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GOVERNOR VISITS VOLUNTEERS AT THE BORDER  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (MONDAY) VISITED VARIOUS SQUADRONS OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS) DEPLOYED ALONG THE BORDER TO CARRY OUT THEIR ANNUAL BORDER PATROL DUTIES.

THE VOLUNTEERS, A PART-TIME SECURITY FORCE MADE UP OF SOME 1,000 HONG KONG RESIDENTS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE, ARE CARRYING OUT THEIR ANNUAL DUTIES OF GUARDING THE BORDER THIS WEEK TO RELIEVE THE REGULAR ARMY. THEY HAVE UNDERTAKEN THIS ANNUAL DUTY SINCE 1980.

SIR DAVID FIRST ARRIVED AT MAN KAM TO MILITARY OPERATIONS ROOM WHERE HE WAS BRIEFED BY THE COMMANDING OFFICER LIEUTENANT COLONEL C.G. PATEY RTR ON THE OPERATIONS OF THE REGIMENT.

THE VISIT TOOK SIR DAVID ALONG THE ENTIRE BORDER FROM SHA TAU KOK IN THE EAST TO PAK NAI IN THE WEST WHERE HE MET AND SPOKE TO HONG KONG'S OWN PART-TIME SOLDIERS.

SIR DAVID SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE ENTHUSIASM AND PROFESSIONALISM DISPLAYED BY THE VOLUNTEERS IN THE DEMANDING TASK OF MANNING THE BORDER.

THE GOVERNOR COMMENDED EMPLOYERS FOR RELEASING VOLUNTEERS FOR BORDER DUTY AT A TIME WHEN THE TERRITORY WAS STILL FACING THE PROBLEM OF LABOUR SHORTAGE.

THE VOLUNTEERS' BORDER TOUR THIS YEAR IS FROM SEPTEMBER 22 TO 30.

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ADMISSION OF OVERSEAS PRC NATIONALS FOR EMPLOYMENT  
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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT WITH EFFECT FROM FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, NATIONALS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (PRC) WHO ARE PRESENTLY OVERSEAS WILL BE ALLOWED TO COME TO HONG KONG FOR EMPLOYMENT.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION OF THESE NATIONALS FOR EMPLOYMENT ARE:

- \* THE APPLICANTS MUST APPLY FROM OVERSEAS AND HAVE BEEN OVERSEAS FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS ("OVERSEAS" MEANS OUTSIDE CHINA, MACAU AND HONG KONG);
- \* THE APPLICANTS MUST SATISFY NORMAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY FOR EMPLOYMENT; AND

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\* THE APPLICANTS MUST SATISFY NORMAL IMMIGRATION AND SECURITY REQUIREMENTS.

"THE NORMAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY FOR EMPLOYMENT IN HONG KONG ARE PRIMARILY THE POSSESSION OF A SPECIAL SKILL, KNOWLEDGE OR EXPERIENCE NOT READILY AVAILABLE IN HONG KONG," THE SPOKESMAN NOTED.

NO APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF STATUS FROM "VISIT" TO "EMPLOYMENT" AFTER AN APPLICANT'S ARRIVAL IN HONG KONG WILL BE CONSIDERED, HE SAID.

"FAMILY MEMBERS OF APPLICANTS WILL HAVE TO MEET THE SAME REQUIREMENT OF HAVING RESIDED OVERSEAS FOR TWO YEARS IF THEY WISH TO JOIN APPLICANTS IN HONG KONG.

"THEY WILL ALSO HAVE TO SATISFY NORMAL IMMIGRATION AND SECURITY REQUIREMENTS," HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT THE ADMISSION OF PRC NATIONALS PRESENTLY OVERSEAS FOR EMPLOYMENT IN HONG KONG DID NOT IN ANY WAY SUGGEST THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD RELAX ITS ONGOING POLICY TO ARREST AND REPATRIATE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WHO SOUGHT TO ENTER HONG KONG.

"THE GOVERNMENT STRONGLY REFUTES ANY NOTION OF AN AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS. THERE WILL BE NO AMNESTY," HE SAID.

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#### GOVERNMENT CLARIFICATION

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REFERRING TO AN AGENCY REPORT ON THE HANOI AGREEMENT TO SEND BACK VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE IN HONG KONG, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (MONDAY) CLARIFIED THAT THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WAS NOT REFERRING TO "MANDATORY REPATRIATION" WHEN HE SPOKE TO THE MEDIA AFTER A CEREMONY YESTERDAY.

THE GOVERNOR WAS ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE AGREEMENT REACHED IN HANOI OVER THE WEEKEND WHEREBY VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE IN HONG KONG WHO HAVE NOT VOLUNTEERED TO GO BUT WOULD NOT RESIST REPATRIATION ARE TO BE RETURNED TO VIETNAM.

IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION "WHEN WILL THE NEW TIME OF REPATRIATION TAKE PLACE?", THE GOVERNOR SAID: "THE DETAILS, THE ACTUAL DATES ARE STILL TO BE FIXED, BUT I HOPE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO START ON THIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WHAT I LOOK TO IS UNHCR TO PLAY A VERY ACTIVE PART IN THIS PROCESS. A LOT OF COUNSELLING IS GOING TO BE NEEDED AND THAT IS VERY MUCH GOING TO BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UNHCR."

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THE GOVERNOR WAS THEN ASKED IF THE FIRST PLANELOAD OF REPATRIATION WAS GOING TO TAKE EFFECT SOON? IN REPLY THE GOVERNOR SAID: "NO, I SAID THERE HASN'T BEEN A DATE FIXED, BUT THE IDEA IS TO TRY TO DO IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THERE IS NO PRECISE DATE BECAUSE AT THE MOMENT WE'VE ONLY JUST REACHED THE AGREEMENT AND THERE HAS GOT TO BE A LOT OF COUNSELLING DONE BY UNHCR."

HE WAS FURTHER ASKED: "BUT DO YOU THINK IT WILL GO AHEAD BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR?" TO WHICH THE GOVERNOR REPLIED: "I CERTAINLY HOPE IT WILL GO AHEAD BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. WE DO NEED TO GET ON WITH THIS WHOLE BUSINESS AS QUICKLY AS WE POSSIBLY CAN."

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PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON DRAFT WHITE PAPER

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ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO ORGANISE A SERIES OF BRIEFINGS AND DEBATES ON THE DRAFT WHITE PAPER ON SOCIAL WELFARE POLICIES AND SERVICES WHICH WAS RELEASED LAST TUESDAY.

AT A MEETING TODAY (MONDAY), MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC) WERE INFORMED THAT THE GENERAL PUBLIC WOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON THE DRAFT WHITE PAPER IN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS.

IN BRIEFING THE COMMITTEE ON THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION EXERCISE, THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR ALAN CHOW, SAID A BRIEFING SESSION FOR DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS WOULD BE HELD EARLY NEXT MONTH, AND THE WHITE PAPER WOULD BE DEBATED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN EARLY NOVEMBER.

IF EVERYTHING GOES AS SCHEDULED, SWAC WILL CONSIDER THE DRAFT WHITE PAPER IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR AND THE DOCUMENT WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL THE FOLLOWING MONTH.

IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSING THE PRIORITIES FOR NEW OR IMPROVED SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES IN THE NEXT FOUR FINANCIAL YEARS, SWAC MEMBERS TODAY ALSO DISCUSSED THE DEMAND, SUPPLY AND SHORTFALL OF SOCIAL WORK MANPOWER AS WELL AS THE PROVISION AND FINANCING OF CHILD CARE CENTRES.

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REMINDER CONCERNING EXPORT OF STRATEGIC COMMODITIES  
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THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) REMINDED TRADERS THAT THE EXPORT OF STRATEGIC COMMODITIES FROM HONG KONG TO PROSCRIBED COUNTRIES IS PROHIBITED UNDER THE IMPORT AND EXPORT (STRATEGIC COMMODITIES) REGULATIONS.

A SHA TIN TRADING COMPANY WAS FINED \$500,000 AT SHA TIN MAGISTRACY ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 21) AFTER PLEADING GUILTY TO FIVE COUNTS OF EXPORTING STRATEGIC COMMODITIES NOT UNDER AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN EXPORT LICENCE REQUIRED BY THE REGULATIONS.

THE COURT HEARD THAT AN OFFICER OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT DISCOVERED DURING AN INVESTIGATION IN JANUARY THIS YEAR THAT THE DEFENDANT COMPANY HAD BETWEEN JULY AND DECEMBER, 1989, EXPORTED TO RUSSIA VIA BANGKOK FIVE SHIPMENTS COMPRISING 206 COMPUTERS AND PERIPHERALS.

WHILE THE COMPUTERS AND PERIPHERALS WERE CLASSIFIED AS STRATEGIC COMMODITIES UNDER THE REGULATIONS, THE DEFENDANT COMPANY HAD IN ONE OF THE SHIPMENTS FALSELY STATED THE GOODS AS PRODUCTS OF LOW-END MODELS WHICH REQUIRED NO EXPORT LICENCE.

IN THE OTHER FOUR SHIPMENTS, THE DEFENDANT COMPANY HAD OBTAINED SIX EXPORT LICENCES WHICH ONLY AUTHORISED THE EXPORT OF THE GOODS TO FRANCE, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND SRI LANKA WHICH WERE NOT PROSCRIBED COUNTRIES.

THE TOTAL INVOICE VALUE OF THE GOODS WAS \$2.76 MILLION.

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MID-AUTUMN CARNIVALS FOR EASTERN RESIDENTS  
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EASTERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS CAN GET TOGETHER TO SHARE THE JOY OF THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL IN 10 CARNIVALS TO BE HELD THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT FROM SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 29) TO OCTOBER 7.

THE CARNIVALS HAVE BEEN ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, AREA COMMITTEES AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, WITH A SUBSIDY OF \$145,000 FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE PROGRAMMES WILL INCLUDE LANTERN RIDDLES, A LANTERN DESIGN COMPETITION, CHINESE HANDICRAFT DISPLAYS, VARIETY SHOWS, KARAOKE AND LUCKY DRAWS.

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DETAILS OF THE CARNIVALS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DATE/TIME -----	VENUE -----
SEPTEMBER 29 (SATURDAY) 8 PM	YEE TSUI COURT PODIUM, CHAI WAN
OCTOBER 2 (TUESDAY) 7 PM	CHAI WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE
OCTOBER 2 (TUESDAY) 7 PM	FACTORY STREET PLAYGROUND, SHAU KEI WAN
OCTOBER 3 (WEDNESDAY) 7.30 PM	TSUI WAN ESTATE, CHAI WAN
OCTOBER 3 (WEDNESDAY) 8 PM	LAI TAK TSUEN, CAUSEWAY BAY
OCTOBER 4 (THURSDAY) 7.45 PM	PO LEUNG KUK YU LEE MO FAN MEMORIAL SCHOOL, WHARF ROAD, NORTH POINT
OCTOBER 4 (THURSDAY) 7.30 PM	CLOUD VIEW ROAD RESERVOIR PLAYGROUND, CAUSEWAY BAY
OCTOBER 4 (THURSDAY) 7 PM	YUE WAN ESTATE PLAZA AND YUE WAN COMMUNITY HALL, CHAI WAN
OCTOBER 4 (THURSDAY) 7.30 PM	PAK FUK ROAD PLAYGROUND, NORTH POINT
OCTOBER 7 (SUNDAY) 8 PM	NORTH POINT ESTATE HALL

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LANTERN CARNIVAL IN KOWLOON CITY

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A LANTERN CARNIVAL TO CELEBRATE THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 29) AT THE ARGYLE PLAYGROUND IN KOWLOON CITY.

THE CARNIVAL, TO BEGIN AT 7 PM, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL, DISTRICT BOARD, DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE URBAN COUNCIL. ADMISSION IS FREE.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE CANTONESE OPERA, CHINESE CHESS, PALM READING, AN EXHIBITION OF TEAWARE, LANTERN RIDDLES, GAMES STALLS AND DEMONSTRATION OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE HANDICRAFTS.

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AN OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 8 PM. OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SIK-KONG; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR DUNCAN PESCOD; AN URBAN COUNCILOR, MR FONG PUI-SHEUNG; PRESIDENT OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL, MR WU SHING-SUEN; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR LEE HOI-SANG.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY MID-AUTUMN LANTERN CARNIVAL TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 29) AT THE ARGYLE STREET PLAYGROUND. THE CARNIVAL WILL BEGIN AT 7 PM AND AN OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 8 PM.

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SECONDARY STUDENTS INVITED TO COMPETE IN MATHS OLYMPIAD  
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS INVITING SCHOOLS TO SEND THEIR MATHEMATICAL WIZARDS TO COMPETE IN THE EIGHTH HONG KONG MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD.

EACH SCHOOL CAN SEND A TEAM COMPRISING FOUR TO SIX STUDENTS OF SECONDARY 4 OR BELOW, TO BE HEADED BY A TEACHER, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, THE HEAT EVENT WILL CONSIST OF TWO PARTS: 40 MINUTES FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENT AND 20 MINUTES FOR GROUP EVENT.

CALCULATING DEVICES SUCH AS CALCULATORS AND FOUR-FIGURE TABLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO BE USED.

"APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH HEADS OF SCHOOLS TO THE MATHEMATICS SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE BEFORE FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 28).

"THE HEATS WILL BE HELD IN DECEMBER AND THE 40 TEAMS WITH THE HIGHEST SCORES WILL TAKE PART IN THE FINALS IN JANUARY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE ANNUAL EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE AND THE MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT OF NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION.

LAST YEAR, 176 SCHOOLS PARTICIPATED IN THE EVENT, WITH THE CLEMENTI SECONDARY SCHOOL TAKING THE FIRST PRIZE AND THE JOCKEY CLUB GOVERNMENT SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL AND PUI KIU MIDDLE SCHOOL TAKING THE SECOND AND THIRD PRIZES.

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### NEW CREMATORIUM ON CHEUNG CHAU

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A \$2.1 MILLION DOLLAR CREMATORIUM PROJECT HAS BEEN COMPLETED IN CHEUNG CHAU BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE MORE MODERN FACILITIES FOR THE PUBLIC.

OCCUPYING AN AREA OF ABOUT 8,500 SQUARE METRES, THE PROJECT CONSISTS OF A CREMATORIUM, A COLUMBARIUM FOR 1,000 NICHES, A SERVICE HALL, A LANDSCAPED GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE, AN OFFICE/RECEPTION AREA AND ANCILLARY SERVICES BUILDINGS.

THE DESIGN CONCEPT IS TO CREATE A SERIES OF FORMAL SPACE FOR PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE DEAD.

A HARMONIOUS ENVIRONMENT IS CREATED THROUGH THE SITING OF THE "PAI LAU", A POND, A PAVILION AND THE COLUMBARIUM. THE COLOUR, FORM, MATERIAL AND ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES OF THE FUNCTIONAL BLOCKS WILL ALSO HELPED TO ACHIEVE THE EFFECT.

THE FACILITIES WHICH TOOK 21 MONTHS TO COMPLETE, WERE EARLIER HANDED OVER TO THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR MANAGEMENT.

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### EMERGENCY CARE HANDBOOK ON SALE NEXT MONDAY

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A CHINESE HANDBOOK ON EMERGENCY CARE, PUBLISHED BY THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES (AMS), WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE FROM MONDAY, OCTOBER 1.

THE 200-PAGE BOOK, INTERSPERSED WITH ILLUSTRATIONS, WILL BE AVAILABLE AT \$20 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

IT IS AN UPDATED VERSION OF THE FIRST AID HANDBOOK PUBLISHED AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR. IN ADDITION TO FIRST AID, IT ALSO COVERS SUBJECTS SUCH AS ANATOMY, PHYSIOLOGY AND NURSING CARE.

AN AMS SPOKESMAN SAID THE HANDBOOK WILL BE USEFUL TO ORGANISATIONS WITH A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE, SUCH AS FACTORIES AND SCHOOLS, AND TO HOUSEWIVES.

THE COMMISSIONER OF AMS, DR S.H. LEE, TODAY (MONDAY) HOSTED A TEA PARTY TO THANK MEMBERS OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD, WHICH COMPRISED DOCTORS, NURSES AND AMBULANCE AID PROFESSIONALS, FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS AND PRESENTED EACH MEMBER WITH AN AUTOGRAPHED COPY OF THE HANDBOOK AS SOUVENIR.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 57.1 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 334.512 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 387.793 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 66.2 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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