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INSIGNIA RECIPIENTS
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INSIGNIA FOR 82 PEOPLE WERE PRESENTED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, AT A CEREMONY AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE THIS (MONDAY) EVENING.

EIGHTY RECIPIENTS WERE DECORATED BY THE QUEEN FOR SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC, WHILE TWO WERE AWARDED THE GOVERNOR'S COMMENDATION.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF INSIGNIA RECIPIENTS:

C.B.E.

MR HO SIN-HANG

THE HON PETER C. WONG

C.B.E. (HON.)

MR TANG CHI-CHIEN

O.B.E.

DR DENNY HUANG MONG-HWA

DR THE HON HENRIETTA IP MAN-HING

DR KHOO KIAN-KANG

MR KWOK TAK-SENG

MR STEPHEN LAU MAN-LUNG

I.S.O.

MR HUGH GORDON ARDLEY

MR HAROLD CAMPBELL BEATON

M.B.E.

MR NORMAN LEUNG NAI-PANG

MR DAVID LOW SHIU-KWONG

MR KENNETH YUHUNG TONGSON

MR BORHYEN WANG

/M.B.E. (HON.) .....

M.B.E. (HON.)

MR GAYLORD CHAN

MR LAM TAK-MONG

B.E.M.

MR CHAN PAK-NAM

MR CHEUNG KI-LUNG

MR CHOW SHE-KUEN

MR HU PING-CHAO

MR IP PAK-KWAN

MR LO BUN

MRS MEGAN MCINTOSH

MR SIT SANG

MRS SZETO HO YEE-YEE

MR WAN CHUNG-PING

MR WONG SHEUNG-FUN

B.E.M. (MIL.)

SERGEANT MOHAMED ASLAM

I.S.M.

MR CHUNG CHIU-DIN

MR HO WAI

MR LI WING-MAU

MR MAK CHI

MR TAM FU-SANG

/Q.P.M. .....

Q.P.M.

MR PHILIP DAVIES

C.P.M.

ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE

MRS WONG LEUNG KAM-SHAN

MR ROBERT MICHAEL ANSLOW HARPER

MR TIMOTHY FRANCIS BABINGTON

MR RONALD FREDERICK CURLEWIS

MR CHENG FOOK-HONG

MR LEE YU-YIN

MR NG CHUN-FAI

MR YUEN YUN-LAM

MR KO MUN-HANG

MR YAU AH-FUK

FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

MR LEE KIN-CHUNG

MR WONG MAN-CHIU

MR TANG SIU

MR YUNG PO-WAH

MR CHENG BUN

/BADGE OF HONOUR .....

BADGE OF HONOUR

MR CHAN WING-HING

MR CHEUK KWAI-WING

MR CHEUNG CHEE-WANG

DR CHEUNG MIU-CHING

MR CHIU CHUN-TUNG

MR CHOW YUK-TONG

MR KI KA

MR KWAN PUI

MR LAU TAK

MR WONG KAN-FONG

MR WU CHOR-NAM

MR YEUNG YUK-CHIU

MR YIP CHI-KWONG

GOVERNOR'S COMMENDATION

MR ALBERT PHILIP

MR CHAU TAK-CHUNG

ORDER OF ST JOHN

OFFICER (BROTHER)

DR PETER CHOY WAI-SHUEN

DR LAU WING-SANG

MR MORRIS CHAN TING-CHEUK

MR MAK SIK-HUNG

/SERVING BROTHER .....

SERVING BROTHER

DR CHAN WING-HANG

DR KENNETH CHENG CHING-KONG

DR VITO LEE HOK-CHOU

MR WAN CHUNG-PING

MR CLEMENT CHEUNG YING-FAI

MR LEUNG SHUI-FAT

DR PETER WONG CHO-YIU

MR HUI BING-LUN

MR KWOK CHIK-WAI

MR CHAN KAM-WAH

MR CHAN KIM-WAN

MR LEUNG KWOK-WAH

SERVING SISTER

MISS YU NGAR-NEI

MISS NG KING-CHU

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SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK, COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDER RECOMMENDED

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC) TODAY (MONDAY) ENDORSED THE REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON AN OVERALL REVIEW OF SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK SERVICE DELIVERY AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDERS PILOT SCHEME.

THE WORKING GROUP ON SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK WAS CONVENED BY THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH IN DECEMBER 1985 AND COMPRISED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE.

/THE ADVISORY .....

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ENDORSED THE PROPOSAL THAT SCHOOLS SHOULD SET UP GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING TEAMS COMPRISING CLASS TEACHERS, GUIDANCE TEACHERS AND SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS TO PROVIDE A FORMAL AND REGULAR CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION TO FACILITATE CO-ORDINATION OF THE PROVISION OF GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING SERVICES.

AS ALL THESE DIFFERENT KINDS OF PERSONNEL ARE INVOLVED IN THE DELIVERY OF THE SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK SERVICE, THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUPPORTED THE NEED FOR GUIDELINES TO DEMARCATE THEIR RESPECTIVE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. IT WAS ALSO FELT THAT BETTER OVERALL DIRECTIONS COULD BE GIVEN TO SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS AS TO HOW THEY SHOULD SPEND THEIR TIME.

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT FULL COVERAGE OF ALL PRIMARY SCHOOLS SHOULD BE ATTAINED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. MEANWHILE, IT ACCEPTED THAT THE MANNING RATIO OF STUDENT GUIDANCE OFFICERS TO PUPILS IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS SHOULD REMAIN UNCHANGED.

FOR THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS, IT ENDORSED THE RECOMMENDATION THAT AS AN INTERIM MEASURE, THE MANNING RATIO OF SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS SHOULD BE IMPROVED FROM THE EXISTING RATIO OF ONE SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER TO 4 000 STUDENTS TO ONE TO 3 000 STUDENTS.

IMPLEMENTATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT BY THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOTED THAT A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW WOULD BE CONDUCTED IN 1989-90 TO TAKE STOCK OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS RESULTING FROM IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS.

AT TODAY'S MEETING THE SWAC ALSO ENDORSED ARRANGEMENTS FOR A PILOT SCHEME DESIGNED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDERS FROM JANUARY 1, 1987.

THE SCHEME PROVIDES FOR AN OFFENDER, WHILE ON A COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDER, TO REMAIN IN EMPLOYMENT OR TO CONTINUE WITH SCHOOLING, AND TO DO UNPAID WORK DURING LEISURE HOURS THAT IS USEFUL TO THE COMMUNITY. IN THIS WAY, BY DISCIPLINED EFFORT UNDER SUPERVISION, AN OFFENDER WOULD HAVE THE CHANCE TO REHABILITATE IN A CONSTRUCTIVE WAY.

INITIALLY, THE SCHEME WILL OPERATE IN THREE MAGISTRACIES -- WESTERN MAGISTRACY, KWUN TONG MAGISTRACY AND THE TSUEN WAN MAGISTRACY.

UNDER THE PILOT SCHEME, THE COURT MAY ISSUE A COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDER IN RESPECT OF AN OFFENDER (AGED 14 AND ABOVE) IN VIEW OF A CUSTODIAL SENTENCE IF THERE ARE CLEAR INDICATIONS IN THE PROBATION OFFICER'S REPORT THAT THE OFFENDER IS SUITABLE AND THAT THERE IS WORK AVAILABLE.

/A SMALL TEAM .....

A SMALL TEAM OF SOCIAL WORKERS HAS BEEN CREATED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER THE SCHEME. THEY WILL BE SUPPORTED BY A POOL OF PART-TIME SUPERVISORS.

THROUGH THE LIAISON OF SWD STAFF, SO FAR SIX GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND 18 VOLUNTARY AGENCIES HAVE OFFERED PLACEMENTS TO ACCOMMODATE 242 OFFENDERS.

THE TYPES OF WORK OFFERED INCLUDE GARDENING, PAINTING, MINOR REPAIRS, ESCORT SERVICE FOR THE ELDERLY AND THE BLIND.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO EXPLORE SUITABLE PLACEMENTS AND IS CONFIDENT THAT MORE PLACEMENTS WILL BE FORTHCOMING.

THE PILOT SCHEME WILL BE REVIEWED AT THE END OF TWO YEARS.

THE SWAC ALSO AGREED TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF A CENTRAL PROVIDENT FUND AT ITS NEXT MEETING IN NOVEMBER.

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SMOKING PROHIBITED IN SEVEN FACTORIES

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS SERVED NOTICES ON THE PROPRIETORS OF SEVEN FUR PROCESSING FACTORIES TO PROHIBIT SMOKING IN THEIR WORKPLACES, OR ANY PART OF THEM, TO PREVENT THE OUTBREAK OF FIRE.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE PROPRIETORS ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO INSTALL INTERLOCK MECHANICAL EXHAUST SYSTEM IN THE WORKPLACE TO IMPROVE VENTILATION.

+UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR IS EMPOWERED TO PRESCRIBE SPECIAL PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES IN ANY SPECIFIC INSTANCE,+ A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THE PROPRIETOR OF A NOTIFIABLE WORKPLACE IN WHICH SMOKING IS PROHIBITED SHOULD TAKE ALL REASONABLE STEPS TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROHIBITION ORDER.

+THEY MUST DISPLAY IN PROMINENT POSITIONS WITHIN THE WORKPLACE SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF 'NO SMOKING' SIGNS.

+FAILING TO DO SO WOULD COMMIT AN OFFENCE AND IS LIABLE TO A FINE OF $10 000.+

/THE SPOKESMAN .....

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT THE SEVEN FACTORIES WERE AMONG THE 352 UNDERTAKINGS ENGAGED IN FUR PROCESSING AND RELATED WORK WHICH HAD BEEN INSPECTED BY THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE SINCE THE TRAGIC EXPLOSION AT A KWAI CHUNG FACTORY ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO.

+DURING THE INITIAL INSPECTIONS, THREE OF THE SEVEN FACTORIES IN QUESTION WERE FOUND USING INFLAMMABLE SUBSTANCES WHICH ARE SPECIFIED IN CATEGORY 5 OF THE SCHEDULE TO THE DANGEROUS GOODS (CLASSIFICATION) REGULATIONS,+ HE SAID.

+HOWEVER, FOLLOW-UP INSPECTIONS REVEALED THAT THEY HAD ALREADY GIVEN UP USING THE INFLAMMABLE SUBSTANCES IN THEIR INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES.

+AS FOR THE OTHER FOUR FACTORIES, THE SUBSTANCES USED FOR DEGREASING HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE GOVERNMENT CHEMIST FOR ANALYSIS.+

OF THE 352 FACTORIES INSPECTED RECENTLY, 24 (INCLUDING THE SEVEN MENTIONED ABOVE) WERE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN FUR PROCESSING, ABOUT 30 IN SKIN TANNING, 100 IN LEATHER APPAREL MANUFACTURING AND 200 IN FUR COAT PRODUCTION.

ALTHOUGH NO SERIOUS IRREGULARITIES WERE FOUND IN THESE FACTORIES, THEY WILL BE KEPT UNDER CLOSE SURVEILLANCE BY THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THERE ARE AT PRESENT ADEQUATE PROVISIONS IN THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE TO GOVERN THE USE OF DANGEROUS CHEMICALS.

CITING EXAMPLES, HE SAID PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES ARE LAID DOWN IN VARIOUS SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS OF THE ORDINANCE TO PREVENT THE OUTBREAK OF FIRE; PROVIDE EFFECTIVE AND SUITABLE VENTILATION SYSTEM IN WORKPLACES; CONTROL ELECTROLYTIC CHROMIUM PROCESS, SPRAYING OF FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS, AND THE USE OF MANGANESE DIOXIDE IN DRY BATTERIES MANUFACTURING.

IN ADDITION, A FURTHER SET OF REGULATIONS, REQUIRING THE CLASSIFICATIONS AND LABELLING OF HARMFUL SUBSTANCES COMMONLY USED IN INDUSTRY, IS BEING DRAFTED.

+WHILE THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WOULD DO EVERYTHING TO PREVENT THE OCCURRENCE OF ACCIDENTS THROUGH LEGISLATION AND ENFORCEMENT ACTION, SAFETY IN THE WORKPLACE HAS TO DEPEND ULTIMATELY ON THE WILLINGNESS OF EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES TO ADOPT AND OBSERVE GOOD SAFETY PRACTICES AT ALL TIMES,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

+IT IS THROUGH THIS TRIPARTITE PARTICIPATION THAT INDUSTRIAL SAFETY ACTIVITIES WILL BECOME MORE EFFECTIVE, THUS REDUCING THE NUMBER OF SERIOUS INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS.+

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INSOLVENT CASE WITH A HAPPY ENDING

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THE CONCILIATION EFFORTS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER'S OFFICE AND THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON SPINNING WEAVING AND DYEING TRADE WORKERS GENERAL UNION IN RESOLVING AN INSOLVENT CASE RECEIVED DUE RECOGNITION TODAY (MONDAY).

AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY HELD AT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS, THREE WORKER REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FORMER KING'S DYEING AND WEAVING FACTORY LTD. PRESENTED SOUVENIRS TO THE PARTIES CONCERNED IN APPRECIATION OF THEIR SERVICES.

RECEIVING THE SOUVENIRS WERE THE CHIEF LABOUR OFFICER OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS DIVISION, MR K.K. CHAN, SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER WHO HANDLED THE CASE, MR CHU PING-IM, THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER, MR E.G. KNOS, AND THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE UNION, MR TSANG CHUNG-FUN.

THE CASE INVOLVED A LARGE DYEING FACTORY WHICH BECAME INSOLVENT IN JULY THIS YEAR.

THE COURT APPOINTED THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER TO TAKE OVER THE BUSINESS TOWARDS THE END OF JULY. SINCE THEN, IT WENT ALL THE WAY TO HELP RESCUE THE FACTORY, PUT IT BACK TO NORMAL OPERATION AND SOLD IT AS AN ON-GOING CONCERN TO ANOTHER COMPANY IN EARLY SEPTEMBER.

THE LABOUR RELATIONS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT WAS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN ORGANISING CONCILIATION MEETINGS AMONG ALL PARTIES CONCERNED WHILE THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON SPINNING WEAVING AND DYEING TRADE WORKERS GENERAL UNION PLAYED AN ACTIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN THE DISPUTE.

ON BUYING THE FACTORY, THE NEW OWNER ALSO OFFERED EMPLOYMENT TO ALL EMPLOYEES ON THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THEIR FORMER EMPLOYMENT PLUS A DISCRETIONARY YEAR-END BONUS.

THE EMPLOYEES ACCEPTED THE OFFER AND THE NEW FACTORY IS NOW RUNNING SMOOTHLY.

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INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN DRUG FIGHT STRESSED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR PATRICK WILLIAMSON, TODAY (MONDAY) STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN THE FIGHT AGAINST NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES AT AN INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION WORKSHOP.

ADDRESSING THE OPENING OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION OF ASIA PACIFIC (ESCAP) REGIONAL WORKSHOP OF THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE, MR WILLIAMSON SAID: +THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THIS WORKSHOP IS TO ESTABLISH AN IMPROVED SYSTEM OF CUSTOMS CO-ORDINATION AND COMMUNICATION CONCERNING DRUG TRAFFICKING WITHIN THE ESCAP REGION.

+WE ALL REALISE THAT THIS TASK IS NOT AN EASY ONE TO ACCOMPLISH. HOWEVER, WITH THE EXPERTISE YOU POSSESS, I AM CONFIDENT THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO FIND A SOLUTION WHICH WILL BENEFIT NOT ONLY THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES OF THE REGION BUT ALSO THOSE AROUND THE GLOBE.

+THIS REGIONAL WORKSHOP DEMONSTRATES ONCE AGAIN OUR DETERMINATION TO CURB THE VILLAINOUS DRUG TRADE WHICH CAN HAVE SUCH DISASTROUS EFFECTS ON THE PROSPERITY AND STABILITY OF OUR SOCIETIES,+ HE SAID.

THE WORKSHOP, ORGANISED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HONG KONG, WAS ATTENDED BY DELEGATES FROM 15 MEMBER COUNTRIES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL POLICE ORGANISATION.

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CONTRACT LET FOR ROUTE 5 TUNNEL VENTILATION FANS

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A $15.5 MILLION CONTRACT FOR VENTILATION FANS FOR THE ROUTE 5 TUNNELS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

THE TUNNELS, PART OF THE SHA TIN - TSUEN WAN HIGHWAY, WILL HAVE A NEW LONGITUDINAL VENTILATION SYSTEM, BY WHICH JET FANS WILL BE INSTALLED ALONG THE TUNNEL CROWN.

A TOTAL OF 80 OF THESE ONE-METRE DIAMETER FANS WILL BE INSTALLED IN PAIRS ALONG THE 2.5-KILOMETRE TWIN TUBES.

ALSO PROVIDED IN THE SYSTEM ARE EIGHT JET FANS TO BE INSTALLED IN TWO EXHAUST VENTILATION SHAFTS NEAR LOWER SHING MUN VALLEY.

OTHER EXISTING TUNNELS IN HONG KONG HAVE A TRANSVERSE SYSTEM IN WHICH AIR DUCTS ARE REQUIRED.

/A $452 MILLION .....

A $452 MILLION CONTRACT FOR BUILDING THE TUNNEL WAS AWARDED IN MARCH. WORK STARTED IN AUGUST AND MAIN TUNNELING WORK IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN LATE 1988.

INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT WILL THEN TAKE PLACE. WORK ON INSTALLING THE VENTILATION FANS WILL LAST ABOUT NINE MONTHS.

THE SOUTH TUBE IS EXPECTED TO BE OPERATIONAL IN LATE 1989.

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OUTFALL TO BE BUILT AT TO KWA WAN RECLAMATION

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THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR BUILDING A TWIN-PIPE SUBMARINE OUTFALL TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY OFF TO KWA WAN RECLAMATION.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN JANUARY AND BE COMPLETED IN 26 MONTHS.

THE OUTFALL WILL EXTEND 1 900 METRES FROM THE TO KWA WAN WATERFRONT INTO THE HARBOUR.

IT WILL PROVIDE BETTER DILUTION AND DISPERSION OF SEWAGE TREATED AT THE PROPOSED TO KWA WAN SEWAGE SCREENING PLANT WHICH WILL BE BUILT IN MID-1987.

THE FACILITIES WILL SERVE 360 000 PEOPLE LIVING IN TO KWA WAN AND HUNG HOM.

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FINDINGS OF 1986 BY-CENSUS TO BE RELEASED

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A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE THE SUMMARY FINDINGS OF THE HONG KONG 1986 BY-CENSUS WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IN MARCH THIS YEAR, THE BY-CENSUS AIMS TO COLLECT UP-TO-DATE DEMOGRAPHIC, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DATA OF HONG KONG.

INFORMATION GATHERED FROM MORE THAN 210 000 HOUSEHOLDS ENUMERATED DURING THE BY-CENSUS PERIOD WILL BE VITAL FOR PLANNING AND ANALYSIS BY THE GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

/AT THE PRESS .....

AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE, THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS, MR JOSEPH LEE, WILL SPEAK ON THE BOARD RANGE OF DEMOGRAPHIC, EDUCATION, ECONOMIC, HOUSEHOLD AND HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS AND INTERNAL MOVEMENT OF THE POPULATION.

THESE DATA AND OTHER SUMMARY FINDINGS OF THE BY-CENSUS ARE INCLUDED IN FIVE PUBLICATIONS WHICH WILL BE RELEASED TOMORROW.

ALSO SITTING ON THE PANEL WILL BE THE SENIOR STATISTICIAN (CENSUS AND DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS BRANCH), MR LEONG MOON-CHEONG, AND STATISTICIAN (CENSUS), MR CHRISTOPHER LI.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE TOMORROW AT 2.30 PM AT THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL.

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COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT

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MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE BRIEFED ABOUT THE STREET MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME IN THE DISTRICT AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO A FOOTPATH AT THE SQUATTER AREA BEHIND THE TUNG WAH HOSPITAL AND THE PROVISION OF CONCRETE PLANTERS IN THE DISTRICT.

DURING THE MEETING, QUESTIONS WILL BE RAISED REGARDING THE PROVISION OF TOILET FACILITIES IN BOWEN ROAD, OBSTRUCTION PROBLEMS IN HAVEN STREET AND ENVIROMENTAL NUISANCES IN MCGREGOR STREET.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR OF TUNG WAH MANSION AT 201 HENNESSY ROAD.

THOSE INTERESTED SHOULD CONTACT THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON 5-8921239 TO RESERVE A SEAT.

/THE PUBLIC .....

THE PUBLIC IS ALSO INVITED TO ATTEND MEETINGS OF THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE ON NOVEMBER 4 AT 4 PM; TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE ON NOVEMBER 11 AT 4 PM; AND CULTURE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE ON NOVEMBER 18 AT 4 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING AT 4 PM TOMORROW.

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SEMINAR ON GUIDANCE WORK IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS

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FOUR SEMINARS ON GUIDANCE WORK IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL BE HELD BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS STARTING NOVEMBER 15.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER, MR YEUNG PO-KWAN, WILL BE MAKING A SPEECH WHILE THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, WILL BE MAKING THE OPENING ADDRESS AT THE FIRST SEMINAR AT QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL, MONG KOK.

THE OTHER THREE SEMINARS WILL BE HELD, ON NOVEMBER 22 AT HO TUNG TECHNICAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS AT KA NING PATH IN CAUSEWAY BAY (FOR HONG KONG ISLAND GUIDANCE TEACHERS), ON NOVEMBER 29 AT THE HO MAN TIN GOVENMENT MIDDLE SCHOOL AT PERTH STREET (FOR KOWLOON TEACHERS) AND DECEMBER 6 AT THE SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CENTRE AT PERTH STREET (FOR NEW TERRITORIES TEACHERS).

THE SEMINARS WILL FEATURE TALKS ON ORGANISING AND PROMOTING GUIDANCE WORK AND TECHNIQUES IN SCHOOLS AND THERE WILL ALSO BE PANEL DISCUSSIONS.

THE SEMINARS ARE TO INTRODUCE THE NEWLY-PUBLISHED +GUIDANCE WORK IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS -- A GUIDE FOR PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS+ AND TO ASSIST IN STRENGTHENING GUIDANCE WORK IN SCHOOLS.

SCHOOL HEADS AND TEACHERS INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE SEMINARS SHOULD SEND APPLICATIONS TO THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, SCHOOLS DIVISION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BY FRIDAY (OCTOBER 31).

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FIJIAN IMMIGRATION OFFICER'S ATTACHMENT A FIRST

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A SENIOR OFFICER OF THE FIJIAN IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT, MR PATILIAI LEQA, IS ON A THREE-WEEK TRAINING ATTACHMENT TO THE HONG KONG IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT STARTING TODAY (MONDAY).

MR LEQA, THE FIRST FIJIAN IMMIGRATION OFFICER ATTACHED TO HONG KONG, AIMS TO STUDY HOW THE HONG KONG IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT OPERATES AND ITS TRAINING PROGRAMMES.

DURING HIS ATTACHMENT, MR LEQA WILL VISIT VARIOUS IMMIGRATION CONTROL POINTS, VISA CONTROL AND INVESTIGATION DIVISIONS, SYSTEMS SUB-DIVISION AND THE TRAINING AND VIETNAMESE REFUGEES SECTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

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ROUND WONG TAI SIN RACE ORGANISED

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THE FIRST ROUND-THE-DISTRICT RACE IN WONG TAI SIN, TO COINCIDE WITH THE 1986 WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL, WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 23.

RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE NINE-KILOMETRE RACE. THEY MAY JOIN THE MEN'S GROUP, THE WOMEN'S GROUP, OR THE +OVER 40+ GROUP.

LAST DAY FOR APPLICATION IS NOVEMBER 8 AND ENTRY FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE OR ANY OF ITS BRANCH OFFICES.

CHAIRMAN OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR FUNG KWONG-CHUNG, SAID THE RACE IS TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PARTICIPANTS TO GET ACQUAINTED WITH STREETS IN THE DISTRICT WHILE TRYING THEIR PHYSICAL STRENGTH.

THE RACE WILL START FROM THE KAI TAK EAST INDOOR GAMES HALL, PASS CHOI HUNG ROAD, FUNG MO STREET, WONG TAI SIN ROAD, SHATIN PASS ROAD, TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD, PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD, THE SUBWAY AT CHOI HUNG MTR STATION, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD BEFORE RETURNING TO KAI TAK EAST INDOOR GAMES HALL.

APART FROM THE 800 RUNNERS ON THE ROAD, RESIDENTS CAN BECOME SPECTATORS OR CHEER GROUPS TO SHARE IN THE FUN AND EXCITEMENT OF THE RACE, MR FUNG SAID.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE BY THE POLICE AND THE CIVIL AID SERVICES TO MAINTAIN ORDER AND SAFETY AT BUSY TRAFFIC POINTS DURING THE DAY, HE ADDED.

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ORIENTAL DANCE TRAINING CLASS FOR KWUN TONG

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KWUN TONG RESIDENTS WITH SOME BASIC TRAINING IN ORIENTAL DANCE ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN AN INTERMEDIATE ORIENTAL DANCE TRAINING CLASS TO BE HELD NEXT MONTH.

THE TRAINING CLASS IS ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT CULTURE AND RECREATION PROMOTION ASSOCIATION AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

A FEE OF $180 PER PERSON WILL BE CHARGED AND ENROLMENT IS LIMITED TO 40.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, ROOM 309, KWUN TONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, TUNG YAN STREET. FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED ON 3-416315.

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PUMPING STATION INAUGURATION

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL INAUGURATE THE AU TAU PUMPING STATION OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT AT 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 29).

THE PROJECT IS PART OF THE 12-YEAR, $1 750 MILLION SCHEME TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL WATER FROM CHINA.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT. TRANSPORT WILL LEAVE HANKOW ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI, NEXT TO THE YMCA BY 8.30 AM. FOR THOSE WISHING TO MAKE THEIR OWN WAY THE PUMPING STATION IS NEAR KO PO SAN TSUEN ON KAM TIN ROAD.

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INAUGURATION OF BROWNIE PACK

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THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE 241ST NEW TERRITORIES PACK, A BROWNIE GROUP COMPRISING VIETNAMESE REFUGEE GIRLS OF HEI LING CHAU CLOSED CENTRE, WILL BE HELD AT THE CENTRE AT 10.30 AM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF THE HONG KONG GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION, LADY AKERS-JONES, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT. TRANSPORT IS ARRANGED FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WHO SHOULD GATHER AT QUEEN'S PIER BY 8.45 AM.

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WOODHOUSE RETURNS TOMORROW

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THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR KEN WOODHOUSE, WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AFTER ATTENDING AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES AS A MEMBER OF THE BRITISH DELEGATION IN GENEVA.

HE ALSO MET MEMBERS OF RESETTLEMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN LONDON AND WASHINGTON.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER HIS RETURN SHOULD ASSEMBLE IN THE AIRPORT PRESS ROOM AT 8.45 AM. MR WOODHOUSE WILL ARRIVE FROM HAWAII BY SQ 1 AT 9 AM.

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CLOSURE OF EDINBURGH PLACE NORTH

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EDINBURGH PLACE NORTH BETWEEN QUEEN'S PIER AND HMS TAMAR WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 30) IN CONNECTION WITH THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF THE +MR ABLE+ FAMILY PLANNING CAMPAIGN.

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WEAK WATER PRESSURE IN TSIM SHA TSUI

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CERTAIN PREMISES IN TSIM SHA TSUI WILL EXPERIENCE WEAK PRESSURE OF FRESH WATER SUPPLY FROM 10 PM ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 30) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY AUSTIN ROAD, KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY AND THE SEAFRONT OF TSIM SHA TSUI.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 66.3 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 388.640 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 451.992 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 77.1 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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