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HARMONIZED SYSTEM FOR IMPORT AND EXPORT DECLARATIONS

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HONG KONG HAS IMPLEMENTED THE HONG KONG HARMONIZED COMMODITY DESCRIPTION AND CODING SYSTEM FOR IMPORT AND EXPORT DECLARATION PURPOSES WITH EFFECT FROM TODAY (JANUARY 1), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

"ALL IMPORT AND EXPORT SHIPMENTS TODAY OR AFTER MUST BE DECLARED ACCORDING TO THE NEW CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM.

"AS FOR ARTICLES IMPORTED OR EXPORTED BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1988, IF THEY ARE DECLARED ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 14, 1988, THE OLD CLASSIFICATION CODES SHOULD BE USED. HOWEVER, IF THEY ARE DECLARED AFTER JANUARY 14, 1988, THE NEW CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM MUST BE USED," THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

THE COMMODITY DESCRIPTIONS AND CODES UNDER THE NEW HONG KONG HARMONIZED SYSTEM ARE SPECIFIED IN THE HONG KONG IMPORTS AND EXPORTS CLASSIFICATION LIST (HARMONIZED SYSTEM).

"FOOD ITEMS, THE IMPORT OF WHICH IS SUBJECT TO A FLAT CHARGE OF HK\$5 PER SHIPMENT ON LODGEMENT OF THE IMPORT DECLARATION, ARE SPECIFIED IN THE SCHEDULE OF FOOD ITEMS APPENDED TO THE NEW CLASSIFICATION LIST.

"ALSO, HONG KONG-MADE CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR ITEMS SUBJECT TO THE CLOTHING TRAINING LEVY ON EXPORT, WHICH ARE SPECIFIED IN THE SCHEDULE OF CLOTHING (INCLUDING FOOTWEAR) ITEMS TO THE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING (CLOTHING INDUSTRY) ORDINANCE, ARE APPENDED TO THE NEW CLASSIFICATION LIST FOR THE CONVENIENT REFERENCE OF EXPORTERS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"ALL THE LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS REQUIRED DUE TO THE CHANGEOVER TO THE HONG KONG HARMONIZED SYSTEM HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE," HE ADDED.

"DECLARANTS MUST SUBMIT ACCURATE AND COMPLETE INFORMATION, AS REQUIRED UNDER THE IMPORT AND EXPORT (REGISTRATION) REGULATIONS, TO THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT WITHIN 14 DAYS AFTER THE IMPORTATION OR EXPORTATION OF GOODS."

"IF DECLARANTS HAVE DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING THE APPROPRIATE COMMODITY DESCRIPTIONS AND CODES FROM THE NEW CLASSIFICATION LIST FOR THEIR ARTICLES, THEY CAN MAKE TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES WITH THE TRADE CLASSIFICATION SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT. THE DIRECTORY FOR TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE FOUND AT APPENDIX II OF THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM HANDBOOK," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

BOTH THE HONG KONG IMPORTS AND EXPORTS CLASSIFICATION LIST (HARMONIZED SYSTEM) AND THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM HANDBOOK ARE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AND CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT COLLECTION OFFICES.

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CALL FOR SUPPORT TO DB ELECTIONS

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CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM KAM-KWONG, TODAY (FRIDAY) REMINDED RESIDENTS THAT THE NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS IN MARCH WOULD START ON JANUARY 8 AND WOULD LAST UNTIL FEBRUARY 1.

HE URGED CIVIC-MINDED RESIDENTS TO NOMINATE ABLE CANDIDATES TO STAND FOR ELECTION IN THE INTEREST OF THE COMMUNITY AND TO ENABLE A MORE EFFECTIVE FUNCTIONING OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS.

MR LAM MADE THE APPEAL AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE DISTRICT'S NEW YEAR CARNIVAL HELD AT BLAKE GARDEN AT PO HING FONG IN SHEUNG WAN THIS AFTERNOON.

HE ADDED THAT REGISTERED VOTERS WHO HAD LIVED IN HONG KONG FOR 10 YEARS OR MORE WERE ELIGIBLE FOR NOMINATION.

HE ALSO COMMENDED THE DISTRICT BOARD FOR ITS EFFORTS IN PROMOTING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES.

MORE THAN 500 RESIDENTS TOOK PART IN THE CARNIVAL, WHICH FEATURED CHORAL SINGING, CHILDREN GAMES AND STALL GAMES.

THE EVENT WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, URBAN COUNCIL, SHEUNG WAN AREA COMMITTEE AND YMCA WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD, DISTRICT ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) AND A LOCAL ORGANISATION.

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GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY CONTINUES

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO CONDUCT THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY IN JANUARY TO MARCH 1988.

THE SURVEY, CONDUCTED MONTHLY SINCE AUGUST 1981, COLLECTS INFORMATION ON EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT, AND THE GENERAL SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION.

IN ADDITION, QUESTIONS ON HONG KONG RESIDENTS' EXPENDITURE ABROAD; PREFERENCE ON CULTURAL PERFORMANCE, VIEWS ON TELEVISION WEATHER PROGRAMME AND AWARENESS OF FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION SERVICE; HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE ON RENT; GAS SAFETY AND ELECTRICAL ACCIDENTS IN HOUSEHOLDS WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED IN THE QUARTER OF JANUARY TO MARCH 1988.

SOME 5,000 HOUSEHOLDS ARE SELECTED AT RANDOM EACH MONTH FROM ALL DISTRICTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SURVEY.

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ABOUT HALF OF THE HOUSEHOLDS INTERVIEWED THREE MONTHS AGO WILL BE SURVEYED AGAIN TO MEASURE MORE ACCURATELY THE CHANGES THAT HAVE OCCURRED SINCE THEN.

AN OFFICIAL LETTER, IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, HAD BEEN SENT TO THE SAMPLED HOUSEHOLDS TO EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY AND TO SEEK THEIR CO-OPERATION.

ASSISTANT CENSUS AND SURVEY OFFICERS, EACH CARRYING AN IDENTITY CARD ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT, WILL VISIT THESE HOUSEHOLDS TO COLLECT THE REQUIRED INFORMATION.

ALL INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE TREATED IN CONFIDENTIALITY AND WILL NOT BE REVEALED TO ANY PERSON OR ORGANISATION OUTSIDE THE DEPARTMENT.

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FIRE SERVICES WORKSHOP FOR KOWLOON BAY

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A FIRE SERVICES WORKSHOP FOR REPAIRING AND MAINTAINING FIRE ENGINES IS TO BE BUILT IN KOWLOON BAY.

OCCUPYING 4,000 SQUARE METRES ON LAM HING STREET, THE WORKSHOP WILL COMPRISE A MAIN BLOCK AND AN ANNEX BLOCK WITH A TOTAL SURFACE AREA OF ABOUT 4,000 SQUARE METRES.

TWELVE VEHICLE SERVICING BAYS, PAINT SHOPS, ELECTRICAL SHOPS, HYDRAULIC SHOPS, ANCILLARY OFFICES, A CANTEEN AND STORAGE AREAS FOR EQUIPMENT, HOSES AND UNIFORMS WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE THREE-STOREY MAIN BLOCK.

THE ANNEX BLOCK, WHICH WILL ALSO HAVE THREE STOREYS, WILL HOUSE A DUTY DORMITORY AND LIBRARY.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN MARCH AND BE COMPLETED IN MAY, 1989.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT, WHICH ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY NOON ON JANUARY 22.

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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR A LONELY OLD LADY
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A 105-YEAR-OLD WOMAN, WHO HAS SPENT MORE THAN 30 YEARS LIVING ALONE IN A SQUATTER HUT, WILL CELEBRATE HER BIRTHDAY ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 3) AT THE KWAI SHING CARE SHELTER FOR THE ELDERLY WHERE SHE NOW LEADS A NEW LIFE.

MADAM CHAN SAI-MUI IS ONE OF THE OLDEST RESIDENTS OF THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT. HER LIVING CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN GREATLY IMPROVED AFTER KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN COAK, SPOTTED HER DURING A VISIT OF THE TSING YI AREA COMMITTEE TO MA WAN IN THE SUMMER OF 1986.

AT THAT TIME, MADAM CHAN WAS LIVING IN A SQUATTER HUT NEAR THE MA WAN TYPHOON SHELTER. SHE HAD TO BE IN A SQUATTING POSITION ALL THE TIME AND COULD ONLY WALK WITH HER HANDS.

DURING HER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION, MR COAK WILL OUTLINE THE HARDSHIPS MADAM CHAN HAS EXPERIENCED AND THE ASSISTANCE SHE HAS RECEIVED RECENTLY.

ALSO ATTENDING THE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION WILL BE PEOPLE WHO ARE CONCERNED ABOUT MADAM CHAN. THEY INCLUDE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR LAM YAU-KWONG, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HELPING HAND, DR KALEI INN, AND MEMBERS OF THE KWAI TSING YIN NGAI SOCIETY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER MADAM CHAN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION TO BE HELD AT 11 AM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 3) AT THE KWAI SHING CARE SHELTER, GROUND FLOOR, BLOCK 8, KWAI SHING WEST ESTATE.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES MAY GO DIRECT TO THE VENUE OR TAKE THE GOVERNMENT VAN WHICH WILL LEAVE THE KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING (NEXT TO KWAI HING MTR STATION) AT 10.15 AM.

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YAU MA TEI TO PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY
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A PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY WILL BE LAUNCHED IN YAU MA TEI ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 3) AT THE URBAN COUNCIL CENTENARY GARDEN, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

THE EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE CAMPAIGN'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD.

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"THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN IS TO ALERT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO THE CORRECT USE OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS," A COMMITTEE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL START AT 2 PM AND WILL FEATURE PERFORMANCES BY TELEVISION ARTISTES. THERE WILL ALSO BE STALL GAMES AND EXHIBITION PANELS EITHER DEPICTING THE DISTRICT'S TRAFFIC SITUATION OR SPREADING ROAD SAFETY MESSAGES.

VISITORS WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO LEARN ABOUT TRAFFIC RULES THROUGH A REMOTE CONTROL DRIVING SYSTEM SET UP AT THE VENUE.

TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS IN ROAD SAFETY, THE CAMPAIGN'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE HAS PUT UP 50 SIGNBOARDS AT 28 TRAFFIC ACCIDENT BLACK SPOTS IN THE DISTRICT. IT WILL ALSO DISTRIBUTE INFORMATION PAMPHLETS TO PEDESTRIANS AND MOTORISTS.

AMONG THOSE TO OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG; YAU MA TEI DISTRICT POLICE COMMANDER, MR J. MAIN; AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE YAU MA TEI ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN TO BE HELD AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 3) AT THE URBAN COUNCIL CENTENARY GARDEN, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

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PHOTOGRAPHS TO REFLECT FESTIVE MOOD IN SHA TIN
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PEOPLE ARE INVITED TO SEND IN PHOTOGRAPHS FEATURING THE FESTIVE MOOD IN SHA TIN AND NINE WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE AWARDED HANDSOME PRIZES.

THE FIRST FOUR WINNERS WILL EACH BE AWARDED HOTEL ACCOMMODATION, CAMERAS AND TROPHIES.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION IS AIMED AT REFLECTING VARIOUS LOCAL FESTIVE ACTIVITIES AND LIGHTING DECORATIONS DURING CHRISTMAS, NEW YEAR AND CHINESE NEW YEAR. IT IS ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT FESTIVE LIGHTING CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD, HOTEL RIVERSIDE PLAZA AND KODAK FILM COMPANY.

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THOSE WHO WANT TO TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE FESTIVE LIGHTING DECORATIONS SHOULD NOTE THAT THE LIGHTS WILL BE SWITCHED ON FROM 6.30 PM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY TILL JANUARY 10, AND BETWEEN FEBRUARY 12 AND MARCH 2.

ON JANUARY 2, FEBRUARY 16 TO 19 AS WELL AS MARCH 2, THE LIGHTS WILL BE ON TILL 5 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE SIZE OF THE ENTRIES MUST BE EITHER 12.5 CM X 17.5 CM OR 40 CM X 50 CM, AND FRAMED.

THEY SHOULD REACH THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE AT SIXTH FLOOR KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION ON OR BEFORE MARCH 12.

ADJUDICATION WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 19.

ENTRY FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE AND VARIOUS COMMUNITY HALLS. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 0-6048078.

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CLOSURE OF CHOI HUNG INTERCHANGE FLYOVER

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SECTIONS OF THE FLYOVER AT CHOI HUNG INTERCHANGE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM SUNDAY (JANUARY 3) TO FACILITATE REPAIR WORKS ON THE FLYOVER.

FROM SUNDAY TO TUESDAY (JANUARY 5) DAILY BETWEEN 1.15 AM AND 5.30 AM, THE FLYOVER LEADING FROM CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD TO KWUN TONG ROAD WESTBOUND WILL BE CLOSED.

VEHICLES ON CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD WESTBOUND HEADING FOR PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST EASTBOUND AND KWUN TONG ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, HAMMER HILL ROAD, CHOI HUNG ROAD, TSEUK LUK STREET, KING FUK STREET AND KING TAI STREET.

AS FOR THOSE TRAVELLING ON CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD WESTBOUND AND HEADING FOR PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST WESTBOUND, THEY WILL HAVE TO OPERATE VIA LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, HAMMER HILL ROAD, CHOI HUNG ROAD AND SAN PO KONG INTERCHANGE.

MEANWHILE, BETWEEN 1.15 AM AND 5.30 AM FROM WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 6) TO FRIDAY (JANUARY 8), THE FLYOVER LEADING FROM KWUN TONG ROAD TO LUNG CHEUNG ROAD WILL ALSO BE CLOSED.

VEHICLES ON KWUN TONG ROAD WESTBOUND HEADING FOR LUNG CHEUNG ROAD WILL HAVE TO TRAVEL ALONG PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST, THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST WESTBOUND TO CONCORDE ROAD, THE FLYOVER LEADING FROM CONCORDE ROAD TO PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST EASTBOUND, AND KWUN TONG ROAD.

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TEMPORARY URBAN CLEARWAY IN SHEUNG WAN
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THE WESTBOUND SECTION OF CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST IN SHEUNG WAN BETWEEN HOUSE NOS. 28 AND 48 WILL BE DESIGNATED A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 4).

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

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LONG VEHICLE BAN IN ABERDEEN
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VEHICLES EXCEEDING SEVEN METRES LONG WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING TUNG SING ROAD BETWEEN SAI ON STREET AND ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD AROUND THE CLOCK FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 4).

THE MEASURE WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS.

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