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HEUNG YEE KUK'S ROLE REASSURED

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THE HEUNG YEE KUK'S ROLE AS A STATUTORY ADVISORY BODY ON NEW TERRITORIES AFFAIRS AND AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF INFORMED AND RESPONSIBLE OPINION IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL CONTINUE TO BE RESPECTED BY THE GOVERNMENT, AS IT ALWAYS HAS BEEN.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, TODAY (THURSDAY) AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE KUK'S 25TH TERM AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL.

+GOVERNMENT AIMS TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE PUBLIC WILL AND IT ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THOSE PUBLIC BODIES WHICH GIVE EXPRESSION TO THAT WILL,+ THE GOVERNOR SAID.

+THE KUK'S IMPORTANT ROLE IN REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS OF THE INDIGENOUS NEW TERRITORIES PEOPLE IS WELL RECOGNISED.+

HE SAID THE RAPID PACE OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES HAD GIVEN RISE TO A NUMBER OF CHANGES, AND HE FULLY AGREED THAT +OUR COMMON OBJECTIVE SHOULD BE TO ENSURE THAT THE FULL RANGE OF COMMUNITY AND INFRASTRUCTURAL FACILITIES FOR THE RAPIDLY INCREASING POPULATION IS PROVIDED, IN THE RIGHT PLACES AND AT THE RIGHT TIME.+

+THIS IS ONE OF THE REASONS FOR INTRODUCTION OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, BY WHICH DISTRICT DEFICIENCIES AND PROBLEMS CAN BE IDENTIFIED AND REMEDIED,+ THE GOVERNOR SAID.

+THE MEMBERSHIP OF YOUR RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN ON THE DISTRICT BOARDS IS PROVING A VALUABLE LINK BETWEEN THE KUK AND DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

+GIVEN THE NEW EMPHASIS ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MAJOR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ARE ORGANISING THEMSELVES ON A REGIONAL OR DISTRICT BASIS TO SUIT DISTRICT DEMANDS.

+IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL DEPARTMENTS, AND IN PARTICULAR THE DISTRICT OFFICES, TO ENSURE THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEM IS ABLE TO RECEIVE AND TO RESPOND TO THE ADVICE AND VIEWS OF EACH DISTRICT, QUICKLY AND CONSTRUCTIVELY.

+THE KUK WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE THE GOVERNMENT THE BENEFIT OF ITS ADVICE THROUGH ITS REPRESENTATION ON DISTRICT BOARDS= THE JOINT MEETINGS OF RURAL COMMITTEE AND DISTRICT OFFICERS AND THE MEETINGS BETWEEN THE KUK AND THE REGIONAL SECRETARY, NEW TERRITORIES.+

THE GOVERNOR SAID THE PRESENT UNSATISFACTORY STATE OF SOME OF THE RURAL AREAS RESULTED LARGELY FROM THE FACT THAT MANY OF THE VILLAGE STRUCTURES, WHETHER PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY, HAD BEEN BUILT IN AN UNPLANNED MANNER.

+FOR THE LARGE AREAS FALLING BETWEEN LAYOUT AREAS, GENUINE RURAL VILLAGES AND COUNTRY PARKS, CONSULTANTS RESPONSIBLE FOR INVESTIGATING THE CONCEPT OF A DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO CONSIDER THE USE OF SMALL CORPORATIONS IN IMPLEMENTING LIMITED RURAL STYLE DEVELOPMENT.+

/HE SAID

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HE SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO LEARN THAT THE JOINT WORKING PARTY ON SMALL HOUSE POLICY, IN WHICH THE KUK PARTICIPATED, HAD AGREED TO THE PRINCIPLE THAT, WHERE PRACTICABLE, PROPER VILLAGE LAYOUTS SHOULD BE PREPARED TO ENSURE ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT AND THE PROPER PROVISION OF FACILITIES.

+I AM ALSO GLAD TO KNOW THAT A START HAS BEEN MADE IN A FEW SELECTED VILLAGES ON AN EXPERIMENTAL BASIS,+ SIR EDWARD NOTED.

ON PUBLIC WORKS EXPENDITURE ESPECIALLY FOR PROJECTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE GOVERNOR SAID THE PRESENT LEVEL AT \$13.6 BILLION PER ANNUM WAS ALREADY SUBSTANTIAL AND IT WAS GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO MAINTAIN IT AT ABOUT THE CURRENT LEVEL.

+THIS SHOULD ENABLE WORK TO PROCEED AS PLANNED ON ALL THE PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES, INCLUDING THE NEW TOWN PROGRAMMES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES,+ HE ADDED.

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL SECURITY AND DISABLED ARRIVES
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THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL SECURITY AND THE DISABLED, MR HUGH ROSSI ARRIVED IN HONG KONG THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING TO ATTEND THE FESPIC GAMES AND TO LOOK AT SOME OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED FOR THE DISABLED IN HONG KONG.

MR ROSSI IS INVITED HERE BY THE FESPIC GAMES ORGANISERS AND WILL BE STAYING AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE AT THE GOVERNOR'S INVITATION. HE WAS WELCOMED AT KAI TAK AIRPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, DR HARRY FANG, THE SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, MR ERIC HO, AND MR PAUL CROFT, THE GOVERNOR'S AIDE-DE-CAMP.

HE WILL ATTEND THE FESPIC GAMES TOMORROW AFTERNOON, ATTEND A VARIETY PERFORMANCE FOR FESPIC DELEGATES AND OFFICIALS AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY ON SATURDAY EVENING, AND OFFICIATE AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE GAMES ON SUNDAY.

DURING HIS STAY, MR ROSSI WILL ALSO MEET MEMBERS OF THE HK JOINT COUNCIL FOR THE PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY DISABLED, AND VISIT THE CHOI WAN SHELTERED WORKSHOP, THE WORLD REHABILITATION FUND DAY CENTRE, THE J.F. KENNEDY CENTRE AND THE ABERDEEN REHABILITATION CENTRE BEFORE RETURNING TO THE UK ON MONDAY EVENING.

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WORKING HOURS FOR BUS DRIVERS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS PROPOSED TO EACH OF THE BUS COMPANIES THAT THEY SHOULD VOLUNTARILY ADOPT STANDARDS AIMED AT ELIMINATING THE SMALL PROPORTION OF EXTREME WORKING PATTERN, THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR RICHARD MEAKIN SAID TODAY.

HE IS RESPONDING TO CRITICISM OF CHINA MOTOR BUS PERMITTING EXCESS WORKING HOURS FOR BUS DRIVERS.

MR MEAKIN SAID THAT THE PROPOSALS WERE MADE FOLLOWING A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION OF WORKING HOURS, WORKING CONDITIONS AND FATIGUE AMONG BUS DRIVERS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WAS COMPLETED LAST NOVEMBER.

THESE PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS, WHICH ARE BASED ON REGULATIONS GOVERNING DRIVERS' HOURS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, ARE:

- * FOR EVERY 5-1/2 HOURS OF DUTY A DRIVER SHALL HAVE AT LEAST A 30-MINUTE BREAK;
- * THE MAXIMUM PERIOD BETWEEN COMMENCEMENT OF DAILY DUTY AND COMPLETION SHALL BE 14 HOURS (THIS STANDARD IS INTENDED TO LIMIT THE SPREADOVER OF 'SPLIT' DUTIES WHICH REQUIRE A DRIVER TO COVER MORNING AND EVENING PEAK PERIODS WITH A BREAK BETWEEN).
- * MAXIMUM DAILY DUTY (EXCLUDING BREAKS IN EXCESS OF ONE HOUR) NOT TO EXCEED 11 HOURS;
- * TOTAL CUMULATIVE DUTY NOT TO EXCEED 77 HOURS IN ANY 8-DAY PERIOD.

+THESE STANDARDS WERE PROPOSED TO THE COMPANIES BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IN EARLY SEPTEMBER AND THE COMPANIES ARE CURRENTLY STUDYING THEM.

+EXPERIENCE IN OPERATING A PERIOD OF VOLUNTARY STANDARDS WILL INDICATE WHETHER LEGISLATION IS NECESSARY TO PLACE STATUTORY LIMITS ON DRIVER'S WORKING HOURS, AND WILL ASSIST IN DETERMINING WHAT THOSE LIMITS SHOULD BE,+ MR MEAKIN SAID.

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SIR PHILIP VISITS RCD

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON VISITED THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, ICE HOUSE STREET.

ON ARRIVAL, HE WAS MET BY THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMISSIONER, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM. SIR PHILIP THEN HAD A BRIEF DISCUSSION WITH MR WIGGHAM AND OTHER SENIOR STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT.

/SIR PHILIP

SIR PHILIP THEN WENT TO THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE AT WING ON CENTRE. THERE HE WAS BRIEFED ON THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS - AVERAGING MORE THAN 600 PER MONTH - ORGANISED BY THE RSS. HE ALSO WATCHED A 10-MINUTE VIDEO TAPE ON THE WORK OF THE RSS.

AN HOUR LATER, SIR PHILIP WENT TO THE MUSIC OFFICE IN WAN CHAI WHERE HE SAW STUDENTS BEING TAUGHT TO PLAY VARIOUS MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

HE ALSO SPENT SOME TIME LISTENING TO THE MUSIC OFFICE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND REHEARSING FOR THE FIFTH HONG KONG YOUTH BAND FESTIVAL, WHICH WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED ON SUNDAY AT KOWLOON PARK.

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PARKING CHARGES ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS IN CAUSEWAY BAY
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PARKING CHARGES AT METERED SPACES ON 13 BUSY STREETS IN CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE EXTENDED TO SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS STARTING FROM 10 AM ON NOVEMBER 7 (SUNDAY).

THIS IS TO REGULATE THE USE OF PARKING SPACES IN THIS SHOPPING AND ENTERTAINMENT AREA, AND TO DETER LONG TERM PARKING.

THE CHARGES WILL BE THE SAME AS THOSE ON WEEKDAYS BUT THE OPERATING HOURS WILL BE FROM 10 AM TO 10 PM.

FOR EASY IDENTIFICATION, THE UPPER PORTION OF THE METER POSTS WILL BE PAINTED VIOLET, AND PLATES SHOWING THE OPERATING HOURS WILL ALSO BE PUT UP ON THE PARKING SIGNS.

THESE METERED SPACES WILL BE ON CLEVELAND STREET, PERCIVAL STREET, LOCKHART ROAD BETWEEN PERCIVAL STREET AND EAST POINT ROAD, JAFFE ROAD BETWEEN PERCIVAL STREET AND EAST POINT ROAD, HYSAN AVENUE, SUN WUI ROAD, HOI PING ROAD, SUNNING ROAD, YAN PING ROAD, LAN FONG ROAD, PAK SHA ROAD, LEE GARDEN ROAD AND RUSSELL STREET.

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EXHIBITION OF ANTI-NARCOTICS PROJECT DESIGN COMPETITION
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THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) AND THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ARE JOINTLY ORGANISING AN ANTI-NARCOTICS PROJECT DESIGN COMPETITION AND EXHIBITION TO BE HELD FROM SATURDAY TO MONDAY (NOVEMBER 6 - 8) AT THE EXHIBITION HALL OF THE CITY HALL.

AS PART OF ACAN'S PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY PROGRAMME FOR THIS YEAR, THE AIM OF THE COMPETITION AND EXHIBITION IS TO EDUCATE STUDENTS ON THE EVILS OF DRUG ABUSE AND IN PARTICULAR HOW TO AVOID SUCH DANGERS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NARCOTICS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT EXPLAINED THAT MANY OF THE YOUNG ADDICTS WERE AWARE OF THE DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE WHEN THEY FIRST STARTED TO TAKE DRUGS, BUT THAT THE MAJORITY OF THEM TRIED DRUGS BECAUSE OF CURIOSITY OR PRESSURE FROM THEIR PEERS. SOME EVEN THOUGHT THAT THEY WERE CLEVER ENOUGH TO AVOID BEING HOOKED ON DRUGS BY TRYING IT JUST ONCE.

+THE OBJECT OF THIS COMPETITION AND EXHIBITION IS, THEREFORE, TO GIVE YOUNG PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY STUDENTS, AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESEARCH AND DESIGN PROJECTS THAT WOULD INCREASE THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF DRUG ABUSE AND THE WAYS OF OVERCOMING SUCH DANGERS,+ HE SAID.

PARTICIPATING IN THE COMPETITION WILL BE 14 SECONDARY SCHOOLS. IN ADDITION, STALLS OF THE ACAN YOUTH VOLUNTEER GROUP AND COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB AS WELL AS WINNING ENTRIES OF THE +ANTI-NARCOTICS ESSAY WRITING AND POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION+ HELD EARLIER THIS YEAR WILL BE DISPLAYED.

THE ADJUDICATION OF THE ANTI-NARCOTICS PROJECT DESIGN COMPETITION WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY AT 3 PM TO BE FOLLOWED BY A PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

MR KARL STUMPF, CHAIRMAN OF THE PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE OF ACAN WILL ADDRESS THE GATHERING AND OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WITH MRS LOUISE MOK, DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC FROM 4 PM TO 6 PM ON SATURDAY, FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM ON SUNDAY AND FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM ON MONDAY. ADMISSION IS FREE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE OPENING AND PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT 4 PM ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 6) IN THE EXHIBITION HALL OF THE CITY HALL.

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FRESH, SALT WATER SUPPLY INTERRUPTIONS
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN THE CENTRAL DISTRICT WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 8) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR A LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY ELGIN STREET, CAINE ROAD, ARBUTHNOT ROAD AND HOLLYWOOD ROAD INCLUDING WYNDHAM STREET BETWEEN HOLLYWOOD ROAD AND LOWER ALBERT ROAD.

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BEGINNING ON THE SAME DAY, SALT WATER SUPPLY TO PARTS OF THE MID-LEVELS, CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICTS WILL ALSO BE CUT OFF FOR TWO DAYS, FROM 9 AM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 8) TO 9 AM ON WEDNESDAY, FOR REPAIR WORK.

THE AREAS TO BE AFFECTED ARE:

MID-LEVELS: ROBINSON ROAD FROM CASTLE ROAD TO GARDEN ROAD, MACDONNELL ROAD, SEYMOUR ROAD, CASTLE ROAD, MOSQUE STREET, MOSQUE JUNCTION, CAINE ROAD, CONDUIT ROAD, KOTEWALL ROAD, LYTTTELTON ROAD AND BONHAM ROAD.

CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICTS: FROM ICE HOUSE STREET TO HILL ROAD, INCLUDING CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL AND QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL AND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST, HOLLYWOOD ROAD, ABERDEEN STREET, PEEL STREET, WYNDHAM STREET, FIRST STREET, SECOND STREET, THIRD STREET, HIGH STREET AND WATER STREET.

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CNTA MOVES TO NEW OFFICE
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THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS WILL MOVE TOMORROW (NOVEMBER 5) TO NEW PREMISES ON THE 12TH AND 13TH FLOORS OF WORLD SHIPPING CENTRE AT 7 CANTON ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.

THE MOVE WILL BRING THE NEW TERRITORIES AND HONG KONG AND KOWLOON REGIONAL SECTIONS OF THE CNTA, NOW OPERATING IN SEPARATE OFFICES IN THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HEADQUARTERS BUILDING IN HO MAN TIN AND IN THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING IN CENTRAL RESPECTIVELY, UNDER ONE ROOF.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR GENERAL ENQUIRIES IN THE NEW OFFICE ARE 3-692255 AND 3-692256.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOR PRESS ENQUIRIES, STAFF OF THE INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS UNIT OF CNTA CAN BE CONTACTED AT 3-673917 AND 3-674340.

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550 NT SWIMMERS COMPETE
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SWIMMERS FROM THE EIGHT NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICTS WILL COMPETE IN THE SECOND NT INTER-DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA AT THE SHA TIN JOCKEY CLUB SWIMMING POOL ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 7).

ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES INTER-DISTRICT SPORTS COMPETITION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, THE GALA IS AIMED AT PROMOTING SWIMMING ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNICATION BETWEEN NT DISTRICTS.

ABOUT 550 SWIMMERS, TWICE THE NUMBER OF LAST YEAR, WILL PARTICIPATE IN THIS YEAR'S EVENT.

SELECTED BY THEIR DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS, THEY WILL BE DIVIDED INTO SEVEN GROUPS ACCORDING TO THEIR AGES — FOUR IN THE MEN'S SECTION AND THREE IN THE WOMEN'S SECTION.

THERE WILL BE 77 RACES INCLUDING FREESTYLE, BREAST AND BUTTERFLY STROKES AND RELAY RACES.

THE EIGHT DISTRICTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TAKE TURNS EACH YEAR TO HOST THE EVENT AND TAI PO IS HOST DISTRICT THIS YEAR.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SWIMMING GALA, MR DAVID CHIU YIM-SHUN AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION, MR WONG YUEN-CHEUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE GALA.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE SECOND NT INTER-DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 7) FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM AT THE SHA TIN JOCKEY CLUB SWIMMING POOL

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NT LIFE SAVING OPEN COMPETITION
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MORE THAN 140 LIFEGUARDS WILL DEMONSTRATE THEIR LIFE SAVING TECHNIQUE AT THE NEW TERRITORIES LIFE SAVING OPEN COMPETITION AT KWAI SHING SWIMMING POOL IN KWAI CHUNG ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 6).

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOMED TO ATTEND BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM WHEN THEY WILL BE ALLOWED TO TAKE UP SEATS IN THE SPECTATOR STAND AT THE SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX.

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DURING THE OCCASION NON-STOP RESCUE OPERATIONS WILL GO ON MOST OF THE DAY. THERE WILL BE SEVEN EVENTS IN THE MEN'S SECTION AND TWO IN THE WOMEN'S SECTION INCLUDING CHIN (EXTENDED) TOW RACE, CROSS CHEST (HIP) TOW RACE, TIRED SWIMMER RACE, DIVE RELAY, LIFE SAVING RELAY AND FOUR STYLES RELAY.

THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR JOHN HEYWOOD, WILL OFFICIATE AT A PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT ABOUT 4 PM ON SATURDAY.

ALSO PRESENT WILL BE THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (NORTH REGION) OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR BOWEN LEUNG, THE DIRECTOR OF HONG KONG LIFEGUARD CLUB, MR KWOK HON-MING, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF NEW TERRITORIES BRANCH OF HONG KONG LIFEGUARD CLUB, MR LAU HON-WAH.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT AT KWAI SHING PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL IN KWAI FUK ROAD, KWAI CHUNG, ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 6).

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN WANG TAU HOM
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WANG TAU HOM SOUTH ROAD BETWEEN FU KEUNG STREET AND WANG TAU HOM EAST ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 1 AM TO 5 AM ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 6) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE.

DURING THE CLOSURE, WANG TAU HOM CENTRAL ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED TWO-WAY.

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