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HONG KONG +JUSTIFIABLY PROUD+ OF
PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMME -- ACTING GOVERNOR
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HONG KONG AND THE HOUSING AUTHORITY COULD BE JUSTIFIABLY PROUD OF THE TERRITORY'S PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMME, THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR JACK CATER, SAID TODAY AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF WO CHE ESTATE, IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

SHORTLY BEFORE UNVEILING A PLAQUE IN THE WO CHE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX COMMEMORATING THE COMPLETION OF THE NEW ESTATE, SIR JACK TOLD AN AUDIENCE MADE UP OF HOUSING AUTHORITY MEMBERS, SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND OTHER GUESTS:

+OVER THE PAST 26 YEARS, WE HAVE SUCCEEDED, OFTEN AGAINST TREMENDOUS ODDS, IN PROVIDING HOMES FOR FOUR OUT OF EVERY 10 PEOPLE.

+WHEN THE GOVERNMENT BEGAN PROVIDING PUBLIC HOUSING IN THE EARLY 1950'S, IT WAS, IN KEEPING WITH THE EMERGENCY CONDITIONS OF THOSE TIMES, VERY BASIC AND WITHOUT FRILLS.

+SINCE THEN, WE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO KEEP PACE WITH THE RISING ASPIRATIONS OF OUR PEOPLE AND PROGRESSED THROUGH A WIDE RANGE OF EVER-IMPROVING DESIGNS.

+WE ARE NOW BUILDING FULLY SELF-CONTAINED ESTATES WHICH, IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD BLESSED WITH A GREATER ABUNDANCE OF LAND, WOULD BE REGARDED AS SIZEABLE TOWNS.

+ALTHOUGH OUR NEW TOWNS TEND TO SPREAD UPWARD RATHER THAN OUTWARD, THEY LACK NOTHING IN COMPARISON WITH THEIR OVERSEAS COUNTERPARTS IN TERMS OF FACILITIES AND CONVENIENCE.+

TURNING TO THE FUTURE, SIR JACK WARNED THAT THE WORRYINGLY HIGH LEVELS OF IMMIGRATION FROM CHINA IN THE PAST TWO YEARS MEANT THAT IT WOULD TAKE MANY YEARS OF UNCEASING EFFORT AND A SUSTAINED HIGH LEVEL OF HOUSING PRODUCTION TO FULFIL THE GOVERNMENT'S AIM OF PROVIDING DECENT, SELF-CONTAINED ACCOMMODATION FOR ALL.

+IN THE INTERESTS OF THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE, IT IS VITAL THAT THE RECENT MEASURES TAKEN TO STEM THE FLOODS OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FROM CHINA WILL PROVE SUCCESSFUL,+ HE SAID.

+SUCCESS IS ESSENTIAL IF HONG KONG IS TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE ITS STANDARDS OF LIVING.

+IT IS TOO SOON TO ASSESS THE EFFECTS OF THE NEW MEASURES. THE STATISTICS SHOW A DECLINE IN THE NUMBER OF ARRESTS OF 'WOULD-BE' ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS, BUT THAT WAS TO BE EXPECTED.

+IT WILL TAKE WEEKS, PERHAPS MONTHS, BEFORE TRUE TRENDS BEGIN TO SHOW THROUGH. BUT ONE THING IS CLEAR: WE MUST REMAIN ON OUR GUARD FOR A VERY LONG TIME TO COME.

+AS A COMMUNITY, WE MUST REMAIN RESOLUTE -- AS RESOLUTE AS WE ARE TODAY -- THAT WE SHALL SUCCEED.

/+AND THIS

+AND THIS WILL NOT BE EASY. IT WILL BE IRKSOME AND FRUSTRATING TO HAVE TO CARRY LEGALLY ACCEPTABLE MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION WITH US AT ALL TIMES -- AND THAT WILL BE A REQUIREMENT FOR A LONG, LONG TIME TO COME.+

BUT SIR JACK SAID IT WAS IN THE INTERESTS OF EVERYONE THAT THE INCONVENIENCES OF CARRYING IDENTIFICATION BE ACCEPTED TO ENSURE THE EFFICIENT CARRYING OUT OF THESE MEASURES.

EARLIER, IN AN INTRODUCTORY SPEECH, THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR DONALD LIAO, DESCRIBED SHA TIN AS A +MOST APPROPRIATE EXAMPLE+ OF THE RAPID PACE OF DEVELOPMENT NOW UNDER WAY IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

MR LIAO THEN TOLD HOW SHA TIN HAD BEEN TRANSFORMED, SINCE THE 1950'S, FROM A SMALL COUNTRY MARKET INTO A NEW TOWN WITH A POPULATION OF MORE THAN 100 000 PEOPLE, NEARLY HALF OF WHOM LIVED IN PUBLIC HOUSING.

+BY THE MID-1980'S, THERE WILL BE SOME 10 ESTATES, BOTH RENTAL AND HOME OWNERSHIP, ACCOMMODATING ABOUT 270 000 PEOPLE,+ HE SAID.

+BY THE END OF THE DECADE, THE POPULATION OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN WILL GROW TO THREE-QUARTERS OF A MILLION.+

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FIRE PREVENTION IS THE CONCERN OF EVERYONE

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THE PUBLIC WERE TODAY URGED TO LOOK OUT FOR POTENTIAL FIRE RISKS, PARTICULARLY IN THE COMING DRY SEASON, TO REDUCE COSTLY LOSSES OF LIFE AND PROPERTY.

THE APPEAL CAME FROM THE DEPUTY CHIEF FIRE OFFICER OF THE FIRE PROTECTION BUREAU, MR LAM LOK-BUN, AT THE START OF THIS YEAR'S FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN.

THE CAMPAIGN AIMS TO MINIMIZE FIRES BY EDUCATING THE PUBLIC IN FIRE PREVENTION.

MR LAM POINTED OUT THAT FIRE RISKS AND THEIR CONSEQUENCES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN WITH US SINCE THE BEGINNING OF CIVILISATION. THE CONSEQUENCES ARE LOSS OF LIFE, INJURIES, LOSS OF CULTURAL ARTEFACTS, LOST PROFITS AND NON-RECOVERABLE EXPENSES.

BESIDES, EVERY FIRE, BE IT SMALL OR SERIOUS, HAS ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES WHICH EXTEND FAR BEYOND ITS VISIBLE DAMAGE, HE SAID.

MR LAM CITED THE LATEST STATISTICS TO ILLUSTRATE THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE PROBLEM IN HONG KONG AND THE DAMAGING EFFECT IT BROUGHT ABOUT.

DURING THE 12-MONTH PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 1980, THERE WERE 10 271 FIRES, RESULTING IN 704 INJURIES AND 36 DEATHS. MONETARY LOSSES AMOUNTED TO MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

+THEY WERE VERY COSTLY, NOT ONLY IN TERMS OF DOLLARS, BUT IN TERMS OF THE IRRETRIEVABLE LOSS OF LIVES AND BODILY INJURIES,+ HE SAID.

MR LAM NOTED THAT HONG KONG HAD ITS UNIQUE FIRE RISKS OWING TO ITS CROWDED ENVIRONMENT AND THE GENERAL APATHETIC ATTITUDE TOWARDS FIRE PREVENTION.

+FIRE ACCIDENTS ARE EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS AND THEY CAN HAPPEN TO ANYBODY THROUGH NEGLIGENCE AND CARELESSNESS.

+FIRE PREVENTION IS FOR EVERYONE,+ MR LAM STRESSED.

MR LAM POINTED OUT THAT NO BUILDING IN ANY CITY COULD BE ABSOLUTELY FIRE SAFE AND IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO PREVENT ALL FIRES. +WHAT CAN AND SHOULD BE DONE IS TO TAKE THE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO REDUCE ITS OCCURRENCE.

+BY SO DOING, EVEN IF A FIRE TAKES PLACE, THE MEASURES MAY LESSEN THE DANGER IN SOME CASES AND PREVENT THEM FROM BECOMING A DISASTER,+ HE ADDED.

THE MOST COMMON CAUSES OF FIRE IN ORDER OF FREQUENCY ARE: CARELESS HANDLING OR DISPOSAL OF CIGARETTE ENDS OR HOT ASHES= ELECTRICAL FAULTS= OVERTURNING OF KEROSENE STOVES OR OIL LAMPS= OVERHEATING OF ENGINES, MOTOR AND MACHINERY= CARELESS HANDLING OR DISPOSAL OF JOSS STICKS AND CANDLES= CHILDREN PLAYING WITH MATCHES, AND DEFECTIVE LP GAS APPARATUS.

MR LAM SAID THAT MUCH OF THIS YEAR'S PUBLICITY WOULD BE AIMED AT INFORMING THE PUBLIC OF WAYS TO PREVENT FIRES AND THE DIRE EFFECTS OF FIRES.

THERE WOULD BE FIRE PREVENTION POSTERS, STICKERS AND LEAFLETS AS WELL AS PUBLICITY FILMS ON TELEVISION.

THE CAMPAIGN WOULD BE FURTHER SUPPLEMENTED BY COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS FIRE PREVENTION QUIZ COMPETITIONS AMONG SCHOOLS= FIRE PREVENTION FILM SHOWS= VISITS TO FIRE STATIONS= EXHIBITIONS, AND A FACTORY FIRE SAFETY CAMPAIGN.

SENIOR COUNTRY PARKS OFFICER OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR K.C. IU, SPOKE OF COUNTRYSIDE FIRES.

MR IU POINTED OUT THAT THE ANNUAL AVERAGE NUMBER OF HILL FIRES OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS HAD BEEN ABOUT 500 AND LAST YEAR WAS WORSE WITH A TOTAL OF 935 FIRES REPORTED.

BECAUSE OF THE HEAVY OUTBREAK OF HILL FIRES LAST NOVEMBER, SEVERAL COUNTRY PARKS HAD TO BE CLOSED, RESULTING IN THE LOSS OF RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO ALL, HE SAID.

+THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY, TOGETHER WITH THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE CIVIL AID SERVICES, HAVE BEEN CONSTANTLY IMPROVING AND STRENGTHENING THEIR CAPABILITIES TO DEAL WITH FIRES IN THE COUNTRYSIDE.

+HOWEVER,+ MR IU SAID, +THE FINAL SOLUTION MUST DEPEND ON THE CO-OPERATION AND GOOD SENSE OF THE PICNICKER ON THE SPOT.+

HE GAVE THE FOLLOWING ADVICE:

- * LIGHT BARBECUE FIRES ONLY IN DESIGNATED BARBECUE PITS=
- * PROPERLY PUT OUT BARBECUE FIRES BEFORE LEAVING=
- * DO NOT DISCARD BURNING CIGARETTE ENDS= AND
- * TAKE EXTRA CARE DURING CHUNG YEUNG AND CHING MING.

MR IU WARNED: +ALTHOUGH WE MANAGED TO 'ESCAPE' THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL LAST MONTH WITHOUT GREAT LOSSES, THE REAL TEST OF THE 1980 FIRE SEASON IS STILL TO COME.+

WITH THE ONSET OF THE COOL DRY WEATHER, HE APPEALED TO PEOPLE WHO WILL BE GOING TO THE COUNTRYSIDE FOR CAMPING, PICNICKING, HIKING AND BARBECUING TO BE VERY CAREFUL WITH FIRE.

THERE HAS BEEN A RISING NUMBER OF SUCH VISITORS FROM HALF A MILLION IN 1970/71 TO OVER SEVEN MILLION IN 1979/80.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE COMPRISES REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EDUCATION, HOME AFFAIRS, LABOUR, INFORMATION SERVICES, AND AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENTS AS WELL AS THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

A PART OF THE COMMITTEE'S ON-GOING PROGRAMME HAS BEEN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A FIRE WATCH SCHEME WHEREBY SQUATTERS AND VILLAGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SET UP PATROL TEAMS TO HELP FIGHT THE FIRE MENACE.

A TOTAL OF 77 TEAMS HAS BEEN FORMED TO DATE.

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HONG KONG ENTERS NEW ERA OF MANPOWER TRAINING

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HONG KONG IS ABOUT TO ENTER A NEW ERA IN MANPOWER TRAINING WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATUTORY BODY IN THE NEAR FUTURE, THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR (INDUSTRIAL TRAINING), MR HORACE KNIGHT, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG NORTHWEST, MR KNIGHT POINTED OUT THAT THE STATUTORY BODY WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL TO ADMINISTER MANPOWER TRAINING.

IN ADDITION, THE COUNCIL HAD ALSO RECOMMENDED TO THE GOVERNMENT THE INTRODUCTION OF INDUSTRY-WIDE OFF-THE-JOB TRAINING SCHEMES FOR THE ELECTRONICS, PLASTICS AND TEXTILES INDUSTRIES AS WELL AS TRAINING SCHEMES FOR PROVIDING BASIC TRAINING IN KEY ENGINEERING TRADES AND POST-GRADUATE PRACTICAL TRAINING FOR ENGINEERING GRADUATES. THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE AIMED AT MEETING THE NEEDS OF HONG KONG'S RAPIDLY CHANGING AND DYNAMIC ECONOMY.

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IN HIS ADDRESS TO THE OPENING SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LAST MONTH, THE GOVERNOR ANNOUNCED THAT THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAD ACCEPTED BOTH RECOMMENDATIONS AND THAT THE SCHEMES SHOULD BE FUNDED FROM GENERAL REVENUE.

+WHAT IS LIKELY TO HAPPEN WILL BE THAT THE NEW STATUTORY BODY WILL NOT ONLY UNDERTAKE THE PRESENT FUNCTIONS OF THE TRAINING COUNCIL BUT ALSO THE MANAGING OF TRAINING SCHEMES.

+IN OTHER WORDS, THE NEW BODY, WITH ITS OWN COMPLEX OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES, WILL NOT ONLY PERFORM INVESTIGATORY FUNCTIONS LEADING TO THE MAKING OF RECOMMENDATIONS BUT ALSO IMPLEMENT THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS,+ SAID MR KNIGHT.

EARLIER, MR KNIGHT TRACED THE DEVELOPMENT OF ORGANISED MANPOWER TRAINING IN HONG KONG IN THE LAST 10 YEARS OR SO AND HIGHLIGHTED SOME OF THE IMPROVEMENTS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE.

A VERY GREAT DEAL HAD BEEN ACHIEVED IN THE LAST 10 YEARS UNDER THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ON MANPOWER TRAINING, HE STRESSED.

AMONG THE ACHIEVEMENTS LISTED BY MR KNIGHT WERE:

- * THE GOVERNMENT BUILT FOUR TECHNICAL INSTITUTES IN ADDITION TO MORRISON HILL BETWEEN 1973 AND 1978. A SIXTH, SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN 1984, WILL BE BUILT IN TUEN MUN TO SERVE THAT PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.
- * THE POLYTECHNIC HAS UNDERGONE AN EXPANSION IN THE LAST FEW YEARS UNPARALLELED IN SIMILAR INSTITUTIONS ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD.
- * THE GOVERNMENT GRANTED LAND AT NIL PREMIUM FOR, AND LOANS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND TO COVER THE INITIAL COST OF, BUILDING TRAINING CENTRES TO THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY.
- * THE GOVERNMENT ENACTED IN 1976, ON THE ADVICE OF THE TRAINING COUNCIL, THE APPRENTICESHIP ORDINANCE, WHICH HAS BEEN THE CORNERSTONE FOR ORGANISED APPRENTICE TRAINING IN HONG KONG.

MR KNIGHT POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE WAS TO BRING ABOUT A MANPOWER PLANNING AND TRAINING MACHINERY WHICH WOULD BE IN THE POSITION TO ASSIST IN TWO WAYS: ENSURING THAT HONG KONG WOULD HAVE THE TRAINED MANPOWER IT NEEDED TO RETAIN ITS COMPETITIVE EDGE IN THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET, AND ENSURING THAT ITS INDUSTRIES WOULD REMAIN COMPETITIVE AND PROFITABLE AS THEY VENTURED INEVITABLY EVER DEEPER INTO THE REALM OF SOPHISTICATED PRODUCTS.

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INFORMATION FULL CALENDAR
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WHAT CAUSES AN OVERHEAD WIRE TO WHISTLE IN THE WIND? WHAT IS AN EQUATORIAL TORQUETUM? WHY DO PEOPLE GET SUNBURNT? WHY IS THE AIR TEMPERATURE RISING IN HONG KONG BUT NOT IN MACAU?

THE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS -- AND A LOT OF OTHER FASCINATING INFORMATION -- CAN BE FOUND IN THE 1981 EDITION OF THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY CALENDAR WHICH IS NOW ON SALE.

PRICED AT \$20, THE BILINGUAL CALENDAR CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL- THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY, NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON- AND LEADING BOOKSHOPS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR.

MAKING METEOROLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC DATA EASY TO UNDERSTAND IS A MAJOR FUNCTION OF THE CALENDAR WHICH IS ALSO PRODUCED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORK OF VOLUNTARY OBSERVERS AND SIGNAL STATION OPERATORS.

THE KING-SIZE CALENDAR CONTAINS A SEPARATE PAGE FOR EACH MONTH OF THE YEAR AND COLOUR ILLUSTRATIONS AND DIAGRAMS ARE USED TO EXPLAIN PARTICULAR TOPICS OF INTEREST.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CALENDAR HAVE BEEN MADE BY SCIENTIFIC STAFF AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY AND IT HAS BEEN EDITED AND DESIGNED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES.

AS WELL AS THE USUAL DATE INFORMATION THE CALENDAR CONTAINS A TIDE TIME-TABLE, MOONRISE AND MOONSET TIMES, SUNRISE AND SUNSET TIMES, AND THE MONTHLY NORMS FOR AIR TEMPERATURE, RELATIVE HUMIDITY AND CLOUD CONDITIONS. IT ALSO GIVES THE LUNAR DATES OF THE CHINESE CALENDAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE SAID THAT PAST EDITIONS OF THE CALENDAR HAD EVOKED WIDESPREAD INTEREST AND IT WAS ANTICIPATED THAT THERE WOULD BE A STRONG DEMAND FOR THE 1981 EDITION.

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TAX EXEMPTION ON INTEREST EARNED

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INTEREST PAYABLE BY LICENSED BANKS, BY CERTAIN PUBLIC UTILITIES AND BY THE GOVERNMENT AT RATES OF UP TO 8-1/2 PER CENT PER ANNUM WILL BE EXEMPT FROM INTEREST TAX FROM TODAY, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED.

HE SAID THAT THIS REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF ONE PER CENT IN THE EXEMPTION LIMIT, AND FOLLOWS THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE EXCHANGE BANKS' ASSOCIATION ON SATURDAY THAT THE RATES OF INTEREST PAYABLE ON SAVINGS ACCOUNTS WOULD BE INCREASED TO 8-1/2 PER CENT WITH EFFECT FROM TODAY.

A NOTICE SIGNED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY UNDER SECTION 28(1) OF THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE IS PUBLISHED IN AN EXTRAORDINARY GAZETTE TODAY.

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FREE CHINESE MUSIC CONCERT FOR NORTH DISTRICT RESIDENTS

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THE RECENTLY FORMED NORTH DISTRICT ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION IS ORGANISING ITS FIRST CHINESE MUSIC CONCERT FOR LOCAL PEOPLE.

INSTRUCTORS FROM THE MUSIC OFFICE WILL PERFORM AT THE CONCERT TO BE HELD AT FUNG KAI SECONDARY SCHOOL, SHEUNG SHUI, ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 15) AFTERNOON.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE ASSOCIATION'S OFFICE AT 24 SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEUNG SHUI. ADMISSION IS FREE.

MUSIC, DRAMA, DANCE, CULTURAL AND GARDEN ARTS SUB-COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN FORMED BY THE ASSOCIATION SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN AUGUST.

THE CONCERT IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC SUB-COMMITTEE WHICH HAS ALSO FORMED A CHILDREN'S CHOIR, A CHINESE MUSIC ORCHESTRA AND A CHINESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT PLAYING TRAINING CLASS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SUB-COMMITTEE SAID THE CONCERT HAD BEEN ORGANISED TO INCREASE LOCAL PEOPLE'S MUSIC APPRECIATION AND TO BRING A RICHER CULTURAL LIFE TO THE COMMUNITY.

THE ASSOCIATION, WHICH HAS 200 MEMBERS AND 100 AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS, WOULD ARRANGE MORE FREE CONCERTS BY ORCHESTRA FROM THE URBAN AREA AND ENCOURAGE ITS MEMBERS TO GIVE PERFORMANCES, HE SAID.

IN SUPPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION, NORTH DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD HAS PROVIDED \$100 000 TO FINANCE ITS PROJECTS. THE ASSOCIATION WILL RAISE ANOTHER \$80 000 FROM PRIVATE DONATIONS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN PRESS CONFERENCE

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AN INTENSIVE ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN WILL BE LAUNCHED IN YAU MA TEI DISTRICT ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 15).

DETAILS OF THE CAMPAIGN, WHICH IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS AND THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT 12 NOON THIS THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 13) IN THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL, 16TH FLOOR, NATHAN ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.

THE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR LAI SZE-NUEN= CHAIRMAN OF THE PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, MR KARL STUMPF= ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR LEUNG CHIN-MAN AND CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (YAU MA TEI), MR KEITH KWOK, WILL ATTEND THE PRESS CONFERENCE TOGETHER WITH MEMBERS OF THE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE.

YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE PRESS CONFERENCE COVERED.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KOWLOON

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN TAI KOK TSUI AND ON A YAU MA TEI SECTION OF NATHAN ROAD FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 13) FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF ROAD WORKS.

UNDER THE ARRANGEMENTS, TAI KOK TSUI ROAD BETWEEN POK MAN STREET AND CHUNG WUI STREET WILL BE RE-OPENED TO TRAFFIC. CHUNG WUI STREET WILL BE REVERTED TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC AND POK MAN STREET BETWEEN KOK CHEUNG STREET AND THE LINK ROAD WITH FOO KWAI STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY EASTBOUND. KOK CHEUNG STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

IN YAU MA TEI, THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF NATHAN ROAD BETWEEN PUBLIC SQUARE STREET AND WING SING LANE WILL BE RE-OPENED TO TRAFFIC BUT WILL REMAIN FOR THE TIME BEING AS A 'BUS ONLY' LANE FROM 7 AM TO 11 PM DAILY.

THE FOLLOWING BUSES WILL RESUME THEIR PREVIOUS ROUTES:

- * KOWLOON MOTOR BUS NOS. 3, 7, 7A, 70, 70A, 207 AND 208 WILL PROCEED ALONG NATHAN ROAD NORTHBOUND AND TURN RIGHT INTO WATERLOO ROAD EASTBOUND-
- * KOWLOON MOTOR BUS NOS. 1, 1A, 2, 3C, 6, 6A, 6C, 9, 13, 71, 203, 206, 210, 216 AND 246, AND CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL BUS NOS. 102, 104, 105 AND 112 WILL USE NATHAN ROAD NORTHBOUND, WATERLOO ROAD AND SHANGHAI STREET.

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TRAFFIC DIVERSION AT WONG CHUK HANG

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THE SIGNAL-CONTROLLED JUNCTION OF NAM FUNG ROAD, WONG CHUK HANG ROAD, ISLAND ROAD AND OCEAN PARK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 13) FOR ABOUT FOUR MONTHS.

THE CLOSURE IS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A VEHICULAR UNDER-PASS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SOUTHERN APPROACH ROADS TO ABERDEEN TUNNEL.

DURING THIS PERIOD, TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA A ONE-WAY CIRCUIT BEFORE REJOINING WONG CHUK HANG ROAD AT A NEW ROAD JUNCTION. ALL EXISTING TRAFFIC FLOW REQUIREMENTS WILL BE MAINTAINED.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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LEGCO MEETING

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THE NEXT MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 13) WILL NOW BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 19, PENDING THE RETURN OF THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, FROM THE UK.

AT THE MEETING, OFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL REPLY TO POINTS RAISED BY THEIR UNOFFICIAL COLLEAGUES DURING THE RESUMED DEBATE ON A MOTION OF THANKS FOR THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS TO THE OPENING OF THE CURRENT SESSION.

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AIR MAIL TO IRAN RESUMED

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THE POST OFFICE IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT AIR LETTER AND PARCEL SERVICES TO IRAN, WHICH WERE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED ON OCTOBER 2, 1980, ARE NOW RESUMED.

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SALT WATER CUT

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICTS ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL BE INTERRUPTED FOR EIGHT HOURS OVERNIGHT ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 13).

SUPPLY WILL BE TURNED OFF AT 11 PM AND WILL RESUME AT 7 AM ON FRIDAY.

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