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GOVERNOR WILL STRESS HK'S CONCERNS TO LONDON

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THE CONCERN AND ANXIETY CAUSED IN HONG KONG BY WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING IN PEKING, WILL BE PUT ACROSS TO MINISTERS AND THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE IN BRITAIN, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNOR SAID HE THOUGHT THAT IN A TIME OF GREAT DIFFICULTY AND ANXIETY FOR HONG KONG, THE NEED THAT ALL OF US HAD HERE WAS POSITIVE SUPPORT FROM BRITAIN.

SIR DAVID SAID HE WOULD ALSO DISCUSS THE NATIONALITY AND VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE ISSUES WHILST IN LONDON.

COMMENTING ON EVENTS IN PEKING, THE GOVERNOR SAID HE WAS APPALLED BY WHAT HE SAW IN NEWS FOOTAGE OF THE INDISCRIMINATE VIOLENCE THAT HAD BEEN GOING ON.

"AND I'M SURE THAT THAT'S THE FEELING WHICH IS SHARED BY ALL OF THE COMMUNITY HERE," HE SAID.

"THE COMMUNITY HAS REACTED VERY UNDERSTANDABLY WITH A FEELING OF GREAT CONCERN AND GREAT ANXIETY.

"I FIND IT WHOLLY UNDERSTANDABLE THAT THE COMMUNITY SHOULD WISH TO EXPRESS ITS FEELINGS IN THIS WAY, BUT THERE IS A FURTHER POINT THAT I WOULD NOW LIKE TO MAKE ABOUT HONG KONG.

"IT'S RIGHT THAT PEOPLE SHOULD EXPRESS THEIR FEELINGS. IT'S RIGHT FOR HONG KONG THAT THEY SHOULD DO THAT IN A WAY WHICH DOESN'T DAMAGE HONG KONG.

"THAT IT SHOULD BE AS IT HAS BEEN UP TO NOW, ORDERLY AND A DIGNIFIED WAY OF EXPRESSING THEIR FEELINGS SO THAT, IN EXPRESSING CONCERN FOR WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CHINA, WE DON'T DAMAGE OURSELVES IN THE PROCESS.

"THAT, I'M SURE, IS THE ATTITUDE THAT PEOPLE ARE GOING TO HAVE TOMORROW IN WHATEVER DEMONSTRATIONS, IN WHATEVER EXPRESSIONS OF GRIEF AND OF MOURNING TAKE PLACE TOMORROW.

"AND, THAT, I'M SURE IS THE RIGHT ATTITUDE FOR US TO TAKE IN HONG KONG," SIR DAVID SAID.

THE GOVERNOR ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN PEKING WAS DOING AN IMMENSE AMOUNT TO TRY AND HELP HONG KONG PEOPLE STILL IN PEKING.

THEY HAD BEEN TRYING TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH ALL THE PEOPLE FROM HONG KONG THAT WERE IN PEKING AT THE MOMENT, HE SAID.

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HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT THE SITUATION IN PEKING WAS STILL CLEARLY CONFUSED AND, IN SOME PARTS OF THE CITY, CHAOTIC.

SIR DAVID SAID THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN IN CONSTANT TOUCH WITH THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN PEKING, AND HE NOTED THAT YESTERDAY'S CHARTERED FLIGHT, WHICH BROUGHT OUT A VERY SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF PEOPLE, WAS THE FIRST SUCH FLIGHT SENT TO PEKING TO GET PEOPLE OUT.

"WE ARE TRYING AGAIN TODAY TO SEND A FURTHER FLIGHT THIS AFTERNOON," HE SAID.

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THREE EXTRA FLIGHTS TO PEKING

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OVER THE NEXT 24 HOURS AN EXTRA THREE FLIGHTS WILL GO TO PEKING TO PICK UP HONG KONG RESIDENTS WHO WISH TO RETURN TO HONG KONG.

A CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS TRISTAR DEPARTED KAI TAK AIRPORT AT 2.45 PM TODAY (TUESDAY) ON A FLIGHT UNDERTAKEN AT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST.

THE PLANE IS DUE TO ARRIVE IN PEKING AT 6.45 PM (LOCAL TIME) AND WILL BOARD PASSENGERS WITH VALID TICKETS, THOUGH THERE WILL BE ARRANGEMENTS FOR OTHERS TO PURCHASE TICKETS FROM THE AIRLINE STAFF.

IT WILL BE DUE BACK IN HONG KONG AT APPROXIMATELY 10 O'CLOCK TONIGHT.

A DRAGONAIR BOEING 737 CHARTERED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT DEPARTED KAI TAK AT 5.30 PM THIS AFTERNOON, AND IS DUE TO ARRIVE IN PEKING AT 9.30 PM (LOCAL TIME).

THE FLIGHT WOULD DEPART PEKING AT APPROXIMATELY 10.30 PM (LOCAL TIME), ARRIVING BACK IN HONG KONG EARLY TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) MORNING.

A FURTHER HONG KONG GOVERNMENT CHARTERED DRAGONAIR FLIGHT IS IN PREPARATION TO DEPART HONG KONG AT 12 NOON TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY), ARRIVING IN PEKING AT 4 PM (LOCAL TIME). THIS FLIGHT WOULD DEPART PEKING AT 5 PM (LOCAL TIME) AND ARRIVE IN HONG KONG AT APPROXIMATELY 7 PM.

THOSE WHO HAVE CONTACTED THE GOVERNMENT HOTLINE SHOULD CONTACT THEIR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES WHO WISH TO LEAVE PEKING AND INFORM THEM OF THESE THREE FLIGHTS WHICH ARE OVER AND ABOVE NORMAL SCHEDULED SERVICES.

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THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN PEKING, WHICH HAS A LIST OF NAMES GIVEN TO THE HOTLINE CENTRE, IS ACTIVELY CONTACTING HONG KONG PEOPLE IN PEKING TO GIVE THIS INFORMATION AND OFFER ANY FURTHER ADVICE TO THOSE WHO REQUEST IT.

THE FIRST SPECIAL FLIGHT CHARTERED BY THE GOVERNMENT RETURNED FROM PEKING LAST NIGHT WITH 128 HONG KONG PEOPLE ON BOARD.

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EMBASSY ADVICE FOR BRITISH NATIONALS

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THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN PEKING HAS RECOMMENDED THAT IN THE PRESENT UNCERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES ALL BRITISH NATIONALS IN THOSE AREAS WHERE THERE HAS BEEN TROUBLE AND WHO ARE CONCERNED FOR THEIR SAFETY SHOULD NOW TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEAVE CHINA.

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ADVICE TO TRAVELLERS

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THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN PEKING ADVISES THAT ALL TRAVEL TO OR THROUGH THE PEKING AREA SHOULD BE POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

TRAVEL ELSEWHERE IN CHINA MAY STILL BE POSSIBLE BUT IS NOT ADVISABLE. HONG KONG RESIDENTS WHO INTEND TO TRAVEL ELSEWHERE IN CHINA SHOULD CHECK ON THE LATEST SITUATION WITH THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AND WITH THEIR HOST ORGANISATION BEFORE SETTING OFF.

THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT'S ENQUIRY NUMBER DURING OFFICE HOURS IS 3-7328682.

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NORMAL IMPORTS OF PRODUCE FROM CHINA

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) ASSURED THE PUBLIC THAT NORMAL IMPORTS OF AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES PRODUCE CONTINUE TO ARRIVE FROM CHINA AND THERE IS NO SHORTAGE OF FOOD SUPPLY IN THE TERRITORY.

"THE WHOLESALE MARKETS FOR POULTRY, FRUIT, IMPORTED VEGETABLES, AND FRESH-WATER FISH THAT THE DEPARTMENT MANAGES WERE RUNNING NORMALLY TODAY AND THROUGHPUT WAS MAINTAINED AT A LEVEL NOT DIFFERENT FROM A NORMAL TRADING DAY," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

"IN FACT, BOTH THE CHEUNG SHA WAN AND WESTERN POULTRY TEMPORARY WHOLESALE MARKETS RECORDED HIGHER IMPORTS AND INCREASED TRADING THIS MORNING BECAUSE OF THE GREATER DEMAND GENERATED BY THE TUEN NG FESTIVAL," HE SAID.

THE SEVEN WHOLESALE FISH MARKETS MANAGED BY THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION ARE ALSO OPERATING NORMALLY AND THERE IS NO SHORTAGE IN THE SUPPLY OF MARINE FISH.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THERE WAS A SHORT INTERVAL THIS MORNING WHEN THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION'S CHEUNG SHA WAN VEGETABLE WHOLESALE MARKET REGISTERED FEWER VEGETABLE-CARRYING VEHICLES FROM SHENZHEN.

"IT WAS LATER ASCERTAINED THAT THIS WAS CAUSED ENTIRELY BY A TRAFFIC DELAY AT THE MAN KAM TO BORDER. TRADING AT THE VMO VEGETABLE WHOLESALE MARKET RETURNED TO NORMAL AFTER NOON.

"BECAUSE OF THE HIGHER DEMAND IN VIEW OF THE POSSIBLE STOPPAGE BY THE TRADERS TOMORROW, THE AVERAGE PRICES OF THE VEGETABLES HAVE GONE UP BY ABOUT 30 PER CENT," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THE FOOD SUPPLY IN HONG KONG WAS NORMAL AND THERE WERE SUFFICIENT IMPORTS FROM OTHER PLACES SUCH AS THAILAND, TAIWAN AND THE UNITED STATES.

"THERE IS THEREFORE NO CAUSE FOR PEOPLE TO BUY MORE FOOD THAN NECESSARY AS THERE ARE SUFFICIENT SUPPLIES AVAILABLE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO CLOSELY MONITOR THE FOOD SUPPLY SITUATION.

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NO SHORTAGE OF RICE SUPPLY

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THERE IS NO SHORTAGE OF RICE SUPPLY IN HONG KONG, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) IN RESPONSE TO PUBLIC CONCERN ABOUT THE LOCAL FOOD SUPPLY SITUATION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID, "APART FROM THE PRESENT STOCK NOW HELD THERE IS A MECHANISM TO ENSURE THAT A GOOD RESERVE STOCK IS HELD AT ALL TIMES. THE RESERVE STOCK CURRENTLY STANDS AT ABOUT TWO MONTHS' SUPPLY.

"IN VIEW OF THIS, THERE IS NO CAUSE FOR PUBLIC CONCERN ABOUT THE RICE SUPPLY SITUATION."

THE SPOKESMAN WENT ON TO SAY THAT, IN ANY CASE, HONG KONG RECEIVED ONLY ABOUT 10 PER CENT OF ITS SUPPLY FROM CHINA.

"FURTHERMORE, THERE IS NO INFORMATION SO FAR THAT SUPPLY OF RICE FROM CHINA IS AFFECTED," HE ADDED.

THE TRADE DEPARTMENT IS CLOSELY MONITORING THE SITUATION AND IS PREPARED TO ALLOW IMPORTERS TO USE THE RESERVE STOCK IF NECESSARY.

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VEHICLES ALLOWED INTO SHENZHEN BUT NOT BEYOND

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THE SHENZHEN AUTHORITIES HAVE INFORMED THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT THAT VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED INTO SHENZHEN BUT WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO GO BEYOND SHENZHEN FOR THE TIME BEING.

FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE GIVEN WHEN AVAILABLE.

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT THEREFORE ADVISES THAT DRIVERS WITH DESTINATIONS BEYOND SHENZHEN SHOULD AWAIT FURTHER ADVICE BEFORE COMMENCING THEIR JOURNEYS.

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MEMBERS OF THE URBAN COUNCIL MAKE STATEMENT ON CURRENT SITUATION

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THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IS ISSUED BY MEMBERS OF THE URBAN COUNCIL AFTER THE MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL THIS MORNING.

MEMBERS OBSERVED A ONE MINUTE SILENCE AT THE MEETING AS A TRIBUTE TO ALL THOSE WHO DIED IN BEIJING.

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WE URGE THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG TO CONTINUE TO ACT IN A RESPONSIBLE AND PEACEFUL MANNER AND NOT TO LET THEIR GRIEF AND ANGER WHICH THEY SO JUSTIFIABLY FEEL OVER EVENTS IN CHINA TO UNDERMINE THIS PROSPEROUS AND STABLE TERRITORY.

THE COUNCIL WILL DO ALL THAT IT CAN TO CONTINUE TO SERVE THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG IN THESE TRAGIC TIMES AND THANKS ALL WHO HAVE BEEN SO CO-OPERATIVE DURING THE PAST FEW WEEKS.

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VBP DETENTION CENTRE AT SEK KONG

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IN THE WAKE OF A CONTINUING LARGE INFLUX OF VIENTAMESE BOAT PEOPLE (VBP), THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO USE PART OF THE RAF SEK KONG RUNWAY AS A SITE FOR DETENTION CENTRE.

"WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE ARMY, WE AIM TO PUT UP TENTS ON THE RUNWAY TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION FOR UP TO 7,000 VBP," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

"BOTH THE POLICE AND THE ARMY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MANNING THE CLOSED DETENTION CENTRE ON A 24-HOUR BASIS.

"LOCAL RESIDENTS WILL NOT BE AFFECTED SINCE IT IS A CLOSED AREA UNDER ARMY CONTROL WITH NO PUBLIC ACCESS."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID MORE THAN 16,600 VBP HAD ARRIVED SINCE JANUARY THIS YEAR, WITH A RECORD HIGH OF 1,194 ARRIVALS FOR SINGLE DAY YESTERDAY.

"ALL THE EXISTING CAMPS ARE FULL AND EVEN TAI AH CHAU OF THE SOKO ISLANDS WILL NOT BE SUFFICIENT TO HOLD NEW ARRIVALS," HE SAID.

"THE TENTS FOR SEK KONG ARE COMING FROM BRITAIN. WE HAVE ASKED THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO ASSIST IN THE SUPPLY OF TENTS AS WE HAVE RUN OUT OF STOCK HERE."

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TENTS FLOWN IN FOR VBP EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION

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ABOUT 100 TENTS WERE FLOWN IN TODAY (TUESDAY) FROM BRITAIN FOR USE AS EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION TO COPE WITH THE CONTINUING INFLUX OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE.

"WE HAVE ASKED THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO ASSIST IN THE SUPPLY OF TENTS AS WE HAVE RUN OUT OF STOCK HERE," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO MEET THE FULL COST, AND AIRFREIGHT, OF THE SUPPLY."

THIS FOLLOWS THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT IN APRIL TO CONTRIBUTE UP TO SIX MILLION POUNDS (ABOUT HK\$80 MILLION) TO COVER THE FULL CAPITAL COSTS OF THE PILLAR POINT REFUGEE CENTRE NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN TUEN MUN.

"THIS INDICATES THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S RECOGNITION OF THE GRAVITY OF THE VBP PROBLEM IN HONG KONG AND ITS READINESS TO ASSIST," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE TENTS WILL BE SIMILAR TO THOSE NOW IN USE AT THE WHITEHEAD DETENTION CENTRE."

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CHANGE IN LAW ON EVIDENCE BY SPOUSES PROPOSED

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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO A BILL BEING DRAFTED THAT WOULD CHANGE THE LAW AND ALTER THE RULES ON THE GIVING OF EVIDENCE BY SPOUSES IN CRIMINAL CASES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE FIRST CHANGE IS THAT A SPOUSE WOULD, IF HE OR SHE CONSENTED, BE FREE TO GIVE EVIDENCE FOR THE PROSECUTION IN ALL CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST HIS OR HER SPOUSE. THIS MEANS THAT THE SPOUSE WOULD BE A COMPETENT WITNESS AND HE MAY LAWFULLY BE CALLED TO GIVE EVIDENCE FOR THE PROSECUTION IN ALL CASES.

THE SECOND CHANGE IS THAT A SPOUSE WHO IS UNWILLING TO GIVE EVIDENCE FOR THE DEFENCE OF HIS OR HER SPOUSE IN ALL CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS COULD BE COMPELLED TO DO SO.

THE THIRD RECOMMENDATION IS THAT A SPOUSE WHO IS UNWILLING TO GIVE EVIDENCE FOR THE PROSECUTION COULD BE COMPELLED TO DO SO IN CASES INVOLVING DOMESTIC CRIMES. HOWEVER, THE GENERAL RULE THAT A SPOUSE SHOULD NOT BE COMPELLED TO TESTIFY AGAINST THE OTHER SPOUSE WILL REMAIN IN ALL OTHER TYPES OF CASES.

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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL'S APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE OF THE THREE CHANGES IN THE LAW FOLLOWS THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE IN THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION'S REPORT ON "COMPETENCE AND COMPELLABILITY OF SPOUSES IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS", COMPLETED IN MARCH LAST YEAR.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE BILL WHEN DRAFTED WILL, SUBJECT TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL'S FINAL APPROVAL, BE TABLED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, HOPEFULLY IN THE NEXT SESSION.

HE EXPLAINED THAT HISTORICALLY AT COMMON LAW NEITHER A HUSBAND NOR A WIFE WAS COMPETENT OR COMPELLABLE TO TESTIFY AGAINST HIS OR HER SPOUSE. AT PRESENT IN HONG KONG, THE COMMON LAW RULE PREVAILS IN CRIMINAL BUT NOT CIVIL PROCEEDINGS. THERE ARE HOWEVER STATUTORY EXCEPTIONS, SUCH AS THE FACT THAT A SPOUSE IS AT PRESENT COMPETENT, BUT NOT COMPELLABLE, TO TESTIFY FOR THE DEFENCE IN ALL CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS. THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE TO THIS LAW.

"THE GENERAL THRUST OF THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS IS TO MOVE AWAY FROM THE RIGIDITY OF THE COMMON LAW POSITION, WHERE A SPOUSE WAS EXCLUDED FROM GIVING EVIDENCE, TOWARDS A SITUATION WHERE SPOUSE (A) WOULD BE COMPETENT TO TESTIFY AGAINST SPOUSE (B) IN ALL CASES, COMPELLABLE TO TESTIFY FOR SPOUSE (B) IN ALL CASES, BUT COMPELLABLE TO TESTIFY AGAINST SPOUSE (B) ONLY IN CASES INVOLVING OFFENCES THAT THREATENED THEIR FAMILY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN RECOMMENDING THAT A SPOUSE BE COMPELLABLE TO TESTIFY AGAINST HIS OR HER HUSBAND OR WIFE, THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION CONSIDERED THAT THIS SHOULD ONLY APPLY IN THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF CASES:

- * ASSAULT ON, OR INJURY OR THREAT OF INJURY TO SPOUSE (A) OR THEIR CHILD UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE;
- * SEXUAL OFFENCES AGAINST A CHILD OF THE FAMILY UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE; AND
- * ATTEMPTING, CONSPIRING TO COMMIT, AIDING, ABETTING, COUNSELLING OR PROCURING THE COMMISSION OF SUCH AN OFFENCE.

"THE ADMINISTRATION AGREES THAT, IN THE CASE OF CRIMES AFFECTING THE FAMILY ITSELF, THE INTERESTS OF JUSTICE SHOULD PREVAIL OVER THE SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE, THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF MARITAL COMMUNICATIONS AND FAMILY HARMONY.

"THE CRIMES IDENTIFIED INVOLVE CASES OF A TYPE WHERE THESE FACTORS HAVE FAILED AND THE FAMILY IS IN NEED OF THE LAW'S PROTECTION," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN ACCEPTING THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION THAT SPOUSES COULD BE COMPELLED TO TESTIFY FOR THE DEFENCE OF AN ACCUSED HUSBAND OR WIFE IN ALL CASES, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED:

"THE ADMINISTRATION AGREED WITH THE COMMISSION THAT THE INTERESTS OF JUSTICE DICTATE THAT AN ACCUSED SHOULD BE ABLE TO PRESENT ALL AVAILABLE EVIDENCE FOR HIS OR HER DEFENCE, INCLUDING THAT OF HIS OR HER SPOUSE."

ON THE PROPOSAL TO MAKE SPOUSES COMPETENT TO GIVE EVIDENCE IN ALL CASES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE GOVERNMENT AGREED THAT, IN THE INTERESTS OF JUSTICE, ALL AVAILABLE EVIDENCE SHOULD BE CAPABLE OF BEING INTRODUCED INTO COURT.

"THIS WOULD MEAN THAT SPOUSES WOULD BE ABLE, IF THEY CONSENTED, TO GIVE EVIDENCE FOR THE PROSECUTION AGAINST THEIR SPOUSES IN ALL CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS."

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1988 SURVEY OF STORAGE, COMMUNICATIONS, FINANCING,
INSURANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE 1988 SURVEY OF STORAGE, COMMUNICATIONS, FINANCING, INSURANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES HAS JUST COMMENCED.

THE SURVEY IS CONDUCTED ANNUALLY AND REPRESENTS PART OF A CONTINUOUS PROGRAMME IN THE DEPARTMENT TO COLLECT STATISTICS ON THE STRUCTURE AND PERFORMANCE OF THE VARIOUS ECONOMIC SECTORS IN HONG KONG.

THE AIMS OF THE SURVEY ARE TO OBTAIN UP-TO-DATE DATA FOR EVALUATING THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE SECTORS CONCERNED TO THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT OF HONG KONG, AND FOR ASCERTAINING THEIR COST STRUCTURE, OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS AND OUTPUT LEVELS.

RESULTS OF THE SURVEY ARE USEFUL TO BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN FORMULATING POLICIES AND MAKING DECISIONS.

ABOUT 2,400 ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE ENUMERATED IN THE PRESENT ROUND OF THE SURVEY. THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE COVERED IN THE SURVEY:

- * STORAGE AND WAREHOUSING FACILITIES FOR HIRE BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC;
- * POSTAL, TELEPHONE, TELEGRAPH, RADIO AND CABLE COMMUNICATIONS, MESSAGE DELIVERY AND MESSAGE EXCHANGE SERVICES;
- * ALL FINANCE (EXCEPT BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES) AND INVESTMENT COMPANIES; LOAN, MORTGAGE AND DISCOUNT COMPANIES; DEALERS/BROKERS AND EXCHANGES IN STOCKS AND SHARES, COMMODITY FUTURES, GOLD BULLION AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE; PAWNSHOPS; MONEY CHANGERS; AND OTHER FINANCIAL UNDERTAKINGS;

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- * INSURERS, RE-INSURERS, AGENTS AND BROKERS OF ALL KINDS OF INSURANCE AND INSURANCE-RELATED SERVICES;
- * ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING, ADVERTISING, DATA PROCESSING, EMPLOYMENT AGENCY, EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY RENTAL, LEGAL, NEWS AGENCY, SECRETARIAL AND OTHER BUSINESS SERVICES.

DATA TO BE COLLECTED IN THE SURVEY INCLUDE THE TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, FLOOR AREA, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES, OPERATING EXPENSES, BUSINESS RECEIPTS AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES ARE BEING SENT BY REGISTERED MAIL TO THE ESTABLISHMENTS SAMPLED FOR THE SURVEY. THESE ESTABLISHMENTS ARE LEGALLY REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRES TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT BY JULY 31 THIS YEAR.

IF REQUIRED, OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND ASSIST THEM IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES. THESE OFFICERS WILL CARRY A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD AND A CERTIFICATE FOR CONDUCTING THE SURVEY WHILST ON DUTY, WHICH ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS APPEALED TO THE MANAGERMENTS OF ALL SAMPLED ESTABLISHMENTS TO RETURN THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES PROMPTLY AND TO CO-OPERATE WITH OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT IN THE COURSE OF ENUMERATION, SO AS TO FULFIL THEIR LEGAL AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

HE STRESSED THAT INFORMATION RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WOULD BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE UNDER THE PROVISION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE. ONLY AGGREGATE INFORMATION, WHICH DOES NOT REVEAL DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS, WILL BE RELEASED.

THE COMMISSIONER ALSO POINTED OUT THAT AUDITED ACCOUNTS ARE NOT ESSENTIAL FOR THE SUPPLY OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE DATA REQUIRED IN THE SURVEY. THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ACCEPTS FIGURES BASED ON PRELIMINARY ACCOUNTS OR ESTIMATES WHICH ARE CORRECT TO THE BEST OF THE RESPONDENTS' KNOWLEDGE AT THE TIME OF SUBMISSION OF THE RETURNS, IF AUDITED ACCOUNTS ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE.

ANY ENQUIRIES REGARDING THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE TRANSPORT AND SERVICES STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT TELEPHONE NUMBER 5-8235088.

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JAPAN SHOWS CONFIDENCE IN HK'S LINKAGE INDUSTRIES

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INDUSTRIAL INVESTORS FROM JAPAN HAVE SHOWN THEIR GROWING CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG'S ABILITY TO PRODUCE SOPHISTICATED PARTS AND COMPONENTS AND OTHER SEMI-MANUFACTURES OF HIGH QUALITY, ACCORDING TO THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR ANDREW LEUNG KIN-PONG.

ADDRESSING POTENTIAL JAPANESE INVESTORS AT AN INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROMOTION SYMPOSIUM HELD IN TOKYO TODAY (TUESDAY), MR LEUNG POINTED OUT THAT THERE HAD BEEN AN INCREASING NUMBER OF JAPANESE FACTORIES INVOLVED IN THE LINKAGE INDUSTRIES IN HONG KONG.

THE NUMBER OF THESE FIRMS, WHICH CONVERTED IMPORTED RAW MATERIALS INTO SEMI-MANUFACTURES, COMPONENTS, AND INTERMEDIATES, AND SOLD THEM TO OTHER MANUFACTURERS EITHER FOR FURTHER ASSEMBLY INTO FINISHED PRODUCTS OR AS PRODUCTION INPUTS, HAD INCREASED FROM 61 IN 1986 TO 77 IN 1987, ACCOUNTING FOR ABOUT HALF OF THE JAPANESE INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG.

MOREOVER, MR LEUNG SAID, MOST OF THE JAPANESE ELECTRONICS FACTORIES IN HONG KONG TENDED TO MAKE PARTS AND COMPONENTS FOR THE LOCAL MANUFACTURERS.

"THIS DEVELOPMENT IS BENEFICIAL TO OUR MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES. LINKAGE INDUSTRIES FORM A VITAL BRIDGE BETWEEN OUR IMPORT OF RAW MATERIALS, AND OUR EXPORTS OF FINISHED PRODUCTS.

"THE QUALITY OF OUR FINISHED PRODUCTS DEPEND ULTIMATELY ON THE CAPABILITY OF THE LINKAGE INDUSTRIES THAT SERVICE THEM.

"IN ADDITION, AS MORE AND MORE LABOUR INTENSIVE ASSEMBLY WORK CAN BE CARRIED OUT IN SOUTH-CHINA, HONG KONG IS INCREASINGLY BEING RELIED UPON FOR THE SUPPLY OF LINKAGE MATERIALS AND PARTS, AS WELL AS RELATED TECHNICAL SUPPORT INCLUDING DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT, LABORATORY TESTING AND QUALITY MANAGEMENT," MR LEUNG SAID.

BECAUSE OF THESE REASONS, HE FIRMLY BELIEVED THAT JAPANESE INVESTMENT IN THE LINKAGE INDUSTRIES HELPED TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY AND OUTPUT OF HONG KONG-MADE PRODUCTS, THEREBY ENHANCING THE COMPETITIVENESS OF LOCAL MANUFACTURERS.

MEANWHILE, MR LEUNG NOTED THAT THERE WAS A DRAMATIC UPSURGE IN JAPANESE INVESTMENT IN THE ELECTRONICS SECTOR.

"THERE IS A MARKED SHIFT OUT OF BASICALLY ASSEMBLY-TYPE OPERATIONS TO RELATIVELY SOPHISTICATED PRODUCTS OF HIGHER QUALITY.

"THIS REFLECTS YOUR GROWING CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG'S ABILITY TO MANUFACTURE SUCH PRODUCTS, AS WAS ECHOED IN A RECENT REPORT BY THE JAPAN EXTERNAL TRADE ORGANISATION (JETRO)," MR LEUNG TOLD THE JAPANESE INVESTORS.

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TURNING TO THE CONFIDENCE OF BUSINESSMEN IN THE LONG-TERM FUTURE OF HONG KONG, MR LEUNG SAID THE FACT THAT INVESTMENTS IN CAPITAL GOODS HAD CONTINUED TO SCORE DOUBLE-DIGIT GROWTH FROM 1986 TO 1988.

FROM 1981 TO 1988, HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED ON AVERAGE BY 9.6 PERCENT IN REAL TERMS A YEAR. FROM 1985 TO 1988, WHEN THE SINO-BRITISH AGREEMENT ON HONG KONG'S FUTURE HAD BEEN IN FORCE, THE ANNUAL AVERAGE GROWTH WAS 13.9 PERCENT.

MR LEUNG QUOTED FINDINGS OF A STUDY OF PERFORMANCE FROM 1985 TO 1987 OF ABOUT 80 FIRMS WITH JAPANESE INTERESTS SAYING THAT THEIR SALES INCREASED BY 13 PERCENT IN 1986 OVER 1985 AND BY 38 PERCENT IN 1987.

MR LEUNG BELIEVED THESE PROBABLY REFLECTED JAPANESE INVESTORS' LONG-TERM VIEW OF HONG KONG AND HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO INVEST HEAVILY IN ACQUIRING INDUSTRIAL ACCOMMODATION AND NEW MACHINERY.

ON WHAT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN DOING TO SUSTAIN THE ECONOMIC GROWTH, MR LEUNG SAID THE PUBLIC SECTORS WERE CONTINUING TO INVEST HEAVILY IN INFRASTRUCTURE.

"A DECISION ON THE SITE OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IS EXPECTED TO BE MADE BY THE END OF THIS YEAR.

"THE HANDLING CAPACITY OF THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER PORT WILL BE DOUBLED WHEN BOTH TERMINALS 6 AND 7 ARE FULLY COMPLETED BY THE MIDDLE OF THIS YEAR AND 1991. WE ARE CURRENTLY CONSIDERING THE LOCATIONS FOR TERMINALS 8 AND 9.

"A NUMBER OF MAJOR TRANSPORT FACILITIES ARE ALSO BEING CONSTRUCTED AND MANY MORE ARE BEING ACTIVELY PLANNED," HE SAID.

MR LEUNG EMPHASISED THAT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT ALLOWED NO CHANCE THAT HONG KONG SHOULD LAG BEHIND IN ITS BUSINESS INFRASTRUCTURE. IN FACT, IT CONSTANTLY CRAVED TO LEAD.

MR LEUNG IS ON A FIVE-DAY INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION VISIT TO JAPAN AND WAS INVITED TO SPEAK IN TWO SYMPOSIA SPONSORED BY THE JETRO AND THE YOKOHAMA INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE AIMED AT ATTRACTING MORE INWARD INVESTMENT IN MANUFACTURING INTO HONG KONG.

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CENTRAL ALLOCATION OF PRIMARY ONE PLACES

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RESULTS OF THE CENTRAL ALLOCATION OF PRIMARY ONE PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR UNDER THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION SYSTEM WILL BE RELEASED ON SATURDAY (JUNE 10).

A TOTAL OF 21,682 CHILDREN PARTICIPATING IN THE CENTRAL ALLOCATION WILL BE ALLOCATED TO SCHOOLS OF THEIR PARENTS' FIRST THREE CHOICES, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THEY ACCOUNT FOR 66.5 PER CENT OF THE 32,600 CHILDREN TAKING PART IN THE CENTRAL ALLOCATION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

PARENTS CONCERNED ARE ADVISED TO RETURN TO THEIR OWN DISTRIBUTION/COLLECTION CENTRE ON SATURDAY (JUNE 10) OR SUNDAY (JUNE 11) BETWEEN 9 AM AND 4 PM TO COLLECT AN "ALLOCATION SLIP".

THE "ALLOCATION SLIP" WILL SHOW THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE SCHOOL TO WHICH THEIR CHILD IS ALLOCATED, TOGETHER WITH THE DATES FOR REGISTRATION AND AN EXPLANATORY NOTE.

PARENTS ARE REQUESTED TO COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION ON THE DATE SPECIFIED EITHER ON JUNE 14 OR 15.

REGISTRATION WILL BE OPEN FOR MORNING SESSION SCHOOLS BETWEEN 9 AM AND 12 NOON; AND BETWEEN 2 PM AND 5 PM FOR AFTERNOON SESSION SCHOOLS. REGISTRATION WITH WHOLE-DAY SCHOOLS CAN BE DONE FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON AND FROM 2 PM TO 4 PM.

IN THE EVENT A PARENT, FOR SOME PERSONAL REASONS, CANNOT REGISTER HIS CHILD WITH THE SCHOOL ALLOCATED, HE MUST CONTACT THE SCHOOL DIRECT OR THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION UNIT OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BEFOREHAND FOR ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

A PARENT WHO FAILED TO REGISTER HIS CHILD WOULD BE CONSIDERED AS HAVING GIVEN UP THE PLACE ALLOCATED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

UPON REGISTRATION, THE "ALLOCATION SLIP" SHOULD BE SURRENDERED TO THE SCHOOL AND PARENTS MUST NOTE THAT ALL PLACES ALLOCATED ARE FINAL AND NO RE-ALLOCATION IS POSSIBLE.

IF PARENTS HAVE SPECIAL DIFFICULTIES, SUCH AS HAVING MOVED TO ANOTHER DISTRICT RESULTING IN THE SCHOOL BEING TOO FAR AWAY FROM THEIR NEW HOME, THEY ARE ADVISED TO GO IN PERSON TO THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION UNIT AT 269 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, 2ND FLOOR, WANCHAI, HONG KONG FOR ASSISTANCE.

"THEY SHOULD BRING ALONG SUPPORTING DOCUMENTARY PROOF SUCH AS RENTAL RECEIPTS, RATES DEMAND NOTES, WATER BILLS, ELECTRICITY BILLS BEARING THE NAME OF THE PARENT OR THE GUARDIAN OF THE CHILD".

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"IF THEIR REQUEST IS JUSTIFIED, THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION UNIT WOULD DO THEIR BEST TO FIND ANOTHER PLACE FOR THEIR CHILD AT A SCHOOL NEARER TO THEIR NEW HOME," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"SHOULD PARENTS FIND IT NECESSARY TO CHANGE SCHOOL AFTER REGISTRATION, THEY ARE ADVISED TO OBTAIN AN ASSURANCE OF ACCEPTANCE FROM ANOTHER SCHOOL BEFORE THEY WITHDRAW THE "ALLOCATION SLIP" FROM THE ORIGINAL SCHOOL BECAUSE IN SO DOING THE PLACE ALLOCATED WILL BE CANCELLED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

PARENTS WHO HAVE OBTAINED A DISCRETIONARY PLACE FOR THEIR CHILDREN NEXT SCHOOL YEAR NEED NOT REGISTER AGAIN.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE ALLOCATION MAY BE MADE WITH THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION UNIT AT 5-724383 DURING OFFICE HOURS STARTING SATURDAY (JUNE 10).

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COMMUNITY LEADERS VISIT CUSTOMS KOWLOON HQ

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CUSTOMS OFFICERS AT THE CHINA FERRY TERMINAL AT CANTON ROAD ARE PROCESSING AN AVERAGE OF 11,000 PASSENGERS ARRIVING FROM CHINA BY SCHEDULED FERRY SERVICES EVERY DAY.

AND THE NUMBER IS EXPECTED TO GO UP TO 15,000 DURING PEAK SEASONS SUCH AS THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

A GROUP OF EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE TSIM SHA TSUI AREA COMMITTEE WERE TOLD ABOUT THE PASSENGER TRAFFIC FLOW AT THE CHINA FERRY TERMINAL DURING A VISIT TO THE KOWLOON REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT AT CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING AND THE FERRY TERMINAL TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE MEMBERS, LED BY THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR CHIU YU-HEI, WERE BRIEFED BY THE REGIONAL COMMANDER FOR KOWLOON, MR S.B. LEE, ON THE WORK OF THE CUSTOMS OFFICERS AT THE FERRY TERMINAL.

THE MEMBERS WERE IMPRESSED BY THE ELECTRONIC DETECTION DEVICES THAT ARE BEING USED BY CUSTOMS OFFICERS AT THE TERMINAL.

THEY LEARNT THAT THESE DEVICES ARE VERY EFFECTIVE IN DETECTING AND PREVENTING SMUGGLING AT ENTRY POINTS.

THEY WERE ALSO BRIEFED ON THE ORGANISATION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE CUSTOMS SERVICE, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE KOWLOON REGION WHICH HAS AN ESTABLISHMENT OF 704.

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EXHIBITION ON RURAL PLANNING STRATEGY

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A MOBILE EXHIBITION ON THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSED RURAL PLANNING AND IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY WILL BE HELD IN NORTH DISTRICT STARTING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE STRATEGY PROVIDES FOR A 10-YEAR WORKS PROGRAMME, COSTING \$4 BILLION, TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IT ALSO CALLS FOR BETTER PLANNING AND LAND MANAGEMENT CONTROL TO CONSERVE THE RURAL AREAS AGAINST POLLUTION FROM HUMAN, ANIMAL AND INDUSTRIAL WASTE, FLOODING AND URBAN SPRAWL.

"THE GOVERNMENT IS COLLECTING PUBLIC VIEWS ON THE STRATEGY. RESIDENTS IN NORTH DISTRICT ARE URGED TO ATTEND THE EXHIBITION AND EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS DURING THE CONSULTATION PERIOD WHICH LASTS UNTIL JULY 31," NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM HUI SAID.

"THEY ARE WELCOME TO GIVE THEIR OPINIONS THROUGH THE RURAL COMMITTEE OR THE DISTRICT BOARD, OR DIRECTLY WRITE TO THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH, 20TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG," HE ADDED.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE MOUNTED IN THE FOUR RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICES IN NORTH DISTRICT. THE SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE -----	DATE ----
SHA TAU KOK	JUNE 7 TO 10
TA KWU LING	JUNE 12 TO 14
FANLING	JUNE 15 TO 16
SHEUNG SHUI	JUNE 20 TO 21

THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE STRATEGY AT ITS MEETING ON JUNE 22 (THURSDAY) AT 9.30 AM. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO OBSERVE THE MEETING.

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FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR SOCIAL SERVICES

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SOCIAL SERVICES GROUPS AND LOCAL BODIES IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT CAN NOW APPLY FOR GRANTS FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD TO CARRY OUT SOCIAL SERVICES PROJECTS IN THE AREA.

FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD FOR SPONSORING PROGRAMMES FOR THE UNDERPRIVILEGED, TRAINING OF VOLUNTEERS AND THE LIKE.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD REACH THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, ABERDEEN CENTRE, BY JUNE 12.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR DRAGON BOAT RACES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON THURSDAY (JUNE 8) IN YAU MA TEI AND SHA TIN IN CONNECTION WITH THE DRAGON BOAT RACES IN THE YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER AND SHING MUN RIVER RESPECTIVELY.

DURING THE DAY, MAN CHEONG STREET BETWEEN MAN WAI STREET AND FERRY STREET WILL BE CLOSED FROM 12.01 AM TO 6 PM. AT THE SAME TIME, MAN WAI STREET BETWEEN MAN CHEONG STREET AND MAN SHING STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY WESTBOUND TO EASTBOUND TRAFFIC.

TRAFFIC ON SOUTHBOUND FERRY STREET FOR JORDAN ROAD VEHICULAR FERRY PIER MAY USE FERRY STREET SOUTHBOUND, CANTON ROAD SOUTHBOUND, JORDAN ROAD FERRY CONCOURSE AND CANTON ROAD NORTHBOUND; AND TRAFFIC IN FERRY POINT AREA HEADING FOR TSIM SHA TSUI MAY USE MAN WUI STREET, FERRY STREET NORTHBOUND, SAIGON STREET, CANTON ROAD, KANSU STREET AND FERRY STREET SOUTHBOUND.

IN ADDITION, THE METERED PARKING SPACES AT MAN CHEONG STREET; AND THE CAR PARK ADJACENT TO THE JORDAN ROAD VEHICULAR FERRY PIER WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 8 AM TO 6 PM.

ON THE OTHER HAND, BECAUSE OF THE RACE TO BE HELD ON SHING MUN RIVER IN SHA TIN, SAND MARTIN BRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 7.30 AM TO 1.30 PM.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC CROSSING SHING MUN RIVER VIA SAND MARTIN BRIDGE WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LION BRIDGE AND BANYAN BRIDGE.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE BUS AND GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE DIVERSION WILL ALSO BE IMPLEMENTED.

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THE ROUTES AFFECTED INCLUDE KMB ROUTES 48, 70, 72A, 73A, 81K, 89R AND 284; TUNNEL BUS 170; GMB 68K, 65K AND 67K.

IN ADDITION, CYCLE TRACKS ALONG BOTH BANKS OF SHING MUN RIVER BETWEEN SAND MARTIN BRIDGE AND BANYAN BRIDGE WILL ALSO BE CLOSED.

IN TAI PO SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED BETWEEN 7 AM AND 5 PM ON THURSDAY (JUNE 8) IN CONNECTION WITH THE TAI PO DRAGON BOAT RACE.

THE ARRANGEMENTS ARE: DAI HEI STREET, DAI KING STREET AND DAI KWAI STREET SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH DAI CHEONG STREET WILL BE CLOSED AND CYCLISTS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

TRAFFIC CONGESTION MAY OCCUR ALONG TING KOK ROAD NEAR THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AND ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLES WILL BE TOWED AWAY.

THE PUBLIC ARE URGED TO USE KMB ROUTE 72K OR OTHER PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO GO TO THE VENUE.

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SDA TO ATTEND ABERDEEN DRAGON BOAT RACE
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THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, WILL ATTEND THE ABERDEEN DRAGON BOAT RACE ON THURSDAY (JUNE 8) IN CELEBRATION OF THE TUEN NG FESTIVAL.

THE RACE PROGRAMME HAS ATTRACTED A TOTAL OF 76 TEAMS FROM ALL OVER THE TERRITORY, AND RACES WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ALONG A 330-METRE COURSE OFF THE ABERDEEN WATERFRONT.

THERE WILL BE EIGHT TEAMS COMPETING IN THE LARGE-BOAT DIVISION AND 68 TEAMS CONTESTING IN THE MEN'S OPEN, MEN'S AMATEUR, LADIES' OPEN AND INVITATION SECTIONS OF THE MEDIUM-BOAT DIVISION.

THE HEATS WILL BE HELD IN THE MORNING SESSION AND THE FINALS WILL START AT 3 PM. THE OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP WILL BE HELD AT 4.15 PM.

MR LIAO WILL OFFICIATE AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION TO BE HELD AT THE END OF THE RACES, AT ABOUT 4.30 PM.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS MAUREEN CHAN; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HUI YUNG-CHUNG; LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MRS SO CHAU YIM-PING; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ABERDEEN DRAGON BOAT RACE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR HO CHUNG-TUNG.

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THE ORGANISERS ADVISE SPECTATORS THAT THEY SHOULD NOT ENTER THE WATERFRONT PROMENADE WHERE CONSTRUCTION WORK FOR AN URBAN COUNCIL AMENITY PROJECT IS IN PROGRESS. THEY CAN WATCH THE RACES FROM OTHER VANTAGE POINTS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE ABERDEEN DRAGON BOAT RACE, AT WHICH THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, WILL OFFICIATE.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE ASKED TO REGISTER BY 4 PM ON THURSDAY AT THE RECEPTION COUNTER AT THE PIER OF JARDINE WATERTOUR, ABERDEEN WATERFRONT. THEY WILL THEN BE TAKEN TO THE CEREMONY VENUE WHICH WILL BE ON BOARD A FERRY MOORED IN THE TYPHOON SHELTER.

INFORMATION OFFICER, MR ALEX LI, WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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HOLIDAY CLINIC SERVICES

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EIGHT GOVERNMENT OUT-PATIENT CLINICS WILL REMAIN OPEN ON THURSDAY (JUNE 8), THE TUEN NG FESTIVAL, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY).

THESE CLINICS WILL ALSO REMAIN OPEN ON SATURDAY (JUNE 17) WHICH IS THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY, AND MONDAY (JUNE 19), THE MONDAY FOLLOWING THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

THE EIGHT CLINICS, WHICH WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM DURING THESE HOLIDAYS, ARE: THE VIOLET PEEL POLYCLINIC AND SHAU KEI WAN JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC ON HONG KONG ISLAND; KWUN TONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE, ROBERT BLACK HEALTH CENTRE AND YAU MA TEI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC IN KOWLOON; LADY TRENCH POLYCLINIC, SHEK WU HUI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC AND YUEN LONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ALL OTHER OUT-PATIENT AND EVENING CLINICS WILL BE CLOSED.

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