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CS PRAISES SPIRIT OF DISABLED ATHLETES

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, TODAY (SUNDAY) OFFICIATED AT THE FLAG PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR HONG KONG SPORTSMEN WHO WILL TAKE PART IN THE 1988 SEOUL PARALYMPIC.

SIR DAVID SAID THE PARTICIPATION OF DISABLED PEOPLE IN SPORT GENERALLY, AND IN INTERNATIONAL SPORT IN PARTICULAR, EPITOMISED THE SPIRIT IN THE MOTTO OF THE HONG KONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED: "IT'S ABILITY, NOT DISABILITY, THAT COUNTS."

"THE HARD WORK OF THE HONG KONG TEAM AND THEIR EXCELLENT RESULTS IN WINNING 17 MEDALS IN THE 1984 PARALYMPIC ARE FINE EXAMPLES OF THAT SPIRIT IN ACTION," SIR DAVID NOTED.

HE ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE ASSOCIATION FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN ARRANGING TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR THE SPORTSMEN AND THAT OF ALL THE SPONSORS FOR HONG KONG'S PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL SPORTS EVENTS.

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FAREWELL PARADE FOR AMS COMMISSIONER

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MORE THAN 2,500 OFFICERS OF THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES (AMS) THIS (SUNDAY) MORNING ATTENDED THE COMMISSIONER PARADE HELD AT VICTORIA PARK AND TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO BID FAREWELL TO DR K.L. THONG, THEIR OUT-GOING COMMISSIONER.

THE AMS HAS BEEN UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF DR THONG SINCE 1977 WHO IS RETIRING AFTER 12 YEARS IN OFFICE.

FORMED IN 1950, THE AMS HAS GROWN FROM A MEAGRE MEMBERSHIP OF 2,000 INTO A VERY LARGE FORCE WITH OVER 6,000 MEMBERS.

IN HIS ADDRESS AT THE PARADE, DR THONG RECALLED THAT AT THE BEGINNING THE AMS COULD JUST PROVIDE FIRST AID SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC, BUT TODAY SERVICES ARE GREATLY EXTENDED COVERING THE METHADONE TREATMENT PROGRAMME, LIFE SAVING SERVICE AND AMBULANCE SERVICE IN THE COUNTRY PARKS.

"IN SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY FOR THE VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE, OUR MEMBERS ARE ALSO DEPLOYED TO WORK IN DETENTION CENTRES AND RECEPTION CENTRES TO PROVIDE ROUND-THE-CLOCK MEDICAL COVERAGE FOR THE BOAT PEOPLE," HE SAID.

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THE COMMISSIONER TOLD MEMBERS THAT PILING WORK FOR THE AMS HEADQUARTERS AND TRAINING CENTRE AT HOMANTIN HILL WILL COMMENCE THIS MONTH, AND MEMBERS WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY THE FACILITIES AFTER THE BUILDING IS COMPLETED IN 1991.

DR THONG ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO THANK ALL MEMBERS OF THE FORCE FOR THEIR STAUNCH SUPPORT IN THE PAST YEARS.

AFTER THE PARADE, HE PRESENTED THE CIVIL DEFENCE LONG SERVICES MEDALS AND CLASPS TO 31 AMS MEMBERS IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR DEDICATED EFFORTS.

THE COMMISSIONER'S SHIELD WAS PRESENTED TO THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT D TEAM, THE OVERALL CHAMPION TEAM IN INTER-REGIONAL COMPETITION, AND DR K.L. THONG'S SHIELD WAS ALSO PRESENTED TO THE SHATIN DISTRICT TEAM, THE BEST TEAM ON THE PARADE.

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SERVICES TO DISABLED JOB-SEEKERS FURTHER IMPROVED

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THE SELECTIVE PLACEMENT DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS RECENTLY INSTALLED THREE SETS OF TELEVISION MONITORS AND VIDEO-RECORDERS TO FURTHER IMPROVE ITS SERVICES TO DISABLED JOB-SEEKERS.

THE EQUIPMENT, COSTING SOME \$30,000, WERE DONATED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT WITH THE INSTALLATION OF SUCH EQUIPMENT, VIDEO TAPES ON REHABILITATION SERVICES IN HONG KONG AND OTHER COUNTRIES, CAREERS CHOICE, CAUSES AND TYPES OF DISABILITIES, AS WELL AS VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE COULD BE SHOWN READILY TO BOTH PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY DISABLED JOB-SEEKERS, THEIR PARENTS, AND PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYERS.

"ALSO, THE SHOWING OF VIDEO FILMS ON REHABILITATION AND RELATED SUBJECTS ENABLES DISABLED JOB-SEEKERS TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE RANGE OF JOBS AVAILABLE TO THEM, AND THEIR PARENTS TO UNDERSTAND BETTER THE NEEDS OF THEIR DISABLED CHILDREN SO AS TO GIVE THEM APPROPRIATE CARE AND SUPPORT," HE SAID.

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IN FACT, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED, THE DEPARTMENT COULD ALSO MAKE USE OF SUCH EQUIPMENT TO ENRICH PLACEMENT OFFICERS' KNOWLEDGE ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN REHABILITATION SERVICES IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

THE SELECTIVE PLACEMENT DIVISION OFFERS FREE ASSISTANCE TO PHYSICALLY DISABLED, MENTALLY RETARDED AND EX-MENTALLY ILL PERSONS SEEKING OPEN EMPLOYMENT.

THE NUMBER OF DISABLED PEOPLE PLACED IN JOBS BY THE DIVISION HAD INCREASED FROM 113 IN 1980 WHEN THE SERVICE STARTED, TO 1,030 LAST YEAR. OF THESE, ABOUT 60 PER CENT FOUND JOBS IN PRODUCTION RELATED WORK.

"MANY EMPLOYERS HAVE IN FACT BEEN TAKING ON DISABLED EMPLOYEES REGULARLY THROUGH THE DIVISION AFTER A SUCCESSFUL FIRST PLACEMENT BECAUSE THEY RECOGNISE THAT THE ABILITIES OF MANY DISABLED PERSONS FAR OUT-WEIGH THEIR DISABILITIES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE COMMUNITY BY THESE EMPLOYERS, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ORGANISES ANNUALLY A PRESENTATION OF SOUVENIRS TO THOSE WHO TAKE ON THE LARGEST NUMBER OF DISABLED PEOPLE DURING THE YEAR.

FIRMS WHICH HAVE MADE SPECIAL EFFORTS TO RE-ARRANGE DUTIES AND RE-DEPLOY STAFF IN A BID TO ACCOMMODATE DISABLED EMPLOYEES WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED WITH CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION.

THIS YEAR THE PRESENTATION WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 11) AT HOTEL VICTORIA IN SHUN TAK CENTRE, CENTRAL, WHEN THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND, WILL PRESENT SOUVENIRS AND CERTIFICATES TO SOME 20 LOCAL EMPLOYERS.

THE SPOKESMAN APPEALED TO ALL EMPLOYERS TO BETTER UTILISE THE RELATIVELY UNTAPPED SOURCE OF MANPOWER - DISABLED PERSONS. THEY CAN CONTACT THE SELECTIVE PLACEMENT DIVISION EITHER IN PERSON OR TELEPHONE 5-291974, 3-7554835 OR 0-4988444.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE ALSO INVITED TO COVER THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT THE VICTORIA BALLROOM, HOTEL VICTORIA, SHUN TAK CENTRE, CENTRAL, AT 4 PM ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 11).

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NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED

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A 150-ROOM HOTEL WAS AMONG 50 NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE IN JULY.

OF THE PLANS, 17 WERE FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, NINE WERE FOR KOWLOON AND 24 WERE FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE APPROVED PLANS INCLUDED 21 FOR APARTMENT, APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS; FIVE FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND EIGHT FOR FACTORY, GODOWN, WAREHOUSE AND WORKSHOP PURPOSES.

DURING THE MONTH, THE OFFICE GAVE CONSENT TO START WORK ON 44 PROJECTS, INVOLVING 304,891.8 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA AND 210,772 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS ABOUT \$784 MILLION, WITH USABLE FLOOR AREAS FOR DOMESTIC AND NON-DOMESTIC USES BEING ABOUT 60,500 SQUARE METRES AND ABOUT 261,300 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY.

ALSO DURING THE MONTH, THE OFFICE ISSUED 55 OCCUPATION PERMITS, 16 FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, 10 FOR KOWLOON AND 29 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN ADDITION, THE OFFICE ISSUED 36 DEMOLITION CONSENTS AFFECTING 73 BUILDINGS.

THE CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION RECEIVED 696 COMPLAINTS ON ILLEGAL BUILDING WORKS, CARRIED OUT 905 INSPECTIONS AND ISSUED 105 REMOVAL ORDERS.

THE DANGEROUS BUILDINGS SECTION INSPECTED 457 BUILDINGS, 177 ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 210 IN KOWLOON AND 70 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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HIGH LEVEL WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM FOR TAI PO

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS TO CONSTRUCT A HIGH LEVEL WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM AT TAI PO EAST TO PROVIDE FRESH WATER TO DEVELOPMENTS IN AREAS 30, 55 AND 57 TO THE NORTH OF TING KOK ROAD.

THE PROJECT INVOLVES CONSTRUCTION OF A FRESH WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR WITH A CAPACITY OF 2,200 CUBIC METRES, A PUMPING STATION AND THE LAYING OF A TOTAL OF 2,040 METRES OF WATER MAIN OF 250 TO 600 MILLIMETRES IN DIAMETER.

THE WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 16 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT. THE DEADLINE FOR THEIR SUBMISSION IS NOON ON OCTOBER 28.

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SEPTEMBER RAINFALL BELOW NORMAL

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ALTHOUGH TYPHOON KIT POSED A THREAT TO HONG KONG IN SEPTEMBER AND NECESSITATED THE HOISTING OF TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING SIGNAL NO. 3, IT DID NOT BRING ANY SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF RAIN.

THE RAINFALL AMOUNT OF 109.9 MILLIMETRES RECORDED IN SEPTEMBER WAS 66 PER CENT BELOW THE NORMAL OF 320.4 MILLIMETRES.

SINCE JANUARY 1, THE ACCUMULATED RAINFALL WAS 1,491.0 MILLIMETRES, 27 PER CENT BELOW THE NORMAL OF 2,043.5 MILLIMETRES.

WITH THE SOUTHWEST MONSOON PREVAILING OVER THE SOUTH CHINA SEA, THE WEATHER IN HONG KONG WAS MAINLY CLOUDY WITH OCCASIONAL SHOWERS FOR THE FIRST THREE DAYS OF SEPTEMBER.

AN APPROACHING TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE FROM THE NORTH BROUGHT HEAVIER SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS ON THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 4.

ALTHOUGH SHOWERS CONTINUED TO AFFECT THE TERRITORY ON SEPTEMBER 5 AND 6, THE WEATHER BECAME GENERALLY FINE ON SEPTEMBER 7 AS THE SOUTHWEST MONSOON GRADUALLY WEAKENED.

APART FROM SOME MORNING SHOWERS, THE WEATHER REMAINED FINE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 12.

ON THAT DAY, SOUTHEASTERLY WINDS TOGETHER WITH PLENTIFUL SUNSHINE BROUGHT THE DAYTIME TEMPERATURE TO A MAXIMUM OF 32.6 DEGREES, WHICH WAS THE HIGHEST FOR THE MONTH.

EARLY ON SEPTEMBER 13, SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS OCCURRED AS WINDS FRESHENED FROM THE EAST. HOWEVER, GENERALLY FINE WEATHER RETURNED THAT AFTERNOON AND CONTINUED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 15.

WINDS THEN BECAME NORTHERLY EARLY ON SEPTEMBER 16 BUT TURNED EASTERLY AGAIN THAT NIGHT. THE EASTERLIES FRESHENED AND BROUGHT SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS WHICH CONTINUED INTO THE NEXT MORNING. HOWEVER, THE WEATHER IMPROVED AND BECAME FINE DURING THE DAY.

OTHER THAN A FEW MORNING SHOWERS, GENERALLY FINE WEATHER PREVAILED ON SEPTEMBER 18 AND 19.

THE CIRCULATION ASSOCIATED WITH TROPICAL STORM KIT WHICH WAS OVER THE ISLAND OF LUZON BEGAN TO AFFECT THE SOUTH CHINA COAST ON SEPTEMBER 20 AND THE WINDS TURNED NORTHERLY.

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THE WEATHER REMAINED FINE DURING THE DAY BUT TURNED CLOUDY THAT EVENING. AS KIT CONTINUED TO MOVE CLOSER, WINDS BEGAN TO STRENGTHEN EARLY ON SEPTEMBER 21.

THE INCREASED THREAT OF KIT NECESSITATED THE HOISTING OF THE STAND BY SIGNAL NO. 1 AT 8.45 AM ON SEPTEMBER 21. WINDS CONTINUED TO STRENGTHEN DURING THE DAY AS KIT MOVED CLOSER TO THE SOUTH CHINA COAST. THE STRONG WIND SIGNAL NO. 3 WAS HOISTED AT 9 PM.

KIT MADE LANDFALL BETWEEN SHANWEI AND SHANTOU DURING THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 22, AND IN HONG KONG, ALL SIGNALS WERE LOWERED AT 9.10 AM.

ALTHOUGH KIT WAS ABOUT 170 KM NORTHEAST AT ITS CLOSEST APPROACH, IT DID NOT BRING MUCH RAIN TO THE TERRITORY. THE WEATHER REMAINED CLOUDY TO OVERCAST ON SEPTEMBER 22.

JUST BEFORE KIT MADE LANDFALL, AN AREA OF LOW PRESSURE TO THE SOUTH OF XISHA DEVELOPED INTO A TROPICAL DEPRESSION NAMED MAMIE ON THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 21.

IT MOVED TOWARDS THE SOUTH CHINA COAST ON A NORTHWARD COURSE AND BROUGHT OVERCAST SKIES AND PERIODS OF RAIN TO HONG KONG ON SEPTEMBER 23.

ENHANCED BY THE NORTHEAST MONSOON, WINDS BECAME STRONG OFFSHORE THAT EVENING. RAIN CONTINUED INTO THE NEXT MORNING EVEN AFTER MAMIE WEAKENED INTO AN AREA OF LOW PRESSURE TO THE NORTHEAST OF HONG KONG.

THE REMNANTS OF MAMIE REMAINED ALMOST STATIONARY AND THE WEATHER IN HONG KONG WAS CLOUDY TO OVERCAST WITH OCCASIONAL RAIN UNTIL SEPTEMBER 26.

A DRIER AND COOLER NORTHERLY AIRSTREAM THEN REACHED HONG KONG THAT EVENING. THE SKY BEGAN TO CLEAR AND THE TEMPERATURE THE NEXT MORNING FELL TO 21.9 DEGREES WHICH WAS THE LOWEST FOR THE MONTH.

OTHER THAN SOME LIGHT RAIN OVERNIGHT, THE WEATHER WAS GENERALLY FINE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 29.

MEANWHILE, AN AREA OF LOW PRESSURE OVER THE NORTHERN PART OF LUZON WAS MOVING STEADILY WESTWARDS. CLOUD BANDS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS AREA OF LOW PRESSURE BROUGHT SOME LIGHT RAIN PATCHES TO HONG KONG ON SEPTEMBER 30.

DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, NO AIRCRAFT WAS DIVERTED DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER. THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON SEPTEMBER 1, 4, 5, 13, 15, 16, 17, 23 AND 24 .

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A TOTAL OF 10 TROPICAL CYCLONES OCCURRED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA DURING SEPTEMBER.

SIGNALS HOISTED DURING THE MONTH WERE AS FOLLOWS:

WEATHER SYSTEM -----	SIGNAL -----	DATE AND TIME OF HOISTING -----	DATE AND TIME OF LOWERING -----
TYPHOON KIT	1	SEPTEMBER 21 8.45 AM	SEPTEMBER 21 9.00 PM
	3	SEPTEMBER 21 9.00 PM	SEPTEMBER 22 9.10 AM

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

TOTAL BRIGHT SUNSHINE	176.8 HOURS ;	11.7 HOURS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN DAILY GLOBAL SOLAR RADIATION	16.21 MJ/SQ.M ;	0.52 MJ/SQ.M BELOW NORMAL
TOTAL RAINFALL	109.9 MM ;	210.5 MM BELOW NORMAL
MEAN AMOUNT OF CLOUD	70 PER CENT ;	8 PER CENT MORE THAN NORMAL
MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY	77 PER CENT ;	2 PER CENT LOWER THAN NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	29.8 DEGREES ; CELSIUS	0.7 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN AIR TEMPERATURE	27.6 DEGREES ; CELSIUS	0.1 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MINIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	25.6 DEGREES ; CELSIUS	0.4 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	23.1 DEGREES ; CELSIUS	0.1 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	141.4 MM ;	14.5 MM BELOW NORMAL

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DRAFT PTS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME ON COMMITTEE AGENDA

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THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO DISCUSS THE DRAFT 1989/90 PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE DISTRICT.

A SENIOR TRANSPORT OFFICER OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, MISS LUI YING, WILL BE PRESENT TO INTRODUCE THE DOCUMENT AND LISTEN TO MEMBER'S VIEWS.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON HOUSING DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSAL OF USING CHUNG HOM KOK ROAD AND CAPE ROAD AS THE CONSTRUCTION ACCESS FOR SITE FORMATION WORKS FOR THE PHASE I OF THE MA HANG REDEVELOPMENT IN STANLEY.

AS THE PROPOSED ACCESS ROUTE WILL PASS THROUGH RESIDENTIAL AREAS ALONG THE TWO ROADS, THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT IS PREPARED TO ADOPT A NUMBER OF SPECIAL MEASURES TO MINIMISE THE INCONVENIENCE THAT MAY ARISE.

A CIVIL ENGINEER OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, MR K.K. MAK, AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MVA CONSULTANCY WHICH WAS COMMISSIONED TO STUDY THE ACCESS ROUTE, WILL ATTEND THE MEETING TO ANSWER RELATED QUESTIONS.

OTHER ASPECTS THAT WILL BE RAISED BY MEMBERS INCLUDE THE TRAFFIC ISSUE IN BAYS AREAS AND THE PROVISION OF SHELTERS AND RAILINGS TO ALL BUS-STOPS IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE EXTENSION OF OPERATING HOURS OF BUS ROUTE NO. 73 AND THE MEASURES TO BE TAKEN TO DETER JAY-WALKING IN ABERDEEN PRAYA ROAD WILL ALSO BE RAISED AT THE MEETING.

ANOTHER ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE LOADING OF VEHICLES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (MONDAY) AT THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, ABERDEEN CENTRE, NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN.

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SHA TIN COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS UNSCRUPULOUS TAXI DRIVERS

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THE BEHAVIOUR OF SOME UNSCRUPULOUS TAXI DRIVERS WILL BE A TOPIC OF DISCUSSION AT THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 11) MORNING.

BOARD MEMBER, MR WONG FUK-WAH WILL ASK ABOUT GOVERNMENT MEASURES AGAINST SUCH TAXI DRIVERS WHO DISPLAY "OUT OF SERVICE" SIGNS OR SIGNS TO SPECIFY THEIR CHOICE OF DISTRICT DESTINATION WHILE CRUISING IN THE VICINITY OF THE TOWN CENTRE IN EVENING HOURS.

HE WILL ALSO WANT TO KNOW HOW THE GOVERNMENT ENSURES SATISFACTORY PUBLIC BUS SERVICES IN NEW TOWNS SUCH AS SHA TIN.

MEANWHILE, ANOTHER BOARD MEMBER, MR CHAN TAO-YEUNG WILL ASK IF THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SECONDARY SCHOOL AT HENG ON ESTATE IN MA ON SHAN HAS BEEN CONTRACTED OUT AND WHETHER CONSTRUCTION VEHICLES WILL ENTER THE ESTATE DURING THE CONSTRUCTION.

BOARD MEMBER, REV FUNG CHI-WOOD WILL RAISE THE PROBLEM OF TRAFFIC CONGESTION CAUSED BY LEARNER DRIVERS AND REQUEST THAT A ZEBRA CROSSING BE PROVIDED ON A SECTION OF CHE KUNG MIU ROAD ADJACENT TO HIN KENG ESTATE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX.

THE MEETING WILL ALSO DISCUSS A PROPOSED SCHEME TO INSTALL 177 PARKING METRES AND PROPOSED CHANGES TO BUS SERVICES IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE TRAFFIC SITUATION IN SHA TIN.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE A PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP, EMERGENCY INFORMATION BROADCASTING SERVICES AND THE PROVISION OF TRAFFIC AIDS IN TIN SUM STREET.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING TO BEGIN AT 9.30 AM ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 11) AT THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON 6/F, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS OF SHA TIN NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICE
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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT WITH EFFECT FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY), THE SHA TIN NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICE WILL PROVIDE SERVICES FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS AT THE FOLLOWING NEW ADDRESS:-

CHANWAY SHOPPING CENTRE,
2ND FLOOR, SHOP 8A,
11-17 SHA TIN CENTRE STREET,
SHA TIN,
NEW TERRITORIES.

TEL.: 0-6059108

THE OPERATION HOURS OF THE OFFICE WILL BE FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM DAILY, EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

"APPLICANTS SHOULD COLLECT THEIR NEW IDENTITY CARDS AT THE NEW OFFICE ADDRESS AFTER OCTOBER 16," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT REMINDED.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY TELEPHONE THE INFORMATION OFFICE AT 3-7333111 FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES.

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CHAI WAN TO GET ITS FIRST IGH
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CHAI WAN SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS WILL BE ABLE TO PLAY VARIOUS TYPES OF INDOOR SPORTS AND FULL-SCALE GYMNASTIC ACTIVITIES UNDER ONE ROOF WHEN THE \$31 MILLION URBAN COUNCIL CHAI WAN INDOOR GAMES HALL OPENS IN EARLY 1989.

"COVERING A SITE OF 5 100 SQUARE METRES, THE IGH IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND TO BE OPERATED BY THE COUNCIL IN CHAI WAN," THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL'S RECREATION SELECT COMMITTEE, MR SAMUEL WONG, SAID TODAY.

"ITS MODERN FEATURES INCLUDE A MULTI-PURPOSE ARENA WHICH CAN BE READILY USED AS THREE BASKETBALL CUM VOLLEYBALL COURTS, 12 BADMINTON COURTS OR ONE HANDBALL COURT.

"OTHER FACILITIES IN THE IGH COMPRISE THREE SQUASH COURTS, A DANCING ROOM AND A FITNESS ROOM, WHICH ARE ALL FULLY AIR-CONDITIONED."

THE PROJECT IS BUILT ON TOP OF THE THREE-STOREY YUE WAN MARKET CUM CARPARK BUILDING WHICH IS CENTRALLY LOCATED IN THE CHAI WAN DISTRICT.

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ADDITIONALLY, AN ANNEX BUILDING IS CONSTRUCTED AT AN ADJOINING SITE WITH ANCILLARY FACILITIES SUCH AS A BOOKING SHROFF OFFICE, A COFFEE CORNER AND STOREROOMS.

"THE BUILDING ALSO SERVES AS AN ACCESS TO THE IGH FROM THE GROUND LEVEL," SAID MR WONG.

"THE PROJECT, BOUNDED BY YEE SHUN AND YEE FUNG STREETS, IS EXPECTED TO BECOME A FOCAL POINT OF RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES IN CHAI WAN AS IT IS LOCATED AMIDST SEVERAL PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND FACTORY BUILDINGS."

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APA ACCREDITATION PANEL HOLDS FIRST MEETING TOMORROW

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THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED ACCREDITATION PANEL FOR THE ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS (APA) WILL HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING TOMORROW (MONDAY) MORNING.

WITH EFFECT FROM AUGUST 1, 12 PANELISTS WERE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR A SIX-MONTH TERM TO ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES ON ACCREDITING THE COURSES OF THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS.

THE PANEL'S BROAD TERMS OF REFERENCE WERE : "HAVING REGARD TO THE APPROVED CURRICULA OF THE MUSIC, DRAMA, DANCE AND TECHNICAL ARTS SCHOOLS, TO CONDUCT AN INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW OF THE APA AS TO ADVISE ON THE APA'S CURRENT AND POTENTIAL PLACE IN THE EDUCATION SYSTEM OF HONG KONG AND ITS COMPARABILITY WITH OTHER RELEVANT INSTITUTIONS OVERSEAS."

THE REVIEW WILL INCLUDE AN EVALUATION OF THE APA'S ABILITIES TO ACHIEVE ITS APPROVED OBJECTIVES.

THIS WILL COMPRISE A STUDY OF THE APA'S ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT; THE APPROPRIATENESS AND UTILISATION OF THE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES PROVIDED; ITS EFFECTIVENESS IN IMPLEMENTING ACADEMIC PLANS; AND ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH RELEVANT LOCAL AND OVERSEAS INSTITUTIONS.

AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE REVIEW PART WILL BE TO ASSESS THE ADEQUACY OF THE EXISTING CURRICULA FOR THE VARIOUS DISCIPLINES IN ACHIEVING THE APPROVED OBJECTIVES, AND TO CONFORM THE ACADEMIC ARRANGEMENTS AWARDED BY THE APA.

THE REVIEW WILL HELP TO IDENTIFY THE APA'S OVERALL LEVEL OF ACADEMIC ATTAINMENT AND ANY MEASURES, BOTH ACADEMIC AND FINANCIAL, NECESSARY TO IMPROVE THE INSTITUTION'S PERFORMANCE IN MEETING ITS STATED AIMS.

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THE FINDINGS OF THE REVIEW WILL ALSO FORM THE BASIS FOR DETERMINING THE RELATIVE POSITION OF THE APA WITHIN THE EXISTING EDUCATION SYSTEM.

THE 12 PANEL MEMBERS ARE PERSONS OF STANDING HAVING AN INTEREST IN THE PERFORMING ARTS AND OVERSEAS EXPERTS OF INTERNATIONAL ACCLAIM IN VARIOUS FIELDS. THE PANEL CHAIRMAN IS DR RAYSON HUANG, FORMER VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

THE OTHER MEMBERS ARE MR JAMES HAWTHORNE, A FORMER DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING; MS MARTHA HILL, FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE JUILLIARD SCHOOL, DANCE DIVISION; MR LU YI-SHEN, THE PRINCIPAL OF THE BEIJING DANCE ACADEMY; SIR DAVID LUMSDEN, THE PRINCIPAL OF THE ROYAL ACADEMY OF MUSIC; MR JOHN G. PAINTER, DIRECTOR OF THE CANBERRA SCHOOL OF MUSIC; MR FRANCIS REID, FORMER HEAD OF THEATRE DESIGN, CENTRAL SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN, LONDON; MR HAROLD STONE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE JUILLIARD SCHOOL, DRAMA DIVISION; MR WANG GUO-TONG, HEAD OF THE CHINESE TRADITIONAL MUSICAL INSTRUMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF THE CENTRAL CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC; MR EDWARD HO, LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR-DESIGNATE; DR RICHARD HO, REGIONAL COUNCILLOR; AND DR MA LIN, FORMER VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

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RENOWNED FLAUTIST TO GIVE MASTERCLASS

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THE MUSIC OFFICE WILL PRESENT A MASTERCLASS BY A WORLD RENOWNED FLAUTIST, MR JAMES PELLERITE, AT THE YAU MA TEI MUSIC CENTRE ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 15), FROM 10 AM TO 12 NOON.

MR PELLERITE HAS HELD DISTINGUISHED POSITIONS SUCH AS SOLO FLAUTIST WITH A NUMBER OF FAMOUS ORCHESTRAS, INCLUDING THE PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA AND THE DETROIT SYMPHONY, IN PAST YEARS.

IN 1986, MR PELLERITE WAS INVITED TO JOIN THE MINNESOTA ORCHESTRA FOR PERFORMANCES AT THE HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL.

AS SOLOIST AND MASTER CLASS SPECIALIST, HE HAS APPEARED AT MAJOR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN THE UNITE STATES.

HE HAS TOURED AUSTRALIA AND COUNTRIES IN ASIA AS A SOLOIST AND ARTIST TEACHER, AND HAS PRESENTED RECITALS AND MASTERCLASSES IN JAPAN, TAIWAN, SINGAPORE, HONG KONG AND MOST RECENTLY AT THE CENTRAL CONSERVATORY IN PEKING.

AT HIS MASTERCLASS ON SATURDAY, MR PELLERITE WILL LECTURE ON VARIOUS TECHNIQUES OF FLUTE PLAYING.

ADMISSION TO THE MASTERCLASS IS FREE, AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-7226240.

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