



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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NEW LAWS TO COMBAT ILLEGAL GAMBLING PROPOSED

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) PUBLISHED A BILL TO REPLACE THE EXISTING GAMBLING ORDINANCE AS A FURTHER STEP TO STAMP OUT THE UNAUTHORISED EXPLOITATION OF GAMBLING.

THE MEASURES CONTAINED IN THE GAMBLING BILL 1976 STRENGTHEN THE LAW AGAINST THOSE WHO MAKE A LIVING BY INDUCING OR PROVIDING FACILITIES FOR OTHER PEOPLE TO GAMBLE EXCEPT AS AUTHORISED.

IN RECENT YEARS, STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN THROUGH THE INTRODUCTION OF OFF-COURSE BETTING BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HONG KONG LOTTERIES BOARD TO PROVIDE THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO GAMBLE WITH A MORE READILY AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO WITHOUT BREAKING THE LAW, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THE PROPOSALS IN THE BILL ARE INTENDED TO ENABLE A MORE EFFECTIVE ATTACK TO BE MOUNTED NOW AGAINST ILLEGAL GAMBLING,+ HE POINTED OUT.

THE BILL, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO GO BEFORE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SHORTLY, WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON A DAY TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

THE BILL DEFINES ON WHAT OCCASIONS GAMBLING WILL BE PERMITTED. THESE INCLUDE SOCIAL GATHERINGS EITHER AT HOME OR IN LICENSED RESTAURANTS, CLUBS OR SOCIETIES WHERE GAMBLING AT MAHJONG OR WITH DICE, CARDS, DOMINOES OR TIN KAU WILL BE ALLOWED SO LONG AS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, IT DOES NOT INVOLVE PLAYING AGAINST A BANKER OR IS NOT TO THE ADVANTAGE OF ONLY ONE PERSON OR PARTY. PRIVATE BETS ARE NOT UNLAWFUL IF THE BET IS NOT MADE WITH A BOOKMAKER.

LOTTERIES WILL BE LEGAL IF THEY ARE AUTHORISED BY OR UNDER THE BETTING DUTY ORDINANCE, THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES ORDINANCE OR A LICENCE ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BILL WHICH ALSO EMPOWER HIM TO LICENSE GAMES OF TOMBOLA, GAMES OF AMUSEMENT WITH PRIZES OR TRADE PROMOTION COMPETITIONS.

SIMILARLY, THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE WILL HAVE POWERS TO LICENSE PREMISES FOR MAHJONG AND TIN KAU GAMES AS A TRADE OR BUSINESS.

AS FAR AS ILLEGAL GAMBLING IS CONCERNED, THE BILL PROHIBITS BOOKMAKING, WHICH IS THE NEGOTIATION OF BETS BY WAY OF TRADE OR BUSINESS, AND STIPULATES A FINE OF \$500,000 AND SEVEN YEARS IMPRISONMENT. THE SAME PENALTY WILL APPLY FOR RUNNING AN UNLAWFUL LOTTERY, OPERATING AN ILLEGAL GAMBLING ESTABLISHMENT AND ALLOWING PREMISES TO BE USED AS A GAMBLING ESTABLISHMENT.

ONE SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE BILL IS THE REDEFINITION OF +COMMON GAMING HOUSE+ INTO +GAMBLING ESTABLISHMENT+ WHICH WILL MEAN ANY PREMISES OR PLACE USED FOR UNLAWFUL GAMBLING, OR AN UNLAWFUL LOTTERY, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER IT IS USED ON ONE OR MORE THAN ONE OCCASION. AT PRESENT ILLEGAL OPERATORS GET AWAY WITH IT BY SIMPLY JUST CHANGING THEIR LOCATION.

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ANOTHER IMPORTANT PROVISION WILL EMPOWER COURTS TO SERVE NOTICE ON THE TENANTS OR OWNERS OF PREMISES USED FOR UNLAWFUL BOOKMAKING, GAMBLING OR IN CONNECTION WITH AN UNLAWFUL LOTTERY, SO THAT IF SIMILAR OFFENCES ARE COMMITTED ON THE SAME PREMISES WITHIN A YEAR OF THE NOTICE, THEY WILL BE GUILTY OF AN OFFENCE.

IN THIS CONNECTION THE COURTS WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO ORDER THE HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY TO DISCONNECT SERVICE TO ANYONE CONVICTED OF OPERATING A GAMBLING ESTABLISHMENT OR BOOKMAKING, OR TO PREMISES IN WHICH THE OFFENCES WERE COMMITTED.

THE OBLIGATION OF RACING CLUBS TO PREVENT BOOKMAKING ON THEIR PREMISES IS COVERED BY ONE OF THE CLAUSES IN THE BILL WHICH GIVES THEM THE AUTHORITY TO REMOVE SUSPECTED BOOKMAKERS FROM RACE COURSES.

OTHER OFFENCES UNDER THE BILL INCLUDE BETTING WITH BOOKMAKERS, GAMBLING IN ILLEGAL GAMBLING ESTABLISHMENTS, OPERATING UNLAWFUL GAMBLING IN ANY PLACE OTHER THAN A GAMBLING ESTABLISHMENT OR IN A STREET AND GAMBLING THERE= SELLING OR POSSESSING ILLEGAL LOTTERY TICKETS AND PUBLISHING INFORMATION ABOUT ILLEGAL LOTTERIES.

THE PENALTIES FOR THESE OFFENCES RANGE FROM \$10,000 FINE AND THREE MONTHS IMPRISONMENT UP TO \$50,000 FINE AND TWO YEARS IMPRISONMENT.

CHEATING OR USING FRAUD AT GAMBLING OR IN A LOTTERY IS ALSO COVERED BY A PROVISION IN THE BILL AND ANYONE WHO DOES SO, OR WHO FRAUDULENTLY INDUCES OTHERS TO GAMBLE OR TAKE PART IN A LOTTERY, WILL FACE A FINE OF \$1 MILLION AND 10 YEARS IMPRISONMENT.

OTHER CLAUSES IN THE BILL DEAL WITH MINOR IMPROVEMENTS IN THE GAMBLING LAW.

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CONTRACT SIGNING  
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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A CONTRACT FOR THE LEASE OF A NEW GENERATION COMPUTER SYSTEM TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WILL BE SIGNED ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 25).

THE CONTRACT WILL BE SIGNED IN THE PACIFICA ROOM OF THE FURAMA HOTEL IN CENTRAL BY THE MANAGER OF THE GOVERNMENT'S DATA PROCESSING DIVISION (DPD), MR. LEE TATE, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMPUTERS (HOLDINGS) LIMITED, MR. TOM HUDSON.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE EVENT WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT 3.30 P.M. TELEVISION CAMERA CREWS ARE ADVISED TO ARRIVE AT LEAST 10 MINUTES EARLY SO THAT THEY CAN HAVE AMPLE TIME TO SET UP THEIR EQUIPMENT.

AFTER THE CONTRACT SIGNING CEREMONY BOTH MR. TATE AND MR. HUDSON WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW.

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HONG KONG POPULATION EXCEEDS 4.4 MILLION  
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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT A PROVISIONAL COUNT OF THE OVERALL RESULTS OF THE 1976 BY-CENSUS SHOWED A TOTAL POPULATION OF HONG KONG OF 4,407,000 AS AT AUGUST 2, 1976, ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST THOUSAND.

THE BROAD GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN OF THE POPULATION WITH 1971 CENSUS RESULTS FOR COMPARISON, IS AS FOLLOWS :-

<u>AREA</u>	<u>1971 CENSUS *</u>	<u>% OF TOTAL</u>	<u>1976 BY-CENSUS *</u>	<u>% OF TOTAL</u>
HONG KONG ISLAND	996,000	25.2	1,026,000	23.3
KOWLOON	716,000	18.1	748,000	17.0
NEW KOWLOON	1,479,000	37.5	1,619,000	36.7
NEW TERRITORIES	666,000	16.9	938,000	21.3
MARINE	80,000	2.0	59,000	1.3
TRANSIENTS	11,000	0.3	17,000	0.4
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TOTAL	3,948,000	100.0	4,407,000	100.0

\* FIGURES ARE ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST THOUSAND.

OF THE TOTAL INCREASE OF 459,000 PERSONS OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS, 272,000 (59.3 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL INCREASE) WAS RECORDED IN NEW TERRITORIES, OF WHICH 183,000 RELATED TO TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN. AN INCREASE OF 140,000 (30.5 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL INCREASE) WAS RECORDED FOR NEW KOWLOON, WITH LEI YUE MUN CONTRIBUTING THE LARGEST SHARE (109,000).

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT THE OVERALL POPULATION FIGURE NOW PRODUCED COMPARED CLOSELY WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S MEDIUM PROJECTION FOR MID-1976 (4,417,800) AND THE 1976 MID-YEAR POPULATION ESTIMATE (4,382,500).

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MORE FLYOVERS PLANNED  
TO BEAT MID-LEVELS CONGESTION  
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT PLANS TO BUILD TWO NEW FLYOVER COMPLEXES ALONG ROBINSON ROAD AS PART OF A MAJOR SCHEME TO EASE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THE MID-LEVELS.

THE PROJECT INCORPORATES A SERIES OF ELEVATED ROADS AT THE CRITICAL ROBINSON ROAD JUNCTIONS WITH OLD PEAK ROAD AND GLENEALY, AS WELL AS PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FACILITIES AND GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS AND WIDENING OF PARTS OF ROBINSON ROAD.

AUTHORITY TO PROCEED WITH THE WORKS IS NOW BEING SOUGHT UNDER A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE. THE NOTICE SPECIFIES THAT OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSALS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS BEFORE NOVEMBER 22, 1976.

MR. C.K. CHOW, CHIEF P.W.D. ENGINEER OF THE CONSULTANTS MANAGEMENT DIVISION, HIGHWAYS OFFICE, SAID TODAY IT WAS HOPED TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION WORKS EARLY NEXT YEAR FOR COMPLETION BY 1979.

HE SAID THE NEW COMPLEX AT THE ROBINSON ROAD-GLENEALY JUNCTION WOULD CONSIST OF AN ELEVATED ROAD SPANNING ABOUT 130 METRES OVER THE JUNCTION TO PROVIDE FREE TRAFFIC FLOW FROM CONDUIT ROAD TO ROBINSON ROAD.

+A TWO-LANE BRIDGE STRUCTURE OVER GLENEALY VALLEY IS ALSO PLANNED TO PROVIDE A NEW EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY FOR ROBINSON ROAD, THUS LEAVING THE EXISTING GROUND LEVEL LANES FREE FOR WESTBOUND TRAFFIC.

+THIS WOULD ALSO GREATLY FACILITATE THE SETTING DOWN OR PICKING UP OF CHILDREN AT THE NEARBY SCHOOLS,+ HE SAID.

THE OTHER FLYOVER AT THE JUNCTION OF ROBINSON ROAD AND OLD PEAK ROAD, HE SAID, WOULD CARRY ROBINSON ROAD TRAFFIC OVER ALBANY ROAD IN THE VICINITY OF THE BOTANIC GARDENS.

THE SECTION OF ROBINSON ROAD BETWEEN THE BOTANIC GARDENS AND RAIMONDI COLLEGE WOULD ALSO BE WIDENED.

MR. CHOW SAID P.W.D. ROAD PLANNERS HAD PAID SPECIAL ATTENTION TO SCHOOL TRAFFIC IN THE AREA, AND ADEQUATE SETTING DOWN BAYS AND GRADE SEPARATED CROSSING FACILITIES WOULD BE PROVIDED TOGETHER WITH U-TURN FACILITIES.

+SPECIAL AMENITY FEATURES ARE ALSO INCORPORATED IN THE ROAD PROJECT AND DETAILS ARE NOW BEING FINALISED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES SECTION OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT,+ HE ADDED.

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THE ROBINSON ROAD IMPROVEMENTS FORM PART OF THE P.W.D.'S MID-LEVELS TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT SCHEME WHICH INCLUDE ANOTHER FLYOVER COMPLEX AT THE GARDEN ROAD ROUNDABOUT, AND A THIRD AT THE BOTTOM OF GARDEN ROAD AT ITS JUNCTION WITH QUEENSWAY.

WORK HAS ALREADY BEGUN ON THE GARDEN ROAD ROUNDABOUT FLYOVER COMPLEX WHICH COMPRISES A 110-METRE ELEVATED ROAD FROM MAGAZINE GAP ROAD TO THE NORTHBOUND LANE OF GARDEN ROAD AND A 138-METRE LONG ELEVATED ROAD LINKING THE EASTBOUND LANE OF ROBINSON ROAD TO MAGAZINE GAP ROAD.

THIS COMPLEX SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT 18 MONTHS AND SHOULD ELIMINATE THE PRESENT LONG QUEUES DURING PEAK HOURS.

MEANWHILE, CONSTRUCTION IS DUE TO START SHORTLY ON THE QUEENSWAY FLYOVER IN CENTRAL. IT WILL BE ABOUT 230 METRES LONG RUNNING FROM GARDEN ROAD OPPOSITE THE HILTON HOTEL TO QUEENSWAY NEAR THE MURRAY ROAD MULTI-STOREY CARPARK.

THE NEW FLYOVER WILL PROVIDE A DIRECT LINK FOR TRAFFIC FROM GARDEN ROAD TURNING RIGHT INTO QUEENSWAY AND WILL INCORPORATE A NETWORK OF FOOTBRIDGES FOR SAFE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING OVER GARDEN ROAD, QUEENSWAY, MURRAY ROAD AND COTTON TREE DRIVE.

P.W.D. ROAD PLANNERS EXPECT THE QUEENSWAY FLYOVER TO BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC IN LATE 1978.

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N.T. PIG FARMERS TO ATTEND ALL-JAPAN SWINE SHOW  
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THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR. EDWARD NICHOLS, TODAY PRESENTED A FLAG AS A SIGN OF GOODWILL TO A DELEGATION OF LEADING NEW TERRITORIES PIG FARMERS WHO WILL BE LEAVING FOR TOKYO TOMORROW (SATURDAY) MORNING TO ATTEND THE 8TH ALL-JAPAN SWINE SHOW AT THE FOOT OF MOUNT FUJI.

THE NINE-MEMBER DELEGATION OF THE FEDERATION OF PIG RAISING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES WILL BE HEADED BY MR. KU KA AND MR. YIU KAI-HANG.

THE SHOW, WHICH WILL LAST FROM OCTOBER 23 TO 26, WILL FEATURE SOME 500 PREDIGREE PIGS INCLUDING THE LARGER WHITE, LANDRACE, BERKSHIRE, HAMPSHIRE, DUROC, AND MIDDLE WHITE.

MR. KU KA RECEIVED THE FLAG ON BEHALF OF THE DELEGATION.

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COMMITTEE TO ADVISE ON ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD LIFE  
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FOLLOWING THE ENACTMENT OF THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) ORDINANCE, THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO ADVISE THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ORDINANCE, INCLUDING ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF FLORA AND FAUNA, AND ON THE PROTECTION OF WILD LIFE IN HONG KONG.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE : PROFESSOR L.B. THROWER, PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG= DR. B.S. MORTON, READER IN MARINE BIOLOGY AT THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY= MR. S.T. FONG, A HIGHLY EXPERIENCED COMMERCIAL FURRIER= MR. J.D. ROMER, CURATOR OF MAMMALS AT THE BOTANICAL AND ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS AND A LEADING AUTHORITY IN HONG KONG ON SNAKES= DR. W.L. CHAN, A RESEARCH SCIENTIST AND ICHTHYOLOGIST= AND MR. D.S. MELVILLE, AN ORNITHOLOGIST CURRENTLY WORKING ON BIRDSTRIKE HAZARD TO AIRCRAFT.

THE ORDINANCE AIMS TO PROTECT FROM COMMERCIAL EXPLOITATION THOSE RARE SPECIES OF WILD LIFE THAT ARE IN DANGER OF EXTERMINATION, BY MEANS OF RESTRICTING THE IMPORTATION, EXPORTATION AND POSSESSION OF SUCH SPECIES.

THE ORDINANCE HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR HONG KONG, SUBJECT TO RESERVATIONS WITH REGARD TO THE CONTROL OF TRADE IN IVORY AND REPTILE SKINS, TO BE INCLUDED AS A PARTY TO THE CONVENTION UNDER THE UNITED KINGDOM'S INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION. SO FAR 32 COUNTRIES HAVE RATIFIED THE CONVENTION.

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MEDICAL REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1976

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AN AMENDMENT BILL, AIMED AT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKING PARTY ON UNREGISTRABLE DOCTORS, WAS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE.

THE BILL, KNOWN AS THE MEDICAL REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1976, WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SHORTLY.

UNDER THE BILL, PEOPLE WITH MEDICAL TRAINING, BUT WHO ARE NOT AT PRESENT ELIGIBLE TO BE REGISTERED AS MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS, WILL BE ABLE TO SIT FOR EXAMINATIONS AND SERVE A PERIOD OF EXTERNSHIP WHICH WILL LEAD TO THE GRANT OF A LICENCE BY THE MEDICAL COUNCIL.

HOLDERS OF THIS LICENCE, WHO WILL BE KNOWN AS LICENTIATES OF THE MEDICAL COUNCIL OF HONG KONG, WILL BE ENTITLED TO BE REGISTERED AND TO PRACTISE AS REGISTERED MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS WITHOUT ANY RESTRICTIONS IN HONG KONG.

SOME 1,700 PEOPLE HAVE APPLIED TO SIT FOR THE LICENTiate EXAMINATIONS, THE FIRST OF WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE HELD EARLY IN 1977 WHILE THE EXTERNSHIP OF THE FIRST GROUP OF SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN LATER THAT YEAR.

ONE PROVISION OF THE BILL IS TO ADD TWO NEW PARTS TO THE REGISTER OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS, ONE CONTAINING THE PARTICULARS OF LICENTIATES AND THE OTHER RELATING TO THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED THE EXAMINATIONS.

IN ORDER TO QUALIFY TO TAKE THE THREE-PART EXAMINATIONS, THE CANDIDATE MUST HAVE COMPLETED FIVE YEARS FULL-TIME MEDICAL TRAINING AND HOLD A MEDICAL QUALIFICATION OTHER THAN ONE WHICH WOULD ENTITLE HIM TO BE REGISTERED, MUST BE OF GOOD CHARACTER AND MUST HAVE PERMISSION TO LIVE IN HONG KONG.

ANOTHER SECTION OF THE BILL RELATES TO THE PERIOD OF ASSESSMENT. AFTER PASSING THE EXAMINATIONS, A PERSON WISHING TO BECOME A LICENTiate MUST COMPLETE A PERIOD OF EXTERNSHIP OF 18 MONTHS IN A HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION APPROVED BY THE MEDICAL COUNCIL.

PROVISION HAS ALSO BEEN MADE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LICENTiate COMMITTEE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTERING THE NEW SYSTEM RELATING TO LICENTIATES, AND SUB-COMMITTEES INCLUDING ONE DEALING WITH APPEALS.

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LONG DISTANCE CANOE RACE AT TOLO HARBOUR

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MORE THAN 100 COMPETITORS ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN THE THIRD ANNUAL TOLO HARBOUR LONG DISTANCE CANOE RACE ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 24).

THE PROGRAMME HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE OUTWARD BOUND (ALUMNI) ASSOCIATION UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE.

ROUTES OF 12 MILES AND 7-1/2 MILES HAVE BEEN MAPPED OUT FOR THE SENIOR AND JUNIOR LADIES TEAMS RESPECTIVELY. ALL THE EVENTS WILL START AND FINISH AT ISLAND HOUSE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE SAID THAT SINCE THE RACE STARTED TWO YEARS AGO, IT HAD PROVED TREMENDOUSLY POPULAR AMONG CANOEISTS.

+THE AIM IS TO PROMOTE THE GENERAL INTEREST OF CANOEING IN HONG KONG BY PROVIDING ENTHUSIASTS WITH MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO TAKE PART IN COMPETITIVE EVENTS,+ HE ADDED.

THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. CLIVE OXLEY= THE PRESIDENT OF THE OUTWARD BOUND TRUST OF HONG KONG, MR. GEOFFREY T.M. YEH AND SEVEN TAI PO RURAL COMMUNITY LEADERS WILL PRESENT THE PRIZES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT. A GOVERNMENT VAN, AM3274, WILL LEAVE THE GOVERNMENT SUB-POOL, KOWLOON POST OFFICE, TSIM SHA TSUI, AT 9 A.M. LIAISON OFFICER, MR. PETER KWAN CHEONG-YIN, WILL BE AT THE EVENT TO ASSIST PRESS REPRESENTATIVES.

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COMMUNITY URGED TO HONOUR THE ELDERLY  
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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, TONIGHT CALLED ON THE COMMUNITY TO PROMOTE THE GREAT TRADITION OF HONOURING THE ELDERLY.

+OLD PEOPLE ARE EXPERIENCED IN LIFE AND THEIR EXPERIENCE SHOULD BE TREASURED NOT ONLY IN A FAMILY BUT ALSO IN SOCIETY.+

MR. LEE WAS SPEAKING AT A DINNER PARTY GIVEN BY THE HUNG HOM (3 DISTRICTS) KAIFONG ASSOCIATION IN HONOUR OF THE OLD PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICTS.

THE DIRECTOR SAID THAT FAMILY LIFE HAD A GREAT BEARING ON THE MENTAL AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

HARMONY, HE CONTINUED, WOULD PREVAIL IN A FAMILY IF THE PARENTS WERE KIND AND CHILDREN OBEDIENT.

+IN SUCH A FAMILY,+ HE STRESSED, +CHILDREN WILL HAVE A SENSE OF SECURITY AND WARMTH WHICH ARE NECESSARY IN THE MOULDING OF GOOD CHARACTER.+

HE SAID THAT THE MAJORITY OF PROBLEM YOUTHS CAME FROM BROKEN HOMES.

MR. LEE ALSO URGED THE YOUNG PEOPLE TO SHOW MORE RESPECT FOR THE ELDERLY IN DAILY LIFE, FOR EXAMPLE, BY HELPING THEM CROSS THE ROAD, OFFERING THEM SEATS ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND ENSURING THAT THEY NEED NOT STAND IN LONG QUEUES.

+ALL THESE CAN BE DONE SO EASILY AND AT THE SAME TIME SHOW YOUR CARE AND RESPECT FOR THE OLD PEOPLE,+ HE ADDED.