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EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS IN HONG KONG
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TURNING MORE THAN HALF A MILLION TRADE DECLARATIONS INTO MEANINGFUL FIGURES EACH MONTH FOR THE GOVERNMENT, ENTREPRENEURS AND MANUFACTURERS TO MAKE DECISION IS NO EASY TASK.

PARTICULARLY WHEN YOU ARE GIVEN VERY LIMITED TIME TO PROCESS THE DECLARATIONS AND TO PUT THEM OUT IN EASY-TO-READ FORM.

THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT THE TRADE STATISTICS BRANCH OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN TASKED TO DO. GIVEN THE VOLATILITY OF HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE, THE DEPARTMENT KNOWS ITS RESPONSIBILITIES FULL WELL.

AND CO-OPERATION FROM IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS IS NEEDED TO PROVIDE UP-TO-DATE TRADE DATA BECAUSE HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS ARE COMPILED FROM IMPORT AND EXPORT DECLARATIONS SUBMITTED BY IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS.

THE STATISTICS, BESIDES PROVIDING DETAILED INFORMATION ON COMMODITY TRADE, ARE WIDELY USED IN HONG KONG AND ABROAD AS AN INDICATOR OF OUR TRADE POSITION. MAJOR DECISIONS ON ECONOMIC POLICY ARE TAKEN ON THE BASIS OF THEM, AND SUCH DECISIONS ALSO HAVE AN IMPACT ON TRADERS.

UNDER THE IMPORT AND EXPORT (REGISTRATION) REGULATIONS, IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS ARE REQUIRED TO LODGE WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE TRADE DECLARATIONS WITHIN 14 DAYS AFTER IMPORTATION OR EXPORTATION OF GOODS. THESE DECLARATIONS INCLUDE DETAILS SUCH AS THE VALUE AND QUANTITY OF THE COMMODITIES BEING IMPORTED, EXPORTED OR RE-EXPORTED, AND THE COUNTRIES OF CONSIGNMENT. PERSONS WHO SUBMIT INACCURATE DECLARATIONS ARE LIABLE TO A PENALTY OF $10,000.

"DECLARATION FORMS ARE PASSED BY THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT TO THE TRADE STATISTICS BRANCH OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT FOR PROCESSING TRADE DATA ON A DAILY BASIS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID.

ON AVERAGE, ABOUT 600,000 TRADE DECLARATIONS ARE RECEIVED AND PROCESSED BY THE DEPARTMENT EACH MONTH. "THE NUMBER HAS BEEN ON AN INCREASING TREND IN THE FACE OF THE EVER GROWING VOLUME OF EXTERNAL TRADE AS HONG KONG'S ECONOMY CONTINUES TO PROSPER."

TO PROVIDE THE PUBLIC WITH UP-TO-DATE MONTHLY TRADE STATISTICS AS FAST AS POSSIBLE, PROVISIONAL FIGURES ARE COMPILED AND RELEASED WITHIN FOUR WEEKS AFTER THE END OF THE REFERENCE MONTH. THE FINAL FIGURES ARE AVAILABLE IN ABOUT SIX WEEKS FROM THE END OF THE REFERENCE MONTH.

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WITH REGARD TO THE PUBLICATION OF PROVISIONAL FIGURES, THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT, AS TWO WEEKS WERE ALLOWED FOR TRADERS TO LODGE TRADE DECLARATIONS, THE GOVERNMENT HAD ONLY ABOUT TWO WEEKS' LEAD TIME FOR COMPLETING THE WORK ON DECLARATION CHECKING, COMPUTER DATA PROCESSING, AND COMPILING THE PRESS RELEASE. "TIME IS RATHER TIGHT IN VIEW OF THE VERY CONSIDERABLE VOLUME OF DATA INVOLVED," HE SAID.

TO PUBLISH THE FIGURES ON TIME, THE DEPARTMENT RELIES ON TRADERS TO BE AS EXACT AND ACCURATE AS POSSIBLE IN COMPLETING TRADE DECLARATIONS, IN PARTICULAR, TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENTLY DETAILED COMMODITY DESCRIPTIONS AND ACCURATE COMMODITY CODES BY DUE REFERENCE TO THE HONG KONG IMPORTS AND EXPORTS CLASSIFICATION LIST.

THE IMPORTS AND EXPORTS CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM CURRENTLY IN USE IS BASED ON THE STANDARD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION, REVISION 2 (SITC REV. 2). UNDER THE SITC-BASED SYSTEM, THERE ARE ABOUT 3,600 SIX-DIGIT COMMODITY CODES, EACH OF WHICH REPRESENTS A PARTICULAR TYPE OF GOODS.

HOWEVER, STARTING JANUARY 1, 1988, HONG KONG WILL ADPOT A NEW COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM, THE HONG KONG HARMONIZED COMMODITY DESCRIPTION AND CODING SYSTEM (HK HS).

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE NEW SYSTEM WAS BASED ON THE 'HARMONIZED COMMODITY DESCRIPTION AND CODING SYSTEM' OR 'HARMONIZED SYSTEM' (HS), A NEW MULTI-PURPOSE INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM DEVELOPED BY THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL IN BRUSSELS.

THE HS HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO SERVE AS A MULTI-PURPOSE NOMENCLATURE TO SUIT THE NEEDS OF BOTH CUSTOMS AND STATISTICAL AUTHORITIES AND ALL THOSE CONCERNED WITH WORLD TRADE. IT HARMONIZES A GREAT VARIETY OF CUSTOMS, STATISTICAL AND TRANSPORT NOMENCLATURES USED IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD. IN PARTICULAR, THE SITC AND THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL NOMENCLATURE, THE TWO MOST WIDELY ADOPTED INTERNATIONAL NOMENCLATURES FOR TRADE STATISTICS AND CUSTOMS TARIFF PURPOSES, HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED IN THE DESIGN OF THE HS.

MOST OF HONG KONG'S MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS, INCLUDING THE USA, JAPAN AND THE UNITED KINGDOM PLAN TO ADOPT THE HS AS FROM 1988. HONG KONG HAS DECIDED TO FOLLOW SUIT BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF PROVIDING LOCAL TRADERS WITH A COMMON CUSTOMS TERMINOLOGY FOR THEIR EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATIONS WITH OVERSEAS SUPPLIERS AND BUYERS. MOREOVER, IT WILL FACILITATE COMPARISON OF TRADE STATISTICS AND TRADE NEGOTIATION.

"UNDER THE HK HS, THERE ARE SOME 5,500 EIGHT-DIGIT COMMODITY CODES," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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"ON THE PART OF TRADERS, THIS WILL MAINLY MEAN THAT THEY WILL HAVE TO LOOK UP THE CORRECT HK HS CODE FOR A PARTICULAR TYPE OF GOODS FROM A NEW CLASSIFICATION LIST WHEN FILLING IN TRADE DECLARATION FORMS. THE JOB IS NOT DIFFICULT AT ALL AS AN ALPHABETICAL LIST OF ARTICLES IN HK HS CODES AND A CORRELATION TABLE BETWEEN THE SITC AND THE HK HS CODES ARE PROVIDED TO FACILITATE TRADERS SEARCHING FOR THE CORRECT HK HS CODES AND TO MAKE CROSS-REFERENCES."

TO PREPARE TRADERS FOR USING THE HK HS, A WIDE RANGE OF PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES WILL BE LAUNCHED.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED TRADERS TO MAKE EARLY PREPARATIONS FOR THE CHANGEOVER AND TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN THE TRAINING SEMINARS DUE TO START LATER THIS YEAR.

ENQUIRIES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE NEW CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT 17/F, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG ON 5-8234919.

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MORE DOMESTIC FLOORSPACE ADDED IN JUNE

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ALMOST 325,000 SQUARE METRES OF DOMESTIC FLOORSPACE WAS ADDED IN HONG KONG DURING JUNE, OF WHICH JUST OVER 149,000 SQUARE METRES WAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THIS IS REVEALED IN THE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF THE WORK OF THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE.

THIS EXTRA FLOORSPACE MEANS THAT MORE THAN 750,000 SQUARE METRES HAVE BEEN ADDED IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1987, WELL UP ON THE FIGURE OF 583,000 SQUARE METRES FOR THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

AT THE SAME TIME, ABOUT 217,000 SQUARE METRES OF NON-DOMESTIC FLOORSPACE WAS ADDED, GIVING A TOTAL OF JUST OVER 563,000 SQUARE METRES FOR THE JANUARY - JUNE PERIOD.

THE FLOORSPACE WAS PROVIDED IN 56 COMPLETED BUILDINGS WHICH WERE CERTIFIED FOR OCCUPATION DURING THE MONTH.

IN JUNE, THE COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED WAS $1,686 MILLION, GIVING A TOTAL FOR THE YEAR SO FAR OF $4,547.3 MILLION.

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ALSO DURING THE MONTH THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE APPROVED 67 NEW PLANS, OF WHICH 20 WERE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 15 IN KOWLOON AND 32 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ONCE AGAIN, THE LARGEST NUMBER OF THE PLANS - 35 - WERE FOR APARTMENT, APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL, TENEMENT OR RESIDENCE PROJECTS. A MAJOR PROJECT APPROVED WAS THE BUILDING OF FOUR 34-STOREY APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL BLOCKS AT KING'S ROAD/GREIG ROAD/YAU MAN STREET. ON PEARL ISLAND PERMISSION WAS GIVEN FOR 10 FIVE-STOREY AND FOUR SEVEN-STOREY BLOCKS TO BE BUILT.

A TOTAL OF 24 DEMOLITION ORDERS WERE ISSUED DURING THE MONTH AFFECTING 35 BUILDINGS. THE NUMBER OF OCCUPATION PERMITS ISSUED WAS 56 OF WHICH 15 WERE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, SEVEN IN KOWLOON AND 34 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION RECEIVED 523 COMPLAINTS IN JUNE, CARRIED OUT 27 FULL SURVEYS OF BUILDINGS, MADE 1,108 INSPECTIONS AND ISSUED 230 ORDERS, OF WHICH 105 RELATED TO ILLEGAL ROOFTOP STRUCTURES. EIGHT CLOSURE ORDERS WERE OBTAINED DURING THE MONTH.

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BUSY HALF YEAR FOR PESC'S

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THE 66 PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES (PESC) OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HAD A BUSY FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR HANDLING ABOUT 7.6 MILLION CASES AND ENQUIRIES REPRESENTING A 4.1 PER CENT INCREASE OVER THE CORRESPONDING SIX MONTHS LAST YEAR.

THE PESC'S, CONVENIENTLY LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES SUCH AS ANSWERING GENERAL ENQUIRIES; DISTRIBUTING GOVERNMENT FORMS, LEAFLETS AND PUBLICITY MATERIALS; ADMINISTERING STATUTORY DECLARATIONS; OPERATING THE FREE LEGAL ADVICE SCHEME AND THE RENT OFFICER SCHEME.

"AMONG THE MORE POPULAR SUBJECTS HANDLED BY THE PESC'S, THREE MILLION CASES AND ENQUIRIES DEALT WITH TELEPHONE NUMBERS, LOCATIONS AND OPERATING HOURS OF GOVERNMENT OFFICES; REQUEST FOR POSTERS, PAMPHLETS AND FORMS ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS; JOB VACANCIES IN THE CIVIL SERVICE; STATUTORY DECLARATIONS, OATHS AND AFFIRMATIONS; AND INDIVIDUAL DISTRICT SOCIAL FUNCTIONS", A CNTA SPOKESMAN SAID.

"DURING THE PERIOD, SOME 4.6 MILLION FORMS AND PUBLICITY MATERIALS WERE DISTRIBUTED TO THE PUBLIC," HE ADDED.

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"A TOTAL OF 306,000 STATUTORY DECLARATIONS WERE ADMINISTERED WITH POPULAR TOPICS COVERING TRUE COPIES OF DOCUMENT, EDUCATION AND EXAMINATION, AND APPLICATION FOR HOUSING," HE SAID.

UNDER THE 'FREE LEGAL ADVICE SCHEME' JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LAW SOCIETY AND CNTA, 1,360 CASES WERE REFERRED TO THE HONG KONG LAW SOCIETY.

DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS, 8,561 PEOPLE CONSULTED THE RENT OFFICERS OF THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT STATIONED IN THE 12 DISTRICT OFFICES ON RENT AND TENANCY PROBLEMS.

ANYONE WISHING TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE SERVICES AVAILABLE AT THESE 66 CENTRES MAY TELEPHONE OR VISIT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE SECTION AT CNTA HEADQUARTERS, 13TH FLOOR, WORLD SHIPPING CENTRE, 7 CANTON ROAD, HARBOUR CITY, TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON OR CALL 3-692255.

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MILLIONS SPENT ON TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT PROJECTS

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MORE THAN $9 MILLION HAS BEEN SPENT ON IMPROVING TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT IN KWUN TONG DURING 1986/87, DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDDY CHAN, SAID THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

OFFICIATING AT THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CARNIVAL, MR CHAN SAID: "THE GOVERNMENT SPENT $1 MILLION ON MINOR PROJECTS INVOLVING ROAD AND FOOTBRIDGE NETWORK."

"ANOTHER $8 MILLION WENT TO PROJECTS RELATING TO MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND RELATED FACILITIES," HE SAID.

MR CHAN SAID THE EAST KOWLOON JOINT TRAFFIC STUDY COMPLETED IN MARCH MADE A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING TRANSPORT FACILITIES AND WORKS PLANS, INCLUDING PROVISIONS OF FLYOVERS AND OTHER ROAD-CROSSING FACILITIES.

"THE DISTRICT BOARD WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE PROGRESS OF THESE PROJECTS TO ENSURE A MORE CONVENIENT AND A SAFER TRANSPORT SYSTEM FOR TOMORROW'S KWUN TONG," HE SAID.

"THE CURRENT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN IS AIMED AT EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ON THE PROPER USE OF ROADS AND TO ENHANCE THEIR ROAD SAFETY KNOWLEDGE IN ORDER TO MINIMISE ROAD ACCIDENTS," HE ADDED.

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ALSO SPEAKING AT TODAY'S EVENT, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KWUN TONG ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, MR WONG CHAK-LEONG, SAID: "IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1987, A TOTAL OF 753 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN KWUN TONG WERE REPORTED TO THE POLICE, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 14.4 PER CENT OVER THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR.

"THE NUMBER OF VICTIMS INVOLVED WAS 879, AN INCREASE OF 6.2 PER CENT OVER THE PREVIOUS HALF-YEAR'S TOTAL," HE ADDED.

MR WONG NOTED THAT THERE WERE 24 TRAFFIC BLACKSPOTS IN THE DISTRICT AND URGED RESIDENTS TO PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO ROAD SAFETY MATTERS.

TODAY'S CARNIVAL WAS PART OF THE ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE POLICE AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN WAS LAUNCHED TODAY (SUNDAY) WITH AN OPENING CEREMONY AND A COLOURFUL PUBLICITY BUS TOUR OF THE DISTRICT.

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALEX FONG, APPEALED TO LOCAL ELIGIBLE VOTERS TO REGISTER NOW AND EXERCISE THEIR CITIZENS' RIGHTS AND DUTY.

"AFTER THE FIRST REGISTRATION, ELECTORS WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THE DISTRICT BOARD, URBAN COUNCIL AND REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS," MR FONG SAID.

"BEING A REGISTERED VOTER, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE FOR YOUR REPRESENTATIVE WHO WILL REFLECT YOUR VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT," HE ADDED.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY WERE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SIK-KONG, AND THREE WINNERS OF THE MISS ASIA PACIFIC (HK) QUEST 1987 WHO HELPED THE PUBLIC TO FILL IN THEIR REGISTRATION FORMS AT THE VENUE.

FOLLOWING THE OPENING CEREMONY A PUBLICITY BUS BROADCASTING THE VOTER REGISTRATION MESSAGE AND A SPECIALLY COMPOSED SONG SUNG BY POP SINGER, JACKY CHEUNG, TOURED BUSY SPOTS INCLUDING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOUSING ESTATES, COMMERCIAL COMPLEXES, FERRY CONCOURSES, KOWLOON TONG MTR STATION, INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS AND CINEMAS WHERE CROWDS OF PEOPLE CONVERGED.

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ON-THE-SPOT MOBILE COUNTERS WERE SET UP FOR KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF TO ASSIST ELIGIBLE VOTERS TO COMPLETE THEIR FORMS.

IN VIEW OF THE POPULARITY OF TODAY'S BUS TOUR, A SECOND TOUR HAS BEEN PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER 19.

DURING THE CAMPAIGN, KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF WILL CARRY OUT DOOR-TO-DOOR VISITS TO HOUSEHOLDS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT TO INVITE RESIDENTS TO REGISTER AS VOTERS.

MEANWHILE, BANNERS HAVE BEEN PUT UP AT PROMINENT LOCATIONS ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN AND BECOME REGISTERED VOTERS. ATTRACTIVE POSTERS, POSTCARDS AND LEAFLETS WILL BE SENT TO RESIDENTS INFORMING THEM OF THE VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE.

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VOTER REGISTRATION IN YUEN LONG

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THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE HAS ARRANGED A SERIES OF PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES IN BOTH THE TOWN AND RURAL AREAS FROM AUGUST 15 TO THE END OF SEPTEMBER, TO ENCOURAGE ELIGIBLE YUEN LONG RESIDENTS TO REGISTER AS VOTERS.

ONE OF THE MAJOR ACTIVITIES IS THE VOTER REGISTRATION VARIETY SHOW TO BE HELD AT TUNG KOON PRIMARY SCHOOL IN LONG PING ESTATE THIS FRIDAY (AUGUST 21) EVENING.

PROGRAMME OF THE EVENING WILL INCLUDE SINGING, DANCING, MAGIC SHOW AND A QUIZ COMPETITION. ALL THE PRESENTATIONS WILL FOCUS ON THE THEME "EXERCISE YOUR RIGHTS, REGISTER AS AN ELECTOR".

OTHER PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDE EXHIBITIONS, CINEMA ADVERTISEMENT, BROADCASTING VAN, POSTERS, PAMPHLETS, BANNERS AND HOUSHOLD VISITS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE VARIETY SHOW AT 8 PM ON AUGUST 21 (FRIDAY) IN TUNG KOON SCHOOL, LONG PING ESTATE, YUEN LONG.

AFTER OFFICIATING THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE VERIETY SHOW, YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WONG CHI-KONG AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL VISIT SOME OF THE LONG PING RESIDENTS TO ENCOURAGE THOSE ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER AS VOTERS. INFORMATION OFFICER, MRS BRENDA RUMJAHN, WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE MEDIA.

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WATCH OUT FOR IMPOSTORS CALL

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) ADVISED EMPLOYERS TO BE ON GUARD AGAINST PEOPLE ASKING FOR PARTICULARS OF THEIR FACTORIES OR FIRMS BY IMPERSONATING AS OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

A SPOKESMAN SAID REPORTS HAD BEEN MADE TO THE DEPARTMENT RECENTLY BY SOME EMPLOYERS WHO WERE APPROACHED BY PEOPLE CLAIMING TO BE LABOUR DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS AND ASKING FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR BUSINESSES.

"MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHOULD NOTE THAT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, WHEN OBTAINING INFORMATION OR OFFERING SERVICES, FOLLOWS CLEARLY LAID DOWN GOVERNMENT PROCEDURES," HE SAID.

"EVERY OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT CARRIES WITH HIM A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD AND A WARRANT BEARING HIS PHOTOGRAPH AND NAME.

"STAFF OF THE FACTORY AND LABOUR INSPECTORATES ARE INSTRUCTED TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES BY PRODUCING THEIR WARRANTS WHEN VISITING FACTORIES."

THE SPOKESMAN CALLED ON THE PUBLIC TO CHECK WITH THE BRANCH OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OR TO REPORT IMMEDIATELY TO THE NEAREST POLICE STATION IF THEY HAD ANY DOUBT ABOUT THE IDENTITY OF A VISITOR.

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WATER CARNIVAL SPREADS FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE

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RESIDENTS OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT ENJOYED AN AFTERNOON OF FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT IN A CRIME PREVENTION WATER CARNIVAL TODAY (SUNDAY) AT THE MORSE PARK SWIMMING POOL.

SPONSORED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD, THE CARNIVAL WAS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND THE URBAN COUNCIL WITH THE AIM OF AROUSING RESIDENTS' AWARENESS IN CRIME PREVENTION.

PARTICIPANTS FROM THE DISTRICT'S AREA COMMITTEES AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS GAVE THEIR BEST IN THE VARIOUS COMPETITIVE WATER GAMES.

PRIZES AND SOUVENIRS WERE AWARDED TO FOUR WINNING TEAMS, THE MOST OUTSTANDING CHEERING TEAMS AND THE CHAMPION OF THE INVITATION GAME.

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APART FROM THE WATER CARNIVAL, A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES HAS ALSO BEEN PLANNED TO PROMOTE THE CRIME PREVENTION MESSAGE IN THE DISTRICT.

THEY INCLUDE FIGHT CRIME SEMINARS, NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME, EXHIBITIONS, VISITS, SEMINAR CAMP AND ANTI-NARCOTICS COMPETITIONS SUCH AS COLOUR SHADING AND POSTER DESIGN COMPETITIONS.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE ACTIVITIES WILL BE A CRIME PREVENTION CARNIVAL TO BE HELD AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

GAMES STALLS AND ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES WILL BE ORGANISED FOR RESIDENTS TO SPREAD THE MESSAGE OF FIGHTING CRIME THROUGH FUN AND EDUCATION.

PUBLICITY MATERIALS SUCH AS POSTERS AND BILLBOARDS WILL ALSO BE MOUNTED AT BUSY LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT TO PUBLICISE THE EVILS OF CRIME.

THE ESTIMATED COST FOR THIS YEAR'S ACTIVITIES IS ABOUT $61,000, OF WHICH $45,000 IS SPONSORED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD.

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DISCUSSION ON LION ROCK TUNNEL CONGESTION

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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS ON THE PROBLEM OF TRAFFICCONGESTION AT THE LION ROCK TUNNEL AT ITS MEETING ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 18) MORNING.

THE DISCUSSION WILL COVER EFFICIENCY OF TOLL COLLECTORS, VOLUME OF MOTORCYCLE TRAFFIC AND TOLL COLLECTION FOR FRANCHISED BUSES, HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES AND MOTORCYCLES.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE THE 1986 ACTION PROGRAMME REVIEW ON PEDESTRIAN BLACKSPOTS, THE PROVISION OF BUS SHELTERS, NEW GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES, AS WELL AS THE FIVE-YEAR FORECASTS AND ANNUAL ESTIMATES OF FUNDS FOR THE BOARD.

MEANWHILE, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE, MR CHOY KAN-PUI, WILL RAISE A QUESTION ON HYGIENE CONDITIONS IN KCR COMPARTMENTS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE MEETING TO BE HELD AT 9.30 AM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 18) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON 6/F., KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION.

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INVITATION FOR ANNUAL TOLO HARBOUR SWIM

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APPLICATIONS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE ANNUAL CROSS-HARBOUR SWIM IN TAI PO TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 11.

THE 20TH CROSS TOLO HARBOUR RACE IS ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND SPONSORED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD AND A BREWERY.

THE SWIM, OPEN TO SWIMMERS AGED 12 OR ABOVE, WILL START AT 10.30 AM FROM SHUEN WAN TO TAI MEI TUK, COVERING A DISTANCE OF 2,400 METRES.

TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FIRST 10 WINNERS IN THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GROUPS, WHILE THOSE WHO COMPLETE THE FULL COURSE WITHIN 90 MINUTES WILL RECEIVE COMMEMORATIVE CERTIFICATES.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM ALL DISTRICT OFFICES; OFFICES OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT; THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH (RUTTONJEE HOUSE, 14TH FLOOR, 11 DUDDELL STREET, CENTRAL); THE TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE AND THE TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS SEPTEMBER 20.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 0-6568661 OR 0-6587217.

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SAI KUNG TRAFFIC PROPOSAL TO BE DISCUSSED

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MEMBERS OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO THE U-TURN SECTION TOWARD KOWLOON NEAR TA KU LING SAN TSUEN AT CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD.

THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE CONSTRUCTION OF SHELTERS FOR PASSENGERS AT THE GREEN MINIBUS TERMINUS, SAI KUNG TOWN AND THE OPERATION OF NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS IN THE JUNK BAY NEW TOWN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TOMORROW (MONDAY) AT 10 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN.

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NT TAXI CONVERSION TABLES READY FOR COLLECTION

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CONVERSION TABLES SHOWING EXISTING NEW TERRITORIES TAXI FARES AS AGAINST THE NEW FARE SCALE DUE TO COME INTO EFFECT ON AUGUST 24 WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION BY TAXI OPERATORS FROM TUESDAY (AUGUST 18).

NT TAXI OPERATORS MAY COLLECT THE TABLES AT ANY OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S LICENSING OFFICES OR PUBLIC VEHICLES SECTION AT ROOM 906-909 HUTCHISON HOUSE, 10 HARCOURT ROAD, HONG KONG.

THESE TABLES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE COUNTERS OF THE SHA TIN, TAI PO, NORTH, TSUEN WAN, KWAI TSING, TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG AND SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICES.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED TAXI OPERATORS TO BRING ALONG THEIR TAXI REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS WHEN COLLECTING THE CONVERSION TABLES AND TO DISPLAY THE TABLES PROMINENTLY INSIDE THEIR VEHICLES UNTIL THE TAXIMETERS ARE RECALIBRATED.

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WESTERN WATER SELLING KIOSK

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT WILL OPEN A WATER SELLING KIOSK AT WESTERN RECLAMATION TOMORROW (MONDAY) AT THE SEAFRONT NEAR THE END OF QUEEN STREET.

OPENING HOURS WILL BE 8 AM TO 12 NOON AND 1 PM TO 5 PM DAILY INCLUDING SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT :

* TREASURY	- CENTRAL COLLECTION CENTRE
	- YAU MA TEI SUB-TREASURY
* MARINE DEPARTMENT	- CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS
	- SHAU KEI WAN MARINE OFFICE

WITH EFFECT FROM THE SAME DAY, THE TEMPORARY REPROVISIONED WATER SELLING KIOSK NEAR WATER STREET WILL BE CLOSED DOWN.

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