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UK MINISTER OF STATE TO VISIT HONG KONG
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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE WITH RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HONG KONG, MR FRANCIS MAUDE, WILL ARRIVE ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 17) FOR A THREE-DAY VISIT TO GET FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ON PROBLEMS FACING HONG KONG AND THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TERRITORY.

THIS WILL BE MR MAUDE'S FIRST VISIT TO HONG KONG SINCE HE TOOK OFFICE IN JULY THIS YEAR.

DURING HIS STAY, THE MINISTER WILL MEET MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS, LEADERS OF ORGANISATIONS REPRESENTING A CROSS SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY, URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILLORS, LOCAL BUSINESSMEN AND SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

HE WILL TAKE A FLYING TRIP TO A NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE AND REFUGEE CENTRES TO SEE FOR HIMSELF WHAT CONDITIONS ARE LIKE IN THESE CENTRES. HE WILL ALSO VISIT A FACTORY IN TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

THE MINISTER WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON BEFORE LEAVING HONG KONG LATER THAT EVENING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MR MAUDE WILL ARRIVE BY BA 35 AT 6.25 PM ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 17). MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER HIS ARRIVAL SHOULD ASSEMBLE IN THE AIRPORT PRESS ROOM BY 5.40 PM AT THE LATEST.

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JOINT DECLARATION STILL FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE
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THE EVENTS OF JUNE 4 IN CHINA MAY HAVE CHANGED MANY THINGS, INCLUDING HONG KONG PEOPLE'S PERCEPTIONS, BUT ONE THING IT HAD NOT CHANGED WAS THE FACT THAT HONG KONG'S FUTURE MUST BE BUILT ON THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION.

THIS WAS SAID YESTERDAY (THURSDAY) TO A GROUP OF MASSACHUSETTS BUSINESS LEADERS AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES BY MR KERRY MCGLYNN, DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE IN NEW YORK.

MR MCGLYNN WAS ADDRESSING A BREAKFAST MEETING OF THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL'S INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS FORUM IN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD AT THE CONCLUSION OF HIS THREE-DAY TOUR OF THE NEW ENGLAND STATES.

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DISCUSSING HOW HONG KONG WAS ADJUSTING TO RECENT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN CHINA, HE TOLD HIS AUDIENCE THAT THE EVENTS OF JUNE 4 HAD CHALLENGED THE VERY ASSUMPTIONS ON WHICH THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR HONG KONG'S FUTURE WERE BASED.

BUT DESPITE THIS AND ALL THE WORRIES AND ANXIETIES THAT IT HAD CREATED ABOUT HONG KONG'S FUTURE AS PART OF CHINA AFTER SOVEREIGNTY REVERTED FROM BRITAIN, MR MCGLYNN SAID HONG KONG HAD CONTINUED TO THRIVE AND PROSPER.

SINCE JUNE HE SAID, THERE HAD BEEN SUBSTANTIAL AMERICAN INVESTMENTS IN HONG KONG, BUT THEY WERE NOT THE ONLY BAROMETER OF HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC STRENGTH.

HE NOTED THAT AMONG OTHER INVESTOR COUNTRIES, JAPANESE COMPANIES IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS HAD ANNOUNCED FOUR NEW PLANNED INVESTMENTS OF NEARLY US\$25 MILLION.

THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT TOO, HE SAID, WAS PLANNING TO SPEND ANOTHER 20 PERCENT OVER AND ABOVE THE US\$1 BILLION IT HAD DONE LAST YEAR TO CONTINUE PROVIDING THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES NEEDED FOR THE 21ST CENTURY.

FURTHERMORE, THE GOVERNMENT WAS EXPECTED TO ANNOUNCE NEXT MONTH PLANS FOR A MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR PROJECT TO BUILD A NEW AIRPORT AND EXPAND PORT FACILITIES THAT WOULD LITERALLY CHANGE THE FACE OF HONG KONG HARBOUR.

"THE CONTINUED WILLINGNESS TO COMMIT VAST RESOURCES TO BUILD THE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR WHAT COULD ONE DAY BECOME ASIA'S MAJOR TRANS-SHIPMENT CENTRE IS CLEAR EVIDENCE OF HONG KONG'S DETERMINATION TO ENSURE CONTINUED ECONOMIC GROWTH," HE SAID.

ON THE POLITICAL FRONT, MR MCGLYNN SAID CRITICAL ISSUES STILL NEEDED TO BE RESOLVED BEFORE THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG FELT SATISFIED THAT THE BASIC LAW, WHICH WAS TO BE HONG KONG'S MINI-CONSTITUTION AFTER 1997, PROVIDED THE PROTECTION THEY WANTED.

FOREMOST AMONG SUCH ISSUES, HE CONTINUED, WAS THE PACE OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT THAT WOULD SATISFY THE JOINT DECLARATION'S PROMISE OF A FULLY ELECTED LEGISLATURE AFTER 1997.

"THERE IS ALREADY CONSENSUS AMONG THE MEMBERS OF HONG KONG'S EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS ABOUT HOW FAST THIS PACE SHOULD BE," HE SAID.

MR MCGLYNN SAID PEKING'S ATTITUDES AND ACTIONS WERE OBVIOUSLY FUNDAMENTAL TO HONG KONG'S FUTURE, BUT THERE WAS MUCH THAT BRITAIN AND THE WEST COULD DO NOW TO ALLEVIATE HONG KONG PEOPLE'S WORRIES ABOUT A SAFE AND SECURE FUTURE.

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HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC SIGNS ARE GOOD

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THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE IN SAN FRANCISCO, MR JACK CHAN, YESTERDAY (THURSDAY) REMARKED THAT THE RECENT UNREST IN CHINA HAS NOT AFFECTED HONG KONG'S ECONOMY TO ANY SIGNIFICANT DEGREE.

ADDRESSING A GROUP OF ASIAN AMERICAN PROFESSIONALS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, MR CHAN SAID THAT HONG KONG'S ECONOMY IS INTACT AND ALL THE VITAL SIGNS ARE GOOD AND ENCOURAGING.

"OUR TRADE WITH CHINA CONTINUES TO EXPAND. HONG KONG'S EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TO AND IMPORTS FROM CHINA IN JULY THIS YEAR INCREASED BY 16, 11 AND 30 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY AS COMPARED WITH THAT OF THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. AS FAR AS HONG KONG'S ECONOMY IS CONCERNED, IT IS BUSINESS AS USUAL."

MR CHAN TOOK THE RECENT AWARD OF THE CABLE TV FRANCHISE AND THE PURCHASE OF THE GARDEN ROAD SITE AS EVIDENCE OF BUSINESS CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG.

HE SAID THAT THE FRANCHISE TO BUILD AND OPERATE HONG KONG'S FIRST CABLE TV SYSTEMS WAS AWARDED LAST MONTH.

THE WINNING CONSORTIUM, INCLUDES A 25 PER CENT HOLDING BY THE AMERICAN CORPORATION US WEST, WILL INVEST OVER US\$500 MILLION ON THE PROJECT WITH A PAY BACK PERIOD EXTENDING TO SEVEN YEARS AFTER 1997.

THE LAST PRIME SITE IN HONG KONG'S CENTRAL BUSINESS AREA, THE GARDEN ROAD SITE, WAS RECENTLY BOUGHT BY A CONSORTIUM FOR ABOUT US\$350 MILLION. THE TOTAL INVESTMENT COST INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION MAY REACH US \$700 MILLION. AGAIN THE PAY BACK PERIOD IS WELL BEYOND 1997.

"ALL THESE DEMONSTRATE THAT THE BUSINESS SECTOR IN HONG KONG AND OVERSEAS REMAIN CONFIDENT IN THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG NOTWITHSTANDING THE RECENT DISTURBANCE IN CHINA."

MR CHAN SAID THAT HONG KONG HAS TREMENDOUS BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR AMERICANS.

"HONG KONG IS AN IMPORTANT MARKET FOR AMERICAN GOODS. IN 1988, WE IMPORTED FROM THE US \$5.3 BILLION WORTH OF GOODS AND OUR TOTAL TRADE AMOUNTED TO US\$21 BILLION. ON A PER CAPITA BASIS, HONG KONG PEOPLE ARE THE BIGGEST CONSUMERS OF AMERICAN GOODS. EACH OF US CONSUMES MORE THAN US\$1,000 WORTH OF AMERICAN GOODS EACH YEAR, SUBSTANTIALLY MORE THAN FOR EXAMPLE THE EEC COUNTRIES US\$179, JAPAN US\$224, KOREA US\$186, TAIWAN US\$362 AND AUSTRALIA US\$335. WE ARE NUMBER ONE EXPORT MARKET FOR AMERICAN GINSENG AND CUT DIAMONDS, AND NUMBER THREE FOR AMERICAN CIGARETTES AND ORANGES."

ON THE QUESTION OF 1997, MR CHAN SAID HE TRULY BELIEVES THAT THE SINO-BRITISH AGREEMENT ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG WILL BE FULLY AND FAITHFULLY IMPLEMENTED.

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'THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION IS AN INTERNATIONAL TREATY. HISTORY HAS SHOWN THAT THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC HAS AN EXCELLENT TRACK RECORD IN ABIDING BY INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS TO WHICH SHA IS A PARTY.

"DURING THE 10 YEARS OF TURMOIL DURING THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION, THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES MADE SURE THAT HONG KONG CONTINUED TO RECEIVE ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES OF FRESH FOOD AND WATER FROM CHINA.

"IN THE PAST 40 YEARS THE CHINESE LEADERS HAVE NEVER FAILED TO REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF HONG KONG TO CHINA. IT WAS INDEED DURING THAT 40 YEARS THAT HONG KONG DEVELOPED FROM AN OBSCURE TINY TRADING PORT IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF GUANGDONG PROVINCE TO WHAT IT IS TODAY," MR CHAN SAID.

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FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE WELL PATRONISED

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IT STARTED A DECADE AGO FROM A FILE AND A STORAGE RACK. TODAY, IT HAS DEVELOPED INTO A WELL-STOCKED RESOURCE CENTRE WITH A BIG COLLECTION OF BOOKS, REFERENCE MATERIALS, FILMS, SLIDES, VIDEO TAPES, AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT AND EXHIBITION MATERIALS.

RECENTLY MOVED TO THE SOUTHERN CENTRE IN WAN CHAI, THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE AND QUICK SERVICES TO ASSIST SOCIAL WORKERS, PARTICULARLY THOSE CONCERNED WITH FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION, IN PREPARING MATERIALS FOR IMPLEMENTING FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PROGRAMMES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

THE RESOURCE CENTRE HANDLES ABOUT 4,000 TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES AND A SIMILAR NUMBER OF WRITTEN ADVANCE BOOKINGS FOR ITS FACILITIES ANNUALLY.

IT ALSO LENDS OUT ABOUT 7,000 ITEMS EVERY YEAR AND THE GROWTH RATE OF ITS USAGE IS 14 PER CENT A YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE RESOURCE CENTRE HAD A COLLECTION OF OVER 2,500 COPIES OF PRINT MATERIALS. THESE INCLUDED REFERENCE BOOKS, MAGAZINES, PERIODICALS, JOURNALS AND NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS ON HUMAN RELATIONS, HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, SEX EDUCATION AND HOME MANAGEMENT, HE SAID.

ITS FILM LIBRARY HAS A STORE OF MORE THAN 1,500 ITEMS OF 16 MM FILMS, VIDEO TAPES, SLIDES AND TAPES.

THOUGH THE MAJORITY OF THE AUDIO VISUAL ITEMS ARE ACQUIRED FROM ABROAD, THE COMMENTARIES HAVE BEEN DUBBED INTO CANTONESE TO CATER FOR LOCAL AUDIENCES.

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"THE RESOURCE CENTRE ALSO PRODUCES EDUCATIONAL FILMS, VIDEO TAPES, PHOTOGRAPHS AND CARTOONS ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS CONCERNING FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"IT HAS PRODUCED OVER 50 FILM, VIDEO OR SLIDE SHOWS MAINLY IN CO-OPERATION WITH RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO COINCIDE WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS.

"THESE INCLUDE THE POPULAR DRAMA SERIES OF 'UNDER THE LION ROCK', 'UNDER THE SAME ROOF', 'SUNNY KIDDY', AND 'CHILDREN DRAMA 1989'."

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THIS YEAR, TWO 20-MINUTE 16 MM DOCUMENTARIES ON GOOD PARENTHOOD WILL BE PRODUCED AS PART OF THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN ON RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD AND CHILD CARE.

IN ORDER TO FAMILIARISE SOCIAL WORKERS WITH THE OPERATION OF AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT, THE RESOURCE CENTRE RUNS MONTHLY WORKSHOPS WHICH ARE WELL PATRONISED.

IT ALSO ORGANISES MONTHLY FILM SHOWS ON SPECIAL TOPICS AND INTRODUCES THE NEW EQUIPMENT ACQUIRED TO BETTER ASSIST SOCIAL WORKERS IN THE PREPARATION OF THEIR PROGRAMMES.

WITH THE REPROVISIONING OF THE RESOURCE CENTRE TO MORE SPACIOUS PREMISES, ITS POPULARITY AMONG SOCIAL WORKERS AND THE INCREASING NUMBER OF FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PROGRAMMES IN THE TERRITORY, IT WAS EXPECTED THAT THE USAGE RATE OF THE CENTRE WOULD CONTINUE TO RISE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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70 NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED IN JULY

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A 760-ROOM HOTEL WAS AMONG THE 70 NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE IN JULY.

OF THE PLANS, 12 WERE FOR KOWLOON, AND 29 EACH FOR HONG KONG ISLAND AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE APPROVED PLANS INCLUDED 22 FOR APARTMENT, APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS; 19 FOR OFFICE AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS AND 10 FOR FACTORY, WAREHOUSE OR GODOWN.

DURING THE MONTH, THE OFFICE GAVE CONSENT TO START WORK ON 32 PROJECTS, INVOLVING 104,848.1 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA AND 99,805.3 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS ABOUT \$568 MILLION, WITH USABLE FLOOR AREA FOR DOMESTIC AND NON-DOMESTIC USES BEING ABOUT 31,875.4 SQUARE METRES AND 101,743.7 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY.

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ALSO DURING THE MONTH, THE OFFICE ISSUED 49 OCCUPATION PERMITS, 14 FOR HONG KONG, FOUR FOR KOWLOON AND 31 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN ADDITION, THE OFFICE ISSUED 29 DEMOLITION CONSENTS AFFECTING 42 BUILDINGS.

THE CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION RECEIVED 734 COMPLAINTS ON ILLEGAL BUILDING WORKS, CARRIED OUT 828 INSPECTIONS AND ISSUED 224 REMOVAL ORDERS.

THE DANGEROUS BUILDINGS SECTION INSPECTED 539 BUILDINGS.

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DANGEROUS CHEMICALS MUST BE LABELLED
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A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (FRIDAY) REMINDED PROPRIETORS OF INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS OF THEIR LEGAL OBLIGATION TO LABEL ALL LISTED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES, OTHERWISE THEY MAY BE PROSECUTED.

THIS FOLLOWS A RECENT COURT CASE IN WHICH A CONSTRUCTION COMPANY WAS FINED FOR FAILURE TO LABEL A CONTAINER HOLDING KEROSENE, WHICH IS CLASSIFIED UNDER FLAMMABLE SUBSTANCE IN THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES) REGULATIONS.

THE KEROSENE WAS FOUND IN A STOREROOM AT A CONSTRUCTION SITE IN KWAI CHUNG DURING AN INSPECTION BY FACTORY INSPECTORS EARLIER THIS YEAR.

THE PROPRIETOR OF THE COMPANY WAS SUBSEQUENTLY PROSECUTED AND WAS FINED \$3,000 BY A TSUEN WAN MAGISTRATE.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES) REGULATIONS, EVERY CONTAINER HOLDING A LISTED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE HAD TO BE LABELLED IN THE FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE SECOND SCHEDULE OF THE REGULATIONS.

THE REGULATIONS, WHICH CAME INTO EFFECT IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR, PROVIDED FOR THE CLASSIFICATION, LABELLING, SAFE USE AND SAFE HANDLING OF 231 CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES COMMONLY USED IN INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG.

"THESE SUBSTANCES ARE CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO SEVEN TYPES OF BASIC RISK, NAMELY TOXIC, CORROSIVE, FLAMMABLE, EXPLOSIVE, OXIDISING, IRRITANT AND HARMFUL," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

"IT IS THE DUTY OF THE PROPRIETOR TO SEE THAT THOSE DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES USED, HANDLED OR STORED IN HIS WORKPLACE ARE DULY CLASSIFIED AND LABELLED.

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"IN ADDITION, HE IS ALSO REQUIRED TO PROVIDE HIS EMPLOYEES WITH INFORMATION ON THE HAZARDS AND THE PRECAUTIONS NECESSARY IN HANDLING THOSE SUBSTANCES, ADEQUATE SAFETY TRAINING, AND SUITABLE PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT." HE STRESSED.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS CONSTITUTES AN OFFENCE WHICH CARRIES MAXIMUM FINES RANGING FROM \$20,000 TO \$30,000.

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SLOGAN COMPETITION TO LAUNCH ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN

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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE HAS ORGANISED A SLOGAN COMPETITION AS A PRELUDE TO A SERIES OF ROAD SAFETY ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD NEXT MONTH.

CO-ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE COMPETITION AIMS AT AROUSING PEOPLE'S AWARENESS OF ROAD SAFETY.

THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO FOUR SECTIONS - ONE FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS, ONE FOR SECONDARY AND POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS, ONE FOR DRIVERS, AND ONE FOR OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

ALL THOSE WHO LIVE, STUDY OR WORK IN THE DISTRICT ARE WELCOME TO ENTER THE COMPETITION, AND THERE IS NO LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES EACH PERSON MAY SUBMIT.

EACH ENTRY, WHICH MUST CONSIST OF NO MORE THAN 20 CHINESE CHARACTERS, SHOULD SERVE TO ALERT DRIVERS OR PEDESTRIANS TO THE CAUSES OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS AND DRAW THEIR ATTENTION TO HIGHWAY CODES.

STATISTICS SHOW THAT THE MOST COMMON CAUSES OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS ARE SPEEDING, FOLLOWING OTHER VEHICLES TOO CLOSELY, CHANGING LANES AND MAKING TURNS RECKLESSLY.

ANOTHER CAUSE IS PEDESTRIANS NEGLECTING ADVICE GIVEN IN HIGHWAY CODES WHEN CROSSING THE ROAD, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY CROSS BY THREADING THEIR WAY BETWEEN VEHICLES.

ENTRY FORMS FOR THE COMPETITION ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

ALL ENTRIES, TOGETHER WITH A COMPLETED ENTRY FORM, MUST REACH THE COMMITTEE THROUGH THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S ABERDEEN SUB-OFFICE, 23RD FLOOR, ABBA COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 223 ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD, ABERDEEN, BEFORE 5.30 PM ON OCTOBER 2.

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WINNERS OF THE COMPETITION WILL RECEIVE PRIZES AT A ROAD SAFETY VARIETY SHOW, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 22 AT WAH FU ESTATE AS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE DISTRICT'S ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN.

ANOTHER CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY IS A PUBLICITY DRIVE WHICH WILL INCLUDE A PUBLICITY BUS PARADE TO DIFFERENT AREAS AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF LEAFLETS AT TRAFFIC BLACKSPOTS.

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VARIETY SHOW TO SPREAD FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE

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THE MONG KOK DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE WILL HOLD A VARIETY SHOW TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO HELP SPREAD THE ANTI-BURGLARY MESSAGE.

THE SHOW WILL BE HELD AT THE ANCHOR STREET PLAYGROUND, TAI KOK TSUI, BEGINNING AT 7.30 PM.

THERE WILL ALSO BE AN EXHIBITION ON CRIME PREVENTION AND A LUCKY DRAW.

ADMISSION IS FREE.

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NEW TAI KOK TSUI POST OFFICE TO OPEN

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A NEW TAI KOK TSUI POST OFFICE AT ANCHOR STREET WILL OPEN FOR BUSINESS ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25. THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE NEW OFFICE IS LOCATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR, 67 ANCHOR STREET, TAI KOK TSUI, AND WILL OPEN AT 9 AM.

"IT WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING TAI KOK TSUI POST OFFICE AT 39-41 TAI TSUN STREET, WHICH WILL CLOSE FOR BUSINESS AT 1 PM ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23." A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE HOURS OF BUSINESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED."

ON SEPTEMBER 25, A SPECIAL HAND-BACK SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE NEW TAI KOK TSUI POST OFFICE.

"UNREGISTERED 'FIRST DAY' COVERS PREPARED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, AND BEARING A LOCAL ADDRESS, WILL BE ACCEPTED OVER THE COUNTER, IMPRESSED WITH THE NORMAL POST OFFICE DATESTAMP AND HANDED BACK TO THE PERSON PRESENTING THEM." THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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PHOTO CONTEST TO PROMOTE TOURISM ON ISLANDS
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ENTRIES ARE INVITED FOR A PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD TO PROMOTE TOURISM ON THE FOUR MAIN ISLANDS OF LANTAU, CHEUNG CHAU, PENG CHAU AND LAMMA.

WITH THE ASSISTANCE FROM THE CHEUNG CHAU PHOTOGRAPHY SOCIETY, THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD'S TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE INITIATED THE COMPETITION TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO EXPLORE SCENIC SPOTS ON THE ATTRACTIVE ISLANDS.

THE DISTRICT WILL BE GEOGRAPHICALLY DIVIDED ACCORDING TO THE EIGHT RURAL COMMITTEE AREAS AND WINNING ENTRIES IN EACH DIVISION WILL BE AWARDED PRIZES AND SOUVENIRS.

ENTRIES SHOULD PORTRAY THE SCENERY, HISTORIC MONUMENTS, CONSTRUCTIONS AND DEVELOPMENTS ON THE ISLANDS AS WELL AS THE LIVELIHOOD OF THE ISLANDERS.

THE COMPETITION IS OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS IN HONG KONG AND THERE IS NO LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES. THE ENTRIES SHOULD BE COLOURED PHOTOGRAPHS 254 MM BY 203 MM IN SIZE AND WITHOUT FRAME.

THE WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE EXHIBITED TWICE LATER THIS YEAR AT SHUN TAK CENTRE, SHEUNG WAN AND AT NEW WORLD CENTRE, TSIM SHA TSUI TO AROUSE PEOPLE'S INTEREST IN VISITING THE ISLANDS.

THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS OCTOBER 31. ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT, 38 PIER ROAD, HARBOUR BUILDING, 20TH FLOOR, CENTRAL; THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS OFFICES AT CHEUNG CHAU AND MUI WO; CHEUNG CHAU PHOTOGRAPHY SOCIETY OFFICE, 68 TAI SIN STREET, CHEUNG CHAU; AND VARIOUS DISTRICT OFFICES.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 5-8524325 OR 5-9811584.

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MODEL CAR RACING TO SPREAD ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE
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THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS IS ORGANISING A MODEL CAR RACING COMPETITION AS PART OF ITS EFFORTS TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF DRUG ABUSE.

THE COMPETITION WILL HAVE "THROUGH THE BARRICADES" AS ITS THEME AND WILL BE LAUNCHED AS PART OF THE "THE ROAD TO A HAPPY LIFE" ANTI-DRUG PROGRAMME THIS YEAR.

IT IS AIMED AT APPEALING TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN PARTICULAR, TO TAKE PART IN WHOLESOME ACTIVITIES.

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CO-ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG RADIO CONTROL MODEL CAR ASSOCIATION (HKRCMA), THE COMPETITION, INVOLVING 1/8 SCALE RADIO-CONTROLLED, COMBUSTION-ENGINED MODEL CARS, WILL BE HELD AT THE SOUTHERN PLAYGROUND IN WAN CHAI ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15.

THE RACING WILL INCLUDE A PRELIMINARY SELECTION DURING WHICH FOUR GROUPS OF FINALISTS WILL BE SHORTLISTED TO VIE FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP ON THE SAME DAY. WINNERS WILL BE AWARDED PRIZES.

ENTRY FORMS AND DETAILS ARE NOW OBTAINABLE AT THE NARCOTICS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT ON 23RD FLOOR, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, CENTRAL, HONG KONG OR AT THE HKRCMA ON THE GROUND FLOOR, 252 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI.

ENTRIES MUST BE RETURNED EITHER IN PERSON OR BY MAIL TO THE NARCOTICS DIVISION.

ALL ENTRANTS WILL BE GIVEN A SOUVENIR.

INTERESTED PARTIES MAY TELEPHONE 5-8672766 OR 5-750858 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ENTRIES IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3.

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RTHK VHF TRANSMITTERS CLOSING FOR FOUR HOURS
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THE TWO VHF TRANSMITTERS OF RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG (RTHK) WILL BE SWITCHED OFF BETWEEN 2 AM AND 6 AM DAILY FROM MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 18).

FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS, ALL FM PROGRAMMES WILL BE OFF THE AIR DURING THE FOUR-HOUR PERIOD.

THE SWITCHING OFF WILL FACILITATE WORK ON INTRODUCING THE NEW WAVE-LENGTHS WHICH WILL COME INTO OPERATION IN DECEMBER, A SPOKESMAN FOR RTHK SAID.

FULL DETAILS ON THE NEW WAVE-LENGTHS WILL BE RELEASED CLOSER TO THE TIME OF OPERATION.

IN THE MEANTIME, THE RADIO 1 AND RADIO 2 JOINT BROADCAST WILL BE ON AM 783, AND RADIOS 3 AND 4 ON AM 567 ONLY BETWEEN 2 AM AND 6 AM.

"LISTENERS WHO HAVE BEEN ENJOYING THE WORLD SERVICE OF THE BBC ON RADIO 5 AT THIS TIME WILL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THE NEW YEAR FOR A COMPLETE SERVICE WHEN RADIO 6 WILL CARRY THE WORLD SERVICE BROADCAST," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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ROAD CLOSURES IN WONG TAI SIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE CROWD CONTROL IN THE AREA OF WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE, ROADS WILL BE CLOSED FROM 6.30 AM TO 6 PM DAILY ON SEPTEMBER 17, 21 AND 22, EXCEPT FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUS (SCHEDULED) SERVICES AND THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT.

THESE ROADS ARE:

- * SHATIN PASS ROAD BETWEEN LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND FUNG TAK ROAD; AND
- * THE UNNAMED ACCESS ROAD BETWEEN WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE AND WONG TAI SIN ROAD.

IN ADDITION, THE TAXI STAND ON SHATIN PASS ROAD BETWEEN LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND FUNG TAK ROAD WILL BE TEMPORARY SUSPENDED.

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