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MEASURES FOR SAFE NAVIGATION OFF EDINBURGH PLACE

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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT REMINDS MASTERS OF ALL VESSELS TO EXERCISE PARTICULAR VIGILANCE WHEN NAVIGATING IN THE WATER OFF EDINBURGH PLACE WHERE THE MARINE TRAFFIC IS HEAVY RECENTLY.

"AT ALL TIMES, THE INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR PREVENTING COLLISIONS AT SEA MUST BE FOLLOWED," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

HE DREW ALL MASTERS' ATTENTION TO THE CHANGES OF MARINE TRAFFIC SITUATION IN THE VICINITY OF STAR FERRY PIERS AND QUEEN'S PIER IN CENTRAL AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CERTAIN MARINE TRAFFIC MEASURES IN THIS CONNECTION.

THESE MARINE TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN IN PLACE SINCE DECEMBER LAST YEAR.

THE DEPARTMENT REISSUED THE MARINE TRAFFIC MESSAGE TO MASTERS OF ALL VESSELS RECENTLY AFTER TWO MINOR COLLISIONS IN THE VICINITY OCCURRED THIS YEAR.

THE MARINE TRAFFIC MEASURES INCLUDE A SAFE WATER MARK TYPE LIGHT BUOY LAID 380 METRES NORTH-EAST OF STAR FERRY EAST PIER.

THE PILLAR SHAPE LIGHT BUOY WITH RED AND WHITE VERTICAL STRIPES IS EQUIPPED WITH A RADAR REFLECTOR AND FLASHES AT NIGHT.

THE DISCOVERY BAY-CENTRAL FERRIES WHICH ARE BERTHED AT THE EAST WING OF STAR FERRY EAST PIER IN CENTRAL SHOULD APPROACH AND LEAVE THEIR BERTH ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE LINE JOINING THE LIGHT BUOY AND THE TIP OF THE PIER.

MEANWHILE, THE HUNG HOM-CENTRAL STAR FERRIES BERTHED AT THE WEST WING OF STAR FERRY EAST PIER SHOULD FOLLOW A ROUTE PASSING THE NORTHERN SIDE OF THE LIGHT BUOY.

TO FACILITATE THE USE OF THE QUEEN'S PIER LANDING STEPS WHICH ARE OPEN TO ALL VESSELS NOT EXCEEDING 35 METRES LONG, AND TO AVOID CONGESTION OF VESSELS IN THE APPROACH AREA, A CIRCULAR SMALL CRAFT WAITING AREA MEASURING 300 METRES IN DIAMETER WITH ITS CENTRE AT NAVAL MOORING BUOY NO. 4 HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT VESSELS AWAITING BERTHS OR PASSENGERS AT QUEEN'S PIER SHOULD STAY WITHIN THE WAITING AREA.

AS RECLAMATION WORK IN THE WEST OF STAR FERRY PIERS RESTRAINS THE STAR FERRIES FROM MOVING TO THE WEST OF THEIR ROUTES WHILE THE ROUTES OF THE STAR FERRIES AND DISCOVERY BAY-CENTRAL FERRIES INTERSECT SOMEWHERE NEAR THE LIGHT BUOY, THE FERRIES SHOULD MANOEUVRE APPROPRIATELY.

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED MASTERS OF ALL VESSELS USING QUEEN'S PIER THAT IT WAS CONSIDERED A GOOD AND ORDINARY PRACTICE OF SEAMEN TO KEEP THEIR VESSELS TO THE EAST OF THE LINE JOINING THE LIGHT BUOY AND THE TIP OF STAR FERRY EAST PIER WHEN APPROACHING AND LEAVING QUEEN'S PIER.

VESSELS SHOULD NAVIGATE IN A SOUTH-WESTERLY/NORTH-EASTERLY DIRECTION, WELL TO THE EAST OF THE ROUTE OF THE DISCOVERY BAY-CENTRAL FERRIES, THE SPOKESMAN NOTED.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO ASKED OWNERS, OPERATORS AND MASTERS TO AVOID USING QUEEN'S PIER WHERE MARINE TRAFFIC CONGESTION MIGHT OCCUR, AND TO CHOOSE ALTERNATIVE LANDING FACILITIES ELSEWHERE.

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GUIDELINES ISSUED ON SALE OF TEXTBOOKS

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HEADS OF SCHOOLS ARE URGED TO CONTINUE TO STRICTLY ABIDE BY THE CODE OF PRACTICE RELATING TO THE SALE OF TEXTBOOKS AND EXERCISE BOOKS TO STUDENTS.

AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR ISSUED RECENTLY TO ALL SCHOOLS SAID SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDELINES ON THE SALE OF TEXTBOOKS HAD BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THE CODE OF PRACTICE.

EXPLAINING THE IMPROVEMENT, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (SCHOOLS), MR TSUI SEE-MING, SAID IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT IN ALL MATTERS CONCERNING THE SALE OF TEXTBOOKS, EXERCISE BOOKS, SCHOOL UNIFORMS AND OTHER SCHOOL ACCESSORIES, THE CODE OF PRACTICE SHOULD BE OBSERVED IN FULL IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY CAUSE FOR COMPLAINT.

HE SAID: "THE REVISED CODE OF PRACTICE STIPULATED THAT SCHOOLS SHOULD SET UP SUBJECT TEXTBOOK COMMITTEES AND SELECT TEXTBOOKS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXTBOOKS SELECTION PROCEDURES.

"TEXTBOOK LISTS ISSUED BY SCHOOLS SHOULD QUOTE PRICES FROM AT LEAST THREE BOOKSELLERS. PARENTS SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT IT IS NOT MANDATORY TO PURCHASE FROM THE BOOKSELLERS QUOTED."

MR TSUI POINTED OUT THAT IN THE EVENT OF SCHOOLS CHOOSING TO SELL TEXTBOOKS DIRECT TO PARENTS, A GOOD DISCOUNT SHOULD BE OFFERED TO PARENTS AFTER MAKING ARRANGEMENTS WITH BOOKSELLERS OR BOOK SUPPLIERS FOR BULK PURCHASE.

"PARENTS SHOULD HAVE THE OPTION OF NOT BUYING FROM SCHOOLS," HE STRESSED.

MR TSUI ADDED THAT ACCORDING TO THE REVISED CODE OF PRACTICE, SCHOOLS SHOULD LIMIT THE PROFIT FROM THE SALE OF TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER ITEMS TO 15 PER CENT OF THE COST PRICE AT WHICH THEY WERE PURCHASED.

THE CODE OF PRACTICE ALSO SAYS THAT SCHOOLS SHOULD ADVISE THEIR TEACHERS TO AVOID USING WORKBOOKS WHICH COME BUNDLED WITH TEXTBOOKS.

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A SUPPORTIVE FAMILY LEADS TO A DRUG-FREE GENERATION

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PARENTS WHO FOSTER SELF-ESTEEM AND SELF-RELIANCE IN THEIR CHILDREN, AND WHO SPEND TIME IN GETTING TO KNOW THEM, WILL BE REWARDED BY A DRUG-FREE GENERATION.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, PROFESSOR CHEN CHAR-NIE, SAID THIS AT A CEREMONY TO MARK THE INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING HELD THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON AT THE METROPLAZA, KWAI FONG.

PROFESSOR CHEN NOTED THAT A STRONG AND SUPPORTIVE FAMILY WAS INCOMPATIBLE WITH DRUG ABUSE. "A CHILD WHO IS HAPPY AND ACTIVE HAS NO TIME FOR ILLICIT DRUGS," HE ADDED.

HE SAID A FINE EXAMPLE FOR HOW YOUNG PEOPLE COULD MAKE GOOD USE OF THEIR SPARE TIME AND CONTRIBUTE POSITIVELY TO SOCIETY WAS SET BY THE YOUTH VOLUNTEER GROUP.

ESTABLISHED IN 1981 BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, THE GROUP IS NOW RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS TO TAKE PART IN THE COMMITTEE'S PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES.

THROUGH THESE ACTIVITIES, THE GROUP HELP TO WARN THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE, AND TO PREVENT DRUG ABUSE AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE.

PROFESSOR CHEN SAID THE COMMUNITY'S CONTINUING SUPPORT WAS VITAL AND THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC COULD WORK TOGETHER TO BUILD A SAFER, HAPPIER AND HEALTHIER FUTURE FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS WERE THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MRS SARAH KWOK, AND THE HEAD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS UNIT (RADIO), RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, MR TAI KEEN-MAN.

THE CEREMONY WAS HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN EXHIBITION, A PRESENTATION OF LONG SERVICE AWARDS TO MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH VOLUNTEER GROUP AND A LIVE RADIO SHOW.

THE MESSAGE SAY "NO" TO DRUGS WAS DISSEMINATED THROUGH THE LIVE BROADCAST OF A RADIO SHOW JOINTLY ORGANISED BY ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG.

LOCAL ARTISTS, INCLUDING LINDA WONG, DICKY CHEUNG, LEE KWOK-CHEUNG, CHENG KA-WING, GIGI LAI, CHAN CHUNG-LING AND LITZ KONG, APPEALED TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE TO STAY AWAY FROM DRUGS AND LEAD A HEALTHY LIFE.

EXHIBITION ON CITIZENS' RIGHTS AND GOVERNMENT

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A WEEK-LONG EXHIBITION ON CITIZENS' RIGHTS AND REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT WILL BE HELD AT HONG KONG SCIENCE MUSEUM BEGINNING ON SATURDAY (JULY 2).

THROUGH A VARIETY OF PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES, THE CIVIC EVENT AIMS TO ENHANCE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF VOTING.

ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, THE ANNUAL FUNCTION WILL BE HELD AT THE SPECIAL EXHIBITION HALL OF HONG KONG SCIENCE MUSEUM, 2 SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

ONE OF THE MAIN FEATURES WILL BE A "TIME TUNNEL" WHICH LOOKS INTO THE DEVELOPMENT, ELEMENTS AND PRINCIPLES OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS CONCEPT.

THERE WILL ALSO BE INNOVATIVE GRAPHIC DISPLAYS EXPLAINING THE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE REPRESENTATIVE SYSTEM AND THE IMPORTANCE OF VOTING.

THE EXPLORATION THEATRE WILL BE PUTTING ON A HALF-HOUR CANTONESE DRAMA TITLED "THE LUDICROUS PLAYERS".

FOR YOUNGSTERS, GAMES STALLS WILL BE ERECTED TO MAKE THEIR VISIT BOTH EDUCATIONAL AND ENJOYABLE.

RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG HAS PRODUCED A 25-MINUTE VIDEO TARGETING AT SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS.

THE VIDEO EXPLORES THE PRINCIPLES AND IMPORTANCE OF RESPECTING HUMAN RIGHTS, BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL CONTEXT.

THE WINNING PROGRAMMES OF THE COMPUTER ANIMATION SOFTWARE DESIGN COMPETITION ON REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT WILL BE SCREENED, ILLUSTRATING THE IMPORTANCE OF VOTING AND MONITORING OF CANDIDATES IN AN INNOVATIVE MANNER.

ALSO ON DISPLAY WILL BE THE THREE WINNING OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PROJECTS FOR 1993/94.

THE FIRST WINNING PROJECT, DESIGNED BY "MINZHU DAXUE", FOCUSES ON THE FUNDAMENTALS OF ELECTIONS AND VOTING, WHICH ECHOES THE THEME OF THIS EXHIBITION.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN FROM 9.30 AM TO 8 PM DAILY EXCEPT ON THURSDAY (JULY 7) WHEN IT WILL CLOSE AT 5 PM.

ADMISSION IS FREE AND EXQUISITE GIFTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY WHICH WILL START AT 2.30 PM ON SATURDAY (JULY 2).

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OUTSTANDING EDUCATORS NAMED

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TEACHERS FROM A PRE-VOCATIONAL SCHOOL AND A SENIOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ARE AMONG THE 19 RECIPIENTS OF THE 1993/94 OUTSTANDING EDUCATORS AWARDS.

THE AWARD SCHEME GIVES RECOGNITION TO EDUCATORS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO EDUCATION IN HONG KONG AND SERVED IN THE PROFESSION WITH PERSEVERANCE.

ANOTHER OBJECTIVE IS TO PROMOTE THE SHARING OF EXPERIENCE AND EXCHANGE OF IDEAS IN THE PROFESSION.

AS IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR, THIS YEAR'S AWARDS CONSIST OF FOUR PRIZES RESPECTIVELY FOR SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION; PEDAGOGICAL ACHIEVEMENTS; LOVE AND CARE AND LONG SERVICE.

MORE THAN 160 NOMINATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED, AND 19 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO RECEIVE THE AWARDS.

THE SCHEME WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND MING PAO. CO-SPONSORS INCLUDED THE HONG KONG PROFESSIONAL TEACHERS' UNION, HONG KONG SUBSIDISED SECONDARY SCHOOLS COUNCIL, HONG KONG FEDERATION OF EDUCATION WORKERS, THE UNION OF GRADUATE OFFICERS IN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOLS, THE SUBSIDISED PRIMARY SCHOOLS COUNCIL AND GOVERNMENT SCHOOL NON-GRADUATE TEACHERS' UNION.

A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON JULY 6. THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MRS ANSON CHAN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

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NOISE-REDUCING WORKS AT PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IS GOING TO CARRY OUT NOISE-REDUCING SURFACING WORK ON SECTIONS OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST NEAR CHOI HUNG ESTATE AND KWUN TONG ROAD BETWEEN PING SHEK AND KAI YIP ESTATE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE WORKS WOULD BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 29), FIRSTLY ON THE EASTBOUND AND THEN ON THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY.

HE SAID SPECIAL MEASURES WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED TO REDUCE DISRUPTION TO ROAD-USERS SUCH AS WORKING IN PHASES, RESTRICTING THE SIZE OF ANY FENCED-OFF AREA TO NOT MORE THAN ONE TRAFFIC LANE AT ANY ONE TIME, AND WORKING ROUND THE CLOCK DURING CERTAIN PHASES OF THE WORK.

HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO REDUCE SPEED LIMIT FOR THE ROAD SECTIONS FROM 70 KILOMETRES PER HOUR TO 50 KILOMETRES PER HOUR, HE SAID.

THE WORK IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY DECEMBER THIS YEAR.

HE ADDED THAT MECHANICAL PLANTS USED AT NIGHT WOULD SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT SO THAT THE NOISE GENERATED COULD BE REDUCED TO THE MINIMUM.

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SAFE USE OF ELECTRICITY POSTER

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THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (EMSD) HAS PRODUCED A POSTER TO PROMOTE THE SAFE USE OF ELECTRICITY.

THE POSTER AIMS TO REMIND OWNERS OF FIXED ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING THEIR INSTALLATIONS REGULARLY INSPECTED BY REGISTERED ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS.

"THIS IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY OF PREVENTING ELECTRICAL ACCIDENTS," AN EMSD SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

HE ALSO STRESSED THE DANGER OF ILLEGAL ALTERATION OR ADDITION OF FIXED ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION.

COPIES OF THE POSTER WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO OFFICE OF PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, DISTRICT OFFICES AND OWNERS CORPORATIONS OF PRIVATE BUILDINGS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SEEKING MORE INFORMATION ON THE SAFE USE OF ELECTRICITY OR TO OBTAIN COPIES OF THE POSTER MAY WRITE TO EMSD, 98 CAROLINE HILL ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, OR TELEPHONE 882 8011.

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NINE BODIES TO RAISE FUNDS IN JULY

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NINE ORGANISATIONS HAVE BEEN GRANTED PERMISSION TO RAISE FUNDS NEXT MONTH, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

THEY WILL EITHER SELL FLAGS, TOKENS OR SIMILAR ITEMS, OR PLACE DONATION BOXES IN DESIGNATED PUBLIC AREAS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN CALL THE DEPARTMENT'S HOTLINE 343 2255 OR THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE'S 866 8123 IN CASE OF DOUBT.

THE SPOKESMAN APPEALED TO ORGANISERS TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST ANY POSSIBLE FRAUD.

"SELLERS SHOULD DISPLAY THE PERMIT OR CARRY COPIES OF THE PERMIT FOR INSPECTION UPON REQUEST IF THE FUND-RAISING IS MOBILE," HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED THEM TO PREPARE GUIDELINES FOR SELLERS, SETTING OUT THE PLACES AND THE TIMES FOR SELLING AND THE COLLECTION POINTS FOR BAGS.

ORGANISERS SHOULD INFORM THE POLICE IN CASE OF LOSS OF PROPERTY, AND SEEK THEIR HELP WHEN FRAUDULENT ACTS, SUCH AS TAMPERING OF COLLECTION BAGS OR MAKING UNAUTHORISED SELLING, ARE FOUND.

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PERMITS ARE GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS FOR RAISING FUNDS NEXT MONTH:

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ORGANISATION

JULY 2	HONG KONG AIDS FOUNDATION LTD
JULY 9	METHODIST CHURCH HONG KONG (METHODIST EPWORTH VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE)
JULY 16	HONG KONG RED CROSS
JULY 23	THE ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION LTD
JULY 30	HONG KONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED

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ORGANISATION

JULY 3 AND 17	LAND OF VIRTUE CENTRE LTD
JULY 2 AND 3	RALEIGH INTERNATIONAL HONG KONG COMMITTEE
JULY 1 - 4, 14 - 18 AND 22 - 24	FRIESLAND FOODS LTD
JULY 1 - 3 AND 29 - 31	ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

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SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT AND VACANCIES FOR JUNE

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A QUARTERLY SURVEY TO COLLECT DATA ON EMPLOYMENT AND VACANCIES IN THE MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY FOR THIS MONTH IS UNDER WAY.

THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE USEFUL IN SERVING AS SHORT-TERM ECONOMIC INDICATORS AND PROVIDING INFORMATION ON THE LATEST CHANGES IN THE LABOUR MARKET, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID.

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THIS ROUND OF THE SURVEY COVERS ABOUT 60,000 ESTABLISHMENTS COMING FROM VARIOUS SECTORS INCLUDING THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR (MINING AND QUARRYING; MANUFACTURING; ELECTRICITY AND GAS), THE DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES SECTOR (WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS) AND THE SERVICES SECTOR (TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION; FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES; COMMUNITY, SOCIAL AND PERSONAL SERVICES).

INFORMATION ON NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED AND VACANCIES AS AT THE END OF THIS MONTH WILL BE SOUGHT FROM EACH SAMPLED ESTABLISHMENT.

QUESTIONNAIRES ARE BEING MAILED TO SAMPLED ESTABLISHMENTS.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS (QUARTERLY SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT AND VACANCIES) ORDER, THESE ESTABLISHMENTS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRES TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD.

IF THEY HAVE DIFFICULTIES IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES, THEY ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT FOR HELP ON 582 5076.

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