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INTEGRATED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM FOR POLICE

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THE POLICE FORCE PLANS TO INSTALL AN INTEGRATED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM WHICH WILL UPGRADE THE CURRENT BEAT RADIO SCHEME AND EXTEND PORTABLE RADIO COVERAGE TO AREAS NOT NOW COVERED. IT FORMS PART OF THE SECOND GENERATION COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM (CC II).

THE SYSTEM WILL ALSO REPLACE MOST OF THE OTHER EXISTING ULTRA HIGH FREQUENCY (UHF) AND VERY HIGH FREQUENCY (VHF) NETWORKS FOR UNIFORMED OFFICERS ON FOOT, IN VEHICLES OR DEPLOYED IN AN INTERNAL SECURITY ROLE.

THE PROJECT WILL COST ABOUT $200 MILLION.

"A PREQUALIFICATION EXERCISE FOR TENDERING BEGAN AT THE END OF 1985, AND COMPANIES AROUND THE WORLD WERE ASKED TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS," SAID ACTING SENIOR STAFF OFFICER LEUNG CHING-BIU, OF THE COMMAND CONTROL AND NEW POLICE PROJECT DIVISION, COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH.

"BY AUGUST LAST YEAR, TEN COMPANIES HAD SUBMITTED PROPOSALS. AFTER SIX MONTHS OF EVALUATION AND STUDY, WE HAD COMPILED THE OPERATIONAL AND TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS AND THE DRAFT CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.

"DURING THE EVALUATION PERIOD, A TEAM OF ENGINEERS AND OFFICERS SPECIALISING IN PARTICULAR SUBJECTS WAS FORMED TO UNDERTAKE THE TASK.

"THERE WAS A LOT OF WORK INVOLVED. IF YOU STACK ALL THE DOCUMENTATION IN A PILE IT WOULD BE OVER 20 FEET HIGH.

"THREE COMPANIES WITH THE POTENTIAL TO WIN THE CONTRACT HAVE RECENTLY BEEN SELECTED, AND THEY ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS. THE COMPANIES ARE FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM, CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

"THE THREE COMPANIES WILL BASE THEIR SPECIFICATIONS ON THE OPERATIONAL AND TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS. THEY WILL BE ABLE TO CONSULT OFFICERS IN THIS BRANCH. WE HAVE LISTED A NUMBER OF OFFICERS SPECIALISING IN VARIOUS SUBJECTS WHO WILL ASSIST THEM WITH QUESTIONS."

THE FURTHER AREAS WHICH THE NEW SYSTEM WILL COVER INCLUDE CHEUNG CHAU, LANTAU ISLAND, LAMMA ISLAND AND PING CHAU; STANLEY AND SHEK O ON HONG KONG ISLAND; ALL POPULATED -AREAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES INCLUDING FRONTIER; AND JUNK BAY AND SAI KUNG IN KOWLOON REGION.

THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY 1990. THERE WILL THEN BE 6,000 BEAT RADIOS IN USE, DOUBLE THE PRESENT NUMBER.

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MEETING HELD ON MIDI-BUS ROUTES

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR JAMES SO, HELD A MEETING THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS (PLB), GREEN MINIBUS (GMB) AND PUBLIC OMNIBUS ASSOCIATIONS TO DISCUSS THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY'S PROPOSED USE OF 24-SEATER BUSES TO RUN ON EXISTING FRANCHISED BUS ROUTES 90 AND 208.

THE REPRESENTATIVES WANTED TO KNOW THE REASON FOR GRANTING APPROVAL TO KMB FOR THE USE OF THE 24-SEATER BUSES IN PLACE OF THE REGULAR BUSES. THEY URGED THAT KMB'S PROPOSAL TO USE MIDI-BUSES ON THE TWO ROUTES SHOULD BE FROZEN AND SOUGHT ASSURANCE THAT IN FUTURE NO SUCH TYPE OF BUSES WOULD BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE ON OTHER ROUTES OF FRANCHISED BUS COMPANIES.

MR SO EXPLAINED THAT THE INITIATIVE TO USE SMALLER, MORE COMFORTABLE AND AIR-CONDITIONED BUSES ON THE TWO ROUTES CAME FROM KMB BECAUSE IT WAS UNECONOMICAL TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE REGULAR BUSES ON THESE ROUTES.

THE COMPANY WANTED TO WITHDRAW ITS SERVICE FROM ONE OF THE ROUTES BUT THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD STRONGLY OBJECTED. THE DB, HOWEVER, SUPPORTED THE USE OF 24-SEATER, AIR-CONDITIONED BUSES ALTHOUGH THE FARES FOR THE ROUTE WOULD BE MORE EXPENSIVE THAN AT PRESENT.

THE COMMISSIONER EMPHASISED THAT THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC ALSO WELCOMED THE CONTINUATION OF THE SERVICE WITH SMALLER BUSES.

MR SO STRESSED THAT THE APPROVAL GIVEN TO KMB DID NOT MEAN THAT A NEW POLICY HAD BEEN INTRODUCED.

"IT IS SIMPLY BECAUSE THE CONVENTIONAL BUSES OPERATING ON THESE TWO ROUTES ARE NOW COMING TO THE END OF THEIR WORKING LIFE AND NEED TO BE REPLACED," HE SAID.

"THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, AFTER CAREFULLY CONSIDERING KMB'S APPLICATION, ACCEPTS THAT THE 24-SEATER BUSES ARE THE MOST ECONOMICAL AND SUITABLE TO OPERATE ON THESE ROUTES," HE CONTINUED.

MR SO SAID, HOWEVER, THAT NO APPLICATION TO USE SMALLER BUSES TO OPERATE NEW ROUTES WOULD BE ENTERTAINED UNTIL THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAD BEEN CONSULTED ON THE MATTER. OPERATORS WOULD ALSO BE CONSULTED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT'S REGULAR CONFERENCES WITH THE TRADE.

FURTHERMORE, MR SO REASSURED THE REPRESENTATIVES THAT THE GOVERNMENT FULLY RECOGNISED THAT GMB'S AND PLB'S HAD A USEFUL ROLE TO PLAY IN HONG KONG'S PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEM AND WOULD CONTINUE TO IDENTIFY SUITABLE ROUTES FOR OPERATION BY GMB'S.

HONG KONG PACKAGING DESIGNS POPULAR

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WHILE A LOT OF HONG KONG'S PACKAGING CONTINUES TO BE MADE ACCORDING TO BUYER'S DESIGNS AND SPECIFICATIONS, THERE ARE INCREASING OPPORTUNITIES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR HONG KONG DESIGNS TO BE USED, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR A.G. EASON SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE INTERNATIONAL PACKAGING AND PRINTING MACHINERY MATERIAL EXHIBITION 1987, MR EASON SAID MANUFACTURERS CAN BEST TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION BY KEEPING ABREAST OF THE LATEST TRADE AND TECHNOLOGY IN PACKAGING.

HE SAID GOOD PACKAGING NEED NOT INCREASE THE COST OF OUR PRODUCTS, INDEED IT CAN SAVE MONEY BY PREVENTING BREAKAGES, LOWERING INSURANCE COSTS AND CLAIMS, REDUCING SHIPPING SPACE AND CUTTING DOWN ON MANUAL HANDLING THROUGHOUT THE DISTRIBUTION NETWORK.

"IN 1986, HONG KONG IMPORTED OVER $280 MILLIONS' WORTH OF PACKAGING MATERIAL AND MORE THAN $170 MILLIONS' WORTH OF PACKAGING MACHINERY, AN INCREASE OF OVER 30 PER CENT IN BOTH CASES AS COMPARED WITH 1985.

"FOR THE BENEFIT OF MANUFACTURERS WHO NEED DETAILS OF STANDARDS IMPOSED BY OVERSEAS AUTHORITIES, THE PRODUCT STANDARDS INFORMATION BUREAU OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT PROVIDES INFORMATION AND ANSWERS ENQUIRIES ABOUT PACKAGING AND OTHER STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS IN HONG KONG'S OVERSEAS MARKETS.

"THE NUMBER OF ENQUIRIES HANDLED BY THE BUREAU HAS GROWN FROM 25 IN 1984 TO 520 IN 1986 AND 550 IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1987, INDICATING THAT MORE HONG KONG MANUFACTURERS ARE BECOMING AWARE OF ITS SERVICES."

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HONG KONG-SWEDEN TEXTILES AGREEMENT SIGNED

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REPRESENTATIVES OF HONG KONG AND SWEDEN GOVERNMENTS TODAY (FRIDAY) SIGNED A NEW FIVE-YEAR TEXTILES AGREEMENT.

THE AGREEMENT, WHICH WILL RUN FROM SEPTEMBER 1, WAS SIGNED BY THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR K.Y. YEUNG, AND THE ACTING SWEDISH CONSUL-GENERAL, MRS CATHARINA KIPP.

/THE AGREEMENT .....

THE AGREEMENT WAS INITIALLED IN HONG KONG IN JUNE. IN 1986 OVER 90 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL EXPORTS OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING TO SWEDEN WAS COVERED BY QUOTA AND 0.4 PER CENT BY EXPORT AUTHORISATIONS.

THE NEW AGREEMENT, WHICH WILL RUN UNTIL AUGUST 31, 1992, COVERS 14 TEXTILE AND CLOTHING CATEGORIES (TO BE REDUCED TO 13 FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 1990). ANNUAL GROWTH RANGES FROM ONE PER CENT TO FOUR PER CENT, BASED ON 1986/87 RESTRAINT LIMITS PLUS GROWTH.

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NEW I.D. CARDS FOR MEN BORN IN 1965/66

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT MEN BORN IN 1965 AND 1966 WILL HAVE TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS FROM SEPTEMBER 1 TO OCTOBER 10.

THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID: "WITHIN THE SIX WEEKS, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT ABOUT 106,769 PEOPLE HAVE TO APPLY FOR A NEW I.D. CARD."

"MEN OF THIS AGE GROUP CAN GO TO THE EIGHT NEW I.D. CARD ISSUE OFFICES TO RENEW THEIR CARDS", HE SAID.

APPLICANTS ARE WELCOME TO USE THE PHONE-IN SERVICE TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING THE OFFICE OF THEIR CHOICE.

THE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

HONG KONG : BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI.
TEL. NO. 5-747070

EAST KOWLOON : AMOY GARDEN PLAZA, 2ND FLOOR,
77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD.
TEL. NO. 3-7553679

WEST KOWLOON : CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 2ND FLOOR,
393 CANTON ROAD, YAU MA TEI.
TEL. NO. 3-7232424

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TSUEN WAN	: EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, 29-37 TSUEN FU STREET. TEL. NO. 0-4981259
SHA TIN	: SHATIN CENTRE, PODIUM FLOOR, 2-16 WANG POK STREET. TEL. NO. 0-6059108
YUEN LONG	: HOP YICK CENTRE, 2ND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK ROAD. TEL. NO. 0-793291
TUEN MUN	: CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, CHI LOK FA YUEN. TEL. NO. 0-4580862
SHEUNG SHUI	: TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR, 82-84 SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI. TEL. NO. 0-927155

THESE OFFICES ARE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM DAILY, EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REMINDED MEN BORN IN 1967 AND 1968 TO APPLY FOR A NEW I.D. CARD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS THERE IS ONLY ONE MORE WEEK FOR THIS GROUP OF APPLICANTS TO RENEW THEIR I.D. CARDS.

HE SAID: "THE END-DATE IS AUGUST 28. ANYONE IN THAT AGE GROUP WHO IS STILL HOLDING AN OLD I.D. CARD SHOULD APPLY IMMEDIATELY AS THEIR OLD CARDS WILL SOON BE DECLARED INVALID."

HE STRESSED THAT ANYONE FOUND TO BE IN POSSESSION OF AN INVALID I.D. CARD WOULD BE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION.

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CYC 10TH ANNIVERSARY CAMP AT WU KAI SHA

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SOME 650 MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB (CYC) WILL ATTEND A FOUR-DAY CAMP AT WU KAI SHA YOUTH VILLAGE TO MARK THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CYC SCHEME FROM TUESDAY (AUGUST 25) TO FRIDAY (AUGUST 28).

ALSO ATTENDING THE ANNIVERSARY CAMP ARE 52 TEACHERS WHO WILL BE THE CAMP WARDENS PROVIDING PARTICIPANTS WITH LEADERSHIP TRAINING AND PROMOTING CIVIC AWARENESS AMONG CYC MEMBERS.

/THE CAMP .....

THE CAMP IS ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR CYC MEMBERS DURING SUMMER HOLIDAYS WITH VARIOUS PROGRAMMES INCLUDING RECREATIONAL AND ORIENTEERING ACTIVITIES, COMPETITIONS, A FOLK DANCE NIGHT, VARIETY SHOWS, FILM SHOW AND CAMP FIRE.

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR DAVID LAN, WILL OFFICIATE AT AN OPENING CEREMONY BEFORE TOURING THE CAMP TO SEE THE ACTIVITIES PROVIDED FOR THE CYC MEMBERS ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 26) AFTERNOON.

TO HIGHLIGHT THE CEREMONY, THERE WILL BE THE BUILDING OF A GIANT WOODEN BIRTHDAY CAKE BY CYC MEMBERS, DRAGON DANCE BY DE LA SALLE SECONDARY COLLEGE, NEW TERRITORIES, A MARCHING BAND FROM YUEN LONG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRIMARY NO. 2 SCHOOL AND DANCE PERFORMANCE BY KAU YAN COLLEGE AND REPRESENTATIVES OF 19 CYC DISTRICTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE EVENT AT 4 PM ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 26). FOR TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS, PLEASE CONTACT THE INFORMATION OFFICE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT 5-8392632 DURING OFFICE HOURS TOMORROW (SATURDAY) MORNING AND MONDAY (AUGUST 24).

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SPECIAL STAMPS TO BE ISSUED

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A SET OF SPECIAL STAMPS - HONG KONG MEDICAL CENTENARY - WILL BE ISSUED ON SEPTEMBER 8 TO COMMEMORATE THE CENTENARY OF BOTH THE ALICE HO MIU LING NETHERSOLE HOSPITAL AND THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

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

THE STAMPS WERE DESIGNED BY MR ALEX FUNG AND WERE PRINTED IN THE U.K. BY WALSALL SECURITY PRINTERS LTD.

OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVERS AT 50 CENTS EACH WILL BE PUT ON SALE ON AUGUST 24.

ADVANCE ORDERS FOR FIRST DAY CANCELLATION OF FIRST DAY COVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM AUGUST 24 TO 27 AT ALL POST OFFICES.

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THE MINIMUM QUANTITY PER ORDER IS FIVE. 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 PRE-AFFIXED WITH A SET OF THE STAMPS AND CANCELLED WITH THE PHILATELIC BUREAU DATESTAMP WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT $10 EACH AT DESIGNATED COUNTERS AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES ON SEPTEMBER 8:-

HONG KONG ISLAND

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

KOWLOON

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

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'KEEP UP GOOD WORK' CALL FROM RETIRING FIRE CHIEF

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THE RETIRING DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR ROBERT HOLMES, TODAY (FRIDAY) TOLD A GROUP OF NEWLY GRADUATED FIREMEN TO KEEP UP THE GOOD REPUTATION OF THE DEPARTMENT WHICH WAS HARD-EARNED BY THEIR SENIOR COLLEAGUES.

MR HOLMES WAS SPEAKING FOR THE LAST TIME AS REVIEWING OFFICER AT A PASSING-OUT PARADE OF 20 FIREMEN, 11 FIRE OFFICERS AND FOUR AMBULANCE OFFICERS INCLUDING FIVE OFFICERS FROM THE SULTANATE STATE OF BRUNEI AT THE FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL IN PAT HEUNG.

"I HAVE SEEN, AND MORE IMPORTANT, BEEN, A PART OF RAISING THE STANDARDS OF THIS SERVICE FROM A 400-ODD ESTABLISHMENT WORKING WITH ANTIQUATED EQUIPMENT TO ITS PRESENT 6,700-ODD COMPLEMENT OF UNIFORMED MEMBERS WITH MODERN EQUIPMENT AND APPLIANCES, AND I REPEAT, WITH A HARD-EARNED REPUTATION.

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"YOU ARE PART OF THE FUTURE OF THIS SERVICE - DON'T LET US VETERAN MEMBERS DOWN," MR HOLMES SAID.

WITH MIXED FEELINGS OF JOY AND SADNESS, MR HOLMES SAID IT WAS A PLEASURE "TO SEE HOW OUR STANDARDS, OUR NAME AND REPUTATION WILL CONTINUE TO GROW IN THE EYES OF THOSE WE SERVE, THAT IS THE PUBLIC OF HONG KONG, AND IN THOSE OF OUR COLLEAGUES OUTSIDE HONG KONG.

"AND WITH THAT WEE TING OF SADNESS IN KNOWING THAT AS I STAND HERE IT WILL BE MY LAST TIME AS A REVIEWING OFFICER TO OUR OWN SERVICE.

"YOU SHOULD REMEMBER THIS DAY FOR MANY YEARS TO COME, IF NOT FOREVER - INDEED AS I REMEMBER MY OWN PASSING-OUT PARADE IN DECEMBER 1951, CONDUCTED IN SCOTLAND, IN SNOW, HAIL, RAIN AND ICE!"

"YOU HAVE ENTERED A SERVICE WITH A FIRST CLASS REPUTATION, BOTH IN HONG KONG AND ABROAD - SO REMEMBER THAT YOU EACH REPRESENT THIS SERVICE WHEREVER YOU GO AND WHATEVER YOU DO, AND THE SERVICE SHALL BE JUDGED BY YOUR WORDS AND ACTIONS," MR HOLMES REMINDED THE GRADUATES.

MR HOLMES TOLD THEM THAT AS A MEMBER OF THE SERVICE FOR SOME 30 YEARS HE ENJOYED EVERY MINUTE OF HIS WORK.

"THIS YEAR AS YOU ARE ALL AWARE, OR SHOULD BE BY THIS TIME, IS MY LAST YEAR AS DIRECTOR - IN FACT AT THIS POINT IN TIME I, OR I SHOULD REALLY SAY, WE, HAVE 107 DAYS AND SOME 10 HOURS BEFORE WE LEAVE HONG KONG ON DECEMBER 6.

MR HOLMES ALSO PRESENTED THE BEST RECRUIT AWARDS TO PROBATIONARY STATION OFFICER CHENG WOON-KIT AND FIREMAN TSANG YAU-MING.

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GRACE PERIOD EXTENDED FOR ARTICULATED VEHICLE DRIVERS

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HOLDERS OF THE "ALL GOODS VEHICLES" DRIVING LICENCE ISSUED BEFORE AUGUST 25, 1984 WILL BE ALLOWED TO DRIVE ARTICULATED VEHICLES UP TO AUGUST 24 NEXT YEAR (1988).

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (FRIDAY) EXPLAINED THAT THIS FOLLOWED A 12-MONTH EXTENSION OF THE THREE-YEAR GRACE PERIOD FOR GOODS VEHICLE DRIVERS WHO HAVE YET TO ACQUIRE AN ARTICULATED VEHICLE DRIVING LICENCE. A GOVERNOR'S ORDER TO THIS EFFECT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

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THE GRACE PERIOD, STIPULATED IN THE ROAD TRAFFIC (DRIVING LICENCES) REGULATIONS, WAS ORIGINALLY DUE TO EXPIRE ON MONDAY (AUGUST 24).

"THE DECISION TO EXTEND THE GRACE PERIOD HAS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE ADDITIONAL TIME REQUIRED BY THE TRADE TO TRAIN MORE DRIVERS TO COPE WITH AN UNFORESEEN AND RAPID RISE IN THE NUMBER OF CONTAINER TRACTORS," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

HE NOTED THAT WHEN THE REGULATIONS CAME INTO EFFECT IN AUGUST 1984, THERE WERE ONLY 1,967 LICENSED TRACTORS IN HONG KONG. BY JULY THIS YEAR, THE FIGURE HAD SHOT UP BY MORE THAN 80 PER CENT TO 3,762 AS A RESULT OF INCREASED MOVEMENT OF GOODS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA.

DESPITE EFFORTS BY THE TRADE TO TRAIN DRIVERS AND BY THE DEPARTMENT TO TEST THEM, ONLY 5,836 DRIVERS NOW HOLD A VALID ARTICULATED VEHICLE DRIVING LICENCE. THIS IS CLEARLY INADEQUATE TO MEET DEMAND.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT IN ANOTHER 12 MONTHS, THE RATIO OF TWO ARTICULATED VEHICLE DRIVERS TO ONE TRACTOR CAN BE ACHIEVED AND THAT THE SUPPLY OF DRIVERS FOR THE TRADE WILL BE INCREASED BY 33 PER CENT TO ABOUT 9,000. THIS SHOULD BE ADEQUATE TO MEET THE DEMAND OF THE TRADE.

"THE DEPARTMENT, ENCOURAGED BY THE FACT THAT THE TRADE HAS FINALLY STARTED A TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR DRIVERS, HAS APPROACHED THE HONG KONG SCHOOL OF MOTORING TO SEE IF IT COULD ASSIST IN THE EXERCISE," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

HE STRESSED THAT THE EXTENSION OF THE GRACE PERIOD HAD TAKEN BOTH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TRADE AND THE INTEREST OF DRIVERS INTO ACCOUNT. A 12-MONTH EXTENSION WAS CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE BECAUSE THE NEED TO IMPROVE ROAD SAFETY BY WAY OF HAVING SKILLED DRIVERS AT THE STEERING WHEEL OF ARTICULATED VEHICLES MUST NOT BE OVERLOOKED.

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WORK ON FIRST PERMANENT WHOLESALE MARKET STARTS

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WORK HAS JUST STARTED ON CONSTRUCTING HONG KONG'S FIRST PERMANENT WHOLESALE MARKET WITH FACILITIES FOR FIVE TRADES UNDER ONE ROOF.

THE MARKET, TO BE DEVELOPED IN TWO PHASES, WILL OCCUPY A SITE OF ABOUT 6.2 HECTARES ON WESTERN RECLAMATION AND WILL HAVE FIVE PIERS ALONG ITS SEA FRONTAGE FOR LOADING AND UNLOADING PRODUCE.

WHOLESALE FACILITIES FOR FISH, FRUIT, EGGS, VEGETABLES AND POULTRY WILL BE PROVIDED IN A TWO-STOREY BUILDING.

A RESTAURANT, TWO BANKS, OFFICES FOR TRADES, BARRACKS AND A RECREATIONAL ROOM FOR STAFF OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, PLUS OTHER ANCILLARY FACILITIES, WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED.

DIFFERENT PURPOSE-DESIGNED MECHANISED EQUIPMENT WILL BE INSTALLED AT THE PIERS TO CATER FOR TRANSPORTATION NEEDS OF VARIOUS KINDS OF PRODUCE.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A $50.64 MILLION PILING CONTRACT FOR THE FIRST PHASE OF THE MARKET, WORK ON WHICH WILL BE COMPLETED IN 10 MONTHS.

BUILDING OF THE SUPERSTRUCTURE WILL THEN BEGIN UNDER A SEPARATE CONTRACT.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE FIRST PHASE OF THE MARKET WILL BE READY BY 1990 AND THE SECOND BY 1992.

THE WHOLE PROJECT IS ESTIMATED TO COST ABOUT $400 MILLION.

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TROLLEY GIVES VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE A PUSH

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A BROADCASTING TROLLEY, A DISTINCTIVE AND USEFUL VEHICLE TO BE USED IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE, WAS DISPATCHED TO PENG CHAU TODAY (FRIDAY) TO SPREAD THE MESSAGE TO THE ISLANDERS.

"INSTALLED WITH BROADCASTING EQUIPMENT, THE SPECIALLY DESIGNED TROLLEY CAN MOVE ALONG NARROW VILLAGE PATHS ON ISLANDS WHERE NO OTHER MEANS OF TRANSPORT IS APPROPRIATE," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE SAID.

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THE THEME SONG OF THE CAMPAIGN AND AN APPEAL MESSAGE WOULD BE CONVEYED TO THE ISLANDERS BY THE TWO-MAN-OPERATED TROLLEY, HE SAID.

"AS THE POPULATION IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT IS SCATTERED, THE TROLLEY BECOMES AN EXTREMELY USEFUL TOOL FOR REACHING RESIDENTS IN THE REMOTE CORNERS," HE SAID.

THE VOTER REGISTRATION TEAM OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, COMPRISING LIAISON OFFICERS AND COMMUNITY ORGANISERS, WOULD FOLLOW THE ROUTE OF THE TROLLEY TO CONDUCT DOOR-TO-DOOR VISITS AND ASSIST RESIDENTS TO FILL IN THE APPLICATION FORMS, HE ADDED.

TO TIE IN WITH TODAY'S VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE IN PENG CHAU, A TEMPORARY CENTRE WAS ALSO SET UP AT THE RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE TO FACILITATE ISLANDERS TO REGISTER.

THE VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN WILL LAST TILL THE END OF SEPTEMBER. DURING THE PERIOD, THE VOTER REGISTRATION TEAM WILL TOUR MOST OF THE POPULATED ISLANDS IN THE DISTRICT.

"ELIGIBLE ISLANDERS ARE URGED TO MAKE USE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO REGISTER AS VOTERS WHEN THE TEAM VISITS THEIR LOCALITIES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"ACCORDING TO THE 1986 FINAL REGISTER, ABOUT 70 PER CENT OF THE ELIGIBLE ISLANDERS HAVE ALREADY REGISTERED, WHICH IS THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE AMONG ALL THE DISTRICT," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"NEVERTHELESS, STAFF OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE STILL AIMS AT ACHIEVING A BETTER RESULT IN THE CURRENT DRIVE," HE ADDED.

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REGISTRATION APPEAL FROM DISTRICT OFFICER

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ELIGIBLE YUEN LONG RESIDENTS WERE TODAY (FRIDAY) URGED TO REGISTER AS VOTERS.

"ONCE REGISTERED, THE ELECTORS WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS AND ELECT REPRESENTATIVES OF THEIR CHOICE SO AS TO PARTICIPATE MORE FULLY IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF DISTRICT AFFAIRS," YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALAN WONG, SAID AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE DISTRICT'S VOTER REGISTRATION VARIETY SHOW TONIGHT.

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HE SAID COMMUNITY ORGANISERS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE WILL CONDUCT DOOR-TO-DOOR VISITS IN THE EVENING IN AN ATTEMPT TO REACH THE POTENTIAL ELIGIBLE VOTERS, AFTER WORKING HOURS.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, MR WONG AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS TOOK THE LEAD TO JOIN A TEAM OF LIAISON OFFICERS AND COMMUNITY ORGANISERS IN VISITING RESIDENTS OF LONG PING ESTATE AND HELP THEM FILL IN THE REGISTRATION FORMS.

IN YUEN LONG DISTRICT, OF THE 120,000 ESTIMATED ELIGIBLE ABOUT 55,000 HAVE ALREADY REGISTERED AS ELECTORS. OTHER ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR THE CAMPAIGN INCLUDE EXHIBITIONS, FUN FAIR, CINEMA ADVERTISEMENT, BROADCASTING VAN, POSTERS, PAMPHLETS AND BANNERS. THE CAMPAIGN WILL LAST TILL THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

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"SOMEWHERE IN YOUR DISTRICT" EXHIBITION

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AN EXHIBITION ENTITLED "SOMEWHERE IN YOUR DISTRICT" WILL BE HELD AT SHUN TAK CENTRE IN CENTRAL FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY (AUGUST 24 - 28) AS PART OF THE DISTRICT'S VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN.

THE EXHIBITION WILL OPEN WITH A CEREMONY FEATURING THE UNVEILING OF SCROLLS BEARING THE CAMPAIGN SLOGAN AT 1 PM ON MONDAY. CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA, AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR VINCENT KO, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, AN ELDERLY RESIDENT AND WELL-KNOWN CALLIGRAPHIST, MR CHAN KING-HUNG, WILL DEMONSTRATE CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY AND ASIA TELEVISION ARTISTES WILL HELP RESIDENTS REGISTER.

FOCUSED ON THE FUNCTIONS OF DISTRICT BOARD, REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT AND THE CHARACTERISTICS OF CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT, THE EXHIBITION IS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND SPONSORED BY THE SHUN TAK SHOPPING MALL.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING AT 1 PM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 24) AT THE SECOND FLOOR OF SHUN TAK CENTRE. INFORMATION OFFICER MISS VALENTINA CHAN WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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HEALTH PROMOTION CARNIVAL AT WONG TAI SIN

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A HEALTH PROMOTION CARNIVAL FOR RESIDENTS IN WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE OPEN DECK OF THE LOK FU SHOPPING CENTRE.

ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY HEALTH PROMOTION ASSOCIATION AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE CARNIVAL AIMS AT REMINDING RESIDENTS THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING A HEALTHY LIFE.

THE FUNCTION WILL ALSO INTRODUCE THE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE ASSOCIATION AND PROMOTE A FEE REDUCTION SCHEME FOR THE ELDERLY IN THE DISTRICT.

THE CARNIVAL WILL START AT 2 PM AND THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE A VARIETY SHOW, STALL GAMES AND EXHIBITIONS ON HEALTH CARE.

MEANWHILE, A COUNTER PROMOTING THE FEE REDUCTION SCHEME FOR THE ELDERLY IN THE DISTRICT WILL ALSO BE SET UP TO ENCOURAGE THOSE WHO ARE AGED 60 OR ABOVE TO REGISTER IN THE SCHEME.

THE SCHEME, WHICH STARTED IN JUNE 1985, PROVIDES FEE REDUCTION FOR THE ELDERLY IN MEDICAL SERVICES, DENTAL TREATMENT AND FARE REDUCTION IN MINIBUS SERVICES.

OFFICIATING AT THE CARNIVAL WILL BE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NG HON-WAH; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR MICHAEL CHENG, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY HEALTH PROMOTION ASSOCIATION, DR MICHAEL LEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CARNIVAL TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 2 PM AT THE OPEN DECK OF LOK FU SHOPPING CENTRE NEAR THE EXIT OF THE LOK FU MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATION. IN THE CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE VENUE OF THE CARNIVAL WILL BE CHANGED TO LOK SIN TONG WONG CHUNG MING SECONDARY SCHOOL AT 161, LOK SIN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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AIR-CONDITIONING SYSTEM INSTALLED AT SHEK YAM COMMUNITY HALL

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RESIDENTS AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS OF THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT WILL ENJOY BETTER FACILITIES PROVIDED BY THE SHEK YAM COMMUNITY HALL AT NORTH KWAI CHUNG WITH THE OPENING OF ITS AIR-CONDITIONING SYSTEM TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE SHEK YAM COMMUNITY HALL WILL BE THE FIRST COMMUNITY HALL OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION TO BE INSTALLED WITH AIR-CONDITIONING UNDER AN UPGRADING SCHEME FOR EXISTING COMMUNITY HALLS AND CENTRES.

ACCORDING TO THE SCHEME, THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION WILL PROVIDE AIR-CONDITIONING TO ITS EXISTING 40 COMMUNITY HALLS AND CENTRES SO AS TO ENABLE ACTIVITIES WITH LARGE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS TO BE HELD AT THESE VENUES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND TO INCREASE THE USE OF THESE HALLS.

OFFICIATING AT THE RE-OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SHEK YAM COMMUNITY HALL AFTER ITS RENOVATION, THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN COAK, ENCOURAGED RESIDENTS AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS TO MAKE USE OF THE HALL FOR ORGANISING SPORTS ACTIVITIES, VARIETY SHOWS, EXHIBITIONS, SEMINARS, TALKS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES.

MR COAK EXPECTED THE AIR-CONDITIONED HALL WOULD ATTRACT A HIGH UTILISATION RATE WHICH WAS ALSO THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF THE AIR-CONDITIONING INSTALLATION PROJECT.

OF THE 40 CENTRES TO BE UPGRADED, INSTALLATION WORK FOR 15 CENTRES WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN THIS FINANCIAL YEAR AT A BUDGET OF ABOUT $9 MILLION.

THE FIRST FOUR CENTRES TO BE INSTALLED WITH AIR-CONDITIONING ARE SHEK YAM COMMUNITY HALL AND KWAI FONG COMMUNITY HALL IN KWAI CHUNG, YUE WAN COMMUNITY HALL IN CHAI WAN AND WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY HALL.

OTHER CENTRES TO BE COVERED IN THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME WILL BE WO CHE, TAI YUEN, KAI YIP, CHEUNG WAH, SHEK KIP MEI, CHOI WAN, SHEK WAI KOK, ON TING/YAU OI, SHUN LEE, LEK YUEN AND LOK WAH.

THE REMAINING 25 CENTRES WILL BE UPGRADED IN PHASES WITH A FURTHER BUDGET OF $18 MILLION.

MR COAK DISCLOSED THAT BY 1989, ALL THE SEVEN EXISTING COMMUNITY HALLS IN THE KWAI TSING WOULD BE AIR-CONDITIONED AND THE FACILITY HAS BEEN INCLUDED INTO THE PLANS OF NEW HALLS.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE RE-OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SHEK YAM COMMUNITY HALL WERE THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, MR PAUL CORSER; KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HO TUNG-CHING, AND CHAIRMAN OF SHEK YAM COMMUNITY HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, MR CHAN CHEONG-LAP.

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AFTER THE CEREMONY, THERE WERE TAI CHI AND TAEWONDO PERFORMANCES BY THE INTEREST CLASSES OF THE SHEK YAM COMMUNITY HALL, AND PERFORMANCE BY THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BALLET GROUP.

A PHOTOGRAPH EXHIBITION OF ACTIVITIES OF THE INTEREST CLASSES WAS ALSO HELD AT THE VENUE.

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EARLY RETURNS FOR ANTI-NARCOTICS KITE DESIGN COMPETITION URGED

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YOUNG PEOPLE WITH ARTISTIC AND CREATIVE TALENT ARE TODAY (FRIDAY) REMINDED TO ENTER THEIR IMAGINATIVE MASTERPIECES TO THE ANTI-NARCOTICS KITE DESGIN COMPETITION BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE ON AUGUST 28 (FRIDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NARCOTICS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SAID.

ORGANISED BY THE YOUTH VOLUNTEER GROUP OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, THE CONTEST IS OPEN TO PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 16 AND 25.

PARTICIPANTS SHOULD THROUGH THEIR DESIGNS PUT ACROSS THE ANTI-NARCOTICS MESSAGE.

ALL ENTRIES SHOULD BE MADE IN A TWO-DIMENSION DESIGN WITH THE MAXIMUM USE OF THREE COLOURS ON A RHOMBUS-SHAPED DRAWING PAPER MEASURING 60 CM AND 65 CM.

ENTRIES SHOULD BE SENT TO THE NARCOTICS DIVISION AT QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 23RD FLOOR, HIGH BLOCK, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

THE WINNER, FIRST AND SECOND RUNNERS-UP OF THE COMPETITION WILL EACH RECEIVE BOOK COUPONS OF HK $500, $300 AND $200 RESPECTIVELY.

RESULTS OF THE CONTEST WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN MID-SEPTEMBER.

ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL CNTA DISTRICT OFFICES AND SUB-OFFICES AND THE NARCOTICS DIVISION.

FOR ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CALL 5-8622762.

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YOUTHS INVITED TO SHARE DISCO FUN

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YOUNG PEOPLE IN KWUN TONG WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY A 'FRIDAY NIGHT FEVER' AT THE KWUN TONG "DISCO NITE" ON AUGUST 28 (FRIDAY).

ORGANISED BY THE 1987 KWUN TONG DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, THE DISCO NIGHT WILL MARK THE CLOSING OF THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

TWO DISC JOCKEYS FROM RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, MISS CANDY CHEA AND MR C.F. HUNG, HAVE BEEN INVITED TO HOST THE EVENT AT 7.30 PM AT THE KAI YIP INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE.

WITH A SPONSORSHIP OF $404,300 FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, SOME 400 ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN ORGANISED DURING THE EIGHT-WEEK PROGRAMME.

LIMITED TICKETS FOR THE DISCO NIGHT, AT $15 PER HEAD, ARE AVAILABLE AT THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND A NUMBER OF LOCAL YOUTH CENTRES. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-416315.

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SHA TIN YOUTHS SHOW THEIR TALENT

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YOUNG PEOPLE IN SHA TIN WILL SHOW THEIR TALENT IN THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE TWO-MONTH-LONG SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME IN THE NEW TOWN PLAZA ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 23).

PERFORMANCES FEATURING SINGING, DANCING, BAND PERFORMANCES, TAEKWONDO AND MAGIC SHOWS WILL BE HELD FROM 2 PM TO 4 PM AT THE MUSICAL FOUNTAIN AREA.

PERFORMERS WILL INCLUDE MR TEO KOON POAY AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE KIANGSU-CHEKIANG COLLEGE, CHUN SHEK CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE, SHA TIN JUNIOR POLICE CALL, SHA TIN CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE, JEAN M. WONG SCHOOL OF BALLET, THE SALVATION ARMY LUNG HANG CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE, SHA TIN ARTS ASSOCIATION AND SHA KOK CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE.

SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VICTOR YUNG, AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR NG CHAN-LAM, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY AT 2 PM.

THE PERFORMANCE IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED ON 0-6048078, EXT. 331.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CEREMONY CUM YOUTH TALENT SHOW, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 23) AT THE MUSICAL FOUNTAIN AREA IN NEW TOWN PLAZA, SHA TIN.

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RESTRICTED ZONES IN SHAM SHUI PO AND KWUN TONG

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THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY ON LAI CHI KOK ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED A RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO 12 MIDNIGHT DAILY FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE AFFECTED SECTION RUNS FROM A POINT ABOUT 80 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH YUET LUN STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 12 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH BROADWAY.

MEANWHILE, FROM 10 AM ON AUGUST 24, THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF ROAD IN KWUN TONG WILL BE MADE RESTRICTED ZONES FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY:

* THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF KING YIP STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH WAI YIP STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 16 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION;

* WAI YIP STREET WESTBOUND BETWEEN KEI YIP STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 75 METRES WEST OF THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO KWUN TONG FERRY BUS TERMINUS;

* WAI YIP STREET EASTBOUND BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 70 METRES EAST OF KEI YIP STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 70 METRES WEST OF THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO KWUN TONG FERRY BUS TERMINUS;

* THE ROUNDABOUT AT THE JUNCTION OF WAI YIP STREET AND HOI YUEN ROAD; AND

* HOI YUEN ROAD BETWEEN THE ABOVE ROUNDABOUT AND A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME ROUNDABOUT.

NO VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS IN THE RESTRICTED AREA.

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UNDERPASS IN TUEN MUN CLOSED TO TRAFFIC

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THE UNDERPASS LEADING FROM WONG CHU ROAD TO TSING WUN ROAD IN TUEN MUN WILL BE CLOSED ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 23) FROM 1.30 AM TO 6 AM FOR MAINTENANCE OF LIGHTING INSTALLATION.

MOTORISTS HEADING FOR TSING WUN ROAD SOUTHBOUND OR MING KUM ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE UNNAMED ROAD LEADING FROM WONG CHU ROAD TO TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD, TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD AND PUI TO ROAD WESTBOUND.

MEANWHILE, VEHICLES HEADING FOR TSING WUN ROAD NORTHBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LUNG MUN ROAD SOUTHBOUND, THE BUTTERFLY ESTATE ACCESS ROAD, WU KING ROAD, WU SHAN ROAD AND LUNG MUN ROAD NORTHBOUND.

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METERED PARKING CHARGES IN TSIM SHA TSUI TO GO UP

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METERED PARKING CHARGES IN TSIM SHA TSUI WILL GO UP FROM SUNDAY (AUGUST 23), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED.

THE CHARGES WILL BE INCREASED FROM THE EXISTING $1 AND 50 CENTS FOR 30 MINUTES TO $2 AND $1 FOR 30 MINUTES.

MOTORISTS SHOULD NOTE THE METER CHARGES WHEN FEEDING THE METERS. THE CONVERTED METERS MAY BE DISTINGUISHED BY THE YELLOW INSTRUCTION PLATE ON THE METER INDICATING THE METER TYPE AND THE APPROPRIATE COIN TO BE USED. AT PRESENT, THERE ARE ABOUT 200 PARKING METERS IN TSIM SHA TSUI.

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TRAFFIC MEASURE IN CAUSEWAY BAY

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FOO MING STREET IN CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY EASTBOUND TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 24).

VEHICLES ON PERCIVAL STREET WILL BE ABLE TO TRAVEL VIA HYSAN AVENUE, YUN PING ROAD, PAK SHA ROAD TO LEE GARDEN ROAD.

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