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MAJORITY SATISFIED WITH TV AND RADIO PROGRAMMES: SURVEY

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EIGHTY-SEVEN PER CENT OF THE RESPONDENTS IN A RECENTLY COMPLETED SURVEY WERE SATISFIED WITH THE TELEVISION PROGRAMMES IN HONG KONG, ACCORDING TO THE TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY (TELA).

THE SURVEY, NAMED TELEVISION AND SOUND BROADCASTING SURVEY, WAS CONDUCTED BY AN INDEPENDENT FIRM COMMISSIONED BY TELA. IT WAS PART OF A PERIODIC EXERCISE CARRIED OUT BY THE AUTHORITY, THE LAST ONE BEING IN 1985.

IT AIMED TO MEASURE PUBLIC OPINION ON THE QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF TELEVISION AND SOUND BROADCASTING IN HONG KONG AND PUBLIC DEMANDS AND EXPECTATIONS IN THESE AREAS, AS WELL AS TO MONITOR TRENDS AND CHANGES IN PUBLIC OPINIONS IN THE LAST TWO YEARS.

THE SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH THIS YEAR USING A TOTAL SAMPLE OF 2,597 INDIVIDUALS AGED FROM 15 TO 69 LIVING IN HONG KONG.

IT WAS DESIGNED IN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, AND WAS BASED ON A REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE OF THE POPULATION OF HONG KONG PREPARED BY PROBABILITY SAMPLING TECHNIQUES.

THE SURVEY UNVEILED VARIOUS AREAS OF INTEREST OF THE BROADCASTING INDUSTRY. ON THE TELEVISION SIDE, THE FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY INDICATED THAT 99 PER CENT OF THE RESPONDENTS HAD AT LEAST ONE TELEVISION SET IN THEIR HOUSEHOLDS, AND 28 PER CENT OF THE HOUSEHOLDS INTERVIEWED HAD A VIDEO CASSETTE RECORDER MACHINE.

ON AVERAGE, THE RESPONDENTS WATCHED TV 3.12 HOURS A DAY.

GENERALLY, THE RESPONDENTS CONSIDERED THE COVERAGE OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF NEWS ADEQUATE, THOUGH LOCAL NEWS AND NEWS ON CHINA WERE SEEN BY SOME AS INSUFFICIENTLY DETAILED.

MOST RESPONDENTS DID NOT FIND IT ACCEPTABLE TO INCLUDE COMMERCIALS IN THE NEWS PROGRAMMES.

THE RESPONDENTS WERE FAIRLY SATISFIED WITH THE QUALITY OF CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH PROGRAMMES; CLOSE TO 40 PER CENT CONSIDERED THE QUALITY HIGH AND ANOTHER 45 PER CENT CONSIDERED IT ABOVE AVERAGE. BOTH THE DURATION AND THE TIME SLOT FOR CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES WERE SEEN AS APPROPRIATE.

/SOME RESPONDENTS

SOME RESPONDENTS BELIEVED THAT CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES SHOULD INCLUDE MORE QUIZ AND CONTEST, COACHING ON SCHOOL WORK, AND NEWS RELATED TO CHILDREN/YOUTH, WHEREAS ROBOT CARTOONS SHOULD BE DECREASED.

THE MAJORITY FOUND THE TIME SLOT AND DURATION OF FAMILY VIEWING HOURS ACCEPTABLE.

IT APPEARED THAT, ON THE WHOLE, THE RESPONDENTS WERE SATISFIED WITH THE QUANTITY OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF TELEVISION PROGRAMMES. HOWEVER, MORE BROADCAST OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMES, NEWS, DRAMA SERIES, FEATURED FILMS AND TV PLAYS WAS DESIRED BY NEARLY HALF OF THE RESPONDENTS.

A MAJORITY OF THE RESPONDENTS WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE QUANTITY OF CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES, YOUTH PROGRAMMES, WOMEN MAGAZINE PROGRAMMES AND ARTS AND CULTURAL PROGRAMMES BE KEPT AT THE PRESENT LEVEL.

A MAJORITY OF THE RESPONDENTS CONSIDERED NEWS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMES A "MUST".

THE DURATION OF NEWS BULLETIN AND THE TIME SLOT IN WHICH IT IS BROADCAST WERE CONSIDERED ABOUT RIGHT. ON AVERAGE, THE RESPONDENTS WANTED TO HAVE 2.6 NEWS BULLETINS BETWEEN 6 PM AND MIDNIGHT.

DRAMA SERIES WERE VERY POPULAR, WATCHED BY 94 PER CENT OF THE RESPONDENTS IN THE TWO WEEKS DURING WHICH THE SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED.

MORE COMEDY, HEART-WARMING AND UPLIFTING TYPES OF DRAMA SERIES WERE WELCOME, BUT LESS OF HORROR STORIES OR STORIES ON UNDERWORLD RIVALRY WAS PREFERRED.

THEMES LIKE TRIAD ACTIVITIES, GLORIFICATION OF GANG HEROES, ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, 'GO-AND-DO-IT' ATTITUDE, AND VOODOOISM WERE CONSIDERED 'NOT ACCEPTABLE' BY ABOUT HALF OF THE RESPONDENTS, AND MOST DID NOT ACCEPT ABNORMAL SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR, PROMISCUITY, PARENTS KILLING /ABUSING OWN CHILDREN, PERVERTED BEHAVIOUR, AND DISTORTION OF HISTORY/HISTORICAL FIGURES AS THEMES OF DRAMA SERIES.

THE RESPONDENTS WERE FAIRLY SATISFIED WITH PROGRAMMES PRODUCED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, AND OVER 85 PER CENT OF THEM HAD WATCHED POPULAR PROGRAMMES LIKE 'COMMON SENSE', 'POLICE REPORT' AND 'ACCESS' DURING THE SURVEY PERIOD.

GENERALLY, THE RESPONDENTS DID NOT ACCEPT THE USE OF FOUL LANGUAGE, TRIAD LANGUAGE, DIALOGUES WITH SEXUAL INNUENDO, AND CURSING ON TELEVISION.

MOST OF THE RESPONDENTS FOUND THE CENSORSHIP STANDARDS APPLIED TO SEX, NUDITY AND VIOLENCE ACCEPTABLE. WHILE, IN GENERAL, RESPONDENTS CONSIDERED THAT THE PRESENT CENSORSHIP STANDARDS WERE APPROPRIATELY APPLIED, THEY FELT THAT THE CENSORSHIP STANDARDS IN RESPECT OF PROGRAMMES BROADCAST AFTER 11.30 PM COULD BE RELAXED.

/AS REGARDS

AS REGARDS SOUND BROADCASTING, 94 PER CENT OF THE HOUSEHOLDS INTERVIEWED HAD A RADIO, AND ON AVERAGE SPENT 1.84 HOURS A DAY LISTENING TO RADIO PROGRAMMES. THE MAJORITY OF THE RESPONDENTS WERE SATISFIED WITH PROGRAMMES ON THE RADIO.

THE MOST POPULAR PROGRAMMES WERE NEWS AND WEATHER BULLETIN, POPULAR MUSIC AND DRAMA. YOUTH PROGRAMMES, CHINESE OPERA, PHONE-IN PROGRAMMES ON PERSONAL MATTERS, SPORTS AND WOMEN'S PROGRAMMES, ON THE OTHER HAND, WERE LESS POPULAR.

THOUGH THE MAJORITY OF THE RESPONDENTS LISTENED TO NEWS ON THE RADIO, RADIO WAS NOT THEIR MAJOR SOURCE OF NEWS; INSTEAD, TELEVISION WAS.

SHORT STORIES AND PROGRAMMES CONCERNING SEXUAL RELATIONSHIP WERE CONSIDERED ACCEPTABLE AFTER 11.30 PM, BUT NOT DIALOGUES WITH SEXUAL INNUENDO.

ONLY 11 PER CENT OF THE RESPONDENTS WERE DISSATISFIED WITH COMMERCIALS ON RADIO, AND THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT COMPLAINT WAS THERE BEING TOO MANY OF THEM.

"THE FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY WILL BE OF GREAT HELP TO THE WORK OF TELA AND WILL FORM A USEFUL BASIS OF REFERENCE FOR THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY WHICH WILL SHORTLY COME INTO BEING," A SPOKESMAN FOR TELA SAID.

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JUNE ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL FIGURES RELEASED
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THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) AS REPORTED BY THE 200 LARGEST FIRMS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN JUNE 1987 REMAINED AT ABOUT THE SAME LEVEL AS IN MAY 1987, BUT INCREASED SLIGHTLY OVER JUNE 1986, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARING JUNE 1987 WITH THE SAME MONTH IN 1986, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN THE VOLUME OF ORDERS WERE RECORDED IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY AND, TO A LESSER EXTENT, IN THE WEARING APPAREL AND TEXTILE INDUSTRIES.

HOWEVER, ORDERS IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY DROPPED.

/COMPARING JUNE

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COMPARING JUNE 1987 WITH MAY 1987, THE VOLUME OF ORDERS IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY INCREASED WHILE THAT IN MOST OF THE OTHER INDUSTRIES SURVEYED SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN JUNE 1987 INCREASED WHEN COMPARED WITH MAY 1987, BUT DECREASED SLIGHTLY COMPARED WITH JUNE 1986. THE INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT OVER MAY 1987 IN ALMOST ALL INDUSTRIES SURVEYED WAS DUE MAINLY TO THE RECRUITMENT OF SUMMER WORKERS, WITH THE MOST SIGNIFICANT INCREASE RECORDED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

COMPARED WITH JUNE 1986, EMPLOYMENT IN THE WEARING APPAREL, PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES DECREASED, WHILE THAT IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS, TEXTILES, AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES INCREASED.

PAYROLL IN MOST INDUSTRIES SURVEYED INCREASED IN JUNE 1987 OVER MAY 1987 BECAUSE OF THE RECRUITMENT OF SUMMER WORKERS, BUT THAT IN THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY DECREASED.

ON THE OTHER HAND, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN MOST INDUSTRIES SURVEYED HAD FALLEN BELOW THE LEVEL IN MAY 1987 BECAUSE OF THE LOWER WAGES OF SUMMER WORKERS.

COMPARING JUNE 1987 WITH JUNE 1986, SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN PAYROLL AND IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS WERE RECORDED IN ALL INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, PARTICULARLY IN THE TEXTILES, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN JUNE 1987 ALL DECREASED COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH, BUT INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY COMPARED WITH THE SAME MONTH IN 1986.

IN THE SERVICES SECTORS, THE OVERALL EMPLOYMENT IN JUNE 1987 WAS ABOUT THE SAME AS IN MAY 1987, BUT PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS GENERALLY INCREASED.

BANKS AND PUBLIC UTILITIES RECORDED MODERATE INCREASES IN PAYROLL AND IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS.

COMPARED WITH JUNE 1986, THE OVERALL EMPLOYMENT IN THE SERVICES SECTORS INCREASED DESPITE A SLIGHT DECREASE RECORDED IN HOTELS. PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN ALL THE SERVICES SECTORS SURVEYED RECORDED SIGNIFICANT INCREASES OVER JUNE 1986.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS ARE SHOWN IN TABLES 1 AND 2 BELOW.

/THE SURVEY

THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND THE 50 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICES SECTORS, CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZES IN SEPTEMBER 1986.

AS THE SAMPLE WAS NOT DRAWN ON A RANDOM BASIS, THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT THE MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE INDICATED BY THE SURVEY MIGHT NOT REFLECT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE. NEVERTHELESS, THESE RESULTS ARE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR JUNE 1987 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, 19/F., WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT \$1.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT 5-8234820.

TABLE 1 : ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	ORDERS-ON-HAND		
	FOR JUNE 1987	INCREASE OVER	
		MAY 87	JUNE 86
	(MONTHS)	(%)	(%)
ALL INDUSTRIES	4.47	*	1
WEARING APPAREL	4.96	*	4
TEXTILES	2.83	*	8
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	3.55	*	-5
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4.54	3	13
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5.05	*	*
OTHERS	4.31	-2	-1

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TABLES 2: EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY/ SERVICES	PERSONS ENGAGED AT THE END OF JUNE 1987		PER CAPITA EARNINGS		
	INCREASE OVER		IN JUNE 87	INCREASE OVER	
	MAY 87	JUNE 86		MAY 87	JUNE 86
	(%)	(%)	(HK\$)	(%)	(%)
MANUFACTURING	4	-1	3,616	-2	13
FOOD AND DRINKS	2	3	4,213	1	5
WEARING APPAREL	1	-6	3,185	-1	11
TEXTILES	1	4	4,056	-2	21
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	15	-3	3,079	-3	12
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	3	-4	3,462	-2	21
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	6	1	3,359	-3	16
OTHERS	*	*	4,698	-1	8
CONSTRUCTION #	-1	10	5,051	-5	10
SERVICES	*	2	6,242	1	10
BANKS	1	5	6,063	3	11
HOTELS	*	-1	3,968	1	15
PUBLIC UTILITIES	*	*	6,237	2	12
OTHERS	1	6	7,119	-1	4

* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5 %

PERSONS ENGAGED COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

NOTE: UNLIKE "ORDERS-ON-HAND" AND "PER CAPITA EARNINGS" WHICH ARE AVERAGE FIGURES, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE FIRMS SURVEYED IS NOT MEANINGFUL INFORMATION ON ITS OWN (BECAUSE THIS IS A PANEL SURVEY) AND IS THEREFORE NOT SHOWN.

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HOMES FOUND FOR 107 STREET SLEEPERS

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THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE ON STREET SLEEPERS TODAY (THURSDAY) WAS INFORMED THAT THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS SUCCESSFULLY WORKED ON 246 STREET SLEEPERS, 107 OF THEM HAVE BEEN ACCOMMODATED SINCE MAY THIS YEAR.

THE REST OF THEM ARE AWAITING ADMISSION INTO INSTITUTIONS FOR THE ELDERLY, COMPASSIONATE REHOUSING, GOVERNMENT MENTAL HOSPITAL OR TEMPORARY SHELTER, THE COMMITTEE NOTED AT ITS SECOND MEETING CHAIRED BY THE ACTING DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MISS LOLLY CHIU.

MISS CHIU POINTED OUT THAT THE MOST DIFFICULT PROBLEMS FACED BY SOCIAL WORKERS WERE THOSE POSED BY STREET SLEEPERS WHO WERE EITHER ABLE-BODIED (34 PER CENT), DRUG-ADDICTED (30 PER CENT) OR ALCOHOLIC (8 PER CENT).

"MOST OF THESE STREET DWELLERS ARE UNDER 60 YEARS OLD AND THEIR REAL NEED IS FOR CHEAP HOUSING IN THE URBAN AREAS RATHER THAN WELFARE SERVICES.

SINCE MAY THIS YEAR, FOUR OUTREACHING TEAMS IN THE FOUR OPERATIONAL REGIONS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT - HONG KONG, EAST KOWLOON, WEST KOWLOON AND NEW TERRITORIES REGIONS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED TO STEP UP EFFORTS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO STREET SLEEPERS. EACH TEAM HAS TWO SOCIAL WORKERS TO ASSIST DIFFICULT AND UNMOTIVATED STREET SLEEPERS.

"A DAY RELIEF CENTRE IN YAU MA TEI AND A TEMPORARY SHELTER IN CHOI HUNG WILL BE OPENED FOR STREET SLEEPERS FROM NEXT MONTH," MISS CHIU ANNOUNCED.

SHE EXPLAINED THAT THE DAY RELIEF CENTRE WOULD BE RUN BY THE SALVATION ARMY TO PROVIDE PERSONAL CARE SUCH AS FOOD, BATHING, HAIR-CUTTING AND CLOTHING TO STREET SLEEPERS BEFORE THEY WERE REFERRED TO OTHER RESIDENTIAL SERVICE OR FOR MEDICAL CARE AND THE TEMPORARY SHELTER WOULD BE OPERATED BY CARITAS TO RECEIVE REFERRALS FOR SHELTER FROM THE DAY RELIEF CENTRE.

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POLICE ACQUIRE PERSONNEL AND TRAINING COMPUTER SYSTEM

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TO FACILITATE AND MODERNISE PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT, THE POLICE FORCE HAS ACQUIRED A PERSONNEL AND TRAINING (PAT) COMPUTER SYSTEM TO KEEP RECORDS AND TO PROVIDE SPEEDY INFORMATION.

THIS WILL BE THE FIRST COMPREHENSIVE COMPUTER SYSTEM DEDICATED TO PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT IN A GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT.

PHASE I OF THE SYSTEM, WHICH BECAME OPERATIONAL ON JULY 31, ONLY COVERS THE 3,000 INSPECTORATE AND GAZETTED OFFICERS. ACCORDING TO MR. JOHN BILSBY, ACTING SENIOR STAFF OFFICER, COMPUTER DEVELOPMENT, THE PROJECT'S CAPITAL COST IS JUST UNDER \$1 MILLION.

HE NOTED THAT THERE WOULD BE A REVIEW FROM BOTH THE TECHNICAL AND USER POINTS OF VIEW AFTER SIX MONTHS OF OPERATIONAL RUNNING BEFORE GOING ON TO PHASE II OF THE SYSTEM PLANNED TO COVER ALL THE JUNIOR POLICE OFFICERS AND CIVILIANS.

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE SYSTEM ARE: TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF PERSONAL DATA RECORDED AND AVOID AS FAR AS POSSIBLE ANY DUPLICATION IN RECORD-KEEPING, AND TO PROVIDE SPEEDY PERSONNEL AND TRAINING INFORMATION TO PERSONNEL OFFICERS, COMMANDERS AND STAFF IN THE FORCE, THUS IMPROVING THE EFFICIENCY OF PERSONNEL DEPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCE UTILISATION.

THE SYSTEM COMPRISES 11 VISUAL DISPLAY TERMINALS INSTALLED AT THE PERSONNEL WING AND PERSONNEL REGISTRY, THE FOUR REGIONS AND POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL, ALL ACCESSING THE CENTRAL PROCESSING UNIT, SITED AT PHQ AND EQUIPPED WITH A LINE PRINTER FOR BULK PRINTING AND TWO HARD DISCS FOR STORING THE PERSONNEL DATABASE.

THE SYSTEM PROVIDES ON-LINE ENQUIRY FACILITIES COVERING A FULL RANGE OF DATA ON THE RECORDS OF INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS AND GROUPS OF OFFICERS.

IT IS CAPABLE OF PROVIDING ANSWERS TO ENQUIRIES RANGING FROM SIMPLE ONES SUCH AS FINDING AN OFFICER'S CURRENT POSTING, TO SEARCHING OUT AND LISTING PEOPLE MEETING CERTAIN CRITERIA.

THE SYSTEM ALSO PROVIDES ROUTINE MANAGEMENT REPORTS SUCH AS NOMINAL ROLL, CANDIDATES QUALIFIED FOR PROMOTION, AND OFFICERS' LEAVE MOVEMENTS. OTHER REPORTS THAT ARE NOT PRE-DEFINED MAY ALSO BE PRODUCED ON AN AD HOC BASIS UPON REQUEST.

A SECURITY SYSTEM HAS BEEN BUILT IN TO ENSURE THAT ACCESS TO OFFICERS' RECORDS IS RESTRICTED ON A "NEED TO KNOW" BASIS.

/AFTER PAPER

AFTER PAPER RECORDS WERE CONVERTED TO RECORDS IN THE COMPUTER, EACH OFFICER WAS GIVEN A PRINTOUT TO CHECK FOR ANY ERRORS.

MR. BILSBY SAID, "WE BELIEVE THAT THE SYSTEM WILL BE VERY USEFUL TO THE FORCE, BUT IT IS ONLY A TOOL TO HELP USERS BE MORE EFFECTIVE. IT CAN NEVER REPLACE IMPORTANT ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS AND FILES NOR CAN IT MAKE PERSONNEL DECISIONS - THEY WILL CONTINUE TO BE MADE BY RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS."

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POLICE OFFICER AND LAWYER ON U.S. STUDY TOUR

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A POLICE OFFICER AND A GOVERNMENT LAWYER ARE ON A FOUR-WEEK VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES TO STUDY THE AMERICAN APPROACH IN COMBATTING ORGANISED CRIME.

SUPERINTENDENT PAUL ROGER, HEAD OF THE RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS DIVISION OF THE CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE BUREAU, WILL LOOK INTO THE OPERATIONAL SIDE OF POLICE TASK FORCES AND HOW THEY CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS.

THE LAWYER, SENIOR CROWN COUNSEL MR. PHILLIP DYKES, WILL EXAMINE THE ADMINISTRATIVE SIDE OF THE LAW AND THE GRAND JURY ASPECT.

"THESE TASK FORCES MAY INVOLVE INVESTIGATORS FROM ALL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED IN AN ORGANISED CRIME INQUIRY AND IT WILL BE USEFUL TO STUDY THEIR METHODS AND EFFECTIVENESS," SAID SUPT. ROGER.

THE DECISION TO SEND A POLICE REPRESENTATIVE AND A LEGAL DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED STATES AROSE FROM A MEETING OF FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE'S WORKING GROUP ON GANGS IN APRIL. THE WORKING GROUP REQUESTED THAT THE FOLLOWING BE EXAMINED:

- THE HISTORY OF THE INVESTIGATIVE GRAND JURY IN THE CONTEXT OF AMERICAN LEGAL HISTORY AND ITS OPERATION TODAY;
- THE HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE RACKETEER INFLUENCE AND CORRUPT ORGANISATION (RICO) STATUTE;
- THE STRUCTURE AND METHOD OF OPERATION OF TASK FORCES FIGHTING ORGANISED CRIME.

SUPT. ROGER AND MR. DYKES WILL SPEND TIME WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE'S ORGANISED CRIME AND RACKETEERING SECTION IN WASHINGTON AND WITH NEW YORK AND SAN FRANCISCO TASK FORCES DEALING WITH ORGANISED CRIME.

/THEIR VISIT

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THEIR VISIT IS A FURTHER DEVELOPMENT FOLLOWING PUBLICATION IN APRIL LAST YEAR OF THE DISCUSSION DOCUMENT ON "OPTIONS FOR CHANGES IN THE LAW AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAW TO COUNTER THE TRIAD PROBLEM."

THE WORKING GROUP ON GANGS, CHAIRED BY THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, HAS BEEN STUDYING THESE OPTIONS IN SOME DETAIL AND MAKING PROPOSALS TO THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE FOR CHANGES IN THE LAW.

ACTION HAS ALREADY BEEN TAKEN ON SOME OF THE OPTIONS, SUCH AS INCREASES IN FINES FOR OFFENCES UNDER THE SOCIETIES ORDINANCE AND THE COMING INTRODUCTION OF A ONE-WAY VIEWING SYSTEM FOR ID PARADES.

OTHER OPTIONS ARE STILL UNDER CAREFUL STUDY.

BESIDES HIS CIB DUTIES, MR. ROGER IS STAFF OFFICER TO THE DD CRIME FOR THE WORKING GROUP ON GANGS AND ALSO SECRETARY TO THE FORCE OPERATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRIADS AND ORGANISED CRIME. HE HAS BEEN IN THE CIB SINCE 1983, WITH MUCH OF HIS WORK RELATING TO THE RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SIDE OF ORGANISED CRIME ACTIVITIES.

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CONVENIENT REGISTRATION COUNTERS FOR WHITE-COLLAR WORKERS

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WHITE-COLLAR WORKERS IN CENTRAL AND SHEUNG WAN CAN NOW SPEND ONLY A FEW MINUTES DURING THEIR LUNCHTIME OR AFTER WORK TO REGISTER AS ELECTORS.

THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE HAS SET UP TWO TEMPORARY COUNTERS AT THE STAR FERRY CONCOURSE AND SHUN TAK CENTRE TO MAKE IT MORE CONVENIENT FOR OFFICE WORKERS TO REGISTER.

"PEOPLE WORKING IN THE VICINITY ARE ENCOURAGED TO DROP BY AT THESE COUNTERS DURING LUNCH-HOURS OR AFTER WORK AND SIGN UP AS ELECTOR," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE COUNTER AT THE STAR FERRY CONCOURSE IS NOW OPEN FROM 12 NOON TO 2 PM AND FROM 5 TO 7 PM ON WEEKDAYS UNTIL THE END OF SEPTEMBER, WHILE THE ONE TO BE SET UP AT THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE SHUN TAK CENTRE WILL BE OPENED FROM 10 AM TO 7 PM FROM MONDAY (AUGUST 24) UNTIL AUGUST 28. DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF WILL MAN THESE COUNTERS TO HELP RESIDENTS REGISTER.

MEANWHILE, STAFF OF DISTRICT OFFICE ALSO VISITED COMMERCIAL FIRMS IN THE DISTRICT TO URGE WHITE COLLAR WORKERS TO SIGN UP.

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VIEWS ON GREEN PAPER TO BE EXCHANGED

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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD A SPECIAL OPEN FUNCTION ON THE GREEN PAPER ON THE 1987 REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT AT THE MARTHA BOSS COMMUNITY CENTRE NEXT TUESDAY (AUGUST 25) EVENING.

MEMBERS OF AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS CORPORATIONS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND OTHER LOCAL ORGANISATIONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE FUNCTION AND EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE GREEN PAPER.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE FUNCTION ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON 3-7110171.

THE FUNCTION IS ORGANISED TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY AND ENCOURAGE THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK UP AND EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE GREEN PAPER.

DURING THE FUNCTION, THE RESULT OF A SURVEY ON KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS' VIEWS ON THE GREEN PAPER WILL BE ANNOUNCED.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SURVEY OFFICE WILL ALSO BE INVITED TO ATTEND THE MEETING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SPECIAL OPEN FUNCTION OF THE KOWLOON CITY AT 8 PM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 25) AT THE MARTHA BOSS COMMUNITY CENTRE, 89 CHUNG HAU STREET, HO MAN TIN.

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GREEN PAPER SEMINARS IN KWUN TONG

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A SERIES OF AREA-BASED SEMINARS IN SUPPORT OF KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S CAMPAIGN TO GATHER RESIDENTS' VIEWS ON THE GREEN PAPER OF THE 1987 REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN ORGANISED.

EARLIER THIS MONTH, THE LAM TIN (NORTH), SAU MAU PING (SOUTH), PING SHEK/KAI YIP, SHUN LEE, AND TING HONG AREA COMMITTEES HAVE ALREADY ORGANISED THEIR OWN SEMINAR ON THE DOCUMENT.

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SIMILAR ACTIVITIES WILL BE CONDUCTED BY EIGHT OTHER AREA COMMITTEES IN THE COMING WEEKS. DETAILS OF THE SEMINARS ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

DATE/TIME -----	AREA COMMITTEE -----	VENUE -----
AUGUST 21 (FRIDAY) 7 PM	TOWN CENTRE	KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM
AUGUST 22 (SATURDAY) 8 PM	SAU MAU PING (NORTH)	SAU MAU PING UC NO. 10 PLAYGROUND
AUGUST 24 (MONDAY) 8 PM	LAM TIN (SOUTH)	LAM TIN (EAST) ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE
AUGUST 28 (FRIDAY) 8 PM	EAST NGAU TAU KOK	NGAU TAU KOK CARITAS SOCIAL CENTRE
SEPTEMBER 4 (FRIDAY) 8.30 PM	WEST NGAU TAU KOK	TELFORD GARDENS COMMUNITY CENTRE
SEPTEMBER 6 (SUNDAY) 2 PM	YAU TONG AND SZE SHAN	HO CHING PRIMARY SCHOOL, YAU TONG
SEPTEMBER 7 (MONDAY) 8 PM	TSUI PING	KWUN TONG COMMUNITY CENTRE

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PROGRAMMES TO GATHER VIEWS ON GREEN PAPER

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD TWO SPECIAL MEET-THE-PUBLIC SESSIONS IN TIN WAN AND WAH FU ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 23) TO COLLECT RESIDENTS' VIEWS ON THE GREEN PAPER ON THE REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

THE SESSION IN TIN WAN WILL BE HELD FROM 11 AM TO 12 NOON AT THE OPEN SPACE BETWEEN BLOCKS 4 AND 5 OF TIN WAN ESTATE WHILE THE SESSION IN WAH FU WILL BE HELD FROM 1 PM TO 2 PM AT THE OPEN SPACE IN FRONT OF THE WAH FU COMMUNITY HALL.

SPECIAL COUNTERS MANNED BY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE SET UP AT THESE TWO LOCATIONS. RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT WHICH WILL BE RECORDED AND SUBMITTED TO THE SURVEY OFFICE.

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IN ADDITION, THE BOARD WILL ORGANISE TWO SEMINARS ON THE GREEN PAPER UNDER THE BANNER OF CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN THIS WEEKEND.

THE SEMINARS FOR THE TIN WAN AND SHEK PAI WAN AREAS WILL BE HELD AT ST. PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 22) AND WAH FU COMMUNITY HALL ON SUNDAY. BOTH SEMINARS WILL START AT 2.30 PM.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS' CORPORATIONS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND THE SEMINARS WHICH WILL ALSO BE OPEN TO OTHER RESIDENTS IN THE AREA

PROGRAMME OF THE SEMINARS INCLUDE A VIDEO PRESENTATION ON THE GREEN PAPER, GROUP DISCUSSIONS AND REPORTS BY PARTICIPANTS.

TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO SPEAK UP, THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD HAS ALREADY HELD A NUMBER OF SPECIAL OPEN AIR MEET-THE-PUBLIC SESSIONS AND SEMINARS SINCE EARLY AUGUST IN SOME OF THE DISTRICT'S SIX CONSTITUENCIES.

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TSUEN WAN DELEGATION TOURS U.S. AND CANADA

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A 12-MEMBER DELEGATION OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD HAS LEFT THE UNITED STATES FOR TORONTO ON THE FINAL LEG OF A 10-DAY NORTH AMERICA STUDY TOUR.

THE TOUR, FROM AUGUST 11 TO 21, IS GIVING THE BOARD MEMBERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE FIRST-HAND A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES AFFECTING RESIDENTS IN LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO, WASHINGTON DC, NEW YORK AND TORONTO.

GROUP LEADER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, MR CHAU HOW-CHEN, SAID DURING THE VERY FULL PROGRAMME THE GROUP HAD A USEFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM U.S. LOCAL COUNCILS AND MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ON TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT, URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING MATTERS.

WITH FIRST STOP LOS ANGELES, THE DELEGATION VISITED THE CITY'S AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT AND THE AIR RESOURCES BOARD TO STUDY AIR POLLUTION PROBLEMS AND SPENT AN AFTERNOON WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. BRIEFINGS COVERED TRAFFIC OPERATIONS IN THE CITY AND THE PLANNING OF AN EFFECTIVE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM CAPABLE OF RESPONDING TO INCREASING DEMAND LEVELS.

AS GREATER LOS ANGELES IS ROUGHLY THE SAME SIZE AS THE WHOLE OF HONG KONG, THE GROUP WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE GENERAL PROCEDURES AND METHODS FOR HANDLING ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS IN SUCH A LARGE URBAN AREA.

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DURING THEIR STAY IN SAN FRANCISCO, THE BOARD MEMBERS MET THE ACTING MAYOR OF SAN FRANCISCO, MR JAMES LAZARUS, AT THE CITY HALL AND RECEIVED A BRIEFING ON THE FUNCTIONING OF THE CITY HALL.

THE NEXT STOP WAS WASHINGTON DC, WITH A TOUR OF THE CITY, WHILE A VISIT TO A NEW RESIDENTIAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN MANHATTAN WAS ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEW YORK SECTOR OF THE ITINERARY.

"THROUGH BRIEFINGS BY U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND SITE VISITS IN LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO, WASHINGTON DC AND NEW YORK WE WERE ABLE TO COMPARE THE HONG KONG SITUATION WITH THAT OF MAJOR U.S. CITIES," MR CHAU SAID IN NEW YORK. "THIS VISIT HAS GIVEN US SOME INSIGHTS INTO OUR OWN DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR TSUEN WAN," HE ADDED.

THE GROUP ALSO CALLED ON THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN THE UNITED STATES - AT SAN FRANCISCO, WASHINGTON DC AND NEW YORK - FOR BRIEFINGS AND DISCUSSIONS ON THE ROLE AND THE WORK OF THESE OVERSEAS OFFICES.

TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SHIU WAI-CHUEN, WHO ACCOMPANIED THE DELEGATION AND ACTED AS ADVISER, POINTED OUT THAT THIS IS THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S SECOND OVERSEAS STUDY TOUR AND THE FIRST VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

WHILE SOME MEMBERS RETURN TO HONG KONG TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AFTER THE VISIT TO TORONTO, WHICH INCLUDES A BRIEFING ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRAFFIC PROBLEMS BY TORONTO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES, OTHER MEMBERS WILL CONTINUE TO VANCOUVER FOR THE WEEKEND, ARRIVING BACK IN HONG KONG ON MONDAY (AUGUST 24).

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"KNOW YOUR YUEN LONG" BRIEFING

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RESIDENTS IN YUEN LONG CAN GET TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THEIR DISTRICT BY ATTENDING A "KNOW YOUR YUEN LONG" BRIEFING TO BE HELD FROM 3 PM TO 4.30 PM THIS SATURDAY (AUGUST 22) IN THE TUNG KOON PRIMARY SCHOOL, LONG PING ESTATE, YUEN LONG.

THE FUNCTION, ORGANISED BY THE WORKING GROUP ON YUEN LONG DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN, AIMS AT FAMILIARISING YUEN LONG RESIDENTS WITH INFORMATION ON VARIOUS SERVICES AND FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR TAI KUEN, WILL SPEAK ON THE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION OF THE BOARD AT THE BRIEFING.

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IN ADDITION, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD'S CULTURE COMMITTEE, MR LEE KAE-BUN; CHAIRMAN OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, MR LEUNG CHEUK-PUI, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, MR TANG YUN-LIM, WILL ALSO EXPLAIN THE WORK OF THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMITTEES.

CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP, MR CHAN YAT-TUNG, URGED YUEN LONG RESIDENTS AS WELL AS THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO SUPPORT THE EVENT AND EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON DISTRICT MATTERS AT THE FUNCTION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE BRIEFING TO BE HELD AT 3 PM THIS SATURDAY (AUGUST 22) IN THE TUNG KOON PRIMARY SCHOOL, LONG PING ESTATE, YUEN LONG.

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SEMINAR FOR MONG KOK JEWELLERS

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A CRIME PREVENTION SEMINAR WILL BE ORGANISED FOR JEWELLERS, GOLDSMITHS AND WATCHSHOP OPERATORS IN MONG KOK TOMORROW (FRIDAY) EVENING AT THE GRAND TOWER HOTEL.

THE EVENT IS ONE OF THE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE TO COMBAT CRIME IN THE DISTRICT.

THE SEMINAR WILL FEATURE TALKS ON SECURITY MEASURES AND ROBBERY AND BURGLARY PREVENTION METHODS DELIVERED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM JEWELLERY SHOPS, INSURANCE COMPANIES, THE CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU AND MONG KOK POLICE STATION. THE LATEST SECURITY DEVICES WILL ALSO BE ON DISPLAY AT THE VENUE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR TO BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 7.15 PM AT THE GRAND TOWER HOTEL, SIXTH FLOOR, 627-641 NATHAN ROAD.

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REPORT ON STREET SLEEPERS TO BE DISCUSSED

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THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO FURTHER DISCUSS THE REPORT ON "STUDY ON STREET SLEEPERS IN SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT" ISSUED IN JUNE.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS A PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY THE VETTING SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE USAGE OF DB FUNDS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECTS.

THEY WILL THEN CONSIDER 14 APPLICATIONS FOR DB FUNDS FOR ORGANISING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE MEETING WHICH WILL START AT 2.15 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD, AT 39 TONKIN STREET, 2ND FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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COMMUNITY HALL EQUIPPED WITH AIR-CONDITIONING

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INSTALLATION OF AIR-CONDITIONING AT THE SHEK YAM COMMUNITY HALL LOCATED AT TAI PAK TIN STREET OF KWAI CHUNG HAS BEEN COMPLETED. AN INAUGURATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 11 AM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO MARK ITS RE-OPENING.

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.

WITH THE PROVISION OF AIR-CONDITIONING, THE SHEK YAM COMMUNITY HALL WILL PROVIDE SUITABLE VENUES FOR HOLDING SPORTS ACTIVITIES, VARIETY SHOWS, EXHIBITIONS, SEMINARS AND TALKS AND OTHER LARGE SCALE ACTIVITIES.

THE RE-OPENING OF THE SHEK YAM COMMUNITY HALL AFTER RENOVATION WILL BE INAUGURATED BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, MR P.J. CORSER; KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HO TUNG-CHING, AND KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN COAK.

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AFTER THE CEREMONY, THERE WILL BE TAI CHI, BALLET AND
TAEKWONDO PERFORMANCES BY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND A PHOTOGRAPHIC
EXHIBITION OF INTEREST CLASSES.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY AT 127 TAI PAK TIN
STREET, KWAI CHUNG AT 11 AM TOMORROW (FRIDAY). PRESS REPRESENTATIVES
SHOULD GATHER AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE KWAI HING GOVERNMENT
OFFICES BUILDING (NEXT TO KWAI HING MTR STATION) AT 10.30 AM
TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED.

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YUEN LONG TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETS TOMORROW

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THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE
WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED SERVICE REVISION
OF NEW TERRITORIES GREEN MINI BUS ROUTE NO. 32.

MEMBERS' VIEWS WILL ALSO BE SOUGHT ON A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S
PROPOSAL TO PROHIBIT VEHICLES LONGER THAN 11 METRES FROM TRAVELLING
ON LAM KAM ROAD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TO BE HELD AT 10 AM
TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT
BOARD, 13TH FLOOR, TAI KIU GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 2 KIU LOK
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TIMING OF BLITZ OPERATIONS TO CHANGE
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THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS RESCHEDULED ITS RAIDS TO GIVE AN UNPLEASANT SURPRISE TO THOSE WHO BARBECUE ILLEGALLY ON THE BEACH.

A TOTAL OF 17 CASES - 14 ON SHEK O BEACH AND THREE ON BIG WAVE BAY BEACH - WERE BOOKED LAST SUNDAY (AUGUST 16).

WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE POLICE, TWO NIGHT RAID SQUADS OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT PATROLLED THE SHEK O BEACH AND BIG WAVE BAY BEACH AND CARRIED OUT THE BLITZ OPERATION BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 2 AM ON SUNDAY MORNING.

THE DISTRICT AMENITIES OFFICER (SOUTHERN) OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR JOSEPH FUNG, SAID THE LATE-NIGHT SWEEPS ON SUNDAY WERE THE FIRST IN THE SERIES OF OPERATIONS TO CATCH REVELLERS WHO TURN UP LATE AND ILLEGALLY SET FIRE ON BEACHES TO COOK THEIR FOOD.

"THEY ALWAYS LEAVE BEHIND PILES OF RUBBISH ON THE BEACHES AND THEIR ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR CAN NO LONGER BE TOLERATED," MR FUNG SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT ANY PERSON WHO SET FIRE ON A BEACH FOR COOKING FOOD, EXCEPT AT DESIGNATED BARBECUE PITS, IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$500 AND 14 DAYS' IMPRISONMENT.

HE STRESSED THAT ENFORCEMENT OF LEGISLATION ALONE WOULD NOT SOLVE THE PROBLEM. MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE PUBLIC SHOULD EXERCISE SELF-DISCIPLINE AND CONSIDERATION NOT TO CARRY OUT THESE ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES.

THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS NOW PLANNING TO CONDUCT ANOTHER BLITZ OPERATION IN THE COMING WEEKEND TO COINCIDE WITH THE "CLEAN BEACH" PHASE ACTIVITIES OF THIS YEAR'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

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SEMINAR TO HELP PREVENT FISH KILL
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THE FIRST OF A NEW SERIES OF SEMINARS DESIGNED TO HELP MARICULTURISTS IMPROVE THEIR CULTURE TECHNIQUES WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 3 PM AT THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT'S ABERDEEN FISHERIES OFFICE.

AT THE SEMINAR, A "DISSOLVED OXYGEN DETECTION KIT" NEWLY DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE INTRODUCED TO FISH FARMERS TO HELP THEM PREVENT MORTALITY OF THEIR CULTURE STOCK CAUSED BY OXYGEN DEPLETION.

CONDUCTING THE SEMINAR WILL BE THE SENIOR FISHERIES RESEARCH OFFICER, DR RUDOLF WU, AND FISHERIES RESEARCH OFFICER, DR PAUL MAK.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE SEMINAR WILL BE PRECEDED BY A PRESS BRIEFING AT 2 PM DURING WHICH THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE NEW KIT WILL BE DEMONSTRATED TO MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE BRIEFING.

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SPECIAL CAMPAIGN TO CHECK ON WORKERS' IDENTIFICATION
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS CARRIED OUT A SPECIAL CAMPAIGN THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY TO FLUSH OUT ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

DURING THE TWO-DAY OPERATION RECENTLY, LABOUR INSPECTORS VISITED 5,248 ESTABLISHMENTS TO INSPECT THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE WORKERS AND TO CHECK THAT EMPLOYERS FULFIL THEIR LEGAL OBLIGATION OF KEEPING PROPER RECORDS OF THEIR EMPLOYEES.

A TOTAL OF 11,100 WORKERS WERE CHECKED, OF WHOM SEVEN WERE FOUND WITHOUT PROPER PROOF OF IDENTITY. THEY WERE REFERRED TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

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AT THE SAME TIME, 23 ESTABLISHMENTS WERE FOUND TO BE KEEPING EITHER NO RECORD OR IMPROPER RECORDS OF EMPLOYEES.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (THURSDAY) STRESSED THAT APART FROM REGULAR INSPECTIONS, LABOUR INSPECTORS WOULD MOUNT SIMILAR CAMPAIGNS FROM TIME TO TIME.

HE REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THEY COULD BE FINED UP TO \$50,000 AND JAILED FOR A YEAR IF THEY WERE FOUND TO BE EMPLOYING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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FIRE SERVICES CHIEF TO TAKE SALUTE

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THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR ROBERT HOLMES, WILL TAKE THE SALUTE AT THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S PASSING-OUT PARADE AT THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 22) MORNING.

HE WILL ADDRESS THE PARADE AND PRESENT SILVER WHISTLES TO THE TWO BEST RECRUITS.

ON PARADE WILL BE 40 ASSISTANT OFFICERS WHO HAVE JUST COMPLETED THE BASIC TRAINING COURSE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PARADE WHICH WILL START AT 10 AM ON SATURDAY AT THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE AT 47, TUNG TAU WAN ROAD, STANLEY.

PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. PLEASE ASSEMBLE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC RELATIONS UNIT AT 23/F, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG, AT 8:45 AM.

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AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE CLOSED TO PEDESTRIANS

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL NOT BE ABLE TO WALK ACROSS AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE IN ABERDEEN FROM 8 AM ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 23) FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK.

THE CLOSURE OF THE PAVEMENT ALONG AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE ROAD IS TO FACILITATE THE LAYING OF CABLES.

DURING THE CLOSURE, A FREE SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE WILL BE OPERATED FOR TRANSPORTING COMMUTERS BETWEEN THE TWO ENDS OF AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE ROAD.

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YUEN LONG SITE OFFERED FOR RENT

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A VEHICLE PARKING SITE AT TUNG TAU INDUSTRIAL AREA, YUEN LONG, IS BEING PUT UP FOR LETTING ON SHORT TERM TENANCY BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT.

THE SITE, AT WANG YIP STREET SOUTH, MEASURES 3,557 SQUARE METRES.

THE TENANCY IS ONE YEAR, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

TENDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY NOON ON SEPTEMBER 4.

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NEW GREEN MINIBUS SERVICE FOR TSUEN WAN

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A NEW GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE NO.97 PLYING BETWEEN WONDERLAND VILLAS AND TSUEN WAN FERRY PIER WILL BE INTRODUCED FROM SATURDAY (AUGUST 22), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE NEW SERVICE WILL OPERATE FROM 6.30 AM TO 10.30 PM AT A 15-MINUTE INTERVAL. THE FARE WILL BE \$2.5.

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SPORTS GROUND FOR WONG TAI SIN

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$19 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SPORTS GROUND AT THE JUNCTION OF LUNG CHEUNG AND HAMMER HILL ROADS, WONG TAI SIN.

COVERING AN AREA OF ABOUT 25,000 SQUARE METRES, IT WILL INCLUDE TWO SOCCER PITCHES, A STANDARD 400-METRE-LONG ALL-WEATHER RUNNING TRACK WITH EIGHT LANES AND A 60-METRE-LONG WARM-UP TRACK.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A STAND FOR ABOUT 2,300 SPECTATORS, CHANGING ROOMS, OFFICES AND A KIOSK.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL START LATER THIS MONTH AND BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE END OF 1988.

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SPEEDPOST WEIGHT LIMIT TO ARGENTINA RAISED

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THE POST OFFICE TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT, WITH EFFECT FROM AUGUST 24, THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT LIMIT FOR A SPEEDPOST ITEM TO ARGENTINA WILL BE INCREASED TO 20 KILOGRAMS.

THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE IS A FAST AND RELIABLE MEANS FOR FORWARDING BUSINESS DOCUMENTS, SAMPLES, MERCHANDISE OVERSEAS AND A FREE PICK-UP SERVICE IS AVAILABLE.

CUSTOMERS REQUIRING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE POSTAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES ON 5-8471108.

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