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SPECIAL SURVEY AIMS TO IMPROVE CRIME PREVENTION PLANNING

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ABOUT 65,000 PEOPLE AGED 12 AND OVER WILL BE INTERVIEWED BETWEEN JANUARY 8 AND 22 AS PART OF A SURVEY AIMED AT IMPROVING CRIME PREVENTION PLANNING.

RESULTS OF THE SURVEY, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG, WILL ENABLE THE AUTHORITIES TO ASSESS HOW CRIME AFFECTS THE AVERAGE PERSON.

THE SPECIAL STUDY, KNOWN AS THE CRIME VICTIMISATION SURVEY, IS BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE SURVEY TODAY (MONDAY), STATISTICIAN MR. BERNARD WONG SAID MEMBERS OF ABOUT 20,000 OR ONE IN 60 HOUSEHOLDS CHOSEN AT RANDOM WOULD BE INTERVIEWED ABOUT CRIMINAL ACTS WHICH AFFECTED THEM DURING THE 1978 CALENDAR YEAR.

EACH HOUSEHOLD SELECTED FOR INCLUSION IN THE SURVEY WOULD RECEIVE, AT THE END OF THIS MONTH, A LETTER CALLING FOR THEIR CO-OPERATION IN THE SURVEY, HE SAID.

AN ADULT, USUALLY THE HOUSEHOLD HEAD, WOULD BE DESIGNATED AS THE MAIN RESPONDENT AND ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS AND CRIMES THAT MIGHT HAVE AFFECTED THE HOUSEHOLD AS A UNIT.

INFORMATION ABOUT CRIMES AND THE PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS OF ANY VICTIM WOULD BE OBTAINED FROM INDIVIDUAL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS.

MR. WONG STRESSED THAT ALL INFORMATION GIVEN WOULD BE HELD IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE AND THAT ALL ENUMERATORS INVOLVED IN THE SURVEY WOULD CARRY SPECIAL IDENTITY CARDS.

+THE SURVEY HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE STATISTICS ON THE INCIDENCE OF CRIME AND TO GIVE THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY A NEW INSIGHT INTO CRIME AND ITS VICTIMS,+ HE SAID.

+FOR EXAMPLE, WE HOPE TO ESTABLISH WHETHER SOME PEOPLE ARE MORE LIKELY TO BECOME VICTIMS THAN OTHERS= WHETHER AND HOW VICTIMS OF ONE TYPE OF CRIME DIFFER FROM THOSE OF ANOTHER TYPE= AND WHETHER THE CHARACTERISTICS OF PEOPLE SUFFERING MULTIPLE VICTIMISATIONS DIFFER FROM THOSE WHO EXPERIENCE A SINGLE VICTIMISATION.

+IF WE KNOW MORE ABOUT THE CHARACTERISTICS OF BOTH OFFENDERS AND VICTIMS, THE NATURE OF THEIR RELATIONSHIP AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT CREATE A HIGH PROBABILITY OF CRIMINAL CONDUCT, CRIME PREVENTION MEASURES CAN BE MADE MORE EFFECTIVE.

+IN ADDITION TO DETERMINING THE PROPORTION OF CRIMES THAT COME TO THE ATTENTION OF POLICE, THE SURVEY WILL BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE REPORTING RATES FOR VARIOUS TYPES OF CRIME AND THE REASONS FOR NOT NOTIFYING THE POLICE,+ MR. WONG SAID.

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APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME GROWING MORE
POPULAR WITH EMPLOYERS AND YOUNG PERSONS
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TRAINING FOR A CAREER IN INDUSTRY THROUGH PROPER APPRENTICE TRAINING HAS ATTRACTED MORE THAN 7,000 YOUTHS TO BECOME REGISTERED APPRENTICES IN VARIOUS FIELDS SINCE THE ENACTMENT OF THE APPRENTICESHIP ORDINANCE IN JULY 1976.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE, EMPLOYERS OF CERTAIN TRADES ARE REQUIRED TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THEIR APPRENTICES AGED BETWEEN 14 AND 18 AND TO PROVIDE THEM WITH ADEQUATE TRAINING.

OVER 3,600 CONTRACTS HAVE SO FAR BEEN REGISTERED WITH THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR. THE FIGURE IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE FURTHER BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

THE APPRENTICESHIP DIVISION, WHICH ADMINISTERS THE ORDINANCE, REGISTERED 2,174 CONTRACTS LAST YEAR COMPARED WITH 1,502 IN 1976.

MR. AU-YEUNG MAN-TAK, SENIOR INDUSTRIAL TRAINING OFFICER, APPRENTICESHIP DIVISION, LABOUR DEPARTMENT, SAID TODAY (MONDAY) A TOTAL OF 31 TRADES HAS SO FAR BEEN DESIGNATED SINCE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ORDINANCE.

+ARISING FROM THE CURRENT CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL AND THE FURNITURE INDUSTRY, FURTHER TRADES COMMON TO THE TWO INDUSTRIES MAY ALSO BE DESIGNATED IN THE FUTURE,+ HE SAID.

MR. AU-YEUNG NOTED THAT PROPER APPRENTICE TRAINING HAS GAINED ENCOURAGING ACCEPTANCE AND SUPPORT FROM EMPLOYERS IN BOTH DESIGNATED AND NON-DESIGNATED TRADES.

+A TOTAL OF 440 APPRENTICES IN NON-DESIGNATED TRADES HAS REGISTERED THEIR CONTRACTS UNDER THE ORDINANCE SINCE JANUARY 1978,+ HE SAID.

+CONTRACTS OF APPRENTICESHIP IN NON-DESIGNATED TRADES OR IN DESIGNATED TRADES WHERE THE APPRENTICES ARE 19 YEARS OR OVER MAY BE REGISTERED VOLUNTARILY WITH THE DEPARTMENT IF BOTH EMPLOYERS AND THE APPRENTICES WISH TO AVAIL THEMSELVES OF THE BENEFITS WHICH THE ORDINANCE OFFERS,+ HE ADDED.

INSPECTORS OF APPRENTICES VISIT EMPLOYERS OF ALL REGISTERED APPRENTICES TO ASSIST THEM IN TRAINING AND ADVISING THEIR APPRENTICES.

INSPECTIONS ARE ALSO MADE TO ENSURE THAT YOUNG PEOPLE ENGAGED IN DESIGNATED TRADES EITHER HAVE, OR WOULD, ENTER INTO VALID APPRENTICESHIP CONTRACTS.

MR. AU-YEUNG SAID THAT IN A CONTINUING EFFORT TO PROVIDE BETTER SERVICE, NEW OFFICES WILL BE SET UP IN KWAI CHUNG AND KWUN TONG IN ADDITION TO THOSE IN WAN CHAI, SAN PO KONG AND TSIM SHA TSUI. THESE OFFICES CATER FOR THE NEEDS OF EMPLOYERS AND APPRENTICES IN NEIGHBOURING INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS.

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EMPLOYERS AND APPRENTICES WHO WISH TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE APPRENTICESHIP ORDINANCE OR REQUIRE ASSISTANCE ARE WELCOMED TO ENQUIRE AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES OF THE APPRENTICESHIP DIVISION IN PERSON OR BY TELEPHONE:-

* WAN CHAI OFFICE : NEW RODNEY BLOCK, 99 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG. TEL. 5-280545

* SAN PO KONG OFFICE : PARIS THEATRE BUILDING, 7 KING FUK ST., SAN PO KONG. TEL. 3-219285

* TSIM SHA TSUI OFFICE : SALISBURY ROAD, OPPOSITE SHERATON HOTEL, TSIM SHA TSUI. TEL. 3-677463

* KWAI CHUNG OFFICE : 31 SHING FONG STREET, FIFTH FLOOR, KWAI CHUNG. TEL. 12-297039

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EMPLOYMENT IN WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS IN SEPTEMBER

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MORE THAN 269,000 PEOPLE WERE EMPLOYED IN WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, A RECENT EMPLOYMENT SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT REVEALED.

THIS REPRESENTS A SLIGHT INCREASE OF ONE PER CENT COMPARED WITH JUNE 1978 AND AN INCREASE OF TWO PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1977.

EMPLOYMENT IN RESTAURANTS, CAFES AND BARS TOTALLED 101,000, BEING ONE PER CENT AND TWO PER CENT MORE THAN THOSE FOR JUNE 1978 AND SEPTEMBER 1977 RESPECTIVELY.

THE SURVEY ALSO SHOWED 17,690 PEOPLE ENGAGED IN HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES IN SEPTEMBER 1978, A DECLINE OF TWO PER CENT COMPARED WITH JUNE 1978. WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1977, THE EMPLOYMENT HAS RISEN BY OVER THREE PER CENT.

DETAILS OF EMPLOYMENT IN WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS IN SEPTEMBER 1978 AND JUNE 1978 AND A COMPARISON BETWEEN THEM ARE:

	PERSONS ENGAGED IN SEPTEMBER 1978	PERSONS ENGAGED IN JUNE 1978	CHANGE OF SEPT. 1978 OVER JUNE 1978	
			PERSONS	PERCENT
WHOLESALE	40,390	39,890	+ 500	+ 1.3
RETAIL	134,880	133,950	+ 930	+ 0.7
IMPORT/EXPORT	93,870	92,860	+ 1,020	+ 1.1
RESTAURANTS, CAFES AND BARS	101,000	99,940	+ 1,060	+ 1.1
HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES	17,690	18,070	- 380	- 2.1
TOTAL	387,830	384,700	+ 3,130	+ 0.8

NOTE: COMPONENTS MAY NOT ADD UP TO TOTAL DUE TO ROUNDING.

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MARINE DEPARTMENT CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE
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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT ITS PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREAS IN WAN CHAI, YAU MA TEI, TSUEN WAN AND KWUN TONG WILL REMAIN OPEN DURING THE TWO GENERAL HOLIDAYS ON DECEMBER 25 (MONDAY) AND DECEMBER 26.

IN ADDITION, THE VICTORIA SMALL CRAFT LICENSING OFFICE WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 A.M. TO 11 A.M. ON DECEMBER 25 AND THE MACAU FERRY WHARF UNIT OFFICES, FROM 7.30 A.M. TO 1.30 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY THROUGHOUT THE HOLIDAYS.

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DANGEROUS BUILDINGS
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY (MONDAY) DECLARED NOS. 1, 2, 3 AND 4 CHEUNG KAN LANE IN WESTERN DISTRICT, COMPRISING TWO-STOREY PRE-WAR BUILDINGS CONSTRUCTED WITH LOAD-BEARING BRICK WALLS, TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION.

A BUILDING ORDINANCE OFFICE SPOKESMAN OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID IT HAD BEEN NOTED RECENTLY THAT THE EXTERNAL BRICKWORK WAS IN EXTREMELY POOR CONDITION AND THAT A DETAILED SURVEY REVEALED SERIOUS OUTWARD MOVEMENT OF THE WALLS HAD OCCURED.

+THERE IS NOW A SERIOUS RISK OF COLLAPSE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID, ADDING IT WAS NECESSARY TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH THESE BUILDINGS.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS IN VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 A.M. ON FEBRUARY 5, 1979, WERE POSTED TODAY.

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NO LEARNER DRIVERS
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 A.M. ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 23), THE SHING MUN ROAD SECTION NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH WO YI HOP ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED AS A LEARNER DRIVER PROHIBITION ZONE ON ALL SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW DURING HOLIDAYS.

LEARNER DRIVERS WILL BE RESTRICTED FROM ENTERING AND PRACTISING DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS IN THIS AREA THROUGH WO YI HOP ROAD AND SHING MUN ROAD SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH WO YI HOP ROAD.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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WATER CUT
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN MONG KOK WILL BE STOPPED FOR SIX HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT TO 6 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY NATHAN ROAD, NULLAH ROAD, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, TUNG CHOI STREET, PLAYING FIELD ROAD, SAI YEE STREET AND FLOWER MARKET ROAD, INCLUDING A SECTION OF FA YUEN STREET BETWEEN PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AND PLAYING FIELD ROAD, YUEN NGAI STREET AND A SECTION OF SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET BETWEEN NULLAH ROAD AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD.

MEANWHILE, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN REPULSE BAY WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 P.M. ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 21) TO 6 A.M. ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 22) FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY 1-18 HEADLAND ROAD= SOUTH BAY ROAD= BEACH ROAD= 58, 70-84 AND 101 REPULSE BAY ROAD INCLUDING THE CALTEX PETROL STATION.

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