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PILOT CENSUS SET FOR NOVEMBER

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A PILOT CENSUS WILL BE CONDUCTED FROM NOVEMBER 3 TO 12 TO TEST THE OPERATION OF A POPULATION CENSUS WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN MARCH 1991, THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS, MR BENJAMIN MOK, ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY).

CENSUS OFFICERS WILL VISIT 40,000 HOUSEHOLDS TO OBTAIN PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION DURING THE PILOT CENSUS. THESE HOUSEHOLDS HAVE BEEN SELECTED RANDOMLY TO REPRESENT THE DIFFERENT SEGMENTS OF THE POPULATION.

THE MAJORITY OF THE SAMPLED HOUSEHOLDS WILL ANSWER ONLY SIMPLE QUESTIONS ON AGE, SEX AND RELATIONSHIP TO HOUSEHOLD HEAD CONCERNING THEIR MEMBERS BY COMPLETING A SHORT QUESTIONNAIRE WHICH THE DEPARTMENT WILL SEND OUT NEXT WEEK. THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES WILL BE COLLECTED BY THE CENSUS OFFICERS.

IN ADDITION, ONE-SEVENTH OF THE SAMPLED HOUSEHOLDS WILL BE ASKED MORE DETAILED QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE HOUSEHOLD, SUCH AS HOUSING AND RENT, AND QUESTIONS CONCERNING EACH OF THEIR MEMBERS, SUCH AS MARITAL STATUS, EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, PLACE OF BIRTH, PLACE OF RESIDENCE FIVE YEARS AGO, DURATION OF RESIDENCE, LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS AND INCOME.

HOUSEHOLDS SELECTED FOR THE DETAILED ENUMERATION, HOWEVER, WILL NOT RECEIVE THE CENSUS SCHEDULE IN ADVANCE. IT WILL BE FILLED IN BY THE CENSUS OFFICERS DURING THEIR VISIT TO THE HOUSEHOLDS.

THE COMMISSIONER CALLED ON THE PUBLIC TO GIVE FULL AND ACCURATE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS. HE ASSURED THE PUBLIC THAT ALL INFORMATION COLLECTED WOULD BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WOULD NOT BE DISCLOSED TO ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OR ANY PRIVATE ORGANISATION.

"THE PILOT CENSUS IS GOVERNED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE UNDER WHICH THE PUBLIC ARE LEGALLY OBLIGED TO SUPPLY THE REQUIRED INFORMATION, WHILE THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF INDIVIDUAL ANSWERS WILL BE PROTECTED.

"THE ORDINANCE REQUIRES THE CENSUS OFFICERS TO TAKE AN OATH OF SECRECY BEFORE TAKING UP THEIR DUTIES," HE SAID.

THE COMMISSIONER DESCRIBED A POPULATION CENSUS AS A COMPLEX BUT IMPORTANT STATISTICAL EXERCISE.

"IT PROVIDES UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION WHICH IS VITAL FOR THE GOVERNMENT IN FORMULATING PLANS AND POLICIES TO IMPROVE HOUSING, EDUCATION, TRANSPORT, RECREATION, MEDICAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES, AND OTHER FACILITIES."

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"THE PILOT CENSUS WILL ENABLE ANY DEFECTS IN THE STATISTICAL OPERATION TO BE IDENTIFIED AND RECTIFIED IN GOOD TIME BEFORE THE MAIN CENSUS IS TO TAKE PLACE IN 1991," HE SAID.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL SEND OUT LETTERS TO ALL SELECTED HOUSEHOLDS FOR THE PILOT CENSUS, INFORMING THEM OF THE NAMES OF THE CENSUS OFFICERS (AND THEIR IDENTITY CARD NUMBERS) WHO WILL VISIT THEM DURING THE SPECIFIED PERIOD.

CENSUS OFFICERS WILL CARRY THEIR CENSUS OFFICER CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY WHEN MAKING THEIR VISITS TO THE HOUSEHOLDS AND HOUSEHOLDERS SHOULD CHECK THEIR IDENTITY AGAINST THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THE LETTER.

A "HOTLINE" SERVICE WILL BE SET UP TO ANSWER ANY ENQUIRY WHICH HOUSEHOLDERS MAY HAVE CONCERNING THE PILOT CENSUS. HOUSEHOLDERS MAY TELEPHONE 5-564091 OR 5-564472 FOR ENQUIRIES.

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THREE LAND LOTS FOR SALE BY AUCTION

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THREE GOVERNMENT LOTS WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT AT A PUBLIC AUCTION TO BE HELD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE.

THE LOTS INCLUDE A 3,803-SQUARE-METRE SITE FOR GODOWN PURPOSES AT LAM HING STREET, KOWLOON BAY, KOWLOON.

THE OTHER TWO LOTS ARE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ONE IS LOCATED IN AREA 29A, FANLING, AND HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 5,915 SQUARE METRES. IT IS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

THE OTHER LOT IS LOCATED IN AREA 8, TAI PO WHICH IS FOR INDUSTRIAL/GODOWN PURPOSES AND COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 1,618 SQUARE METRES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE AUCTION, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE.

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NINE QUESTIONS, FOUR BILLS ON LEGCO AGENDA

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MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL ASK A TOTAL OF NINE QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER FOUR BILLS AT THE COUNCIL'S MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

THEY ARE THE RECOGNITION OF TRUSTS BILL 1989, MERCHANT SHIPPING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989, CRIMES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989, AND THE HOSPITALS, NURSING HOMES AND MATERNITY HOMES REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989.

IN ADDITION, TWO MOTIONS, ONE UNDER THE PENSIONS ORDINANCE AND THE OTHER UNDER THE TELEPHONE ORDINANCE, WILL BE MOVED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY AND THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES RESPECTIVELY.

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ALARM OVER CANNED MUSHROOMS FROM CHINA UNNECESSARY

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THE HYGIENE ADVISER OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH, DR M.B. ALI, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE PUBLIC SHOULD NOT BE UNDULY ALARMED BY RECENT REPORTS OF A BAN BY THE UNITED STATES ON CANNED MUSHROOMS FROM CHINA ON ACCOUNT OF CONTAMINATION BY STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS BACTERIA CAUSING SEVERE FOOD POISONING.

HE SAID THE FOOD-POISONING CASES REPORTED RECENTLY IN HONG KONG HAD NOT BEEN LINKED TO CANNED MUSHROOMS IMPORTED FROM CHINA.

"FURTHERMORE, ROUTINE MICROBIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS CARRIED OUT TO DATE ON THE PRODUCT HAVE NOT REVEALED ANY SUCH CONTAMINATION," DR ALI ADDED.

SINCE JANUARY THIS YEAR, A TOTAL OF 25 CHINA-IMPORTED CONSIGNMENTS OF CANNED MUSHROOMS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED FOR TESTING.

IN THE MEANTIME, SAMPLING AND SURVEILLANCE ARE BEING CONDUCTED.

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MONG KOK DB MOURNS DEATH OF FIREMAN

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THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD DECIDED AT AN IN-HOUSE MEETING TODAY (TUESDAY) TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE FAMILY OF THE FIREMAN WHO WAS KILLED IN A FOURTH ALARM FIRE IN A MONG KOK BUILDING YESTERDAY.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ALSO EXPRESSED THEIR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF SENIOR FIREMAN CHAN JENG-YU.

ON BEHALF OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD, THE CHAIRMAN, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI, SAID: "WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR CONDOLENCES TO MRS CHAN AND OUR RESPECTS TO SENIOR FIREMAN CHAN JENG-YU WHO BRAVELY CARRIED OUT HIS DUTIES FOR THE PROTECTION OF LIVES AND PROPERTY."

THE BOARD WILL APPROACH MEMBERS OF THE SIX AREA COMMITTEES IN THE DISTRICT, AND THE OWNERS CORPORATION AND BUSINESSES AT SUN HING BUILDING IN NATHAN ROAD, WHERE THE FIRE BROKE OUT.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DISTRICT BOARD WILL ALSO PAY HOSPITAL VISITS TO PEOPLE INJURED IN THE FIRE.

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CIVIC EDUCATION SEMINAR FOR HAWKERS IN EASTERN

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MORE THAN 100 HAWKERS WILL TAKE PART IN A SEMINAR ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 26) TO DISCUSS THEIR RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS UNDER THE LAW.

THE SEMINAR WILL OPEN THE CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN IN EASTERN DISTRICT WHICH HAS THE "RULE OF LAW, DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS" AS ITS THEME.

A FORMER MEMBER OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR LEE CHIK-YUET, AND A LAWYER, MR JAMES TO, WILL BE GUEST SPEAKERS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S CIVIC EDUCATION PROMOTION WORKING GROUP SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT IN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS TO SPREAD THE CIVIC EDUCATION MESSAGE.

"A ONE-DAY TECHNIQUE-ORIENTED SEMINAR FOR SOCIAL WORKERS, TEACHERS AND CIVIC EDUCATION ADVOCATES WILL BE HELD IN NOVEMBER TO EQUIP THEM FOR THE TASKS OF PASSING ON THE CONCEPTS TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC," HE SAID.

MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP WILL VISIT ALL OF THE 13 AREA COMMITTEES IN THE DISTRICT IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS TO INTRODUCE THE CAMPAIGN THEME.

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THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE ILLUSTRATION OF THE CONCEPTS OF RULE OF LAW AND DEMOCRACY, AN EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD IN VICTORIA PARK IN DECEMBER.

"WORK IS ALSO IN HAND TO PRODUCE A VIDEO TAPE TO PRESENT THE IDEAS IN A LIVELY AND ENTERTAINING WAY," HE SAID.

THE CAMPAIGN WILL CONCLUDE WITH A DAY CAMP IN LEI YUE MUN PARK ON FEBRUARY 25 NEXT YEAR. THAT DAY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS "CIVIC EDUCATION DAY".

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP, MR SUNNY WU, ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS LINDA SO, AND A DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MRS CHOW CHEUNG WAI-PING, WILL OFFICIATE AT THURSDAY'S SEMINAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CIVIC EDUCATION SEMINAR FOR HAWKERS ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 26). IT WILL BE HELD AT THE TREASURE RESTAURANT, THIRD FLOOR, 436-438 KING'S ROAD, NORTH POINT, AND WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM.

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SPECIAL DB MEETING ON FUTURE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT

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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 26) TO DISCUSS THE TERRITORY'S FUTURE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM FOUR MAJOR GROUPS ADVOCATING DIFFERENT POLITICAL MODELS FOR HONG KONG IN THE RUN-UP TO 1997 AND BEYOND WILL SPEAK AT THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM.

THEY ARE SENIOR LEGCO MEMBER, MR ALLEN LEE, WHO WILL SPEAK ON THE OMELCO CONSENSUS; MR VINCENT LO, ON THE COMPROMISE "4-4-2" MODEL; MR WAI KEE-SHUN, ON THE BICAMERAL MODEL; AND MR YEUNG SUM, ON THE GROUP OF 190 MODEL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD SPECIAL MEETING ON THE TERRITORY'S FUTURE POLITICAL MODEL TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 26) IN ROOM 1416, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER FUND APPLICATIONS

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THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER A NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS FOR CARRYING OUT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THESE PROJECTS RANGE FROM MURAL PAINTING TO TREE PLANTING, INVOLVING MORE THAN $250,000.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS PROGRESS REPORTS ON STREET MANAGEMENT, MINOR WORKS PROJECTS, AND ON BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS IN YUK WAH CRESCENT AND FUNG WONG SAN TSUEN.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS DISCUSSED EARLIER AT MEETINGS OF AREA COMMITTEES AND THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COMMITTEE AS AT OCTOBER 4.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, FOURTH FLOOR, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, KING FUK STREET.

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STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS VISIT POLICE REGION

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MEMBERS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINED SERVICES SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE VISITED THE KOWLOON REGION OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE YESTERDAY (MONDAY).

FIVE MEMBERS, MR ANTHONY CHEUNG, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI, MR ANTHONY NEOH, MR BRIAN RENWICK AND MR TANG KWAI-NANG TOOK PART IN THE VISIT.

THEY WERE RECEIVED BY THE STAFF OFFICER (OPERATIONS), KOWLOON WEST, MR JOHN BREEN, AND WERE BRIEFED ON THE WORK OF THE KOWLOON REGIONAL COMMAND AND CONTROL CENTRE.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE THEN GIVEN A BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO THE DUTIES OF THE EMERGENCY UNIT OF THE COMMAND AND WERE SHOWN THE EQUIPMENT CARRIED BY OFFICERS ON EMERGENCY DUTIES.

THE PARTY WAS THEN DIVIDED INTO GROUPS AND BOARDED THE EMERGENCY UNIT PATROL CARS TO JOIN ROUTINE POLICE PATROLS IN KOWLOON EAST AND KOWLOON WEST AREAS.

THE VISIT LASTED FOR ABOUT FOUR HOURS AND CONCLUDED AT 11 PM.

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INFORMATION CENTRES OPEN AT FORTS

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NEWLY ESTABLISHED INFORMATION CENTRES ON TUNG LUNG ISLAND AND AT TUNG CHUNG ON LANTAU, DISPLAYING HISTORICAL PHOTOGRAPHS AND GIVING A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE TWO FORTS ON BOTH ISLANDS, ARE NOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

THE DISPLAYS HAVE BEEN PREPARED BY THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH TO FOSTER THE INTEREST OF VISITORS.

BOTH FORTS, WHICH WERE BUILT IN THE QING DYNASTY, WERE DECLARED MONUMENTS BY THE GOVERNMENT, BECAUSE OF THEIR HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE, SEVERAL YEARS AGO.

STRICTLY SPEAKING, THE FORTIFICATION AT TUNG CHUNG IS HARDLY A FORT. IT WAS REFERRED TO IN THE QING DYNASTY AS A "SUOCHENG", THE TUNG CHUNG BATTALION CITY.

IT WAS THE MARITIME HEADQUARTERS OF THE "RIGHT CAMP OF DA PENG BATTALION" AND INSCRIPTIONS ON THE GRANITE SLAB ABOVE THE ENTRANCE OF THE FORT SHOWED THAT IT WAS CONSTRUCTED IN THE TWELFTH YEAR OF THE DAO GUANG REIGN (1832).

THERE ARE SIX CANNON PLACED ON THE NORTH WALL AND THESE ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN PUT THERE BY THE LOCAL POLICE IN THE BEGINNING OF THIS CENTURY.

THE TUNG LUNG FORT WAS CONSTRUCTED MORE THAN 150 YEARS EARLIER. BECAUSE OF THE STRATEGIC LOCATION OF TUNG LUNG ISLAND, ITS MILITARY IMPORTANCE WAS RECOGNISED AS LONG AGO AS IN THE SONG DYNASTY.

THE FORT WAS BUILT DURING THE REIGN OF EMPEROR KANG XI (1662 - 1722) WHEN THERE WAS GROWING ACTIVITY BY PIRATES AND MING LOYALISTS.

MEMBERS OF THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD WILL VISIT THE TUNG LUNG FORT AND ITS INFORMATION CENTRE ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 28).

THE PARTY WILL INCLUDE THE CHAIRMAN, MR EDWARD HO; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD'S EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE, DR JANET LEE SCOTT; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD'S ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND PALAEONTOLOGICAL SUB-COMMITTEE, DR SOLOMON BARD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE VISIT TO THE TUNG LUNG FORT ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 28) MORNING. THE GOVERNMENT LAlaunch "CLEMENTI" WILL LEAVE THE QUEEN'S PIER AT 9.30 AM. AN INFORMATION OFFICER WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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CSD STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE OPEN DAY ON SATURDAY

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE WORK OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND ITS TRAINING OF STAFF DURING THE OPEN DAY OF THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 28).

THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IS LOCATED AT 47 TUNG TAU WAN ROAD, STANLEY. THE OPEN DAY WILL BE HELD BETWEEN 10 AM AND 4 PM.

THERE WILL BE AN EXHIBITION ON THE ACTIVITIES AND CORRECTIONAL PROGRAMMES IN THE VARIOUS PENAL INSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING PRISONS, TRAINING CENTRES AS WELL AS DETENTION CENTRE, DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRE AND PSYCHIATRIC CENTRE.

THE EXHIBITION WILL ALSO COVER DEPARTMENTAL FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES IN CENTRES FOR VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE. IN ADDITION, VARIOUS "WEAPONS" AND INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS WILL BE DISPLAYED.

THE INDOOR RANGE, MUSEUM AND TRAINING COURTROOM WILL BE OPEN TO VISITORS.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE DAY WILL BE DEMONSTRATIONS OF HANDCUFFING TECHNIQUE, ANTI-RIOT CONTROL, MULTI-GYM EXERCISE, JUDO AND SELF-DEFENCE EXERCISE AND PHYSICAL TRAINING. THERE WILL ALSO BE A DEMONSTRATION BY THE DEPARTMENT'S DOG UNIT, AND MARCHING DISPLAY BY TRAINING CENTRE INMATES.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE'S OPEN DAY LAST YEAR ATTRACTED THOUSANDS OF SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS.

"WE HAVE MADE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT FOR GROUP VISITS FROM SECONDARY SCHOOLS THIS YEAR, INCLUDING GUIDED TOURS AND DEPLOYING STAFF TO ANSWER THEIR QUERIES," HE SAID.

"THE ARRANGEMENT IS MADE IN VIEW OF THE MANY REQUESTS FOR VISITING THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE DURING THE DEPARTMENT'S CAREER TALKS IN SCHOOLS IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS.

"SO FAR, ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR OVER 50 SCHOOLS WITH MORE THAN 2,000 STUDENTS TO VISIT THE INSTITUTE THAT DAY," HE ADDED.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO VISIT THE INSTITUTE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT. THEY CAN TAKE BUS ROUTE NOS. 6 OR 260 (FROM CENTRAL), NO. 73 (FROM WAH FU ESTATE), NO. 63 (FROM NORTH POINT) OR NO. 14 (FROM SAI WAN HO) TO THE VENUE.

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BOOKLET ON RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD PUBLISHED

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A COLOUR BOOKLET ON PARENTING HAS BEEN PRODUCED JOINTLY BY THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE AND THE CHILD NEGLECT PREVENTION PUBLICITY COMMITTEE AS PART OF THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN ON RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD AND CHILD CARE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE BOOKLET WAS PRODUCED AFTER MONTHS OF RESEARCH AND DISCUSSIONS AMONG REPRESENTATIVES OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, DISTRICT BOARDS, AND THE INFORMATION SERVICES, SOCIAL WELFARE AND VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

"WE HOPE THAT THROUGH PORTRAYING THE HANDLING OF REAL LIFE SITUATIONS BY CARTOON CHARACTERS, THE BOOKLET WILL EFFECTIVELY PUT ACROSS THE CONCEPT OF RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD AND THE WAYS OF HANDLING CHILDREN,"HE SAID.

THE 20-PAGE BOOKLET CONTAINS A SERIES OF 40 CARTOONS. IT ILLUSTRATES HOW FOUR TYPES OF FAMILIES -- AN OVER-PROTECTIVE FAMILY, A NEGLECTING FAMILY, AN ABUSIVE FAMILY AND A BALANCED FAMILY -- HANDLE THEIR CHILDREN IN A SIMILAR SITUATION AND THE LIKELY CONSEQUENCES.

CITING A CHILD RETURNING HOME WITH A POOR SCHOOL REPORT AS AN EXAMPLE, THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT SOME FAMILIES NEGLECTED THE CHILD'S EFFORTS IN HIS STUDIES ALTOGETHER.

IN THE CASE OF AN OVER-PROTECTIVE FAMILY, THE CHILD WAS ONLY GIVEN MATERIAL REWARD AS INCENTIVE FOR IMPROVEMENT WITHOUT BEING OFFERED HELP TO SOLVE HIS PROBLEMS.

IN THE CASE OF AN ABUSIVE FAMILY, THE CHILD WAS SCOLDED AND DRIVEN OUT OF THE HOUSE, WHILE IN A BALANCED FAMILY, THE CHILD WAS ENCOURAGED BY HIS PARENTS WITH AN UNDERSTANDING PAD ON THE SHOULDER AND WAS ASSISTED IN SOLVING HIS PROBLEMS.

IN ADDITION TO THE "DOS" AND "DON'TS" IN PARENTING, THE BOOKLET ALSO CONTAINS SLOGANS ON RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD AND THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF OFFICES OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES THAT PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND COUNSELLING SERVICES IN RELATION TO CHILD CARE AND FAMILY PROBLEMS.

COPIES OF THE BOOKLET ARE OBTAINABLE FREE OF CHARGE FROM ALL SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT YOUTH OFFICES FROM THURSDAY (OCTOBER 26). COPIES WILL ALSO BE DISTRIBUTED DURING A FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION EXHIBITION TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 28) AND SUNDAY IN SHUN TAK CENTRE, SHEUNG WAN.

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SEMI-FINALS OF YOUNG MUSICIANS' AWARDS

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THE SEMI-FINALS OF THIS YEAR'S HONG KONG YOUNG MUSICIANS' AWARDS WILL BE HELD AT THE STUDIO THEATRE, HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS, FROM NOVEMBER 1 TO 5. EACH SESSION WILL BEGIN AT 7.30 PM.

THE AWARDS IS ONE OF THE MAJOR LOCAL MUSIC EVENTS JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND THE COMPOSERS AND AUTHORS SOCIETY OF HONG KONG (CASH).

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR THOMAS WANG, SAID THE CONTEST WAS AIMED AT RAISING THE STANDARD OF COMPOSING AND PERFORMING SERIOUS MUSIC AS WELL AS AROUSING INTEREST IN THE APPRECIATION OF SERIOUS MUSIC.

THERE ARE SIX CATEGORIES FOR THE AWARDS: COMPOSITION FOR WESTERN MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHINESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, MIXED INSTRUMENTATION AND ELECTRO-ACCOUSTICAL WORKS, AS WELL AS ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE IN WESTERN MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND CHINESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE SAID COMPOSITION (ELECTRO-ACCOUSTICAL WORKS) WAS A MORE UNUSUAL CATEGORY.

"WITH THE ADVANCEMENT IN ELECTRICAL TECHNOLOGY, A LARGE RANGE OF ELECTRONIC MIXERS AND AMPLIFIERS ARE POPULARLY USED IN MUSIC COMPOSITION AND CONCERTS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE INTRODUCTION OF SUCH A CATEGORY IN THIS YEAR'S COMPETITION WILL CERTAINLY MEET THE NEED OF SOME MUSICIANS," HE ADDED.

AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, THE CASH WILL DONATE $60,000 IN CASH AWARDS TO THE TOP THREE WINNERS IN EACH CATEGORY.

THE PANEL OF ADJUDICATORS WILL COMPRISE PRESTIGIOUS LOCAL MUSICIANS.

FREE ADMISSION COUPONS FOR THE SEMI-FINALS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE. FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 5-283257.

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COMPENSATION UNIT ON MOVE

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S PNEUMOCONIOSIS COMPENSATION UNIT IN CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES HAS MOVED TO CENTRAL DISTRICT.

THE UNIT IS NOW OPERATING FROM ROOM 1522, 15TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

IN ADDITION, THE UNIT HAS BEEN RENAMED "PNEUMOCONIOSIS COMPENSATION OFFICE" TO ASSIST PNEUMOCONIOTIC PERSONS OR THEIR DEPENDANTS IN OBTAINING COMPENSATION FROM THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS FUND BOARD.

PNEUMOCONIOSIS IS A COLLECTIVE TERM FOR DUST DISEASES OF THE LUNG, BUT UNDER THE LAW ITS MEANING IS AT PRESENT CONFINED TO SILICOSIS AND ASBESTOSIS.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CONCERNING COMPENSATION FOR THE OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE CAN BE MADE ON 5-8524030.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN FANLING

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION WORKS ON ROAD D6 IN WO HOP SHEK, FANLING, THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 26) FOR SIX MONTHS:

* THE SECTION OF ROAD D6 BETWEEN ROAD B200 AND ROAD L100 WILL BE CLOSED. DURING THE CLOSURE, NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON WO HOP SHEK ROAD HEADING FOR SHEUNG SHUI WILL BE DIVERTED VIA ROAD B200 AND ROAD L100, WHILE SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON ROAD D6 HEADING FOR FANLING AND KOWLOON WILL BE DIVERTED VIA ROAD L100 AND ROAD B200.

* KMB ROUTE NO. 70K (TIN SAM TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA TO SHEUNG SHUI) WILL BE DIVERTED VIA ROAD L100, ROAD B200 AND WO HOP SHEK ROAD INSTEAD OF ROAD L100, ROAD D6 AND WO HOP SHEK ROAD ON JOURNEYS TO SHEUNG SHUI; AND VIA WO HOP SHEK ROAD, ROAD B200, ROAD L100, ROAD D6 AND ROAD L100 INSTEAD OF WO HOP SHEK ROAD, ROAD D6 AND ROAD L100 ON JOURNEYS TO TIN SAM TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA.

* KMB ROUTE NO. 73A (CHOI YUEN TO YUEN CHAU KOK) WILL BE DIVERTED VIA WO HOP SHEK ROAD, ROAD B200, ROAD L100, ROAD D6, ROAD L100, ROAD B200 AND WO HOP SHEK ROAD INSTEAD OF WO HOP SHEK ROAD, ROAD D6, ROAD L100, ROAD D6 AND WO HOP SHEK ROAD ON JOURNEYS TO CHOI YUEN AND YUEN CHAU KOK.

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REROUTEING OF KMB ROUTE NO. 71X

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE DIRECT ACCESS FROM NORTH DISTRICT TO CHEUNG SHA WAN AND VICE VERSA, THE ROUTEING OF KMB NEW TERRITORIES EXPRESS ROUTE NO. 71X (SHEUNG SHUI TO CHEUNG SHA WAN) WILL BE REVISED TO OMIT MONG KOK AREA FROM THURSDAY (OCTOBER 26).

ON JOURNEYS TO CHEUNG SHA WAN, NO. 71X WILL BE OPERATED VIA LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD, LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, NAM CHEONG STREET, UN CHAU STREET, HING WAH STREET AND CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD.

ON JOURNEYS TO SHEUNG SHUI, THE BUS SERVICE WILL BE OPERATED VIA CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, TUNG CHAU WEST STREET, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TAI PO ROAD, PAK TIN STREET, WOH CHAI STREET, NAM CHEONG STREET, LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SHAM SHUI PO

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS YEN CHOW STREET NEAR NAM CHEONG ESTATE IN SHAM SHUI PO, CERTAIN TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY (OCTOBER 27 AND 28) BETWEEN 1.30 AM AND 5.15 AM.

ON FRIDAY, THE SECTION OF YEN CHOW STREET BETWEEN TUNG CHAU STREET AND SHAM SHUI PO FERRY PIER BUS TERMINUS WILL BE CLOSED EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCY ACCESS AND ACCESS TO NAM CHEONG ESTATE.

ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR TO YEN CHOW STREET WILL BE CLOSED. MOTORISTS FROM CHERRY STREET HEADING FOR YEN CHOW STREET ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA CHERRY STREET, TAI KOK TSUI ROAD, BOUNDARY STREET, HOI TAN STREET AND YEN CHOW STREET.

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