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HONG KONG HAS COMMUNITY SPIRITS: DOUGLAS HURD

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, MR DOUGLAS HURD, TODAY (SUNDAY) DESCRIBED THE COMMUNITY CHEST WALK AS A VERY HAPPY AND PLEASANT OCCASION FOR THE TERRITORY AND SHOWS THAT HONG KONG IS FULL OF COMMUNITY SPIRITS.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER JOINTLY OFFICIATING WITH THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, AT THE OPENING OF THE WALK IN THE HONG KONG STADIUM, MR HURD SAID THAT THE OCCASION WAS A HAPPY DAY FOR HONG KONG.

"I THINK THIS IS PART OF HONG KONG WHICH IS SOMETIMES FORGOTTEN. IT'S NOT JUST A MATTER OF HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS AND PROSPERITY, IT'S A MATTER OF A LOT OF COMMUNITY WORK AND COMMUNITY SPIRITS, AND THAT IS WORTH NOTICING TODAY," HE SAID.

ASKED IF RELATIONS BETWEEN BRITAIN AND CHINA WERE IMPROVING, MR HURD SAID: "RELATIONS ARE NOT ALWAYS EASY BETWEEN BRITAIN AND CHINA, BUT WE HAVE TO CONTINUE A DISCUSSION, A DIALOGUE WITH THEM, PARTICULARLY ON MATTERS CONNECTED WITH THE JOINT DECLARATION.

"THERE WILL BE A WHOLE SERIES OF CONTINUING CONTACTS WITH CHINA BECAUSE THAT IS NECESSARY," HE ADDED.

ALSO SPEAKING TO THE PRESS, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID HE HAD GIVEN THE FOREIGN SECRETARY A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF WHAT HE HAD BEEN DOING DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO PEKING.

"DURING YESTERDAY AND TODAY WE WILL BE GOING THROUGH ALL THE VARIOUS SUBJECTS IN HONG KONG. IT'S NOT SIMPLY A QUESTION OF RELATIONS WITH CHINA, BUT I WANT HIM TO BE FULLY BRIEFED ON DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG AS WELL, SO THAT HE IS UP-TO-DATE AND FULLY IN THE PICTURE," SIR DAVID SAID.

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REMINDER ON USING ACCURATE WEIGHING, MEASURING EQUIPMENT

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THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED PRODUCE RETAILERS TO ENSURE THAT THEY USE ACCURATE WEIGHING OR MEASURING EQUIPMENT WHEN SUPPLYING GOODS BY WEIGHT OR MEASURE.

"IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT MORE PROSECUTION ACTIONS WILL BE TAKEN THIS YEAR AGAINST OFFENDERS UNDER THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ORDINANCE WHICH CAME INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 1 LAST YEAR," THE PRINCIPAL TRADE CONTROLS OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT'S TRADING STANDARDS INVESTIGATION BUREAU, MR LI HUNG-YUE, SAID.

MR LI SAID THAT IN THE 12 MONTHS FOLLOWING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ORDINANCE, THE DEPARTMENT HAD RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 94 COMPLAINTS, OF WHICH 64 WERE LODGED AGAINST RETAILERS OF VARIOUS FOOD ITEMS.

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"AS REGARDS THE NATURE OF THOSE COMPLAINTS, 75 ALLEGED THE TRADERS USING INACCURATE WEIGHING EQUIPMENT WHICH WERE INVARIABLY THE 'CHING' OR SLANTED DIAL SPRING BALANCE, THE TWO TYPES OF WEIGHING EQUIPMENT MOST COMMONLY USED IN THE RETAIL TRADE," HE SAID.

MR LI SAID INVESTIGATIONS INTO 76 CASES HAD BEEN COMPLETED.

THE FINDINGS SHOWED THAT 45 COMPLAINTS WERE NOT SUBSTANTIATED WHILE THE OTHER 31 CASES WERE ESTABLISHED WHICH RESULTED IN WARNING BEING SERVED ON THE OWNERS OF THE BUSINESS IN 20 CASES AND INSTITUTION OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST 11 TRADERS.

"OF THE CASES DECIDED FOR PROSECUTION, SIX HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED WITH THE IMPOSITION OF A TOTAL FINE OF \$17,000, RANGING FROM \$1,000 TO \$5,000," MR LI SAID.

UNDER THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ORDINANCE, THE MAXIMUM PENALTY IS A FINE OF \$20,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS.

IN ADDITION TO INVESTIGATIONS IN RESPONSE TO COMPLAINTS, MR LI SAID, 70 SPOT CHECKS WERE CONDUCTED AT PETROL FILLING STATIONS, GROCERY SHOPS AND VARIOUS FOOD RETAILERS' PREMISES.

DISCREPANCY WAS FOUND IN FOUR CASES WHICH RESULTED IN WARNING BEING GIVEN TO SIX TRADERS AND PROSECUTION RECOMMENDED AGAINST ONE.

MR LI ADDED THAT A SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED DURING THE PERIOD ON THE ACCURACY OF THE NET WEIGHT OF 49 BRANDS OF PACKAGED RICE ON SALE IN THE LOCAL MARKET.

THE RESULT SHOWED THAT ALTHOUGH INADEQUATE PACKAGES EXISTED IN 39 BRANDS, THE DEFICIENCY DID NOT EXCEED THE TOLERANCE LEVEL.

A SIMILAR SURVEY WAS ALSO CONDUCTED AT 127 RETAILERS, SUPERMARKETS AND DEPARTMENT STORES ON THE ACCURACY OF NET WEIGHT OF PREPACKED FROZEN MEAT AND POULTRY.

"OF THE 153 BRANDS CHECKED, 81 WERE FOUND INADEQUATE BUT AGAIN THE DEFICIENCY WAS WITHIN TOLERANCE," HE SAID.

MR LI EXPLAINED THAT SINCE WEIGHING AND MEASURING EQUIPMENT COULD NOT BE 100 PER CENT ACCURATE, IT WAS NECESSARY FOR THE DEPARTMENT, LIKE SIMILAR AUTHORITIES IN OTHER COUNTRIES, TO SET A TOLERABLE ERROR LEVEL TO DECIDE WHETHER AN OFFENDER SHOULD BE WARNED OR PROSECUTED.

MR LI SAID THAT IN AN EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE CONSUMERS TO REPORT WEIGHTS AND MEASURES MALPRACTICES, POSTERS PUBLICISING A COMPLAINT HOTLINE WOULD BE DISPLAYED AT ALL MARKET PLACES THROUGHOUT HONG KONG NEXT MONTH.

"CONSUMERS WHO SUSPECT THEY HAVE BEEN GIVEN SHORT WEIGHT OR MEASURE SHOULD CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 7146146 DURING OFFICE HOURS OR ON TEL. 8523185 OUTSIDE OFFICE HOURS," HE SAID.

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ROAD SAFETY PATROL A SUCCESS

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THE ROAD SAFETY PATROL HAS, SINCE ITS INCEPTION, BEEN TAKING CARE OF SOME 300,000 STUDENTS CROSSING THE ROADS EVERY DAY AND NOT A SINGLE CHILD HAS BEEN INJURED WHILE UNDER SUCH CARE, THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR CHAN WA-SHEK, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE ROAD SAFETY PATROL KOWLOON REGIONAL INSPECTION AT THE POLICE RECREATION CLUB, MR CHAN SAID SUCH MAGNIFICENT RECORD COULD ONLY AFFIRM THE SUCCESS OF THE PATROL.

"THE MORE EXTENSIVE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE PATROL ARE REALISED IN EDUCATING THE YOUNGER GENERATION ON ROAD SAFETY AND IN FOSTERING THE RIGHT ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF A ROAD USER.

"ONE CAN EXPECT THE EDUCATIONAL FUNCTION OF THE ROAD SAFETY PATROL TO SOMEHOW BRING ABOUT SOME POSITIVE INFLUENCE ON THE STUDENTS AT LARGE."

IN THE LONG RUN, HE SAID, SUCH AN INFLUENCE WOULD HELP IN ENSURING ROAD SAFETY IN HONG KONG.

"TO THE PATROL MEMBERS," MR CHAN SAID, "THE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE THEY ACQUIRE ARE OF PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE.

"OBSERVING RULES, KEEPING DISCIPLINE AND COMING FORWARD TO LEAD HELP FOSTER A LAW-ABIDING AND CIVIC-MINDED YOUNGER GENERATION, PROVIDING THEM A SOUND BEHAVIOUR MODEL FOR THEIR UPBRINGING."

WHILE ENCOURAGING YOUTH TO PARTICIPATE MORE IN ACTIVITIES SUCH AS JOINING THE ROAD SAFETY PATROL, MR CHAN HOPED THEY WOULD MAKE GOOD USE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO BETTER THEMSELVES WHILE SERVING THE COMMUNITY IN THEIR PARTICULAR ROLE.

THE ROAD SAFETY PATROL STARTED 26 YEARS AGO WITH ABOUT 50 MEMBERS. IT NOW HAS OVER 12,000 MEMBERS SERVING PATROL TEAMS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY -- THE TOP OF ITS COUNTERPARTS IN THE WORLD.

ON PARADE TODAY WERE 26 TEAMS OF ROAD SAFETY PATROL.

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MORE THAN 100,000 PATRONISE SHA TIN FESTIVAL

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MORE THAN 100,000 PEOPLE TOOK PART IN THE MONTH-LONG SHA TIN FESTIVAL, REFLECTING RESIDENTS' TREMENDOUS SUPPORT AND ENTHUSIASM IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VICTOR YUNG, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE FESTIVAL AT CENTRAL PARK, SHA TIN, MR YUNG SAID THESE ACTIVITIES ALSO HELPED TO DEVELOP LOCAL ARTISTES, SPORTSMEN AND PERFORMING TROUPES.

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"WE HAVE HAD A COMPREHENSIVE FESTIVAL PROGRAMME TAILORED TO THE DIFFERENT SECTORS OF OUR DISTRICT," HE SAID.

"FOR EXAMPLE, THERE WERE THE FESTIVE LIGHTING CELEBRATIONS, ART AND CRAFTS MARKETS FOR THE ELDERLY AND YOUNGSTERS, AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION CAMPAIGN, THE NEW SHA TIN 10 YEAR OLD BIRTHDAY PARTY, AREA COMMITTEES' VARIETY SHOW, INTERNATIONAL ROWING COMPETITION AS WELL AS A PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION ON SHA TIN'S HISTORY," HE ADDED.

FROM 11 AM TO 3 PM TODAY, A VILLAGE BAZAAR WAS STAGED IN CENTRAL PARK, WITH 20 STALLS PROVIDING OLD RURAL LIFESTYLE ENTERTAINMENT SUCH AS FORTUNE TELLING, HANDICRAFTS AND TRADITIONAL SNACKS.

A SPECIAL ATTRACTION FOR YOUNG CHILDREN WAS A LARGE INFLATED TOY AEROPLANE IN THE PARK.

IN THE EVENING AT THE CARITAS HALL, TAI WAI, A TRADITIONAL CHINESE VILLAGE DINNER WAS ATTENDED BY 450 LOCAL CELEBRITIES, COMMUNITY LEADERS, DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

IN ANOTHER EVENT, A DANCE PERFORMANCE BY 14 WINNING TEAMS OF THE 10TH SHA TIN DISTRICT DANCE COMPETITION AND FOUR INVITATION TEAMS WAS HELD AT THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL.

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RESIDENTS SHOW SUPPORT FOR BUILDING MANAGEMENT

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MORE THAN A THOUSAND SHAM SHUI PO RESIDENTS TOOK PART IN A CARNIVAL AT THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND TODAY (SUNDAY) TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE PROMOTION OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

THE CARNIVAL WAS ORGANISED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT PRIVATE BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND A PRIVATE COMPANY.

SPEAKING AT THE CARNIVAL, SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALAN FUNG, SAID VARIOUS SECTORS OF THE SOCIETY, INCLUDING THE GOVERNMENT AND MANY PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS, HAD CONTRIBUTED A LOT TOWARDS ENHANCING RESIDENTS' KNOWLEDGE ABOUT BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

HE SAID OWNERS AND TENANTS OF PRIVATE BUILDINGS NOWADAYS HAD HIGHER EXPECTATIONS OF THE MANAGEMENT STANDARDS OF THEIR BUILDINGS.

THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE THEREFORE, IN 1988, APPOINTED A COMMITTEE COMPRISING ENTHUSIASTIC LOCAL PERSONALITIES AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO ADVISE ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT MATTERS.

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A BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM WITH OFFICERS SECONDED FROM THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT WAS ALSO SET UP UNDER THE DISTRICT OFFICE TO ASSIST THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE AND TO CO-ORDINATE THE EFFORTS OF RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IN IMPROVING CONDITIONS IN SOME SELECTED BUILDINGS WITH MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS.

MR FUNG NOTED THAT THE COMMITTEE HAD ORGANISED A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES LAST YEAR TO ENHANCE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT. THESE INCLUDED A MANAGEMENT SKILLS CERTIFICATE COURSE, A BRIEFING AND A SEMINAR.

TODAY'S CARNIVAL WAS A REFLECTION OF THE SUPPORT SHOWN BY LOCAL OWNERS' CORPORATIONS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WHICH HAD DEMONSTRATED MUCH CONCERN ABOUT BUILDING MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS.

ACTIVITIES AT THE CARNIVAL INCLUDED FIRE FIGHTING DEMONSTRATIONS, STAGE PERFORMANCE, STALL GAMES AND EXHIBITIONS ON THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE, AND THE URBAN SERVICES AND FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENTS CONCERNING BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

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FIRE WATCH TEAMS PRAISED

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FIRE WATCH TEAMS IN WONG TAI SIN WERE TODAY (SUNDAY) PRAISED FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION IN THE PREVENTION OF FIRE OUTBREAKS IN SQUATTER AREAS.

"MEMBERS OF THE TEAMS NOT ONLY SACRIFICED THEIR SPARE TIME TO SERVE THEIR FELLOW RESIDENTS, BUT AT THE SAME TIME ASSISTED IN PUBLICISING THE FIRE PREVENTION MESSAGE," MR LI YUK-WA, THE CHAIRMAN OF A CAMPAIGN WORKING GROUP TO PROMOTE FIRE PREVENTION FORMED UNDER THE DISTRICT BOARD'S SQUATTER AREAS COMMITTEE, SAID.

SPEAKING AT A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AND VARIETY SHOW TO MARK THE CLOSING OF THE DISTRICT'S FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN, MR LI NOTED THAT WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF THESE TEAMS, THE CAMPAIGN WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN SO SUCCESSFUL.

MR LI ALSO COMMENDED RESIDENTS, LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, AS WELL AS THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY LIMITED, FOR THEIR JOINT EFFORTS IN MAKING THE CAMPAIGN A SUCCESS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE MESSAGES OF FIRE PREVENTION AND ANTI-ILLEGAL POWER TAPPING HAD BASICALLY REACHED MOST OF THE RESIDENTS IN SQUATTER AREAS.

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"LARGE PUBLICITY BOARDS WERE PUT UP AT PROMINENT LOCATIONS IN THE DISTRICT'S 12 SQUATTER VILLAGES. PUBLICITY POSTERS AND CALENDARS WERE ALSO WIDELY DISTRIBUTED," HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT ALL THE CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES SUCH AS COLOUR-SHADING COMPETITIONS, CROSSWORD PUZZLES, HOUSEHOLD VISITS, SEMINARS AND VISITS TO FIRE STATIONS, HAD BEEN WELL RECEIVED.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S SQUATTER AREAS COMMITTEE, MRS LEE LO YUK-SIM, SAID RESIDENTS MUST KEEP UP THEIR EFFORTS.

THE FOUR-WEEK-LONG CAMPAIGN BEGAN ON DECEMBER 17 WITH THE AIM OF ENHANCING RESIDENTS' AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF FIRE PREVENTION AND THE DANGER OF ILLEGAL POWER TAPPING.

PRIZES WERE PRESENTED TO WINNERS OF THE VARIOUS COMPETITIONS HELD DURING THE CAMPAIGN, WHILE THE VARIETY SHOW PROVIDED ENTERTAINMENT WHICH INCLUDED SINGING AND A DRAMA ON FIRE PREVENTION.

OFFICIATING GUESTS AT THE CEREMONY INCLUDED THE WONG TAI SIN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS SANDY CHAN; FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S DIVISIONAL OFFICER OF KOWLOON CENTRAL DIVISION, MR LAM CHUNG-MING; AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY LIMITED, MR LEUNG SHUI-CHUNG.

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TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE FOR DISTRICT SINGING COMPETITION

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A LIMITED NUMBER OF FREE TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR THE FINALS OF THE EIGHTH CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT SINGING COMPETITION SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 21.

THE TICKETS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S THREE PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRES AT HARBOUR BUILDING AT 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING) AND IN BELCHER'S STREET, AS WELL AS FROM THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 36A WESTERN STREET.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMPETITION'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR OR SHING-MOK, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT RESPONSE TO THE ANNUAL CONTEST WAS ENCOURAGING, WITH MORE THAN 300 ENTRANTS ACCEPTED TO THE CLASSICAL SONG (SOLO), POP AND FOLK SONG (SOLO) AND POP AND FOLK SONG (GROUP) CATEGORIES.

"FOLLOWING AUDITIONS HELD ON JANUARY 4 AND 6, A TOTAL OF 19 SOLO OR GROUP CONTESTANTS HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR THE FINALS WHICH WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 21, BEGINNING AT 7.30 PM AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL.

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"APART FROM THE ANTICIPATED KEEN COMPETITION AMONG THE CONTESTANTS, A WINNER FROM A TERRITORY-WIDE SINGING CONTEST HELD SEVERAL YEARS AGO, MR SO WING-HONG, WILL BE THE GUEST PERFORMER AT THE SHOW," MR OR ADDED.

OFFICIATING AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY TO BE HELD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE COMPETITION WILL BE MR OR; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION, MR WONG CHUNG-YING; ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS MONICA CHAN; MUSIC OFFICE'S ASSISTANT MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR, MR Y.S. WANG; AND A DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MISS ESTHER CHAN.

THE WINNERS WILL BE AWARDED CASH PRIZES AND TROPHIES.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT TO HOLD SINGING CONTEST NEXT MONTH

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THE THIRD SOUTHERN DISTRICT SINGING CONTEST, AIMED AT PROMOTING RESIDENTS' INTEREST IN SINGING AND ALSO IDENTIFYING LOCAL TALENT, WILL BE HELD NEXT MONTH.

IT IS OPEN TO ALL PERSONS AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 35 WHO LIVE, WORK OR STUDY IN THE DISTRICT. THOSE WHO ARE AFFILIATED TO ANY LOCAL ORGANISATION ARE ALSO WELCOME TO ENTER THE CONTEST.

THE COMPETITION, AN ANNUAL EVENT, IS DIVIDED INTO SOLO AND CHORUS DIVISIONS. FOR THE CHORUS DIVISION, EACH TEAM SHOULD CONSIST OF NO MORE THAN 10 PERSONS.

AUDITIONS WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 4. CONTESTANTS MEETING THE REQUIRED STANDARD WILL BE ABLE TO ENTER THE FINALS WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE AP LEI CHAU COMMUNITY HALL, AP LEI CHAU ESTATE, ON FEBRUARY 25.

THE WINNER AND THE RUNNERS-UP IN EACH DIVISION WILL BE AWARDED GIFT COUPONS OF \$1,000, \$700 AND \$500 RESPECTIVELY, IN ADDITION TO TROPHIES. ALL FINALISTS WILL BE GIVEN SOUVENIRS.

THE CONTEST HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION AND THE MUSIC OFFICE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DISTRICT'S JOINT SCHOOLS' CONFERENCE, HONG KONG PHAB ASSOCIATION, ABERDEEN KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CENTRE AND ABERDEEN CARITAS SOCIAL CENTRE. SPONSORSHIP HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

ENTRY FORMS FOR THE CONTEST ARE AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES, AS WELL AS FROM ALL ORGANISER ORGANISATIONS.

THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS JANUARY 30.

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NEW YEAR GIFTS FOR KWUN TONG RESIDENTS

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A TOTAL OF 800,000 LAISEE PACKETS AND 100,000 SPRING SCROLLS PRODUCED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT TO CELEBRATE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

IN THIS CONNECTION, THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD SPENT ABOUT \$150,000 TO WISH RESIDENTS A YEAR OF FORTUNE AND PROSPERITY.

THE SCROLLS FEATURE THE CHINESE CHARACTER "FOOK", WHICH MEANS GOOD FORTUNE, BLESSING AND HAPPINESS.

THESE WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM TUESDAY (JANUARY 16) AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY COUNTERS OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

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DB MEMBERS' VIEWS ON SOCIAL SERVICES DEVELOPMENT SOUGHT

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THE REGIONAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (EAST KOWLOON) OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, MR LOK MAN-PAN, WILL BRIEF MEMBERS OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ON A SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY PAPER AT THE COMMITTEE'S MEETING ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 16).

ENTITLED "SOCIAL WELFARE INTO THE 1990'S AND BEYOND, AN INVITATION FOR YOUR VIEWS", THE POLICY PAPER OUTLINES THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT AND SEEKS VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF WELFARE SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

THE SENIOR HOUSING MANAGER (SAI KUNG) OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, MRS LEUNG PO SIU-TO, WILL REPORT TO MEMBERS THE PRESENT POPULATION INTAKE AND PROVISION OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN TSEUNG KWAN O NEW TOWN.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO EXAMINE AMENDMENTS TO THE DISTRICT BOARD FUNDING GUIDELINES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TO BEGIN AT 10 AM ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 16) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 34 CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS ASSISTANCE FOR SHIP ACCIDENT VICTIMS

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THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS A MEMBER'S PROPOSAL FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO OFFER ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF SHIP ACCIDENTS AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (MONDAY).

IN THE WAKE OF AN ACCIDENT INVOLVING A JETFOIL IN THE YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER ON DECEMBER 15 LAST YEAR, THE MEMBER IS EXPECTED TO SUGGEST THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD SET UP A RELIEF FUND OR EXTEND THE EXISTING TRAFFIC ACCIDENT ASSISTANCE TO COVER SHIP ACCIDENT VICTIMS.

ALSO ON THE AGENDA ARE SUGGESTED MEASURES TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CONDITIONS AT KIMBERLEY ROAD, THE WIDENING OF AUSTIN ROAD AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PEDESTRIAN SUBWAY AT THE JUNCTION OF NATHAN ROAD AND AUSTIN ROAD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, 490 NATHAN ROAD.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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1,462 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS REPORTED IN DECEMBER

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A TOTAL OF 1,907 CASUALTIES WAS REPORTED IN 1,462 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS WHICH OCCURRED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY LAST MONTH.

A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT 351 OF THESE ACCIDENTS OCCURRED ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 782 IN KOWLOON AND 329 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE PROVISIONAL FIGURES FOR DECEMBER SHOWED THAT 32 PERSONS WERE KILLED, 374 PEOPLE WERE SERIOUSLY INJURED AND 1,501 SLIGHTLY INJURED IN THESE ACCIDENTS.

THE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS AND CASUALTIES REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 6.95 PER CENT AND 5.24 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

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REMINDER ON FIREWORKS BAN

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WITH THE APPROACH OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT IT IS AN OFFENCE TO POSSESS OR DISCHARGE FIREWORKS OR FIRE-CRACKERS WITHOUT A VALID LICENCE.

"UNDER THE DANGEROUS GOODS ORDINANCE, ANY PERSON WHO POSSESSES OR DISCHARGES ANY FIREWORKS WITHOUT A LICENCE IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$25,000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT," THE DEPARTMENT'S CHIEF EXPLOSIVES OFFICER, MR CHARLES CHING, SAID.

MR CHING SAID OFFICERS FROM THE MINES DIVISION WERE CONDUCTING SPOT CHECKS ON SHOPS AND PREMISES SUSPECTED OF SELLING OR STORING SUCH GOODS.

"ANY UNLICENSED FIREWORKS FOUND WILL BE SEIZED AND THE OFFENDER PROSECUTED," HE SAID.

MR CHING ALSO URGED PEOPLE POSSESSING FIREWORKS TO SURRENDER THEM IMMEDIATELY TO THE MINES DIVISION ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, KOWLOON, OR TO ANY NEARBY POLICE STATION.

"THEY MAY ALSO CONTACT THE DIVISION ON TEL. 7332356 OR 7332358 FOR SUCH GOODS TO BE COLLECTED," HE ADDED.

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VEGETABLE GROWING CONTEST FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS

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WINNERS OF THE VEGETABLE GROWING (IN POT) COMPETITION, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS, WILL RECEIVE THEIR PRIZES ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 16) AFTERNOON.

THE PRINCIPAL CURRICULUM PLANNING OFFICER (PRIMARY) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MR CHOW HING-PO, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

THIS YEAR'S COMPETITION RECEIVED MORE THAN 300 ENTRIES FROM ABOUT 100 PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

THE COMPETITION IS DESIGNED TO HELP STUDENTS LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SHAPE, STRUCTURE AND GROWTH OF PLANTS THROUGH PARTICIPATION AND OBSERVATION.

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SEEDS OF FIVE SPECIES SUITABLE FOR GROWING IN POTS WERE DISTRIBUTED TO PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS LAST SEPTEMBER AND STUDENTS WERE TASKED TO THE CARING AND GROWING OF THE PLANTS FROM SEEDLING TO FULL-GROWN STAGE UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THEIR TEACHERS.

ALL ENTRIES WILL BE PUT ON DISPLAY AT THE HONG KONG TEACHERS' CENTRE AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT BETWEEN 3 PM AND 5 PM ON TUESDAY AND BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG TEACHERS' CENTRE AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT AT 2.30 PM ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 16).

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NEW ID CARDS FOR MEN BORN IN 1932-35

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MEN BORN IN 1932, 1933, 1934 OR 1935 ARE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS FROM JANUARY 15 TO FEBRUARY 24.

THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) URGED MEN OF THE ABOVE AGE GROUP TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS BEFORE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR TO AVOID THE CROWDS AFTER THE HOLIDAYS.

"ALTHOUGH THE CLOSING DATE FOR THEIR APPLICATIONS IS FEBRUARY 24, APPLICANTS ARE URGED TO COME FORWARD AT THEIR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE TO AVOID THE CROWDS AFTER THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS, WHICH WE HAD EXPERIENCED IN THE PAST YEARS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

"FAILURE TO APPLY FOR A NEW IDENTITY CARD WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD IS AN OFFENCE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$3,000," HE ADDED.

APPLICANTS CAN GO TO ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES TO RENEW THEIR IDENTITY CARDS.

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

"THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE VERY CROWDED IN THE EVENINGS. TO AVOID HAVING TO QUEUE UP FOR A LONG TIME AT THE ISSUE OFFICES OR TO COME BACK ON ANOTHER DAY, APPLICANTS ARE ADVISED TO GO TO THESE OFFICES IN THE MORNINGS AND THE AFTERNOONS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THEY MAY MAKE USE OF THE PHONE-IN SERVICE TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING THE OFFICE OF THEIR CHOICE.

/THE ADDRESSES

THE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE:

- HONG KONG : BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI
TEL. NO. 5747070
- EAST KOWLOON : AMOY PLAZA, SECOND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD
TEL. NO. 7553679
- WEST KOWLOON : CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR,
393 CANTON ROAD, YAU MA TEI
TEL. NO. 7232424
- TSUEN WAN : EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR,
29-37 TSUEN FU STREET
TEL. NO. 4981259
- SHA TIN : SHOP 8A, SECOND FLOOR, CHANWAY SHOPPING CENTRE,
11-17 SHA TIN CENTRE STREET
TEL. NO. 6059108
- YUEN LONG : HOP YICK CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK
ROAD
TEL. NO. 4771543
- TUEN MUN : CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, CHI
LOK FA YUEN
TEL. NO. 4580862
- SHEUNG SHUI : TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR, 82-84 SAN FUNG
AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI
TEL. NO. 6727191

"APPLICANTS NORMALLY NEED TO BRING ALONG THEIR EXISTING IDENTITY CARDS IF THEIR CARDS WERE FIRST REGISTERED NOT LESS THAN SEVEN YEARS AGO AND BEAR THE *** SYMBOL," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"HOWEVER, IF THE APPLICANT'S IDENTITY CARD WAS FIRST REGISTERED LESS THAN SEVEN YEARS AGO OR DOES NOT HAVE THE *** SYMBOL, HE IS REQUIRED TO FURNISH MORE PERSONAL PROOFS.

"IN ADDITION TO PRODUCING HIS EXISTING IDENTITY CARD, HE MUST PRODUCE HIS TRAVEL DOCUMENT AND EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING (IF ANY) - HONG KONG BIRTH CERTIFICATE, HONG KONG NATURALISATION CERTIFICATE OR HONG KONG REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE.

"IN SOME CASES, APPLICANTS MAY BE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THEIR CLAIM TO HAVE THE RIGHT OF ABODE IN HONG KONG. IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, THEY WILL BE ADVISED INDIVIDUALLY," HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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WATER CUT IN SHEUNG WAN
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SHEUNG WAN WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 16) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT THE PREMISES AT 127-133 (ODD NUMBERS) AND 76-130 (EVEN NUMBERS) OF HOLLYWOOD ROAD, LADDER STREET BETWEEN HOLLYWOOD ROAD AND LOWER LASCAR ROW, CIRCULAR PATHWAY, SHING WONG STREET BETWEEN GOUGH STREET AND HOLLYWOOD ROAD, 1-2 TSUI ON LANE, 270-276 (EVEN NUMBERS) QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, AND LOWER LASCAR ROW.

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URBAN CLEARWAY IN WAN CHAI
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 16), HENNESSY ROAD WESTBOUND FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH STEWART ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 120 METRES TO THE WEST WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY, FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY FOR TWO DAYS, TO FACILITATE ROAD RESURFACING WORKS.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EXISTING RESTRICTION FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM ON THE ABOVE SAME SECTION OF HENNESSY ROAD WILL BE TEMPORARILY CANCELLED.

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