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UMELCO VISIT INSTRUCTIVE, GOVERNOR SAYS

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IT WAS VERY INSTRUCTIVE FOR THE VERY WIDE RANGE OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT TO HEAR WHAT THE UMELCO DELEGATION TO LONDON HAD TO SAY, AND ALSO FOR MEMBERS OF UMELCO TO HEAR THE RESPONSES WHICH MINISTERS AND MP'S MADE TO THE POINTS WHICH THEY RAISED, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT ON HIS RETURN FROM LONDON, SIR EDWARD SAID HE HAD FOLLOWED VERY CLOSELY THE VISIT OF THE UMELCO MEMBERS AND THE DEBATES IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS AND THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

+WHILE I WAS THERE I ALSO HAD A GOOD TALK WITH SIR GEOFFREY HOWE AND MR LUCE, AND WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE ON THE MAIN ITEMS WHICH ARE STILL TO BE RESOLVED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS,+ HE SAID.

+YOU WILL HAVE SEEN THAT SIR GEOFFREY SPOKE IN HIS SPEECH IN THE HOUSE ABOUT THIS COMPLEX AND CHALLENGING STAGE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH LIES AHEAD, AND OF THE DETERMINATION OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS INVOLVED TO BRING THE NEGOTIATIONS TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION.

+NEXT WEEK WE HAVE THE NEXT ROUND AND I SHALL -BE LEAVING YOU AGAIN ON TUESDAY TO GO TO PEKING TO TAKE PART IN THAT,+ HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR POINTED OUT THAT THERE WAS ALSO QUITE A LOT TO BE DONE IN HONG KONG, AND THAT +WE SHALL BE BUSY ON THAT+.

+THERE IS THE PREPARATION OF THE GREEN PAPER ON THE REPRESENTATIVE DEVELOPMENT OF GOVERNMENT.

+AND OF COURSE WE HAVE TO MAINTAIN THE FULL MOMENTUM AND EFFICIENCY OF GOVERNMENT IN ORDER THAT HONG KONG CAN CONTINUE ITS SUCCESSFUL ECONOMIC, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND ITS DEVELOPMENT IN OTHER FIELDS.

+SO NOW I'D BETTER GO OFF AND SPEND THE REST OF THE WEEKEND CATCHING UP ON ALL THE PAPERS,+ HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR AND LADY YOUDE WERE MET AT THE AIRPORT BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE.

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CUSTOMS TO WORK THROUGH YEARS AHEAD - CBF  
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THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, MAJOR-GENERAL DEREK BOORMAN SAID TODAY THAT HE BELIEVED THE SERVICE OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT WILL EXTEND RIGHT THROUGH THE YEARS AHEAD, WHATEVER THE POLITICAL CHANGE THAT MIGHT TAKE PLACE.

+HONG KONG IS GOING TO NEED YOU, HONG KONG WILL NEED YOUR DEVOTION AND YOUR ATTENTION TO DUTIES,+ SAID MAJOR-GENERAL BOORMAN WHEN HE ADDRESSED THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY REVIEW AT THE SERVICES' TAI LAM CHUNG TRAINING SCHOOL.

HE PRAISED OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO HONG KONG IN REVENUE PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDING THE TRADE AND INDUSTRY OF THE TERRITORY.

+YOUR TRADITION OF DISCIPLINE, ORDER AND TURN OUT AS SHOWN BY YOUR VERY FINE DISPLAY TODAY IS SOMETHING THAT HONG KONG MUST BE PROUD OF.

+I THEREFORE GIVE YOU VERY BEST WISHES FOR THE FUTURE AND I HAVE GREAT CONFIDENCE THAT YOU ARE GOING TO SERVE THE TERRITORY IN THE FUTURE AS WELL AS YOU HAD IN THE PAST,+ HE ADDED.

THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE BEGAN AS A SMALL DIVISION OF WHAT WAS THEN THE IMPORT AND EXPORT DEPARTMENT IN 1909. IT COMPRISED ONLY 26 OFFICERS FOR THE PROTECTION OF REVENUE ACCRUING FROM A NEWLY INTRODUCED DUTY ON ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.

WITH THE PASSAGE OF A CONSOLIDATED DUTIABLE COMMODITIES ORDINANCE IN 1931, REVENUE OFFICERS WERE APPOINTED FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAWS OF HONG KONG PERTAINING TO DUTIABLE COMMODITIES AND THE IMPORTATION AND EXPORTATION OF PROHIBITED AND CONTROLLED ARTICLES.

BY 1963, THE ESTABLISHMENT AND STRENGTH HAD GROWN TO NEARLY 600 AND THE SERVICE WAS ESTABLISHED BY STATUTE AS A DISCIPLINED FORCE KNOWN AS THE PREVENTIVE SERVICE UNDER THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT.

THE FORCE WAS RE-NAMED AS THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE IN 1977, REFLECTING THE INCREASE IN FUNCTIONS, RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACTIVITIES BOTH LOCALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY. IT WAS THEN ONE OF THE THREE CONSTITUENT DEPARTMENTS OF THE FEDERAL TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT.

ON AUGUST 1, 1982, FOLLOWING THE DEFEDERALISATION OF THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT, THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE WAS MADE AN INDEPENDENT DEPARTMENT.

AT PRESENT THE SERVICE HAS OVER 2 500 PERSONNEL OF ALL RANKS.

AT TODAY'S CEREMONY, MAJOR-GENERAL BOORMAN PRESENTED THE COMMISSIONER'S SHIELD FOR THE BEST SQUAD TO HONG KONG ISLAND REGION.

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BOARD MEMBERS REFLECT RESIDENTS' VIEWS  
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CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO REFLECT RESIDENTS' VIEWS ON MANY LOCAL AS WELL AS TERRITORY-WIDE ISSUES, THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR FRANK YUE, SAID THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING.

THE ISSUES RANGED FROM THE TRANSPORT REQUIREMENT OF THE CENTRAL AND MID-LEVELS STUDY, AND THE PROPOSED ELECTRONIC ROAD PRICING SCHEME, TO THE REPORT ON HONG KONG'S EDUCATION SYSTEM AND THE RECENTLY PUBLISHED REVIEW ON PUBLIC HOUSING ALLOCATION POLICIES.

+THE DISTRICT BOARD WILL CONTINUE THEIR EFFORT ON IMPROVING THE LIVELIHOOD OF THE RESIDENTS,+ SAID MR YUE AT THE OPENING OF THE DISTRICT AMATEUR SINGING CONTEST.

HE NOTED THAT THE CONTEST WAS ORGANISED TO EXPLORE LOCAL TALENT AND TO FOSTER DISTRICT IDENTITY AND A SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG THE RESIDENTS.

+THROUGH ACTIVITIES SUCH AS THE SINGING CONTEST, WE HOPE TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, CONTRIBUTE IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS TO THE DISTRICT BOARD, AND SERVE THE COMMUNITY,+ HE SAID.

MR YUE SAID THE SECOND DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS WOULD TAKE PLACE NEXT MARCH, AND THE SIX-WEEK REGISTRATION OF VOTERS WOULD BEGIN IN MID-AUGUST.

HE APPEALED TO ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS TO REGISTER THEMSELVES AS VOTERS AND VOTE FOR THOSE CANDIDATES OF THEIR OWN CHOICE.

THE SINGING CONTEST IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND SING TAO NEWSPAPERS LIMITED.

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BARONESS SEES MEDICAL FACILITIES  
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BARONESS PHILLIPS AND HER DAUGHTER MRS GWYNNETH DUNWOODY, A LABOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, VISITED THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY).

IN THE MORNING, THEY CALLED ON THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR K.L. THONG, AT THE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS WHERE THEY WERE BRIEFED ON THE MEDICAL SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

LATER, THEY WENT TO THE TANG CHI NGONG SPECIALIST CLINIC IN WAN CHAI TO LOOK AT THE VARIOUS SPECIALIST FACILITIES.

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THE SPECIALIST SERVICES PROVIDED IN THE CLINIC INCLUDE THOSE FOR THE EYE, SKIN, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT AS WELL AS SURGERY AND GYNAECOLOGY.

IN THE AFTERNOON, BARONESS PHILLIPS AND MRS DUNWOODY VISITED THE QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL IN POK FU LAM WHERE THEY WERE SHOWN THE ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT, TWO GENERAL WARDS, THE SCANNER UNIT, THE PHYSIOTHERAPY UNIT AND THE INTENSIVE CARE UNIT.

THEY WERE ALSO BRIEFED ON THE PROGRESS OF THE EXTENSION WORK BEING CARRIED OUT AT THE HOSPITAL.

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CORRECTIONAL SERVICES PRAISED  
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THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES IS AMONG THE FINEST DISCIPLINARY FORCES OF HONG KONG, MR CHAN KAM-CHUEN, AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

MR CHAN SAID THAT THROUGH HIS VISITS AS A LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR AND AN UNOFFICIAL JUSTICE OF PEACE, HE FOUND THAT PRISONS HERE WERE WELL MANAGED, CLEAN AND HEALTHY PLACES.

HE SAID THE RENAMING OF +PRISONS DEPARTMENT+ TO +CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT+ COINCIDED WITH THE MODERN CONCEPT OF REFORM, TREATMENT, TRAINING AND REHABILITATION IN A HUMANE WAY FOR THE INMATES.

MR CHAN WAS SPEAKING AT A PASSING-OUT PARADE OF 84 RECRUIT OFFICERS OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WHO RECENTLY COMPLETED SIX MONTHS OF BASIC TRAINING.

HE ALSO SAID IT WAS CLEAR THAT HONG KONG WOULD REVERT TO CHINA IN 1997.

PEOPLE IN HONG KONG MUST THEREFORE FACE THE FUTURE REALISTICALLY AND ADOPT A POSITIVE ATTITUDE, HE ADDED.

+AS THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE WILL HAVE TO REMAIN IN HONG KONG, THEY SHOULD VOICE THEIR DOUBTS AND WISHES THROUGH THE PROPER CHANNELS AND MAKE THE BEST OF THE NEGOTIATIONS,+ HE SAID.

MR CHAN POINTED OUT THAT FURTHER DEMOCRATISATION IN THE COMING 13 YEARS WOULD MEAN THE RISE OF A GENERATION OF NEW LEADERS IN THE COMMUNITY.

HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THEY WOULD LEAD THE PEOPLE THROUGH SMOOTH TRANSITION.

HE SAID THAT IN THE INTERIM, INTERNAL STABILITY SUPPORTED BY PUBLIC CONFIDENCE, AN EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT, SUFFICIENT EXPORT AND TRADE FOR FULL EMPLOYMENT AND THE CONTINUOUS MAINTENANCE OF LAW AND ORDER WERE OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE.

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HE TOLD THE RECRUITS THAT BY 1997, MANY OF THEM WOULD BE IN MUCH HIGHER POSITIONS WITH GREATER RESPONSIBILITIES AND THAT AS THEY WERE HOLDING CAREER JOBS WITH EXPERTISE, THEY WOULD NOT BE MUCH AFFECTED BY A CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT.

IT WAS THEREFORE IMPORTANT THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THEIR FUTURE WHICH WOULD IN TURN CONTRIBUTE TO THE STABILITY OF HONG KONG, HE SAID.

+WITH STABILITY AND HARD WORK, IT IS HOPED THAT HONG KONG COULD REMAIN PROSPEROUS AND GOOD LIVING STANDARDS TOGETHER WITH EXISTING FREEDOMS COULD BE MAINTAINED,+ HE ADDED.

DURING THE CEREMONY, MR CHAN PRESENTED SILVER WHISTLES TO THE TWO BEST RECRUITS, MR FUNG KAM-FAI AND MR TANG TSZ-KIN.

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SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS AUCTIONED  
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FOURTEEN SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD BY AUCTION THIS MORNING (SATURDAY) FOR A TOTAL OF \$180 500 WHICH WILL GO INTO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE RECITAL HALL OF THE CITY HALL, SAW REGISTRATION NUMBER AA1188 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$25 000.

ANOTHER NUMBER CL5 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$24 000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1 000 FOR AN7487 AND DB7500.

THE OTHER SPECIAL REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD AT THE FOLLOWING PRICES:

AS2244	-	\$ 3 000	9882	-	\$10 000
340	-	\$11 000	HK1997	-	\$21 000
XX 123	-	\$12 000	AA 190	-	\$18 500
CX 50	-	\$ 8 000	BW 18	-	\$23 000
AG 813	-	\$ 2 000	846	-	\$21 000

THE NUMBERS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 91ST ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR CHARITY REALISED SO FAR TO \$30 316 832.

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ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN TO BE LAUNCHED  
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A MONTH-LONG ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN FOR RESIDENTS, PARTICULARLY PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS, IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT WILL BE HELD NEXT MONTH.

THE CAMPAIGN WILL FEATURE A SLOGAN COMPETITION, SELECTION OF 30 MODEL PEDESTRIANS AT SIX TRAFFIC BLACKSPOTS IN THE DISTRICT, TALKS, AND A BMX CYCLING COMPETITION.

THERE WILL ALSO BE AN EDUCATIONAL FORTNIGHT FROM JUNE 5, WITH POLICE OFFICERS VISITING SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICTS TO GIVE TALKS AND PRESENT FILM AND SLIDE SHOWS ON ROAD SAFETY.

IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS OF THE CAMPAIGN, ACTION WILL BE STEPPED UP AGAINST PEOPLE WHO BREACH TRAFFIC RULES.

POSTERS AND BANNERS WILL BE DISPLAYED AT VANTAGE POINTS DURING THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD TO REMIND THE PUBLIC OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ROAD SAFETY.

ABOUT \$30 000 WILL BE SPENT ON THE CAMPAIGN, WITH \$20 000 BEING PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD.

ENTRY FORMS FOR THE SLOGAN COMPETITION, WHICH IS OPEN ONLY TO STUDENTS IN THE DISTRICTS, AND THE BMX CYCLING COMPETITION FOR A MAXIMUM OF 40 ENTRIES, CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

COMPLETED FORMS FOR THE SLOGAN COMPETITION MUST REACH THESE OFFICES BY JUNE 9 (SATURDAY).

FURTHER ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE AT 5-641547 OR 5-255281 (EXT 30).

AN OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 4.30 PM NEXT SUNDAY (JUNE 3) AT THE VICTORIA PARK. IT WILL HAVE GAMES STALLS, A ROAD SAFETY TOWN AND A BMX CYCLING COMPETITION.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT, MR F.E. SHORT, THE DISTRICT COMMANDER EASTERN, MR D.M. HOLDROYD, AND THE SENIOR STAFF OFFICER TRAFFIC HONG KONG ISLAND, MR E.J. LOCKYEAR, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

THE CAMPAIGN IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD, THE POLICE, EASTERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE, EASTERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORT ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN AT 4.30 PM ON SUNDAY (JUNE 3) AT THE VICTORIA PARK.

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1983 SURVEY OF WHOLESALE AND RETAIL  
TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS  
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FOLLOWING THE 1982 ANNUAL SURVEY OF WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS, THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS NOW CONDUCTING A FOLLOW-UP SURVEY TO COLLECT DATA FOR 1983.

THIS SURVEY COVERS WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT ESTABLISHMENTS, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS.

QUESTIONNAIRES ARE BEING SENT TO ABOUT 8 100 ESTABLISHMENTS OUT OF A TOTAL OF SOME 110 000 ESTABLISHMENTS FALLING UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THE SURVEY.

DATA TO BE COLLECTED IN THE SURVEY INCLUDE THE TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, FLOOR AREA, EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR COSTS, OPERATING EXPENSES, PURCHASES, OPENING AND CLOSING STOCKS, BUSINESS TURNOVER AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

SUCH ECONOMIC DATA WILL PROVIDE THE BASIC INFORMATION ON THE STRUCTURE AND PERFORMANCE OF THE DISTRIBUTIVE TRADE AND SERVICE SECTOR AND IS NEEDED FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF THE SECTOR'S CONTRIBUTION TO HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT.

THE SURVEY RESULTS WILL ALSO BE USED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN THE FORMULATION OF DECISIONS AND POLICIES.

RESPONSE TO THE SURVEY IS A LEGAL REQUIREMENT. A CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CONDUCT OF THIS SURVEY WAS MADE BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL UNDER SECTION 11 OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE AND ISSUED AS LEGAL NOTICE NO. 16 IN THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ON JANUARY 13, 1984.

SELECTED ESTABLISHMENTS ARE REQUIRED TO RETURN THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES BY JULY 31, 1984.

OFFICERS OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, WHO CARRY A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD WHILE ON DUTY, WILL VISIT THE ESTABLISHMENTS CONCERNED TO ASSIST THEM IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES, IF REQUIRED.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS STRESSED THAT INFORMATION RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND THAT ONLY AGGREGATE INFORMATION WHICH DOES NOT REVEAL DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE RELEASED.

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THEY'RE KEEPING THE COUNTRYSIDE CLEAN AND GREEN  
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ONE OF THE 500 COUNTRY PARK ENTHUSIASTS WHO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE SECOND STAGE OF THE CLEAN AND GREEN SCHEME WILL BE THE LUCKY WINNER OF A FREE CAMPING HOLIDAY IN AUSTRALIA.

THIS IS THE GRAND PRIZE IN THE SCHEME ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TO PROMOTE COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION.

OTHER PRIZES WILL INCLUDE A CAMERA AND SOME CAMPING AND HIKING EQUIPMENT.

THE 500 PARTICIPANTS HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO ENTER STAGE THREE OF THE SCHEME, WHICH WILL INVOLVE FIRE PREVENTION AND MAINTENANCE TASKS IN THE COUNTRY PARKS.

DURING STAGE TWO, PARTICIPANTS HAD TO SUBMIT THEIR +CLEAN AND GREEN+ IDEAS EITHER IN THE FORM OF PHOTOGRAPHY, PAINTING, CALLIGRAPHY, POSTER OR SLOGAN DESIGN.

+THE ENTRIES RECEIVED WERE OF A VERY HIGH STANDARD, DEMONSTRATING THE PARTICIPANTS' ORIGINALITY OF THOUGHTS AND INTEREST IN THE COUNTRYSIDE,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PANEL OF JUDGES SAID.

THE SCHEME, WHICH STARTED IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR, COMPRISES FIVE STAGES, CULMINATING IN A GRAND FINALE TO BE HELD IN AUTUMN THIS YEAR WITH THE ONE LUCKY FIRST PRIZE WINNER GOING ON A CAMPING HOLIDAY TO AUSTRALIA.

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PEOPLE URGED TO PLANT FOR A BETTER LIFE  
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BOTH THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND THE ENVIRONMENT WOULD BENEFIT FROM THE PLANTING OF MORE TREES AND FLOWERS IN THE NEW TOWNS, MR CARLOS CHEUNG, AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF CLEAN HONG KONG NEW TERRITORIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SAID TODAY.

MR CHEUNG WAS SPEAKING DURING A TWO-HOUR VISIT TO TAI PO DISTRICT, IN CONNECTION WITH THE MEI FA PHASE OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG DRIVE.

AT TAI PO KAU PARK, MR CHEUNG LEARNED THAT 80 000 TREES, SHRUBS, SEASONAL FLOWERS, PALMS, BAMBOOS, CREEPERS AND GROUND COVERS HAD BEEN PLANTED IN TAI PO LAST YEAR BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT ALONE.

/MR CHEUNG .....

MR CHEUNG NOTED ALSO THAT MORE PLANTS WOULD BE PLANTED IN THE BARE PITCHES IN THE RAPIDLY DEVELOPING NEW TOWN THIS SEASON. HE CALLED ON THE PUBLIC TO DO THEIR SHARE IN ENSURING THAT THEIR LIVING ENVIRONMENT IS KEPT AS ATTRACTIVE AS POSSIBLE.

WITH MR CHEUNG ON THE TOUR WERE THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (OPERATIONS) OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR DAVID WEEKS, AND THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF TAI PO, MR PONG KIN-HONG.

THE PARTY ALSO SAW LANDSCAPE WORK AT A CENTRAL DIVIDER AT TING KOK ROAD, AS WELL AS ROADSIDE AMENITY PLOTS NEAR THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AND PLANTING WORK BEING CARRIED OUT AT HA HANG VILLAGE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FURTHER DB DISCUSSION ON PUBLIC HOUSING

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KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL HAVE ANOTHER DISCUSSION ON THE RECENTLY PUBLISHED REVIEW OF PUBLIC HOUSING ALLOCATION POLICIES AT A SPECIAL MEETING ON MONDAY (MAY 28) AFTERNOON.

EARLIER THIS MONTH, THEY WERE BRIEFED ON THE REVIEW BY THREE HOUSING DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS -- THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR (ESTATE MANAGEMENT), MR FUNG TUNG; THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CLEARANCE), MR GREGORY CHAN; AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (ESTATE MANAGEMENT), MISS LOLLY CHIU.

THE THREE OFFICIALS WILL ALSO ATTEND MONDAY'S MEETING TOGETHER WITH THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR DAVID FORD.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE MEETING AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, TUNG YAN STREET.

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HEALTH EDUCATION DAY IN MONG KOK

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A HEALTH EDUCATION DAY WILL BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON CHIU CHOW SCHOOL TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

IT WILL FEATURE FIRST-AID DEMONSTRATIONS, FOOTDRILL, RESCUE OPERATIONS, A SLIDE SHOW AND A TALK.

THE EVENT IS PART OF THE HEALTH PROMOTION FORTNIGHT PROGRAMME ORGANISED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD, THE HONG KONG MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE TO PROMOTE GOOD HEALTH.

SINCE MAY 17, TALKS FOR DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS HAVE BEEN HELD AND TWO MORE TALKS WILL BE ORGANISED FOR THE ELDERLY.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE HEALTH EDUCATION DAY WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HEALTH PROMOTION FORTNIGHT'S WORKING GROUP, DR RONALD LEUNG; ITS VICE-CHAIRMAN, MR CHENG MAN-WAI; AND MR STANLEY WONG, MONG KOK ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER.

ADMISSION TO THE EVENT IS FREE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE HEALTH EDUCATION DAY TO BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON CHIU CHOW SCHOOL AT 157, SAI YEE STREET TOMORROW (SUNDAY), STARTING AT 2 PM.

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MAXICAB SERVICES TO BE EXTENDED

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SERVICES ON MAXICAB ROUTE 61M BETWEEN KOWLOON AND SHA TIN WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL 5.45 AM FROM MONDAY (MAY 28) NIGHT.

THE EXTENSION IS TO PROVIDE A TRANSPORT LINK BETWEEN THE TWO DISTRICTS OUTSIDE THE OPERATION HOURS OF TRAINS AND FRANCHISED BUSES.

THE EXTENDED SERVICES BETWEEN KOWLOON TONG MTR STATION AND LEK YUEN WILL BE FROM MIDNIGHT TO 1.30 AM, WITH MAXICAB OPERATING VIA SUFFOLK ROAD, WATERLOO ROAD, LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD, SHA KOK STREET, SHA TIN WAI ROAD AND SHA TIN TOWN CENTRE AT 15-MINUTE INTERVALS. THE FARE WILL BE \$2.5.

BETWEEN ARGYLE MTR STATION AND LEK YUEN, MAXICABS WILL RUN VIA SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET, ARGYLE STREET, WATERLOO ROAD, LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD, SHA KOK STREET, SHA TIN WAI ROAD AND SHA TIN TOWN CENTRE FROM 1.30 AM TO 5.45 AM.

THE SERVICE FREQUENCY WILL BE 15 MINUTES BETWEEN 1.30 AM AND 3.15 AM, AND 30 MINUTES BETWEEN 3.15 AM AND 5.45 AM, AND THE FARE WILL BE \$3.

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TRAFFIC MEASURES IN NORTH POINT

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NEW MEASURES TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW WILL BE IN FORCE IN NORTH POINT FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (MAY 28).

THE MEASURES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- \* JAVA ROAD BETWEEN HEALTHY STREET EAST AND KING'S ROAD WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY EASTBOUND.
- \* HEALTHY STREET EAST BETWEEN JAVA ROAD AND KING'S ROAD WILL BE REROUTED TWO WAYS, WITH THE SOUTH-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY RESTRICTED TO VEHICLES AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.
- \* HEALTHY STREET EAST BETWEEN KING'S ROAD AND TSAT TSZ MUI ROAD WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.
- \* RIGHT TURNS FROM JAVA ROAD EASTBOUND INTO HEALTHY STREET EAST SOUTHBOUND WILL BE BANNED.
- \* RIGHT TURNS FROM HEALTHY STREET EAST NORTHBOUND INTO KING'S ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE BANNED.
- \* THE BAN ON RIGHT TURNS FROM JAVA ROAD SOUTHBOUND INTO KING'S ROAD WESTBOUND WILL BE LIFTED.

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TAPS OFF IN HAPPY VALLEY AND TAI HANG

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN HAPPY VALLEY WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 PM ON TUESDAY (MAY 29) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT 15-34 STUBBS ROAD, TUNG SHAN TERRACE, SHIU FAI TERRACE AND FRENCH MEMORIAL CONVALESCENT HOME.

MAIN WORK WILL ALSO CUT OFF FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN TAI HANG AREA FROM 10 PM THE SAME DAY (TUESDAY) TO 3 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE AT 4-70 AND 13-55 TAI HANG ROAD, WANG FUNG TERRACE, YIK KWAN AVENUE, LI KWAN AVENUE, FUK KWAN AVENUE, LAI TAK TSUEN, CHUN FAI TERRACE AND WESLEY VILLAGE.

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