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MORE PEOPLE USING INJURIES AID SCHEME

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MORE PEOPLE ARE MAKING USE OF THE CRIMINAL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT INJURIES COMPENSATION SCHEME, WHICH PROVIDES QUICK CASH RELIEF FOR VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIME OR THEIR DEPENDANTS.

THIS IS INDICATED IN THE JUST PUBLISHED 1980/81 ANNUAL REPORT ON THE SCHEME, WHICH SHOWS THAT THE YEAR SAW THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS - 901 - SINCE THE SCHEME WAS STARTED IN 1973.

THE FIGURE REPRESENTS A 26.7 PER CENT INCREASE, THOUGH THE NUMBER OF REPORTED CASES OF CRIMINAL INJURIES REMAINED AT ABOUT THE SAME LEVEL AS THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

+WITH THE RELAXATION OF THE MINIMUM SICK LEAVE REQUIREMENT FROM SEVEN DAYS TO THREE DAYS, THERE IS REASON TO EXPECT MORE APPLICATIONS FOR THE COMING YEAR,+ COMMENTED MR ROBERT WEI, CHAIRMAN OF THE CRIMINAL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT INJURIES COMPENSATION BOARDS.

POLICE STATIONS, MR WEI SAID, CONTINUED TO BE THE MAIN POINTS WHERE THE SCHEME WAS MADE KNOWN AND AVAILABLE TO VICTIMS OF CRIMES OF VIOLENCE. REFERRALS BY THE POLICE ACCOUNTED FOR 66 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL APPLICATIONS IN 1980/81.

THE NUMBER OF DIRECT APPLICATIONS ALSO INCREASED, FROM 227 TO 243.

+SOME OF THE DIRECT APPLICATIONS WERE THE RESULT OF THE EFFORTS MADE BY OUR OWN STAFF IN LOCATING THE VICTIMS OR THEIR FAMILIES,+ MR WEI SAID. +BY FOLLOWING THE INCIDENTS OF VIOLENT CRIMES FROM NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO, AND THROUGH ANSWERING TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES, THE STAFF WERE ABLE TO INVITE THE LIKELY INNOCENT VICTIMS TO LODGE THEIR CLAIMS.+

A TEAM OF THREE INVESTIGATING OFFICERS VISITED VICTIMS OF THE OCEAN TERMINAL BOMB BLAST IN HOSPITAL AND HELPED THEM FILL IN THEIR APPLICATIONS.

PAYMENTS MADE TO NEW AND REVIEW CASES DURING THE YEAR AMOUNTED TO SOME $1.5 MILLION, BRINGING THE ACCUMULATED AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS SINCE THE SCHEME BEGAN OPERATION EIGHT YEARS AGO TO OVER $9.6 MILLION.

DURING THE YEAR, THE LARGEST SINGLE AWARD, AMOUNTING TO $29 650, WENT TO THE WIDOW AND FOUR CHILDREN OF A HAWKER WHO WAS STABBED TO DEATH IN A ROBBERY IN SAU MAU PING.

THE CRIMINAL LAW INJURIES COMPENSATION BOARD RECOMMENDED A 100 PER CENT INCREASE OF THE NORMAL AWARD, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE FACT THAT THE MAN GAVE CHASE TO THE ROBBER BEFORE HE WAS KILLED AND THAT ABOUT TEN KAIFONGS SIGNED A LETTER COMMENDING THE CONDUCT OF THE VICTIM.

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THE MAJOR CLASSES OF CRIMES GIVING RISE TO APPLICATIONS CONTINUED TO BE ASSAULT/WOUNDING AND ROBBERY/BURGLARY. THERE WAS AN INCREASE OF 170 CASES OR NEARLY 40 PER CENT IN THE ASSAULT/WOUNDING CATEGORY COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

FOUR SEXUAL OFFENCE VICTIMS APPLIED FOR COMPENSATION DURING THE YEAR. MANY OF THE SEXUAL OFFENCE VICTIMS DID NOT APPLY FOR FEAR OF THEIR SUFFERINGS BEING MADE KNOWN TO OTHERS.

+MORE EFFORTS WILL BE MADE IN THE COMING YEAR TO APPROACH AND ENCOURAGE VICTIMS OF RAPE AND INDECENT ASSAULT TO APPLY FOR COMPENSATION,+ MR WEI SAID.

TO REFLECT THE BOARDS' LONGSTANDING PRACTICE OF TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE MENTAL SUFFERINGS OF VICTIMS IN ADDITION TO THEIR PHYSICAL INJURIES IN THE ASSESSEMENT OF INJURIES, PROVISION FOR COMPENSATING FOR THE MENTAL IMPAIRMENT OF VICTIMS, IN RAPE CASES IN PARTICULAR, WAS INCORPORATED IN THE SCHEME.

DURING THE YEAR, RULES WERE AMENDED TO PROVIDE FOR A THREE-YEAR TIME LIMIT FOR APPLICATIONS FROM THE DATE OF INCIDENT. +THIS IS TO ENCOURAGE EARLY APPLICATIONS AS IT IS OFTEN DIFFICULT TO ESTABLISH THE FACTS AFTER A PROLONGED PERIOD,+ MR WEI SAID.

COMMENTING ON THE INTERVAL BETWEEN APPLICATION AND AWARD, MR WEI SAID THE TIME DIFFERENCE CONTINUED TO BE MAINTAINED AT A REASONABLE LEVEL. EIGHTY-FOUR PER CENT OF ALL PURSUED CASES WERE COMPLETED WITHIN ONE TO THREE MONTHS.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE CRIMINAL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT INJURIES COMPENSATION SECTION, SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT ON THE 14TH FLOOR OF WORLD TRADE CENTRE, GLOUCESTER ROAD (TEL. 5-7903349), WHICH IS THE SECRETARIAT TO THE CLEIC BOARDS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

LANDLORD AND TENANT ORDINANCE

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A PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF A BILL TO AMEND THE LANDLORD AND TENANT (CONSOLIDATION) ORDINANCE.

ATTENDING WILL BE THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR DONALD LIAO, AND THE COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION, MR RAYMOND FRY.

IT WILL BE HELD IN THE GIS THEATRE, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, 5TH FLOOR. YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR MORE URBAN AND NT TAXI LICENCES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR A FURTHER 300 URBAN TAXI LICENCES AND 207 NEW TERRITORIES TAXI LICENCES.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (THURSDAY), A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE NUMBER OF NEW TERRITORIES TAXI LICENCES THAT WILL BE PUT UP FOR TENDER TOMORROW WILL INCLUDE 40 UNCLAIMED LICENCES AT THE LAST TENDER EXERCISE PLUS 17 RELINQUISHED BY THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERERS AND A FURTHER QUOTA OF 150 GIVING A TOTAL OF 207.

TENDER FORMS FOR THE 507 TAXI LICENCES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION TOMORROW FROM EITHER THE HONG KONG LICENSING OFFICE ON THE MEZZANINE FLOOR OF THE MURRAY ROAD MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK, CENTRAL, OR THE KOWLOON LICENSING OFFICE ON THE 9TH FLOOR OF THE PARK-IN COMMERCIAL CENTRE IN DUNDAS STREET, MONG KOK.

WHITE TENDER FORMS WILL BE USED FOR URBAN TAXI LICENCES AND PINK FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+PROSPECTIVE TENDERERS CANNOT USE ANY OTHER FORM ISSUED PREVIOUSLY,+ THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED.

TENDERERS MUST DEPOSIT $25 000 WITH THE DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES FOR EACH URBAN TAXI LICENCE AND $15 000 FOR EACH NEW TERRITORIES TAXI LICENCE.

THE TENDERER MAY SUBMIT ONE TENDER FORM FOR ANY NUMBER OF TAXI LICENCES NOT EXCEEDING 300 FOR THE URBAN AREA AND 207 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

A PUBLIC BALLOT MAY BE HELD TO DETERMINE THE ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERERS WHO OFFER THE SAME UNIT PREMIUM.

COMPLETED TENDER FORMS, TOGETHER WITH ORIGINAL DEPOSIT RECEIPTS, MUST BE SUBMITTED IN DUPLICATE IN SEALED ENVELOPES, ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY, CENTRAL TENDER BOARD, AND PLACED IN THE TENDER BOX IN THE ENTRANCE HALL ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (MAIN WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE NOON ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1981.

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11 NT SITES FOR LETTER A/B TENDER

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APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FROM REGISTERED OWNERS OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS (LETTERS A AND B) FOR 11 NEW TERRITORIES SITES.

THE SITES, TOTALLING 54 608 SQUARE METRES, ARE IN SHA TIN, TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG.

FOUR, LOCATED BETWEEN KAU TO AND HO TUNG LAU OVERLOOKING SHA TIN RACECOURSE, ARE FOR LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

THE LARGEST, MEASURING 23 170 SQUARE METRES, HAS A BUILDING COVENANT OF $36 MILLION TO BE COMPLETED IN FOUR YEARS. THE REMAINING THREE SITES, MEASURING 8 157, 4 424 AND 2 017 SQUARE METRES, HAVE BUILDING COVENANTS OF $4.85 MILLION, $4.2 MILLION AND $2 MILLION, ALL TO BE FULFILLED IN THREE YEARS.

ANOTHER SHA TIN SITE, SITUATED AT TAI WAI, IS FOR SIX-STOREY NON-INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT. IT HAS A THREE-YEAR BUILDING COVENANT OF $2.7 MILLION.

THE REMAINING SIX SITES ARE FOR INDUSTRIAL/GODOWN USES.

TWO ARE IN TUEN MUN WITH AREAS OF 4 710 AND 2 875 SQUARE METRES. BOTH HAVE PLOT RATIOS OF 9.5 AND THE BUILDING COVENANTS ARE $44 MILLION AND $26.2 MILLION TO BE COMPLETED IN FOUR YEARS.

TWO OTHER SITES, MEASURING 1 198 AND 1 730 SQUARE METRES, ARE IN THE INDUSTRIAL AREA OF YUEN LONG. THE PURCHASERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE BUILDING COVENANTS OF $5.75 MILLION AND $8.3 MILLION WITHIN FOUR YEARS. THE PLOT RATIOS ARE 5.

THE LAST TWO SITES ARE AT FO TAN, SHA TIN, AND MEASURE 3 210 SQUARE METRES AND 2 870 SQUARE METRES. THE BUILDING COVENANTS ARE $27.45 MILLION AND $24.54 MILLION, ALSO TO BE COMPLETED IN FOUR YEARS, AND THE PLOT RATIOS ARE 9.5.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON DECEMBER 11, 1981. FURTHER DETAILS AND APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS AND THE EIGHT DISTRICT OFFICES.

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BUS REVIEW SUB-GROUP MEMBERS VISIT CMB DEPOTS

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THREE PUBLIC MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE BUS OPERATIONS REVIEW SUB-GROUP ON DEPOT REQUIREMENTS EARLY THIS MORNING TOURED ALL THE CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY'S DEPOT AND ON-STREET AND TERMINI PARKING FACILITIES.

THE THREE MEMBERS WERE MR STEPHEN CHEONG, AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, MR STEPHEN CHENG WUI-YAU, A LECTURER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT STUDIES AT HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC AND MR HA WAI-LEUNG, A THIRD-YEAR STUDENT OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING AT THE POLYTECHNIC AND PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF STUDENTS.

THE PARTY WAS LED BY THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR RICHARD MEAKIN AND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF CMB, MR NGAN SHING-KWAN.

THE TOUR LASTED THREE HOURS, FROM 1 AM TO 4 AM WITH VISITS TO DEPOTS IN NORTH POINT, CHAI WAN, WONG CHUK HANG= BUS TERMINI AT NORTH POINT FERRY CONCOURSE, OCEAN PARK AND WAH FU ESTATE AND THE STREET PARKING BLACK SPOTS OF CHAI WAN.

THIS INSPECTION IS IN PREPARATION FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF THE BUS-GROUP SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 27.

THE WORK OF THE SUB-GROUP IS TO STUDY THE NEED FOR MORE CMB DEPOT FACILITIES AND TO RECOMMEND THE MOST ECONOMICAL METHOD OF MEETING LAND REQUIREMENT IN THIS REGARD.

THE MEMBERS WILL VISIT THE SAME SITE AGAIN ON NOVEMBER 24.

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APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR YEAR OF THE DOG GOLD COINS

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL ISSUE A LIMITED QUANTITY OF $1 000 GOLD COINS TO COMMEMORATE THE COMING LUNAR NEW YEAR, THE YEAR OF THE DOG.

APPLICATIONS WILL OPEN AS FROM MONDAY (NOVEMBER 23) WHEN FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM ALL BRANCHES OF THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. CLOSING DATE AND TIME FOR APPLICATIONS WILL BE TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1981 AT 3 PM.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (THURSDAY), A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID: +THE PROCEDURES FOR APPLICATION WILL BE SIMILAR TO THOSE OF LAST YEAR EXCEPT THAT CHEQUES ON PERSONAL ACCOUNTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AS WELL AS CASHIER'S ORDERS.

/+HOWEVER, APPLICATIONS .....

+HOWEVER, APPLICATIONS WILL BE RESTRICTED TO HONG KONG RESIDENTS WITH A HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD. IN THE EVENT OF OVER-SUBSCRIPTION FOR EITHER THE PROOF OR THE BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED COINS, OR BOTH, ONLY ONE APPLICATION FROM EACH IDENTITY CARD HOLDER FOR EACH VERSION OF THE COIN WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE BALLOT.

+ANY ADDITIONAL APPLICATION WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY REJECTED BY COMPUTER PRIOR TO BALLOTING.+

THE YEAR OF THE DOG GOLD COIN IS THE SEVENTH IN A SERIES THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN ISSUING, SINCE 1976, TO DEPICT ANIMALS OF THE CHINESE LUNAR CALENDAR.

THE NUMBER OF COINS STRUCK FOR EACH COIN IN THE SERIES IS LIMITED. THE WORLD-WIDE LIMIT FOR THE YEAR OF THE DOG COIN HAS BEEN SET AT 55 000= OF THESE 22 000 ARE IN PROOF CONDITION AND 33 000 ARE OF BRIGHT UNCIRCULATED QUALITY. OF THESE TOTALS, 14 000 PROOF COINS AND 18 000 UNCIRCULATED COINS HAVE BEEN RESERVED FOR HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD HOLDERS.

THE PROOF COINS ARE PRICED AT $3 300 EACH WHILE THE BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED VERSIONS AT $2 200 EACH.

UNLIKE THE BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED COIN, THE PROOF VERSION USES A SPECIALLY SELECTED BLANK AND THIS IS STRUCK WITH CONSIDERABLE FORCE BETWEEN CAREFULLY PREPARED AND ULTRA SHARP DIES. THE BLOW PRESSES THE DESIGN ON TO EACH SIDE OF THE BLANK AND ALSO AROUND THE EDGE.

THE PROOF VERSION IS FURTHER ENHANCED BY AN ATTRACTIVE FROSTING OF THE RELIEF DESIGN AND THIS IS ACHIEVED BY BLASTING THE DIES WITH IMMENSELY HARD PARTICLES. THE TABLE OF THE PROOF COIN IS PAINSTAKINGLY POLISHED WITH DIAMOND PASTE TO ACHIEVE A MIRROR-LIKE FINISH. THE COIN IS THEN IMPRESSED AGAIN WITH EXTRA FIRM PRESSURE TO ENSURE THE CLARITY OF DETAIL THAT IS UNIQUE TO PROOF COINS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE DEMAND FOR THE YEAR OF THE DOG GOLD COINS IS EXPECTED TO BE HIGH BECAUSE OF THEIR FINE QUALITY, THE LIMITED SUPPLY AND THE FACT THAT THEY WILL BE ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

URGING INTERESTED RESIDENTS TO HAND IN THEIR APPLICATIONS EARLY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THEY SHOULD PRESENT THEIR COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS BY HAND, TOGETHER WITH CASHIER'S ORDERS OR CHEQUES DATED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1, 1981, MADE PAYABLE TO THE +HONG KONG GOVERNMENT 1982 SPECIAL COIN ACCOUNT+ BEFORE 3 PM ON THAT DAY, AT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING BRANCHES OF THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION:

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7, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

82, NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

673, NATHAN ROAD, MONGKOK, KOWLOON.

150, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG, NEW TERRITORIES.

455-457, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES.

306, KING'S ROAD, NORTH POINT, HONG KONG.

40-50, DES VOEUX ROAD WEST, HONG KONG.

1, YUE MAN SQUARE, KWUN TONG, KOWLOON.

42, WONG CHUK HANG ROAD, ABERDEEN, HONG KONG.

1, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

THE COINS, LIKE THE OTHERS IN THE SERIES, HAVE A MILLESIMAL FINENESS OF 916.6 (22 CARATS) AND WEIGH 15.976 GRAMS WITH A DIAMETER OF 28.4 MM.

THE OBVERSE CARRIES A WELL-KNOWN PORTRAIT OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN, WHILE THE REVERSE DEPICTS THE FIGURE OF A DOG. THE DESIGN OF THE REVERSE SIDE OF THE COIN WAS SPECIALLY COMMISSIONED FOR THIS ISSUE. EACH COIN WILL BE PACKAGED IN A PLASTIC SCREW TOP CAPSULE AND SUPPLIED WITH A PRESENTATION CASE AND A DESCRIPTIVE BOOKLET.

GOLD COINS WITH A FACE VALUE OF $1 000 WERE MADE LEGAL TENDER ON MAY 5, 1975.

THE YEAR OF THE DOG BEGINS ON JANUARY 25, 1982 AND ENDS ON FEBRUARY 12, 1983. THE DOG IS, THEREFORE, THE BIRTHDAY ANIMAL FOR ANY PERSON BORN BETWEEN THESE DATES AND FOR ANYONE BORN IN A PREVIOUS DOG YEAR.

THE DOG ALSO RULED OVER THE FOLLOWING PERIODS:

1910 - 11 (FEBRUARY 10, 1910 TO JANUARY 29, 1911)

1922 - 23 (JANUARY 28, 1922 TO FEBRUARY 15, 1923)

1934 - 35 (FEBRUARY 14, 1934 TO FEBRUARY 3, 1935)

1946 - 47 (FEBRUARY 2, 1946 TO JANUARY 21, 1947)

1958 - 59 (FEBRUARY 18, 1958 TO FEBRUARY 7, 1959)

1970 - 71 (FEBRUARY 6, 1970 TO JANUARY 26, 1971)

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TUEN MUN FESTIVAL OPENS ON SATURDAY

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THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL OPEN THE TUEN MUN FESTIVAL 81 ON SATURDAY.

THE 16-DAY FESTIVAL IS BEING SPONSORED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS.

MORE THAN 20 EVENTS HAVE BEEN ARRANGED, INCLUDING ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES, EXHIBITIONS, COMPETITIONS, MUSICAL PROGRAMMES, DRAMA AND CANTONESE OPERA.

THE FESTIVAL BUDGET IS $300 000.

THE OPENING WILL INCLUDE A PARACHUTE PERFORMANCE BY THE FLYING DRAGON TEAM FROM SHEK KONG PARACHUTE CENTRE.

THREE EXHIBITIONS WILL BE HELD, INCLUDING A CHRYSANTHEMUM EXHIBITION SPONSORED BY AND TO BE HELD AT CHING CHUNG KOON, AN EXHIBITION AT THE RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICES OF WINNING ENTRIES IN THE FESTIVAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION TO INCLUDE PICTURES BY PROMINENT PHOTOGRAPHERS, AND AN EXHIBITION AT WHICH PICTURES OF OLD TUEN MUN AND DEVELOPMENT PLANS WILL BE DISPLAYED, ALSO AT THE RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICES.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS TO ALL FESTIVAL EVENTS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, TAI HING ESTATE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, THE YWCA OFFICE AT SAN FAT ESTATE, TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE AND YAU OI ESTATE OFFICE.

COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS FROM TUEN MUN AND OTHER DISTRICTS HAVE DONATED MORE THAN 120 PRIZES FOR A LUCKY DRAW TO BE HELD AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY ON DECEMBER 6.

THE ORGANISERS HAVE ARRANGED FREE TRANSPORT TO TAKE PEOPLE TO AND FROM ALL VENUES.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT 50 000 PEOPLE WILL ATTEND THE EVENTS.

THE FULL LIST OF FUNCTIONS IS AS FOLLOWS:

NOVEMBER 21:	OPENING CEREMONY AND PARADE AT TUEN MUN TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND.
NOVEMBER 22:	DANCE COMPETITION AT PO LEUNG KUK CENTENARY COLLEGE, AND A CHINESE ORCHESTRA CONCERT AT CARITAS SOCIAL CENTRE.
NOVEMBER 23:	A PUPPET SHOW AT TAI HING ESTATE.
NOVEMBER 27:	A BALLET NIGHT AT CARITAS SOCIAL CENTRE.
NOVEMBER 28:	A DJ SHOW BY RTHK AT YAU OI ESTATE, A CULTURAL DANCE NIGHT AT CARITAS SOCIAL CENTRE AND A DRAMA NIGHT AT LUI MING CHOI SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

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NOVEMBER 29: AN OUTDOOR CONCERT AT TAI HING ESTATE- A TELE-MATCH AT TUEN MUN TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND- AND A CANTONESE OPERA AT LUI MING CHOI SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

DECEMBER 4: A SINGING COMPETITION AT HOH FUK TONG COLLEGE.

DECEMBER 5: RHYTHM OF TUEN MUN CONCERT AT LEUNG KAU KUI COLLEGE.

DECEMBER 6: CLOSING CEREMONY AND CARNIVAL AT TUEN MUN PLAYGROUND.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL OPEN THE TUEN MUN FESTIVAL 81 AT 8 PM ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 21) AT TUEN MUN TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND. YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT. GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 6.15 PM. STAFF OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION PRESS UNIT WILL ASSIST MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT FOR FESTIVAL OPENING

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED BETWEEN 6.30 PM AND 8 PM ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 21) FOR THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TUEN MUN FESTIVAL 81.

DURING THE PERIOD, MING OI STREET, BETWEEN TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD AND HO PONG STREET, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

TAI HING BRIDGE WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY EASTBOUND AND THE SECTION OF HO PONG STREET, BETWEEN TAI HING BRIDGE AND MING OI STREET, WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

VEHICLES TRAVELLING FROM TUEN MUN SAN HUI TO THE WEST SIDE OF THE NULLAH WILL BE DIVERTED VIA PUI TO ROAD AND TSUN WEN ROAD.

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STUDENTS URGED TO SUPPORT CLEAN-UP DRIVE

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EDUCATION HAS A SIGNIFICANT PLACE IN THE ULTIMATE SUCCESS OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN, SAID MR C.C. WAN, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER FOR CAUSEWAY BAY AND NORTH POINT, THIS AFTERNOON (THURSDAY).

MR WAN WAS ADDRESSING STUDENTS OF THE ISLAMIC COLLEGE AT THE SCHOOL'S NINTH GRADUATION CEREMONY.

HE URGED THE STUDENTS TO SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN AND POINTED OUT THAT ADULTS AS WELL AS STUDENTS NEED TO BE EDUCATED TO KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN.

+AND TO THIS END, CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN FORMED IN ALL DISTRICTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND THE URBAN AREAS,+ HE SAID.

THE FUNCTION OF THE COMMITTEES, HE SAID, IS TO GET THE COMMUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS CAMPAIGN AND TO MOTIVATE THE CITIZENS TO TAKE GREATER PRIDE IN THE HYGIENIC STANDARD OF THEIR LIVING ENVIRONMENT.

+THEIR EFFORTS ARE TO BE TIED IN WITH THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS AND THEIR COMMITTEES,+ HE SAID.

+WITH THEIR INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS, BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL HELP TO IDENTIFY THE BLACKSPOTS, ADVISE WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE AND HOW OUR RESOURCES SHOULD BE DIRECTED.+

+PUBLICITY WILL GO HAND-IN-HAND WITH PHYSICAL CLEAN-UPS,+ HE SAID, BUT POINTED OUT THAT EDUCATION AND PHYSICAL CLEAN-UPS ALONE WILL NOT BE EFFECTIVE WITHOUT THE BACK-UP OF PROSECUTION AND THAT A TOUGHER APPROACH IS REQUIRED.

LEGISLATION IS BEING STRENGTHENED TO COVER LITTERING FROM VESSELS AND VEHICLES AND THE PENALTY FOR LITTERING HAS BEEN RAISED FROM $500 AND THREE MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT TO $5 000 AND SIX MONTHS.

+OVER 5 700 OFFICIALS FROM 10 GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS HAVE BEEN EMPOWERED TO ENFORCE THE LAW IN ADDITION TO THEIR NORMAL DUTIES,+ HE SAID, BUT STRESSED THAT +THEY ARE NOT OUT TO GET THE CARELESS OLD LADY WHO DROPS HER TISSUE, OR THE ABSENT-MINDED SMOKER WHO THROWS HIS CIGARETTE-END AND MISSES THE BIN.+

INSTEAD, HE SAID, THEY ARE OUT TO GET THE +BIG FISH+, THE BLATANT OFFENDERS WHO PURPOSELY DUMP THEIR WASTE BY THE ROADSIDE OR INTO THE HARBOUR FOR SHEER CONVENIENCE.

+WE MEAN BUSINESS AND WE ARE ABSOLUTELY DETERMINED THAT THIS CAMPAIGN WILL NOT BE A ONE-OFF EXERCISE BUT THAT THE CLEANLINESS ACHIEVED WILL BE MAINTAINED AFTERWARDS,+ HE SAID.

HE CONGRATULATED THE STUDENTS AND WISHED THEM A BRIGHT AND HAPPY FUTURE.

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EXPERIMENTAL MOBILE ENQUIRY SERVICE

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IN A FURTHER MOVE TO TAKE GOVERNMENT TO THE PEOPLE, WAN CHAI CITY DISTRICT OFFICE WILL BE OPERATING A MOBILE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE ON A TRIAL BASIS ON TWO CONSECUTIVE SATURDAY AFTERNOONS THIS MONTH.

THE MOBILE COUNTER WILL OPERATE IN AN OPEN SPACE IN FRONT OF NO. 2 SUGAR STREET, CAUSEWAY BAY ON NOVEMBER 21 AND 28, FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM.

NORMAL SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THIS CENTRE, SUCH AS ADMINISTRATION OF STATUTORY DECLARATIONS, HANDLING OF ENQUIRIES AND COMPLAINTS AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOVERNMENT FORMS AND PAMPHLETS. ALL SERVICES ARE FREE OF CHARGE.

THE MOBILE COUNTER HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AID, WHO HAS MADE AVAILABLE A SPECIALLY FITTED-OUT VAN, ORIGINALLY DONATED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IF THE SERVICE PROVES POPULAR, IT MAY BE PROVIDED ON A MORE REGULAR BASIS.

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EXTENSION OF SPEEDPOST NETWORK TO CHINA

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THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR A.C. HEATHCOTE, ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE SPEEDPOST 'CONTRACT' AND 'ON DEMAND' SERVICE WILL BE EXTENDED TO THE FOLLOWING CITIES IN CHINA AS FROM NOVEMBER 23 :-

CHANGSHA, QINGDAO, DALIAN, QINGHUANGDAO, HANGZHOU, SHENYANG, HARBIN, WUHAN, NANJING, XIAN.

AT PRESENT, THE SPEEDPOST NETWORK TO CHINA IS CONFINED TO SIX CITIES ONLY.

THE EXTENSION IS PART OF THE CONTINUOUS EFFORT OF THE POST OFFICE TO IMPROVE THE SPEEDPOST SERVICES.

ITEMS POSTED TO THE CITIES LISTED WILL BE DELIVERED ON THE NEXT AFTERNOON AFTER POSTING.

FURTHER DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE POST OFFICE ENQUIRY BUREAU AT TELEPHONE 5-2671222.

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SEMINAR ON SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK
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A SEMINAR ON +TEAMWORK APPROACH IN SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK SERVICE+ WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 21) FOR TEACHERS AND SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS.

ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL GUIDING COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK, THE SEMINAR IS EXPECTED TO BE ATTENDED BY ABOUT 200 PEOPLE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY: +IT IS HOPED THAT THROUGH THE SEMINAR, BETTER CO-OPERATION AND COLLABORATION AMONG PRACTITIONERS OF DIFFERENT PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINES CAN BE OBTAINED FOR MORE EFFECTIVE DELIVERY OF SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK SERVICES.+

THE SEMINAR WILL BEGIN WITH A FILM SHOW, FOLLOWED BY TWO SHORT SPEECHES ON ROLES AND FUNCTIONS OF TEACHERS AND SOCIAL WORKERS IN SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK.

THERE WILL BE A PANEL DISCUSSION WITH A CASE PRESENTATION, TO BE FOLLOWED BY AN OPEN FORUM. ON THE PANEL WILL BE A SOCIAL WORK LECTURER, AN EDUCATIONIST, AN EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST, A YOUTH SERVICES EXPERT AND A POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER.

COUPLED WITH THESE WILL BE AN EXHIBITION ON SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK AND A SLIDE SHOW.

THE SEMINAR IS PART OF A SERIES OF PUBLICITY EFFORTS TO BE LAUNCHED BY THE CENTRAL GUIDING COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK.

THE COMMITTEE, WHICH WAS SET UP IN 1979 TO CO-ORDINATE AND DEVELOP SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK SERVICE, COMPRISES REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, SCHOOL HEADS AND AN INTERESTED INDIVIDUAL FROM THE ACADEMIC FIELD.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD IN THE AUDITORIUM OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, DUKE OF WINDSOR SOCIAL SERVICE BUILDING, WAN CHAI, FROM 9 AM TO 12.30 PM ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 21). YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR.

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DANCE DRAMA AT TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL

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+NI-CHANG YU-YI FANTASY+, A DANCE DRAMA TO BE STAGED BY THE MUSIC, DANCE AND DRAMA PROMOTION COMMITTEES OF THE TSUEN WAN CULTURE AND RECREATION CO-ORDINATING ASSOCIATION, WILL RAISE THE CURTAIN FOR THE FOURTH TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL, TO BE HELD BETWEEN JANUARY 22 AND FEBRUARY 13, 1982.

THE FESTIVAL IS JOINTLY PRESENTED BY TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL, TSUEN WAN CULTURE AND RECREATION CO-ORDINATING ASSOCIATION AND THE MUSIC OFFICE.

+NI-CHANG YU-YI FANTASY+, THE OPENING PERFORMANCE FOR THE ARTS FESTIVAL, IS A CHINESE CLASSICAL DANCE DRAMA WHICH INCORPORATES SINGING, DANCING AND DRAMATIC ART.

THE STORY OF THIS DRAMA IS TAKEN FROM THE +SONG OF LAMENT+ BY BAI JU-YI, AN ESTEEMED POET OF THE TANG DYNASTY. IT UNFOLDS THE LOVE STORY BETWEEN EMPEROR MING OF THE TANG DYNASTY AND ONE OF HIS BELOVED IMPERIAL CONCUBINES, LADY YANG.

THE DRAMA WILL BE STAGED ON JANUARY 22 AND 27 AT 7.30 PM. BOTH PERFORMANCES WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM.

TICKETS FOR THE FIRST PERFORMANCE ARE AT $5 AND $3 , AND TICKETS FOR THE PERFORMANCE ON THE JANUARY 27 ARE AT $3 (STUDENT TICKETS), $5, $10 AND $15.

TICKETS FOR THE FOURTH TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL, EXCLUDING THOSE FOR STUDENTS, ARE NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH POSTAL BOOKINGS UNTIL DECEMBER 9. BLOCK BOOKINGS MAY ALSO BE MADE BY ASSOCIATIONS, SCHOOLS AND ORGANISATIONS.

BOOKING FOLDERS CONTAINING PROGRAMME DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL, THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, THE MUSIC OFFICE, THE BRITISH COUNCIL, ALLIANCE FRANCAISE, GOETHE INSTITUTE, NEW TERRITORIES PUBLIC LIBRARIES, ALL DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND ALL CITY DISTRICT OFFICES.

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT FOR PLB'S

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PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM USING THE WAI YIP STREET AND TAI YIP STREET ACCESS RAMPS TO ENTER THE TELFORD GARDENS FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 21).

AT THE SAME TIME, THE SECTION OF LAMBETH WALK IN CENTRAL WILL BE DESIGNATED AS A PLB CLEARWAY AND THESE BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PICK UP OR SET DOWN PASSENGERS BETWEEN 7 AM AND MIDNIGHT DAILY.

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ROAD SAFETY DRIVING COMPETITION FINALS

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THE ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN DRIVER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION FINALS WILL BE HELD IN MORSE PARK AREA NO. 3 ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 22).

THE EVENT, WHICH IS ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION (HKAA), EMPHASISES THE FACT THAT SAFE DRIVING ON THE ROADS IS ESSENTIAL AND SHOULD BE THE CONCERN OF ALL DRIVERS.

THE GUEST OF HONOUR ON THE DAY WILL BE MR S. OSMOND, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE SHELL COMPANY (HONG KONG). OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL BE MR J.R. JOHNSTON, DISTRICT POLICE COMMANDER (KOWLOON) AND MR R. HAUSER, PRESIDENT OF THE HKAA. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STANDING CONFERENCE ON ROAD SAFETY, MR PETER MOOR WILL ALSO BE AMONG THE OTHER GUESTS.

THE FINALS WILL START AT 9.30 AM, WHEN DRIVERS COMPETE FOR THE TITLE OF 'DRIVER OF THE YEAR' FOR EACH OF THE FIVE CATEGORIES OF VEHICLES, NAMELY, PRIVATE CARS, LORRIES, MOTORCYCLES, CONTAINER VEHICLES AND DOUBLE-DECK BUSES.

THERE WILL BE A ROAD SAFETY DISPLAY PRESENTED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, TRAFFIC DIVISION INCLUDING THE ROAD SAFETY BUS.

AN ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME FEATURING LION DANCERS, THE SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY PATROLS BAND, THE 29TH SQUADRON OF THE ROYAL CORPS OF TRANSPORT'S MOTORCYCLE DISPLAY TEAM, A POLICE DOG DEMONSTRATION, A FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT DISPLAY AND A HOT AIR BALLOON, WILL BE PRESENTED IN THE AFTERNOON.

THIS SPECIAL ROAD SAFETY EVENT WILL ALSO MARK THE OPENING OF A ROAD SAFETY WEEK WITHIN KOWLOON DISTRICT.

THE EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND ADMISSION IS FREE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN DRIVER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION AT MORSE PARK AREA NO. 3 AT 9.30 AM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 22).

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PRESS CONFERENCE BY ANTI-CORRUPTION AGENCIES

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THE ICAC AND SIX ANTI-CORRUPTION AGENCIES FROM THREE COUNTRIES WILL BE JOINTLY HOLDING A PRESS CONFERENCE ON SATURDAY FOLLOWING THE WEEK-LONG MEETING OF THE INTER-AGENCY DISCUSSION ON CORRUPTION.

REPRESENTING THE ICAC WILL BE THE COMMISSIONER, MR PETER WILLIAMS AND THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER AND DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, MR GERRY HARKNETT. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SIX AGENCIES ARE DATO' A. AZIZ AHMAD, DIRECTOR GENERAL, NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, MALAYSIA- MS JOYCE BLALOCK, INSPECTOR GENERAL, GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON- LT EDWARD SIEDLICK, CHIEF INVESTIGATOR, DEPARTMENT OF INVESTIGATION, NEW YORK- MR JAMES A. MAURER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MUNICIPAL INVESTIGATION, CHICAGO- MR EUGENE TROKEN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MUNICIPAL INVESTIGATION, CHICAGO- AND MR CHARLES E. VANN, INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION AGENCY, THE PHILIPPINES.

THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT 10.30 AM ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 21) AT THE GIS THEATRE, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, 5TH FLOOR.

NEWS EDITORS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPORTERS AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHERS TO COVER THE EVENT.

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RETIREMENT MEMENTO

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THE DEPUTY CHIEF FIRE OFFICER OF THE NEW TERRITORIES COMMAND, MR STANISLAUS M. ELCOCK WILL BE RETIRING SHORTLY AFTER SERVING 21 YEARS' WITH THE HONG KONG FIRE SERVICES.

TO MARK HIS RETIREMENT, THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR FREDERICK WATSON PRESENTED A MEMENTO TO MR ELCOCK ON BEHALF OF HIS COLLEAGUES AT A CEREMONY HELD AT THE FIRE SERVICES HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH POINT TODAY (THURSDAY).

MR ELCOCK HAD SERVED FOR ALMOST 11 YEARS IN FIRE BRIGADES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CYPRUS BEFORE JOINING THE HONG KONG FIRE BRIGADE IN DECEMBER 1960 AS A STATION OFFICER.

HE WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK IN 1979.

IN HONG KONG, MR ELCOCK SERVED IN ALL FORMATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING THE FIRE PROTECTION BUREAU.

HE WAS AWARDED THE COLONIAL POLICE MEDAL (FIRE) FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN 1975. HE WAS ALSO AWARDED THE COLONIAL FIRE BRIGADES LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL IN 1971 AND SUBSEQUENTLY THE FIRST AND SECOND CLASPS TO THE MEDAL.

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