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GOVERNOR LEAVES FOR PEKING TALKS
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, LEFT FOR PEKING THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON TO CONTINUE TO TAKE PART IN THE SINO-BRITISH TALKS ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

HE WAS SEEN OFF AT THE AIRPORT BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR SZE-YUEN CHUNG, THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR ROGER LOBO, AND TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE XINHUA NEWS AGENCY (HONG KONG BRANCH), MR TAN GAN, VICE-CHIEF EDITOR, AND MR JI SHAOXIANG, FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECRETARY.

ACCOMPANYING THE GOVERNOR TO PEKING WERE THE POLITICAL ADVISER, MR ROBIN MCLAREN, AND THE GOVERNMENT CHIEF INTERPRETER, MR Y.P. CHENG.

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MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL TRAFFIC PLAN
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON HONG KONG ISLAND FOR THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL TOMORROW (SEPTEMBER 21).

IN THE PEAK AREA, THE FOLLOWING MEASURES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED BETWEEN 2 PM TOMORROW AND 3 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY:

- * ALL PARKING FACILITIES EXCEPT THE DESIGNATED SPACES FOR FRANCHISED OMNIBUSES, MAXICABS AND TAXIS AT THE UPPER PEAK TRAM TERMINUS WILL BE SUSPENDED.
- * ALL PARKING SPACES AT PEAK GARDEN WILL BE SUSPENDED.
- * THE SECTION OF PEAK ROAD OUTSIDE THE UPPER PEAK TRAM TERMINUS CAR PARK AND THE ACCESS ROAD WITHIN THE CAR PARK WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY CLOCKWISE.

BETWEEN 7 PM AND MIDNIGHT TOMORROW, ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT BUSES, MAXICABS, PRIVATE OMNIBUSES AND TAXIS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE UPHILL TRAFFIC LANE OF PEAK ROAD WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH MAGAZINE GAP ROAD. ALL CLOSED ROAD PERMITS EXCEPT THOSE ESPECIALLY ISSUED FOR THIS OCCASION WILL BE INVALID DURING THE PERIOD.

HOWEVER, DOWNHILL TRAFFIC FROM THE PEAK AREA WILL NOT BE AFFECTED.

/PEAK RESIDENTS

PEAK RESIDENTS REQUIRING EMERGENCY ACCESS TO THE AREA DURING THE PERIOD MAY CONTACT THE PEAK POLICE STATION ON 5-96242.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD, ALL GOODS VEHICLES OVER 2-1/2 TONS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE UPHILL TRAFFIC LANE OF PEAK ROAD BEYOND ITS JUNCTION WITH STUBBS ROAD.

IN THE VICTORIA PARK AREA, THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED BETWEEN 7 PM TOMORROW AND 3 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY:

- * THE SECTION OF GLOUCESTER ROAD BETWEEN THE DOWN RAMP OF THE CAUSEWAY BAY FLYOVER AND CAUSEWAY ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.
- * KINGSTON STREET BETWEEN GLOUCESTER ROAD AND CLEVELAND STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.
- * PATERSON STREET BETWEEN KINGSTON STREET AND YEE WO STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.
- * SUGAR STREET AND GREAT GEORGE STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.
- * ALL VEHICLES, EXCEPT BUSES AND MAXICABS, ON CAUSEWAY ROAD WESTBOUND WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING RIGHT INTO HING FAT STREET.
- * THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS STAND IN SUGAR STREET WILL BE SUSPENDED.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE ROAD CLOSURE MEASURES, MOTORISTS WISHING TO USE THEIR VEHICLES PARKED IN THE AFFECTED AREA ARE ADVISED TO REMOVE THEIR CARS BEFORE THE CLOSURE.

ALL METERED PARKING SPACES ON TUNG LO WAN ROAD AND IN HING FAT STREET CAR PARK, ALONG WITH THE TAXI STAND IN PATERSON STREET, WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM NOON TOMORROW TO 3 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

BETWEEN 6 PM AND 11 PM TOMORROW, LEARNER DRIVERS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ENTER LEIGHTON ROAD; TIN LOK LANE; CAROLINE HILL ROAD; EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD; THE SECTION OF TAI HANG ROAD NORTH OF LAI TAK TSUEN ROAD; TUNG LO WAN ROAD; ELECTRIC ROAD SOUTH OF WING HING STREET; MORRISON HILL ROAD NORTH OF QUEEN'S ROAD EAST; THE SECTION OF HENNESSY ROAD EAST OF MARSH ROAD AND THE SECTION OF TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD WEST OF CLOUD VIEW ROAD.

IN CENTRAL, PIER ROAD BETWEEN GILMAN STREET AND JUBILEE STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 6 PM AND MIDNIGHT.

AS THERE WILL BE NO PARKING FACILITIES IN THE PEAK AND VICTORIA PARK AREA, MOTORISTS ARE URGED TO MAKE FULL USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

BUS SERVICES

MORE TRIPS WILL BE PROVIDED ON NLB ROUTES 1, 3, 4, 5 AND 7 TOMORROW EVENING.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED FROM 7 PM ONWARDS ON CMB ROUTE 15 WHICH LINKS CENTRAL WITH THE PEAK. AT THE SAME TIME, ROUTE 15A BETWEEN NORTH POINT FERRY AND THE PEAK AND ROUTE 15M BETWEEN ADMIRALTY MTR STATION AND THE PEAK WILL BE OPERATED FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF VISITORS TO THE PEAK AREA.

THE FOLLOWING BUS ROUTE DIVERSIONS WILL BE EFFECTED AFTER 7 PM:

- * BUSES ON CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL ROUTES 102 AND 106 ON LEAVING THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL WILL BE DIVERTED VIA VICTORIA PARK ROAD, WING HING STREET AND KING'S ROAD.
- * BUSES ON CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL ROUTES 103 AND 170 AND CROSS HARBOUR EXPRESS COACH ROUTE 200 BOUND FOR KOWLOON WILL BE DIVERTED VIA YEE WO STREET, CAUSEWAY ROAD, HING FAT STREET AND VICTORIA PARK ROAD.
- * BUSES ON CMB ROUTE 15A BOUND FOR THE PEAK WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CAUSEWAY ROAD, YEE WO STREET AND HENNESSY ROAD.
- * BUSES ON CROSS HARBOUR EXPRESS COACH ROUTE 200 BOUND FOR CENTRAL WILL BE DIVERTED VIA GLOUCESTER ROAD, FENWICK STREET AND HENNESSY ROAD.
- * CMB ROUTE 5B WILL TERMINATE AT MORETON TERRACE.
- * CMB ROUTE 76 ON ITS LAST DEPARTURE WILL BE CONVERTED INTO A CIRCULAR ROUTE OPERATING VIA YEE WOO STREET, CAUSEWAY ROAD, HING FAT STREET AND VICTORIA PARK ROAD.

MAXICAB SERVICES

SERVICES ON MAXICAB ROUTE 31 WILL BE EXTENDED TO 3 AM, CHARGING \$4.50.

MAXICAB ROUTE 1 WILL RUN UNTIL 4 AM CHARGING \$4.

MAXICABS ON ROUTE 30 ON JOURNEYS TO CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE DIVERTED VIA ARSENAL STREET, GLOUCESTER ROAD, CLEVELAND STREET, KINGSTON STREET AND PATERSON STREET.

MAXICABS ON ROUTE 33 ON JOURNEYS TO NORTH POINT WILL BE DIVERTED VIA YEE WO STREET AND CAUSEWAY ROAD.

PEAK TRAM SERVICES

ALL NIGHT OPERATION WILL BE MAINTAINED ON THE PEAK TRAM TOMORROW EVENING.

TRAM SERVICES

SERVICES BETWEEN WESTERN MARKET AND SHAU KEI WAN WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL 0.53 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

SERVICES BETWEEN HAPPY VALLEY AND KENNEDY TOWN WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL 11.30 PM.

THE LAST TRAMS BETWEEN NORTH POINT AND WHITTY STREET WILL DEPART AT 11.49 PM.

AN ADDITIONAL TRAM SERVICE WILL BE OPERATED TOMORROW EVENING BETWEEN KENNEDY TOWN AND CAUSEWAY BAY AT SEVEN MINUTES INTERVALS, CLOSING AT 0.56 AM.

A SUPPLEMENTARY TRAM SERVICE BETWEEN CAUSEWAY BAY AND WESTERN MARKET WILL CLOSE AT 1.29 AM.

MTR SERVICES

SERVICES WILL CLOSE AT 2.40 AM.

FERRY SERVICES

THE FOLLOWING SAILINGS WILL BE SUSPENDED TOMORROW:

- * THE 5.45 PM SAILING FROM CENTRAL TO TAI KOO SHING.
- * THE 5.20 PM, 6 PM, 6.40 PM SAILINGS FROM CENTRAL TO KWUN TONG.
- * THE 6 PM, 6.40 PM SAILINGS FROM KWUN TONG TO CENTRAL.
- * THE 5.55 PM SAILING FROM TUEN MUN VIA JORDAN ROAD.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED ON OUTLYING DISTRICT ROUTES.

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CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DESCRIBED AS +WORLD LEADER+
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HONG KONG'S CORRECTIONAL SERVICES ARE ASSUMING WORLD LEADERSHIP IN BALANCING ORDER, HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL CONTROL.

THIS COMMENT WAS MADE TODAY (TUESDAY) BY A NOTED CRIMINOLOGIST, MR BILL CLIFFORD WHO HAS SPENT THE LAST TWO DAYS VISITING CENTRES AND INSTITUTIONS OPERATED BY THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

MR CLIFFORD, WHO IS IN HONG KONG TO ATTEND THE SEVENTH COMMONWEALTH LAW CONFERENCE, IS A FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY AND THE UNITED NATIONS CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMMES.

CURRENTLY, HE IS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC CONFERENCE OF CORRECTIONAL ADMINISTRATORS FOUNDED IN 1980.

MR CLIFFORD HAS INSPECTED OVER 2 000 CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS AROUND THE WORLD.

+THERE ARE FEW, IF ANY, COMPARABLE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD.

+HONG KONG HAS A CONSISTENT RECORD OF FIRM DISCIPLINE, PRODUCTIVE INDUSTRY AND GOOD ORDER MAINTAINED IN DIVERSE INSTITUTIONS, RANGING FROM THOSE FOR THE CUSTODY OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AND THE REHABILITATION OF DRUG ABUSERS TO PRISONS, A SPECIAL PSYCHIATRIC UNIT AND INSTITUTIONS FOR JUVENILES,+ MR CLIFFORD SAID.

+NOR ARE THERE MANY SERVICES IN OTHER COUNTRIES WITH THE SAME SUCCESS RECORDS THAT HONG KONG HAS IN PREVENTING RECIDIVISM,+ HE SAID.

HE FOUND THE 90 PER CENT SUCCESS RATE FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS RELEASED FROM SOME INSTITUTIONS HERE TO BE UNUSUALLY HIGH.

+ALSO THE SUCCESS RATE FOR DRUG REHABILITATION WAS CONSIDERABLY HIGHER THAN THE RATES IN VARIOUS OTHER COUNTRIES,+ HE ADDED.

+IN HONG KONG, CORRECTIONAL SERVICES OFFICERS ENJOY A HIGH DEGREE OF RESPECT FROM THE COMMUNITY RARELY FOUND IN OTHER COUNTRIES,+ HE SAID.

+IN AUSTRALIA AND THE UNITED STATES, PRISON OFFICERS SOMETIMES HIDE THE **FACT** THAT THEY WORK IN PRISONS.

+PRISONERS OFTEN DENOUNCE PRISON OFFICERS IN THE PRESS OR IN THE COURTS FOR BEING BRUTAL AND INSENSITIVE AND THE PUBLIC IS OFTEN LED TO BELIEVE THAT ONLY PEOPLE WHO CANNOT FIND OTHER JOBS JOIN PRISON STAFF,+ HE POINTED OUT.

MR CLIFFORD IS ON THE WAY TO HELSINKI, FINLAND WHERE HE WILL ACT AS A CONSULTANT TO A NEW UNITED NATIONS INSTITUTE THERE.

/+CHURCHILL ONCE

+CHURCHILL ONCE SAID THAT THE REAL TEST OF A CIVILISATION WAS THE WAY IT TREATED ITS PRISONERS. WE ARE NOW AWARE THAT IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO HAVE SOCIETY RESPECT ITS PRISON STAFF. HONG KONG SUCCEEDS IN MEETING BOTH STANDARDS.

+I AM NOT EXAGGERATING OR BEING POLITE WHEN I CONGRATULATE THE HONG KONG CORRECTIONAL SERVICES ON BREAKING NEW GROUND AND PROVIDING SUCH A FINE EXAMPLE FOR OTHER COUNTRIES.

+I AM MERELY GIVING CREDIT WHERE IT IS DUE. AT A TIME WHEN WESTERN PRISONS ARE IN CRISIS AND MANY ASIAN PRISONS ARE STRUGGLING WITH INADEQUATE RESOURCES, THE HONG KONG SERVICES ARE WAY OUT IN FRONT,+ HE SAID.

MEANWHILE, TWO OTHER TOP LAW OFFICIALS FROM ENGLAND WHO ARE HERE TO ATTEND THE COMMONWEALTH LAW CONFERENCE ALSO TOOK TIME OFF TODAY TO VISIT THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S STANLEY PRISON AND STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE.

BOTH MR DIVID GANDY, CHIEF SOLICITOR OF MANCHESTER AND MR RICHARD WILLIAMSON, CHAIRMAN OF THE LAW SOCIETY IN GREAT BRITAIN TOURED VARIOUS FACILITIES PROVIDED IN THE TWO INSTITUTIONS.

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NEW OFFICE TO SERVE 70 000 RESIDENTS
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THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE'S SUB-OFFICE IN TAI HING ESTATE WILL BE OPENED TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO PROVIDE VARIOUS SERVICES TO SOME 70 000 PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS IN THE AREA.

SERVICES AVAILABLE WILL INCLUDE THE DISTRIBUTION OF GOVERNMENT FORMS AND INFORMATION PAMPHLETS, ADMINISTRATION OF STATUTORY DECLARATIONS, HANDLING OF COMPLAINTS, ANSWERING OF PUBLIC ENQUIRIES AND REFERRING PEOPLE SEEKING FREE LEGAL ADVICE.

LOCATED AT UNITS 17-20 ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF HING FAI HOUSE, THE SUB-OFFICE WILL MAINLY SERVE RESIDENTS OF TAI HING ESTATE, SAN KING ESTATE AND SIU HONG COURT HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME.

THE OFFICE HOURS WILL BE FROM 8.45 AM TO 5.15 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON ON SATURDAYS.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 0-824104.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR RICKY FUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 10 AM TOMORROW.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY. A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE, AM 5797, WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 8.50 AM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) FOR TUEN MUN.

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MANPOWER SURVEY STARTING

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FIELD WORK WILL START TOMORROW ON THE MANPOWER SURVEY OF THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY ORGANISED BY THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL AND LAST UNTIL OCTOBER 2.

THE SURVEY IS TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON THE MANPOWER SITUATION AND TRAINING NEEDS OF THE INDUSTRY.

+THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY HAS MAINTAINED REMARKABLE GROWTH OWING TO THE RECENT INCREASING DEMAND OF DRESS MATERIALS FROM THE LOCAL CLOTHING INDUSTRY,+ A SPOKESMAN OF THE TRAINING BOARD SAID.

HE SAID HE EXPECTED THIS UPTURN TO CONTINUE. AND AS A RESULT, CHANGES WERE ALSO EXPECTED IN THE EMPLOYMENT STRUCTURE OF THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY, HE ADDED.

THE DATA COLLECTED FROM THE SURVEY WOULD HELP DETERMINE THE MANPOWER NEEDS OF THE INDUSTRY AND THE TRAINING REQUIRED.

+IT IS ESSENTIAL TO HAVE A WELL-TRAINED WORKFORCE TO MOVE UP MARKET,+ HE SAID.

HE URGED EMPLOYERS SELECTED FOR THE SURVEY TO CO-OPERATE BY SUPPLYING ACCURATE INFORMATION.

DATA COLLECTED WOULD BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WOULD BE PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES, WITHOUT REFERENCE TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

OFFICERS OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL CALL AT THESE MILLS DURING THE SURVEY PERIOD TO COLLECT QUESTIONNAIRES AND HELP COMPLETE THEM.

THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT DATA PROCESSING AGENCY ARE HELPING IN THE SURVEY.

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NEED FOR FLEXIBILITY IN PLANNING STRESSED

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GREATER FLEXIBILITY WAS NECESSARY IN APPLYING TERRITORY-WIDE PLANNING STANDARDS IN NEW TOWNS TO ACCOUNT FOR DISTRICT NEEDS, A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL STRESSED TODAY.

THIS WAS PARTICULARLY SO IN RELATION TO EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, HE ADDED.

SPEAKING AT THE CITY LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG LUNCHEON MEETING, THE SHA TIN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER (DEVELOPMENT), MR PAUL TANG, POINTED OUT THAT THERE WAS A VARIATION IN POPULATION STRUCTURE BETWEEN NEW TOWNS AND URBAN AREAS.

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CITING SHA TIN AS AN EXAMPLE, HE SAID: +AT PRESENT, 58 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION IN SHA TIN ARE BELOW THE AGE OF 30. MANY OF THOSE MOVING IN ARE YOUNG COUPLES AND THE PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION GOING TO PRIMARY SCHOOL IS 19 PER CENT, NOTABLY HIGHER THAN THE TERRITORY-WIDE AVERAGE OF 9.4 PER CENT.

+ERRONEOUS ASSUMPTION MEANS CHILDREN WILL HAVE TO TRAVEL BACK TO URBAN AREAS TO STUDY WHICH IS NOT DESIRABLE TO YOUNG CHILDREN, OR FACE SOMEWHAT SUB-STANDARD EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES, WITH COVERED PLAYGROUND BEING TURNED INTO CLASSROOMS AND LARGER CLASSES.

+PROPER REMEDIAL MEASURES LIKE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SCHOOLS TAKE TIME AND CAN HARDLY MEET THE IMMINENT NEED OF THE POPULATION MOVING INTO NEW TOWNS,+ MR TANG SAID.

HE EMPHASISED THAT A BALANCED DEVELOPMENT WAS CRUCIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF A NEW TOWN, WHILE A BALANCED PROVISION OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES WAS ESSENTIAL.

+THE SHA TIN DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HAS RESOLVED THAT THE INTAKE OF POPULATION INTO BIG HOUSING ESTATES MUST BE MONITORED CLOSELY, HAVING REGARD TO THE AVAILABILITY OF VARIOUS ESSENTIAL FACILITIES SUCH AS ROADS AND TRANSPORT,+ HE SAID.

BASICALLY, A NEW TOWN SHOULD HAVE ENOUGH JOBS TO BE SELF-SUFFICIENT BUT QUITE OFTEN THIS DID NOT HAPPEN.

IN SHA TIN, SOME 70 PER CENT OF ITS WORKFORCE WORKED OUTSIDE SHA TIN. MR TANG ATTRIBUTED THIS TO THE HIGH VACANCY RATE OF FACTORY SPACE, THE LACK OF NON-INDUSTRIAL JOBS AND SHA TIN'S PROXIMITY TO THE URBAN AREA WITH GOOD COMMUNICATIONS.

HE WARNED THAT A SIMILAR CASE MIGHT HAPPEN TO MA ON SHAN SHOULD IT DEPEND TOO MUCH ON SHA TIN. THE FIRST PHASE DEVELOPMENT OF MA ON SHAN WOULD HOUSE 150 000 PEOPLE WHILE 83 PER CENT OF ITS WORKFORCE WERE EXPECTED TO TRAVEL THROUGH, OR TO SHA TIN, TO WORK.

THERE SHOULD BE AN EFFORT TO BRING MA ON SHAN SOMEWHAT CLOSER TO A SELF-CONTAINED TOWN. THIS COULD INCLUDE REZONING LAND IN MA ON SHAN AS INDUSTRIAL AND AT THE SAME TIME REVERTING SOME OF THE SURPLUS INDUSTRIAL LAND IN SHA TIN PROPER TO OTHER USES.

ON THE IMPORTANCE OF PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN NEW TOWNS, HE SAID: +ONE HAS TO ADMIT THE FACT THAT PUBLIC EXPENDITURE CONSTRAINT DOES NOT ALLOW FOR SOME NON-ESSENTIAL CONSTRUCTIONS WHICH NEVERTHELESS CONTRIBUTE TO THE VARIETY OF LIFE IN A NEW TOWN.

+ONE EXAMPLE IN SHA TIN IS THE PROPOSAL OF SEEKING PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT OF A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE ACROSS THE SHING MUN RIVER LINKING THE SHA TIN CENTRAL PARK AND THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE RIVERSIDE PROMENADE.

+IT IS ENVISAGED THAT THERE MAY BE CAFES ON THIS BRIDGE. THIS IS ONE KIND OF ITEM FOR WHICH PUBLIC EXPENDITURE MAY NOT BE FORTHCOMING. ON THE OTHER HAND ITS PRESENCE WILL NO DOUBT BE WELCOMED AND ADD A 'EUROPEAN' TOUCH TO SHA TIN.

+SUCH BALANCED DEVELOPMENT IN NEW TOWNS ALSO HELPS TO MINIMISE SOCIAL DISPARITY AS WE CERTAINLY DO NOT WISH SHA TIN TO BE CONNOTATED AS EITHER A RICH MAN'S OR POOR MAN'S AREA,+ HE SAID.

CLOSER LINKS WITH RESIDENTS URGED
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AREA COMMITTEES SHOULD MAINTAIN A MUCH CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH LOCAL RESIDENTS, THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VICTOR NG, SAID THIS EVENING.

HE SAID THE AREA COMMITTEES SHOULD PASS ON ANY INFORMATION GATHERED AND DECISIONS MADE DURING MEETINGS TO THE RESIDENTS, AND SHOULD PUBLICISE THEIR WORK.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE AREA COMMITTEES SHOULD REFLECT RESIDENTS' VIEWS ON SUCH DISTRICT MATTERS AS THE RESUMPTION OF PRIVATE STREETS FOR BETTER MANAGEMENT, THE CLEARANCE OF BACKLANE STRUCTURES AND ILLEGAL PARKING.

MR NG WAS SPEAKING AT THE TO KWA WAN SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL CELEBRATION HELD AT THE KO SHAN THEATRE.

+WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM AND THE SETTING UP OF DISTRICT BOARDS, THE ROLES OF THE AREA COMMITTEES HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT,+ HE SAID.

+ASIDE FROM HELPING THE GOVERNMENT TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, THE AREA COMMITTEES PLAY VERY IMPORTANT CONSULTATIVE ROLES IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS.+

MR NG SAID THE TO KWA WAN SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE, FORMED 11 YEARS AGO, HAD BEEN ORGANISING MANY RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.

THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL CELEBRATION, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE AREA COMMITTEE, FEATURED TWO HOURS OF SINGING AND PLAYING A CHINESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT, AND FOLK DANCE PERFORMANCES BY SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

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FESTIVAL FUN ARRANGED FOR RESIDENTS
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THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR IAN MACPHERSON, AND MRS MACPHERSON WILL SHARE THE FESTIVE SPIRIT WITH TAI PO RESIDENTS IN A CARNIVAL TO CELEBRATE THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 22).

THE CARNIVAL, STARTING AT 7 PM, WILL BE HELD AT THE TAI PO PLAYGROUND, HEUNG SZE HUI ROAD.

ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE PERFORMANCES BY FAMOUS SINGERS, A LANTERN DESIGN CONTEST, LANTERN RIDDLES, A PUPPET SHOW AND GAMES STALLS.

/THE HIGHLIGHT

THE HIGHLIGHT WILL BE A SWITCH-ON CEREMONY FOR A JUMBO LANTERN, TO BE PERFORMED BY MR MACPHERSON.

THE EVENT IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE WITH DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS.

CELEBRATIONS WILL ALSO BE HELD IN VARIOUS OTHER DISTRICTS DURING THE FESTIVAL.

IN KWUN TONG, A CARNIVAL WITH A DISPLAY OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE HANDICRAFTS, FILM SHOWS, AND ELECTRONIC GAMES FOR CHILDREN, WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY EVENING AT THE KWUN TONG RECREATION GROUND, TSUI PING ROAD.

THERE WILL ALSO BE FORTUNE TELLING, CHINESE DANCES, ORCHESTRAL MUSIC AND SINGING BY THE KWUN TONG CHILDREN'S CHORUS.

A LANTERN EXHIBITION WILL ALSO BE HELD AT THE PLAYGROUND, WITH ENTRIES BY LOCAL RESIDENTS AND STUDENTS TO A RECENT LANTERN DESIGN COMPETITION.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN MAK, AND URBAN COUNCILLOR, MRS ELSIE ELLIOTT, WILL OFFICIATE AT AN OPENING CEREMONY AT 7.45 PM.

TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY), THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS IN EASTERN DISTRICT WILL ATTEND A LANTERN CARNIVAL TO BE HELD AT THE SHAU KEI WAN FACTORY STREET PLAYGROUND.

STARTING AT 7 PM, THE CARNIVAL WILL INCLUDE A VARIETY SHOW, LION DANCES, A LUCKY DRAW AND GAMES STALLS.

ON THE FOLLOWING DAY, A SIMILAR EVENT WILL BE HELD AT 8 PM AT THE KING'S ROAD PLAYGROUND FOR NORTH POINT AND CAUSEWAY BAY RESIDENTS.

IN SHAM SHUI PO TOMORROW, THE MEI FOO MID-AUTUMN CARNIVAL, FEATURING POPULAR NUMBERS BY TV ARTISTES, DISCO DANCES, MAGIC SHOWS AND LANTERN RIDDLES, WILL BE HELD AT THE LAI CHI KOK GARDEN AT 8 PM.

ON THURSDAY, A CARNIVAL WILL BE STAGED AT THE SHEK KIP MEI PARK AT 8 PM.

ELSEWHERE AT THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND, A THREE-HOUR ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME INCLUDING FOLK DANCES, SINGING, ACROBATICS AND CHINESE PAINTING AND CALLIGRAPHY DEMONSTRATION WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 24), STARTING AT 7 PM.

IN KOWLOON CITY, A VARIETY SHOW FOR 3 000 PEOPLE WILL BE STAGED ON THURSDAY AT 8 PM IN THE KO SHAN ROAD PARK.

A DISPLAY OF SMALL AND GIANT LANTERNS WILL BE MOUNTED IN THE PARK FROM 3 PM. THE LANTERNS ARE ENTRIES OF TWO RECENT DESIGN COMPETITIONS SUBMITTED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS AND STUDENTS.

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MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL CONCERT
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THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, THE YAUMATEI/TSIMSHATSUI ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION AND THE NEW WORLD CENTRE WILL JOINTLY PRESENT A +MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL CONCERT+ ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1983 AT 3 PM IN THE NEW WORLD PLAZA IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

THE CONCERT PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE CHINESE FOLK SONGS, MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL SONGS, AND CHINESE FOLK DANCES, TO BE PERFORMED BY THE +CHINESE FOLK SINGING CHILDREN'S ENSEMBLE+ OF THE MUSIC OFFICE.

THE ENSEMBLE COMPRISING MORE THAN 50 CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN SEVEN AND 12 WILL BE DRESSED IN TRADITIONAL CHINESE COSTUMES.

MUSICAL ACCOMPANIMENT WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE'S 'WEST KOWLOON YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA'. IN ADDITION, 'THE YAUMATEI/TSIMSHATSUI DANCING TEAM' WILL ALSO PERFORM IN TWO ITEMS OF CHINESE DANCE.

ADMISSION IS FREE.

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YOUNG MUSICIANS TO COMPETE FOR AWARDS
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COMPETITION FOR THE 1984 HONG KONG YOUNG MUSICIANS' AWARDS, ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND THE COMPOSERS AND AUTHORS SOCIETY OF HONG KONG (CASH), WILL START IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR.

ADJUDICATION WILL BE IN THREE STAGES --- THE PRELIMINARY AND THE SEMI-FINALS WILL BE HELD IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, AND THE FINALS ON JANUARY 14 AND 15 AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL. THE ADJUDICATION PANEL WILL COMPRISE RENOWNED LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MUSICIANS.

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE AWARDS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY, THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR MR CLIVE OXLEY SAID THAT CHAMBER MUSIC WOULD BE INCLUDED AS A COMPETITION ITEM FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR.

+IT IS FELT THAT THIS IS A RELATIVELY UNEXPLORED AREA IN THE LOCAL MUSIC SCENE WHICH DESERVES POSITIVE ENCOURAGEMENT,+ HE EXPLAINED.

THE COMPETITION WAS INTRODUCED IN 1981, UNDER THE TITLE OF THE HONG KONG YOUNG MUSIC-MAKERS' TALENT QUEST AND HAS BROUGHT FORTH MANY OUTSTANDING YOUNG MUSICIANS.

THE COMPETITION HAS BEEN RETITLED THE +1984 HONG KONG YOUNG MUSICIANS' AWARDS + TO REFLECT MORE CORRECTLY ITS AIMS.

/THE AWARDS

THE AWARDS ARE OPEN TO ALL LOCAL AMATEUR MUSICIANS WHO ARE 30 YEARS OF AGE OR UNDER ON JANUARY 1, 1984 (WESTERN RECKONING).

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE AWARDS ARE:

- * TO RAISE THE STANDARDS OF COMPOSING AND PERFORMING SERIOUS MUSIC;
- * TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR AMATEUR MUSICIANS TO DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS AND TALENTS IN COMPOSING AND PERFORMING SERIOUS MUSIC; AND
- * TO AROUSE INTEREST IN THE APPRECIATION OF SERIOUS MUSIC.

THERE WILL BE TWO SECTIONS EACH IN THE COMPOSITION CATEGORY AND THE CHAMBER MUSIC PERFORMANCE CATEGORY, ONE FOR WESTERN MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND THE OTHER FOR CHINESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

IN THE COMPOSITION CATEGORIES, THE WORK SUBMITTED BY THE COMPOSER SHOULD NOT BE LONGER THAN 12 MINUTES AND SHOULD BE SCORED FOR NOT MORE THAN 12 PLAYERS. WORKS SELECTED FOR ENTRY TO THE SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS MAY BE PERFORMED EITHER BY THE PARTICIPANTS THEMSELVES OR BY PROFESSIONAL PERFORMERS TO BE ENGAGED BY THE ORGANISERS.

IN THE CHAMBER MUSIC PERFORMANCE CATEGORIES, THE DURATION OF PERFORMANCE SHOULD NOT BE MORE THAN 12 MINUTES AND THE SIZE OF EACH PARTICIPATING GROUP MAY VARY FROM THREE TO 13 MEMBERS WHICH MAY INCLUDE ONE VOCALIST.

RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG WILL COVER ALL EVENTS LIVE.

CASH PRIZES OF \$3 000, \$1 500 AND \$500 WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FIRST THREE WINNERS OF EACH SECTION IN THE FOUR CATEGORIES.

PAMPHLETS AND APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE HONG KONG MUSIC CENTRE AT 2 HARBOUR ROAD, 9TH FLOOR, WAN CHAI, ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 22, 1983.

FOR ENQUIRIES PLEASE TELEPHONE 5-283257.

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MINI-SOCCER CONTEST FOR KOWLOON RESIDENTS

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THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT'S KOWLOON CITY OFFICE WILL BE STAGING A SERIES OF MINI-SOCCER COMPETITIONS FOR RESIDENTS.

APPLICATION IS NOW OPEN AND 64 TEAMS, EACH COMPRISING 10 PLAYERS, WILL BE ACCEPTED.

/KICK-OFF

KICK-OFF WILL BE ON OCTOBER 15, AND THE SERIES WILL LAST UNTIL NOVEMBER 19.

THE MATCHES ARE TO BE PLAYED BETWEEN 7 PM AND 9.30 PM FROM MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS AT THE MA TAU WAI, ARGYLE STREET, PERTH STREET AND KO SHAN ROAD PLAYGROUNDS.

ENTRY FEE IS \$20 PER TEAM AND ENTRANTS MUST BE AGED 15 AND ABOVE.

THE KOWLOON CITY RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER, MR LOUIE CHITING SAID THE TOURNAMENTS ARE ORGANISED WITH THE BACKING OF THE AREA'S DISTRICT BOARD.

+OUR AIM IS TO PROMOTE SOCCER WITHIN THE VARIOUS SUB-DISTRICTS IN THE AREA AND TO IMPROVE SKILL,+ MR LOUIE SAID.

+WINNERS AND RUNNERS-UP WILL BE PRESENTED WITH TROPHIES AND OTHER PRIZES.+

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE OFFICE AT NO. 1 MA TAU KOK ROAD, GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, KOWLOON CITY.

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WAN CHAI, NT WATER MAINS WORKS
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN WAN CHAI AND IN THE NORTH DISTRICT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVERAL HOURS BETWEEN FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 23) AND SATURDAY FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

IN WAN CHAI, SUPPLY TO PREMISES BOUNDED BY QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, MONMOUTH PATH, KENNEDY ROAD AND ST. FRANCIS STREET, INCLUDING ANTON STREET, LANDALE STREET, 2-22 HENNESSY ROAD AND 6-44 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST WILL BE STOPPED FROM 11 PM ON FRIDAY TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

IN NORTH DISTRICT, WATER WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 10 PM ON FRIDAY TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT THOSE ON-ROUTE VILLAS, VILLAGES AND ALL PREMISES ALONG: TAI PO ROAD BETWEEN TONG HANG TSUEN AND SHEUNG SHUI CROSS ROAD; CASTLE PEAK ROAD BETWEEN SHEUNG SHUI CROSS ROAD AND LOK MA CHAU, SAN TIN; FAN KAM ROAD BETWEEN SHEUNG SHUI CROSS ROAD AND TSIU KENG; JOCKEY CLUB ROAD BETWEEN FANLING ROUNDABOUT AND SAN FUNG AVENUE, INCLUDING SHEK WU HUI AND SHEUNG SHUI TSUEN.

ALSO AFFECTED WILL BE MAN KAM TO ROAD BETWEEN SAN FUNG AVENUE AND MAN KAM TO POLICE STATION, INCLUDING LO WU RAILWAY STATION AND MUK WU PUMPING STATION; SHA TAU KOK ROAD BETWEEN FANLING ROUNDABOUT AND SHA TAU KOK MARKET INCLUDING LUEN WO HUI AND ON LOK TSUEN; AND PING CHE ROAD BETWEEN HUNG LENG AND TA KWU LING POLICE STATION.

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