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16TH MEETING OF SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP
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FOLLOWING IS THE COMMUNIQUE OF THE 16TH MEETING OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP:

THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP HELD ITS SIXTEENTH MEETING IN LONDON FROM SEPTEMBER 25 TO 28, 1990.

THE TWO SIDES HAD A FURTHER EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE PROVISIONS OF THE JOINT DECLARATION RELATING TO NATIONALITY.

THE TWO SIDES HAD A FURTHER EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE CONVERGENCE OF CIVIL RIGHTS LAW BEFORE AND AFTER 1997.

THE GROUP REVIEWED THE DISCUSSIONS BY EXPERTS ON PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DEFENCE OF HONG KONG AND THE MAINTENANCE OF ITS PUBLIC ORDER AND AGREED THAT THE EXPERTS SHOULD CONTINUE THIS WORK.

WITH REGARD TO THE WORK ON LOCALISATION OF LEGISLATION, THE TWO SIDES CONFIRMED THAT THEY HAD A COMMON VIEW ON QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE LOCALISATION OF LEGISLATION ON CRIMINAL ASPECTS OF ADMIRALTY JURISDICTION. THEY REACHED AGREEMENT ON FURTHER QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE LOCALISATION OF MERCHANT SHIPPING LEGISLATION.

THE GROUP REVIEWED THE WORK OF EXPERTS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COURT OF FINAL APPEAL IN HONG KONG. THE GROUP NOTED THAT A COMMON VIEW HAD BEEN REACHED ON MANY ASPECTS. THEY AGREED THAT EXPERTS SHOULD CONTINUE TO DISCUSS OUTSTANDING DETAILS.

THE GROUP HAD A PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE RESPONSIBILITIES ON THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION WHICH MAY ARISE FROM LARGE SCALE PROJECTS EXTENDING BEYOND 1997. THE GROUP WELCOMED THE FACT THAT CHINESE EXPERTS WOULD START DISCUSSIONS IN HONG KONG WITH HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXPERTS ON THE NEW AIRPORT AND ASSOCIATED WORKS.

THE TWO SIDES REACHED AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON THE DETAIL OF FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SURRENDER OF FUGITIVE OFFENDERS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND RELEVANT COUNTRIES. THE GROUP LOOKED FORWARD TO THE NEGOTIATION OF APPROPRIATE AGREEMENTS AT AN EARLY DATE.

THE TWO SIDES AGREED THAT THE STANDING SUB GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS SHOULD NOW HOLD FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON MULTILATERAL TREATIES AFFECTING HONG KONG.

THE GROUP HAD A PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE ADAPTATION OF HONG KONG'S LAWS.

THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP AGREED THAT ITS NEXT MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE IN HONG KONG FROM DECEMBER 11 TO 14.

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GOVERNOR ATTENDS PRC NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION

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FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE SPEECH BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, AT THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING:

"DIRECTOR GENERAL ZHOU NAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

"I AM PLEASED TO BE WITH YOU THIS EVENING TO CELEBRATE THE OCCASION OF THE 41ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

"THIS YEAR HAS SEEN AN IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE MAINLAND. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THIS CONTINUE. A FRUITFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINA IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO HONG KONG. INDEED I BELIEVE IT BENEFITS BOTH SIDES.

"APART FROM THE VERY LARGE NUMBER OF PERSONAL CONTACTS BETWEEN HERE AND THE MAINLAND, WE HAVE MANY CONTACTS ALSO AT A GOVERNMENT LEVEL. FOR INSTANCE, SO FAR THIS YEAR, SOME 60 HONG KONG GOVERNMENT DELEGATIONS HAVE VISITED CHINA. SUCH CONTACTS ARE VALUABLE - INDEED THEY ARE ESSENTIAL. I SHOULD LIKE TO SEE A FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH EXCHANGES IN BOTH DIRECTIONS, INCLUDING VISITS AT A SENIOR LEVEL.

"OUR BILATERAL ECONOMIC AND TRADE RELATIONSHIP REMAINS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO US BOTH. IT HAS CONTINUED TO THRIVE. TWO WAY TRADE IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR AMOUNTED TO HK$175 BILLION. THIS IS AN INCREASE OF ALMOST EIGHT PER CENT OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. THE ECONOMIC INTERDEPENDENCE OF HONG KONG AND SOUTHERN CHINA CONTINUES TO GROW. SUCH ECONOMIC LINKS DESERVE TO BE ENCOURAGED. THEY BENEFIT BOTH SIDES. AND THEY HELP TO PAVE THE WAY FOR THE FUTURE HONG KONG SAR TO BE A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE, AND HUB OF TRADE IN THE AREA, AS ENVISAGED IN THE JOINT DECLARATION.

"AS SECRETARY GENERAL, JIANG ZEMIN, HAS JUST POINTED OUT, HONG KONG AFTER 1997 WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE A UNIQUE AND IRREPLACEABLE ROLE TO PLAY IN THE CHINESE POLICY OF OPENING TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD.

"NOW I SHOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE A TOAST TO THE HEALTH OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA."

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VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN TO BE EXTENDED

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THE VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN WILL BE EXTENDED TO END OCTOBER, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR ADOLF HSU, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF ZONE 4 OF THE LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 303, HONG KONG AND MACAU, MR HSU SAID ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NO SPECIFIC TARGET REGISTRATION FIGURE, THE GOVERNMENT, AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION, DECIDED TO EXTEND THE CAMPAIGN TO THE END OF NEXT MONTH SO THAT MORE POTENTIAL ELECTORS COULD REGISTER.

"OUR STAFF WILL BE VISITING A NUMBER OF KEY LOCATIONS IN OCTOBER, SUCH AS PUBLIC LIBRARIES, WAITING HALLS OF MAJOR IMMIGRATION OFFICES, LARGE OFFICE COMPLEXES AND EVENING EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES.

"TO FURTHER FACILITATE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, A TELEPHONE HOTLINE WILL BECOME OPERATIONAL ON OCTOBER 2," HE SAID.

"ALL ONE NEEDS TO DO IS TO DIAL 827 1122 AND STAFF OF THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE WILL HELP HIM GET REGISTERED," HE ADDED.

MEANWHILE, VARIOUS GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND BANKS WOULD CONTINUE DISTRIBUTING REGISTRATION FORMS.

MR HSU NOTED THAT A WIDE RANGE OF PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES HAD BEEN HELD AT BOTH THE CENTRAL AND DISTRICT LEVELS DURING THE PAST ONE-AND-A-HALF MONTHS TO APPEAL TO THE PUBLIC TO GET REGISTERED IN
TIME FOR NEXT YEAR'S THREE ELECTIONS.

"THE RESULTS HAVE BEEN SATISFACTORY. UP TO YESTERDAY, MORE THAN 340,000 COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORMS - OVER 200,000 FROM THE 10 URBAN DISTRICTS AND 140,000 FROM THE THE NINE NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICTS - WERE RETURNED.

"THIS REPRESENTS A 45 PER CENT INCREASE OVER THE FIGURE FOR A SIMILAR EXERCISE IN 1987," HE SAID.

HOWEVER, MR HSU SAID MANY ELIGIBLE PEOPLE HAD YET TO REGISTER AND THE REGISTRATION RATE AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 21 TO 25 HAD BEEN LOW. HE CALLED ON THEM TO EXERCISE THEIR CIVIC RIGHT.

"ACCORDING TO EXISTING LEGISLATION, ANY ELIGIBLE VOTER WHO GETS REGISTERED BEFORE THE MIDDLE OF NOVEMBER WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN NEXT YEAR'S ELECTIONS," HE SAID.

MR HSU ALSO REMINDED REGISTERED VOTERS WHO HAD CHANGED THEIR ADDRESS TO REPORT THE CHANGE TO THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE BEFORE DECEMBER.

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"APART FROM THE VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN, THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO ARRANGED FOR NEXT YEAR'S ELECTIONS TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY AND HAS SELECTED CONVENIENT LOCATIONS AS POLLING STATIONS TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS' PARTICIPATION," HE ADDED.

MR HSU COMMENDED THE LIONS FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN, WHICH HAD SET A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS.

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SANCTION AGAINST UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS TO BE STRENGTHENED

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UNAUTHORISED BUILDINGS AND BUILDING WORKS WOULD BE DEMOLISHED MUCH MORE EXPEDITIOUSLY IF A PROPOSAL TO STRENGTHEN THE SANCTION AGAINST THEM IS PASSED INTO LAW.

THE BUILDINGS (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1990, WHICH CONTAINS PROVISIONS TO ENABLE THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR COURT ORDERS FOR THE DEMOLITION OF UNAUTHORISED BUILDINGS AND BUILDING WORKS ON A PRIORITY BASIS, WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANNOUNCING THE AMENDMENTS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY, THE GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR, MR CHENG WEI-DART, SAID ALL THE AMENDMENTS CONTAINED IN THE BILL WERE DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE GREATER EFFICIENCY IN THE APPLICATION OF THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE AND MAKE IT MORE RELEVANT TO PRESENT DAY CIRCUMSTANCES.

"UNDER THE EXISTING LEGISLATION, IT TAKES APPROXIMATELY FOUR MONTHS TO BRING ABOUT DEMOLITION OF UNAUTHORISED BUILDINGS OR BUILDING WORKS DUE TO THE NEED TO FOLLOW TIME-CONSUMING PROCEDURES.

"THERE HAVE BEEN CASES WHERE THESE PROCEDURES WERE EXPLOITED TO THE DETRIMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND PUBLIC INTEREST," HE SAID.

MR CHENG SAID THAT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT UNAUTHORISED BUILDINGS AND BUILDING WORKS WERE DEMOLISHED IN A MATTER OF DAYS INSTEAD OF MONTHS AS WAS PRESENTLY THE CASE.

THE PRESCRIBED CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH A COURT MIGHT GRANT A "PRIORITY DEMOLITION ORDER" TO THE BUILDING AUTHORITY ARE:

* WHERE THERE IS AN IMMINENT DANGER TO LIFE OR PROPERTY;

* WHERE AN UNAUTHORISED BUILDING IS ERECTED OR BEING ERECTED WITH A VIEW TO SALE, LETTING OR DISPOSAL;

* WHERE ILLEGAL BUILDING ACTIVITY IS FOUND IN A COMMON AREA OF A BUILDING OR ON LAND IN MULTIPLE OWNERSHIP AND SUCH ACTIVITY WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE AMENITIES OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD; OR

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* WHERE THE UNAUTHORISED BUILDINGS OR BUILDING WORKS CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC NUISANCE.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE BILL ARE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS RELATING TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL ESTABLISHED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE, AND TO THE BUILDING AUTHORITY'S POWERS TO MAKE SAFE DANGEROUS HILLSIDES.

MR CHENG SAID THAT SINCE 1985, MORE THAN 460 APPEALS HAD BEEN LODGED AGAINST THE BUILDING AUTHORITY'S ORDERS REQUIRING DEMOLITION OF UNAUTHORISED BUILDINGS AND BUILDING WORKS.

HE CONSIDERED THAT SOME OF THESE APPEALS WERE EITHER FRIVOLOUS OR NOT MADE IN GOOD FAITH, WHILE ADDING THAT SOMETHING SHOULD BE DONE TO PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF THE BUILDING LAW.

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS RELATING TO APPEALS OF THIS TYPE WERE INTENDED TO EMPOWER THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL TO AWARD COSTS OF THE APPEAL PROCEEDINGS, TO ALLOW APPEAL INQUIRIES TO BE HEARD IN PUBLIC AND TO PERMIT APPEAL DECISONS TO BE PUBLISHED FOR GENERAL INFORMATION WHERE THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL CONSIDERS THE SUBJECT OF THE INQUIRY TO BE OF IMPORTANCE OR INTEREST TO THE PUBLIC.

MR CHENG SAID BOTH THE "PRIORITY DEMOLITION ORDER" AND APPEAL PROVISIONS NOW PROPOSED IN THE BILL HAD BEEN SUPPORTED BY THE LAND AND BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THE PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTES CONCERNED AND THE DISTRICT BOARDS DURING THE CONSULTATION.

ON THE EXISTING LEGISLATION DEALING WITH HILLSIDES, THE GOVERNMENT GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER, MR DAVID HOWELLS, SAID AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE THAT AMENDMENTS TO THE POWERS TO MAKE DANGEROUS HILLSIDES SAFE WERE NEEDED TO RECTIFY A PROCEDURAL PROBLEM.

THE PROBLEM ARISES WHEN THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS UNABLE TO SPECIFY THE PREVENTIVE WORKS NEEDED TO A DANGEROUS SLOPE WITHOUT FIRST UNDERTAKING A TECHNICAL STUDY AND ENGINEERING DESIGN.

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS WOULD SOLVE THIS PROBLEM BY ALLOWING THE SERVING OF TWO ORDERS, THE FIRST REQUIRING INVESTIGATION AND THE SUBMISSION OF REMEDIAL WORKS PROPOSALS, AND THE SECOND REQUIRING THE CARRYING OUT OF THE WORKS SPECIFIED IN THE PROPOSALS.

THE AMENDMENTS ALSO ALLOW THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TO STEP IN AND CARRY OUT BOTH THE INVESTIGATION AND NECESSARY WORKS IF THE OWNERS DO NOT CARRY OUT THE INVESTIGATION BY A SPECIFIED DATE IN THE FIRST ORDER.

OTHER PROPOSED AMENDMENTS WERE TO MAKE THE COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION THE SOLE AUTHORITY FOR ALLOCATING BUILDING NUMBERS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, AND TO CORRECT A TEXTUAL ERROR BY REPLACING THE OLD TERM "AUTHORISED ARCHITECT" WITH THE NEW TERM "AUTHORISED PERSON" IN ONE OF THE SECTIONS IN THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE.

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APPOINTMENT TO SFC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED MR HARUYUKI KANDA TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AC) TO THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION (SFC) FOR A PERIOD OF SEVEN MONTHS FROM OCTOBER 1, 1990 TO APRIL 30, 1991.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (FRIDAY), THE ACTING FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR DAVID NENDICK, SAID MR KANDA, THE PRESIDENT AND MANAGING DIRECTOR OF NOMURA INTERNATIONAL (HONG KONG) LTD, WOULD REPLACE MR HIDEO SUZUKI WHO HAS RECENTLY RESIGNED FROM THE AC.

THE AC CONSISTS OF 15 MEMBERS: NAMELY 12 GOVERNOR-APPOINTED MARKET MEMBERS, TWO SFC EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS APPOINTED BY THE SFC AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SFC WHO WILL PRESIDE AT AC MEETINGS.

"THE MARKET MEMBERS ARE DRAWN FROM A CROSS-SECTION OF THE SECURITIES INDUSTRY AND FROM THE PROFESSIONS TO ADVISE THE SFC ON MATTERS OF POLICY AND MARKET DEVELOPMENT," MR NENDICK SAID.

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APPOINTMENTS TO HK COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF DR RONALD LEUNG DING-BONG, JP AS CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS WITH EFFECT FROM OCTOBER 1, 1990.

THE COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH IS A STATUTORY BODY SET UP UNDER THE HONG KONG COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH ORDINANCE TO PROTECT THE COMMUNITY FROM THE HEALTH RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH TOBACCO USE THROUGH DISSEMINATING INFORMATION, PUBLIC EDUCATION AND RESEARCH.

DR LEUNG HAS BEEN CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL SINCE ITS INCEPTION THREE YEARS AGO. OVER THE YEARS, HE HAS BECOME PROMINENTLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE ANTI-SMOKING CAUSE AND HAS ATTENDED INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES ON ANTI-SMOKING AND HEALTH ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL.

"DESPITE HIS VARIED COMMITMENTS AS A MEDICAL DOCTOR, A BANKER AND AN URBAN COUNCILLOR, DR LEUNG HAS DEVOTED A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TIME TO THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

DR RUDY KHOO, OBE, MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT OF THE UNITED CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL, IS APPOINTED VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL.

THE COUNCIL ALSO COMPRISES MEMBERS FROM A WIDE SPECTRUM OF THE COMMUNITY APPOINTED IN THEIR PERSONAL CAPACITY AND SENIOR OFFICIALS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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A FULL LIST OF MEMBERS IS AS FOLLOWS:

- DR DAVID LEE KA-YAN
(NOMINATED BY THE HONG KONG MEDICAL ASSOCIATION)

- DR JOSEPH Y.C. PAN
(NOMINATED BY THE HONG KONG HEART FOUNDATION)

- DR POON YEUK-FOO, JP
(NOMINATED BY THE HONG KONG ANTI-CANCER SOCIETY)

- MR JAMES YUE
(NOMINATED BY THE HONG KONG TUBERCULOSIS, CHEST AND HEART DISEASES ASSOCIATION)

- DR MICHAEL LI KA-WAH
(NOMINATED BY THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (HONG KONG BRANCH))

- MR VICTOR HUI CHUN-FUI, JP, A BUSINESSMAN ACTIVELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS IN HONG KONG

- MR ANTHONY NEOH, QC, A BARRISTER IN PRIVATE PRACTICE

- MR ALBERT LI SZE-BAY, JP, PRINCIPAL OF THE LOK SIN TONG YU KAN HING SCHOOL

- MRS JUSTINA LEUNG NGAI MOU-YIN, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG

- MRS ELEANOR MORRIS, A PUBLIC RELATIONS AND ADVERTISING EXPERT

- MR FAN SAI-YEE, A CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANT

- MS NANCY KIT, CHAIRMAN OF THE MANAGEMENT SOCIETY FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

- MR ROBERT CHOW YUNG, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF EXPRESS NEWS

- DR K.H. PANG, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

- MR PETER MOSS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES

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IMPORTANCE OF GOOD LABOUR RELATIONS STRESSED

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GOOD LABOUR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS NEED TO BE CULTIVATED, DEVELOPED AND MAINTAINED, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

"THEY INVOLVE FAIR-MINDEDNESS, PATIENCE, SENSITIVITY AND UNDERSTANDING AND REQUIRE MUCH EFFORT AND INPUT FROM BOTH EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES," HE SAID.

MR HAMMOND WAS SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF A CERTIFICATE COURSE ON LABOUR RELATIONS AND LABOUR LEGISLATION ORGANISED JOINTLY FOR THE FOURTH TIME BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION.

HE SAID THE COURSE, WHICH COVERED MAJOR PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE AND SKILLS TO ENHANCE LABOUR-MANAGEMENT COMMUNICATION, WAS DESIGNED NOT ONLY TO PROVIDE PARTICIPANTS WITH THE RELEVANT KNOWLEDGE, BUT ALSO TO INSTIL INTO THEM THE RIGHT ATTITUDE AND FRAME OF MIND TOWARDS LABOUR RELATIONS.

"GOOD LABOUR RELATIONS NOT ONLY HELP TO PREVENT LABOUR DISPUTES AND DISRUPTION OF WORK, THEY ALSO CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO HIGHER PRODUCTIVITY AND A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE AT WORK FOR BOTH EMPLOYERS AND STAFF," HE NOTED.

"I REGARD THE MAINTENANCE OF GOOD LABOUR RELATIONS AS ONE OF THE HIGHEST PRIORITIES OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT," HE STRESSED.

MR HAMMOND SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN ABLE TO KEEP A FAIRLY HARMONIOUS INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS SCENE OF HONG KONG THROUGH PROMOTION, PUBLICITY AND EDUCATIONAL WORK, AS WELL AS THE EFFORTS OF ITS CONCILIATION OFFICERS IN THE FIELD.

"OUR EFFORTS, TOGETHER WITH THE EFFORTS OF MANY GOOD EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS, HAVE WON FOR HONG KONG THE REPUTATION OF BEING A PLACE WITH ONE OF THE LOWEST RECORDS OF STRIKES AND WORK STOPPAGES IN THE WORLD," HE SAID.

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SIX TRADERS FINED FOR USING INACCURATE INSTRUMENTS

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THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT HAS SUCCESSFULLY PROSECUTED SIX TRADERS THIS MONTH FOR USING INACCURATE WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS.

FINES RANGING FROM $1,000 TO $7,500 WERE IMPOSED ON THE TRADERS, WHO INCLUDED THREE SCRAP DEALERS, A VEGETABLE HAWKER, A FOOD RETAILER AND A RESTAURANT OPERATOR.

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THEY WERE PROSECUTED UNDER THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ORDINANCE WHICH CAME INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 1989.

TESTS BY OFFICERS OF THE GOVERNMENT LABORATORY SHOWED THAT THE SCRAP DEALERS' PLATFORM WEIGHING EQUIPMENT REGISTERED FROM 24 TO 38 PER CENT LESS THAN THE ACTUAL WEIGHT.

IN THE REMAINING THREE CASES, THE TESTS SHOWED THAT THE ERRORS RANGED FROM 19 TO 34 PER CENT IN EXCESS OF THE ACTUAL WEIGHT.

AN ACTING PRINCIPAL TRADE CONTROLS OFFICER OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT, MR WONG CHUN-KWONG, SAID 34 TRADERS HAD SO FAR BEEN PROSECUTED UNDER THE ORDINANCE AND FINES TOTALLING $86,550 IMPOSED.

"THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED 251 COMPLAINTS FROM THE PUBLIC CONCERNING MALPRACTICES IN WEIGHTS AND MEASURES SINCE JANUARY LAST YEAR.

"OF THESE CASES, 96 WERE SUBSTANTIATED, 113 NOT SUBSTANTIATED AND 42 ARE STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION," MR WONG SAID.

BESIDES INVESTIGATING COMPLAINTS, HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT ALSO CARRIED OUT 226 SPOT CHECKS AT PETROL STATIONS, GROCERY STORES AND FOOD RETAILERS.

SURVEYS WERE ALSO CONDUCTED TO CHECK THE NET WEIGHTS OF PREPACKAGED RICE AND FROZEN MEAT AT SUPERMARKETS AND OTHER FOOD OUTLETS.

MR WONG SAID ANYONE WANTING TO COMPLAIN ABOUT MALPRACTICES IN RESPECT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES SHOULD CONTACT EITHER THE TRADING STANDARDS INVESTIGATION BUREAU OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT (TEL. 714 6146) OR THE CONSUMER COUNCIL.

COMPLAINTS COULD ALSO BE MADE TO DUTY OFFICERS OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT ON 852 3185 AFTER NORMAL OFFICE HOURS.

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REMINDER ON DISPLAY OF MARKING ORDER NOTICES

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THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) REMINDED OPERATORS OF GOLD AND JEWELLERY SHOPS TO DISPLAY IN THEIR SHOPS THE MARKING ORDER NOTICES REQUIRED IN THE SALE OF GOLD AND PLATINUM ITEMS.

THIS FOLLOWED A COURT CASE TODAY IN WHICH THE OPERATOR OF A GOLD AND JEWELLERY SHOP IN SHA TIN WAS FINED $20,000 AT THE SHA TIN MAGISTRACY FOR FAILING TO DISPLAY THE NOTICES REQUIRED UNDER THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS (MARKING) (GOLD AND GOLD ALLOY) ORDER 1984 AND THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS (MARKING) (PLATINUM) ORDER 1988.

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UNDER THE ORDERS, NO ARTICLE MADE OF GOLD OR GOLD ALLOY AND PLATINUM SHALL BE SUPPLIED OR OFFERED FOR SUPPLY IN THE COURSE OF TRADE OR BUSINESS UNLESS A NOTICE IN THE MANNER AND FORM SPECIFIED IN THE THIRD SCHEDULE TO THE ORDERS IS DISPLAYED AT THE POINT OF SUPPLY OR OFFER FOR SUPPLY.

THE SIZE OF SUCH NOTICES MUST NOT BE LESS THAN 210 MILLIMETRES BY 297 MILLIMETRES, AND THE SIZE OF THE LETTERS AND CHARACTERS SHOULD NOT BE LESS THAN FIVE MILLIMETRES IN HEIGHT.

ANY PERSON WHO, IN THE COURSE OF ANY TRADE OR BUSINESS, SUPPLIES OR OFFERS TO SUPPLY GOODS OF GOLD OR GOLD ALLOY AND PLATINUM IN CONTRAVENTION OF THESE ORDERS COMMITS AN OFFENCE.

THE COURT HEARD THAT ON JULY 12, 1990, OFFICERS OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT CARRIED OUT A TERRITORY-WIDE INSPECTION ON GOLD AND JEWELLERY SHOPS TO SEE IF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ORDERS HAD BEEN COMPLIED WITH BY SHOP OWNERS IN THE COURSE OF TRADE OR BUSINESS.

THE INSPECTION CARRIED OUT BY OFFICERS ON THE DEFENDANT'S SHOP SHOWED THAT ARTICLES MADE OF GOLD OR GOLD ALLOY AND ARTICLES MADE OF PLATINUM WERE OFFERED FOR SALE.

HOWEVER, THE NOTICES REQUIRED TO BE DISPLAYED BY THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS (MARKING) (GOLD AND GOLD ALLOY) ORDER 1984 AND (PLATINUM) ORDER 1988 WERE NOT DISPLAYED IN THE SHOP PREMISES.

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MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING CAN HELP MINIMISE FAMILY VIOLENCE

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FAMILY VIOLENCE CAN BE MINIMISED THROUGH BETTER MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING OF EACH OTHER'S ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS, THE DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, MRS KATHERINE SHIN, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF HARMONY HOUSE, MRS SHIN SAID BATTERED WIVES AND THEIR CHILDREN WERE MUCH IN NEED OF SUPPORT, ASSISTANCE AND AN INPUT OF RESOURCES FROM THE COMMUNITY TO ENABLE THEM TO KEEP THE FAMILY TOGETHER AS WELL AS TO DEVELOP A NEW SENSE OF SELF IDENTITY.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT TIMELY RELIEF AND RESPITE OPPORTUNITIES WOULD BE TRULY HELPFUL TO THEM.

"FOR INSTANCE, A HOTLINE SERVICE IS CRISIS-ORIENTED, AIMING TO PROVIDE COMFORT AND REASSURANCE AS WELL AS AVAILABLE COMMUNITY RESOURCES AT A TIME OF STRESS," SHE SAID.

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NOTING THAT COUNSELLING SERVICE ALSO HAD ITS PLACE IN RENDERING SUPPORT AND STRESS REDUCTION, MRS SHIN SAID SOCIAL WORKERS HAD HELPED TO ENABLE BATTERED WIVES AND THEIR CHILDREN TO ESTABLISH AND ADAPT TO A DIFFERENT LIFE STYLE.

"HOWEVER, PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN CURE," SHE SAID, " AND THE PROMOTION AND EXPANSION OF FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION, A FORM OF COMMUNITY EDUCATION, IS ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEASURES IN PRESERVING THE FAMILY AS A UNIT.

"APART FROM AROUSING PUBLIC AWARENESS TOWARDS THE IMPORTANCE OF A HARMONIOUS FAMILY LIFE, FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CAN ALSO EQUIP PRE-MARITAL OR MARITAL COUPLES WITH KNOWLEDGE TO COPE WITH THE MANY DEMANDS AT DIFFERENT PHASES OF THEIR LIVES," MRS SHIN ADDED.

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JOINT EFFORT TO MAINTAIN ACTIVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WORKS CLOSELY WITH NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS (NGO'S) TO MAINTAIN THE ACTIVENESS OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICE TO CATER TO THE NEEDS OF THE INDIVIDUALS AND THE COMMUNITY, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR ALEXANDER FUNG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICE AT A HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE SEMINAR.

OUTLINING THE PROGRESS OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICE, MR FUNG SAID THE DEPARTMENT'S ROLE WAS TO LIAISE WITH NGO'S ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF AN OVERALL POLICY.

"THE DEPARTMENT ALSO ASSESSES BOTH THE QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF THE SERVICE TO ENSURE ITS STANDARD.

"THE ASSESSMENT WILL HELP ENSURE THE BEST UTILISATION OF MANPOWER AND RESOURCES," HE SAID.

MR FUNG SAID IN REVIEWING THE SERVICE, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION WOULD WORK TOGETHER TO MAP OUT THE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTION OF THE SERVICE AND WORKING METHODS.

"DURING THE REVIEW, WE WILL OF COURSE SEEK THE NGO'S VIEWS," HE SAID.

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HUNG HOM PRIVATE STREETS TO BE RESUMED

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO RESUME AND RECONSTRUCT KAI MING STREET, YUK SHING STREET, HUNG FOOK STREET AND THE ADJACENT SIDE LANES IN HUNG HOM.

THESE PRIVATE STREETS AND SIDE LANES, WHICH ARE UNDER MULTIPLE SUBDIVIDED OWNERSHIP, HAVE NOT BEEN PROPERLY MAINTAINED AND MANAGED. THEY ARE IN GENERALLY POOR CONDITION AND HAVE ENVIRONMENTAL AND ACCESS PROBLEMS.

THEIR RESUMPTION IS THEREFORE NECESSARY IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO ENABLE PROPER MAINTENANCE AND USE.

THE PROPOSED WORKS INCLUDE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE CARRIAGEWAYS, FOOTWAYS, SIDE LANES AND IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO THE RELATED DRAINAGE.

REPAIR WORK IS PROGRAMMED TO START BY MID 1991 AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

NOTICE WAS GIVEN IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PLAN AND SCHEME OF THE PROPOSED WORKS MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

* CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;

* KOWLOON WEST DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND

* KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, GROUND FLOOR, KOWLOON.

ANY PERSON WHO OBJECTS TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN NOVEMBER 27 THIS YEAR.

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TSING YI TAM KON SHAN ROAD TO BE EXTENDED

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO EXTEND TAM KON SHAN ROAD IN NORTH TSING YI BY ABOUT 1,000 METRES WESTWARDS FOR THE RELOCATION OF EXISTING BOATYARDS IN THE AREA.

THE WORKS ARE SCHEDULED TO START LATER THIS YEAR AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THE PROJECT MAY INSPECT THE PLANS AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

* CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY;

* KWAI TSING DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, 10TH AND 11TH FLOORS, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN; AND

* KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

ANY PERSON WHO OBJECTS TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN NOVEMBER 27 THIS YEAR.

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ROADSIDE EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM FOR SHA TIN

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THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (EMSD) IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF A ROADSIDE EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM FOR SHA TIN NEW TOWN, STAGE II.

THE CONTRACT WILL INCLUDE THE SUPPLY, DELIVERY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF 44 SETS OF ROADSIDE EMERGENCY TELEPHONES AND FOUR FIELD CONCENTRATORS.

THESE TELEPHONES WILL BE DIRECTLY LINKED TO THE POLICE NEW TERRITORIES REGIONAL COMMAND AND CONTROL CENTRE AT TAI PO, ENABLING VEHICLE DRIVERS ON THE CARRIAGEWAY WHO REQUIRE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE POLICE.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON NOVEMBER 2.

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE EMSD'S CONTRACTS SECTION AT ROOM 811, 98 CAROLINE HILL ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR REMAINING WORKS AT PTU NEW DEPOT

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE REMAINING WORKS AT THE POLICE TACTICAL UNIT'S NEW DEPOT IN FANLING.

THE PROJECT WILL COMPRISE A 100-METRE OUTDOOR FIRING RANGE, A 25-METRE INDOOR RANGE AND EIGHT MINI-RANGES. A CLOSE QUARTER BATTLE HOUSE WITH AN ASSAULT COURSE AND AN OUTDOOR TRAINING AREA WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR AND BE COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER 1992.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON OCTOBER 19.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, 34TH FLOOR, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

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NEW MUI WO POST OFFICE TO OPEN ON OCTOBER 8

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THE NEW MUI WO POST OFFICE, LOCATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF MUI WO GOVERNMENT OFFICES AT 2 NGAN KWONG WAN ROAD, WILL OPEN AT 9 AM ON OCTOBER 8, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR DOMINIC S.W. WONG, ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE EXISTING POST OFFICE AT 26 FU KONG SHAN WILL CLOSE FOR BUSINESS FROM 1 PM ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE NEW OFFICE IS 984 8198. THE HOURS OF BUSINESS WILL REMAIN THE SAME.

THE NEW OFFICE WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH 200 P.O. BOXES.

A SPECIAL HAND-BACK SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR LOCAL PHILATELISTS AT THE NEW MUI WO POST OFFICE ON OCTOBER 8.

UNREGISTERED FULL POSTAGE PREPAID FIRST DAY COVERS PREPARED PRIVATELY, AND BEARING A LOCAL ADDRESS, WILL BE ACCEPTED OVER THE COUNTER, IMPRESSED WITH THE NORMAL POST OFFICE DATESTAMP AND HANDED BACK TO THE PERSON PRESENTING THEM.

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TRANSPORT DEPT DIVISIONS ON MOVE

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THREE DIVISIONS OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL MOVE TO NEW OFFICES ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 1).

STARTING FROM THAT DATE, THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT SURVEY DIVISION, THE ROAD SAFETY AND STANDARDS DIVISION AND THE TERRITORY TRANSPORT PLANNING DIVISION WILL BE RELOCATED FROM THE QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES TO 39TH AND 40TH FLOORS, WANCHAI TOWER 2, 7 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI.

THE NEW ENQUIRY TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR THE THREE DIVISIONS IS 829 5361.

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WONG TAI SIN SQUATTER AREAS CLEANLINESS CAMPAIGN TO START

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A CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE RESIDENTS' AWARENESS OF ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE WILL BE HELD AT SQUATTER AREAS IN WONG TAI SIN.

THE FOUR-WEEK CAMPAIGN IS ORGANISED BY THE WORKING GROUP ON CLEANLINESS CAMPAIGN IN SQUATTER AREAS IN WONG TAI SIN UNDER THE DISTRICT BOARD'S SQUATTER AREAS COMMITTEE.

ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE A CLEAN SQUATTER AREA COMPETITION, COLOUR SHADING COMPETITION AND CROSSWORD PUZZLE.

A CEREMONY TO MARK THE CAMPAIGN'S OPENING WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 30) AT THE SUN HING ROAD SITTING-OUT AREA, TAI HOM VILLAGE. IT WILL BEGIN AT 10.30 AM.

OFFICIATING WILL BE THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, DR MICHAEL LEE; CHAIRMAN OF THE SQUATTER AREAS COMMITTEE, MRS LEE LO YUK-SIM; ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS MABEL LEUNG; CHAIRMAN OF THE CAMPAIGN WORKING GROUP, MR LEE YUK-WA; AND THE DISTRICT'S HYGIENE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR CHAN KING-KAI.

THE PARTY WILL VISIT SQUATTER AREAS AND HELP IN CLEARING RUBBISH AFTER THE OPENING CEREMONY. THEY WILL ALSO PRESENT CERTIFICATES TO TENANTS OF CLEAN HOMES DURING THE TOUR.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE WONG TAI SIN SQUATTER AREAS CLEANLINESS CAMPAIGN TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 30) IN THE SUN HING ROAD SITTING-OUT AREA IN TAI HOM VILLAGE, WONG TAI SIN. THE CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 10.30 AM.

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MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS IN SOUTHERN

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO GAMES AND ENTERTAINMENT IN A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT TO CELEBRATE THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL.

RANGING FROM CARNIVAL TO VARIETY SHOW AND CONCERT, THE ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN ORGANISED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS' BODIES WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

"THESE ACTIVITIES ARE ALSO AIMED AT PROMOTING COMMUNITY SPIRIT," A DISTRICT BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE CELEBRATIONS WILL BEGIN TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AND RUN UNTIL OCTOBER 4. DETAILS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

* SEPTEMBER 29: CARNIVALS AT WONG CHUK HANG ESTATE PLAYGROUND (6.45 PM), ABERDEEN CENTRE SQUARE (7.30 PM) AND LEI TUNG COMMUNITY HALL (7.30 PM).

* SEPTEMBER 30: CONCERTS AT YUE KWONG CHUEN (6.30 PM) AND AP LEI CHAU COMMUNITY HALL (7 PM).

* OCTOBER 2: A CARNIVAL AT SHEK PAI WAN ESTATE SOCCER PITCH NO. 1 (7 PM).

* OCTOBER 3: A VARIETY SHOW AT UPPER BAGUIO VILLA PLAYGROUND (7.30 PM).

* OCTOBER 4: A CARNIVAL AT THE URBAN COUNCIL'S STANLEY PLAYGROUND (6 PM), A CONCERT AT A SOCCER PITCH NEXT TO BLOCK 6, TIN WAN ESTATE (7.30 PM) AND A VARIETY SHOW AT WAH HONG SQUARE, WAH FU ESTATE (8 PM).

"RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO TAKE PART IN THESE ACTIVITIES AND SHARE THE FUN," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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LANTERN CARNIVAL FOR MONG KOK RESIDENTS

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MONG KOK RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO A COLOURFUL LANTERN CARNIVAL IN MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 4) TO CELEBRATE THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL.

BEGINNING AT 7.20 PM, THERE WILL BE A VARIETY SHOW, A LION DANCE, SINGING PERFORMANCE BY THE MONG KOK CHILDREN'S CHOIR, ACROBATICS, LANTERN RIDDLES, PALM READING, FORTUNE-TELLING, CHINESE CHESS AND A LUCKY DRAW.

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SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE CARNIVAL IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MONG KOK KAIFONG ASSOCIATION, MONG KOK DISTRICT CULTURE, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION, AND THE MONG KOK DISTRICT COUNTRYMEN AND CLANSMEN ASSOCIATION.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL INCLUDE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS LORNA MA, URBAN COUNCILLOR MR CHAN KWOK-MING, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE, MR HO FEI-CHI.

MEANWHILE, THE TAI KOK TSUI AREA COMMITTEE WILL HOLD A MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL LANTERN CARNIVAL AT THE ANCHOR STREET PLAYGROUND ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 30). ADMISSION IS FREE.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MONG KOK MID-AUTUMN LANTERN CARNIVAL WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 7.20 PM ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 4) AT THE MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND, SAI YEE STREET.

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FIGHT CRIME DAY CAMP FOR YOUNGSTERS

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A FIGHT CRIME DAY CAMP ORGANISED FOR YOUNGSTERS AGED 13 TO 17 IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BE HELD AT THE SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL CENTRE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14.

IT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, AND IS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THERE WILL BE SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, AND A BRIEFING ON TRIAD ACTIVITIES IN HONG KONG.

YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING OR STUDYING IN THE DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. THE ADMISSION FEE IS $10 EACH.

ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF HARBOUR BUILDING IN CENTRAL, ITS SUB-OFFICES AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING) AND IN KENNEDY TOWN, AS WELL AS THE WESTERN COMMUNITY CENTRE IN WESTERN STREET.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 549 2551.

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STUDENTS INVITED TO ENTER FOLK SINGING COMPETITION

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STUDENTS STUDYING FORM THREE OR BELOW IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO ENTER THE DISTRICT'S FOLK SINGING COMPETITION TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER.

THE CONTEST, DIVIDED INTO PRIMARY AND JUNIOR SECONDARY SOLO AND GROUP SECTIONS, IS AIMED AT DEVELOPING STUDENTS' MUSICAL TALENTS AND PROMOTING THEIR INTEREST IN FOLK SINGING.

THE FINALS WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, AT THE SHEUNG WAN CIVIC CENTRE THEATRE, STARTING AT 7.30 PM.

THE CONTEST IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE WESTERN COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S GROUP WORK UNIT WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF HARBOUR BUILDING IN CENTRAL, ITS SUB-OFFICES AT CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING) AND IN KENNEDY TOWN, AND FROM THE WESTERN COMMUNITY CENTRE IN WESTERN STREET.

THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS OCTOBER 5. TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 546 3024 AND 852 3488.

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CSD STAGES CAREER DISPLAY IN TSIM SHA TSUI

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A THREE-DAY CAREER DISPLAY ORGANISED BY THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (CSD) IS BEING HELD AT HARBOUR CITY, TSIM SHA TSUI FROM TODAY (FRIDAY).

THIS IS THE SECOND IN A SERIES OF DISPLAYS SCHEDULED FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF THIS YEAR TO ATTRACT MORE YOUNG PEOPLE TO JOIN THE DEPARTMENT. THE FIRST ONE WAS HELD AT NEW TOWN PLAZA IN SHA TIN EARLIER THIS WEEK.

THE DISPLAY WILL HAVE SIX PANELS INTRODUCING THE VARIOUS CORRECTIONAL PROGRAMMES FOR ADULT OFFENDERS, YOUNG OFFENDERS AND DRUG ADDICTS AS WELL AS THE JOB NATURE OF CSD OFFICERS AND THEIR TRAINING. THERE WILL ALSO BE FILM AND SLIDE SHOWS ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WORK AND CAREER PROSPECTS.

CSD OFFICERS WILL BE PRESENT AT THE VENUE TO ANSWER ENQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

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WATER CUT IN KWAI CHUNG

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CERTAIN PREMISES IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE AFFECTED BY WEAK WATER PRESSURE AND FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME OF THEM WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 8 PM ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 30) TO 7 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE WATER WORKS.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE AT TAI LIN PAI ROAD, KWAI WING ROAD, KWAI SAU ROAD, KWAI CHEONG ROAD, KUNG YIP STREET, WAH SING STREET, YIP SHING STREET, KWAI ON ROAD, KA TING ROAD, KA HING ROAD, KWAI TING ROAD, WING YIP STREET, WO TONG TSUI STREET, KWAI CHUNG ESTATE, KWONG FAI CIRCUIT AND HING FONG ROAD.

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