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BETTER CARE OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

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ALTHOUGH HONG KONG CAN BE JUSTIFIABLY PROUD OF WHAT IT HAS DONE FOR THE 70 000 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES WHO ARRIVED LAST YEAR, THE LESSONS LEARNT FROM THE 1979 INFLUX INDICATE THAT SOME IMPROVEMENTS IN FACILITIES SHOULD BE MADE FOR THOSE REMAINING HERE AWAITING RESETTLEMENT IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

THIS WAS THE MAIN CONCLUSION REACHED FOLLOWING A COMPREHENSIVE IN-HOUSE REVIEW OF THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES.

THE REVIEW WAS CONDUCTED BY A GROUP COMPRISING MR IAN LIGHTBODY, CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION- PROFESSOR MICHAEL COLBOURNE, HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY MEDICINE AT HONG KONG UNIVERSITY- AND MR BRIAN CLANCY, DEPUTY CROWN SOLICITOR.

THE GROUP HAS CONFIRMED THAT THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE IN 1979 TO ACCOMMODATE AND LOOK AFTER THE REFUGEES WERE +APPROPRIATE AND ADEQUATE CONSIDERING ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES+ AND THAT, ALTHOUGH THE FACILITIES PROVIDED WERE NECESSARILY BASIC, THEY MET THE ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS OF HEALTH AND SAFETY.

IN PARTICULAR, THE GROUP CONSIDERED THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDED TO THE REFUGEES TO BE +REASONABLE AND THE BEST THAT COULD BE OFFERED WITHOUT REDUCING SERVICES TO HONG KONG'S OWN CITIZENS TO AN UNACCEPTABLE DEGREE+. DESPITE THE REFUGEES' PREVIOUS EXPOSURE TO A HARD LIFE AND THE CROWDED LIVING CONDITIONS IN CAMPS, THE CRUDE DEATH RATE AMONG THEM, AT 7.3 PER THOUSAND FOR 1979, WAS NOT SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN THE RATE OF 5.2 PER THOUSAND FOR THE HONG KONG POPULATION ITSELF.

THE GROUP ENDORSED THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY THAT THE REFUGEES SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN BETTER FACILITIES THAN THOSE PROVIDED TO THE HONG KONG POPULATION, BUT THAT THEY SHOULD NEVERTHELESS BE TREATED HUMANELY.

THE GROUP RECOGNISED, HOWEVER, THAT THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE IN 1979 WERE ESSENTIALLY AN EMERGENCY RELIEF OPERATION. NOW THAT THE NUMBER OF REFUGEES REMAINING IN HONG KONG, ALBEIT STILL HIGH, HAS BEEN REDUCED TO MORE MANAGEABLE PROPORTIONS, SOME IMPROVEMENTS IN FACILITIES ARE DESIRABLE IN THE LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE GAINED LAST YEAR.

THE GROUP HAS PUT FORWARD A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS IN THIS DIRECTION.

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATIONS IS THAT SPECIAL MEDICAL AND HEALTH CARE SHOULD BE GIVEN TO REFUGEE CHILDREN UNDER SEVEN YEARS OF AGE, WHO ARE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TO DISEASE.

THIS IS TO BE ACHIEVED THROUGH DETAILED MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS OF YOUNG CHILDREN VERY SOON AFTER ARRIVAL AND THROUGH A SYSTEMATIC IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME.

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OUTPATIENT CLINIC FACILITIES IN CAMPS SHOULD ALSO BE IMPROVED WITH THE FURTHER ASSISTANCE OF VOLUNTEER MEDICAL PERSONNEL FROM OVERSEAS ARRANGED BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

FURTHERMORE, THE GROUP HAS RECOMMENDED A MORE GENEROUS ALLOCATION OF LIVING SPACE IN CAMPS TO RELIEVE OVERCROWDING.

THESE IMPROVEMENTS ARE DESIGNED NOT ONLY TO ENSURE THE HEALTH OF THE REFUGEES BUT ALSO TO PREVENT HONG KONG'S MEDICAL FACILITIES FROM BEING UNDULY STRETCHED.

THE GROUP'S REPORT ALSO CONTAINS RECOMMENDATIONS AIMED AT STREAMLINING THE ADMINISTRATION OF CAMPS AND AT IMPROVING CO-ORDINATION OF THE PROVISION OF LANGUAGE TRAINING AND SOCIAL SERVICES TO THE REFUGEES BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

THE REPORT FIRMLY REFUTES ALLEGATIONS, PUBLISHED BOTH IN HONG KONG AND ABROAD LAST YEAR, THAT THE FACILITIES IN GOVERNMENT CAMPS WERE GROSSLY INADEQUATE AND THAT THE REFUGEES HAD SUFFERED CONSTANT ABUSE, ASSAULT AND VARIOUS ATROCITIES METED OUT BY CAMP OFFICIALS.

THE GROUP HAS FOLLOWED UP 29 SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS COLLECTED AND PUT TO THE GOVERNMENT BY JOURNALIST DEREK MAITLAND AND HAS CONCLUDED THAT 17 OF THEM HAD NO SUBSTANCE. IN EACH OF THE OTHER 12 CASES, THERE WAS AN ELEMENT OF TRUTH IN THE ALLEGATION BUT THE COMPLAINANT HAD EITHER NOT TOLD THE WHOLE STORY OR HAD MISUNDERSTOOD THE TRUE POSITION.

OF THE 29 SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS INVESTIGATED BY THE GROUP, 11 CONCERNED ILL-TREATMENT OR ASSAULT BY CAMP OFFICIALS. ONLY ONE OF THESE APPEARED TO BE GENUINE BUT ACTION COULD NOT BE TAKEN AS THE VICTIM DECIDED NOT TO LODGE A FORMAL REPORT.

THE GROUP HAS ALSO LOOKED INTO 16 OTHER ALLEGATIONS OF ILL-TREATMENT OR ASSAULT CONTAINED IN THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT'S RECORDS AND HAS NOTED THAT, IN THE FOUR CASES IN WHICH THE ALLEGATIONS WERE PROVED, DISCIPLINARY ACTION HAD ALREADY BEEN TAKEN AGAINST THE STAFF CONCERNED.

THE GROUP HAS CONFIRMED THAT THERE WAS NEVER ANY QUESTION OF THE GOVERNMENT ADOPTING A POLICY OF DELIBERATE DEPRIVATION TOWARDS THE REFUGEES ; ON THE CONTRARY, THERE HAS ALWAYS BEEN GENUINE CONCERN AT ALL LEVELS FOR THE REFUGEES' WELL-BEING.

THE GROUP PAYS TRIBUTE TO THE MANY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, AUXILIARY SERVICES AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WHICH HAVE CONTRIBUTED TOWARDS THE CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF THE REFUGEES. IN PARTICULAR, IT COMMENDS THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR GOOD WORK AS CAMP MANAGERS.

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PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR MAY
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PROVISIONAL FIGURES FOR HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN MAY 1980 WERE PUBLISHED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY.

THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS WAS \$8 495 MILLION MADE UP OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AT \$5 968 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS AT \$2 527 MILLION. WITH IMPORTS AT \$9 456 MILLION, THE VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT FOR THE MONTH WAS \$961 MILLION.

COMPARED WITH APRIL, DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE IN VALUE BY \$579 MILLION, OR 11 PER CENT, AND RE-EXPORTS BY \$225 MILLION, OR 10 PER CENT, TO GIVE AN INCREASE OF \$804 MILLION OR 10.5 PER CENT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS.

IN CONTRAST, IMPORTS FELL BY \$80 MILLION OR 1 PER CENT, SO CAUSING A SHARP REDUCTION IN THE MONTHLY VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT, FROM \$1 847 MILLION TO \$961 MILLION.

THIS IMPROVEMENT IN MAY COMPARED WITH APRIL WAS PARTLY SEASONAL. COMPARING MAY 1980 WITH THE SAME MONTH IN 1979, THERE WERE THE FOLLOWING INCREASES BY VALUE: \$1 416 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS- \$871 MILLION OR 53 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS- \$2 287 MILLION OR 37 PER CENT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS AND \$2 572 MILLION OR 37 PER CENT FOR IMPORTS.

COMMENTING ON THE MAY FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THEY SHOW A CONTINUATION OF THE PATTERN APPARENT IN THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF THIS YEAR.

COMPARED WITH MAY LAST YEAR, TOTAL EXPORTS CONTINUED TO GROW AT ROUGHLY THE SAME RATE AS TOTAL IMPORTS, DESPITE THE FACT THAT AN AEROPLANE WORTH \$263 MILLION WAS IMPORTED DURING MAY 1980. WITHIN TOTAL EXPORTS, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS CONTINUED TO GROW RAPIDLY.

IN LINE WITH THIS PATTERN, IN THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR THE VALUES OF IMPORTS AND OF TOTAL EXPORTS WERE BOTH 37 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF 1979, WHILE THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS WAS 46 PER CENT HIGHER.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE VISIBLE TRADE +GAP+, THAT IS THE PROPORTION OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS WHICH IS NOT COVERED BY THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS, WAS 16.8 PER CENT IN THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, MUCH THE SAME AS THE 16.7 PER CENT IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 1979. SO THE +GAP+ HAS CEASED TO NARROW, IN CONTRAST WITH THE SITUATION IN 1979 AS COMPARED TO 1978.

THE FOLLOWING

THE FOLLOWING ARE COMPARATIVE TRADE FIGURES:

<u>LATEST 3 MONTHS</u>	<u>MARCH - MAY</u> 1980	<u>MARCH - MAY</u> 1979	<u>INCREASE OR</u> <u>DECREASE</u>	
	\$ M	\$ M	\$ M	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	15 933	12 538	+ 3 395	+ 27.1
RE-EXPORTS	7 028	4 813	+ 2 215	+ 46.0
TOTAL EXPORTS	22 961	17 351	+ 5 610	+ 32.3
IMPORTS	27 926	20 512	+ 7 414	+ 36.1
TRADE BALANCE	- 4 965	- 3 161	- 1 804	
<u>SAME MONTH LAST YEAR</u>	<u>MAY</u> 1980	<u>MAY</u> 1979	<u>INCREASE OR</u> <u>DECREASE</u>	
	\$ M	\$ M	\$ M	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	5 968 (70.3%)	4 552 (73.3%)	+ 1 416	+ 31.1
RE-EXPORTS	2 527	1 656	+ 871	+ 52.6
TOTAL EXPORTS	8 495	6 208	+ 2 287	+ 36.8
IMPORTS	9 456	6 884	+ 2 572	+ 37.4
TRADE BALANCE	- 961	- 676	- 285	
<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>MAY</u> 1980	<u>APRIL</u> 1980	<u>INCREASE OR</u> <u>DECREASE</u>	
	\$ M	\$ M	\$ M	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	5 968 (70.3%)	5 389 (70.1%)	+ 579	+ 10.8
RE-EXPORTS	2 527	2 302	+ 225	+ 9.8
TOTAL EXPORTS	8 495	7 690	+ 804	+ 10.5
IMPORTS	9 456	9 537	- 80	- 0.8
TRADE BALANCE	- 961	- 1 847	+ 886	

/CALENDAR YEAR

CALENDAR YEAR TO-DATE	JAN - MAY 1980	JAN - MAY 1979	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ M	\$ M	\$ M	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	25 061 (69.8%)	18 824 (71.6%)	+ 6 237	+ 33.1
RE-EXPORTS	10 863	7 452	+ 3 412	+ 45.8
TOTAL EXPORTS	35 924	26 275	+ 9 648	+ 36.7
IMPORTS	43 182	31 560	+11 622	+ 36.8
TRADE BALANCE	- 7 258	- 5 285	- 1 973	
	JUNE 1979 TO MAY 1980	JUNE 1978 TO MAY 1979	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
LAST 12 MONTHS	\$ M	\$ M	\$ M	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	62 149	45 405	+ 16 743	+ 36.9
RE-EXPORTS	23 434	15 791	+ 7 643	+ 48.4
TOTAL EXPORTS	85 582	61 196	+ 24 386	+ 39.8
IMPORTS	97 459	71 480	+ 25 979	+ 36.3
TRADE BALANCE	-11 877	-10 284	- 1 593	

CONSUMER PRICE INDICES ONE POINT UP

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) AND THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) FOR MAY 1980 WERE BOTH 157, EACH ONE POINT HIGHER THAN FOR THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

THE CPI (A) IS BASED ON WEIGHTS DERIVED FROM THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$400 AND \$1 499 A MONTH AND THE CPI (B) FROM THOSE SPENDING BETWEEN \$1 500 AND \$2 999 A MONTH, AS DETERMINED FROM THE HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY OF 1973/74.

THE CHANGES FOR MAY 1980 IN RESPECT OF THE COMPONENTS OF THE TWO INDICES, COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH AND WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH IN 1979, ARE:

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<u>COMPONENT</u>	<u>CPI (A)</u>			<u>CPI (B)</u>		
	<u>MAY 80</u>	<u>APR 80</u>	<u>MAY 79</u>	<u>MAY 80</u>	<u>APR 80</u>	<u>MAY 79</u>
FOODSTUFFS	150	148	131	152	151	133
HOUSING	151	151	141	151	150	140
FUEL AND LIGHT	262	263	167	247	248	163
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO	182	181	157	175	174	152
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	120	118	109	118	116	108
DURABLE GOODS	134	133	125	130	129	122
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	167	167	142	164	165	140
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	195	194	150	195	195	155
SERVICES	166	165	146	170	169	148
ALL ITEMS	157	156	136	157	156	137

THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY TWO POINTS IN CPI (A) AND BY ONE POINT IN CPI (B). PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT WERE THE INCREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND SALT-WATER FISH. THE COST OF MEALS BOUGHT IN RESTAURANTS ALSO WENT UP. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH FRUITS, LIVE POULTRY, FRESH-WATER FISH AND PORK DECREASED. MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

THE ONE POINT INCREASE IN THE INDEX FOR HOUSING IN CPI (B) WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HIGHER CHARGES FOR MAINTENANCE SUBSCRIPTIONS IN MULTI-STORY BUILDINGS.

THE INDEX FOR FUEL AND LIGHT DECREASED BY ONE POINT IN BOTH CPI (A) AND CPI (B) AS A RESULT OF LOWER CHARGES FOR ELECTRICITY AND LOWER PRICE FOR KEROSENE.

HIGHER PRICES FOR BEERS INCREASED THE INDEX FOR ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO BY ONE POINT EACH IN BOTH (A) AND (B) INDICES.

THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR INCREASED BY TWO POINTS IN BOTH INDICES BECAUSE OF HIGHER PRICES FOR OUTERCLOTHING ITEMS.

FOLLOWING HIGHER PRICES FOR WOODEN FURNITURE AND TRAVEL GOODS, THE INDEX FOR DURABLE GOODS INCREASED BY ONE POINT EACH IN THE TWO INDICES.

THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS DECREASED BY ONE POINT IN CPI (B) DUE TO LOWER PRICES FOR GENUINE JEWELLERY. PARTLY OFFSETTING THIS EFFECT WERE THE INCREASES IN THE PRICES OF MEDICINES AND TOILET REQUISITES.

HIGHER CHARGES FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUS FARES INCREASED THE INDEX FOR TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES BY ONE POINT IN CPI (A).

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES INCREASED BY ONE POINT IN BOTH CPI (A) AND CPI (B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER CHARGES FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT AND CINEMA ENTERTAINMENT.

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER COMMODITY SECTIONS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

DETAILS OF THESE PRICE MOVEMENTS ARE GIVEN IN THE +CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT+ FOR MAY 1980, WHICH IS NOW ON SALE AT \$2 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE.

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GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, SAID TODAY THAT THE SETTING UP OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DIVISION IN THE HOME AFFAIRS BRANCH SIGNIFIED THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THE GOVERNMENT ATTACHED TO THESE ACTIVITIES AND WAS A MEASURE OF THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH IT REGARDED ITS RESPONSIBILITIES IN THESE FIELDS.

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ZONTA CLUB OF HONG KONG EAST, MR WIGGHAM SAID THE NEW DIVISION WAS SET UP TO GIVE OPPORTUNITY FOR IMPROVED CO-ORDINATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL PROGRAMMES, NOTING THAT THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE (RSS) AND THE MUSIC OFFICE WERE PART OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WHEN THEY WERE FIRST ESTABLISHED.

HE NOTED THAT SINCE THE RSS STARTED OPERATION IN OCTOBER 1974, IT HAD BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS TO ORGANISE RECREATION AND SPORT ACTIVITIES FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES.

IN THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 1980, ALMOST HALF A MILLION PEOPLE TOOK PART IN JUST UNDER 4 000 RECREATION PROGRAMMES ORGANISED BY THE SERVICE. THESE ACTIVITIES RANGE FROM POPULAR CAMPS, EXCURSIONS, AND OTHER OUTDOOR PURSUITS, TO FITNESS PROGRAMMES, TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL GAMES AND OTHER FAST DEVELOPING ACTIVITIES SUCH AS ICE-SKATING, HORSE-RIDING AND SAILING.

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PROGRAMMES FOR THE HANDICAPPED ARE ALSO INCLUDED IN THE LIST. THE ANNUAL PHAB WALK, FOR EXAMPLE, WAS HELD IN MARCH THIS YEAR AT SOUTH BAY AND ATTRACTED MORE THAN 600 PARTICIPANTS, WHILE SOME 1 500 MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN ACTIVITIES ORGANISED JOINTLY BY RSS AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY-HANDICAPPED, LEADING UP TO THE HONG KONG +SPECIAL OLYMPICS+ IN NOVEMBER.

COURSES FOR SPORTS OFFICIALS ARE ALSO ARRANGED TO TRAIN PART-TIME STAFF REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT THE YEAR-ROUND PROGRAMMES, MR WIGGHAM ADDED.

SINCE HONG KONG IS SO CROWDED AND GEOGRAPHICALLY RESTRICTED, HE SAID, THE RSS IS SEEKING TO TURN OTHERWISE UNPRODUCTIVE SPACE INTO USEFUL RECREATION AREAS.

THE CONVERSION OF THE UPPER FLOORS OF THE HUNG HOM CAR PARK, AND AN OLD WAREHOUSE IN TSUEN WAN INTO SPORTS AND RECREATION CENTRES, THE TENNIS COURTS ON THE ROOF-TOP AT LAI TAK TSUEN HOUSING ESTATE, AND AN EX-ARMY CAMP IN SAI KUNG INTO AN OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE ALL PROVED TO BE VERY SUCCESSFUL AND ARE VERY WELL UTILISED.

PLANS ARE IN HAND TO CONVERT THE FORMER QUARTERS OF THE ENGINEERS WHO WORKED ON THE HIGH ISLAND WATER SCHEME INTO ANOTHER HOLIDAY CENTRE SIMILAR TO THE ONE IN SAI KUNG, HE SAID.

ON THE MUSIC SIDE, MR WIGGHAM NOTED THAT THE MUSIC OFFICE HAD THREE OBJECTIVES: TO RUN AN INSTRUMENTAL TRAINING SCHEME TO PROMOTE INTEREST IN MUSIC, ESPECIALLY AMONG THE YOUNG AND TO ENCOURAGE AND ASSIST IN ORGANISING MUSIC ACTIVITIES IN ALL DISTRICTS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THERE ARE NOW SOME 1 500 YOUNGSTERS UNDER TRAINING BY THE MUSIC OFFICE, FORMING AMONG THEM TWO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRAS, FIVE CHINESE ORCHESTRAS AND FIVE SYMPHONIC BANDS. IN ADDITION THERE ARE SEVEN YOUTH AND CHILDREN CHOIRS.

BESIDES, THE MUSIC OFFICE HAS A SPECIAL CLASS FOR THREE HANDICAPPED TRAINEES, AND IS PROVIDING CHORAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE HANDICAPPED: ONE CHORAL SESSION FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AND ONE FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED.

+MUSIC FOR THE MILLIONS+ CONCERTS ARE HELD TO INTRODUCE MUSIC TO NEW AUDIENCES, AND SO FAR, OVER 800 SUCH CONCERTS HAVE BEEN HELD, HE SAID.

FURTHERMORE, INTERNATIONAL MUSIC EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES ARE ORGANISED TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR YOUNG MUSICIANS TO LEARN FROM OTHER OVERSEAS TALENTS. THIS YEAR, A SMALL GROUP OF YOUNG MUSICIANS AND DANCERS WILL TAKE PART IN THE ISRAEL ARTS FESTIVAL AND THE COMMONWEALTH FILM AND TELEVISION FESTIVAL IN CYPRUS.

MR WIGGHAM POINTED OUT THAT THROUGH THE JOCKEY CLUB MUSIC FUND, THE MUSIC OFFICE GIVES SPECIAL ENCOURAGEMENT AND ASSISTANCE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUTSTANDINGLY GIFTED YOUNGSTERS, MAINLY THROUGH SCHOLARSHIPS OVERSEAS.

HE SAID THAT THE MUSIC OFFICE WAS PRODUCING NOT ONLY THE MUSICIANS OF THE FUTURE, BUT ALSO THE AUDIENCES TO SUPPORT THEM AND OTHER MUSICAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN HONG KONG.

+IN HONG KONG WE HAVE A WIDE VARIETY OF ORGANISATIONS PROMOTING RECREATION AND CULTURE. WE ALL HAVE OUR SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT PARTS TO PLAY: VOLUNTARY AND PROFESSIONAL BODIES PROVIDE TRAINING AND PERFORMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE TALENTED- THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE ARTS CENTRE AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL AND AMATEUR GROUPS MANAGE FACILITIES AND PROMOTE SPECTATOR OPPORTUNITIES- WHILST THE GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED WITH THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE AND, THROUGH MY NEW DIVISION, CONCENTRATES ON PROVIDING THE BASIC AND VERY NECESSARY 'GRASS-ROOTS' FOUNDATIONS FOR ALL THE GROWING ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELDS OF RECREATION AND CULTURE,+ HE ADDED.

BUS ONLY LANE ON REPULSE BAY ROAD
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A BUS PRIORITY SCHEME ON REPULSE BAY ROAD WILL BE PUT ON TRIAL THIS SUNDAY (JUNE 29) .

THE SCHEME, IF PROVED TO BE SUCCESSFUL, WILL BE INTRODUCED ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS.

FROM 2 PM TO 8 PM THE NORTHBOUND SECTION OF REPULSE BAY ROAD BETWEEN ISLAND ROAD AND WONG NAI CHUNG GAP ROUNDABOUT WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC EXCEPT BUSES.

OTHER TRAFFIC, INCLUDING PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, WILL BE DIVERTED TO ISLAND ROAD, WONG CHUK HANG ROAD, NAM FUNG ROAD AND DEEP WATER BAY ROAD TO WONG NAI CHUNG GAP ROAD.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SCHEME, SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN REPULSE BAY ROAD, ISLAND ROAD AND DEEP WATER BAY ROAD.

THE SECTION OF ISLAND ROAD AND WONG CHUK HANG ROAD FROM REPULSE BAY ROAD JUNCTION TO NAM FUNG ROAD JUNCTION WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND, AND THE SECTION OF DEEP WATER BAY ROAD BETWEEN NAM FUNG ROAD AND WONG NAI CHUNG GAP ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY EASTBOUND.

THIS ONE-WAY SYSTEM WILL FORM A MAJOR LOOP ROAD FOR ALL TRAFFIC.

VEHICLES LEAVING PREMISES ALONG THE RESTRICTED SECTION OF REPULSE BAY ROAD WILL BE ALLOWED TO USE THE BUS LANE.

SOME OF THE EXISTING BUS AND MAXICAB ROUTES USING DEEP WATER BAY ROAD AND ISLAND ROAD WILL BE AFFECTED. BUS ROUTES 72, 73, 74, 41, 90M AND 170 AND MAXICAB ROUTES 4, 5, 6 WILL OBSERVE THE ONE-WAY SYSTEM.

CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY IS ALREADY PUTTING ON EXTRA BUSES ON ITS BEACH SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE BUS-ONLY LANE ON REPULSE BAY ROAD WILL ALLOW BUSES TO MOVE AT A REASONABLE SPEED WHILE THEY TAKE PEOPLE HOME FROM THE BEACH IN THE AFTERNOON.

+THERE IS A HEAVY CONCENTRATION OF RETURN TRAFFIC IN THE AFTERNOON AS SWIMMERS ALL TRY TO LEAVE THE BEACH AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME.

+THE RESULTING CONGESTION HAS REDUCED THE NUMBER OF TRIPS EACH BUS CAN MAKE, RESULTING IN LONG QUEUES FOR BUSES IN REPULSE BAY. FROM SUNDAY, BUS PASSENGERS SHOULD GET HOME MUCH MORE SWIFTLY, HE SAID.

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CHANGES TO CORONERS APPOINTMENT PROPOSED

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THE PRESENT BURDEN ON CORONERS WILL BE LIGHTENED AND DEATH INQUIRIES WILL BE SPEEDED UP IF THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSED CORONERS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980 IS PASSED INTO LAW.

THE BILL, TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ON JULY 4, WILL ENABLE FULL-TIME CORONERS TO BE APPOINTED WHO WILL NOT HAVE TO BE MAGISTRATES.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED TODAY THAT THE BILL AMENDED THE APPOINTMENT CRITERIA SO THAT CORONERS COULD BE DRAWN FROM THE LAW PROFESSION.

+UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BILL IT WOULD NO LONGER BE NECESSARY FOR A CORONER TO BE A MAGISTRATE - IN FUTURE IT WOULD ONLY BE NECESSARY FOR HIM TO BE QUALIFIED IN LAW, HE SAID. +HOWEVER, WE WILL BE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE WITH EXTENSIVE LAW EXPERIENCE.+

+THIS WOULD MEAN THEY WOULD NOT CARRY OUT MAGISTERIAL DUTIES, THEREBY REDUCING ANY DELAYS IN DEATH INQUIRIES.+

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE BILL AMENDED THE CORONERS ORDINANCE TO GIVE EFFECT TO CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS OF A WORKING PARTY APPOINTED BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE TO REVIEW THE ORDINANCE AND ITS OPERATION.

THE AMENDMENT TO THE CRITERIA FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF CORONERS IS ONE OF A NUMBER OF CHANGES TO THE ORDINANCE.

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- * PAPERS FROM CORONERS' INQUIRIES WOULD ONLY BE SENT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IF HE REQUESTED THEM-
- * THE CORONERS ORDINANCE REQUIRES A CORONER TO INQUIRE INTO THE DEATH OF A PERSON WHILE IN OFFICIAL CUSTODY. THE DEFINITION OF +OFFICIAL CUSTODY+ HAS BEEN AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE CUSTODY OF AN OFFICER OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION AND OTHER PERSONS WITH STATUTORY POWERS OF ARREST-
- * A JUROR IN A CORONER'S INQUIRY WOULD HAVE AN EXPRESS DEFENCE OF REASONABLE EXCUSE FOR FAILURE TO ATTEND, BUT THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR FAILURE WOULD BE RAISED FROM \$500 TO \$3 000 TO BRING IT INTO LINE WITH SIMILAR OFFENCES UNDER THE JURY ORDINANCE-
- * THE JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION ORDINANCE WOULD BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE APPOINTMENT OF CORONERS AMONG OTHER APPOINTMENTS UPON WHICH THE COMMISSION ADVISES THE GOVERNOR.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT SHOULD THE BILL BE PASSED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL - AND THIS IS EXPECTED WITHIN THE CURRENT SESSION - TWO FULL-TIME CORONERS WOULD BE APPOINTED AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE.

+THIS SHOULD SPREAD THE LOAD IN THE CORONERS' COURTS, SPEEDING UP THE PROCESS,+ HE SAID.

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DR FANG ELECTED REHABILITATION INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT
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UNOFFICIAL EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, DR HARRY S.Y. FANG WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF REHABILITATION INTERNATIONAL AT THE MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF REHABILITATION INTERNATIONAL ON JUNE 21, PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF ITS 14TH CONGRESS IN WINNIPEG, CANADA.

DR FANG WILL ASSUME OFFICE AT THE CLOSE OF THE CONGRESS ON JUNE 27 AND WILL SERVE FOR FOUR YEARS.

HE IS THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF REHABILITATION INTERNATIONAL FROM ASIA AND SUCCEEDS MR KENNETH T. JENKINS OF AUSTRALIA.

DR FANG, WHO IS WELL-KNOWN FOR HIS WORK IN THE REHABILITATION FIELD IN HONG KONG, IS CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNMENT-APPOINTED REHABILITATION DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE.

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AGRICULTURAL CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT REJUVENATED

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THE AGRICULTURAL CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT IN HONG KONG HAS BEEN GIVEN A NEW LEASE ON LIFE WITH THE INAUGURATION OF A PIG RAISING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY FORMED BY 36 PROGRESSIVE PIG FARMERS IN THE LAU FAU SHAN AREA IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE NEWLY-FORMED LAU FAU SHAN PIG RAISING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY WAS INAUGURATED AT A CEREMONY IN A YUEN LONG RESTAURANT THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR C.T. WONG.

THE SOCIETY MEMBERS HAVE OVER 13 000 PIGS BETWEEN THEM, INCLUDING ALMOST 1 800 TYPES OF BREEDING STOCK.

DR WONG SAID THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS SOCIETY HAD PROVED THAT THE AGRICULTURAL CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT IN HONG KONG COULD WITHSTAND THE TEST OF TIME.

IN THE PAST 17 YEARS, HE SAID, MANY CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES HAD BEEN DISSOLVED BECAUSE YOUNG VILLAGERS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES HAD LEFT HOME TO MAKE A LIVING IN BRITAIN.

THERE WERE FEARS AT THAT TIME THAT THE AGRICULTURAL CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES HAD COME TO THE END OF THE ROAD.

NEVERTHELESS, DR WONG POINTED OUT, DUE TO THE HARD WORK OF THOSE MEMBERS OF THE VEGETABLE MARKETING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES, AGRICULTURAL CREDIT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES AND PIG RAISING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES IN THE LAST 10 YEARS, MUCH IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENTS HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED.

+BESIDES, WITH THE OVERALL PLANNING MADE BY THE FEDERATION OF VEGETABLE MARKETING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES AND THE FEDERATION OF PIG RAISING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES, PLUS SUPPORT FROM THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT IN TERMS OF TECHNICAL ADVICE AND LOANS, MANY AGRICULTURAL CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES ARE NOW ABLE TO HELP THEIR FELLOW MEMBERS SOLVE FARMING PROBLEMS,+ HE SAID.

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BOOKLET ON FACILITIES FOR THE DISABLED
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THE FACILITIES AND SERVICES WHICH HELP DISABLED PEOPLE IN HONG KONG TO LEAD A FULLER AND BETTER LIFE ARE DESCRIBED IN A BILINGUAL COLOUR BOOKLET NOW ON SALE.

THE 36-PAGE BOOKLET — REHABILITATION IN HONG KONG — IS AVAILABLE AT \$12 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IN THE GPO BUILDING AT CONNAUGHT PLACE.

IT HAS NEARLY 40 COLOUR PICTURES AND COVERS ALL ASPECTS OF REHABILITATION SERVICES, INCLUDING PRE-SCHOOL AND SPECIAL EDUCATION FACILITIES, MEDICAL TREATMENT, AND SOCIAL AND VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES.

ON THE PREVENTION OF DISABILITIES, THE BOOKLET SAYS THE GOVERNMENT — WITH THE CO-OPERATION AND SUPPORT OF THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR — IS DETERMINED TO REDUCE THE INCIDENCE OF DISABILITY BY PREVENTIVE MEASURES.

THIS IS TO BE DONE OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS BY IMPROVED HEALTH EDUCATION, THE ADOPTION OF FURTHER MEASURES TO REDUCE ACCIDENTS AND OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE, IMPROVED IMMUNISATION PROGRAMMES, AND THE EXAMINATION OF LEGISLATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

THE BOOKLET WAS THIS WEEK DISTRIBUTED AT THE 1980 WORLD CONGRESS OF REHABILITATION INTERNATIONAL IN CANADA, WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY DELEGATES FROM HONG KONG AND MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD.

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SWD CASH RELIEF SECTIONS HAVE NEW OFFICES
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE (TAVA) SECTION AND CRIMINAL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT INJURIES COMPENSATION (CLEIC) SECTION WILL MOVE TO NEW ACCOMMODATION IN CAUSEWAY BAY OVER THE WEEKEND.

FROM MONDAY (JUNE 30), BOTH SECTIONS WILL OPERATE IN NEW OFFICES ON THE 14TH FLOOR OF WORLD TRADE CENTRE AT 280 GLOUCESTER ROAD.

THE TAVA SECTION OPERATES THE SCHEME WHICH GIVES QUICK CASH RELIEF TO TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS OR THEIR DEPENDANTS REGARDLESS OF WHO CAUSED THE ACCIDENT.

THE CLEIC SECTION ADMINISTERS THE SCHEME WHICH PROVIDES COMPENSATION FOR PEOPLE INJURED, OR FOR DEPENDANTS OF THOSE KILLED, IN A CRIME OF VIOLENCE OR THROUGH THE ACTION OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER CARRYING OUT HIS DUTIES.

APPLICATIONS OR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE TWO NON-CONTRIBUTORY SCHEMES SHOULD BE MADE AT THE NEW OFFICES FROM NEXT WEEK.

THEIR NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE 5-7903650 OR 5-779421 (TAVA), AND 5-7903349 OR 5-7902725 (CLEIC).

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SURVEY ON PAYMENT FACILITIES
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A SURVEY WILL BE CARRIED OUT NEXT MONTH, WITH THE HELP OF HONG KONG UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATES, TO DECIDE WHETHER THERE IS A NEED FOR ADDITIONAL TREASURY COLLECTION FACILITIES.

THE SURVEY, ORGANISED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AND THE TREASURY, WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE CENTRAL COLLECTION OFFICE IN ICE HOUSE STREET AND AT THE SUB-TREASURIES IN CAUSEWAY BAY, YAU MA TEI AND KOWLOON CITY.

ITS PURPOSE IS TO FIND OUT WHETHER THERE IS SUFFICIENT DEMAND FOR A FURTHER SUB-TREASURY, AND IF SO, ITS BEST LOCATION.

A SPOKESMAN CALLED ON MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WILL BE MAKING PAYMENTS AT THE TREASURY OFFICES NEXT MONTH TO CO-OPERATE IN THIS SURVEY.

IT WILL ASSIST THE TREASURY TO DETERMINE THEIR NEEDS AND TO PROVIDE THEM WITH BETTER AND SPEEDIER SERVICE, HE SAID.

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SWIMMING GALA TO BE HELD IN TAI PO
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MORE THAN 200 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN A SWIMMING GALA TO BE HELD AT THE FANLING SWIMMING COMPLEX ON JULY 5.

THE EVENT, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD AND THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE, AIMS TO STIMULATE INTEREST IN SWIMMING AND RAISE COMPETITION STANDARDS IN TAI PO NEW TOWN.

ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NORMAN CHAN, REGIONAL RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER, NEW TERRITORIES EAST, MR KWAN PING-YUEN AND DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE GALA.

COMPETITIONS, OPEN TO LOCAL RESIDENTS OF ALL AGES, ARE DIVIDED INTO FREE STYLE, BREAST STROKE, BACK STROKE AND BUTTERFLY SECTIONS.

APPLICATIONS WILL CLOSE ON SATURDAY (JUNE 28). DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE LOCAL DISTRICT AND RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICES, AS WELL AS SHEUNG SHUI PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD SAID THE FUNCTION WAS AMONG THE 110 PROJECTS BEING ORGANISED BY THE BOARD AND RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE FOR TAI PO RESIDENTS DURING THIS FINANCIAL YEAR.

THESE PROJECTS INCLUDE ARCHERY, CANOEING, BALL GAMES, CAMPING, HIKING, LAUNCH PICNICS AND HORSE RIDING.

TEAM GAMES AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES ARE ALSO BEING ORGANISED AT THE MORE REMOTE VILLAGES WHERE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ARE NOT EASILY ACCESSIBLE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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HEALTH CARE MANPOWER SURVEY
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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL CONDUCT A MANPOWER SURVEY TO FIND OUT HOW MANY HEALTH PERSONNEL ARE AT PRESENT ENGAGED IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS AND TO ESTABLISH THE TURNOVER RATES FOR THE DIFFERENT GRADES OF STAFF.

THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL ENABLE THE DEPARTMENT TO ASSESS AND PLAN THE MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS AND TRAINING NEEDS OF HEALTH PERSONNEL IN THE TOTAL DELIVERY OF HEALTH CARE TO THE POPULATION OF HONG KONG AT PRESENT AND IN THE FUTURE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE SURVEY WOULD BEGIN IN JULY, COVERING ALL THE CLINICS, HOSPITALS, MATERNITY HOMES, PRIVATE MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS, DENTISTS AND X-RAY LABORATORIES.

QUESTIONNAIRES WILL BE SENT TO ALL INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED OR INSTITUTIONS WHO ARE URGED TO CO-OPERATE FULLY BY DULY COMPLETING THE FORMS AND RETURNING THEM BY JULY 18.

+THE INFORMATION SUPPLIED WILL BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WILL BE USED ONLY IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHERS TO ARRIVE AT A COMPOSITE PICTURE,+ THE SPOKESMAN ASSURED.

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SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME IN YUEN LONG
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NOTE TO EDITORS:

ACTING SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI KAM, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 1980 YUEN LONG DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME AT THE YUEN LONG STADIUM AT 9.30 AM ON SATURDAY (JUNE 28).

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY. A GOVERNMENT VAN (AM 3214) WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 8 AM ON SATURDAY TO TAKE THE PRESS TO YUEN LONG. MRS ELLA TAM OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION PRESS UNIT WILL HELP MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.

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PASSING OUT PARADE OF CUSTOMS OFFICERS

THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE WILL HOLD ITS FIRST PASSING-OUT PARADE THIS YEAR ON SATURDAY (JUNE 28) WHEN FIVE PROBATIONARY INSPECTORS AND 23 CUSTOMS OFFICERS COMPLETE THEIR INTENSIVE TRAINING COURSES.

THE PARADE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE TRAINING SCHOOL AT TAI LAM CHUNG IN THE NEW TERRITORIES. TAKING THE SALUTE WILL BE THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF THE SERVICE, MR WALTER NEIL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE PASSING-OUT PARADE OF FIVE INSPECTORS AND 23 CUSTOMS OFFICERS AT THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE TRAINING SCHOOL AT TAI LAM CHUNG AT 10.30 AM ON SATURDAY (JUNE 28).

A GOVERNMENT COACH (AM 5606) WILL LEAVE HUNG HOM FERRY PIER AT 8.30 AM ON SATURDAY TO TAKE GUESTS AND REPORTERS TO THE TRAINING SCHOOL AND LATER RETURN THE PARTY TO KOWLOON.

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TRAM TRACKS RENEWAL ON KING'S ROAD

THE TRAM TRACKS ON KING'S ROAD AT ITS JUNCTION WITH LAU SIN STREET WILL BE RENEWED FROM SATURDAY (JUNE 28) TO NEXT TUESDAY (JULY 1) AND AGAIN FROM JULY 5 TO JULY 8.

TRAFFIC CONGESTION CAN BE EXPECTED DURING THESE PERIODS AT PEAK HOURS. MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO AVOID THIS JUNCTION IF POSSIBLE.

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