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\$72M PAID OUT TO TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS

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THE FAMILY OF A MAN WHO DIED IN A BUS CRASH ON NOVEMBER 14 AT TUEN MUN HIGHWAY HAS RECEIVED \$31 300 UNDER THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE (TAVA) SCHEME ADMINISTERED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

THE MONEY WAS PAID TO THE FAMILY FIVE DAYS AFTER THE ACCIDENT.

OTHER PAYMENTS, AMOUNTING TO \$33 600, WERE GIVEN TO 29 PEOPLE WHO WERE INJURED IN THE SAME ACCIDENT. SEVERAL OF THEM RECEIVED THE CASH ASSISTANCE TWO OR THREE DAYS AFTER THE APPLICATIONS WERE MADE.

+THE SCHEME, WHICH IS NON-MEANS-TESTED, PROVIDES QUICK CASH RELIEF FOR TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS OR THEIR DEPENDANTS REGARDLESS OF WHO WAS AT FAULT IN CAUSING THE ACCIDENT, BUT IT MUST HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO THE POLICE,+ SAID MR SIU KING-CHIU, THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT'S TAVA SECTION.

PEOPLE INVOLVED MUST APPLY WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF THE ACCIDENT AT THE TAVA SECTION AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE, 14TH FLOOR, 280 GLOUCESTER ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY. ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE BY CALLING 5-779421 OR 5-7903650.

+THERE WERE SEVERAL MAJOR TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN OCTOBER AND WE AUTHORISED PAYMENTS ON AN AVERAGE OF 10 WORKING DAYS,+ MR SIU SAID.

BY THE END OF OCTOBER, THE DEPARTMENT HAD PAID OUT NEARLY \$72 MILLION UNDER THE SCHEME SINCE ITS INTRODUCTION THREE YEARS AGO.

PAYMENT HAD BEEN AUTHORISED FOR 16 648 APPLICATIONS OUT OF A TOTAL 19 482 RECEIVED.

+ABOUT 370 APPLICATIONS ARE BEING PROCESSED AND THE APPLICANTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO RECEIVE PAYMENTS SHORTLY,+ MR SIU SAID.

OF THE 25 202 PAYMENTS MADE SO FAR, 1 314 INVOLVED DEATHS AND 23 888 RELATED TO INJURY CASES.

+PAYMENTS FOR FATAL CASES AMOUNTED TO MORE THAN \$12 MILLION WHILE INJURY PAYMENTS TOTALLED \$59.3 MILLION, OF WHICH \$17.7 MILLION WAS PAID AS FURTHER GRANTS TO THOSE WHO SUBSEQUENTLY REQUIRED EXTENDED SICK LEAVE,+ HE SAID.

+THE HIGHEST PAYMENT SO FAR WAS \$32 900 AWARDED IN ONE FATAL CASE,+ HE ADDED.

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MANPOWER SURVEY ON WHOLESALE/RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES

A SURVEY TO ASCERTAIN THE MANPOWER AND TRAINING NEEDS IN THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES NOW BEING CARRIED OUT WILL CONTINUE UNTIL DECEMBER 16.

SOME 1 500 ESTABLISHMENTS WILL ASSIST IN THE SURVEY. QUESTIONNAIRES, EXPLANATORY NOTES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF PRINCIPAL JOBS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THEM.

INTERVIEWERS FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT THESE ESTABLISHMENTS DURING THE SURVEY TO COLLECT THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES, AND IF NECESSARY, TO HELP ANSWER THEM.

THE SURVEY WHICH STARTED IN LATE NOVEMBER IS ORGANISED BY THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

THE ESTABLISHMENTS ASSISTING IN THE SURVEY ARE REQUIRED TO SUPPLY INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AND VACANCIES, TRAINING ACTIVITIES, PERIOD OF TRAINING AND OTHER RELATED MANPOWER AND TRAINING MATTERS.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRAINING BOARD, MR DANIEL S.C. KOO, SAID THAT THE FINDINGS WOULD ENABLE HIS TRAINING BOARD TO FORMULATE TRAINING PLANS AND RECOMMEND TRAINING POLICIES FOR CONSIDERATION BY EMPLOYERS, THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL AND THE GOVERNMENT.

THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WOULD BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WOULD BE PUBLISHED ONLY IN STATISTICAL FORM WITHOUT REFERENCE TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS, HE STRESSED.

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CUSTOMS RECRUITS TOLD TO UP-HOLD DEPARTMENT'S REPUTATION

THE SENIOR STAFF OFFICER OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT'S TECHNICAL BUREAU, MR LEE SEE-BIU TODAY (SATURDAY) STRESSED TO NEW RECRUITS THAT THE PRESTIGE AND REPUTATION OF THE DEPARTMENT DEPENDED UPON THE ATTITUDE AND EFFICIENT PERFORMANCE OF ITS MEMBERS.

ADDRESSING THE PASSING-OUT PARADE OF 10 INSPECTORS AND 114 CUSTOMS OFFICERS AT THE SERVICES' TAI LAM CHUNG TRAINING SCHOOL, MR LEE POINTED OUT THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD ATTAINED INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR ITS RELENTLESS EFFORTS IN THE SUPPRESSION OF NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING AND THE FACILITATION AND PROTECTION OF LEGITIMATE TRADE.

+OUR ACHIEVEMENTS WILL BE ENHANCED FURTHER BY YOUR FULL PARTICIPATION. HENCE YOU SHOULD ALWAYS REMAIN LOYAL, FIRM AND FORTHRIGHT IN THE DISCHARGE OF YOUR DUTIES WITHOUT LOSING SIGHT OF BEING CONSIDERATE, FAIR AND COURTEOUS TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHOM WE MUST SERVE,+ HE TOLD THE OFFICERS.

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YAU MA TEI MUSIC CENTRE OPENS

THE YAU MA TEI MUSIC CENTRE - THE FIFTH MUSIC CENTRE OF THE MUSIC OFFICE - WAS OPENED TODAY (SATURDAY).

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WERE MR CLIVE OXLEY, THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, AND MR LAI SZÉ-NUEN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD AND PRESIDENT OF YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI CULTURE AND ARTS ASSOCIATION.

+THE CENTRE, WHICH IS CENTRALLY LOCATED, WILL BE THE BASE FOR ORGANISING MUSIC ACTIVITIES FOR RESIDENTS OF YAU MA TEI, TSIM SHA TSUI AND KOWLOON CITY,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MUSIC OFFICE.

+EQUIPPED WITH EIGHT TRAINING AND REHEARSAL ROOMS, IT WILL PROVIDE INSTRUMENTAL, CHORAL, AURAL AND THEORY TRAINING AS WELL AS ORCHESTRAL REHEARSAL,+ HE ADDED.

A SERIES OF SHORT PERFORMANCES BY THE YOUNG TRAINEES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE ADDED COLOUR TO THE OPENING CEREMONY WHICH TOOK PLACE AT 3 PM.

THE YAU MA TEI MUSIC CENTRE IS SITUATED AT GOLDEN GATE COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 2/F AND 3/F, 136-138 AUSTIN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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RSNT OPENS NORTH DISTRICT FESTIVAL '82

MORE THAN 1 000 NORTH DISTRICT RESIDENTS TODAY HAD AN ENJOYABLE AFTERNOON AT THE DISTRICT TOWN HALL WATCHING CLASSICAL AND WESTERN DANCES.

THE TWO-AND-HALF-HOUR PROGRAMME MARKED THE OPENING OF A TWO-WEEK DISTRICT FESTIVAL '82 WHICH CONSISTS OF 18 RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON, SAID THIS IMPORTANT EVENT WAS ORGANISED FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL RESIDENTS OF NORTH DISTRICT.

+IN THESE TIMES OF DEVELOPMENT AND CHANGE I HOPE IT WILL HELP TO ENCOURAGE A SENSE OF BELONGING AND COMMON IDENTITY,+ HE ADDED.

MR MACPHERSON ALSO THANKED ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN ORGANISING THE FESTIVAL FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION, WITHOUT WHICH THE FESTIVAL COULD NOT HAVE COME TO FRUITION.

THIS YEAR, THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD HAS CONTRIBUTED \$120 000 TOWARDS THE COST OF THE FESTIVAL.

HIGHLIGHTS WILL INCLUDE A MODEL CARS AND AEROPLANES SHOW ON DECEMBER 11 AND A PARACHUTE DEMONSTRATION ON DECEMBER 18.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS FOR VARIOUS EVENTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE FANLING SUB-OFFICE AND THE SHEUNG SHUI COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BRANCH OFFICE.

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E AND M STAFF JOIN CHARITY WALK
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MORE THAN 270 STAFF MEMBERS OF THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE PART IN THIS YEAR'S HONG KONG +WALK FOR MILLIONS+ TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE TEAM, TO BE LED BY THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES, MR GRAHAM OSBORNE, COMPRISES ALL GRADES OF STAFF FROM GOVERNMENT ENGINEERS TO APPRENTICES IN THE DEPARTMENT.

THE WALK, OVER A DISTANCE OF 20 KILOMETRES, WILL START FROM THE HONG KONG STADIUM, THE ROUTE WILL COVER BROADWOOD ROAD, TAI HANG ROAD, SIR CECIL'S RIDE, MT BUTLER ROAD, BLUE POOL ROAD AND BACK TO THE STARTING POINT.

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FORK LIFT TRUCK DRIVING COMPETITION
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AN INTER-COMPANY FORK LIFT TRUCK DRIVING COMPETITION WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT 9 AM AT THE POLICE DRIVING SCHOOL COMPOUND LOCATED AT THE EAST END OF THE KAI TAK AIRPORT.

THIS ANNUAL COMPETITION, THE FOURTH ONE IN SUCCESSION, IS ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG AIR CARGO TERMINALS LTD. WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE COMPOSITE ORDINANCE DEPOT, R.A.O.C. AND THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IN ORDER TO PROMOTE SAFETY AWARENESS AMONGST FORK LIFT TRUCK DRIVERS IN HONG KONG.

A RECORD NUMBER OF 12 TEAMS WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN TWO SECTIONS - INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP - AND WINNERS AND RUNNERS-UP IN BOTH SECTIONS WILL BE AWARDED CASH PRIZES, TROPHIES AND CERTIFICATES OF MERIT.

THE PANEL OF JUDGES WILL COMPRISE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE COMPOSITE ORDINANCE DEPOT, CENTRAL CONTAINER HANDLING SAFETY COMMITTEE, THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE, CROWN MOTORS LTD., WILLIAM HUNT AND CO. (INTERNATIONAL) LTD., AND EAST ASIATIC CO. LTD.

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HORTICULTURE CLASS FOR RAINBOW BRIGADE
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AN EXHIBITION OF POTTED PLANTS WAS HELD TODAY (SATURDAY) AT THE PO LEUNG KUK CENTENARY SCHOOL TO MARK THE GRADUATION OF 50 COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB RAINBOW BRIGADE MEMBERS FROM A COURSE ON HORTICULTURE.

THE RAINBOW BRIGADE IS A FORMATION WITHIN THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB TO RENDER SUPPORT TO THE CLEAN HONG KONG MEI FA PHASE.

THE PLANTS ON DISPLAY WERE GROWN BY THIS GROUP OF YOUNGSTERS AS A HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT DURING THE TWO-MONTH COURSE.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CYC SECTION OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE COURSE WAS SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR RAINBOW BRIGADE MEMBERS OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT.

+THE AIM OF THE COURSE WAS TO PROVIDE THE RAINBOW BRIGADE MEMBERS WITH MORE PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE IN THEIR TASK OF BEAUTIFYING THE ENVIRONMENT,+ A CYC SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE COURSE CONSISTED OF EIGHT LECTURES DELIVERED BY EXPERTS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF TREE AND PLANT GROWING IN HONG KONG. EACH LECTURE WAS FOLLOWED BY A PRACTICAL SESSION TO ENABLE THE PARTICIPANTS TO GAIN MORE KNOWLEDGE OF THE SUBJECT.

+SIMILAR CLASSES ARE ALSO PLANNED FOR OTHER DISTRICTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID. +FOR INSTANCE, A COURSE IN THE NORTHERN DISTRICT HAS ALREADY STARTED, AND ONE IN TAI PO DISTRICT WILL COMMENCE IN JANUARY.+

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HORTICULTURE CLASS POPULAR IN NT
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SIXTY MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB IN NORTH DISTRICT WILL HAVE THEIR FIRST LESSON ON HORTICULTURE TODAY (SATURDAY) AT THE SHEK WU PUBLIC SCHOOL IN SHEUNG SHUI AS MORE AND MORE SCHOOL CHILDREN IN THE NEW TERRITORIES JOINED HORTICULTURE CLASSES TO LEARN PLANTING TECHNIQUES.

THE HORTICULTURE CLASS, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION AND NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENTS, WILL COMPRISE FOUR SESSIONS TO BE HELD ON FOUR CONSECUTIVE SATURDAY AFTERNOONS.

IT IS AIMED AT AROUSING THE INTEREST OF YOUNGSTERS IN THE APPRECIATION OF TREES AND PLANTS. THE HORTICULTURE CLASS HAS BEEN TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH THE 'MEI FA' -- BEAUTIFICATION SCHEME -- OF THE CURRENT CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NTSD.

DURING THE SESSIONS HORTICULTURAL EXPERTS OF THE NTSD WILL GIVE TALKS ON VARIOUS TOPICS INCLUDING INTRODUCTION OF SEASONAL FLOWERS AND THEIR PROPAGATION; SEEDING, GROWING AND WATERING; CARE AND FERTILISATION; AND TRANSPLANTING OF POTTED PLANTS.

PLANTING DEMONSTRATION AND PRACTICAL WORK WILL ALSO BE ARRANGED FOR THE CLASS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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MARKET STALLS FOR AUCTION

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TWO STALLS SELLING ICE AND FISH AT SAN HUI MARKET IN TUEN MUN AND TAI PO KUK TEN MARKET IN TAI PO, WILL BE PUT UP FOR RENT BY PUBLIC AUCTION NEXT WEEK.

THE AUCTION FOR THE ICE STALL WILL BE HELD ON THE ROOF GARDEN OF THE NEWLY BUILT SAN HUI MARKET IN TUEN MUN AT 2.30 PM ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 7).

THE AUCTION FOR THE FISH STALL WILL TAKE PLACE AT 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 8) AT THE OFFICE OF THE TAI PO URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF MEI TAK BUILDING, 1-17 KWONG FUK ROAD, TAI PO.

THE UPSET MONTHLY RENTAL FOR THE ICE STALL IS \$2 800 WHILE THE RENT FOR THE FISH STALL IS \$100.

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS FOR THE STALLS CAN START BUSINESS ON JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR FOR A CONTRACT PERIOD OF THREE YEARS.

THEY ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO PAY THE BIDDED RENTAL ON A QUARTERLY BASIS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

POTENTIAL BIDDERS, WHO MUST BE OVER 21 YEARS OF AGE, ARE REQUESTED TO BRING ALONG THEIR IDENTITY CARDS AND FIVE PHOTOGRAPHS TO THE AUCTION VENUE, HE ADDED.

FURTHER DETAILS ON THE TWO AUCTIONS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE HAWKERS AND MARKETS SECTIONS OF THE TUEN MUN SERVICES OFFICE ON TELEPHONE 0-820800 EXT. 231 AND OF THE TAI PO URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON 0-6577111 EXT. 158.

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PARKING METERS IN TSUEN WAN

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A TOTAL OF 658 PARKING METERS WILL BE INSTALLED IN TSUEN WAN OVER A FOUR-DAY PERIOD STARTING ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 7) TO REGULATE THE USE OF PARKING SPACES.

A RATE OF \$2 PER HOUR WILL BE CHARGED DURING THE OPERATING PERIOD FROM 8 AM TO 12 MIDNIGHT DAILY.

THESE METERED SPACES WILL BE ON CHUNG ON STREET, SHIU WO STREET, TAI PEI SQUARE, HAU TEI SQUARE, TAI UK STREET, SAN TSUEN STREET, LO TAK COURT, SAI LAU STREET, HO PUI STREET, HEUNG WO STREET, HOI PA STREET, SHA TSUI ROAD, FU YUNG STREET, PUN SHAN STREET, TAK WAH STREET, HAM TIN STREET, LUEN YAN STREET, MA TAU PA ROAD, PAK TIN PAR STREET AND TAI CHUNG ROAD.

LATER THIS MONTH, 100 MORE METERS WILL BE INSTALLED IN TSUEN WAN.

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FIRING PRACTICE
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE FOR FIVE DAYS IN THE BASALT ISLAND RANGE IN SAI KUNG AND THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE FROM MONDAY (DECEMBER 6) TO FRIDAY (DECEMBER 10).

THE PRACTICE SCHEDULE IN THE BASALT ISLAND RANGE IS FROM 8 AM TO NOON EACH DAY FROM MONDAY TO WEDNESDAY, AND FROM 1.30 PM TO 4 PM ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY.

ALL AIRCRAFT AND VESSELS ARE WARNED TO KEEP OUT OF THE AREA DURING PRACTICE TIMES, AND VESSELS FOUND IN THE AREA WILL BE TOWED OUT BY THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE PRACTICE SCHEDULE IN THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE IS FROM 9 AM TO 11 PM ON MONDAY, FROM 8 AM TO 5 PM FROM TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, AND FROM 8 AM TO 4.30 PM ON FRIDAY.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING.

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