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1991 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME BEGINS

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YOUNGSTERS HAVE BEEN URGED TO SPEND THEIR LONG SUMMER HOLIDAYS IN A HEALTHY AND MEANINGFUL WAY.

THE MESSAGE WAS DELIVERED IN THE 1991 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME (SYP) OPENING CEREMONY AND VARIETY SHOW STAGED AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM TONIGHT (SUNDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SYP COMMITTEE, WHICH ORGANISED THE EVENT, SAID: "THIS IS THE 23RD YEAR THAT THE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN RUNNING THE SYP.

"THIS YEAR OVER 12,100 ACTIVITIES, AT AN ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE OF \$32 MILLION, HAVE BEEN ARRANGED.

"ABOUT 1.28 MILLION YOUNG PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN THESE ACTIVITIES WHICH INCLUDE FORESTRY CAMPS, COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS, MUSIC CAMPS, LEADERSHIP TRAINING, SPORTS AND MANY OTHER EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EVENTS."

WITH "SHARE THE FUN, SERVE THE COMMUNITY" AS ITS THEME, THE SYP NOT ONLY PROVIDES YOUTHS WITH RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, BUT ALSO OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

"AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, FUNDS FOR THE SYP COME FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, DISTRICT BOARDS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AS WELL AS THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB (RHKJC) WHICH HAS DONATED \$11.8 MILLION THIS YEAR," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WAS THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN.

AT THE CEREMONY, A STEWARD OF THE RHKJC, MR ALAN F.S. LI, PRESENTED A CHEQUE TO MR LAN AS A TOKEN OF THE CLUB'S CONTRIBUTIONS AND SUPPORT TO THE PROGRAMME.

ALSO, TROPHIES WERE PRESENTED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN APPRECIATION OF THEIR SUPPORT TO THE SYP.

THE TWO-HOUR VARIETY SHOW, WITH PERFORMANCES BY VARIOUS POPULAR SINGERS, WAS PRODUCED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE SYP COMMITTEE AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

THE SHOW WAS ATTENDED BY ABOUT 2,000 YOUNGSTERS. IT WILL BE SCREENED ON TVB-JADE ON JULY 14.

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BLITZ ON DANGEROUS BUILDING SITES

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A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPECIAL TASK FORCE WILL TAKE VIGOROUS ENFORCEMENT ACTION FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO HELP IMPROVE SAFETY CONDITIONS IN CONSTRUCTION SITES.

DURING THE THIRD PHASE OF A SPECIAL INSPECTION CAMPAIGN, WHICH WILL LAST UNTIL SEPTEMBER, FACTORY INSPECTORS WILL PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS AND UNSAFE PRACTICES IN BUILDING SITES WITH POOR RECORDS OF ACCIDENTS AND PROSECUTIONS.

"FACTORY INSPECTORS WILL CONCENTRATE ACTION ON 'BLACK SPOT' AREAS ON SITES LIKELY TO CAUSE FALLS OF PERSONS OR OBJECTS, SUCH AS SCAFFOLDS, LIFE-SHAFT OPENINGS, FLOOR EDGES AND CAISSON WORK," THE DEPUTY CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR, MR CHAN TAT-KING, SAID.

"THEY WILL ALSO CHECK ON THE USE OF SAFETY HELMETS AND THE SAFE OPERATION OF SITE PLANTS.

"PROSECUTIONS WILL BE TAKEN OUT DURING THE INSPECTIONS AGAINST BLATANT OFFENDERS TO MAKE THEM TAKE SAFETY MORE SERIOUSLY," HE SAID.

THE TASK FORCE OPERATION IS MOUNTED MAINLY TO REINFORCE NORMAL, REGULAR ENFORCEMENT ACTION TAKEN BY FACTORY INSPECTORS AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL.

"IT HAS PROVED TO BE MOST EFFECTIVE PARTICULARLY DURING THE WET AND WINDY SEASONS," MR CHAN SAID, NOTING THAT THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY CONTINUED TO TOP ALL TRADES IN TERMS OF ACCIDENT RATE, WITH 25,138 ACCIDENTS RECORDED LAST YEAR.

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ADVICE FOR STUDENTS WISHING TO STUDY OVERSEAS

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PARENTS OF STUDENTS WISHING TO STUDY OVERSEAS SHOULD CONSULT NON PROFIT-MAKING ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS THE CAREERS AND GUIDANCE SERVICES SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE BRITISH COUNCIL.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, IN GIVING THIS ADVICE, REMINDED PARENTS THAT THEY SHOULD NOT BE HASTY IN APPLYING FOR THEIR CHILDREN TO PURSUE PRE-UNIVERSITY, COMMERCE OR TECHNICAL COURSES IN PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS OVERSEAS.

"THEY SHOULD BE ESPECIALLY CAREFUL IN CASES WHERE THEY WOULD BE REQUIRED TO DEPOSIT A LARGE DOWN PAYMENT AS REGISTRATION OR TUITION FEES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO CONSULT WITH NON PROFIT-MAKING ORGANISATIONS, INCLUDING THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION, THE EDUCATION ADVISORY SERVICE OF THE HANG SENG BANK OR CONSULATES AND COMMISSIONS.

"PARENTS ARE ALSO ADVISED TO FIND OUT WHETHER THEIR CHILDREN WILL BE FREE TO MOVE TO ANOTHER INSTITUTION IN THE SAME COUNTRY AND IN WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES ANY FEES PAID WOULD BE REFUNDABLE," HE SAID.

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GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY FOR JULY TO SEPT
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO CONDUCT THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY DURING THE QUARTER FROM JULY TO SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

THE SURVEY, CONDUCTED ON A MONTHLY BASIS SINCE AUGUST 1981, COLLECTS INFORMATION ON EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT, AND THE GENERAL SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION.

IN ADDITION, QUESTIONS ON HONG KONG RESIDENTS' EXPENDITURE ABROAD, MEDICAL BENEFITS PROVIDED BY EMPLOYER/COMPANY, MEDICAL INSURANCE, HOSPITALISATION AND HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE ON RENT WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED IN THE QUARTER OF JULY TO SEPTEMBER 1991.

SOME 4,000 HOUSEHOLDS ARE SELECTED AT RANDOM EACH MONTH FROM ALL DISTRICTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SURVEY.

ABOUT 50 PER CENT OF THE HOUSEHOLDS INTERVIEWED THREE MONTHS AGO WILL BE SURVEYED AGAIN TO MEASURE MORE ACCURATELY THE CHANGES THAT HAVE OCCURRED SINCE THEN.

AN OFFICIAL LETTER HAS BEEN SENT TO THE SAMPLED HOUSEHOLDS TO EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY AND TO SEEK THEIR VOLUNTARY CO-OPERATION IN PARTICIPATING.

CENSUS OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT, EACH CARRYING A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD AND A CERTIFICATE FOR CONDUCTING THE SURVEY, WILL VISIT THESE HOUSEHOLDS TO COLLECT THE REQUIRED INFORMATION.

THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY IS CONDUCTED UNDER THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE AS NOTIFIED IN GENERAL NOTICE NO. 212 IN THE GAZETTE OF JANUARY 19, 1990.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE, DATA RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL PERSONS OR HOUSEHOLDS COLLECTED WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL AND WILL NOT BE RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC, ANY PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS OR OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

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\$50.6M PAID TO TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT (SWD) PAID OUT MORE THAN \$50.6 MILLION FROM THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE (TAVA) FUND TO TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS OR THEIR DEPENDENTS IN 1989-90.

ACCORDING TO THE 1989-90 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TAVA FUND BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, 6,134 APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE WERE RECEIVED IN THE PERIOD, REPRESENTING A DECREASE OF 2.5 PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH 6,289 APPLICATIONS IN 1988-89.

THE TAVA SECTION OF THE SWD HANDLED 31 SERIOUS TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN THE YEAR IN WHICH HEAVY CASUALTIES WERE INVOLVED.

THE ACCIDENT RESULTING IN THE LARGEST NUMBER OF CASUALTIES OCCURRED ON JULY 30, 1989 AT TAI TAM ROAD, WHICH INVOLVED THREE BUSES. DURING THE MISHAP, 80 PEOPLE WERE INJURED AND 34 OF THEM WERE FOUND ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE. A TOTAL AMOUNT OF ABOUT \$156,800 WAS AUTHORISED FOR PAYMENT TO THE VICTIMS.

THE TAVA SCHEME, IN OPERATION SINCE MAY 1979, IS ONE OF THE SWD ADMINISTERED SOCIAL SECURITY SCHEMES. IT AIMS TO PROVIDE SPEEDY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS, OR THEIR SURVIVING DEPENDENT FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE CASE OF DEATH, REGARDLESS OF THE MEANS OF THE FAMILY OR THE ELEMENT OF FAULT IN CAUSING THE ACCIDENT.

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE, AN APPLICATION MUST BE MADE WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF THE ACCIDENT, WHICH MUST HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO THE POLICE.

IN THE CASE OF INJURY NOT CAUSING DEATH, AN APPLICANT MUST BE CERTIFIED BY A REGISTERED MEDICAL PRACTITIONER TO REQUIRE AT LEAST THREE DAYS' SICK LEAVE.

BENEFICIARIES UNDER THE SCHEME STILL RETAIN THE RIGHT TO MAKE CLAIMS FOR LEGAL DAMAGES OR COMPENSATION FROM OTHER SOURCES IN THE USUAL WAY.

THOSE WHO RECEIVE OTHER DAMAGES OR COMPENSATION IN RESPECT OF THE SAME TRAFFIC ACCIDENT ARE REQUIRED TO REPAY THE AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE THEY HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED FROM THE SCHEME, BUT IN ANY CASE THE AMOUNT TO BE REPAID SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF DAMAGES OR COMPENSATION AWARDED.

APPLICATION CAN BE MADE EITHER IN PERSON OR THROUGH THE POST.

SPECIFIED APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE AT THE ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION SECTIONS OF THE POLICE DISTRICT TRAFFIC FORMATIONS, DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, AND THE SWD'S TAVA SECTION AT 15 WATSON ROAD, VICTORIA CENTRE, FIRST FLOOR, CAUSEWAY BAY.

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POLICE THREE-PRONGED ENFORCEMENT ACTION IN MAY

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MAY WAS A REWARDING MONTH FOR THE POLICE WHOSE SUSTAINED EFFORTS IN COMBATTING DRUG-TRAFFICKING ACTIVITIES HAD LED TO THE LARGEST-EVER SEIZURE OF "ICE" IN THE TERRITORY.

ABOUT 20 KILOGRAMS OF ICE WERE SEIZED IN A POLICE RAID ON MAY 18 IN NORTH POINT, A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) WHEN RELEASING THE MONTHLY STATISTICS ON A THREE-PRONGED ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST DRUGS, ILLEGAL GAMBLING AND VICE DENS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING, POLICE CONDUCTED 766 RAIDS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY AND ARRESTED 535 PEOPLE.

DRUG FIGHTERS ALSO NETTED 830 KILOGRAMS OF ANTIBIOTICS, 18 KILOGRAMS OF CANNABIS, THREE KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN, SIX KILOGRAMS OF CANNABIS RESIN AND A QUANTITY OF PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES.

POLICE CARRIED OUT 132 ANTI-GAMBLING OPERATIONS DURING THE MONTH, RESULTING IN THE ARREST OF 820 PEOPLE. ABOUT \$978,000 IN TABLE MONEY AND ABOUT \$1,847,000 WORTH OF BETTING SLIPS WERE SEIZED.

MEANWHILE, POLICE CONDUCTED 2,218 RAIDS ON VICE DENS AND ARRESTED 201 PEOPLE. PORNOGRAPHIC MATERIALS CONFISCATED INCLUDED 562 VIDEO TAPES, 15 BOOKS, 23 PHOTOGRAPHS AND FOUR LASER DISCS.

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CONSTRUCTION OF RADIO REPEATER BUILDING

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RADIO REPEATER BUILDING AT KWUN YAM KENG, NEW TERRITORIES.

THE SINGLE-STOREY RADIO REPEATER BUILDING, WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 60 SQUARE METRES, WILL BE BUILT ON A HIGH SITE WITHIN THE LAM TSUEN COUNTRY PARK.

IT WILL ACCOMMODATE TELECOMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT AND A STANDBY GENERATOR WILL BE BUILT TO ENSURE UNINTERRUPTED RADIO SERVICES.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER AND BE COMPLETED IN MARCH NEXT YEAR.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON JULY 19.

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