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MASS RALLY LAUNCHES ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN
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THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO GIVE THE GENERAL PUBLIC A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF TOBACCO AND TO PREVENT YOUNG PEOPLE FROM STARTING SMOKING - PUBLIC EDUCATION AND A TOTAL BAN ON TOBACCO ADVERTISEMENTS.

THIS OPINION WAS EXPRESSED BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR DR CHIU HIN-KWONG AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF AN ANTI-SMOKING MASS RALLY HELD AT KOWLOON PARK TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE MASS RALLY MARKED THE OPENING OF THIS YEAR'S ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN AND WAS THE SECOND LARGE-SCALE RALLY ORGANISED SINCE THE START OF THE GOVERNMENT'S ANTI-SMOKING POLICY IN THE 1980'S.

NOTING THAT THE BUDGET FOR THE ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN WAS VERY +SLIM+ AS COMPARED WITH THE TOBACCO INDUSTRIES ADVERTISING BUDGET, DR CHIU SAID, +FOR THIS REASON, MANY PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE, INCLUDING MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS, STRONGLY SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE TOTAL BAN ON TOBACCO ADVERTISEMENTS PUT FORTH BY THE BROADCASTING REVIEW BOARD.+

+FOR YEARS, THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN PLANNING AND ORGANISING VARIOUS PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAMMES AND ANTI-SMOKING MEASURES, FOR EXAMPLE, THE HEALTH WARNING ON CIGARETTE PACKETS AND THE SETTING UP OF NON-SMOKING AREAS IN PUBLIC PLACES, BUSES AND FERRIES TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH. THESE ARE WORTH OUR SUPPORT,+ HE SAID.

DR CHIU SAID HE HOPED THE RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT WOULD CLOSELY MONITOR AND ENFORCE THE ANTI-SMOKING LAWS, BUT HE SAID THERE SHOULD ALSO BE A GREATER COMMUNITY EFFORT.

HE FELT THAT PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAMMES ON ANTI-SMOKING WOULD NOT BE EFFECTIVE IF THE GOVERNMENT WAS LEFT TO TAKE ON THE RESPONSIBILITY SINGLE-HANDEDLY.

+OUR COMMUNITY GROUPS, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES, TEACHERS AND PARENTS ALSO HAVE THEIR ROLES TO PLAY IN THIS AREA. GIVING A GOOD EXAMPLE TO YOUNGSTERS IS OF SIGNIFICANCE,+ HE ADDED.

STATING THAT SMOKING AND PASSIVE SMOKING CONTRIBUTED TO LUNG CANCER, CHRONIC BRONCHITIS, EMPHYSEMA AND HEART DISEASE, DR CHIU STRESSED THAT +PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN CURE+.

+THEREFORE THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO AVOID THESE DISEASES IS TO STOP SMOKING,+ HE SAID.

EARLIER, THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, POINTED OUT IN AN INTRODUCTORY SPEECH THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD ALLOCATED A SUM OF \$350 000 FOR THIS YEAR'S ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN FOR ORGANISING VARIOUS ANTI-SMOKING PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES.

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+THE FIRST PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN IN 1983 WAS UNDOUBTEDLY SUCCESSFUL. ACCORDING TO THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY ON SMOKING CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IN 1984, THE NUMBER OF CIGARETTE SMOKERS OVER 15 YEARS OF AGE IN HONG KONG WAS ABOUT 18.7 PER CENT OF THAT PARTICULAR SECTOR OF THE POPULATION. THIS REPRESENTED A 16 PER CENT DROP FROM THE 1982 FIGURE,+ MR CHAMBERS SAID.

HE EMPHASISED THAT THIS SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION UNDOUBTEDLY RESULTED FROM THE GOVERNMENT'S ACTIVE ANTI-SMOKING LEGISLATIVE AND FISCAL MEASURES AND PUBLICITY EFFORTS.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS AT THE MASS RALLY WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ANTI-SMOKING PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN STEERING COMMITTEE, MR WILFRED TSUI; REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON), MR CHAU TAK-HAY; ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES (PUBLICITY), MR PETER MOSS; ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS), EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MR SO FAI-CHO; HEAD OF CULTURAL PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, MR CHUNG WAI-MING; SENIOR MEDICAL AND HEALTH OFFICER, DR CHAN WAI-MAN; ADMINISTRATOR, KWUN TONG COMMUNITY HEALTH PROJECT, MISS MONA LO; AND THE VICE-PRESIDENT, WAI YIN CLUB, MISS TERESA CHU.

THE RALLY PARADE INVOLVED ABOUT 1 000 PEOPLE, INCLUDING THE OFFICIATING GUESTS, REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, DISTRICTS, VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS, JUNIOR POLICE CALL, COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB, HONG KONG SCOUT ASSOCIATION, HONG KONG GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION AND THE WAI YIN CLUB. IT FOLLOWED A DESIGNATED ROUTE IN KOWLOON PARK.

ALL PARADE TEAM MEMBERS, LED BY THE CAPE COLLINSON MARCHING BAND, CARRIED WITH THEM PLACARDS BEARING ANTI-SMOKING SLOGANS OR ANTI-SMOKING POSTERS.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WAS FOLLOWED BY A SPECIALLY PRODUCED VARIETY SHOW CENTRING ON THE +ANTI-SMOKING+ THEME. THE PROGRAMME COMPRISED DRAMA, SINGING PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGERS, GAMES AND QUIZZES FOR THE AUDIENCE, AND GROUP SINGING.

OTHER FEATURES OF THE MASS RALLY WERE EXHIBITIONS OF ANTI-SMOKING PUBLICITY MATERIALS, PROVISION OF GAMES STALLS, AND HEALTH TESTS.

THE MASS RALLY ALSO FORMED PART OF THE INFORMATION '86 RADIO SERIES, WHICH IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, TO PROMOTE VARIOUS GOVERNMENT CAMPAIGN MESSAGES.

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FRESH DRIVE AGAINST MOSQUITO NUISANCE
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THERE SHOULD BE NO LET-UP IN ANTI-MOSQUITO EFFORTS AS THERE IS USUALLY A SECOND PEAK OF MOSQUITO NUISANCE IN LATE SUMMER.

MAKING THIS APPEAL, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH SAID THE UNIT IS LAUNCHING A TERRITORY-WIDE ANTI-MOSQUITO EDUCATION CAMPAIGN THIS MONTH TO REMIND RESIDENTS OF THE NEED TO COMBAT THE MOSQUITO NUISANCE.

AS PART OF THE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN, THE UNIT HAS SET UP A 24-HOUR TELEPHONE SERVICE ON THE PREVENTION OF MOSQUITO BREEDING.

THE SERVICE PROVIDES A RECORDED MESSAGE IN CANTONESE. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY DIAL 5-8916443 FOR THIS ANTI-MOSQUITO ADVICE.

STRESSING THE +NO STAGNANT WATER, NO MOSQUITO BREEDING+ MESSAGE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE FOLLOWING MEASURES SHOULD BE TAKEN TO REDUCE THE CHANCE OF MOSQUITO BREEDING:

- * KEEP ALL TINS, BOTTLES, RECEPTACLES AND OUTER TYRES AWAY FROM OPEN SPACES SUCH AS ROOFS, YARDS AND CANOPIES, AND TURN UPSIDE DOWN ALL LARGE RECEPTACLES WHICH CANNOT BE MOVED READILY;
- * KEEP WATER STORAGE TANKS COVERED AND SEE THEY ARE IN GOOD REPAIRS;
- * ENSURE THAT DRAINAGE IS IN ORDER TO PREVENT POSSIBLE ACCUMULATION OF WATER, AND
- * RENEW WATER IN VASES AT LEAST ONCE WEEKLY AND MAKE SURE THAT NO WATER ACCUMULATES IN TRAYS OR UNDER-PLATES OF FLOWER POTS.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO CALLED ON BUILDING CONTRACTORS TO INSPECT THEIR SITES FREQUENTLY AND TO ELIMINATE ALL STAGNANT WATER ON THE SITES, OR TO SPRAY AT LEAST ONCE WEEKLY A LAYER OF LIGHT DIESEL OIL ON SUCH SURFACES IF ELIMINATION WAS IMPOSSIBLE.

UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES ORDINANCE, IT IS AN OFFENCE TO ALLOW MOSQUITO BREEDING ON PREMISES. THE PENALTY IS A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10 000.

THE UNIT HAS ALSO SENT CIRCULAR LETTERS WITH SUPPORTING PUBLICITY MATERIAL TO BUILDING CONTRACTORS, OWNERS' CORPORATIONS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND MANAGEMENT OFFICES OF LARGE PRIVATE HOUSING ESTATES APPEALING FOR THEIR CO-OPERATION IN PREVENTING MOSQUITO BREEDING.

ANTI-MOSQUITO POSTERS ARE ALSO BEING DISTRIBUTED TO SCHOOLS AS WELL AS TO DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION FOR DISPLAY.

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AUGUST WARMER AND DRIER, DESPITE WAYNE
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AUGUST WAS HOTTER AND DRIER THAN USUAL. THE MONTHLY MEAN TEMPERATURE OF 29.0 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS THE THIRD HIGHEST ON RECORD WHILE THE TOTAL RAINFALL OF 274.9 MM WAS ONLY 66 PER CENT OF THE NORMAL AMOUNT, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY REPORTED TODAY.

HOWEVER, THUNDERSTORMS WERE FREQUENT OVER THE TERRITORY, AND OCCURRED ON 11 DAYS.

DURING THE FIRST EIGHT DAYS OF THE MONTH, THE WEATHER WAS FINE AND HOT APART FROM SOME SHOWERS AND ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS.

ON AUGUST 9, A LOW PRESSURE AREA TO THE NORTHEAST OF XISHA DEVELOPED INTO A TROPICAL DEPRESSION AND MOVED WEST-NORTHWESTWARDS TOWARDS HAINAN.

WINDS IN HONG KONG FRESHENED OVERNIGHT AND SQUALLY SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS AFFECTED THE TERRITORY.

AS THE TROPICAL DEPRESSION MOVED CLOSER TO HONG KONG, WINDS BECAME GENERALLY STRONG BY LATE AFTERNOON ON AUGUST 10 AND DID NOT MODERATE UNTIL THE MORNING ON AUGUST 11 WHEN THE TROPICAL DEPRESSION MOVED WESTWARDS ACROSS HAINAN.

THE TROPICAL DEPRESSION BROUGHT FREQUENT SQUALLY SHOWERS AND PERIODS OF HEAVY RAIN TO THE TERRITORY, AND OVER 300 MM OF RAINFALL WERE RECORDED AT TAI PO, SHA TAU KOK AND SAI KUNG.

THE WEATHER IMPROVED ON AUGUST 12 AND REMAINED GENERALLY FINE AND HOT FROM AUGUST 13 TO 19 APART FROM EVENING THUNDERSTORMS ON AUGUST 16 AND A FEW SHOWERS DURING THE AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 17.

ON AUGUST 18, AN AREA OF LOW PRESSURE OVER THE SOUTH CHINA SEA TO THE WEST OF LUZON DEVELOPED INTO A TROPICAL DEPRESSION CALLED WAYNE.

WAYNE CONTINUED TO INTENSIFY WHILE MOVING NORTHWESTWARDS TOWARDS WESTERN GUANGDONG.

THE STAND-BY SIGNAL, NO. 1, WAS HOISTED AT 11.30 AM ON AUGUST 19 WHEN SEVERE TROPICAL STORM WAYNE WAS ABOUT 590 KM SOUTH OF HONG KONG.

IT FURTHER INTENSIFIED INTO A TYPHOON IN THE AFTERNOON AND TOOK A NORTHERLY COURSE IN THE MORNING OF AUGUST 20.

THE STRONG WIND SIGNAL, NO. 3, WAS HOISTED AT 11 AM WHEN WAYNE WAS CENTRED ABOUT 270 KM SOUTH-SOUTHWEST OF HONG KONG.

LOCAL WINDS FRESHENED FROM THE EAST AND BECAME GENERALLY STRONG FROM THE NORTHEAST BY LATE EVENING.

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ALTHOUGH WAYNE WEAKENED TO A SEVERE TROPICAL STORM IN THE AFTERNOON, IT CONTINUED TO EDGE CLOSER TO HONG KONG.

THE NORTHEASTERLY GALE OR STORM SIGNAL, NO. 8 NE, WAS HOISTED AT 10 PM ON AUGUST 20 WHEN WAYNE WAS ABOUT 110 KM SOUTH OF HONG KONG. WINDS REACHED GALE FORCE OFFSHORE BRIEFLY AROUND MIDNIGHT.

AS WAYNE ACCELERATED EAST-NORTHEASTWARDS AWAY FROM HONG KONG, THE NO. 8 NE SIGNAL, WAS REPLACED BY THE STRONG WIND SIGNAL, NO. 3, AT 2 AM ON AUGUST 21.

STRONG WINDS SUBSIDED SOON AFTERWARDS AND ALL SIGNALS WERE LOWERED AT 5 AM THAT DAY.

CONDITIONS REMAINED UNSETTLED IN THE WAKE OF TYPHOON WAYNE AND SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS OCCURRED OVER THE TERRITORY.

ON AUGUST 21, AFTER A VERY HOT AND SUNNY DAY, SQUALLY THUNDERSTORMS DEVELOPED OVERLAND AND MOVED SOUTHEASTWARDS TO AFFECT HONG KONG IN THE EVENING.

A WATERSPOUT WAS REPORTED IN KO LAU WAN, SOUTH OF TAP MUN, AROUND 9 PM AND IN ADVERSE CONDITIONS TWO FISHING JUNKS CAPSIZED, WITH THE LOSS OF THREE LIVES.

A TORNADO WAS ALSO REPORTED IN ABERDEEN AROUND THE SAME TIME.

SQUALLY THUNDERSTORMS RECURRED IN THE MORNINGS OF AUGUST 22 AND 23.

DURING THE SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS IN THE MORNING OF AUGUST 23, 15 PEOPLE WERE STRUCK BY LIGHTNING AT THREE SEPARATE LOCATIONS IN SAI KUNG AND TSUEN WAN. THE WEATHER IMPROVED WITH PLENTY OF SUNSHINE ON AUGUST 24.

AFTER CROSSING TAIWAN, WAYNE WEAKENED TO A TROPICAL STORM AND RETURNED TO THE SOUTH CHINA SEA ON AUGUST 25.

THE STAND-BY SIGNAL, NO. 1, WAS HOISTED AT 11.45 AM ON AUGUST 25 WHEN WAYNE WAS 430 KM EAST-SOUTHEAST OF HONG KONG AND MOVING WESTWARDS TOWARDS DONGSHA. THE SIGNAL WAS LOWERED AT 2.35 PM ON AUGUST 26 WHEN WAYNE MOVED SOUTHWESTWARDS AWAY FROM HONG KONG.

ONLY FRESH NORTH TO NORTHEASTERLY WINDS AND CLOUDY CONDITIONS WITH A FEW SHOWERS WERE EXPERIENCED ON AUGUST 25. IT BECAME SUNNY AND HOT AGAIN THE NEXT DAY.

NORTHERLY WINDS PREVAILED OVER SOUTH CHINA FROM AUGUST 27 TO 29 AND BROUGHT VERY HOT, RELATIVELY DRY AND HAZY CONDITIONS IN HONG KONG.

THE LAST TWO DAYS OF THE MONTH WERE FINE, APART FROM SOME ISOLATED SHOWERS.

IN ADDITION TO THE TROPICAL DEPRESSION AND TYPHOON WAYNE, FOUR OTHER TROPICAL CYCLONES OCCURRED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC DURING THE MONTH.

DURING THE MONTH, FIVE AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG BECAUSE OF ADVERSE WEATHER.

THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON AUGUST 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23 AND 30.

FLOOD WARNINGS WERE IN EFFECT ON AUGUST 10 - 11 AND 23 WHILE A LANDSLIP WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON AUGUST 10 AND 11.

SIGNALS HOISTED DURING THE MONTH WERE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>WEATHER SYSTEM</u>	<u>SIGNAL</u>	<u>DATE AND TIME OF HOISTING</u>		<u>DATE AND TIME OF LOWERING</u>	
TROPICAL DEPRESSION	1	AUGUST 9	9.45 PM	AUGUST 10	10.30 AM
	3	AUGUST 10	10.30 AM	AUGUST 11	3.15 PM
TYPHOON WAYNE	1	AUGUST 19	11.30 AM	AUGUST 20	11 AM
	3	AUGUST 20	11 AM	AUGUST 20	10 PM
"	8NE	AUGUST 20	10 PM	AUGUST 21	2 AM
	3	AUGUST 21	2 AM	AUGUST 21	5 AM
"	1	AUGUST 25	11.45 AM	AUGUST 26	2.35 PM

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

SUNSHINE	199.6 HOURS = 6.4 HOURS BELOW NORMAL
RAINFALL	274.9 MM = 138.5 MM BELOW NORMAL
CLOUDINESS	58 PER CENT = 8 PER CENT LESS THAN NORMAL
RELATIVE HUMIDITY	79 PER CENT = 4 PER CENT LOWER THAN NORMAL
MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE	31.6 DEG. C. = 0.4 DEG. C. ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN TEMPERATURE	29.0 DEG. C. = 0.8 DEG. C. ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	26.9 DEG. C. = 1.0 DEG. C. ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	24.9 DEG. C. = 0.1 DEG. C. ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	144.0 MM = 18.1 MM BELOW NORMAL

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62 BUILDING PROJECTS APPROVED IN JULY

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE (B.O.O.) APPROVED 62 PROJECTS IN JULY, OF WHICH MORE THAN HALF - 32 - WERE APARTMENT OR APARTMENT-COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

THIS IS THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF APPROVALS SO FAR THIS YEAR AND BRINGS THE TOTAL TO 347 FOR THE JANUARY - JULY PERIOD.

THIRTEEN OF THE APARTMENT-COMMERCIAL BLOCKS ON HONG KONG ISLAND ARE TO BE BUILT ON SAI WAN HO RECLAMATION IN EASTERN DISTRICT FOR BRAEMAR WEST LIMITED. THEY RANGE FROM 18 TO 21 STOREYS.

TWO APARTMENT BLOCKS - ONE 27 STOREYS, THE OTHER 28 OVER FOUR LEVELS OF CAR PARK - ARE TO BE BUILT AT BABINGTON PATH, AND A 36-STOREY BLOCK IS TO BE BUILT AT BONHAM ROAD.

THE TALLEST BLOCK, OF 40 STOREYS OVER A NINE-LEVEL PODIUM, IS TO BE BUILT FOR HANG LUNG (R.E.A.) LIMITED OVER TIN HAU MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATION. A 30-STOREY BLOCK IS ALSO TO BE BUILT OVER THE STATION BY THE SAME DEVELOPER.

AN APARTMENT BLOCK OF 22 STOREYS OVER A FIVE-LEVEL CAR PARK IS TO BE BUILT AT BORRETT ROAD-BOWEN ROAD, AND A SIMILAR DEVELOPMENT OF 25 STOREYS IS TO GO UP AT 6, TAI HANG ROAD.

SIX TWO-STOREY RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS WILL BE BUILT IN PEEL RISE.

IN KOWLOON, FIVE APARTMENT AND APARTMENT-COMMERCIAL BLOCKS HAVE BEEN APPROVED, WHILE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FIVE APARTMENT-COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS COMPRISING 17 BLOCKS HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE GREEN LIGHT.

THE B.O.O. ISSUED 44 OCCUPATION PERMITS IN JULY, 19 OF WHICH WERE FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, FOUR FOR KOWLOON AND 21 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IT GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO BEGIN ON 57 NEW BUILDING PROJECTS, 31 OF WHICH WERE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND 18 ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

DURING THE MONTH 21 DEMOLITION ORDERS FOR 35 BUILDINGS WERE ISSUED.

THE COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED IN JULY CAME TO APPROXIMATELY \$1 038 MILLION.

IN ITS CONTINUING CRACKDOWN ON ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AND ILLEGAL BUILDING WORKS, THE CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION RECEIVED 543 COMPLAINTS AND CARRIED OUT 948 INSPECTIONS.

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ROAD SAFETY FILM SHOW FOR ELDERLY
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A FILM SHOW FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT WILL BE HELD AS PART OF THE DISTRICT'S ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN LATER THIS MONTH.

BESIDES AN ENTERTAINMENT FILM, A ROAD SAFETY FILM WILL BE SHOWN AND THERE WILL ALSO BE A SHORT TALK ON THE RULES OF THE ROAD AND THE IMPORTANCE OF ROAD SAFETY.

THE FILM SHOW WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, AT THE FORTUNA CINEMA AT WAH FU ESTATE. ABOUT 1 200 ELDERLY PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND.

TICKETS FOR THE SHOW HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO VARIOUS VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND HOSTELS FOR THE ELDERLY IN THE DISTRICT.

SOME TICKETS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND SUB-OFFICES IN ABERDEEN CENTRE, WAH FU AND STANLEY ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD HAS ALLOCATED \$16 500 FOR THE ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN WHICH WILL PUT EMPHASIS ON SAFETY FOR THE ELDERLY AND CHILDREN.

TO MAKE PEOPLE MORE AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, THE DISTRICT'S ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE WILL ARRANGE, WITH THE POLICE, VISITS TO CENTRES AND HOSTELS FOR THE ELDERLY AND ALSO ORGANISE A SERIES OF ROAD SAFETY DAYS IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

+SPECIALLY DESIGNED GAMES, QUIZZES, AND EXHIBITS WILL BE STAGED DURING THESE ROAD SAFETY DAYS TO ENABLE YOUNGSTERS TO LEARN ROAD SAFETY RULES THROUGH PLAY,+ A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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+KEEPING IN TOUCH+ CARDS ATTRACT READY RESPONSE
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MELCHOR MUKTI HANDED OVER 100 POSTCARDS FOR DISTRIBUTION TO VISITORS TO THE HONG KONG PAVILION AT EXPO '86 IN VANCOUVER.

AND JUST IN TIME FOR HIS SIXTH BIRTHDAY THIS WEEKEND HE HAS RECEIVED REPLIES FROM SIX YOUNGSTERS IN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES WHO WISH TO BE HIS PEN FRIENDS.

/A SPOKESMAN

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PAVILION ORGANISERS, WHO COLLECTED A TOTAL OF 430 000 POSTCARDS FOR THE +HONG KONG IN TOUCH WITH THE WORLD+ PROGRAMME, COMMENTED: +THERE MUST BE MANY OTHER YOUNGSTERS IN HONG KONG WHO HAVE HAD REPLIES TO THEIR GESTURES OF INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP. POSSIBLY SOME HAVE RECEIVED AN EVEN GREATER RESPONSE.+

MELCHOR, WHO LIVES AT TRINITY COURT, HARBOUR CITY, KOWLOON, AND ATTENDS BEACON HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL, RECEIVED REPLIES FROM STEVE WUERZ OF WINNIPEG, DARRYL PATTERSON OF TORONTO, KATRINA PRESCOTT OF VANCOUVER, LAURIE HUNKA OF CALGARY, ANDREW KENNEDY OF LINDSAY, ONTARIO AND CHANDRA HILL OF WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA.

HIS MOTHER, MRS DIOSY MUKTI, SAID: +I AM NOW GOING TO MAKE SURE THAT HE REALLY DOES MAKE THE EFFORT TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THEM, EVEN THOUGH IT MEANS QUITE A LOT OF LETTER WRITING.+

HOWEVER, MELCHOR SAID HE REALLY PREFERRED DRAWING TO WRITING.

ASKED WHICH OF HIS DRAWINGS HAD PLEASED HIM MOST, HE REPLIED, +I DREW A SAD CLOUD TRYING TO MAKE A RAINBOW.+

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WATER SUPPLY, DISTRIBUTION TO BE REGIONALISED
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT'S SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION BRANCH IS TO INTRODUCE REGIONALISATION TO PROVIDE BETTER SERVICE AND TO DEPLOY STAFF RESOURCES MORE EFFECTIVELY.

REGIONALISATION WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN TWO STAGES.

STAGE I, THE FIRST REGIONAL DIVISION - THE HONG KONG AND ISLANDS DIVISION - WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON SEPTEMBER 15.

ALL OPERATIONAL AND MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES FOR HONG KONG AND OUTLYING ISLANDS BEING HANDLED BY THE ARGYLE STREET DEPOT WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE BULLOCK LANE DEPOT, WHILE THE ARGYLE STREET DEPOT WILL CONTINUE TO DEAL WITH OPERATIONAL AND MAINTENANCE MATTERS FOR KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IT IS HOPED THAT STAGE II - FORMATION OF MAINLAND REGIONS - WILL BE IMPLEMENTED DURING NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR.

QUERIES ON WATER ACCOUNTS WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE REGIONALISATION SCHEME AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE DEALT WITH BY THE EXISTING CONSUMER ENQUIRIES CENTRES LOCATED IN THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS.

DUE TO REGIONALISATION, RESIDENTS OF HONG KONG AND OUTLYING ISLANDS ARE REQUESTED TO USE THE FOLLOWING TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR GENERAL AND WATER ACCOUNTS ENQUIRIES AND TECHNICAL COMPLAINTS:

- * GENERAL ENQUIRIES OTHER THAN WATER ACCOUNTS: 5-726311
- * ALL WATER ACCOUNT ENQUIRIES: 5-7900222
- * TECHNICAL COMPLAINTS: HONG KONG ISLAND - 5-757789
- LANTAU ISLAND AND SILVERMINE BAY - 5-9848257
- TAI O - 5-9857337
- CHEUNG CHAU - 5-9811324
- LAMMA ISLAND - 5-9820348
- PENG CHAU - 5-9830609

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WORKERS URGED TO TAKE PART IN AWARD SCHEME
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NOMINATIONS UNDER THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AMBASSADOR AWARD SCHEME WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE SCHEME IS ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION (CISAP) AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG.

IT MARKS THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMMITTEE AND AIMS AT ENHANCING CO-OPERATION AMONG EMPLOYERS, EMPLOYEES AND THE GOVERNMENT IN THE PROMOTION OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

THE THREE WINNERS WILL EACH RECEIVE \$3 000 AND A FREE TRIP TO JAPAN WHERE THEY WILL REPRESENT HONG KONG IN EXCHANGING VIEWS AND EXPERIENCE ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY MATTERS. CASH PRIZES WILL ALSO BE AWARDED TO 27 OTHER FINALISTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID PARTICIPANTS MUST BE NOMINATED BY EITHER THEIR EMPLOYERS OR THEIR RELATED WORKERS' OR TRADE UNIONS.

+SELECTION WILL BE BASED ON THE NOMINEE'S KNOWLEDGE OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY, ADHERENCE TO HIS SAFETY KNOWLEDGE AND CONTRIBUTION TO INDUSTRIAL SAFETY DURING HIS EMPLOYMENT OR CAREERS,+ HE SAID.

/+ALL FINALISTS

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+ALL FINALISTS WILL BE INTERVIEWED BY A SELECTION COMMITTEE, COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CISAP, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND RTHK.+

THE SPOKESMAN CALLED ON WORKERS WHO ARE AGED 18 AND ABOVE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHEME.

NOMINATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE BRANCH OFFICES OF THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, RTHK, THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE AND ALL DISTRICT OFFICES.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRY IS NOVEMBER 30 AND RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON MARCH 6, 1987.

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YOUR +LAP SAP+ MAY BE WORTH TRIP ABROAD
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CIVIC-MINDED INDIVIDUALS CAN WIN TRIPS ABROAD BY TAKING PART IN THE MID-AUTUMN LANTERN CARNIVALS +KEEP VENUES CLEAN+ CAMPAIGN ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

WHEN GOING TO THE CARNIVALS ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AT VICTORIA PARK AND KO SHAN ROAD PARK MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHOULD BRING ALONG PLASTIC BAGS OF THE SIZE USUALLY PROVIDED BY SUPERMARKETS.

AFTER COLLECTING AS MUCH LITTER AS POSSIBLE THEY CAN EXCHANGE THE FULL BAGS FOR RAFFLE TICKETS AT SPECIAL COLLECTION POINTS AT BOTH VENUES FROM 7 PM UNTIL 11.30 PM.

A TOTAL OF 20 OVERSEAS TOURS AND 200 SPECIAL TOUR COUPONS ARE TO BE WON WHEN A LUCKY DRAW OF THE RAFFLE TICKETS IS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 20.

THE FIRST PRIZE IS A NINE-DAY U.S.A. WEST COAST-LAS VEGAS TOUR AND THE SECOND PRIZE A SEVEN-DAY TOUR TO JAPAN INCLUDING A VISIT TO DISNEYLAND.

THIRD AND FOURTH PRIZES ARE A SEVEN-DAY PHUKET-BANGKOK-PATTAYA TOUR AND EIGHT-DAY PEKING TOUR RESPECTIVELY.

THESE TRIPS TO THAILAND AND CHINA ROUND OUT THE LIST OF TRAVEL PRIZES WHILE \$100 TOUR COUPONS WILL BE GIVEN TO 200 CONSOLATION PRIZE WINNERS.

THE LUCKY DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE AT 10 AM AT THE RECITAL HALL, HIGH BLOCK, CITY HALL AND ALL WINNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY TELEPHONE.

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MID-AUTUMN OPERA TREAT FOR ELDERLY

ABOUT 600 ELDERLY RESIDENTS OF NORTH DISTRICT WERE ENTERTAINED TO CANTONESE OPERA AT A MID-AUTUMN CELEBRATION HELD AT CHEUNG WAH ESTATE CENTRAL PLAYGROUND IN FANLING THIS (SUNDAY) EVENING.

THE EVENT WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR ELDERLY ACTIVITIES AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

+ BESIDES PROVIDING MORE ENTERTAINMENT FOR SENIOR RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT, THE EVENT ALSO AIMS AT AROUSING PEOPLE'S AWARENESS IN CARING AND RESPECTING THE ELDERLY, WHO IN ONE WAY OR THE OTHER HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO SOCIETY, + A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE SAID.

THE OPERA WAS PERFORMED BY THE LUNG CHEUNG OPERA TROUPE, AND DURING THE EVENING MOONCAKES AND FRUITS WERE HANDED OUT.

AMONG THE GUESTS OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE CELEBRATION WERE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR RAYMOND PANG, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR PANG CHO-YIU.

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LANTERN CARNIVAL TREAT FOR KOWLOON CITY

KOWLOON CITY RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO AN EVENING OF FUN AT THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL LANTERN CARNIVAL ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 19) AT THE ARGYLE STREET PLAYGROUND.

THE EVENT IS BEING JOINTLY ORGANISED BY KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD, THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE DISTRICT'S ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL, THE LUTHERAN MARTHA BOSS COMMUNITY CENTRE AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

ABOUT 15 GIANT LANTERNS AND ABOUT 100 NORMAL-SIZE LANTERNS WILL BE ON DISPLAY.

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED FOR THE BEST THREE GIANT LANTERNS AND THE BEST 10 NORMAL-SIZE LANTERNS.

THE CARNIVAL PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE A VARIETY SHOW, LANTERN RIDDLES, PALMISTRY, PERFORMANCES BY SINGERS AND ACROBATS, AND DANCING.

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CHILDREN AGED UNDER 10 YEARS WILL RECEIVE LANTERNS DURING THE EVENING.

FREE TRANSPORT TO TAKE PEOPLE TO AND FROM THE VENUE WILL BE AVAILABLE AT LOK MAN ESTATE, OI MAN ESTATE, HO MAN TIN ESTATE AND FAT KWONG STREET FIRE STATION, BETWEEN 6.30 PM AND 9 PM.

TICKETS FOR PALMISTRY READING WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TOMORROW (MONDAY) AT THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AT KAU PUI LUNG ROAD ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALEX FONG, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN MR WONG SIK-KONG, URBAN COUNCILLOR MR PETER C.K. CHAN, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL MR WU WING-KAI, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL LANTERN CARNIVAL TO BEGIN AT 7 PM ON FRIDAY AT THE ARGYLE STREET PLAYGROUND.

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WAN CHAI PLANS FOR MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL
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A MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL LANTERN CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD ON THE EVENING OF TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 16) AT THE HARBOUR ROAD GARDEN IN WAN CHAI TO CELEBRATE THE FESTIVAL.

IT IS ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE, THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

MORE THAN 10 000 LANTERNS HAVE BEEN PRINTED FOR THE OCCASION FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION TO RESIDENTS.

THE CARNIVAL ALSO CONSISTS OF MAGIC, ACROBATICS, SINGING AND BAND PERFORMANCES.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WAN CHAI FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR LEE KON.

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FREE TICKETS, AVAILABLE ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT 201 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE LANTERN FESTIVAL AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY AT THE URBAN COUNCIL'S HARBOUR ROAD GARDEN IN WAN CHAI.

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MID-AUTUMN CELEBRATION AT SAI KUNG THA
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ABOUT 900 RESIDENTS OF THE SAI KUNG SHA KOK MEI TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA WILL BE TREATED TO AN EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT AT THE AREA'S BASKETBALL COURT ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 17) TO CELEBRATE THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL.

THE NIGHT'S PROGRAMMES INCLUDES PERFORMANCES BY WELL-KNOWN POP SINGERS, ACROBATIC ACTS, MAGIC SHOWS AND A LUCKY DRAW.

A SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THE EVENT WAS AIMED AT PROMOTING NEIGHBOURLINESS AND ENHANCING A SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG RESIDENTS.

THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD HAS ALLOCATED \$8 120 FOR THE EVENT WHICH IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE CARITAS, SHA KOK MEI THA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR RAYMOND LI, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SAI KUNG RURAL COMMITTEE, MR LAU WAN-HEI, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL CELEBRATION NIGHT.

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Royal Visit.

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QUEEN TO LAY EXHIBITION CENTRE FOUNDATION STONE * * * * *

ON THE FIRST DAY OF HER VISIT TO HONG KONG THE QUEEN WILL LAY THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE \$1.8 BILLION HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE ON THE WAN CHAI RECLAMATION. WHEN COMPLETED IN OCTOBER 1988 THE COMPLEX WILL CONTAIN EXHIBITION HALLS, HOTELS, AND OFFICE AND RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION.

AT PRESENT THE HARBOUR ROAD SITE IS A LARGE HOLE IN THE GROUND, WITH AN ARMY OF WORKMEN SWARMING ABOUT IT. FOR THE FOUNDATION STONE CEREMONY, THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL WILL PREPARE A SPECIAL AREA NEXT TO THE SITE COVERED BY INFLATABLE DOMES.

THE QUEEN AND PRINCE PHILIP WILL ARRIVE AT THE SITE ACCOMPANIED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, AND LADY YOUDE. THEY WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, MISS LYDIA DUNN, WHO WILL PRESENT TO THEM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE TDC, MR SO CHAK-KWONG, AND LEADING FIGURES IN HONG KONG'S COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

HER MAJESTY AND HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS WILL SEE AN EXHIBITION PRESENTED BY THE TDC AND MISS DUNN WILL PRESENT TO THEM A NUMBER OF PEOPLE CLOSELY CONNECTED WITH THE PLANNING AND DESIGN OF THE CENTRE.

THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE WILL BE SHOWN A MODEL OF THE PROPOSED CENTRE BEFORE HER MAJESTY LAYS THE FOUNDATION STONE.

THE COMPLETION OF THE CENTRE WILL MEAN THE REALISATION OF A 30-YEAR-OLD DREAM FOR LOCAL BUSINESSMEN AND GOVERNMENT TRADE OFFICIALS.

THE FOUR-TOWER COMPLEX WILL COMPRISE TWO EXHIBITION HALLS, EACH WITH 9 100 SQUARE METRES OF FLOOR SPACE, TWO HOTELS, ONE WITH 960 ROOMS, THE OTHER WITH 750 ROOMS, A 33-STOUREY OFFICE-TRADE MART TOWER AND A BLOCK OF 970 SERVICED APARTMENTS.

IN ADDITION THERE WILL BE A CONFERENCE HALL CAPABLE OF SEATING 3 000 PEOPLE, TWO AUDITORIA, WITH SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION FACILITIES FOR UP TO EIGHT LANGUAGES, MEETING ROOMS AND MATERIAL HANDLING FACILITIES CAPABLE OF TAKING FULLY-LOADED CONTAINER TRUCKS UP TO THE EXHIBITION LEVELS.

THE CENTRE IS BEING BUILT UNDER CONTRACT FROM THE TDC BY NEW WORLD DEVELOPMENT LTD ON A 2.96 HECTARE SITE PROVIDED FREE OF COST BY THE GOVERNMENT. UNDER THE CONTRACT NEW WORLD IS MAKING A PAYMENT TO THE TDC OF \$750 MILLION SPREAD OVER THREE YEARS. NEW WORLD WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MARKETING, FURNISHING AND OPERATING THE EXHIBITION CENTRE AND WILL PAY THE TDC FIVE PER CENT OF GROSS SALES FROM EXHIBITIONS AND CONVENTIONS WITH A GUARANTEED MINIMUM.

ON A PRIME WATERFRONT SITE, NEAR A FERRY TERMINAL, EASILY ACCESSIBLE BY ROAD, A SHORT WALK FROM A MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATION AND WITH HOTEL AND OFFICE ACCOMMODATION ON THE PREMISES, THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE WILL OFFER FACILITIES UNRIVALLED IN THE REGION.