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GOVERNOR CONGRATULATES LU PING FOR HIS NEW APPOINTMENT

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IN RESPONSE TO PRESS QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RETIREMENT OF MR JI PENGFEI AND MR LI HOU, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON SAID:

BOTH MR JI PENGFEI AND MR LI HOU HAVE BEEN CLOSELY INVOLVED IN HONG KONG AFFAIRS AT A VERY IMPORTANT STAGE IN THE TERRITORY'S HISTORY. I HAVE APPRECIATED THE OPPORTUNITY OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS TO DISCUSS WITH BOTH OF THEM THE LAYING OF A SOUND FOUNDATION FOR THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JOINT DECLARATION. I CONGRATULATE MR LU PING ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG AND MACAU AFFAIRS OFFICE OF THE STATE COUNCIL. I HAVE LONG HAD A CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM AND LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING AND DEVELOPING IT IN HIS NEW APPOINTMENT.

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POLICE MANPOWER PROBLEM CAUSED BY TIGHT LABOUR MARKET

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ALTHOUGH THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE FACES PROBLEMS OF RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION, AS CLEARLY EVIDENCED BY THE RELATIVELY SMALL NUMBER OF OFFICERS PASSING OUT AT THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL TODAY, IT IS OVER-SIMPLISTIC TO EQUATE THAT WITH POOR MORALE, THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR ALISTAIR ASPREY, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

ADDRESSING A PASSING OUT PARADE AT THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL, MR ASPREY SAID THAT THE PROBLEMS HAD IN FACT STEMMED PRIMARILY FROM THE VERY TIGHT LABOUR MARKET IN HONG KONG, RESULTING IN TURN FROM A VERY BUOYANT ECONOMY AND INEVITABLE DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES.

"SIMILAR PROBLEMS ARE FACED BY ALL SECTORS OF OUR ECONOMY, AND IT IS PERHAPS UNREALISTIC TO BELIEVE THAT ANY ONE SECTOR COULD BE ENTIRELY IMMUNE," HE SAID.

POINTING OUT THAT THE PROBLEMS WHICH THE POLICE FORCE FACED WERE RECOGNISED AND WERE BEING ADDRESSED, MR ASPREY STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS DETERMINED THAT THE POLICE FORCE SHOULD ENJOY SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE WHICH FULLY RECOGNISE THE SPECIAL DEMANDS OF A POLICE CAREER, THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE JOB, AND THE PARTICULAR PERSONAL QUALITIES REQUIRED OF POLICE OFFICERS.

MR ASPREY ALSO REFUTED ALLEGATIONS OF POOR MORALE WHICH IMPLIED THAT THE FORCE CARRIED OUT ITS DUTIES RELUCTANTLY, HALF-HEARTEDLY AND INEFFECTUALLY, SAYING THAT IT WAS EMPHATICALLY NOT THE CASE.

ASSURING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT THE FORCE WOULD CONTINUE TO CARRY OUT ITS DUTIES WITH PROFESSIONALISM, DEDICATION, DETERMINATION AND COURAGE, THE SECURITY CHIEF SAID THAT "THAT IS THE TRUE MEASURE OF MORALE."

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HE ALSO TOLD THE GRADUATING OFFICERS THAT WHAT THEY HAD LEARNED AT THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL WOULD HAVE PREPARED THEM FOR, AND WOULD STAND THEM IN GOOD STEAD IN, THE OPERATIONAL DUTIES WHICH THEY WOULD TAKE UP.

"THE ESSENCE OF THESE DUTIES IS DEALING WITH PEOPLE - SOMETIMES FIRMLY, BUT ALWAYS FAIRLY, WITHOUT FEAR OR FAVOUR. THIS REQUIRES QUALITIES OF PATIENCE, UNDERSTANDING, TACT, HUMOUR, AND, ABOVE ALL, INTEGRITY.

"THESE ARE QUALITIES WHICH TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE MAY DEVELOP AND DIRECT, BUT WHICH IS THE FINAL ANALYSIS YOU MUST EACH FIND WITHIN YOURSELF," MR ASPREY ADDED.

ON PARADE TODAY WERE 45 PROBATIONARY INSPECTORS AND 62 CONSTABLE RECRUITS WHO HAVE JUST COMPLETED THEIR BASIC TRAINING.

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CAR SMUGGLING AN INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM: ASPREY

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CAR SMUGGLING IS AN INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM AND POLICE ARE INCREASING THEIR LIAISON WITH NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES IN A BID TO OBTAIN BETTER INTELLIGENCE ON THE WELL-ORGANISED SYNDICATES INVOLVED, SECRETARY FOR SECURITY ALISTAIR ASPREY SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING TO MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES AFTER THE PASSING OUT PARADE AT THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL THIS MORNING, MR ASPREY STRESSED THAT CARS WERE BEING SMUGGLED OUT OF HONG KONG AND DESTINED FOR SEVERAL COUNTRIES IN THE REGION, NOT MERELY CHINA. THESE INCLUDED MALAYSIA, THAILAND AND SINGAPORE.

THE SMUGGLING OF CARS WAS OBVIOUSLY A BIG PROBLEM ABOUT WHICH THE POLICE WAS DULY CONCERNED, HE POINTED OUT.

"THE POLICE HAVE A NUMBER OF ON-GOING LIAISON MEETINGS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES AND, OF COURSE, THEY ALSO DEAL WITH IT THROUGH THE NORMAL INTERPOL NETWORK.

"THEY HAVE ALREADY HAD QUITE A NUMBER OF MEETINGS RECENTLY WITH CHINA, NOT JUST ON THIS SUBJECT, BUT ON POLICE PROBLEMS GENERALLY, AND CERTAINLY SMUGGLING IS ONE OF THE SUBJECTS THAT IS FAIRLY CONSTANTLY DISCUSSED."

MR ASPREY AGREED THAT FIGURES WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE THAT THE PROBLEM IS INCREASING BUT SAID HE WAS SURE THE POLICE WERE TRYING TO TAKE MORE EFFECTIVE ACTION AND WOULD BE GEARING UP THEIR OPERATIONS, THEIR INTELLIGENCE AND THEIR LIAISON WITH OTHER COUNTRIES.

"IT IS NOT ENTIRELY A ONE WAY THING. WE HAVE SMUGGLING FROM CHINA INTO HONG KONG OF ANTIQUES SO THERE IS A COMMON INTEREST ON BOTH SIDES IN TRYING TO GET TO GRIP WITH THE PROBLEM," HE ADDED.

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ON THE SUBJECT OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE, AND SPECIFICALLY THE REACTIVATION OF TAI A CHAU, MR ASPREY SAID CONSTRUCTION WAS ALMOST FINISHED AND HE EXPECTED THAT THE CAMP WOULD BE READY FOR OCCUPATION BY THE MIDDLE OF DECEMBER.

"THAT'S THE LATEST ESTIMATE AND I THINK WE'LL BE ABLE TO STICK TO IT," HE ADDED.

"POLICE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING LAW AND ORDER AS THEY ARE ANYWHERE ELSE IN HONG KONG, AND I AM QUITE CONFIDENT THAT THEY WILL HAVE SUFFICIENT PRESENCE AND RESOURCES TO BE ABLE TO DO THE JOB."

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR OCTOBER PUBLISHED
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) PUBLISHED THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR OCTOBER 1990.

THE CPI(A) AND CPI(B) (OCT. 84 - SEP. 85 = 100) FOR OCTOBER 1990, AT 146.4 AND 145.8 RESPECTIVELY, WERE BOTH 10.4 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN OCTOBER 1989.

THE DOUBLE-DIGIT RATES OF INCREASE IN THE MONTH FOR BOTH INDEXES WERE PARTLY DUE TO THE CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF THE INCREASE IN THE PRICES OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AS WELL AS THE REVISION OF PUBLIC HOUSING RENTALS IN RECENT MONTHS.

THE CORRESPONDING RATES OF INCREASE IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 1990 WERE 9.4 PER CENT AND 9.7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY FOR CPI(A), AND 9.6 PER CENT AND 9.9 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY FOR CPI(B).

FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY TO OCTOBER 1990, THE AVERAGE CPI(A) AND AVERAGE CPI(B) BOTH INCREASED BY 9.5 PER CENT OVER THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 1989.

ON A YEAR-ON-YEAR COMPARISON, THE FASTER RATES OF INCREASE IN CPI(A) IN OCTOBER 1990 WERE RECORDED IN THE INDEXES FOR ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION), FUEL AND LIGHT, TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES, AND SERVICES AT 18.3 PER CENT, 17.7 PER CENT, 14.0 PER CENT AND 13.2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE CORRESPONDING RATES OF INCREASE FOR THE SAME COMPONENTS IN THE CPI(B) WERE 18.1 PER CENT, 16.1 PER CENT, 14.7 PER CENT AND 12.4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS, WHICH HAS THE LARGEST WEIGHTING IN THE OVERALL INDEX, INCREASED BY 9.8 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 10.2 PER CENT IN CPI(B).

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COMPARING OCTOBER 1990 WITH SEPTEMBER 1990, THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS INCREASED MARGINALLY IN CPI(A) AND BY 0.2 PER CENT IN CPI(B). THE INCREASES IN THE CHARGES FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES AND IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF EDIBLE OILS WERE OFFSET BY DECREASES IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND FRESH FRUIT.

THE INDEX FOR FUEL AND LIGHT INCREASED BY 4.0 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 3.7 PER CENT IN CPI(B), AS A RESULT OF HIGHER PRICES OF KEROSENE AND LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS AS WELL AS THE UPWARD FUEL COST ADJUSTMENT FOR TOWNGAS.

THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS INCREASED BY 4.4 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 3.4 PER CENT IN CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER PRICES OF CHINESE NEWSPAPERS.

THE INDEX FOR TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES INCREASED BY 1.0 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 1.1 PER CENT IN CPI(B) BECAUSE OF HIGHER FARES FOR SCHOOL BUS AND AIR TRAVEL, AND HIGHER PRICE OF GASOLINE.

FIGURES HEREIN REFER TO CPI SERIES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. ALL PERCENTAGE CHANGES ARE DERIVED FROM CPI FIGURES TAKEN TO MORE THAN ONE DECIMAL PLACE.

MORE DETAILS ARE GIVEN IN THE "CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT" FOR OCTOBER 1990, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$5 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL; OR FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI; OR FROM THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, CENTRAL FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAILINGS.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE INDEXES CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 805 6403.

THE HANG SENG CPI WAS 156.4 IN OCTOBER 1990, UP BY 1.1 PER CENT OVER SEPTEMBER 1990 AND BY 12.0 PER CENT OVER OCTOBER 1989.

THE HANG SENG CPI IS BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF THE 10 PER CENT OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG THAT SPENT \$10,000-24,999 A MONTH DURING THE 1984/85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THIS INDEX ARE INCLUDED IN THE HANG SENG CPI REPORT ISSUED BY THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF HANG SENG BANK LTD.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FESTIVAL CLOSES, BUT THE WORK GOES ON

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SENIOR MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, BARONESS DUNN, PLACED THE LAST BLOSSOM ON THE COMMITMENT TREE, THE SYMBOL OF HONG KONG'S FIRST EVER ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FESTIVAL, AT THE FESTIVAL'S CLOSING CEREMONY IN CHATER GARDEN THIS (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON.

COMMENTING ON THE TWO-WEEK FESTIVAL, BARONESS DUNN SAID: "OVER THE PAST DECADES, HONG KONG HAS EVOLVED INTO ONE OF THE WORLD'S MAJOR COMMERCIAL CENTRES. BUT IT HAS SUFFERED FROM SERIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION PROBLEMS AS A CONSEQUENCE OF ITS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC GROWTH AS WELL AS POPULATION GROWTH.

"IT IS TIME FOR US TO CALL A HALT TO THIS DETERIORATING SITUATION. WE SHOULD BEGIN TO TAKE STEPS TO IMPROVE OUR ENVIRONMENT AND BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CREATING A BETTER LIVING PLACE NOT ONLY FOR OURSELVES BUT ALSO OUR COMING GENERATIONS."

SHE SAID THIS IS IN FACT A LONG-TERM BATTLE AND COULD ONLY BE SUCCEEDED WITH THE CONCERTED EFFORTS OF THE DIFFERENT SECTORS OF OUR COMMUNITY.

"THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FESTIVAL INDEED REPRESENTS A MAJOR INITIATIVE IN AROUSING THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSCIOUSNESS IN OUR SOCIETY AND HAS PROVED TO BE A SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN," BARONESS DUNN SAID.

THE FESTIVAL, ORGANISED BY THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE (ECC) SET UP EARLY THIS YEAR, HAS COMBINED A VARIETY OF COMMUNITY EFFORTS TARGETED AT IMPROVING ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

IN HER CLOSING REMARKS, CHAIRMAN OF THE ECC, MRS PEGGY LAM SAID: "THE MOST DRAMATIC AND SIGNIFICANT RESULT OF THIS FORTNIGHT HAS BEEN THE MOBILISATION OF INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS AND BUSINESS AT ALL LEVELS, AND THE COOPERATIVE EFFORT FOR A SHARED CAUSE.

"FOR EXAMPLE, WE ARE GRATEFUL AND EXCITED BY THE PUBLIC RESPONSE TO OUR SYMBOLIC COMMITMENT TREE. NEARLY 18,000 LEAVES WERE DISTRIBUTED TO INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WHO HAVE RECORDED THEIR OWN PERSONAL PLEDGE TOWARDS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

"ALTHOUGH WE SEE THE FESTIVAL AS AN ENORMOUS SUCCESS IN TERMS OF THE WAY PEOPLE AND COMPANIES HAVE SO ACTIVELY AND WARMLY RESPONDED, THE ULTIMATE SOLUTION TO OUR ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS LIES WITH ALL OF US," MRS LAM SAID.

SHE ALSO STRESSED THAT HONG KONG PEOPLE MUST ALL WORK TO PUT PRESSURE ON THE GOVERNMENT FOR STRONGER LEGISLATION AND ON THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO REDUCE WASTE, RESULTING IN A STRONGER COMMITMENT.

"WE MUST ALSO ENCOURAGE OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES TO MAINTAIN A COMMITMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND BUILD SUPPORT FOR THE LONG TERM.

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"TODAY THE TREE IS BRIMMING WITH LEAVES, SYMBOLISING THE RESTORATION OF LIFE WHICH COULD BE ACHIEVED IN OUR AILING ENVIRONMENT IF EVERYONE HOLDS TO THEIR COMMITMENT," SHE ADDED.

MRS LAM SAID THE COMMITTEE WAS ALSO DELIGHTED TO SEE A NUMBER OF MAJOR INITIATIVES IMPLEMENTED DURING THE FORTNIGHT, FOCUSING ON THE 3RS - REDUCE, RE-USE, RECYCLE - WHICH IS THE THEME OF THE FESTIVAL.

MRS LAM POINTED OUT THAT THE PIONEERING SCHEME FOR ENLARGING WASTE PAPER COLLECTION AT PUBLIC HOUSING, LAUNCHED AT OI MAN ESTATE IN HO MAN TIN ON NOVEMBER 11, CLEARLY DEMONSTRATES THE ECC'S COMMITMENT TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS FOCUSING ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

MRS LAM ALSO THANKED THE MANY SUPPORTERS OF THE FESTIVAL, PARTICULARLY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB FOR ITS SUPPORT AS A DONOR.

DURING THE FESTIVAL, OVER 70 ACTIVITIES WERE ORGANISED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY BY THE ECC, DISTRICT BOARDS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS. MANY OF THE ACTIVITIES WILL BE CONTINUING WELL INTO DECEMBER AND 1991.

THE ECC IS A BROAD-BASED NON-GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE WITH ITS MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR. IT AIMS TO BRING TOGETHER A WIDE RANGE OF INTERESTED PEOPLE TO COORDINATE PROGRAMMES WORKING TOWARDS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FESTIVAL REPRESENTS THE CULMINATION OF THE ECC'S FIRST YEAR OF WORK AIMED AT IMPROVING AWARENESS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS IN THE TERRITORY AND MOBILISING EFFORTS WHICH MUST BE TAKEN AT ALL LEVELS - FROM LEGISLATION TO INDIVIDUAL AND PRIVATE SECTOR CONTRIBUTIONS - TO PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT.

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EFFECTIVE BUILDING MANAGEMENT KEY TO SAFE LIVING
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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BUILDING MANAGEMENT, MR CHUNG PUI-LAM, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THERE WAS A NEED TO INTRODUCE A COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM TO BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

HE ADDED THAT EFFECTIVE BUILDING MANAGEMENT WAS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT FOR SAFE LIVING.

SPEAKING AT A SEMINAR ON SAFE LIVING ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, MR CHUNG POINTED OUT THAT WITH THE RISE IN THE EDUCATION AND LIVING STANDARDS IN HONG KONG, MORE PEOPLE NOW RECOGNISED THE IMPORTANCE OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

"A COMPREHENSIVE BUILDING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SHOULD COMMIT WORK IN FOUR AREAS, NAMELY BUILDING SAFETY, LIVING ENVIRONMENT, BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND MONITORING PROCEDURES," HE SAID.

MR CHUNG SAID THE COMMITTEE HAD URGED THE GOVERNMENT TO SET UP A BUILDING MANAGEMENT TRIBUNAL AND THE POST OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT OFFICER.

"THE FORMER WILL LOOK AFTER DISPUTES OVER PROPERTY RIGHTS AND MANAGEMENT WHILE THE LATTER WILL PLAY A COORDINATING ROLE IN PROVIDING OVERALL ASSISTANCE IN BUILDING MANAGEMENT," HE EXPLAINED.

HE ALSO URGED THE GOVERNMENT TO CARRY OUT IMMEDIATE AND THOROUGH INSPECTION OF ALL OLD BUILDINGS GIVING PRIORITY TO PRE-WAR AND EARLY POST-WAR BUILDINGS.

"ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT LEGISLATION, FLAT OWNERS ARE LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE STRUCTURAL SAFETY OF THEIR PREMISES. INSPECTIONS AND MAINTENANCE SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT REGULARLY ON THESE PREMISES," HE SAID.

HE ALSO URGED FLAT OWNERS TO COOPERATE WITH THE GOVERNMENT WHEN THEY ARE ASKED TO REPAIR THEIR FLATS.

MORE THAN 120 BUILDING MANAGEMENT STAFF AND OFFICE-BEARERS OF OWNERS' CORPORATIONS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES ATTENDED TODAY'S SEMINAR.

TALKS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF HOME SAFETY WERE GIVEN BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND PROFESSIONALS IN SECURITY AND ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS.

AN EXHIBITION ON SECURITY EQUIPMENT AND ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS WAS ALSO HELD AT THE VENUE.

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SAFETY MEASURES FOR VILLAGE VEHICLES IN THE PIPELINE
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THE GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING TAKING MEASURES AGAINST VILLAGE VEHICLES WHICH, WHEN DRIVEN FAST, WILL BE DANGEROUS TO PEDESTRIANS ON OUTLYING ISLANDS, THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KIM SALKELD, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

"PLANS FOR THE SAFETY MEASURES WILL SOON BE PUT TO THE DISTRICT BOARD," HE SAID.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 'ISLANDS DISTRICT TRAFFIC SAFETY DAY', MR SALKELD POINTED OUT THAT VILLAGE VEHICLES AND BICYCLES NEEDED SPECIAL ATTENTION AS THEY MIGHT CAUSE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS ON PATHS SHARED BY PEDESTRIANS IN MANY AREAS OF THE DISTRICT.

"THE GOVERNMENT IS TACKLING THIS PROBLEM, WHERE POSSIBLE, BY PROVIDING SEPARATE ROUTES," HE SAID.

MR SALKELD CITED MUI WO AS AN EXAMPLE AND SAID A SPECIAL CYCLE TRACK WOULD BE PROVIDED UNDER THE NEXT ROAD WORKS PROGRAMME.

HE REMINDED THE ISLANDERS THAT A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT COULD HAPPEN ON THE ISLANDS AS IN THE CITY IF THEY DID NOT PAY DUE ATTENTION TO OTHER ROAD USERS.

MORE THAN 500 PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT ISLANDS JOINED THE 'TRAFFIC SAFETY DAY' AT THE NEW TERRITORIES HEUNG YEE KUK SOUTHERN DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL IN MUI WO.

THERE WERE A SINGING PERFORMANCE, A ROAD SAFETY EXHIBITION AND GAME STALLS PUBLICISING ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE.

CALENDER CARDS AND FERRY TIME TABLES WERE ALSO DISTRIBUTED TO THE PARTICIPANTS.

THE TRAFFIC SAFETY DAY WAS ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WERE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR LAM WAI-KEUNG, AND ISLANDS POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR WILLIAM WORRAL.

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VBP RETURN TO VIETNAM

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A GROUP OF 130 VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE TODAY (SATURDAY) RETURNED TO VIETNAM UNDER THE UNHCR'S VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION PROGRAMME.

COMPRISING 48 MEN, 33 WOMEN, 23 BOYS AND 26 GIRLS, THEY WERE THE 41ST BATCH TO GO BACK UNDER THE PROGRAMME.

SO FAR, A TOTAL OF 5,746 VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE HAVE RETURNED VOLUNTARILY.

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68,000 YUEN LONG VOTERS REGISTERED

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SOME 68,000 YUEN LONG RESIDENTS REGISTERED AS ELECTORS DURING THIS YEAR'S VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THIS YEAR'S DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN, YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROBIN IP, SAID THE RESPONSE WAS VERY GOOD, AS THIS FIGURE REPRESENTED A 14 PER CENT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF VOTERS REGISTERED IN THE LAST CAMPAIGN TWO YEARS AGO.

"ONE OF THE CIVIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE'S MAJOR TASK FOR THIS YEAR IS TO FOSTER A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF AND ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN THE ELECTIONS AMONG OUR RESIDENTS," MR IP SAID.

HE URGED RESIDENTS TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN NEXT YEAR'S THREE-TIERS ELECTIONS AND TO ENCOURAGE THEIR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS TO SUPPORT THE ELECTION ACTIVITIES, SO THAT EVERYONE COULD JOIN IN THE EFFORT TO BUILD UP HONG KONG.

VARIOUS ACTIVITIES SUCH AS INTER-SCHOOL DEBATES, SEMINARS, VISITS AND STALL GAMES WILL BE HELD DURING THE THREE-MONTH CAMPAIGN.

TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY WAS FOLLOWED BY A CIVIC EDUCATION CARNIVAL AT THE YUEN LONG STADIUM.

CO-ORGANISED BY THE LION'S CLUB OF YUEN LONG AND THE DISTRICT'S CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN WORKING GROUP, THE EVENT IS SPONSORED BY VARIOUS LOCAL COMMERCIAL ORGANISATIONS.

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OUTSTANDING PUPILS HONOURED

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A TOTAL OF 95 PRIMARY PUPILS IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT WERE AWARDED CERTIFICATES OF MERIT AT THE DISTRICT'S OUTSTANDING PUPILS AWARD SCHEME PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT KING'S COLLEGE THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING.

THE STUDENTS WERE NOMINATED BY THEIR SCHOOL HEADMASTERS FOR THEIR EXCELLENT PERFORMANCES IN ACADEMIC WORK, CONDUCT AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES DURING THE PAST YEAR.

SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY, CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR WU CHOR-NAM, TOLD THE STUDENTS TO KEEP UP WITH THEIR GOOD WORK.

"I HOPE YOU WILL SET A VERY GOOD EXAMPLE FOR OTHER YOUNGSTERS," MR WU SAID.

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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN FISHER, AND A CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR HUNG WING-TAT, PRESENTED CERTIFICATES TO THE OUTSTANDING PUPILS, WHO WERE ALSO TREATED TO A ONE-DAY TOUR OF THE OCEAN PARK AFTER THE CEREMONY.

THE AWARD SCHEME WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, WITH THE SUPPORT OF MORE THAN 20 PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT.

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ESCALATORS CLEAN-UP EXERCISE IN CENTRAL
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TWENTY-TWO TEAMS OF CENTRAL AND WESTERN RESIDENTS WILL TAKE PART IN AN ESCALATORS CLEAN-UP EXERCISE ALONG THE ELEVATED PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY IN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN WORKING GROUP, THE OPERATION WILL START AT 11 AM.

AS PART OF THE CAMPAIGN, A CHILDREN'S DRAWING COMPETITION WILL BE HELD AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT IN THE MORNING. A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AND VARIETY SHOW WILL BE HELD THERE IN THE AFTERNOON.

THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR AMBROSE LAU, AND ASSISTANT CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS MONICA CHEN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT 2 PM.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ESCALATORS CLEAN-UP EXERCISE, THE VARIETY SHOW AND THE CHILDREN'S DRAWING COMPETITION WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE ELEVATED PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY IN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT RESPECTIVELY.

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GOOD CITIZEN FORUM FOR STUDENTS

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OMELCO MEMBER MISS MARIA TAM, LEGISLATOR MR SZETO WAH, AND YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH SHARED THEIR EXPERIENCES IN COMMUNITY SERVICE WITH SOME 350 STUDENTS TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE GOOD CITIZEN IMPLEMENTATION FORUM, HELD AT THE HENRY G. LEONG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE, WAS PART OF THE CURRENT YAU TSIM DISTRICT FESTIVAL AIMING AT CULTIVATING YOUNG PEOPLE'S INTEREST AND CONCERN IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS.

THE DISCUSSIONS ALSO CENTRED ON HONG KONG'S THREE-TIER POLITICAL SYSTEM AND THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION.

OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S FORUM WERE THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ANNIE TANG; DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR CHIU YU-HEI; AND SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER (YAU TSIM), MISS ROSE LAU.

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ATHLETIC MEET AT KOWLOON CITY

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ABOUT 600 RESIDENTS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE 17TH KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ATHLETIC MEET AT THE KOWLOON TSAI SPORTS GROUND TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THERE WILL BE 18 TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS INCLUDING LONG JUMP, HIGH JUMP, SHOT PUT, JAVELIN, HURDLES AND RELAY.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO SIX GROUPS ACCORDING TO THEIR SEX AND AGE. WINNERS WILL BE PRESENTED WITH MEDALS.

OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR DUNCAN PESCOD; REGIONAL LEISURE MANAGER (KOWLOON EAST) OF URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR RAYMOND CHAN, AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS MR CHIANG SAI-CHEONG AND MR MAK KING-LUN.

THE ANNUAL EVENT, AIMED AT PROMOTING RESIDENTS' INTEREST IN SPORTS AND FOSTERING BETTER RELATIONSHIP AMONG RESIDENTS, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, URBAN COUNCIL AND KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS COUNCIL AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ATHLETIC MEET TOMORROW (SUNDAY) BEGINNING AT 8 AM AT THE KOWLOON TSAI SPORTS GROUND, INVERNESS ROAD.

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