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GOVT STEPS UP ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PUBLICITY

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THE GOVERNMENT IS ALL SET TO STEP UP PUBLICITY ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO COMPLEMENT ITS 10-YEAR PLAN TO TACKLE THE POLLUTION PROBLEM, THE ACTING REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR FUNG KWOK-KEUNG, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE HONG KONG GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION'S (HKGGA) "ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION DAY" AT VICTORIA PARK, MR FUNG SAID A TOTAL OF \$400,000 WAS ALLOCATED IN THE PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR TO DRIVE HOME THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MESSAGE.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY ALSO NOTED THAT TO IMPLEMENT THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND NEW MEASURES, THE GOVERNMENT HAD INTRODUCED A NEW ADMINISTRATIVE FRAMEWORK INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS BRANCH, AND THE DRAINAGE SERVICES AND PLANNING DEPARTMENTS.

"TO MORE EFFECTIVELY SOLVE THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS, GOVERNMENT EFFORTS ALONE ARE NOT SUFFICIENT. IT ALSO TAKES THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF RESIDENTS TO DISSEMINATE THE CLEAN ENVIRONMENT MESSAGE," HE SAID.

MR FUNG WAS PLEASED TO NOTE THAT THE HKGGA AND ITS DISTRICT BRANCHES HAD MADE A LOT OF CONTRIBUTIONS IN THIS RESPECT.

HE ALSO NOTED THAT SINCE ITS FORMATION 75 YEARS AGO, THE ASSOCIATION HAD GRADUALLY ESTABLISHED ITSELF AS ONE OF THE BIGGEST UNIFORMED GROUPS WITH A TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF MORE THAN 30,000.

"THE ASSOCIATION IS WELL-KNOWN FOR ITS COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND HAS ORGANISED NUMEROUS ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS FUND RAISING DRIVES FOR THE COMMUNITY CHEST AND SERVICE PROJECTS FOR THE ELDERLY," HE SAID, ADDING THAT THIS HAD NURTURED YOUNG GIRLS TO BECOME USEFUL CITIZENS IN THE SOCIETY.

DURING THE CEREMONY, THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF THE HKGGA, LADY AKERS-JONES, AND MR FUNG PRESENTED TROPHIES TO WINNERS OF TWO ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMPETITIONS.

MORE THAN 1,000 PEOPLE TURNED OUT IN SUPPORT OF THE "ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION DAY" AND SHARED THE FUN IN STALL GAMES AND A VARIETY SHOW.

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CLEAN AND GREEN PHOTO COMPETITION NOW ON
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COUNTRYSIDE LOVERS AND PHOTOGRAPHY ENTHUSIASTS NOW HAVE A CHANCE TO HELP CONVEY THE COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION MESSAGE AND AT THE SAME TIME WIN ATTRACTIVE PRIZES THROUGH THE USE OF THEIR IMAGINATION AND THEIR PHOTOGRAPHIC SKILLS.

THEY CAN TAKE PART IN THE CLEAN AND GREEN '90 PHOTO COMPETITION, ONE OF THE ACTIVITIES LINED UP FOR THE CLEAN AND GREEN SCHEME '90 ORGANISED BY THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT (AFD), TO PROMULGATE THE MESSAGE OF THE NEED TO KEEP OUR COUNTRY PARKS CLEAN AND GREEN.

THE PHOTO COMPETITION, JOINTLY ORGANISED WITH TIMBERLAND, IS SPONSORED BY KODAK (FAR EAST) LTD AND CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS LTD. IT IS NOW OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS OF HONG KONG.

THE THEME OF THE COMPETITION IS "A CLEAN AND GREEN COUNTRY PARK".

ENTRY FORMS WITH RULES FOR THE COMPETITION ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE AFD, KODAK SERVICES CENTRES AND TIMBERLAND SHOPS.

PARTICIPANTS SHOULD COMPLETE THE ENTRY FORM AND SUBMIT IT TOGETHER WITH THE ENTRY PLUS ITS NEGATIVE TO THE AFD OR ANY COUNTRY PARK VISITOR CENTRE NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY 28 NEXT YEAR.

A PARTICIPANT MAY SUBMIT ANY NUMBER OF ENTRIES, BUT DUPLICATE OF THE ORIGINAL NEGATIVE IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

ENTRIES SHOULD BE IN THE FORMAT OF 5R OR 8R COLOUR PRINTS. MOUNTING IS NOT NECESSARY. HOWEVER, KODAK FILM AND PAPER SHOULD BE USED OR THE ENTRIES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

EACH FORM CAN BE USED FOR ONE ENTRY ONLY. ALL ENTRIES SUBMITTED WILL NOT BE RETURNED.

ADJUDICATION WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY A PANEL OF JUDGES COMPRISING RENOWNED PHOTOGRAPHERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CO-ORGANISERS WHOSE DECISION WILL BE FINAL.

THERE ARE ALTOGETHER 10 PRIZES AND THE FIRST PRIZE WILL BE TWO RETURN AIR TICKETS TO BANGKOK.

OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THIS YEAR'S CLEAN AND GREEN SCHEME INCLUDE LITTER COLLECTION, TREE TENDING WORK IN COUNTRY PARKS, A PAINTING/POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION AND A "CLEAN AND GREEN" FUN DAY. ALL THESE ACTIVITIES WILL CARRY ON UNTIL THE END OF MARCH NEXT YEAR.

SO FAR, 596 PEOPLE FROM 17 SCHOOLS AND YOUTH GROUPS AS WELL AS 1,058 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE TAKEN PART IN THIS YEAR'S ACTIVITIES SINCE THE SCHEME WAS LAUNCHED ON DECEMBER 8.

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40 NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED IN OCTOBER
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THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE APPROVED A TOTAL OF 40 NEW BUILDING PLANS IN OCTOBER.

OF THESE, 23 WERE FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, EIGHT FOR KOWLOON AND NINE FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE APPROVED PLANS INCLUDED 18 FOR APARTMENT, APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS AND NINE FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

DURING THE MONTH, THE OFFICE GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 53 PROJECTS, INVOLVING 173,966.2 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA AND 181,388.9 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS ABOUT \$1,848 MILLION. USABLE FLOOR AREAS FOR DOMESTIC AND NON-DOMESTIC USES WERE ABOUT 212,139.3 SQUARE METRES AND ABOUT 67,364.5 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY.

ALSO DURING THE MONTH, THE OFFICE ISSUED 43 OCCUPATION PERMITS: 13 FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, 12 FOR KOWLOON AND 18 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN ADDITION, THE OFFICE ISSUED 32 DEMOLITION CONSENTS AFFECTING 69 BUILDINGS.

THE CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION RECEIVED 742 COMPLAINTS ON ILLEGAL BUILDING WORKS, CARRIED OUT 1,208 INSPECTIONS AND ISSUED 140 REMOVAL ORDERS.

THE DANGEROUS BUILDING SECTION INSPECTED 394 BUILDINGS AND OBTAINED FIVE EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDERS.

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GOVT LOT FOR SALE BY TENDER
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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SALE OF A LAND LOT IN SHA TIN, NEW TERRITORIES.

THE 1,200 SQUARE METRE LOT AT AREA 14B, YUEN ON STREET, IS FOR A PETROL STATION EXCLUDING ANY LUBRICATING OR SERVICING FACILITIES, AND SHOULD BE IN OPERATION BY MARCH 31, 1993.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON JANUARY 18 NEXT YEAR.

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FORM OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND TENDER PLAN INSPECTED AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND THE KOWLOON DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

TENDER DOCUMENTS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF SHA TIN, TAI PO, NORTH, YUEN LONG, TUEN MUN, TSUEN WAN, KWAI TSING, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS.

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EXCHANGE FUND BILLS TENDER TO BE HELD TOMORROW
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THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH REMINDS RECOGNISED DEALERS AND MARKET MAKERS OF EXCHANGE FUND BILLS THAT DUE TO THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 25 AND 26), TENDER OF THE BILLS WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (MONDAY) FOR ISSUE ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 27).

"TWO ISSUES OF BILLS, Q042 AND H005, WILL BE ON OFFER TOMORROW.

"AS THE ISSUE DAY WILL BE ONE DAY LATER THAN USUAL, THESE BILLS WILL MATURE IN 90 DAYS AND 181 DAYS ON MARCH 27, 1991 AND JUNE 26, 1991 RESPECTIVELY," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

"THE ISSUE SIZES WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED AT HK\$400 MILLION FOR 90-DAY BILLS AND HK\$200 MILLION FOR 181-DAY BILLS," HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED RECOGNISED DEALERS AND MARKET MAKERS THAT BIDS FOR THE BILLS SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH IN THE USUAL WAY BEFORE 10.30 AM TOMORROW.

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SEVERE PUNISHMENTS FOR DRIVING WHILE BEING DISQUALIFIED
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POLICE TODAY (SUNDAY) REITERATED THAT MOTORISTS WHO ATTEMPT TO DRIVE WHILST BEING DISQUALIFIED MAY FACE SEVERE PUNISHMENTS, INCLUDING IMPRISONMENT.

QUOTING A RECENT COURT CASE, A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID A 26-YEAR-OLD MAN WAS SENTENCED TO FOUR MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT AFTER HE HAD BEEN CONVICTED OF A CHARGE OF DRIVING WHILST DISQUALIFIED.

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"IN ADDITION, HE WAS DISQUALIFIED FOR DRIVING FOR THREE YEARS AND WAS SENTENCED TO TWO MONTHS' CONCURRENT IMPRISONMENT FOR DRIVING WITHOUT THIRD PARTY INSURANCE," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE DEFENDENT WAS ARRESTED ON DECEMBER 8 FOR SPEEDING WHILST DRIVING EASTBOUND ALONG LEI YUE MUN ROAD.

HE WAS ALSO FINED \$140.

POLICE ENQUIRIES LATER INDICATED THAT HIS DRIVING LICENCE HAD BEEN DISQUALIFIED UNTIL APRIL 1992 FOR PREVIOUS TRAFFIC OFFENCES.

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PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREAS TO REMAIN OPEN DURING HOLIDAYS

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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT ALL PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREAS WILL REMAIN OPEN FROM 7 AM TO 9 PM DAILY DURING THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS (DECEMBER 25, 26 AND JANUARY 1).

THE PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREAS ADMINISTERED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT ARE AT THE WESTERN DISTRICT, SHEUNG WAN, WAN CHAI, CHAI WAN, SHAM SHUI PO, YAU MA TEI, KWUN TONG, CHA KWO LING, TSUEN WAN AND RAMBLER CHANNEL.

IN ADDITION, THE TUEN MUN AND KOWLOON BAY PUBLIC WATERFRONTS WILL ALSO REMAIN OPEN FROM 7 AM TO 9 PM DAILY DURING THE THREE DAYS.

DURING THE HOLIDAY PERIOD, THE MACAU FERRY TERMINAL WILL REMAIN OPEN 24 HOURS DAILY AND THE CHINA FERRY TERMINAL WILL BE OPEN AS NORMAL FROM 6 AM TO 10 PM DAILY.

ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 26), THE VICTORIA MARINE OFFICE AND PORT FORMALITIES OFFICE, BOTH LOCATED ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF HARBOUR BUILDING, PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 11 AM TO FACILITATE ENTRY AND OUTWARD CLEARANCE FOR SHIPS.

THE PORT FORMALITIES OFFICE WILL ALSO HANDLE APPLICATION FOR PERMITS NORMALLY ISSUED BY THE OFFICE.

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3,499 RAIDS, 1,365 ARRESTS IN NOVEMBER

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POLICE CONTINUED THEIR THREE-PRONGED ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST DRUGS, ILLEGAL GAMBLING AND VICE ACTIVITIES LAST MONTH (NOVEMBER), RESULTING IN THE ARREST OF 1,365 PEOPLE IN 3,499 RAIDS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT DURING THE MONTH, 211 PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED IN 420 RAIDS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 805 PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED IN 2,716 RAIDS IN KOWLOON AND 339 PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED IN 341 RAIDS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN ADDITION, NARCOTICS BUREAU OFFICERS APPREHENDED 10 PEOPLE IN 22 ANTI-DRUG OPERATIONS.

IN THEIR SUSTAINED EFFORTS AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING LAST MONTH, POLICE ARRESTED 609 PEOPLE IN 730 RAIDS. THE DRUGS SEIZED INCLUDED 7.1 KILOGRAMS OF CANNABIS, 3.5 KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN AND 1.9 KILOGRAMS OF OPIUM.

ON THE ANTI-GAMBLING FRONT, POLICE CONDUCTED 111 RAIDS AND ARRESTED 600 PEOPLE, SEIZING SOME \$157,000 IN TABLE MONEY AND BETTING SLIPS WORTH ABOUT \$440,000.

POLICE ALSO CARRIED OUT 2,658 RAIDS AND ARRESTED 156 PEOPLE IN THEIR FIGHT AGAINST VICE ACTIVITIES. ABOUT 2,200 OBSCENE VIDEO TAPES WERE SEIZED.

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