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GOVERNOR GIVES REASSURANCE ON ORDERLY MARKET OPERATIONS

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, HAS REASSURED THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG THAT THE PACKAGE OF MEASURES WHICH HAS BEEN PUT IN PLACE WOULD ENABLE ORDERLY MARKETING TO CONTINUE.

"NOBODY SHOULD BE IN ANY DOUBT ABOUT THE ESSENTIAL DYNAMISM OF THE HONG KONG ECONOMY. WE HAVE BEEN DOING VERY WELL. WE HAVE SUFFERED BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE REST OF THE WORLD," HE SAID.

SPEAKING ON HIS RETURN THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING FROM A 10-DAY VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES AND LONDON, HE SAID A CRISIS OF THIS SORT INEVITABLY SHOWED UP WEAKNESSES IN THE SYSTEM.

"WE'VE BEEN NO EXCEPTION TO THAT. WHAT WE MUST DO IS TO LEARN FROM THOSE WEAKNESSES, PUT THEM RIGHT AND EMERGE AT THE END OF IT STRONGER THAN WHEN WE WENT INTO IT AT THE BEGINNING," HE ADDED.

ASKED HOW CONFIDENCE COULD BE RESTORED IN THE HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE IF A COMPANY IN WHICH THE CHAIRMAN HAS AN INTEREST, HAS BEEN SUED BY THE FUTURES GUARANTEE CORPORATION, THE GOVERNOR SAID THAT CONFIDENCE IN STOCK MARKETS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD HAD INEVITABLY BEEN AFFECTED BY WHAT WAS HAPPENING OVER THE PAST 10 DAYS.

"I DON'T THINK IT'S VERY USEFUL TO LOOK AT THIS IN TERMS OF PERSONALITIES. WHAT WE MUST DO IS TO LOOK AT IT IN TERMS OF STRUCTURES, AND IF THERE ARE FAILURES OF THE STRUCTURES, IF THERE ARE FAILURES IN THE SYSTEM, THEN WE MUST EXAMINE THOSE RATIONALLY AND OBJECTIVELY AND PUT THEM RIGHT.

"LET US REMEMBER, AFTER ALL, THAT SOME OF OUR STRUCTURES DATE BACK TO ABOUT 14 YEARS AND IT'S NOT VERY SURPRISING THAT SOME OF THEM NEED TO BE BROUGHT UP-TO-DATE," HE SAID.

WHEN ASKED IF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT GAVE ANY INSTRUCTIONS AS TO WAYS OF SOLVING HONG KONG'S FINANCIAL CRISIS, THE GOVERNOR SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED THE PROBLEM WITH THE FOREIGN SECRETARY AND WITH OTHER MINISTERS SUCH AS LORD GLENARTHUR.

"THEY DID NOT GIVE ME ANY INSTRUCTIONS. ON MATTERS LIKE THIS, FINANCIAL MATTERS, HONG KONG LOOKS AFTER ITS OWN AFFAIRS.

"BUT I THINK IT WAS USEFUL TO BE ABLE TO DISCUSS WITH THEM WHAT WAS HAPPENING, ALSO TO BE ABLE TO TALK IN LONDON TO A VERY LARGE AUDIENCE AT THE DINNER GIVEN BY THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, TO BE ABLE TO SAY TO THEM SOME OF THE UNDERLYING FACTORS WHICH ARE THE REALITIES OF HONG KONG, AND WHICH ONE NEEDS TO LOOK AT OVER AND BEYOND THE IMMEDIATE THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN AFFECTING US OVER THE LAST 10 DAYS."

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SIR DAVID STRESSED THAT HE HAD COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN WHAT WAS BEING DONE IN HONG KONG, AND THAT WAS THE REASON WHY HE DECIDED NOT TO CUT SHORT HIS AMERICAN VISIT TO RETURN TO HONG KONG.

HE WAS IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH HONG KONG WHILE HE WAS AWAY AND GAVE FULL SUPPORT TO EVERYTHING THE ADMINISTRATION WAS DOING.

"I ALSO THOUGHT THAT IT WAS RIGHT, PARTICULARLY AT A TIME WHEN THERE WERE QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT WAS GOING ON IN HONG KONG, TO MAINTAIN A PROGRAMME IN WHICH I WAS MEETING A LARGE NUMBER OF VERY INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE TO BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN TO THEM PERSONALLY SOME OF THE UNDERLYING TRUTHS ABOUT HONG KONG," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR SAID HE DID NOT THINK THE APPOINTMENT OF MR ROBERT FELL AND MR PHILIP THORPE TO THE STOCK EXCHANGE WOULD BE REGARDED BY THE REST OF THE WORLD AS STRONG GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION IN THE HONG KONG MARKET.

HE WAS OF THE OPINION THAT THE APPOINTMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE RECENTLY WOULD GREATLY HELP IN CONFIDENCE BOTH IN HONG KONG AND OVERSEAS.

WHEN ASKED IF THE GOVERNMENT MIGHT HAVE BEEN TOO FAR REMOVED FROM THE FINANCIAL SCENE AND HAD NOT REACTED QUICKLY ENOUGH TO THE FINANCIAL CRISIS, SIR DAVID DID NOT SHARE THIS VIEW.

"I THINK CERTAIN DECISIONS HAVE TO BE TAKEN INITIALLY BY THE MARKETS. THEY HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO DO IT AND THEY DID.

"WHEN THERE WAS A NEED FOR GOVERNMENT TO PUT IN BACK-UP MEASURES, WHICH CLEARLY BECAME NECESSARY, THE GOVERNMENT TOOK ACTION AND IT TOOK ACTION TOGETHER WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

"SO IT WAS A CO-OPERATIVE MOVE AND IT HAS CLEARLY BEEN AN EFFECTIVE MOVE," SIR DAVID SAID.

ON HIS AMERICAN TRIP, THE GOVERNOR SAID HE WAS STRUCK BY THE AMOUNT OF TIME PEOPLE WERE PREPARED TO DEVOTE TO LISTENING TO WHAT HE HAD TO SAY ABOUT THE ESSENTIAL DYNAMISM OF THE HONG KONG ECONOMY AND ABOUT HONG KONG'S ROLE AS A FREELY TRADING SOCIETY.

"I THINK IT WAS VERY USEFUL TO BE ABLE TO MAKE THOSE POINTS, PARTICULARLY AT A TIME WHEN THERE'S SO MUCH UNCERTAINTY IN THE STOCK MARKETS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD," HE SAID.

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TRADE FIGURES SHOW ECONOMY HAS UNDERLYING STRENGTH

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THE 37 PER CENT GROWTH IN REAL TERMS IN HONG KONG'S EXPORTS FOR THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF 1987 OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR ILLUSTRATES THAT, DESPITE RECENT UPHEAVALS IN THE FINANCIAL MARKETS, THERE IS CONSIDERABLE UNDERLYING STRENGTH IN OUR ECONOMY, THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 1987 HONG KONG INDUSTRY TRADE FAIR, MR MACLEOD SAID IT WAS EXPECTED THAT HONG KONG'S ECONOMY WOULD ACHIEVE A REAL GROWTH RATE OF 12 PER CENT FOR THE YEAR.

HE SAID IT WAS ENCOURAGING THAT MANUFACTURERS HAD FULLY REALISED THE IMPORTANCE OF INVESTING MORE TO STRENGTHEN THEIR COMPETITIVENESS.

"IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1987, RETAINED IMPORTS OF CAPITAL GOODS GREW BY 25 PER CENT AND IMPORTS OF MACHINERY FOR USE IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR BY 20 PER CENT," HE SAID.

ON THE GOVERNMENT'S PART, MR MACLEOD SAID IT WAS ALSO PLAYING AN ACTIVE ROLE IN COMPLEMENTING THE EFFORT OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN IMPROVING THE COMPETITIVENESS OF INDUSTRY.

"THE WIDE RANGE OF INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT SERVICES BEING PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT, MAINLY THROUGH THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL, HAVE ALREADY BENEFITTED MANY MANUFACTURERS," HE SAID.

HE NOTED THAT THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT HAD RECENTLY LAUNCHED A SIX-MONTH INDUSTRIAL EXTENSION SERVICE PILOT SCHEME, WHICH ENTAILED FACTORY VISITS BY ITS STAFF, TO ENCOURAGE MANUFACTURERS TO MAKE BETTER USE OF THESE SUPPORT SERVICES.

"IT IS HOPED THAT NOT ONLY WILL THE MANUFACTURERS LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW THESE SERVICES CAN BENEFIT THEIR OPERATIONS, BUT ALSO THEY WILL PROVIDE US WITH FEEDBACK ON HOW WE CAN IMPROVE OUR SUPPORT TO THE INDUSTRY.

"A REVIEW WILL BE CARRIED OUT AT THE END OF THE PILOT SCHEME WITH A VIEW TO ESTABLISHING THE NEED AND THE SCOPE FOR A PERMANENT SCHEME," HE SAID.

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FREE TRADE A CORNERSTONE OF SUCCESS  
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PROTECTIONIST LEGISLATION WILL ONLY SERVE TO AFFECT SERIOUSLY AND ADVERSELY THE CLIMATE OF WORLD TRADE AND SLOW DOWN ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE PACIFIC RIM, THE DIRECTOR OF HONG KONG ECONOMIC AFFAIRS FOR THE WESTERN UNITED STATES, MR BILLY LAM, TOLD DELEGATES AT A MAJOR TWO-DAY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN LOS ANGELES EARLIER THIS MONTH.

THE CONFERENCE, HOSTED BY THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR, MR GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN, FOCUSSED ON THE PACIFIC RIM.

ECHOING MR DEUKMEJIAN'S CALL FOR VIGOROUS OPPOSITION TO PROTECTIONISM, MR LAM ENDORSED THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S ACTION IN INFORMING CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS OF THE DANGERS OF PROTECTIONISM.

ADDRESSING THE MULTILATERAL GATHERING OF BUSINESS LEADERS, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EDUCATORS FROM 14 PACIFIC RIM ECONOMIES, MR LAM, WHO LED THE HONG KONG DELEGATION, VOICED PARTICULAR CONCERN OVER THE TEXTILE AND APPAREL TRADE ACT RECENTLY PASSED BY THE CONGRESS AND THE DANGER THAT THIS WOULD LEAD TO THE ENACTMENT OF PROTECTIONIST LEGISLATION.

"AS A TRUE BELIEVER AND PRACTITIONER OF FREE AND FAIR TRADE, WE CALL FOR STRONG RESISTANCE TO PROTECTIONISM" MR LAM SAID. "AT THE SAME TIME WE ALSO STRONGLY URGE THE LIBERALISATION OF ALL EXISTING TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF BARRIERS."

RECOGNISING THE SENSITIVITY IN THE UNITED STATES OVER TRADE SURPLUSES, MR LAM POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG'S IMPORTS ARE AS LARGE AS ITS EXPORTS.

"INDEED, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF 1985, WE HAVE EXPERIENCED A DEFICIT IN VISIBLE TRADE SINCE 1947. THIS DEFICIT HAS BEEN BALANCED THROUGH OUR RE-EARNINGS IN SERVICES, TOURISM AND OVERSEAS INVESTMENT," HE SAID.

"OUR FREE TRADE POLICY HAS BECOME THE CORNERSTONE OF OUR ECONOMIC SUCCESS AND AUGURS WELL FOR THE PRINCIPLES OF OPEN MARKETS AND FREE COMPETITION," HE EMPHASISED.

TWO-THIRDS OF CALIFORNIA'S INTERNATIONAL TRADE IS WITH THE PACIFIC REGION WHILE HONG KONG ITSELF IS CALIFORNIA'S SIXTH LARGEST TRADING PARTNER.

CALIFORNIA, BEING THE LARGEST STATE IN THE UNITED STATES, HAS SENT 45 OUT OF A TOTAL OF 435 CONGRESSMEN TO CAPITOL HILL AND MOST OF THE CALIFORNIA DELEGATION HAS RECENTLY VOTED AGAINST THE TEXTILE BILL.

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MR DEUKMEJIAN SAID HE HAD INVITED HONG KONG AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES FROM THROUGHOUT THE PACIFIC REGION TO CALIFORNIA "TO JOIN US IN PROMOTING THE EXPANSION OF TRADE, INVESTMENT AND OTHER VITAL EXCHANGES."

MR LAM ALSO TOLD THE MEETING THAT AS A RESULT OF SMOOTH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SINO-BRITISH AGREEMENT ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG, THE TERRITORY IS EXPECTING A 12 PER CENT GROWTH IN 1987 AND WILL EVOLVE AS A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL CITY IN THE PACIFIC REGION IN THE 21ST CENTURY.

THE HONG KONG DELEGATION ALSO INCLUDED THE PRINCIPAL CONSULTANT OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION OFFICE IN SAN FRANCISCO, MR BOB ASHWORTH, AND THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE IN LOS ANGELES, MR PETER LEUNG.

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HARMONIZED SYSTEM FOR IMPORT AND EXPORT  
DECLARATION STARTS IN JANUARY

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HONG KONG WILL IMPLEMENT THE HONG KONG HARMONIZED COMMODITY DESCRIPTION AND CODING SYSTEM FOR IMPORT AND EXPORT DECLARATION PURPOSES AS FROM JANUARY 1, 1988.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE JOINTLY CONDUCTED BY THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM IS A COMMODITY DESCRIPTION AND CODING SYSTEM DEVELOPED BY THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL, AND WILL REPLACE THE STANDARD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION (SITC) SYSTEM CURRENTLY IN USE.

ACCORDING TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS, DR RICHARD BUTLER, MANY OF HONG KONG'S TRADING PARTNERS, INCLUDING THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND JAPAN PLAN TO ADOPT THE HS FOR CUSTOMS TARIFF AND STATISTICAL PURPOSES.

THE USA IS STILL AWAITING APPROVAL BY CONGRESS, BUT IT IS LIKELY TO IMPLEMENT THE NEW SYSTEM IN 1988, HE SAID.

"BY ADOPTING THE HS IN SYNCHRONISATION WITH OUR MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS, HONG KONG WILL SHARE A CUSTOMS TERMINOLOGY WITH THEM AND COMMUNICATION WITH OVERSEAS BUYERS AND SELLERS WILL BE FACILITATED," HE SAID.

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IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS ARE REQUIRED TO DECLARE THEIR IMPORT AND EXPORT SHIPMENTS ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1988 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEW CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM. THE DESCRIPTIONS AND CODES OF THE NEW SYSTEM ARE SPECIFIED IN THE HONG KONG IMPORTS AND EXPORTS CLASSIFICATION LIST (HARMONIZED SYSTEM), WHICH IS NOW ON SALE.

TO HELP USERS TO UNDERSTAND THE NEW SYSTEM, A HARMONIZED SYSTEM HANDBOOK HAS BEEN PREPARED AND IS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR SALE. THE HANDBOOK DESCRIBES METHODS OF LOCATING THE CORRECT DESCRIPTIONS AND CODES UNDER THE HONG KONG HS AND CONTAINS MANY EXAMPLES AND EXERCISES.

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR WALTER NEIL, URGED IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH THE HONG KONG HS SO THAT THEY CAN SUBMIT ACCURATE AND COMPLETE DECLARATIONS WITHIN 14 DAYS AFTER SHIPMENT, AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

HE ALSO ADVISED THEM TO NOTE RELATED AMENDMENTS TO THE IMPORT AND EXPORT (REGISTRATION) REGULATIONS.

TO ASSIST IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS IN UNDERSTANDING BETTER HOW TO USE THE NEW SYSTEM, A NUMBER OF SEMINARS HAVE BEEN ORGANISED, THE FIRST OF WHICH WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CANTONESE AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL ON NOVEMBER 27.

THE DETAILED TIMETABLE AND TICKET ORDER FORMS FOR THE SEMINARS WILL BE MAILED TO ALL IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS RECORDED ON THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT'S REGISTER. THEY CAN ALSO BE OBTAINED FROM THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE COLLECTION OFFICES OR THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

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#### EXHIBITION ON JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISABLED OPENS

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HUMAN RESOURCES WILL BE WASTED IF THE ABILITIES OF THE DISABLED ARE OVERLOOKED, THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR RON BRIDGE, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THIS IS PARTICULARLY SO WHEN HONG KONG IS ENJOYING FULL EMPLOYMENT AND ITS INDUSTRIES ARE FACING LABOUR SHORTAGES, HE ADDED.

MR BRIDGE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE SECOND "EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DISABLED" EXHIBITION ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AT THE NEW WORLD PLAZA.

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HE SAID A SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT RECENTLY SHOWED THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE EMPLOYERS CONSIDERED THE DISABLED WORKERS THEY EMPLOYED "WERE PERFORMING THEIR DUTIES SATISFACTORILY AND WERE OBEDIENT, CO-OPERATIVE, STABLE AND LOYAL".

"IN FACT, MOST DISABLED PEOPLE HAVE THE SAME SKILLS AND ABILITIES TO OFFER AS ABLE-BODIED PEOPLE WITHOUT THE NEED OF ANY SPECIAL HELP WHILE MANY OTHERS HAVE AS MUCH TO OFFER GIVEN THE PROPER VOCATIONAL TRAINING OR THE USE OF PROPER AIDS," HE STRESSED.

"I HOPE THIS WILL BRING HOME THE MESSAGE 'DEVOTED AND DILLIGENT, THE DISABLED ARE AS COMPETENT' TO OTHER EMPLOYERS IN HONG KONG."

HE ALSO REMINDED EMPLOYERS WHO HAD PURCHASED AIDS AND MADE ADAPTATION TO THEIR PREMISES OR MACHINERY FOR THE PURPOSE OF EMPLOYING THE DISABLED THAT THEY COULD APPLY FOR REIMBURSEMENT TO THE EMPLOYAID FUND WHICH IS FUNDED BY THE COMMUNITY CHEST AND ADMINISTERED BY THE EMPLOYAID SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR REHABILITATION.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WAS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY, MR CHAN SUI-KAU.

MR CHAN SAID THAT APART FROM PROVIDING TRAINING FOR THE WORKERS, THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY AND ITS TWO TRAINING CENTRES ALSO PLAYED AN ACTIVE ROLE IN TAPPING THE WORKING POTENTIAL OF THE DISABLED AND MADE GOOD USE OF THEM.

"AS FAR AS I KNOW, MANY CLOTHING MANUFACTURERS HAVE EMPLOYED DISABLED WORKERS IN VARIOUS POSTS," HE SAID.

"WHEN THEY ARE PLACED IN SUITABLE POSTS, THE DISABLED CAN BE AS EFFICIENT AS THE ABLE-BODIED."

MR CHAN ESTIMATED THAT THEY WERE OVER 40,000 JOB VACANCIES IN THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY WHICH HE SAID "DEPENDS MUCH ON THE DILIGENCE AND HIGH EFFICIENCY OF HONG KONG WORKERS".

HE CALLED UPON EMPLOYERS IN THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY AS WELL AS IN OTHER INDUSTRIES TO TAKE ON MORE DISABLED WORKERS SO AS TO SOLVE THEIR MANPOWER PROBLEMS.

HE ALSO INVITED THOSE DISABLED WORKERS WHO STILL POSSESS WORKING ABILITIES TO JOIN THE LABOUR FORCE.

THE WEEK-LONG EXHIBITION, ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND SPONSORED BY THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY, THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG GARMENT MANUFACTURERS, THE HONG KONG WOOLEN AND SYNTHETIC KNITTING MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION LTD, THE HONG KONG GARMENT MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION AND THE NEW WORLD DEVELOPMENT CO LTD, AIMS AT ENCOURAGING EMPLOYERS TO EMPLOY DISABLED PEOPLE WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

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USING AUDIO VISUAL PRESENTATIONS AND STATIC DISPLAYS, THE EXHIBITION INTRODUCES VARIOUS SERVICES WHICH THE DEPARTMENT'S SELECTIVE PLACEMENT SERVICE PROVIDES FOR DISABLED WORKERS AS WELL AS SOME OF THE POSTS WHICH ARE HELD BY THE DISABLED IN THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY.

THERE IS ALSO A DISPLAY OF MODERN TECHNICAL AIDS AND DEMONSTRATION OF THE USE BY DISABLED WORKERS.

THE EXHIBITION IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BETWEEN 11 AM AND 7 PM DAILY UNTIL NOVEMBER 4.

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#### CARE AND CONCERN IMPORTANT TO PRISONERS' REHABILITATION

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CARE AND CONCERN ARE IMPORTANT TO PRISONERS' BEHAVIOUR IN PRISON AND THEIR CHANCES OF BEING SUCCESSFULLY REHABILITATED, THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR CHAN WA-SHEK, SAID AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PRISONERS' FRIEND ASSOCIATION AT THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES HEADQUARTERS TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING IN HIS CAPACITY AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION, MR CHAN SAID TO BE A SUCCESSFUL PRISON VISITOR WAS NO EASY TASK AS THE RELATIONSHIP WITH PRISONERS MUST BE BUILT ON MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND ACCEPTANCE.

HE ADDED THAT MEMBERS OF THE PFA HAD NOT ONLY FULFILLED THEIR ROLE OVER THE PAST YEARS BUT HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN PROMOTING THE PFA'S OBJECTIVES.

"VISITS FROM MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION SQUARELY MEET THE NEED OF THOSE WHO ARE NOT SO FORTUNATE AS TO HAVE FRIENDS OR RELATIVES VISITING THEM," SAID MR CHAN.

"APART FROM PROVIDING THE PRISONERS WITH A LINK TO THE SOCIETY, SUCH VISITS ALSO ASSIST THEM IN ASSUMING A POSITIVE AND REALISTIC VIEW OF THEIR INCARCERATION," HE ADDED.

THE PFA WAS SET UP IN 1980, WITH THE AIM OF PROVIDING LINKS AND FRIENDSHIP FOR PRISONERS. ITS OBJECTIVE IS TO HELP PRISONERS FEEL THAT THEY ARE NOT SOCIALLY REJECTED AND THE OUTSIDE WORLD STILL CARES ABOUT THEM. THE ASSOCIATION HAS SOME 20 MEMBERS WHO VISIT CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS FREQUENTLY.

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SCHOOL VAN OWNERS REMINDED OF NEW RULES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED OWNERS OF SCHOOL PRIVATE LIGHT BUSES THAT FROM SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 1) THEIR VEHICLES WILL HAVE TO CARRY A CONTINUOUS, HORIZONTAL YELLOW STRIPE WHICH GOES ROUND THE VEHICLE BODY AS WELL AS TO DISPLAY A "CHILDREN" SIGN ON THE REAR.

THE NEW REQUIREMENTS ARE STIPULATED IN THE ROAD TRAFFIC (CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1987 WHICH WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ON JULY 24.

"THE NEW REQUIREMENTS WILL ENABLE OTHER ROAD USERS, IN PARTICULAR MOTORISTS, TO IDENTIFY SCHOOL BUSES MORE EASILY AND PROMPT THEM TO EXERCISE EXTRA CAUTION IN VIEW OF THE LIKELY PRESENCE OF YOUNG CHILDREN IN THE VICINITY OF THESE VEHICLES," A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

AT PRESENT, SCHOOL PRIVATE LIGHT BUSES ARE ALREADY REQUIRED BY LAW TO CARRY ON BOTH THE NEAR AND OFF SIDES OF THEIR BODIES THE WORDS "SCHOOL PRIVATE LIGHT BUS" IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE. THE ENGLISH AND CHINESE WORKING MUST BE AT LEAST 150 MM IN HEIGHT AND MUST APPEAR ON A YELLOW BACKGROUND.

HOWEVER, THERE IS NO MARKING OR SIGN TO ENABLE THESE BUSES TO BE IDENTIFIED FROM THE FRONT OR REAR.

"THIS UNDESIRABLE SITUATION IS RECTIFIED BY THE AMENDMENT REGULATIONS WHICH STATE THAT THE YELLOW BACKGROUND SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO FORM A CONTINUOUS, HORIZONTAL BAND OF A UNIFORM WIDTH OF NOT LESS THAN 200 MM ALL ROUND THE VEHICLE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

REGARDING THE "CHILDREN" SIGN TO BE DISPLAYED ON THE REAR OF THE VEHICLE, HE POINTED OUT THAT THE DESIGN, COLOUR, AND DIMENSIONS OF THE SIGN ARE SPECIFIED IN THE THIRTEENTH SCHEDULE TO THE REGULATIONS.

"THIS WARNING SIGN SHOULD BE SHOWN AGAINST THE YELLOW STRIPE ON THE REAR OF THE VEHICLE. IT MUST NOT BE PLACED ON THE REAR WINDSCREEN AS THIS MAY INTERFERE WITH THE DRIVER'S VISION THROUGH THE REAR MIRROR," HE STRESSED.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE NEW REQUIREMENTS CAN BE MADE ON 5-200933.

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BRIEFING FOR CHUK YUEN UNITED VILLAGE PROPERTY OWNERS

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THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL HOLD A MEETING WITH VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES AND AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNERS CONCERNING DANGEROUS STRUCTURES IN CHUK YUEN UNITED VILLAGE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 10 AM.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NG HON-WAH, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE BUILDING ORDINANCE OFFICE, THE POLICE, DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT WILL AGAIN EXPLAIN THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION ON THE ISSUE.

ALSO PRESENT WILL BE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS MR CHAN KAM-MAN, MR LI YUK-WA, AND MR LIU KOON-SING.

AN OPERATION WAS CARRIED OUT ON OCTOBER 16 IN CHUK YUEN UNITED VILLAGE TO IMPLEMENT CLOSURE ORDERS ISSUED BY A COURT ON AUGUST 14. SOME RESIDENTS REFUSED TO LEAVE THEIR PREMISES.

SUBSEQUENTLY, NINE OF THE 17 STRUCTURES WERE CLOSED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TO BE HELD AT 10 AM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE AT 4/F, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, KING FUK STREET, SAN PO KONG.

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GRAVE SWEEPERS WARNED OF FIRE RISKS

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PEOPLE VISITING THE GRAVES OF THEIR ANCESTORS DURING THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL PERIOD ARE REMINDED TO BE CAREFUL IN BURNING JOSS STICKS AND PAPER TRIBUTES SO THAT THEY DO NOT CAUSE FIRES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE NUMBER OF FIRES CAUSED BY THE BURNING OF JOSS STICKS AND PAPER TRIBUTES WAS ALWAYS HIGHER IN THE GRAVE-SWEEPING PERIODS OF APRIL AND OCTOBER THAN IN THE REST OF THE YEAR.

APRIL ALONE SAW 22 OUT OF 102 SUCH FIRES IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR. LAST YEAR, 62 SUCH CASES OCCURRED IN APRIL AND 84 OCCURRED IN OCTOBER OUT OF A TOTAL OF 283 CASES.

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"WORSHIPPERS MUST NOT LEAVE BURNING TRIBUTES UNATTENDED AND THESE SHOULD EVENTUALLY BE EXTINGUISHED," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO URGED PEOPLE TO EXERCISE EXTRA CARE IN PREVENTING FIRES AS THE DRY AND WINDY SEASON IS ALREADY PREVAILING.

THERE WERE 14,883 CALLS OF FIRES IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR COMPARED WITH 14,011 IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 1986, HE SAID.

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WORSHIPPERS GIVEN FIRE SAFETY ADVICE

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO TAKE EXTRA CARE WHEN BURNING MATERIALS WHEN THEY VISIT THEIR ANCESTORS' GRAVES IN THE COUNTRYSIDE DURING THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL PERIOD.

IN VIEW OF THE HIGH FIRE RISK, ANY CARELESS HANDLING OF ITEMS USED IN WORSHIPPING COULD EASILY SPARK A COUNTRYSIDE BLAZE.

THE DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR COUNTRY PARKS OFFICER, MR S.P. LAU, SAID THE RECENT SCARCITY OF RAINFALL AND DECREASING HUMIDITY MADE THE COUNTRYSIDE VERY VULNERABLE TO FIRES.

"DURING LAST WEEKEND ALONE, A TOTAL OF 10 FIRES BROKE OUT IN OR NEAR COUNTRY PARKS, DAMAGING 38 HECTARES OF PLANTATION AND 5,400 TREES," HE SAID.

"AT CHUNG YEUNG LAST YEAR, A TOTAL OF 36 FIRES WERE REPORTED, RESULTING IN 5,600 TREES AND 155 HECTARES OF PLANTATION BEING DAMAGED," MR LAU SAID.

HE SAID ALL THESE FIRES WERE CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED IF PEOPLE HAD OBSERVED A FEW SIMPLE RULES, SUCH AS:

- \* BURN WORSHIPPING ITEMS ONLY IN METAL CONTAINERS;
- \* DO NOT LEAVE LIGHTED CANDLES, JOSS STICKS AND PAPERS UNATTENDED;
- \* MAKE SURE ALL WORSHIPPING ITEMS ARE EXTINGUISHED BEFORE LEAVING THE GRAVE SITES.

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MR LAU ALSO REMINDED PICNICKERS AND COUNTRY PARK VISITORS TO LIGHT FIRES ONLY AT DESIGNATED BARBECUE SITES.

"ILLEGAL LIGHTING OF FIRES INSIDE COUNTRY PARKS MAY LEAD TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5,000 AND ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT AND A FINE UP TO \$2,000 MAY BE IMPOSED FOR CAUSING A FIRE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE," HE POINTED OUT.

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#### COMPETITION ON LIGHTING UP SHING MUN RIVER

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PEOPLE WHO HAVE BRIGHT IDEAS ABOUT HOW TO LIGHT UP SHA TIN'S SHING MUN RIVER FOR CHRISTMAS, NEW YEAR AND LUNAR NEW YEAR ARE BEING INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A COMPETITION.

UNDER A FESTIVE LIGHTING DESIGN COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S FESTIVE LIGHTING ORGANISING COMMITTEE, THE WINNING DESIGNER WILL BE AWARDED A SOUVENIR WORTH \$1,500 WHILE FIVE RUNNERS-UP WILL EACH BE AWARDED SOUVENIRS WORTH \$300.

THE FOCUS OF THE DECORATION SHOULD BE THE SAND MARTIN BRIDGE, BANYAN BRIDGE AND PROMENADES ALONG THE RIVER. THE SAND MARTIN BRIDGE AND BANYAN BRIDGE WILL BE CENTRES OF ATTENTION DURING CHRISTMAS AND LUNAR NEW YEAR RESPECTIVELY.

THE BRIDGES, WHICH ARE ABOUT 200 METRES LONG AND 30 METRES WIDE, ACCOMMODATE THREE LANES OF TRAFFIC. A MAXIMUM OF 5,000 LIGHT BULBS MAY BE USED TO DECORATE ONE BRIDGE, BUT THERE IS NO LIMITATION ON THE NUMBER OF BULBS ALONG THE RIVERSIDE PROMENADES. DESIGNERS MAY ALSO MAKE USE OF THE LIGHTING STANDS, RAILINGS AND BRIDGE ARCHES IN THEIR DESIGNS.

AS THE WINNING ENTRY WILL BE SENT DIRECTLY TO CONTRACTORS, ALL ENTRIES MUST PROVIDE DETAILED MEASUREMENTS OF THE DESIGN.

SKETCHES MUST NOT BE SMALLER THAN 21 CM X 29.5 CM (A4), WITH THE DESIGNER'S NAME, ID CARD NUMBER, ADDRESS AND CONTACT PHONE NUMBER ON THE BACK.

ENTRIES SHOULD REACH THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER NOT LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4. THE WINNERS LIST WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE SHA TIN DISTRICT STAR NEWSPAPER LATER.

FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED BY CALLING 0-6048078, EXT. 331.

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CONCERT TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY SPIRIT

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A "CIVIC CONCERT SPECTACULAR", JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE STUDENT UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG (HKU), WILL BE STAGED AT 8 PM ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, AT THE UNIVERSITY'S LOKE YEW HALL.

PROGRAMMES INCLUDE CHORAL AND SOLO SINGING, BRASS BAND AND STRING ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCES BY HKU AND VARIOUS SCHOOLS AND ORGANISATIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THE CONCERT IS AIMED AT FOSTERING STUDENTS' COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND PARTICIPATION, AND TO PROMOTE SERIOUS MUSIC.

THE FUNCTION IS CO-ORGANISED BY THE MID-LEVELS WESTERN AREA COMMITTEE AND THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) IN SUPPORT OF THE DISTRICT'S "WE CARE" ACTIVITIES.

FREE TICKETS FOR THE CONCERT ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE ON G/F, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL; ITS SUB-OFFICES IN CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND KENNEDY TOWN; WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE IN WESTERN STREET AND HKU'S STUDENT UNION.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-8523486 OR 5-8523499.

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NIGHT OF FUN, EDUCATION FOR YOUNG

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TEENAGERS IN YAU MA TEI WILL BE ABLE TO APPRECIATE DANCING AS WELL AS MESSAGES ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AT A FUNCTION TO BE HELD IN THE HENRY G. LEONG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 31) NIGHT.

THE EVENT HAS BEEN ORGANISED TO SUPPORT THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE PRESENT TO TELL PARTICIPANTS ABOUT DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION WITH A VIEW TO FOSTERING THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

"BY BLENDING ENTERTAINMENT AND CIVIC MESSAGES, THE FUNCTION WILL PROVIDE A MEANINGFUL AND HEALTHY PURSUIT FOR THE YOUNG," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FESTIVAL'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE SAID.

A LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS, AT \$10 EACH, ARE STILL AVAILABLE AT THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE AT 490 NATHAN ROAD.

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VARIETY SHOW FOR YAU MA TEI RESIDENTS

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ABOUT 10,000 YAU MA TEI RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO AN ENTERTAINING AND EDUCATIONAL VARIETY SHOW AT THE HONG KONG COLISEUM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) EVENING.

THE EVENT, FEATURING PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGERS, IS A HIGHLIGHT OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

THE TWO-HOUR SHOW WILL CENTRE ON THE FESTIVAL'S THEME OF KNOWING THE DISTRICT AND PARTICIPATING IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS.

OFFICIATING AT THE SHOW'S OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE BROWN GATE ENTRANCE OF THE COLISEUM AT 7.30 PM.

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COMPETITION CENTRES ON ROAD SAFETY

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A QUIZ CROSSWORD PUZZLE COMPETITION ON ROAD SAFETY IS AMONG THE MANY ACTIVITIES UNDERWAY IN TSUEN WAN TO REINFORCE THE DISTRICT'S ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN.

THE COMPETITION IS CENTRED ON DRAWING ROAD USERS' ATTENTION TO SAFETY ASPECTS.

ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICES CENTRES OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE TSUEN WAN POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICE.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS NOVEMBER 15. WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE AWARDED BOOK COUPONS.

MEANWHILE, THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN HAS ALREADY APPROACHED SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT SEEKING PARTICIPATION IN A POSTER-DESIGN AND COLOURING COMPETITION.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE A TELE-MATCH GAMES DAY IN MID-DECEMBER. ON THAT DAY, THERE WILL BE ROAD SAFETY DISPLAYS, BAND PERFORMANCES AND PRESENTATION OF PRIZES TO WINNERS IN THE SERIES OF COMPETITIONS.

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FISHERMEN READY FOR STUDY TOUR

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THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, TODAY (THURSDAY) PRESENTED A BANNER TO A DELEGATION OF NINE CHAMPION FISHERMEN AND FISHERMEN'S LEADERS WHO WILL LEAVE ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 2) FOR AUSTRALIA ON A 10-DAY STUDY TOUR.

ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION, THE STUDY TOUR IS THE SIXTH TO BE UNDERTAKEN SINCE 1981. SINGAPORE, SOUTH KOREA, JAPAN, GUANGZHOU, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND NORWAY WERE VISITED EARLIER.

DR LEE SAID THE TOURS PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FISHERMEN TO VISIT OTHER COUNTRIES TO SEE THEIR MODERN FISHING TECHNOLOGY AND MARKETING SYSTEMS AND TO SHARE EXPERIENCES WITH OTHER FISHERMEN.

"I HOPE THEY WILL MAKE USE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN UP-TO-DATE FISHING KNOWLEDGE AND TO SHARE THE EXPERIENCE WITH THEIR FELLOW FISHERMEN WHEN THEY RETURN," DR LEE SAID.

THE DELEGATION WILL VISIT THE QUEENSLAND FISH MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, FISH MARKETS IN BRISBANE AND SYDNEY, FISHING EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS IN CAIRNS AND SYDNEY AND A MARITIME COLLEGE IN LAUNCESTON, TASMANIA.

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SPORTS FESTIVAL FOR TSUEN WAN RESIDENTS

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SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS AND TSUEN WAN RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO A SERIES OF SPORTS ACTIVITIES DURING THE MONTH-LONG NINTH TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL WHICH STARTS ON NOVEMBER 7.

VISITING TEAMS FROM CHINA WILL GIVE A NUMBER OF PERFORMANCES DURING THE FESTIVAL.

EVENTS RANGING FROM FOOTBALL TO GO-KART RACING WILL BE HELD IN VARIOUS VENUES THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT UNTIL EARLY DECEMBER. SOME EVENTS WILL BE FOR THE HANDICAPPED AND THE ELDERLY.

PARTICIPANTS OF THE SPORTS NURTURE SCHEME ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD WILL ALSO TAKE PART.

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THE FESTIVAL, A MAJOR ANNUAL ACTIVITY IN TSUEN WAN, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, REGIONAL COUNCIL, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE FEDERATION OF TSUEN WAN DISTRICT SPORTS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NINTH TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL, MR CHAU HOW-CHEN, WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE FESTIVAL IN THE MAXIM'S RESTAURANT, AT LUK YEUNG SUN CHUEN, TSUEN WAN MTR STATION AT NOON TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

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TRAFFIC, TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL.

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT SPECIAL TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES FOR THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL.

SHAM SHUI PO  
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WING MING STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC DAILY BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 31) AND SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 1).

VEHICLES HEADING FOR THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CEMETERY WILL HAVE TO USE CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YEE KUK WEST STREET AND KING LAM STREET.

AT THE SAME TIME, ON-STREET PARKING SPACES IN YU CHAU WEST STREET, KING LAM STREET, WING HONG STREET, YEE KUK WEST STREET AND TAI NAN WEST STREET WILL BE SUSPENDED.

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AS CONGESTION IS EXPECTED AT THE JUNCTION OF HAMMER HILL ROAD AND LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, DRIVERS HEADING FOR THE HAMMER HILL CEMETERY ARE ADVISED TO USE LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, PO KONG VILLAGE INTERCHANGE AND PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD. NO PARKING SPACES WILL BE PROVIDED ON PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD AND HAMMER HILL ROAD.

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THE NORTHERN NULLAH-BUND ROAD FROM TAI KEI LENG TO TAI SHU HA WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY EASTBOUND, WHILE THE SOUTHERN NULLAH-BUND ROAD WILL BECOME ONE-WAY WESTBOUND BETWEEN 7 AM AND 10 PM ON SATURDAY.

AS A RESULT, NT GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE NO. 73 ON ITS JOURNEY TO YUEN LONG TOWN WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE SOUTHERN NULLAH-BUND ROAD.

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THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS IN WO HOP SHEK WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 4 AM AND 8 PM ON SATURDAY, SUNDAY AND NOVEMBER 8:

- \* THE SECTION OF WO HOP SHEK ROAD FROM WO HOP SHEK MINI-ROUNDAABOUT TO ITS JUNCTION WITH ROAD D6 WILL BE CLOSED TO PRIVATE CARS (INCLUDING VEHICLES ACCOMPANYING HEARSEs), EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES, HEARSEs, FRANCHISED BUSES, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, TAXIS AND COACHES CARRYING PASSENGERS. THE SAME ROAD SECTION WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND FRANCHISED BUSES BETWEEN 4 AM AND 7 AM ON THE SAME DAYS.
- \* THE SECTION OF WO HOP SHEK ROAD BEYOND ITS JUNCTION WITH ROAD D6 WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES.
- \* KIU TAU ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC (INCLUDING VEHICLES ACCOMPANYING HEARSEs), EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND HEARSEs.

IN ADDITION, BETWEEN 7 AM AND 6 PM ON THE SAME DAYS, THE SLIP ROAD AT WO HOP SHEK CONNECTION FROM NORTHBOUND NT TRUNK ROAD LEADING TO WO HOP SHEK MINI-ROUNDAABOUT WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC, EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND FRANCHISED BUSES.

ALSO BETWEEN 7 AM AND 6 PM ON THE SAME DAYS, FANLING PLAYGROUND ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, GREEN MINIBUSES, EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND VEHICLES FOR LOCAL ACCESS. AT THE SAME TIME, THE FANLING KCR STATION FORECOURT WILL BE CLOSED AT ITS ACCESS FROM ROAD D5 TO ALL VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, GREEN MINIBUSES AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES.

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LO WAI ROAD BETWEEN LO WAI BUS TERMINUS AND YUEN YUEN HOK YUEN WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC DAILY BETWEEN 7 AM AND 4 PM FROM FRIDAY (OCTOBER 30) TO SUNDAY AND ON NOVEMBER 8. DURING THE CLOSURE, THE LO WAI END TERMINATING POINT FOR NT GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES NO. 81 AND 81M WILL BE RELOCATED TO THE LO WAI BUS TERMINUS.

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IN ADDITION, THE OLD ACCESS ROAD TO TSUEN WAN CEMETERY FROM TEXACO ROAD IN TSUEN WAN IS NOW CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TSING YI NORTH BRIDGE, AND THE NEW ACCESS TO THE CEMETERY IS VIA WING SHUN STREET IN KWAI CHUNG. HOWEVER, WING SHUN STREET AT ITS JUNCTION WITH KWAI HEI STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND HEARSE DAILY BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM FROM FRIDAY TO SUNDAY AND ON NOVEMBER 8.

MEANWHILE, A ROAD CLOSURE MEASURE WILL BE IMPLEMENTED BY POLICE AT THE JUNCTION OF WING SHUN STREET, KWAI HEI STREET AND KWAI YUE STREET. GRAVE-SWEEPERS ARE ADVISED TO TAKE THE MTR AND ALIGHT AT KWAI FONG STATION.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES

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- \* FROM 7 AM TO 9 AM AND FROM 5 PM TO 7 PM ON SATURDAY, SUNDAY AND NOVEMBER 8, TRAIN SERVICES WILL BE STRENGTHENED AND OPERATE AT FANLING AT FIVE-MINUTE INTERVALS. TRAIN SERVICES WILL OPERATE AT ABOUT EIGHT-MINUTE INTERVALS FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON THE SAME DAYS.
  - \* ON THE SAME DAYS, A SPECIAL SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE, ROUTE 70R, WILL OPERATE BETWEEN FANLING KCR STATION AND WO HOP SHEK AT ABOUT THREE-MINUTE INTERVALS. THE FARE WILL BE \$1.20 FOR A SINGLE JOURNEY.
  - \* ANOTHER SPECIAL BUS SERVICE, ROUTE 70S, WILL OPERATE BETWEEN JORDAN ROAD FERRY BUS TERMINUS AND WO HOP SHEK VIA TOLO HIGHWAY ON BOTH SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. THIS SPECIAL SERVICE WILL OPERATE AT ABOUT SIX-MINUTE INTERVALS AT A FARE OF \$4.50.
  - \* MEANWHILE, KMB ROUTES NO. 70, 70K, 70X, 73 AND 73A WILL ALSO BE STRENGTHENED.
  - \* GRAVE-SWEEPERS WISHING TO GO TO SANDY RIDGE CAN TAKE THE REGULAR BUS SERVICES, ROUTE 73K, PLYING BETWEEN SHEUNG SHUI AND SAN UK LING OR THE TRAIN SERVICE TO LO WU.

ADVICE TO MOTORISTS AND GRAVE-SWEEPERS

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MOTORISTS TRAVELLING FROM THE SOUTH AND WISHING TO VISIT WO HOP SHEK ARE ADVISED TO USE TAI WO SERVICE ROAD (WEST) AT HONG LOK YUEN. GRAVE-SWEEPERS ARE ADVISED TO FOLLOW THE PEDESTRIAN ROUTE FROM THE SOUTH SIDE OF FANLING KCR STATION AND TO USE THE FOOTPATH ALONGSIDE THE SECTION OF NT TRUNK ROAD, ROAD D6 AND ROAD L100.

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NEW STAMPS DEPICT HISTORICAL COSTUMES

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A SET OF SPECIAL STAMPS FEATURING FOUR HISTORICAL CHINESE COSTUMES WILL BE ISSUED ON NOVEMBER 18, A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE STAMPS ARE IN DENOMINATIONS OF 50 CENTS, \$1.30, \$1.70 AND \$5.

THE SPECIAL STAMPS TO BE ISSUED ARE:

- \* 50 CENTS CASUAL DRESS WITH FRINGED HEM OF THE WEI, JIN, AND THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN DYNASTIES (AD 220-589)
- \* \$1.30 TWO-PIECE, HALF-ARM AND WRAP OF THE SUI, TANG AND THE FIVE DYNASTIES (AD 581-960)
- \* \$1.70 BIG-SLEEVE GRAND DRESS AND LONG SKIRT OF THE SUNG DYNASTY (AD 960-1279)
- \* \$5 MANCHU EMPRESS COSTUME (AD 1644-1911)

IN ADDITION, A SET OF FOUR POSTCARDS, BEING ENLARGEMENTS OF EACH STAMP, WILL BE ISSUED WITH THIS STAMP ISSUE.

THE STAMPS AND POSTCARDS, DESIGNED BY MRS SUMIKO DAVIES, WERE PRINTED IN AUSTRALIA BY THE CPE AUSTRALIA LTD.

THE STAMPS WILL BE DISPLAYED AT THE PHILATELIC CENTRE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE AND IN THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE FROM OCTOBER 31 AND AT LEVEL 4 ROTUNDA OF THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN PLAZA FROM OCTOBER 31 TO NOVEMBER 1.

OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVERS AT 50 CENTS EACH AND POSTCARDS AT \$1 EACH WILL BE ON SALE AT ALL POST OFFICES ON NOVEMBER 2.

ADVANCE ORDERS FOR FIRST DAY TREATMENT OF FIRST DAY COVERS AND POSTCARDS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM NOVEMBER 2 TO 13 AT ALL POST OFFICES.

THE MINIMUM QUANTITY PER ORDER IS FIVE FIRST DAY COVERS AND/OR POSTCARDS. CUSTOMERS WISHING TO AVOID CONGESTION ON THE FIRST DAY OF ISSUE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE USE OF THIS ADVANCE ORDER SERVICE.

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF CUSTOMERS, FIRST DAY COVERS AND SETS OF POSTCARDS PRE-AFFIXED WITH A SET OF THE STAMPS AND CANCELLED WITH THE PHILATELIC BUREAU DATESTAMP WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT DESIGNATED COUNTERS OF THE FOLLOWING OFFICES ON NOVEMBER 18:

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BEACONSFIELD HOUSE POST OFFICE, CAUSEWAY BAY POST OFFICE,  
GENERAL POST OFFICE, TSAT TSZ MUI POST OFFICE, PEAK POST OFFICE.

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AIRPORT POST OFFICE, GRANVILLE ROAD POST OFFICE, KOWLOON  
CENTRAL POST OFFICE, CHEUNG SHA WAN POST OFFICE, TSIM SHA TSUI POST  
OFFICE.

THE "SERVICED" FIRST DAY COVERS WILL BE SOLD AT \$10 EACH AND  
THE "SERVICED" POSTCARDS AT \$13.50 PER SET.

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SERVICE INSTALLATIONS FOR NT REGIONAL POLICE HQ

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CONTRACTS WORTH \$29 MILLION FOR BUILDING SERVICES  
INSTALLATIONS FOR A 14-STOUREY NEW TERRITORIES REGIONAL POLICE  
HEADQUARTERS NOW BEING BUILT IN TAI PO HAVE BEEN AWARDED BY THE  
ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE FOUR CONTRACTS INCLUDE \$13.78 MILLION FOR AIR-CONDITIONING,  
\$7.26 MILLION FOR THE ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION, \$4.38 MILLION FOR  
LIFTS AND \$3.69 MILLION FOR THE FIRE SERVICE INSTALLATION.

WORK ON THE INSTALLATIONS WILL START IN NOVEMBER AND IS  
EXPECTED TO BE FINISHED IN MAY, 1989, COINCIDING WITH COMPLETION OF  
THE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE HEADQUARTERS BEGAN TWO MONTHS AGO. IT IS  
SITUATED ON A 7,700-SQUARE-METRE SITE NEAR SUN HING GARDEN PRIVATE  
SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME DEVELOPMENT.

THE HEADQUARTERS WILL INCLUDE A COMPOUND, A PARADE/INSPECTION  
AREA AND A RANGE OF SINGLE-STOUREY ANCILLARY BUILDINGS. THE MAIN  
BUILDING WILL HAVE OFFICES; INTERVIEW, CONFERENCE AND REPORT ROOMS;  
CONTROL/COMMUNICATION CENTRES; COMPUTER ROOMS; DORMITORIES; AND  
LOCKER AND REST ROOMS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE AN INDOOR SHOOTING RANGE AND A  
MULTI-PURPOSE HALL WHICH CAN BE TURNED INTO A GYMNASIUM OR AN  
ASSEMBLY HALL.

THE SINGLE-STOUREY ANCILLARY BUILDINGS WILL BE USED AS  
WORKSHOPS AND FOR STORAGE.

A TOTAL OF 25,670 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA WILL BE  
AVAILABLE IN THE BUILDINGS.

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SITE FORMATION WORK IN SHEUNG SHUI

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A NEW VILLAGE-TYPE DEVELOPMENT AREA, OF ABOUT 1.5 HECTARES, IS TO BE FORMED IN SHEUNG SHUI.

THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR SITE FORMATION TO THE NORTH OF SHEUNG SHUI TSUEN.

THE WORKS ALSO COMPRISE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 600-METRE LOCAL DISTRIBUTOR ROAD BETWEEN JOCKEY CLUB ROAD AND A RECENTLY COMPLETED NEW ROAD, CARPARKS AND ACCESS ROADS.

A FLOOD STORAGE POND, STORMWATER DRAINS AND A SEWAGE PUMPING STATION WILL ALSO BE BUILT.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN JANUARY AND BE COMPLETED IN 18 MONTHS.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IN NOON ON NOVEMBER 20.

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STRIKE IN ITALY DELAYS AIRMAIL

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OWING TO A STRIKE BY AIRLINE STAFF AT ITALIAN AIRPORTS, SPEEDPOST AND AIRMAIL SERVICES TO ITALY ARE AFFECTED, A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEEDPOST AND AIRMAIL ITEMS SENT TO AND FROM ITALY ARE THEREFORE SUBJECT TO DELAY, HE SAID.

THE PUBLIC WILL BE FURTHER ADVISED AS SOON AS THE SITUATION RETURNS TO NORMAL, HE ADDED.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS ON HK ISLAND

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FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 31), TWO 7 AM TO 10 AM AND 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS WILL BE REVISED TO 24 HOURS DAILY. THEY ARE :

- \* THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF KING'S ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI KOO SHING ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 90 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION, AND
- \* THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF SHAU KEI WAN ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI KOO SHING ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

THE RESTRICTIONS WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT 17 MONTHS TO FACILITATE SLOPE WORKS.

ALL VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONES FOR GOODS OR PASSENGERS.

TO FACILITATE THE OPENING OF THE FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN, EDINBURGH PLACE NORTH BETWEEN QUEEN'S PIER AND HMS TAMAR WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON THE SAME DAY.

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ROAD CLOSURE IN TUEN MUN

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TO FACILITATE DRAINAGE WORKS, THE SECTION OF ROAD 16A BETWEEN ROAD 16E AND ROAD 16F IN AREA 16, TUEN MUN, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 2) FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS.

AFFECTED VEHICLES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA ROAD 16E, ROAD 16C AND ROAD 16F.

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