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WAGE INDEXES FOR SEPTEMBER 1987

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THE OVERALL NOMINAL WAGE INDEX FOR SEPTEMBER 1987, AT 149.4, INCREASED BY 9.7 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1986 AND BY 2 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH JUNE 1987, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS PUBLISHED TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

A COMPARISON OF THE SEPTEMBER 1987 AND SEPTEMBER 1986 INDEXES SHOWS THAT THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED BY 9.8 PER CENT; FOR THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR BY 10.3 PER CENT; FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR BY 9 PER CENT; FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR BY 8.4 PER CENT; AND FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR BY 12.1 PER CENT.

A COMPARISON OF THE SEPTEMBER 1987 AND JUNE 1987 INDEXES SHOWS THAT THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED BY 1.5 PER CENT; FOR THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR INCREASED BY 2.9 PER CENT; FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR BY 2.3 PER CENT; FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR BY 2.1 PER CENT; AND FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR BY 3.3 PER CENT.

THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1986 TO SEPTEMBER 1987 FOR SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 1.

DETAILED BREAKDOWNS FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 2.

THE OVERALL REAL WAGE INDEX, AT 107.7 IN SEPTEMBER 1987, WAS 3.7 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THAT IN SEPTEMBER 1986 AND 1.1 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THAT IN JUNE 1987.

FROM SEPTEMBER 1986 TO SEPTEMBER 1987, THE REAL WAGE INDEX FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED BY 3.6 PER CENT; FOR THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR BY 4.2 PER CENT; FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR BY 2.9 PER CENT; FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR BY 2.4 PER CENT; AND FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR BY 5.8 PER CENT.

COMPARING SEPTEMBER 1987 WITH JUNE 1987, THE REAL WAGE INDEX FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED BY 0.6 PER CENT; FOR THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR BY 2 PER CENT; FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR BY 1.4 PER CENT; FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR BY 1.2 PER CENT; AND FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR BY 2.4 PER CENT.

THE REAL WAGE INDEXES FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1986 TO SEPTEMBER 1987 FOR SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 3.

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THESE NOMINAL AND REAL WAGE INDEXES ARE DERIVED FROM THE SURVEY OF WAGES, SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS CONDUCTED EACH QUARTER BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

IT COVERS BOTH MANUAL AND NON-MANUAL WORKERS (EXCLUDING WORKERS AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL LEVELS) IN SELECTED INDUSTRIES IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR, THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR AND THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR.

SUCH INDEXES MEASURE CHANGES IN WAGE RATES BY HOLDING THE STRUCTURAL PATTERN OF THE LABOUR FORCE WITH RESPECT TO INDUSTRY, OCCUPATION, SEX AND MODE OF PAYMENT THE SAME AS THAT OF MARCH 1982, WHICH IS THE BASE PERIOD OF THE WAGE INDEXES.

WHILE THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX MEASURES CHANGES IN WAGE RATES IN MONEY TERMS, THE REAL WAGE INDEX, WHICH IS OBTAINED BY DEFLATING THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A), MEASURES CHANGES IN THE PURCHASING POWER OF THE WAGES RECEIVED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT DREW ATTENTION TO THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE WAGE INDEXES AND THE INDEXES OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED WHICH ARE ALSO PUBLISHED AT QUARTERLY INTERVALS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT WHILE WAGE RATES PROVIDE A MEASURE OF THE UNIT PRICE OF LABOUR, PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IS A MEASURE OF PER CAPITA EARNINGS.

WAGE RATES REPRESENT THE AMOUNT OF REMUNERATION FOR NORMAL HOURS OF WORK, AND ARE DEFINED TO INCLUDE BASIC WAGES AND SALARIES, COST-OF-LIVING ALLOWANCE, MEAL BENEFITS, COMMISSION AND TIPS, GOOD ATTENDANCE BONUS AND NIGHT SHIFT ALLOWANCE.

IN ADDITION, YEAR-END BONUS AND OTHER GUARANTEED AND REGULAR BONUSES AND ALLOWANCES THAT ARE PAID LESS FREQUENTLY THAN MONTHLY, ARE CONVERTED TO AN EQUIVALENT MONTHLY RATE WHEN COMPILING THE WAGE RATE INDEXES.

TOTAL PAYROLL, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS THE AMOUNT OF DIRECT CASH PAYMENTS THAT EMPLOYEES RECEIVE FROM EMPLOYERS.

APART FROM THESE CASH RECEIPTS, IT ALSO INCLUDES OVERTIME PAY AND OTHER NON-GUARANTEED AND IRREGULAR BONUSES AND ALLOWANCES.

HENCE, STATISTICS ON PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED TEND TO BE SENSITIVE TO CHANGES IN THE NUMBER OF HOURS ACTUALLY WORKED, THE TIMING OF THE PAYMENT OF BONUSES AND BACK-PAY, AND THE COMPOSITION OF THE LABOUR FORCE.

AS A RESULT, MOVEMENTS IN WAGE RATES DO NOT NECESSARILY CONFORM WITH THOSE IN PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED.

THE SURVEY FINDINGS ARE PUBLISHED IN A REPORT OF WAGES, SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS STATISTICS VOL. I, SEPTEMBER 1987 WHICH WILL BE ON SALE SOON AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE,

THE VOL. II ISSUE OF THE REPORT CONTAINING DETAILED OCCUPATIONAL STATISTICS, SUCH AS WAGE RATES, NUMBER OF NORMAL HOURS OF WORK AND NUMBER OF STANDARD WORKING DAYS IS EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IN EARLY FEBRUARY.

FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE WAGE INDEXES, PLEASE CONTACT THE WAGES AND LABOUR COSTS STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TELEPHONE NOS. 5-8234746 OR 5-8234747.

TABLE 1: NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES BY SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS

SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS	INDEXES (MARCH 1982 = 100)				
	SEPT. 1986	DEC. 1986	MAR. 1987	JUN. 1987	SEPT. 1987
MANUFACTURING	135.2	136.8	142.1	146.2	148.4
WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	128.3	130.1	135.2	137.5	141.5
TRANSPORT SERVICES	156.4	157.3	164.0	166.6	170.4
BUSINESS SERVICES	143.7	143.6	148.6	152.6	155.8
PERSONAL SERVICES	130.0	133.1	136.7	141.0	145.7
ALL SECTORS ABOVE	136.2	137.7	142.9	146.5	149.4

TABLE 2: NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES FOR MAJOR INDUSTRIES IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR

INDUSTRY	INDEXES (MARCH 1982 =100)				
	SEPT. 1986	DEC. 1986	MAR. 1987	JUN. 1987	SEPT. 1987
GARMENTS	126.1	127.0	128.3	132.2	132.5
GLOVES	144.4	145.7	149.1	152.2	154.3

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HANDBAGS	128.9	131.9	135.9	136.7	141.9
COTTON SPINNING/WEAVING	144.3	148.1	161.8	163.0	164.6
KNITTING	138.8	138.5	140.8	146.5	148.3
BLEACHING AND DYING	148.4	150.0	160.3	167.2	168.3
PRINTING	141.5	142.6	145.2	160.6	162.4
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	135.6	136.7	144.8	146.4	146.8
METAL PRODUCTS	139.3	140.8	145.6	151.4	153.0
ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	148.2	151.5	159.2	163.0	165.6
ELECTRONICS	140.3	143.5	153.2	155.6	162.3
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	144.8	147.9	156.9	171.8	174.9

MANUFACTURING	135.2	136.8	142.1	146.2	148.4

TABLE 3: REAL WAGE INDEXES BY SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS
INDEXES (MARCH 1982 = 100)

SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS	SEPT. 1986	DEC. 1986	MAR. 1987	JUN. 1987	SEPT. 1987
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MANUFACTURING	103.2	103.9	106.0	106.3	106.9
WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	97.8	98.8	100.9	99.9	101.9
TRANSPORT SERVICES	119.3	119.4	122.4	121.1	122.8
BUSINESS SERVICES	109.6	109.1	110.9	110.9	112.2
PERSONAL SERVICES	99.2	101.1	102.0	102.5	105.0
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ALL SECTORS ABOVE	103.9	104.5	106.6	106.5	107.7

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II MOTHERS ACCEPT REPATRIATION ARRANGEMENT

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IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS TODAY (SATURDAY) AGAIN MET REPRESENTATIVES OF THE "ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT MOTHERS" WHO EXPRESSED THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S ARRANGEMENT TO REPATRIATE THE WOMEN TO CHINA BY TWO GROUPS ON JANUARY 25 AND 26.

AT THE MEETING, QUESTIONS THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY RAISED SUCH AS DOCUMENTATION OF CHILDREN AND REPATRIATION ARRANGEMENTS WERE ANSWERED BY MR JOHN YEUNG, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CONTROL AND INVESTIGATIONS).

MR YEUNG ADVISED THEM THAT HE HAD MADE ENQUIRIES ON THEIR BEHALF WITH THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES AND WAS TOLD THAT THE HUSBANDS COULD PICK UP THEIR WIVES IN SHENZHEN BEFORE RETURNING TO THEIR RESPECTIVE PLACES OF ORIGIN.

ON THE DIFFICULTIES EXPRESSED BY THE REPRESENTATIVES IN APPLYING TO COME TO HONG KONG, MR YEUNG AGREED TO REFLECT THEIR CONCERN DURING WORKING CONTACTS WITH THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES. HOWEVER, HE STRESSED THAT THE ISSUE OF ONEWAY PERMITS WAS A MATTER FOR THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

MEANWHILE, THE "ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT MOTHERS" ARE REQUIRED TO CONTINUE REPORTING TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT TWICE WEEKLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOGNIZANCE CONDITIONS.

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NEW TYPE OF HALF-WAY HOUSE PLANNED

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A NEW TYPE OF HALF-WAY HOUSE FOR EX-MENTAL PATIENTS HAS BEEN PLANNED TO PROVIDE REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR THOSE WHO NEED MORE INTENSIVE CARE AND WHO CANNOT BE ADMITTED INTO THE EXISTING HALF-WAY HOUSES, THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG'S KWONG FUK HALF WAY HOUSE, MR CHAMBERS SAID THIS NEW KIND OF HALF-WAY HOUSE WOULD BE PURPOSE BUILT AND WOULD PROVIDE RESIDENTIAL CARE SERVICES FOR EX-MENTAL PATIENTS WHO REQUIRED EITHER THE NORMAL TYPE OF CARE AND MORE EXTENSIVE CARE.

"THIS APPROACH, WHICH IS KNOWN AS THE DISPERSAL MODEL, HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES AS IT ALLOWS FOR MORE SERVICES AND STAFF TO BE PROVIDED FOR THOSE PATIENTS WHO REQUIRE THEM, AND IT ALSO PROMOTES MUTUAL ASSISTANCE AMONGST THE PATIENTS," HE SAID.

"IT IS INTENDED THAT 11 PURPOSE BUILT HALF-WAY HOUSES SHOULD BE PROVIDED BY 1992/93, AND ONE OF THE FIRST TO BE COMPLETED WILL BE RUN BY THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG," HE ADDED.

/MR CHAMBERS

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MR CHAMBERS SAID THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ON REHABILITATION OF EX-MENTAL PATIENTS WAS TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO PROVIDE THESE PATIENTS WITH COMPREHENSIVE REHABILITATION SERVICES AFTER THEIR DISCHARGE FROM HOSPITAL.

"THE GOVERNMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES ALSO CONDUCT EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGNS TO PROMOTE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE NATURE OF MENTAL ILLNESS IN ORDER TO IMPRESS UPON HONG KONG PEOPLE THE IMPORTANCE OF ACCEPTING EX-MENTAL PATIENTS AS FULL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

MR CHAMBERS SAID THE HALF-WAY HOUSE WAS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS REHABILITATION PROCESS.

"BY PROVIDING A STIMULATING ENVIRONMENT WHICH HELPS THE PATIENT TO DEVELOP HIS SOCIAL SKILLS, WORK HABITS AND DECISION-MAKING ABILITIES, THE HALF-WAY HOUSE PROVIDES THE STEPPING STONE THAT IS REQUIRED TO ENABLE HIM TO RESUME A NORMAL LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

AT PRESENT, ALL HALF-WAY HOUSES ARE LOCATED IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND THEY CATER TO THE NEEDS OF EX-MENTAL PATIENTS WHO ARE LIKELY TO BE ABLE TO RESUME NORMAL LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY WITHIN ONE YEAR.

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SIR ROBERT HO TUNG CHARITABLE FUND 1987 ALLOCATION

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THE SIR ROBERT HO TUNG CHARITABLE FUND HAS RECENTLY MADE GRANTS OF MORE THAN \$10 MILLION TO 47 CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS IN HONG KONG.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR ADOLF HSU.

MR HSU IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE FOR ADVISING THE GOVERNOR ON ALLOCATIONS FROM THE FUND.

THE SIR ROBERT HO TUNG CHARITABLE FUND IS ONE OF THE LARGEST CHARITABLE TRUSTS IN HONG KONG.

IT WAS ESTABLISHED BY A BEQUEST OF \$500,000 BY THE LATE SIR ROBERT HO TUNG ON HIS DEATH IN 1956.

THE FUND IS ADMINISTERED BY HONGKONG BANK TRUSTEE LTD.

/MR HSU

MR HSU SAID MAJOR GRANTS THIS YEAR INCLUDED \$1,351,310 TO THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, OF WHICH \$517,000 WAS FOR KWONG WAH HOSPITAL TO PURCHASE A HISTOPATHOLOGY TISSUE PROCESSOR AND AN ADVANCED MICROSCOPE; \$600,000 FOR TUNG WAH EASTERN HOSPITAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF A CENTRIFUGAL ANALYSER; AND \$234,310 FOR THE PAO SIU LOONG CARE AND ATTENTION HOME AND THE INTERNATIONAL FUNERAL PARLOUR FOR THE PURCHASE OF A HYDROEXTRACTOR AND A HEARSE VAN.

A SUM OF \$1,149,500 WAS GRANTED TO OUR LADY OF MARYKNOLL HOSPITAL TO MEET THE EXPENSES OF FIRE SERVICE INSTALLATIONS FOR THE ENTIRE HOSPITAL.

THE HONG KONG CHESHIRE HOME RECEIVED \$939,000 FOR REWIRING WORKS OF ITS CHUNG HOM KUK HOME.

THE PO LEUNG KUK WAS GRANTED \$789,300 FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE PUI NANG HOSTEL, THE LION'S CLUB SHELTERED WORKSHOP AND THE CENTRAL BUILDING.

THE HONG KONG TUBERCULOSIS, CHEST AND HEART DISEASES ASSOCIATION RECEIVED \$690,990, OF WHICH \$108,080 WAS FOR THE RUTTONJEE SANATORIUM TO PURCHASE HOSPITAL BEDS AND A CARDIAC ECG/MONITOR; AND \$582,910 FOR THE GRANTHAM HOSPITAL TO PURCHASE A DECONTAMINATION SYSTEM FOR ANAESTHETIC AND RESPIRATORY THERAPY EQUIPMENT, A MOBILE X-RAY MACHINE AND AN EXTRACTION SYSTEM FOR A BIOLOGICAL SAFETY CABINET.

THE ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION AND BRIGADE WAS GRANTED \$633,000 FOR REDECORATION/REPAIR WORKS AT ITS MAINLAND AREA HEADQUARTERS.

A GRANT OF \$610,000 WAS MADE TO THE HONG KONG BUDDHIST HOSPITAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF A MORTUARY REFRIGERATOR, AN ULTRASONIC TABLE AND AN OPERATING MICROSCOPE.

THE UNITED CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL WAS GRANTED \$476,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF VARIOUS ITEMS OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT.

A GRANT OF \$452,840 WAS MADE TO THE HONG KONG RED CROSS, OF WHICH \$310,000 WAS FOR THE PURCHASE OF LABORATORY EQUIPMENT FOR THE BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE; AND \$142,840 FOR THE PURCHASE OF BOOKS, FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT FOR ITS SPECIAL SCHOOLS.

THE POK OI HOSPITAL WAS GRANTED \$437,100 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A MORTUARY REFRIGERATOR, SIX LIFT-RIDE CHAIRS AND VARIOUS ITEMS OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT.

THE ALICE HO MIU LING NETHERSOLE HOSPITAL RECEIVED A SUM OF \$359,000 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF AN INCUBATOR, AN AUTOMATIC WASHER-EXTRACTOR AND A VENTILATOR.

THE CARITAS MEDICAL CENTRE AND THE DUCHESS OF KENT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL WERE EACH GRANTED \$330,000 TO PURCHASE VARIOUS ITEMS OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT.

HONG KONG CHALKS UP A FIRST IN UNIVERSAL EDUCATION

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HONG KONG IS NOT ONLY AHEAD THE THREE OTHER MAJOR CHINESE COMMUNITIES IN THE WORLD TO PROVIDE FREE AND COMPULSORY EDUCATION UP TO JUNIOR SECONDARY LEVEL BUT ALSO THE FIRST TO ACHIEVE NEAR UNIVERSAL EDUCATION UP TO SENIOR SECONDARY LEVEL, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE THREE OTHER MAJOR COMMUNITIES ARE CHINA, TAIWAN AND SINGAPORE.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A SEMINAR FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL HEADS ON EDUCATION FOR PUPILS OF DIFFERENT ABILITIES ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, MR LI SAID THIS WAS SOMETHING HONG KONG WAS PROUD OF BUT THE ROAD TO SUCCESS HAD NOT BEEN AN EASY ONE.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SCHOOL HEADS FOR THEIR COMMON EFFORT TO PROVIDE THE NEXT GENERATION WITH A MORE EFFECTIVE EDUCATION, TO ENRICH THEIR SCHOOL LIFE AND TO MEET THEIR PRESENT AND FUTURE, MR LI SAID THE IMPLEMENTATION OF UNIVERSAL EDUCATION HAD BROUGHT MORE AND MORE PUPILS OF VARYING STANDARDS AND ABILITIES INTO THE SCHOOLS.

WITH THE REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF BOUGHT PLACE PRIVATE SCHOOLS, MR LI SAID THAT WOULD BECOME AN EVEN MORE COMMON PHENOMENON AND SUCH A SITUATION WOULD BE A GREAT CHALLENGE TO THE GOVERNMENT AND AIDED SCHOOLS WHICH USED TO ADMIT PUPILS OF COMPARATIVELY BETTER ACADEMIC RESULTS.

"SCHOOLS IN BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS ARE OFTEN CONFRONTED WITH THE PROBLEM, AND INDEED, THE IMPORTANT TASK OF MEETING PUPILS' INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES IN THEIR TEACHING OCCASIONS, EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN AND DIFFICULTY IN HANDLING A WIDE RANGE OF ACADEMIC STANDARDS," MR LI SAID.

IN THIS CONNECTION, MR LI CALLED ON THE SCHOOL HEADS TO TAKE IMMEDIATE CONCERN AND TO EXPLORE THE BEST WAYS TO CATER FOR PUPILS' INDIVIDUAL NEEDS, ENHANCE PUPILS' MOTIVATION BY TEACHING PROGRAMMES, MAXIMISE RESOURCES TO PROVIDE PUPILS WITH THE NECESSARY SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.

NOTING THE PRESENT EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM WAS TOO ATTAINMENT-CENTRED, WHICH REQUIRED PUPILS TO ATTAIN A UNIFORM STANDARD, MR LI URGED THE SCHOOL HEADS TO EXAMINE THE PUPIL-CENTRED APPROACH ADOPTED IN SOME DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN PARTICULAR TO THE PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED BY THEM FOR BEING TOO EXTREME IN THE PRACTICE AND THUS LOWERING GENERAL ACADEMIC STANDARDS.

MR LI TOLD SOME 300 SCHOOL HEADS 'ATTENDING TODAY'S SEMINAR THAT HE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE OUTCOME OF THEIR DELIBERATIONS WHICH HE WAS SURE WOULD BE MOST USEFUL AND CONDUCTIVE TO THE FUTURE WORK OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

HOME ACCIDENTS ON THE RISE

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THE DEATH TOLL OF ACCIDENTS IN THE HOME ENVIRONMENT STOOD AT 130 LAST YEAR, WHICH IS A 53 PER CENT INCREASE OVER 1986.

ACCORDING TO THE STATISTICS FROM THE CORONER'S COURT, HALF OF THE DEATHS WERE RESULTANT FROM FALLS, SUCH AS FALLING FROM HEIGHT, BED, STAIRCASE, OR SLIPPING ON WET FLOOR.

OTHER CAUSES INCLUDED CHOKING FROM FOOD, BURNS, AND DROWNING.

"LAST YEAR, WE WITNESSED MANY TRAGIC ACCIDENTS, SPECIALLY THOSE HAPPENING TO YOUNG CHILDREN, WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED IF SIMPLE PRECAUTIONS WERE TAKEN," CHAIRMAN OF THE HOME SAFETY CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, MR GEORGE YUEN, SAID.

"BUT WE ARE GLAD TO LEARN FROM THE STATISTICS THAT FATAL HOME ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CHILDREN UNDER 10 YEARS OLD HAVE BEEN DECREASING," MR YUEN SAID.

"THE FIGURE WAS 53 FOR 1983 BUT IT HAS GRADUALLY COME DOWN TO 21 LAST YEAR," HE SAID.

FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS, THE COMMITTEE, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED, LAUNCHED LARGE SCALE CAMPAIGNS TO PROMOTE HOME SAFETY, WITH THE EMPHASIS ON SAFEGUARDING OUR CHILDREN.

"A TV API (ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST) WITH THE THEME 'NEVER LEAVE CHILDREN UNATTENDED AT HOME' STARTED SCREENING IN JULY WHILE A CORRESPONDING POSTER WAS MOUNTED IN GOVERNMENT DISPLAY WINDOWS, MTR AND KCR STATIONS," MR YUEN SAID.

"AN EXHIBITION FEATURING ALL THE HIDDEN DANGERS IN THE HOME AND AT THE SAME TIME ILLUSTRATING SIMPLE PREVENTIVE MEASURES, WAS FIRST HELD IN SHA TIN IN SUMMER AND LATER WENT ON TOUR AROUND 12 PUBLIC ESTATES TO DRIVE HOME THE MESSAGE 'A SAFE HOME IS A HAPPY HOME'," HE SAID.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE STATISTICS SHOW THAT OLD PEOPLE OF 70 YEARS OLD OR ABOVE ARE VERY VULNERABLE AND ACCIDENT-PRONE EVEN IN THE ENVIRONMENT MOST FAMILIAR TO THEM.

"FIFTY-THREE OLD CITIZENS WERE KILLED IN HOME ACCIDENTS LAST YEAR, MAINLY AS A RESULT OF FALLS OR CHOKING FROM FOOD," MR YUEN SAID.

"IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS, THE CAMPAIGN WILL CONTINUE WITH STRONG EMPHASIS ON THE ELDERLY.

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"A NEW POSTER TARGETTED AT THE ELDERLY WILL BE PUBLICISED ALONGSIDE EXISTING ONES ON CHILDREN.

"A SPECIAL VIDEO GIVING ADVICE ON HOME SAFETY WILL ALSO BE COMPLETED AND SHOWN TO OLD FOLKS IN COMMUNITY CENTRES," HE ADDED.

MR YUEN REVEALED THAT HOME SAFETY WOULD CONTINUE TO BE ONE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S MAJOR CAMPAIGNS IN THE COMING FINANCIAL YEAR.

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ANTI-DRUG MARATHON PUTS HONG KONG IN THE LEAD

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RACE DIRECTOR OF THE 1988 HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL MARATHON, MR JAMIE SCOTT TODAY (SATURDAY) SAID HONG KONG LEADS THE WAY BY LINKING A WORLD-RANKED MARATHON WITH THE WAR AGAINST NARCOTICS.

"PARTICIPANTS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD WILL BE IN HONG KONG TO PROMOTE THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG ABUSE BY COMPETING AS 'ANTI-DRUG' RUNNERS," HE SAID.

MR SCOTT ALSO DISCLOSED THAT MORE WHEELCHAIR ATHLETES WOULD COMPETE IN THE WHEELCHAIR MARATHON IN THE EVENT TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 24 (SUNDAY) AT THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR.

"THE OVERWHELMING RESPONSES FROM BOTH LOCAL AND OVERSEAS ATHLETES MAKE THE WHEELCHAIR CATEGORY ONE OF THE LARGEST REPRESENTATIVE WHEELCHAIR MARATHON IN ASIA," MR SCOTT SAID.

ALMOST 1,000 RUNNERS AS WELL AS WHEELCHAIR ATHLETES FROM AUSTRALIA, CANADA, JAPAN, SINGAPORE, U.S., CHINA, NEW ZEALAND, MACAU AND HONG KONG WILL VIE FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

AMONG THE WHEELCHAIR PARTICIPANTS, ONE OF THE TOP SEEDS IN THE MEN'S WHEELCHAIR CATEGORY IS MR RON LAWRENCE FROM AUSTRALIA.

COMPETING SINCE 1981, LAWRENCE HAS A PERSONAL BEST RECORD OF 2.38 HOURS WHICH IS ALMOST 10 MINUTES FASTER THAN THE HONG KONG RECORD.

IN ADDITION, JAPAN'S ITSUKO MAEDA WHO HAS BEEN COMPETING SINCE 1982 WILL ALSO TAKE PART.

HER BEST PERSONAL RECORD OF 2.42 HOURS IS 20 MINUTES INSIDE THE HONG KONG RECORD.

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"THE INCREASE IN OVERSEAS PARTICIPATION IS A TREMENDOUS BOOST FOR LOCAL HANDICAPPED ATHLETES WHO ARE ONLY ABLE TO COMPETE IN HONG KONG BY REASON OF THE GOVERNMENT'S WILLINGNESS TO CLOSE THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR FOR THE EVENT," MR SCOTT SAID.

"THE INCREASED OPPORTUNITY FOR HANDICAPPED SPORTSMAN IS NOT THE ONLY PUBLIC BENEFIT ASPECT OF THE RACE BUT PARTICIPANTS ARE ALSO RAISING FUNDS FOR THE COMMUNITY CHEST AND PROMOTING THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG ABUSE," HE ADDED.

JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS AND THE HONG KONG AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, THE EVENT IS THE 11TH IN THE SERIES.

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TIDAL-FLOW ARRANGEMENT TO CONTINUE FROM NEXT MONDAY

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT REMINDED MOTORISTS THAT FROM NEXT MONDAY (JANUARY 18), THE TIDAL-FLOW ARRANGEMENT AT THE LION ROCK TUNNEL WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON A REGULAR BASIS AS A SHORT-TERM MEASURE TO RELIEVE THE TUNNEL CONGESTION.

THE ARRANGEMENT WILL BE IN FORCE MONDAY TO FRIDAY, STARTING FROM 6 AM AND ENDING AT 7.30 AM.

AS SOON AS THE ARRANGEMENT ENDS, THE SIGNAL-CONTROLLED MERGING ARRANGEMENT WILL BEGIN TO OPERATE UNTIL TRAFFIC QUEUES ON THE SOUTHBOUND APPROACHES TO THE TUNNEL DISAPPEAR.

DURING THE TRIAL PERIOD FOR THE PAST TWO WEEKS, THE TIDAL-FLOW ARRANGEMENT PROVED EFFECTIVE IN REDUCING TRAFFIC QUEUE LENGTH AND IN POSTPONING THE FORMATION OF TRAFFIC QUEUES ON SOUTHBOUND APPROACH ROADS TO THE TUNNEL.

THE TECHNIQUE OF USING TRAFFIC SIGNALS TO CONTROL VEHICLE MERGING ALSO FACILITATED TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE TOLL PLAZA AREA.

BOTH THE TIDAL-FLOW ARRANGEMENT AND THE SIGNAL-CONTROLLED MERGING ARRANGEMENT WILL BE REVIEWED WHEN OTHER MEASURES TO RELIEVE CONGESTION AT THE LION ROCK TUNNEL ARE INTRODUCED AT A LATER STAGE.

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STICKERS TO LAUNCH 'GOOD PERSONAL HABITS DRIVE'

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THE HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH IS LAUNCHING A CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF GOOD PERSONAL HABITS.

THREE SETS OF STICKERS ADVISING THE PUBLIC NOT TO SPIT, TO MAINTAIN GOOD PERSONAL TOILET HABITS AND TO KEEP TOILETS CLEAN, HAVE BEEN PUT UP AT VARIOUS PUBLIC PLACES INCLUDING PUBLIC TOILETS, RESTAURANTS, SCHOOLS, CINEMAS AND DISPLAY BOARDS AT DOMESTIC BUILDINGS.

THE "GOOD PERSONAL HABITS DRIVE" WAS LAUNCHED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

"EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ON THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD PERSONAL HYGIENE HABITS CONCERNING THE USE OF TOILETS IS HIGHLY NECESSARY BECAUSE INCIDENCES OF INFECTIOUS FOOD-BORNE DISEASES SUCH AS CHOLERA AND FOOD POISONING ARE FOUND TO BE RELATED TO FOOD CONTAMINATED BY SOILED HANDS AND INSECT VECTORS CARRYING GERMS FROM DIRTY TOILETS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT SAID.

"MEANWHILE, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHOULD BE REMINDED THAT SPITTING IS AN ANTI-SOCIAL HABIT AND ARE LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$2,500."

COPIES OF THE STICKERS CAN BE OBTAINED FREE OF CHARGE WHILE STOCK LASTS FROM THE HEALTH EDUCATION OFFICES AT ROOM 924, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 9/F, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON; AND AT SECOND FLOOR, OI KWAN COURT, 28, OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT 5-729361.

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PRIZE PRESENTATION FOR FIGHT CRIME COMPETITIONS

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TWENTY-SIX WINNERS OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME SLOGAN AND COLOURING COMPETITIONS WERE PRESENTED WITH PRIZES AT A CEREMONY HELD AT THE HO MAN TIN POLICE STATION THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING.

ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY KOWLOON LOK SIN TONG, THE COMPETITIONS CENTRED ON THE THEME OF SHOP THEFT.

BOTH COMPETITIONS WERE DIVIDED INTO SENIOR AND JUNIOR SECTIONS. FIFTEEN BEST ENTRIES WERE SELECTED FOR THE SLOGAN COMPETITION AND 11 FOR THE COLOURING COMPETITION.

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THE TWO WINNING SLOGANS WERE PRINTED ON 1,000 POSTERS FOR DISPLAY AT SUPERMARKETS AND SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT.

IT WAS HOPED THAT THROUGH THE COMPETITIONS AND THE DISPLAY OF THE SLOGANS, THE PUBLIC WOULD BE MORE AWARE OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE OFFENCE OF SHOP THEFT. IF FOUND GUILTY, AN OFFENDER WOULD BE REGISTERED WITH A CRIMINAL RECORD.

OFFICIATING GUESTS AT TODAY'S PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY INCLUDED THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALEX FONG; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MRS WONG LEUNG KAM-SHAN; CHAIRMAN OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR CHENG WOO-YICK; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE LOK SIN TONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY, MR WONG CHUNG-MING.

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GALA CONCERT TO END MONG KOK FESTIVAL

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A GALA CONCERT TO BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) EVENING AT THE MONG KOK STADIUM WILL MARK THE CLOSING OF THE SIX-WEEK MONG KOK FESTIVAL.

THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON), MR PAUL LEUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE FESTIVAL.

THE CONCERT WILL FEATURE PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGERS, BANDS AND TELEVISION ARTISTES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE MONG KOK FESTIVAL AT 7.45 PM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE MONG KOK STADIUM, FLOWER MARKET ROAD.

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GATHERING OF PAINTERS AND CALLIGRAPHISTS

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MORE THAN 300 LOCAL PAINTERS AND CALLIGRAPHISTS WILL SHARE EXPERIENCES AND DEMONSTRATE THEIR SKILLS AT A GATHERING TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE MIRAMAR HOTEL, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

THE EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI CULTURE AND ARTS ASSOCIATION ANNUALLY TO PROMOTE CHINESE CULTURE.

THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR T.H. CHAU, AND HIS WIFE WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE GATHERING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE GATHERING OF PAINTERS AND CALLIGRAPHISTS WHICH WILL START AT 1 PM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE CONVENTION CENTRE, PENTHOUSE OF MIRAMAR HOTEL, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

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NEW YEAR PARTY FOR ELDERLY

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ABOUT 500 OLD PEOPLE AGED OVER 85 AND ELDERLY VOLUNTEERS OF THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT WILL TAKE PART IN A NEW YEAR AND BIRTHDAY PARTY ON MONDAY, JANUARY 18.

THEY WILL BE TREATED TO "DIM SUMS" AND PERFORMANCES OF CANTONESE OPERA BY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS. THE WIFE OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY, LADY FORD, WILL PRESENT GOLD MEDALS TO THE TWO OLDEST RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT.

KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN COAK, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF THE PARTY, MR SIU KONG-YU, WILL ALSO BE PRESENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT'S NEW YEAR AND BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR THE ELDERLY TO BE HELD AT 4 PM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 18) AT KWAI HING HSIN KUANG RESTAURANT (NEXT TO KWAI HING MTR STATION), KWAI CHUNG. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ARRIVE AT 3.45 PM.

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HIGHWAYS STAFF BID FAREWELL TO PRINCIPAL TECHNICAL OFFICER
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STAFF OF THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT GAVE A PARTY LAST NIGHT TO BID FAREWELL TO PRINCIPAL TECHNICAL OFFICER, MR LEE CHE-MING, WHO WILL GO ON PRE-RETIREMENT LEAVE TODAY (SATURDAY) AFTER HAVING SERVED THE GOVERNMENT FOR 27 YEARS.

THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS, MR HAROLD BEATON, PRESENTED MR LEE WITH A SOUVENIR GIFT ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT.

IN HIS SPEECH, MR BEATON PRAISED MR LEE FOR HIS HARD WORK AND DEVOTION TO DUTY WHICH EARNED HIM THE BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL AWARD IN 1987.

MR BEATON SAID : "FOR A MAN WHO HAS BEEN PART AND PARCEL OF THE DEPARTMENT, GROWING WITH IT FROM A HUMBLE DIVISION TO ITS PRESENT SIZE AND STATUS, HE WILL BE MISSED BY HIS COLLEAGUES."

MR LEE, AGED 57, JOINED THE GOVERNMENT AS AN ENGINEERING DRAFTSMAN CLASS 3 IN DECEMBER 1960. HE WAS PROMOTED TO ENGINEERING ASSISTANT CLASS 2 IN 1965, TO ENGINEERING ASSISTANT CLASS 1 IN 1971 AND TO HIS PRESENT RANK 10 YEARS LATER.

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CSD TAKES PART IN WALK FOR MILLIONS
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SIXTY-SIX STAFF MEMBERS OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND INMATES OF THE DEPARTMENT'S INSTITUTIONS WILL TAKE PART IN THE COMMUNITY CHEST'S WALK FOR MILLIONS ON HONG KONG ISLAND TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE CSD TEAM WILL WALK UNDER THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) BANNER TOGETHER WITH MEMBERS OF THE ACAN YOUTH VOLUNTEER GROUP TO HELP SPREAD THE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE.

THE TEAM COMPRISES 17 INMATES, 29 SUPERVISEES AND 20 STAFF MEMBERS FROM THE TAI LAM CENTRE FOR WOMEN, HEI LING TREATMENT CENTRE AND NEI KWU TREATMENT CENTRE.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT SOME \$7,500 WILL BE RAISED FOR THE COMMUNITY CHEST.

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ROCK CLIMBERS JOIN ANTI-LITTER BLITZ
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A TEAM OF EXPERT ROCK CLIMBERS WILL MOUNT A LITTER COLLECTION EXPEDITION IN LION ROCK COUNTRY PARK TOMORROW (SUNDAY) MORNING IN SUPPORT OF THE CLEAN COUNTRY PARKS DRIVE LAUNCHED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

WITH THE AID OF SPECIAL ROCK CLIMBING EQUIPMENT, THEY WILL CONCENTRATE THEIR EFFORTS ON THE HILL TOP AND STEEP SLOPES OF AMAH ROCK WHERE ACCESSIBILITY IS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE EXCEPT FOR VERY EXPERIENCED MOUNTAINEERS.

THE TEAM IS THE FIRST ROCK CLIMBING GROUP WHO HAS RESPONDED TO THE GOVERNMENT'S CALL FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN THE CURRENT CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE LITTER COLLECTION EXPEDITION BY THE ROCK CLIMBERS TOMORROW (SUNDAY) MORNING.

TRANSPORT FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL LEAVE AFD HEADQUARTERS, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393, CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON, AT 9.15 AM.

THOSE MAKING THEIR OWN TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT THE CARPARK AT THE JUNCTION OF HUNG MUI KUK ROAD AND LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD IN SHA TIN BY 9.50 AM.

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URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION LIFTED
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THE EXISTING PEAK-HOUR (THAT IS 7 AM TO 10 AM AND 4 PM TO 7 PM) DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION ON TWO SECTIONS OF RECLAMATION STREET IN MONG KOK WILL BE LIFTED FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 19).

THE TWO SECTIONS ARE THE SECTION BETWEEN PITT STREET AND NELSON STREET; AND THE SECTION BETWEEN ARGYLE STREET AND MONG KOK ROAD.

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SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS SALE BY AUCTION

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FORTY SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE PUT UP FOR AUCTION THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING FOR A TOTAL OF \$795,500 WHICH WILL GO INTO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION HELD AT THE RECITAL HALL OF THE CITY HALL SAW THE REGISTRATION NUMBER DS1 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$160,000.

ANOTHER NUMBER DR1 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$120,000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1,000 *EACH FOR CM2737 AND BL6848.

FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF TODAY'S AUCTION:

	\$		\$		\$		\$
DR8138	3,000	CM2737	1,000	DR4428	3,000	DR290	4,000
DS368	21,000	DR2832	6,000	BL6848	1,000	HK899	60,000
DR1369	6,000	DR172	5,500	DR2278	2,000	DR635	5,500
DL10	38,000	DS2228	12,000	DS1388	11,000	DR6611	12,000
DR821	3,500	DS789	42,000	DR928	20,000	AA886	36,000
DR621	2,500	DP27	32,000	DS318	13,500	DS3338	18,500
DR6188	3,000	DR809	6,000	DR2223	12,000	DR1	120,000
DS1800	16,000	AK2919	6,000	DR383	21,000	5232	25,000
AD2223	15,000	CM1212	20,000	DR908	8,500	DS1	160,000
AE4884	7,500	DR3680	3,000	DR9929	6,000	DS2623	75,000

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY IN CASH OR BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

THE NUMBERS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 120TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR CHARITY REALISED SO FAR TO \$49,704,032.

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WATER CUT IN TUEN MUN AND EAST KOWLOON

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TUEN MUN WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 PM ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 19) TO 8 AM ON THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE PREMISES AFFECTED WILL BE ALONG CASTLE PEAK ROAD FROM SAM SHING ESTATE TO TAI LAM CHUNG, INCLUDING DRAGON INN, KADOORIE AND CAFETERIA BEACHES, TSING YUNG STREET, TUEN MUN AREA 20, GORDON CAMP, GORDON HARD, PEROWNE CAMP, MONTE CARLO VILLA, SO KWU TAN, SO KWUN WAT VILLAGE, KA WO LANE VILLAGE, PEARL ISLAND, SIU SAU TSUEN, CASTLE PEAK VILLA, TAI LAM MARINE POLICE BASE, SIU LAM AREA AND TAI LAM CHUNG AREA.

MEANWHILE, SALT WATER SUPPLY TO PREMISES IN EAST KOWLOON WILL BE CUT OFF FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON JANUARY 19 FOR MAINTENANCE WORK ON WATER MAINS.

THE AREAS AFFECTED WILL BE HUNG HOM, TO KWA WAN, KOWLOON CITY, KOWLOON TONG, LOK FU, WANG TAU HOM, TUNG TAU, WONG TAI SIN, CHUK YUEN, HO MAN TIN HILL, FUNG WONG VILLAGE, SAN PO KONG, TSZ WAN SHAN, KAI TAK, KOWLOON BAY, CHOI WAN, CHOI HUNG, PING SHEK, NGAU TAU KOK AND JORDAN VALLEY.

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