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DEBATE ON TAXATION OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS AT LEGCO TOMORROW
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UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL MOVE A DEBATE ON THE TAXATION OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS WHICH AFFECTS ALL WAGE-EARNERS AT TOMORROW'S COUNCIL MEETING.

SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER, THE HON. SIR SZE-YUEN CHUNG, WILL START THE ADJOURNMENT DEBATE AND AT LEAST THREE OTHER UNOFFICIALS -- THE REV. THE HON. PATRICK MCGOVERN, THE HON. WONG LAM AND THE HON. LEUNG TAT-SHING -- WILL EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS AT THE DEBATE.

THE UNOFFICIALS WILL ALSO RAISE A TOTAL OF 16 QUESTIONS ON VARIOUS MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST AT TOMORROW'S MEETING.

THE HON. LYDIA DUNN WILL ASK THE GOVERNMENT TO STATE THE EVENTS SURROUNDING THE CLOSURE OF THE SHA TIN LUTHERAN PRIMARY SCHOOL AND THE CAUSES OF THE STUDENTS AND PARENTS DISCONTENT.

IN A SEPARATE QUESTION, MISS DUNN WILL ASK THE GOVERNMENT TO EXPLAIN WHY THE SITUATION CONCERNING THE LUTHERAN SCHOOL DETERIORATED TO THE POINT OF A CONFRONTATION.

THE HON. LEUNG TAT-SHING WILL RAISE QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE REDUNDANCY OF TEXTILE WORKERS AND WHAT THE GOVERNMENT CAN DO TO HELP FIND EMPLOYMENT FOR THEM.

HE WILL ALSO ASK IF THE GOVERNMENT IS AWARE OF A GENERAL CONCERN BY TRADE UNIONS OVER RE-DEVELOPMENT OF FACTORY SITES INTO MULTI-STOREY DOMESTIC TENEMENTS WHICH CREATES REDUNDANCY AMONG INDUSTRIAL WORKERS AND WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT WILL INTERVENE IN SUCH CASES OF RE-DEVELOPMENT.

THE HON. T.S. LO WILL ASK THE GOVERNMENT TO CONSIDER, IN THE INTEREST OF SAFETY, MAKING TUEN MUN ROAD STAGE 1 ONE WAY EASTBOUND AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD ONE WAY WESTBOUND.

THE HON. PETER C. WONG WILL ASK WHETHER THERE IS A SHORTAGE OF 10 CENT AND 20 CENT COINS AND IF SO, WHAT ACTION THE GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE.

OTHER QUESTIONS TO BE RAISED BY UNOFFICIALS CONCERN ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CYCLISTS, MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CIVIL SERVANTS, BUS SERVICES FROM CENTRAL DURING EVENING RUSH HOURS AND POWER SUPPLY FOR AIR-CONDITIONING IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

ONE BILL -- THE PROBATE AND ADMINISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1978 -- WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE COUNCIL FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

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USD RESPONDS TO CHANGING NEEDS IN NT
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THE NEW TERRITORIES REGION OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS GOING THROUGH A PHASE OF RAPID EXPANSION AND RE-ORGANISATION TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPANDING SERVICES GENERATED BY THE DEVELOPMENT THAT IS TAKING PLACE THROUGHOUT THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THIS WAS STATED BY MR. H.S. GREWAL, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES (NT) AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE LIONS CLUB OF THE NEW TERRITORIES TODAY.

MR. GREWAL SAID THAT OVER THE PAST 18 MONTHS, THE NT REGION HAD BEEN RE-ORGANISED INTO SEVEN INDIVIDUAL DISTRICTS INSTEAD OF THE PREVIOUS FIVE SO AS TO ALIGN ITSELF WITH THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARDS.

+PROPOSALS ARE IN HAND TO IMPLEMENT A FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF THE ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE BOTH AT NT REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS AND AT DISTRICT LEVEL,+ HE ADDED.

THE EXISTING APPROVED ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NT REGION WAS 5,700 WITH ANOTHER 660 POSTS EXPECTED TO BE APPROVED BY THE END OF THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

MR. GREWAL POINTED OUT THAT THE NEW TERRITORIES IS NOW GOING THROUGH A PERIOD OF DYNAMIC CHANGE AND THE DEPARTMENT IS DEVELOPING AND CHANGING IN RESPONSE AND IN ANTICIPATION SO AS TO BE IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES WHICH ARE EXPECTED BY THE PUBLIC.

MR. GREWAL DISCLOSED THAT TO ASSIST IN THE PLANNING OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT IN THE NEW TOWNS, THE GOVERNMENT HAS COMMISSIONED THE DRAWING UP OF MASTER LANDSCAPE PLANS.

TWO OF THESE PLANS HAVE ALREADY BEEN PRODUCED, ONE FOR SHA TIN, THE OTHER FOR TUEN MUN AND TWO OTHERS FOR TAI PO AND TSUEN WAN ARE BEING FORMULATED.

HE SAID THE DETAILED PLANNING OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES RESTS WITH THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT BUT THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARDS ARE CONSULTED ON THE APPROPRIATENESS AND TIMING OF THE PROPOSED FACILITY +FOR THE INPUT OF LOCAL ADVICE IS ESSENTIAL IF THE FACILITY TO BE PROVIDED IS TO FULFIL THE OBJECTIVE OF MEETING LOCAL NEEDS FULLY.+

TURNING TO THE HAWKER PROBLEM IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. GREWAL SAID THERE IS EVERY INDICATION THAT THE PROBLEM CAN BE CONTAINED, GIVEN THE RESOURCES AND THE WILL TO TACKLE IT.

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IF THE NEW TOWNS ARE TO FULFIL THEIR ROLE AS ORDERED, WELL-PLANNED AND ENVIRONMENTALLY ATTRACTIVE COMMUNITIES, THEN ON-STREET HAWKING AND THE RESULTANT PROBLEM OF NOISE, OBSTRUCTION AND LITTER CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO DEVELOP AND TAKE ROOT,+ HE SAID.

MR. GREWAL SAID THAT THE AIM OF THE DEPARTMENT IS TO PREVENT ON-STREET HAWKING IN THE NEW TOWNS AND ULTIMATELY IN OTHER DEVELOPMENT AREAS ALTOGETHER.

HOWEVER, HE ADDED IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THERE MUST BE A SUFFICIENT ENFORCEMENT PRESENCE ON THE GROUND TO CONTROL HAWKING. IN THIS REGARD, APPROVAL HAS BEEN OBTAINED TO ESTABLISH FIVE GENERAL DUTIES TEAMS IN ADDITION TO THE EXISTING GENERAL DUTIES TEAM IN TSUEN WAN.

+ENFORCEMENT ALONE WILL NOT BE ENOUGH TO BRING THE HAWKER PROBLEM UNDER CONTROL,+ MR. GREWAL SAID. +THERE SHOULD BE PLANNED PERMANENT MARKETS AND COOKED-FOOD CENTRES TO ACCOMMODATE MARKET STALLS FOR THE RETAIL OF MEAT, FISH, AND POULTRY, AS WELL AS MINI-STALLS FOR THE RETAIL OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND DRY GOODS.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE ONLY TWO NEW MARKETS UNDER CONSTRUCTION, ONE AT SHA TIN AND THE OTHER IN TSUEN WAN. HOWEVER, IT IS EXPECTED THAT OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, THERE WILL BE 26 TO 30 NEW MARKETS AND 15 TO 20 NEW COOKED FOOD CENTRES COMPLETED THROUGHOUT THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+WITH THE PROVISION OF THESE MARKETS AND COOKED FOOD CENTRES AND WITH THE GENERAL DUTIES TEAMS, THE AIM OF KEEPING THE HAWKERS OFF THE STREETS IN THE NEW TOWNS AND OTHER DEVELOPMENT AREAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES CAN BE ACHIEVED,+ HE CONCLUDED.

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRADE TO VISIT
HONG KONG LATER THIS WEEK

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRADE, THE RT. HON. EDMUND DELL, MP, WILL ARRIVE ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 3) FOR A THREE-DAY VISIT ON HIS WAY TO CHINA.

MR. DELL WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARTY OF SIX OFFICIALS, INCLUDING MR. R.A. BROWNING, UNDER-SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF TRADE= MR. C.B. BENJAMIN, UNDER-SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, AND MR. K.W. COTTERILL, UNDER-SECRETARY, EXPORT GUARANTEE DEPARTMENT.

DURING HIS STAY HERE, MR. DELL WILL MEET THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, AND VISIT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT AT OCEAN CENTRE WHERE HE WILL ATTEND A JOINT MEETING OF THE TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARDS.

HE WILL ALSO VISIT THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION'S DEPOT AT KOWLOON BAY, AND VIEW THE VARIOUS DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES DURING A HELICOPTER TOUR.

MR. DELL IS EXPECTED TO MEET MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT 4.30 P.M. ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 4) IN THE G.I.S. THEATRE, 5TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

MR. DELL AND HIS PARTY ARE DUE TO LEAVE BY TRAIN FOR A VISIT TO CHINA ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 6).

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MR. DELL AND HIS PARTY ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ON FLIGHT BA 21 (ETA 1735 HOURS) ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 3.

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THREE MP'S TO VISIT HONG KONG

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THREE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WILL ARRIVE IN HONG KONG NEXT WEEK ON A 10-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT.

THEY ARE MR. NORMAN ST. JOHN-STEVAS (CONSERVATIVE), MR. PETER HARDY (LABOUR), AND MR. JOHN ROPER (LAB. AND CO-OP.). MR. ROPER WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE.

DURING THEIR VISIT, THEY WILL MEET THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, OTHER SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS.

THEY WILL ALSO VISIT COMMUNITY CENTRES, PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, SHA TIN NEW TOWN, AND MEET MEMBERS OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND STAFF OF THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICES.

ON AUGUST 16, MR. HARDY AND MR. ROPER ARE EXPECTED TO MEET THE PRESS AT A CONFERENCE IN THE G.I.S. THEATRE, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, BEFORE THEIR DEPARTURE FROM HONG KONG. MR. ST. JOHN-STEVAS IS DUE TO LEAVE HONG KONG ON AUGUST 14.

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RECORD NUMBER OF CALLS FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE

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THE AMBULANCE COMMAND OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT EXPERIENCED THE BUSIEST DAY YESTERDAY (MONDAY) WHEN THEY ANSWERED A RECORD NUMBER OF CALLS FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE ON A SINGLE DAY.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT DURING THE 24-HOUR PERIOD ENDING AT 7 A.M. TODAY, THE COMMAND RESPONDED TO A TOTAL OF 605 CALLS FOR VARIOUS SERVICES -- AN AVERAGE OF ONE IN EVERY TWO-AND-A-HALF MINUTES.

OF THESE CALLS, 483 WERE OF EMERGENCY NATURE AND 122 NON-EMERGENCY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE PREVIOUS HIGHEST NUMBER OF CALLS FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE WAS RECORDED ON JUNE 22 THIS YEAR WHEN 592 CALLS WERE RECEIVED.

HE ALSO SAID THE DEMAND FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE IS ON THE INCREASE AND IT COULD BE ATTRIBUTED TO VARIOUS FACTORS, SUCH AS AN INCREASE IN POPULATION, MORE AMBULANCE MOVEMENTS TO HOSPITALS AND THE GREATER AWARENESS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF THE AMBULANCE SERVICE.

AT PRESENT THE DEPARTMENT IS OPERATING A FLEET OF 118 AMBULANCES THROUGHOUT HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ANOTHER 15 NEW VEHICLES HAVE BEEN ORDERED AND ARE DUE TO ARRIVE IN DECEMBER THIS YEAR, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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ACTING GOVERNOR TO ATTEND CONCERT BY U.K. SCHOOLS ORCHESTRA
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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, WILL ATTEND THE CONCERT TO BE GIVEN BY THE COUNTY OF AVON SCHOOLS ORCHESTRA AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL AT 8 P.M. TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE CONCERT, THE SECOND BY THE VISITING ORCHESTRA, IS JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE URBAN COUNCIL. THE PROGRAMME FOR THE EVENING WILL INCLUDE POPULAR ORCHESTRAL WORKS BY BOTH WESTERN AND CHINESE COMPOSERS.

AT ITS FIRST CONCERT AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL IN KOWLOON TONG THIS EVENING, THE ORCHESTRA PERFORMED TO A FULL HOUSE AND CAPTIVATED THE AUDIENCE BY THEIR ACCOMPLISHED PERFORMANCE.

ABOUT 500 CHILDREN FROM VARIOUS LOCAL CHOIRS JOINED THE ORCHESTRA IN GIVING A PERFORMANCE OF CHINESE FOLK SONGS AND THEY ALSO WON APPLAUSE FROM THE AUDIENCE.

THE COUNTY OF AVON SCHOOLS ORCHESTRA IS IN HONG KONG UNDER THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL YOUTH MUSIC EXCHANGE PROGRAMME ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE.

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OVER 4,100 TONS OF REFUSE COLLECTED FROM HARBOUR
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MORE THAN 4,100 TONS OF REFUSE WERE COLLECTED FROM THE HARBOUR BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT'S SCAVENGING FLEET LAST YEAR COMPARED WITH 3,500 TONS IN 1976.

THE FLEET, WHICH OPERATES DAILY, IS MADE UP OF 38 CARGO BOATS AND SAMPANS.

IT OPERATES IN FIVE AREAS -- THE CENTRAL HARBOUR WITH 16 CRAFT-- THE YAU MA TEI AND CAUSEWAY BAY TYPHOON SHELTERS, FIVE CRAFT-- TSUEN WAN, FOUR-- THE EASTERN HARBOUR AREA, FOUR-- AND ABERDEEN, NINE.

A MARINE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID EACH SCAVENGING UNIT CONSISTS OF A MECHANISED CARGO BOAT AND THREE SAMPANS. WORKERS ON THE SAMPANS SCOOP UP THE REFUSE AND THEN DEPOSIT IT ON THE CARGO BOAT.

AT THE END OF EACH DAY, THE REFUSE IS SHIPPED TO THE KOWLOON REFUSE COLLECTION POINT WHERE IT IS THEN TRANSPORTED BY LORRIES TO GIN DRINKERS BAY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID, A SHIP-TO-SHIP REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE IS ALSO PROVIDED TO OCEAN-GOING VESSELS MOORED IN THE HARBOUR.

LAST YEAR, 550.5 TONS OF LITTER WERE COLLECTED BY THE SHIP-TO-SHIP COLLECTION SERVICE.

+IN ADDITION, TWO OTHER SCAVENGING UNITS EACH ALSO CONSISTING OF ONE MECHANISED CARGO BOAT AND THREE SAMPANS, WILL WORK ON A FLEXIBLE BASIS TO TACKLE OTHER LITTER BLACK SPOTS IN THE HARBOUR,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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TENDER FORMS FOR 300 TAXI LICENCES AVAILABLE ON FRIDAY
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT TENDER FORMS FOR 300 HONG KONG AND KOWLOON TAXI LICENCES WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FROM FRIDAY (AUGUST 4).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE TENDER FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED ONLY IN PERSON FROM EITHER THE HONG KONG LICENSING OFFICE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF MURRAY ROAD MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK OR FROM THE KOWLOON LICENSING OFFICE ON THE 9TH FLOOR OF PARK-IN COMMERCIAL CENTRE AT 56 DUNDAS STREET, MONG KOK.

+THE TENDER WILL BE IN THE FORM OF A PREMIUM IN RESPECT OF ONE OR MORE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON TAXIS. A TENDERER MAY SUBMIT ONE TENDER FORM FOR ONE OR MORE LICENCES, BUT NOT EXCEEDING 300,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+HE MAY ALSO SUBMIT MORE THAN ONE TENDER FORM, BUT IF A TENDER FOR MORE THAN ONE LICENCE IS SUBMITTED, ONLY ONE FIXED PREMIUM SHOULD BE OFFERED.+

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED: +IF THE NUMBER OF AVAILABLE LICENCES IS LESS THAN THE NUMBER REQUIRED BY A TENDERER, THEN A SMALLER NUMBER OF LICENCES MAY BE ALLOCATED TO HIM AS APPROPRIATE+.

HE SAID THAT A PUBLIC BALLOT MAY BE HELD TO DETERMINE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THOSE TENDERS IF THE UNIT PREMIA OFFERED ARE IDENTICAL.

COMPLETED TENDER FORMS IN DUPLICATE ALONG WITH THE ORIGINAL DEPOSIT RECEIPTS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN SEALED ENVELOPES, ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY, CENTRAL TENDER BOARD, AND PLACED IN THE SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX SITUATED AT 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, AUGUST 18, 1978.

LATE TENDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT TAXI LICENCES WOULD BE ISSUED TO SUCCESSFUL TENDERERS AT THE RATE OF 100 PER MONTH STARTING FROM OCTOBER, WITH THE HIGHEST TENDERS RECEIVING PRIORITY.

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SECRETARY FOR HOUSING TO VISIT FORESTRY CAMP
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THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR. ALAN SCOTT, WILL VISIT A SCHOOL FORESTRY WORK CAMP AT ABERDEEN COUNTRY PARKS MANAGEMENT CENTRE ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 3).

THE CENTRE IS LOCATED AT ABERDEEN RESERVOIR ROAD ABOUT 300 YARDS FROM THE YUE KWONG CHUEN ESTATE.

THE SCHOOL FORESTRY WORK CAMP IS BEING JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SCIENCE SUBJECTS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

THE SIX-DAY-LONG CAMP WILL BE ATTENDED BY 18 BOYS AGED BETWEEN 15 TO 18 FROM THE HONG KONG SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF. THEY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY TWO TEACHERS FROM THE SCHOOL.

DURING THE VISIT MR. SCOTT WILL INSPECT ACCOMMODATION FACILITIES AND SEE STUDENTS AT WORK.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE VISIT TO A SCHOOL FORESTRY WORK CAMP AT ABERDEEN COUNTRY PARKS MANAGEMENT CENTRE BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING AT 10 A.M. ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 3). THE CENTRE IS AT ABERDEEN RESERVOIR ROAD ABOUT 300 YARDS FROM THE YUE KWONG CHUEN ESTATE.

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+PLAY SAFE+ POSTER AND LEAFLET ON SKATEBOARDING

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS PRODUCED A BILINGUAL +PLAY SAFE+ POSTER AND LEAFLET URGING YOUNSTERS TO TAKE CARE WHEN USING SKATEBOARDS.

THE PUBLICATION IS PART OF THE +SAFETY IN OUTDOOR PURSUITS CAMPAIGN+ LAUNCHED LAST MONTH TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ON THE IMPORTANCE OF TAKING SAFETY PRECAUTIONS IN AQUATIC AND LAND SPORTS.

THE POPAI'S -- PUPPETS OF PUBLICITY AND INFORMATION -- WILL SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN BY STAGING ILLUSTRATION SHOWS ABOUT THE DANGERS OF SKATEBOARDING AT PERFORMANCES THROUGHOUT HONG KONG ISLAND AND KOWLOON.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT THE PUPPET SHOW ABOUT SKATEBOARDING HAD ALREADY BEEN PERFORMED IN SOME HOUSING ESTATES WHERE IT RECEIVED VERY GOOD RESPONSE FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC, SPECIALLY CHILDREN.

THE PUPPETS ADVISE CHILDREN WHAT PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES THEY SHOULD TAKE WHEN USING SKATEBOARDS AND WHAT EQUIPMENT THEY NEED TO PLAY SAFELY.

+LEARN AND PRACTISE THE BASICS IN SKATEBOARDING BEFORE GOING ON TO THE MORE ADVANCED SKILLS,+ THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED.

AT EACH PUPPET SHOW ATTRACTIVE RED AND YELLOW LEAFLETS ARE DISTRIBUTED TO THE AUDIENCE.

THE LEAFLETS CONTAIN A NUMBER OF SIMPLE SAFETY HINTS, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING DO'S AND DON'TS:-

- * DO PICK A SAFE PLACE TO SKATEBOARD, SOMEWHERE AWAY FROM CARS AND PEDESTRIANS=
- * DO SKATEBOARD ONLY ON DRY AND SMOOTH SURFACES= DON'T SKATEBOARD ON WET OR SLIPPERY GROUND=
- * DO USE A PROPERLY MANUFACTURED SKATEBOARD. DON'T USE A HOME-MADE BOARD=
- * DO LOOK AFTER YOUR SKATEBOARD. DO MAKE SURE THE BEARING, WHEELS, NUTS AND BOLTS OF YOUR SKATEBOARD ARE IN PROPER ORDER=
- * DON'T CAUSE UNNECESSARY INJURIES TO YOURSELF AND OTHERS BY NOT CHECKING YOUR BOARD BEFORE YOU RIDE=
- * DO ALWAYS WEAR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING INCLUDING A HELMET, GLOVES, KNEE AND ELBOW PADS AND RUBBER SHOES=
- * DO PRACTISE A LOT. DON'T TRY TRICKS BEFORE YOU HAVE MASTERED BASIC SKILLS=
- * DO LEARN HOW TO FALL SAFELY= AND
- * DO STEP OFF WHEN YOU ENCOUNTER DIFFICULTIES.

THESE LEAFLETS CAN BE OBTAINED AT ALL CITY DISTRICT OFFICES, NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICES, THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND YOUTH ORGANISATIONS.

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SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL TO OFFICIATE AT SWEAR-IN CEREMONY
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THE ACTING DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION, MR. JAMES SO, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF OFFICE-BEARERS FOR THE 2ND TERM OF THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG (EAST KOWLOON REGION) AT THE CRYSTAL BALLROOM OF HOLIDAY INN, TSIM SHA TSUI AT 7.30 P.M. TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

MR. SO WILL ADDRESS THE GATHERING AND PRESENT LETTERS OF APPOINTMENT TO THE INCOMING OFFICE-BEARERS AT THE CEREMONY.

THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, MR. H.C. MA, WILL ATTEND THE CEREMONY ALONG WITH ABOUT 400 MEMBERS AND GUESTS.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF SCOUT ASSOCIATION OFFICE-BEARERS TO BE OFFICIATED BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION AT 7.30 P.M. WEDNESDAY AT HOLIDAY INN CRYSTAL BALLROOM.

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WATER CUT IN NORTH POINT AND SHEK KIP MEI

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN NORTH POINT ON THE ISLAND AND IN SHEK KIP MEI, KOWLOON WILL BE TEMPORARILY CUT OFF FOR SEVERAL HOURS ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 2) NIGHT TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE PREMISES IN THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IN NORTH POINT, BOUNDED BY THE SOUTH SIDE OF KING'S ROAD FROM HEALTHY STREET WEST TO MANSION STREET, TSAT Tsz MUI ROAD AND PAK FUK ROAD INCLUDING MODEL LANE, HEALTHY STREET EAST AND HEALTHY STREET CENTRAL, WILL HAVE NO WATER FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY.

IN SHEK KIP MEI, THE AREA BOUNDED BY NAM CHEONG STREET, WAI CHI STREET, WO CHAI STREET AND TAI HANG SAI STREET INCLUDING THE HONG KONG SETTLERS HOUSING CORPORATION WILL BE WITHOUT WATER FOR SIX HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT ON WEDNESDAY TO 6 A.M. ON THURSDAY.

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