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GALLANTRY AWARDS FOR 3 MEN IN AIRPORT RESCUE

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THE QUEEN HAS APPROVED AWARDS FOR GALLANTRY AND BRAVE CONDUCT TO TWO FIREMEN AND A CIVILIAN WHO TOOK PART IN THE RESCUE OPERATION FOLLOWING THE CRASH OF AN AIRLINER AT HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ON AUGUST 31 LAST YEAR.

THE QUEEN'S GALLANTRY MEDAL HAS BEEN AWARDED TO FIREMAN LI TIM-SHING AND TO FIREMAN LUI TAK-WAH.

THE QUEEN'S COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT HAS BEEN AWARDED TO MR WONG KWAI-LEUNG, WHO WAS A PASSENGER ON THE CAAC TRIDENT JET.

THE ACCIDENT HAPPENED AT ABOUT 9.20 AM AS THE JETLINER WAS LANDING AT KAI TAK, ON A FLIGHT FROM CANTON. IT WAS CARRYING 11 CREW AND 78 PASSENGERS.

THE AIRCRAFT PLUNGED INTO THE KOWLOON BAY NULLAH WITH A FIRE IN THE TAIL SECTION, WHICH CAME TO REST ON THE SEAWALL. THE FUSELAGE SECTION JUST FORWARD OF THE WINGS RUPTURED AND THE NOSE SECTION OF THE AIRCRAFT WAS SUBMERGED.

FIREMAN LI TOOK AN ACTIVE PART IN RESCUING THE OCCUPANTS OF THE CRASHED AIRCRAFT. AT THAT POINT IN TIME, THE FIRE IN THE NO. 2 ENGINE IN THE TAIL SECTION WAS STILL BURNING AS IT COULD NOT BE REACHED BY THE JETS FROM THE FIRE APPLIANCES ON LAND. THE FIRE POSED A SERIOUS THREAT AS IT COULD HAVE TRIGGERED AN EXPLOSION FROM THE SPILLED AVIATION FUEL IN THE VICINITY.

FIREMAN LI TOOK A HOSE LINE FROM THE SHORE AND SWAM TO THE AIRCRAFT. WITH THE HELP OF A COLLEAGUE HE MANAGED TO CLIMB UP THE VERY HOT AND SLIPPERY REAR FUSELAGE AND SUCCESSFULLY EXTINGUISHED THE FIRE. THIS WAS A MAJOR FACTOR IN THE RESCUE OPERATION AND FIREMAN LI SHOWED EXCEPTIONAL COURAGE AND SKILL.

MEANWHILE, FIREMAN LUI, HAVING HELPED TO RESCUE TWO PASSENGERS TRAPPED IN THEIR SEATS, ATTEMPTED TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE SUBMERGED COCKPIT.

THIS WAS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT BECAUSE THE PASSAGE TO THE COCKPIT WAS OBSTRUCTED BY SHARP DEBRIS, WIRING AND OTHER WRECKAGE, AND THE ALMOST TOTAL LACK OF VISIBILITY IN THE MURKY WATER. IN ADDITION, THERE WAS THE EVER PRESENT RISK OF EXPLOSION FROM THE BURNING NO. 2 ENGINE.

FIREMAN LUI EVENTUALLY MANAGED TO ENTER THE COCKPIT AND RECOVER THE SIX CREW MEMBERS WHO HAD BEEN IN THE COCKPIT. ALL SIX WERE DEAD.

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TO WORK IN THE CONFINED SPACE OF THE COCKPIT IN CONDITIONS OF NO VISIBILITY, FIREMAN LUI HAD TO HOLD HIS DIVING HARNESS AND AIR SUPPLY IN ONE HAND. IN SO DOING HE DISPLAYED CONSPICUOUS COURAGE AND SKILL AS HE COULD HAVE BEEN TRAPPED AT ANY TIME BY WRECKAGE OR HIS BREATHING TUBE CUT BY THE SHARP DEBRIS.

MR WONG HAD MANAGED, AFTER THE CRASH, TO OPEN AN EXIT DOOR AND ASSISTED SOME OF HIS FELLOW PASSENGERS FROM THE AIRCRAFT. THEN, DESPITE INJURIES SUSTAINED IN THE CRASH, HE HELPED SEVERAL MORE PASSENGERS TO SWIM ASHORE.

BY STAYING IN THE VICINITY OF THE AIRCRAFT WHEN THERE WAS A HIGH RISK OF EXPLOSION MR WONG SHOWED BRAVERY AND PUBLIC SPIRITEDNESS OF A HIGH ORDER.

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"INSURANCE POLICY" FOR HK PEOPLE WELCOMED: SIR DAVID FORD
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THE GOVERNMENT WOULD WARMLY WELCOME ASSISTANCE FROM OVERSEAS COUNTRIES IN GIVING HONG KONG PEOPLE THE RIGHT TO ENTER THOSE COUNTRIES BUT ALLOWING THEM TO REMAIN IN HONG KONG, THE DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID FORD SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SIR DAVID WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF THE HONG KONG ARTICLE NUMBERING ASSOCIATION.

"I THINK THE MORE PEOPLE WHO ARE ENCOURAGED TO STAY HERE IN HONG KONG AND WORK FOR HONG KONG BUT HAVING SOME INSURANCE POLICY THAT ENABLES THEM TO LEAVE, IF THEY FEEL THEY HAVE TO, THAT WILL IN DEED HELP HONG KONG'S CONFIDENCE. AND CERTAINLY WE WILL ENCOURAGE OTHER COUNTRIES TO DO SOMETHING ALONG THOSE SAME LINES AS WE HOPE THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS GOING TO DO SHORTLY," HE SAID.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON A US PROPOSAL TO INCREASE ITS IMMIGRATION QUOTA FOR PEOPLE OF HONG KONG, SIR DAVID SAID THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OVERSEAS COUNTRIES SHOULD INCREASE THEIR IMMIGRATION QUOTAS WAS A MATTER FOR THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED.

THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT IN ANY WAY TRY TO INTERFERE, HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID DID NOT THINK THE CHANGES WOULD INCREASE THE BRAIN DRAIN PROBLEM IF PEOPLE WERE ALLOWED TO STAY HERE BUT WITH THE RIGHT TO ENTER SOMEWHERE ELSE.

"OF COURSE, IF THE IMMIGRATION QUOTAS ARE INCREASED ON A NORMAL BASIS, THAT COULD IN DEED PULL MORE PEOPLE OUT OF HONG KONG," HE NOTED.

ASKED IF INCREASED IMMIGRATION QUOTAS WOULD IRRITATE THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT, SIR DAVID SAID: "I DON'T THINK THERE ARE ANY INDICATIONS AS IT WOULD IN ANY WAY IRRITATE THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT. CERTAINLY WE HAVE NO SUCH INDICATION."

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QUALITY IMPROVEMENT IN MANUFACTURING AN IMPORTANT CHALLENGE

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THE 1990'S WILL BE AN EVENTFUL DECADE FOR HONG KONG AND ITS INDUSTRIES AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT IN MANUFACTURING MAY PROVE TO BE ONE OF THE MORE IMPORTANT CHALLENGES.

THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR T.H. BARMA, SAID THIS AT THE OPENING OF THE TOTAL QUALITY CONFERENCE TODAY (THURSDAY).

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT FIRMLY BELIEVED THAT THE QUEST FOR IMPROVED QUALITY, LEADING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A TOTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT APPROACH, MIGHT PROVE TO BE ONE OF MORE DECISIVE FACTORS IN DETERMINING THE FUTURE SUCCESS OF HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

MR BARMA SAID HONG KONG'S PAST SUCCESS HAD RELIED HEAVILY ON LOW VALUE ADDED, HIGH VOLUME PRODUCTION OR ON SUBCONTRACTING WORK AT A RELATIVELY LOW TECHNOLOGY LEVEL, BUT DUE TO RISING LAND AND LABOUR COSTS, THESE TYPES OF LABOUR INTENSIVE PROCESSES AND PRODUCTION COULD NOT BE SUSTAINED IN HONG KONG.

"IT IS PERHAPS SIGNIFICANT THAT ALL RECENT STUDIES THAT HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN IN RESPECT OF OUR MAJOR INDUSTRIES HAVE INDICATED THAT IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN OUR PAST MANUFACTURING SUCCESS AND GROWTH RATE, INDUSTRIES THAT REMAIN AND HOPE TO SURVIVE AND THRIVE IN HONG KONG MUST MOVE 'UP MARKET', NOT ONLY IN THE TECHNOLOGY THEY EMPLOY BUT ALSO IN THE QUALITY OF GOODS THEY PRODUCE.

"HONG KONG MUST THEREFORE IMPROVE ITS IMAGE AS A SOURCE OF QUALITY PRODUCTS," HE SAID.

MR BARMA SAID THE THEME OF THE CONFERENCE EMPHASISED THAT IN THE PURSUIT OF QUALITY IN MANUFACTURING THERE WAS A VITAL NEED FOR COMPANY WIDE PARTICIPATION, WITH THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE HAVING THE MAIN RESPONSIBILITY IN TERMS OF COMMITMENT AND ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN THE QUALITY PLAN.

"THE RECENTLY ANNOUNCED GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE IN TERMS OF AN OVERALL QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES EMPHASISES THIS ESSENTIAL NEED BY TARGETTING THE PROPOSED QUALITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN PRIMARILY AT DECISION MAKERS IN MANUFACTURING COMPANIES," HE SAID.

MR BARMA POINTED OUT THAT THE PRINCIPAL MESSAGE WOULD BE THAT THE INTRODUCTION OF A WELL STRUCTURED QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE COMPANY'S BUSINESS PLAN WOULD HELP REDUCE COSTS, IMPROVE OUTPUT AND SECURE MARKETS.

"THE CAMPAIGN IS SCHEDULED FOR ITS INAUGURAL LAUNCH ON MARCH 1, 1990," HE SAID.

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HE ALSO SAID THAT ANOTHER ELEMENT IN THE GOVERNMENT'S OVERALL QUALITY PROGRAMME WOULD BE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ACCREDITATION SCHEME FOR QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS BASED ON THE ISO 9000 SERIES OF STANDARDS.

"AN INDEPENDENT ORGANISATION - THE HONG KONG QUALITY ASSURANCE AGENCY - HAS RECENTLY BEEN ESTABLISHED UNDER THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE.

"THE AGENCY WILL CONDUCT ASSESSMENTS OF FACTORIES, AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO GOVERNMENT FOR THE AWARD OF ACCREDITATION," HE SAID.

MR BARMA STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT ALSO RECOGNISED THE IMPORTANCE OF SOUND EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN QUALITY MANAGEMENT AND THESE WOULD BE KEY ELEMENTS IN THE NEW QUALITY INITIATIVE.

"THE TERTIARY EDUCATION SECTOR WILL HAVE A KEY ROLE IN PROVIDING THIS KNOWLEDGE BY THE DEVELOPMENT OF APPROPRIATE COURSES," HE ADDED.

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DEVELOPMENT DECISIONS ENHANCE HK'S POSITION: TSAO

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HONG KONG'S POSITION AS A WORLD AND REGIONAL ECONOMIC POWERHOUSE, AND ITS SPECIAL ROLE AS CHINA'S DEVELOPMENT CATALYST, WILL BE FURTHER ENHANCED BY THE DECISIONS RECENTLY TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT ON FUTURE INFRASTRUCTURE, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS (DESIGNATE), MR PETER TSAO, SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE WORLD FORUM OF SILICON VALLEY HELD AT SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY), MR TSAO TOLD AN AUDIENCE OF BUSINESS, CULTURAL AND ACADEMIC LEADERS OF AN ENORMOUS PROGRAMME OF WORKS WHICH WOULD COST SOME US\$16 BILLION AND TAKE AT LEAST A DECADE TO IMPLEMENT IN FULL.

"WE ARE ALSO TAKING STEPS TO BUILD UP OUR 'HUMAN INFRASTRUCTURE'," HE SAID, POINTING OUT THAT THIS WOULD BE FACILITATED BY THE NEW HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION, TOGETHER WITH EXPANSION OF EXISTING INSTITUTIONS.

"SO WHATEVER ROLE HISTORY CALLS ON US TO PERFORM, HONG KONG WILL BE READY TO FULFIL ITS DESTINY," HE SAID.

ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG, MR TSAO SAID IT WAS WORTH REMEMBERING THAT HONG KONG HAD ALWAYS LED A PRECARIOUS EXISTENCE.

"OUR EXISTENCE MAY BE PRECARIOUS, OUR ABILITY TO ADAPT AND BOUNCE BACK IS TRULY LEGENDARY," HE SAID.

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"THE MAIN REASON FOR HONG KONG PEOPLE'S RESILIENCE IS ECONOMIC: WE HAVE THE INFRASTRUCTURE, THE COMMUNICATIONS, THE FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL EXPERTISE AND THE CONNECTIONS.

"WE HAVE AN INCREASINGLY WELL-EDUCATED AND ADAPTABLE WORKFORCE FAMILIAR WITH THE DEMANDS OF HIGH-TECH PROCESSES.

"WE HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE GREAT MANUFACTURING AND TRADING CENTRES OF THE REGION, AND HAVE PLAYED AN ACTIVE PART IN THE REGION'S DEVELOPMENT OF THE PACIFIC RIM," HE SAID.

MR TSAO NOTED THAT HONG KONG'S DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PAST DECADE HAD BEEN CLOSELY RELATED TO THOSE IN CHINA, IN PARTICULAR GUANGDONG PROVINCE.

"AROUND 70 PER CENT OF CROSS-BORDER INVESTMENT IN GUANGDONG IS HONG KONG CAPITAL. HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL CONCERNS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF AROUND TWO MILLION WORKERS IN THE PEARL RIVER DELTA ALONE.

"IT IS OF MUTUAL BENEFIT TO GUANGDONG AND HONG KONG TO MAINTAIN CLOSE RELATIONSHIP," HE SAID.

HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT JUDGING FROM HISTORY, CHINA WOULD ALWAYS TAKE STRONG AND EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO BOLSTER HONG KONG.

HE SAID THERE WERE VARIOUS THEORIES AS TO PRECISELY HOW AND WHY BUT WHATEVER THEORY ONE CHOSE, THE RESULT WAS ALWAYS THE SAME.

"CHINA TREASURES A USEFUL HONG KONG. CONTINUING TO BE USEFUL TO CHINA IS THE BEST GUARANTEE OF OUR SURVIVAL.

"I AM CONFIDENT THAT AS TIME GOES BY THE FACTORS WHICH HAVE MADE HONG KONG THE EXTRAORDINARILY SUCCESSFUL CITY WHICH IT IS TODAY WILL PREVAIL," HE SAID.

AT PRESENT ON A DUTY VISIT OVERSEAS, MR TSAO HAS VISITED TOKYO AND VANCOUVER. HE WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON SATURDAY.

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GOVT TO PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

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THE GOVERNMENT, IN RECENT MONTHS, HAS BECOME MUCH MORE ACTIVE IN PROMOTING ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AMONGST THE COMMUNITY, THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DR STUART REED, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG HARBOUR, DR REED SAID RESIDENTS SHOULD BE SEEING ON TV SCREENS THIS EVENING THE FIRST OF A NUMBER OF ITEMS AIMED AT GETTING THE COMMUNITY TO FOCUS ON THE HARM THEY WERE DOING THEMSELVES BY UNNECESSARILY POLLUTING THE ENVIRONMENT.

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"TONIGHT'S TV ITEM IS CONCERNED WITH WATER POLLUTION AND IT WILL BE FOLLOWED AT INTERVALS OF A FEW WEEKS BY SIMILAR ONES ON NOISE AND ON AIR POLLUTION.

"IT IS HOPED THAT THESE ITEMS, COMPLEMENTED BY ITEMS ON THE RADIO, WILL SHOCK THE COMMUNITY INTO REALISING THE SERIOUSNESS OF WHAT THEY THEMSELVES ARE DOING TO THE ENVIRONMENT, TO THEIR OWN HEALTH AND TO THE HEALTH OF THEIR CHILDREN," HE SAID.

THIS NEW CAMPAIGN INVOLVED A SUM OF \$1 MILLION.

"IF OUR TV CAMPAIGN IS SUCCESSFUL IN MAKING PEOPLE REALISE THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION, THEN THAT WILL BE AN ESSENTIAL AND IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD," DR REED SAID.

"BECAUSE THIS AWARENESS SHOULD, AT THE VERY LEAST, HELP TO PROVIDE THE COMMUNITY BACKING FOR THE MANY ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMMES SET OUT IN THE WHITE PAPER ON POLLUTION," HE SAID.

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HONG KONG TO HOLD MAJOR YOUTH FESTIVAL
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A TERRITORY-WIDE YOUTH FESTIVAL, WHICH WILL LAST A MONTH, WILL BE HELD FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HONG KONG NEXT MONTH.

IT WILL BEGIN ON DECEMBER 1.

THE FESTIVAL HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH WITH A VIEW TO MAKING THE PUBLIC MORE AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF PROPER AND BALANCED YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, AND INSTILLING IN YOUNG PEOPLE A SENSE OF COMMITMENT TO BUILDING A BETTER COMMUNITY.

VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, YOUTH ORGANISATIONS, UNIFORMED GROUPS AND DISTRICT BODIES HAVE ARRANGED MORE THAN 250 DIFFERENT EVENTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

THEIR WORK HAS BEEN CO-ORDINATED BY A SPECIAL FESTIVAL WORKING GROUP.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE ON YOUTH FESTIVAL, MR ERIC LI, SAID AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT ALL EVENTS WOULD CENTRE AROUND THE THEME OF THE YOUTH FESTIVAL -- "WE ARE HONG KONG".

"THE THEME VIVIDLY PORTRAYS A GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE STANDING IN UNITY AND PREPARING THEMSELVES FOR BUILDING A BETTER COMMUNITY," HE EXPLAINED.

MR LI SAID EACH EVENT WOULD HIGHLIGHT AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONTRIBUTION OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

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IT WAS HOPED THAT THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN THE EVENTS YOUNG PEOPLE WOULD STAND TO BENEFIT IN PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT, PSYCHOLOGICAL WELL-BEING, RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL PURSUITS, COMMUNITY SERVICE, INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE, CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AND, IF NECESSARY, REHABILITATION.

A MAJOR EVENT WOULD BE A LARGE-SCALE "WE ARE HONG KONG" RALLY FOR 30,000 YOUNG PEOPLE AND CELEBRITIES AT THE HONG KONG STADIUM ON DECEMBER 16.

THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, AND LADY WILSON, HAVE AGREED TO OFFICIATE AT THE EVENT, AND CELEBRITIES WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND SO AS TO AROUSE THE INTEREST AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF YOUTH FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE.

"YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE PROGRAMME PRODUCTION OF THE EVENT, WHICH AIMS AT ILLUSTRATING OUR FESTIVAL THEME AND PROVIDING GOOD QUALITY ENTERTAINMENT," MR LI NOTED.

TO HELP DISSEMINATE THE "WE ARE HONG KONG" THEME, MR LI SAID THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE HAD ALREADY ORGANISED A SLOGAN COMPETITION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS OF HONG KONG AS THEIR HOMELAND, AND THEIR COMMITMENT TO IT.

RESPONSE TO THE COMPETITION HAD BEEN ENTHUSIASTIC, WITH THE COMMITTEE RECEIVING ABOUT 4,000 ENTRIES.

SPEAKING AT THE CONFERENCE, A PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (HEADQUARTERS) OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MRS STELLA HUNG, SAID THE GOVERNMENT REGARDED THE YOUTH FESTIVAL AS HAVING GREAT SIGNIFICANCE AND IMPORTANCE.

THE GOVERNMENT HAD CONTRIBUTED A TOTAL OF \$1.5 MILLION TOWARDS THE FESTIVAL. A SUBSTANTIAL PART OF THIS WOULD BE USED TO SPONSOR CERTAIN LARGE-SCALE EVENTS INITIATED BY THE COMMITTEE AND ORGANISED BY VARIOUS VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

"THROUGH ORGANISING THE YOUTH FESTIVAL, A VERY CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BETWEEN VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR.

"IT IS OUR EARNEST HOPE THAT THIS SPIRIT OF PARTNERSHIP WILL FACILITATE FUTURE CO-OPERATION IN OUR CONTINUING EFFORT TO WORK FOR THE WELL-BEING OF YOUNG PEOPLE," MRS HUNG SAID.

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HAPPY HOME IMPORTANT IN RAISING CHILDREN: LADY WILSON
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THE COMMUNITY MUST AIM TO MAKE SURE THAT PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED AT EVERY STAGE TO BRING UP THEIR CHILDREN IN A HAPPY ATMOSPHERE OF LOVE, CARE AND CONCERN, LADY WILSON SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE AGAINST CHILD ABUSE 10TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER, LADY WILSON SAID: "THE IMPORTANCE OF CHILD CARE AND PROTECTION CAN NEVER BE OVER-EMPHASISED."

ACCORDING TO RECENT STATISTICS, SHE NOTED THAT 20 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S POPULATION WAS UNDER THE AGE OF 15.

THE FUTURE OF THE COMMUNITY DEPENDED THEREFORE TO A LARGE EXTENT ON HOW THESE YOUNGSTERS WERE BROUGHT UP, SHE SAID.

"I DO NOT THINK IT IS AN EXAGGERATION TO SAY THAT THE CIVILISATION OF A COMMUNITY IS JUDGED PARTLY BY THE DEGREE OF LOVE AND CARE ITS CHILDREN ENJOY.

"CHILD CARE AND PROTECTION IS THEREFORE A TASK WHICH CLAIMS THE EFFORTS OF EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY.

"THIS IS NOT A TASK FOR GOVERNMENT ALONE; NEITHER CAN IT BE LEFT ENTIRELY TO VOLUNTARY AGENCIES," LADY WILSON SAID.

SHE OBSERVED THAT HONG KONG WAS NOT AN EASY PLACE TO BRING UP CHILDREN AS IT WAS DENSELY POPULATED AND HAD A COMPETITIVE AND BUSY POPULATION.

"EVERY CHANCE WE HAVE OF USING TELEVISION, LECTURES IN SCHOOLS AND OPEN DAYS, TO HELP PARENTS TO THINK OF THEIR CHILDREN'S NEEDS, SHOULD BE TAKEN, NOT ONLY ONCE WE COME ACROSS ABUSE, BUT HOPEFULLY LONG BEFOREHAND," SHE SAID.

LADY WILSON POINTED OUT THAT SHAMING CHILDREN, GIVING CONSTANT NEGATIVE CRITICISM, OR JUST NEVER HAVING TIME TO LISTEN TO A CHILD, WERE ALL FORMS OF ABUSE, WHICH FEW PEOPLE WERE NOT GUILTY OF AT TIMES.

"IT IS A GREAT MISTAKE TO VIEW THIS PROBLEM AS THAT OF SADISTIC MONSTERS.

"THE FACT IS, THAT WE CAN ALL, AT TIMES OF STRESS, BE ABUSIVE.

"WHAT WE NEED AT SUCH TIMES, IS IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO SOME SORT OF PROFESSIONAL HELP," SHE SAID.

LADY WILSON COMMENDED THE AGAINST CHILD ABUSE FOR MAKING A VERY SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY, BY HELPING ALL TO BE MORE AWARE THAT CHILD ABUSE WAS A SERIOUS SOCIAL PROBLEM.

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SHE SAID THE ORGANISATION SINCE IT WAS SET UP IN 1979 - THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD - HAD DONE MUCH TO PROMOTE BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF WHY CHILD ABUSE HAPPENED, AND WHAT ITS CONSEQUENCES WERE.

"REMEDIAL SERVICES, A HOT LINE, COUNSELLING GROUPS, AND PERHAPS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT, THROUGH ITS PREVENTIVE WORK, AGAINST CHILD ABUSE HAS BROUGHT COMFORT AND HELP, TO A LARGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES." SHE ADDED.

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HEALTH EXHIBITION AT CITY HALL

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO LEARN AND UNDERSTAND MORE ABOUT HEALTH WHEN THEY VISIT A HEALTH EXHIBITION NEXT WEEK.

THE THEME OF THE EXHIBITION, "LET'S TALK HEALTH", COINCIDES WITH THAT OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION (WHO) FOR THE YEAR 1989.

THE EXHIBITION, ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AIMS AT AROUSING PUBLIC INTEREST AND CONCERN ABOUT A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE.

IT WILL BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL EXHIBITION HALL, BETWEEN 3.30 PM AND 6.30 PM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 20) AND BETWEEN 10.30 AM TO 6.30 PM DAILY FROM TUESDAY TO FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 21 TO 24).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE WHO HAD APPEALED TO ALL MEMBER STATES THAT THIS YEAR THEY SHOULD COMMUNICATE HEALTH RATHER THAN DISEASE, AND HAD INVITED THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DISSEMINATION OF HEALTH MESSAGES.

FROM THE EXHIBITION, VISITORS WILL BE ABLE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE WHICH IS SIGNIFICANT DURING THE FOUR STAGES OF LIFE - CHILDHOOD, YOUTH, ADOLESCENCE AND OLD AGE.

THE EXHIBITION WILL PROVIDE VIDEO SHOWS, GAME STALLS AND DISPLAYS OF WINNING ENTRIES IN THE POSTER DESIGN AND CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY COMPETITIONS HELD EARLIER THIS YEAR.

THERE WILL ALSO BE CHARTS SHOWING THE HEIGHT AND WEIGHT COMPARISONS BETWEEN MALES AND FEMALES OF VARIOUS AGE GROUPS.

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"IT IS HOPED THAT RESIDENTS WILL HELP TO SPREAD HEALTH MESSAGES TO THEIR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES AFTER VISITING THE EXHIBITION," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE SENIOR PRO-VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, PROFESSOR ROSIE YOUNG, AND THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, DR S.H. LEE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE HEALTH EXHIBITION AT 3 PM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 20).

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE CITY HALL EXHIBITION HALL NO LATER THAN 2.45 PM. INFORMATION OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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\$77M TO IMPROVE DRAINAGE IN NORTHWEST NT
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THE DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) AWARDED A \$77 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE PHASE III WORKS OF THE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT SCHEME IN THE NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES.

THE WORKS, WHICH ARE AIMED AT ALLEVIATING THE FLOOD HAZARDS IN THE AREA, INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DRAINAGE CHANNEL NEAR HUNG SHUI KIU AND THE WIDENING OF HUNG SHUI KIU RIVER.

MAJOR FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED INCLUDE A TOTAL OF 2,200 METRES OF CONCRETE-LINED CHANNELS, ASSOCIATED ACCESS ROADS, FOOTBRIDGES, CYCLE TRACKS, FOOTPATHS AND SEWERS. EXISTING CROSSINGS OVER THE CHANNELS WILL ALSO BE RECONSTRUCTED.

ALL CONSTRUCTED DRAINAGE CHANNELS WILL BE CONNECTED TO THE TRUNK DRAINAGE SYSTEM AT TIN SHUI WAI.

UNDER THE TWO PREVIOUS PHASES OF WORKS, WHICH COST \$30 MILLION AND \$20 MILLION RESPECTIVELY, DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT AT UK TSUEN, FUI SHA WAI, TAI TO TSUEN, TIN SAM, SIK KONG WAI AND TSEUNG KONG WAI.

WORKS FOR THE CURRENT PHASE WILL COMMENCE LATER THIS MONTH AND ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE 30 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (PROJECTS AND DEVELOPMENT) OF THE DEPARTMENT, MR TSE HON-SUM, AND THE DIRECTOR OF HENRYVICY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED, MR LAI WING-YIP.

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PERCUSSIVE PILING NOISE CONTROLS TAKE EFFECT TOMORROW

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THE PROVISIONS OF THE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE CONTROL OF NOISE FROM PERCUSSIVE PILING WORKS WILL COME INTO OPERATION TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT FROM TOMORROW ANYONE WHO CARRIED OUT PERCUSSIVE PILING OPERATIONS WOULD REQUIRE A CONSTRUCTION NOISE PERMIT FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR AN OFFENCE OF NOT HAVING A CONSTRUCTION NOISE PERMIT OR IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE PERMIT CONDITIONS IS \$50,000 FOR FIRST CONVICTION, AND \$100,000 FOR SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT CONVICTION, WITH A MAXIMUM DAILY FINE OF \$10,000 FOR A CONTINUING OFFENCE.

COMPLAINTS ON PERCUSSIVE PILING NOISE CAN BE LODGED WITH LOCAL POLICE STATIONS FOR PROMPT ACTION.

ON THE PERCUSSIVE PILING PERMIT APPLICATIONS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE EPD HAD SO FAR ISSUED 85 PERMITS.

OF THESE, 46 PERMITS STIPULATED THREE HOURS AS THE DAILY MAXIMUM OPERATING LIMIT, 12 PERMITS STIPULATED FIVE HOURS AND THE REMAINING 27 PERMITS ALLOWED OPERATION FOR THE FULL 12 HOUR PERIOD FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PERCUSSIVE PILING PROVISIONS, ALL MAJOR PROVISIONS OF THE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE WOULD HAVE BEEN BROUGHT INTO OPERATION THIS YEAR.

ENQUIRIES ON THE PROVISIONS OF THE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE MAY BE MADE TO THE NOISE CONTROL GROUP OF THE EPD ON THE 27TH FLOOR, SOUTHERN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, HONG KONG. THE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 5-8351124.

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MARGINAL DECLINE IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

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THE NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS RESULTING IN INJURY AND DEATH HAVE CONTINUED TO DROP marginally over the past nine months.

THE LATEST TRAFFIC ACCIDENT FIGURES RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) SHOWED THE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS DECREASED BY 2.4 PER CENT TO 4.154. WHILE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE INJURED OR KILLED DROPPED BY 4.3 PER CENT TO 5.552, COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD OF LAST YEAR.

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THIS WAS STATED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR (TRAFFIC), MR PEDRO CHING KWOK-HOO AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON TRAFFIC ACCIDENT AND CASUALTY STATISTICS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER THIS YEAR.

HE POINTED OUT THAT A HIGH PROPORTION OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVED PEDESTRIANS. THE NUMBER OF PEDESTRIANS KILLED HAD RISEN TO 55, REPRESENTING 63.6 PER CENT OF TOTAL FATALITIES.

"OF THESE, 38 FATALITIES ARE ELDERLY PEOPLE." MR CHING SAID. HE URGED MOTORISTS TO GIVE GREATER CONSIDERATION TO OLDER PEOPLE.

REFERRING TO THE COMPULSORY WEARING OF SEAT BELT BY DRIVERS AND FRONT SEAT PASSENGERS IN TAXIS AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, NEWLY INTRODUCED AT THE BEGINNING OF JULY THIS YEAR, MR. CHING REVEALED THAT THERE WAS A REDUCTION OF 20 PER CENT IN THE NUMBER OF FRONT SEAT CASUALTIES IN TAXIS IN THE FIRST THREE MONTHS PERIOD.

HOWEVER, IN THE CASE OF PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES THERE HAD BEEN A SLIGHT RISE IN FRONT SEAT CASUALTIES.

"AS THE CASUALTY SAMPLE ON WHICH THE ANALYSIS FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WAS BASED IS TOO SMALL TO FORM A CONCLUSION, IT WILL PROBABLY TAKE A YEAR'S SAMPLE BEFORE AN ACCURATE ASSESSMENT CAN BE MADE," HE EXPLAINED.

HE NOTED THAT MOST DRIVERS AND FRONT SEAT PASSENGERS HAD ACCEPTED THE WEARING OF THE SAFETY EQUIPMENT WITHOUT ANY PROBLEM.

WHEN MENTIONING ABOUT THE MAJOR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS TO TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, MR CHING SAID THE COMMON AREA OF CONSTANT COMPLAINT WAS THE LACK OF LANE DISCIPLINE BY MOTORISTS AND WEAVING FROM LANE TO LANE WITHOUT GIVING ADEQUATE WARNING.

"MOTORISTS SHOULD CHOOSE THEIR LANE AND STAY IN IT, AND IF THEY DO WANT TO CHANGE LANES, THEN THEY SHOULD CHECK TRAFFIC CONDITION BEFORE CHANGING."

HE CALLED ON THE DRIVERS NOT TO WAIT IN AREAS OUTSIDE LARGE BUILDINGS WHICH ARE DESIGNED FOR EMBARKING OR DISEMBARKING PASSENGERS. THIS NOT ONLY CAUSED TRAFFIC CONGESTION, BUT FORCED PASSENGERS FROM VEHICLES OBSTRUCTED BY THEM TO EMBARK OR DISMEBARK IN THE MAIN TRAFFIC FLOW, WHICH IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

CONCERNING VEHICULAR INVOLVEMENT IN ACCIDENTS, STATISTICS SHOWED THAT GOODS VEHICLES WERE INVOLVED IN 1981 CASES OR 31 PER CENT OF THE WHOLE. PRIVATE CARS WERE INVOLVED IN 24.6 PER CENT OF ALL ACCIDENTS AND THE PRIVATE CAR FLEET CONSISTS OF 51.9 PER CENT OF ALL VEHICLES REGISTERED.

FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT INVOLVEMENT, URBAN TAXIS WERE INVOLVED IN 990 ACCIDENTS WHICH REPRESENTS 55.8 PER CENT OF OVERALL PUBLIC TRANSPORT INVOLVEMENT.

FINALLY. MR CHING ALSO MENTIONED ABOUT THE NINE ACCIDENTS INVOLVING LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT VEHICLES IN THE NORTH WEST NEW TERRITORIES IN WHICH TWO PEOPLE WERE KILLED.

"MOTORISTS AND PEDESTRIANS ALIKE SHOULD PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE TRAFFIC SIGNS AND SIGNALS IN THE VICINITY OF THE SYSTEM. AND REMEMBER THAT THESE VEHICLES ARE FAST MOVING AND SILENT." HE ADVISED.

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WORKING GROUP ON ELDERLY COMMUNITY EDUCATION BEING PLANNED
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THE GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO SET UP A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY WAYS OF STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY EDUCATION FOR THE ELDERLY, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR ALFRED CHUI, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION OF A QUIZ FOR THE ELDERLY, MR CHUI SAID THE AIM WAS TO HELP INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE NEEDS OF ELDERLY PEOPLE.

"ALSO, IT WOULD HELP OUR SENIOR RESIDENTS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE AGING PROCESS AND HOW TO REMAIN HEALTHY BOTH PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY," HE SAID.

MR CHUI NOTED THAT IN ORDER TO REMAIN IN GOOD HEALTH, ELDERLY PEOPLE SHOULD TAKE PART IN HEALTHY ACTIVITIES BESIDES TAKING CARE IN THEIR DAILY LIVES.

HE POINTED OUT THE RULES THE ELDERLY SHOULD FOLLOW IN ORDER TO REMAIN IN GOOD HEALTH.

"THESE INCLUDE HAVING GOOD HABITS, A BALANCED DIET AND ADEQUATE EXERCISE, PAYING ATTENTION TO THEIR MENTAL HEALTH AND HAVING A CLEAN AND SAFE LIVING ENVIRONMENT," HE SAID.

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FINALISTS SELECTED FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS' AWARDS

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A TOTAL OF 18 COMPOSERS AND ENSEMBLE GROUPS HAVE BEEN SELECTED AS FINALISTS FOR THIS YEAR'S HONG KONG YOUNG MUSICIANS' AWARDS.

THE COMPETITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG (RTHK) AND THE COMPOSERS AND AUTHORS SOCIETY OF HONG KONG (CASH).

THE FINALS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 2 AND 3, BEGINNING AT 7.30 PM AT THE DRAMA THEATRE, ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS.

THERE ARE SIX CATEGORIES FOR THE AWARDS: COMPOSITION FOR WESTERN MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHINESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, MIXED INSTRUMENTATION AND ELECTRO-ACOUSTICAL WORKS, AS WELL AS ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE IN WESTERN MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND CHINESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

THE TOP THREE WINNERS IN EACH CATEGORY WILL BE AWARDED \$6,000, \$3,000 AND \$1,000 RESPECTIVELY, AMOUNTING TO A TOTAL OF \$60,000 DONATED BY CASH.

THE SIX PANELS OF JUDGES FOR THE FINALS COMPRISE DR VICTOR CHAN, MR MALCOLM BUTLER, MR LAW WING-FAI, MR KUAN NAI-CHUNG, MR LAW WAI-LUN, MR KWOK DICK-YEUNG, MR CLARENCE MAK, DR JOHN CHEN, DR LAW PING-LEUNG, MR DOMING LAM, DR CHAN WING-WAH, MR HENRY NOVAK, PROFESSOR DAVID GWILT, MISS NANCY LOO, MR IP KAM-SUN, MR CHEUNG HEUNG-WAH AND MR CHAN HOI-KAN.

THE LIST OF THE FINAL ENTRIES IS AS FOLLOWS:

COMPOSITION (CHINESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS)

- * CONFLICT BY NG CHIU-SHING
- * TEMPLE BY HUI CHEUNG-WAI
- * EVOLUTION OF THOUGHT BY LAW WAI-LUN

COMPOSITION (MIXED INSTRUMENTS)

- * ALONE BY NG CHIU-SHING
- * MI BY LAM SHUN
- * OATH BY CHU HON-PONG

COMPOSITION (ELECTRO-ACOUSTICAL WORKS)

- * MUSIC FOR FILM - A VIEW OF A MOSQUITO BY LEUNG CHI-SING
- * DESOLATION BY KWOK KOI-HIN
- * ILLUSION BY MA WAI-MEI

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COMPOSITION (WESTERN MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS)

- * TRIO FOR FLUTE, CLARINET AND BASS CLARINET BY LAM SHUN
- * HOMELAND BY HUI CHEUNG-WAI
- * GRETCHEN BY CHEUNG CHI-LEUNG

CHINESE ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE

- * LANTERN FESTIVAL BY CHINESE ENSEMBLE
- * HAPPY DAYS BY PIPA ENSEMBLE
- * HAN BY PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

WESTERN ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE

- * DIVERTIMENTO BY WOODWIND TRIO
- * FANFARE AIR AND FINALE BY SAXAPHONE QUARTET
- * THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES 1861-65 BY HONG KONG GAP GAP BRASS

TICKETS FOR THE TWO FINALS ON DECEMBER 2 AND 3 AT \$20 EACH ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL URBTIX OUTLETS. FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 5-283257 OR 3-7349009.

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DISTRICT FESTIVAL BADMINTON MATCH

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THE 1989 WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL BADMINTON INVITATION MATCH WILL BE HELD AT THE CHOI HUNG ROAD INDOOR GAMES HALL ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 19). IT WILL BEGIN AT 7 PM.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS TO THE MATCH ARE STILL AVAILABLE AT THE CHOI HUNG ROAD INDOOR GAMES HALL, THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE HAS INVITED TWO OUTSTANDING YOUNG PLAYERS FROM FUJIAN PROVINCE, WONG HING-TAT (19) AND MISS CHONG LING (18), TO TAKE PART IN THE MATCH. BOTH PLAYERS HAVE WON MANY PRIZES ON THE MAINLAND.

LOCAL PLAYERS PARTICIPATING AT THE MATCH WILL INCLUDE WONG WAI-LAP, CHENG YIN-SIK, CHAN SIU-KWONG, TSUI MEI-SEE, CHAN WING-KIT, NG LEUNG-WAH, CHOW KIM-MAN AND SHUM MAN-KIN.

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AS BOTH CHINA AND HONG KONG RANK HIGH IN THE INTERNATIONAL BADMINTON CIRCLE, RESIDENTS OF WONG TAI SIN SHOULD NOT MISS THE GAME, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE SAID.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE 1989 WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL BADMINTON INVITATION MATCH TO BE HELD AT THE CHOI HUNG ROAD INDOOR GAMES HALL ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 19). THE MATCH WILL BEGIN AT 7 PM.

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SPECIAL DB MEETING ON BUILDING DEMOLITION

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THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DISCUSS THE DEMOLITION OF BLOCK ONE OF THE CHEUNG SHA WAN FACTORY BUILDINGS.

THE SENIOR HOUSING MANAGER (SHAM SHUI PO), MR JOHN LUK, SENIOR ESTATE SURVEYOR (COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES), MR CHRIS ROBERTS, SENIOR STRUCTURAL ENGINEER, MR PETER AINSWORTH, AND FOUR OTHER REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE ISSUE AND ANSWER QUESTIONS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD SPECIAL MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE SHEK KIP MEI COMMUNITY HALL AT BLOCK 42, SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE, NAM CHEONG STREET.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM.

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COMMUNITY NEEDS WHOLE RANGE OF TALENTS

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THE COMMUNITY NEEDS A WHOLE RANGE OF TALENTS AND EACH PERSON CONTRIBUTES TO THE COMMUNITY IN A DIFFERENT WAY, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT THE SPEECH DAY OF WAH YAN COLLEGE, KOWLOON, MRS WONG SAID WHILE SOME STUDENTS WOULD PURSUE FURTHER STUDIES, OTHERS MIGHT HAVE TO COME OUT TO WORK IN SOCIETY.

"THE COMMUNITY NEEDS A WHOLE RANGE OF TALENTS. EACH IS SIGNIFICANT IN ITS OWN RIGHT BUT COMPLEMENTARY TO ALL OTHERS," SHE SAID.

ADVISING THOSE WHO WOULD START WORKING, MRS WONG SAID: "LEARN EVERYTHING ABOUT YOUR WORK: PICK UP NEW SKILLS AS THEY EMERGE; AND BE ALERT TO CHANGES IN SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL CONDITIONS OF THE COMMUNITY.

"YOU NEED TO KEEP ABREAST OF THE CHANGING ENVIRONMENTS; WIDEN YOUR CONTACTS WITH PEOPLE; AND PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS."

NOTING THAT THE STUDENTS HAD UNDERTAKEN MANY COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS, MRS WONG SAID THESE PROJECTS WERE VITAL LINKS BETWEEN STUDENTS AND THE COMMUNITY.

"THESE ACTIVITIES WILL INCULCATE AMONG STUDENTS A SENSE OF FUTURE COMMITMENT AND RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS THE COMMUNITY AND, MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, A FEELING OF THEIR BELONGING TO IT," SHE SAID.

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1989 HK ANNUAL DIGEST OF STATISTICS ON SALE

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THE 1989 EDITION OF THE HONG KONG ANNUAL DIGEST OF STATISTICS, PUBLISHED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, IS NOW ON SALE.

THIS ANNUAL PUBLICATION IS THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE SOURCE OF OFFICIAL STATISTICS, BRINGING TOGETHER IN ONE VOLUME UP-TO-DATE STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS OF HONG KONG.

THE REPORT COVERS STATISTICS ON A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS INCLUDING POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS, LABOUR, INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES, TRANSPORT AND SERVICES, EXTERNAL TRADE, GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT, PUBLIC FINANCE AND MONEY AND BANKING.

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IT ALSO COVERS PRICES AND HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE, FOOD SUPPLIES, TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATIONS AND TOURISM, BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION, HOUSING, EDUCATION, MEDICAL AND HEALTH, SOCIAL WELFARE, LAW AND ORDER, AND CULTURE AND RECREATION.

ALTOGETHER, THERE ARE 300 TABLES IN 20 SECTIONS, COVERING WHEREVER POSSIBLE A 10-YEAR PERIOD FROM 1979-1988.

THE REPORT IS AVAILABLE AT \$98 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AND FROM THE PUBLICATIONS SALE COUNTER OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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DB COMMITTEE TO BE BRIEFED ON PROGRESS OF CONTROL SCHEME

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THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE PROGRESS OF THE LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL SCHEME AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE PROPOSED WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE COMMITTEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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FAMILY FUN DAY IN STANLEY ON SUNDAY

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A FAMILY FUN DAY WILL BE HELD AT STANLEY PLAYGROUND IN STANLEY NEW STREET ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 19) AS PART OF THE CURRENT SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

THE THREE-HOUR EVENT, BEGINNING AT 2 PM, WILL PROVIDE GAME STALLS SET UP BY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, A TELEMATCH FOR FAMILIES AND A KOALA TRAMPOLINE FOR CHILDREN.

TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN THE TELEMATCH, ALL PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE COMPETED IN TWO OR MORE GAMES CAN TAKE PART IN A LUCKY DRAW WHICH WILL ENTITLE THEM TO HANDSOME PRIZES.

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THE FAMILY FUN DAY HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DISTRICT OFFICE TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND NEIGHBOURLINESS.

IT ALSO HOPES TO PROMOTE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN LOCAL RESIDENTS AND EXPATRIATES.

ALL RESIDENTS, INCLUDING EXPATRIATES AND THEIR FAMILIES, ARE WELCOME TO TAKE PART IN THE FUN DAY. ADMISSION IS FREE.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE EVENT CAN BE MADE TO THE STANLEY SUB-OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON TEL. 5-8130305.

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FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION SCHOOLS PRAISED

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THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION (FMO) SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN PRAISED FOR THE SPECIAL EMPHASIS THEY PUT ON CULTIVATING THE MORAL CHARACTER OF THEIR STUDENTS AND ENCOURAGING STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

THE COMPLIMENT CAME FROM A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR LAU WONG-FAT, WHO WAS ADDRESSING MORE THAN 400 GRADUATES ATTENDING THE 20TH FMO SCHOOLS JOINT GRADUATION CEREMONY HELD AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE FMO SCHOOLS, FORMERLY KNOWN AS FISHERMEN'S CHILDREN'S SCHOOLS, HAVE A HISTORY OF OVER 40 YEARS. THE FMO NOW RUNS THE ABERDEEN SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL WITH 470 STUDENTS AND NINE OTHER PRIMARY SCHOOLS WITH A STUDENT POPULATION OF ABOUT 1,100.

MR LAU SAID HIS IMPRESSION OF STUDENTS IN FISHERMEN'S CHILDREN'S SCHOOLS WAS THAT THEY WERE MODEST IN CHARACTER AND BRILLIANT IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES. HE WAS GLAD THAT THE FMO SCHOOLS HAD KEPT UP THE GOOD TRADITION.

HE ALSO PRAISED THE TEACHING STAFF OF THE FMO SCHOOLS. "THEIR DEDICATION TO THE CAUSE OF EDUCATING FISHERMEN'S CHILDREN HAS BORNE FRUIT AND THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS ARE OBVIOUS TO ALL," HE SAID.

MAINTAINING THAT EVERYBODY HAD A PART TO PLAY IN HONG KONG'S PROSPERITY AND THAT THE NEW GENERATION WAS THE COMMUNITY'S HOPE FOR THE TERRITORY'S CONTINUED SUCCESS, MR LAU URGED THE SECONDARY SCHOOL GRADUATES TO BE FULLY DEVOTED TO THEIR FUTURE CAUSE, WHETHER THEY CHOSE TO WORK OR TO PURSUE FURTHER STUDIES.

THE PRIMARY SCHOOL GRADUATES WERE URGED TO CONCENTRATE ON THEIR STUDIES AND ENRICH THEIR KNOWLEDGE IN ORDER TO EQUIP THEMSELVES WITH THE SKILLS REQUIRED TO MEET FUTURE CHALLENGES.

EARLIER, IN HIS INTRODUCTORY SPEECH, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, PRAISED MR LAU FOR THE GREAT CONCERN HE HAD SHOWN FOR NEW TERRITORIES AFFAIRS AND FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FIELD OF EDUCATION THROUGH THE HEUNG YEE KUK SCHOOLS.

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NEW EMPLOYMENT OFFICE OPENS IN KWAI CHUNG
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS OPENED A NEW LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OFFICE IN KWAI CHUNG TO SERVE EMPLOYERS AND JOB-SEEKERS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE OFFICE IS LOCATED AT SHOP 2 TO 5, VICTORY GARDEN, LOWER GROUND FLOOR, 153 TAI LOONG STREET, KWAI CHUNG. TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 0-4283796.

FREE SERVICE IS PROVIDED TO EMPLOYERS IN RECRUITING STAFF AND TO PEOPLE IN FINDING EMPLOYMENT.

THE OFFICE WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED TOMORROW (FRIDAY) BY THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR HAROLD KWOK, AND MEMBER OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD, MISS LI FUNG-YING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 11 AM.

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DEPT OF HEALTH REGIONAL OFFICE ON MOVE
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THE NEW TERRITORIES WEST REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WILL MOVE OUT OF ITS PRESENT PREMISES AT KWAI HING (MTR) STATION GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING TO TSUEN WAN ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 21).

ITS NEW ADDRESS IS 115 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, FIRST FLOOR, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES.

THE ENQUIRIES TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 0-4138388.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN TSUEN WAN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE THE OPERATION OF THE NEW YEUNG UK ROAD MARKET IN TSUEN WAN, THE JUNCTION OF CHUEN LUNG STREET AND YEUNG UK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 18).

AT THE SAME TIME, THE BAN ZONE IN CHUEN LUNG STREET SECTION BETWEEN SAN TSUEN STREET AND SHA TSUI ROAD WILL BE RELAXED.

MOTORISTS TRAVELLING FROM HO PUI STREET MAY USE CHUEN LUNG STREET, SHA TSUI ROAD AND TAI PO ROAD TO GAIN ACCESS TO YEUNG UK ROAD.

ALSO, CHUEN LUNG STREET SECTION BETWEEN SAN TSUEN STREET AND SHA TSUI ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED A 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAY TO PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES.

ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, EXCEPT THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS WITHIN THIS RESTRICTED AREA.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS IN KWUN TONG, KOWLOON CITY

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT IN KWUN TONG FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 18), THE SECTION OF THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF SAU MAU PING ROAD EASTBOUND BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH PO LAM ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 40 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

IN KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT, TO FACILITATE THE LAYING OF ANTI-SKID SURFACE DRESSING, A SHORT SECTION OF THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE ON BOUNDARY STREET WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH WATERLOO ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM 1 PM ON SATURDAY TO 5 PM ON SUNDAY.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS ON BOUNDARY STREET EASTBOUND HEADING FOR WATERLOO ROAD NORTHBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED TO TRAVEL EITHER VIA CUMBERLAND ROAD AND LINCOLN ROAD, OR VIA EARL STREET, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST, LA SALLE ROAD AND LANCASHIRE ROAD.

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NIGHT CLOSURE OF UNDERPASS IN HUNG HOM
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE WUHU VEHICULAR UNDERPASS WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5 AM ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 18) TO FACILITATE CLEANSING OF THE UNDERPASS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS TRAVELLING FROM TSIM SHA TSUI, YAU MA TEI AND THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL, AND WISHING TO PROCEED TO HUNG HOM, ARE ADVISED TO USE EITHER CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH, CHEONG WAN ROAD, ON WAN ROAD, CHEONG WAN ROAD AND GILLIES AVENUE; OR GASCOIGNE ROAD, CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH, CHATHAM ROAD NORTH, PAK KUNG STREET, SHUN YUNG STREET, FAT KWONG STREET AND MA TAU WAI ROAD.

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