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FIRE-HAZARD FORCES CLOSURE OF FIVE PARKS

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THE TAI LAM, TAI MO SHAN, SHING MUN AND POK FU LAM COUNTRY PARKS AND THE TAI PO KAU NATURE RESERVE WILL BE CLOSED INDEFINITELY TO ALL VISITORS FROM SATURDAY (DECEMBER 3) BECAUSE OF THE HIGH FIRE RISK IN THEIR WOODLANDS.

THE ORDER WAS MADE TODAY BY THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR JOHN RIDDELL-SWAN WHO SAID THAT THE MOVE WAS REGRETTED, BUT WAS MADE IN THE INTEREST OF COUNTRY PARK PROTECTION.

VISITORS TO THESE AREAS WILL BE ADVISED TOMORROW TO MOVE OUT BEFORE SATURDAY AND CLOSURE SIGNS ARE BEING ERECTED AT ENTRANCES TO THE PARKS. +NO FIRE+ SIGNS ARE ALSO BEING PUT UP AT THE FEW BARBECUE SITES ON THE FRINGES OF THE CLOSED PARKS.

ALL OTHER COUNTRY PARKS WILL REMAIN OPEN, BUT VISITORS ARE BEING URGED TO TAKE SANDWICHES OR PRE-COOKED FOOD IN PREFERENCE TO BARBECUING TO MINIMISE THE RISK OF FIRE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT LIGHTING A FIRE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE OUTSIDE A DESIGNATED BARBECUE SITE IS AN OFFENCE CARRYING THE MAXIMUM PENALTY OF \$2 000 AND THREE MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT.

THE PENALTY FOR ILLEGALLY LIGHTING A FIRE INSIDE A COUNTRY PARK IS \$5 000 AND ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT.

HE SAID THAT MOST OF THE FIRES REPORTED SO FAR THIS SEASON HAD BEEN OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY PARKS AND THERE HAD BEEN NO CASE OF A FIRE ORIGINATING FROM BARBECUE SITES WHICH ARE CAREFULLY SITED IN SAFE LOCATIONS AND ARE UNDER SUPERVISION BY PARK RANGERS.

THE CLOSURE ORDER, HE ADDED, WAS MADE PURELY FOR PROTECTIVE REASONS.

ORGANISED HIKING GROUPS AND MORNING WALKERS ARE ADVISED TO PLAN THEIR ACTIVITIES IN THE UNCLOSED PARKS.

THE DEPARTMENT'S CONTRACTORS WORKING IN THE COUNTRY PARKS HAVE BEEN TOLD TO STOP WORK ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS WHILE FARMERS HAVE BEEN ADVISED ON HOW TO DISPOSE OF WASTE VEGETATION SAFELY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE HEAVILY-WOODED AREAS TO BE CLOSED ARE VULNERABLE TO FIRE AND FOREST PLANTATIONS THERE ARE IMPORTANT FOR THE PROTECTION OF WATER CATCHMENT AREAS.

+WITHOUT THE TREES,+ HE SAID, +THERE WOULD BE SEVERE EROSION WHICH WOULD SILT UP THE RESERVOIRS.+

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ABERDEEN TRAFFIC PLAN IN FINAL STAGE

WORK ON THE FINAL STAGE OF A LONG-TERM SCHEME TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW ALONG ABERDEEN WATERFRONT WILL START NEXT WEEK.

IT INVOLVES CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW DUAL THREE-LANE CARRIAGEWAY BETWEEN SHEK PAI WAN ROAD AND AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE.

A \$47-MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE WORK WAS SIGNED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT HIGHWAY ENGINEER OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, MR HAROLD BEATON, AND MR J.L. HOLLAND OF FRANKI CONTRACTORS LTD.

MR BEATON SAID THAT WITH RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF THE ABERDEEN AND WONG CHUK HANG AREAS AND THE OPENING OF THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL, THERE HAD BEEN A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN TRAFFIC FLOW ALONG THE ABERDEEN WATERFRONT CORRIDOR.

HE SAID TO COPE WITH THIS, THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WAS CARRYING OUT THE LONG-TERM ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME WHICH MAINLY INVOLVED CONSTRUCTION IN THREE STAGES OF A NEW ROAD THROUGH ABERDEEN.

THE FIRST TWO STAGES - WIDENING AND RECONSTRUCTION OF SHEK PAI WAN ROAD - HAD BEEN COMPLETED. THE CONTRACT AWARDED TODAY WAS THE FINAL STAGE, A ONE KILOMETRE-LONG ROAD ON RECENTLY-COMPLETED RECLAMATION.

A FLYOVER WILL BE BUILT TO LINK THE NEW ROAD WITH THE EXISTING ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH WU NAM STREET TO FURTHER IMPROVE LOCAL TRAFFIC FLOW.

THE CONTRACT INCLUDES A BUS TERMINUS AT THE JUNCTION OF WU NAM STREET AND CHENGTU ROAD.

MR BEATON SAID TWO FOOTBRIDGES NEAR AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE AND THE FISH WHOLESALE MARKET AND A SUBWAY OPPOSITE OLD ABERDEEN MAIN STREET WOULD BE BUILT FOR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT WILL TAKE ABOUT 30 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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INDUSTRIALISTS PRAISED FOR COMMUNITY WORK

INDUSTRIALISTS AND BUSINESSMEN IN KWUN TONG WERE THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING PRAISED BY THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES FOR DEVOTING THEIR TIME AND EFFORT TO WORK FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY.

MR AKERS-JONES WAS SPEAKING AT THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY DINNER BALL OF THE HONG KONG KWUN TONG INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE ASSOCIATION.

HE NOTED THAT THE ASSOCIATION HAD, WITHIN A SHORT SPAN OF TIME, ALREADY EMBARKED ON A NUMBER OF USEFUL PROJECTS AIMED AT PROMOTING INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES, PARTICULARLY IN THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT.

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+NOT ONLY IS THE ASSOCIATION ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, A NUMBER OF ITS DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS ALSO SERVE ON THE DISTRICT BOARD AND VARIOUS OTHER COMMITTEES IN KWUN TONG DEVOTING THEIR TIME AND EFFORT TO WORK FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY,+ HE SAID.

TODAY'S OCCASION ALSO MARKED THE SWEARING-IN OF THE SECOND TERM OFFICE-BEARERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN NORTH POINT

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN NORTH POINT FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 2) FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS TO FACILITATE WORK ON THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR.

THE ARRANGEMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- * THE SECTION OF EASTBOUND JAVA ROAD EAST OF TIN CHIU STREET WILL BE REDUCED TO ONE LANE.
- * VEHICLES UNDER 2-1/2 TONS UNLADEN, EXCEPT PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, ON JAVA ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE ALLOWED TO PROCEED VIA TIN CHIU STREET TO KING'S ROAD EASTBOUND, WHERE THE EXISTING PROHIBITION ON THESE VEHICLES BETWEEN TIN CHIU STREET AND JAVA ROAD WILL BE TEMPORARILY LIFTED.
- * TIN CHIU STREET SOUTHBOUND BETWEEN MARBLE ROAD AND KING'S ROAD WILL BE PROHIBITED TO PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AND VEHICLES OVER 2-1/2 TONS UNLADEN. THE BAN DOES NOT APPLY TO FRANCHISED BUSES.
- * VEHICLES ON JAVA ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE PERMITTED TO TURN RIGHT INTO HEALTHY STREET EAST AND THEN INTO KING'S ROAD EASTBOUND OR WESTBOUND.
- * KING'S ROAD EASTBOUND BETWEEN HEALTHY STREET EAST AND JAVA ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY BETWEEN 7 AM AND MIDNIGHT DAILY. NO VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE ROAD SECTION DURING THE PROHIBITION PERIOD.

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ANTI-DRUG AWARENESS DRIVE STARTING

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A TWO-WEEK CAMPAIGN TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM WILL BE HELD IN KOWLOON CITY FROM SATURDAY (DECEMBER 3).

THE CAMPAIGN WILL INCLUDE:

- * A MOBILE EXHIBITION TO BE STAGED IN OI MAN ESTATE ON SATURDAY AND AT THE KO SHAN ROAD PARK ON DECEMBER 4;
- * A VARIETY SHOW FEATURING PERFORMANCES BY THREE POP SINGERS AND THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CHORUS AT THE KO SHAN ROAD THEATRE ON DECEMBER 4;
- * A ROUND-THE-DISTRICT WALK BY 500 PARTICIPANTS FROM SUNG WONG TOI PLAYGROUND TO OI MAN ESTATE ON DECEMBER 11; AND
- * A VISIT BY MEMBERS OF THE CAMPAIGN'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE TO SHEK KWU CHAU TREATMENT CENTRE ON DECEMBER 16.

THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD HAS CONTRIBUTED \$15 000 TOWARDS THE COST OF \$80 000 FOR THE ACTIVITIES.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GORDON JONES, SAID THE CAMPAIGN WAS AIMED AT WARNING THE COMMUNITY OF THE DANGER OF DRUG ABUSE, AND AT ENLISTING ACTIVE PUBLIC SUPPORT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS.

+IT IS ALSO HOPED TO DISSUADE AND PREVENT YOUNG PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO ARE MOST EXPOSED TO THE RISK OF DRUG ABUSE, FROM EVER EXPERIMENTING WITH ILLICIT DRUGS,+ HE SAID.

THE CAMPAIGN IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE DISTRICT OFFICE, NARCOTICS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN'S OPENING CEREMONY AT 9.30 AM ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 3) AT THE OPEN SPACE OUTSIDE THE OI MAN COMMERCIAL COMPLEX. THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GORDON JONES, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

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CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES PRAISED

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SWEDEN'S DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR CORRECTIONS, MR CLAS AMILON, PRAISED THE GOOD ATMOSPHERE AND MODERN FACILITIES AT HONG KONG'S CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS HE HAD VISITED IN THE PAST FEW DAYS.

+IN CARRYING OUT THEIR DUTIES, OFFICERS OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT SHOW SUCH DISCIPLINE AND CONCERN AS ARE RARELY FOUND IN OTHER COUNTRIES,+ HE REMARKED.

MR AMILON IS CURRENTLY TOURING ASIA TO SEE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN JAPAN, HONG KONG AND THAILAND.

DURING HIS STAY, MR AMILON HAS VISITED THE TAI LAM CENTRE FOR WOMEN, SIU LAM PSYCHIATRIC CENTRE, HEI LING CHAU ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRE, NEI KWU CHAU ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRE, TAI TAM GAP CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION AND THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE.

HE ALSO HELD TALKS WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR THOMAS GARNER.

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POSTER CONTEST WINNERS NAMED

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SOME 2 000 ENTRIES WERE SUBMITTED FOR A POSTER COMPETITION AIMED AT PROMOTING POSITIVE ATTITUDES TOWARDS DISABLED PERSONS IN THE COMMUNITY.

THE COMPETITION IS ONE IN A SERIES OF EVENTS CO-ORDINATED BY COMPERE - COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC EDUCATION IN REHABILITATION.

THE RESULTS WERE ANNOUNCED TODAY BY THE PANEL OF JUDGES, COMPRISING MR CHAN TAK-YAN, A DISABLED PERSON, MR MAN KWONG-HONG, AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR, MISS DEBRA CHOW, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE AND MR AGAY NG, SENIOR INFORMATION OFFICER OF THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES.

A SPECIAL PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE HENRY G. LEONG YAUMATI COMMUNITY CENTRE ON DECEMBER 18.

OFFICIATING AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE DR HARRY FANG, CHAIRMAN OF THE REHABILITATION DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BANK OF CREDIT AND COMMERCE WHICH SPONSORED THE PRIZES AND MRS HUNG LEUNG WAI-CHING, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DISABLED COMMUNITY.

THE WINNERS OF THE COMPETITION ARE:

JOINT DISABLED AND ABLE-BODIED GROUP -

WINNER: KO TAK-MING, WONG LAI-KWONG.
FIRST RUNNER-UP: YUEN KIM-HUNG, CHEUNG CHI-KIN
SECOND RUNNER-UP: TSUI SIU-MAN, CHEUK WAI-LING

POST SECONDARY/ADULT GROUP - LIN SHIANG-CHENG

SECONDARY STUDENTS GROUP - LAU HOO-CHEONG

PRIMARY STUDENTS GROUP - WONG YAT-HUNG

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ANNUAL DANCE CONTEST TO BEGIN SATURDAY

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ABOUT 180 TEAMS WILL DEMONSTRATE THEIR SKILLS IN A WEEK-LONG OPEN DANCE CONTEST IN KWUN TONG, STARTING ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 3).

CONTESTANTS FROM KINDERGARTENS, PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND YOUTH ORGANISATIONS WILL COMPETE IN ORIENTAL, WESTERN OR MODERN DANCES.

THE ANNUAL CONTEST WILL BE DIVIDED INTO THREE SECTIONS, CATERING FOR CHILDREN BELOW SIX YEARS OF AGE, THOSE BETWEEN THE AGES OF SIX AND 12, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

THEY WILL BE JUDGED ACCORDING TO THE DANCING STYLE, COSTUMES, CREATIVITY AND TEAM WORK.

THE CONTEST, THE 13TH SO FAR, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE AND THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT CULTURE AND RECREATION PROMOTION ASSOCIATION, WITH THE DISTRICT BOARD AS THE SPONSOR.

A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE COMPETITION WAS TO PROMOTE PUBLIC INTEREST IN DANCING AND TO RAISE THE STANDARD OF THIS ART.

AN OPENING CEREMONY, TO BE FOLLOWED BY AN ORIENTAL FOLK DANCE CONTEST IN THE OPEN SECTION, WILL BE HELD AT 7.30 PM ON SATURDAY AT LEUNG SHEK CHEE COLLEGE, SAU MAU PING.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN MAK, A LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR WONG LAM, AND THE PRINCIPAL RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER, MR DAVID CHIU.

BESIDES THE CONTEST, A SEMINAR WILL BE HELD FOR CONTESTANTS AND ADJUDICATORS IN JANUARY TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON DANCING.

A PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY AND A PERFORMANCE BY THE WINNERS OF EACH SECTION WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 20, 1984 IN THE CONCERT HALL OF THE CITY HALL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 13TH OPEN DANCE CONTEST AT 7.30 PM ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 3) AT LEUNG SHEK CHEE COLLEGE, 80 HIU KWONG STREET, SAU MAU PING.

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FIELD DAY SET FOR GEOGRAPHY TEACHERS

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ALL FORMS FOUR AND FIVE GEOGRAPHY TEACHERS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN A GEOGRAPHY FIELD STUDY DAY TO BE HELD IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S FIELD STUDIES CENTRE IN SAI KUNG.

THE FIELD STUDY DAY, WHICH AIMS AT ACQUAINTING TEACHERS WITH FIELD TECHNIQUES RELATED TO GEOGRAPHIC EDUCATION IN UPPER SECONDARY FORMS, WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 1984 FROM 9.30 AM TO 4.30 PM.

DR K.Y. CHU OF THE DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY, CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, AND MISS W.T. LEUNG OF THE DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND GEOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG WILL GIVE A BRIEFING IN CANTONESE ON +THE IMPACT OF URBANISATION ON THE RURAL LANDSCAPE+ TO PARTICIPANTS.

A COACH SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED FROM KOWLOON TO THE FIELD STUDIES CENTRE AND THE FIELD SITES AND RETURN.

HEADS OF SCHOOLS MAY NOMINATE GEOGRAPHY TEACHERS FOR THE FIELD STUDY DAY. NOMINATION FORMS SHOULD BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 20 TO THE INSPECTOR, FIELD STUDIES CENTRE, SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE, PAK KONG, N.T.

THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IS LIMITED TO 20 AND APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS. PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO SCHOOLS WHICH HAVE NOT YET PARTICIPATED IN THE GEOGRAPHY FIELD COURSES ORGANISED BY THE CENTRE.

ALL ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT THE FIELD STUDIES CENTRE, SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE ON 3-2814009.

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EASTERN DISTRICT SPORTS FESTIVAL STARTS SUNDAY
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THE FIRST SIX-WEEK SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL FESTIVAL FOR EASTERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS WILL BEGIN ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 4).

THE MANY FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE A POTTED SPORTS DAY FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AND ABLE-BODIED, AND A TENNIS FUN DAY.

OTHER EVENTS WILL INCLUDE MINI-SOCCER, BASKETBALL, TABLE-TENNIS, BADMINTON, HANDBALL, AND VOLLEYBALL MATCHES.

THERE WILL ALSO BE EXCURSIONS TO COUNTRY PARKS AND THE MACLEHOSE TRAIL, CAMPING, KITE-FLYING, ICE-SKATING AND A ROLLER-SKATING.

MOST OF THE EVENTS WILL BE HELD IN VICTORIA PARK, THE CITY PLAZA IN TAIKOO SHING, AND SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY CENTRES IN THE DISTRICT.

ABOUT \$64 000 WILL BE SPENT ON THE FESTIVAL, WITH \$43 000 OF THAT SUM BEING PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD.

THE FESTIVAL IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICES, THE EASTERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION AND THE LIONS' CLUB OF HONG KONG NORTH.

ENTRY FORMS FOR THE EVENTS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE EASTERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OFFICE AT 884-886 KING'S ROAD.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 9 AM ON SUNDAY AT VICTORIA PARK, FEATURING POTTED SPORTS AND A GO-KART RACE FOR CHILDREN, A TRAMPOLINING DEMONSTRATION AND A DISCO DANCE.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM; THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR H.T. LUI; THE PRESIDENT OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION, MR SIU MING; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT SPORTS FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR CHOY WING-ON; CHIEF RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICER, MR RAYMOND CHAN; AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE LIONS' CLUB OF HONG KONG NORTH, MR RAYMOND FUNG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE FIRST EASTERN DISTRICT SPORTS FESTIVAL AT 9 AM ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 4) AT VICTORIA PARK.

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SPEEDPOST RESUMED

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THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO THE NETHERLANDS WHICH HAD BEEN SUSPENDED SINCE NOVEMBER 8, DUE TO INDUSTRIAL ACTION BY DUTCH POSTAL WORKERS, HAS NOW BEEN RESUMED, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL ANNOUNCED TODAY.

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FUN AND GAMES FOR NORTH DISTRICT RESIDENTS

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A SPORTS CARNIVAL AND A POP CONCERT ARE AMONG THE 15 CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD AT THE FOURTH NORTH DISTRICT FESTIVAL BEGINNING ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 3).

PROGRAMMES OF THE NINE-DAY FESTIVAL WILL INCLUDE A CHINESE ORCHESTRA PERFORMANCE, A FOLK SONG CONCERT, A CHILDREN'S OLYMPIC, A VARIETY SHOW, MINI-SOCCER MATCHES, A PUPPET SHOW, AN EXHIBITION ON WESTERN MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, A MUSICAL COMEDY AND A DISCO NIGHT.

MOST OF THE ACTIVITIES WILL BE STAGED IN THE NORTH DISTRICT TOWN HALL, RECENTLY RE-OPENED, AFTER INSTALLATION OF MODERN EQUIPMENT AND ACOUSTICS AT A COST OF \$4 MILLION.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (THURSDAY), THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FESTIVAL'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR CHAN WAH-CHUN SAID: +THE OBJECTIVES ARE TO BUILD UP AND STRENGTHEN RESIDENTS' SENSE OF BELONGING TOWARDS THE DISTRICT, AND TO ENCOURAGE MORE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL AFFAIRS.+

MR CHAN NOTED THAT THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME WAS SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO SUIT EVERYONE: THE CHINESE ORCHESTRA PLAYING AND TRADITIONAL DANCING FOR ADULTS, THE DISCO NIGHT AND POP CONCERT FOR THE YOUNG, AND A SPORTS CARNIVAL FOR CHILDREN.

ADMISSION TO ALL OF THE PROGRAMMES, EXCEPT THE DISCO NIGHT, IS FREE. TICKETS AT \$15 EACH FOR THE DISCO NIGHT ARE ON SALE AT THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE FESTIVAL WILL COST \$300 000. THE DISTRICT BOARD WILL PROVIDE \$120 000.

THE FESTIVAL IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE FOUR RURAL COMMITTEES, THE GURKHA FIELD FORCE AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S CONFERENCE WERE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR IAN WOTHERSPOON, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TOWN HALL'S MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SEMINARS AGAINST SMOKING
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THREE SEMINARS AGAINST SMOKING WILL BE HELD IN TSUEN WAN TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AND ON SUNDAY FOR THE SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND LOCAL RESIDENTS.

THE FIRST SEMINAR WILL BE HELD AT 10.30 AM TOMORROW, AT THE COTTON SPINNERS' ASSOCIATION PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL IN KWAI SHING CIRCUIT, AND ANOTHER WILL BE HELD AT THE BUDDHIST YIP KEI NAM MEMORIAL COLLEGE ON TSING YI AT 2.30 PM.

THESE TWO SEMINARS, FEATURING AN ILLUSTRATED TALK, AN EXHIBITION AND A QUIZ, ARE FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 4), A SEMINAR AND A DRAMA PERFORMANCE WITH AN ANTI-SMOKING THEME WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT 2.30 PM AT THE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES HALL OF THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL.

THE CAMPAIGN IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE KWUN TONG COMMUNITY HEALTH PROJECT.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE SEMINARS.

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URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION
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FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 3), WOH CHAI STREET BETWEEN TAI HANG TUNG ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 60 METRES TO THE WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI HANG TUNG ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED A 24-HOUR RESTRICTED ZONE DAILY.

ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND THOSE AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS, OR LOADING OR UNLOADING GOODS, WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE.

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