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CHOLERA CASE TRACED TO CONTAMINATED EGGS

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INVESTIGATIONS BY HEALTH OFFICERS HAVE SHOWN THAT THE SOURCE OF INFECTION IN THE RECENT CASE OF CHOLERA IS LIKELY TO HAVE COME FROM CONTAMINATED HARD BOILED CHICKEN EGGS BROUGHT BACK FROM HAIFENG COUNTY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT ALTHOUGH IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN ANY OF THE CONTAMINATED EGGS FOR LABORATORY EXAMINATION, THERE WAS SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO SUGGEST THAT THE EGGS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CURRENT OUTBREAK.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT APART FROM THE 20-YEAR-OLD CONSTRUCTION WORKER, MR LUI PING HON, WHO WAS CONFIRMED TO BE SUFFERING FROM CHOLERA, THREE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY, TOGETHER WITH HIS UNCLÉ WHO BROUGHT BACK THE HARD-BOILED EGGS FROM CHINA, ALL CAME DOWN WITH DIARRHOEA AFTER EATING THE EGGS.

NINE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE TWO FAMILIES WHO HAD NOT TAKEN THE EGGS WERE SYMPTOM-FREE.

+THIS WOULD CLEARLY SUGGEST THAT THE EGGS ARE THE COMMON FACTOR IN CAUSING THE OUTBREAK,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT CHOLERA VIBRIO HAD NOT BEEN FOUND IN THE STOOL EXAMINATION OF THE OTHER FOUR CASES POSSIBLY DUE TO THE FACT THAT STOOL SPECIMEN COULD ONLY BE OBTAINED FROM ALMOST A WEEK AFTER THE ONSET OF DIARRHOEA.

+IN ANY CASE, THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THEY ALL HAVE EATEN THE EGGS WHICH HAVE BEEN CONTAMINATED, THUS CAUSING THE SYMPTOMS OF DIARRHOEA,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IT WAS NOT NECESSARY TO DECLARE HONG KONG AS A CHOLERA INFECTED AREA AS THE SOURCE OF INFECTION IS INTRODUCED FROM OUTSIDE OF HONG KONG.

HOWEVER, HE ADVISED THE PUBLIC TO BE ON FULL ALERT TO OBSERVE ALL THE RULES OF PERSONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AGAINST THE DISEASE.

THERE IS NO CHANGE IN THE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAVELLERS INTO AND OUT OF HONG KONG.

MOST COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD DO NOT REQUIRE THE PRODUCTION OF A CHOLERA VACCINATION CERTIFICATE BUT CERTAIN COUNTRIES RESERVE THE RIGHT TO IMPOSE THEM WHENEVER THEY DEEM NECESSARY.

PEOPLE INTENDING TO TRAVEL ABROAD ARE THEREFORE ADVISED TO CHECK WITH THE PORT HEALTH OFFICE OR AIRLINE COMPANIES ON THE REQUIREMENTS.

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HONG KONG INDUSTRY BENEFITS FROM LOWER LAND PRICE

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THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, MR PETER TSAO TODAY (TUESDAY) SAID THAT PRICE OF INDUSTRIAL LAND HAD STABILISED TO SUCH A LEVEL THAT INDUSTRIALISTS MIGHT NOW FIND IT ATTRACTIVE TO INVEST.

+POSITIVE EFFORTS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT TO DEVELOP INDUSTRIAL LAND FOR SALE HAVE CHANGED THE LONG SUSTAINED SITUATION IN THE PAST WHERE LAND SUPPLY WAS GROSSLY INADEQUATE,+ SAID MR TSAO, ADDRESSING THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE FEDERATION OF INDUSTRIES IN TSUEN WAN.

QUOTING STATISTICS, HE SAID: +INDUSTRIAL LAND PRICE HAS DROPPED FROM AN AVERAGE OF \$14 300 A SQUARE METRE DURING THE PEAK PERIOD IN 1981, TO \$5 200 A SQUARE METRE IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1982.

+THE SUPPLY OF FLATTED FACTORY SPACE ROSE FROM 977 000 SQUARE METRES IN 1980 TO 1 121 000 SQUARE METRES IN 1981, WHILST VACANT INDUSTRIAL PREMISES HAVE INCREASED FROM 476 100 SQUARE METRES IN 1980 TO 795 000 SQUARE METRES IN 1981.+

IN TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG, THE SUPPLY OF FACTORY SPACES AND VACANT INDUSTRIAL PREMISES STOOD AT 493 000 AND 359 000 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY DURING 1981 - ALMOST HALF OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT IN HONG KONG. +UNDER THE PRESENT SITUATION POTENTIAL INVESTORS WOULD NOT FIND IT DIFFICULT TO ACQUIRE SUITABLE PREMISES,+ HE ADDED.

TURNING TO SALES PRICE OF INDUSTRIAL PREMISES, MR TSAO CITED THAT FACTORY SPACE IN KOWLOON BAY, FOR EXAMPLE, WAS SOLD AT \$3 500 PER SQUARE METRE IN EARLY 1981 BUT DECLINED TO \$667 IN MARCH 1982, AND IN TUEN MUN THE SALE PRICES DECREASED FROM \$740 PER SQUARE METRE IN SEPTEMBER 1981 TO \$209 IN MAY THIS YEAR.

+THE RISING RENTALS FOR FACTORY SPACE HAVE ALSO LEVELLED OFF SINCE THE LATTER HALF OF 1981 TO A REASONABLE SCALE. ON AVERAGE, MONTHLY RENTS FOR INDUSTRIAL PREMISES IN THE LATTER HALF OF 1980 WAS \$25.70 A SQUARE METRE, WHILE IN 1981 AND THE EARLY 1982, THE AVERAGE RENT WAS \$29.30 A SQUARE METRE.

+OF THE TOTAL SUPPLY OF FLATTED FACTORY SPACE IN 1981, ABOUT 67 PER CENT WAS LOCATED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, WITH CONCENTRATION IN TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG. THIS TREND WOULD CONTINUE INTO 1982 AND 1983.

+HONG KONG INDUSTRY WILL BENEFIT WHEN THE SUPPLY OF LAND IS GREATER THAN DEMAND, BECAUSE LOWER INDUSTRIAL LAND PRICES MEAN CHEAPER SALES PRICE AND RENTALS, WHICH IN TURN LOWER PRODUCTION COSTS. INDUSTRIALISTS AND ENTERPRENEURS, PLANNING TO EXPAND THEIR BUSINESS OR INVEST IN LOCAL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY, MAY FIND IT OPPORTUNE TO DO SO NOW,+ HE SUGGESTED.

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FS VISITS DYEING AND PRINTING FACTORY

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR JOHN BREMRIDGE, TODAY (TUESDAY) VISITED THE ISLAND DYEING AND PRINTING CO LTD IN KWAI CHUNG AS PART OF HIS FAMILIARISATION PROGRAMME.

MR BREMRIDGE, ACCOMPANIED BY THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF INDUSTRY, MR PAUL WONG, WAS MET ON ARRIVAL BY THE DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY, MR H.C. YUNG, MR LINCOLN YUNG AND MR K. ARICHI- THE GENERAL MANAGER, MR Y. HIRANO AND THE COMPANY SECRETARY, MR JOHN YUNG.

ISLAND DYEING AND PRINTING CO LTD, SET UP IN 1964 AS A JOINT VENTURE OF HONG KONG AND JAPAN INTERESTS, IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST FACTORIES IN THE INDUSTRY, EMPLOYING ABOUT 750 WORKERS.

THE FACTORY, WHICH HAS A FLOOR AREA OF 21 840 SQUARE METRES, IS ABLE TO DYE, BLEACH AND PRINT FURNISHING AND GARMENT FABRICS UP TO 2 730 KILOMETRES A MONTH.

ABOUT 85 PER CENT OF THE PRODUCTION IS FOR LOCAL SALE, WHILE THE REST IS FOR EXPORT TO THE UNITED KINGDOM, GERMANY, AUSTRALIA, THE UNITED STATES AND NEW ZEALAND.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 597 DYEING AND FINISHING FACTORIES, EMPLOYING OVER 17 000 WORKERS.

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RE-ROUTING OF TRAFFIC IN KWONG WA STREET

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TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, KWONG WA STREET IN MONG KOK WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY NORTHBOUND FROM 10 AM THIS FRIDAY (JULY 30).

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FACTS AND FIGURES THAT ARE MUCH SOUGHT AFTER
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FACTS AND FIGURES PUT OUT REGULARLY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ARE OF GREAT VALUE FOR BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY.

SUCH INFORMATION AS MARKET SIZE, CONSUMER SPENDING, LIFE STYLE CHANGES AND TRADING FIGURES ARE VERY MUCH SOUGHT AFTER BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY.

AS FAR AS THE GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED, EXPLAINED MR COLIN GREENFIELD, COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS, IT USES THE DATA IN FORMULATING AND MONITORING POLICY AND LONG-TERM PLANNING DECISIONS.

SPEAKING THE OTHER DAY OF THE WORK CARRIED OUT BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, MR GREENFIELD POINTED OUT THAT SOME PEOPLE IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR OF BUSINESS ARE OFTEN SO ANXIOUS TO OBTAIN THE STATISTICAL INFORMATION THAT THEY GO TO THE DEPARTMENT TO LOOK UP THE DATA BEFORE IT IS RELEASED IN THE PRINTED FORM.

+THERE IS, OF COURSE, A GAP BETWEEN THE TIME WHEN THE INFORMATION IS GATHERED AND COLLATED, AND THE TIME IT IS PRINTED, SO THIS EXPLAINS WHY PEOPLE WHO WANT THE INFORMATION IN A HURRY COME TO THE DEPARTMENT,+ HE SAID. TO COPE WITH THE NEEDS FOR TIMELY DATA, SUMMARY STATISTICS ARE SOMETIMES PUBLISHED AHEAD OF DETAILED STATISTICS.

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1967, COMBINING THE WORK OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICAL PLANNING OFFICE AND THE STATISTICAL UNIT OF THE FORMER COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT. IT NOW HAS 24 OTHER STATISTICAL SECTIONS SET UP IN VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT.

IT HAS BEEN CONDUCTING LARGE-SCALE BENCHMARK CENSUSES EVERY FIVE YEARS ON EACH OF HONG KONG'S FIVE MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS, WITH SMALL-SCALE ANNUAL FOLLOW-UP SURVEYS TO UPDATE THE INFORMATION, MR GREENFIELD EXPLAINED.

THE FIVE ECONOMIC SECTORS ARE: MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY; WHOLESALE AND RETAIL; CONSTRUCTION; FINANCE, BUSINESS AND INSURANCE SERVICES; AND TRANSPORT.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO UNDERTAKEN POPULATION CENSUSES EVERY FIVE YEARS; THE LATEST ONE WAS CARRIED OUT IN MARCH 1981.

STATISTICAL DATA ARE DIVIDED INTO TWO MAIN CATEGORIES - ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL, AND ARE GATHERED MAINLY FROM SPECIALLY DESIGNED CENSUSES OR SAMPLE SURVEYS AND ALSO FROM ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

EXAMPLES OF ECONOMIC STATISTICS ARE THE NATIONAL ACCOUNTS, CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT AND THE CONSUMER PRICE INDICES, WHEREAS SOCIAL STATISTICS INCLUDE SUCH THINGS AS POPULATION, CRIME, BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES.

IN THE SOCIAL FIELD, MR GREENFIELD SAID, THE LABOUR FORCE SURVEY, WHICH WAS STARTED IN 1975 AND CARRIED OUT ON A REGULAR BASIS, HAS NOW BEEN REPLACED BY A MORE COMPREHENSIVE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY.

MR GREENFIELD SAID THAT IT WAS TO BE EXPECTED THAT EMPHASIS IN THE FUTURE WILL BE PLACED MORE ON THE SMALLER-SCALE, ECONOMIC SURVEYS, RATHER THAN THE LARGE-SCALE BENCHMARK CENSUSES.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS, HE SAID, CAN BE QUICKLY COMPILED FROM THE RESULTS OF THESE SHORT-TERM SURVEYS, WHEREAS RESULTS OF BENCHMARK CENSUSES TAKE A LONG TIME TO COLLECT AND ANALYSE AND CANNOT BE RELEASED IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME FOR IMMEDIATE USE.

THIS EMPHASIS WILL BE FACILITATED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S INCREASING USE OF COMPUTERS IN MANY AREAS OF ITS WORK TO FURTHER UPGRADE THE OVERALL QUALITY OF ITS SERVICES AND TO REDUCE ERRORS TO THE MINIMUM, HE SAID.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO CONDUCTED MANY OTHER SAMPLE SURVEYS, INCLUDING THOSE DEALING WITH CRIME VICTIMISATION, TRANSPORT CHARACTERISTICS, CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT, TEXTILE PRODUCTION AND MANPOWER.

THE RESULTS OF SOME OF THESE SURVEYS ARE PUBLISHED FOR GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST, AND DETAILED ANALYSES OF THE DATA ARE MADE FOR USE ONLY BY VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

THE MOST POPULAR OF THESE PUBLICATIONS IS THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS, WHICH CONTAINS A WIDE RANGE OF INFORMATION ON POPULATION, VITAL STATISTICS, HOUSING AND OTHER SOCIAL TOPICS, EMPLOYMENT, PRODUCTION, FOOD SUPPLIES, PRICES, TRANSPORT, BANKING AND OTHER RELATED ECONOMIC TOPICS.

ANOTHER OF THE MORE POPULAR PUBLICATIONS IS THE HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS, WHICH CARRIES A DETAILED BREAK-DOWN OF TRADE FIGURES BY COMMODITY AND FURTHER BY COUNTRY. PARTICULARLY IN DEMAND HAS BEN THE DECEMBER ISSUE OF THIS PUBLICATION WITH ITS SEPARATE SUPPLEMENT PROVIDING FIGURES BY COUNTRY AND FURTHER BY COMMODITY. MR GREENFIELD POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT THE MAIN AIM OF THE PUBLICATIONS IS TO PROVIDE A SERVICE FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMUNITY IN GENERAL AND NOT TO MAKE MONEY.

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BRITONS ARRIVE FOR COMMONWEALTH YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

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SIX YOUNG BRITONS PARTICIPATING IN THE COMMONWEALTH YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME ARRIVED IN HONG KONG TODAY (TUESDAY) TO BEGIN A THREE-WEEK VISIT HERE.

THE GROUP, FROM THE COUNTY OF SOUTH GLAMORGAN, WALES, COMPRISED MISS ELAINE JOHNS, MISS JENNIFER LENCZNER, MR BRIAN JOHNSON, MR BRIAN MURPHY, MR ANDREW KNILL AND MR PETER HIGGINS.

THEY WERE MET AT THE AIRPORT BY OFFICERS OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION - COORDINATOR OF THE PROGRAMME - AND WERE ESCORTED TO THEIR ACCOMMODATION AT THE CARITAS BIANCHI LODGE.

A CNTA SPOKESMAN SAID THE EVENT WAS ORGANISED BY THE COMMONWEALTH YOUTH EXCHANGE COUNCIL AS AN ON-GOING PROGRAMME TO ENABLE YOUNG PEOPLE IN COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES TO MAKE EXCHANGE VISITS ON A RECIPROCAL AND BILATERAL BASIS.

+THE OBJECT IS TO ENABLE YOUNG PEOPLE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR NEIGHBOURS IN THE COMMONWEALTH AND TO EXCHANGE IDEAS AND EXPERIENCES, THUS MAKING THE COMMONWEALTH CONCEPT A GREATER REALITY FOR THEM,+ HE SAID.

DURING THEIR STAY, THE VISITORS WILL CALL ON VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, SUCH AS THE URBAN SERVICES, RECREATION AND CULTURE, HOUSING, EDUCATION, MEDICAL AND HEALTH AND THE POLICE.

A TOUR TO SHA TIN NEW TOWN AND A CRUISE TO THE OUTLYING ISLANDS WILL BE ARRANGED FOR THEM. THEY WILL ALSO VISIT PLACES LIKE THE OCEAN PARK, SPACE MUSEUM, MUSIC CAMP, CHI MA WAN REFUGEE CAMP, SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE, LADY MACLEHOSE HOLIDAY VILLAGE, CHONG HING WATER SPORTS CENTRE AND QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL.

SIX HONG KONG PAST PARTICIPANTS WILL ACCOMPANY THE VISITORS DURING THE TOURS. THEY ARE MR FRANCIS AU, MISS VIVIAN FONG, MR FRANK IP, MISS LO MAN-YI, MISS NG YIM-HO AND MR RAYMOND TSENG.

HONG KONG HAS SENT 18 YOUNG PEOPLE TO THE UNITED KINGDOM SINCE PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAMME IN 1977.

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FINAL LEGCO MEETING BEFORE RECESS

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SIXTEEN BILLS ARE EXPECTED TO GO THROUGH THEIR COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READINGS AND BECOME LAW WHEN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL'S FINAL MEETING FOR THE 1981-82 SESSION IS HELD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THREE BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS, WITH DEBATE TO BE ADJOURNED: STOCK EXCHANGES UNIFICATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982, PEAK TRAMWAY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982, AND ROAD TRAFFIC BILL 1982.

SESSIONAL PAPERS WILL INCLUDE THE REPORT OF THE UMELCO POLICE GROUP FOR 1981, WHICH WILL BE FOLLOWED AFTER QUESTION TIME, BY A STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, AND THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE BOARD.

EIGHT QUESTIONS WILL BE ASKED BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS ON SUCH MATTERS AS SAFETY MEASURES AGAINST ACCIDENTAL ELECTROCUTION THROUGH USE OF FAULTY WIRES OR EQUIPMENT, AND ACTION TAKEN ON THE USE OF TOXIC SALYSILIC ACID BY FOOD FACTORIES.

A QUESTION WILL ALSO BE ASKED ON THE BENEFITS AND SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO EX-FAR EAST PRISONERS OF WAR AND THEIR DEPENDANTS.

OTHER QUESTIONS WILL DEAL WITH SENIOR SECONDARY AND TERTIARY EDUCATION, THE PLACEMENT OF ELDERLY PERSONS IN INFIRMARIES AND HOMES, SUICIDES AMONG STUDENTS, MEASURES BEING TAKEN TO CONTROL THE GROWTH OF VICE ESTABLISHMENTS IN RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, AND THE UNITED KINGDOM'S ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR HONG KONG PASSPORT HOLDERS.

FOLLOWING THE SUMMER RECESS, THE NEW LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SESSION FOR 1982-83 WILL BEGIN EARLY IN OCTOBER WITH AN ADDRESS BY THE GOVERNOR.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST

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A NUMBER OF ROAD SECTIONS IN TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1 AM AND 6 AM FROM THURSDAY (JULY 29) UNTIL SATURDAY (JULY 31) FOR CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTBRIDGES.

THE SECTIONS INCLUDE:-

- * SALISBURY ROAD BETWEEN MODY LANE AND SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD-
- * MODY ROAD BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 50 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH MODY LANE AND OUTSIDE HOLIDAY INN HARBOUR VIEW- AND
- * THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH INTO SALISBURY ROAD EASTBOUND.

DURING THE CLOSURE, EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON SALISBURY ROAD HEADING FOR THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL AND HUNG HOM AREAS WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH. TRAFFIC HEADING FOR TSIM SHA TSUI EAST NORTH OF MODY LANE WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH, CAMERON ROAD, CARNARVON ROAD AND GRANVILLE ROAD.

TRAFFIC ON SALISBURY ROAD WESTBOUND HEADING FOR THE TSIM SHA TSUI AREA WILL BE DIVERTED VIA HONG CHONG ROAD, HONG TAT PATH AND CHEONG WAN ROAD.

TRAFFIC ON MODY LANE SOUTHBOUND HEADING FOR THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL AND HUNG HOM AREAS WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SALISBURY ROAD WESTBOUND AND CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH.

ACCESS TO THE EMPIRE CENTRE CAR PARK AND REGAL MERIDIEN HOTEL WILL BE VIA MODY LANE NORTHBOUND OR MODY ROAD EASTBOUND, WHILE THOSE HEADING FOR THE HOLIDAY INN HARBOUR VIEW AND CARRIAN PUBLIC COACH PARK WILL BE VIA MODY ROAD WESTBOUND.

MOTORISTS ON CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH HEADING FOR THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL AREA ARE ADVISED TO USE GRANVILLE ROAD, SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD AND HONG CHONG ROAD.

MEANWHILE, IN YUE KWONG ROAD IN ABERDEEN PARKING METERS WILL BE INSTALLED AND BECOME OPERATIVE FROM 8 AM ON THURSDAY (JULY 29).

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FINAL CONCERT BY 1982 HONG KONG YOUTH MUSIC CAMP

SOME 300 YOUNG MUSICIANS OF THE 1982 HONG KONG YOUTH MUSIC CAMP WILL GIVE A FINAL CONCERT AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL, KOWLOON ON AUGUST 7.

THE PERFORMERS INCLUDE ABOUT 20 STUDENTS FROM AUSTRALIA, JAPAN, THE U.K. AND THE UNITED STATES.

THE CONCERT WILL FEATURE MUSICAL WORKS AND ARRANGEMENTS THEY HAVE LEARNT DURING THE TWO-WEEK CAMP AT ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE, STANLEY.

THE CAMP, WHICH WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE ON JULY 25, WILL CLOSE ON AUGUST 8.

BESIDES LESSONS FROM LOCAL MUSIC INSTRUCTORS, THE CAMPERS ARE RECEIVING TRAINING FROM DISTINGUISHED GUEST MUSICIANS, INCLUDING GEORG TINTNER OF AUSTRALIA AND QIN PENG-ZHANG FROM CHINA.

THE FINAL CONCERT WILL COMPRISE TWO SESSIONS.

THE FIRST SESSION, STARTING AT 5 PM, WILL INCLUDE CHINESE MUSIC CONDUCTED BY QIN PENG-ZHANG AND SYMPHONIC BAND MUSIC.

THE SECOND SESSION, STARTING AT 8 PM, WILL INCLUDE ORCHESTRAL AND CHORAL MUSIC CONDUCTED BY GEORG TINTNER. SOLOISTS ELLA KIANG, PATRICIA ELLEN, STEPHEN LLEWELLYN AND NICHOLAS HAYES WILL DO EXCERPTS FROM BRUCKNER'S MASS NO. 3 IN F MINOR.

TICKETS AT \$5 FOR EACH SESSION ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL AND THE FOLLOWING MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE:

- * HONG KONG MUSIC CENTRE, HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, 9/F, 2 HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG;
- * EAST KOWLOON MUSIC CENTRE, YAN HAU MANSION, 100 TING FU ST., 3/F, NGAU TAU KOK, KOWLOON;
- * NEW TERRITORIES MUSIC CENTRE, CHEUNG YIU BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 167-173 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO TELEPHONE 5-283257.

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SEACATS HOLD THE LINE AGAINST BEACH 'LAP-SAP'
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THE FRONTLINE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST OFF-SHORE BEACH LITTER IS BEING HELD BY CRAFT WHICH WERE ORIGINALLY INTENDED ONLY FOR RESCUE WORK.

WHEN SHALLOW-DRAUGHT LIFE-SAVING SEACATS WERE INTRODUCED AT HONG KONG'S BEACHES FOUR YEARS AGO, IT WAS IMMEDIATELY DISCOVERED THAT THEY WERE ALSO IDEAL VESSELS FOR COLLECTING CLOSE-TO-SHORE FLOATING REFUSE.

BECAUSE SEACATS ARE TWIN-HULLED LIKE CATAMARANS, THEIR CREWS RIDE OVER OPEN WATER, MAKING THE JOB OF COLLECTING FLOATING RUBBISH FAIRLY SIMPLE.

THE CREWS WERE THEREFORE ORDERED TO CLEAN UP THE WATER WHEN NOT ENGAGED IN LIFE-SAVING, AND, TODAY, THEIR CLEANING OPERATION TAKES UP MOST OF THEIR WORKING HOURS.

EACH VESSEL IS MANNED BY THREE QUALIFIED LIFE-GUARDS, EACH OF WHOM TAKES HIS TURN FISHING 'LAP-SAP' (REFUSE) OUT OF THE WATER WITH A RAKE.

THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN'S DRIVE TO RID BEACHES OF RUBBISH IS KEEPING THE LIFE-GUARDS BUSY THIS SUMMER, PARTICULARLY WHEN HEAVY RAINS WASH LAND-BASED 'LAP-SAP' INTO THE SEA.

BUT THE EIGHT CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT SEACATS NOW OPERATING AT URBAN BEACHES ARE MANAGING TO HOLD THE LINE AGAINST RUBBISH.

TWO OF THE EIGHT CRAFT ARE DRIVEN BY 25-HORSEPOWER OUTBOARD MOTORS WHILE THE REST ARE PADDLED.

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