGE IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR, PARTICIPANTS WILL BE INVITED IN GROUPS OF 40 TO A CONTEST IN A COUNTRY PARK WHERE MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUIZ PAPERS WILL BE SET.

DETAILS FOR THE GRAND FINALE NEXT AUTUMN WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE.

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RESERVOIRS NEAR CAPACITY

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 96.6 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 566.285 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 471.236 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 80.4 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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SCHOOLS REMINDED ABOUT CHEAPER STUDENT FARES
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SCHOOLS WERE REMINDED TODAY TO MAKE SURE THAT APPLICATIONS FOR STUDENT TRAVEL CARDS FOR 1983-84 WERE FORWARDED TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID MOST SCHOOLS HAD ALREADY SENT IN THE APPLICATIONS TO THE STUDENT TRAVEL OFFICE, AND REMINDED THE OTHERS THAT ACTION WAS REQUIRED SO THAT NEW TRAVEL CARDS COULD BE ISSUED BY THE END OF THIS MONTH.

HE SAID THAT 1982-83 CARDS WOULD EXPIRE ON OCTOBER 1 AND WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THAT AS VALID DOCUMENTS FOR CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL.

STUDENTS WHO HOLD 1983-84 CARDS ARE REMINDED TO PRODUCE THEIR CARDS UPON PAYMENT OF CONCESSIONARY FARES OR ON DEMAND FROM STAFF OF TRANSPORT OPERATORS. STUDENT TRAVEL CARDS ARE NON-TRANSFERABLE AND NO UNAUTHORISED ALTERATION IS ALLOWED.

IN CASE OF LOSS OR DAMAGE OF THE ORIGINAL CARD, THE HOLDER CAN APPLY FOR A REPLACEMENT. A HOLDER WHO CEASES TO BE A FULL-TIME STUDENT, SHOULD SURRENDER THE CARD TO THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION OR THE STUDENT TRAVEL OFFICE FOR CANCELLATION.

INFORMATION ON THE SCHEME AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES CAN BE OBTAINED FROM EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OR FROM THE STUDENT TRAVEL OFFICE, ROOM 705, CAPITOL CENTRE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG, TELEPHONE 5-7954631.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE
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CHUNG MEI ROAD WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC TOMORROW (TUESDAY) BETWEEN 1.30 AM AND 5 AM TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PEDESTRIAN FOOTBRIDGE.

DURING THE CLOSURE, THE ROAD WILL BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC AT AN HOURLY INTERVAL AND CAN BE RE-OPEN TO EMERGENCY SERVICES WHEN NECESSARY.

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TRAFFIC RESTRICTION IN SAI YING PUN
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IN CONNECTION WITH THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT PRIORITY SCHEME IN SAI YING PUN, LEFT TURNS FROM QUEEN'S ROAD WEST INTO WESTERN STREET HAVE BEEN PROHIBITED.

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