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OVER \$6.5 MILLION PAID OUT UNDER TAVA SCHEME

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS PAID OUT MORE THAN \$6.5 MILLION AS QUICK CASH RELIEF TO PEOPLE UNDER THE +NO FAULT+ TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE SCHEME SINCE ITS IMPLEMENTATION ON MAY 1.

THE PAYMENTS WERE MADE TO 215 CASES INVOLVING DEATH AND 1 843 CASES INVOLVING INJURIES WHICH HAD CAUSED AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS' LOSS OF EARNING CAPACITY OF A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIM.

MRS. DIANA LEE, HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT'S TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE (TAVA) SECTION, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THE AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS FOR THE FATAL CASES TOTALLED \$1.38 MILLION AND THAT FOR THE INJURY CASES, OVER \$5.1 MILLION.

SHE SAID THE GRANTS FOR THE INJURY CASES INCLUDED FURTHER PAYMENTS IN 560 CASES WHEREBY THE APPLICANTS WERE MEDICALLY CERTIFIED TO REQUIRE EXTENDED SICK LEAVE.

IN CASES ALREADY PROCESSED, SHE SAID, THE HIGHEST PAYMENT WAS \$21 100 MADE IN ONE FATAL CASE, WHILE OTHER PAYMENTS RANGED FROM \$800 TO \$20 100.

+AT PRESENT, 332 OTHER APPLICATIONS ARE BEING PROCESSED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND THE APPLICANTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO RECEIVE PAYMENTS IN A FAIRLY SHORT TIME,+ SHE SAID.

THE NON-MEANS TESTED SCHEME AIMS AT PROVIDING QUICK CASH RELIEF TO TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS OR THEIR DEPENDANTS REGARDLESS OF WHO WAS AT FAULT IN CAUSING THE ACCIDENT.

MRS. LEE SAID PEOPLE INVOLVED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS AFTER MAY 1 THIS YEAR COULD APPLY WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF THE ACCIDENT.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SCHEME CAN BE MADE AT THE TAVA SECTION OF SWD ON THIRD FLOOR OF THE FIRE BRIGADE BUILDING AT 46 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG (TEL. NOS. 5-222392 AND 5-223254).

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TEMPORARY RAILWAY STATION FOR MONG KOK

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A TEMPORARY RAILWAY STATION WILL BE BUILT ON THE EMBANKMENT BETWEEN YIM PO FONG STREET AND PEACE AVENUE IN MONG KOK.

THE TEMPORARY STATION IS TO MINIMISE INCONVENIENCE TO TRAIN COMMUTERS DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW MONG KOK STATION.

THE CONTRACT FOR THE WORK WILL INCLUDE THE BUILDING OF PLATFORM AWNINGS, A COVERED WAITING AREA AND ANCILLARY FACILITIES SUCH AS TOILETS AND A SNACK SHOP.

ACCESS TO THE TEMPORARY STATION WILL BE THROUGH A RAMP OR STAIRCASES FROM YIM PO FONG STREET WHILE THE EXIT WILL BE VIA STAIRCASES TO A FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS ARGYLE STREET AND PEACE AVENUE.

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CONSTRUCTION IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR AND WILL TAKE FOUR MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE WORK HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE RAILWAY DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ON BEHALF OF THE KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY.

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NEW YEAR DAY IS A STATUTORY HOLIDAY
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A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT JANUARY 1 IS ONE OF THE 10 STATUTORY HOLIDAYS APPOINTED UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE, ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES WITHOUT DISTINCTION, INCLUDING DOMESTIC SERVANTS, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR EARNINGS, AND ALL NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$3 500 A MONTH, ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY.

THEY MUST ALSO BE PAID FOR THE DAY OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THEIR EMPLOYERS FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IF AN EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO WORK ON THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST BE GIVEN AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY WITHIN 60 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER THAT DAY.

IF THE ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY IS TO BE GRANTED BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYER MUST NOTIFY THE EMPLOYEE 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY. IN THE CASE WHERE AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY IS TO BE GIVEN AFTER THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYEE MUST BE NOTIFIED OF THE ARRANGEMENT AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IF BOTH EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE AGREE, ANY DAY WITHIN 30 DAYS OF A STATUTORY HOLIDAY OR ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY MAY BE TAKEN BY THE EMPLOYEE AS A SUBSTITUTED HOLIDAY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE AT ANY BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE. THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE OFFICES ARE: KOWLOON EAST 3-205638- KOWLOON WEST 3-201652- KWUN TONG 3-898520- TSUEN WAN 12-422096- TUEN MUN 12-818443 EXT. 82 AND HONG KONG ISLAND 5-282523 EXT. 60.

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT
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THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE WILL PRESENT A CHRISTMAS CONCERT IN NEW WORLD CENTRE, TSIM SHA TSUI AT 3 PM TOMORROW (MONDAY).

AT THE CONCERT, THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND AND THE KOWLOON-WEST DISTRICT BAND WILL PLAY CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND POPULAR ENGLISH AND CANTONESE TUNES IN THE SHOPPING ARCADE OF NEW WORLD CENTRE. THERE WILL ALSO BE A DEMONSTRATION OF WIND INSTRUMENTS.

THE CONCERT IS PART OF THE +MUSIC FOR THE MILLION+ PROGRAMME ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE TO BRING MUSIC CLOSER TO THE PUBLIC.

SINCE THE PROGRAMME STARTED TWO YEARS AGO, ABOUT 700 CONCERTS HAVE BEEN ORGANISED FOR A COMBINED AUDIENCE IN EXCESS OF 500 000 IN SCHOOLS, FACTORIES, AND PARKS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT PRESENTED BY THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE IN THE SHOPPING ARCADE OF NEW WORLD CENTRE AT 3 PM TOMORROW (MONDAY).

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CUSTOMS AND EXCISE OFFICERS
TAKE TIME OFF FOR FESTIVITIES
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THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE TODAY (SUNDAY) STAGED A GALA DAY FOR ITS STAFF AND THEIR FAMILIES.

THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, MR. WILLIAM DORWARD LAUNCHED THE FESTIVITIES AT THE SERVICE'S TRAINING SCHOOL IN TAI LAM CHUNG.

MR. DORWARD TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO TELL MEMBERS OF THE SERVICE THAT HE AND HIS SENIOR OFFICERS WERE VERY MUCH CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR WELFARE.

ABOUT 3 000 PEOPLE TURNED OUT FOR THE EVENT. APART FROM GAMES ORGANISED BY DIFFERENT DIVISIONS OF THE SERVICE, THERE WAS A DOG SHOW ARRANGED BY THE POLICE DOG UNIT.

THE CHILDREN ENJOYED THEMSELVES AT 'OLYMPIC GAMES' AND RIDES ON PONIES PROVIDED BY THE BRITISH FORCES. TOURS WERE ORGANISED TO THE TRAINING SCHOOL'S MUSEUM AND GYMNASIUM. MUSIC WAS PROVIDED BY THE QUEEN'S GURKHA PIPE BAND.

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JACKSON ROAD TO BE CLOSED FOR ROAD WORK
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A SECTION OF JACKSON ROAD BETWEEN CHATER ROAD AND CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 27) UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, FOR ROAD REINSTATEMENT WORK.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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