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LAWN BOWLS IS GROWING IN POPULARITY: GOVERNOR

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THE POPULARITY OF LAWN BOWLS IN HONG KONG IS STEADILY GROWING, AND SO IS THE SCOPE OF ITS FACILITIES, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

ADDRESSING THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE FOURTH PACIFIC BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS 1991, SIR DAVID SAID THE FIRST ARTIFICIAL-GRASS BOWLING GREEN HAD JUST BEEN OPENED FOR PUBLIC USE. MORE WOULD FOLLOW SOON.

"THIS WILL PROVIDE GREATER OPPORTUNITIES FOR MORE PEOPLE TO TAKE PART," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID LAWN BOWLS WHICH USED TO BE A SPORT MAINLY FOR EXPATRIATES WAS NOW MORE WIDELY BASED.

"YOU CAN SEE HOW MUCH IT HAS CHANGED FROM THE STRONG LOCAL ELEMENT IN THE HONG KONG TEAM FOR THESE CHAMPIONSHIPS," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID LAWN BOWLS WAS A SPORT ENJOYED BY MANY PEOPLE IN HONG KONG, BOTH AS PARTICIPANTS AND SPECTATORS.

"IT IS SOMETHING WE DO QUITE WELL," HE ADDED.

HE PRAISED THE HONG KONG LAWN BOWLING TEAM FOR THE VARIOUS TROPHIES IT CAME BACK WITH FROM INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS DURING THE LAST 20 YEARS.

"GOLD AND BRONZE MEDALS BROUGHT BACK FROM THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES LAST YEAR WERE ONLY THE LATEST OF A SERIES OF AWARDS," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID BOWLING ON THE PACIFIC RIM HAD REACHED VERY HIGH STANDARDS.

"WE CAN LOOK FORWARD TO AN EXCITING DISPLAY OF BOWLING SKILLS," HE ADDED.

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MAIN ISSUE TO COURT OF FINAL APPEAL  
IS IMPROVEMENT TO FLEXIBILITY: CHIEF SECRETARY  
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THE MAIN ISSUE INVOLVING THE COURT OF FINAL APPEAL IS THAT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WANT TO SEE AN IMPROVEMENT IN FLEXIBILITY AND THAT'S WHAT WE'VE GOT TO SEE WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT CAN FIND A WAY FORWARD ON THAT, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OPENING THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK, SIR DAVID SAID: "CLEARLY, THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IS NOT SATISFIED WITH THE PROPOSAL WHICH HAS BEEN PUT FORWARD, AND WE NOW HAVE TO CONSIDER HOW WE CAN MEET THEIR OTHER REQUIREMENT, WHICH IS, AND I THINK IT'S EVERYBODY'S REQUIREMENT THAT WE SHOULD HAVE A COURT OF FINAL APPEAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."

"IT'S TOO EARLY TO SAY, I THINK, HOW WE MIGHT PROCEED. WE OBVIOUSLY HAVE TO FIND SOME COMPROMISE, SOME WAY FORWARD AND NOW WE WILL BE THINKING OF HOW WE CAN MADE PROGRESS ON THIS SUBJECT," HE ADDED.

"WE WOULD LIKE IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT THE COURT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE IN OPERATION UNTIL LATER, NEARER 1997 AND SO THERE IS NO GREAT RUSH TO GET IT DONE.

"I DON'T THINK INCIDENTALLY, THAT WE ARE IN A SITUATION OF A CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS, WHICH SOME PEOPLE HAVE SUGGESTED. THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HAS MADE THEIR VIEWS KNOWN, WE AS THE ADMINISTRATION WILL NOW TRY AND FIND A WAY. THERE IS NO CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS INVOLVED IN THAT," SIR DAVID SAID.

WHEN ASKED TO COMMENT ON REPORTS THAT SOME LEGCO MEMBERS FELT THE PROPOSALS ON THE FINAL COURT OF APPEAL WAS IN CONFLICT WITH THE JOINT DECLARATION, THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID: "WELL, OUR POSITION IS ALSO VERY CLEAR, THAT WE DON'T BELIEVE THAT THE PROPOSALS WHICH HAVE BEEN AGREED BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES, IS INCONSISTENT."

"NOW, CLEARLY THERE ARE LEGAL ARGUMENTS BETWEEN LAWYERS WITH DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW. WE ARE QUITE CLEAR IT ISN'T INCONSISTENT," HE ADDED.

TURNING TO THE ISSUE OF VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS, SIR DAVID SAID THERE WAS NO OTHER PRACTICAL SOLUTION OTHER THAN TO RETURN THOSE WHO ARE FOUND TO BE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS BACK TO THEIR OWN COUNTRY.

"AND I THINK THERE IS GROWING UNDERSTANDING AROUND THE WORLD OF THIS SITUATION, AND I THINK THAT INCLUDES THE UNITED STATES," HE SAID.

"NOW, CLEARLY, THEY AS A MATTER OF POLICY, THEY ARE BEING VERY CAREFUL HOW THEY EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS, BUT I THINK THERE IS MORE UNDERSTANDING OF THE DIFFICULTY AND I THINK THAT WILL HELP US FIND A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM," HE ADDED.

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"WE MUST KEEP TRYING TO WORK ON A WIDER AGREEMENT WHICH WILL ENABLE US TO FIND A WAY OUT OF THE PROBLEM," SIR DAVID SAID.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY ALSO STRESSED THAT THE PROBLEM OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS WAS A SERIOUS ONE: "WE HAVE 100,000 PEOPLE IN HOSPITAL EVERY YEAR AS A RESULT OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS. TWO-HUNDRED AND FORTY-FOUR PEOPLE DIED LAST YEAR AS A RESULT OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS."

"WE SIMPLY HAVE GOT TO IMPROVE THAT SITUATION IN HONG KONG WHICH IS A SOPHISTICATED PLACE, WE CANNOT GO ON WITH THAT LEVEL, HIGH LEVEL OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS," HE ADDED.

"WE ALL HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY; THE GOVERNMENT, THE EMPLOYERS AND THE EMPLOYEES. TOGETHER WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT, AND I THINK THE MEDIA HAS A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE TO BRING IT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PUBLIC GENERALLY," SIR DAVID SAID.

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CS STRESSES THE NEED TO PROMOTE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, TODAY (SATURDAY) SAID MUCH MORE WILL NEED TO BE DONE TO PROMOTE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH, PARTICULARLY IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY.

ADDRESSING THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK 1991, SIR DAVID SAID DESPITE CONTINUOUS EFFORTS HAD BEEN MADE IN RECENT YEARS IN LEGISLATIVE CONTROL AND PUBLICITY EFFORTS AIMED AT FOSTERING A GREATER PUBLIC AWARENESS IN THESE MATTERS, IT SEEMED THAT WE HAD NOT DONE ENOUGH.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE FIGURE FOR WORKER INJURY LAST YEAR WAS DAUNTING.

"OVER 100,000 WORKERS WERE ADMITTED TO THE CASUALTY WARDS OF HOSPITALS IN CONNECTION WITH INJURIES SUSTAINED DURING WORK, OF WHICH 244 CASES HAD RESULTED IN FATALITY," HE SAID.

LOOKED AT THE FIGURE FROM PERSPECTIVE, THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID ONE WAS TEMPTED TO SAY THAT THE FIGURE WAS ALREADY LOWER THAN THE FIGURE OF 124,000 INJURY CASES RECORDED FOR 1988.

"NO DOUBT, THE PROMOTIONAL EFFORTS IN THE INTERVENING YEARS HAVE HAD SOME SALUTARY EFFECT. BUT THERE CAN BE NO CAUSE FOR COMPLACENCY.

"MUCH MORE WILL NEED TO BE DONE, PARTICULARLY IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY WHICH ALONE ACCOUNTS FOR ABOUT 25 PER CENT OF ALL OCCUPATIONAL ACCIDENTS," HE STRESSED.

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SIR DAVID SAID THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY AT THE WORKPLACE RESTED WITH THE PEOPLE WHO CREATED THE RISKS AND PEOPLE WHO WORKED WITH THEM.

THIS WAS THE PHILOSOPHY BEHIND GOVERNMENT'S LEGISLATION WHICH IMPOSED A DUTY ON EMPLOYERS TO PROVIDE A WORKPLACE THAT WAS SAFE AND HEALTHY, HE EXPLAINED.

"EQUALLY, EMPLOYEES ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO ADOPT SAFE WORKING PRACTICES SO AS NOT TO PUT THEMSELVES AND THEIR FELLOW WORKERS AT UNNECESSARY RISK," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID APPEALED TO THE INDUSTRY TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO BECOME SAFETY AND HEALTH CONSCIOUS.

HE SAID LEGISLATION ALONE WAS NOT ENOUGH AND THAT SAFETY AND HEALTH IN THE WORKPLACE MUST BE ACHIEVED THROUGH ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AND CO-OPERATION OF EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES.

THE BEST WAY TO GO ABOUT ACHIEVING THIS, SAID SIR DAVID, WAS THROUGH THE JOINT EFFORT OF THE TRIPARTITE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GOVERNMENT, EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES.

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COUNCIL IN 1988 WAS A MANIFESTATION OF THIS APPROACH, HE SAID.

"I AM INDEED IMPRESSED BY THE SENSE OF COMMITMENT OF ITS MEMBERS AND ITS ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE PAST THREE YEARS HAVE LAID A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT," HE SAID.

LOOKING AHEAD, THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE WHICH WAS PASSED ABOUT 11 MONTHS AGO, WOULD COME INTO EFFECT AT THE END OF THE YEAR BRINGING THE 180,000 EMPLOYEES IN THE CATERING TRADE UNDER THE COVERAGE OF THE SAFETY LEGISLATION.

"OTHER LEGISLATIONS IN THE PIPELINE WILL AIM AT IMPROVING THE SAFETY PROVISIONS IN CONTAINER YARDS, IN NOISY INDUSTRIES AND IN THE USE OF LIFTING APPLIANCES AND GEARS IN CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER INDUSTRIES.

"WE MUST BRING THE WORK ACCIDENT RATES DOWN. TOGETHER, WE SHALL BE ABLE TO DO IT," HE SAID.

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RUN ON A DRUG-FREE ROAD

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MORE THAN 500 RUNNERS WILL TAKE PART IN A LONG RUN TOMORROW (SUNDAY) ALONG SAI KUNG SAI WAN ROAD IN PAK TAM CHUNG COUNTRY PARK, SAI KUNG TO PROMOTE THE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR KEN WOODHOUSE, WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE IN THE RUN.

ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS YOUTH VOLUNTEER GROUP, THE "RUN FOR A HEALTHY PURSUIT" RACE IS PART OF A SERIES OF PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES FOR THIS YEAR'S ANTI-DRUG FORTNIGHT NOW WELL UNDERWAY.

IT IS HOPED THAT THROUGH TAKING PART IN SUCH HEALTHY RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, THE GENERAL PUBLIC, PARTICULARLY YOUNGSTERS, WILL STAY AWAY FROM DRUGS.

THE RACE IS DIVIDED INTO THE MEN'S, WOMEN'S AND TEAM DIVISIONS. IT WILL START AT 9.30 AM.

PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE TO COMPLETE A DISTANCE RANGING FROM SIX KILOMETRES TO 20 KILOMETRES. THE FIRST THREE WINNERS IN EACH DIVISION WILL BE AWARDED A TROPHY AND GIFT COUPONS.

ALL RUNNERS WILL BE GIVEN A T-SHIRT AND A SOUVENIR.

OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE ANTI-DRUG FORTNIGHT INCLUDE A RADIO DRAMA COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS, SEMINARS FOR TEACHERS AND SOCIAL WORKERS, A QUIZ AND A SERIES OF EXHIBITIONS ON THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF ABUSING PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES.

THE NEWLY-PRODUCED DRUG EDUCATION TEACHING KIT FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS, A GUIDEBOOK FOR PARENTS AND PROFESSIONALS AND A COMIC BOOK FOR BLUE-COLLAR WORKERS HAVE ALSO BEEN RELEASED THROUGH VARIOUS CHANNELS.

ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

THE RUN WILL START AT 9.30 AM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE SAI KUNG SAI WAN ROAD IN PAK TAM CHUNG COUNTRY PARK, SAI KUNG. MEDIA COVERAGE IS INVITED.

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FIGHT CRIME AMBASSADORS WANTED

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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE IS INVITING FORM THREE TO FORM SIX STUDENTS IN THE DISTRICT TO JOIN ITS ELITE FIGHT CRIME AMBASSADOR TEAM.

A FIGHT CRIME AMBASSADOR WILL BEAR THE RESPONSIBILITY OF DISSEMINATING ANTI-CRIME MESSAGES TO THE YOUNGER GENERATION, AND ORGANISING FIGHT CRIME ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOLS IN THE AREA.

HE WILL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE PART IN A SERIES OF TRAINING SEMINARS ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE AND TO HELP PRODUCE A FIGHT CRIME BOOKLET AND EXHIBITION PANELS.

IN ORDER TO BECOME AN AMBASSADOR, ONE MUST HAVE SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC BACKGROUND AND POSSESSES GOOD LEADERSHIP. IN ADDITION, HE MUST BE CONVERSANT WITH CURRENT AFFAIRS AND BE ENTHUSIASTIC IN SERVING SCHOOLS AND THE COMMUNITY.

ALL APPLICANTS WILL GO THROUGH A RIGID SCREENING PROCESS FOR THE 10 AMBASSADOR VACANCIES.

THEY WILL BE REQUIRED FIRSTLY TO SIT FOR A WRITTEN EXAMINATION ON CURRENT AFFAIRS AND FIGHT CRIME KNOWLEDGE. THEN THEY NEED TO ATTEND AN INTERVIEW TO ASSESS THEIR SELF-CONFIDENCE AND ABILITY OF EXPRESSION.

THE 10 SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL EACH BE AWARDED A TROPHY AND BOOK COUPONS.

INTERESTED PARTIES CAN CONTACT THEIR SCHOOL OFFICES OR CALL 604 8078 EXT 34 FOR APPLICATION DETAILS. THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 11.

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134,000 STUDENTS COMPETE IN CAREERS QUIZ

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A RECORD NUMBER OF 134,000 STUDENTS FROM 284 SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL COMPETE IN THE 10TH CAREERS QUIZ ORGANISED BY THE CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT FROM NOVEMBER 1 TO 8.

"THE QUIZ IS DESIGNED TO PROMOTE AMONG STUDENTS IN FORM 3 TO FORM 5 THE IMPORTANCE OF CHOOSING SUITABLE CAREERS," A SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER, MRS CLARE SIU, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

MRS SIU SAID IT WAS ALSO INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO LOOK FOR INFORMATION ON CAREERS AND FURTHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES.

"THE ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE FROM STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS TO THE QUIZ IS A GOOD INDICATION THAT MUCH IMPORTANCE IS ATTACHED TO CAREERS EDUCATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE," SHE ADDED.

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THE QUIZ IS A HIGHLIGHT OF THE EDUCATION AND CAREERS EXPO '92 WHICH WILL BE HELD FROM FEBRUARY 20 TO 23 NEXT YEAR.

ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE EXPOSITION WILL FEATURE MORE THAN 200 EXHIBITORS FROM A WIDE RANGE OF TRADES, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, PROFESSIONAL BODIES AS WELL AS LOCAL AND OVERSEAS EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING INSTITUTES.

MRS SIU SAID STUDENTS TAKING PART IN THE QUIZ WOULD HAVE TO ANSWER 50 MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS RELATING TO CAREERS INFORMATION, TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING LOCAL EMPLOYMENT LEGISLATION.

"ATTRACTIVE PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO WINNING SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS," SHE NOTED.

THE THREE SCHOOLS WITH THE HIGHEST AVERAGE MARKS IN EACH FORM WILL BE PRESENTED WITH TROPHIES, WHILE THE THREE HIGHEST-SCORING STUDENTS IN EACH FORM ARE EACH TO RECEIVE A PERSONAL COMPUTER.

THE PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EDUCATION AND CAREERS EXPO '92.

THERE WILL ALSO BE PRIZES AND SOUVENIRS FOR OUTSTANDING STUDENTS.

THE ANSWER SHEETS OF THE QUIZ WILL BE ASSESSED BY THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE PRIZES ARE SPONSORED BY THE PHILIPS CHINA HONG KONG GROUP.

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WATERFRONT RACE IN YAU TSIM  
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MORE THAN 340 RUNNERS WILL COMPETE IN THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT PROMENADE RACE TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE 4,200-METRE RACE, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 9 AM AT THE TSIM SHA TSUI PROMENADE PARK, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE URBAN COUNCIL WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE RUNNERS WILL START NEAR THE NEW WORLD HOTEL AND PROCEED ALONG THE PROMENADE TO THE HONG KONG COLISEUM BEFORE RETURNING TO THE STARTING POINT.

AN OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD PRIOR TO THE RACE.

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OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE THE YAU TSIM AND MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ANNIE TANG; YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR PETER FERRY; AN URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR WONG KWOK-TUNG; A YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR YANG TZE-KIANG; AND PRESIDENT OF THE YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION, MR CHAN YUM-TONG.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT PROMENADE RACE AT THE TSIM SHA TSUI PROMENADE PARK TOMORROW (SUNDAY) BEGINNING AT 9 AM.

THE RACE WILL START AT THE PARK BEHIND THE NEW WORLD HOTEL.

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CIVIC EDUCATION CARNAVAL FOR KOWLOON CITY RESIDENTS  
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ABOUT 6,000 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN A CIVIC EDUCATION CARNAVAL AT THE ARGYLE STREET PLAYGROUND TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION DAY IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE, THE DISTRICT BOARD AND DISTRICT OFFICE, TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE PART IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS AND ELECTIONS.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE GAMES STALLS SPECIALLY DESIGNED WITH THE THEME OF CIVIC EDUCATION, BAND PERFORMANCES, FOLK DANCES, A KARAOKE SESSION AND PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGERS.

THE CARNAVAL WILL START AT 2 PM AND LAST UNTIL 5.30 PM. ADMISSION IS FREE.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS MR LAU CHIN-SHEK AND MR LAM KUI-SHING, KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN MR WONG SIK-KONG, AND DISTRICT OFFICER MR WILLIAM YAP WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CARNAVAL'S OPENING.

ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION DAY AT THE ARGYLE STREET PLAYGROUND TOMORROW (SUNDAY) FROM 2 PM TO 5.30 PM. THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
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	DATE	\$ MILLION
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CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	25.10.91	600
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	26.10.91	NEUTRAL
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		NEUTRAL

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