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DRAFT SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION BILL TO BE MODIFIED: SMS

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THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, MR DAVID NENDICK, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THERE WOULD BE SIGNIFICANT MODIFICATIONS IN A NUMBER OF RESPECTS TO THE INITIAL PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN THE DISCUSSION DOCUMENT ON THE DRAFT SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION BILL.

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL DINNER OF THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED SECRETARIES AND ADMINISTRATORS IN HONG KONG, MR NENDICK ALSO REASSURED ALL INTERESTED PARTIES THAT THE CONSULTATION PROCESS HAD BEEN A GENUINE ONE AND THAT THE COMMENTS MADE HAD BEEN LISTENED TO CAREFULLY.

REFERRING TO THE CONCERN OVER SOME OF THE PROPOSED POWERS OF THE NEW COMMISSION, MR NENDICK SAID THAT WHEN THE GOVERNMENT SET ABOUT REFORMING ITS REGULATORY SYSTEM FOR THE SECURITIES MARKETS, IT WAS FULLY CONSCIOUS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF STRIKING THE RIGHT BALANCE BETWEEN THE AVAILABILITY OF ADEQUATE POWERS TO COMBAT FRAUD AND MARKET ABUSES AND THE NEED TO PRESERVE CIVIL LIBERTIES.

HE ADDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS ALSO FULLY AWARE OF THE NEED TO STRIKE THE RIGHT BALANCE BETWEEN ENCOURAGING THE GROWTH OF MARKETS AND ENSURING THAT THEY DID NOT GET OUT OF CONTROL.

POINTING OUT THAT THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY HAD MADE THIS VERY CLEAR IN HIS RECENT SPEECH TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR NENDICK SAID MR JACOBS HAD ALSO EMPHASISED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS LOOKING FOR CONSENSUS RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION IN FORMULATING THE PROPOSALS FOR REFORM.

"THIS WE SEE AS ESSENTIAL IF WE ARE TO HAVE THE CO-OPERATION WE NEED OF PEOPLE IN THE MARKET PLACE IN ENSURING THAT THE SPIRIT, AS WELL AS THE LETTER, OF THE NEW REQUIREMENTS IS ADHERED TO," HE SAID.

MR NENDICK SAID EARLY ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMISSION WAS ESSENTIAL IF THE GOVERNMENT WERE TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM OF IMPLEMENTING THE REFORM PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD BY THE SECURITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE.

"WE HAVE THEREFORE ACCORDED TOP PRIORITY TO THE DRAFTING OF LEGISLATION TO BRING THIS NEW AUTHORITY INTO EARLY EXISTENCE.

"IF EVERYTHING GOES WELL, AS I HOPE IT WILL, THE BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL EARLY IN JANUARY 1989 AND WE CAN EXPECT THE NEW COMMISSION TO BE FULLY OPERATIONAL BEFORE THE END OF THE FIRST QUARTER OF NEXT YEAR," HE SAID.

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ON THE FUNDING OF THE NEW COMMISSION, MR NENDICK SAID AT THIS STAGE THE GOVERNMENT ENVISAGED THREE SOURCES OF FINANCE FOR THE COMMISSION - AN ANNUAL GRANT FROM GOVERNMENT (SUBJECT TO FINANCE COMMITTEE'S APPROVAL), FEES AND CHARGES FOR PARTICULAR SERVICES WHICH THE COMMISSION WOULD PROVIDE AND A LEVY ON TRANSACTIONS.

"TO PUT IT IN CONTEXT," HE SAID, "THE LEVY WE ARE LIKELY TO BE LOOKING FOR INVESTORS TO BEAR WILL BE CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN THE LEVY WHICH THE STOCK EXCHANGE CURRENTLY IMPOSES ON TRANSACTIONS."

HE ADDED THAT TO ENHANCE THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE COMMISSION, THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT WOULD HAVE ACCESS TO ITS BOOKS WHEN HE SO REQUIRED AND ITS ANNUAL BUDGET WOULD NEED TO BE APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR.

"THE COMMISSION WILL ALSO HAVE TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT AND THIS WILL BE TABLED AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL," HE POINTED OUT.

TURNING TO THE FUTURES EXCHANGE, MR NENDICK SAID THE EXCHANGE WOULD SHORTLY BE PUTTING FORWARD TO ITS MEMBERS PROPOSALS TO REFORM ITS CONSTITUTION.

"IF THESE ARE ACCEPTED," HE SAID, "A RECONSTITUTED BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HONG KONG FUTURES EXCHANGE WILL BE IN OFFICE EARLY NEXT YEAR."

THE FUTURES EXCHANGE IS ALSO IN AN ADVANCED STAGE OF IMPLEMENTING A NEW CLEARING AND RISK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IN LINE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECURITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE, HE ADDED.

"IT MAY BE NOTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS LEFT THE INITIATIVE FOR THIS TO THE FUTURES EXCHANGE ITSELF.

"I SEE THIS AS RIGHT AND PROPER, FOR A FUTURES MARKET WILL ONLY CONTINUE IN HONG KONG IF THERE ARE THOSE PREPARED OVER THE LONG TERM TO COMMIT CAPITAL TO THE MARKET ADEQUATE TO SUPPORT THE RISKS INVOLVED," HE SAID.

MR NENDICK ALSO GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE SECURITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT, INCLUDING THE RECONSTITUTION OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE AND THE PROGRESS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW CENTRAL CLEARING AND SETTLEMENT SYSTEM TO REPLACE THE EXISTING ONE FOR STOCK TRANSACTIONS.

HE SAID HONG KONG HAD TAKEN SOME MAJOR STEPS TOWARDS ADDRESSING THE WEAKNESSES IN THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK AND MARKET STRUCTURES OF ITS SECURITIES AND FUTURES MARKETS IN LITTLE OVER A YEAR AFTER THE WORLDWIDE STOCK MARKET CRASH.

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"WITH THE IMMINENT ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION EARLY IN 1989 AND VOLUNTARY REFORMS ON THE PART OF THE TWO EXCHANGES, I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE WILL HAVE A SOUND FRAMEWORK IN PLACE VERY SOON.

"THIS WILL STAND HONG KONG IN GOOD STEAD IN THE CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT OF ITS ROLE AS AN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE," HE SAID.

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STRONGER GATT THE OBJECTIVE: STI

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HONG KONG WANTS TO SEE A STRONGER GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE (GATT), THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR MACLEOD WAS SPEAKING ON THE EVE OF HIS DEPARTURE FOR A MINISTERIAL MEETING IN MONTREAL, CANADA, TO REVIEW PROGRESS MADE IN THE URUGUAY ROUND OF TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

"THE URUGUAY ROUND HAS TO TACKLE THE KEY ISSUES IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE," MR MACLEOD SAID.

"AND IT HAS TO DO SO NOT ONLY BY IMPROVING THE RULES THEMSELVES, BUT BY GENERATING A GREATER WILLINGNESS TO OBSERVE THEM.

"HOW THE BIG THREE - USA, EEC AND JAPAN - ACT, AS MUCH AS WHAT THEY SAY, IS CRUCIAL."

MR MACLEOD STRESSED THAT THE MONTREAL MEETING MARKED THE HALF-WAY POINT IN NEGOTIATIONS.

"NOT ALL SUBJECTS ARE RIPE FOR CONCLUSIONS YET, BUT THESE TALKS SHOULD HELP TO CLEAR SOME OF THE STUMBLING BLOCKS AND SET THE DIRECTION FOR NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE ROUND," HE SAID.

"AGREEMENT ON AGRICULTURE IS CRUCIAL. THIS WOULD HELP CLEAR THE LOG-JAM ELSEWHERE AND WOULD UNDERLINE THE COMMITMENT OF THE MAJOR PLAYERS TO THE GATT."

MR MACLEOD SAID HONG KONG'S PRIORITY AT THIS STAGE WAS THE STRENGTHENING OF THE INSTITUTION.

"WE WANT TO SEE AGREEMENT ON EFFICIENT AND WORKABLE DISPUTE SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES," HE SAID.

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"WE WANT TO SEE SYSTEMATIC SURVEILLANCE OF TRADE POLICY. I AM REASONABLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THESE.

"THERE SHOULD ALSO BE SOME PROGRESS ON TARIFF REDUCTIONS WHICH WOULD BE WELCOME."

MR MACLEOD SAID EVERYONE KNEW HONG KONG WAS INTERESTED IN LIBERALISING TRADE IN TEXTILES, BUT THIS WAS NOT ITS ONLY INTEREST.

"BY THE END OF THE ROUND IN 1990, WE ALSO WANT TO SEE A LIBERAL INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN SERVICES, AND STRONGER INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS," HE SAID.

"THESE ARE IMPORTANT FOR THE HEALTH OF OUR EXPANDING SERVICE SECTOR.

"WE WILL ALSO BE STRESSING THE NEED TO HARMONISE RULES OF ORIGIN AND IMPROVE ANTI-DUMPING RULES AND PROCEDURES."

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JAMES TIEN TO CHAIR PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL

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MR JAMES TIEN IS TO BE APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL FOR TWO YEARS WITH EFFECT FROM JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR.

IN MAKING THIS ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY (FRIDAY), THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, EXTENDED HIS SINCERE APPRECIATION TO THE OUTGOING CHAIRMAN, MR GRAHAM CHENG.

MR CHENG HAS SERVED ON THE COUNCIL IN VARIOUS CAPACITIES FOR A TOTAL OF 12 YEARS, FIRST AS A MEMBER IN 1977, THEN AS DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, AND AS CHAIRMAN SINCE 1986.

MR MACLEOD SAID THAT UNDER THE ABLE LEADERSHIP OF MR CHENG, THE COUNCIL HAD SUBSTANTIALLY EXPANDED THE RANGE AND MAGNITUDE OF ITS ACTIVITIES AND HAD DEVELOPED INTO A LEADING ORGANISATION PROVIDING VARIOUS INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT SERVICES TO THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF MR TIEN, THE COUNCIL WOULD CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE GROWTH AND UPGRADING OF HONG KONG'S INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY.

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NEW IMPETUS TO PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMME

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HONG KONG'S PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMME HAS BEEN GIVEN NEW IMPETUS BY THE ADOPTION OF THE LONG TERM HOUSING STRATEGY.

THIS WAS STATED BY MR JOHN TODD IN THE CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW CHAPTER OF THE 1987/88 HOUSING AUTHORITY ANNUAL REPORT, WHICH IS NOW ON SALE. MR TODD, WHO RETIRED IN MARCH, HANDED OVER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TO SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES.

REVIEWING THE WORK AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE AUTHORITY AND THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT IN THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR, MR TODD POINTED OUT THAT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY WOULD HAVE A MAJOR ROLE TO PLAY IN IMPLEMENTING THE LONG TERM HOUSING STRATEGY.

THE MAIN THRUST OF THE STRATEGY, WHICH WAS EMBARKED UPON ON APRIL 1, 1988, WAS TO OPTIMISE RESOURCES IN BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS IN MEETING NOT ONLY THE DEMAND FOR RENTAL HOUSING BUT ALSO THE GROWING ASPIRATIONS FOR HOME OWNERSHIP.

CHANGES IN THE STRUCTURE AND FINANCING OF THE AUTHORITY WERE APPROVED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN EARLY 1988 TO ENSURE IT IS BETTER EQUIPPED TO CARRY OUT THE EXPANDED HOUSING PROGRAMMES.

MR TODD ALSO MENTIONED THAT A FURTHER MAJOR DEVELOPMENT DURING THE 1987/88 FINANCIAL YEAR WAS THE APPROVAL BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, OF \$2.76 BILLION FOR THE CLEARANCE OF THE KOWLOON WALLED CITY.

AS A RESULT, PHASE I OF THE CLEARANCE BEGAN IN EARLY 1988 AND THE FIRST FAMILIES MOVED OUT OF THE WALLED CITY TO THEIR NEW HOMES IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES ON FEBRUARY 12, 1988.

AT THE SAME TIME, OTHER CLEARANCES WERE CARRIED OUT BY THE AUTHORITY, ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT, TO MAKE WAY FOR PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS. NOTABLE AMONG THE CLEARANCES WERE THOSE AT SHAU KEI WAN EAST AND DIAMOND HILL IN WONG TAI SIN.

WHILE IMPERATIVE, THE CLEARANCES NEVERTHELESS PUT A SEVERE STRAIN ON THE EXISTING SUPPLY OF TEMPORARY HOUSING AND 16 NEW TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS WERE UNDER CONSTRUCTION BY THE AUTHORITY BY MARCH 31.

ALTHOUGH THE AUTHORITY IS COMMITTED TO HAVING ALL SQUATTER DWELLINGS CLEARED FROM THE URBAN AREA BY THE MID-1990s, IT CONTINUED TO IMPROVE THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF SQUATTERS THROUGH THE SQUATTER AREA IMPROVEMENTS SCHEME. BY THE END OF THE YEAR UNDER REVIEW, THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT HAD CARRIED OUT 15 IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, FOR THE BENEFIT OF 25 000 SQUATTERS.

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TURNING TO THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME, MR TODD POINTED OUT THAT, TO MEET THE GROWING ASPIRATIONS FOR HOME OWNERSHIP, THE AUTHORITY GAVE APPROVAL DURING THE YEAR FOR THE UPGRADING INTO HOS FLATS OF SOME UNITS IN THE NEWER TYPE OF RENTAL BLOCKS.

IN THE LONG TERM, THE CONSTRUCTION RATIO BETWEEN RENTAL AND HOS UNIT WOULD BE MORE FLEXIBLE AND WOULD BE ADJUSTED ACCORDING TO THE PREFERENCE OF THE SITTING AND PROSPECTIVE TENANTS.

THE YEAR ALSO SAW FURTHER PROGRESS IN THE AUTHORITY'S EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF TENANTS IN THE OLDER ESTATES. THESE INCLUDED THE BEGINNING OF THE LAST STAGE IN THE MARK I-II ESTATE REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AND THE PLANNING FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE REDEVELOPMENT OF RENTAL PUBLIC HOUSING BLOCKS, UP TO AND INCLUDING MARK VI, AND THE FORMER GOVERNMENT LOW-COST HOUSING ESTATES.

THE AUTHORITY ALSO PAID CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE MAINTENANCE OF ITS INCREASING PUBLIC HOUSING STOCK. THE AMOUNT OF MAINTENANCE CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR AMOUNTED TO \$688 MILLION.

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AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY PLAYS IMPORTANT ROLE: SES
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THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MRS ANSON CHAN, TODAY (FRIDAY) PAID TRIBUTE TO THE LOCAL AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY FOR PLAYING AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE PROVISION OF FRESH FOODSTUFFS TO THE COMMUNITY AND HELPING IN STABILISING PRICES OF FRESH FOOD COMMODITIES.

"THE SPECIAL CHARACTERISTIC OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IN HONG KONG IS THE UTILISATION OF HIGHLY EFFICIENT AND INTENSIVE FARMING METHODS IN PRODUCING HIGH-QUALITY FRESH FOODSTUFF TO MEET LOCAL DEMAND," MRS CHAN SAID.

SHE WAS OFFICIATING AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE JOINT FEDERATION OF THE HONG KONG AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AND MARKETING SOCIETIES, HELD AT THE HONG KONG HOTEL IN TSIM SHA TSUI.

"LOCAL FARMERS ARE REPUTED FOR THEIR DILIGENCE, ENDURANCE, ADAPTABILITY AND READINESS IN ADOPTING MODERN TECHNOLOGY IN THEIR FARMING PRACTICES.

"DESPITE THE CONTRAINTS POSED BY A SHORTAGE OF LAND RESOURCES AND KEEN COMPETITION FROM IMPORT PRODUCTS, HONG KONG'S AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY IS STILL MAKING STEADY PROGRESS.

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"IN 1988, THE VALUE OF LIVE PIGS, LIVE POULTRY AND FRESH VEGETABLES PRODUCED BY LOCAL FARMERS IS ESTIMATED TO EXCEED \$1.4 BILLION," SHE SAID.

THE OTHER OFFICIATING GUEST AT THE FUNCTION WAS THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE.

THE JOINT FEDERATION IS A BODY FORMED BY THE THREE MAJOR AGRICULTURAL BODIES IN HONG KONG - THE NEW TERRITORIES CHICKEN BREEDERS ASSOCIATION, THE FEDERATION OF VEGETABLE MARKETING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES AND THE FEDERATION OF PIG RAISING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES OF HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ITS MEMBERSHIP COMPRISES 380 MAJOR CHICKEN FARMS WITH OVER 1,500 CHICKEN FARMERS, 26 VEGETABLE MARKETING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES GROUPING SOME 9,100 VEGETABLE FARMERS, AND 22 PIG-RAISING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES GROUPING SOME 1,300 PIG FARMERS.

MRS CHAN DESCRIBED THE FORMATION OF THE JOINT FEDERATION AS THE UNIFICATION OF THE THREE MAJOR BODIES REPRESENTING DIFFERENT SECTORS OF THE LOCAL AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY.

SHE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THE JOINT FEDERATION WOULD BE ABLE TO POOL THE RESOURCES AND EXPERIENCE OF VARIOUS AGRICULTURAL SECTORS FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE PRIMARY PRODUCTION INDUSTRY.

MRS CHAN ALSO SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT, THROUGH THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION, HAD BEEN PROVIDING A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES TO HELP FARMERS IN INCREASING PRODUCTIVITY AND IN MARKETING THEIR PRODUCE.

THESE INCLUDED ADVISORY SERVICES ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AND BREEDING, THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF LIVESTOCK DISEASES, PEST CONTROL IN CROPS, IMPROVEMENTS IN IRRIGATION FACILITIES, LOW-INTEREST LOANS AND WHOLESALE MARKETING SERVICES FOR VEGETABLE FARMERS.

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INCREASE IN TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS

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THE TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT (TCU) OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 2,960 COMPLAINTS DURING THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1988-89.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TCU SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT COMPARED WITH THE FIGURE OF 2,278 RECORDED IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER, THERE WAS A 30 PER CENT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL COMPLAINTS.

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COMPLAINTS WERE MAINLY RELATED TO PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES, TRAFFIC CONDITIONS, ROAD MAINTENANCE AND ENFORCEMENT.

IN CONNECTION WITH ADEQUACY OF BUS SERVICES, THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 225 COMPLAINTS COVERING HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES, INCLUDING EIGHT COMPLAINTS ABOUT LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT FEEDER BUS ROUTES WHICH BEGAN OPERATION ON SEPTEMBER 18 THIS YEAR.

COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS QUARTER, THIS WAS AN INCREASE OF 112 COMPLAINTS.

"SUCH AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS IS CONSIDERED NOT HIGH BEARING IN MIND THAT THE NEW SCHOOL TERM STARTED IN EARLY SEPTEMBER, A SITUATION WHICH HAD CREATED A GREATER DEMAND FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES, PARTICULARLY BUS SERVICE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN CONNECTION WITH STANDARD OF BUS SERVICE, THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 364 COMPLAINTS, AN INCREASE OF 157 CASES WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

THESE COMPLAINTS WERE INDIVIDUALLY TAKEN UP WITH THE BUS COMPANIES CONCERNED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IMPROVED COMPLAINT PROCEDURES IMPLEMENTED IN MAY THIS YEAR HAD BROUGHT ABOUT AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS ABOUT TAXI SERVICE RECEIVED BY TCU.

THERE WERE 601 CASES AS COMPARED WITH 404 CASES RECORDED IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

AS IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER, MOST OF THE COMPLAINTS ABOUT TAXI SERVICE CONCERNED TAXI DRIVERS REFUSING HIRE OR SOLICITING PASSENGERS, NOT TAKING THE MOST DIRECT ROUTING, FAILING TO DRIVE TO DESTINATIONS AND OVERCHARGING.

AS REGARDS RAIL TRANSPORT, THERE WERE 153 COMPLAINTS RELATED TO THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY, LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT, MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY AND HONGKONG TRAMWAYS, COMPARED WITH 72 CASES IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

OF THESE 153 COMPLAINTS, 72 CASES WERE ON LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SERVICE WHICH COMMENCED COMMERCIAL OPERATION ON SEPTEMBER 18.

A TOTAL OF 27 COMPLAINTS WERE RECEIVED CONCERNING SERVICES RUN BY THE HONG KONG YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY AND THE STAR FERRY COMPANY LIMITED. TWENTY-THREE COMPLAINTS WERE RECORDED IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

THE MAIN AREAS OF COMPLAINTS WERE ADEQUACY OF SERVICE, CONDUCT AND PERFORMANCE OF STAFF AND PASSENGER FACILITIES.

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ON TRAFFIC, THE SPOKESMAN SAID COMPLAINTS ABOUT ROAD CONGESTION TOTALLED 289 CASES; 78 CASES ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 126 CASES IN KOWLOON, 75 CASES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND 10 CASES IN TUNNEL AREAS OR AREAS NOT SPECIFIED. CONGESTION WAS MOST SERIOUS IN KWUN TONG.

HE SAID THAT FACTORS WHICH WERE ATTRIBUTABLE TO ROAD CONGESTION INCLUDED LOADING AND UNLOADING ACTIVITIES AT KERBSIDE, TRAFFIC ENGINEERING MATTERS, INADEQUATE ROAD CAPACITY AND ROAD WORKS.

OF ALL CASES CONCERNING VEHICLES OBSTRUCTION CAUSING CONGESTION, 16 CASES OR 38 PER CENT AND 10 CASES OR 24 PER CENT WERE DIRECTED AT LORRIES AND RED MINIBUSES RESPECTIVELY.

MEANWHILE, 144 CASES AND 54 CASES WERE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY TRAFFIC ENGINEERING AND ROAD WORKS RESPECTIVELY.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES DECLINED FROM 132 IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER TO 123 IN THE CURRENT QUARTER.

THE MAJOR AREAS OF CONCERN WERE TRAFFIC LIGHT PHASING AND TRAFFIC LANE ARRANGEMENT AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

COMPLAINTS CONCERNING THE MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND ROAD FURNITURE DECREASED FROM 220 CASES IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER TO 182 THIS QUARTER.

THE MAJOR AREAS OF COMPLAINTS WERE DEFECTIVE ROAD SURFACES, MALFUNCTIONED TRAFFIC LIGHTS AND DAMAGED TRAFFIC SIGNS/AIDS.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT CASES STOOD AT 347 THIS QUARTER, A DROP OF 42 CASES WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

THESE WERE MAINLY RELATED TO COMPLAINTS ABOUT FIXED PENALTY TICKETS, REQUESTS FOR ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST ILLEGAL PARKING, ABANDONED VEHICLES AND OTHER TRAFFIC OFFENCES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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STATUS OF 152 ASYLUM SEEKERS DETERMINED

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS COMPLETED ITS SCREENING PROCEDURES FOR DETERMINING THE STATUS OF ANOTHER 152 VIETNAMESE ASYLUM SEEKERS WHO HAVE ARRIVED IN HONG KONG SINCE JUNE 15 THIS YEAR.

OF THE GROUP SCREENED, 15 PERSONS, COMPRISING FOUR GROUPS AND FIVE INDIVIDUALS, WERE FOUND TO BE REFUGEES AND HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO A REFUGEE CENTRE PRIOR TO RESETTLEMENT OVERSEAS.

THE OTHER 137, COMPRISING 29 GROUPS AND 30 INDIVIDUALS, WERE FOUND NOT TO BE REFUGEES. THEY WILL BE HELD IN VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE CENTRES PENDING REPATRIATION TO VIETNAM.

"DETERMINATION NOTICES HAVE BEEN SERVED ON THE ASYLUM SEEKERS BY IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT STAFF," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

"THOSE PEOPLE FOUND NOT TO BE REFUGEES HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF THEIR RIGHT TO OBJECT TO THE RESULT UNDER THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE, AS WELL AS THEIR RIGHT TO LEGAL ADVICE IN PREPARING THEIR OBJECTIONS.

"THE UNHCR WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE THAT LEGAL ADVICE IS MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL THOSE WHO NEED IT."

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE SCREENING PROCEDURES WERE BASED ON THE UNHCR PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING REFUGEE STATUS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE 1951 CONVENTION AND THE 1967 PROTOCOL, AND TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THE SPECIAL SITUATION OF ASYLUM SEEKERS FROM VIETNAM.

"STAFF OF THE UNHCR WERE PRESENT DURING SOME OF THE INTERVIEWS AS OBSERVERS," HE SAID.

SO FAR, SCREENING PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED FOR 331 ASYLUM SEEKERS. OF THEM, 30 WERE FOUND TO BE REFUGEES WHILE 301 WERE FOUND NOT TO BE REFUGEES.

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LAND RESUMPTION FOR TIN SHUI WAI DEVELOPMENT

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO RESUME LAND IN YUEN LONG AND TUEN MUN DISTRICTS IN CONNECTION WITH TIN SHUI WAI DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

THE LAND TO BE RESUMED TOTALS 119,893.6 SQUARE METRES, THE MAJORITY OF WHICH COMPRISES PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL LOTS.

THE RESUMED LAND WILL BE NEEDED FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A DRAINAGE SCHEME TO ALLEVIATE FLOODING IN THE TIN SHUI WAI CATCHMENT AREA.

THE SCOPE OF THE SCHEME INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

- * CONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT 5.5 KILOMETRES OF DRAINAGE CHANNELS IN THE HUNG SHUI KIU AND FUI SHA WAI AREAS TOGETHER WITH VEHICULAR ACCESS ROADS AND FOOTPATHS FOR MAINTENANCE PURPOSES;
- * REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING BOX CULVERT ACROSS CASTLE PEAK ROAD AT FUI SHA WAI WITH A NEW ONE;
- * CONSTRUCTION OF 1.2 KILOMETRES OF SUBSIDIARY DRAINAGE CHANNELS TOGETHER WITH A VEHICULAR ROAD FOR MAINTENANCE PURPOSES AT SIK KONG WAI AND SIK KONG TSUEN;
- * REPROVISIONING OF EXISTING FOOTPATHS, CYCLE-TRACKS AND BRIDGES AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED WORKS.

THE LAND WILL ALSO BE NEEDED FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT (LRT) SYSTEM TO THE TIN SHUI WAI DEVELOPMENT WHICH REQUIRES A LAND RESERVE FOR SUCH AN EXTENSION, TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED ACCESS ROADS ADJACENT TO THE DRAINAGE CHANNEL.

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE LAND RESERVE BE FORMED AT THE SAME TIME AS THE DRAINAGE CHANNEL IS CONSTRUCTED IN ORDER TO FIT THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION'S PROGRAMME OF PROVIDING LRT SERVICE IN TIME FOR THE OCCUPATION OF TIN SHUI WAI IN MID-1991.

IN ADDITION, THE LAND IS REQUIRED FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A SEWERAGE SYSTEM AND A COMPREHENSIVE SCHEME FOR SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL TO SERVE THE NEW DEVELOPMENT IN TIN SHUI WAI AND THE SURROUNDING AREA.

PART OF THE SEWERAGE SYSTEM NOW PROPOSED TO BE CARRIED OUT INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT 3,300 METRES OF TRUNK SEWERS, RANGING FROM 375 MILLIMETRES TO 900 MILLIMETRES IN DIAMETER, TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED WORKS FOR HUNG SHUI KIU AND FUI SHA WAI AREAS.

RESUMPTION OF LAND IS REQUIRED NOW TO ALLOW WORKS TO BEGIN NEXT MARCH AFTER THE THREE MONTHS' RESUMPTION NOTICE HAS EXPIRED.

DETAILS OF THE LOTS TO BE RESUMED HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED IN A RESUMPTION NOTICE IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

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RESUMPTION OF LAND IN SHEUNG WAN

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL RESUME 20 PRIVATE LOTS WITH A TOTAL AREA OF 2,109.8 SQUARE METRES IN SHEUNG WAN FOR THE PROVISION OF AN OPEN SPACE AND A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT.

THE LOTS ARE LOCATED AT LI SHING STREET, SUTHERLAND STREET, IN KU LANE AND KO SHING STREET.

THE RESUMPTION WILL IMPLEMENT THE SAI YING PUN AND SHEUNG WAN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THESE FACILITIES.

AS THESE PROPERTIES ARE IN PRIVATE OWNERSHIP, THEY ARE REQUIRED TO BE RESUMED SO THE PROJECT CAN BE CARRIED OUT.

A NOTICE ON THE RESUMPTION WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY) AND NOTICES WERE ALSO POSTED ON THE LOTS CONCERNED.

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LITTER COLLECTION EXERCISE IN COUNTRY PARK

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A MAJOR LITTER COLLECTION EXERCISE WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) MORNING AT SHAM TSENG IN TAI LAM COUNTRY PARK TO LAUNCH THE "KEEP COUNTRYSIDE CLEAN" PHASE OF THIS YEAR'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

THE EXERCISE, IN WHICH LEADERS OF SOME 40 HIKING GROUPS WILL TAKE PART, WILL BEGIN AT 11 AM.

IT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A SEMINAR AIMED AT ENABLING HIKERS TO UNDERSTAND MORE ABOUT COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION AND HOW THEY CAN HELP IN KEEPING THE COUNTRYSIDE CLEAN.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN STEERING COMMITTEE, MR WALTER SULKE, AND A MEMBER OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE, MR YEUNG PO-KWAN, WILL LEAD THE PARTY IN COLLECTING LITTER AT A NEARBY PICNIC AREA.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EXERCISE.

TRANSPORT FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL LEAVE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON AT 10 AM.

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FIRE SERVICES BEGINS RECRUITING DRIVE

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THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS LAUNCHING A RECRUITMENT DRIVE FOR FIREMEN, STATION OFFICERS AND AMBULANCEMEN.

"WE ARE OFFERING A CAREER OF VARIETY, INTEREST AND OPPORTUNITY TO YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WISH TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY," A FIRE SERVICES SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

APPLICANTS FOR FIREMAN AND STATION OFFICER POSTS SHOULD BE AT LEAST 168 CENTIMETRES TALL AND WEIGH AT LEAST 55 KILOGRAMS.

CHEST MEASUREMENT SHOULD NOT BE LESS THAN 86 CENTIMETRES DEFLATED, WITH AN EXPANSION OF AT LEAST FIVE CENTIMETRES.

APPLICANTS FOR AMBULANCEMAN POSTS SHOULD BE WITHIN THE HEIGHT RANGE OF 165 TO 191 CENTIMETRES AND CORRESPONDING WEIGHT RANGE OF 52 TO 86.75 KILOGRAMS.

ALL APPLICANTS SHOULD BE UNDER 30 YEARS OF AGE.

RECRUITS WILL BE TRAINED AT THE FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL AT PAT HEUNG IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE MINIMUM ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION REQUIRED FOR A FIREMAN AND AN AMBULANCEMAN IS SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF FORM 3.

APPLICANTS FOR A STATION OFFICER POST MUST POSSESS PASSES IN AT LEAST FIVE SUBJECTS, INCLUDING ENGLISH LANGUAGE (SYLLABUS B), AT GRADE E OR ABOVE IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION.

APPLICANTS SHOULD APPLY IN PERSON AT THE FIRE SERVICES RECRUITMENT CENTRE, ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE FIRE SERVICES HEADQUARTERS BUILDING, 1 HONG CHONG ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

ENQUIRIES ON RECRUITMENT CAN BE MADE BY TELEPHONING 3-7337519.

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FS VISITS PRINTING DEPARTMENT

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, VISITED THE PRINTING DEPARTMENT THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON TO FAMILIARISE HIMSELF WITH THE OPERATION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE GOVERNMENT PRINTER, MR HARRIS MYERS, MR JACOBS TOURED THE DEPARTMENT AND MET SECTION HEADS.

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AT THE PRODUCTION CONTROL DIVISION, HE SAW JOB CONTROL AND THE TESTING OF PRINTING MATERIALS.

HE SHOWED GREAT INTEREST IN THE PRODUCTION OF SECURITY DOCUMENTS AND IDENTITY CARDS AT THE SECURITY DIVISION.

HE ALSO TOURED THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, WORKS SECTION, PRINTING DIVISION AND FINISHING DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE WINDING UP HIS VISIT.

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SCS VISITS TELA

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THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR HARNAM GREWAL, TODAY (FRIDAY) TOOK A FIRST-HAND LOOK AT THE OPERATIONS AND FACILITIES OF THE TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY (TELA) DURING A VISIT TO THE DEPARTMENT.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY, MR DARWIN CHEN, HE GAINED AN INSIGHT INTO THE WORK, ORGANISATION AND LAYOUT OF THE DEPARTMENT.

HE INSPECTED THE WORK AND FACILITIES AT THE FILMS AND LICENSING DIVISIONS, THE NEWSPAPER REGISTRATION UNIT AS WELL AS THE TELEVISION MONITORING AND ADVERTISING DIVISION.

MR GREWAL LATER HAD INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH STAFF REPRESENTATIVES AND EXCHANGED VIEWS ON STAFF MATTERS.

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COMMUNITY AIDS CONCERN YOUTH CONCERT ON SUNDAY

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THE COMMUNITY AIDS CONCERN YOUTH CONCERT WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 4) AT THE SHA TIN RACECOURSE, FROM 3 PM TO 4.30 PM.

THE CONCERT, ONE OF THE MAIN ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMUNITY AIDS CONCERN WEEK, IS ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY ON AIDS.

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THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE SONGS BY POPULAR JAPANESE SINGER, MISS NAOKO KAWAI, AND A MUSICAL DRAMA PRESENTED BY POPULAR SINGERS AND ARTISTS. A DEMONSTRATION OF CYCLING SKILLS WILL ALSO BE GIVEN.

THE EVENT IS BEING PRODUCED BY ASIA TELEVISION AND WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE ON THE STATION'S GOLD CHANNEL.

THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR ALLEN LEE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT 3 PM.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE TWO MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MRS PEGGY LAM AND MRS SELINA CHOW; THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR S.H. LEE; AND THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, MRS IRENE YAU.

A SPECIAL TRAIN SERVICE TO THE RACECOURSE STATION WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION, STARTING FROM 1 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

A PRESS RECEPTION DESK WILL BE SET UP IN THE FORECOURT OF GATE NO. ONE OF THE PUBLIC ENTRANCE. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE ADVISED TO ARRIVE BY TRAIN AND ENTER VIA GATE NO. ONE OF THE PUBLIC ENTRANCE BY 2.45PM.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF IDENTIFICATION, MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO SHOW THEIR REPORTER IDENTITY CARDS UPON ENTRY. PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE REMINDED TO BRING TELEPHOTO LENSES.

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LADY WILSON VISITS SCHOOLS FOR HANDICAPPED
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LADY WILSON TODAY (FRIDAY) VISITED TWO SCHOOLS OPERATED BY THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED TO LEARN ABOUT VARIOUS FACILITIES AND PROGRAMMES PROVIDED FOR MENTALLY DISABLED CHILDREN.

LADY WILSON FIRST VISITED THE YAU TONG MORNINGHILL SCHOOL WHICH CATERS FOR 200 CHILDREN WHO ARE MILDLY HANDICAPPED.

SHE THEN WENT TO THE PAK TIN MORNINGLIGHT SCHOOL WHICH HAS A CAPACITY FOR 100 CHILDREN WHO ARE MODERATELY HANDICAPPED.

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THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED WAS FORMED IN 1964 BY A GROUP OF DEDICATED PARENTS OF MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN TO PROVIDE EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

THE ASSOCIATION OPERATES 12 SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY FOR STUDENTS WITH VARYING DEGREES OF MENTAL HANDICAP.

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LABOUR RELATIONS '88 CHESS, TABLE-TENNIS FINALS
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THE FINAL ROUNDS OF THE CHINESE CHESS AND THE TABLE-TENNIS COMPETITIONS ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 4).

THE EVENTS FORM PART OF THE CURRENT LABOUR RELATIONS '88 ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE AIMED AT PROMOTING HARMONIOUS LABOUR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS.

ALTOGETHER, 64 TEAMS ENTERED THE CHESS COMPETITION AND 72 ENTERED THE TABLE-TENNIS COMPETITION.

THEY ARE MADE UP OF MANAGEMENT STAFF AND WORKERS FROM INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS, TRADE UNIONS, EMPLOYERS ASSOCIATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

THE CHESS FINALS WILL BE HELD AT THE CARITAS COMMUNITY CENTRE, 9 SHING MUN ROAD, TAI WO HAU, TSUEN WAN, STARTING AT 2 PM.

THE TABLE-TENNIS FINALS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE, SHA TIN, BEGINNING FROM 4 PM.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

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CHINA WOMEN'S DELEGATION VISITS SWD

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A DELEGATION FROM THE ALL CHINA WOMEN'S FEDERATION PAID A COURTESY VISIT TO THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, BRIEFED THE EIGHT-MEMBER DELEGATION ON THE WIDE RANGE OF FAMILY WELFARE AND CHILD CARE SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

"PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE IS RENDERED TO THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE FAMILY TO HELP THEM SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS AND TO FORGE A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FAMILY MEMBERS SO AS TO MAINTAIN AND STRENGTHEN THE FAMILY STRUCTURE," MRS WONG SAID.

EARLIER THIS WEEK, THE DELEGATION VISITED THE DEPARTMENT'S MA TAU WEI GIRLS' HOME TO SEE THE REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS AND SERVICE UNITS RUN BY VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES.

THE LEADER OF THE DELEGATION, MADAM ZHANG GUOYING, SAID THE MEMBERS FOUND THE VISIT AND THE BRIEFING VERY INFORMATIVE.

"WE ARE VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE COMPREHENSIVENESS OF THE SERVICES AND THE PERFORMANCE OF THE SOCIAL WORKERS," SHE SAID.

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GOVERNMENT LAND TO LET BY TENDER

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING TO LET BY TENDER A 2,200 SQUARE METRE SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF EASTERN STREET AND CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

THE LOT IS TO BE USED FOR A PETROL FILLING STATION, INCLUDING LUBRICATING AND SERVICING FACILITIES.

THE TERM OF THE LEASE IS FOR FIVE YEARS CERTAIN, AND RENEWABLE QUARTERLY THEREAFTER.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR TENDERS IS DECEMBER 16.

FORM OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG WEST, 12TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG.

THE TENDER PLAN MAY ALSO BE INSPECTED THERE.

TENDER DOCUMENTS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND AT THE KOWLOON DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

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ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH

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A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WILL BE HELD IN KWAI TSING DISTRICT BETWEEN TODAY (FRIDAY) AND DECEMBER 16.

THE PROGRAMME INCLUDES AN EXHIBITION WHICH WILL BE HELD AT EIGHT DIFFERENT LOCATIONS ON A ROTATION BASIS AND TWO SEMINARS ABOARD A LAUNCH WHICH ARE SPECIALLY TARGETTED AT FACTORY WORKERS.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EXHIBITION AT KWAI FONG COMMUNITY HALL TODAY (FRIDAY), CHAIRMAN OF THE PROGRAMME, MR CHOI HING-SHUN SAID THAT THESE ACTIVITIES WERE BEING ORGANISED BECAUSE KWAI TSING DISTRICT WAS AN INDUSTRIAL AREA AND MANY RESIDENTS WERE FACTORY WORKERS.

HE SAID THAT THERE WAS A GENUINE NEED TO PROVIDE THEM WITH INFORMATION ON INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS AND OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ATTENDING THE EXHIBITION MAY ALSO RECEIVE FREE TESTS ON LUNG FUNCTION AND BLOOD PRESSURE.

MR CHOI ALSO ENCOURAGED FACTORY WORKERS TO TAKE PART IN TWO SEMINARS TO BE HELD ABOARD A LAUNCH ON DECEMBER 4 AND 11 RESPECTIVELY. EACH SEMINAR WILL PROVIDE ABOUT 500 PLACES AND RESERVATION CAN BE MADE ON 0-211092.

THE SERIES OF ACTIVITIES IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD'S INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE, THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE S.K.H. LADY MACLEHOSE CENTRE WITH A BUDGET OF \$130,000.

ALSO ATTENDING TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY WERE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PAUL TANG KWOK-WAI; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LEE WING-TAT AND ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR S.Y. MAK.

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GRAND OPENING FOR SAI KUNG DISTRICT ARTS FESTIVAL

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ABOUT 1,200 SAI KUNG RESIDENTS ENJOYED AN EVENING OF FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT WHEN THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE FIRST SAI KUNG DISTRICT ARTS FESTIVAL WAS STAGED AT THE SAI KUNG JOCKEY CLUB TOWN HALL TONIGHT (FRIDAY).

THE OPENING PROGRAMME TO MARK THE BEGINNING OF THE FESTIVAL TONIGHT WAS A CANTONESE OPERA SHOW "THE SILVER BOTTLE FAIRY" PERFORMED BY THE SHENZHEN CITY CANTONESE OPERA TROUPE.

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THE TROUPE WILL ALSO PERFORM ANOTHER FAMOUS CHINESE OPERA "BAOYU MOURNS HIS LOVER" TOMORROW NIGHT AT THE TOWN HALL.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR MICHAEL SUEN; LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, MR LAU WONG-FAT AND MR LAM WAI-KEUNG; SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHRISTOPHER MUNN AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WILLIAM WAN WERE AMONG THE GUESTS AT THE CEREMONY.

A VARIETY OF ARTISTIC AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES WILL ALSO BE HELD AT VARIOUS VENUES IN THE DISTRICT UNTIL DECEMBER 18.

THESE INCLUDE CARNIVALS, VARIETY SHOW, DANCE PERFORMANCE, MOVIE SHOW, CHINESE MUSIC CONCERTS, TALKS ON SAI KUNG RURAL FOLK SONGS AND PAINTINGS AND PHOTO EXHIBITIONS.

THE CHUNG YING THEATRE COMPANY WILL ALSO PERFORM A DRAMA "THE STORY OF DRAGONBALL" ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 4) AT THE TSUI LAM COMMUNITY HALL IN JUNK BAY NEW TOWN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT ARTS FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE SAID THE ACTIVITIES WERE DESIGNED TO SUIT THE TASTES AND INTERESTS OF DIFFERENT PEOPLE.

"WE HOPE THAT THE ACTIVITIES WILL ENHANCE RESIDENTS' KNOWLEDGE AND INTEREST IN ARTS AND INCREASE THEIR APPRECIATION IN ARTS," HE SAID.

ADMISSION TO THE ACTIVITIES, EXCEPT THE CANTONESE OPERA, IS FREE. TICKETS FOR THE PROGRAMMES ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (SAI KUNG OFFICE), AND THE TSUI LAM COMMUNITY HALL, JUNK BAY.

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TV SPECTACULAR ON FIGHT CRIME, ANTI-NARCOTICS

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A TELEVISION SPECTACULAR FEATURING SONGS AND DRAMA BY POPULAR LOCAL SINGERS AND ARTISTES EMBODYING THE FIGHT CRIME AND ANTI-NARCOTICS MESSAGE WILL BE STAGED IN NORTH DISTRICT TOMORROW (SATURDAY) EVENING.

"THE ONE-AND-A-HALF-HOUR VARIETY SHOW AT THE FANLING RECREATION GROUND WILL BE THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE NORTH DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE'S ANTI-CRIME PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS FOR THE YEAR 1988/89," SAID THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR TAO MAN-KWONG.

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"IT IS THE THIRD TIME THAT THE SHOW IS PRODUCED AND BROADCAST LIVE BY ASIA TELEVISION LIMITED. THE AIM IS TO ENSURE THAT THE MESSAGE WILL REACH THE WIDEST AUDIENCE," MR TAO SAID.

THE SHOW IS SPONSORED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD, DISTRICT OFFICE, REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, WITH DONATIONS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS, HE ADDED.

SIX "FUTURE IDOLS" WILL PROVIDE SOME NOSTALGIA WITH SONGS OF THREE DIFFERENT DECADES, WHILE ACTORS WILL PLAY THE ROLES OF VICE, GAMBLING AND DRUGS IN AN EDUCATIONAL DRAMA.

THE PROGRAMME WILL ALSO INCLUDE PERFORMANCES BY A MILITARY BAND AND A CHILDREN'S CHOIR; NEW-STYLE ACROBATIC FIGHTING IN CHINESE OPERA AND A COMEDY.

PRIOR TO THE SHOW, PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO RECIPIENTS OF THE "NORTH DISTRICT HELP THE POLICE SCHEME : GOOD CITIZEN AWARD", AND WINNERS OF AN INTER-SCHOOL COMPETITION ON THE FIGHT CRIME THEME.

A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, DR HO KAM-FAI WILL OFFICIATE AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS INCLUDE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR RAYMOND PANG; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM HUI; REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG AND THE FRONTIER POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR MICHAEL WATSON.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE SHOW. FREE ADMISSION TICKETS ARE NOW OBTAINABLE FROM THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

HOME VIEWERS CAN ALSO CATCH THE SHOW LIVE ON ATV-GOLD FROM 8.55 PM TO 10.30 PM TOMORROW.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY, STARTING 8 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY), FOLLOWED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME AND ANTI-NARCOTICS VARIETY SHOW.

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AREA COMMITTEE HOLDING SEMINAR ON DISTRICT AFFAIRS

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THE ABERDEEN AND HARBOUR AREA COMMITTEE WILL HOLD A SEMINAR TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL RESIDENTS' ORGANISATIONS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON DISTRICT AFFAIRS.

THE SEMINAR, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE AREA COMMITTEE, WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 2.30 PM TO 5 PM AT THE PUI TAK CANOSSIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL IN ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD.

THE SOUTHERN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR DAVID LEUNG, WILL GIVE A SPEECH AT THE OPENING OF THE SEMINAR AND THE AREA COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR CHAN KWONG, WILL REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE.

THE SEMINAR WILL FEATURE A VIDEO PROGRAMME ENTITLED "HAPPY AND SWEET HOME IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT" PRODUCED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD TO INTRODUCE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DISTRICT AND VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE BOARD'S WORK.

THERE WILL ALSO BE GROUP DISCUSSIONS ON TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND COMMUNITY BUILDING MATTERS. THE ISSUES RAISED WILL BE NOTED AND FOLLOWED UP BY THE AREA COMMITTEE.

ABOUT 60 REPRESENTATIVES FROM MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS' INCORPORATIONS AND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR ALONG WITH OFFICIALS FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

ALL RESIDENTS IN THE ABERDEEN AND HARBOUR AREA ARE ALSO WELCOME TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR AND TAKE PART IN THE GROUP DISCUSSIONS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE PUI TAK CANOSSIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL IN ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD.

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ANTI-SHOPTHEFT SEMINAR IN CENTRAL

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RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY PEOPLE IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT, ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AN ANTI-SHOPTHEFT SEMINAR AND VARIETY SHOW WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 4) AFTERNOON.

THE FUNCTION, BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM, IS ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE WITH THE AIM OF PROMOTING ANTI-SHOPTHEFT MESSAGES.

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A MEMBER OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR MARTIN LEE, WILL DELIVER A SPEECH AND ALSO OFFICIATE AT A BALLOON-RAISING CEREMONY.

OTHER GUESTS WILL BE THE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER (CENTRAL), MR W.H. KIRKHOPE; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER (WESTERN), MR R.C. TOAL; CENTRAL AND WESTERN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS JOEY LAM; CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR WU CHOR-NAM; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE ANTI-SHOPTHEFT AND VARIETY SHOW ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR LAM YIN-MING.

THE PROGRAMME INCLUDES DRAMA, CHINESE DANCE AND A KARATE EXHIBITION.

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VARIED SUNDAY FOR TUEN MUN RESIDENTS

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THREE DIFFERENT EVENTS, WHICH RESPECTIVELY ARE EDUCATIONAL, CHARITABLE AND ENTERTAINING IN NATURE, WILL BE STAGED IN TUEN MUN ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 4).

WITH FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD, THE SHAN KING CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE WILL STAGE AN EXHIBITION ON LABOUR LAW AND INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

THIS WILL BE HELD ON THE MUSIC FOUNTAIN PODIUM OF THE TUEN MUN TOWN PLAZA, FROM 11 AM TO 4.30 PM.

THE EXHIBITION AIMS AT ENHANCING LOCAL WORKING YOUTHS' KNOWLEDGE OF LABOUR LEGISLATION AND INDUSTRIAL SAFETY MEASURES.

IT WILL ALSO BE STAGED AT THE OPEN SPACE ADJACENT TO PLAYMATE INDUSTRIAL BUILDING ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 6) AND AT THE FOUNTAIN RESTAURANT ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 8).

IN YAU OI ESTATE, A CHARITY FAIR FEATURING PONY RIDES, CHARITY STALLS, A VARIETY SHOW AND PERFORMANCES BY DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE BASKETBALL COURT AND THE OI LOK SHOW STAGE, FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM.

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THE OBJECT IS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS.

THIS FAIR IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY 11 MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN YAU OI ESTATE IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS.

RESIDENTS ARE ALSO INVITED TO ATTEND THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT FAIR, WHICH WILL BE HELD FROM 1 PM TO 5 PM IN THE TUEN MUN PLAYGROUND, TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD, AS PART OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL FESTIVAL.

THERE WILL BE GAME STALLS, FOOD STALLS, INFLATED TOY ANIMALS, AND AN ALL-STAR SHOW SUITED TO THE YOUNG AND OLD.

ALL THREE EVENTS WILL BE OPENED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN WAN, DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN WAN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONIES OF THE THREE EVENTS TO BE HELD IN TUEN MUN ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 4).

THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EXHIBITION ON LABOUR LAW AND INDUSTRIAL SAFETY WILL BEGIN AT 11 AM AT THE TUEN MUN TOWN PLAZA.

THE CEREMONY FOR THE YAU OI ESTATE CHARITY FAIR WILL BE HELD AT 12.15 PM AT THE OI LOK SHOW STAGE, AND THE CEREMONY FOR THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT FAIR WILL TAKE PLACE AT 1 PM IN THE TUEN MUN PLAYGROUND.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENTS.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO TAKE GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT TO THE VENUES ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 10 AM.

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QUARANTINE CERTIFICATE CHARGES REVISED

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CHARGES FOR THE ISSUE OF CERTIFICATES AS PART OF SOME QUARANTINE PROCEDURES UNDERTAKEN BY THE PORT HEALTH OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL BE INCREASED WITH EFFECT FROM DECEMBER 9 THIS YEAR.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE REVISION OF THESE CHARGES FOLLOWED A COSTING REVIEW CONDUCTED EARLIER THIS YEAR.

UNDER THE QUARANTINE AND PREVENTION OF DISEASE (SCALE OF CHARGES) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1988 GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY), CHARGES FOR THREE OF THE QUARANTINE CERTIFICATES, NAMELY THE DERATTING CERTIFICATE, DERATTING EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE AND AIRCRAFT DISINSECTING CERTIFICATE, WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$1,200, \$700 AND \$220 TO \$2,000, \$950 AND \$270 RESPECTIVELY.

THESE CHARGES WERE LAST REVISED IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR.

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KOWLOON PARK DRIVE FLYOVER TO BE BUILT

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING TO BUILD A TWO-LANE NORTHBOUND FLYOVER IN KOWLOON PARK DRIVE ACROSS THE JUNCTION WITH CANTON ROAD TO IMPROVE VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC IN THE TSIM SHA TSUI AREA.

THE FLYOVER WILL ALSO PROVIDE A SINGLE TWO-LANE TWO-WAY ACCESS TO THE HARBOUR CITY DEVELOPMENT.

WHEN OPERATIONAL, THE FLYOVER WILL IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN CANTON ROAD AND KOWLOON PARK DRIVE AND WILL IMPROVE ACCESS TO THE CHINA HONG KONG FERRY TERMINAL AND THE HARBOUR CITY DEVELOPMENT.

THE EXISTING FOOTBRIDGE LINKING KOWLOON PARK ON EITHER SIDE OF KOWLOON PARK DRIVE WILL BE DEMOLISHED FOR ROAD WIDENING PURPOSES.

ALTERNATIVE ACCESS TO KOWLOON PARK WEST WILL BE PROVIDED FROM HAIPHONG ROAD.

THE CONSTRUCTION WORK IS SCHEDULED TO START NEXT MAY AND WILL TAKE 21 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

A NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED WORK WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

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PLANS SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG.

THEY CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE/KOWLOON WEST, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND AT THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE, HOP FAT COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 490-492 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31 NEXT YEAR.

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MUSIC OFFICE RECRUITS PROFESSIONAL STAFF

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THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH IS NOW RECRUITING FULL-TIME PROFESSIONAL STAFF IN VARIOUS CATEGORIES.

THE CATEGORIES ARE AURAL, THEORY AND CHORAL, CELLO, VIOLA, VIOLIN, CLARINET AND SAXOPHONE.

QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WILL ENTER AS AN ASSISTANT MUSIC OFFICER II WITH A PAY SCALE BETWEEN \$6,640 AND \$10,820 PER MONTH.

CANDIDATES SHOULD BE GRADUATES OF EITHER THE HONG KONG CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC OR THE ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS OR THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE, OR HAVE A DEGREE IN MUSIC FROM A RECOGNISED UNIVERSITY, OR POSSESS A RELEVANT ACCREDITATION.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE MADE ON GOVERNMENT FORMS (GF340) AND FORWARDED TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER (PERSONNEL AND GENERAL), MUSIC OFFICE, MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH, 25TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 12 THIS YEAR.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON 5-8235340.

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TRAMPOLINING COMPETITION FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS

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THE 1988-89 TRAMPOLINING COMPETITION FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL BE HELD AT THE SPORTS STADIUM OF THE DELIA MEMORIAL SCHOOL AT MEI FOO SUN CHUEN ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 4).

THE COMPETITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION.

MORE THAN 160 BOYS AND GIRLS FROM 16 SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL TAKE PART IN THE COMPETITION STARTING AT 9 AM ON SUNDAY.

THERE WILL BE SIX DIVISIONS FOR TEAMS AND INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS IN THE CONTEST.

THE PRINCIPAL LECTURER (PHYSICAL EDUCATION) OF THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, MR NELSON LEE, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO THE WINNERS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE COMPETITION AT ABOUT 4.30 PM.

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN KOWLOON TO BE CLOSED DOWN

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY INTENDS TO SEEK CLOSURE ORDERS ON A NUMBER OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN KOWLOON SO THAT DEMOLITION COULD BE CARRIED OUT WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS OR TO THE PUBLIC.

THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES WERE ERECTED IN THE LANES AND YARDS ADJOINING 456, 456A AND 458A SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET AND 56-56A WONG CHUK STREET.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS FROM THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 AM ON JANUARY 4, 1989 WERE POSTED UPON CONSPICUOUS PARTS OF THE STRUCTURES TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE CLOSURE IS PART OF AN EXERCISE TO ENFORCE THE ORDERS ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE TODAY REQUIRING THE DEMOLITION OF THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES.

IT IS INTENDED THAT THE DEMOLITION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CLOSURE ORDERS ARE OBTAINED.

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NEW ROADWORKS ON RECLAMATION AT SAI KUNG CREEK

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO CARRY OUT ROADWORKS AT THE NEW RECLAMATION TO BE FORMED AT SAI KUNG CREEK.

THE NEW RECLAMATION IS PRIMARILY TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION OF A RURAL PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE AND VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT AREA AND THE PROPOSED ROADWORKS WILL PROVIDE ACCESS TO THESE NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

THE PROPOSAL ALSO INCLUDES A WATERFRONT PROMENADE, A NUMBER OF PARKING AREAS AND EMERGENCY VEHICULAR ACCESS.

WORKS ARE INTENDED TO BEGIN NEXT APRIL AND BE COMPLETED IN 30 MONTHS.

DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL WERE PUBLISHED IN A NOTICE IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY) AND A RELEVANT NOTICE, IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, HAS ALSO BEEN POSTED NEAR THE SITE OF THE PROPOSED WORKS.

A PLAN SHOWING THE EXTENT OF THE PROPOSED WORKS, TOGETHER WITH A SCHEME DESCRIPTION, CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG.

IT CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN.

ANY PERSON WISHING TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 31 NEXT YEAR.

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SHA TIN BUS LANES TO EXTEND OPERATING HOURS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE OPERATING HOURS OF THE BUS LANES ON LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD, HUNG MUI KUK ROAD AND CHE KUNG MIU ROAD, SHA TIN, WILL BE EXTENDED BY 30 MINUTES TO END AT 9.30 AM FROM MONDAY (DECEMBER 5).

THE BUS-ONLY LANES WILL BE EFFECTIVE BETWEEN 7.30 AM AND 9.30 AM DAILY EXCEPT ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE BUS LANE SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED IN MAY LAST YEAR TO SPEED UP THE FLOW OF PASSENGERS TRAVELLING TO WORK THROUGH THE LION ROCK TUNNEL.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURES ON LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS, SECTIONS OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD IN SHA TIN WILL BE CLOSED FROM ONE MINUTE PAST MIDNIGHT TO 6 AM ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

- * DECEMBER 5 - FAST LANE OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD SOUTHBOUND BETWEEN LION ROCK TUNNEL TOLL PLAZA AND HUNG MUI KUK INTERCHANGE.
- * DECEMBER 7 - FAST LANE OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD SOUTHBOUND BETWEEN HUNG MUI KUK INTERCHANGE AND SUN TIN WAI ESTATE.
- * DECEMBER 14 - SLOW LANE OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD SOUTHBOUND BETWEEN LION ROCK TUNNEL TOLL PLAZA AND HUNG MUI KUK INTERCHANGE.
- * DECEMBER 20 - SLOW LANE OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD SOUTHBOUND BETWEEN HUNG MUI KUK INTERCHANGE AND SUN TIN WAI ESTATE.

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PARTIAL LANE CLOSURE OF TUEN MUN ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE THREE TRAFFIC LANES ON TUEN MUN ROAD SOUTHBOUND NEAR BROTHER BRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED IN ROTATION FROM DECEMBER 4 (SUNDAY) TO 13 FOR ROAD RESURFACING WORKS.

DURING THE WORKS PERIOD, AT LEAST TWO TRAFFIC LANES WILL BE MAINTAINED FOR SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC BETWEEN 6.30 AM AND 9 PM BUT MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO USE THE ALTERNATIVE ROUTEING VIA CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

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NO-STOPPING RESTRICTIONS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS IN TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BECOME 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 5):

- * THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF MIDDLE ROAD BETWEEN NATHAN ROAD AND HANKOW ROAD; AND
- * THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF HANKOW ROAD BETWEEN MIDDLE ROAD AND PEKING ROAD.

ALSO FROM 10 AM ON THE SAME DAY (MONDAY), SEVERAL ROAD SECTIONS IN KOWLOON AND ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL BE MADE TEMPORARY URBAN CLEARWAYS DURING THE FOLLOWING PERIODS FOR ROADWORKS:

- * NAM CHEONG STREET SOUTHBOUND BETWEEN CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD AND YU CHAU STREET, FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY, FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS;
- * THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF QUEEN'S ROAD WEST BETWEEN HOUSE NO. 4 AND ITS JUNCTION WITH QUEEN STREET, ALSO FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY, FOR ABOUT FIVE WEEKS; AND
- * SHEK PAI WAN ROAD FROM A POINT ABOUT SEVEN METRES BETWEEN EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH TIN WAN STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 50 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BECOME URBAN CLEARWAY ROUND-THE-CLOCK FOR ABOUT SEVEN DAYS

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

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KWUN TONG TOWN CENTRE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE KWUN TONG TOWN CENTRE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 5) TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION.

THE TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS ARE:

- * YEE ON STREET BETWEEN HONG NING ROAD AND TUNG MING STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND;
- * MING CHI STREET BETWEEN HONG NING ROAD AND TUNG MING STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO ONE-WAY EASTBOUND;
- * THE STRAIGHT-AHEAD TRAFFIC MOVEMENT OF HONG NING ROAD SOUTHBOUND NORTH OF MUT WAH STREET TO THE SECTION SOUTH OF MUT WAH STREET WILL BE BANNED;
- * VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT FROM TUNG MING STREET SOUTHBOUND TO YEE ON STREET BETWEEN HONG NING ROAD AND TUNG MING STREET;
- * THE LEFT-TURN TRAFFIC MOVEMENT FROM TUNG MING STREET SOUTHBOUND TO NGAU TAU KOK ROAD EASTBOUND WILL ALSO BE BANNED.

VEHICLES TRAVELLING FROM HONG NING ROAD SOUTHBOUND NORTH OF MUT WAH STREET TO KWUN TONG ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA HONG NING ROAD SOUTHBOUND, MUT WAH STREET EASTBOUND, HIP WO STREET SOUTHBOUND AND KWUN TONG ROAD.

VEHICLES TRAVELLING FROM TUNG MING STREET SOUTHBOUND TO MUT WAH STREET/KWUN TONG ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA MING CHI STREET EASTBOUND, HONG NING ROAD SOUTHBOUND, MUT WAH STREET EASTBOUND, HIP WO STREET SOUTHBOUND AND KWUN TONG ROAD.

MOTORISTS FROM HONG NING ROAD SOUTHBOUND HEADING FOR KWUN TONG ROAD WESTBOUND ARE ADVISED TO RE-ROUTE VIA YEE ON STREET, TUNG MING STREET SOUTHBOUND, NGAU TAU KOK ROAD WESTBOUND AND ELEGANCE ROAD.

IN ADDITION, GMB ROUTES 22M, 36 AND 36A WILL BE DIVERTED.

MEANWHILE, FROM 11 AM ON THE SAME DAY (MONDAY), HANG ON STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.

MOTORISTS FROM NGAU TAU KOK ROAD EASTBOUND HEADING FOR HANG ON STREET WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LUEN ON STREET, YEE ON STREET AND TUNG MING STREET.

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