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DATE SET FOR FIFTH ROUND OF ELECTION TALKS

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THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS ISSUED BY THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN BEIJING AT 1600 HOURS TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE BRITISH SIDE AND THE CHINESE SIDE HAVE AGREED THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE, SIR ROBIN MCLAREN, BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO CHINA, AND THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE, MR JIANG ENZHU, VICE FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, WILL HOLD THEIR FIFTH ROUND OF TALKS IN BEIJING BETWEEN 14 AND 16 JUNE 1993 ON THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 1994/95 ELECTIONS IN HONG KONG IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION, THE PRINCIPLE OF CONVERGENCE WITH THE BASIC LAW AND THE RELEVANT AGREEMENTS AND UNDERSTANDINGS REACHED BETWEEN BRITAIN AND CHINA.

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EASY TRAVEL SCHEME TO BENEFIT JUVENILE RESIDENTS

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT THE EASY TRAVEL SCHEME (ETS) WOULD BE EXTENDED TO BENEFIT CHILDREN OF THE AGE OF 11 TO 17 HOLDING HONG KONG PERMANENT IDENTITY CARDS (PICS) OR HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS (ICS) WITH THE * OR R SYMBOL.

ADULTS HOLDING ICS WITH THE *** SYMBOL WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED FURTHER FACILITIES UNDER THE ETS.

"WITH EFFECT FROM JUNE 1, 1993, THESE CATEGORIES OF JUVENILE RESIDENTS CAN SIMPLY USE THEIR IDENTITY CARDS WITHOUT PRODUCING THEIR RE-ENTRY PERMITS OR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AT HONG KONG IMMIGRATION CONTROL POINTS FOR JOURNEYS TO AND FROM ALL PLACES INCLUDING CHINA AND MACAU," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

HE ADDED THAT HOLDERS OF ADULT ICS WITH THE *** SYMBOL WHO NOW ENJOY THE ETS FOR TRAVEL TO AND FROM CHINA AND MACAU WITHOUT USING THE RE-ENTRY PERMITS ARE, FROM THE SAME DATE, ALSO EXEMPTED FROM PRODUCING THEIR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AT HONG KONG IMMIGRATION CONTROL POINTS FOR TRAVEL TO AND FROM OTHER PLACES.

UNDER THE EXISTING ARRANGEMENT, THOSE WHO HOLD PICS OR ICS WITH THE R SYMBOL WHO ARE AGED 18 OR OVER CAN TRAVEL TO AND FROM ALL PLACES WITHOUT PRODUCING THEIR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AT HONG KONG IMMIGRATION CONTROL POINTS.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO EXPLAINED THAT TRAVELLERS (BOTH ADULTS AND CHILDREN) USING THEIR HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS AT HONG KONG IMMIGRATION CONTROL POINTS WERE NOT REQUIRED TO FILL IN ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE CARDS.

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IN ADDITION, MINORS BELOW THE AGE OF 11 TRAVELLING BY SEA OR LAND ON HONG KONG PASSPORTS, CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY OR RE-ENTRY PERMITS ARE ALSO NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLETE ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE CARDS BUT THIS PROCEDURE DOES NOT APPLY TO THESE MINORS WHO TRAVEL THROUGH THE AIRPORT.

"TRAVELLERS NOT REQUIRED TO PRODUCE THEIR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AT HONG KONG IMMIGRATION CONTROL POINTS SHOULD CONTINUE TO ENSURE THAT THEY HAVE THE PROPER AND VALID DOCUMENTS FOR THEIR DESTINATIONS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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CONSULTATION PERIOD FOR RAIL DEVELOPMENT STUDY EXTENDED

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IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FROM SOME DISTRICT BOARDS AND INTEREST GROUPS, THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO EXTEND THE CONSULTATION PERIOD FOR THE RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT STUDY BY ONE MONTH TO THE END OF JULY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT BRANCH SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THE EXTENSION WOULD GIVE THE PUBLIC, IN PARTICULAR DISTRICT BOARDS AND THEIR TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT SUB-COMMITTEES, MORE TIME TO FORMULATE THEIR VIEWS ON THE CONSULTATION DOCUMENT.

COPIES OF THE CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES, LICENSING OFFICES AND PUBLIC VEHICLE SECTION OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

THE PUBLIC IS REMINDED TO SEND IN THEIR COMMENTS, BY JULY 31, TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD.

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CAMERA DETERS RED LIGHT JUMPING

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PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF A SURVEY ON RED LIGHT CAMERAS SHOW THAT THE CAMERAS ARE VERY EFFECTIVE IN DETERRING RED LIGHT JUMPING.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT SINCE THE RED LIGHT CAMERA PILOT SCHEME WAS COMMISSIONED IN JANUARY, THERE HAD BEEN AN AVERAGE REDUCTION OF 47 PER CENT IN THE RATE OF RED LIGHT VIOLATIONS AT THE CAMERA SITES.

THE OBJECTIVE OF THE PILOT SCHEME IS TO TEST THE RED LIGHT CAMERA SYSTEM AS A MEANS OF DETERRING RED LIGHT VIOLATIONS AND THUS REDUCING ACCIDENTS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS STILL TOO EARLY TO CONDUCT ANY ANALYSIS WHICH COULD PRODUCE STATISTICALLY RELIABLE RESULTS WITH REGARD TO ACCIDENTS.

"HOWEVER," HE SAID, "IT IS RELEVANT TO NOTE THAT AN AVERAGE OF FIVE CASES OF RIGHT-ANGLE COLLISION ACCIDENTS WERE RECORDED IN 1992 AT EACH CAMERA SITE WHICH WERE SUSPECTED TO BE DUE TO RED LIGHT VIOLATIONS."

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"UP TO APRIL 1993, NOT A SINGLE RIGHT-ANGLE COLLISION ACCIDENT HAS BEEN RECORDED AT ANY OF THE RED LIGHT CAMERA SITES AFTER THE INSTALLATION OF THE RED LIGHT CAMERAS," HE ADDED.

MEANWHILE, WITH THE AID OF THE RED LIGHT CAMERAS, THE POLICE HAVE IDENTIFIED A TOTAL OF 525 PROSECUTIONS ON RED LIGHT VIOLATIONS AT THE RED LIGHT CAMERA SITES UP TO MAY 27.

TWO HUNDRED AND SEVEN FIXED PENALTY TICKETS HAVE BEEN ISSUED AND THE REMAINING 318 PROSECUTIONS ARE STILL BEING PROCESSED. SO FAR ONLY ONE OFFENDER HAS PLEADED NOT GUILTY AND THE CASE WILL BE BROUGHT TO COURT IN JULY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE FACT THAT ONLY ONE OFFENDER PLEADED NOT GUILTY WAS A VERY GOOD PROOF OF THE INDISPUTABLE EVIDENCE OF RED LIGHT VIOLATION OFFENCES PROVIDED BY THE PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN BY THE RED LIGHT CAMERAS.

HE ADDED THAT AN OPINION SURVEY WAS NOW BEING PLANNED TO ASSESS THE PUBLIC ACCEPTANCE OF THE RED LIGHT CAMERA SYSTEM.

THE SURVEY WILL BE CONDUCTED IN JULY AND IT WILL BE TARGETTED AT THE GENERAL PUBLIC AT LARGE AS WELL AS TO VEHICLE OWNERS AND DRIVING LICENCE HOLDERS.

IN ADDITION TO THE OPINION SURVEY, MORE DATA ON THE PERFORMANCE OF THE RED LIGHT CAMERA SYSTEM WILL BE COLLECTED.

A FULL EVALUATION OF THE SCHEME WILL BE CARRIED OUT LATER IN THE YEAR TO PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR CONSIDERING THE EXTENSION OF THE RED LIGHT CAMERA SYSTEM TO COVER MORE SIGNALISED JUNCTIONS IN THE TERRITORY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FINED FOR NEGLECTING WORK SAFETY

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PROPRIETORS AND CONTRACTORS MUST COMPLY WITH SAFETY REGULATIONS AND TAKE ADEQUATE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS TO ENSURE WORKERS' SAFETY AND HEALTH ON CONSTRUCTION SITES, THE ACTING CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MR KAN HON-SANG, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE HIP HING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED WAS CONVICTED IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS MONTH AND FINED A TOTAL OF $185,000 FOR NINE SUMMONSES BY A TSUEN WAN MAGISTRATE FOR FAILING TO TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF ITS WORKERS.

THE OFFENCES WERE DETECTED BY FACTORY INSPECTORS DURING A SPECIAL TASK FORCE OPERATION HELD IN JULY LAST YEAR.

DURING THE INSPECTION, INSPECTORS FOUND TWO WORKERS WORKING AT HEIGHT ON TWO DIFFERENT PLATFORMS WITH NON-STANDARD GUARDRAILS AND NO GUARDRAILS RESPECTIVELY; A WORKER WORKING ON A PLATFORM WHICH WAS NOT CLOSELY BOARDED; FOUR WORKERS INSTALLING WINDOW COMPONENTS WITHOUT A SUITABLE SCAFFOLD; THREE WORKERS DISMANTLING THE VERTICAL MAST OF A TOWER CRANE ON THE ROOF BY RIDING ON THE MAST AND WITHOUT WEARING SAFETY BELTS.

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OTHER OFFENCES, INCLUDING FAILURE TO ENSURE WORKERS MAKING FULL AND PROPER USE OF EYE PROTECTOR AND FACE SHIELD, WEARING SAFETY HELMETS, AND ALLOWING SWITCH BOARD AND SWITCH BOX WITH LIVE WIRE ENDS EXPOSED CAUSING ELECTRICAL HAZARD, WERE ALSO DETECTED.

COMMENTING ON THE CASE, MR KAN REMINDED EMPLOYERS OF THEIR STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITIES FOR SITE SAFETY UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE AND ITS SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS, IN PARTICULAR, THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE CONTRACTOR OF A CONSTRUCTION SITE HAS AN OBLIGATION UNDER THE LAW TO PROVIDE A SUITABLE SCAFFOLD FOR WORKERS WORKING AT HEIGHT.

"THE WORKING PLATFORM ON THE SCAFFOLD SHOULD BE OF SOUND CONSTRUCTION, WITH ADEQUATE WIDTH AND CLOSELY PLANKED," HE SAID.

"GUARDRAILS OF ADEQUATE STRENGTH AND HEIGHT SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO THE SIDES OF THE PLATFORM.

"WHERE IT IS IMPRACTICABLE TO PROVIDE A SCAFFOLD, SAFETY BELTS ATTACHED TO AN INDEPENDENT LIFE LINE SHOULD BE USED," HE ADDED.

MR KAN ALSO POINTED OUT THAT ALL APPARATUS AND CONDUCTORS USED IN CONNECTION WITH AN ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION MUST BE PROPERLY INSTALLED, PROTECTED AND MAINTAINED TO PREVENT ELECTRICAL HAZARD.

"ALL CURRENT-CARRYING CONDUCTORS AND WIRING MUST BE INSULATED AND SAFEGUARDED TO AVOID ACCIDENTAL CONTACT BY WORKERS," HE SAID.

IN ADDITION, CONTRACTORS MUST PROVIDE NECESSARY SUITABLE SAFETY EQUIPMENT, SUCH AS EYE PROTECTORS, FACE SHIELDS, SAFETY HELMETS AND SAFETY BELTS, TO PROTECT WORKERS FROM INJURY, MR KAN NOTED.

"ON THE OTHER HAND, WORKERS SHOULD CO-OPERATE AND USE THE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT PROVIDED BY THE EMPLOYER WHILE AT WORK TO ENSURE THEIR OWN SAFETY," HE SAID.

MR KAN SAID A SPECIAL TASK FORCE PROGRAMME, SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO ENSURE SAFETY IN SITES THROUGH INTENSIVE ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS, HAD ALREADY BEEN STARTED IN APRIL.

"UNSCRUPULOUS CONTRACTORS AND WORKERS WHO CHOOSE TO TURN A BLIND EYE TO THE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAW WILL BE PROSECUTED.

"EMPLOYERS, UPON CONVICTION, IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF $50,000, WHILE EMPLOYEES MAY FACE A FINE OF $10,000," HE STRESSED.

DURING THE SIX-MONTH SPECIAL TASK FORCE OPERATION, LAUNCHED BETWEEN APRIL AND OCTOBER IN 1992, FACTORY INSPECTORS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT MADE 993 INSPECTIONS.

A TOTAL OF 475 SUMMONSES AGAINST 224 SITES WERE TAKEN OUT AGAINST EMPLOYERS FOR VIOLATION OF THE SAFETY REGULATIONS, MR KAN SAID, ADDING THAT MOST OF THE OFFENCES WERE RELATED TO HIGH RISK AREAS.

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NOTIFICATION FORMS UNDER TTRS AVAILABLE FOR SALE

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THE NOTIFICATION FORMS FOR USE BY TRADERS WHO HAVE JOINED THE TEXTILES TRADER REGISTRATION SCHEME (TTRS) ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE, A TRADE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY).

UNDER THE TTRS, IMPORTERS, EXPORTERS, MANUFACTURERS, CARRIERS AND FORWARDERS, ONCE REGISTERED WITH THE TRADE DEPARTMENT AND COMPLIED WITH THE CONDITIONS, WILL BE EXEMPTED FROM LICENSING REQUIREMENTS IN RESPECT OF ALL TEXTILE IMPORTS, ALL TEXTILE RE-EXPORTS, EXPORTS OF HONG KONG ORIGIN TEXTILES TO NON-RESTRAINED MARKETS AND ALL TEXTILES TRANSHIPMENT CARGO.

HOWEVER, AS A CONDITION OF EXEMPTION, REGISTERED TEXTILES TRADERS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE NOTIFICATIONS, PROVIDING DETAILS OF EACH TEXTILE SHIPMENT TO BE EXEMPTED FROM LICENSING REQUIREMENTS AND DELIVER THEM TO THE CARRIERS AT THE TIME OF IMPORTATION AND BEFORE EXPORTATION OF THE GOODS CONCERNED.

NOTIFICATION FORMS CAN BE PURCHASED AT ROOM 813, EIGHTH FLOOR, TRADE DEPARTMENT TOWER, 700 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON BY REGISTERED TRADERS WHO ARE REQUIRED TO PRESENT THE ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION ISSUED BY TRADE DEPARTMENT.

DETAILS OF EACH TYPE OF NOTIFICATION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

TYPE OF NOTIFICATION	TYPE OF GOODS	REGISTERED TEXTILES TRADER REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE NOTIFICATION	PRICE (PER PAD OF 20 SETS)
EXPORT NOTIFICATION I (TEXTILES)	FOR EXPORT OF HONG KONG ORIGIN TEXTILES TO NON-RESTRAINED MARKETS	EXPORTER AND MANUFACTURER	$10
EXPORT NOTIFICATION II (TEXTILES)	FOR RE-EXPORT OF ALL NON-HONG KONG ORIGIN TEXTILES	EXPORTER	$10
IMPORT NOTIFICATION (TEXTILES)	FOR IMPORT OF TEXTILES INTO HONG KONG FROM ANY COUNTRY OR PLACE	IMPORTER	$10
TRANSHIPMENT NOTIFICATION (TEXTILES)	FOR TRANSHIPMENT OF NON-HONG KONG ORIGIN TEXTILES FROM AND TO ANY COUNTRY OR PLACE	CARRIER/ FORWARDER	$20

"ALL NOTIFICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED ON THE NOTIFICATION FORMS PURCHASED FROM THE TRADE DEPARTMENT," THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED.

HE ADDED THAT NOTIFICATION FORMS WERE NOT TRANSFERRABLE AND HAD TO BE KEPT IN SAFE CUSTODY.

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CNTA HANDLES OVER 480,000 DECLARATIONS AND OATHS

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THE 20 PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES (PESCS) OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION (CNTA) HANDLED A TOTAL OF 480,724 DECLARATIONS AND OATHS IN THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR.

OF THEM, 250,383 WERE DECLARATIONS FOR TRUE COPIES OF DOCUMENT.

OTHERS WERE: LOSS OF DOCUMENTS (45,040), EDUCATION AND EXAMINATIONS (41,029), EMIGRATION (28,534), IDENTITY VERIFICATION (24,137) AND TRAVEL DOCUMENTS (10,149).

A CNTA SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE SERVICES WERE PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE TO THE PUBLIC FOR THEIR PRIVATE USE ONLY.

HE SAID PEOPLE WHO COULD NOT PRODUCE THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO SUBSTANTIATE THEIR CLAIMS OR TO SUPPORT THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR DOCUMENTS FROM VARIOUS NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS COULD MAKE USE OF THE SERVICE.

IN MAKING THE DECLARATION, THE APPLICANT IS REQUIRED TO PRODUCE HIS OR HER HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD OR EQUIVALENT IDENTITY DOCUMENTS, AND COMPLETE THE CONTENTS OF THE STATEMENT EITHER IN ENGLISH OR CHINESE IN A PRESCRIBED FORM.

"IN THE END, THE DECLARANT MAKES AN OATH IN THE SAME LANGUAGE AS THE DECLARATION IS PRESENTED BEFORE A COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE," HE SAID.

AS REGARDS DECLARATIONS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, HE SAID INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENTS HAVE TAKEN OVER THE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ADMINISTERING THEIR OWN STATUTORY DECLARATIONS SINCE APRIL 1991.

RESIDENTS WHO WISH TO SEEK ADVICE OR OBTAIN FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT THE SERVICE MAY APPROACH ANY ONE OF THE PESCS.

THEY MAY ALSO CALL THE CENTRAL TELEPHONE ENQUIRY CENTRE HOTLINE ON 835 2500.

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TERRITORY-WIDE FOOD HYGIENE CAMPAIGN TO BE LAUNCHED

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THE HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WILL LAUNCH A TERRITORY-WIDE CAMPAIGN ON FOOD HYGIENE FROM JUNE 17 TO END-AUGUST, TARGETING ON PEOPLE IN THE FOOD BUSINESS.

THE CAMPAIGN, ORGANISED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS, WILL ALSO INCLUDE ACTIVITIES DESIGNED FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

UNDER THE CAMPAIGN, ALL LICENSEES AND STAFF OF LICENSED FOOD PREMISES, COOKED FOOD STALLS, CANTEENS AND OTHER FOOD CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND FOOD HYGIENE SEMINARS TO BE HELD AT VARIOUS DISTRICTS.

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CALLING FOR PARTICIPATION FROM THE FOOD TRADE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE AIM OF THE CAMPAIGN WAS TO INTRODUCE A NEW FOOD PRODUCTION CONCEPT, KNOWN AS THE "APPLY HAZARD ANALYSIS AND CRITICAL CONTROL POINT (HACCP) SYSTEM", WHICH WOULD ENABLE MEMBERS OF THE FOOD BUSINESS TO EXERCISE EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT CONTROL ON FOOD QUALITY AND SAFETY.

EACH SEMINAR WILL CONSIST OF A TALK BY CHIEF HEALTH INSPECTORS, A FILM SHOW AND A DISCUSSION SESSION ON THE HACCP CONCEPT AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION.

A TOTAL OF 24 SEMINARS WILL BE ORGANISED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY AND PARTICIPATION IS FREE.

CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE, VALIDATED BY THE URBAN OR REGIONAL COUNCILS, WILL BE AWARDED TO PARTICIPANTS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CAMPAIGN, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

FOR TEACHERS, THREE SEMINARS ON FOOD HYGIENE WILL BE ORGANISED IN COLLABORATION WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS TO ENABLE THEM TO RELAY HEALTH MESSAGES TO THEIR STUDENTS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL GET FOOD HEALTH MESSAGES THROUGH TELEVISION AND RADIO ANNOUNCEMENTS.

IN ADDITION, A 24-HOUR HOTLINE "723 0013" WILL PROVIDE TAPED MESSAGES ON THE ADOPTION OF HYGIENIC PRACTICES DURING THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD.

PEOPLE WITH QUESTIONS TO ASK CAN LEAVE THEIR TELEPHONE NUMBERS WITH THE HOTLINE AND STAFF FROM THE HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT WILL CALL BACK.

FURTHERMORE, MOBILE BROADCASTING TEAMS OF THE UNIT WILL BE DEPLOYED TO DISSEMINATE FOOD HYGIENE MESSAGES IN THE TERRITORY.

PRINTED EDUCATION MATERIALS SUCH AS LEAFLETS AND POSTERS CAN BE OBTAINED FREE FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE OFFICES OF THE URBAN SERVICES AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTS.

ENQUIRIES FROM THE FOOD TRADE ON THE SEMINARS CAN BE MADE TO THE HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT ON TEL 787 1229.

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GEOLOGY MAP OF SILVERMINE BAY PUBLISHED

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A NEW 1:20,000 SCALE MAP DEPICTING BOTH THE ONSHORE AND OFFSHORE GEOLOGY OF SILVERMINE BAY HAS BEEN PUBLISHED BY THE GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING OFFICE OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

THE MAP IS THE FIRST OF FOUR TO BE ISSUED TO COVER LANTAU ISLAND AND ADJACENT AREAS, INCLUDING AREAS TO THE NORTH AND THE EAST OF PUI O, MA WAN AND MOST OF TSING YI.

THE OFFSHORE AREAS TO BE INCLUDED ARE SIU MO TO, HEI LING CHAU AND TSING CHAU.

"THE MAP COVERS MANY AREAS THAT ARE DEVELOPING SIGNIFICANTLY IN HONG KONG," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING OFFICE SAID.

"PEOPLE CONCERNED WITH PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION WILL FIND IT PARTICULARLY INTERESTING," HE SAID.

MORE DETAILED MAPS AT A SCALE OF 1:5,000 ARE ALSO BEING PRODUCED TO COVER MOST OF THE AREAS SHOWN ON THE SILVERMINE BAY MAP.

THE FIRST OF THESE WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS AND CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING OFFICE FREE OF CHARGE.

MEANWHILE, A MEMOIR THAT GIVES A FULL ACCOUNT OF THE GEOLOGY OF THE ENTIRE AREA COVERED BY THE FOUR LANTAU MAPS IS EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE EARLY NEXT YEAR.

SINCE THE GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING OFFICE CONDUCTED A SYSTEMATIC SURVEY ON THE GEOLOGY OF THE TERRITORY, A TOTAL OF 11 GEOLOGICAL MAPS AT A SCALE OF 1:20,000 HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED.

THESE MAPS AND THE MEMOIRS ARE ON SALE AT THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; KOWLOON MAP SALES SECTION, 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON AND THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

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RESIDENTS URGED TO REGISTER AS VOTERS

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER MRS ROSANNA URE TODAY (SUNDAY) CALLED ON THOSE WHO HAVE YET TO REGISTER AS VOTERS TO REGISTER NOW.

SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT COLOR BOATS COMPETITION, MRS URE SAID THE VOTER REGISTRATION EXERCISE BEGAN IN APRIL.

"THOSE WHO HAVE REACHED THE AGE OF 21 AND HAVE LIVED IN HONG KONG FOR SEVEN YEARS SHOULD REGISTER AS VOTERS SO THAT THEY CAN VOTE IN THE 1994 DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS AND THE 1995 URBAN COUNCIL AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS."

MRS URE STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT, WHEN FORMULATING POLICIES TO IMPROVE DISTRICT FACILITIES, WOULD ALWAYS WISH TO KNOW THE VIEWS OF RESIDENTS.

"THEIR VIEWS CAN BE REFLECTED FULLY THROUGH DISTRICT BOARDS," SHE ADDED.

SHE ENCOURAGED VOTERS TO ELECT THE CANDIDATES OF THEIR OWN CHOICES SO AS TO STRENGTHEN THE LINK BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE RESIDENTS WITH A VIEW TO BUILDING AN EVEN BETTER COMMUNITY.

THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT COLOR BOATS COMPETITION WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL, SOUTHERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS COUNCIL AND HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB.

OVER 80 TEAMS TOOK PART IN THE RACES TODAY.

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