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DELEGATION RETURNS FROM HANOI

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THE JOINT UK/HONG KONG DELEGATION HAD GONE INTO TALKS WITH THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT FOR HONG KONG'S BENEFIT, AND MUST SEE WHAT SORT OF PACKAGE CAN BE WORKED OUT FOR HONG KONG'S BENEFIT BEFORE DECIDING WHAT TERMS AND CONDITIONS MIGHT OR MIGHT NOT BE ATTACHED TO IT.

THIS WAS STATED AT THE AIRPORT THIS (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON BY MR RICHARD CLIFT, POLITICAL ADVISER AND LEADER OF THE UK/HONG KONG DELEGATION, IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ON FINANCIAL AID FOR VIETNAM.

MR CLIFT HAS JUST RETURNED TO HONG KONG, TOGETHER WITH THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR GEOFFREY BARNES, AFTER THE FIRST ROUND OF TALKS WITH THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT OVER THE VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE ISSUE.

MR CLIFT SAID THE QUESTION OF FINANCIAL AID WAS NOT DISCUSSED IN DETAIL AND THAT THE DELEGATION HAD MADE ABSOLUTELY NO COMMITMENT ON THIS.

THE VIETNAMESE SIDE RAISED THE QUESTION OF THE POSSIBILITY OF RESETTLEMENT ASSISTANCE IN ASSOCIATION WITH REPATRIATION, BUT IT WAS NOT GONE INTO IN DETAIL, HE SAID.

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ON DIFFERENCES OF VIEW BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES OVER WHO SHOULD BE REPATRIATED, MR CLIFT STRESSED THAT THE FIRST ROUND OF TALKS WAS BASICALLY FOR PRELIMINARY CONTACT.

"WE WERE ABLE TO MAKE VERY CLEAR OUR VIEW THAT IF THERE IS TO BE A SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM, IT MUST COVER ALL THOSE WHO ARE SCREENED OUT AS ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS SINCE THE JUNE 16 POLICY CAME INTO EFFECT.

"WE DO ATTACH A LOT OF IMPORTANCE TO THIS BECAUSE THIS IS ESTABLISHED INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE -- THAT ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ARRIVING IN ONE COUNTRY OR TERRITORY SHOULD GO BACK TO THEIR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.

"THE VIETNAMESE QUITE UNDERSTAND OUR POINT OF VIEW. THEY ARE WILLING TO GO ON TALKING. BUT THERE ARE A WHOLE LOT OF POINTS WHICH ARE GOING TO HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED IN ORDER TO SEE WHAT SORT OF PACKAGE CAN BE WORKED OUT.

"HAVING MET THEM AND TALKED TO THEM, I AM QUITE HOPEFUL THAT IN THE END WE SHALL GET A SOLUTION," HE SAID.

ON WHETHER HE HAD ACHIEVED WHAT HE HAD HOPED TO ACHIEVE DURING THE TALKS, MR CLIFT SAID: "WE ACHIEVED JUST ABOUT WHAT WE EXPECTED TO ACHIEVE, CERTAINLY AS GOOD AS WE EXPECTED FOR A FIRST CONTACT."

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ASKED WHETHER IT WAS TRUE THAT A LIST OF 20 VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE WHO WOULD BE AMONG THE FIRST BATCH TO BE REPATRIATED WOULD SOON BE HANDED OVER TO THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT, THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR BARNES, SAID A SMALL GROUP OF LESS THAN 20 VOLUNTARY RETURNEES WOULD BE DEALT WITH ACCORDING TO ESTABLISHED PRACTICE THROUGH THE UNHCR AND RETURNED TO VIETNAM.

"I THINK YOU CAN LOOK ON THESE AS BEING QUITE SEPARATE FROM THE TALKS," HE SAID.

THE MAJORITY OF THEM HAD ARRIVED BEFORE JUNE 16 WHEN THE NEW POLICY CAME INTO EFFECT, HE ADDED.

REPLYING TO A QUESTION ON THE RESULTS OF THE SCREENING PROCESS, MR BARNES SAID ABOUT 480 VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE HAD COMPLETED THEIR INITIAL SCREENING.

"WE HAVEN'T FINISHED THE SCREENING OUT BECAUSE THE SCREENING OUT IS ONLY COMPLETED WHEN THE APPEAL PROCESS IS COMPLETED.

"THERE HAVEN'T BEEN ANY CONCLUSIONS DRAWN YET. IT IS A VERY THOROUGH AND LENGTHY PROCESS," HE SAID.

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POLICE WILL MAINTAIN STANDARDS IN RECRUITMENT

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POLICE WILL CONTINUE TO RECRUIT WELL EDUCATED AND MOTIVATED YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN IN THE COMING YEARS TO COPE WITH THE EXTRA RESPONSIBILITIES PLACED ON THE FORCE, THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MANAGEMENT, MR GEORGE HINDHAUGH, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT A PASSING OUT PARADE AT THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL IN WONG CHUK HANG, MR HINDHAUGH EMPHASISED THAT THE FORCE HAD SET HIGH STANDARDS AND HAD NO INTENTION OF LOWERING THEM EITHER IN THE QUALITY OF OFFICERS RECRUITED OR THE SERVICE IT PROVIDED THE PUBLIC.

POINTING OUT THAT THE POLICE WOULD HAVE A CONSIDERABLE ROLE TO PLAY IN THE YEARS TO COME IN MAINTAINING THE SECURITY AND WELL BEING OF HONG KONG, MR HINDHAUGH SAID SUCH A ROLE, AND THE SKILLS THE POLICE NEED TO CARRY IT OUT, WOULD BE FULLY RECOGNISED BY THE REVIEW COMMITTEE WHICH WAS CURRENTLY STUDYING THE PAY AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE OF THE FORCE AND OTHER DISCIPLINED SERVICES.

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"HOWEVER, MATERIAL REWARDS ASIDE, THE POLICE SERVICE OFFERS A VERY REWARDING CAREER," HE TOLD THE GRADUATES.

"ALTHOUGH YOU WILL SUFFER FRUSTRATION AND WORRY FROM TIME TO TIME, THE PRIDE YOU FEEL WHEN YOU HAVE ACHIEVED SOMETHING WORTHWHILE WILL MAKE YOU REALISE YOU HAVE CHOSEN A FULFILLING CAREER.

"THE GREAT RESPONSIBILITIES PLACED ON EACH INDIVIDUAL OFFICER AND THE FEELING OF BELONGING TO AN EFFICIENT TEAM IS MOST SATISFYING."

NOTING THAT POLICE OFFICERS LIKE THEMSELVES WOULD BE THE MOST VISIBLE SIGN OF AUTHORITY IN THE EYES OF THE PUBLIC AND WOULD BE CALLED UPON TO DEAL WITH ALL MANNER OF THINGS, MR HINDHAUGH TOLD THE OFFICERS THAT IN MOST CASES THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN TRAINED TO HANDLE SUCH INCIDENTS.

"BUT YOU WILL MEET SITUATIONS WHICH WERE NEW TO YOU AND WHICH OFTEN FALL OUTSIDE THE POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF YOUR JOB.

"YOU MUST BE PREPARED TO MEET THESE SITUATIONS AS THEY ARISE, THEREFORE YOU CANNOT SIT BACK AND RELY SOLELY ON WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED IN BASIC TRAINING."

MR HINDHAUGH ALSO REMINDED THE OFFICERS THAT POLICE WORK WAS A CONTINUOUS LEARNING PROCESS AND ONLY BY ADDING TO THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND DEVELOPING THEIR SKILLS IN DEALING WITH THE PUBLIC COULD THEY HOPE TO SERVE THEM PROPERLY.

ON PARADE TODAY WERE 25 INSPECTORS AND 236 POLICE CONSTABLES WHO HAVE JUST COMPLETED THE BASIC TRAINING IN THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL.

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FURTHER SITE EARMARKED FOR BOAT PEOPLE CENTRE
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS IDENTIFIED A PIECE OF CROWN LAND AT WHITEHEAD, WU KAI SHA, TO SET UP A TEMPORARY DETENTION CENTRE TO ACCOMMODATE VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE.

THE REFUGEE CO-ORDINATOR, MR MIKE HANSON, BRIEFED MEMBERS OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD TODAY (SATURDAY) ON DETAILS CONCERNING THIS CENTRE WHICH WOULD BE SET UP SUBJECT TO THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

"THE SITE WOULD BE DEVELOPED IN PHASES, AND THE PLANNED CAPACITY FOR THE FIRST TWO PHASES IS 5,000," MR HANSON SAID.

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"CONSTRUCTION WORK FOR THESE INITIAL PHASES IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT THREE MONTHS."

MR HANSON SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT BE TAKING THE WHOLE SITE AT WHITEHEAD IMMEDIATELY AS THE QUESTION OF ACCOMMODATION FOR VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE WOULD HINGE ON THE LEVEL OF THE INFLUX.

"STAFF OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THIS DETENTION CENTRE," HE POINTED OUT.

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COMMUNITY EFFORT TO FIGHT JUVENILE CRIME

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JUVENILE DELINQUENCY IS A SOCIAL PROBLEM THAT REQUIRES THE ATTENTION OF EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR CHAN SZE-BUN, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT AN ANTI SHOP THEFT RALLY, MR CHAN SAID THE PROBLEM OF JUVENILE DELINQUENCY, PARTICULARLY SHOP THEFT, HAD BECOME MORE SERIOUS IN THE DISTRICT.

"WE DON'T WANT THE SITUATION TO DETERIORATE AND THE FUTURE OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE DAMAGED BECAUSE OF MOMENTARY GREED OR MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT SHOP THEFT," HE SAID.

"THIS RALLY IS TO SHOW A CONCERTED EFFORT BY THE WHOLE COMMUNITY IN TACKLING THE PROBLEM.

"IF EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY CAN MAKE AN EFFORT TO HELP, THE PROBLEM WILL SURELY BE ALLEVIATED AND SHA TIN WILL BECOME AN EVEN BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN."

THE POLICE REGIONAL COMMANDER (NEW TERRITORIES), MR RICHARD SMALLSHAW, NOTED THAT LAST YEAR A TOTAL OF 788 PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED IN SHA TIN FOR SHOP THEFT, AND 504 WERE JUVENILES AGED UNDER 17.

IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, A FURTHER 406 PEOPLE HAD BEEN ARRESTED, AND 317 WERE JUVENILES.

OF THE VARIOUS CAUSATIVE FACTORS, TEMPTATION AND GREED PROBABLY PLAYED A LARGE PART AS MANY OF THE PEOPLE ARRESTED COULD AFFORD TO BUY THE THINGS THAT THEY STOLE, MR SMALLSHAW SAID.

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"THIS RALLY TODAY MARKS THE START OF AN ANTI SHOP THEFT CAMPAIGN ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ACTION GROUP.

"MEMBERSHIP COMES FROM THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, DISTRICT BOARD, AREA COMMITTEES, SCHOOLS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS CORPORATIONS, THE RURAL COMMITTEE, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

"WE HOPE THAT THIS MULTI-DISCIPLINARY ACTION GROUP WILL CONSTITUTE A MEANS FOR A MORE MEANINGFUL APPROACH TO REDUCING DELINQUENCY," HE SAID.

AFTER TAKING A PLEDGE TO FIGHT SHOP THEFT, 700 YOUNG PEOPLE WHO JOINED THE RALLY WERE THEN DIVIDED INTO GROUPS AND LED BY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS IN DISTRIBUTING ANTI SHOP THEFT PUBLICITY MATERIALS AT SHOPPING CENTRES IN THE DISTRICT'S NINE CONSTITUENCIES.

OTHER OFFICIALS ATTENDING THE RALLY INCLUDED ACTING SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ANDREW PYNE; SHA TIN DISTRICT POLICE COMMANDER, MR PETER HALLIDAY; AND DISTRICT BOARD AND DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

THE RALLY, HELD AT THE OPEN SPACE BETWEEN SHA TIN TOWN HALL AND NEW TOWN PLAZA, WAS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE'S JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ACTION GROUP.

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SOUTHERN DFCC MEMBERS TO HELP FIGHT BEACH CRIME

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MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE WILL JOIN FORCES WITH THE POLICE TO COMBAT BEACH CRIME IN AN ANTI-CRIME PUBLICITY DRIVE TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

BEFORE THE EXERCISE, THEY WILL ATTEND A BRIEFING AT THE ABERDEEN POLICE STATION ON MEASURES THAT ARE BEING TAKEN BY THE POLICE TO CLAMP DOWN ON THEFT AND OTHER CRIME ON BEACHES.

THE MEMBERS WILL VISIT POPULAR BEACHES IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES HOW POLICE OFFICERS CARRY OUT PATROL DUTIES AT BEACHES.

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THEY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE POLICE DIVISIONAL COMMANDER FOR ABERDEEN, MR K.W. TAM; POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER FOR WESTERN DISTRICT, MR W.C. LAU; AND SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF.

THE MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISTRIBUTE PUBLICITY LEAFLETS TO BEACH-GOERS TO REMIND THEM TO TAKE CARE OF THEIR VALUABLES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE'S ANTI-BEACH-CRIME PUBLICITY DRIVE TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

A GOVERNMENT VAN TAKING MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO THE ABERDEEN POLICE STATION WILL DEPART FROM THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES CARPARK AT 9.45 AM SHARP. THOSE WHO TRAVEL IN THEIR OWN VEHICLES SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE STATION IN WONG CHUK HANG BY 10.20 AM.

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

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SPECIAL DRIVE TO INOCULATE FISHERMEN'S DOGS

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WILL CARRY OUT A SPECIAL INOCULATION DRIVE OVER THE NEXT FOUR WEEKS SO THAT FISHERMEN CAN HAVE THEIR DOGS IMMUNISED AGAINST RABIES.

THE DRIVE, THE 16TH ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT SINCE 1980, AIMS TO HELP FISHERMEN WHO FIND THEY HAVE LITTLE TIME TO TAKE THEIR DOGS TO AN INOCULATION CENTRE OR GOVERNMENT KENNEL FOR INOCULATION.

STARTING FROM MONDAY (AUGUST 8), THE DEPARTMENT'S MOBILE DOG INOCULATION TEAMS WILL MAKE BOAT-TO-BOAT VISITS IN THE SIX FISHING PORTS AND THE WHOLE OPERATION WILL LAST FOR 12 WORKING DAYS FROM AUGUST 8 TO 31.

THE TEAMS WILL VISIT THE SHA TAU KOK FISHING PORT ON AUGUST 8 AND 9 AND CASTLE PEAK BAY ON AUGUST 10 AND 11. THEY WILL VISIT BOTH SHAM MUN TSAI AND SHAU KEI WAN ON AUGUST 15 AND 16.

CHEUNG CHAU, ABERDEEN AND SAI KUNG WILL BE VISITED ON AUGUST 17 AND 18, AUGUST 22 AND 23, AND AUGUST 30 AND 31 RESPECTIVELY.

THE DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR VETERINARY OFFICER, DR DAVID BURROWS, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THE DRIVE IS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUING EFFORTS TO PREVENT THE RE-INTRODUCTION OF THE DEADLY DISEASE INTO HONG KONG.

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"SINCE THE FIRST DRIVE WAS LAUNCHED IN 1980, A TOTAL OF 3,238 DOGS OWNED BY FISHERMEN HAVE BEEN INOCULATED," DR BURROWS SAID.

"RABIES IS A DEADLY DISEASE TO BOTH HUMANS AND ANIMALS, AND DOGS ARE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE. ANTI-RABIES INOCULATION OF ALL DOGS, INCLUDING THOSE ON FISHING VESSELS, IS VERY IMPORTANT.

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

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

FISHERMEN IN THESE PORTS ARE ADVISED TO MAKE FULL USE OF THE SPECIAL SERVICE TO HAVE THEIR DOGS INOCULATED AND LICENSED.

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.

ANTI-RABIES INOCULATION OF CATS, THOUGH NOT COMPULSORY, IS STRONGLY ADVISED, AND THE DEPARTMENT'S INOCULATION TEAMS ALSO INOCULATE CATS ON REQUEST.

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KWUN TONG DB TO DISCUSS EDUCATION REPORT

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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE EDUCATION COMMISSION REPORT NO. 3 WHEN IT MEETS ON MONDAY (AUGUST 8) AFTERNOON.

A MEMBER OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION, MR YEUNG PO-KWAN, WILL ATTEND THE MEETING AND ASSIST MEMBERS' DISCUSSION ON THE REPORT.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO EXPRESS VIEWS ON THE LAW ON LOITERING, WITH REGARD TO ITS PRESENT ENFORCEMENT, ITS SHORTCOMINGS AND MERITS.

IN ADDITION, THEY WILL CONSIDER WHETHER THE PRESENT LAWS GOVERNING HOMOSEXUAL CONDUCT IN HONG KONG SHOULD BE CHANGED, AND DISCUSS THE CRIMES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988, WHICH SEEKS TO CONTROL NUISANCES CAUSED BY VICE ESTABLISHMENTS.

ALSO ON THE AGENDA ARE REPORTS BY THE CHAIRMEN OF THE BOARD'S COMMITTEES, AND BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 8) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, TUNG YAN STREET.

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ISSUE OF NEW DEFINITIVE STAMPS ON SEPTEMBER 1

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NEW DEFINITIVE STAMPS AND OTHER STAMP PRODUCTS WILL BE RELEASED ON SEPTEMBER 1 TO COINCIDE WITH THE GENERAL INCREASE IN POSTAGE RATES, THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY).

"THE INCREASE IN RATES WILL INVOLVE CHANGES TO THE BASIC RATES FOR SOME MAJOR SERVICES IN THE LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAIL," A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

TWO NEW DEFINITIVE STAMPS IN DENOMINATIONS OF \$1.40 AND \$1.80 WILL BE ISSUED FOR POSTING AIRMAIL LETTERS WEIGHING NOT OVER 10 GRAMS TO ZONE 1 AND ZONE 2 RESPECTIVELY.

IN ADDITION, TWO NEW AEROGRAMMES IN DENOMINATION OF \$1.40 WILL BE ISSUED. ONE IS A PICTORIAL AEROGRAMME BEARING A VIEW OF VICTORIA HARBOUR ON THE FRONT AND A SAMPAN ON THE REAR FOLD. THE OTHER IS A PLAIN AEROGRAMME IN WHITE.

FRAMA LABELS BEARING NEW DENOMINATED VALUES OF 60 CENTS (FOR LOCAL LETTERS WEIGHING NOT OVER 30 GRAMS), \$1.40 AND \$1.80 WILL ALSO BE ISSUED TO REPLACE THE PREVIOUS DENOMINATED VALUES OF 50 CENTS, \$1.30 AND \$1.70 RESPECTIVELY.

FOR COLLECTORS WHO MAY BE INTERESTED, REPRINTS OF THE CURRENT DEFINITIVE STAMPS EXCEPT THE TWO REEL STAMPS (10 CENTS AND 50 CENTS) WILL ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR SALE ON SEPTEMBER 1, AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE POST OFFICE, PEAK POST OFFICE, AIRPORT POST OFFICE, GRANVILLE POST OFFICE AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE.

OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVERS WILL NOT BE ISSUED ON SEPTEMBER 1 BUT A HAND-BACK SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED AT ALL POST OFFICES TO PRIVATELY MADE OR PRINTED COVERS AND PROPERLY SEALED UP AEROGRAMMES BEARING A "FIRST DAY" INDICATION.

SPECIAL POSTING BOXES WILL BE PROVIDED ON THAT DAY AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE AND KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE FOR COLLECTORS WHO WISH TO HAVE THEIR OVERSEAS-ADDRESSED ITEMS CAREFULLY HAND-STAMPED WITH THE FIRST DAY OF ISSUE DATE-STAMP.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION

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YOUNG PEOPLE IN SAU MAU PING WILL BE ABLE TO TEST THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF CIVIC AFFAIRS AND WIN ATTRACTIVE PRIZES BY PARTICIPATING IN A CIVIC EDUCATION CROSSWORD PUZZLE COMPETITION.

THE COMPETITION IS ORGANISED BY THE SAU MAU PING SUB-OFFICE OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE.

IT AIMS AT ENCOURAGING YOUNGSTERS IN THE AREA TO BE MORE AWARE OF THEIR LIVING ENVIRONMENT AND TO TAKE AN INTEREST IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

THE COMPETITION IS OPEN TO YOUNG PEOPLE AGED UNDER 18, WHO ARE EITHER LIVING OR STUDYING IN SAU MAU PING.

ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE SAU MAU PING SUB-OFFICE, SAU MAU PING (CENTRAL) ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE AND SAU MAU PING (SOUTH) ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS AUGUST 31.

THERE WILL BE 20 PRIZES FOR WINNERS AND THE RESULTS WILL BE POSTED AT THE SAU MAU PING SUB-OFFICE ON SEPTEMBER 30.

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YOUNG CYCLISTS TO GET PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATES

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YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE COMPLETED TESTS UNDER A CYCLING PROFICIENCY SCHEME WILL RECEIVE CERTIFICATES AT A CEREMONY IN SHA TIN TOMORROW (SUNDAY) MORNING.

THE 35 PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE THEIR CERTIFICATES FROM OFFICIATING GUESTS FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION, SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, HONG KONG CYCLING ASSOCIATION AND SHA TIN SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

THE SCHEME, ORGANISED BY THE POLICE ROAD SAFETY SECTION, BEGAN IN AUGUST LAST YEAR.

THE POLICE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR TRAFFIC, MR PEDRO CHING, WILL PRESENT SOUVENIRS TO THE GUESTS.

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THE PARTICIPANTS HAVE COMPLETED A SERIES OF TESTS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF CYCLING, INCLUDING RIDING TECHNIQUES, MAINTENANCE AND SAFE CYCLING RULES.

THE CYCLING PROFICIENCY SCHEME IS AIMED AT PROVIDING FREE BASIC TRAINING TO INEXPERIENCED YOUNG CYCLISTS AGED 11 AND ABOVE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT TAI WAI CYCLE PARK BETWEEN 10.30 AM AND 11 AM.

THE CHIEF STAFF INSPECTOR OF THE POLICE ROAD SAFETY SECTION, MRS EVELYN LEE, WILL BE PRESENT TO ASSIST THE PRESS.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KENNEDY TOWN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN KENNEDY TOWN FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 9):

* CADOGAN STREET BETWEEN BELCHER'S STREET AND FORBES STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.

* THE METERED GOODS VEHICLE PARKING SPACES AT CADOGAN STREET WILL BE RELOCATED TO THE EASTERN KERBSIDE OF DAVIS STREET.

THESE MEASURES WILL LAST FOR ABOUT 16 WEEKS FOR ROADWORKS.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS AND HEAVY VEHICLE BAN

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TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN FANLING WILL BE MADE URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 8) TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

THE SECTION OF ROAD D6 FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH ROAD D3 TO A POINT ABOUT 400 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE MADE A 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY.

IN ADDITION, THE SECTION OF ROAD D3 BETWEEN KAI LENG ELEVATED ROUNDABOUT AND ROAD D6 WILL ALSO BECOME AN URBAN CLEARWAY OPERATING ROUND THE CLOCK.

NO VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP WITHIN THESE URBAN CLEARWAYS FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

ALSO FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY, ALL VEHICLES EXCEEDING 18 TONNES GROSS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE VEHICULAR BRIDGE ADJOINING JOCKEY CLUB ROAD NEAR FANLING ROUNDABOUT AT ANY TIME OF THE DAY.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN KWUN TONG

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TO FACILITATE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS AT THE JUNCTION OF MUT WAH STREET AND FU YAN STREET IN KWUN TONG, A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 8) FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS.

NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT FROM FU YAN STREET NORTHBOUND ONTO MUT WAH STREET EASTBOUND, AND FROM MUT WAH STREET WESTBOUND ONTO FU YAN STREET NORTHBOUND.

AT THE SAME TIME, VEHICLES ON FU YAN STREET NORTHBOUND WILL BE BANNED FROM CROSSING THE JUNCTION WITH MUT WAH STREET.

MOTORISTS FROM FU YAN STREET NORTHBOUND HEADING FOR MUT WAH STREET EASTBOUND WILL HAVE TO USE MUT WAH STREET WESTBOUND, HONG NING ROAD, KUNG LOK ROAD AND HONG NING ROAD.

AS FOR MOTORISTS TRAVELLING ON FU YAN STREET NORTHBOUND SOUTH OF MUT WAH STREET AND INTENDING TO GO TO FU YAN STREET NORTHBOUND NORTH OF MUT WAH STREET, THEY WILL BE DIVERTED VIA MUT WAH STREET WESTBOUND, HONG NING ROAD, SHUNG YAN STREET AND SHUI WO STREET.

IN ADDITION, WESTBOUND VEHICLES ON MUT WAH STREET HEADING FOR FU YAN STREET NORTHBOUND WILL HAVE TO TRAVEL VIA HONG NING ROAD, SHUNG YAN STREET AND SHUI WO STREET.

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