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CRIME REPORTING RATE ON THE RISE: SURVEY

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THE OVERALL CRIME REPORTING RATE HAD INCREASED FROM 18 PER CENT IN 1978 TO 29 PER CENT IN 1981 AND 32 PER CENT IN 1986.

THIS WAS ONE OF THE MAJOR FINDINGS OF THE CRIME VICTIMISATION SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (SUNDAY). THE SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IN JANUARY 1987 TO ASSESS THE LEVEL OF CRIMINAL VICTIMISATIONS IN 1986.

THE SURVEY WAS BASED ON INTERVIEWS WITH ABOUT 19,000 HOUSEHOLDS, COMPRISING A TOTAL OF 55,000 PERSONS AGED 12 AND ABOVE.

THIS SURVEY WAS THE THIRD OF ITS KIND CONDUCTED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

THE FIRST AND SECOND SURVEYS WERE CARRIED OUT IN JANUARY 1979 AND JANUARY 1982 RESPECTIVELY. THE FINDINGS OF THE LATEST SURVEY ARE PUBLISHED IN A REPORT ENTITLED "CRIME AND ITS VICTIMS IN HONG KONG 1986".

THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY INDICATED THAT THE REPORTING RATES FOR SPECIFIC CRIMES RANGED FROM A HIGH OF 89 PER CENT FOR THEFT OF VEHICLE TO A LOW OF THREE PER CENT FOR HOUSEHOLD THEFT OTHER THAN BURGLARY.

THE REPORTING RATE FOR VIOLENT CRIMES WAS 38 PER CENT; FOR PERSONAL CRIMES OF THEFT, 39 PER CENT; AND FOR HOUSEHOLD CRIMES, 20 PER CENT.

FEMALE VICTIMS WERE MORE LIKELY THAN MALE VICTIMS TO REPORT CRIME. THERE WAS A GENERAL TENDENCY FOR THE REPORTING RATE TO INCREASE WITH THE AGE OF VICTIMS.

GENERALLY, THE REPORTING RATE TENDED TO GO UP WITH THE VALUE OF LOSSES. INJURED VICTIMS WERE MORE LIKELY TO REPORT CRIME.

FOR PERSONAL CRIMES OF THEFT, THE MOST FREQUENTLY CITED REASON FOR REPORTING CRIME WAS THAT IT WAS A PREREQUISITE TO THE REPLACEMENT OF DOCUMENTS OR THE CLAIMING OF INSURANCE.

CONCERNING THEFT OF VEHICLE AND BURGLARY, THE MAJOR REASONS THAT VICTIMS REPORTED CRIME WERE THAT THEY HOPED TO RECOVER LOSSES AND TO SEE THE OFFENDERS ARRESTED.

IN ALL THREE SURVEYS, MOST RESPONDENTS SAW NO NEED TO REPORT CRIME EITHER BECAUSE THEY HAD NOT SUFFERED SERIOUS LOSSES OR BECAUSE THE CRIME WAS MINOR.

WHEN COMPARED WITH 1981, MORE RESPONDENTS IN THE LATEST SURVEY SAID THEY WERE NOT WILLING TO TAKE TIME TO REPORT CRIME.

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ADDITIONAL DATA ITEMS ON THE EXTENT OF HARM INFLICTED ON THE VICTIMS; ANTI-THEFT DEVICES/MEASURES TAKEN IN LIVING QUARTER AND IN VEHICLE; AND VICTIMS' OPINIONS ON THE TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS AND ON TRIAD INVOLVEMENT IN THE INCIDENTS WERE INCLUDED IN THE SURVEY FOR THE FIRST TIME.

THERE WERE ALSO OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST AMONG THE FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY:

- * AN ESTIMATED 293,400 CRIMINAL VICTIMISATIONS WERE COMMITTED IN 1986, AS COMPARED WITH AN ESTIMATED 270,600 VICTIMISATIONS IN 1981 AND 132,400 VICTIMISATIONS IN 1978.

THE INCREASE WAS MAINLY ATTRIBUTED TO A RISE IN PERSONAL CRIMES OF THEFT.

- * THE PERSONAL CRIME VICTIMISATION RATE IN 1986 WAS 40 PER 1,000 POPULATION AGED 12 AND ABOVE, COMPARED WITH THE RATE OF 39 PER 1,000 IN 1981 AND OF 22 PER 1,000 IN 1978.

FOR HOUSEHOLD CRIMES, THE RATE OF VICTIMISATION IN 1986 WAS 74 PER 1,000; IN 1981, 86 PER 1,000; AND IN 1978, 47 PER 1,000.

- * IN 1986, CRIMES OF VIOLENCE ACCOUNTED FOR 15 PER CENT OF ALL VICTIMISATIONS. ROBBERY WAS THE MOST COMMON TYPE OF VIOLENT CRIME.

AMONG NON-VIOLENT CRIMES, PICKPOCKETING WAS THE MOST COMMON TYPE OF CRIME, ACCOUNTING FOR 31 PER CENT OF ALL VICTIMISATIONS.

- * 54 PER CENT OF ALL VICTIMISATIONS OCCURRED IN KOWLOON, 28 PER CENT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND 18 PER CENT ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

- * 70 PER CENT OF PERSONAL CRIMES WERE COMMITTED AGAINST PERSONS AGED BETWEEN 12 AND 39; THOSE AGED BETWEEN 30 AND 39 HAD THE HIGHEST VICTIMISATION RATE OF 48 PER 1,000.

FOR CRIMES OF VIOLENCE, THE AGE GROUP OF 12 TO 19 HAD THE HIGHEST VICTIMISATION RATE AND FOR CRIMES OF THEFT, THE AGE GROUP OF 30 TO 39 HAD THE HIGHEST RATE.

- * THE VICTIMISATION RATE FOR PERSONAL CRIMES FOR THE YOUNG AGE GROUP OF 12 TO 19 INCREASED MARKEDLY OVER 1981 BUT THE RATE FOR THE AGE GROUP 20 TO 29 WAS APPRECIABLY LOWER IN 1986 THAN IN 1981.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT DIRECT COMPARISON OF FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY AND STATISTICS PUBLISHED BY THE POLICE WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE DUE TO SUBSTANTIAL DIFFERENCES IN COVERAGE BETWEEN THE TWO SETS OF FIGURES.

"POLICE STATISTICS ARE DERIVED FROM CRIME COMPLAINTS MADE BY THE PUBLIC AND CRIMES DISCLOSED BY THE POLICE, INCLUDING THOSE AGAINST BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS AND THOSE WITHOUT SPECIFIC VICTIMS.

"THE SURVEY DATA, ON THE OTHER HAND, COVER VICTIMISATIONS AGAINST HOUSEHOLDS AND VICTIMISATIONS AGAINST PERSONS AGED 12 AND OVER, INCLUDING THOSE REPORTED AND NOT REPORTED TO THE POLICE," SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

"THE OVERALL OBJECTIVE OF THE SURVEY IS TO PROVIDE THOSE INVOLVED IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE WITH INFORMATION, NOT OTHERWISE AVAILABLE, ON THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF CRIME, COMPLEMENTING DATA RESOURCES ALREADY ON HAND FOR PURPOSES OF PLANNING, EVALUATION AND ANALYSIS.

"ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT USES OF THE SURVEY DATA IS THE ASSESSMENT OF THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC FRAMEWORK SURROUNDING VIOLENCE AND THEFT.

"IT PROVIDES INFORMATION NECESSARY FOR STUDYING THE PART WHICH THE VICTIM PLAYS IN CRIME, HIS ROLE IN POTENTIAL PREVENTION AND HIS CHARACTERISTICS.

"FINDINGS ON VICTIM-OFFENDER RELATIONSHIPS, THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF CRIME OCCURENCE AS WELL AS OFFENDER CHARACTERISTICS ARE USEFUL IN UNDERSTANDING THE CONTEXT IN WHICH CRIME OCCURS," HE SAID.

THE CHINESE AND ENGLISH VERSIONS OF THE REPORT, WILL BE ON SALE IN VERSIONS AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRES FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY).

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SUNNY AND DRY IN DECEMBER

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DECEMBER WAS SUNNY AND DRY WITH A TOTAL RAINFALL OF ONLY 0.4 MILLIMETRE, STATISTICS FROM THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY REVEALED.

THIS WAS WELL BELOW THE NORMAL AMOUNT OF 25.3 MILLIMETRES AND THE MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY OF 60 PER CENT WAS THE FIFTH LOWEST ON RECORD FOR DECEMBER.

THERE WAS ALSO ABUNDANT SUNSHINE IN DECEMBER WITH 15 DAYS ON WHICH THE DURATION OF SUNSHINE WAS EIGHT HOURS OR MORE.

THERE WERE ABOUT 200 REPORTS OF HILL FIRES, OUT OF WHICH 106 OCCURRED ON DECEMBER 20 WHEN THE RELATIVE HUMIDITY FELL TO 23 PER CENT AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

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THE INTENSE WINTER MONSOON WHICH BROUGHT RECORD-BREAKING LOW TEMPERATURES TO HONG KONG AT THE END OF NOVEMBER CONTINUED TO PREVAIL FOR THE FIRST TWO DAYS IN DECEMBER WITH MINIMUM TEMPERATURES OF BELOW 10 DEGREES.

WINDS OFFSHORE REMAINED STRONG ON DECEMBER 1 BUT GRADUALLY MODERATED THE NEXT DAY.

SUNNY WEATHER ON DECEMBER 3 BROUGHT MILDER DAYTIME TEMPERATURES TO HONG KONG AND THE TEMPERATURE CONTINUED TO RISE ON DECEMBER 4.

ANOTHER SURGE OF THE WINTER MONSOON ARRIVED EARLY ON DECEMBER 5 MARKING THE BEGINNING OF A LONG FINE SPELL.

WINDS OFFSHORE BECAME STRONG DURING THE EARLY HOURS OF DECEMBER 6. DRY AIR ASSOCIATED WITH THE MONSOON SENT THE RELATIVE HUMIDITY DOWN TO A LOW OF 29 PER CENT ON THAT DAY AND 52 HILL FIRES WERE REPORTED.

THE SURGE ALSO BROUGHT THE MINIMUM TEMPERATURE ON THE NEXT DAY TO 7.8 DEGREES, WHICH WAS THE LOWEST OF THE MONTH.

AT TAI MO SHAN A MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 1 DEGREE BELOW FREEZING POINT WAS RECORDED, BUT NO FROST WAS REPORTED.

FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS, SUNNY AND MILDER WEATHER PREVAILED. WINDS MODERATED AND BECAME EASTERLY DURING THE DAY ON DECEMBER 9. THIS BROUGHT SLIGHTLY MORE HUMID CONDITIONS AND PROGRESSIVELY HIGHER TEMPERATURES.

REPLENISHMENT OF THE WINTER MONSOON ARRIVED ON DECEMBER 11, AND TEMPERATURES FELL FROM A MAXIMUM OF 20.9 DEGREES ON THAT DAY TO A MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 12.3 DEGREES THE NEXT MORNING.

WINDS TURNED EASTERLY ON DECEMBER 13 AND THE WEATHER BECAME CLOUDY ON DECEMBER 14 WITH A TRACE OF RAINFALL DURING THE NIGHT. A WEAK SURGE OF THE WINTER MONSOON ARRIVED ON DECEMBER 15 AND IT WAS FINE AND SUNNY ON DECEMBER 16 AND 17.

THE WEATHER TURNED CLOUDY AGAIN ON DECEMBER 18. SOME LIGHT RAIN PATCHES ALSO OCCURRED ON DECEMBER 19. IN THE SAME EVENING, ANOTHER SURGE OF THE DRY WINTER MONSOON ARRIVED AND WINDS OFFSHORE FRESHENED FROM THE NORTH.

ON DECEMBER 20 THE RELATIVE HUMIDITY DROPPED TO 23 PER CENT, WHICH WAS THE LOWEST RECORDED SO FAR THIS WINTER AND 106 HILL FIRES WERE REPORTED.

THE FIRES NEAR SHAM TSENG AND AT TAI MO SHAN NECESSITATED THE CLOSURE OF THE TUEN MUN HIGHWAY AND THE LAM KAM ROAD FOR SEVERAL HOURS. MORE THAN 10,000 TREES WERE DESTROYED IN THE SERIOUS HILL FIRE WHICH OCCURRED IN TAI MO SHAN COUNTRY PARK ON DECEMBER 21.

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AS THE MONSOON WEAKENED, WINDS MODERATED AND TURNED EASTERLY ON DECEMBER 21. THE SKY WAS CLOUDLESS MOST OF THE TIME AND THERE WAS ABUNDANT SUNSHINE FROM DECEMBER 21 TO 23.

THE WEATHER TURNED CLOUDY ON DECEMBER 24 WITH SOME RAIN IN THE AFTERNOON. RELATIVELY WARM WEATHER WITH LIGHT WINDS PREVAILED FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS. SOME LIGHT RAIN ALSO OCCURRED ON DECEMBER 26 AND 27.

CLOUDS BEGAN TO BREAK ON DECEMBER 28 AND THE TEMPERATURE ROSE TO 25.9 DEGREES ON DECEMBER 30, WHICH WAS THE HIGHEST IN THE MONTH.

AN EASTERLY SURGE REACHED THE SOUTH CHINA COAST IN THE AFTERNOON ON THE SAME DAY AND THE WEATHER BECAME CLOUDY WITH SOME LIGHT RAIN. GUSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS SURGE BROUGHT DOWN A SCAFFOLDING IN WAN CHAI, DAMAGING EIGHT VEHICLES AND INJURING THREE PEOPLE.

WINDS REMAINED FRESH ON DECEMBER 31 AND THE WEATHER WAS CLOUDY AND COOL.

DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, NO AIRCRAFT WAS DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER. THE RED FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT FROM DECEMBER 2 TO 4, 5 TO 10, 11 TO 13, 16 TO 17, 18 TO 22 AND 24 TO 27 WHILE THE YELLOW FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON DECEMBER 13, 18, 22 TO 24, 28 TO 30 AND 31.

SIGNALS HOISTED DURING THE MONTH WERE AS FOLLOWS:

WEATHER SYSTEM	SIGNAL	DATE AND TIME OF HOISTING	DATE AND TIME OF LOWERING
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	NOVEMBER 30 9.15 PM	DECEMBER 1 10.05 AM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	DECEMBER 1 10.05 PM	DECEMBER 2 9.05 AM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	DECEMBER 5 7.15 AM	DECEMBER 5 3 PM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	DECEMBER 5 7.40 PM	DECEMBER 6 2.05 PM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	DECEMBER 30 7 PM	DECEMBER 31 11 PM

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THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

SUNSHINE	191.8 HOURS ;	12.5 HOURS ABOVE NORMAL
GLOBAL SOLAR RADIATION	11.99 MJ/SQ.M ;	0.25 MJ/SQ.M BELOW NORMAL
RAINFALL	0.4 MM ;	24.9 MM BELOW NORMAL
CLOUDINESS	44 PER CENT ;	8 PER CENT LESS THAN NORMAL
RELATIVE HUMIDITY	60 PER CENT ;	9 PER CENT LOWER THAN NORMAL
MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE	19.5 DEGREES ; CELSIUS	1.3 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN TEMPERATURE	16.8 DEGREES ; CELSIUS	0.9 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	14.5 DEGREES ; CELSIUS	0.7 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	8.7 DEGREES ; CELSIUS	2.7 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	99.7 MM ;	16.8 MM BELOW NORMAL

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YOUTHS SHOULD PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS : FAN

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LOCAL YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD SEEK TO DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL AND ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION (CPCE), MRS RITA FAN, SAID.

"OUR URGENT TASK IS TO HELP LOCAL PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION OF HONG KONG WHERE WE ARE STAYING AND WHERE OUR FUTURE LIES," SHE SAID.

MRS FAN'S REMARKS ARE CONTAINED IN THE FIRST EDITION OF THE CIVIC EDUCATION NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED BY THE COMMITTEE.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT THE THEME OF THE NEWSLETTER WAS "CARE FOR YOUR COMMUNITY, WORK FOR YOUR COMMUNITY".

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AFTER ACTIVELY PROMOTING CIVIC EDUCATION FOR TWO YEARS, WE OBSERVED THAT QUITE A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES HAD BEEN ORGANISED AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL, SHE SAID.

THE NEWSLETTER WOULD SERVE AS A CHANNEL FOR THE PUBLIC TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON CIVIC EDUCATION.

IN THE NEWSLETTER, THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, ALSO REMARKED THAT THE PUBLICATION WOULD HELP STRENGTHEN THE COMMUNICATION AMONG CONCERNED BODIES.

THE GOVERNMENT HAD RENDERED BOTH MANPOWER AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, HE SAID.

GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO THE CPCE HAD INCREASED FROM \$754,000 LAST YEAR TO \$1.28 MILLION THIS YEAR, HE ADDED.

THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER, PRINTED IN CHINESE AND ILLUSTRATED WITH TABLES AND PHOTOGRAPHS, WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE, THE DISTRICT BOARDS AND VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS.

COPIES OF THE FIRST EDITION OF THE NEWSLETTER ARE NOW AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES.

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HOTLINES ON LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL

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THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HAS SET UP THREE TELEPHONE HOTLINES AT ITS HEADQUARTERS, THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE RESPECTIVELY TO ANSWER ENQUIRIES IN RELATION TO THE LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL SCHEME.

A CNTA SPOKESMAN TODAY (SUNDAY) SAID LIVESTOCK FARMERS ARE WELCOME TO MAKE USE OF THE ENQUIRY SERVICE, WHICH WILL BE MANNED BY LIAISON OFFICERS DURING THE OFFICE HOURS.

THE THREE HOTLINES ARE 3-7241771 (CNTA HEADQUARTERS); 0-792261 EXT. 186 (YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE); AND 0-6754664 (NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE).

IN ADDITION TO THE HOTLINE SERVICE, THE DEPARTMENT HAS FORMED THREE LIAISON TEAMS TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNICATION BETWEEN LIVESTOCK FARMERS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

THESE TEAMS ARE BASED IN THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND CNTA HEADQUARTERS.

THEY HAVE ALREADY VISITED SOME 100 LIVESTOCK FARMS, WHICH WILL BE AFFECTED IN THE FIRST YEAR OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PHASE I OF THE CONTROL SCHEME, AND ABOUT 30 ORGANISATIONS OF THE TRADE TO EXPLAIN THE SCHEME.

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ANTI-NARCOTICS CARNIVAL IN YAU MA TEI

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MORE THAN 10,000 PEOPLE BROUGHT HOME WITH THEM, AMONG TOYS AND OTHER ATTRACTIVE ITEMS, ANTI-NARCOTICS MESSAGES WRAPPED IN FORTUNE COOKIES FROM A CARNIVAL HELD TODAY (SUNDAY) AT THE URBAN COUNCIL CENTENARY GARDEN IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

DURING THE DAY-LONG CARNIVAL ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS AND THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE CROWDED AT THE 15 GAMESTALLS EAGER TO WIN THE SPECIAL PRIZE --- CHINESE FORTUNE COOKIES.

"ALTOGETHER, 10 DIFFERENT HARD-HITTING ANTI-DRUG SLOGANS WERE PRINTED AND INSERTED INTO 10,000 DELICIOUS COOKIES WHICH WERE SPECIALLY DESIGNED AND PRODUCED FOR THE OCCASION," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NARCOTICS DIVISION SAID.

"WHILE ENJOYING THE TASTE, RECIPIENTS OF THE COOKIES WILL AT THE SAME TIME BE REMINDED THAT THEY SHOULD STAY AWAY FROM DRUGS," THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

THE CARNIVAL STARTED OFF IN THE MORNING WITH A DEMONSTRATION OF DRUG SEARCHING BY THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT'S DOG UNIT. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY STALL GAMES.

WINNING ENTRIES OF THE RECENTLY COMPLETED ANTI-NARCOTICS COMIC STRIPS COMPETITION WERE DISPLAYED WHILE FOUR PROFESSIONAL CARTOONISTS WERE ON HAND TO DRAW CARICATURES OF THE CHILDREN AT THE CARNIVAL.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE EVENT WAS A POP CONCERT WITH PERFORMANCES BY SINGERS AND GROUPS INCLUDING RAIDAS, WHO SANG THE ANTI-NARCOTICS THEME SONG THIS YEAR, PRISCILLA CHAN, FRIENDS CONNECTION, EQUATOR, CHENG KING-KAY, WONG PO-YAN AND SO MAN-LING.

THE TWO-HOUR CONCERT, PRODUCED BY THE SANCITY ENTERTAINMENT COMPANY, WAS BROADCAST LIVE BY RTHK'S RADIO-2 SO THAT THE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE WOULD REACH A FURTHER 40,000 LISTENERS.

SPEAKING AT THE CARNIVAL, THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR GARETH MULLOY, URGED YOUNG PEOPLE TO STAY AWAY FROM DRUGS AND ENCOURAGED THEM TO TAKE ACTIVE PART IN HEALTHY ACTIVITIES SUCH AS TODAY'S CARNIVAL WHICH WAS SPECIALLY HELD AT A POPULAR VENUE.

CHAIRMAN OF THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR NG MAN-KEUNG, SAID YOUNG PEOPLE WERE MOST VULNERABLE TO DRUGS, AND THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS TO BE BACKED UP BY ANTI-NARCOTICS PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS.

"THE SERIES OF ACTIVITIES ORGANISED IN YAU MA TEI ARE MAINLY AIMED AT YOUNG PEOPLE," MR NG SAID.

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"IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR US TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL OF SPREADING THE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE WITHOUT THE SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY," HE ADDED.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WERE THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR J.S. MAIN; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CARNIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR IP KWOK-WAI.

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CARNIVAL DRIVES HOME FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE
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HUNDREDS OF KWUN TONG RESIDENTS HAVE AN ENTERTAINING AND EDUCATIONAL AFTERNOON AT A FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL HELD AT THE HONG NING ROAD PLAYGROUND TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE FUNCTION WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, KWUN TONG POLICE DISTRICT, SAU MAU PING POLICE DISTRICT AND THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (DFCC).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDDY CHAN, SAID THE CARNIVAL SYMBOLISED THE CO-OPERATIVE SPIRIT AMONG GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND THE COMMUNITY IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME.

IT ALSO REFLECTED THE SUPPORT OF THE AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS TO THE DFCC, HE SAID.

MR CHAN REPORTED THE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DFCC IN THE PAST YEAR. THESE INCLUDE VISITS TO MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS' CORPORATIONS, A FIGHT CRIME SEMINAR, AN INTER-SCHOOL DEBATE COMPETITION, A LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION AND THE GOOD RESIDENTS AWARD SCHEME.

PLANS WERE ALSO IN HAND TO PUT UP SIGNBOARDS IN THE DISTRICT TO FURTHER PUBLICISE THE FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE, HE ADDED.

THE PROGRAMMES OF TODAY'S CARNIVAL INCLUDED THE FINAL ROUND OF THE INTER-SCHOOL DEBATE COMPETITION, A VARIETY SHOW AND STALL GAMES, ALL ON THE ANTI-TRIAD AND CRIME PREVENTION THEME.

WINNERS OF THE VARIOUS FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN COMPETITIONS ALSO RECEIVED PRIZES.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WERE THE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER (KWUN TONG), MR M.N.W. PELLY; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER (SAU MAU PING), MR LAU YUK-KUEN; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE KWUN TONG DFCC, MR MAU KEI-ON.

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ELDERLY URGED TO TAKE PART IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN BURRETT, THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON URGED SENIOR RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT TO PARTICIPATE MORE ACTIVELY IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

SPEAKING AT A VARIETY SHOW FOR THE ELDERLY HELD AT THE TAI PO CIVIC CENTRE, MR BURRETT SAID THE DISTRICT'S LUNAR NEW YEAR PROGRAMME AND THE RURAL COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT PROVIDED MANY ACTIVITIES FOR THE ELDERLY.

HE BELIEVED THAT MANY OF THE SPECTATORS OF THE VARIETY SHOW MUST HAVE PARTICIPATED IN VEGETARIAN FEASTS, THE BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR THE ELDERLY HELD DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR OR THE CARNIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY LAST JANUARY.

MR BURRETT ADDED THAT TAI PO PEOPLE HAD ALWAYS SHOWN CONCERN FOR THE SENIOR RESIDENTS, AND A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES WERE PROVIDED BY THE EIGHT OLD PEOPLE'S HOMES AND ELDERLY CENTRES IN THE DISTRICT.

TODAY'S VARIETY SHOW WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE WORKING GROUP ON THE ELDERLY DAY OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. IT WAS ONE OF THE EVENTS OF THE COMMITTEE'S ELDERLY SERVICES PROJECT.

PROGRAMMES OF THE SHOW INCLUDED CHINESE OPERA AND ACROBATICS PERFORMANCES. THERE WAS ALSO A TEA GATHERING FOR THE 800 SPECTATORS.

OFFICIATING AT THE SHOW WERE THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN BURRETT; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE SAI KUNG NORTH RURAL COMMITTEE, MR LAM PAK-PING.

APART FROM THE VARIETY SHOW, ABOUT 100 VOLUNTARY WORKERS WILL VISIT THE ELDERLY LIVING IN REMOTE VILLAGES AND OLD BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT ON JANUARY 31 TO HELP THEM CLEAN UP AND PAINT THEIR HOMES.

IT IS HOPED THAT THESE VISITS WILL HELP PROMOTE CARE FOR THE AGED AND ASSIST THE ELDERLY TO PREPARE FOR THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

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JOB BAZAAR TO ATTRACT WORKERS

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A THREE-DAY "JOB BAZAAR" WHERE THE PUBLIC CAN FIND JOBS BEST SUITED TO THEIR INTERESTS AND POTENTIAL WILL BEGIN AT THE NEW TOWN PLAZA IN SHA TIN ON WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 13).

THE EVENT IS ORGANISED FOR THE FIRST TIME BY THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

"THE IDEA OF SETTING UP A JOB BAZAAR IS TO PROVIDE A CONVENIENT LOCATION FOR EMPLOYERS IN VARIOUS INDUSTRIES TO PUBLICISE THEIR RECRUITMENT NEEDS AND TO ATTRACT JOB-SEEKERS TO TAKE UP EMPLOYMENT," A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"WE HOPE THIS NEW RECRUITMENT CONCEPT WILL INSPIRE MORE HOUSEWIVES, PART-TIMERS, SELF-EMPLOYED AND ELDERLY PEOPLE TO JOIN THE WORKFORCE SO AS TO EASE THE CURRENT LABOUR SHORTAGE."

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT THE KEEN INTEREST SHOWN BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN THE JOB BAZAAR WAS MOST ENCOURAGING.

ALTOGETHER 16 FIRMS REPRESENTING 13 TRADES WILL TAKE PART IN THE EVENT. THESE INCLUDE BANKING, ELECTRONICS, COMPUTER, COMMUNICATION, CAN MANUFACTURING, HOTEL, RESTAURANT, FAST FOOD AND DEPARTMENT STORE.

THE PARTICIPATING FIRMS WILL PROVIDE JOB-SEEKERS WITH AN ARRAY OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND OTHER LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION. SOME WILL ALSO CONDUCT RECRUITMENT ACTIVITIES ON THE SPOT.

"IF THIS PROVES SUCCESSFUL, SIMILAR EVENTS WILL BE ORGANISED IN OTHER DISTRICTS TO MEET EMPLOYERS' DEMANDS," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 3 PM ON WEDNESDAY. THE EVENT WILL THEN BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL 9.30 PM ON THE SAME DAY, FROM 10.30 AM TO 9.30 PM ON THURSDAY AND FROM 10.30 AM TO 6.30 PM ON FRIDAY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT THE FOOTBRIDGE GALLERY, LEVEL 3, NEW TOWN PLAZA, SHA TIN, AT 3 PM ON WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 13).

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YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA RECRUITS MEMBERS
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THE HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA OF THE MUSIC OFFICE IS RECRUITING MEMBERS FOR THE 1988 TO 1989 TERM.

SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1978, THE ORCHESTRA HAS TAKEN PART IN CONCERTS, DISTRICT ARTS FESTIVALS AND OVERSEAS MUSIC EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES.

MAJOR FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN WHICH THE ORCHESTRA WILL TAKE AN ACTIVE PART INCLUDE THE YOUTH CHINESE MUSIC FESTIVAL, ANNUAL TRAINEES GALA, AND AN OVERSEAS TOUR IN SUMMER.

AN INTENSIVE TRAINING PROGRAMME WILL BE DRAWN UP TO EMBRACE MASTER CLASSES AND REHEARSALS CONDUCTED BY LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MUSICIANS.

IN THE TRAINING SCHEDULE, ALL REHEARSALS WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY EVENINGS AND HOLIDAYS.

A MUSIC OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THE ORCHESTRA WOULD RECRUIT ALL ITS MEMBERS EACH YEAR BY OPEN AUDITION WHICH CURRENT MEMBERS WOULD ALSO HAVE TO ATTEND.

MEMBERS WOULD BE EXPECTED TO ATTEND ALL REHEARSALS AND TRAINING SESSIONS, HE ADDED.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BE UNDER 25 YEARS OLD, POSSESS ORCHESTRAL EXPERIENCE AND HAVE ATTAINED AT LEAST GRADE V IN THE MUSIC OFFICE'S INTERNAL ASSESSMENT OR EQUIVALENT IN ONE CHINESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT.

QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND AN AUDITION AT A LATER DATE.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE AND ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 0-6982973.

THE APPLICATIONS SHOULD REACH THE SHA TIN MUSIC CENTRE, KCR HOUSE, FOURTH FLOOR, BY JANUARY 27.

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FIRST EMERGENCY HELPLINE IN KOWLOON CITY

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THE FIRST EMERGENCY HELPLINE IN THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT WILL OFFICIALLY COME INTO OPERATION AT AN INAUGURAL CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT 3 PM ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 12) AT THE JUNCTION ROAD PARK.

THE HELPLINE IS INSTALLED BY THE HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY AS A MEASURE TO PREVENT CRIME AND TO PROVIDE THE PUBLIC WITH AN EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICE IN REMOTE AREAS.

FOUR MORE EMERGENCY HELPLINES WILL BE INSTALLED IN THE DISTRICT.

OFFICIATING AT THE INAUGURAL CEREMONY WILL BE THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SIK-KONG, AND THE KOWLOON CITY POLICE DIVISIONAL COMMANDER, MR P.J. DEAL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE INAUGURAL CEREMONY FOR THE FIRST KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT EMERGENCY HELPLINE TO BE HELD AT 3 PM ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 12) AT THE JUNCTION ROAD PARK, KOWLOON TONG.

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SWD OPENS 27TH FAMILY SERVICES CENTRE

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THE 27TH FAMILY SERVICES CENTRE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE NORTH DISTRICT FAMILY SERVICES CENTRE, WILL COME INTO OPERATION FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY).

IT IS LOCATED AT 129-132, GROUND FLOOR, CHOI LAI HOUSE, CHOI YUEN ESTATE, SHEUNG SHUI.

RESIDENTS OF THE NORTH DISTRICT, INCLUDING SHEUNG SHUI, FANLING, SHA TAU KOK AND TA KWU LING, CAN APPROACH THE CENTRE OR CALL 0-932480 OR 0-932464 FOR SERVICE.

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COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS SAI KUNG MINIBUS ROUTES

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THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO DISCUSS TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES IN THE DISTRICT.

THE TWO PROPOSED ROUTES ARE HANG HAU TO PING SHEK (CIRCULAR) ROUTE AND SAI KUNG TO PO LAM ROUTE.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED SERVICE REVISION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE NO. 10 PLYING BETWEEN KWUN TONG (YAU OI COURT) AND RENNIE'S MILL VIA SHUN LEE TSUEN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO BE HELD AT 10 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN.

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WATER CUT IN KWAI CHUNG, TSUEN WAN AND TSZ WAN SHAN

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO PREMISES IN KWAI CHUNG AND TSUEN WAN WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 13) TO 10 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES IN THE TWO DISTRICTS, INCLUDING SHEUNG KWAI CHUNG, HA KWAI CHUNG AND THE CONTAINER TERMINALS.

ALSO FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TSZ WAN SHAN WILL BE CUT OFF TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TEST.

THE PREMISES AFFECTED ARE BOUNDED BY TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD, WAN WAH STREET AND PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD, INCLUDING ALL BLOCKS OF TSZ MAN AND TSZ ON ESTATES, YUK WAH STREET, YUK WAH LANE, PO MING LANE, PO WAI LANE, PO TIN LANE, PO HANG LANE, KOON WAH LANE, FONG WAH LANE, TSZ WAH LANE, ON YAN HOUSE, ON KEI HOUSE, ON YEE HOUSE AND ON KA HOUSE.

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