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FS TO ATTEND WORLD BANK/IMF MEETINGS

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, LEFT HONG KONG LATE THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON FOR BANGKOK TO ATTEND THE 46TH ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE BOARDS OF GOVERNORS OF THE WORLD BANK AND THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND (IMF).

THE THREE-DAY MEETINGS, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF MR PABLO BETTER, MINISTER OF FINANCE AND PUBLIC CREDIT OF ECUADOR, WILL COMMENCE ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 15).

PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL MEETINGS, MR MACLEOD WILL ATTEND THE MEETING OF THE GROUP OF THIRTY INTERNATIONAL BANKING SEMINAR TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD BANK, MR LEWIS PRESTON, AND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE IMF, MR MICHEL CAMDESSUS, WILL ADDRESS THE GOVERNORS AND PRESENT THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE ORGANISATIONS.

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED IN THE PLENARY SESSIONS THAT FOLLOW WILL INCLUDE PROSPECTS OF THE WORLD ECONOMY, THE ADEQUACY OF GLOBAL SAVINGS, ADDITIONAL DEMANDS FOR CAPITAL ASSOCIATED WITH GERMAN UNIFICATION, ECONOMIC REFORMS IN EASTERN EUROPE AND THE USSR, AND THE RECONSTRUCTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

MR MACLEOD WILL RETURN ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 18).

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HK RECOGNISES WORLD STANDARDS DAY

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HONG KONG WILL BE JOINING MANY COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN RECOGNISING WORLD STANDARDS DAY WHICH MARKS ANOTHER MILESTONE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL STANDARDISATION.

THE EVENT IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION FOR STANDARDISATION (ISO) AND THE INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION (IEC).

THE TWO ORGANISATIONS HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN DEVELOPING INTERNATIONAL PRODUCT STANDARDS AND WORKING TOWARDS COMPATIBILITY OF SYSTEMS WORLDWIDE FOR THE BENEFIT OF BOTH MANUFACTURERS AND CONSUMERS.

HONG KONG MONITORS CLOSELY THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH STANDARDS IN THE ISO/IEC.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF INDUSTRY (QUALITY SERVICES), MR ERNEST EVANS, SAID HONG KONG'S MAJOR MARKETS HAD BEEN PLACING INCREASING EMPHASIS ON QUALITY AND CONSUMER SAFETY IN RECENT YEARS.

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"TO PROMOTE STANDARDISATION AND THE AWARENESS OF QUALITY IN HONG KONG, THE PRODUCT STANDARDS INFORMATION BUREAU OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT WAS SET UP SEVEN YEARS AGO TO COLLECT AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ON STANDARDS REQUIREMENTS IN HONG KONG'S OVERSEAS MARKETS TO THE INDUSTRY.

"THE BUREAU'S PRODUCT STANDARDS LIBRARY MAINTAINS THE NATIONAL STANDARDS OF HONG KONG'S MAJOR MARKETS AND INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS ISSUED BY THE ISO AND IEC.

"TO GAIN EFFICIENT ACCESS TO THE EXTENSIVE DATABASE OF OVERSEAS STANDARDS INSTITUTIONS, THE BUREAU HAS SET UP DIRECT ON-LINE COMPUTER LINKS WITH THESE INSTITUTIONS SINCE 1989, AND HAS ALSO INSTALLED COMPUTER-ASSISTED INFORMATION RETRIEVAL SYSTEM IN THE BUREAU," HE SAID.

IN ADDITION, MR EVANS SAID, THE BUREAU OPERATED A SALES AGENCY SERVICE THROUGH WHICH NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS COULD BE PURCHASED.

"IT IS ALSO AUTHORISED TO REPRODUCE AND SELL PHOTOCOPIES OF AUSTRALIAN, BRITISH, EUROPEAN, ISO AND IEC STANDARDS TO FACILITATE USERS OF STANDARDS," HE SAID.

APART FROM ANSWERING ENQUIRIES ON STANDARDS, THE BUREAU ALSO PROVIDES A TECHNICAL ENQUIRY SERVICE TO EXPLAIN THE PARTICULAR FEATURES OF OVERSEAS REQUIREMENTS AND, WHERE APPROPRIATE, OFFERS SUGGESTIONS ON WAYS TO ENABLE A PRODUCT TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS.

THE SERVICE HAS BEEN WELL-RECEIVED BY LOCAL MANUFACTURERS AND EXPORTERS WITH THE NUMBER OF ENQUIRIES HANDLED BY THE BUREAU GROWING FROM 25 IN 1984 TO 1,700 LAST YEAR.

TO FURTHER ASSIST THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR TO MAINTAIN ITS COMPETITIVENESS BY SECURING A PERMANENT INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION FOR QUALITY, THE GOVERNMENT HAS INTRODUCED A QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME TO SUPPORT MANUFACTURERS' OWN EFFORTS TO UPGRADE THEIR PRODUCTION.

THE PROGRAMME INCLUDES IMPROVEMENTS TO HONG KONG'S EXISTING QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE, THE LAUNCHING OF A THREE-YEAR CAMPAIGN IN MARCH LAST YEAR TO RAISE THE LEVEL OF QUALITY AWARENESS AMONG LOCAL MANUFACTURERS, AND THE INTRODUCTION OF A VOLUNTARY QUALITY CERTIFICATION SCHEME.

SO FAR, TWO LOCAL COMPANIES HAVE BEEN CERTIFIED TO THE ISO 9000 INTERNATIONAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT STANDARDS, AND SOME 30 COMPANIES ARE IN THE FINAL STAGES OF PREPARATION FOR THE ISO 9000 AUDIT.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT WELL OVER 100 COMPANIES WILL BE CERTIFIED TO THE ISO 9000 STANDARDS WITHIN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT WILL ASSIST AND ENABLE THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR TO MEET THE INCREASINGLY STRINGENT PRODUCT STANDARDS IN HONG KONG'S MAJOR OVERSEAS MARKETS.

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HAPPY MARRIAGE AND RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD
ESSENTIAL TO GOOD FAMILY LIFE

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THERE IS A PRESSING NEED TO STRENGTHEN FAMILY FUNCTIONING AND TO ENHANCE THE PRESERVATION OF THE FAMILY AS A UNIT, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR M.D. CARTLAND, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY TO MARK THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE 1991-93 FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION (FLE) PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN, MR CARTLAND SAID ONE WAY OF DOING THAT WAS BY PROMOTING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF A STABLE AND HARMONIOUS MARITAL RELATIONSHIP AND A RESPONSIBLE APPROACH TO EFFECTIVE PARENTHOOD.

HE SAID THE COMMITTEE ON THE FLE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN HAD THEREFORE ADOPTED "HAPPY MARRIAGE AND RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD" AS THE MAIN THEME FOR THE CAMPAIGN.

IN THE COMING MONTHS, A VARIETY OF PROMOTIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES WILL BE ORGANISED TO PUBLICISE THIS THEME.

"ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS WILL BE A 13-EPIISODE TELEVISION DRAMA SERIES PRODUCED JOINTLY WITH RTHK, COVERING SUCH TOPICS AS MARITAL PROBLEMS, SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES, PROPER PARENTHOOD AND CHILD CARE," MR CARTLAND SAID.

"THE CLIMAX OF THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE A MASS PROGRAMME, FAMILY PORTRAIT OF LOVE, TO BE HELD EARLY NEXT YEAR AT VICTORIA PARK.

"PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN WILL JOIN HANDS IN ASSEMBLING A HUGE FLE POSTER MEASURING ABOUT 30,000 SQUARE FEET," HE SAID.

"THE OBJECTIVE OF THE EVENT IS TO PROMOTE THE MESSAGE OF COMMUNICATION AND CO-OPERATION AMONG FAMILY MEMBERS TOWARDS ACHIEVING A HARMONIOUS FAMILY," HE ADDED.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE EVENT, THE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, MR HUI YIN-FAT, SAID FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION COULD HELP IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF FAMILIES, IMPROVE THE RELATIONSHIP AMONG FAMILY MEMBERS AND PREVENT SOCIAL PROBLEMS.

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SEPTEMBER RELATIVELY WARM AND DRY

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SEPTEMBER 1991 WAS RELATIVELY WARM AND DRY, ACCORDING TO THE MONTHLY WEATHER REPORT RELEASED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE MEAN TEMPERATURE OF 28.1 DEGREES AND THE MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 25.8 DEGREES WERE RESPECTIVELY THE FOURTH AND EIGHTH HIGHEST EVER FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.

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THE MONTHLY RAINFALL OF 178.7 MILLIMETRES FELL SHORT OF THE NORMAL OF 299.7 MILLIMETRES BY 40 PER CENT.

OVER HALF OF THE MONTH'S RAIN OCCURRED ON THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 14 IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE ARRIVAL OF A FRESH EASTERLY AIRSTREAM. IN CONTRAST, THE TWO PASSING TROPICAL CYCLONES, JOEL AND NAT, WERE MOST DISAPPOINTING AND BROUGHT RELATIVELY LITTLE RAIN.

THE TOTAL RAINFALL SINCE JANUARY 1 AMOUNTED TO 1,330.3 MILLIMETRES, WHICH WAS 34 PER CENT BELOW THE NORMAL OF 2,007.1 MILLIMETRES AND THE EIGHTH LOWEST ON RECORD FOR THE SAME PERIOD.

THE MONTH BEGAN WITH FINE AND HOT WEATHER. THE DEVELOPMENT OF JOEL OVER THE NORTHEASTERN PART OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA LED TO CLOUDIER WEATHER WITH INTERMITTENT LIGHT RAIN AND EVENING THUNDERSTORMS ON SEPTEMBER 4.

AS JOEL TURNED NORTH TOWARDS THE COAST OF EASTERN GUANGDONG, FRESH NORTHEASTERLY WINDS GRADUALLY TURNED NORTHWESTERLY AND STRENGTHENED OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS.

RAIN ALSO BECAME MORE FREQUENT, PARTICULARLY ON SEPTEMBER 6. JOEL WEAKENED AFTER LANDFALL EARLY ON SEPTEMBER 7 AND WINDS BEGAN TO MODERATE. LIGHT RAIN CONTINUED INTO THE NIGHT BEFORE THE CLOUDS DISPERSED THE NEXT DAY.

AFTER SOME MORNING RAIN AND A CLOUDY DAY ON SEPTEMBER 9, WINDS TURNED LIGHT AND HEAT GRADUALLY BUILT UP OVER THE NEXT THREE DAYS.

VISIBILITY WAS DOWN TO FOUR KILOMETRES INSIDE THE HARBOUR AS HAZE THICKENED ON SEPTEMBER 12. THE OPPRESSIVE HEAT LED TO THE MONTH'S HIGHEST TEMPERATURE OF 33.7 DEGREES THAT AFTERNOON AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THUNDERSTORMS IN THE EVENING.

THE WEATHER REMAINED GENERALLY FINE BEFORE TURNING ABRUPTLY FOR CLOUDY CONDITIONS IN THE LATTER PART OF SEPTEMBER 14.

THE ONSET OF A FRESH EASTERLY AIRSTREAM PRODUCED AN OUTBREAK OF THUNDERSTORMS THAT EVENING, FOLLOWED BY HEAVY RAIN WHICH LASTED TILL THE NEXT MORNING.

THE MONTH'S LOWEST TEMPERATURE OF 21.8 DEGREES OCCURRED IN RAIN ON THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 15.

OVER THE SOUTHEASTERN PART OF THE TERRITORY, MORE THAN 200 MILLIMETRES OF RAIN WERE RECORDED IN 12 HOURS.

FOLLOWING THE MODERATION OF THE EASTERLIES ON SEPTEMBER 15, GENERALLY FINE WEATHER PREVAILED WITH LONG PERIODS OF SUNSHINE.

DURING THE SECOND HALF OF SEPTEMBER, NOT ONLY DID THE TENACIOUS AND MEANDERING NAT FAIL TO BRING ANY SIGNIFICANT PRECIPITATION, ITS PROLONGED PRESENCE OVER THE NORTHEASTERN PART OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA BROUGHT DRY CONTINENTAL AIR TO THE COASTAL AREAS OF GUANGDONG.

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THE FINE THEME WAS ONLY MOMENTARILY INTERRUPTED BY SOME CLOUDY INTERLUDES AND OCCASIONAL RAIN CHURNED UP BY SHORT BURST OF WEAK NORTHEAST MONSOON SURGES.

AMONG SUCH RAINY EPISODES, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT OCCURRED ON THE AFTERNOON AND EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 25.

A FURTHER REPLENISHMENT OF THE NORTHEAST MONSOON ARRIVED LATER ON SEPTEMBER 27 AND BROUGHT CLOUDIER WEATHER FOR THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS.

HOWEVER, WHILE THE WINDS CONTINUED TO INCREASE AND BECAME STRONG BY SEPTEMBER 29, THE RAIN WAS MOSTLY LIGHT DURING THE PERIOD. ONCE THE WINDS SUBSIDED, SUNNY PERIODS RETURNED ON THE LAST DAY OF THE MONTH.

THERE WERE SEVEN AIRCRAFT DIVERSIONS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER IN SEPTEMBER. THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON SEPTEMBER 4, 12, 14 AND 15. FLOOD WARNINGS WERE IN EFFECT ON SEPTEMBER 12, 14 AND 15.

SIGNALS HOISTED DURING THE MONTH WERE AS FOLLOWS:

WEATHER SYSTEM -----	SIGNAL -----	DATE AND TIME OF HOISTING -----	DATE AND TIME OF LOWERING -----
JOEL	1	SEPT 3 9.45 PM	SEPT 4 10.30 PM
	3	SEPT 4 10.30 PM	SEPT 7 9.30 AM
NAT	1	SEPT 16 7.30 PM	SEPT 18 11.15 AM
NAT	1	SEPT 23 1.30 PM	SEPT 25 2.30 PM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	SEPT 29 3.15 AM	SEPT 29 1.45 PM
NAT	1	SEPT 29 9.45 PM	SEPT 30 10.40 PM

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

TOTAL BRIGHT SUNSHINE	160.3 HOURS ; 21.4 HOURS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN DAILY GLOBAL SOLAR RADIATION	14.34 MJ/SQ M ; 2.15 MJ/SQ M BELOW NORMAL
TOTAL RAINFALL	178.7 MM ; 121.0 MM BELOW NORMAL
MEAN AMOUNT OF CLOUD	58 PER CENT ; 5 PER CENT LESS THAN NORMAL
MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY	75 PER CENT ; 3 PER CENT LOWER THAN NORMAL

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MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	30.8 DEGREES CELSIUS ; 0.5 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN AIR TEMPERATURE	28.1 DEGREES CELSIUS ; 0.5 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MINIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	25.8 DEGREES CELSIUS ; 0.3 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	23.1 DEGREES CELSIUS ; 0.2 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	128.8 MM ; 21.5 MM BELOW NORMAL

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STOPPING BLACK SMOKE NEEDS ACTIVE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

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THE SUCCESS IN STOPPING BLACK SMOKE AND CREATING A CLEANER AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT DEPENDS HEAVILY ON THE COMMUNITY'S ACTIVE SUPPORT, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, MRS PEGGY LAM, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SHE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE "DRIVE-IN CONCERT" OF THE CAMPAIGN ON VEHICLE EMISSION CONTROL WHICH WAS HELD AT THE HONG KONG SCHOOL OF MOTORING IN TAI WAI, SHA TIN.

MRS LAM POINTED OUT THAT "IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT IS NOT ONLY A MATTER FOR THE GOVERNMENT, IT IS HEAVILY RELIANT ON ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

"TODAY'S EVENT HAS GAINED LARGE-SCALE SUPPORT FROM VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS IN THE TRADE WHICH SETS A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION."

SHE URGED DRIVERS AND OWNERS OF DIESEL-ENGINE-DRIVEN VEHICLES TO MAINTAIN THEIR VEHICLES PROPERLY AND MIND THEIR DRIVING HABITS IN AN EFFORT TO ELIMINATE EXCESSIVE BLACK SMOKE.

ALSO ADDRESSING THE CEREMONY WAS THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (AIR AND NOISE) OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, MR FRED TROMP.

HE SAID THE CAMPAIGN WAS AIMED AT EDUCATING AND ENCOURAGING VEHICLE DRIVERS AND OWNERS TO PAY GREATER ATTENTION TO MAINTAINING THEIR VEHICLES AND USING THE CORRECT GEAR FOR THE PREVAILING ROAD CONDITIONS, AND TO FORM THE HABIT OF CHECKING THE SMOKE LEVEL DURING THEIR DAY-TO-DAY OPERATION.

MR TROMP ESTIMATED THAT THERE COULD BE AS MANY AS 13,000 SMOKY VEHICLES RUNNING ON THE ROAD AT ANY TIME DURING THE DAYTIME EMITTING HARMFUL TONNES OF PARTICULATES EACH DAY AND CAUSING A MAJOR THREAT TO THE QUALITY OF THE AIR WE BREATHE AND THEREFORE THE HEALTH OF THE COMMUNITY.

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"TO MAINTAIN AIR QUALITY AT AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL, WE MUST THEREFORE ATTACK THE SMOKY VEHICLE PROBLEM," HE SAID.

EIGHTEEN DESIGNATED VEHICLE EMISSION TESTING CENTRES IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR WOULD CARRY OUT SMOKE TEST FOR VEHICLES NEXT WEEK IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LEGAL REQUIREMENT OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE.

MR TROMP SAID WITH THE ENLISTING OF THE HELP OF THESE TESTING CENTRES, THE CAPACITY OF THE CONTROL SCHEME WOULD BE BOOSTED FROM 15,000 TO 50,000 PER YEAR.

"THE SMOKY VEHICLES WILL THEN BE TESTED PROMPTLY TO REDUCE THE TIME THEY ARE ON THE ROAD BELCHING BLACK SMOKE," HE ADDED.

HIGHLIGHTS OF TODAY'S CONCERT INCLUDED TRANSMUTING A SMOKY VEHICLE INTO A CLEAN ONE BY "ENVIRONMENTAL MAGIC STICKS". THE ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME ALSO FOCUSED ON THE THEME OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND "STOP BLACK SMOKE".

THREE "CLEANEST VEHICLE AWARDS" AND DIESEL-COUPONS VALUED AT \$2,000 EACH WERE PRESENTED TO THE MOST OUTSTANDING DIESEL VEHICLES ON THE SPOT BY ACTRESS MS LAU KA-LING.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CONCERT WILL BE BROADCAST ON RTHK RADIO 2'S MORNING SUITE PROGRAMME FROM MONDAY (OCTOBER 14) TO WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 16), BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND 10 AM.

IN ADDITION TO MAILING EXPLANATORY LEAFLETS ON BLACK SMOKE EMISSION TO OWNERS AND DRIVERS OF DIESEL VEHICLES, THE CAMPAIGN PACKAGE INCLUDES POSTERS, NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS, RADIO ADVERTISEMENTS AND A SPECIAL RADIO PROGRAMME.

THE CAMPAIGN ON VEHICLE EMISSION CONTROL IS JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE OIL COMPANIES AND THE MOTOR TRADERS ASSOCIATION WHILE THE VENUE FOR TODAY'S CONCERT IS PROVIDED BY THE HONG KONG SCHOOL OF MOTORING.

OTHER SPONSORS OF THE CONCERT INCLUDED DU PONT ASIA PACIFIC LTD AND SWIRE BOTTLERS WHICH PROVIDED TYVEK MATERIAL SUN-SHIELDS AND SOFT DRINKS RESPECTIVELY.

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RENT OFFICERS HANDLE OVER 11,000 CASES

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MORE THAN 11,000 PUBLIC ENQUIRIES ON TENANCY PROBLEMS WERE HANDLED UNDER THE RENT OFFICER SCHEME DURING THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF THIS YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT MOST OF THE ENQUIRIES, WHICH TOTALS 11,299, WERE RELATED TO LEGAL PROCEEDINGS OF TENANCY DISPUTES, THE RECOVERY OR EVICTION OF PREMISES, AND THE USE OR COMPLETION OF SPECIFIED FORMS.

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UNDER THE SCHEME, RENT OFFICERS FROM THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT ARE ON DUTY AT SET TIME EACH WEEK DURING OFFICE HOURS AT 15 DISTRICT OFFICES TO ADVISE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON TENANCY MATTERS.

THEY ALSO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH CASES REFERRED BY STAFF OF ALL PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES (PESC'S) OF THE DISTRICT OFFICES.

THE DISTRICT OFFICES PROVIDING SUCH SERVICES ARE CENTRAL AND WESTERN, EASTERN, SOUTHERN AND WAN CHAI ON HONG KONG ISLAND; KOWLOON CITY, KWUN TONG, MONG KOK, SHAM SHUI PO, WONG TAI SIN AND YAU TSIM IN KOWLOON; AND KWAI TSING, SHA TIN, TSUEN WAN, TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THOSE WHO WISH TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE MAY APPROACH ANY OF THE 20 PESC'S AND THE PES SECTION OF THE CNTA HEADQUARTERS AT 29TH FLOOR, SOUTHERN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI.

THEY MAY ALSO CALL THE CENTRAL TELEPHONE ENQUIRY CENTRE ON 835 1501.

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CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT CHILDREN'S SINGING CONTEST

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CENTRAL AND WESTERN STUDENTS WITH SINGING TALENT WILL BE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR SKILL BY ENTERING THE DISTRICT'S CHILDREN'S SINGING CONTEST.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE ANNUAL FOLK SONG COMPETITION, HELD IN THE THIRD YEAR RUNNING, IS OPEN TO THOSE AGED 15 OR UNDER WHO LIVE OR STUDY IN THE DISTRICT.

THE CONTEST IS DIVIDED INTO PRIMARY AND JUNIOR SECONDARY SECTIONS AND COVERS SOLOS AND ENSEMBLES IN FOLK SINGING.

THE AUDITION AND SEMI-FINALS WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 2 AND THE FINALS WILL BE HELD IN THE SHEUNG WAN CIVIC CENTRE ON NOVEMBER 23.

THE WINNERS WILL BE AWARDED ATTRACTIVE PRIZES AND ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE SOUVENIRS.

ENTRY FORMS FOR THE COMPETITION ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE, WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE, THE CARITAS' SOCIAL CENTRES IN CAINE ROAD AND SHEK TONG TSUI, AND VARIOUS BRANCHES OF THE TOM LEE MUSIC COMPANY.

THE COMPETITION IS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE URBAN COUNCIL WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS OCTOBER 30. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 546 3024 OR 549 5141.

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HOLIDAY CLINIC SERVICE

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THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TODAY (SUNDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT EIGHT GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINICS WILL REMAIN OPEN BETWEEN 9 AM AND 1 PM ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 16), WHICH IS THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL.

THE EIGHT CLINICS ARE: THE VIOLET PEEL HEALTH CENTRE AND SHAU KEI WAN JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC ON HONG KONG ISLAND; THE KWUN TONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE, ROBERT BLACK HEALTH CENTRE AND YAU MA TEI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC IN KOWLOON; THE LADY TRENCH POLYCLINIC, SHEK WU HUI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC AND YUEN LONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ALL OTHER GENERAL OUT-PATIENT AND EVENING CLINICS WILL BE CLOSED.

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