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JULY RESULTS OF RETAIL SALES SURVEY RELEASED

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THE TOTAL VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN JULY 1989, ESTIMATED AT \$8,478 MILLION, SHOWED PRACTICALLY NO CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH JULY 1988 WHILST THEIR VOLUME DECREASED BY 5 PER CENT ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (SUNDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THIS REFLECTS A CONTINUED SLOW-DOWN IN LOCAL CONSUMER SPENDING AND A SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF TOURISTS COMING TO HONG KONG IN JULY. THE EVENTS IN CHINA IN EARLY JUNE COULD HAVE MUCH TO DO WITH THE LATTER FACTOR.

COMPARED WITH JULY 1988, RETAIL SALES OF FOOTSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO WENT UP BY 16 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 6 PER CENT IN VOLUME. FUELS INCREASED BY 9 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 1 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS DECREASED BY 4 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 13 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES DROPPED BY 13 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 16 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

OTHER CONSUMER GOODS SHOWED AN INSIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN SALES VALUE AND A DECREASE OF 5 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, SALES OF SUPERMARKETS INCREASED BY 16 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 4 PER CENT IN VOLUME. DEPARTMENT STORES ROSE BY 6 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE BUT DROPPED BY 2 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS WENT DOWN BY 8 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 13 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS DECREASED BY 16 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 18 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

COMPARING THE PERIOD JANUARY TO JULY 1989 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988. TOTAL RETAIL SALES INCREASED BY 9 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 1 PER CENT IN VOLUME. SALES OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO ROSE BY 15 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 4 PER CENT IN VOLUME. FUELS WENT UP BY 7 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 2 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS ROSE BY 13 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 3 PER CENT IN VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES INCREASED BY 3 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE BUT FELL BY 4 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

OTHER CONSUMER GOODS WENT UP BY 7 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 1 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED BY 29 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 21 PER CENT IN VOLUME. DEPARTMENT STORES ROSE BY 12 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 3 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. SUPERMARKETS SALES WENT UP BY 12 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 1 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

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HOWEVER, CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS DECREASED BY 11 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 15 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

WHEN COMPARED WITH JUNE 1989, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, TOTAL RETAIL SALES FOR JULY 1989 INCREASED BY 7 PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME.

FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO ROSE BY 8 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 9 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. FUELS WENT UP BY 8 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 7 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS INCREASED BY 10 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 13 PER CENT IN VOLUME, WHILST THOSE FOR CONSUMER DURABLES INCREASED BY 8 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 9 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

OTHER CONSUMER GOODS ROSE BY 4 PER CENT IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED BY 17 PER CENT IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME. DEPARTMENT STORES SALES WENT UP BY 13 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 16 PER CENT IN VOLUME, AND SUPERMARKETS SALES ROSE BY 9 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 8 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS HOWEVER DROPPED BY 3 PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED TOTAL RETAIL SALES FIGURE FOR JUNE AND JULY 1989 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURE FOR JULY 1989.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES IN JUNE 1989 (A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES, (B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS AND (C) BY SELECTED TRADES (WHICH FORM PART OF THE RELEVANT MAJOR TRADE GROUPS), WITH AVERAGE RETAIL SALES FROM OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 TAKEN AS 100.

COMPARISONS OF JULY 1989 RESULTS WITH THOSE FOR JUNE 1989 AND WITH THOSE FOR JULY 1988, AND COMPARISONS OF RETAIL SALES IN THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF 1989 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, ARE ALSO GIVEN.

THE REPORT CONTAINING THE ANALYSIS OF THE JULY 1989 SURVEY RESULTS IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AT \$1 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO.: 5-565240).

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TABLE 1 : TOTAL RETAIL SALES

Total Retail Sales for July 1989 (Provisional Figure)	= HK\$ 8,478million
for June 1989 (Revised Figure)	= HK\$ 7,957million

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES FOR JUNE 1989 AND JULY 1989

(Monthly average of Oct. 84 - Sept. 85 = 100)

Item	Index of Retail Sales	June 1989	July 1989	July 1989 compared with June 1989	July 1989 compared with July 1988	July 1989 compared with Jan.-Jul. 1988	July 1989 compared with June 1989	July 1989 compared with July 1988	July 1989 compared with Jan.-Jul. 1988
		(Revised figures)	(Provisional figures)	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points
(A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES									
	Value	142	151	9	7	1	12	9	
	Volume	110	118	8	7	-7	1	1	
(B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS									
Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco	Value	137	148	11	8	21	18	15	
	Volume	107	116	10	9	7	4	4	
Fuels	Value	111	119	9	8	9	7	7	
	Volume	110	118	8	7	1	2	2	
Clothing, footwear and allied products	Value	138	151	14	10	-7	21	13	
	Volume	98	110	12	13	-16	3	3	
Consumer durables	Value	128	139	10	8	-21	4	3	
	Volume	96	105	9	9	-20	-5	-4	
Other consumer goods	Value	157	164	7	4	-1	12	7	
	Volume	122	127	5	4	-7	2	1	
(C) BY SELECTED TRADES									
(see note 1 below)									
Supermarkets	Value	179	195	16	9	26	19	12	
	Volume	139	150	11	8	6	1	1	
Motor vehicles and parts	Value	245	237	-8	-3	-21	66	29	
	Volume	163	158	-5	-3	-24	34	21	
Consumer durables other than motor vehicles and parts	Value	93	109	16	17	-20	-15	-11	
	Volume	76	89	13	17	-19	-17	-15	
Department stores	Value	168	190	22	13	11	22	12	
	Volume	121	141	20	16	-3	4	3	

- NOTES : 1. In order to analyse the sales of certain trades WITHIN major trade groups, the value and volume indexes in respect of the following selected trades are compiled :
- "Supermarkets" - a trade in the "Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco" group.
 - "Motor vehicles and parts" - a trade in the "Consumer durables" group.
 - "Consumer durables other than motor vehicles and parts" - a trade in the "Consumer durables" group.
 - "Department stores" - a trade in the "Other consumer goods" group.
2. Figures denoting changes are derived from the unrounded index figures.
3. "*" denotes a figure within ± 0.5 .

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IMPORTANCE OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S WELFARE STRESSED
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS ALWAYS ATTACHED IMPORTANCE TO THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR KWOK KA-CHI, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE "HEALTHY GROWTH TRACK FOR CHILDREN" SEMINAR AND EXHIBITION ORGANISED BY THE BAUHINIA JAYCEES IN TAI PO, MR KWOK SAID THAT APART FROM FORMAL SCHOOL EDUCATION, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION WERE EQUALLY IMPORTANT IN YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEVELOPMENT.

HENCE, HE SAID, THE DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN ACTIVELY PROMOTING FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION.

"APART FROM TERRITORY-WIDE PROMOTIONAL PROGRAMMES, THERE ARE ALSO 56 FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION WORKERS TO ARRANGE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL TO HELP FAMILY MEMBERS UNDERSTAND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND PROMOTE HARMONIOUS RELATIONSHIPS," MR KWOK SAID.

"ALSO, A CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE WILL BE SET UP IN EVERY DISTRICT WITH 20,000 TO 30,000 POPULATION SO THAT RECREATIONAL AND GROUP ACTIVITIES CAN BE ARRANGED TO MEET YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEMANDS.

"IN ADDITION, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK AND OUTREACHING SOCIAL WORK ARE ALSO PROVIDED FOR STUDENTS WITH BEHAVIOUR PROBLEMS OR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO MAY BE SUBJECTED TO INFLUENCE BY ADVERSE ELEMENTS."

THE DEPARTMENT'S FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES ALSO PROVIDED COUNSELLING AND OTHER SERVICES TO INDIVIDUAL FAMILIES IN DIFFICULTIES.

IN VIEW OF THE LARGE YOUTH POPULATION, MR KWOK SAID CONTRIBUTIONS FROM COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS COULD AUGMENT SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT, AND HE COMMENDED THE BAUHINIA JAYCEES FOR ITS EFFORTS IN PROMOTING COMMUNITY SERVICES IN THE PAST DECADE.

HE ALSO CALLED ON PARENTS TO PAY MORE ATTENTION TO THEIR CHILDREN BESIDES MEETING THEIR MATERIALISTIC NEEDS.

"I HOPE PARENTS WILL SPARE MORE TIME WITH THEIR CHILDREN AS FAR AS POSSIBLE SO THAT COMMUNICATION AND RELATIONSHIPS AMONG FAMILY MEMBERS CAN BE ENHANCED," HE SAID.

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ONE DELIVERY ON OCTOBER 9

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THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE MAIL DELIVERY ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, THE PUBLIC HOLIDAY FOLLOWING CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL, THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY).

FOR COUNTER SERVICES, THE GENERAL POST OFFICE ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE IN KOWLOON WILL BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS FROM 9 AM TO NOON THAT DAY.

OTHER POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED.

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NEW ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER APPOINTED
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THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (DEFENCE AND PUBLIC ORDER) OF THE SECURITY BRANCH, MR KIM SALKELD, HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO SUCCEED MR JONATHAN NG AS THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, AS FROM OCTOBER 10.

MR SALKELD HAS BEEN WITH THE SECURITY BRANCH SINCE MAY 1986.

HE JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN SEPTEMBER 1980, AND WAS PROMOTED TO SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN APRIL 1987.

PREVIOUSLY HE HAD SERVED IN THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, THE EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH AND THE FORMER SOCIAL SERVICES BRANCH.

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SPORTS COMPLEX TO BE BUILT IN TAI PO
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TAI PO RESIDENTS AND SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS MAY ENJOY THE FACILITIES OF A NEW SPORTS COMPLEX IN TWO YEARS' TIME.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SPORTS COMPLEX TO THE NORTH OF TAI WO ESTATE, TAI PO.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN DECEMBER AND BE COMPLETED IN MAY 1991.

THE COMPLEX WILL HAVE A STANDARD SPORTS GROUND WITH TURFED SOCCER PITCH, AN EIGHT-LANE 400 METRES SYNTHETIC SURFACED RUNNING TRACK AND WARM UP TRACK, A SPECTATOR STAND FOR 3,500 PEOPLE AND FACILITIES FOR FIELD EVENTS.

IT WILL ALSO HAVE A SQUASH CENTRE WITH SIX SQUASH COURTS, SIX SYNTHETIC SURFACED TENNIS COURTS, TWO SYNTHETIC SURFACED TRAINING COURTS, A REFRESHMENT KIOSK, ANCILLARY SPACES AND LANDSCAPING FEATURES, AND PARKING SPACES FOR 40 PRIVATE CARS AND FIVE COACHES.

TENDER FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, 34TH FLOOR, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

TENDERS MUST BE PLACED IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (EAST WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE NOON ON OCTOBER 20.

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INTER-SCHOOL HEALTH EDUCATION SPEECH AND SONG CONTESTS

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PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE 1989 INTER-SCHOOL HEALTH EDUCATION SPEECH AND SONG CONTESTS TO BE HELD IN THE COMING MONTHS.

AIMED AT RAISING THE HEALTH CONSCIOUSNESS AMONG SCHOOL CHILDREN IN HONG KONG, THE CONTESTS ARE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH.

"THIS WILL NOT ONLY PRODUCE COMPETITIONS AND MEANINGFUL CONTESTS, BUT WILL ALSO HELP TO IMPRESS ON ALL STUDENTS THE IMPORTANCE OF HEALTH," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE UNIT SAID.

"HEADS OF SCHOOL ARE INVITED TO NOMINATE PUPIL REPRESENTATIVES TO COMPETE IN THESE CONTESTS AND TO GIVE THEM THE WIDEST POSSIBLE PUBLICITY," HE NOTED.

THE THEME CHOSEN FOR BOTH CONTESTS IS "BETTER HYGIENE, BETTER HEALTH".

THE SPEECH CONTEST IS GENERALLY DIVIDED INTO SIX SECTIONS -- IN ENGLISH, PUTONGHUA AND CANTONESE -- IN BOTH PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

UNDER THE SPEECH CONTEST RULES, EACH SCHOOL MAY NOMINATE UP TO SIX REPRESENTATIVES TO COMPETE, BUT WITH NOT MORE THAN TWO IN EACH SECTION.

"SPEECHES WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES EACH IN PRIMARY SECTIONS AND FIVE MINUTES IN SECONDARY SECTIONS. MARKS WOULD BE DEDUCTED FOR OVER-TIMING," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS ARE REQUESTED TO HOLD THEIR OWN PRELIMINARY CONTESTS TO SELECT STUDENTS WHO ARE BEST QUALIFIED TO COMPETE.

SEMI-FINAL CONTEST WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 4 AT THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION ANNEXE IN MONG KOK AND WINNERS WILL BE SELECTED TO ENTER FOR THE FINAL CONTEST WHICH WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 25 AT THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL.

COMPLETED ENTRY FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT AT ROOM 924, NINTH FLOOR, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDINGS, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON, BY OCTOBER 21.

THE SONG CONTEST WILL BE DIVIDED INTO PRIMARY SCHOOL AND SECONDARY SCHOOL SECTIONS ONLY.

"EACH SCHOOL MAY SEND ONLY ONE CHOIR OF 30 TO 60 STUDENTS, INCLUDING MUSICAL ACCOMPANIMENT, TO COMPETE IN EACH SECTION," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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"THREE MUSIC SCORES ARE PROVIDED FOR EACH SECTION AND EACH CHOIR COULD ONLY CHOOSE ONE. CONTESTING SCHOOLS ARE ONLY REQUIRED TO COMPOSE VERSE FOR THE SCORE SELECTED.

"THE LYRICS MAY BE IN CHINESE OR ENGLISH OR BOTH. COPIES OF THE MUSIC SCORE FOR RESPECTIVE SECTIONS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT."

THE SONG CONTEST WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 11 AT THE AUDITORIUM OF THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL. THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRY IN THE CONTEST IS OCTOBER 28.

A TRANSPORT SUBSIDY OF \$300 WILL BE GRANTED TO EACH PARTICIPATING CHOIR IN THE SONG CONTEST.

BOOK COUPONS AND TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED TO ALL WINNING ENTRIES IN THE VARIOUS SECTIONS OF BOTH THE SPEECH AND THE SONG CONTESTS.

"HOWEVER, FIRST PRIZE WINNERS OF THE SPEECH CONTEST AND THE WINNING CHOIRS OF THE SONG CONTEST WILL BE REQUIRED TO DEMONSTRATE AT THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM ON DECEMBER 9 IN THE AUDITORIUM OF THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-7236234.

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YOUNG VOCALISTS INVITED FOR AUDITION

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THE MUSIC OFFICE WILL SELECT SIX YOUNG VOCALISTS TO PERFORM BEFORE A WORLD RENOWNED VOCAL MASTER, PROFESSOR DESIRE LIGETI, WHO WILL HOST A MASTER CLASS AT THE YAU MA TEI MUSIC CENTRE ON OCTOBER 31.

PROFESSOR LIGETI, ACCLAIMED AS A VOCALIST OF CONSIDERABLE CHARM AND ACCURACY, HAD PERFORMED IN MANY FAMOUS OPERAS IN EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES FROM THE 1940'S TO THE 1960'S.

HE HAS ALSO GIVEN LECTURES AND MASTER CLASSES IN VARIOUS MUSIC SCHOOLS IN ASIA, NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE IN RECENT YEARS.

LOCAL VOCALISTS WHO ARE UNDER 30 YEARS OF AGE AND WISHED TO BE COACHED ARE WELCOME TO APPLY BY CALLING THE MUSIC OFFICE ON TEL. 5-8235321. THEY WILL HAVE TO ATTEND AN AUDITION LATER THIS MONTH.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ALSO WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MASTER CLASS, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 6 PM ON OCTOBER 31. ADMISSION IS FREE AND TELEPHONE RESERVATION CAN BE MADE ON 3-7226240.

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STATUTORY HOLIDAY REMINDER

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THE DAY FOLLOWING CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL, WHICH FALLS ON OCTOBER 9, IS ONE OF THE 11 STATUTORY HOLIDAYS.

ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES AND THOSE NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$11,500 ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY AND MUST BE PAID FOR THE DAY OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO AN EMPLOYEE'S EARNINGS ON A NORMAL WORKING DAY AND SHOULD INCLUDE BASIC WAGES AS WELL AS ALLOWANCES THAT CAN BE EXPRESSED IN MONEY TERMS, SUCH AS MEALS AND COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCES.

WHERE THE EARNINGS VARY FROM DAY TO DAY, HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE THE AVERAGE DAILY EARNINGS DURING EVERY COMPLETE WAGE PERIOD, WHICH COULD BE BETWEEN 28 DAYS AND 31 DAYS PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY.

IF AN EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO WORK ON A STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST BE GIVEN AN ALTERNATIVE DAY OFF WITHIN 60 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER THAT DAY.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE AT ANY BRANCH OFFICES OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE.

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NO AGREEMENT YET ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR RETURNING VBP

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COMMENTING ON AN ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN THE SUNDAY STANDARD, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY), "NO FORMAL AGREEMENT ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE RETURN OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE TO VIETNAM, OTHER THAN VOLUNTEERS, HAS YET BEEN CONCLUDED BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF BRITAIN AND VIETNAM. NO DATE CAN THEREFORE BE SET FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF AN ORDERLY RETURN PROGRAMME FOR THESE PEOPLE. NOR IS ANY ANNOUNCEMENT PLANNED FOR THE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING IN GENEVA.

"THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT REMAINS COMMITTED TO FINDING A SOLUTION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF ACTION. OUR EFFORTS WILL THEREFORE CONTINUE TO PERSUADE OTHER GOVERNMENTS THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE SCREENED OUT AS ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FROM VIETNAM MUST BE RETURNED QUICKLY TO VIETNAM."

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AP LEI CHAU CLINIC ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA
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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE FACILITIES AND SERVICES OF THE AP LEI CHAU CLINIC AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE COMMUNITY PHYSICIAN (HONG KONG) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, DR C.M. NGAN, WILL INTRODUCE THE \$16 MILLION PROJECT WHICH IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT AP LEI CHAU MAIN STREET.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED SUSPENSION OF CHEST EXAMINATIONS AT THE ABERDEEN JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC.

A MEMBER WILL ASK ABOUT THE PROVISION OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS ON AP LAI CHAU AND THE AFTER-SCHOOL CHILD CARE SERVICE IN HONG KONG.

THE COMMITTEE WILL PROCESS AN APPLICATION FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FROM A LOCAL ORGANISATION FOR A SOCIAL SERVICE PROJECT FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED AND THE ELDERLY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN CENTRE.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PROCESSING OF THE APPLICATION FOR DB FUNDS, IN THE LATTER HALF OF THE MEETING, WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CAMERA.

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APPLICATION FOR DB FUNDS CLOSES ON OCTOBER 14
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THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD HAS REMINDED LOCAL ORGANISATIONS THAT OCTOBER 14 IS THE CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR ORGANISING DISTRICT-WIDE SOCIAL SERVICES PROJECTS.

THE BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER THE APPLICATIONS AT ITS MEETING ON OCTOBER 31, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

HE POINTED OUT THAT PRIORITY WOULD BE GIVEN TO AGENCIES OR ORGANISATIONS WHICH SERVE THE WHOLE DISTRICT.

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"APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED BY AREA COMMITTEES WILL ALSO BE CONSIDERED," HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT VETTING OF APPLICATIONS WOULD FOLLOW THE CRITERIA AS SET DOWN BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THAT THE AMOUNT TO BE APPROVED FOR A PARTICULAR ORGANISATION WOULD NOT EXCEED \$10,000 WITHIN A FINANCIAL YEAR.

"REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE APPLICANT ORGANISATIONS HAVE TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE TO PRESENT THEIR PROJECTS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS.

"A REPORT ON THE PROJECT SHOULD ALSO BE SUBMITTED TO THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT WITHIN ONE MONTH OF THE PROJECT BEING COMPLETED," HE SAID.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES. TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-273786.

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APPLICATIONS FOR SAI KUNG DB FUNDS
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THE CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD WILL CONSIDER SEVEN APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, FOR HOLDING RECREATION AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES, AT ITS MEETING ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 3).

THE APPLICATIONS TOTAL \$30,624.

THE FUNDS WOULD BE USED TO SUBSIDISE THREE SPORTS ACTIVITIES, A SOCCER TRAINING COURSE, A CARNIVAL AND TWO OUTINGS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 3) IN THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN. THE MEETING WILL START AT 10 AM.

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ENTRY OPENS FOR CENTRAL AND WESTERN DANCING COMPETITION

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TALENTED DANCERS IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN ARE BEING INVITED TO ENTER THE DISTRICT'S DANCING COMPETITION TO BE HELD AT THE SHEUNG WAN CIVIC CENTRE NEXT MONTH.

THE ANNUAL CONTEST, NOW IN ITS SIXTH YEAR, WILL BE HELD BETWEEN 2 PM AND 7 PM ON NOVEMBER 12 AT THE CIVIC CENTRE'S THEATRE ON THE FIFTH FLOOR.

THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO CHILDREN, YOUTH AND OPEN GROUPS, AND COVERS ORIENTAL, WESTERN FOLK AND MODERN DANCES.

ATTRACTIVE PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNERS WHO WILL BE INVITED TO PERFORM AT A PUBLIC FUNCTION AT THE CITY HALL IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR.

THE COMPETITION IS BEING JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE DISTRICT'S ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION AND RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF HARBOUR BUILDING IN CENTRAL, ITS SUB-OFFICES AT CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING) AND IN KENNEDY TOWN, AND FROM THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT RECREATION, AMENITIES AND SPORTS OFFICE IN ROOM 1001 OF THE URBAN COUNCIL SHEUNG WAN COMPLEX.

THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-8532566.

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NEW API ON LITTERING PENALTY

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A NEWLY PRODUCED ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST (API) ON THE PENALTY FOR LITTERING WAS SHOWN FOR THE FIRST TIME ON TELEVISION TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE API, WHICH IS THE LATEST PUBLICITY ITEM FOR THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN, SHOWS A PAPER CONTAINER SLOWLY DISSOLVING INTO MONEY WHILE BEING THROWN AS LITTER ONTO THE GROUND.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE, DR PANG HOK-TUEN, SAID THE IDEA WAS TO REMIND LITTERERS THE COST THEY WERE GOING TO PAY FOR LITTERING.

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WHILE EMPHASISING EDUCATION AND A POSITIVE APPROACH IN APPEALING TO THE PUBLIC TO KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN, THE COMMITTEE ALSO SUPPORTED LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST LITTERERS, HE SAID.

"WE FEEL THAT LITTERING SHOULD NOT BE TOLERATED AT THE EXPENSE OF THE WELL-BEING OF OTHER RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS," DR PANG SAID.

HE SAID ANOTHER API ON THE SAME THEME SHOWING THE LITTERING OF A CIGARETTE END WOULD BE AIRED LATER IN THE WEEK.

TO REINFORCE THE MESSAGE, ANTI-LITTER BLITZ OPERATIONS WOULD BE STEPPED UP BY THE RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS STARTING MID OCTOBER.

THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR LITTERING IS \$10,000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO REPORT LITTERING CASES OR MAKE COMPLAINTS CAN CALL THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 0-4145555 OR THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 5-8680000.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KOWLOON CITY

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 3) THE FLYOVER LEADING FROM THE DEPARTURES CIRCUIT AT THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST EASTBOUND WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC AND AT THE SAME TIME BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY 24 HOURS DAILY.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

AT THE SAME TIME, ALL VEHICLES EXCEEDING 3.3 METRES IN HEIGHT WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE FLYOVER LEADING FROM THE DEPARTURES CIRCUIT TO PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST EASTBOUND 24 HOURS DAILY.

THE FLYOVER WILL ALSO BE DESIGNATED A GOODS VEHICLES BAN ZONE 24 HOURS DAILY.

ALL GOODS VEHICLES, EXCEPT THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE BAN ZONE.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT AT AIRPORT

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 3), THE UNNAMED ROAD LINKING ELECTRA DRIVE ROUNDABOUT AND THE EASTBOUND DOWN RAMP LEADING FROM THE DEPARTURES CIRCUIT TO ARRIVALS ROAD AT THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY WESTBOUND TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE ERECTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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PARKING ARRANGEMENTS IN SAN PO KONG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 3), THE EXISTING METERED PARKING SPACES FOR GOODS VEHICLES ALONG THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE OF NG FONG STREET WILL BE CANCELLED TO IMPROVE CAPACITY OF THE STREET.

THESE PARKING SPACES WILL BE CONVERTED INTO PARKING ZONES FOR GOODS VEHICLES DAILY FROM 8 PM TO 7 AM TO MEET THE LORRY PARKING DEMAND IN THE SAN PO KONG INDUSTRIAL AREA AT NIGHT.

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