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LEADERS URGED TO SPEAK UP ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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RELIGIOUS LEADERS HAVE BEEN URGED TO SPEAK UP ON THE NEED TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT.

DR STUART REED, DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION POINTED OUT TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE RESPECT FOR NATURE WAS A FUNDAMENTAL PART OF MANY CHURCHES AND PHILOSOPHICALLY-BASED ORGANISATIONS, BUT LITTLE HAD BEEN HEARD FROM CHURCH LEADERS EXPRESSING THEIR CONCERN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT.

"IT IS NOTHING SHORT OF AMAZING THAT WE HAVE HEARD SO LITTLE FROM THE LEADERS OF THE VARIOUS CHURCHES ON SUCH AN IMPORTANT ISSUE, TO WHICH MOST OF THE ANCIENT SCRIPTURES MAKE FREQUENT REFERENCE," HE SAID.

"THE CHURCHES, WHETHER THEY ARE CATHOLIC OR PROTESTANT, BUDDHIST, SIKH OR ISLAM, MUST STAND-UP AND BE COUNTED IN THE FIGHT TO SAFEGUARD OUR ENVIRONMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS," HE SAID.

DR REED TOLD THE 750 SCOUTS ATTENDING THE EAST KOWLOON REGION SCOUT CAMP AT WU KAI SHA, THAT HIS WISH FOR THE NEW YEAR WAS THAT ALL THOSE WHO WERE JOINED TOGETHER IN LONG-ESTABLISHED AND RESPECTABLE ASSOCIATIONS WHICH HAD A STRONG COMMON BOND IN A FUNDAMENTAL RESPECT FOR NATURE SHOULD COME TOGETHER AND SUPPORT THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MOVEMENT.

HE WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO SEE THAT THE SCOUT MOVEMENT WAS TAKING SERIOUSLY AND IN AN ACTIVE WAY THE THREAT TO THE ENVIRONMENT THAT WAS POSED BY THE MODERN WORLD.

"THERE IS NO REASON WHY MODERN DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL INTERESTS CANNOT, UP TO A POINT, GO HAND IN HAND," DR REED SAID, "BUT MUCH HAS TO CHANGE IN OUR ATTITUDE IF THIS REASONABLE EXPECTATION IS TO BE TURNED INTO PRACTICE."

"THIS NEED FOR A CHANGE OF ATTITUDE IS WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT THAT CHURCH LEADERS SPEAK UP FOR THE NEED TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT IN HONG KONG AND FOR THAT MATTER THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE WORLD AT LARGE," HE SAID.

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GUIDELINE FOR COMMUNICATION BY AN AUDITOR WITH BANKING COMMISSIONER  
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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING HAS ISSUED A STATEMENT DESCRIBING WHEN THE AUDITOR OF A BANK OR DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY SHOULD SEE THAT MATTERS OF CONCERN ARE BROUGHT TO THE COMMISSIONER'S ATTENTION, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE STATEMENT HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF CONSULTATION WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BANKING INDUSTRY AND THE AUDITING PROFESSION. IT FOLLOWS AN AMENDMENT IN JUNE 1990 TO THE BANKING ORDINANCE.

"THIS MADE IT CLEAR THAT AN AUDITOR IS NOT PREVENTED BY ANY DUTY TO HIS CLIENT FROM COMMUNICATING WITH THE COMMISSIONER ANY INFORMATION OR OPINION OF WHICH HE BECAME AWARE IN HIS CAPACITY AS AUDITOR OF THE BANK OR THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE PROVISION IN THE ORDINANCE IS WORDED VERY GENERALLY. THE STATEMENT THEREFORE PROVIDES A MORE DETAILED INDICATION OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH AN AUDITOR IS EXPECTED TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN SEEING THAT MATTERS ARE BROUGHT TO THE COMMISSIONER'S ATTENTION," HE SAID.

"USUALLY THIS WILL BE VIA THE AUTHORISED INSTITUTION; ONLY EXCEPTIONALLY WOULD AN AUDITOR BE EXPECTED TO REPORT WITHOUT HIS CLIENT'S KNOWLEDGE.

"THE PROCEDURES SET OUT IN THIS STATEMENT PROVIDE AN 'EARLY WARNING' SYSTEM TO HELP THE COMMISSIONER TAKE APPROPRIATE SUPERVISORY ACTION TO PROTECT DEPOSITORS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE HONG KONG SOCIETY OF ACCOUNTANTS WILL SHORTLY BE PUBLISHING, AS AN EXPOSURE DRAFT, A GUIDELINE FOR THEIR MEMBERS CONCERNED WITH BANK AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY AUDITS. THIS WILL COVER IN PART SIMILAR GROUND TO THE COMMISSIONER'S STATEMENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF THE STATEMENT ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE GIS NEWSROOM.

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RESIDENTS URGED TO VOTE IN ELECTIONS

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THE ACTING REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR FUNG KWOK-KEUNG, TODAY (TUESDAY) URGED REGISTERED ELECTORS IN THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT TO VOTE IN THE VARIOUS ELECTIONS THIS YEAR.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE YAU TSIM CULTURE AND ARTS FESTIVAL AT THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE, MR FUNG SAID THE SMOOTH DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT DEPENDED VERY MUCH ON THE ACTIVE SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE IN THE TERRITORY.

HE CALLED ON ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS THE DISTRICT CULTURE AND ARTS ASSOCIATION WHICH ORGANISED THE FESTIVAL, TO ENCOURAGE MORE RESIDENTS TO TAKE PART IN ELECTION ACTIVITIES THROUGH THE FESTIVAL EVENTS.

"BY DOING SO, THEY WILL HELP BUILD A MORE PERFECT SOCIETY AND MAKING THE FESTIVAL MORE MEANINGFUL," MR FUNG SAID.

EARLIER, MR FUNG PRAISED THE ASSOCIATION FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION IN ENHANCING A SENSE OF BELONGING AS WELL AS PROMOTING INTERESTS IN ARTS AMONG THE RESIDENTS.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WAS FOLLOWED BY AN ARTISTIC SHOW WHICH FEATURED A CHILDREN'S PLAY, THE "ROSE GARDEN" WHICH DESCRIBED THE OUTER SPACE JOURNEY OF A GROUP OF CHILDREN LOOKING FOR A BETTER PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE.

THE THREE-MONTH FESTIVAL WAS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

MORE THAN 20 EVENTS WILL BE HELD DURING THE FESTIVAL PERIOD. THESE WILL INCLUDE A CLASSICAL SONGS' NIGHT, A LUNAR NEW YEAR CARNIVAL, A SHOW OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE DRAMA FORMS, EXHIBITIONS ON VARIOUS STYLES OF CHINESE PAINTINGS, A PHOTOGRAPHIC CONTEST AND A SINGING COMPETITION.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S CEREMONY INCLUDED THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH; DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ANNIE TANG AND AN URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR MAN SAI-CHEONG.

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SURVEY ON TAXI TIPPING PATTERNS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL CONDUCT A SURVEY ON THE TIPPING PATTERN OF TAXI PASSENGERS BETWEEN TOMORROW (JANUARY 2) AND THURSDAY (JANUARY 10) AT VARIOUS POPULAR ALIGHTING SPOTS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

DURING THE SURVEY, TRANSPORT INSPECTORS WILL INTERVIEW THE TAXI PASSENGERS ON THE INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THE TIPPING PATTERN OF THE RECENT TAXI TRIP SUCH AS THE EXACT FARE SHOWN IN THE METER, TIPS, LUGGAGE FEES, RADIO-CALL SURCHARGE AND OTHER EXTRAS PAID TO DRIVER AND THE ORIGIN OF THE TRIP.

ALL DATA COLLECTED WILL BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WILL BE USED FOR REFERENCE ONLY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT URGED TAXI PASSENGERS TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE TRANSPORT INSPECTORS WHO WILL CARRY WITH THEM GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARDS.

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SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS TO GREET THE YEAR OF THE GOAT

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THREE SPECIAL CAR REGISTRATION NUMBERS WITHOUT PREFIX - 823; 2323 AND 6633; ARE AMONG 20 SPECIAL MARKS TO BE PUT UP FOR SALE AT A LUNAR NEW YEAR "LUCKY" VEHICLE NUMBER AUCTION ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 5.

THE 20 MARKS ARE SELECTED SPECIALLY FOR THE AUCTION OF REGISTRATION MARKS HELD ANNUALLY BEFORE THE CHINESE NEW YEAR.

THE NUMBERS AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING ARE AS FOLLOWS:

HK9	823	2323	XX8	EE1
DC22	BM63	AD8833	CJ38	BC333
DH9898	CD99	BB828	6633	CW8888
DL18	CP3	CC100	AA28	AE88

ALL THE NUMBERS ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE.

WITH AN EXPECTED LARGE TURNOUT, INSTEAD OF HOLDING THE AUCTION AT CITY HALL'S RECITAL HALL, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD THE COMING AUCTION AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE AT 10 AM.

CAR OWNERS WHO WOULD WANT TO GRACE THEIR VEHICLES WITH A SPECIAL NUMBER TO GREET THE YEAR OF THE GOAT ARE URGED TO ATTEND THE AUCTION.

ALL PROCEEDS FROM LUCKY CAR NUMBER AUCTIONS WILL GO TO THE LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES.

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SEMINAR ON SAFETY LAW FOR WORKERS

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SOME 300 WORKERS IN LOCAL INDUSTRIES WILL GET TOGETHER TO DISCUSS THE GENERAL DUTIES OF BOTH PROPRIETORS AND EMPLOYEES IN ENSURING SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK AT A SEMINAR TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE SEMINAR IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS (FTU).

"IT IS PART OF A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES AIMED AT ENHANCING PROPRIETORS' AND WORKERS' UNDERSTANDING OF THE GENERAL DUTIES PROVISIONS OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE WHICH CAME INTO OPERATION ON DECEMBER 15 LAST YEAR," SAID SUPERINTENDENT OF FACTORY INSPECTORS (TRAINING), MR CHAN HON-TING.

"PARTICIPANTS OF THE SEMINAR WILL EXAMINE A CASE OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT WHICH SERVES TO ILLUSTRATE THE DUTIES OF BOTH PROPRIETORS AND EMPLOYEES AND THE SAFETY MEASURES WHICH OUGHT TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN," MR CHAN SAID.

"AN 18-MINUTE FILM PRODUCED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TO PUBLICISE THE NEW GENERAL DUTIES PROVISIONS WILL BE PREMIERED AT THE SEMINAR," HE ADDED.

THE SEMINAR WILL BE OPENED BY THE DIRECTOR OF FTU'S OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE, MR LEUNG FU-WAH AND CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR, MR YIP YUK-LUN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE SEMINAR ON GENERAL DUTIES PROVISIONS AT 7 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL OF THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS, 50 MA TAU CHUNG ROAD, 9TH FLOOR, TO KWA WAN.

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OVER 100 MEDALS FOR SHELTERED WORKERS

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TO SHELTERED WORKERS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, 1990 WAS A YEAR OF JOY AND THEY HAVE EVERY REASON TO CELEBRATE.

DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS, THEY PARTICIPATED IN A SERIES OF SPORT COMPETITIONS AND BROUGHT HOME OVER 100 MEDALS, INCLUDING 44 GOLD, 36 SILVER AND 28 BRONZE MEDALS.

THEY ALSO WON THE TITLE OF CHAMPION AND FIRST CLASS HONOUR IN A NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS FOR HANDICAPPED PEOPLE.

/MANY MEMBERS .....

MANY MEMBERS OF SWD'S SHELTERED WORKSHOPS AND DAY ACTIVITY CENTRES ARE TALENTED IN SPORTS. IN THE PAST YEAR, THE MAJORITY OF MEDALS THEY WON CAME FROM THE HONG KONG SPECIAL OLYMPICS ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

THE EVENTS INCLUDED FOOTBALL TECHNIQUE GROUP COMPETITION, MARATHON WALK, BASKETBALL, SWIMMING, TABLE TENNIS AND ATHLETIC MEETS.

OF THE PARTICIPANTS, TWO SHELTERED WORKERS WERE SELECTED THE BEST HONG KONG ATHLETES. THEY WERE OFFERED FREE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES BY THE HONG KONG SPORT ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED WITH A VIEW TO PREPARING THEM FOR INTERNATIONAL ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS AND SPORT GAMES.

ANOTHER WORKER, WHO IS MENTALLY RETARDED, WAS RECRUITED INTO THE HONG KONG TEAM OF THE BEST OF THE VERY BEST ATHLETES.

AS A MEMBER OF THE TEAM, HE IS RECEIVING TRAINING IN THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE EVERY SATURDAY UNTIL NEXT SUMMER. HE WILL THEN UNDERGO A SELECTION TO REPRESENT HONG KONG IN THE 400 METRE RACE IN THE EIGHTH INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SPECIAL OLYMPIC TO BE HELD IN THE UNITED STATES.

AN SWD SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY): "OUR SHELTERED AND DAY ACTIVITY CENTRE WORKERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN VARIOUS COMPETITIONS TO DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIALS, ENHANCE THEIR SELF-CONFIDENCE AND TO HELP THEM RE-INTEGRATE INTO THE SOCIETY."

THE SWD OPERATES A TOTAL OF 10 DAY ACTIVITY CENTRES AND 11 SHELTERED WORKSHOPS.

THEY PROVIDE DAY CARE FOR MODERATELY AND SEVERELY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED ADULTS AND JOBS FOR DISABLED PEOPLE WHO CANNOT ENTER INTO OPEN COMPETITIVE EMPLOYMENT RESPECTIVELY.