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VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN CONCLUDED

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MORE THAN 268,000 APPLICATIONS HAD BEEN RECEIVED BY THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION DURING THE SIX-WEEK VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN WHICH ENDED YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY).

COMMENTING ON THE RESULT, REGISTRATION OFFICER, MR LAI KWAN-TAT, SAID THE INITIAL RESPONSE HAD BEEN SATISFACTORY.

"HOWEVER, THESE APPLICATIONS INCLUDE A CERTAIN NUMBER OF DUPLICATIONS AND NOTIFICATIONS IN THE CHANGE OF ADDRESSES," MR LAI SAID.

"IT WILL THEREFORE TAKE THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION SOME TIME TO PROCESS THESE APPLICATIONS AND FIND OUT EXACTLY HOW MANY NEW ELECTORS WILL BE ADDED ON TO THE ELECTORAL ROLL," HE ADDED.

NONETHELESS, HE EXPECTED THE FINAL REGISTRATION FIGURE TO BE MORE THAN 1.6 MILLION PEOPLE AS COMPARED WITH THE 1.44 MILLION ELECTORS ON THE 1986 FINAL REGISTER.

"A PROVISIONAL REGISTER WILL BE PUBLISHED ON NOVEMBER 6, 1987 FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AND OBJECTION," MR LAI SAID.

MEANWHILE, ELIGIBLE ELECTORS CAN STILL SEND IN THEIR APPLICATION FORMS TO THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION AS REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN YEAR ROUND.

BUT THOSE WHO WISH TO VOTE IN THE COMING DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS NEXT YEAR HAVE TO REGISTER BEFORE NOVEMBER 20, 1987.

OF THE 268,000 APPLICATIONS RECEIVED DURING THIS YEAR'S VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN, THE HIGHEST NUMBERS WERE FROM KWAI TSING DISTRICT (35,483), EASTERN DISTRICT (28,248) AND KWUN TONG DISTRICT (27,796).

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CONSULTANCY AGREEMENT FOR ROUTE X SIGNED

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A \$3.8 MILLION CONSULTANCY AGREEMENT FOR A PRELIMINARY FEASIBILITY STUDY A OF ROAD LINK KNOWN AS ROUTE X BETWEEN THE NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES AND WEST KOWLOON WAS SIGNED TODAY (THURSDAY).

IT WAS SIGNED BY THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS, MR HAROLD BEATON, ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT, AND A CONSULTANTS' CONSORTIUM FORMED BY SCOTT WILSON KIRKPATRICK AND PARTNERS; PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF (ASIA) LIMITED; WILBUR SMITH AND ASSOCIATES; AND CHARLES HASWELL AND PARTNERS (FAR EAST).

MR BEATON SAID THE TRUNK ROAD PROPOSAL, LINKING YUEN LONG AND URBAN KOWLOON, WOULD PROVIDE A DIRECT ROUTE THROUGH TSUEN WAN, NEAR TSING YI ISLAND, AND TAI LAM COUNTRY PARK.

HE SAID A ROAD TUNNEL, LIKELY TO BE FOUR KILOMETRES LONG (PROBABLY THE LONGEST IN THE TERRITORY) WOULD HAVE TO BE BUILT THROUGH THE HILLS UNDER THE COUNTRY PARK.

HE SAID ROUTE X WAS PLANNED AHEAD AS A LONG-TERM SOLUTION TO TRAFFIC PROBLEMS IN THE WESTERN NEW TERRITORIES WHEN TUEN MUN ROAD REACHED MAXIMUM CAPACITY BY THE MID-1990'S.

"IT WILL ALSO SERVE AS AN ADDITIONAL ROUTE FOR CROSS-BORDER TRAFFIC TO CHINA," HE SAID.

UNDER THE AGREEMENT THE CONSULTANTS WILL HAVE TO ESTABLISH THE OPTIMAL ALIGNMENTS FOR THE TRUNK ROAD, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ALL RELEVANT STUDIES UNDERTAKEN OR COMMISSIONED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

THE STUDY WILL PROVIDE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING ASSESSMENTS AND A COMPARISON OF OPTIONS, INCLUDING A BROAD ORDER OF COST AND A PREFERRED SEQUENCE OF STAGE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT.

THE STUDY, WHICH WILL COMMENCE THIS MONTH AND BE COMPLETED IN JUNE NEXT YEAR, IS COMMISSIONED BY HIGHWAYS (N.T.) REGION OF THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT.

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SERVICES FOR STREET SLEEPERS
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THE UNITED NATIONS HAS DESIGNATED 1987 AS THE "INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF SHELTER FOR THE HOMELESS" (IYSH) TO HELP IMPROVE THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE POOR AND TO CALL FOR INTERNATIONAL CONCERN TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS FACING STREET SLEEPERS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR STEPHEN LAW, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

IN RESPONSE TO THE APPEAL, THE GOVERNMENT HAS SET UP A CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE POLICY AND TO CO-ORDINATE THE PLANNING AND PROVISION OF SERVICES FOR STREET SLEEPERS, MR LAW SAID WHEN OFFICIATING AT A PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION ORGANISED BY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH COMMITTEE FOR THE 1987 IYSH IN SHA TIN.

ON THE SERVICES RENDERED TO STREET SLEEPERS BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, MR LAW SAID THEY INCLUDED BOTH DIRECT AND INDIRECT SERVICES.

"FOR DIRECT SERVICES, STAFF OF OUR FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES KEEP FREQUENT CONTACTS WITH STREET SLEEPERS IN ORDER TO PERSUADE THEM TO ACCEPT OUR ASSISTANCE.

"OUTREACHING TEAMS HAVE BEEN SET UP IN OUR FOUR OPERATIONAL REGIONS TO PROVIDE COUNSELLING, CASH AND OTHER MATERIAL ASSISTANCE AS WELL AS REFERRAL FOR RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENTS, MEDICAL TREATMENT, REHABILITATION SERVICES OR EMPLOYMENT," HE SAID.

"AS A RESULT OF THE JOINT EFFORTS OF OUR FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES AND OUR OUTREACHING TEAMS, SOME 300 STREET SLEEPERS HAVE AGREED TO ACCEPT OUR SERVICES BETWEEN MAY AND AUGUST, WITH 119 OF THEM BEING GIVEN RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENTS OR COMPASSIONATE REHOUSING WHILE THE REMAINING APPLICATIONS ARE BEING PROCESSED," HE ADDED.

ON INDIRECT SERVICES, MR LAW SAID THE DEPARTMENT TRIED TO ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY GROUPS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN SERVICE PROJECTS FOR STREET SLEEPERS SO AS TO ENHANCE LOCAL PEOPLE'S UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR PROBLEMS AND TO BECOME MORE CARING TOWARDS THEM.

CIVIC EDUCATION ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS TODAY'S EXHIBITION, ORGANISED BY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH COMMITTEE FOR THE 1987 IYSH COULD HELP AROUSE PUBLIC ATTENTION TO THE PROBLEM OF STREET SLEEPERS AND ENCOURAGE MORE COMMUNITY EFFORTS IN PROVIDING APPROPRIATE SERVICES FOR THEM, MR LAW SAID.

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METERED PARKING CHARGES TO GO UP

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METERED PARKING CHARGES IN ANOTHER FOUR DISTRICTS WILL GO UP FROM SUNDAY (OCTOBER 4), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE AFFECTED DISTRICTS ARE : YAU MA TEI, MONG KOK, HUNG HOM AND SHA TIN.

THE CHARGES WILL BE INCREASED FROM THE EXISTING \$1 AND 50 CENTS FOR 30 MINUTES TO \$2 AND \$1 FOR 30 MINUTES RESPECTIVELY.

MOTORISTS SHOULD NOTE THE REVISED CHARGES WHEN FEEDING THE METERS. THE CONVERTED METERS MAY BE DISTINGUISHED BY THE YELLOW INSTRUCTION PLATE ON THE METERS INDICATING THE METER TYPE AND THE APPROPRIATE COIN TO BE USED.

FOR HALF-HOUR AND TWO-HOUR METERS FOR PRIVATE CARS, ONLY \$2 COINS WILL BE ACCEPTED, WHILE FOR ONE-HOUR GOODS VEHICLE PARKING METERS, DRIVERS CAN ONLY USE \$1 COINS.

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COUNTRY PARK PATROLS TO BE STRENGTHENED

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT IS TO STEP UP PATROL OF SOME OF THE MOST POPULAR COUNTRY PARKS ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS TO PROVIDE BETTER SERVICE TO PARK VISITORS AND TO DISCOURAGE OFFENCES AGAINST COUNTRY PARKS REGULATIONS.

THE NEW OPERATION IS A PILOT SCHEME DRAWN UP WITH THE CIVIL AID SERVICES (CAS) TO MOBILISE ITS UNIFORMED ADULT MEMBERS IN PATROLLING POPULAR PARK AREAS, STARTING FROM THIS MONTH.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (THURSDAY), THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CONSERVATION AND COUNTRY PARKS), MR K.C. IU, SAID THE SCHEME IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE MORE PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INFORMATION TO PARK VISITORS ON THE ONE HAND AND TO HELP DISTRESSED HIKERS ON THE OTHER.

"IT WILL INITIALLY COVER THE COUNTRY PARKS AT SAI KUNG EAST, SAI KUNG WEST, PAT SIN LENG AND PLOVER COVE WHICH ARE MOST POPULAR WITH HIKERS PARTICULARLY DURING SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS," HE SAID.

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FROM THIS SUNDAY, MR IU SAID, 24 CAS MEMBERS, DIVIDED IN 12 TWO-MEN TEAMS AND SUPERVISED BY TWO SENIOR MEMBERS, WILL BE DEPLOYED TO PATROL HIKING TRAILS IN THESE PARKS ON FOOT AND ON MOTORBIKE.

EQUIPPED WITH RADIO-TRANSCEIVERS AND FIRST-AID KITS, THEY WILL ASSIST COUNTRY PARK STAFF IN PROVIDING ADVICE AND INFORMATION TO PARK VISITORS AND OFFERING FIRST AID TREATMENT AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO HIKERS IN DISTRESS.

IN THE COURSE OF THEIR DUTIES, THEY WILL ALSO BE ON THE WATCH-OUT FOR ANY HILL FIRE, VANDALISM, LITTERING OR FIRE OFFENCE, AND WARN THOSE PARK VISITORS WHO FAIL TO OBSERVE THE LAW.

MR IU SAID : "THE CAS PRESENCE WILL BE A TREMENDOUS HELP TO OUR FIELD STAFF IN BETTER SERVING THE NEEDS OF PARK VISITORS AND IN PROTECTING COUNTRYSIDE RESOURCES.

"THE SCHEME WILL BE REVIEWED IN EARLY 1988. IF PROVEN SUCCESSFUL, IT WILL BE MADE PERMANENT AND EXTENDED TO COVER OTHER COUNTRY PARKS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY."

HE URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC VISITING THE FOUR COUNTRY PARKS COVERED BY THE SCHEME ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE CAS PERSONNEL TO FACILITATE THEIR SMOOTH OPERATION.

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RATES PAYMENT ADVICE

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RATEPAYERS HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT THEY SHOULD BY NOW HAVE RECEIVED DEMAND NOTES FOR RATES FOR THE QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER WHICH ARE DEMANDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RATING ORDINANCE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

ANY RATEPAYER WHO HAS NOT RECEIVED A DEMAND NOTE SHOULD APPLY FORTHWITH FOR A COPY AT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

- * (A) THE TREASURY RATES SECTION, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, (WEST WING), 9TH FLOOR, 11 ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG;
- * (B) THE YAU MA TEI SUB-TREASURY, 4TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, (MARKET STREET ENTRANCE), KOWLOON; AND
- * (C) THE KOWLOON CITY SUB-TREASURY, MAN SANG COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 348-352 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD (CORNER OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AND JUNCTION ROAD), KOWLOON.

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NON-RECEIPT OF THE DEMAND NOTE DOES NOT ALTER THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE RATES MUST BE PAID BY 4 PM ON OCTOBER 30, 1987 AND UNLESS SO PAID RATEPAYERS MAY BE SUBJECT TO A SURCHARGE OF FIVE PER CENT IMPOSED UNDER SECTION 22 OF THE RATING ORDINANCE, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

A FURTHER SURCHARGE OF 10 PER CENT MAY BE ADDED TO AMOUNTS (INCLUDING THE NORMAL FIVE PER CENT SURCHARGE) WHICH REMAIN UNPAID SIX MONTHS AFTER THE DUE DATE.

RATEPAYERS WHO HAVE SUBMITTED A VALID DIRECT DEBIT AUTHORISATION SHOULD NOTE THAT PAYMENT SHOULD BE MADE BY POST OR IN PERSON AS STIPULATED IN THE DEMAND NOTE UNLESS THE WORDING 'PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY AUTOPAY' IS SHOWN IN THE DEMAND NOTE IN WHICH CASE THEIR PAYMENT OF RATES WILL BE MADE BY DIRECT DEBIT TO THEIR BANK ACCOUNTS ON OCTOBER 30, 1987. IN THIS CONNECTION, RATEPAYERS SHOULD ENSURE THAT THEIR BANK ACCOUNTS CONTAIN THE NECESSARY FUNDS ON THAT DATE.

RATEPAYERS ARE ALSO ADVISED THAT THE AMOUNT PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE THE ABOVE-MENTIONED DATE IS INDICATED ON THE DEMAND NOTE BY AN ARROW-HEAD IN THE 'TOTAL AMOUNT DUE' BOX.

RATES ARE PAYABLE ON VACANT PROPERTIES BUT ARE REFUNDABLE UNDER THE CONDITIONS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 30 OF THE ORDINANCE. UNDER SECTIONS 30(1A) AND (2A) HOWEVER, NO REFUNDS WILL BE PAYABLE IN THE CASE OF A VACANT TENEMENT LAST USED OR INTENDED TO BE USED WHOLLY OR PRIMARILY FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES OR FOR THE PARKING OF VEHICLES (UNLESS VACANT BY REASON OF AN ORDER OF THE GOVERNMENT).

TO AVOID THE POSSIBLE INCONVENIENCE OF QUEUEING, RATEPAYERS ARE URGED TO PAY BY CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER SENT BY POST OR BY EARLY PERSONAL ATTENDANCE AT ANY OF THE OFFICES LISTED ON THE BACK OF THE DEMAND NOTE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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INFANT MORTALITY HIGHLIGHTED IN JULY STATISTICS DIGEST

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THE JULY 1987 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS CONTAINS A SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE ENTITLED "DECLINE IN INFANT MORTALITY IN HONG KONG 1957-1986".

A STEADILY DECLINING TREND IN INFANT MORTALITY IN HONG KONG HAS BEEN OBSERVED DURING THE PAST THREE DECADES. THIS HAS BEEN MAINLY DUE TO THE EXPANSION IN THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH CARE AND PARTICULARLY OF FAMILY HEALTH AND OBSTETRICAL SERVICES; ADVANCES IN MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY; AND AN IMPROVEMENT IN SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN HONG KONG WHICH HAVE BROUGHT ABOUT BETTER CARE FOR THE MOTHER AND THE NEWBORN BEFORE AND AFTER DELIVERY.

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THE RATE OF DECLINE IN AND THE CURRENT LEVEL OF INFANT MORTALITY ARE COMPARABLE TO THOSE EXPERIENCED BY MOST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

THE ARTICLE PRESENTS A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE TRENDS OF INFANT MORTALITY, NEONATAL MORTALITY AND POST-NEONATAL MORTALITY OVER THE PAST 30 YEARS AND OF THE SEX DIFFERENCES IN INFANT MORTALITY. REASONS FOR THE DECLINE IN INFANT MORTALITY ARE ALSO GIVEN IN THE ARTICLE.

THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS IS NOW ON SALE AT \$28 PER COPY. PURCHASES CAN BE MADE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, OR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, 19/F, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

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CONSTRUCTION OF VILLAGE HOUSES AT JUNK BAY

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TWENTY THREE-STOREY GOVERNMENT STANDARD VILLAGE HOUSES WILL BE BUILT AT AREA 31 OF JUNK BAY TO PROVIDE BETTER LIVING STANDARDS TO PREVIOUS HANG HAU VILLAGE RESIDENTS.

OTHER FACILITIES IN THE DEVELOPMENT WILL INCLUDE A VILLAGE OFFICE BUILDING, A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT, AN OPEN CARPARK, BASKETBALL COURT AND VILLAGE SQUARE.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT WHICH IS EXPECTED TO START IN NOVEMBER AND BE COMPLETED BY OCTOBER, 1988.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON OCTOBER 16.

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IMPROVEMENTS TO MARKET BUILDING

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THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE HEUNG CHE STREET MARKET BUILDING IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE ENHANCED UPON COMPLETION NEXT YEAR OF IMPROVEMENT WORK.

THE WORK INCLUDES IMPROVEMENTS TO THE DRAINAGE AND LIGHTING, NEW FLOORING, AND A COVER FOR AN OPEN COMMON PASSAGEWAY FOR THE COOKED FOOD CENTRE.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN DECEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT NINE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS BY NOON ON OCTOBER 16.

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FLYING START FOR COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION SCHEME

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THIS YEAR'S CLEAN AND GREEN SCHEME WILL GET OFF TO A FLYING START THIS SATURDAY (OCTOBER 3) WITH THE LAUNCHING OF A MAMMOTH HOT-AIR BALLOON AT PAK TAM CHUNG IN SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK.

OFFICIATING AT THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY AT 10.30 AM WILL BE THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTRY PARKS BOARD'S PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE, MR WILLIAM WAN. OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE THE GENERAL MANAGER OF TELEVISION BROADCASTS LIMITED, MR ROBERT CHAN, THE FIRST RUNNER-UP OF MISS HONG KONG 1987, MISS ELIZABETH LEE, AND MRS HONG KONG 1987, MRS ALICE PONG.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, DR LEE WILL LEAD THE GUEST PARTY AND 300 COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB MEMBERS TO PICK UP LITTER IN THE NEARBY PARK AREA.

THE SCHEME IS ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES AND TELEVISION BROADCASTS LIMITED TO DRIVE HOME THE MESSAGE FOR A CLEANER AND GREENER COUNTRYSIDE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF THE 1987 CLEAN AND GREEN SCHEME TO BE HELD AT PAK TAM CHUNG, SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK AT 10.30 AM ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 3).

TRANSPORT FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL LEAVE THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393, CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON AT 9.15 AM ON THAT DAY.

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CUP TOURNAMENTS IN KWUN TONG
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A SERIES OF FOOTBALL/BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS WILL BE HELD IN VARIOUS PARTS OF KWUN TONG THIS MONTH AS A PRELUDE TO THE 1987 KWUN TONG SPORTS FESTIVAL.

THESE TOURNAMENTS ARE ORGANISED BY DIFFERENT AREA BRANCHES OF THE KWUN TONG SPORTS PROMOTION ASSOCIATION, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND SPONSORED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD.

A KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THE CUP MATCHES ARE AIMED AT PROMOTING THE TWO SPORTS AND TO SELECT OUTSTANDING TEAMS TO COMPETE IN THE INTER-BRANCH EVENTS OF THE KWUN TONG SPORTS FESTIVAL IN NOVEMBER.

DETAILS OF THE TOURNAMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

DATE AND TIME -----	EVENT -----	VENUE -----
OCTOBER 4 (SUN) 9.30 AM	KWUN TONG INTER-FACTORY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT	URBAN COUNCIL CHUN WAH ROAD INDOOR GAMES HALL
OCTOBER 18 (SUN) 10 AM (PRELIMINARIES)	YAU TONG SZE SHAN CUP BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT	KO CHIU ROAD ESTATE BLOCK 2 BASKETBALL COURT
OCTOBER 25 (SUN) 10 AM (FINALS)	PING SHEK/KAI YIP AREA CUP BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT	KAI YIP INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE
	KWUN TONG INTER-FACTORY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT	KOWLOON BAY RECREATION GROUND
	TING HONG CUP FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT	SAU NGA ROAD PLAYGROUND NO. 3

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FESTIVAL HOLIDAY REMINDER
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THE DAY FOLLOWING THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL - OCTOBER 8 - IS ONE OF THE 11 STATUTORY HOLIDAYS.

ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES AND THOSE NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$11,500 A MONTH ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY AND MUST BE PAID FOR THE DAY OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

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HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO AN EMPLOYEE'S EARNINGS ON A NORMAL WORKING DAY AND SHOULD INCLUDE BASIC WAGES AS WELL AS ALLOWANCES THAT CAN BE EXPRESSED IN MONEY TERMS SUCH AS MEALS AND COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCES.

"WHERE THE EARNINGS VARY FROM DAY TO DAY, HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE THE AVERAGE DAILY EARNINGS DURING EVERY COMPLETE WAGE PERIOD, WHICH COULD BE BETWEEN 28 DAYS TO 31 DAYS PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY," A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"IF AN EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO WORK ON A STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST BE GIVEN AN ALTERNATIVE DAY OFF WITHIN 60 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER THAT DAY."

ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE AT BRANCH OFFICES OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE.

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LANTERN CARNIVAL FOR KOWLOON CITY RESIDENTS

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MID-AUTUMN FESTIVE SPIRIT ARRIVES EARLY IN KOWLOON CITY THIS SUNDAY (OCTOBER 4) AS THOUSANDS OF DISTRICT RESIDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO SPEND AN ENJOYABLE EVENING OF FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT AT THE MID-AUTUMN LANTERN CARNIVAL.

STARTING FROM 7 PM, A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES WILL BE STAGED AT THE ARGYLE STREET PLAYGROUND UNTIL 10.30 PM.

PROGRAMMES INCLUDE SINGING, DANCING, ACROBATS, GAMESTALLS, CANTONESE SONGS, PALMISTRY AND LANTERN RIDDLES.

THERE WILL ALSO BE AN EXHIBITION OF KING-SIZE AND NORMAL-SIZE LANTERNS OF A RECENT DESIGN COMPETITION.

ADMISSION TO THE EVENT IS FREE AND PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO WIN PRIZES FOR VARIOUS GAMES AND LUCKY DRAW.

THE LANTERN CARNIVAL IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD, THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE DISTRICT'S ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL AND THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE.

FREE TRANSPORTATION WILL TAKE PARTICIPANTS TO AND FROM THE VENUE AT OI MAN ESTATE, WHAMPOA ESTATE AND KEE HO PRIMARY SCHOOL IN HO MAN TIN BETWEEN 6.30 PM AND 9.30 PM.

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KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALEX FONG; DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, MR CHAN CHI-KWAN; URBAN COUNCILLOR, MISS CHAN YING; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL, MR WU WING-KAI, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CARNIVAL OPENING CEREMONY AT 8 PM ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 4) AT THE ARGYLE STREET PLAYGROUND.

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SAI KUNG DB TO DISCUSS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
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MEMBERS OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DISCUSS THE 1987 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR JUNK BAY NEW TOWN AND SAI KUNG.

THE 1987 EDITION OF THE PROGRAMME IS BEING PREPARED AND CONSIDERATION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO PROJECTS THAT ARE TO BE RECOMMENDED TO START IN THE 1988/89 FINANCIAL YEAR.

THESE PROJECTS WILL INCLUDE FACILITIES TO SERVE THE ANTICIPATED NEW POPULATION IN THE JUNK BAY NEW TOWN AND THE RECLAMATION PROJECTS AND ROADWORKS IN BOTH JUNK BAY AND SAI KUNG.

THE PROJECT MANAGER OF THE NEW TERRITORIES/SOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, MR NG YEE-YUM, AND CHIEF TOWN PLANNER, MR STEWART LEE, WILL BE PRESENT TO BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE PROGRAMME.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE TAI MONG TSAI/TSAM CHUK WAN OUTLINE DEVELOPMENT PLAN WHICH WILL COVER ZONING PROPOSALS SUCH AS VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT AREA, PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL AREA, FACILITIES, COUNTRY PARK AND ROADS.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE A REPORT BY THE BOARD'S REGIONAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE, MR WAN YUET-KAU, THE PROGRESS REPORT OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

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

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DISTRICT BOARD TO DISCUSS TAXI POLICY

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SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DISCUSS THE CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT ON TAXI POLICY REVIEW.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE USE OF DISTRICT BOARD NOTICE BOARDS FOR PUBLICISING THE DATES, VENUES AND AGENDA OF BOARD MEETINGS.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION INCLUDE MATTERS ON THE USAGE AND TRANSFER OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE MEETING TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 2) AT 2 PM, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM AT 39 TONKIN STREET, 2ND FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS ON HONG KONG ISLAND

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FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 3), THE FOLLOWING URBAN CLEARWAY ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED:

- * THE SECTION OF THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CONNAUGHT PLACE BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 15 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH HARBOUR VIEW STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 25 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE MADE A 24-HOUR DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY.
- * THE SECTION OF THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CONNAUGHT PLACE BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 15 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH HARBOUR VIEW STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 120 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY.
- * THE EXISTING 24-HOUR DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY ON THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CONNAUGHT PLACE SECTION BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 15 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH HARBOUR VIEW STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 70 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE RESCINDED.

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- * THE SECTION OF KENNEDY TOWN PRAYA BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH SAI CHEUG STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED A 24-HOUR DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY. THIS RESTRICTION WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS.
- * THE EXISTING 7 AM TO 10 AM AND 4 PM TO 7 PM RESTRICTED ZONE ON CANNON STREET WILL BE CONVERTED INTO A 7 AM TO 7 PM URBAN CLEARWAY.

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

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR IEC CHARITY WALK

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR (IEC) CHARITY WALK ORGANISED BY THE COMMUNITY CHEST.

THE MEASURES, UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, WILL BE IN FORCE ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 4).

THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 4 AM AND 6 PM:

- * THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR AND ALL ITS SLIP ROADS;
- * THE NORTHBOUND SECTION OF MONG LUNG STREET NORTH OF PO MAN STREET;
- * THE UNNAMED SLIP ROAD BETWEEN THE SHAU KEI WAN BUS TERMINUS EXIT AND NAM ON LANE;
- * NAM ON LANE;
- * THE ROAD SECTION BETWEEN THE UNNAMED ROAD IN FRONT OF THE BOAT YARD AND THE SHAU KEI WAN IEC EXIT; AND
- * NAM ON STREET BETWEEN ALDRICH STREET AND NAM ON LANE WILL BE CLOSED EXCEPT FOR FRANCHISED BUSES.

THE OFF-STREET OPEN-AIR CARPARK ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF VICTORIA PARK WILL BE CLOSED FROM 6 PM ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 3) TO 6 PM ON SUNDAY.

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CHINA MOTOR BUS ROUTE NO. 780 WILL BE SUSPENDED WHILE ROUTE NOS. 2, 8, 20, AND 80 WILL BE STRENGTHENED. BUSES LEAVING THE SHAU KEI WAN BUS TERMINUS WILL BE DIVERTED VIA PO MAN STREET, MONG LUNG STREET, FACTORY STREET AND ALDRICH STREET BETWEEN 6 AM AND 4 PM BEFORE RESUMING THEIR NORMAL ROUTINGS.

IN ADDITION, THE BUS STOP ON THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF VICTORIA PARK ROAD ABOUT 50 METRES EAST OF THE GLOUCESTER ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE SUSPENDED BETWEEN 6 AM AND 1 PM.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO DRIVE WITH UTMOST CARE IN THE VICINITY OF THE SHAU KEI WAN TERMINUS.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN WAN CHAI

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THE CLOSURE OF THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TONNOCHY ROAD BETWEEN HARBOUR ROAD AND GLOUCESTER ROAD IN WAN CHAI, WHICH HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED SINCE JANUARY 20 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TONNOCHY ROAD FLYOVER, WILL BE EXTENDED FOR ANOTHER FOUR MONTHS UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT.

DURING THE ROAD CLOSURE, VEHICLES ON EASTBOUND GLOUCESTER ROAD CAN USE MARSH ROAD AND HUNG HING ROAD FOR WAN CHAI SPORTS GROUND OR HARBOUR ROAD.

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