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RAT PREVENTION CAMPAIGN STARTS NEXT MONTH

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THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WILL BE LAUNCHING A TERRITORY-WIDE RAT PREVENTION EDUCATION CAMPAIGN IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS TO REMIND THE PUBLIC OF THE IMPORTANCE OF A CLEAN AND HYGIENIC ENVIRONMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE CAMPAIGN, BEARING THE THEME "CLEAN FLATS, NO RATS", WAS ORGANISED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

THE SPOKESMAN CALLED FOR THE PUBLIC'S FULL SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION IN CARRYING OUT RODENT CONTROL MEASURES, POINTING OUT THAT RATS CAN DAMAGE HOME FURNITURE AND FITTINGS.

"RATS ARE NOT ONLY CARRIERS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES SUCH AS PLAQUE AND TYPHUS, THEY ALSO INDIRECTLY TRANSMIT GASTRO-INTESTINAL DISEASES INCLUDING FOOD POISONING," HE ADDED.

DURING THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD, PRINTED EDUCATIONAL HANDOUTS ON RAT PREVENTION SUCH AS POSTERS, ADVISORY LETTERS AND LEAFLETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO BUILDING MANAGEMENT OFFICES, FOOD PREMISES, HOUSING ESTATES AND SCHOOLS.

A ROUND-THE-CLOCK TELEPHONE SERVICE (723 0013) WILL ALSO BE IN OPERATION TO PROVIDE THE PUBLIC A PRE-RECORDED MESSAGES IN CANTONESE ON RAT PREVENTION.

AS FOR THE ADVICE OR ASSISTANCE ON RAT PREVENTION, THIS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE DISTRICT PEST CONTROL UNITS OF THE URBAN SERVICES AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTS.

MEANWHILE, THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT THE FUNDAMENTAL METHOD IN RODENT CONTROL WAS TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION IN WHICH RATS WOULD BE DEPRIVED OF HARBOURAGES AND FOOD SUPPLIES.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ALSO ADVISED TO TAKE HEED OF THE FOLLOWING PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO PREVENT RAT INFESTATION:

- \* KEEP BUILDINGS IN GOOD REPAIR. SEAL OFF HOLES AND CREVICES ON CEILINGS, WALLS AND FLOORS;
- \* KEEP PREMISES AND COMMON PARTS OF BUILDING CLEAN AND FREE FROM DISUSED FURNITURE AND JUNK;
- \* STORE ALL FOOD PROPERLY IN COVERED CONTAINERS; AND
- \* PUT REFUSE AND FOOD WASTE IN A TIGHTLY COVERED DUSTBIN, EMPTY THE DUSTBIN AT LEAST ONCE A DAY.

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PUBLIC REMINDED ONLY TO EMPLOY REGISTERED ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS  
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THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES, MR KWOK PING-KI, TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT SINCE JUNE 1 THIS YEAR, THEY COULD ONLY EMPLOY REGISTERED ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS TO CARRY OUT ELECTRICAL WORKS.

THIS WOULD ENSURE THAT THE ELECTRICAL WIRING INSTALLATIONS ARE PROPERLY INSTALLED, MAINTAINED, AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS, MR KWOK SAID.

MR KWOK MADE THE REMARKS WHEN OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE "SAFE USE OF ELECTRICITY CARNIVAL" AT KOWLOON PARK.

THE CARNIVAL WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING AND APPLIANCES TRADE WORKERS UNION AND THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COUNCIL.

MR KWOK EXPRESSED HIS REGRETS THAT ACCIDENTS OCCURRED DUE TO NEGLIGENCE OR CARELESSNESS IN THE USE OF ELECTRICITY RESULTING IN LOSS OF PROPERTY, SERIOUS INJURY OR EVEN DEATHS.

SO FAR THIS YEAR, THERE HAD BEEN 12 CASES OF ELECTROCUTION, MR KWOK ADDED.

"IN ADDITION, OTHER REPORTED INCIDENTS INCLUDED 17 CASES OF ELECTRIC BURN AND TWO CASES OF FIRE DUE TO LEAKAGE OF ELECTRICITY," HE SAID.

HE STRESSED THAT WHILE PEOPLE ENJOYED ALL THE BENEFITS AND CONVENIENCE THAT COULD BE PROVIDED BY USING ELECTRICITY, THEY SHOULD NOT OVERLOOK ALL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS REQUIRED IN ITS APPLICATION AND USAGES.

SINCE THE ELECTRICITY ORDINANCE WAS ENACTED IN NOVEMBER 1990, THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (EMSD) HAD REGISTERED ABOUT 45,000 ELECTRICAL WORKERS AND 5,500 ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS, HE SAID.

HE SAID IN A RECENT CASE, A CONSUMER WHO EMPLOYED A NON-REGISTERED CONTRACTOR TO CARRY OUT ELECTRICAL WORK IN HER HOME HAD NEARLY ALL THE ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES DAMAGED DUE TO BAD WORKMANSHIP.

HE SAID MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC COULD EASILY IDENTIFY THOSE REGISTERED ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS BECAUSE ACCORDING TO THE LAW, A REGISTERED ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR SHOULD DISPLAY PROMINENTLY AT HIS PLACE OF BUSINESS A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION ISSUED BY EMSD.

"IN CARRYING OUT ELECTRICAL WORK FOR OUR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION, THE REGISTERED ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR AND HIS REGISTERED ELECTRICAL WORKER WILL HAVE TO COMPLY WITH THE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS LAID DOWN IN THE LEGISLATION.

"IN PARTICULAR, AFTER COMPLETION OF THE WORK, THE CONTRACTOR AND WORKERS ARE REQUIRED TO ISSUE A WORK COMPLETION CERTIFICATE DECLARING THAT THE INSTALLATION COMPLIES WITH THE LEGISLATION AND IS IN SAFE WORKING ORDER," HE SAID.

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MACHINERY SAFETY CAMPAIGN A SUCCESS

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FACTORY INSPECTORS TOOK OUT 398 SUMMONSES AGAINST FACTORY OWNERS DURING A TWO-MONTH CAMPAIGN ON MACHINERY SAFETY.

THEY ALSO VISITED 11,705 WORKPLACES TO EXPLAIN TO EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS THE IMPORTANCE OF GUARDING THE DANGEROUS PARTS OF MACHINES EFFECTIVELY.

"WE TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND PROPRIETORS OF THEIR STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS TO HAVE MACHINE GUARDS PROPERLY MAINTAINED AND TO PROVIDE SUITABLE SUPERVISION AND TRAINING FOR MACHINE OPERATORS," DEPUTY CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR, MR KAN HON-SANG, SAID.

"WORKERS WERE URGED TO CO-OPERATE WITH EMPLOYERS IN TAKING ALL NECESSARY SAFETY PRECAUTIONS," MR KAN ADDED.

HE NOTED THAT WHILE MACHINERY ACCIDENTS HAD BEEN ON THE DECLINE IN THE PAST FEW YEARS, THERE WERE SOME 6,000 SUCH ACCIDENTS LAST YEAR, WHICH ACCOUNTED FOR ABOUT ONE-EIGHTH OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS.

"DANGEROUS PARTS OF MACHINERY, IF NOT PROPERLY GUARDED, OFTEN CAUSE SERIOUS ACCIDENTS RESULTING IN LOSS OF LIMBS OR EVEN DEATHS," MR KAN SAID.

"SOME MACHINES ARE PARTICULARLY DANGEROUS, SUCH AS POWER PRESSES, GRANULATORS, AND MACHINES USED IN WOODWORK PAPER AND CATERING INDUSTRIES AS WELL AS PRINTING AND PLASTICS FACTORIES," HE ADDED.

MR KAN CAUTIONED THAT ALTHOUGH THE MACHINERY SAFETY CAMPAIGN ENDED IN AUGUST, FACTORY INSPECTORS WERE KEEPING UP THEIR VIGILANCE ON THE SAFE OPERATION OF MACHINES AND WOULD TAKE OUT PROSECUTION AGAINST OFFENDING OWNERS.

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SAI KUNG ARTS FESTIVAL BEGINS

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CULTURAL AND ARTS PROGRAMMES ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BALANCED COMMUNITY, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR ALBERT LAM, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE THIRD SAI KUNG ARTS FESTIVAL, MR LAM ADDED THAT IT WOULD FURTHER ENHANCE THE RESIDENTS' QUALITY OF LIFE.

THE FESTIVAL WILL LAST UNTIL NOVEMBER 8. PROGRAMMES WILL INCLUDE PERFORMANCES BY THE DISTRICT'S CHILDREN CHOIR, SCHOOLS AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, TRADITIONAL CHINESE DANCES, PUPPET AND SILHOUETTE SHOWS BY TWO VISITING TROUPES FROM CHINA'S HUNAN PROVINCE.

ANOTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMME WILL BE THE CANTONESE OPERA PERFORMED BY PROMINENT TV STARS, MISS LISA WONG MING-CHUEN AND MR LAW KA-YING.

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THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL IS SPONSORED BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD AND SOME PRIVATE COMPANIES, AT A COST OF \$700,000.

TICKETS AT \$2 TO \$150 ARE NOW AVAILABLE AND ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL 792 9512 OR 792 2441.

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MOST IMPROVED STUDENTS AWARD SCHEME INVITES NOMINATIONS  
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HARD WORKING AND BEST PERFORMED SECONDARY 2 AND 3 STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WIN THIS YEAR'S SING TAO MOST IMPROVED AWARDS.

SCHOOL PRINCIPALS ARE INVITED TO NOMINATE THEIR OUTSTANDING STUDENTS WHO HAVE ATTAINED THE BEST ALL-ROUND IMPROVEMENT IN PERFORMANCE OVER THE PAST SCHOOL YEAR.

THE ANNUAL EVENT, OPENS TO ALL TYPES OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS INCLUDING GOVERNMENT, AIDED, PRIVATE AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS, IS AIMED AT ENCOURAGING JUNIOR SECONDARY STUDENTS TO DEVELOP FULLY THEIR INDIVIDUAL POTENTIAL.

AWARDEES WILL EACH BE PRESENTED WITH A \$500 CASH PRIZE.

THE NUMBER OF AWARDS WILL BE LIMITED TO TWO FOR EACH PARTICIPATING SCHOOL.

COMPLETED NOMINATION FORMS SHOULD REACH THE CAREERS AND GUIDANCE SERVICES SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 20, 1992.

ALL NOMINEES ARE JUDGED BY THEIR ACADEMIC AND CONDUCT IMPROVEMENTS AS WELL AS ENTHUSIASM IN PARTICIPATING IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

THE SCHEME IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SING TAO FOUNDATION AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AND IS SPONSORED BY THE FOUNDATION.

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JOCKEY CLUB HELPS REHABUS DIAL-A-RIDE SCHEME

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TO ENABLE THE CONTINUATION OF A SPECIAL PERSONALISED TRANSPORT SERVICE TO TAKE THE DISABLED PERSONS TO CLINICS, SHOPS, SPORTS AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES AT A REASONABLE FARE SO AS TO HELP THEM INTEGRATE INTO THE COMMUNITY, THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB HAS IN THE PAST TWO YEARS BEEN PROVIDING \$1.305 MILLION FOR THE OPERATION OF THE REHABUS FULL-DAY DIAL-A-RIDE SCHEME.

IN THE COMING 12 MONTHS FROM NEXT MONTH TO OCTOBER 31, NEXT YEAR, THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB HAS AGAIN ALLOCATED A GRANT OF \$1.3 MILLION FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE SCHEME.

THE FULL-DAY DIAL-A-RIDE SERVICE IS OPERATED BY THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR REHABILITATION THROUGHOUT THE YEAR BETWEEN 7 AM AND 10.30 PM WITH FOUR 12-SEATER REHABUSES.

BETWEEN 8.30 AM AND 4.30 PM WHEN THE DEMAND IS AT ITS PEAK, TWO ADDITIONAL REHABUSES WILL BE DEPLOYED TO STRENGTHEN THE DIAL-A-RIDE SERVICES.

THE BASIC CHARGING RATES FOR EACH JOURNEY ARE \$1.5 PER KILOMETRE PLUS \$30 PER HOUR FOR GROUP FARES (THREE OR MORE DISABLED PERSONS), AND \$1 PER KILOMETRE PLUS \$20 PER HOUR FOR INDIVIDUAL FARES (TWO OR LESS DISABLED PERSONS).

CURRENTLY, THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR REHABILITATION (HKSr) IS OPERATING 34 SCHEDULED ROUTES TO PROVIDE TRANSPORT SERVICES TO DISABLED PERSONS WHO NEED TO TRAVEL TO THEIR WORKING, STUDYING OR MEDICAL TREATMENT PLACES.

THE JOCKEY CLUB HAS IN THE PAST ALSO DONATED 11 REHABUSES FOR THIS SERVICE.

ENQUIRIES AND ADVANCE BOOKINGS FOR THE DIAL-A-RIDE SERVICE MAY BE MADE TO HKSr ON TEL 817 8154 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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RECORD NUMBER OF STUDENTS TO COMPETE IN CAREERS QUIZ

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A RECORD NUMBER OF 136,220 STUDENTS FROM 285 SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL TAKE PART IN THE CAREERS QUIZ '93 ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT FROM NOVEMBER 2 TO 10.

THE QUIZ IS DESIGNED FOR STUDENTS IN FORMS THREE TO FIVE. PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE TO ANSWER 50 MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS ON CAREERS, TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING, AND LABOUR LAW.

"THE EVENT AIMS TO AROUSE STUDENTS' AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF CHOOSING SUITABLE CAREERS AND TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO LOOK FOR FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ON CAREERS AND FURTHER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES," SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER MRS CLARE SIU SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

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"THE FAVOURABLE RESPONSE TO THE QUIZ REFLECTS THE GREAT IMPORTANCE SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS ATTACHED TO CAREER EDUCATION," SHE ADDED.

THE QUIZ IS A PRELUDE TO THE EDUCATION AND CAREERS EXPO '93 JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FROM FEBRUARY 18 TO 21 NEXT YEAR.

THE EXPOSITION WILL BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE. VISITORS WILL BE INTRODUCED TO A WIDE RANGE OF TRADES, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, PROFESSIONAL BODIES AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES.

WINNERS OF THE QUIZ WILL BE AWARDED ATTRACTIVE PRIZES, INCLUDING PERSONAL COMPUTERS, LANGUAGE SETS AND CALCULATORS, ALL SPONSORED BY PHILIPS HONG KONG LIMITED.

THE ANSWER SHEETS OF THE QUIZ WILL BE PROCESSED BY THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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#### MINIBUS NIGHT SERVICES FOR TSEUNG KWAN O RESIDENTS

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A NEW GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE NO. 19S PROVIDING NIGHT SERVICES FOR TSEUNG KWAN O RESIDENTS WILL COME INTO SERVICE NEXT TUESDAY (OCTOBER 27), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE MINIBUS WILL RUN BETWEEN HANG HAU (NORTH) AND CAUSEWAY BAY VIA PO LAM ROAD AND EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING.

IT WILL BE OPERATED BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 5.30 AM DAILY FROM BOTH HANG HAU AND CAUSEWAY BAY AT 20 TO 23-MINUTE FREQUENCIES.

THE FULL FARE WILL BE \$10. SECTION FARES WILL BE CHARGED AT \$3 AND \$5 AFTER LEAVING ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR ON THE WAY TO CAUSEWAY BAY AND AFTER EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING TO HANG HAU RESPECTIVELY.

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EXHIBITION OF STUDENT'S CREATIVE WORK INVITES PARTICIPANTS

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SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE 1992-93 EXHIBITION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS' CREATIVE WORK.

THE EXHIBITION IS DIVIDED INTO TWO CATEGORIES: ART AND DESIGN WORK, AND NEEDLEWORK/DRESS PROJECTS AND FASHION FOLIOS.

FOR THE ART AND DESIGN WORK CATEGORY, EACH SCHOOL CAN ONLY SUBMIT NOT MORE THAN 10 ENTRIES FOR THEIR STUDENTS IN SECONDARY 1 TO 6.

THERE IS NO RESTRICTION IN THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES IN THE NEEDLEWORK/DRESS PROJECTS AND FASHION FOLIOS FOR STUDENTS IN SECONDARY 1 TO 5.

THE EXHIBITION OF THE STUDENTS' CREATIVE WORK WILL BE HELD AT THE CULTURAL CRAFTS CENTRE DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS BETWEEN JANUARY 26 AND FEBRUARY 13, NEXT YEAR.

LAST YEAR, ABOUT 600 ENTRIES FROM 150 SCHOOLS WERE SUBMITTED, COMPRISING 400 ON ART AND DESIGN AND 200 ON NEEDLEWORK/DRESS PROJECTS AND FASHION FOLIOS.

THE DEADLINE FOR PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS TO SUBMIT THEIR ENTRY FORMS IS NOVEMBER 20.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ART SECTION ON TEL 880 5420 OR HOME ECONOMICS SECTION ON TEL 562 1009.

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