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STEPS BEING TAKEN TO EASE SOCIAL WORKER SHORTAGE

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THE GOVERNMENT IS IMPLEMENTING A PACKAGE OF MEASURES DESIGNED TO REDRESS THE PROBLEM OF A SHORTAGE OF TRAINED SOCIAL WORKERS, THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR T.H. CHAU, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE SAID THE FINDINGS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE MANPOWER PLANNING SYSTEM REPORT NO. 1, PUBLISHED LAST YEAR, INDICATED THAT UNLESS STEPS WERE TAKEN, THERE WOULD BE A SERIOUS SHORTFALL OF TRAINED SOCIAL WORKERS LOCALLY INTO THE 1990'S.

MR CHAU WAS SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HONG KONG SOCIAL WORKERS ASSOCIATION.

"WAYS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF MANPOWER SHORTAGE INCLUDE, IN THE MAIN, ADDITIONAL INTAKE OF SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS TO TRAIN MORE SOCIAL WORKERS AND THE RECRUITMENT OF OVERSEAS TRAINED SOCIAL WORKERS, WHICH MAY BE CONSIDERED MID-TERM AND LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS," HE SAID.

"THE LOCAL SOCIAL WORK TRAINING COURSES AT PRESENT ARE QUITE WELL-DEVELOPED. COURSES OF DIFFERENT LEVELS AND NATURE ARE PROVIDED IN SIX TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS AND THE NUMBER OF LOCALLY TRAINED SOCIAL WORK GRADUATES RANGES FROM 400 TO 500 EACH YEAR.

"YET, TO MEET THE PRESSING NEED IN THE MEANTIME, THE GOVERNMENT HAS NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO CONTINUE RECRUITING NON-SOCIAL-WORK-TRAINED GRADUATES AS ASSISTANT SOCIAL WORK OFFICERS TO WHOM QUALIFYING PROFESSIONAL TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED.

"THIS MEASURE WILL CERTAINLY HELP TO INCREASE MANPOWER SUPPLY IN THE SHORT RUN SO THAT VARIOUS WELFARE PLANS AND PROJECTS IN THE PIPELINE CAN BE IMPLEMENTED."

AS REGARDS QUALITY, MR CHAU SAID THAT THROUGH THE EXCHANGE OF WORKING EXPERIENCE AND PROFESSIONAL SKILLS, SOCIAL WORKERS WOULD BE ABLE TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN POTENTIAL, THEREBY ALSO IMPROVING THE QUALITY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SERVICES.

"IT IS MY BELIEF THAT GREATER PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION OF SOCIAL WORKERS AND A WIDER ACCEPTANCE BY THE COMMUNITY CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED THROUGH CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT," HE SAID.

MR CHAU POINTED OUT THAT SOCIAL SERVICES HAD BECOME MORE AND MORE SPECIALISED, AND THAT THE ROLE OF SOCIAL WORKERS WAS NO LONGER CONFINED TO BEING CASEWORKERS OR GROUP WORKERS ONLY.

"MORE PRECISE DIVISION OF LABOUR AND MORE SPECIALISED SERVICES ARE INEVITABLE," HE SAID.

"THE IMPACT OF SPECIALISATION IS THAT THE LINKAGE AND COMPLETENESS OF SERVICES MAY BE JEOPARDISED. IT IS THEREFORE VERY IMPORTANT THAT THERE SHOULD BE MORE CO-ORDINATION AND CO-OPERATION AMONG SOCIAL WORKERS FROM DIFFERENT FIELDS."

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MR CHAU ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE RANGE OF SERVICES WAS BEING CONSTANTLY BROADENED IN SPITE OF THE EVER INCREASING SPECIALISATION OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

"AS THE RANGE OF SOCIAL SERVICES HAS BECOME MORE EXTENSIVE, SOCIAL WORKERS MUST ACCORDINGLY ENRICH THEIR PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE SO AS TO DEVELOP MORE NEW WORKING STRATEGIES AND SKILLS," HE SAID.

"FRONT-LINE WORKERS SHOULD ALSO MATCH THEIR PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE WITH ACADEMIC RESEARCH FINDINGS SO THAT THE PROFESSIONAL FIELD OF SOCIAL WORK WILL BE BROADENED AND ENRICHED."

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VIEWS TO BE SOUGHT ON DMC'S
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A CONSULTATIVE PAPER WILL BE PUBLISHED SHORTLY TO SOLICIT PUBLIC VIEWS ON PROPOSALS TO REMEDY UNFAIR PROVISIONS IN DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT (DMC'S) OF PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS ENTERED INTO BEFORE DECEMBER 1987.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (FRIDAY), THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR PAUL LEUNG, SAID THE PROPOSALS WERE MADE FOLLOWING DETAILED DELIBERATIONS BY A GOVERNMENT WORKING GROUP SET UP IN APRIL 1987 TO EXAMINE WAYS TO RECTIFY DEFICIENCIES IN DMC'S.

"THE GROUP FOUND THAT CERTAIN EXISTING DMC'S CONTAIN PROVISIONS UNFAIR TO SMALL FLAT OWNERS AND RECOMMENDS THAT OWNERS CURRENTLY BOUND BY THESE PROVISIONS BE GRANTED RELIEF," MR LEUNG SAID.

HE EXPLAINED THAT A DMC IS PREPARED BY SOLICITORS APPOINTED BY THE DEVELOPER AND ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE DEVELOPER AND THE FIRST PURCHASER.

ASSIGNMENT OF THE UNITS IN THE DEVELOPMENT TO SUBSEQUENT PURCHASERS ARE SUBJECT TO THE BENEFIT AND BURDEN OF THE DMC. THE PURCHASER HAS NO REAL FREEDOM TO NEGOTIATE THE TERMS OF THE DEED.

"THIS SITUATION CAN BE OPEN TO ABUSE BY SOME DEVELOPERS WISHING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE PROVISIONS OF THE DEED UNFAIRLY FAVOURING THEM AT THE EXPENSE OF THE PURCHASERS," MR LEUNG SAID.

THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION HAD LED TO THE INTRODUCTION ON DECEMBER 1, 1987 OF SPECIFIC GUIDELINES FOR THE DRAFTING OF NEW DMC'S.

THE GUIDELINES WERE DRAWN UP BY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE LAW SOCIETY AND THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

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"THEY WERE AIMED AT STRIKING A FAIR BALANCE BETWEEN THE RIGHTS OF DEVELOPERS AND THOSE OF THE PURCHASERS," MR LEUNG SAID.

AS FROM DECEMBER 1, 1987, SOLICITORS HAVE HAD TO FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES IN DRAWING UP NEW DMC'S.

AS FOR DMC'S ENTERED INTO BEFORE THAT DATE, THE WORKING GROUP NOW SUGGESTS THAT OWNERS OF ALL RESIDENTIAL FLATS CURRENTLY BOUND BY UNFAIR AND OPPRESSIVE CLAUSES BE GRANTED RELIEF THROUGH THE INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION CONTAINING A CODE OF FAIR CLAUSES MODELLED ON THE EXISTING GUIDELINES.

THE PROPOSED CODE PROVIDES FOR, AMONG OTHER THINGS, A PROCEDURE FOR THE TERMINATION OF A MANAGER'S SERVICE AFTER TWO YEARS FROM THE COMING INTO FORCE OF THE ENABLING LEGISLATION.

IT ALSO PROVIDES FOR A FAIR WAY OF SHARING MANAGEMENT EXPENSES, THE KEEPING OF FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS AND PREPARATION OF ANNUAL BUDGETS BY THE MANAGER, A DETAILED INTERPRETATION AS WELL AS THE USE OF COMMON PARTS.

"THE LEGISLATION WOULD PROVIDE THAT TO THE EXTENT THAT EXISTING DMC PROVISIONS CONTRAVENE THE CODE, THEY WILL BE SUPERSEDED, AND THAT TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY OMIT OBLIGATIONS SPELT OUT IN THE CODE, THEY ARE TO BE SUPPLEMENTED ACCORDINGLY," MR LEUNG SAID.

"THE WORKING GROUP DOES NOT CONSIDER THAT THIS WOULD CONSTITUTE AN UNJUSTIFIABLE INTERFERENCE WITH PRIVATE CONTRACTUAL RIGHTS BECAUSE OF THE ABSENCE OF ANY REAL FREEDOM TO NEGOTIATE THE TERMS OF THE DMC'S IN THE FIRST INSTANCE," HE SAID.

FOR THE SAME REASON, THE WORKING GROUP DID NOT CONSIDER THAT THIS PROPOSED RELIEF WOULD GIVE RISE TO ANY JUSTIFIABLE CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION, HE ADDED.

THE WORKING GROUP CONSIDERS THAT A MAJOR DEFICIENCY IN SOME EXISTING DMC'S IS THAT DEVELOPERS OFTEN RESERVE EXCESSIVE RIGHTS FOR THEMSELVES. THESE INCLUDE THE RIGHT TO USE COMMON AREAS AND THE POWER TO APPOINT MANAGERS OF THE BUILDING.

OTHER MAJOR DEFICIENCIES INCLUDE UNFAIR RECOVERY OF EXPENSES AND MANAGERS BEING GIVEN OVERWHELMING POWERS.

THE CONSULTATIVE PAPER WHICH GIVES THE BACKGROUND TO THE ISSUE AND DETAILS OF THE PROPOSALS WILL BE ISSUED SHORTLY.

THE VIEWS OF THE NEWLY FORMED ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BUILDING MANAGEMENT, DISTRICT BOARDS AND OTHER INTERESTED BODIES SUCH AS THE LEGAL PROFESSIONS, PROFESSIONAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT INSTITUTES, THE REAL ESTATE DEVELOPERS' ASSOCIATIONS WILL BE SOUGHT.

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BILL TO STRENGTHEN CONTROL ON FOOD IMPORTATION

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IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR BETTER PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, A BILL SEEKING TO CREATE AN ADDITIONAL LEGAL BASIS FOR STATUTORY CONTROL ON THE IMPORTATION OF FOOD WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH EXPLAINED THAT SECTION 55 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 132) PROVIDED, INTER ALIA, THAT THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL MAY MAKE REGULATIONS TO PROHIBIT OR REGULATE THE IMPORTATION OF ANY FOOD.

"THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989 ADDS A NEW PROVISION TO THIS SECTION AS AN ADDITIONAL AVENUE TO INTRODUCING STATUTORY CONTROL ON THE IMPORT OF FOOD AND FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF SUCH CONTROL BY MEANS OF CONDITIONS AND DIRECTIONS IMPOSED BY A HEALTH OFFICER," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT, TO BEGIN WITH, THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH HAD IT IN MIND TO SUBJECT THE IMPORTATION OF "GAME" TO THIS MODE OF CONTROL, WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF A STATUTORY DEFINITION FOR GAME.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IMPORTED MEAT AND POULTRY REGULATIONS, WHICH PROVIDED CONTROL ON THE IMPORTATION OF MEAT AND POULTRY, DID NOT PROVIDE SPECIFIC CONTROL ON THE IMPORTATION OF FRESH OR FROZEN CARCASSES, FLESH AND OTHER EDIBLE PARTS OF GAME.

"FOR EXAMPLE, THESE INCLUDE HARE, GROUSE, PHEASANT, ETC. AND ALSO FROG," HE SAID.

"FOR MANY YEARS, IMPORTERS OF SUCH COMMODITIES HAVE VOLUNTARILY APPLIED TO THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES (THE AUTHORITY) FOR PERMISSION TO IMPORT.

"IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THEIR ARRIVAL IN HONG KONG, THESE COMMODITIES ARE INSPECTED BY HEALTH INSPECTORS AT THEIR RESPECTIVE COLD STORES BEFORE THEY ARE RELEASED FOR SALE.

"FOR BETTER PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND IN ORDER TO REGULARISE EXISTING PRACTICES, WE CONSIDER IT NECESSARY TO INTRODUCE STATUTORY IMPORT CONTROL ON GAME."

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO SAID THE STATUTORY IMPORTATION CONTROL ON THESE COMMODITIES SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH PERMISSION BY THE AUTHORITY AND BE SUBJECT TO ANY CONDITIONS THE AUTHORITY MIGHT IMPOSE ON INDIVIDUAL CASES.

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"THE NEW PROVISION TO SECTION 55 OF CHAPTER 132 WOULD ENABLE REGULATIONS TO BE MADE EMPOWERING A HEALTH OFFICER TO PERMIT, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS, THE IMPORT OF SUCH FOOD AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED, REQUIRE THE SUBMISSION TO INSPECTION OF SUCH FOOD, AND IMPOSE CONDITIONS AND DIRECTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE FOOD AFTER THE PROCESS OF IMPORTATION IS COMPLETE," HE SAID.

"THESE PROPOSALS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ENDORSED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TRADE.

"THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 15."

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AIR POLLUTION CONTROL REGULATIONS 1989 COME INTO EFFECT

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REGULATIONS PROHIBITING INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL UNDERTAKINGS FROM USING FUELS THAT HAVE A SULPHUR CONTENT OF MORE THAN ONE PER CENT BY WEIGHT IN CERTAIN RURAL DISTRICTS CAME INTO FORCE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL (FUEL RESTRICTION) REGULATIONS 1989 PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE APPLY IMMEDIATELY TO FANLING/SHA TAU KOK, JUNK BAY, PORT SHELTER AND TAI PO. IN SHA TIN, ONLY GASEOUS FUELS MAY BE USED.

A LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE REGULATIONS ARE AIMED AT CONTROLLING THE AIR QUALITY IN THESE AREAS.

THESE AREAS ARE TOPOGRAPHICALLY CONSTRAINED, POORLY VENTILATED, AND THEREFORE TEND TO TRAP AIR POLLUTANTS.

SULPHUR DIOXIDE, WHICH IS RELEASED BY THE BURNING OF SULPHUR-BEARING FUELS, IS LIKELY TO REACH AN UNACCEPTABLE LEVEL UNLESS CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS ARE IMPOSED. SUCH RESTRICTIONS HAVE IN THE PAST BEEN ENFORCED IN THESE AREAS THROUGH ADMINISTRATIVE MEANS.

"THESE REGULATIONS SIMPLY PUT INTO A LEGAL FORM THE GOVERNMENT'S EXISTING FUEL RESTRICTIONS IN THE SAID AREAS WHICH HAVE BEEN WIDELY ADOPTED BY THE INDUSTRIES CONCERNED. THERE WILL BE NO ADDITIONAL EFFECT ON EXISTING INDUSTRIES.

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"IN THE COURSE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT'S MONITORING OF THE TERRITORY'S AIR QUALITY, IT IS EVIDENT THAT FURTHER REDUCTIONS IN THE LEVEL OF AIR POLLUTANTS WILL REQUIRE THE EXTENSION OF SULPHUR-BEARING FUEL RESTRICTIONS TO OTHER AREAS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"WE ARE THEREFORE CURRENTLY DEVELOPING A TERRITORY-WIDE FUEL RESTRICTION POLICY."

HE ASSURED THAT AFFECTED INDUSTRIES WILL BE CONSULTED BEFORE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY NEW CONTROL MEASURES TO HELP IMPROVE HONG KONG'S AIR QUALITY.

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BILL AIMS AT STRENGTHENING INDUSTRIAL SAFETY

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO AMEND THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE TO IMPOSE GENERAL DUTIES ON EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES AND TO INTRODUCE CUSTODIAL PENALTIES FOR SERIOUS OFFENCES IN RESPECT OF WORK SAFETY.

THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989, WHICH GIVES EFFECT TO THIS, WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

UNDER THE BILL, IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE PROPRIETOR OF AN INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKING TO TAKE MEASURES, SO FAR AS IS REASONABLY PRACTICABLE, TO PROVIDE A SAFE AND HEALTHY WORKING ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL PERSONS EMPLOYED BY HIM AT THE INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKING.

THE BILL ALSO REQUIRES EVERY EMPLOYEE WHILE AT WORK TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE PROPRIETOR IN IMPLEMENTING SUCH MEASURES, AND TO TAKE REASONABLE CARE FOR THE SAFETY AND HEALTH OF HIMSELF AND OF OTHER PERSONS WHO MAY BE AFFECTED BY HIS ACTS OR OMISSIONS AT WORK.

TO STRENGTHEN THE DETERRENT EFFECT OF EXISTING INDUSTRIAL SAFETY LEGISLATION, IT IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY TO INTRODUCE CUSTODIAL PENALTIES FOR OFFENCES WHICH ARE LIABLE TO CAUSE FATAL OR SERIOUS ACCIDENTS OR RISK TO HEALTH AND WHICH ARE COMMITTED WILFULLY AND ARE WITHIN THE OFFENDERS' ABILITY TO PREVENT.

IT IS THEREFORE PROPOSED THAT A MAXIMUM OF SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT WOULD BE ATTACHED AS AN ADDITIONAL PENALTY TO SUCH OFFENCES WHICH NOW CARRY A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$30,000, AND A MAXIMUM OF 12 MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT TO THOSE WHICH NOW CARRY A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$50,000.

THE BILL ALSO CONTAINS A PROVISION RELATING TO THE ONUS OF PROOF IN PROCEEDINGS INSTITUTED UNDER THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE.

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IT IS INTENDED THAT THE PROVISIONS IMPOSING GENERAL DUTIES IN RESPECT OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH AND CUSTODIAL PENALTIES WILL BE BROUGHT INTO OPERATION 12 MONTHS AFTER THE BILL IS PASSED INTO LAW SO AS TO GIVE AMPLE TIME FOR THE PROPRIETORS OF INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS AND OTHER AFFECTED PARTIES TO COMPLY WITH THEM.

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN ENDORSED BY THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD.

THE BILL IS DUE TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 25).

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ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION OPERATION MOUNTED

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A TERRITORY-WIDE ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION OPERATION MOUNTED BY THE POLICE YESTERDAY (THURSDAY) HAS RESULTED IN THE ARRESTS OF 49 PERSONS.

THE OPERATION WAS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUOUS EFFORT TO FLUSH OUT ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

OF THE ARRESTED PERSONS, 12 WERE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS CAUGHT AT THE BORDER. THEY HAVE BEEN SENT TO SAN UK LING FOR REPATRIATION.

THE REMAINING 37 ARE BEING FURTHER INVESTIGATED BY THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE. THOSE FOUND TO BE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WILL BE REPATRIATED.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN REITERATED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF ANY AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT APART FROM CONTINUOUS CHECKS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, THERE WAS NO LET-UP IN ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION EFFORTS AT THE BORDER.

"A HIGH STATE OF VIGILANCE WILL CONTINUE TO BE MAINTAINED BY THE POLICE AND THE SECURITY FORCES BOTH AT THE LAND AND SEA BORDERS," HE SAID.

DURING THE OPERATION, WHICH BEGAN AT 5 AM YESTERDAY AND ENDED THIS MORNING, THE POLICE HAD STEPPED UP THEIR IDENTIFICATION SPOT CHECKS IN PUBLIC PLACES AND CARRIED OUT CHECKS AT SUSPICIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

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AS A RESULT, A TOTAL OF 27,086 PERSONS, 4,101 VEHICLES WERE STOPPED FOR IDENTIFICATION CHECKS.

SIXTEEN PERSONS WERE SUMMONED AND 11 PERSONS WERE CHARGED FOR FAILING TO PRODUCE PROPER PROOF OF IDENTITY AND A FURTHER 13 WERE WARNED IN RESPECT OF THIS OFFENCE, WHICH CARRIES A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$1,000.

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CUSTOMS OFFICERS PLAY IMPORTANT ROLE IN ECONOMY

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CUSTOMS OFFICERS IN VARIOUS POSTS ALL SHARE A MUTUAL GOAL OF CONTRIBUTING WHOLEHEARTEDLY TOWARDS THE ECONOMY AND PUBLIC ORDER OF HONG KONG, AND FUL-FILLING ITS OBLIGATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS AND CONVENTIONS, THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR K. S. TONG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND, MR TONG SAID THAT CUSTOMS OFFICERS WERE WILLING TO ACCEPT HEAVY WORK PRESSURE AND FACE HIDDEN DANGER IN THE EXECUTION OF THEIR DUTIES.

"BY DAY AND NIGHT, THEY BATTLE AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKERS, SMUGGLERS, SWINDLERS, COPYRIGHT PIRATES, TRADE MARK THIEVES AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS," HE SAID.

THE FIGHT WENT ON IN ALL WEATHER CONDITIONS AND UNDER VARYING CIRCUMSTANCES.

"THEY RUMMAGE SHIPS IN SEARCH OF CONTRABAND AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS IN HONG KONG WATERS, EXAMINE SUSPECT IMPORT AND EXPORT CARGO CONSIGNMENTS, INTERCEPT DRUG TRAFFICKERS AND SEIZE COUNTERFEIT GOODS IN STREETS AND ALLEYS," HE SAID.

MR TONG SAID THAT CARGO EXAMINATION OFFICERS HAD ALWAYS TO BE ON THE ALERT FOR NEW RUSES BECAUSE THE TACTICS EMPLOYED BY TRAFFICKERS IN SMUGGLING DANGEROUS DRUGS WOULD OFTEN CHANGE.

"EACH CUSTOMS OFFICER IS DEVOTED TO HIS JOB," HE SAID.

"THROUGH THEIR VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS OF WORK, THE DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM IN HONG KONG HAS BEEN CONTAINED AND REVENUE FROM DUTIABLE COMMODITIES IS PROTECTED," HE ADDED.

MR TONG SAID THAT AS A RESULT OF THE EFFORTS OF CUSTOMS OFFICERS, SMUGGLING HAD BEEN CURBED AND ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH PIRACY AND COUNTERFEITING WIPED OUT.

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URBAN HOSTEL SCHEME MAY EXPAND

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THE URBAN HOSTEL SCHEME, A PILOT SCHEME FOR STREET SLEEPERS, WILL EXPAND IF PROVED SUCCESSFUL, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SALVATION ARMY LOK ON HOSTEL IN YAU MA TEI FOR STREET SLEEPERS, MRS WONG SAID ASSISTANCE WAS AVAILABLE TO STREET SLEEPERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S 30 FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

SHE NOTED THAT MORE THAN 300 STREET SLEEPERS HAD BEEN ASSISTED AND OFFERED ACCOMMODATION IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS. AN AVERAGE OF 30 STREET SLEEPERS HAD EXPRESSED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT ASSISTANCE EACH MONTH.

"HOWEVER, DUE TO THE PROXIMITY TO THEIR WORK, SPECIAL WORKING HOURS AND OTHER REASONS, SOME STREET SLEEPERS ARE RELUCTANT TO MOVE ELSEWHERE," MRS WONG ADDED.

"STREET SLEEPING IS A COMPLICATED ISSUE AND WOULD NEED TIME TO RESOLVE," SHE SAID.

TURNING TO THE FORMS OF ASSISTANCE RENDERED TO STREET SLEEPERS, MRS WONG EXPLAINED THAT THERE WERE COUNSELLING SERVICE, FINANCIAL AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE, AS WELL AS REFERRAL FOR RESIDENTIAL CARE SUCH AS SHELTERS FOR STREET SLEEPERS, HOSTELS AND HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED.

OTHER ASSISTANCE INCLUDED REFERRAL FOR COMPASSIONATE REHOUSING, MEDICAL TREATMENT, REHABILITATION AND EMPLOYMENT. THEY WOULD ALSO BE ASSISTED IN APPLYING FOR REPLACEMENT OF IDENTITY CARDS.

MRS WONG COMMENDED THE SALVATION ARMY, KWAN FONG CHARITABLE FUNDATION AND THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN SETTING UP THE URBAN HOSTEL.

SHE SAID THE PILOT SCHEME WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE ON STREET SLEEPERS AND STARTED RECEIVING RESIDENTS LAST NOVEMBER.

THE HOSTEL IS RUN BY THE SALVATION ARMY AT THE INVITATION OF SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT. ALSO INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT WERE THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, BUILDING AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, WATER SUPPLIES, YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE AND YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD.

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COMPREHENSIVE, UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ESSENTIAL TO CAREERS CHOICE

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THE CAREERS DAYS FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL AND THE CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAVE RECEIVED VERY FAVOURABLE RESPONSE FROM SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, CAREERS TEACHERS AND STUDENTS ALIKE.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND, WHEN ADDRESSING THE OPENING OF THIS YEAR'S EVENT AT THE VTC'S KOWLOON BAY TRAINING CENTRE COMPLEX.

THIS YEAR, A SERIES OF SEVEN CAREERS DAYS WILL BE HELD FROM NOW UNTIL MARCH AT THE VTC'S TWO TRAINING CENTRES AND FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

EACH WILL COMPRISE A NUMBER OF SPECIALIST TALKS ON VARIOUS TRADES, INDUSTRIES OR PROFESSIONS, VISITS TO TRAINING CENTRES AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, AND A DISPLAY OF CAREERS INFORMATION.

"AS YOU ARE AWARE, COMPREHENSIVE AND UP-TO-DATE CAREERS INFORMATION IS ESSENTIAL TO AN INDIVIDUAL IN MAKING HIS OR HER CAREERS CHOICE," MR HAMMOND SAID.

"I HOPE THAT THE STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S EVENT WILL MAKE GOOD USE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE WORLD OF WORK AND TO COLLECT RELEVANT CAREERS INFORMATION.

"AT THE SAME TIME, VISITS TO TRAINING CENTRES OFFER GOOD CHANCES FOR STUDENTS TO ACTUALLY SEE FOR THEMSELVES THE VARIOUS TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES OPEN TO THEM."

MR HAMMOND ALSO CALLED ON STUDENTS TO VISIT THE DEPARTMENT'S THREE CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRES FOR GUIDANCE.

A FOURTH CENTRE TO CATER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE OPENED IN SHA TIN SHORTLY.

AND WITH FUNDS DONATED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, THE CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE WAS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF PRODUCING A SERIES OF CAREERS FILMS ON VARIOUS TRADES AND PROFESSIONS, AS WELL AS ON THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF CHOOSING A CAREER WHICH WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS IN THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR, MR HAMMOND ADDED.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WAS VTC CHAIRMAN, MR STEPHEN CHEONG.

MR CHEONG TOLD THE GATHERING THAT A YOUNG PERSON IN HONG KONG SPENT ON AVERAGE NINE TO 16 YEARS IN SCHOOLS, AND MIGHT EXPECT TO WORK FOR ABOUT 40 YEARS THEREAFTER.

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"SO MY ADVICE TO ALL STUDENTS IS THAT IRRESPECTIVE OF WHEN YOU LEAVE SCHOOL TO ENTER THE WORLD OF WORK, MAKE SURE YOU EITHER OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT WHICH GUARANTEES AN ELEMENT OF TRAINING AS PART OF THE JOB, SUCH AS AN APPRENTICESHIP, OR ARM YOURSELF WITH SOUND SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE IN THE FIELD IN WHICH YOU ARE INTERESTED BEFORE GETTING A JOB," HE STRESSED.

"YOU MUST ALSO AIM AT REGULARLY UPDATING YOUR SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE TO KEEP YOURSELF ABREAST OF ADVANCES IN TECHNOLOGY."

IN THIS RESPECT, HE SAID, THE EIGHT TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND 16 TRAINING CENTRES OPERATED BY THE VTC WERE THE VERY PLACES WHERE STUDENTS COULD OBTAIN SOUND SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE RELEVANT TO A LARGE SPECTRUM OF INDUSTRIES IN HONG KONG.

APART FROM TODAY'S OPENING SESSION, THE SCHEDULE FOR THE OTHER CAREERS DAYS IS AS FOLLOWS:

KWAI CHUNG TRAINING CENTRE COMPLEX	-	JANUARY 27
HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE	-	FEBRUARY 23
TUEN MUN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE	-	FEBRUARY 27
SHA TIN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE	-	MARCH 1
CHAI WAN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE	-	MARCH 3
LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE	-	MARCH 10

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MEASURES TAKEN TO DEAL WITH INCREASE IN MAIL TRAFFIC

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A NUMBER OF MEASURES HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED TO DEAL WITH THE ABNORMAL INCREASE IN MAIL TRAFFIC POSTED IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS MONTH, THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THESE INCLUDE DEPLOYMENT OF STAFF TO REINFORCE THE OPERATIONAL STRENGTH, EMPLOYMENT OF MORE TEMPORARY STAFF AND EXTENSION OF WORKING HOURS.

ADDITIONAL VEHICLES HAVE ALSO BEEN HIRED AND A SPECIAL SUNDAY DELIVERY INTRODUCED FOR THOSE AREAS WHICH RECEIVE THE MOST MAIL.

A SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE MAIL POSTED IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS MONTH WAS 20 PER CENT MORE THAN IN THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, AND THE POST OFFICE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO MEET THE USUAL DELIVERY SERVICE STANDARDS IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS.

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HE SAID THAT IN THE PAST THE MAIL TRAFFIC DURING THE POST CHRISTMAS PERIOD WAS RELATIVELY LIGHT AND THIS PROVIDED A BREATHING SPACE FOR THE STAFF.

"HOWEVER, THE POSTINGS IN THE FIRST HALF OF JANUARY THIS YEAR - CONTINUED TO BE EXCEPTIONALLY HEAVY; SOME 2.5 MILLION MAIL ITEMS HAD TO BE HANDLED DAILY," HE SAID.

THE POST OFFICE EXPECTED THAT THE NORMAL SERVICE STANDARDS WOULD BE RESUMED EARLY NEXT WEEK, HE SAID.

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TWO NEW FLOATING CLINICS COME INTO SERVICE
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TWO NEW MEDICAL BOATS WILL BE PUT INTO SERVICE BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT NEXT WEEK TO LOOK AFTER THE POPULATION IN THE REMOTE AREAS OF THE OUTLYING ISLANDS AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE VESSELS WILL OFFICIALLY REPLACE THE EXISTING LAUNCHES - "CHEE WAN" AND "CHEE HONG" - AFTER A COMMISSIONING CEREMONY TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 24) AT QUEEN'S PIER IN CENTRAL.

THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR S.H. LEE, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF STEWARDS OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, SIR OSWALD CHEUNG, WILL BE THE OFFICIATING GUESTS.

OPERATED SINCE 1958, THE MEDICAL LAUNCHES RENDER OUT-PATIENT SERVICE WITH "CHEE WAN" VISITING THE VILLAGES OF TOLO HARBOUR AND "CHEE HONG" THE NORTHERN PART OF LANTAU, SOUTHERN AND WESTERN SEABOARDS OF PO TOI AND SAI KUNG PENINSULA.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE COMMISSIONING CEREMONY OF THE TWO NEW FLOATING CLINICS, "CHEE HONG" AND "CHEE WAN", OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 24) AT QUEEN'S PIER, CENTRAL.

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE QUEEN'S PIER AT 2.30 PM. INFORMATION OFFICERS FROM MHD WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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FURTHER EFFORTS TO PROMOTE LRT SAFETY

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS PRODUCED A TELEVISION PROGRAMME, A POSTER AND A STICKER IN ITS CONTINUING EFFORTS TO ENHANCE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE SAFE USE OF THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM.

THE FIVE-MINUTE TV PROGRAMME, METRORAMA, PRODUCED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WILL EDUCATE CYCLISTS, MOTORISTS AND PEDESTRIANS ON CORRECT PROCEDURES AT LRT ROAD JUNCTIONS.

THE PROGRAMME ALSO CARRIES A MESSAGE REMINDING PEDESTRIANS OF THE NEED TO PUSH THE BUTTON OF PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC SIGNALS IN ORDER TO ACTIVATE THE "GREEN MAN" FOR CROSSING.

IT WILL BE SCREENED ON ATV'S CHINESE CHANNEL AT 7.30 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE PROGRAMME COMPLEMENTS TWO TELEVISION AND TWO RADIO ANNOUNCEMENTS AIMED AT EDUCATING SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS AND CYCLISTS ON THE SAFETY RULES, WHICH HAVE BEEN BROADCAST SINCE NOVEMBER.

THE POSTERS AND STICKERS DEPICTING SPECIAL SIGNS ASSOCIATED WITH THE LRT SYSTEM WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO RESIDENTS IN TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG THROUGH THE DISTRICT OFFICES AND THE POLICE.

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ANTI-RABIES INOCULATION DRIVE IN FISHING PORTS

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WILL LAUNCH A SPECIAL DOG INOCULATION DRIVE IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS FOR FISHERMEN TO HAVE THEIR DOGS IMMUNISED AGAINST RABIES.

THE DRIVE, THE 17TH SINCE 1980, IS SPECIALLY TIMED TO SUIT THE CONVENIENCE OF FISHERMEN AS MOST OF THEM WILL BE BACK FROM THEIR FISHING TRIPS AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR FOR THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

STARTING FROM MONDAY (JANUARY 23), THE DEPARTMENT'S MOBILE DOG INOCULATION TEAMS WILL MAKE BOAT-TO-BOAT VISITS IN ALL SIX FISHING PORTS BETWEEN 10 AM AND 4 PM DAILY. THE WHOLE OPERATION WILL LAST FOR EIGHT WORKING DAYS UNTIL FEBRUARY 2.

THEY WILL VISIT THE FISHING PORTS IN SHA TAU KOK, SAM MUN TSAI AND SHAU KEI WAN ON JANUARY 23 AND 24; CHEUNG CHAU ON JANUARY 25 AND 26; ABERDEEN ON JANUARY 30 AND 31; AND SAI KUNG ON FEBRUARY 1 AND 2.

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THE DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR VETERINARY OFFICER, DR NORMAN CHENG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE DRIVE WAS PART OF GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUING EFFORTS TO PREVENT THE RE-INTRODUCTION OF THE DEADLY DISEASE INTO HONG KONG.

SINCE THE DRIVE WAS LAUNCHED IN 1980, A TOTAL OF 3,399 DOGS OWNED BY FISHERMEN HAD BEEN INOCULATED, HE SAID.

"RABIES IS A DEADLY DISEASE TRANSMISSABLE FROM ANIMALS TO HUMANS AND DOGS ON FISHING VESSELS ARE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE BECAUSE OF THE POSSIBILITY OF THEIR BEING IN CONTACT WITH OTHER ANIMALS OUTSIDE HONG KONG.

"BY PROTECTING THEIR DOGS WITH INOCULATIONS, PEOPLE HELP TO PROTECT THEMSELVES.

"IT IS, THEREFORE, IMPORTANT THAT THEIR DOGS ARE INOCULATED AGAINST THE DISEASE AT LEAST ONCE EVERY THREE YEARS TO KEEP UP THE IMMUNITY," DR CHENG ADDED.

HE URGED FISHERMEN WHO OWN DOGS TO MAKE FULL USE OF THE SPECIAL SERVICE.

THE LAW REQUIRES ALL DOGS OVER FIVE MONTHS' OLD TO BE LICENSED AND INOCULATED AGAINST RABIES. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RENDER THE OWNER LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5,000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT.

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APPOINTMENT TO FILL TSUEN WAN DB VACANCY

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THE GAZETTE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THE APPOINTMENT OF MR CHAN YAN-LEUNG TO THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD WITH EFFECT FROM TODAY TO MARCH 31, 1991.

THE APPOINTMENT WAS MADE TO FILL AN EXISTING VACANCY ON THE BOARD AS A RESULT OF THE DEATH OF AN APPOINTED MEMBER, MR HO CHI-PING, AT THE END OF LAST YEAR.

MR CHAN, AGED 51, IS A SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL IN TSUEN WAN AND HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE.

HE IS AT PRESENT CHAIRMAN OF THE TSUEN WAN EAST AREA COMMITTEE AND THE TSUEN WAN SHEK WAI KOK COMMUNITY HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. HE IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

IN THE PAST, HE HAD SERVED AS AN ACTIVE CO-OPTED MEMBER ON THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES UNDER THE DISTRICT BOARD AND ON THE ORGANISING COMMITTEES OF THE DISTRICT'S ARTS AND SPORTS FESTIVALS.

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DB MEMBERS VISIT FACILITIES ON LANTAU

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A GROUP OF SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS VISITED LANTAU ISLAND TODAY (FRIDAY) TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH THE FACILITIES PROVIDED THERE BY THE GOVERNMENT.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GREGORY LEUNG, MEMBERS FIRST TOURED THE NEW NGAN WAN ESTATE WHICH COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 1.29 HECTARES.

WHEN FULLY OCCUPIED, THE ESTATE WILL HOUSE ABOUT 1,600 PEOPLE IN ITS FOUR BLOCKS WHICH HAVE FIVE TO 13 STOREYS.

A KINDERGARTEN AND A FAMILY HEALTH CARE CENTRE ARE LOCATED IN THE ESTATE. THERE ARE ALSO A PUBLIC LIBRARY, POST OFFICE, POLICE STATION, BUS TERMINUS, FERRY PIER AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE VICINITY.

MEMBERS ALSO WENT TO THE PUI O CAMP SITE WHICH IS UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

CAMP OFFICIALS BRIEFED MEMBERS ON THE FACILITIES PROVIDED AT THE SITE. THESE INCLUDE PICNIC TABLES, BARBECUE PITS, PARK LIGHTS AND TOILETS. THE 50 CAMP BAYS IN PUI O CAN ACCOMMODATE 100 TENTS.

THE VISIT IS ONE IN A SERIES ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE FOURTH SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD LAST YEAR TO ENABLE MEMBERS TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE SERVICES AND FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

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ISLANDERS URGED TO KEEP CHEUNG CHAU CLEAN

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A LUNAR YEAR-END HOUSEHOLD CLEAN-UP EXERCISE WAS HELD ON CHEUNG CHAU TODAY (FRIDAY) WITH ISLANDERS BEING URGED TO KEEP THE STREETS AND THE TYPHOON SHELTER CLEAN.

"FAI CHUN" (SPRING SCROLLS) BEARING KEEP CLEAN MESSAGES WERE DISTRIBUTED TO SHOPS AND HOUSEHOLDS WHILE BOAT DWELLERS IN THE TYPHOON SHELTER WERE GIVEN PLASTIC BAGS FOR REFUSE.

THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SO KAM-SHING, SAID THAT KEEPING CHEUNG CHAU CLEAN WOULD ADD TO THE ATTRACTION OF THE ISLAND WHICH WAS ESSENTIAL FOR ITS TOURISM DEVELOPMENT.

HE URGED RESIDENTS TO DO ALL THEY COULD TO KEEP THE ISLAND CLEAN.

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MR SO NOTED THAT VISITORS MIGHT ALSO BE CONTRIBUTING TO LITTERING, AND HE CALLED FOR THEIR CO-OPERATION IN MAINTAINING CHEUNG CHAU AS A NEAT AND TIDY PLACE FOR BOTH RESIDENTS AND HOLIDAY MAKERS.

THE HOUSEHOLD CLEAN-UP EXERCISE WAS ORGANISED BY THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD AS PART OF THE DISTRICT'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

SIMILAR EXERCISES WILL ALSO BE HELD ON PENG CHAU, LAMMA AND LANTAU THIS WEEKEND, AND A CLOSING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD IN TAI O ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 22) AFTERNOON TO ROUND UP THE CURRENT CAMPAIGN.

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SAI KUNG DISTRICT FESTIVAL TO START TOMORROW

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THE 1989 SAI KUNG DISTRICT FESTIVAL WILL START TOMORROW (SATURDAY) WITH AN OPENING CEREMONY AND A VARIETY SHOW AT THE SAI KUNG JOCKEY CLUB TOWN HALL.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE SAI KUNG ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS BETTY CHING; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WILLIAM WAN; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL PREPARATORY COMMITTEE, MR WONG KWOK-YEE.

AFTER THAT, A "THOUSAND-YEAR-OLD FEAST" WILL BE HELD AT A RESTAURANT IN SAI KUNG OLD TOWN. ABOUT 1,000 ELDERLY PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT WILL BE INVITED TO TAKE PART.

GOLD MEDALS WILL BE AWARDED TO THE TWO OLDEST PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT.

IN ADDITION, ALL THE ELDERLY WILL BE GIVEN COUPONS FOR THE "SAI KUNG DISTRICT SPECIAL OFFER SCHEME FOR THE ELDERLY." THESE COUPONS WILL ENABLE THEM TO BUY GOODS AT LOWER PRICES AT 17 COMMERCIAL ORGANISATIONS IN THE DISTRICT BETWEEN MARCH 1 AND 15.

THE AIM OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT FESTIVAL IS TO ENHANCE RESIDENTS' SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT AND PROMOTE THEIR RESPECT AND CONCERN FOR THE ELDERLY.

THE FESTIVAL, WHICH WILL LAST UNTIL FEBRUARY 19, WILL FEATURE A NUMBER OF OTHER ACTIVITIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT FESTIVAL OPENING CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT NOON TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE SAI KUNG JOCKEY CLUB TOWN HALL. A "THOUSAND-YEAR-OLD FEAST" WILL ALSO BEGIN AT THE WING WO RESTAURANT, SAI KUNG OLD TOWN, AT 2 PM. TRANSPORT FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER, NEXT TO STAR FERRY, AT 11.15 AM.

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TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL TO START TOMORROW
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THE 11TH TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL WILL START WITH A GRAND OPENING CEREMONY TOMORROW (SATURDAY) EVENING.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 8 PM AT THE AUDITORIUM OF THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL WILL BE THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR MICHAEL SUEN.

THE OPENING SHOW WILL FEATURE PERFORMANCES BY THE JIANGSU ARTISTIC TROUPE AND THE TAIPEI YOUTH FOLK ARTS TROUPE. THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD WILL ALSO STAGE ITS DEBUT PERFORMANCE.

THE FESTIVAL WILL RUN FOR 38 DAYS, AND A FULL PROGRAMME OF QUALITY PERFORMANCES BY RENOWNED OVERSEAS AND LOCAL ARTISTS HAS BEEN DRAWN UP FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF RESIDENTS.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FESTIVAL INCLUDE CANTONESE OPERA BY THE CHEERS AND GLORY OPERATIC TROUPE, "ROMEO AND JULIET" BY THE HONG KONG BALLET, AND CANTONESE DRAMA BY THE ARTISTE TRAINING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

OTHER EVENTS INCLUDE A POP CONCERT BY WELL-KNOWN SINGERS, AN ORCHESTRAL CONCERT BY THE SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF MUSIC, SPANISH AND CLASSICAL GUITAR PERFORMANCES AND A NAM YIN (SOUTHERN MELODIES) CONCERT.

POPULAR FILMS TO BE SHOWN INCLUDE "THE UNBEARABLE LIGHTNESS OF BEING", "SURRENDER", "MY FAVOURITE SEASON", "BLUE VELVET", "SPRING BELL", "TOTORO" AND "LAPUTA".

THE FESTIVAL IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT'S CULTURE AND RECREATION CO-ORDINATING ASSOCIATION AS A JOINT EFFORT TO PROMOTE THE VARIOUS FORMS OF PERFORMING ARTS AND TO ENCOURAGE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BY CULTURAL ORGANISATIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE FESTIVAL IS ABOUT \$2 MILLION AND THIS IS PARTLY FUNDED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND LOCAL SPONSORSHIP.

PROGRAMME LEAFLETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL AND THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE.

PEOPLE INTENDING TO ATTEND THE SHOWS ARE ADVISED TO BOOK THEIR TICKETS AT THE URBIX OUTLETS NOW.

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TELEPHONE RESERVATION CAN BE MADE ON 5-739595 AND ENQUIRIES
CAN BE MADE ON 0-4145501 OR 0-4140144.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING SHOW OF THE 11TH TSUEN
WAN ARTS FESTIVAL TO BEGIN AT 8 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE
AUDITORIUM OF THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL.

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CLEAN KWAI TSING DAY THIS SUNDAY
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THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PAUL TANG, TOGETHER WITH
REGIONAL COUNCIL AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, AND GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES WILL TAKE THE LEAD IN CLEANING UP A SLOPE
NEAR TSING YI TAI WONG HA VILLAGE ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 22).

THE PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE THE DISTRICT HYGIENE SUPERINTENDENT,
MR CHOY SHU-KAI; DISTRICT LEISURE MANAGER, MR LIU WING-KWONG; KWAI
TSING DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LEE WING-TAT, AND MEMBERS, MR WONG
YIU-CHUNG AND MR CHAN TIN-SUNG; AND REGIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS, MS HO
ON-NEI AND WONG MAN-TAI.

THEIR MOVE IS IN SUPPORT OF A CLEAN KWAI TSING DAY, WHICH IS
ORGANISED BY THE WORKING GROUP ON CLEAN HONG KONG AND HOME SAFETY OF
THE DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

THE WORKING GROUP HAD HELD OTHER ACTIVITIES INCLUDING A CLEAN
BUILDINGS COMPETITION AND A SCHEME TO REPORT REFUSE BLACKSPOTS.

A CEREMONY TO PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS OF THE CLEAN BUILDINGS
COMPETITION WILL BE HELD BEFORE THE START OF THE CLEAN-UP EXERCISE ON
SUNDAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CLEAN
KWAI TSING DAY WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 11 AM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 22) AT
TSING YI TAI WONG HA VILLAGE.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES MAY TAKE A COACH WHICH WILL LEAVE THE
KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING (NEXT TO KWAI HING MTR STATION),
KWAI CHUNG, AT 10.30 AM.

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CARNIVAL TO CONCLUDE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN

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A CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 22) AS A CONCLUSION TO THE DISTRICT'S 1988-89 FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN.

THE THEMES OF THE CAMPAIGN ARE ANTI-TRIAD, ANTI-SHOPTHEFT AND HOME SECURITY.

ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE CARNIVAL WILL START AT 1.30 PM IN THE AP LEI CHAU COMMUNITY HALL, AP LEI CHAU ESTATE. ALL RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO TAKE PART.

IN ADDITION TO A VARIETY OF STALL GAMES FOCUSED ON THE ANTI-CRIME THEMES, THE FOUR-HOUR FUNCTION WILL FEATURE AN ANTI-TRIAD DRAMA STAGED BY THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL AND PERFORMANCES BY WELL-KNOWN RADIO AND TV ARTISTES AND THE DISTRICT'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR.

ALSO, PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO WINNERS OF AN ANTI-SHOPTHEFT SLOGAN CONTEST AND AN ANTI-TRIAD BASKETBALL COMPETITION HELD EARLIER IN THE DISTRICT.

OFFICIATING AT THE DISTRICT CAMPAIGN'S CLOSING CEREMONY WILL BE THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS MAUREEN CHAN; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HUI YUNG-CHUNG; POLICE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR R.C. TOAL; POLICE ABERDEEN DIVISION COMMANDER, MR F. MURPHY; THE DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR KAN MAN-LEE; THE CAMPAIGN'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR ALBERT POON, AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS, MR CHAN KWONG, MADAM MAN YUET-HAR, MADAM SO CHAU YIM-PING, MR TSO KIT-TO AND MR YUNG CHEK-CHOW.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CARNIVAL AND CLOSING CEREMONY FOR THE 1988-89 SOUTHERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN, BEGINNING AT 1.30 PM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 22) IN THE AP LEI CHAU COMMUNITY HALL, AP LEI CHAU ESTATE.

INFORMATION OFFICER, MR ALEX LI, WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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COLOURING, DRAWING CONTEST FOR TAI PO CHILDREN

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CHILDREN LIVING IN TAI PO WILL BE ABLE TO SHOW THEIR ARTISTIC TALENT IN A CHILDREN'S COLOURING AND DRAWING COMPETITION TO BE HELD IN TAI PO CENTRAL TOWN SQUARE TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE EVENT, PART OF THE PROGRAMME FOR THE SECOND TAI PO FESTIVAL, IS ORGANISED BY THE SECOND TAI PO FESTIVAL PUBLICITY COMMITTEE AND CO-SPONSORED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

THE COMPETITION, BEGINNING AT 2 PM, IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS: JUNIOR GROUP FOR CHILDREN FROM SIX TO NINE YEARS OLD; AND SENIOR GROUP FOR CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN 10 AND 12.

THE THEME FOR THE JUNIOR GROUP WILL BE "MY HOME TAI PO" WHILE ENTRIES IN THE SENIOR GROUP SHOULD DEPICT THE SCENERY OF THE DISTRICT.

CHILDREN SHOULD TAKE COLOURING AND DRAWING MATERIALS WITH THEM TO THE VENUE.

WINNERS WILL BE AWARDED TROPHIES AT A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY BEGINNING AT 4 PM.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS MARY CHOW.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CHILDREN'S COLOURING AND DRAWING COMPETITION TO BE HELD IN TAI PO CENTRAL TOWN SQUARE TOMORROW (SATURDAY). THE COMPETITION WILL COMMENCE AT 2 PM AND THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 4 PM.

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FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITION IN TAIKOO SHING

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A FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD AT CITYPLAZA IN TAIKOO SHING ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 22), FROM NOON TO 3 PM.

"THIS IS THE FOURTH IN A SERIES OF EIGHT FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITIONS ORGANISED BY THE FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WORKING GROUP SAID.

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"IT IS HOPED THAT THROUGH THE EXHIBITIONS, THE PUBLIC WILL BE MORE AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF FIRE PREVENTION AND HOW TO REACT IF A FIRE OCCURS."

EXHIBITION PANELS PROVIDED BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL ELABORATE ON THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN "IF THERE IS A FIRE, SOUND THE ALARM".

"IN ORDER TO HELP THE PUBLIC HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE SUBJECT, OFFICERS FROM THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL BE ON HAND TO ANSWER QUESTIONS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

A NEW FIRE PREVENTION LEAFLET WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE PUBLIC AT THE VENUE.

THE EXHIBITIONS ARE BEING HELD IN DIFFERENT AREAS ON ALTERNATE SUNDAYS.

THE NEXT EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 12 AT CHOI WAN ESTATE IN KOWLOON.

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APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR ADULT EDUCATION SUBVENTIONS

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REGISTERED NON-PROFIT-MAKING VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS WHICH OPERATE ADULT EDUCATIONAL COURSES TO COMPLEMENT OR SUPPLEMENT THE GOVERNMENT'S ACTIVITIES IN THIS AREA ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR GOVERNMENT SUBVENTIONS FOR THE 1989-90 SCHOOL YEAR.

THE SUBVENTION SCHEME IS NOW IN ITS 10TH YEAR OF OPERATION.

IT COVERS MAINLY THE COSTS OF TEACHING, ADMINISTRATIVE AND CLERICAL STAFF, BASIC TEACHING EQUIPMENT AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT, AND HIRE CHARGES FOR ACCOMMODATION AT THE EXISTING GOVERNMENT RATE.

THERE IS ALSO AN AMOUNT OF ABOUT \$550 EACH QUARTER TO COVER TELEPHONE, WATER AND ELECTRICITY CHARGES.

THE SCHEME SUBSIDISES COURSES TO IMPROVE BASIC LITERACY IN CHINESE, AND GENERAL EDUCATION FOR PARTICULAR GROUPS SUCH AS FACTORY WORKERS AND FISHERFOLK INCLUDING RE-ORIENTATION TO LAND-BASED LIVING, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

ALSO PROVIDED ARE RE-ORIENTATION AND CANTONESE LANGUAGE COURSES FOR NEWCOMERS TO HONG KONG FROM OTHER PARTS OF ASIA.

IN ADDITION, THE SCHEME COVERS CAREERS EDUCATION AND JOB-ORIENTED COURSES; PRE-VOCATIONAL TRAINING, ADULT EDUCATION COURSES AND ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED ON AN EXPERIMENTAL BASIS; AND SPECIAL EDUCATION FOR PHYSICALLY OR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED ADULTS.

SOCIAL AND MORAL EDUCATION; PRE-RETIREMENT AND RETIREMENT EDUCATION; AND ACTIVITIES IN GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS NOT COVERED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ARE ALSO COVERED.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, FIFTH FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD REACH THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE APRIL 29.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO MR BERT CHEUNG ON 5-8392304 OR TO MR S.K. TSUI ON 5-8392626, DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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INTERCHANGE AT LUNG CHEUNG ROAD/HAMMER HILL ROAD

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT WILL BUILD A GRADE SEPARATED INTERCHANGE AT THE JUNCTION BETWEEN HAMMER HILL ROAD AND LUNG CHEUNG ROAD NEAR CHOI HUNG ESTATE IN KOWLOON.

A NOTICE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY) INVITING CONTRACTORS TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR PREQUALIFICATION OF TENDERERS FOR BUILDING THE INTERCHANGE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT SAID THE PROJECT INCLUDED A FLYOVER BETWEEN HAMMER HILL ROAD AND CHOI HUNG ROAD OVER LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, AND A SYSTEM OF FOOTBRIDGES AND SUBWAYS ACROSS HAMMER HILL ROAD AND LUNG CHEUNG ROAD.

IT WOULD ALSO INCLUDE A SECTION OF THE FLYOVER LINKING THE PRINCE EDWARD ROAD INTERCHANGE AND THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL APPROACH ROAD.

IN ADDITION, THE WORKS WOULD INVOLVE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF EXISTING ROADS, CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ROAD JUNCTION BETWEEN LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, HAMMER HILL ROAD AND CHOI HUNG ROAD, AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE AND UTILITY DIVERSION.

CONSTRUCTION IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN MID-1989 AND BE COMPLETED IN 1991.

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CLOSURE OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURE SOUGHT

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS TO SEEK THE CLOSURE OF AN ILLEGAL STRUCTURE IN KOWLOON TONG SO THAT IT CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS OR TO THE PUBLIC.

THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURE IS AT FLAT F, FIRST FLOOR OF MARCONI COURT, 2 MARCONI ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE CLOSURE IS PART OF AN EXERCISE TO ENFORCE AN ORDER ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE ON APRIL 14 LAST YEAR, REQUIRING THE DEMOLITION OF THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURE.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE SHA TIN DISTRICT COURT ON APRIL 19 WAS POSTED ON A CONSPICUOUS PART OF THE STRUCTURE TODAY (FRIDAY).

IT IS EXPECTED THAT DEMOLITION WILL START IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CLOSURE ORDER IS MADE.

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NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR TWO ID CARD ISSUE OFFICES

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR THE YUEN LONG AND SHEUNG SHUI NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES WILL COME INTO EFFECT TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID APPLICANTS WHO WISH TO MAKE USE OF THE PHONE-IN SERVICE TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPOINTMENT SHOULD USE THE FOLLOWING NEW NUMBERS:

- * YUEN LONG NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICE
HOP YICK CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK ROAD
TEL. NO.: 0-4771543
- * SHEUNG SHUI NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICE
TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR,
82-84 SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI
TEL. NO.: 0-6727191

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AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 10 AM AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE.

A TOTAL OF 20 SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING. THEY ARE:

BM9	CG6789	7	CD777
378	AR3	XX89	BM525
HK3333	BC99	AC323	CC8888
AS18	133	HK9898	HK5
66	EA1	BD1	AC8338

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION MUST BE PRODUCED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE AUCTION IF THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK IS TO BE REGISTERED UNDER THE NAME OF A BODY CORPORATE.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL AS USUAL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE COMING AUCTION WILL BE THE 134TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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ENROLMENT FOR COURSE IN PUTONGHUA BEGINS

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JOURNALISTS ARE BEING INVITED TO APPLY FOR A COURSE IN PUTONGHUA TO BE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE JOURNALISM TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES OF THE HONG KONG CITY POLYTECHNIC.

CLASSES IN THE "PUTONGHUA FOR JOURNALISTS COURSE" WILL BE HELD EVERY TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY MORNINGS, STARTING FROM FEBRUARY 17 AND CONTINUING UNTIL MARCH 23.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENROLMENT IS FEBRUARY 1. ENQUIRIES CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TRAINING BOARD ON TEL. 5-8932341 EXT. 283.

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FARE INCREASES ON THREE NT GMB ROUTES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE FARES FOR THREE GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES IN YUEN LONG WILL BE INCREASED FROM MONDAY (JANUARY 23).

THE FULL FARES FOR GMB ROUTE 36 (YUEN LONG TOWN - TAI SANG WAI RURAL OFFICE), ROUTE 37 (YUEN LONG TOWN - YAU TAM MEI VILLAGE OFFICE) AND ROUTE 38 (YUEN LONG TOWN - HA CHUK YUEN) WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$2.50 TO \$3.

AT THE SAME TIME, A NEW SECTION FARE OF \$1.50 WILL BE INTRODUCED ON EACH OF THESE GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES FOR THE LINK ROAD BETWEEN THE TERMINUS AT TAI SANG WAI, YAU TAM MEI AND HA CHUK YUEN RESPECTIVELY AND THE LINK ROAD'S JUNCTION WITH CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

THE EXISTING SECTION FARE POINTS ON THESE THREE ROUTES WILL BE MAINTAINED BUT THE AMOUNT FOR EACH ONE WILL BE RAISED BY 50 CENTS.

THE INCREASES HAVE BEEN APPROVED OWING TO A RISE IN OPERATING COSTS.

ALSO FROM MONDAY, THE LAST DEPARTURES OF GMB ROUTE 36 FROM YUEN LONG TOWN AND TAI SANG WAI RURAL OFFICE WILL BE EXTENDED BY 30 MINUTES TO 9 PM AND 9.15 PM RESPECTIVELY.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE INNER-MOST LANE OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD NORTHBOUND NEAR SUN TIN WAI ESTATE WILL BE CLOSED DAILY BETWEEN 11 PM AND 7 AM THE NEXT DAY ON MONDAY (JANUARY 23) FOR REPAINTING OF A SIGN GANTRY.

THE SAME MEASURE WILL ALSO BE IMPLEMENTED ON JANUARY 24, 29, 30 AND 31.

IN ADDITION, THE LION ROCK TUNNEL TOLL BOOTH 13S INSIDE THE SOUTHBOUND LION ROCK TUNNEL AREA WILL BE CLOSED DAILY BETWEEN 8 PM AND 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FROM MONDAY FOR TWO NIGHTS FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS.

MOTORISTS ARE URGED TO DRIVE WITH CARE AND PATIENCE. APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC AIDS WILL BE PROVIDED TO GUIDE THEM.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF TUNNEL SLOW LANE

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS, A 200-METRE STRETCH ALONG THE SLOW LANE OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD NORTHBOUND NORTH OF THE LION ROCK TUNNEL TOLL BOOTHS WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC DAILY BETWEEN 10 PM AND 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FROM MONDAY (JANUARY 23) FOR TWO NIGHTS.

MOTORISTS ARE URGED TO DRIVE WITH CARE AND PATIENCE. APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC AIDS WILL BE PROVIDED TO GUIDE THEM.

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