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HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR OCTOBER

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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN OCTOBER 1988, AT \$92,482 MILLION, GREW BY 32 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1987, ACCORDING TO THE DETAILED FIGURES ON VALUE OF TRADE FOR THE MONTH RELEASED TODAY (SUNDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 10 PER CENT TO \$20,066 MILLION IN OCTOBER 1988, WHILE RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 56 PER CENT TO \$26,627 MILLION, THUS BRINGING TOTAL EXPORTS IN OCTOBER TO \$46,694 MILLION, WHICH REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 32 PER CENT OVER OCTOBER 1987.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, IMPORTS INCREASED BY 32 PER CENT TO \$45,788 MILLION.

COMPARING OCTOBER 1988 WITH OCTOBER 1987, SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA (+44 PER CENT), THE NETHERLANDS (+39 PER CENT) AND SINGAPORE (+38 PER CENT).

THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN AND THE UNITED KINGDOM ALSO INCREASED, BY 28 PER CENT AND 23 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

HOWEVER, DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO FRANCE, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE U.S.A. DECREASED BY 2 PER CENT, 1 PER CENT AND 1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN VALUE TERMS.

IMPORTS FROM MOST MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS IN OCTOBER 1988 OVER OCTOBER 1987, PARTICULARLY THOSE FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+61 PER CENT) AND ITALY (+44 PER CENT).

THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM CHINA, TAIWAN, JAPAN AND THE U.S.A. ALSO WENT UP BY 34 PER CENT, 33 PER CENT, 32 PER CENT AND 29 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

RE-EXPORTS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE U.S.A., CHINA, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND AUSTRALIA INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE TERMS OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, BY 85 PER CENT, 74 PER CENT, 69 PER CENT, 66 PER CENT, 58 PER CENT AND 53 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO SINGAPORE, TAIWAN AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ALSO INCREASED, BY 36 PER CENT, 30 PER CENT AND 29 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN JANUARY TO OCTOBER 1988, AT \$796,404 MILLION, INCREASED BY 30 PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 11 PER CENT TO \$176,439 MILLION, WHILE RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 50 PER CENT TO \$219,575 MILLION.

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THUS, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 30 PER CENT TO \$396,015 MILLION. IMPORTS INCREASED BY 31 PER CENT TO \$400,389 MILLION.

COMPARING JANUARY TO OCTOBER 1988 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987, DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO MOST MAJOR MARKETS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS.

THE MARKETS WITH MORE SIGNIFICANT GROWTH IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCLUDED CHINA (+37 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (+37 PER CENT), THE NETHERLANDS (+26 PER CENT), THE UNITED KINGDOM (+22 PER CENT), JAPAN (+17 PER CENT), FRANCE (+14 PER CENT), AUSTRALIA (+12 PER CENT) AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (+10 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A., HONG KONG'S LARGEST DOMESTIC EXPORT MARKET, DECREASED BY 3 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS.

IMPORTS IN JANUARY TO OCTOBER 1988 FROM ALL MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987. SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN IMPORTS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+56 PER CENT), THE U.S.A. (+32 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+31 PER CENT), CHINA (+31 PER CENT) AND JAPAN (+27 PER CENT).

DURING THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, RE-EXPORTS TO JAPAN, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, CHINA AND AUSTRALIA INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE TERMS BY 90 PER CENT, 58 PER CENT, 57 PER CENT AND 51 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

NOTABLE INCREASES WERE ALSO RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM (+48 PER CENT), THE U.S.A. (+47 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+46 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (+35 PER CENT) AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+34 PER CENT).

ALL TRADE STATISTICS PRESENTED HERE ARE MEASURED AT CURRENT PRICES AND NO ACCOUNT HAS BEEN TAKEN OF THE CHANGES IN PRICES BETWEEN THE PERIODS OF COMPARISON.

A SEPARATE ANALYSIS OF THE PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE IN OCTOBER 1988 WILL BE RELEASED IN EARLY JANUARY 1989.

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S TEN MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

COMPARING JANUARY TO OCTOBER 1988 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987, INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN VALUE TERMS WERE RECORDED IN MOST MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

THE MORE NOTABLE ONES WERE OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$3,814 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT); PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$2,917 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$2,533 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT); AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$1,950 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT).

/DOMESTIC EXPORTS

DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF CLOTHING INCREASED BY \$217 MILLION OR LESS THAN 0.5 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS. DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN TEXTILES (BY \$426 MILLION OR 3 PER CENT); AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$286 MILLION OR 1 PER CENT).

TABLE 2 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION.

THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM HONG KONG'S TEN MAJOR SUPPLIERS ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 3.

COMPARING JANUARY TO OCTOBER 1988 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987, MORE NOTABLE INCREASES IN IMPORTS IN VALUE TERMS WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$14,086 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT); ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$8,450 MILLION OR 98 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$8,284 MILLION OR 47 PER CENT); AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$6,070 MILLION OR 35 PER CENT).

IMPORTS OF TEXTILES INCREASED BY \$3,338 MILLION OR 7 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS. HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN RAW HIDES, SKINS AND FURSKINS (BY \$326 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT); AND OIL SEEDS AND OLEAGINOUS FRUIT (BY \$89 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT).

TABLE 4 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION.

THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S TEN MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 5.

COMPARING JANUARY TO OCTOBER 1988 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987, MORE NOTABLE INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS IN VALUE TERMS WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$10,288 MILLION OR 81 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$8,521 MILLION OR 58 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$5,805 MILLION OR 62 PER CENT); AND ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$5,160 MILLION OR 189 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS OF TEXTILES INCREASED BY \$4,448 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS. HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN OIL SEEDS AND OLEAGINOUS FRUIT (BY \$98 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT); AND PROCESSED ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS, AND WAXES OF ANIMAL OR VEGETABLE ORIGIN (BY \$1 MILLION OR 8 PER CENT).

TABLE 6 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION.

DETAILED STATISTICS ON TRADE VALUE BY COMMODITY AND BY COUNTRY ARE PUBLISHED IN TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS.

THE OCTOBER 1988 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS SUMMARY" WILL BE ON SALE AROUND DECEMBER 15 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IN CENTRAL AT \$9.50 PER COPY.

A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE", WITH DETAILED ANALYSES ON IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN OCTOBER 1988 WILL BE AVAILABLE IN END-DECEMBER AT \$17.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THESE REPORTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG (TEL. NO. : 5-8428802) AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE STATISTICS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL NO. : 5-8234915).

TABLE 1: DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	OCT 1988 (HKD MN.)	OCT 88 OVER OCT 87 (%)	JAN-OCT 1988 (HKD MN.)	JAN-OCT 88 OVER JAN-OCT 87 (%)
U.S.A.	7,081	- 1	59,054	- 3
CHINA	3,636	+ 44	30,565	+ 37
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,155	- 1	13,095	+ 10
U.K.	1,483	+ 23	12,490	+ 22
JAPAN	1,248	+ 28	9,170	+ 17
CANADA	509	+ *	4,883	+ 5
SINGAPORE	497	+ 38	4,209	+ 37
NETHERLANDS	405	+ 39	3,983	+ 26
FRANCE	337	- 2	3,433	+ 14
AUSTRALIA	380	+ 11	3,330	+ 12

* LESS THAN 0.5 PER CENT

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TABLE 2: DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	OCT 1988 (HKD MN.)	OCT 88 OVER OCT 87 (%)	JAN-OCT 1988 (HKD MN.)	JAN-OCT 88 OVER JAN-OCT 87 (%)
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	6,236	+ 3	53,868	+ *
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	2,799	- 2	24,809	- 1
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1,923	+ 21	15,478	+ 23
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	1,596	+ 19	14,434	+ 21
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	1,674	+ 19	14,111	+ 16
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	1,331	- 9	12,524	- 3

* LESS THAN 0.5 PER CENT

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TABLE 3: IMPORTS FROM TEN MAJOR SUPPLIERS

MAJOR SUPPLIER	OCT 1988 (HKD MN.)	OCT 88 OVER OCT 87 (%)	JAN-OCT 1988 (HKD MN.)	JAN-OCT 88 OVER JAN-OCT 87 (%)
CHINA	14,819	+ 34	123,487	+ 31
JAPAN	8,616	+ 32	74,324	+ 27
TAIWAN	3,933	+ 33	35,437	+ 31
U.S.A.	3,774	+ 29	34,031	+ 32
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	2,362	+ 61	20,919	+ 56
SINGAPORE	1,734	+ 24	15,096	+ 30
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,104	+ 19	10,564	+ 29
U.K.	1,047	- 3	10,506	+ 11
SWITZERLAND	828	+ 13	7,404	+ 27
ITALY	800	+ 44	6,522	+ 29

TABLE 4: IMPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	OCT 1988 (HKD MN.)	OCT 88 OVER OCT 87 (%)	JAN-OCT 1988 (HKD MN.)	JAN-OCT 88 OVER JAN-OCT 87 (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	5,379	+ 3	50,520	+ 7
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	4,829	+ 52	42,292	+ 50

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	3,521	+ 68	25,732	+ 47
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	3,318	+ 41	25,458	+ 19
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	2,921	+ 36	23,318	+ 35
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	2,633	+ 33	21,900	+ 31

TABLE 5: RE-EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	OCT 1988 (HKD MN.)	OCT 88 OVER OCT 87 (%)	JAN-OCT 1988 (HKD MN.)	JAN-OCT 88 OVER JAN-OCT 87 (%)
CHINA	9,196	+ 66	74,357	+ 57
U.S.A.	5,100	+ 69	39,592	+ 47
JAPAN	1,884	+ 85	14,064	+ 90
TAIWAN	1,220	+ 30	11,355	+ 46
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	992	+ 29	9,775	+ 34
SINGAPORE	793	+ 36	7,009	+ 35
F.R. OF GERMANY	861	+ 58	6,809	+ 58
U.K.	671	+ 74	5,192	+ 48
AUSTRALIA	451	+ 53	3,453	+ 51
MACAU	327	+ 21	3,252	+ 20

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TABLE 6: RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	OCT 1988 (HKD MN.)	OCT 88 OVER OCT 87 (%)	JAN-OCT 1988 (HKD MN.)	JAN-OCT 88 OVER JAN-OCT 87 (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	3,106	+ 26	27,504	+ 19
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	3,079	+ 55	23,122	+ 58
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	2,821	+ 80	22,911	+ 81
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	2,482	+ 69	19,822	+ 29
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	2,181	+ 77	15,239	+ 62
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1,046	+ 36	8,317	+ 25

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FOURTH INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION
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THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION ORGANISED BY THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL BEGIN AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE, WAN CHAI, ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 13).

THE THREE-DAY SEMINAR WILL BE OPENED BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, MR CHARLES KAO.

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, WILL GIVE THE WELCOMING ADDRESS AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION, DR VERNER BICKLEY, WILL CLOSE THE SEMINAR.

THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S SEMINAR IS "TEACHING AND LEARNING STYLES WITHIN AND ACROSS CULTURES".

THE SEMINAR WILL FOCUS ON SOME OF THE PROBLEMS THAT ARISE WHEN LANGUAGE TEACHING STYLES EMPLOYED IN ONE SOCIETY OR CULTURE ARE ADAPTED FOR USE IN OTHER SOCIETIES AND CULTURES.

MORE THAN 300 LANGUAGE EDUCATIONALISTS FROM 21 COUNTRIES AND HONG KONG WILL TAKE PART IN THE CONFERENCE AND SOME 140 PAPERS WILL BE PRESENTED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE, ROOMS 506 AND 507, WAN CHAI, ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 13). IT WILL START AT 9 AM.

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CONFERENCE TO PROMOTE SPORTS SAFETY
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HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE TODAY (SUNDAY) TOOK PART IN A SPORTS SAFETY CONFERENCE TO LEARN THE SAFE WAY IN PURSUING VARIOUS LAND SPORTS.

ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON SAFETY IN OUTDOOR PURSUITS, THE CONFERENCE WAS AIMED AT DRIVING HOME THE PLAY SAFE MESSAGE THROUGH A SERIES OF TALKS, WORKSHOPS, EXHIBITIONS AND SAFETY DEMONSTRATIONS.

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SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR LI YUET-TING SAID: "MANY SPORTS INJURIES CAN BE AVOIDED IF PEOPLE ENGAGING IN THE ACTIVITIES WERE MORE CAREFUL AND TOOK ADEQUATE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST RISKS."

HE SAID ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS SUCH AS THE SPORTING VENUE, WEATHER AND EQUIPMENT PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT PART IN THE SAFETY ASPECT OF SPORTS PARTICIPATION.

ON THE OTHER HAND, HE SAID, ATHLETES' KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL OF THE SPORT AND THEIR PHYSICAL FITNESS ALSO ACCOUNTED FOR THEIR SAFE PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES.

TO PLAY SAFE, MR LI SAID SPORTS LEADERS SHOULD EQUIP THEMSELVES WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR SPORT ACTIVITIES AND STEPS TO BE TAKEN TO REDUCE RISKS AND TO MINIMISE THE SEVERITY OF INJURIES.

HE SAID THE LAND SPORTS SAFETY CONFERENCE PROVIDED A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR PARTICIPANTS TO SHARE THEIR VIEWS AND EXPERIENCES RELATING TO SPORTS SAFETY.

EARLIER, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP ON LAND SPORTS SAFETY CONFERENCE, MR PADDY BIRNEY SAID A SIMILAR SAFETY CAMPAIGN HELD LAST YEAR PROVED TO HAVE SOME SUCCESS AS THE REPORTED FIGURES FOR ACCIDENTS IN LAND-BASED SPORTS HAD SHOWN A DECLINE.

HE SAID HE HOPED THE SAFETY CONFERENCE, TARGETTED AT INSTRUCTORS AND LEADERS IN LAND SPORTS, WOULD REINFORCE THE SAFETY MESSAGE.

ALSO TAKING PART IN TODAY'S EVENT WERE REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS AND SCHOOL TEACHERS.

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CNTA CENTRES HANDLE 5.5 MILLION CASES AND ENQUIRIES

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THE 67 PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION (CNTA) HANDLED 5.5 MILLION CASES AND ENQUIRIES; AND DISTRIBUTED SOME 8.6 MILLION FORMS AND PUBLICITY MATERIALS TO THE PUBLIC DURING THE FIRST 10 MONTHS THIS YEAR.

THIS REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 7.1 PER CENT FOR THE CORRESPONDING FIGURE IN 1987.

/A SPOKESMAN

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CNTA SAID THE 67 CENTRES, PROVIDING A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES, WERE CONVENIENTLY LOCATED THROUGHOUT 19 DISTRICT OFFICES AND SUB-OFFICES AS WELL AS THE CNTA HEADQUARTERS IN TSIM SHA TSUI.

SERVICES AVAILABLE AT THE CENTRES INCLUDED ANSWERING ENQUIRIES ON GOVERNMENT SERVICES; ADMINISTERING OATHS AND DECLARATIONS; DISTRIBUTING GOVERNMENT FORMS, REPORTS, CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION LEAFLETS; AND REFERRING CASES UNDER THE FREE LEGAL ADVICE SCHEME AND THE RENT OFFICER SCHEME, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

DURING THE PERIOD, THE MOST POPULAR SUBJECTS ASKED WERE CIVIL SERVICE VACANCIES; DECLARATIONS AND OATHS; REQUEST FOR PUBLICITY MATERIALS AND FORMS ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS; TELEPHONE NUMBERS; LOCATIONS AND OPENING HOURS OF GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND MATTERS ON EMIGRATION AND OVERSEAS VISITS, HE ADDED.

ABOUT 642,000 DECLARATIONS AND OATHS WERE ADMINISTERED DURING THE PERIOD AND THE MOST POPULAR TOPICS WERE DECLARATION OF TRUE COPY OF DOCUMENTS, SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANTS.

UNDER FREE LEGAL ADVICE SCHEME, A TOTAL OF 2,414 CASES WERE REFERRED TO THE LAW SOCIETY SEEKING ADVICE ON CIVIL LEGAL MATTERS.

DURING THE FIRST 10 MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, MORE THAN 14,300 PEOPLE APPROACHED THE RENT OFFICERS FROM THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT WHO WERE ON DUTY AT 13 DISTRICT OFFICES FOR ADVICE ON RENT AND TENANCY PROBLEMS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID ANYONE WHO WISHED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE VARIOUS SERVICES AVAILABLE AT THESE CENTRES COULD APPROACH THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE SECTION AT CNTA HEADQUARTERS ON 13TH FLOOR, WORLD SHIPPING CENTRE, HARBOUR CITY, 7 CANTON ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI, OR TELEPHONE 3-692255.

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COMMITTEE PRAISED FOR FUND-RAISING EFFORTS

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THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY CHEST, MR DENIS BRAY, TODAY (SUNDAY) PRAISED THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT ORGANISING COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITY CHEST CAMPAIGN FOR ITS EFFORT IN MOBILISING RESIDENTS' SUPPORT FOR THE CHEST.

SPEAKING AT THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT COMMUNITY CHEST BAZAAR, MR BRAY SAID SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1984, THE COMMITTEE HAD DEVOTED MUCH EFFORT IN RAISING FUNDS FOR THE NEEDY.

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"MORE THAN \$600,000 WERE RAISED BY THE COMMITTEE LAST YEAR," HE ADDED.

HUNDREDS OF SHAM SHUI PO RESIDENTS ATTENDED THE BAZAAR AT MAPLE STREET TODAY TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE WORTHY CAUSE.

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, SUCH AS KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, SCHOOLS AND FACTORIES SET UP 40 SALES STALLS AT THE BAZAAR.

DONATED GOODS, SUCH AS HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES, CLOTHING AND SPORTS EQUIPMENT, WENT ON SALE, AND ALL THE PROCEEDS WOULD GO TO THE COMMUNITY CHEST.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS AT TODAY'S BAZAAR INCLUDED THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR TAI TUNG-NGOK; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GREGORY LEUNG; AND THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR CHAN MOW-FAT.

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THREE MORE BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAMS FORMED

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THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION (CNTA) HAS SET UP THREE MORE BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAMS (BMCTs) AS PART OF ITS ON-GOING EFFORT IN ASSISTING THE PUBLIC IN TACKLING MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS IN THEIR BUILDINGS.

THE ADDITIONAL TEAMS - ONE EACH IN KOWLOON CITY, SHAM SHUI PO AND TSUEN WAN DISTRICTS - HAVE INCREASED THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TEAMS SO FAR IN THE TERRITORY TO 10.

THE FIRST TWO NEW TEAMS WILL DEAL WITH MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS IN PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, WHILE THE THIRD TEAM WILL CONCENTRATE ON INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CNTA SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT PLANS WERE ON HAND TO ESTABLISH THREE MORE TEAMS IN THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE MAIN DUTY OF A BMCT WAS TO MOTIVATE AND ASSIST THE PUBLIC IN IMPROVING MANAGEMENT OF THEIR BUILDINGS AND TO CO-ORDINATE INTER-DEPARTMENTAL ACTION ON MATTERS RELATING TO BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

/THE SPOKESMAN

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT ALTHOUGH MUCH OF THE DAY-TO-DAY MANAGEMENT OF BUILDINGS DEPENDED ON THE MOTIVATION AND EFFORT OF INDIVIDUAL OWNERS, THERE WAS A NEED TO PROVIDE POSITIVE ASSISTANCE TO THE OWNERS AND RESIDENTS OF MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS TO HELP STIMULATE A MORE EFFECTIVE SELF-HELP PROCESS AMONG THEM.

THE CNTA, THEREFORE, LAUNCHED A PILOT SCHEME IN YAU MA TEI IN 1982 TO GAUGE THE USEFULNESS OF ESTABLISHING A DISTRICT CO-ORDINATOR TO TAKE EFFECTIVE AND CONCERTED ACTION TO IMPROVE THE MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF PRIVATE BUILDINGS.

SUBSEQUENTLY, A DISTRICT TEAM WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM LANDS DEPARTMENT, URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, LABOUR DEPARTMENT, URBAN AREA DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE OF YAU MA TEI WAS FORMED.

A FULLY QUALIFIED HOUSING MANAGER FROM THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT WAS SECONDED TO CO-ORDINATE THE SCHEME WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE DISTRICT OFFICER.

THE RESULTS OF THE SCHEME, WHICH LASTED FOR SIX MONTHS FROM DECEMBER 1982 TO MAY 1983, WERE SO SUCCESSFUL THAT THE GOVERNMENT DECIDED IN LATE 1984 THAT BMCTs BE ESTABLISHED IN OTHER DISTRICTS.

EVENTUALLY, SEVEN BMCTs WERE FORMED IN THE EASTERN, WAN CHAI, CENTRAL AND WESTERN, YAU TSIM, MONG KOK, KWUN TONG AND KWAI TSING DISTRICTS.

CONSISTING OF A HOUSING MANAGER, AN ASSISTANT HOUSING MANAGER AND TWO HOUSING ASSISTANTS, ALL SECONDED FROM THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, EACH BMCT WORKS UNDER THE DISTRICT BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE WHICH COMPRISES GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED IN BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

A BMCT'S WORK INCLUDES REGULARLY MEETING OFFICE BEARERS OF OWNERS CORPORATIONS OR MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES TO ADVISE THEM ON MORE EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT, REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE OF THEIR BUILDINGS, AND STEPS TO RECTIFY ANY IRREGULARITIES FOUND IN THE BUILDINGS.

"THE ROLE OF A BMCT IS BASICALLY ADVISORY, AND SUCCESS OF ITS WORK LARGELY DEPENDS ON OWNERS AND RESIDENTS TO TAKE HEED OF ITS ADVICE," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

CONTINUOUS EFFORTS TO COMBAT POLLUTION OF SHING MUN RIVER

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT HAD RECORDED SLIGHT BUT CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT TO THE POLLUTION SITUATION AT SHING MUN RIVER, ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER (DEVELOPMENT) OF SHA TIN, MISS MARGARET FONG, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE SHA TIN COMMUNITY DAY CAMP IN WU KAI SHA THIS MORNING, MISS FONG SAID GOVERNMENT WAS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE POLLUTION OF SHING MUN RIVER AND WAS RESOLVED TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM.

"AS PART OF THE SHORT TERM MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF SHING MUN RIVER, A \$7 MILLION PROJECT IS PLANNED FOR 1989/90 TO DREDGE THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF SHING MUN RIVER," SHE SAID.

IMPROVEMENT MEASURES UNDERWAY AT THE RIVER INCLUDE A MINOR DREDGING CONTRACT OF \$1.5 MILLION CENTRING MAINLY AROUND LEK YUEN BRIDGE AND FO TAN AS WELL AS A \$450,000 PROJECT FOR DESILTING TAI WAI BOX CULVERT.

SHE NOTED THAT GOVERNMENT WAS ALSO COMMITTED TO CARRYING OUT LONG-TERM MEASURES COSTING SOME \$770 MILLION IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS TO REDUCE POLLUTION IN THE RIVER.

"THESE INCLUDE THE SLUDGE EXPORT SCHEME UNDER WHICH A TWIN PIPE WILL BE LAID BENEATH SHING MUN RIVER TO TRANSPORT THICKENED SLUDGE TO THE SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS TO BE CONTAINED FOR DISPOSAL AT SEA," SHE SAID.

"ANOTHER PROJECT, WHICH WILL COMMENCE IN EARLY 1989 FOR COMPLETION IN EARLY 1993 IS THE EXPORT OF TREATED EFFLUENTS FROM THE SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS TO KAI TAK NULLAH TO REDUCE THE NITROGEN LEVEL IN THE RIVER.

"MOREOVER, TO DIVERT SEWAGE FROM UNSEWERED AREAS TO THE SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS, DRY WEATHER SEWER INTERCEPTORS WILL BE INSTALLED AT THE TAI WAI SECTION OF THE RIVER."

ON LEGISLATIVE CONTROL, MISS FONG POINTED OUT THAT FROM JUNE 24, 1988, THE BREEDING OF LIVESTOCK IN NEW TOWNS WAS BANNED UNDER THE WASTE DISPOSAL (LIVESTOCK WASTE) REGULATIONS.

THE WASTE POLLUTION CONTROL (GENERAL) REGULATIONS PASSED ON APRIL 1 THIS YEAR ALSO ENSURES THAT EFFLUENT DISCHARGE FROM SHA TIN'S FACTORIES BE CONNECTED TO PROPER SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS, SHE SAID.

MORE THAN 200 REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS' CORPORATIONS, VILLAGES, RESIDENTS ASSOCIATIONS, AREA COMMITTEES AND YIN NGAI SOCIETIES ENJOYED THEMSELVES AT THE SHA TIN COMMUNITY DAY CAMP AT THE WU KAI SHA YOUTH CAMP TODAY.

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ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE FUNCTION WAS AIMED AT PROMOTING COMMUNICATION AMONG SHA TIN'S COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS AND THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE LOCAL AND OVERALL GOVERNMENT SITUATION.

THERE WAS ALSO ANOTHER TALK BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR AND SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR ANDREW WONG, ON THE ROLE OF LOCAL ORGANISATION IN HONG KONG'S POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT.

OTHER ACTIVITIES INCLUDED A TALENT SHOW, BARBECUE LUNCH, FREE TIME, FOOTBALL MATCH, GAMES AND A TRIP TO THE NEWLY-OPENED SAI SHA ROAD.

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REPLENISHMENT OF REPULSE BAY BEACH AUTHORISED

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AUTHORISATION HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO CARRY OUT A SAND REPLENISHMENT SCHEME AT REPULSE BAY BEACH TO IMPROVE ITS GENERAL CONDITION.

THE WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 13.65 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED.

IT WILL BEGIN THIS MONTH AND WILL BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT FIVE MONTHS. THE BEACH WILL REMAIN OPEN DURING THIS PERIOD.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED HAS BEEN DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE OF AUTHORISATION PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GAZETTE.

THE NOTICE, TOGETHER WITH ITS RELATED PLAN, CAN BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

- * BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, CENTRAL;
- * SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE, SHOP 25, GROUND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, 7-11 NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN; AND
- * STANLEY SUB-OFFICE OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE, 88 STANLEY VILLAGE ROAD, STANLEY.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED WILL BE INJURIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE ABOVE UNDERTAKING MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 8 NEXT YEAR.

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FIRE SAFETY PLEA TO SQUATTER RESIDENTS

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SQUATTER AREA RESIDENTS IN WONG TAI SIN WERE TODAY (SUNDAY) URGED TO BE MORE CONSCIOUS OF FIRE PREVENTION, AND TO REFRAIN FROM ILLEGALLY TAPPING ELECTRICITY DURING THE CURRENT DRY SEASON.

THE PLEA WAS MADE BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S SQUATTER AREA COMMITTEE, MRS LEE LO YUK-SIM, AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A CAMPAIGN ON FIRE PREVENTION AND COMBATTING ILLEGAL TAPPING OF ELECTRICITY, AT THE TZE WAN SHAN CENTRAL PLAYGROUND.

MRS LEE POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE MORE THAN 20 SQUATTER AREAS IN WONG TAI SIN WITH A TOTAL POPULATION OF ABOUT 40,000.

OWING TO THE VERY HIGH LIVING DENSITY IN MANY OF THOSE AREAS, AND THE FACT THAT STRUCTURES THERE ARE BUILT WITH INFLAMMABLE MATERIALS, OUTBREAK OF FIRE COULD EASILY SPREAD RAPIDLY, RESULTING IN A CALAMITY.

"THEREFORE THE COMMITTEE HAS ORGANISED THE CAMPAIGN TO CALL ON SQUATTER AREA RESIDENTS TO BE MORE CONSCIOUS OF FIRE PREVENTION IN THE CURRENT DRY SEASON, AND TO REMIND THEM THAT NEGLIGENCE ON THEIR PART WOULD NOT ONLY DESTROY THEIR HOMES BUT ALSO MIGHT RESULT IN LOSS OF LIFE.

"I WISH TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAL TO EVERYONE TO BE MORE CONCERNED WITH FIRE PREVENTION AND TO REFRAIN FROM ILLEGAL TAPPING ELECTRICITY, BECAUSE SUCH BEHAVIOUR IS NOT ONLY AGAINST THE LAW, BUT ALSO WOULD LEAD TO OUTBREAK OF FIRE DUE TO SHORT CIRCUIT AND OVERLOADING."

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, A SENIOR DIVISIONAL OFFICER OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR J.D. MORAN, URGED SQUATTER AREA RESIDENTS TO TRY TO IDENTIFY FIRE HARZARDS IN AND OUTSIDE THEIR HOMES, AND TO TAKE STEPS TO REMOVE THEM.

MR MORAN POINTED OUT THAT FAULTS ON ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS AND APPARATUS WERE VERY HIGH ON THE LIST OF CAUSES OF FIRE, NOT ONLY IN SQUATTER AREAS, BUT THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

"IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ANY CONNECTION OR ALTERATION TO ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS ARE CARRIED OUT ONLY BY AUTHORISED PERSONS," HE STRESSED.

A SERIES OF PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES WILL BE CARRIED OUT DURING THE CAMPAIGN, INCLUDING A COLOURING COMPETITION, A CROSS-WORD PUZZLE COMPETITION, DISTRIBUTION OF A POSTER AND A CALENDAR, AS WELL AS SEMINARS ON FIRE PREVENTION FOR SQUATTER AREA RESIDENTS.

DURING THE CAMPAIGN, MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP ORGANISING THE CAMPAIGN WILL VISIT FAMILIES IN THE GOOD HOPE AND NGAU CHI WAN VILLAGE TO DRIVE HOME THE MESSAGES ON FIRE PREVENTION AND THE PROPER WAYS OF USING ELECTRICITY.

YOUTH BAND FESTIVAL HERALDS CHRISTMAS

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THE MUSIC OFFICE WILL ORGANISE A NINE-DAY YOUTH BAND FESTIVAL DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS TO PROVIDE ENTERTAINMENT TO THE PUBLIC DURING THIS FESTIVE SEASON.

TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE FESTIVAL, A FAMILY CAROLS CONCERT WILL BE HELD AT THE CONCERT HALL OF THE ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS ON DECEMBER 23 (FRIDAY) EVENING.

THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND AND THE MUSIC OFFICE YOUTH CHOIR WILL JOINTLY PRESENT A SERIES OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND CLASSICAL MUSIC SUCH AS TCHAIKOVSKY'S 'MARCHE SLAVE' AND VIVALDI'S 'GLORIA'.

TO ADD COLOUR TO THE PROGRAMME, VOCALISTS, FAUSTA CHIU CHUNG AND PENELOPE LAM, WILL PERFORM IN THE CONCERT. BOTH OF THEM HAD GIVEN A NUMBER OF PERFORMANCES IN LOCAL AND OVERSEA CONCERTS IN RECENT YEARS.

DURING THE NINE-DAY FESTIVAL, A SERIES OF FREE CONCERTS WILL ALSO BE HELD AT VARIOUS VENUES OF THE TERRITORY TO ENTERTAIN THE PUBLIC.

THE CLIMAX OF THE FESTIVAL WILL BE THE GALA FINALE AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM ON DECEMBER 30 (FRIDAY) EVENING WHEN MORE THAN 500 MEMBERS OF SEVEN SYMPHONIC BANDS AND TWO CHOIRS OF THE MUSIC OFFICE AS WELL AS THE TAKAOKA COMMERCIAL HIGH SCHOOL SYMPHONIC BAND FROM JAPAN WILL PERFORM TOGETHER.

THE JAPANESE BAND HAD BEEN THE WINNER OF COMPETITIONS IN TOYAMA PREFECTURE FOR 16 CONSECUTIVE YEARS AND HAD WON THE FIRST PRIZE FIVE TIMES AND THE SECOND PRIZE THREE TIMES IN THE 'ALL JAPAN BAND COMPETITION' OVER THE YEARS.

A MUSIC OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE AIMS OF THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL ARE TO STIMULATE INTEREST IN BAND MUSIC AND TO RAISE THE STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE AMONG LOCAL MUSICIANS.

"AT THE SAME TIME, WE ALSO HOPE TO ENCOURAGE AS MANY AS SCHOOLS AND ORGANISATIONS AS POSSIBLE TO FORM BANDS," HE ADDED.

THE FESTIVAL IS ORGANISED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE TOM LEE MUSIC COMPANY LTD.

APART FROM A SERIES OF CONCERTS, THERE WILL ALSO BE A SYMPHONIC BAND CONTEST AND A MARCHING BAND CONTEST AMONG PARTICIPATING BANDS.

TICKETS AT \$10 EACH FOR THE FAMILY CAROLS CONCERT AND AT \$10 AND \$15 EACH FOR THE GALA FINALE ARE AVIALABLE AT ALL URBTIX OUTLETS. FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-7967537.

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PARADE EMPHASISES KEEPING ENVIRONMENT CLEAN

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A KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN PUBLICITY PARADE WAS HELD TODAY (SUNDAY) IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT TO PROMOTE THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT IN THE DISTRICT.

APPEALING FOR SUPPORT TO THE DISTRICT'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, MR CHAN YAU-YUE URGED THE RESIDENTS TO KEEP UP THEIR EFFORTS IN MAINTAINING A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT.

"ALTHOUGH HONG KONG HAS A MUCH CLEANER AND MORE HYGIENIC ENVIRONMENT NOWADAYS, WE SHOULD NOT SLACKEN OUR EFFORT AND SHOULD STRIVE TO DO EVEN BETTER," HE SAID.

TODAY'S PARADE, COMPRISING MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, URBAN COUNCILLORS AND STAFF OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, TOURED AROUND SOUTHERN DISTRICT ON A DECORATED OPEN-TOP DOUBLE-DECKER.

THEY VISITED LARGE RESIDENTIAL ESTATES IN ABERDEEN, SHEK PAI WAN, WAH FU, TIN WAN, AP LEI CHAU AND WONG CHUK HANG.

RESIDENTS WERE GIVEN PUBLICITY LEAFLETS AND SOUVENIRS AND WERE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A GAME STALL FEATURING THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN MESSAGE.

THE PARADE WAS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND SPONSORSHIP FROM THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

THE COMMITTEE ALSO PLANS TO ORGANISE A REFUSE COLLECTION PROGRAMME IN ABERDEEN TYPHOON SHELTER AROUND LUNAR NEW YEAR AND A SERIES OF CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS IN SQUATTER AREAS EARLY NEXT YEAR.

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CONCERN FOR ELDERLY EVIDENT IN TAI PO

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TAI PO DISTRICT HAD ALWAYS SHOWED CONCERN ABOUT THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE ELDERLY IN THE DISTRICT, THE ACTING TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS MARY CHOW SHUK-CHING, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT HEALTH CHECK DAY FOR THE ELDERLY AT THE TAI PO COMMUNITY CENTRE, MISS CHOW NOTED THAT THERE WERE EIGHT HOMES WITH ABOUT 800 BEDS FOR THE ELDERLY AND CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY WITH SOME 700 MEMBERS.

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APART FROM PROVIDING DAILY NECESSITIES FOR THE ELDERLY, THE HOMES AND CENTRES AS WELL AS MANY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS HAD BEEN ORGANISING RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THEM, SHE SAID.

SHE ADDED THAT SPECIAL PROGRAMMES WERE ALSO DESIGNED FOR THE ELDERLY EVERY YEAR, ESPECIALLY DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

ABOUT 600 SENIOR RESIDENTS AGED 60 AND ABOVE RECEIVED FREE CHECK-UPS IN TODAY'S EVENT WHICH WAS ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE.

THEY HAD THEIR BLOOD PRESSURE, URINE, EYESIGHT AND HEARING EXAMINED.

BESIDES CHECK-UPS, HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL ALSO EXPLAINED GENERAL KNOWLEDGE ON HEALTH TO THE PARTICIPATING ELDERLY.

A HEALTH EXHIBITION WAS ALSO HELD AND A VIDEO TAPE RELATING TO HEALTH EDUCATION WAS SHOWN TOO.

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DB COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER SEWER FOR MUI WO
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THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A SEWER RUNNING FROM WANG TONG RIVER TO THE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT AT MUI WO, LANTAU, AT A MEETING TOMORROW (MONDAY).

WASTE WATER DISCHARGED FROM THE AREA OF WANG TONG BY THE RIVER IS BELIEVED TO BE A CAUSE OF THE POLLUTION OF SILVER MINE BAY AND THE PROPOSAL IS INTENDED TO EASE THE PROBLEM.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE CLEARANCE OF HAWKER STALLS ALONG SHUI KUI ROAD, CHEUNG CHAU, AND THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT TO THE FOOTPATH FROM SAI WAN TO CHEUNG PO TSAI CAVE ON THE ISLAND.

THEY WILL BE TOLD OF PROGRESS ON APPROVED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR 1988-89 AND DISCUSS ARRANGEMENT FOR SITE VISITS BY MEMBERS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING TO BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (MONDAY) AT THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, 20TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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STATUTORY HOLIDAY REMINDER
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THE CHINESE WINTER SOLSTICE FESTIVAL THIS YEAR FALLS ON DECEMBER 21.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID EMPLOYERS SHOULD APPOINT EITHER THAT DAY OR CHRISTMAS DAY (DECEMBER 25) AS A STATUTORY HOLIDAY FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES.

UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES AND THOSE NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$11,500 A MONTH ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY AND MUST BE PAID FOR THE DAY OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO AN EMPLOYEE'S EARNINGS ON A NORMAL WORKING DAY AND SHOULD INCLUDE BASIC WAGES AS WELL AS ALLOWANCES THAT CAN BE EXPRESSED IN MONEY TERMS SUCH AS MEALS AND COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE.

WHERE THE EARNINGS VARY FROM DAY TO DAY, HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE THE AVERAGE DAILY EARNINGS DURING EVERY COMPLETE WAGE PERIOD, WHICH COULD BE BETWEEN 28 DAYS TO 31 DAYS, PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY.

IF AN EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO WORK ON A STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST BE GIVEN AN ALTERNATIVE DAY OFF WITHIN 60 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER THAT DAY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE AT ANY BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE.

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PUBLICITY LEAFLET ON KWUN TONG TRAFFIC SCHEME
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AN EXPLANATORY LEAFLET WHICH AIMS AT HELPING RESIDENTS TO UNDERSTAND THE NEWLY-INTRODUCED TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME IN KWUN TONG TOWN CENTRE HAS BEEN PRODUCED FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION.

THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME WAS IMPLEMENTED ON DECEMBER 5 TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IN KWUN TONG TOWN CENTRE IN ANTICIPATION OF INCREASED LOCAL TRAFFIC WHEN THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING OPENS IN SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR.

SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE LEAFLET IS PUBLISHED BY THE LOCAL TING HONG AREA COMMITTEE, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AND THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE.

"THE LEAFLET, DESIGNED IN AN EASY-TO-READ FORMAT, LISTS THE VARIOUS NEW MEASURES, INCLUDING TRAFFIC RE-ROUTEING, DIVERSIONS AND BANNING OF TURNING MOVEMENTS, ALONG WITH GRAPHIC ILLUSTRATIONS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

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"THE LEAFLET WILL SERVE AS A SIMPLE GUIDE FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO MAY HAVE DIFFICULTIES IN UNDERSTANDING THE SCHEME AT ITS EARLY STAGE," HE SAID.

"A SIMILAR LEAFLET PRODUCED BY THE INDUSTRIAL AREA COMMITTEE IN SEPTEMBER TO PUBLICISE THE INDUSTRIAL AREA TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME HAS BEEN WELL RECEIVED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

COPIES OF THE LEAFLET ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY COUNTERS OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS AT AIRPORT AND SHAU KEI WAN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT SEVERAL ROAD SECTIONS AT THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND IN SHAU KEI WAN WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 14).

THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF DEPARTURES CIRCUIT AT THE STAGE V DEPARTURES PODIUM OF THE AIRPORT WILL BECOME URBAN CLEARWAYS ROUND-THE-CLOCK:

- * THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY;
- * THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY BETWEEN THE STAGE V DEPARTURES PODIUM AND THE AIRPORT MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK; AND
- * THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE ON THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY.

IN ADDITION, THE GOODS VEHICLE URBAN CLEARWAY IN THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF DEPARTURES CIRCUIT ALONG THE FRONTAGE OF AIRPORT PASSENGER TERMINAL BUILDING WILL BE EXTENDED EASTWARDS TO THE NEW BAGGAGE VEHICLE HOLDING AREA AT STAGE V DEPARTURES PODIUM.

MEANWHILE, THE FOLLOWING TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN SHAU KEI WAN WILL BE MADE 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS FOR TRAM TRACK CONNECTION WORKS:

- * SHAU KEI WAN ROAD FROM A POINT ABOUT 36 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH HOI AN STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION; AND
- * HOI AN STREET FROM A POINT ABOUT 12 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH SHAU KEI WAN ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 12 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FOR FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

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