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GOVERNOR COMMENDS GOOD WORK OF ROAD SAFETY PATROL

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THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, TODAY (SATURDAY) PRAISED THE VOLUNTARY SERVICE WHICH THE ROAD SAFETY PATROL HAD RENDERED TO THE COMMUNITY FOR THE PAST 30 YEARS IN PROMOTING NOT ONLY ROAD SAFETY BUT ALSO CIVIC COMMITMENTS TO THE WELL-BEING OF HONG KONG.

"THIS IS A MAGNIFICANT SCHEME AND YOU HAVE A JUSTIFIABLE PRIDE IN YOUR RECORD.

"EVERYDAY, THERE ARE 300,000 CHILDREN UNDER YOUR CARE. NO ONE HAS BEEN INJURED AT ROAD CROSSING POINTS UNDER YOUR CONTROL IN THE WHOLE OF THOSE 30 YEARS," MR PATTEN SAID.

THE GOVERNOR WAS ADDRESSING THE ROAD SAFETY PATROL 30TH ANNIVERSARY REVIEW AT VICTORIA PARK WHICH WAS PARTICIPATED BY MORE THAN 1,500 ROAD SAFETY PATROL MEMBERS FROM 66 TEAMS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

"I KNOW HOW MUCH YOUR FAMILIES, YOUR TEACHERS AND YOUR FRIENDS TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR EFFORTS AND SO DO I AS GOVERNOR.

"IT IS A PARTICULAR TRIBUTE TO YOUR EFFORTS THAT DESPITE A LARGE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CARS ON THE ROADS OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS, THE NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS AND CASULTIES HAS DECLINED SIGNIFICANTLY," MR PATTEN SAID.

THE GOVERNOR EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT WITH THE HELP OF THE ROAD SAFETY PATROL AND WITH A MAJOR PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN WHICH THE GOVERNMENT WAS GOING TO MOUNT IN THE COMING YEAR, THE ROAD SAFETY RECORD IN HONG KONG COULD BE FURTHER IMPROVED.

MR PATTEN SAID THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ROAD SAFETY PATROL WERE FAR WIDER THAN JUST PROMOTING ROAD SAFETY.

"YOU HAVE TAKEN PART IN OTHER COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, LIKE CLEAN HONG KONG, ANTI-NARCOTICS, FIGHT CRIME, CIVIC EDUCATION DAYS AND WALKS FOR MILLIONS.

"THAT IS FURTHER PROOF OF YOUR AND OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE'S COMMITMENTS TO THE WELL-BEING OF THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE," HE ADDED.

THE GOVERNOR CONCLUDED HIS ADDRESS BY PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE ROAD SAFETY PATROL SCHEME'S RECENT EXPANSION TO INCLUDE SOME KINDERGARTEN AND ELDERLY SERVICE CENTRES TO FURTHER PROMOTE COMMUNITY SPIRIT AMONG ALL AGE GROUPS IN HONG KONG.

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NO DECISION ON MID-STREAM OPERATION SITE
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS YET TO MAKE A FINAL DECISION ON THE PROPOSAL TO DESIGNATE AREA 16 IN TUEN MUN AS A SHORT-TERM TENANCY SITE FOR MID-STREAM OPERATIONS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS BRANCH SAID: "WE ARE STILL IN THE PROCESS OF CONSULTING THE INTERESTED PARTIES ON THE PROPOSAL, IN PARTICULAR THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD.

"ASSESSMENTS WILL BE MADE ON THE IMPACT OF THE PROPOSAL ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT. MEMBERS OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE FURTHER CONSULTED ON THE FINDINGS OF THE ASSESSMENTS."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID AREA 16 WAS INITIALLY IDENTIFIED AS A POSSIBLE TEMPORARY SITE FOR MID-STREAM OPERATIONS BECAUSE OF ITS GOOD WATER FRONTAGE AND LOCATION IN RELATION TO THE LOADING AND UNLOADING OF GOODS FROM SHIPS IN THE HARBOUR.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS NO INTENTION TO MAKE AREA 16 AS A PERMANENT SITE FOR MID-STREAM OPERATION.

"THE PLAN IS THAT WE WILL RELOCATE ALL SHORT-TERM TENANCY SITES TO PERMANENT HOMES AS PART OF THE OVERALL PORT DEVELOPMENT.

"IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE FIRST OF SUCH PERMANENT SITES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON STONECUTTERS ISLAND BY THE END OF 1995 ON COMPLETION OF THE RECLAMATION THERE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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PUBLIC CONSULTATION SOON ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES REPORT
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A DRAFT REPORT OF A REVIEW ON SERVICES OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES WILL BE OPEN FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION IN MAY, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR IAN STRACHAN, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

MR STRACHAN WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE STEWARDS' COMPANY (HONG KONG) LIMITED KWONG YUEN CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE.

A WORKING PARTY WAS SET UP LAST MARCH TO CONDUCT THE REVIEW TO SEE IF THESE CENTRES HAD MAXIMISED THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE.

"OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ARE GROWING UP IN A CHANGING ENVIRONMENT. THEIR NEEDS HAVE CHANGED TOO," MR STRACHAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES HAD TO TAKE NOTE OF THESE SOCIAL CHARGES IF THEY WERE TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF THE YOUNGSTERS.

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HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD PROPOSE THESE CENTRES TO ADOPT AN OVERALL APPROACH IN ADDRESSING THE NEEDS AND PROBLEMS OF THE YOUTH POPULATION, BY TAKING AN OVERALL LOOK AT THEIR LIVING CONDITION.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES WOULD CONTINUE TO SERVE THOSE AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 24, WITH FLEXIBILITY TO SERVE THE "OLDER YOUTH", MR STRACHAN SAID, ADDING THAT SERVICES SHOULD ALSO BE EXTENDED TO PARENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS.

HE SAID RESOURCES CURRENTLY DISPERSED IN DIFFERENT SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WOULD BE POOLED TOGETHER TO SET UP COMPREHENSIVE TEAMS.

"STAFF IN THE TEAM WILL BE DEPLOYED FLEXIBLY TO MEET PARTICULAR NEEDS AND PROBLEMS OF YOUNG PEOPLE, REACHING OUT TO SCHOOLS, STREET CORNERS, FAMILIES AND PLAYGROUNDS," HE EXPLAINED.

HE SAID CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE SERVICES, OUTREACHING SOCIAL WORK AND SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK WERE THE CORE SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE COMPREHENSIVE TEAM.

"FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION SHOULD BE INCLUDED, WHEREVER POSSIBLE," HE ADDED.

AT PRESENT, THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES IS ADEQUATE AND COMPARES VERY FAVOURABLY WITH OTHER MUCH-NEEDED SERVICES, INCLUDING ELDERLY RESIDENTIAL HOMES AND SERVICES FOR THE DISABLED, HE SAID.

"WITH A DECLINING YOUTH POPULATION, WE NEED TO ACHIEVE COST-EFFECTIVENESS IN SERVICE PROVISION. THE GOVERNMENT WANTS TO REPROVISION EXISTING CENTRES IN AREAS WHERE THERE IS OVER-PROVISION TO AREAS WHERE THERE IS A SHORTFALL, OR TO NEWLY DEVELOPED AND REDEVELOPED AREAS," MR STRACHAN SAID.

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ORAL HEALTH PROGRAMME LAUNCHED

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A THREE-YEAR TERRITORY-WIDE ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMME FOR PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN -- THE FIRST OF ITS KIND EVER UNDERTAKEN IN HONG KONG -- HAS BEEN LAUNCHED, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, DR S H LEE, ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY).

ALL CHILDREN AGED UNDER FIVE WILL BENEFIT FROM THE PROGRAMME WHICH WILL HELP THEM FORM DESIRABLE ORAL CARE HABITS, DR LEE SAID.

HE MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A TWO-DAY CARNIVAL HELD TO MARK THE LAUNCHING OF THE PROGRAMME WHICH IS SPONSORED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

EXPLAINING THE NEED FOR SUCH A LARGE-SCALE EDUCATION PROGRAMME, DR LEE SAID: "STATISTICS HAVE SHOWN THAT THE MAIN PROBLEM FACING PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN IS DENTAL CARIES OR TOOTH DECAY."

"ABOUT 60 PER CENT OF CHILDREN HAVE ESTABLISHED CARIES BY THE TIME THEY REACH PRIMARY 1.

"THOROUGH STUDY OF EXAMPLES WORLDWIDE HAS INDICATED THAT EDUCATION AMONG THE PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN WITH PARENT INVOLVEMENT IS A PROPER STRATEGY TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM.

THE PROGRAMME ENTITLED "BRIGHTER SMILES FOR THE NEW GENERATION" IS DESIGNED TO FULFIL SUCH OBJECTIVES WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF NON-DENTAL PROFESSIONALS AS ORAL HEALTH EDUCATORS.

UNDER THE PROGRAMME, TALKS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ALL THE 46 MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRES OF THE DEPARTMENT.

PARENTS WILL BE INDIVIDUALLY COUNSELLED BY NURSES ON DUTY. THEY WILL RECEIVE READING MATERIAL SHOWING HOW THEY CAN HELP THEIR CHILDREN FORM GOOD ORAL CARE HABITS AT A TENDER AGE.

"WHEN THE CHILDREN ARE IN KINDERGARTEN OR DAY NURSERIES, EACH OF THEM WILL RECEIVE FROM US A STORY BOOK ON ORAL HEALTH," DR LEE SAID.

"THE PARENTS WILL ALSO BENEFIT FROM THE BOOK.

"TEACHERS WILL USE TEACHING KITS TO TEACH THE PUPILS CORRECT CONCEPTS ON DENTAL CARE."

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF DENTISTRY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, PROFESSOR STEPHEN H Y WEI, SAID DENTAL DECAY AMONG ADULTS HAD DECLINED BY MORE THAN 60 PER CENT AS A RESULT OF THE INTRODUCTION OF WATER FLUORIDATION IN HONG KONG IN 1961.

THE NUMBER OF DECAYED, MISSING AND FILLED TEETH IN AN AVERAGE ADULT IS NOW PROBABLY AMONG THE LOWEST IN THE WORLD, HE SAID.

"HOWEVER, WATER FLUORIDATION DOES NOT BENEFIT THE BABY TEETH IN PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN AS MUCH AS THE PERMANENT TEETH. MORE THAN HALF OF THE PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN IN HONG KONG ARE STILL AFFECTED BY DENTAL DECAY.

"IT IS THEREFORE MOST APPROPRIATE FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO DEVELOP A STRATEGY WHEREBY PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN, PARENTS, KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS AND CHILD CARE WORKERS ARE EDUCATED ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF ORAL HEALTH AND THE PRINCIPLES OF PREVENTIVE DENTISTRY," PROFESSOR WEI SAID.

THE FUN-FILLED CARNIVAL BEGINS TODAY AND LASTS UNTIL TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE QUEENSWAY EXHIBITION HALL IN ADMIRALTY, CENTRAL.

IT IS OPEN FROM 10.30 AM TO 6 PM. ADMISSION IS FREE.

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LUCKY VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS SALE BY AUCTION

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FIFTY VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS WERE PUT UP FOR AUCTION THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING FOR A TOTAL OF \$16,410,000 WHICH WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES, AFTER DEDUCTION OF EXPENSES INCURRED.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THEATRE I, HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE, SAW THE REGISTRATION MARK 2 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$9,500,000.

ANOTHER REGISTRATION MARK 44 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$860,000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1,000 EACH FOR EY4898 AND FB951.

FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF TODAY'S AUCTION:

	\$		\$		\$		\$
FB1178	14,000	FB718	29,000	FA1288	34,000	FB1318	21,000
EY4898	1,000	*AV88	410,000	XX68	310,000	*989	600,000
*FG919	44,000	FB8889	36,000	FB8882	32,000	*HK19	400,000
FL125	17,000	*HK123	400,000	*136	440,000	*2	9,500,000
FB2866	20,000	FB928	26,000	FA128	100,000	FB547	WITHDRAWN
*303	620,000	*899	440,000	*44	860,000	FB1913	3,000
AP7728	22,000	FB275	6,000	AS238	88,000	*CK1212	55,000
FB133	41,000	*CL95	30,000	*3680	310,000	FB8896	7,000
*FF838	170,000	FB405	4,000	FB738	29,000	FB951	1,000
FA356	9,000	*HK99	550,000	*HK868	390,000	*FF25	200,000
FB8885	4,000	EZ713	12,000	FB8863	10,000	*FG54	43,000
FB1813	10,000	ER1223	8,000	FB3736	2,000	*FF345	35,000
FB8208	10,000	FB1136	6,000				

*SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK (NOT TRANSFERABLE)

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WERE REQUIRED TO PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 189TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY REALISED SO FAR TO \$186,600,905.

SINCE THERE WAS NO BIDDER FOR FB547, THIS VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE ORIGINAL APPLICANT.

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"NO. 2" BRINGS \$9.5 MILLION TO LOTTERIES FUND
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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT HE WAS PLEASED THAT MORE PEOPLE WOULD BE ABLE TO BENEFIT FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND WITH THE PROCEEDS OF \$9.5 MILLION FROM THE AUCTION OF THE "NO. 2" VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER.

MR MACLEOD ANNOUNCED IN THE CHINESE NEW YEAR THAT HE WOULD MAKE AVAILABLE FOR AUCTION "NO. 2" -- THE NUMBER ASSIGNED TO HIS OFFICE -- AS A NEW YEAR GESTURE TO BOOST THE LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY.

AS A FURTHER PERSONAL GESTURE, HE WILL BE PRESENTING A SET OF NEW PROOF HONG KONG COINS AS A SMALL GIFT TO THE NEW OWNER OF THE LICENCE NUMBER.

THE REGISTRATION MARK "FS" WILL NOW BE USED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICIAL CAR.

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HARBOUR SPEED LIMITS WILL BE EXAMINED
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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT WILL RE-EXAMINE HARBOUR SPEED LIMITS, ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE VESSELS WHICH CREATE A LARGE WASH, IN VIEW OF THE WORSENING WASH PROBLEM AND INCREASED TRAFFIC, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR ALLAN PYRKE, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

MR PYRKE WAS ADDRESSING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CLUB MARINA COVE'S HONG KONG BOAT SHOW 1993 IN SAI KUNG.

MR PYRKE SAID: "HIGH SPEED IN ITSELF DOES NOT NECESSARILY GENERATE A LARGE WASH, IT IS THE SIZE AND TYPE OF HULL FORM AND POWER WHICH HAS A LARGE EFFECT.

"PEOPLE OPERATING LARGE AND FAST PLEASURE CRAFT WHICH CREATE A WASH PROBLEM SHOULD APPRECIATE THAT IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO ENFORCE THE HARBOUR SPEED LIMITS ALTHOUGH WE ARE EXPERIMENTING WITH THE USE OF HAND-HELD RADAR GUNS TO GET SPEED CHECKS."

THE SPEED LIMIT IN THE CENTRAL HARBOUR AREA IS 10 KNOTS FOR VESSELS OF 60 METRES OR LESS IN LENGTH.

MR PYRKE SAID IF A SOLUTION COULD NOT BE FOUND, THEN THE OTHER ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO BAN PLEASURE CRAFT FROM THE CENTRAL HARBOUR AREA IF VESSELS CONTINUED TO IGNORE THE SPEED LIMITS.

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INCREASES IN CONTAINER THROUGHPUT AND TRAFFIC IN THE PORT OF HONG KONG OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

* NO. OF CONTAINERS HANDLED (TEUS)	1982	1.5 MILLION
	1992	8 MILLION
* NO. OF OCEAN-GOING SHIPS ENTERED	1982	22,000
	1992	29,000
* NO. OF INTERNATIONAL PASSENGERS HANDLED	1982	8 MILLION
	1992	20 MILLION
* NO. OF RIVER TRADE CRAFT ENTERED	1982	116,000
	1992	120,300

THIS MEANT THAT THERE WOULD BE LESS ROOM FOR PLEASURE CRAFT IN THESE AREAS ALTHOUGH THE SAI KUNG AREA WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED.

MR PYRKE SAID A NEW EXAMINATION WOULD BE BROUGHT INTO EFFECT BY THE MIDDLE OF THIS YEAR.

"THIS WOULD ALLOW PERSONS OPERATING CRAFT UP TO EIGHT METRES IN LENGTH TO OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE THROUGH THE HONG KONG YACHTING ASSOCIATION'S SCHEME WITHOUT UNDERGOING A MARINE DEPARTMENT EXAMINATION," HE SAID.

"THE NEXT GRADE OF EXAMINATION OF UP TO 15 METRES CAN BE OBTAINED BY EITHER A MARINE DEPARTMENT OR HONG KONG YACHTING ASSOCIATION EXAMINATION.

"THE EXAMINATION FOR OVER 15 METRES, WHICH IS A PRACTICAL TEST, WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE HONG KONG YACHTING ASSOCIATION."

ALL PLEASURE VESSELS EXAMINATIONS AND CERTIFICATES WILL BE COMBINED AND THAT THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE MASTER AND ENGINEER GRADES.

"I BELIEVE THE NEW EXAMINATION, CONDUCTED BY BOATERS THEMSELVES, WILL GIVE A NEW AND MORE PRACTICAL SLANT TO PROVIDING COMPETENCY AND WILL HELP WEED OUT THOSE PEOPLE WHO ONLY PASS THE EXAMINATION THROUGH READING A BOOK AND WHO HAVE NO REAL EXPERIENCE," MR PYRKE ADDED.

"THIS SHOULD MAKE THE WATERS SAFER AND, I HOPE, MORE USER-FRIENDLY FOR ALL OF US WHO WANT TO RELAX AFLOAT."

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APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP PROBATIONERS

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THE ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS LESLIE HUNG, TODAY (SATURDAY) APPEALED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VOLUNTEERS SCHEME FOR PROBATIONERS (VSP).

SPEAKING AT THE CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE VSP, MRS HUNG SAID THE SCHEME WAS A COMPLEMENTARY SERVICE TO PROMOTE AWARENESS AND PARTICIPATION OF THE PUBLIC IN HELPING OFFENDERS.

"OVER 400 VOLUNTEERS HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE SCHEME SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1976. SUCH A FIGURE, THOUGH NOT VERY GREAT AS IT MIGHT SOUND, REPRESENTED A SOLID SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY," MRS HUNG SAID.

"IN ORDER TO GET MORE INTERESTED MEMBERS IN THE COMMUNITY TO JOIN HANDS WITH US IN OUR WORK, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SCHEME HAS SINCE LAST YEAR BEEN READY TO RECRUIT SUITABLE AND INTERESTED PEOPLE INTO THE SCHEME AT ANY TIME OF THE YEAR APART FROM THE ANNUAL RECRUITMENT EXERCISE," SHE SAID.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, A HIGH COURT JUDGE, MR JUSTICE MICHAEL WONG, SAID ACCEPTANCE AND SUPPORT BY THE PUBLIC TO OFFENDERS WERE CERTAINLY NEEDED TO SUCCESSFULLY PROMOTE THE CONCEPT OF COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT FOR REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS.

"THE COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDERS SCHEME, A COMPARATIVELY NEW SERVICE PROVIDED BY SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, IS A COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT OPTION FOR OFFENDERS," HE SAID.

UNDER THIS SCHEME, THE COURTS MAY ORDER AN OFFENDER OF 14 YEARS OF AGE OR ABOVE WHO IS CONVICTED OF AN OFFENCE PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT, TO PERFORM A CERTAIN NUMBER OF HOURS OF COMMUNITY WORK.

"BY DOING UNPAID WORK, AN OFFENDER IS GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO RIGHT A WRONG TO THE COMMUNITY TO WHICH HE HAD CAUSED DAMAGED TO AND TO EFFECT A CHANGE IN HIS ATTITUDE TOWARDS SOCIETY AND LIFE THROUGH CONTACTS WITH OTHER DISADVANTAGED PERSONS IN SOCIETY," HE SAID.

MR JUSTICE WONG AND MRS HUNG PRESENTED CERTIFICATES TO 48 VOLUNTEERS IN APPRECIATION OF THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE IN THE REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS.

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CARNIVAL TO SPREAD KEEP-CLEAN MESSAGE

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A CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE FORBES STREET PLAYGROUND, KENNEDY TOWN, TO PROMOTE THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING HONG KONG CLEAN.

THERE WILL BE SINGING PERFORMANCE, ACROBATIC AND MAGIC SHOWS AS WELL AS A VARIETY OF STALL GAMES.

THE CARNIVAL WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM. ADMISSION IS FREE AND ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

THE ACTIVITY IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE URBAN COUNCIL WITH HELP FROM THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS MR CHAN CHOI-HI AND MR IP KWOK-HIM; AND URBAN COUNCILLORS MR CHAN TAK-CHOR AND MR WONG SHUI-LAI.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT (HONG KONG), MR C S CHAN, AND THE ASSISTANT CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS MARY TSANG, WILL ALSO BE PRESENT.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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DISTRICT HISTORY BOOKLET IN THE MAKE

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THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD IS COLLECTING INFORMATION ON THE HISTORY OF THE DISTRICT FOR THE PUBLICATION OF A BOOKLET.

A WORKING GROUP IS FORMED UNDER THE DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE TO UNDERTAKE THE PRODUCTION, WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION EARLY NEXT YEAR.

THE BOOKLET AIMS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON RELICS, MONUMENTS AND STORIES RELATING TO THE DISTRICT AND THE CHANGES INVOLVED WITH A VIEW TO PROMOTING A SENSE OF BELONGING AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT AMONG LOCAL RESIDENTS.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION INCLUDE THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS OFFICE AND RELEVANT LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

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ANYONE OR ANY INSTITUTIONS WITH WRITTEN ACCOUNTS OR PICTURES USEFUL FOR THE PURPOSE ARE WELCOME TO CONTRIBUTE.

ALL THE INFORMATION ARE REQUESTED TO BE SENT TO THE DISTRICT BOARD, 11TH FLOOR, EASTERN LAW COURTS BUILDING, 29 TAI ON STREET, SAI WAN HO, BEFORE MARCH 14.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL 886 6511.

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FIRING PRACTICE IN MARCH

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON 24 DAYS NEXT MONTH.

THE PUBLIC IS WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES AND TIMES THAT FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE:

DATE	TIME
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MARCH 1 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM -- 5 PM
MARCH 2 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM -- 5 PM
MARCH 3 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM -- 11.59 PM
MARCH 4 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM -- 5 PM
MARCH 5 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM -- 5 PM
MARCH 6 (SATURDAY)	8.30 AM -- 5 PM
MARCH 8 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM -- 5 PM
MARCH 9 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM -- 5 PM
MARCH 10 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM -- 5 PM
MARCH 11 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM -- 5 PM
MARCH 12 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM -- 5 PM
MARCH 15 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM -- 5 PM
MARCH 16 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM -- 5 PM
MARCH 17 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM -- 11 PM
MARCH 18 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM -- 11 PM
MARCH 19 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM -- 5 PM
MARCH 22 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM -- 5 PM
MARCH 23 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM -- 11.59 PM
MARCH 24 (WEDNESDAY)	0.01 AM -- 5 PM
MARCH 25 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM -- 5 PM
MARCH 26 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM -- 5 PM
MARCH 29 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM -- 5 PM
MARCH 30 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM -- 5 PM
MARCH 31 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM -- 5 PM

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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,930
REVERSAL OF LAF	+220
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	2,150
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-645
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,505
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER	

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