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ACTING GOVERNOR VISITS FACTORIES

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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID FORD, TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED A MACHINERY FACTORY AND A PRINTING FIRM WHICH REPRESENT TWO OF HONG KONG'S FASTEST GROWING INDUSTRIES.

THE TWO FACTORIES ARE LOCATED AT TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

SIR DAVID FIRST VISITED CHEN HSONG MACHINERY COMPANY LIMITED, WHICH PRODUCES PLASTICS INJECTION MACHINES, SMALL INDUSTRIAL ROBOTS, PRECISION MOULDS AND OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS AND SERVICES.

HE WAS TOLD THAT CHEN HSONG WAS THE FIRST FACTORY TO EMPLOY THE "COMPUTER INTEGRATED MANUFACTURING" CONCEPT. THIS INCLUDES THE COMPUTER AIDED DESIGN AND COMPUTER AIDED MANUFACTURING (CAD/CAM) SYSTEMS, THE FLEXIBLE MANUFACTURING SYSTEM (FMS), THE AUTOMATIC STORAGE AND RETRIEVAL SYSTEM (ASRS) AND THE MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (MIS).

THE INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY INDUSTRY HAS GROWN FROM 695 ESTABLISHMENTS IN 1970 TO 4,817 IN 1988 AND THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED FROM 6,814 TO 26,018. IT SUPPLIES ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF LOCAL INDUSTRIAL REQUIREMENTS.

THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY INCREASED FROM \$9 MILLION IN 1960 TO \$2,910 MILLION IN 1989. THE LARGEST EXPORT ITEM IS PLASTICS MACHINERY.

SIR DAVID NEXT VISITED TIMES RINGIER (HONG KONG) LIMITED, WHICH OCCUPIES 100,000 SQUARE FEET ON THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

THE COMPANY EMPLOYS STATE-OF-THE-ART TECHNOLOGY IN COMMERCIAL PRINTING, INCLUDING TWO WEB OFFSET PRINTING PRESSES, ONE OF WHICH HAS A SIX-UNIT SYSTEM CAPABLE OF PRINTING SIX COLOURS. IT WAS THE FIRST SUCH MACHINE INSTALLED IN HONG KONG.

THE LOCAL PRINTING INDUSTRY HAS GROWN FROM 1,532 FACTORIES IN 1975 TO 3,980 IN 1989, WITH THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED GOING UP FROM 19,488 TO 36,414 DURING THE SAME PERIOD.

GROSS OUTPUT OF THE INDUSTRY GREW FROM \$4,588 MILLION IN 1981 TO \$8,480 MILLION IN 1987, WITH THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASING FROM \$32 MILLION IN 1969 TO \$3,211 MILLION IN 1989.

THE LARGEST EXPORT ITEMS OF THE PRINTING INDUSTRY ARE BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS, WHICH HAVE CONSISTENTLY ACCOUNTED FOR ABOUT HALF THE VALUE OF THE INDUSTRY'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS SINCE 1960.

SIR DAVID WAS MET BY THE SENIOR MANAGEMENT OF THE TWO COMPANIES WHO GAVE HIM A GUIDED TOUR OF THEIR RESPECTIVE MANUFACTURING PLANTS.

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GRADING OF BEACH WATER QUALITY
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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF ALL BATHING BEACHES IN HONG KONG.

THE PURPOSE OF THE GRADING SYSTEM IS TO INFORM SWIMMERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT THE STATE OF BACTERIAL POLLUTION AT VARIOUS BEACHES.

THE GRADING WILL BE ANNOUNCED BIWEEKLY DURING THE BATHING SEASON TO COINCIDE WITH THE FREQUENCY AT WHICH BEACH WATERS ARE USUALLY SAMPLED.

THE GRADING IS BASED ON THE MOST RECENT E. COLI DATA OBTAINED BY THE EPD IN ITS ROUTINE MONITORING PROGRAMME. AS WITH LAST YEAR, THE GRADING ALSO INCLUDES AN ESTIMATE OF THE RISK OF SUFFERING SOME MINOR SKIN OR GASTROINTESTINAL COMPLAINTS AS A RESULT OF SWIMMING AT A BEACH WHICH HAS SOME DEGREE OF POLLUTION.

THE ESTIMATE IS BASED ON A VERY LARGE BODY OF STATISTICAL INFORMATION GATHERED IN HONG KONG IN RECENT BATHING SEASONS.

THE GRADING OF SOME BEACHES MAY VARY DURING THE SUMMER. THIS REPRESENTS A NATURAL FLUCTUATION IN THE BACTERIAL QUALITY OF BATHING WATERS IN MOST CASES, AS RAIN AND TIDES BRING MORE OR LESS POLLUTION TO THE BEACHES.

HOWEVER, THE GRADES GIVE A GOOD GENERAL PICTURE OF THE WATER QUALITY AT BATHING BEACHES AT THE TIME OF REPORTING AND FORM THE BEST AVAILABLE FORECAST FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

THE SYSTEM FOR GRADING BEACH WATER QUALITY IS AS FOLLOWS:

GRADE "1" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS GOOD. THE E. COLI COUNT IS NO MORE THAN 24 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED RISK OF MINOR ILLNESS TO SWIMMERS IS UNDETECTABLE.

GRADE "2" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS FAIR. THE E. COLI COUNT IS NO MORE THAN 180 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS NO MORE THAN 10 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

GRADE "3" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS ACCEPTABLE. THE E. COLI COUNT IS NO MORE THAN 610 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS NO MORE THAN 15 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

GRADE "4" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS POOR. THE E. COLI COUNT IS MORE THAN 610 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS MORE THAN 15 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

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THE DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO CLOSE A BEACH TO SWIMMERS IS BASED ON A JUDGEMENT OF WHAT DEGREE OF POLLUTION IS ACCEPTABLE.

NORMALLY, THE CLOSURE OF A BEACH WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED BY THE URBAN OR REGIONAL COUNCIL IF A "4" GRADING OCCURRED REPEATEDLY, SO THAT THE AVERAGE HEALTH RISK OVER THE BATHING SEASON EXCEEDED 15 CASES PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

SIMILARLY, THE REOPENING OF A CLOSED BEACH WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED IF A "3" GRADE OR BETTER WERE CONSISTENTLY OBTAINED.

AT PRESENT, TWO BATHING BEACHES, NAMELY CASTLE PEAK AND OLD CAFETERIA, HAVE BEEN DECLARED UNSUITABLE FOR SWIMMING PURPOSES, BASED ON THE WATER QUALITY DURING PAST SEASONS.

THEY ARE POLLUTED BY FAECAL WASTES AND FAIL TO ACHIEVE CONSISTENTLY THE HONG KONG STANDARDS. THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED NOT TO SWIM IN THE WATER AT THESE TWO BEACHES.

IN ADDITION, ROCKY BAY BEACH HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR SWIMMING PURPOSES BY THE URBAN COUNCIL. THESE THREE BEACHES ARE IDENTIFIED BY AN "X" IN THE FOLLOWING LIST.

THE GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF VARIOUS BEACHES IN HONG KONG AS AT TODAY ARE LISTED BELOW:

BEACH -----	LAST GRADING ----- (AS AT 9.8.90)	PRESENT GRADING ----- (AS AT 23.8.90)
HONG KONG SOUTH -----		
BIG WAVE BAY	2	2
CHUNG HOM KOK	1	2
DEEP WATER BAY	2	2
HAIRPIN	2	1
MIDDLE BAY	1	1
REPULSE BAY	1	1
SHEK O	2	2
SOUTH BAY	1	1
ST STEPHEN'S	2	1
TURTLE COVE	2	2
STANLEY MAIN	1	1

/ROCKY BAY

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ROCKY BAY	X	X
TO TEI WAN*	1	1
TUEN MUN DISTRICT		

OLD CAFETERIA	X	X
NEW CAFETERIA	3	3
CASTLE PEAK	X	X
KADOORIE	3	3
BUTTERFLY	2	2
ISLANDS DISTRICT		

CHEUNG SHA UPPER	1	1
CHEUNG SHA LOWER	1	2
DISCOVERY BAY*	1	1
HUNG SHING YEH	1	1
KWUN YAM WAN	1	1
TONG FUK	1	1
LO SO SHING	1	1
PUI O	1	1
SILVERMINE BAY	2	2
TUNG WAN, CHEUNG CHAU	2	2
TUNG O*	1	1
SAI KUNG DISTRICT		

CAMPERS	1	1
CLEAR WATER BAY 1ST BEACH	2	2
CLEAR WATER BAY 2ND BEACH	2	2
HAP MUN BAY	1	1
KIU TSUI	1	1

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PAK SHA CHAU	1	1
SILVERSTRAND	2	2
TRIO (HEBE HAVEN)	1	1
TSUEN WAN DISTRICT		

ANGLERS'	4	4
APPROACH	3	3
CASAM	3	3
GEMINI	2	2
HOI MEI WAN	3	2
LIDO	3	3
TING KAU	4	3
TUNG WAN, MA WAN	2	1

NOTE: "X" THE BEACH HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR SWIMMING PURPOSES.
* NON-GAZETTED BEACHES.

THE FOLLOWING BEACHES HAVE CHANGED GRADING ON THIS OCCASION:

HAIRPIN, ST STEPHEN'S AND TUNG WAN ON MA WAN, FROM "2" TO "1";
HOI MEI WAN, FROM "3" TO "2"; CHUNG HOM KOK AND CHEUNG SHA
LOWER, FROM "1" TO "2".

THE CHANGES ARE WITHIN THE NORMAL RANGE OF FLUCTUATION OF THE
BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF THESE BEACHES.

TING KAU, FROM "4" TO "3".

TING KAU BEACH IS UPGRADED IN THIS OCCASION. THE PREVIOUS
GRADE WAS DUE TO THE HEAVY RAINFALL IN JUNE AND JULY WHICH HAD
CAUSED THE POLLUTANTS IN THE BEACH HINTERLAND TO BE FLUSHED
INTO THE SEA WATER.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT THE ACTING PRINCIPAL
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER (WATER POLICY) OF THE EPD, DR M.J.
BROOM, ON TEL. 835 1234.

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ED CONCERNS OVER CHILDREN TRAVELLING TO/FROM SCHOOL

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THE FOLLOWING IS ISSUED IN REPLY TO MEDIA ENQUIRIES ON THE PETITION TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE CONCERN OF PRIMARY 1 SCHOOL PLACES:

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SHARES WITH PARENTS THE SAME CONCERN OVER YOUNG CHILDREN TRAVELLING TO AND FROM SCHOOL, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO HAVE JUST GRADUATED FROM KINDERGARTEN TO PRIMARY 1.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS TAKEN THIS INTO CONSIDERATION IN ALLOCATING PRIMARY 1 SCHOOL PLACES.

CHILDREN GRADUATING FROM KINDERGARTEN TO PRIMARY 1 ARE ALLOCATED SCHOOLS WHICH ARE WITHIN REASONABLE DISTANCE FROM THEIR HOMES IN THEIR OWN DISTRICT, UNLIKE THE SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES ALLOCATION SYSTEM IN WHICH OLDER STUDENTS WOULD BE ALLOCATED SCHOOLS ON A TERRITORY-WIDE BASIS.

THE PETITION TODAY IS OVER THE ALLOCATION OF SOME 100 CHILDREN FROM LONG PING PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE IN YUEN LONG TO TWO PRIMARY SCHOOLS, ALSO IN YUEN LONG.

A DELEGATION HEADED BY SOME YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS VISITED THE DEPARTMENT IN JUNE TO DISCUSS THEIR DEMANDS FOR RE-ALLOCATION WHICH WERE CONSIDERED CAREFULLY AND SYMPATHETICALLY.

IT WAS THEN POINTED OUT TO THEM THAT THE TWO SCHOOLS WHERE THEIR CHILDREN WILL BE ATTENDING ARE ONLY ABOUT 15 MINUTES WALK FROM THEIR HOMES.

THE PARENTS ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD MAKE USE OF VACANT CLASSROOMS IN THREE NEW PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN LONG PING ESTATE.

THEY WERE TOLD THAT THE VACANT CLASSROOMS HAVE BEEN RESERVED FOR THE CHILDREN OF ABOUT 500 FAMILIES, BECAUSE OF THE SOUTHERN BY-PASS PROJECT, WHO WILL BE RELOCATED TO THE ESTATE FROM TAI KEI LENG, SHUNG CHING SUN TSUEN, SHAM CHUNG AND YAU TIN TSUEN, AND OTHER CHILDREN IN THE DISTRICT MOVING UP TO PRIMARY 1 IN THE COMING YEAR.

THEY ALSO SUGGESTED ENLARGING THE PRIMARY 1 CLASSES IN THE ESTATE SCHOOLS TO ACCOMMODATE THEIR CHILDREN, BUT IT WAS POINTED OUT TO THEM THAT IT WAS NOT DESIRABLE AS IT WOULD BE UNFAIR TO TEACHERS AND PUPILS.

THE DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THE DESIRE OF THESE PARENTS FOR THEIR CHILDREN TO STUDY IN MORE CONVENIENT LOCATIONS AND HOPES THEY, IN TURN, WILL UNDERSTAND THAT THE DEPARTMENT WILL TRY ITS BEST WHENEVER POSSIBLE TO FULFIL THE WISHES OF PARENTS AND PUPILS.

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LEMONS TESTED AND SAFE FOR CONSUMPTION

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THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH (HYGIENE), DR MAHOMMED BIN ALI, TODAY (THURSDAY) STATED THAT LABORATORY TESTING ON CONSIGNMENTS OF LEMONS SAMPLED HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO BE SAFE FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

THE SAMPLES OF LEMONS WERE COLLECTED RECENTLY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S HYGIENE DIVISION FOR LABORATORY TESTING FOLLOWING REPORTS FROM SOUTH KOREA THAT A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF A HERBICIDE, 2,4-D HAD BEEN FOUND ON US-PRODUCED LEMONS IN JAPAN.

"OUT OF THE CONSIGNMENTS TESTED, SEVEN HAD BEEN IMPORTED FROM THE USA," DR ALI ADDED.

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REMINDER ON SECOND FLOATING HOLIDAY

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THIS YEAR'S SECOND STATUTORY FLOATING HOLIDAY FALLS ON AUGUST 27, THE LAST MONDAY IN AUGUST.

UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, ALL EMPLOYEES SHALL BE GRANTED THEIR SECOND FLOATING HOLIDAY ON THIS DATE IF THE EMPLOYER HAS NOT FIXED A DATE FOR THAT HOLIDAY AND IF THE EMPLOYEE HAS NOT REQUESTED IT TO BE ADDED ONTO HIS PAID ANNUAL LEAVE.

IN ADDITION, AN EMPLOYEE IS ENTITLED TO BE PAID FOR THAT HOLIDAY IF HE HAS WORKED FOR HIS EMPLOYER CONTINUOUSLY FOR THREE MONTHS PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY.

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

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

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

ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE AT ANY BRANCH OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE.

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COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDS CALLED FOR APPLICATION

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGENCY SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) A NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS WOULD BE OFFERED TO HONG KONG CITIZENS, UNDER THE COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP PLAN BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, CANADA, NEW ZEALAND, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AND NIGERIA.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THESE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE INTENDED FOR HONG KONG CITIZENS OF HIGH INTELLECTUAL PROMISE WHO ARE EXPECTED TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY OF HONG KONG ON THEIR RETURN FROM STUDY ABROAD.

"THEY ARE PRIMARILY AVAILABLE FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDY OR RESEARCH AT OVERSEAS UNIVERSITIES NORMALLY EXTENDING OVER A PERIOD OF TWO ACADEMIC YEARS," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE AWARDS WILL COVER APPROVED EXPENSES FOR TRAVEL, LIVING AND STUDY DURING THE TENURE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP.

CANDIDATES SHOULD BE HONG KONG CITIZENS WHO ARE NOT MORE THAN 35 YEARS OF AGE AT THE TIME THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMENCES AND PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE BELOW 28 YEARS OF AGE.

THEY SHOULD BE GRADUATES OF RECOGNISED UNIVERSITIES OR HOLDERS OF EQUIVALENT QUALIFICATIONS. CANDIDATES WHO ARE RECOMMENDED FOR THE AWARDS MUST SATISFY CERTAIN LANGUAGE, HEALTH AND IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS.

APPLICATION FORMS AND DETAILED INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGENCY, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, GROUND FLOOR, LOW BLOCK, 66 QUEENSWAY AS FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

COMPLETED FORMS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE SAME OFFICE NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 29, 1990. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS TO BE CLOSED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE A NUMBER OF UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS IN SHEUNG SHUI SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND TO THE PUBLIC.

THE STRUCTURES ARE LOCATED AT LOT 937 AND AN ADJACENT CROWN LAND IN KAM TSIN.

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NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS FROM THE SHA TIN DISTRICT COURT ON SEPTEMBER 13 WERE POSTED ON CONSPICUOUS PARTS OF THE STRUCTURES TODAY (THURSDAY).

UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE, A CLOSURE ORDER IS REQUIRED BEFORE THE DEMOLITION CAN BE CARRIED OUT.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT DEMOLITION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT ONCE THE CLOSURE ORDERS ARE OBTAINED.

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SWIMMERS INVITED TO ENTER TOLO HARBOUR SWIM
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SWIMMERS AGED 12 OR ABOVE ARE INVITED TO ENTER THE 23RD CROSS TOLO HARBOUR SWIM TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 7 (SUNDAY), STARTING AT 10 AM.

THE 2,400-METRE RACE, FROM SHUEN WAN TO TAI MEI TUK IN TAI PO, IS ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND CO-SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND A BREWERY.

TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FIRST 10 SWIMMERS IN THE MEN'S AND THE WOMEN'S SECTIONS. THOSE WHO CAN COMPLETE THE FULL COURSE WITHIN 90 MINUTES WILL RECEIVE COMMEMORATIVE CERTIFICATES.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES, OFFICES OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE, THE TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION AT LI FOOK LAM INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE IN ON CHEUNG ROAD, AND THE TAI PO JOCKEY CLUB SWIMMING POOL IN ON PONG ROAD.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE LI FOOK LAM INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE BY SEPTEMBER 15.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON 656 8661.

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HOLIDAY CLINIC SERVICES
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EIGHT GOVERNMENT OUT-PATIENT CLINICS WILL REMAIN OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM ON THE TWO PUBLIC HOLIDAYS ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 25) AND MONDAY (AUGUST 27, THE LIBERATION DAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

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

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

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EARLY WELFARE PAYMENT

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RECIPIENTS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE HOLDING CASH ORDER BOOK COUPONS MAY RECEIVE EARLIER WELFARE PAYMENT IF THEIR PAYMENT DATES FALL ON THE COMING HOLIDAYS FROM SATURDAY TO MONDAY (AUGUST 25 TO 27).

A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THEY MAY CASH THEIR COUPONS TOMORROW (FRIDAY) OR AFTER THE HOLIDAYS AT THE DESIGNATED POST OFFICES AND TREASURY SUB-OFFICES.

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TRAM PARADE TO PUBLICISE 'BEATING RETREAT'

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THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (CSD) WILL HOLD A TRAM PARADE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN CENTRAL AND CAUSEWAY BAY AREAS TO PUBLICISE THE "BEATING RETREAT" SHOW BY CSD SCOUTS NEXT MONTH.

THE PARADE WILL START AT 4 PM AND IS EXPECTED TO LAST TWO HOURS.

MEMBERS OF THE 221ST HONG KONG SCOUT GROUP WILL PRESENT BAND PERFORMANCES ON BOARD THE TRAM.

THE "BEATING RETREAT" SHOW WILL BE STAGED AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM ON SEPTEMBER 13 AND 14 TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE COMMUNITY CHEST.

ADMISSION TICKETS AT \$10 EACH ARE NOW ON SALE AT ALL URBIX OUTLETS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TRAM PARADE WHICH WILL START OFF AT 4 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) FROM THE WHITTY STREET TRAM TERMINAL IN WESTERN.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO TAKE PRESS TRANSPORT TO THE VENUE SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT GROUND FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT 3.15 PM TOMORROW.

DURING THE PARADE, CSD'S ACTING SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT (YOUNG OFFENDERS), MR TAM KAM-CHUNG, WILL BRIEF MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ON SCOUTING ACTIVITIES ORGANISED FOR TRAINING CENTRE INMATES. THE 221ST HONG KONG SCOUT GROUP'S PRESIDENT, MR LAU HON-WAH, AND ITS CHAIRMAN, MR HERMAN HUI, WILL ALSO BE PRESENT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

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VARIETY SHOW TO CLOSE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME
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A VARIETY SHOW WILL BE HELD IN THE NORTH DISTRICT TOWN HALL, SHEUNG SHUI, TOMORROW (FRIDAY) EVENING TO MARK THE CLOSING OF THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

THERE WILL BE PERFORMANCES BY POP SINGERS, A CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND AN ORIENTAL DANCE TROUPE.

THE SHOW IS CO-ORGANISED BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE NORTH DISTRICT ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION, AND IS SPONSORED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

OFFICIATING GUESTS AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY WILL INCLUDE THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR RAYMOND PANG; THE ASSISTANT NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER (COMMUNITY AFFAIRS), MR PATRICK HO; AND THE ACTING POLICE FRONTIER DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR TSUI YIU-KWONG.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE NORTH DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CLOSING CEREMONY AND VARIETY SHOW TO BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE NORTH DISTRICT TOWN HALL, LUNG SUM AVENUE, SHEUNG SHUI. THE CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 7.30 PM.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN WAN CHAI
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (FRIDAY), THE RIGHT-TURN MOVEMENT FROM QUEEN'S ROAD EAST WESTBOUND ONTO SPRING GARDEN LANE NORTHBOUND, IN WAN CHAI, WILL BE BANNED FOR THREE WEEKS TO FACILITATE DRAINAGE CONNECTION AND REPAIR WORKS.

MOTORISTS ON QUEEN'S ROAD EAST WESTBOUND HEADING FOR SPRING GARDEN LANE NORTHBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TAI WONG STREET EAST, JOHNSTON ROAD, LEE TUNG STREET AND QUEEN'S ROAD EAST EASTBOUND.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 25), THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF ROADS WILL BE DESIGNATED BAN ZONES FOR VEHICLES WITH GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT OVER 5.5 TONNES:

- (A) BISNEY ROAD WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH POKFULAM ROAD,
- (B) BISNEY ROAD NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH VICTORIA ROAD, AND
- (C) CONSORT RISE SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH VICTORIA ROAD.

ALL VEHICLES WITH GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT OVER 5.5 TONNES, EXCEPT THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE ABOVE PROHIBITED ZONES 24 HOURS DAILY.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF ROADS WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY:

- (A) THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF AN UNNAMED ROAD LEADING TO ST. STEPHEN'S BEACH FROM THE EASTERN-MOST PARKING SPACE AT THE TURN-ROUND TO A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES TO THE EAST.
- (B) THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF AN UNNAMED ROAD LEADING TO ST. STEPHEN'S BEACH FROM THE EASTERN-MOST PARKING SPACE AT THE TURN-ROUND TO A POINT ABOUT 15 METRES TO THE EAST.

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

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