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BIG RISE IN DRUG SEIZURES

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THE BUMPER HARVESTS IN THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE AND THE INCREASED SUPPLIES FROM THE GOLDEN CRESCENT, RESULTED IN A 75 PER CENT INCREASE IN DRUG SEIZURES IN 1982 OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR, ADDING EXTRA PRESSURE AND BURDEN ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR K.S. TONG SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

REVIEWING THE NARCOTICS SITUATION IN 1982, MR TONG TOLD THE LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG EAST THAT LAST YEAR POLICE AND CUSTOMS OFFICERS SEIZED 560 KG OF DRUGS, 40 PER CENT OF WHICH WAS HEROIN BASE.

+MORE THAN 10 000 PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED FOR DRUG TAKING OR TRAFFICKING, AND SOME 2 000 OF THEM WERE PROSECUTED FOR INVOLVEMENT IN SERIOUS DRUG TRAFFICKING ACTIVITIES,+ HE SAID.

DURING THE YEAR, THERE WAS ABUNDANT DRUG SUPPLY IN HONG KONG DESPITE HEIGHTENED EFFORTS BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. THE INCREASE WAS MAINLY DUE TO THE BUMPER HARVESTS IN THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, AND THE EXPANSION OF OPIUM POPPY PLANTATIONS BY THE LOCAL PEOPLE.

MR TONG POINTED OUT THAT THE TRAFFICKERS, CONSTANTLY CHANGED THEIR SMUGGLING ROUTES AND TACTICS TO EVADE DETECTION.

LAST FEBRUARY, THE CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT FOR THE FIRST TIME SEIZED LARGE QUANTITIES OF DRUGS FROM BOTH CONTAINERIZED CARGO, AND ON BOARD A CONTAINER VESSEL.

IN THE TWO OPERATIONS, 74 KG OF HEROIN BASE WERE FOUND HIDDEN IN A PAINT-SPRAYING AIR COMPRESSOR IMPORTED FROM SINGAPORE; WHILE 18 KG OF HEROIN BASE AND FOUR KG OF DEHYDRATED OPIUM WERE SEIZED ON BOARD THE CONTAINER SHIP +ZIM SINGAPORE+. IN JUNE, CUSTOMS INVESTIGATING OFFICERS SEIZED 38 KG OF HEROIN BASE CONCEALED IN A CONSIGNMENT OF RICE FLOUR FROM THAILAND.

+THE CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT IS CLOSELY SURVEYING ACTIVITIES INVOLVING THE USE OF CONTAINER SHIPS FOR DRUG SMUGGLING. THE SERVICE IS STRENGTHENING THE NECESSARY MANPOWER AND INSTALLING EQUIPMENT TO CRACK DOWN ON THESE CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES,+ HE SAID.

LAST YEAR, THE POLICE AND CUSTOMS SMASHED 13 HEROIN LABORATORIES IN WHICH LARGE QUANTITIES OF FINISHED PRODUCTS, RAW MATERIALS, HEROIN BASE IN LIQUID FORM, AND SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT WERE FOUND.

WHEN RAIDING TWO DRUG LABORATORIES IN JUNE AND JULY LAST YEAR THEY DISCOVERED HEROIN BASE IN LIQUID FORM.

+IT INDICATES THAT TRAFFICKERS ARE USING SCIENTIFIC METHODS TO CONVERT SOLID HEROIN BASE INTO LIQUID FORM TO FACILITATE SMUGGLING. SEIZED EQUIPMENT INCLUDED INDUSTRIAL USE PURPOSE-BUILT OVENS, MICRO-WAVE OVENS, MINCERS, AND BLENDERS.

+WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT SINCE HEROIN BASE WAS FIRST DISCOVERED IN 1978, THE METHOD OF HEROIN MANUFACTURE HAS ENTERED INTO A NEW ERA, MARKED BY THE USE OF SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT TO REPLACE PRIMITIVE TOOLS OF A FEW YEARS AGO. THIS DEVELOPMENT ENABLES THE TRAFFICKERS TO PRODUCE DRUGS IN BULK SPEEDILY,+ MR TONG SAID.

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+THE GOLDEN CRESCENT ADJOINING PAKISTAN, AFGHANISTAN AND IRAN WAS ANOTHER DRUG SUPPLY SOURCE CAUSING CONCERN,+ SAID MR TONG.

+IN THE PAST, ONLY A SMALL AMOUNT OF OPIUM AND FINISHED MARIJUANA PRODUCTS WERE SMUGGLED INTO HONG KONG FROM THE GOLDEN CRESCENT. LAST YEAR, DRUGS FROM THIS SOURCE INCREASED NOT ONLY IN QUANTITY BUT ALSO IN TYPES, INCLUDING HEROIN AND HEROIN BASE. ABOUT 30 PER CENT OF THE 300 KG OF DRUGS SEIZED CAME FROM THE GOLDEN CRESCENT — MOST OF IT OPIUM.

+THERE HAS BEEN A MARKED INCREASE IN MARIJUANA SMUGGLED IN FROM THE PHILIPPINES. THE PHILIPPINES IS NOW BECOMING A MAJOR SUPPLY SOURCE OF MARIJUANA TO HONG KONG — MOST OF IT BEING SMUGGLED IN THROUGH CARGOES OR MAIL PARCELS.+

TRAFFICKERS CONTINUED TO USE CIRCUITOUS ROUTE TACTICS. DRUGS WERE FIRST SENT TO NON-DRUG PRODUCING COUNTRIES OF WHICH CUSTOMS IS LESS SUSPICIOUS, BEFORE BEING SMUGGLED INTO HONG KONG.

IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES HAD, ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT THERE WERE AT LEAST TWO SYNDICATES EMPLOYING DEEP-SEA TRAWLERS TO SMUGGLE IN DRUGS. IN APRIL, CUSTOMS SEIZED 26 KG OF HEROIN AND HEROIN BASE FROM A DRUG LABORATORY, AND IN JUNE, THE POLICE FOUND 37 KG OF HEROIN BASE IN A SUITCASE ABANDONED ON A VACANT SITE AT ABERDEEN. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THESE DRUGS HAD BEEN SMUGGLED IN BY DEEP-SEA TRAWLERS.

LAST DECEMBER THAI AUTHORITIES SEIZED FROM A HONG KONG-BOUND DEEP-SEA TRAWLER 85 KG OF HEROIN BASE. DURING THE OPERATION, A TRAFFICKER WAS SHOT DEAD WHILE RESISTING ARREST. THE THAI AUTHORITIES BELIEVED THAT PART OF THE DRUGS HAD BEEN THROWN OVERBOARD.

+ALL THIS POINTS TO THE FACT THAT DEEP-SEA TRAWLERS ARE ONCE AGAIN BEING USED AS A TOOL FOR SMUGGLING,+ HE SAID.

ONLY 14 'BODY-CONCEALMENT' CASES WERE FOUND LAST YEAR, OF WHICH 10 CASES WERE REPORTED IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THE YEAR. +WE BELIEVE THAT THERE HAS BEEN A GRADUAL DECREASE IN THE USE OF THIS MODUS OPERANDI DUE TO TIGHTENED CHECKS ON INCOMING VISITORS AND AMENDMENT TO EXISTING LEGISLATION,+ HE SAID.

INTELLIGENCE INDICATED THAT SMUGGLING IN SMALL QUANTITIES HAS BEEN REPLACED BY BULK SHIPMENTS.

+IN 1982, MANY OF THE SEIZURES WERE FOUND CONCEALED IN MACHINES, PARTS OF MACHINES DEEP-SEA TRAWLERS AND CONTAINERIZED CARGOES,+ MR TONG SAID.

MR TONG PREDICTS THAT THERE WILL BE ANOTHER BUMPER HARVEST IN THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE THIS YEAR.

+LAW ENFORCERS, THEREFORE, MUST MAINTAIN VIGILANCE TO SUPPRESS THE UNSCRUPULOUS ACTIVITIES OF THE DRUG TRAFFICKERS. CUSTOMS OFFICERS IN THE COMING YEAR WILL BE SEVERELY TESTED AS TRAFFICKERS KEEP CHANGING THEIR TACTICS,+ HE SAID.

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FIRST URBCO CANDIDATES NOMINATED

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SEVEN CANDIDATES CAME FORWARD TODAY (FRIDAY) -- THE FIRST DAY OF NOMINATIONS -- TO STAND FOR MARCH'S URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

THEY WILL CONTEST THE SEATS IN THE CONSTITUENCIES IN YAU MA TEI, SHAM SHUI PO, WAN CHAI, AND MONG KOK.

OTHER CANDIDATES ARE REMINDED TO SUBMIT THEIR NOMINATION PAPERS BEFORE JANUARY 28.

THERE WILL BE 15 SEATS -- ONE IN EACH OF THE 15 CONSTITUENCIES IN 10 URBAN DISTRICTS.

MORE THAN 700 000 VOTERS, WHICH REPRESENTS A 20-FOLD INCREASE COMPARED WITH THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS IN MARCH 1981, HAVE REGISTERED FOR THE COMING URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS ON MARCH 8, 1983.

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SAFETY PLEA TO WORKERS AND UNIONS

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INDUSTRIAL WORKERS AND LABOUR UNIONS WERE URGED TODAY (FRIDAY) TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEES FORMED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD.

THE PLEA WAS MADE BY THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, DR J.W. HAYES, WHEN HE THANKED MEMBERS OF THE LAB COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS THE CURRENT WORK SAFETY MOVEMENT.

DR HAYES, WHO IS ALSO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, OBSERVED THAT ON THE SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEES THERE WAS A GREAT NEED FOR CONTINUING REGULAR ATTENDANCE, INTEREST AND INPUT FROM THE EMPLOYEES' SIDE.

HE ASSURED EMPLOYEES AND UNIONS THAT THEIR CONTRIBUTION WAS VITAL AND THAT THEIR ATTENDANCE WAS NEEDED AND VALUED.

THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, HE ADDED, PARTICULARLY NEEDED THEIR PRACTICAL ADVICE AND HELP WITH DRAWING UP CODES OF PRACTICES, WHICH WOULD ENABLE STANDARDS TO BE ESTABLISHED AND INFORMATION GUIDES DISTRIBUTED IN ADVANCE OF DRAWING UP NEW SAFETY LEGISLATION.

MOREOVER, LABOUR UNIONS COULD HAVE A GREAT INFLUENCE ON THEIR MEMBER BODIES, AND BY THEIR EXAMPLE ON A WIDER PUBLIC.

CITING AN EXAMPLE, DR HAYES POINTED OUT THAT THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE WAS NOW WORKING ON A CODE OF PRACTICE.

+I HOPE THAT, TOGETHER WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S AND THE EMPLOYERS' MEMBERS, THE EMPLOYEES' REPRESENTATIVES WILL DO ALL THEY CAN TO HELP. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO ENCOURAGE AND GUIDE THEIR CONTRIBUTION.+

DR HAYES TOLD THE MEMBERS THAT THERE WAS A NEED TO REACH OUT TO DISTRICT OFFICES AND DISTRICT BOARDS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS TO CONVINCING THEM THAT SAFETY AT WORK WAS JUST AS WORTHY OF THEIR UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT AS, SAY, SPORT AND RECREATION.

TO THIS END, THE DEPARTMENT IS TAKING THE INITIATIVE BY ENCOURAGING MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS TO VISIT THE DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING ITS INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE.

EARLIER, MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, ACCOMPANIED BY DR HAYES, AND ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR YIU YAN-NANG, AND OFFICERS OF THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE, SPENT THREE HOURS IN THE MORNING VISITING THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC INDUSTRIAL CENTRE.

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**KWUN TONG LAUNCHING BIGGEST ANTI-DRUGS DRIVE**  
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KWUN TONG WILL LAUNCH THE BIGGEST ANTI-DRUGS CAMPAIGN IN THE DISTRICT BEGINNING JANUARY 15, IT WAS ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE THREE-WEEK-LONG CAMPAIGN, ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, 1983 UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD AND THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, WILL INVOLVE EXTENSIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND TRAFFICKING.

A BUDGET OF OVER \$230 000 HAS BEEN SET ASIDE FOR SOME 32 HIGHLY EDUCATIONAL AND ENTERTAINING PROGRAMMES PLANNED BY THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE.

MAJOR EVENTS WILL INCLUDE AN ATV VARIETY SHOW, QUIZ GAMES FOR FACTORY WORKERS, SEMINARS FOR TEACHERS AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, TRAINING CAMP FOR KWUN TONG ANTI-DRUGS VOLUNTEERS, EXHIBITION-CUM-CARNIVAL, MASS JOGGING, SINGING, DRAMA AND ESSAY WRITING COMPETITIONS AS WELL AS EDUCATIONAL VISITS TO DRUG TREATMENT INSTITUTIONS.

MR EDDIE LAMB, CHAIRMAN OF THE KWUN TONG ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE, SAID THE PROGRAMMES WERE GENERALLY AIMED AT PEOPLE BETWEEN 15 AND 24 YEARS OF AGE WHO ARE MOST AT RISK OF EXPERIMENTING OR GETTING INVOLVED WITH DRUGS.

KWUN TONG'S 15-TO-25 AGE GROUP MAKE UP 26.4 PER CENT OF THE 600 000 POPULATION THERE.

ALSO ATTENDING THE PRESS CONFERENCE WERE MR KARL STUMPF, CHAIRMAN OF PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS; MR DAVID TSUI, KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER AND MR C.M. LEUNG, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY OF THE NARCOTICS DIVISION.

MR LAMB SAID IT WAS HOPED THE ANTI-DRUGS MESSAGES WOULD BE FILTERED THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTS TO THE WHOLE COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY YOUNG PEOPLE.

MR STUMPF SAID THE CREATION OF CREDIBLE ALTERNATIVES WAS AN IMPORTANT MEANS OF PREVENTING DRUG ABUSE.

+TO BE ACCEPTABLE, THE ALTERNATIVES OFFERED TO YOUNG PEOPLE MUST BE REALISTIC, EASILY ATTAINABLE AND MEANINGFUL,+ HE SAID.

MR DAVID TSUI SAID THE KWUN TONG ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN WAS A CULMINATION OF 10 MONTHS OF DISCUSSIONS, PLANNING, AND ORGANISING AND INVOLVED MANY MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, COMMUNITY LEADERS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, SCHOOL HEADMASTERS AND OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

KWUN TONG COMMUNITY LEADERS NOT ONLY OFFERED THEIR TIME AND EFFORT TO A VERY WORTHWHILE SOCIAL CAUSE, BUT ALSO DONATED OR SPONSORED OVER \$80 000 TOWARDS THE COST OF THE CAMPAIGN, HE SAID.

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ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN IN TAI PO  
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A THREE-WEEK ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN HAS SWUNG INTO GEAR AT THE TAI YUEN ESTATE AND THE YUE KOK TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA IN TAI PO.

THE CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD.

AIMED AT ENCOURAGING SAFE DRIVING HABITS AND HIGHLIGHTING THE DANGERS OF JAYWALKING, THE CAMPAIGN IS BEING CARRIED OUT IN THREE STAGES - A PUBLICITY WEEK, AN EDUCATION WEEK AND A PROSECUTION WEEK.

BANNERS AND SIGN BOARDS WITH ROAD SAFETY SLOGANS WERE ERECTED AT PROMINENT PLACES IN THE TWO AREAS AT THE START OF PUBLICITY WEEK WHICH STARTED ON JANUARY 3 TO REMIND BOTH DRIVERS AND PEDESTRIANS OF SEVERAL LONG-STANDING TRAFFIC BLACK SPOTS IN THE LOCALITY.

DURING THE SECOND WEEK STARTING NEXT MONDAY PAMPHLETS AND LEAFLETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED WHILE BROADCASTING VANS AND THE POLICE WILL BE MOBILISED TO ADVISE RESIDENTS TO USE THE CORRECT ROAD CROSSING FACILITIES.

DURING THE THIRD WEEK OF THE CAMPAIGN, JAYWALKERS WILL BE PROSECUTED.

HIGHLIGHTING THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE A TAI YUEN AND YUE KOK ROAD SAFETY DAY TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 9) AT TAI YUEN ESTATE WHERE A MINIATURE ROAD SAFETY TOWN WILL BE SET UP.

TWO ROBOTS WILL ANSWER QUESTIONS ON ROAD SAFETY.

IN ADDITION, THE TAI PO CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND THE BRASS BAND OF THE BUDDHIST TAI KWONG MIDDLE SCHOOL WILL PERFORM AT THE FUNCTION.

RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE ROAD SAFETY DAY WHICH WILL START AT 11.30 AM.

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CONCERN ABOUT NEEDS OF ELDERLY  
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THE GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE NEEDS OF ELDERLY PEOPLE TO ENSURE THAT THEY ENJOY A REASONABLE STANDARD OF LIVING, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE (OPERATIONS), MRS EVELYN DOE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SHE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE AGED'S (SAGE) SHEK WAI KOK SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY IN KWAI CHUNG.

SHE SAID ONE OF THE SERVICE PROGRAMMES FOR THE ELDERLY LAID DOWN IN 1977 IS TO PROVIDE SOCIAL CENTRES AT A RATIO OF ONE PER 30 000 POPULATION. THESE CENTRES OFFER A NUMBER OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND ORGANISE VARIOUS HEALTHY ACTIVITIES FOR THE ELDERLY.

MOST ELDERLY PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO REMAIN IN THE COMMUNITY, JOINING FRIENDS IN RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND ENJOYING GROUP LIVING, SHE SAID.

+AND QUITE A LARGE NUMBER OF THEM EVEN CHOOSE TO TAKE PART IN COMMUNITY WORK, CONTRIBUTING THEIR EXPERIENCE TO SOCIETY.

+THEIR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION WOULD NOT ONLY BENEFIT SOCIETY, BUT WOULD ALSO ALLOW THEM TO PUT THEIR LEISURE TIME TO GOOD USE,+ SHE SAID.

MRS DOE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE WORK OF SAGE, AND SAID THAT THE OPENING OF THE SHEK WAI KOK SOCIAL CENTRE WAS GOOD NEWS FOR THE AGED IN THE DISTRICT.

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GENERAL HOLIDAYS FOR 1983 AND 1984  
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THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY) CONTAINS DETAILS OF THE GENERAL HOLIDAYS TO BE OBSERVED IN 1983 AND 1984. EXCLUDING SUNDAYS, THERE ARE A TOTAL OF 17 HOLIDAYS FOR BOTH YEARS.

THE FULL LIST OF GENERAL HOLIDAYS FOR 1983 IS:

EVERY SUNDAY

THE FIRST WEEK-DAY IN JANUARY	SATURDAY, JANUARY 1
THE DAY PRECEDING LUNAR NEW YEAR	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12
THE SECOND DAY OF LUNAR NEW YEAR	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14
THE THIRD DAY OF LUNAR NEW YEAR	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15
GOOD FRIDAY	FRIDAY, APRIL 1
THE DAY FOLLOWING GOOD FRIDAY	SATURDAY, APRIL 2
EASTER MONDAY	MONDAY, APRIL 4
CHING MING FESTIVAL	TUESDAY, APRIL 5
THE BIRTHDAY OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN	SATURDAY, JUNE 11
THE MONDAY FOLLOWING THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY	MONDAY, JUNE 13
TUEN NG (DRAGON BOAT) FESTIVAL	WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15
THE SATURDAY PRECEDING THE LAST MONDAY IN AUGUST	SATURDAY, AUGUST 27
THE LAST MONDAY IN AUGUST, WHICH SHALL BE LIBERATION DAY	MONDAY, AUGUST 29
THE DAY FOLLOWING THE CHINESE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL	THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14
THE FIRST WEEK-DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY	MONDAY, DECEMBER 26
THE SECOND WEEK-DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

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GENERAL HOLIDAYS FOR 1984:

EVERY SUNDAY

THE FIRST WEEK-DAY IN JANUARY

LUNAR NEW YEAR'S DAY

THE SECOND DAY OF LUNAR NEW YEAR

THE THIRD DAY OF LUNAR NEW YEAR

CHING MING FESTIVAL

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MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL

CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL

CHRISTMAS DAY

THE FIRST WEEK-DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

MONDAY, APRIL 23

MONDAY, JUNE 4

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

MONDAY, JUNE 11

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

MONDAY, AUGUST 27

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

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INTELPOST BEING EXTENDED TO U.S.

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FOLLOWING THE SUCCESSFUL INTRODUCTION OF AN +INTELPOST+ SERVICE WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM LAST MONTH, THE POST OFFICE TODAY ANNOUNCED THE EXTENSION OF THIS SERVICE TO THE USA.

THE INTELPOST SERVICE PROVIDES HIGH-SPEED FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION OF DOCUMENTS, DRAWINGS AND PERSONAL MESSAGES OVERSEAS WITH DELIVERY TO THE ADDRESSEE IN A MATTER OF A FEW HOURS.

FROM TUESDAY (JANUARY 11), THE INTELPOST SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO FIVE MAJOR CENTRES IN THE UNITED STATES: CHICAGO, HOUSTON, NEW YORK CITY, SAN FRANCISCO AND WASHINGTON D.C.

ITEMS ACCEPTED OVER THE COUNTER AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE OR TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE WILL BE DELIVERED, OR BE AVAILABLE FOR COUNTER PICK-UP AT THE APPROPRIATE INTELPOST CENTRE, THE SAME DAY IN THE US, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE SAID.

THE COST OF THE SERVICE WILL BE \$50 FOR THE FIRST SIDE OF AN A4 SHEET OF PAPER, AND \$25 FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT A4 SIDE SENT TO THE SAME ADDRESSEE AT THE SAME TIME.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THESE FACILITIES MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE INTELPOST REPRESENTATIVE ON 5-2671148.

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WORKSHOPS FOR SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHERS

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SEVEN IDENTICAL WORKSHOPS ON THE USE OF NEWSPAPERS FOR TEACHING SOCIAL STUDIES IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS WILL BE HELD IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH FOR TEACHERS OF THE SUBJECT.

THE WORKSHOPS, ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 28, MARCH 2, 4 AND 5 BETWEEN 9 AM AND 11.30 AM AND ON FEBRUARY 28, MARCH 2 AND 4 BETWEEN 2.30 PM AND 5 PM.

ALL THE WORKSHOPS WILL BE HELD AT ROOM 10, ADVISORY INSPECTORATE AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT, HONG KONG.

HEADS OF SCHOOLS WHO WISH TO NOMINATE THEIR TEACHERS TO ATTEND THE WORKSHOPS ARE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT THEIR NOMINATIONS TO THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT SECTION, ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, FIFTH FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG BY FEBRUARY 4.

OWING TO LIMITED CAPACITY, EACH SCHOOL MAY NOMINATE ONLY ONE TEACHER AND ACCEPTANCE WILL BE ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INSPECTOR, PRIMARY SOCIAL STUDIES ON TEL. 5-8392498.

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SHAM SHUI PO ANTI-NARCOTICS CARNIVAL  
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THE SHAM SHUI PO ANTI-NARCOTICS AND PROMOTION OF INTEGRITY CARNIVAL 1983 WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 9) AT THE DISTRICT'S MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND, STARTING AT 1 PM.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN), THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION (HUNG YUE OFFICE) AND THE SHAM SHUI PO ANTI-NARCOTICS COMMITTEE, THE EVENT AIMS TO FOCUS PUBLIC ATTENTION ON THE DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF LIVING WITH INTEGRITY.

THE CARNIVAL WILL OFFER A VARIETY OF ENTERTAINMENT AND ACTIVITY INCLUDING A GROUP COLOURING CONTEST IN WHICH SOME 20 GROUPS WILL TAKE PART.

THERE WILL ALSO BE MANY GAMES STALLS AND OTHER ENTERTAINMENT.

ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS WILL BE A PARADE AND BAND PERFORMANCE BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS).

SEVEN GUESTS WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AND PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS OF THE COLOURING COMPETITION. THE GUESTS INCLUDE THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, SHAM SHUI PO, MR M.J. WHITE; THE PRINCIPAL INFORMATION OFFICER, NARCOTICS DIVISION, MR JOHN CHUAN; THE ICAC REPRESENTATIVE, HUNG YUE OFFICE, MISS Y.T. TSU AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SHAM SHUI PO ANTI-NARCOTICS COMMITTEE, MR GEORGE HSUEH.

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YUEN LONG LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR SITES SOLD  
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ALL 211 STALL SITES AT THE FORTHCOMING YUEN LONG LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR WERE TAKEN UP BY TRADERS AT HIGHER THAN UPSET PRICES AT A PUBLIC AUCTION TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE HIGHEST PRICE BID FOR A FLOWER SITE WAS \$1 600 WHILE THE LOWEST WAS \$100, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE HIGHEST PRICE FOR A DRY GOODS SITE WAS \$570 AND THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$350.

THE AUCTION, CONDUCTED BY STAFF OF THE YUEN LONG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE, TOOK PLACE AT THE OFFICE OF PING SHAN RURAL COMMITTEE.

THE FAIR WILL BE HELD AT YUEN LONG SPORTSGROUND AND THE CARPARK OF YUEN LONG STADIUM FROM FEBRUARY 6 TO 13.

SIX OTHER LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIRS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL ALSO BE HELD DURING THE SAME PERIOD.

SITES AT THREE OTHER FAIRS IN SHA TIN, KWAI CHUNG AND TSUEN WAN WILL BE AUCTIONED SEPARATELY ON THREE CONSECUTIVE DAYS STARTING MONDAY (JANUARY 10).

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STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES  
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF MR ANDREW K.W. SO, MR GORDON M. MACWHINNIE AND MR JOHN L. SOONG AS MEMBERS OF THE STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE.

THE RE-APPOINTMENT WILL TAKE EFFECT FROM JANUARY 24, AND WILL BE FOR TWO YEARS.

IT WAS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE REV P.T. MCGOVERN AND MRS MAISIE WONG WILL RETIRE FROM THE STANDING COMMISSION ON JANUARY 23 AFTER SERVING AS MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN JANUARY 1979.

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SIXTH TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ATHLETIC MEET  
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THE 6TH TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ATHLETIC MEET WILL BE HELD AT KWAI CHUNG SPORTS GROUND, HING SHING ROAD, ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 9).

SOME 500 ATHLETES FROM TSUEN WAN, KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI WILL TAKE PART IN THE ATHLETIC MEET.

THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR JOHN HEYWOOD, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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CARGO WORKING AREA BERTHING FEES  
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THE DAILY FEES CHARGED FOR BERTHING VESSELS IN CARGO WORKING AREAS WILL BE AMENDED AS FROM 8 AM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 10), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE AMENDING LEGISLATION GIVING EFFECT TO THE AMENDED SCHEDULE OF FEES TO BE CHARGED ARE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

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RSS TO HOLD DANCE PERFORMANCE EVENING  
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MORE THAN 140 DANCERS WILL PARTICIPATE TOMORROW (SATURDAY) NIGHT IN A DANCE PERFORMANCE EVENING AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL.

THE EVENT IS THE FIRST EVER ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE (RSS) OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HONG KONG DANCE FEDERATION.

A VARIETY OF DANCES INCLUDING CHINESE DANCE, WESTERN DANCE, MODERN DANCE AND BALLET WILL BE STAGED BY 17 DANCE TEAMS STARTING FROM 8 PM.

A SPOKESMAN FOR RSS SAID THE DANCE PERFORMANCE EVENING IS AIMED AT CULTIVATING AN INTEREST IN MUSIC AMONG THE PUBLIC AS WELL AS RAISING THE STANDARD OF DANCING IN HONG KONG.

ADMISSION WILL BE FREE AND THOSE WHO MISSED THE PERFORMANCE MAY WATCH IT ON THE FOLLOWING DAY IN THE JADE NETWORK'S +SPORTS WORLD+, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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CHEUNG CHAU SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS  
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THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CHEUNG CHAU SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS STAGE ONE AND SUBMARINE OUTFALL TO SERVE THE PEOPLE ON THE ISLAND, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY.

ON COMPLETION OF THE WORKS, SEWAGE FROM THE OLD TOWN AND THE NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS ON CHEUNG CHAU WILL BE TREATED BY SCREENING, GRIT REMOVAL AND SEDIMENTATION PROCESSES BEFORE BEING DISCHARGED INTO THE SEA THROUGH THE SUBMARINE OUTFALL WHICH WILL PROVIDE BETTER DILUTION AND DISPERSION.

STAGE I WORKS, WHICH ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN APRIL AND TAKE ABOUT 21 MONTHS TO COMPLETE, WILL PROVIDE TREATMENT FACILITIES FOR A POPULATION OF 19 000.

THE CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS WILL CONSIST OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN INLET PUMPING STATION, GRIT CHANNELS, PRIMARY SEDIMENTATION TANKS, AEROBIC SLUDGE DIGESTORS, BLOWER AND PUMP HOUSE, SLUDGE DRYING BEDS, ANCILLARY STRUCTURES, ASSOCIATED PIPEWORKS AND ROADWORKS AND A 300-METRE LONG SUBMARINE OUTFALL.

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CONSTRUCTION OF CHA KWO LING ROAD

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THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PLANS TO COMPLETE THE REMAINING SECTION OF CHA KWO LING ROAD TO THE CHA KWO LING QUARRY TO PROVIDE ANOTHER ROUTE TO THE YAU TONG AND LEI YUE MUN AREAS, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE PROJECT, WHICH WILL ALSO IMPROVE ACCESS TO THE CHA KWO LING VILLAGES AND THE CARGO HANDLING SITE AT THE SEA FRONT, WILL INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DUAL TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY OF ABOUT 1 100-METRE LONG WITH FOOTPATHS ON BOTH SIDES AND ANCILLARY DRAINAGE WORKS.

BUS BAYS WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED ALONG THE ROAD.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING MAIN ENTRANCE; THE KOWLOON EAST DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD; AND THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, TUNG YAN STREET, KOWLOON.

ANY OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSAL MUST BE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS WITHIN 60 DAYS.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KOWLOON TONG

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN KOWLOON TONG FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 9) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FLYOVER AT THE JUNCTION OF WATERLOO ROAD AND CORNWALL STREET.

VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, TRAVELLING ALONG WATERLOO ROAD SOUTHBOUND WILL BE BANNED FROM TURNING RIGHT INTO CORNWALL STREET WESTBOUND.

SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON WATERLOO ROAD HEADING FOR THE PAK TIN AREA WILL BE DIVERTED VIA HEREFORD ROAD, RENFREW ROAD, JUNCTION ROAD AND WATERLOO ROAD TO RE-JOIN CORNWALL STREET.

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ROAD REALIGNMENT IN TSUEN WAN  
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THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PLANS TO CARRY OUT REALIGNMENT WORK AT THE JUNCTION OF TAI HO ROAD AND YEUNG UK ROAD IN TSUEN WAN TO CONSTRUCT A NEW ACCESS TO THE TSUEN WAN TRANSPORT COMPLEX CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON ADJACENT RECLAIMED LAND.

THE REALIGNMENT WORK WILL ALL BE CARRIED OUT WITHIN EXISTING ROAD RESERVES.

UNDER THE PROJECT A TEMPORARY FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS TAI HO ROAD OPPOSITE SAN TSUEN STREET WILL ALSO BE CONSTRUCTED.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING MAIN ENTRANCE; THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, THIRD FLOOR, HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANK BUILDING, CASTLE PEAK ROAD; AND THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, FOU WAH CENTRE, 210 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

ANY OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSAL MUST BE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS WITHIN 60 DAYS.

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TRAM TRACK REALIGNMENT WORK  
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TRAM TRACK REALIGNMENT WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT ALONG KING'S ROAD NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH HEALTHY STREET CENTRAL THIS SUNDAY (JANUARY 9).

FOR THIS REASON, TRAM SERVICES MAY BE SLIGHTLY AFFECTED THAT MORNING, A TRANSPORT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

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SHAU KEI WAN WATER LEAKAGE TEST  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN AREAS IN SHAU KEI WAN WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 10) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR A LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY ALDRICH STREET, SHAU KEI WAN ROAD AND SUN SING STREET. OTHER AREAS AFFECTED WILL INCLUDE 233-239 SHAU KEI WAN ROAD AND ITS SEAFRONT AREA, NGOI MAN STREET, FU TAU WAT VILLAGE, TSIN SHUI MA TAU VILLAGE AND ALDRICH VILLAGE.

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