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FORMER GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID TRENCH PASSES AWAY

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FORMER GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG, SIR DAVID TRENCH, DIED AT HIS HOME IN ENGLAND LAST NIGHT. HE WAS 73.

IN A TRIBUTE, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON SAID: "I HEARD WITH GREAT SADNESS THE NEWS OF SIR DAVID TRENCH'S DEATH. HE FIRST CAME TO HONG KONG AS A CADET IN 1950 AND SERVED IN MANY DIFFERENT POSTS BEFORE BECOMING GOVERNOR FROM 1964 TO 1971. DURING HIS LONG SERVICE HERE AND SINCE, HE REMAINED DEEPLY ATTACHED TO HONG KONG AND ITS PEOPLE. HE WILL BE SADLY MISSED BY HIS MANY FRIENDS HERE,"

THE FOLLOWING IS THE BIOGRAPHY OF SIR DAVID TRENCH, G.C.M.G., M.C.:

BORN IN 1915, SIR DAVID CLIVE CROSBIE TRENCH WAS EDUCATED AT TONBRIDGE AND JESUS COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE. HE JOINED THE COLONIAL SERVICE AS A CADET IN THE BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS PROTECTORATE IN 1938.

HE WAS COMMISSIONED DURING THE WAR IN THE BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE AND SERVED IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC DURING THE CAMPAIGN IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS. HE ATTAINED THE RANK OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL AND WAS AWARDED THE MILITARY CROSS AND THE U.S. LEGION OF MERIT. IN 1947, HE RETURNED TO THE CIVIL ADMINISTRATION OF THE SOLOMON ISLANDS, WHICH ARE PART OF THE WESTERN PACIFIC HIGH COMMISSION, AND ACTED AS RESIDENT COMMISSIONER THERE TWICE.

FROM 1949 TO 1950, HE WAS ATTACHED TO THE JOINT SERVICES STAFF COLLEGE BEFORE BEING TRANSFERRED TO HONG KONG. IN HONG KONG, HE ACTED IN VARIOUS POSTS, INCLUDING THOSE OF DEPUTY FINANCIAL SECRETARY, DEFENCE SECRETARY, COMMISSIONER OF LABOUR BEFORE BECOMING DEPUTY COLONIAL SECRETARY IN JANUARY 1959. HE WAS APPOINTED HIGH COMMISSIONER, WESTERN PACIFIC IN SUCCESSION TO SIR JOHN GUTCH, K.C.M.G., O.B.E., WHO RETIRED EARLY IN 1961.

SIR DAVID SUCCEEDED SIR ROBERT BLACK AS GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG IN 1964. HE WAS SUCCEEDED BY LORD MACLEHOSE IN 1971.

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REGULATIONS ON CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES DUE TO BECOME EFFECTIVE

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THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES) REGULATIONS 1988, WHICH WERE APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN MID-JUNE, WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON DECEMBER 15.

THE REGULATIONS PROVIDE FOR THE CLASSIFICATION, LABELLING, SAFE USE AND SAFE HANDLING OF 231 CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES COMMONLY USED IN INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG.

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UNDER THE REGULATIONS, THESE SUBSTANCES ARE CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO SEVEN TYPES OF BASIC RISK -- TOXIC, CORROSIVE, FLAMMABLE, EXPLOSIVE, OXIDISING, IRRITANT AND HARMFUL.

THE CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MR YIP YUK-LUN, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT FROM DECEMBER 15 EVERY CONTAINER HOLDING A LISTED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE MUST BE LABELLED IN THE FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE SECOND SCHEDULE OF THE REGULATIONS.

"THE PROPRIETOR OF A SPECIFIED INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKING WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CLASSIFICATION AND LABELLING OF THOSE DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES USED, HANDLED OR STORED IN HIS WORKPLACE," MR YIP SAID.

"EACH LABEL SHOULD CONTAIN, IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH, THE CHEMICAL NAME OR COMMON NAME OF THE SUBSTANCE; THE CLASSIFICATION, RISK DESCRIPTION AND SAFETY INFORMATION OF THE SUBSTANCE; AND A STANDARD SYMBOL INDICATING THE CLASS OF RISK.

"IN ADDITION, THE PROPRIETOR IS ALSO REQUIRED TO PROVIDE EMPLOYEES WITH INFORMATION ON THE HAZARDS AND THE PRECAUTIONS NECESSARY IN HANDLING THESE SUBSTANCES; AND TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS, TRAINING AND SUITABLE PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT TO EMPLOYEES EXPOSED TO SUCH SUBSTANCES.

"THE PROPRIETOR HAS TO ENSURE THAT THE CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT ARE PROPERLY USED."

UNDER THE LAW, EMPLOYEES HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO USE THE PROTECTIVE CLOTHING OR EQUIPMENT PROVIDED BY THE EMPLOYER IN A PROPER MANNER, AND TO REFRAIN FROM EATING, DRINKING OR SMOKING IN A WORKROOM IN WHICH DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES ARE USED.

"THE MAXIMUM PENALTIES PRESCRIBED FOR OFFENCES COMMITTED BY A PROPRIETOR RANGE FROM \$20,000 TO \$30,000 WHILE THOSE FOR OFFENCES BY AN EMPLOYEE ARE \$10,000," MR YIP SAID.

THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS PUBLISHED REFERENCE MATERIALS, TECHNICAL INFORMATION AND LITERATURE ON THE SUBJECT.

THESE INCLUDE A REFERENCE BOOKLET ENTITLED CLASSIFICATION AND LABELLING OF DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES COMMONLY USED IN INDUSTRY FOR EMPLOYERS OF INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS; AND A GUIDE TO THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES) REGULATIONS.

THERE ARE ALSO TWO ILLUSTRATIVE LEAFLETS ON THE SUBJECT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

"THE MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE FREE FROM THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE ON THE 13TH FLOOR OF HARBOUR BUILDING IN CENTRAL, AND ALL BRANCH OFFICES OF THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION.

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"A LIMITED QUANTITY OF SAMPLE STICKERS, WITH PRESCRIBED RISKS, SAFETY INFORMATION AND SYMBOLS, ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE CENTRE FOR FACTORY PROPRIETORS," MR YIP ADDED.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE REGULATIONS MAY BE MADE TO THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION ON 5-8524065.

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RAPID INDUSTRIAL GROWTH IN TUEN MUN

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THE NUMBER OF FACTORIES IN THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN HAS INCREASED FROM SLIGHTLY OVER 100 IN THE EARLY 1980'S TO MORE THAN 1,500 NOW.

THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN WAN, SAID THIS TODAY (SUNDAY) AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF AN EXHIBITION ON LABOUR LAW IN TUEN MUN TOWN PLAZA.

MR WAN SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD ALREADY PROVIDED 129 HECTARES OF INDUSTRIAL LAND SINCE 1970 AND ANOTHER 90 HECTARES WOULD BE AVAILABLE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

"THIS AIMS AT DEVELOPING DIFFERENT TYPES OF INDUSTRIES IN THE APPROPRIATE LOCATIONS OF THE DISTRICT AS WELL AS TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WORKFORCE," MR WAN SAID.

REFERRING TO AREAS NINE AND 12 WHERE LIGHT INDUSTRIES ARE CONCENTRATED, MR WAN NOTED THAT THE TOTAL FLOOR SPACE IN 1985 WAS 1,300,000 SQ. METRES WITH A 15 PER CENT VACANCY RATE.

SPACE NOW WAS AROUND 1,470,000 SQ. METRES, OF WHICH ONLY SIX PER CENT WAS VACANT.

MR WAN ALSO ADDED THAT BY 1992, THE DISTRICT WOULD HAVE 14 NEW INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS.

HE NOTED THAT THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY HAD EXPERIENCED A RAPID GROWTH IN THE DISTRICT, FOLLOWED BY ELECTRONICS, METALS AND TEXTILES INDUSTRIES.

MR WAN ALSO HIGHLIGHTED A 2.9-HECTARE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE IN AREA 17.

UPON COMPLETION, THIS WOULD PROVIDE A TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF 150,000 SQ. METRES FOR MANUFACTURING FIRMS AND ANOTHER 9,000 SQ. METRES FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL USAGE, RANGING FROM OFFICE, SHOWROOM, BANK, CANTEEN, RESTAURANT, SHOP, NURSERY TO ENTERTAINMENT VENUE.

/REGARDING LARGE-SCALE

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REGARDING LARGE-SCALE HEAVY INDUSTRIES, MR WAN SAID THAT APART FROM THE CASTLE PEAK POWER STATION, A CEMENT PLANT AND A BRICK FACTORY, CONSTRUCTION WORK OVER A FIVE-HECTARE PIECE OF RECLAIMED LAND IN AREA 40 HAD ALREADY BEGUN FOR SETTING UP BOATYARDS AND SAWMILLS.

"AT THE SAME TIME, THE GOVERNMENT HAS PLANS IN HAND TO DEVELOP 70 HECTARES OF LAND IN AREA 38 FOR INDUSTRIES REQUIRING LARGE SITES WITH WATERFRONT ACCESS."

MR WAN SAID THERE WERE MORE THAN 30,000 WORKERS EMPLOYED IN AREAS NINE AND 12.

ALTHOUGH 39 PER CENT OF THEM WERE LIVING OUTSIDE TUEN MUN, THE FIGURE HAD DECREASED WHEN COMPARED TO THE 47 PER CENT FIGURE IN 1985.

MR WAN SAID HE EXPECTED THAT BY THE MID-1990'S, TUEN MUN WOULD HAVE A POPULATION OF 550,000 AND A PROVISION OF 100,000 JOBS FOR THE WORKFORCE WHEN THE DISTRICT WAS FULLY DEVELOPED.

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LIVING ENVIRONMENT OF SQUATTERS IMPROVED

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A TOTAL OF 8 441 SQUATTERS FROM 2 110 FAMILIES HAVE IMPROVED THEIR LIVING ENVIRONMENT BY MOVING TO PUBLIC RENTAL HOUSING FLATS THROUGH THE GENERAL WAITING LIST IN THE FIRST TEN MONTHS OF THIS YEAR.

MOST OF THESE FAMILIES WERE REHOUSED TO FLATS IN NEW TOWNS, SUCH AS SHA TIN, JUNK BAY AND TSING YI, ACCORDING TO THEIR CHOICE OF LOCALITY, A HOUSING SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

THE AVERAGE WAITING TIME FOR PUBLIC RENTAL HOUSING IN THESE NEWS TOWNS IS ABOUT FIVE OR SIX YEARS.

UNDER THE CURRENT POLICY, SQUATTERS WILL HAVE TO SURRENDER THE STRUCTURE THEY LIVE IN ONCE THEIR APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC RENTAL HOUSING IS SUCCESSFUL.

THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT WILL IMMEDIATELY DEMOLISH THE STRUCTURE WHENEVER POSSIBLE TO PREVENT RE-OCCUPATION.

HOWEVER, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IF THE STRUCTURE IS STILL PARTLY OCCUPIED OR STRUCTURALLY LINKED WITH ADJACENT STRUCTURES, THE DEPARTMENT WILL BOARD UP THE SURRENDERED PARTITION OR STRUCTURE AS IT WILL BE UNSAFE TO CARRY OUT DEMOLITION.

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DURING THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY TO OCTOBER, THE DEPARTMENT HAS PULLED DOWN 318 SQUATTER STRUCTURES AND BOARDED UP 1 288 SPACES/STRUCTURES.

THE DEPARTMENT'S SQUATTER CONTROL STAFF ALSO PATROLLED SQUATTER AREAS TO PREVENT PEOPLE FROM MOVING INTO THE SURRENDERED HUTS AND ISSUE WARNINGS TO THOSE WHO HAD OCCUPIED THEM.

RE-OCCUPYING OF THESE SURRENDERED STRUCTURES WILL NOT ENTITLE THE OCCUPANT ANY REHOUSING ARRANGEMENTS WHEN THESE STRUCTURES ARE AFFECTED BY NATURAL DISASTERS OR CLEARANCE OPERATIONS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHOULD THEREFORE ABSTAIN FROM BUYING THESE HUTS FOR RESIDENCE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

INSTEAD THEY SHOULD APPLY FOR PUBLIC HOUSING THROUGH THE GENERAL WAITING LIST WHICH IS THE PROPER AND FASTER WAY TO IMPROVE THEIR LIVING ENVIRONMENT.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS SQUATTER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO CONSIDER ALLOCATING \$65,000 TO IMPROVE THE DRAINAGE AT SHEK O VILLAGE.

BEING PART OF THE DISTRICT'S COMPREHENSIVE SQUATTER IMPROVEMENT SCHEME, THE PROJECT INVOLVES CONSTRUCTING A 50-METRE-LONG "U-CHANNEL" AND ASSOCIATED UNDERGROUND DRAINAGE PIPE IN THE LOW-LYING AREA OF THE VILLAGE SO AS TO PREVENT FLOODING.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO ENDORSE THE APPLICATION OF ABOUT \$7,500 TO EQUIP A NEW FIRE WATCH TEAM IN TAI SHUI HANG VILLAGE AND TO REPLENISH THE FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT FOR 16 OF THE 20 EXISTING FIRE WATCH TEAMS IN THE DISTRICT.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT AND A PROGRESS REPORT ON OUTSTANDING ITEMS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, ABERDEEN CENTRE, NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN.

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FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN IN SQUATTER AREAS

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THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD IS ORGANISING A CAMPAIGN TO EDUCATE SQUATTER AREA RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT ON FIRE PREVENTION AND TO CURB THE ILLEGAL TAPPING OF ELECTRICITY AT SQUATTER AREAS.

THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE LAUNCHED WITH AN OPENING CEREMONY AT THE TZE WAN SHAN CENTRAL PLAYGROUND ON DECEMBER 11. IT WILL CONCLUDE ON JANUARY 15, 1989.

A WORKING GROUP FORMED UNDER THE DISTRICT BOARD HAS WORKED OUT A SERIES OF PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES FOR THE CAMPAIGN.

THESE INCLUDE A COLOURING COMPETITION, A CROSS-WORD PUZZLE COMPETITION, DISTRIBUTION OF A POSTER AND A CALENDAR, AS WELL AS SEMINARS ON FIRE PREVENTION FOR SQUATTER AREA RESIDENTS.

DURING THE CAMPAIGN, MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP WILL VISIT FAMILIES IN THE GOOD HOPE AND NGAU CHI WAN VILLAGES TO DRIVE HOME THE MESSAGES ON FIRE PREVENTION AND THE PROPER WAYS OF USING ELECTRICITY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WORKING GROUP POINTED OUT TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE CAMPAIGN REPRESENTED THE DISTRICT BOARD'S ON-GOING EFFORTS IN REDUCING FIRE HAZARD AT SQUATTER AREAS DURING THE DRY SEASONS.

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NORTH DISTRICT CLEAN-UP CONTEST

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A WEEK-LONG CLEAN-UP COMPETITION WILL START TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN VARIOUS HOUSING AREAS IN NORTH DISTRICT TO DRAW RESIDENTS' ATTENTION TO THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING THEIR LIVING ENVIRONMENT CLEAN.

THE COMPETITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THE TERRITORY-WIDE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN.

COMPETITIONS WILL BE HELD FOR FIVE GROUPS. THESE ARE THE CHOI YUEN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE, TIN PING PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE, CHEUNG WAH PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE, HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME COURTS (CHOI PO AND YUK PO), AND TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS (TIN SAM AND SHEUNG SHUI).

A TEAM OF ADJUDICATORS WILL INSPECT BUILDINGS AND BLOCKS TO ASSESS THE CONDITIONS OF COMMON AREAS SUCH AS CORRIDORS, REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS, STAIRCASES, LIFT LOBBIES, LAVATORIES, NULLAHS AND SITTING-OUT AREAS. THE TEAM WILL BE MADE UP OF DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

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A BANNER PRESENTATION CEREMONY TO BEGIN THE COMPETITION WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND RESIDENTS' ORGANISATIONS CONCERNED WILL BE REQUESTED TO PUT UP THE BANNERS IN THEIR AREAS TO SPREAD THE KEEP CLEAN MESSAGE.

RESIDENTS ARE ALSO WELCOME TO COME FORWARD AFTER THE CEREMONY TO LODGE WITH THE COMPETITION ORGSNISERS ANY COMPLAINTS THEY MAY HAVE ABOUT HYGIENE MATTERS.

WINNERS IN EACH GROUP WILL BE AWARDED PRIZES AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 19 (MONDAY) IN THE CHEUNG WAH COMMUNITY HALL, FANLING. THE PRESENTATION WILL BEGIN AT NOON.

IN SUPPORT OF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN, NORTH DISTRICT WILL ALSO TAKE PART IN A FANCY CAR PARADE COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE. THIS WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 18 (SUNDAY).

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE BANNER PRESENTATION TO BE HELD TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE CHEUNG WAH COMMUNITY HALL, FANLING, STARTING AT 9.15 AM.

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TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS ON THE RISE AGAIN

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THERE WERE 721 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING GOODS VEHICLES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF THIS YEAR.

THE FIGURE ACCOUNTED FOR 40 PER CENT OF ALL ACCIDENTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, COMPARED WITH 30 PER CENT IN KOWLOON AND LESS THAN 20 PER CENT ON HONG KONG ISLAND, THE REGIONAL COMMANDER, NEW TERRITORIES, MR RICHARD SMALLSHAW, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE NEW TERRITORIES REGIONAL INSPECTION OF ROAD SAFETY PATROLS AT YUEN LONG STADIUM, MR SMALLSHAW NOTED THAT TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN THE REGION BEGAN TO RISE AGAIN IN 1986 AFTER A CONTINUOUS DECLINE FOR TWO YEARS.

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ANY RISE IS WORRYING AND MUST BE GIVEN DUE ATTENTION, HE SAID, ADDING THAT POLICE ENFORCEMENT ACTION WAS THEREFORE BEING AIMED PARTICULARLY AT GOODS VEHICLES.

NOTING THAT 'DRIVING TOO FAST HAVING REGARD TO THE CONDITIONS' AND 'PEDESTRIAN NEGLIGENCE' WERE THE TWO MAIN ACCIDENT CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS, MR SMALLSHAW DISCLOSED THAT PROSECUTIONS FOR SPEEDING IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ROSE TO 9,198 CASES IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF THIS YEAR WHILE THOSE FOR PEDESTRIAN OFFENCES INCREASED BY 68 PER CENT.

IN ADDITION, SEVERAL THOUSAND WARNINGS WERE ALSO GIVEN, HE SAID.

TURNING TO TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CHILDREN IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE REGIONAL COMMANDER SAID THE CASUALTY FIGURE FOR THIS QUARTER FOR THOSE UNDER 15 YEARS OF AGE WAS 13 PER CENT OF ALL AGE GROUPS.

"ALTHOUGH THIS AGE GROUP REMAINS IN THE MINORITY, NEVERTHELESS THE FIGURE OF 860 FATAL AND INJURY ACCIDENTS IS MUCH TOO HIGH AND IS NEARLY 7 PER CENT UP ON THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987."

MR SMALLSHAW THEREFORE APPEALED TO CHILDREN, PARENTS AND TEACHERS TO REMEMBER THAT "PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS WHERE AVAILABLE MUST BE USED AT ALL TIMES."

ON PARADE TODAY WERE 700 ROAD SAFETY PATROL OFFICERS WHO HAVE PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN HELPING THEIR FELLOW STUDENTS CROSS ROADS SAFELY IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ALSO PRESENT WERE THE PRESIDENT OF ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION, MR SHE KWONG-WAH; THE CHAIRMAN OF ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION, MR LAW KWOK-HUNG; AND THE COMMISSIONER OF ROAD SAFETY PATROL, MR CECIL CHAN.

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COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT VISITS FUJIAN

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR JAMES SO, LEFT HONG KONG TODAY (SUNDAY) TO BEGIN A SIX-DAY VISIT TO THE CHINESE PROVINCE OF FUJIAN AT THE INVITATION OF THE FUJIAN TRANSPORT AUTHORITIES.

DURING THE VISIT, MR SO WILL EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH TRANSPORT OFFICIALS IN THE CITIES OF FUZHOU, QUANZHOU AND XIAMEN ON THE TRANSPORT SYSTEMS AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN HONG KONG AND IN THE PROVINCE.

THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST RELATING TO TRANSPORT BETWEEN HONG KONG AND FUJIAN PROVINCE.

MR SO, WHO IS ACCOMPANIED BY CHIEF TRANSPORT OFFICER, MS ZINA WONG, WILL FIRST ARRIVE IN FUZHOU AND WILL MOVE ON TO QUANZHOU AND XIAMEN LATER IN THE WEEK, AND WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 9).

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CONCERT HELPS EDUCATE YOUTH ABOUT AIDS SCOURGE

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YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE A POSITIVE ATTITUDE IN LIFE AND NOT ENGAGE IN CASUAL SEX, SO THAT THEY CAN AVOID THE POSSIBLE CONTRACTION OF AIDS.

THESE WERE THE PRIME MESSAGES DELIVERED AT A YOUTH CONCERT HELD THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON AT THE SHA TIN RACECOURSE.

THE CONCERT, ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY ON AIDS, WAS A HIGHLIGHT OF THE COMMUNITY AIDS CONCERN WEEK BEING HELD IN SUPPORT OF WORLD AIDS DAY.

THE COMMITTEE BELIEVED THAT THE CONCERT WAS THE RIGHT MEDIUM THROUGH WHICH TO DISSEMINATE RELEVANT MESSAGES TO YOUNG PEOPLE.

THE CONCERT FEATURED A POPULAR JAPANESE SINGER, MISS NAOKO KAWAI; AND LOCAL SINGERS AND ARTISTS TOOK PART IN A MUSICAL DRAMA, HIGHLIGHTING THE DANGER OF CASUAL SEX.

THE COMMITTEE ALSO MADE USE OF THE OCCASION TO RELEASE A THEME SONG FOR THE LOCAL AIDS PREVENTION CAMPAIGN. THE SONG WAS SUNG FOR THE FIRST TIME IN PUBLIC.

OFFICIATING AT AN OPENING CEREMONY WERE THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR ALLEN LEE; LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER, MRS PEGGY LAM; LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF ASIA TELEVISION, MRS SELINA CHOW; THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR S.H. LEE; AND THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, MRS IRENE YAU.

MORE THAN 10,000 YOUNG PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE ATTENDED. THE LIVE BROADCAST OF THE CONCERT THROUGH ASIA TELEVISION ALSO ENABLED HOME VIEWERS TO SEE THE CONCERT IN PROGRESS.

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SUBSIDIES FOR CIVIC EDUCATION PROJECTS

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A TOTAL OF \$700,000 HAS BEEN ALLOCATED BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION FOR SUBSIDISING COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PROJECTS IN CIVIC EDUCATION NEXT YEAR.

"APPLICATIONS FOR THE SUBSIDY ARE NOW OPEN TO REGISTERED COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS AND THE MAXIMUM GRANT PER PROJECT IS \$50,000," THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION GROUP OF THE COMMITTEE, MR MAK HOI-WAH, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

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THE AIM OF THE SCHEME IS TO ENCOURAGE ORGANISATIONS FROM VARIOUS SECTORS TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION AND PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS, HE SAID.

"IT IS ALSO HOPED THAT THESE PROJECTS, IN FORMS SUCH AS EXHIBITIONS, PRODUCTION AND TRAINING, WILL ENABLE PARTICIPANTS TO UNDERSTAND AND PRACTISE 'RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP' AND TO UNDERSTAND AND UPHOLD CIVIC RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES," HE SAID.

EACH APPLICATION WILL BE ASSESSED ACCORDING TO THE CONTENT OF THE PROJECT, WHICH SHOULD BE IN LINE WITH THE SCOPE AND OBJECTIVE OF CIVIC EDUCATION AS ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION.

THE BASIC CONTENTS OF THESE PROJECTS SHOULD ENABLE PARTICIPANTS TO NURTURE A SENSE OF CIVIC-MINDEDNESS AND SHOULD BE PERTINENT TO THE NEED OF HONG KONG'S OVERALL DEVELOPMENT.

"CONSIDERATION WILL ALSO BE GIVEN TO THEIR INNOVATIVENESS AND EFFECTIVENESS IN SPREADING THE CIVIC MESSAGE AMONG THE PUBLIC," MR MAK ADDED.

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS FEBRUARY 28 NEXT YEAR AND THE CIVIC EDUCATION PROJECT MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE JANUARY 15, 1990.

EACH APPLICATION WILL BE VETTED AND ASSESSED BY THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION GROUP WHICH COMPRISES UNOFFICIALS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES.

ALL PROJECTS SUBSIDISED WILL BE INCLUDED IN AN OUTSTANDING PROJECT AWARD SCHEME TO BE HELD IN MAY, 1990.

APPLICATION FORMS, WITH DETAILS OF APPLICATION PROCEDURES, ARE OBTAINABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES.

FURTHER DETAILS OF THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PROJECT MAY ALSO BE OBTAINED FROM THE GENERAL DIVISION OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS, 13TH FLOOR, WORLD SHIPPING CENTRE, 7 CANTON ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI, OR BY TELEPHONING 3-693950 OR 3-669074.

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ANTI-SHOPTHEFT CAMPAIGN HELD IN CENTRAL

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ABOUT 2,000 CITIZENS TOOK PART IN AN ANTI-SHOPTHEFT CAMPAIGN HELD AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT IN CENTRAL TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE FUNCTION WAS ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE WITH THE AIM OF AROUSING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE PRICE PAID FOR SHOPTHEFT.

OFFICIATING AT THE RIBBON-CUTTING AND BALLOON RAISING CEREMONY WERE CENTRAL AND WESTERN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS JOEY LAM; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER (CENTRAL), MR W.H. KIRKHOPE; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER (WESTERN), MR R.C. TOAL; CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR WU CHOR-NAM; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE ANTI-SHOPTHEFT AND VARIETY SHOW ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR LAM YIU-MING.

MEMBER OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR MARTIN LEE WAS ALSO PRESENT TO DELIVER AN OPENING ADDRESS.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF TODAY'S CAMPAIGN WAS A SEMINAR ON ANTI-SHOPTHEFT.

SPEAKING AT THE SEMINAR WERE A LECTURER FROM THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY, DR LEUNG KOK; THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICE, MR NG SHIU-LAI; AND A CHAIN-STORE REPRESENTATIVE, MR OSCAR TANG.

MEMBERS OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT JUNIOR POLICE CALL AND THE CENTRAL JUNIOR POLICE CALL STAGED A DRAMA, CHINESE DANCE AND KARATE DEMONSTRATION.

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EXTENSION OF FERRY PIER ON LANTAU AUTHORISED

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AUTHORISATION HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO BUILD AN EXTENSION TO THE EXISTING FERRY PIER AT LUK KENG, NORTHEAST LANTAU.

THE 9.55 METRES EXTENSION WILL BE CARRIED OUT WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 1,510 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT LUK KENG.

THE WORK WILL BEGIN THIS MONTH AND BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF NEXT APRIL.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GAZETTE.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED WILL BE INJURIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE ABOVE UNDERTAKING MAY DELIVER TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 NEXT YEAR.

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CONCERT FOR MUSIC OFFICE TRAINEES

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MORE THAN 250 TRAINEES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE PERFORMED BEFORE THEIR TEACHERS, PARENTS, FRIENDS AND GUESTS AT THE DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

BEFORE THE PERFORMANCES BEGAN, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE, MR HONG CHE-WAH, OFFICIATED AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

AT THIS, OUTSTANDING TRAINEES AND ORCHESTRAL AND BAND MEMBERS IN THE KOWLOON REGION WERE GIVEN AWARDS IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS.

THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR, MISS LOLLY CHIU, SAID THAT THE AIM OF THE CONCERT WAS TO PROVIDE PARENTS AND TEACHERS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY OF HEARING THEIR CHILDREN AND STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE THEIR PROGRESS.

MISS CHIU ALSO THANKED SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, MUSIC TEACHERS AND PARENTS FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

THE PROGRAMME INCLUDED PERFORMANCES BY THE EAST KOWLOON YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND, THE WEST KOWLOON YOUTH STRINGS, AND THE EAST KOWLOON YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA AS WELL AS PIPA SOLOS AND A HARP DUET.

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LEFT-TURN BAN ON PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT FROM PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD SOUTHBOUND TO PERTH STREET FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 6).

THE LEFT-TURN BAN WILL LAST FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS FOR ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO DIVERT VIA DUNBAR ROAD AND TWEED ROAD.

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OPERATING HOURS EXTENDED

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT REMINDED MOTORISTS THAT THE OPERATING HOURS OF THE BUS LANES ON LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD, HUNG MUI KUK ROAD AND CHE KUNG MIU ROAD, SHA TIN, WILL BE EXTENDED BY 30 MINUTES TO END AT 9.30 AM FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE BUS-ONLY LANES WILL BE EFFECTIVE BETWEEN 7.30 AM AND 9.30 AM DAILY EXCEPT ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE BUS LANE SCHEME WAS FIRST INTRODUCED IN MAY LAST YEAR TO SPEED UP THE FLOW OF PASSENGERS TRAVELLING TO WORK THROUGH THE LION ROCK TUNNEL.

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