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GOVERNOR ENCOURAGES MORE BOYS TO JOIN SCOUTS

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (SATURDAY) ENCOURAGED MORE YOUNG PEOPLE TO JOIN THE SCOUT MOVEMENT IN ORDER TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND TO MAKE WORTHWHILE CONTRIBUTIONS TO HONG KONG.

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL SCOUT RALLY AT THE HONG KONG STADIUM, SIR DAVID SAID THE SCOUT MOVEMENT MADE PEOPLE MORE AWARE OF THE COMMUNITY AND HELPED THEM BUILD A BETTER HONG KONG.

HE SAID THE SCOUT MOVEMENT, BEING ONE OF THE OLDEST AND BEST ESTABLISHED YOUTH ORGANISATIONS IN HONG KONG, HAD ALWAYS ADAPTED TO THE CHANGING NEEDS AND HOPES OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY.

"SCOUTING IS FUN. IT ADDS AN EXCITING NEW DIMENSION TO THE SORT OF EDUCATION PROVIDED AT SCHOOL," SIR DAVID SAID.

"LAST YEAR WAS THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF HONG KONG SCOUTING. THE GRAND FINALE OF THOSE CELEBRATIONS, THE HONG KONG DIAMOND JUBILEE JAMBOREE, WAS THE BIGGEST JAMBOREE EVER HELD IN THE HISTORY OF HONG KONG SCOUTING," HE NOTED.

SIR DAVID SAID THE JAMBOREE PROVIDED A MARVELLOUS OPPORTUNITY FOR SCOUTS, BOTH LOCAL AND FROM OVERSEAS, TO MAKE FRIENDS, AND IT ALSO GAVE OTHER LOCAL YOUTH GROUPS AND THE PUBLIC A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE MOVEMENT.

THIS YEAR, SIR DAVID SAID, SCOUTS WOULD BE CARRYING OUT A SERIES OF TRAINING PROGRAMMES AIMED AT PROVIDING BETTER SCOUTING FOR MORE BOYS AND TO HELP BUILD A BETTER COMMUNITY.

"THOSE TAKING PART WILL NOT ONLY BE LEARNING BASIC SCOUTING SKILLS; THEY WILL ALSO BE TAKING PART IN COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS ORGANISED BY THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION ITSELF OR OTHER ORGANISATIONS," HE SAID.

"THESE WILL INCLUDE THE CAMP FOR THE ELDERLY; THE SCOUT FUN DAY FOR CHILDREN; AND THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN."

FINALLY, SIR DAVID QUOTED THE MAXIM THAT "ONE MORE SCOUT MEANS ONE MORE GOOD CITIZEN", AND CONGRATULATED ALL SCOUTS ON THEIR TURNOUT.

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UNEMPLOYMENT, UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS
FOR JULY - SEPTEMBER RELEASED

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IN THE THREE MONTHS JULY - SEPTEMBER 1987, BOTH THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES REMAINED STABLE AT A LOW LEVEL, COMPARED WITH THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 1987, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THESE FIGURES INDICATE THAT DURING THE THIRD QUARTER THE LABOUR MARKET CONDITIONS HAVE REMAINED TIGHT, WITH THE LOCAL WORKFORCE FULLY EMPLOYED.

THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR JULY - SEPTEMBER 1987 WAS 1.8 PER CENT, WHICH WAS THE SAME AS THAT FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 1987. THE RATE FOR THE SAME PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER WAS 2.8 PER CENT. THE DECREASE OF 1.0 PERCENTAGE POINT BELOW THE SAME PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER IS STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN JULY - SEPTEMBER 1987 WAS ESTIMATED AT 49,900, COMPARED WITH 47,800 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 1987; AND 75,000 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER 1986.

THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE FOR JULY - SEPTEMBER 1987 WAS 1.0 PER CENT WHICH COMPARES WITH 1.1 PER CENT FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 1987. THE RATE FOR JULY - SEPTEMBER 1986 WAS 1.3 PER CENT. THE DECREASE OF 0.1 PERCENTAGE POINT BELOW THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTH PERIOD IS STATISTICALLY NOT SIGNIFICANT, WHILE THE DECREASE OF 0.3 PERCENTAGE POINT BELOW THE SAME PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER IS STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS FOR JULY - SEPTEMBER 1987 WAS 26,800, COMPARED WITH 29,500 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 1987 AND 36,600 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER 1986.

CONSISTENT WITH THE CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (ILO), PERSONS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS A WEEK DUE TO ECONOMIC REASONS (SUCH AS SLACK WORK, MATERIAL SHORTAGE, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWN AND INABILITY TO FIND FULL-TIME WORK) WERE REGARDED AS UNDEREMPLOYED ONLY IF THEY WERE EITHER SEEKING OR AVAILABLE FOR MORE WORK.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS SAID THAT BECAUSE THE PROPORTION OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS (E.G. PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST LEFT SCHOOL) VARIES FROM MONTH TO MONTH, UNEMPLOYMENT RATES THAT HAD BEEN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE VARIATIONS IN THE NUMBER OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS SHOULD BE USED IN MAKING COMPARISONS OVER TIME.

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THE COMMISSIONER ADDED THAT, BASED ON A SYSTEM OF MANUAL EXTRACTION OF INFORMATION FROM SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES FOR THE LATEST MONTH, PROVISIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES COVERING THE LATEST THREE MONTH PERIOD COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHIN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE SURVEY. THESE PROVIDE AN EARLY INDICATION OF THE LATEST TREND IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES. BOTH RATES APPARENTLY REMAINED AT A VERY LOW LEVEL.

THE PROVISIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, FOR AUGUST - OCTOBER 1987 WAS 1.9 PER CENT AND THE PROVISIONAL UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 1.0 PER CENT.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE OBTAINED FROM A CONTINUOUS GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT. THIS SURVEY COVERS A QUARTERLY SAMPLE OF SOME 14,000 HOUSEHOLDS OR 50,000 PERSONS, SELECTED SCIENTIFICALLY TO REPRESENT THE LAND-BASED CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION IN HONG KONG.

PERSONAL AND LABOUR FORCE DATA WERE OBTAINED IN THE SURVEY BY INTERVIEWING EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AGED 15 AND ABOVE IN THE HOUSEHOLDS SAMPLED.

IN THE SURVEY, THE DEFINITIONS USED IN MEASURING UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOLLOW CLOSELY THOSE RECOMMENDED BY THE ILO.

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS IS GIVEN IN THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY WHICH IS PUBLISHED FOUR TIMES A YEAR. THE NEXT REPORT COVERING THE QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 1987 SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AROUND DECEMBER 20 AT \$9.50 PER COPY.

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PRAISE FOR HK'S STEPS AGAINST SMOKING
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THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S SMOKING CONTROL STRATEGIES WERE CONSIDERED BY OVERSEAS DELEGATES AS A "SHINING EXAMPLE" IN THE SMOKING CONTROL MOVEMENT, ACCORDING TO THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MISS ELAINE CHUNG, WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM THE SIXTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON SMOKING AND HEALTH IN TOKYO.

IN HER PRESENTATION TO THE WORLD CONFERENCE, ENTITLED "SMOKING CONTROL IN HONG KONG", MISS CHUNG DESCRIBED THE WIDE RANGE OF MEASURES ADOPTED BY GOVERNMENT SINCE 1981 AGAINST TOBACCO USE. SHE ALSO EXPLAINED THE RATIONALE BEHIND EACH MEASURE.

BETWEEN 1982 AND 1986, THE NUMBER OF DAILY SMOKERS IN HONG KONG DECLINED BY 20 PER CENT. THIS REPRESENTED THE FASTEST DECLINE OF SMOKERS IN THE WORLD.

"BECAUSE OF THE STRONG EVIDENCE LINKING SMOKING WITH MORTALITY AND MORBIDITY," MISS CHUNG SAID THAT GOVERNMENT TOOK "FIRM AND RESOLUTE" ACTION WHEN APPROPRIATE WITH THE AIM OF SAFEGUARDING THE HEALTH OF ITS RESIDENTS.

MISS CHUNG SAID THE AIM OF ENCOURAGING THE POPULATION NOT TO SMOKE WAS ACHIEVED BY EDUCATION, LEGISLATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE MEANS.

IN HER REVIEW, HONG KONG WAS SHOWN TO BE AMONG THE FEW PLACES IN ASIA WHERE:

- (A) HEALTH WARNINGS ARE REQUIRED ON CIGARETTE PACKAGES AND ADVERTISEMENTS;
- (B) "NO SMOKING" AREAS ARE DESIGNATED ON MANY MEANS OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT;
- (C) SMOKING IS NOT ALLOWED IN ALL GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS AND CLINICS AND SOME OFFICE PREMISES; AND
- (D) GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE ADVISED NOT TO SMOKE IN PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

MISS CHUNG SAID THAT ANOTHER ASPECT OF WHICH HONG KONG WAS "JUSTIFIABLY PROUD" WAS BEING THE FIRST ASIAN AREA TO BAN SMOKELESS TOBACCO IN JANUARY 1987. THIS ACTION WAS COMMENDED BY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION AND THE DELEGATES TO THE SIXTH WORLD CONFERENCE AS BEING COURAGEOUS AND A STEP TO BE EMULATED.

THE ISSUE OF SMOKELESS TOBACCO RECEIVED SIGNIFICANT COVERAGE AT THE WORLD CONFERENCE BECAUSE OF THE SERIOUS HEALTH HAZARDS THAT THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION ASSOCIATED WITH THIS NEW FORM OF TOBACCO.

THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION IN OCTOBER TO SET UP A STATUTORY AND GOVERNMENT-SUBVENTED COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH ALSO RECEIVED MUCH ATTENTION AT THE WORLD CONFERENCE.

THIS APPROACH WAS CONSIDERED SUPERIOR IN MANY WAYS TO ARRANGEMENTS ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD. THE AREAS WHICH WOULD BE EXAMINED BY THE NEW COUNCIL WOULD INCLUDE MORE EFFECTIVE PUBLIC EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY, THE ISSUES OF OUTDOOR ADVERTISEMENTS, ENFORCEMENT OF LEGISLATION AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT.

THE SIXTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON SMOKING AND HEALTH WAS OPENED ON NOVEMBER 9 BY JAPAN'S MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR TAKAO FUJIMOTO, (JAPAN) AND DR HALFDAN MAHLER, DIRECTOR GENERAL, WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION.

OVER 700 DELEGATES FROM 56 COUNTRIES PARTICIPATED IN THE FOUR DAY CONFERENCE WHICH ENDED ON NOVEMBER 12.

VIEWS WERE EXCHANGED ON TOPICS SUCH AS SMOKING CESSATION, SMOKING AND ECONOMICS, PASSIVE SMOKING, SMOKING AND WOMEN, SMOKING AND CHILDREN, SMOKLESS TOBACCO, SMOKING CONTROL LEGISLATION AND SMOKING CONTROL MEDIA STRATEGIES.

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PAVING THE WAY FOR INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION

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THE MAIN OBSTACLE TO THE WIDER APPLICATION OF INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION IN HONG KONG CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE FACT THAT MANAGEMENT ATTITUDES HAVE NOT YET BEEN FULLY ATTUNED TOWARDS IT, THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR K.Y. YEUNG, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT A SYMPOSIUM ORGANISED BY THE INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERS AND THE SOCIETY OF MANUFACTURING ENGINEERS.

MR YEUNG SAID THAT FOR A MANUFACTURER WHOSE OPERATIONS WERE RELATIVELY LABOUR INTENSIVE, AND WHO NOW FACED HEAVY PRESSURE IN TERMS OF RISING WAGES AND OTHER COSTS, INEFFICIENT OUTPUT, SUBSTANTIAL WASTE AND INCONSISTENT QUALITY, THE QUESTION HE HAD TO RESOLVE WAS WHETHER HE SHOULD OPT OUT OF THE HONG KONG ENVIRONMENT BY GOING ELSEWHERE, OR WHETHER HE SHOULD CREATE AN AUTOMATION POLICY WITHIN HIS ENTERPRISE.

"EVEN IF HE DOES NOT OPT OUT ENTIRELY, THE MANUFACTURER WOULD STILL HAVE TO CONSIDER HOW OUTPUT MIGHT BE INCREASED, PAYROLL AND WASTAGE REDUCED AND PRODUCTION SPEEDED UP, AND HOW THESE OBJECTIVES MIGHT BE ACHIEVED THROUGH QUALITY MANAGEMENT AND INTEGRATED AUTOMATION SYSTEM," HE SAID.

MR YEUNG SAID THAT WHILE HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURERS WERE WELL KNOWN FOR THEIR ABILITY TO RESPOND QUICKLY TO CHANGES IN THE PATTERN AND LEVEL OF EXTERNAL DEMAND FOR THEIR OUTPUT, AND AT INVESTING IN NEW PRODUCTION CAPACITY WHEN EXPORT PROSPECTS WERE FAVOURABLE, RELATIVELY FEW HAD BEEN WILLING TO INTRODUCE THOSE MANAGEMENT AND TECHNICAL SYSTEMS WHICH MADE FOR MEDIUM TO LONG TERM PRODUCTIVITY GROWTH AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT.

"WHERE THAT WILLINGNESS EXISTS THE RESULTS TEND TO REFLECT AN AD HOC OR BANDAGED APPROACH TO QUALITY MANAGEMENT AND AUTOMATION," HE SAID.

HOWEVER, THERE WAS AMPLE EVIDENCE TO SHOW THAT MANUFACTURERS WOULD INVEST HEAVILY IN THE EXPANSION OF PRODUCTION CAPACITY WHEN EXPORT PROSPECTS WERE FAVOURABLE.

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"THE FACT IS FEW MANUFACTURERS KNOW PRECISELY WHAT THEY SHOULD PUT THEIR MONEY ON," HE SAID.

TO INVEST IN INTEGRATED CAD/CAM SYSTEMS, MR YEUNG SUGGESTED THE MANUFACTURER SHOULD SEEK EXPERT ADVICE, WHICH WAS AVAILABLE FROM BOTH THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL'S INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION UNIT AND CAD/CAM WORKSHOP.

"THESE PEOPLE ARE ABLE TO ADVISE THE MANUFACTURER ON WHAT SYSTEM THEY COULD USE, HAVING REGARD TO THEIR PARTICULAR REQUIREMENTS, AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PURCHASE, NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION," HE SAID.

"IN DUE COURSE THE CAD/CAM DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OF THE TWO UNIVERSITIES THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS NOW FUNDING SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE FURTHER ADVICE ON INTEGRATED, LOW-COST CAD/CAM SYSTEMS FOR THE METALS FABRICATION INDUSTRY, AND BY THE END OF 1988 THE HKPC WILL HAVE OPENED A SURFACE MOUNTED TECHNOLOGY LABORATORY FOR USE BY THOSE ELECTRONICS MANUFACTURERS WHO WISH TO AUTOMATE THE PRODUCTION OF THEIR PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARDS."

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'KNOW GENETICS' EXHIBITION IN TSIM SHA TSUI
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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING TO EXPAND GENETIC SERVICES AND THE MEASURES IT UNDERTAKES TO PREVENT NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, HEALTH SERVICES AND PLANNING, DR S. H. LEE, WHEN HE OPENED THE KNOW GENETICS EXHIBITION AT THE NEW WORLD CENTRE IN TSIM SHA TSUI TODAY (SATURDAY).

DR LEE SAID THAT IN THE PAST THREE DECADES THERE HAD BEEN A GRADUAL CHANGE IN EMPHASIS ON DELIVERY OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

THIS, HE EXPLAINED, WAS LARGELY DUE TO CHANGES IN DISEASE PATTERN AS A RESULT OF SUCCESSFUL CONTROL OF COMMON CHILDHOOD COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, BETTER MEDICAL AND HEALTH CARE AND IMPROVEMENT IN LIVING STANDARDS.

NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, SUCH AS INHERITED DISEASES, HAD GAINED MORE ATTENTION IN THE MEDICAL FIELD AND IN THE COMMUNITY, HE SAID.

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IN LINE WITH ITS PREVENTIVE PROGRAMME, THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAD ESTABLISHED A GENETIC NEO-NATAL SCREENING PROGRAMME TO DETECT GLUCOSE-6-PHOSPHATE DEHYDROGENASE (G-6-PD) DEFICIENCY AND OTHER INHERITED DISEASES AMONG NEW-BORN BABIES.

COUNSELLING SERVICE WAS PROVIDED TO CHILDREN IN WHOM ABNORMALITY WAS DETECTED, DR LEE SAID.

DR LEE ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONGRATULATE THE HONG KONG SOCIETY OF MEDICAL GENETICS AND THE PENINSULA JAYCEES FOR JOINTLY ORGANISING THE KNOW GENETICS EXHIBITION.

HE PRAISED THE SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING INTEREST AND KNOWLEDGE IN MEDICAL GENETICS WITHIN THE MEDICAL PROFESSION AND AMONG THE PUBLIC.

THE EXHIBITION, WHICH WILL CONTINUE FOR A WEEK, IS INTENDED TO PROMOTE KNOWLEDGE IN MEDICAL GENETICS AND TO INTRODUCE SERVICES OFFERED BY THE TWO UNIVERSITIES, THE GOVERNMENT AND OTHER VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS.

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MAJOR COUNTRY PARK SURVEY BEGINS

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A MAJOR SURVEY WILL BE CONDUCTED AS FROM TODAY (SATURDAY) IN HONG KONG'S POPULAR COUNTRY PARKS TO FIND OUT THE USAGE PATTERN OF PARK VISITORS AND TO IDENTIFY THEIR CHANGING NEEDS FOR PARK FACILITIES AND SERVICES.

THE SURVEY, THE THIRD ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SINCE 1982, COVERS 17 COUNTRY PARKS AND THE TAI PO KAU NATURE RESERVE, ALL OF WHICH ARE POPULAR AREAS FOR VISITORS.

THE COUNTRY PARKS SELECTED FOR THE SURVEY INCLUDE ABERDEEN, TAI TAM, QUARRY BAY, POK FU LAM, LANTAO, SAI KUNG, MA ON SHAN, CLEARWATER BAY, KAM SHAN, LION ROCK, SHING MUN, TAI MO SHAN, TAI LAM, PAT SIN LENG AND PLOVER COVE.

THE DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR DEVELOPMENT OFFICER (COUNTRYSIDE), MR F.Y. WONG, SAID THAT THE SURVEY WILL TAKE PLACE ON TWO SEPARATE PERIODS FROM TODAY TO NOVEMBER 27 AND FROM DECEMBER 26 TO DECEMBER 30, COVERING THREE SATURDAYS AND THREE SUNDAYS.

"DURING THESE PERIODS, SOME 5,000 VISITORS TO THESE COUNTRY PARKS WILL BE SELECTED AT RANDOM FOR INTERVIEWS BY THE DEPARTMENT'S UNIFORMED PARK WARDENS.

"IN THIS SURVEY, NIGHT VISITORS WILL BE COVERED FOR THE FIRST TIME," MR WONG SAID.

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"VISITORS WILL BE ASKED SUCH SIMPLE QUESTIONS AS THEIR GROUP SIZE, GROUP COMPOSITION, THEIR HOME DISTRICT, MEANS AND COST OF TRANSPORT TO THE COUNTRY PARKS, TIME SPENT FOR TRAVELLING, THE FREQUENCY OF VISITS TO THE COUNTRY PARKS, PARK ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES PREFERRED AND ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT."

EACH INTERVIEW WILL LAST FOR ONLY FIVE TO EIGHT MINUTES AND EVERY INTERVIEWEE WILL BE GIVEN A SOUVENIR AT THE END OF THE INTERVIEW IN APPRECIATION OF THEIR SUPPORT.

MR WONG URGED THE PUBLIC VISITING THE DESIGNATED COUNTRY PARKS AND SPECIAL AREA DURING THE SURVEY PERIODS AND NIGHT VISITORS IN PARTICULAR, TO CO-OPERATE FULLY WITH AFD SURVEY STAFF WHEN THEY ARE APPROACHED FOR INTERVIEW.

"THE SURVEY WILL BE OF LONG-TERM BENEFIT TO THE PUBLIC AS THE RESULTS WILL PROVIDE USEFUL UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION FOR BETTER PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNTRY PARKS AND FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS OF PARK FACILITIES AND SERVICES," HE SAID.

THE INFORMATION AND DATA COLLECTED WILL BE COMPILED INTO A STATISTICAL SUMMARY REPORT AND UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL ANY REFERENCE BE MADE TO PERSONAL DATA OF INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEWEES, MR WONG STRESSED.

THE LAST TWO VISITOR SURVEYS WERE CARRIED OUT IN 1982 AND 1985 RESPECTIVELY AND THE RESULTS HAD PROVIDED VERY USEFUL DIRECTIVES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRY PARKS.

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YOUTH URGED TO UPHOLD RESPECT FOR THE ELDERLY

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, TODAY (SATURDAY) CALLED ON THE YOUNGER GENERATION TO UPHOLD THE TRADITIONAL CHINESE VIRTUE OF RESPECTING, LOVING AND CARING FOR THE ELDERLY.

"THIS WILL ENABLE THE ELDERLY TO LEAD A HAPPY FAMILY LIFE AND TO ENJOY THEIR OLD AGE," SHE SAID.

MRS WONG WAS SPEAKING AT THE "FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY" ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE AT THE MARTHA BOSS COMMUNITY CENTRE IN HO MAN TIN.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TO PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE OF SUPPORT SERVICES IN CO-OPERATION WITH VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO ENCOURAGE THE ELDERLY TO REMAIN IN THE COMMUNITY AND UNDER FAMILY CARE.

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"THESE SERVICES INCLUDE 44 HOME HELP TEAMS, 88 SOCIAL CENTRES, FOUR DAY CARE CENTRES, 12 MULTI-SERVICES CENTRES, THREE POOL CARS FOR OUTINGS, COUNSELLING SERVICE AND VISITS BY VOLUNTEERS," SHE SAID.

"THEY WILL BE EXPANDED EACH YEAR WITH THE AIM OF MEETING MOST OF THE DEMANDS IN FIVE YEARS," SHE ADDED.

MRS WONG RECALLED THAT IN AUGUST THIS YEAR, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT MOBILISED A LARGE NUMBER OF YOUTH VOLUNTEERS TO VISIT THE ELDERLY IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS, AND THIS HAD TURNED OUT TO BE VERY SUCCESSFUL.

"GOVERNMENT ALSO PROVIDES COMPASSIONATE REHOUSING, SHELTERED HOUSING AND RESIDENTIAL CARE FOR THOSE WHO LACK HOME CARE.

"TOGETHER WITH THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR, WE HOPE TO FURTHER DEVELOP AND STRENGTHEN ALL THESE SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEMANDS," SHE SAID.

MRS WONG COMPLIMENTED THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE FOR ORGANISING SUCH A MEANINGFUL FESTIVAL AND THE OTHER VOLUNTARY AGENCIES FOR ARRANGING VARIOUS PROGRAMMES IN SUPPORT OF IT.

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MUSICIAN ARRIVES FOR MUSIC OFFICE CELEBRATIONS

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A RENOWNED MUSICIAN FROM CHINA, MR XIAO BAIYONG, ARRIVED TODAY (SATURDAY) TO PARTICIPATE IN THE YOUTH CHINESE MUSIC WEEK WHICH IS PART OF THE CELEBRATION PROGRAMMES FOR THE MUSIC OFFICE'S TENTH ANNIVERSARY.

MR XIAO WILL BE JOINED BY TWO OTHER GUEST MUSICIANS, MR AN ZHISHUN AND MS FAN SHENGE, ALSO FROM CHINA, IN GIVING DEBUT PERFORMANCES AT A JING YING CONCERT TO BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 18), STARTING AT 8 PM.

TALENTED YOUNG LOCAL MUSICIANS WILL ALSO PERFORM. THEY ARE MR WONG SIU-TO (PI-PA), MR LOO SZE-WANG (SHENG), MR LOO SZE-YUEN (ZHENG), MR TSANG MAN-FAI (DI-ZI) AND MR WONG CHI-CHUNG (ER-HU).

APART FROM GIVING PERFORMANCES, THE THREE GUEST MUSICIANS WILL CONDUCT A SERIES OF MASTERCLASSES, LECTURES AND DEMONSTRATIONS ON PERCUSSION, ER-HU AND ZHENG AT VARIOUS MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE.

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AS PART OF THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS, THE CHINESE MUSIC WEEK WILL START WITH AN OPENING CONCERT TO BE HELD AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM TONIGHT WHEN SOME 500 MEMBERS OF THE MUSIC OFFICE'S CHINESE ORCHESTRAS WILL PLAY TO A CAPACITY AUDIENCE. THE CONCERT WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM.

TOMORROW (SUNDAY), AN INTERFLOW CONCERT JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL WILL BE STAGED AT THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL INVOLVING AS MANY AS 15 LOCAL AMATEUR CHINESE ORCHESTRAS. IT WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM.

A MUSIC OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID, " WE HOPE THAT THE CONCERT WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR LOCAL CHINESE ORCHESTRAS TO GET TOGETHER AND LEARN FROM EACH OTHER."

A LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS FOR THE JING YING CONCERT AT \$5 AND \$10 ARE STILL AVAILABLE AT THE URBIX OUTLETS. ADMISSION TO ALL THE MASTERCLASSES, LECTURES AND DEMONSTRATIONS IS FREE. FOR ENQUIRIES, CALL 0-4928127, 0-6065731 AND 5-8235321.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER BOTH THE OPENING CONCERT AND THE INTERFLOW CONCERT TO BE HELD AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM AND AT THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL TONIGHT AND TOMORROW RESPECTIVELY.

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GOVERNOR TO VISIT EASTERN DISTRICT

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL VISIT EASTERN DISTRICT ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 16) AFTERNOON TO SEE THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DISTRICT AND VISIT PLACES OF INTEREST.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, AND THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GARY YEUNG, THE GOVERNOR WILL VISIT THE FA YUEN VILLAGE AND ALDRICH BAY TYPHOON SHELTER IN SHAU KEI WAN.

HE WILL ALSO CALL ON ELDERLY PEOPLE AT THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE AGED MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE IN YUE WAN ESTATE AND LATER JOIN DISTRICT BOARD AND AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS AT A RECEPTION AT YUE WAN COMMUNITY HALL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO EASTERN DISTRICT ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 16). PRESS MEMBERS SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT 2.15 PM AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO CITY PLAZA, PHASE I, TAI KOO SHING ROAD.

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TAI PO BEGINS 'KEEP CLEAN' CAMPAIGN

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THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN IN TAI PO WILL GET UNDERWAY WHEN A SPECIALLY DECORATED LORRY TOURS THE DISTRICT TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

A CEREMONY WILL BE HELD IN TAI PO PLAYGROUND TO MARK THE BEGINNING. THIS HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE WORKING GROUP ON THE DISTRICT'S CAMPAIGN WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE LORRY WILL BEAR THE SLOGAN "CLEAN HONG KONG" AND PAINTINGS DEPICTING THE TAI PO NEW TOWN AND ITS FRINGE AREAS, THE TOLO HIGHWAY CYCLE TRACK AND MARICULTURE ZONES. IT WILL TOUR THE DISTRICT AFTER THE CEREMONY.

LITTER BAGS, BOOK-MARKS AND BALLOONS BEARING THE CAMPAIGN MESSAGE WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO RESIDENTS WHEN THE LORRY CALLS AT TAI PO MARKET, TAI YUEN ESTATE, FU SHIN ESTATE, KWONG FUK ESTATE AND VARIOUS VILLAGES.

IN ADDITION, A YOUTH RALLY WILL BE HELD IN THE PLAYGROUND AFTER THE CEREMONY. THIS HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE RALLY PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE TELEMATCH GAMES DESIGNED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO CONVEY THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN MESSAGE, AND A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR THE "TURNING LITTER INTO ORNAMENTAL/DECORATIVE ITEMS COMPETITION" HELD RECENTLY.

OFFICIATING AT THE CAMPAIGN LAUNCHING CEREMONY WILL BE THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN BURRETT; TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR STEPHEN WONG; REGIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER, MR TANG PUI-TAT; TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR HO YUNG-SANG, AND THE SAI KUNG NORTH RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR LAM PAK-PING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) IN THE TAI PO PLAYGROUND AT PO HEUNG STREET, TAI PO MARKET.

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SINGING, DANCING COMPETITIONS TO DISCOVER TALENTS

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SINGING AND DANCING ENTHUSIASTS NOW HAVE THE CHANCE TO DISPLAY THEIR TALENT AND WIN ATTRACTIVE PRIZES AT TWO COMPETITIONS TO BE HELD IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT NEXT MONTH.

THE SINGING CONTEST IS CO-ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS, AND THE MUSIC OFFICE.

THE CONTEST, NOW IN ITS SIXTH YEAR, IS INTENDED TO IMPROVE THE GENERAL STANDARD OF SINGING AND IS OPEN TO RESIDENTS BETWEEN 15 AND 30 YEARS OF AGE.

IT IS DIVIDED INTO THREE SECTIONS: CLASSICAL SOLO, POP OR FOLK SONG SOLO, AND POP OR FOLK SONG GROUP SINGING.

THE SEMI-FINALS WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 2 AND 5 ON 9/F, HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, AND THE FINALS WILL BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL ON JANUARY 4.

A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID PARTICIPANTS SHOULD SELECT SONGS WITH MEANINGFUL THEMES AND DECENT LYRICS AND SHOULD ENROL ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 20.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SINGING CONTEST CAN BE MADE ON 5-8523002 OR 5-283257.

THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT DANCING COMPETITION WILL BE HELD AT CARITAS IN CAINE ROAD ON DECEMBER 13. PARTICIPANTS MAY PERFORM ORIENTAL, FOLK, OR MODERN DANCES.

CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 12 CAN TAKE PART IN THE JUNIOR SECTION, WHILE PARTICIPANTS FROM SECONDARY SCHOOLS, LOCAL ORGANISATIONS OR AMATEUR DANCE TROUPES SHOULD ENROL IN THE OPEN SECTION.

OUTSTANDING DANCERS AND DANCE GROUPS WILL BE AWARDED TROPHIES.

THE EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE DISTRICT'S RECREATION AND SPORT ASSOCIATION WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS NOVEMBER 26. FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT RECREATION, AMENITIES AND SPORTS OFFICE ON THE TOP FLOOR, CENTRAL MARKET; THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-416405.

CLEAN HK AND HOME SAFETY CAMPAIGN

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A COMBINED CLEAN HONG KONG AND HOME SAFETY CAMPAIGN ORGANISED BY THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD WAS LAUNCHED TODAY (SATURDAY).

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S CAMPAIGN, MR LEE SHUNG-SHIN, SAID ACTIVITIES WILL CENTRE ON ERADICATING MOSQUITOES AND PREVENTING FIRE.

POSTERS AND BANNERS WILL BE DISPLAYED AT HOUSING ESTATES AND OTHER LOCATIONS AND LEAFLETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO RESIDENTS, HE SAID.

AN ANTI-MOSQUITOES DISPLAY AND EXHIBITIONS ON HOME AND GAS SAFETY WERE SET UP AT THE VENUE IN HING FONG ROAD PLAYGROUND. RESIDENTS ALSO ENJOYED A ONE-HOUR VARIETY SHOW AND TOOK PART IN A QUIZ.

TAKING PART IN THE OPENING CEREMONY WERE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN COAK; KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT HYGIENE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR CHOY SHU-KAI; AND DIVISION COMMANDER OF THE NT SOUTHERN DIVISION OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR C.W. CHEUNG.

IN SUPPORT OF THE TERRITORY-WIDE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN, KWAI TSING DISTRICT WILL ALSO TAKE PART IN THE BUS PARADE ORGANISED BY THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

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SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS SOLD BY AUCTION

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FORTY SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE PUT UP FOR AUCTION THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING FOR A TOTAL OF \$982,100 WHICH WILL GO INTO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE RECITAL HALL OF THE CITY HALL, SAW THE REGISTRATION NUMBER AK3333 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$250,000.

ANOTHER NUMBER, DE1, WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$120,000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1,500 FOR DP751.

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FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF TODAY'S AUCTION:

	\$		\$		\$		\$
DP8777	2,500	AP596	2,000	DR560	12,000	DR1638	15,000
DP325	2,800	DP751	1,500	DP9000	18,000	DR1668	25,000
DH9779	6,000	DR1303	4,000	DR118	32,000	DP8088	13,000
AS693	3,000	DM8778	15,000	DR119	14,000	AK3333	250,000
DR381	5,000	DR632	4,000	DP18	68,000	DP8388	18,000
CK8228	40,000	DP9199	2,800	DP1888	60,000	DS822	18,000
DR6222	3,500	AK228	30,000	DR327	15,000	DR128	28,000
DR944	3,700	DE1	120,000	DP8698	8,800	DP800	29,000
DR893	6,800	DR2823	8,000	DP2345	13,000	DR238	45,000
DN500	22,000	AC986	10,000	DR3028	5,700	DS8221	2,000

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WERE REQUIRED TO PAY IN CASH OR BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

THE NUMBERS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 118TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR CHARITY REALISED SO FAR TO \$48,268,532.

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DEBATE FOR CENTRAL AND WESTERN STUDENTS

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SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT ARE BEING INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A DEBATE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS (CENTRAL AND WESTERN).

PARTICIPANTS WILL DEBATE THE ISSUE OF ILLEGAL HAWKING AT THE SEMI-FINALS ON NOVEMBER 28, AND AT THE FINALS ON DECEMBER 5. THE SUBJECT WILL BE THE POWERS OF DISTRICT BOARDS.

A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THE DEBATE WOULD PROMOTE CIVIC AWARENESS AMONG STUDENTS AS THEY WERE REQUIRED TO STUDY CLOSELY ALL DEVELOPMENTS IN SOCIETY.

THE TOP TWO TEAMS WILL BE AWARDED BOOK COUPONS AS WELL AS TROPHIES.

INTERESTED PERSONS SHOULD ENROL ON OR BEFORE WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 18).

ENROLMENT FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT 11/F, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON 5-8523489 OR 5-8523488.

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MONG KOK GOOD CITIZENS TO GET AWARDS

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EIGHT MONG KOK RESIDENTS WILL BE PRESENTED GOOD CITIZEN AWARDS IN A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND.

IT IS PART OF A LARGE-SCALE CARNIVAL JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND THE MONG KOK POLICE STATION TO ENHANCE RESIDENTS' AWARENESS ON CRIME PREVENTION.

THE CARNIVAL FEATURES GAMESTALLS AND PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGERS AND TELEVISION ARTISTES.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MRS ROSANNA TAM; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI; DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS BRENDA FUNG AND POLICE DEPUTY DISTRICT COMMANDER, MONG KOK, MR ROBIN LEUNG WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE GOOD CITIZEN AWARDS AND THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL TO BE HELD AT 12 NOON TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND, SAI YEE STREET, MONG KOK.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT ANTI-TRIAD SOCCER COMPETITION

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A SEVEN-A-SIDE SOCCER TOURNAMENT WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM AT THE WONG CHUK HANG HARD-SURFACED SOCCER PITCH AS PART OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT'S ANTI-TRIAD CAMPAIGN.

ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (DFCC), THE TOURNAMENT IS AIMED AT PUTTING ACROSS THE ANTI-TRIAD MESSAGE TO RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY YOUNGSTERS, THROUGH WHOLESOME ACTIVITY.

THERE WILL BE 16 TEAMS COMPETING IN THE SCHOOL AND THE OPEN SECTIONS.

RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO WATCH THE MATCHES. ADMISSION IS FREE.

SOUTHERN DFCC CHAIRMAN, MR KAN MAN-LEE AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS AT A CEREMONY AT 4 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE SOCCER TOURNAMENT AND THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT 4 PM.

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TELEMATCH FUN FOR WORKERS

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MORE THAN 200 WORKERS FROM 10 INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN KWUN TONG WILL COMPETE IN A TELEMATCH FUN DAY AT THE KOWLOON BAY RECREATION GROUND TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

ORGANISED BY THE INDUSTRIAL AREA BRANCH OF THE KWUN TONG SPORTS PROMOTION ASSOCIATION, THE FUN DAY IS A HIGHLIGHT OF THE KWUN TONG SPORTS FESTIVAL '87.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE FIVE ACTION-PACKED GAMES, WHICH ARE INTENDED TO FOSTER TIES AMONG LOCAL INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDDY CHAN; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM HANG-FAI; AND PRESIDENT OF THE KWUN TONG SPORTS FESTIVAL '87, MR YU SUN-SAY, WILL OFFICIATE AT AN OPENING CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TELEMATCH FUN DAY TO BEGIN AT 1.30 PM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE KOWLOON BAY RECREATION GROUND.

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TUEN MUN SEMINAR ON SAFETY OF ELECTRICITY

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THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER CO. LTD (CLP) AND THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD A SEMINAR ON THE "SAFETY OF ELECTRICITY" FOR RESIDENTS AND INDUSTRIALISTS ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 16).

THE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD IN THE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES HALL OF THE TUEN MUN TOWN HALL, STARTING AT 2.30 PM.

THE SPEAKER WILL BE A CLP ENGINEER FOR WORK, PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING, MR W.K. CHENG. HE WILL USE SLIDES TO ILLUSTRATE THE SAFE USE OF ELECTRICITY AND WILL ANSWER QUESTIONS.

ADMISSION TO THE SEMINAR IS ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR "SAFETY OF ELECTRICITY", TO BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON MONDAY IN THE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES HALL OF TUEN MUN TOWN HALL.

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TOLO HIGHWAY SPEED LIMIT ON COMMITTEE AGENDA

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THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 16) TO DISCUSS THE SPEED LIMIT ON THE TOLO HIGHWAY.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT ON THE TAXI POLICY REVIEW.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL LOOK INTO THE PROBLEM OF TRAFFIC FLOW OUTSIDE THE TAI PO MARKET KCR STATION AND DIFFICULTIES IN BOARDING AND ALIGHTING AT THE BUS LAY-BYS AND THE GREEN MINIBUS TERMINUS.

THEY WILL ALSO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON A NUMBER OF PROPOSED TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT MEASURES: A CHANGE IN THE EXISTING ROAD MARKINGS ALONG A SECTION OF KWONG FUK ROAD BETWEEN TUNG CHEONG STREET AND NAM WAN ROAD, WAYS TO SOLVE THE CONGESTION CAUSED BY TAXIS QUEUEING OUTSIDE 76 PO HEUNG STREET, AND A 24-HOUR RESTRICTED ZONE AT THE ROUNDABOUT IN FU SHIN ESTATE.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE KCR SERVICE AND PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FACILITIES OUTSIDE A PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL IN KWONG FUK ESTATE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 16) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT, 3/F, TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 152 KWONG FUK ROAD.

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SHA TIN DB TO DISCUSS MAC OFFICE ACCOMMODATION

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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 17) MORNING TO DISCUSS OFFICE ACCOMMODATION FOR MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN PRIVATE BUILDINGS.

DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER MR CHAN HON-YING WILL ASK IF THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONSIDER ALLOCATING CERTAIN HOUSING UNITS FOR USE BY MAC'S. HE ALSO WANTS TO KNOW IF THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH MAY INCLUDE APPROPRIATE CLAUSES IN SETTING LEASE CONDITIONS TO RESERVE SPACE FOR MAC OFFICES OR EXERT ANY INFLUENCE ON PRIVATE DEVELOPERS TO ALLOCATE UNITS.

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ANOTHER MEMBER MR LAM HUNG-CHIU WILL ASK IF THERE ARE SUFFICIENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COLLECTION OF REFUSE TO COPE WITH THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT AND GREAT INCREASE IN POPULATION OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE APPLICATION FOR FUNDS AS WELL AS PROGRESS REPORTS BY THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE DISTRICT BOARD COMMITTEES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 17) AT THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON 6/F, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION.

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DISTANCE LEARNING FOR MANAGERS TO BEGIN

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THE FIRST EXPERIMENTAL PROJECT TO PROVIDE A DISTANCE LEARNING COURSE FOR OWNER MANAGERS OF SMALL BUSINESS IS BEING LAUNCHED BY THE MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (MDC) OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL NEXT WEEK.

THE COURSE HAS BEEN DEVELOPED TO HELP IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SMALL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT IN THE TERRITORY, THE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRE, MR MICHAEL CUMBERS, SAID.

IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THE BEST APPROACH TO PROVIDING DISTANCE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MANAGERS IN HONG KONG, THE CENTRE HAS DIVIDED THE SOME 100 COURSE PARTICIPANTS INTO THREE DIFFERENT GROUPS OF LEARNING MODES -- FULLY-DISTANCED, WORKSHOP-BASED AND TUTOR-LED.

MR CUMBERS SAID THE RESULTS OF THE PROJECT WOULD BE EVALUATED AT THE END OF THE COURSE LATE NEXT SPRING.

HE ADDED THAT THIS EXPERIMENTAL WORK HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT BY A TEAM OF STAFF DRAWN FROM SEVERAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF MDC'S SENIOR ADVISER, MR A.N. WELSH.

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NEW TILTING TEST PLATFORM FOR TRI-AXLE BUSES

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$1.4-MILLION CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A REINFORCED CONCRETE PIT TO ACCOMMODATE A TILTING TEST PLATFORM FOR THE INSPECTION OF TRI-AXLE BUSES AT THE KOWLOON BAY VEHICLE INSPECTION CENTRE.

"THIS NEW TILTING TEST PLATFORM WILL BE THE FIRST AND ONLY SUCH DEVICE IN HONG KONG SPECIALLY MADE TO TEST TRI-AXLE BUSES," A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

"WORK IS EXPECTED TO START LATER THIS MONTH AND BE COMPLETED IN MAY NEXT YEAR.

"ANOTHER CONTRACT WILL THEN BE LET FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE PLATFORM ITSELF AND THE NECESSARY MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL SERVICES," HE ADDED.

THE TEST PLATFORM WILL BECOME OPERATIONAL IN EARLY 1989, UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KWUN TONG

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FROM 8 PM ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 17), HIP WO STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH TUNG YAN STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 110 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE CONVERTED FROM TWO-LANE NORTHBOUND TO THREE-LANE NORTHBOUND AND FROM TWO-LANE SOUTHBOUND TO SINGLE LANE SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS WILL BE DESIGNATED 24-HOUR DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS:

- * TUNG YAN STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH HIP WO STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.
- * HIP WO STREET NORTHBOUND FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH TUNG YAN STREET TO A POINT ABOUT SEVEN METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.
- * HIP WO STREET SOUTHBOUND FROM A POINT ABOUT 65 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH TUNG YAN STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 55 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT FOR FRANCHISED BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR GOODS OR PASSENGERS WITHIN THE URBAN CLEARWAYS.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES

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THE ACCESS ROAD LINKING NEW CONTAINER PORT ROAD WITH KWAI CHUNG ROAD NEAR CHING CHEUNG ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC FROM 7 AM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 16).

IN SHA TIN, IN ORDER TO FACILITATE MAINTENANCE WORKS CARRIED OUT BY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT, VEHICLES ON TAI PO ROAD SOUTHBOUND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER CHIK WAN STREET FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 17) TO 10 AM ON NOVEMBER 20.

AFFECTED VEHICLES WILL HAVE TO USE EITHER KENG HAU ROAD, CHE KUNG MUI ROAD AND MEI TIN ROAD OR TAI WAI ROAD AND MEI TIN ROAD.

AT THE SAME TIME. SOUTHBOUND VEHICLES ON LOWER SHING MUN ROAD WILL BE BANNED FROM ENTERING CHIK WAN STREET, AND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TAI PO ROAD AND MEI TIN ROAD.

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