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HK'S EXCHANGE RATE REFLECTS UNDERLYING ECONOMIC FUNDAMENTALS

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HONG KONG'S EXCHANGE RATE FULLY REFLECTS THE TERRITORY'S UNDERLYING ECONOMIC FUNDAMENTALS, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, MR JOSEPH YAM, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

IN RESPONSE TO COMMENTS MADE BY THE U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, MR CLAYTON YEUTTER, YESTERDAY ON THE EXCHANGE RATES, MR YAM SAID HONG KONG DID NOT RUN A VISIBLE TRADE SURPLUS OVERALL.

"THERE IS FULL EMPLOYMENT, BUOYANT ECONOMIC GROWTH AND A REASONABLE RATE OF INFLATION. A REVALUATION OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR WOULD THROW HONG KONG'S ECONOMY OFF BALANCE," HE SAID.

MR YAM SAID A REVALUATION WOULD NOT HELP TO REDUCE U.S. TRADE DEFICIT WITH HONG KONG.

HE POINTED OUT THAT OVER THE TWO YEARS (1986 AND 1987) THE SOUTH KOREAN WON AND THE NEW TAIWAN DOLLAR APPRECIATED AGAINST THE U.S. DOLLAR BY 12 PER CENT AND 41 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

BUT U.S. TRADE DEFICIT WITH SOUTH KOREA AND TAIWAN, ACCORDING TO FIGURES FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, GREW RAPIDLY IN 1987 BY 36 PER CENT AND 21 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, MR YAM SAID, ADDING THAT BY CONTRAST, U.S. TRADE DEFICIT WITH HONG KONG, USING FIGURES FROM THE SAME SOURCE, GREW BY ONLY 2 PER CENT.

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ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN ACHIEVES CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS

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THE ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN HAS ACHIEVED CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS SINCE IT STARTED IN 1981 AS EVIDENCED BY A DROP OF 19 PER CENT IN THE NUMBER OF DAILY SMOKERS BETWEEN 1982 AND 1986.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF AN ANTI-SMOKING EXHIBITION AT THE MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND TODAY (SATURDAY), THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, NOTED THAT THE NUMBER OF OCCASIONAL SMOKERS ALSO FELL BY 21 PER CENT FROM 210,000 IN 1984 TO 169,000 IN 1986.

THE EXHIBITION WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD AND THE HONG KONG COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH.

MR CHAMBERS SAID IT APPEARED THAT NEARLY HALF OF THOSE WHO STOPPED SMOKING DID SO WITHOUT ANY ADVICE FROM DOCTORS.

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"THIS INDICATES THAT PEOPLE ARE BECOMING MORE AND MORE AWARE OF THE FACT THAT SMOKING IS HAZARDOUS TO HEALTH.

"IT IS CLEAR THEREFORE THAT THE ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN HAS ACHIEVED CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS, BUT WE CANNOT AFFORD TO REST ON OUR LAURELS," HE SAID.

MR CHAMBERS SAID THE COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH WAS NOW CONSIDERING FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS AND THAT HE EXPECTED TO RECEIVE ITS PROPOSALS SOON.

MEANWHILE, THE AUTHORITIES ARE ALSO CONSIDERING TO CONDUCT ANOTHER SURVEY ON SMOKING PATTERNS AT THE END OF THIS YEAR TO MONITOR RECENT DEVELOPMENTS OF THE SMOKING HABIT AMONG THE POPULATION AND TO GIVE INDICATIONS FOR THE DIRECTION OF FUTURE POLICIES.

MR CHAMBERS SAID: "THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST SMOKING IS FAR FROM WON, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE MADE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS IN RECENT YEARS.

"TO ACHIEVE FURTHER SUCCESS WE NEED TO CONVINCING THE PUBLIC AS A WHOLE OF THE DANGERS OF SMOKING, AND THIS IS WHERE EXHIBITIONS OF THIS KIND ARE SO VALUABLE."

MR CHAMBERS COMMENDED THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD FOR HAVING TAKEN THE LEAD IN THIS VERY WORTHWHILE WORK AND HOPED OTHER DB'S WOULD FOLLOW ITS FINE EXAMPLE.

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#### FAMILY EDUCATION IMPORTANT IN SOLVING JUVENILE PROBLEMS

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FAMILY EDUCATION IS VERY IMPORTANT IN DEALING WITH THE PROBLEM OF JUVENILE DELINQUENCY, THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN BURRETT, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE DISTRICT'S CRIME PREVENTION EXHIBITION, MR BURRETT SAID MUCH ATTENTION WAS FOCUSED ON JUVENILE PROBLEMS IN THESE DAYS.

ALTHOUGH THE PROBLEMS WERE NOT THAT SERIOUS IN TAI PO, THERE WAS AN UPWARD TREND IN THE NUMBER OF JUVENILE DELINQUENCY CASES.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IN DEALING WITH THIS COMPLEX SOCIAL ISSUE, LAW ENFORCEMENT BY THE POLICE, SCHOOL EDUCATION, THE PROVISION OF CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, YOUNG PEOPLE'S ATTITUDE AS WELL AS PARENTAL CARE WERE EQUALLY IMPORTANT.

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IN EXPLAINING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF FAMILY EDUCATION IN THE PREVENTION OF JUVENILE DELINQUENCY, MR BURRETT SAID MOST FAMILIES HAD BOTH PARENTS WORKING AND VERY OFTEN, YOUNGSTERS DID NOT RECEIVE ADEQUATE PARENTAL CARE. THIS MIGHT CAUSE ESTRANGEMENTS BETWEEN PARENTS AND CHILDREN RESULTING IN UNDESIRABLE CONSEQUENCES.

MR BURRETT URGED PARENTS TO SHOW MORE CONCERN FOR THEIR CHILDREN, ENCOURAGE AND TEACH THEM SO THAT THEY WOULD BECOME GOOD CITIZENS.

HE SAID PART OF TODAY'S EXHIBITION WAS ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION WHICH HE HOPED WOULD BE HELPFUL TO PARENTS.

ANTI-BURGLARY EQUIPMENT PROVIDED BY THE POLICE CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU AND WORKS OF A SCHOOL ANTI-TRIAD NOTICE BOARD DESIGN EXERCISE WERE ALSO DISPLAYED.

THE EXHIBITION, ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, WILL BE HELD AT THE TAI PO COMMUNITY CENTRE UNTIL FEBRUARY 8. IT IS OPEN DAILY FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS AT TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY WERE THE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR LAM SAK-YEUNG; TAI PO AND NORTH DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MR STEPHEN CHAU; AND TAI PO DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR HO WAI-MAN.

APART FROM THE EXHIBITION, A STREET PLAY JOINTLY PRODUCED BY THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND THE FRINGE CLUB WAS STAGED AT THE BASKETBALL COURT OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 3 PM.

THE 30-MINUTE PLAY DEPICTED THE TRIAD MENACE IN SCHOOLS, EXPOSED THEIR MODUS OPERANDI IN BULLYING STUDENTS AND HIGHLIGHTED THE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES OF INVOLVEMENT IN TRIAD ACTIVITIES.

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EXPATRIATE TEACHER PILOT SCHEME BEING EVALUATED

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THE EXPATRIATE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHER (EELT) PILOT SCHEME IS BEING EVALUATED RIGOROUSLY BY THE BRITISH COUNCIL, IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

MR LI WAS SPEAKING AT A SEMINAR ON THE EELT PILOT SCHEME HELD IN THE AUDITORIUM OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS ONE OF THE MOST RESPECTED SCHOOLS IN WHICH ENGLISH HAS BEEN TAUGHT SUCCESSFULLY FOR 126 YEARS.

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HE SAID THE EVALUATION WAS MAKING USE OF A VARIETY OF TECHNIQUES INVOLVING A NUMBER OF TESTS, QUESTIONNAIRES AND SURVEYS.

MR LI TOLD THE 240 PARTICIPANTS IN THE SEMINAR THAT THE TECHNIQUES WERE EMPLOYED FAIRLY FREQUENTLY BY THE EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENT (ERE) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN ITS VARIOUS RESEARCH PROJECTS.

MANY OF THESE RELATED TO LANGUAGE LEARNING AND TEACHING WHICH INCLUDE A CLUSTER OF STUDIES CONCERNING MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION QUESTIONS.

OTHER PROJECTS INCLUDED AN EXPERIMENTAL STUDY OF EXTENSIVE READING BEING CARRIED OUT IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION (ILE) AND THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH AND AN EVALUATION OF THE REMEDIAL TEACHING SCHEME.

FURTHER PROJECTS INVOLVED ASSESSMENT OF THE ACTIVITY APPROACH AND A FURTHER EVALUATION OF THE SPLIT CLASS TEACHING OF ENGLISH PILOT SCHEME, IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE ILE AND THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

NOTING THAT THE EVALUATION OF THE BELT PILOT SCHEME WAS OF IMMEDIATE INTEREST, MR LI SAID: "WE ARE PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH THE LEARNING OUTCOMES OF THE PUPILS AND TEACHER EFFECTIVENESS.

"WE WILL BE LOOKING AT THESE FACTORS AT THE END OF THE FIRST YEAR AND THEN, AGAIN, AT THE END OF THE SECOND YEAR AND WE SHALL BE CAREFUL NOT TO BE INFLUENCED BY PREMATURE, UNSANCTIONED REPORTS ABOUT THE PROGRESS OF THE SCHEME FROM PERSONS WHO ARE NOT INVOLVED IN IT."

MR LI ALSO COMMENTED ON SOME REPORTS THAT EXPATRIATE TEACHERS WERE FINDING IT DIFFICULT TO COPE WITH PUPILS IN FORM ONE BECAUSE THE PUPILS KNEW VERY LITTLE ENGLISH AND THE EXPATRIATE TEACHERS, FOR THE MOST PART, KNEW NO CHINESE.

HE SAID IT WAS WORTH NOTING THAT PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN WERE, IN MOST SCHOOLS, TAUGHT ENGLISH FOR SEVERAL PERIODS A WEEK THROUGHOUT THE SIX-YEAR PRIMARY PROGRAMME.

IN THIS CONNECTION, MR LI SAID HE HOPED THAT SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS, WHETHER EXPATRIATE OR LOCAL, WOULD USE THEIR EXPERTISE TO ENCOURAGE CHILDREN ENTERING FORM ONE TO BUILD UPON THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THEY HAD SO THAT THEY WERE ABLE TO USE THE LANGUAGE BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM.

SUCCESSFUL YEAR OF CUSTOMS TRADE CONTROLS  
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THE YEAR 1987 SAW A SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN CUSTOMS PROSECUTIONS AGAINST COMPUTER SOFTWARE COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT, INDICATING THAT THE PROBLEM HAS LARGELY KEPT BEEN UNDER CONTROL.

A TOTAL OF 26 PROSECUTIONS WERE MADE LAST YEAR IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH OFFENCES, REPRESENTING A DECREASE OF 33.3 PER CENT OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR AND RESULTING IN TOTAL FINES OF \$92,100.

THE VALUE OF COUNTERFEIT GOODS SEIZED BY THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT LAST YEAR ALSO DROPPED BY 12.5 PER CENT TO A TOTAL OF \$56 MILLION. THE SEIZURES WERE MOSTLY GARMENTS, WATCHES, LEATHER GOODS, FOODSTUFFS AND PLASTIC GOODS.

THERE WAS, HOWEVER, A 19.7 PER CENT INCREASE IN TERMS OF PROSECUTIONS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS ORDINANCE REACHING A TOTAL OF 868 IN 1987. IN ADDITION TO TOTAL FINES OF ABOUT \$5.03 MILLION, 30 IMPRISONMENT SENTENCES RANGING FROM ONE TO 18 MONTHS WERE ALSO IMPOSED.

WITH REGARD TO OTHER TRADE IRREGULARITIES, THE DEPARTMENT HAD PROSECUTED 1,005 CASES LAST YEAR, A 35.1 PER CENT INCREASE OVER 1986.

THE OFFENCES INCLUDED CONTRAVENTIONS OF FACTORY REGISTRATION CONDITIONS, FURNISHING OF FALSE INFORMATION IN APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN, EXPORTS OF HIGH TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTS WITHOUT VALID LICENCES, UNDER-VALUATION OF IMPORT AND EXPORT DECLARATIONS, AND TEXTILES LICENSING FRAUD.

FINES IMPOSED INCREASED BY 21.6 PER CENT FROM \$17.01 MILLION IN 1986 TO \$20.68 MILLION IN 1987, IN ADDITION TO TWO SUSPENDED CUSTODIAL SENTENCES FROM ONE TO TWO MONTHS.

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GOOD CITIZENS TO GET CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

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THIRTY-THREE CIVIC-MINDED CITIZENS WHO HAVE DEMONSTRATED BRAVERY IN COMBATTING CRIME IN THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT WILL BE PRESENTED WITH CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION AT A CEREMONY TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THEIR READINESS TO HELP HAS LED TO THE ARREST OF CULPRITS INVOLVED IN ROBBERY, AND PICK-POCKETING, AND IN INDECENT ASSAULT ON MTR TRAINS.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG, AND THE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR JIM MAIN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE GOOD CITIZEN AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT 3 PM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE YAU MA TEI RECREATION AND ARTS CENTRE, SALISBURY ROAD.

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HK HS SEMINARS WELL RECEIVED

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THE SEMINARS ON THE HONG KONG HARMONIZED COMMODITY DESCRIPTION AND CODING SYSTEM (HK HS) WERE WELL RECEIVED BY TRADERS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE NEW TRADE COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM -- HK HS -- FOR IMPORT AND EXPORT DECLARATION HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED FROM JANUARY 1 THIS YEAR.

"OUT OF THE 18 SEMINARS, 17 WERE FULLY ENROLLED LONG BEFORE THEY WERE HELD. OVER 14,000 PARTICIPATED IN THE SEMINARS, AND MANY SHOWED KEEN INTEREST PARTICULARLY DURING THE QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID MOST PARTICIPANTS FOUND THE SEMINARS USEFUL AND THE HANDOUTS THEY RECEIVED ESPECIALLY HELPFUL AS HANDY REFERENCES FOR THE TOPICS DISCUSSED IN THE SEMINARS.

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"TWO OF THE 18 SEMINARS WERE CONDUCTED IN ENGLISH. AMONG THE 16 SESSIONS IN CANTONESE, NINE WERE ON GENERAL COMMODITY, FIVE ON TEXTILES AND CLOTHING AND TWO ON MACHINERY. A DIFFERENT SET OF HANDOUTS HAS BEEN DRAWN UP FOR EACH TOPIC," HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN BELIEVED THAT THESE SEMINARS HAD ACHIEVED THE GOAL OF HELPING THE DECLARANTS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE HK HS AND HAD PROVIDED A SUITABLE VENUE FOR TRADERS TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE NEW CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM.

"FOR TRADERS WHO HAVE NOT ATTENDED THE HS SEMINARS, THEY CAN MAKE ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE HS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT BY PHONE, IN WRITING OR IN PERSON," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS SET UP AN ENQUIRY TEAM TO ANSWER QUERIES ON THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM. DIRECT TELEPHONE LINES ALLOCATED FOR THE SPECIFIC COMMODITY GROUPS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

HK HS COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION -----	ENQUIRY ----- TELEPHONE NO. -----	
TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT; WATCHES AND CLOCKS; PRECIOUS STONES; OPTICAL AND SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT; FURNITURE; TOYS; LIGHTING FITTINGS; OTHER MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	5-8234902	5-8234901
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	5-8234904	5-8234903
MACHINERY; COMPUTERS; ELECTRONICS; RADIOS; TELEVISIONS; ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	5-8234906	5-8234905
CHEMICALS AND PHARMACEUTICALS; PLASTIC MATERIALS; HIDES AND SKINS; LEATHER; TRAVEL GOODS	5-8234908	5-8234907
TEXTILES	5-8234910	5-8234909
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS; MINERAL PRODUCTS; WOOD, PAPER AND BASE METAL AND ARTICLES THEREOF; CERAMIC PRODUCTS; GLASS AND GLASSWARE	5-8234912	5-8234911
FOOD; BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	5-8234920	5-8235010

THOSE WITH COMPLICATED ENQUIRIES MAY WRITE TO THE TRADE CLASSIFICATION SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON THE 17TH FLOOR, WAN CHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

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FISHERMEN TO LEARN EMERGENCY HANDLING AT SEA

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A TWO-DAY SEMINAR TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR FISHERMEN ON THE PROPER PROCEDURES TO BE TAKEN IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY WILL BE HELD NEXT WEEK.

ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, THE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD AT THE DEPARTMENT'S ABERDEEN FISHERIES OFFICE ON FEBRUARY 8 AND 9 FROM 10 AM TO 4.30 PM.

THE AIM OF THE SEMINAR, WHICH IS HELD FOR THE FIRST TIME, IS TO ENABLE LOCAL FISHERMEN TO BETTER HANDLE VARIOUS TYPES OF EMERGENCIES AT SEA. IT WILL FOCUS ON THE PROPER STEPS TO BE TAKEN DURING EMERGENCIES SO AS TO MINIMISE THE LOSS OF LIVES OR PROPERTIES.

THE DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR FISHERIES OFFICER, DR RUDOLF WU, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THE MOST COMMON ACCIDENTS CONCERNING FISHING VESSELS INCLUDED COLLISION, FOUNDERING, STRANDING AND FIRE.

"BETWEEN 1983 AND 1986, THERE WERE 323 REPORTED ACCIDENTS INVOLVING LOCAL FISHING VESSELS, RESULTING IN 62 DEATHS," DR WU SAID.

THE SEMINAR WILL FEATURE TALKS ON THE CORRECT THINGS TO DO IN CASES OF VESSEL LEAKAGE, COLLISION, STRANDING AND AGROUNDING, AND NAVIGATING IN A TROPICAL STORM.

OTHER TOPICS TO BE COVERED INCLUDE FIRE FIGHTING AND PREVENTION, THE USE OF DISTRESS SIGNALS, COMMON SYMPTOMS AND REMEDIAL ACTION ON ENGINE TROUBLES, AND ENGINE ROOM SAFETY.

THE TALKS, TO BE GIVEN BY EXPERTS IN THE RESPECTIVE FIELDS, WILL BE FOLLOWED BY VIDEO PRESENTATION AND GROUP DISCUSSIONS.

THE SEMINAR IS AMONG A SERIES OF TRAINING COURSES ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TO HELP LOCAL FISHERMEN IMPROVE THEIR FISHING EFFICIENCY AND PRODUCTIVITY AND ENHANCE THEIR SAFETY AT WORK.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR WHICH WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 8) AT 10 AM AT THE AFD ABERDEEN FISHERIES OFFICE, 100A SHEK PAI WAN ROAD, ABERDEEN, HONG KONG.

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SAI KUNG CHILDREN'S CHOIR TO GIVE ANNUAL CONCERT  
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THE SAI KUNG CHILDREN'S CHOIR WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL CONCERT TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE SAI KUNG JOCKEY CLUB TOWN HALL.

THE CONCERT IS ORGANISED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF THE SAI KUNG CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND SPONSORED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD.

IN ADDITION TO PERFORMANCES BY THE SAI KUNG CHILDREN'S CHOIR, TWO OTHER CHOIRS WILL BE INVITED TO SING SONGS ORIGINATING FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES. THESE ARE THE HONG KONG CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND THE STUDENT CHOIR OF ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.

MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG CHILDREN'S CHOIR WILL ALSO PLAY PERCUSSION INSTRUMENTS, A SPECIALITY OF THE CHOIR.

THE CONCERT WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM. THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN HO, AND THE SENIOR MUSIC OFFICER OF THE MUSIC OFFICE, MR SAMSON CHEUNG, WILL BE AMONG THE GUESTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SAI KUNG CHILDREN'S CHOIR ANNUAL CONCERT TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE SAI KUNG JOCKEY CLUB TOWN HALL. IT WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM.

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'CLEANING FOR CHARITY DAY' SERVES TWO PURPOSES  
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ABOUT 400 STUDENTS FROM 15 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT TOOK PART IN THE "CLEANING FOR CHARITY DAY" ON CHEUNG CHAU TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, MR YIU KAI-HANG, SAID THE MEANINGFUL EVENT, WHICH WAS PART OF THE DISTRICT'S KEEP CLEAN CAMPAIGN, SERVED TWO PURPOSES.

"ON ONE HAND IT HELPS TO SPREAD THE KEEP CLEAN MESSAGE AMONG THE ISLANDERS, ON THE OTHER IT RAISES FUND FOR CHARITABLE USE," HE SAID.

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"RESIDENTS SHOULD TREASURE THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE DISTRICT AND KEEP THE ENVIRONMENT CLEAN SO THAT NOT ONLY WILL THEY HAVE A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN, BUT THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE WILL BECOME MORE ATTRACTIVE TO TOURISTS.

"THIS WILL IN TURN INCREASE COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES," MR YIU SAID.

HE URGED THE STUDENTS TO BRING HOME THIS MESSAGE AND MAKE USE OF THE EXPERIENCE THEY GAINED IN THE CLEAN-UP EXERCISE.

THE EVENT WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE AND THE DISTRICT'S COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB.

THE PARTICIPANTS WERE DIVIDED INTO TEAMS TO CLEAN UP DIFFERENT AREAS ON CHEUNG CHAU. THEY WERE BEING SPONSORED IN THE ACTIVITY AND THE FUNDS RAISED WOULD BE CHANNELLED TO THE COMMUNITY CHEST.

LAST YEAR, A SIMILAR EVENT ORGANISED IN MUI WO RAISED SOME \$16,000.

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#### WAN CHAI FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN CLOSES

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THE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE IN THE PAST YEAR HAVE PROVED TO BE SUCCESSFUL, THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALLAN CHOW, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

THESE ACTIVITIES INCLUDED A HOME SAFETY CAMPAIGN, THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME AND ANTI-TRIAD PROGRAMMES.

SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN, MR CHOW SAID THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME HAD NOT ONLY BEEN EFFECTIVE IN PREVENTING CRIME, BUT HAD ALSO STRENGTHENED NEIGHBOURHOOD TIES.

THE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR M.G.F. CREW, REVEALED AT THE FUNCTION THAT THE OVERALL CRIME RATE IN THE DISTRICT HAD SLIGHTLY DECREASED LAST YEAR AS COMPARED WITH 1986.

HE ALSO URGED THE PUBLIC TO HELP THE POLICE BY REPORTING CRIME, GIVING INFORMATION AND COMING FORWARD AS WITNESSES.

HE ADDED THAT THE POLICE IN WAN CHAI HAD INCREASED THEIR PATROLS WITH THE APPROACH OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

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FIVE CITIZENS WERE PRESENTED WITH THE FIGHT CRIME AWARD AT THE CEREMONY. THEY WERE MR LAM KA-FAI, MR WONG KENG-YUEN, MR LO WAI-PING, MR LIU HO-YAN AND MR LI CHI-KEUNG.

PRIZES WERE ALSO GIVEN TO WINNERS OF THE ANTI-TRIAD POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION.

OTHER GUESTS PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY INCLUDED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR CHENG HOK-YIN, AND THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS CARMAN CHIU.

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#### CLEAN-UP BEGINS IN YAU MA TEI

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A CLEAN-UP EXERCISE IN THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BEGAN TODAY (SATURDAY) AND 12 TEMPORARY REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS ARE BEING SET UP FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF RESIDENTS IN GETTING READY FOR THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE YAU MA TEI/TSIM SHA TSUI ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE EXERCISE WAS THE LAST ACTIVITY OF THE DISTRICT'S 1987-88 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN.

THE 12 COLLECTION POINTS ARE LOCATED AT MARKET STREET, DUNDAS STREET, JUNCTION OF SHANGHAI STREET AND WATERLOO STREET, SHEK LUNG STREET, MAN CHEONG STREET, BATTERY STREET, KGV MEMORIAL PARK, HAIPHONG ROAD, PARKES STREET, MINDEN ROW, KIMBERLEY STREET AND EAST TSIM SHA TSUI.

ADDITIONAL STAFF HAVE ALSO BEEN MOBILISED BY USD TO COPE WITH THE EXPECTED INCREASE OF CLEANSING WORK.

THE CLEAN-UP MESSAGE WAS ALSO CONVEYED TO HAWKERS AND SHOP OPERATORS IN THE YAU MA TEI, HAIPHONG ROAD AND KWUN CHUNG MARKETS THROUGH A "CLEAN STALL" COMPETITION IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR. PRIZES WERE AWARDED TO THE CLEANEST STALLS.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE YEAR-END CLEAN-UP EXERCISE TODAY WERE THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG; URBAN COUNCILLOR MR KWAN LIM-HO; ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (KOWLOON) OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR T.K. CHOY; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, MR YIP WAH.

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RAT PREVENTION CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

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WITH THE APPROACH OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR AND RESIDENTS CARRYING OUT YEAR-END CLEAN-UPS IN THEIR PREMISES, THE HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH IS HOLDING A MONTH-LONG CAMPAIGN TO REMIND THE PUBLIC OF THE IMPORTANCE OF RAT PREVENTION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE UNIT SAID THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAYS TO CURB RATS WERE TO CUT OFF THEIR SOURCES OF FOOD AND TO BLOCK THEIR HIDING PLACES AND PASSAGEWAYS.

"A BUILDING THAT IS CLEAN AND WELL MAINTAINED KEEPS RATS AWAY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ALSO ADVISED BUILDING MANagements TO ORGANISE REGULAR CLEARANCE OF JUNK AND DISUSED ARTICLES FROM THE COMMON AREAS OF THEIR BUILDINGS SUCH AS BACKYARDS, STAIR LANDINGS AND ROOF SPACE.

THE HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT IS ALSO DISTRIBUTING POSTERS, LEAFLETS AND ADVISORY LETTERS TO BUILDING MANagements, SCHOOLS, FOOD PREMISES AND MARKETS TO SPREAD THE MESSAGE.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED THE PUBLIC TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO PREVENT RAT INFESTATION:

- \* STORE FOOD PROPERLY IN COVERED CONTAINERS;
- \* STORE FOOD WASTE AND REFUSE IN BINS LINED WITH PLASTIC BAGS. DUSTBINS SHOULD BE TIGHTLY COVERED;
- \* KEEP BUILDING IN GOOD REPAIR. FILL UP CRACKED PAVINGS AND HOLES IN WALLS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN ALSO SEEK ADVICE FROM STAFF OF THE PEST CONTROL UNIT OF THE DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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CALL TO VOTE AT DB ELECTIONS

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THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG, TODAY (SATURDAY) URGED REGISTERED ELECTORS TO EXERCISE THEIR CIVIC RIGHT AND VOTE AT THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS ON MARCH 10.

HE CALLED ON VOTERS TO ELECT A CANDIDATE WHOSE VIEWS COULD BEST REPRESENT THEIR OWN.

HE SAID OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD HAD CONTRIBUTED TOWARDS COMMUNITY BUILDING AND IMPROVING PEOPLE'S LIVELIHOOD. THE CREDIT SHOULD GO TO EVERY CITIZEN WHO HAD TAKEN PART IN DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, HE ADDED.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE VILLAGE CLEAN-UP COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

MR CHEUNG NOTED THAT THE EIGHT PARTICIPATING VILLAGES NOMINATED BY THE RURAL COMMITTEES HAD BEEN GIVEN A FACELIFT RECENTLY, AND THAT THEIR SPIRIT OF INVOLVEMENT IN THE WORTHY CAUSE OF KEEPING THE ENVIRONMENT CLEAN AND HEALTHY WAS HIGH.

THE FOUR WINNING VILLAGES ARE SHAN TSUI IN SHA TAU KOK, TSUNG HIM TONG IN FANLING, CHOW TIN IN TA KWU LING, AND HO SHEUNG HEUNG IN SHEUNG SHUI. THERE ARE 116 VILLAGES IN NORTH DISTRICT WITH A TOTAL POPULATION OF ABOUT 40,000.

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DB TO DISCUSS FUEL ASH DISPOSAL

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THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS A SUMMARY REPORT ON THE STAGE ONE STUDY ON THE DISPOSAL OF FUEL ASHES BY THE LAMMA ISLAND POWER STATION AT ITS MEETING ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 8).

MEMBERS' VIEWS WILL BE SOUGHT ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF VARIOUS FUEL ASH DISPOSAL METHODS OUTLINED IN THE REPORT PREPARED BY THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY.

THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PENG CHAU NORTH LAYOUT PLAN AND THEIR COMMENTS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION WHEN THE APPROVAL OF THE PLAN IS SOUGHT.

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OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE A BRIEFING ON THE 1987 EDITION OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME PREPARED BY THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND ALLOCATION OF DB FUNDS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 8) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, 14TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL. IT WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM.

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DB TO DISCUSS HA'S REORGANISATION

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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 8) TO DISCUSS THE EFFECT OF THE REORGANISATION OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

THE ITEM IS PROPOSED BY A MEMBER, MR LAM CHAK-PIU, WHO HAS HIGHLIGHTED FOUR ASPECTS OF THE REORGANISATION - THE WORK AND JURISDICTION, FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS, INTERNAL ORGANISATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY - FOR MEMBERS' CONSIDERATION.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, AND THE BOARD'S COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 8) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING IN TUNG YAN STREET. IT WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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NEW FACILITIES FOR POLICE TACTICAL UNIT  
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WORK HAS STARTED ON THE PROVISION OF NEW FACILITIES AT THE POLICE TACTICAL UNIT AT VOLUNTEER SLOPES IN FANLING FOLLOWING THE AWARD OF A \$54.5 MILLION CONTRACT BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE FACILITIES INCLUDE A SWIMMING POOL, AND 10 BLOCKS OF BUILDINGS RANGING FROM ONE TO FIVE STOREYS TO ACCOMMODATE A GYMNASIUM, OFFICES, TRAINING FACILITIES, INDOOR REVOLVER RANGE, STORES, RADIO WORKSHOP, MESS, BARRACK AND GARAGE.

THE WORK IS EXPECTED TO COMPLETE IN TWO YEARS.

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MORE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR SHEK WU HUI RESIDENTS  
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A DISTRICT OPEN SPACE AND AN INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE ARE BEING BUILT IN SHEK WU HUI TO CATER FOR THE NEEDS OF THE LOCAL RESIDENTS.

THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS RECENTLY AWARDED A \$5.38 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DISTRICT OPEN SPACE IN AREA 4A, SHEK WU HUI, NEAR SAN FUNG AVENUE.

COVERING AN AREA OF ABOUT TWO HECTARES, THE DISTRICT OPEN SPACE WILL INCLUDE A CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA, A ROLLER SKATING RINK, GARDENS, SITTING-OUT AREAS AND TOILETS.

WORK HAS ALREADY STARTED AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THIS YEAR.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$1.9 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF PILED FOUNDATION FOR AN INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE IN AREA 6.

THE TWO-STOREY INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE, WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 2,720 SQUARE METRES, WILL INCLUDE ONE INDOOR GAMES HALL, ONE MULTI-PURPOSE HALL, THREE QUASH COURTS, PHYSICAL TRAINING ROOMS, FITNESS TRAINING ROOMS AND CHANGING FACILITIES.

WORK HAS STARTED LAST MONTH AND WILL TAKE ABOUT SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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