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GOVERNOR SHOCKED AND SADDENED BY TRAGIC EVENTS IN PEKING

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (SUNDAY) SAID HE WAS SHOCKED AND SADDENED BY THE TRAGIC EVENTS HAPPENING IN PEKING, PARTICULARLY THE LOSS OF LIFE.

SIR DAVID SAID HE WAS SURE THAT THESE WERE SENTIMENTS THAT WOULD BE SHARED BY MOST PEOPLE IN HONG KONG.

"IT IS A TIME FOR SAD AND SOBER REFLECTIONS FOR ALL OF US HERE," HE STRESSED.

SIR DAVID SAID: "ALL OF US IN HONG KONG HAVE BEEN WATCHING WITH GREAT CONCERN WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING IN PEKING AND IN CHINA IN THESE PAST FEW WEEKS.

"WE HAVE BEEN WATCHING WITH INTENSE INTEREST THE WAY WHICH THE PROBLEM WOULD BE HANDLED AND WHAT THE OUTCOME WOULD BE.

"I THINK MOST OF US HERE HAVE BEEN WATCHING AND LISTENING VERY CAREFULLY EVERY NEWS BROADCAST THAT HAS BEEN COMING OUT FROM PEKING AND WE HAVE BEEN SERVED EXTREMELY WELL BY THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN CARRYING THE NEWS TO US WITH SUCH SPEED," SIR DAVID SAID.

IN RESPONSE TO GRAVE CONCERN EXPRESSED BY OVERSEAS CHINESE COMMUNITIES ON THE SITUATION IN HONG KONG, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, GAVE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

"I CAN CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND THAT HK COMMUNITIES ROUND THE REST OF THE WORLD, IN NORTH AMERICA AND ELSEWHERE, HEARING REPORTS ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING IN CHINA, MAY WELL FEEL CONCERN ABOUT THE EFFECT IT IS HAVING ON HK. ALL OF US HERE, WE HAVE ALL BEEN HORRIFIED BY THE STORIES AND THE REPORTS THAT HAVE BEEN COMING IN DURING THE DAY, ABOUT THE EVENTS IN PEKING AND THE DEATH AND THE WOUNDING OF SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS OF PEOPLE THERE.

THERE IS A VERY REAL SENSE IN THE COMMUNITY OF HORROR AND OF ANGER AT WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING. BUT DESPITE THESE VERY STRONG EMOTIONS THAT PEOPLE HAVE, THEY HAVE BEEN REACTING HERE WITH DIGNITY AND IN AN ORDERLY FASHION, AND I FEEL CONFIDENT THAT IN THE DAYS TO COME IT WILL BE THE SAME. IT WOULD BE QUITE WRONG TO THINK THAT THERE IS ANY CONFUSION HERE AND IN THE DAYS TO COME I AM SURE THAT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WILL GO ON BEHAVING WITH RESTRAINT AND WITH A SENSE OF CARE FOR HONG KONG."

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PRIME MINISTER SHOCKED BY EVENTS IN PEKING

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THE FOLLOWING IS A STATEMENT BY THE BRITISH PRIME MINISTER, MRS MARGARET THATCHER, ISSUED IN LONDON AT 7 PM (HK TIME) TODAY (JUNE 4) ON EVENTS IN PEKING:

"WE ARE ALL DEEPLY SHOCKED BY THE NEWS FROM PEKING AND APPALLED BY THE INDISCRIMINATE SHOOTING OF UNARMED PEOPLE. IT IS A REMINDER THAT, DESPITE SOME RECENT EASING OF EAST/WEST TENSIONS, A VERY GREAT GULF REMAINS BETWEEN THE DEMOCRATIC AND THE COMMUNIST SOCIETIES.

"WE VIEW THESE EVENTS IN PEKING WITH PARTICULAR CONCERN BECAUSE OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR HONG KONG AND OUR OBLIGATION - WHICH WE SHARE WITH THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT UNDER THE JOINT DECLARATION - TO SAFEGUARD HONG KONG'S FUTURE STABILITY AND PROSPERITY. I UNDERSTAND THE DEEP ANXIETY PRESENTLY FELT BY PEOPLE IN HONG KONG AND ADMIRE THEIR STEADFASTNESS IN THE FACE OF THESE LATEST TRAGIC EVENTS.

"BRITAIN WILL CONTINUE TO STAND BY ITS COMMITMENT TO A SECURE FUTURE FOR HONG KONG. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT ALSO WILL CONTINUE TO ABIDE BY THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE 1984 AGREEMENT."

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HONG KONG TO ATTEND ILO CONFERENCE

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A TRIPARTITE DELEGATION FROM HONG KONG WILL ATTEND THE 76TH SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (ILO) CONFERENCE DUE TO OPEN IN GENEVA ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 7).

IT COMPRISES DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR HAROLD KWOK; MR ALBERT GAZELEY, REPRESENTING EMPLOYERS; AND MISS LAM SHUK-YEE, REPRESENTING EMPLOYEES.

BOTH MR GAZELEY AND MISS LAM ARE MEMBERS OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD.

DURING THE CONFERENCE, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO LAST FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS, MR KWOK WILL ACT AS ADVISER TO BRITISH GOVERNMENT DELEGATES WHILE MR GAZELEY AND MISS LAM WILL ADVISE BRITISH EMPLOYERS' AND EMPLOYEES' DELEGATES RESPECTIVELY.

THE ILO CONFERENCE THIS YEAR WILL DISCUSS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE QUESTION OF NIGHT WORK FOR WOMEN AND SAFETY IN THE USE OF CHEMICALS AT WORK.

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SYMPOSIA ON EFFICIENT MANPOWER MANAGEMENT

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS TO ORGANISE TWO SYMPOSIA LATER THIS MONTH ON EFFICIENT UTILISATION OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

THE TWO HALF-DAY SYMPOSIA, TO BE HELD ON JUNE 22 AND 23, ARE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE EMPLOYERS, EMPLOYEES, EXECUTIVE AND MANAGEMENT STAFF, AND OFFICIALS OF TRADE UNIONS AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS OPPORTUNITIES TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND EXPERIENCE IN MANPOWER MANAGEMENT.

THE FIRST SYMPOSIUM WILL FOCUS ON THE SITUATION IN THE COMMERCIAL AND SERVICE SECTORS, WHILE THE SECOND ONE WILL CONCENTRATE ON THE MANUFACTURING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES.

A NUMBER OF ACADEMICS, MANAGEMENT EXPERTS FROM VARIOUS LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, UNION LEADERS, AND SENIOR OFFICIALS FROM THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL SPEAK ON VARIOUS TOPICS.

THESE INCLUDE IMPROVEMENT OF EMPLOYEES' PRODUCTIVITY, REDUCING MANPOWER WASTAGE, MAXIMISATION AND MANAGEMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, PREVENTION OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS TO AVOID ABSENTEEISM AND LOSS OF WORKING DAYS, AND HIGHER PRODUCTIVITY THROUGH BETTER UTILISATION OF MANPOWER RESOURCES.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING SESSION OF THE SYMPOSIUM ON JUNE 22 AT THE HOLIDAY INN GOLDEN MILE HOTEL IN TSIM SHA TSUI.

BOTH SYMPOSIA WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CANTONESE AND APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

THE ENROLMENT FEE FOR EACH SYMPOSIUM IS \$120 WHILE MEMBERS OF TRADE UNIONS, BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS AND OTHER NON-PROFIT-MAKING ORGANISATIONS WILL BE CHARGED \$100 FOR EACH SYMPOSIUM.

DETAILS AND APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION UNIT, 12TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, AND AT ALL LABOUR RELATIONS BRANCH OFFICES.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT 5-8523511, 5-8523505 OR 5-8523509.

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MANPOWER SURVEY ON PLASTICS INDUSTRY TO BEGIN  
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THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL WILL BEGIN A SURVEY TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO OBTAIN UPDATED INFORMATION ON THE MANPOWER AND EMPLOYMENT SITUATION IN THE INDUSTRY.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY LETTERS WERE SENT OUT TWO WEEKS AGO TO SELECTED ESTABLISHMENTS. EMPLOYERS ARE REQUESTED TO CO-OPERATE AND PROVIDE INFORMATION SUCH AS THE NUMBERS OF EMPLOYEES, TRAINEES, VACANCIES AND MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS.

SURVEY INTERVIEWING OFFICERS FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT SELECTED ESTABLISHMENTS TO COLLECT COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES AND, IF NECESSARY, ASSIST IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES.

THE SURVEY, TO BE COMPLETED ON JUNE 28, IS ESSENTIAL IN FORMULATING TRAINING PLANS FOR THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY.

INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE MANPOWER STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 5-8235075.

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AUSTRALIA ACKNOWLEDGES HK CO-OPERATION IN DRUG FIGHT  
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THE TOTAL CO-OPERATION OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE NARCOTICS BUREAU IN FIGHTING THE "HONG KONG CONNECTION" IN AUSTRALIAN DRUGS TRAFFICKING HAS BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE SENIOR LIAISON OFFICER IN HONG KONG.

DETECTIVE SUPERINTENDENT COLIN ROWLEY, POLICE LIAISON CONSUL AT THE AUSTRALIAN CONSULATE GENERAL SAID THAT THE UNSELFISH SHARING OF INFORMATION BETWEEN THE TWO POLICE FORCES HAD BEEN NOTABLY PROVED IN THE SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF TWO RECENT CASES INVOLVING A TOTAL OF MORE THAN 100 KILOGRAMS OF NARCOTICS.

"THE TWO CASES SEVERELY DISRUPTED MAJOR ORGANISATIONS OF SYNDICATES HERE AND IN AUSTRALIA," MR ROWLEY SAID.

"IN CASES LIKE THESE, THE CO-OPERATION AND SHARING OF INFORMATION IS THE ONLY EFFECTIVE WAY TO COMBAT CRIMINALS WHO HAVE NO GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES.

/ "GOOD TRUST .....

"GOOD TRUST IS AN ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT AND A MUTUAL PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO SECRECY HAS BEEN PROVED IN CASES INVOLVING THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE AND THE AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE.

"SUCCESS DEPENDS ON THE UNSELFISH SHARING OF INFORMATION. WE DON'T CARE WHO GETS THE KUDOS AS LONG AS THE CRIMINALS ARE CAUGHT."

MR ROWLEY SAID THE TWO RECENT MAJOR CASES HAD DEMONSTRATED WHAT COULD BE ACHIEVED THROUGH FULL CO-OPERATION TO MUTUAL BENEFIT.

"AND NOT ONLY IN THE NARCOTICS BUREAU BUT ELSEWHERE IN THE FORCE WE HAVE HAD TOTAL CO-OPERATION.

"WE HAVE BEEN DOING A LOT OF WORK WITH THE COMMERCIAL CRIME BUREAU IN QUESTIONS INVOLVING THE LAUNDERING OF MONEY."

MR ROWLEY ALSO SPOKE OF VALUABLE LINKS WITH THE CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE BUREAU AND THE ORGANISED AND SERIOUS CRIME GROUP.

MR ROWLEY DISCOUNTED SUGGESTIONS OF TRIAD INVOLVEMENT IN DRUG TRAFFICKING IN AUSTRALIA.

"IN MY VIEW ANY LINK WITH TRIADS IS PURELY COINCIDENTAL TO THE COMMON PURPOSE OF CRIMINALS IN MAKING MONEY.

"AUSTRALIAN TRIAD STORIES ARE MORE SENSATIONALIST JOURNALISM THEN BASED ON SUBSTANTIATED FACTS. THAT IS NOT TO SAY WE DON'T HAVE A TRIAD PROBLEM BUT I DO NOT BELIEVE IT COULD BE OF A LIKE NATURE TO THAT OF HONG KONG."

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#### 76 NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED IN MARCH

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FIVE HOTELS WERE AMONG 76 NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE IN MARCH.

OF THE PLANS, 31 WERE FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, 17 FOR KOWLOON AND 28 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE APPROVED PLANS INCLUDED 26 FOR APARTMENT, APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS; 21 FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND 10 FOR FACTORY OR GODOWN PROJECTS.

DURING THE MONTH, THE OFFICE GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 41 PROJECTS, INVOLVING 179,380 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA AND 92,519 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

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THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS ABOUT \$1,657 MILLION. THE USABLE FLOOR AREA FOR DOMESTIC AND NON-DOMESTIC USES WAS ABOUT 169,477 SQUARE METRES AND 168,242 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY.

IN ADDITION, THE OFFICE ISSUED 48 OCCUPATION PERMITS, 16 FOR HONG KONG, NINE FOR KOWLOON AND 23 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THIRTY-SEVEN DEMOLITION CONSENTS, AFFECTING 74 BUILDINGS, WERE ISSUED.

THE CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION RECEIVED 594 COMPLAINTS ON ILLEGAL BUILDING WORKS, CARRIED OUT 953 INSPECTIONS AND ISSUED 184 REMOVAL ORDERS.

THE DANGEROUS BUILDINGS SECTION INSPECTED 471 BUILDINGS.

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#### 1800 ILLEGAL HUTS DEMOLISHED

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MORE THAN 1 800 ILLEGAL STRUCTURES OR EXTENSIONS HAVE BEEN DEMOLISHED BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT'S SQUATTER CONTROL DIVISION BETWEEN FEBRUARY AND APRIL THIS YEAR.

OF THESE NEW STRUCTURES OR EXTENSIONS, NEARLY HALF OR 815 WERE UNCOMPLETED STRUCTURES, A HOUSING AUTHORITY SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

ALL THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES OR EXTENSIONS WERE SPOTTED BY THE STAFF OF THE SQUATTER CONTROL DIVISION DURING THEIR REGULAR PATROLS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, HE SAID, ADDING THAT THE PATROL SYSTEM HAD A MARKED DETERRENT EFFECT ON ILLEGAL SQUATTING.

IN ORDER TO PREVENT SQUATTING ON UNDEVELOPED GOVERNMENT LAND AND PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL LAND, THE SQUATTER CONTROL STAFF WILL CONTINUE TO PATROL ALL AREAS EVERY DAY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ANY NEW STRUCTURES OR ILLEGAL EXTENSIONS FOUND WILL BE DEMOLISHED IMMEDIATELY, AND THOSE CONCERNED WILL BE LIABLE TO ARREST AND PROSECUTION WITHOUT ANY COMPENSATION OR REHOUSING ARRANGEMENT, HE SAID.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE SOME 34 000 SURVEYED SQUATTER HUTS IN THE URBAN AREA HOUSING ABOUT 29 000 FAMILIES OR 100 000 PEOPLE.

IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, OVER 432 000 STRUCTURES STILL REMAIN, ACCOMMODATING MORE THAN 64 000 HOUSEHOLDS WITH 259 000 PERSONS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE AUTHORITY HAD COMPUTERISED THE DATA OF THE SURVEYED HUTS, INCLUDING THE RECORDS OF THE DIMENSION AND USAGE OF THOSE STRUCTURES.

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"THESE INFORMATIONS WOULD HELP THE DEPARTMENT TO PREVENT QUEUE JUMPING FOR PERMANENT HOUSING BY PEOPLE ATTEMPTING TO MOVE INTO AREAS SCHEDULED FOR IMMEDIATE CLEARANCE, HE SAID.

"THE PROPER WAY TO OBTAIN PUBLIC HOUSING IS TO REGISTER ON THE WAITING LIST," HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REMINDED RESIDENTS OF SQUATTER AREAS WHO MET ALL REHOUSING CRITERIA TO APPLY FOR TRANSFER BEFORE THEY MOVE FROM ONE SURVEYED HUT TO ANOTHER. THOSE WHO FAIL TO DO SO WOULD LOSE THEIR ELIGIBILITY FOR PUBLIC HOUSING, HE SAID.

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#### KWUN TONG TO PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION

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A TWO-MONTH CAMPAIGN WILL BE LAUNCHED IN KWUN TONG SHORTLY TO PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION AMONG LOCAL RESIDENTS.

THE "KWUN TONG MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION VARIETY PROGRAMME" HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION ORGANISING COMMITTEE WHICH COMPRISES MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM SOCIAL SERVICES ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

THE PROJECT, WHICH RUNS FROM JUNE 10 TO JULY 30, WILL INCLUDE A SEMINAR, A VOLUNTEER TRAINING SCHEME, A MOBILE EXHIBITION AND A CARNIVAL.

"THESE EVENTS ARE INTENDED TO PROMOTE AND MAINTAIN GOOD MENTAL HEALTH AMONG RESIDENTS, TO ENABLE THE COMMUNITY TO UNDERSTAND THE CONCEPT OF MENTAL ILLNESS AND THE NEEDS OF MENTAL PATIENTS, SO THAT RESIDENTS CAN PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE PATIENTS' REHABILITATION," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

TO LAUNCH THE PROGRAMME, AN OPENING CEREMONY AND A SEMINAR WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (JUNE 10) AT THE WELLINGTON COLLEGE IN TELFORD GARDENS.

THE OPENING SEMINAR WILL FEATURE SLIDE AND VIDEO PRESENTATIONS, RELAXATION EXERCISES AND AN OPEN FORUM.

DURING THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD, A MOBILE EXHIBITION ON MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION WILL BE STAGED IN VARIOUS SUB-DISTRICTS.

A VOLUNTEER TRAINING PROGRAMME WILL ALSO BE CARRIED OUT IN WHICH PARTICIPANTS WILL ATTEND WORKSHOPS AND A TRAINING CAMP, VISIT HALF-WAY HOUSES AND TAKE PART IN VOLUNTARY SERVICE WORK.

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THE PROGRAMME WILL CULMINATE WITH A CLOSING CARNIVAL ON JULY 30 AT THE HONG NING ROAD PLAYGROUND. A HIGHLIGHT OF THIS WILL BE A VARIETY SHOW.

KWUN TONG RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO TAKE PART IN ALL THESE EVENTS. PROGRAMME DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE ON 3-430887 OR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT ON 3-7558606 OR 3-7750591.

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\$8 MILLION FOR MAJOR CAMPAIGNS AND PUBLICITY

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THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS TO SPEND A RECORD \$8 MILLION DURING THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR ON 13 MAJOR CAMPAIGNS AND SOME 30 OTHER PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES WHICH WILL COVER ALMOST EVERY ASPECT OF OUR DAILY LIVES.

THE TOPICS ARE AS VARIED AS PRIORITIES DICTATE AND RESOURCES WILL ALLOW.

INEVITABLY, THERE ARE FAMILIAR TOPICS LIKE FIGHT CRIME, ROAD SAFETY, INDUSTRIAL SAFETY, FIRE PREVENTION AND ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGNS, BECAUSE THESE ARE AREAS IN WHICH HONG KONG PEOPLE CAN NEVER AFFORD TO RELAX THEIR GUARD.

THE SUBJECT OF AIDS TOO, WILL REMAIN PROMINENT ON TELEVISION AND POSTER SITES, IF ONLY TO REFLECT THE GROWING CONCERN WHICH THIS DISEASE HAS PROMPTED WORLDWIDE.

APART FROM THESE "OLD STAPLES", THE DEPARTMENT HAS TAKEN NEW INITIATIVES ON OTHER ISSUES WHICH ARE GOING TO CLAIM INCREASING ATTENTION IN THE MONTHS TO COME; AMONG THEM, ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION AND HOME SAFETY.

PERHAPS THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT TOPIC TO ENGAGE OUR ATTENTION THIS YEAR IS ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION, A PROBLEM WHICH IS BECOMING STEADILY WORSE AND SOLVING OF WHICH REQUIRES MASSIVE, UNITED EFFORTS BY ALL PEOPLE.

THE GOVERNMENT WILL SHORTLY PUBLISH A WHITE PAPER WHICH SETS OUT ITS TARGETS AND OBJECTIVES FOR DEALING WITH POLLUTION, INCLUDING PROPOSALS FOR NEW LEGISLATION.

AS THE PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR CONVEYING MESSAGES TO THE PUBLIC, GIS IS GEARING UP FOR A MAJOR PUBLICITY EXERCISE TO HIGHLIGHT THE PROBLEMS AND TO PROMOTE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT CAN BE DONE TO OVERCOME THEM.

IT WILL BE SEEKING THE HELP OF A COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING AGENCY TO ASSIST WITH THE CAMPAIGN.

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ANOTHER MAJOR TOPIC, TO WHICH THE DEPARTMENT ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE, WILL BE THE HOME SAFETY CAMPAIGN.

THIS CAMPAIGN, WHICH BEGAN SOME TWO YEARS AGO, IS NOW REALLY GETTING INTO ITS STRIDE WITH SOME URGENT MESSAGES THAT FOCUS ATTENTION PARTICULARLY ON THE DANGERS TO THE VERY YOUNG AND THE VERY OLD.

THIS WILL BE A CHALLENGING AND SENSITIVE ISSUE TO HANDLE AND IT WILL REQUIRE FULL SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION FROM MANY OTHER INTERESTED DEPARTMENTS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES INVOLVED IN CHILD WELFARE.

ALSO ON THE LIST OF SUBJECTS ON WHICH TO FOCUS CONTINUED PUBLIC ATTENTION THIS YEAR ARE CIVIC EDUCATION, THE EASY TRAVEL SCHEME, THE SECOND NEW IDENTITY CARD RE-ISSUE SCHEME AND CULTURAL HERITAGE.

THE CULTURAL HERITAGE CAMPAIGN IS A NEW ENDEAVOUR TO EXPLORE ONE OF THE ASPECTS THAT HAS MADE HONG KONG THE CITY WE VALUE MORE THAN ANY PLACE IN THE WORLD.

WITH THE HELP OF THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS OFFICE, THE CAMPAIGN AIMS TO EXAMINE SOME OF THE LOVELY OLD BUILDINGS WE ARE PRESERVING FOR HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL MERITS.

ALL IN ALL, GIS LOOKS FORWARD TO A CHALLENGING YEAR IN THE FIELD OF PUBLIC SERVICE ADVERTISING, WHERE THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE TRYING TO SHIFT FURTHER AWAY FROM THE SIMPLE "DO'S AND DON'TS" OF GOOD CIVIC BEHAVIOUR TO CONCENTRATE UPON OTHER MORE COMPLEX AND SOPHISTICATED ISSUES THAT CONCERN THIS HIGHLY PROGRESSIVE SOCIETY.

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#### FREE LEGAL ADVICE SCHEME WELL RECEIVED

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THE FREE LEGAL ADVICE SCHEME HAS BEEN WELL RECEIVED WITH ABOUT 10,000 PEOPLE MAKING ENQUIRIES DURING THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION (CNTA) SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

OUT OF THIS FIGURE, 885 PEOPLE WERE SUBSEQUENTLY GIVEN FREE CONSULTATION WITH THE DUTY LAWYERS TAKING PART IN THE SCHEME.

THE MAJORITY OF THE CASES INVOLVED MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL MATTERS, MATRIMONIAL MATTERS, COMPENSATION CLAIMS, EMPLOYMENT MATTERS AND CRIMINAL CASES, HE ADDED.

THE FREE LEGAL ADVICE SCHEME IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CNTA AND THE LAW SOCIETY, AND SUBVENTED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

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THE SCHEME, IMPLEMENTED IN 1978, IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE FREE LEGAL ADVICE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO CANNOT AFFORD TO CONSULT A LAWYER.

ANYONE WISHING TO MAKE USE OF THE SCHEME MAY APPROACH ANY OF CNTA'S 68 PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

APPLICANTS WILL BE INTERVIEWED BY STAFF AT THESE CENTRES TO IDENTIFY THEIR NEEDS.

ARRANGEMENTS WILL THEN BE MADE FOR THE APPLICANTS TO SEE THE DUTY LAWYERS ATTENDING THE EIGHT EVENING BUREAUS SITUATED AT DISTRICT OFFICES IN WAN CHAI, EASTERN, MONG KOK, WONG TAI SIN, YAU TSIM, KWUN TONG, TSUEN WAN AND SHA TIN.

AN APPOINTMENT CAN USUALLY BE ARRANGED WITHIN 10 DAYS AT AN EVENING BUREAU OF THE APPLICANT'S CHOICE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHEME MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE AT CNTA HEADQUARTERS ON THE 13TH FLOOR, WORLD SHIPPING CENTRE, 7 CANTON ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI, OR BY TELEPHONING 3-7302255-6.

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CHILDREN INVITED TO JOIN EASTERN DISTRICT CHOIR

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CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN EIGHT AND 12 AND INTERESTED IN SINGING ARE BEING INVITED TO JOIN THE EASTERN DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CHOIR.

THE CHOIR WAS FORMED TO PROMOTE CHILDREN'S INTEREST IN MUSIC AND TO DEVELOP THEIR ARTISTIC POTENTIAL.

TRAINING SESSIONS WILL BE HELD EVERY SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND TRAINEES WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE OPEN PERFORMANCES TO ENRICH THEIR EXPERIENCE.

ENROLMENT FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS THREE SUB-OFFICES IN CAUSEWAY BAY, SHAU KEI WAN AND CHAI WAN.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED BEFORE JUNE 14 TO THE EASTERN DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CHOIR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE, G/FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD, HONG KONG.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-630181 EXT. 41.

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NEW DRAGON BOATS LAUNCHED IN TAI PO  
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TWO NEWLY-BUILT DRAGON BOATS FOR THIS YEAR'S TAI PO DRAGON BOAT RACE WERE LAUNCHED AT A CEREMONY AT THE TAI WONG YEH SHRINE IN YUEN CHAU TSAI, TAI PO, THIS (SUNDAY) MORNING.

THE CEREMONY BEGAN WITH AN OFFERING OF JOSS-STICKS AND DELICACIES TO THE PATRON GOD OF FISHERMEN, TAI WONG YEH, BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT DRAGON BOAT RACE COMMITTEE, MR HO YUNG-SANG, AND THE VICE-CHAIRMAN, MR CHUNG YICK-MING AND MISS MARY CHOW.

PRAYERS THEN FOLLOWED IN THE HAKKA DIALECT.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR ADOLF HSU, AND THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, THEN DOTTED THE EYES OF THE DRAGON BOATS.

THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY AN EXHIBITION RACE BY TWO WINNING TEAMS IN LAST YEAR'S RACE.

COSTING ABOUT \$30,000 EACH, THE TWO NEW BOATS WILL BE USED TOGETHER WITH 19 OTHER DRAGON BOATS FOR THE TAI PO DRAGON BOAT RACE THIS YEAR.

THE RACE PROGRAMME IS ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT DRAGON BOAT RACE COMMITTEE 1989 AND CO-SPONSORED BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD. THE RACES WILL TAKE PLACE ALONG THE WATERFRONT OF TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE FROM 9.30 AM TO 1 PM ON THURSDAY (JUNE 8).

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DRAGON BOAT RACES IN ABERDEEN ATTRACT 76 TEAMS  
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A TOTAL OF 76 TEAMS FROM ALL OVER THE TERRITORY WILL TAKE PART IN THE ABERDEEN DRAGON BOAT RACE PROGRAMME ON THURSDAY (JUNE 8) IN CELEBRATION OF THE TUEN NG FESTIVAL.

AN ANNUAL EVENT WITH A LONG TRADITION IN THE OLDEST FISHING PORT OF HONG KONG, THE DRAGON BOAT RACE HAS BEEN CO-ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE 1989 ABERDEEN DRAGON BOAT RACE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, AND IS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOLLOWING THE RACES, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ALONG A 330-METRE COURSE OFF THE ABERDEEN WATERFRONT.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS MAUREEN CHAN; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HUI YUNG-CHUNG; AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MRS SO CHAU YIM-PING.

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SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (SUNDAY), THE SOUTHERN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR DAVID LEUNG, SAID THE RACES WOULD BE DIVIDED INTO THE LARGE-BOAT AND MEDIUM-BOAT DIVISIONS. THE LATTER WOULD BE SUB-DIVIDED INTO MEN'S OPEN, MEN'S AMATEUR, LADIES' OPEN, AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT INVITATION SECTIONS.

EIGHT TEAMS WILL COMPETE IN THE LARGE-BOAT DIVISION AND 68 TEAMS IN THE MEDIUM-BOAT DIVISION.

"THE TEAMS ARE ENTERED BY BUSINESS FIRMS, FACTORIES, LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, FISHERMEN'S BODIES, AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AS WELL AS CLUBS FROM ALL OVER HONG KONG," MR LEUNG SAID.

HEATS WILL BE HELD IN THE MORNING AND THE FINALS WILL START AT 3 PM. THE OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT WILL START AT 4.15 PM.

A FERRY MOORED NEAR THE FINISHING POINT WILL PROVIDE A VANTAGE POINT FOR GUESTS AND SPECTATORS.

THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 4.30 PM. WINNERS IN THE VARIOUS EVENTS WILL BE PRESENTED TROPHIES, AND ALL PARTICIPATING TEAMS WILL RECEIVE SOUVENIRS.

AT TODAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE, AN EYE-DOTTING CEREMONY WAS HELD TO MARK THE LAUNCHING OF FOUR DRAGON BOATS. OFFICIATING WERE MR LEUNG; RACE ORGANISING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR HO CHUNG-TUNG; AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WHICH HAD HELPED TO ORGANISE THE RACES.

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#### CENTRAL AND WESTERN INTER-HONG SPORTS CONTEST BEGINS

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FOURTEEN MAJOR FIRMS IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT HAVE ENTERED TEAMS IN THE DISTRICT'S INTER-HONG SPORTS PROGRAMME WHICH STARTED TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE COMPETITIONS TO BE HELD INCLUDE TELEMATCH GAMES, MINI-SOCCER, SQUASH, BASKETBALL, BADMINTON AND TABLE TENNIS.

THE PROGRAMME, WHICH RUNS UNTIL JULY 16, HAS BEEN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE DISTRICT'S RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION, WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY HELD AT BLAKE GARDEN THIS (SUNDAY) MORNING, THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS JOEY LAM, SAID THE SPORTS PROGRAMME, NOW IN ITS SEVENTH YEAR, HAD BECOME INCREASINGLY POPULAR WITH THE WORKING PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT.

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"THE WHITE-COLLAR WORKERS CAN MAKE USE OF THE SPORTS PROGRAMME TO KEEP THEMSELVES MORE PHYSICALLY FIT AND TO RELIEVE ANY WORKING STRESS," SHE REMARKED.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS INCLUDED DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS MR LEUNG SIK-WAH AND MR CHAN CHOI-HEI, AND THE HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE DISTRICT'S RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION, MR WONG CHUNG-YING.

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TEMPORARY NIGHT CLOSURE OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE FLYOVER CONSTRUCTION, THE SOUTHERN WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST BETWEEN KING TAI STREET AND KOWLOON CITY ROUNDABOUT WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICLES EXCEPT FOR THOSE GAINING ACCESS TO THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FROM 1 AM TO 5 AM DAILY FOR ABOUT FIVE DAYS FROM TUESDAY (JUNE 6).

DURING THE CLOSURE VEHICLES FROM KWUN TONG AND SAN PO KONG HEADING FOR TO KWA WAN WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE NORTHERN WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST, FLYOVER, ARGYLE STREET, FU NING STREET, SHING TAK STREET AND MA TAU CHUNG ROAD.

CENTRAL-BOUND CROSS HARBOUR BUS ROUTE 121 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE NORTHERN WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST, FLYOVER, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST, LOMOND ROAD, ARGYLE STREET AND KOWLOON CITY ROUNDABOUT.

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