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FARMERS URGED TO HELP IN IMPROVING ENVIRONMENT

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LIVESTOCK FARMERS WERE URGED TODAY (THURSDAY) TO JOIN TOGETHER IN A COLLABORATIVE SPIRIT WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND PLAY THEIR PART IN HELPING TO ACHIEVE THE AIM OF A BETTER ENVIRONMENT FOR THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DR STUART REED, WAS SPEAKING TO THE MEDIA AFTER THE DEPARTMENT WAS PRESENTED WITH A PETITION LETTER BY A PARTY OF OVER 100 LIVESTOCK FARMERS FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES.

HE INVITED THE LEADERS OF THE DELEGATION FOR DISCUSSION WHEN THE FARMERS ARRIVED AT THE EPD HEADQUARTERS. THE FARMERS LEFT AFTER PRESENTING THE PETITION.

DR REED POINTED OUT THAT WHILE HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO DISCUSS MATTERS WITH THE FARMERS CONCERNED THE GOVERNMENT HAD ESTABLISHED A LIVESTOCK WASTE DISPOSAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE FOR THIS VERY PURPOSE, AND THAT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE WOULD BE HELD IN MID-JANUARY.

ONE OF THE COMPLAINTS PUT FORWARD BY THE FARMERS WAS THAT MANY FARMERS IN THE PROHIBITION AREAS HAD NOT YET BEEN GIVEN THEIR COMPENSATION.

DR REED SAID THAT OUT OF 510 FARMS ELIGIBLE FOR EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE, 367 CHEQUES HAD ALREADY BEEN COLLECTED, THE 120 WERE AWAITING COLLECTION.

"THIS LEAVES ONLY 23 CASES OUTSTANDING AND THESE ALL RELATE TO FARMERS WHO CEASED OPERATION ONLY VERY RECENTLY RATHER THAN ON JUNE 24, AS REQUIRED BY LAW," HE SAID.

"WE HAVE PROSECUTED NINE FARMERS, BUT EVEN THEY WILL RECEIVE THEIR EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE WHEN THEY CEASE OPERATION," HE ADDED.

"IN ALL THE COMMOTION ABOUT LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROLS, WE ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING SIGHT OF THE FACT THAT FOR MANY YEARS IT HAS BEEN ILLEGAL TO DISPOSE OF UNTREATED LIVESTOCK WASTES TO STREAMS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, AND FARMERS HAVE BEEN PROSECUTED FOR DOING THIS IN THE PAST," DR REED SAID.

"THE REASON WHY THE LEGISLATION WAS CHANGED WAS BECAUSE THE OLD PROCEDURES WERE SIMPLY TOO CUMBERSOME," DR REED EXPLAINED.

"SO THE COMMUNITY, THROUGH THE GOVERNMENT, WILL BE PAYING FARMERS SOMETHING LIKE \$250 MILLION IN EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE AND CAPITAL GRANTS TO STOP WHAT ARE BASICALLY ILLEGAL PRACTICES."

DR REED ALSO EXPRESSED HIS ANXIETY THAT THE DESIGN WORK THAT IS IN PROGRESS ON NEW PROJECTS TO CONTROL POLLUTION, AND THE LARGE CAPITAL INVESTMENTS THAT WILL FOLLOW ON SUCH THINGS AS NEW SEWERAGE IN THE RURAL AREAS, EXPORT OF EFFLUENT FROM TOLO HARBOUR, IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE TO CONTROL INDUSTRIAL AND OTHER EFFLUENTS AND SO ON, COULD BE UNDERMINED IF LIVESTOCK WASTES ARE NOT CHECKED.

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TAXI FARES TO RISE; GOVT WARNS AGAINST MALPRACTICE

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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS APPROVED AN INCREASE IN URBAN AND NEW TERRITORIES TAXI FARES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, TO TAKE EFFECT FROM JANUARY 22 NEXT YEAR.

FOR URBAN TAXIS, THE FLAGFALL FOR THE FIRST TWO KILOMETRES WILL GO UP TO \$6.50 FROM \$5.50 AND EVERY SUBSEQUENT 0.25 KILOMETRES WILL COST \$0.80 INSTEAD OF THE PRESENT \$0.70.

WAITING TIME CHARGE WILL BE \$0.80 FOR ONE MINUTE INSTEAD OF \$0.70 FOR 1.5 MINUTES.

FOR NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS, THE FLAGFALL FOR THE FIRST TWO KILOMETRES WILL INCREASE TO \$5.50 FROM \$4.50 AND EVERY SUBSEQUENT 0.25 KILOMETRES WILL COST \$0.70 INSTEAD OF \$0.90 FOR EVERY SUBSEQUENT 0.4 KILOMETRES.

WAITING TIME CHARGE WILL BE \$0.70 FOR ONE MINUTE INSTEAD OF \$0.90 FOR EVERY TWO MINUTES.

IN MAKING THE DECISION, THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS EXAMINED THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE TAXI TRADE INCLUDING RISING MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING COSTS; THE LEVEL OF TAXI SERVICE; THE PRINCIPLE OF FARE DIFFERENTIALS AND THE NEED TO PROVIDE TAXI DRIVERS WITH A REASONABLE RETURN WHILE TRAVELLING IN CONGESTED ROADS.

CONVERSION TABLES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TO TAXI OPERATORS FOR DISPLAYING THE NEW FARES BEFORE TAXI METERS ARE RE-CALIBRATED.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL COMPLETE THE RE-CALIBRATION PROGRAMME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

IN PARALLEL WITH THE INCREASE IN TAXI FARES, THE GOVERNMENT IS ALSO CONSIDERING A PACKAGE OF MEASURES WHICH AIM AT CURBING MALPRACTICES BY TAXI DRIVERS.

THESE MEASURES INCLUDE THE COMPULSORY DISPLAY OF IDENTIFICATION BADGES, DISPLAY OF FARE PLATES, AN INCREASE IN THE PRESENT LEVEL OF FINES FOR MALPRACTICE FROM \$3,000 TO \$5,000 AND WHERE NECESSARY, THE INTRODUCTION OF A SEPARATE SCHEME WHEREBY TAXI DRIVERS WHO PERSISTENTLY COMMIT MALPRACTICES AND HAVE BEEN CONVICTED BY THE COURT WILL HAVE THEIR LICENCES TO DRIVE TAXIS SUSPENDED.

THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ALSO STRESSED THAT MALPRACTICE BY TAXI DRIVERS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AND THAT THE ABOVE STRINGENT MEASURES WILL BE INTRODUCED IF THE SITUATION CONTINUES TO DETERIORATE.

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS NOW PREPARING A LEAFLET ON TAXI SERVICE TO HELP BOTH THE TAXI DRIVERS AND THE PUBLIC TO BECOME MORE AWARE OF THEIR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL ALSO APPROVED A PROPOSAL TO EXEMPT WHEELCHAIRS AND CRUTCHES CARRIED BY DISABLED PASSENGERS FROM LUGGAGE CHARGES.

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SALE OF THREE LOTS FETCHES \$550 MILLION

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THE SALE OF THREE LAND LOTS BY PUBLIC AUCTION HELD TODAY (THURSDAY) FETCHED A TOTAL PREMIUM OF \$550 MILLION.

A GENERAL AND DANGEROUS GOODS GODOWN LOT AT THE JUNCTION OF FAT TSENG STREET AND TUNG CHAU STREET IN CHEUNG SHA WAN WAS SOLD FOR \$218 MILLION TO WOLVER HOLLOW COMPANY LIMITED.

BIDDING FOR THIS 4,728-SQUARE-METRE SITE BEGAN AT \$150 MILLION.

ACCORDING TO THE BUILDING COVENANT, THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE AT LEAST 31,800 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1992.

A PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL LOT AT ARGYLE STREET IN KOWLOON WAS BOUGHT BY PUI HAY ENTERPRISES LIMITED FOR \$299 MILLION.

BIDDING BEGAN AT \$180 MILLION.

THE AREA OF THIS LOT IS ABOUT 5,889 SQUARE METRES AND THE DEVELOPER IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 10,700 SQUARE METRES BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1991.

THE THIRD LOT, WHICH IS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES, IS LOCATED IN AREA 40, TUEN MUN.

BIDDING BEGAN AT \$20 MILLION AND THE LOT WAS BOUGHT BY SPLENDID SHING LIMITED FOR \$33 MILLION.

THE LOT COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 4,012 SQUARE METRES, AND THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 6,018 SQUARE METRES BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1991.

TODAY'S AUCTION WAS CONDUCTED BY THE GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT OF THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, MR MO CHAN-MING.

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RESULTS OF LABORATORY TESTS ON VEGETABLES  
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OF FOUR SAMPLES OF SUSPECTED CONTAMINATED VEGETABLES RECEIVED FOR GOVERNMENT LABORATORY TESTING, THREE TESTED NEGATIVE FOR METHAMIDOPHOS, THE TOXIC PESTICIDE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RECENT OUTBREAK OF VEGETABLE POISONING, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH (MSB) SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

"THE REMAINING SAMPLE WAS POSITIVE FOR THE BANNED PESTICIDE, BUT THE CONCENTRATION DID NOT EXCEED THE MAXIMUM RESIDUE LIMIT JOINTLY RECOMMENDED BY THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANISATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION, WHICH IS CONSIDERED SAFE.

"HOWEVER, THE CONSIGNMENT HAS BEEN DESTROYED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE SHENZHEN COMMODITY INSPECTION BUREAU (CIB) HAS BEEN INFORMED OF THE INCIDENT AND REQUESTED TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION."

UP TO YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY), THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH HAD RECEIVED FROM THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION (VMO), FOR FOLLOW-UP ACTION, A TOTAL OF FOUR REPORTS OF PESTICIDE-TAINTED VEGETABLES.

THESE REPORTS FOLLOWED THE VMO'S IMPLEMENTATION ON DECEMBER 16 OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT'S (AFD) RECENTLY INTRODUCED QUICK SCREENING TEST ON VEGETABLES FOR PESTICIDE RESIDUES.

AT THE AFD'S PRESS BRIEFING YESTERDAY IT WAS STATED THAT ONE CONSIGNMENT OF VEGETABLES WHICH THE VMO HAD FOUND TO TEST POSITIVE FOR PESTICIDES, AND SUBSEQUENTLY REFERRED TO THE MSB FOR INVESTIGATION, HAD EARLIER BEEN RELEASED TO THE MARKET.

ACCORDING TO THE AFD, THE WHOLESALER OF THE IMPLICATED VEGETABLES HAD NOT CO-OPERATED BY VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERING HIS GOODS FOR DESTRUCTION.

THE MSB SPOKESMAN SAID THE PUBLIC SHOULD HAVE NO CAUSE FOR ALARM AS THE LEFT-OVER SAMPLE OF THE RELEASED CONSIGNMENT HAD BEEN CONFIRMED BY THE GOVERNMENT LABORATORY TO BE NEGATIVE FOR METHAMIDOPHOS.

THE OUTBREAK OF VEGETABLE-POISONING IN LATE OCTOBER HAD LED TO CHINA'S IMPLEMENTING A TAGGING SYSTEM FOR VEGETABLES FOR THE HONG KONG MARKET.

"INSPECTION AND SAMPLING BY HEALTH INSPECTORS ON THIS SIDE OF THE BORDER HAVE CONVINCED THE MSB OF THE USEFULNESS OF CHINA'S TAGGING SYSTEM," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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"THE VMO'S QUICK SCREENING TEST WHICH IS PERFORMED ONLY ON VEGETABLES HANDLED IN ITS CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE VEGETABLE MARKET IS COMPLEMENTARY TO THE MSB'S ALREADY INTENSIFIED MONITORING MEASURES AS AN ADDITIONAL LINE OF DEFENCE."

WITH EFFECT FROM NEXT MONTH, HEALTH INSPECTORS STATIONED IN THE MAN KAM TO BORDER CONTROL POINT, THROUGH WHICH VEGETABLES ARE IMPORTED FROM CHINA, WILL BE ABLE TO CARRY OUT A FURTHER CHECK, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

A FIELD TEST, NEWLY INTRODUCED FROM THE UNITED STATES, WILL BE PERFORMED ON AN EXPERIMENTAL BASIS ON INCOMING VEGETABLES WHICH ARE DESTINED FOR OUTLETS OTHER THAN THE VMO'S CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE VEGETABLE MARKET.

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LONG-SERVING RO STAFF HONOURED

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THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR PETER TSAO, TODAY (THURSDAY) OFFICIATED AT A CEREMONY TO PRESENT LONG AND MERITORIOUS SERVICE CERTIFICATES TO STAFF OF THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

TWENTY-THREE OFFICERS RECEIVED THE 20 YEARS' MERITORIOUS SERVICE CERTIFICATE AND 11 STAFF RECEIVED THE 30 YEARS' MERITORIOUS SERVICE CERTIFICATE FROM MR TSAO.

FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF THE RECIPIENTS:-

OFFICERS AWARDED 20 YEARS' MERITORIOUS SERVICE CERTIFICATE  
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MR WONG PING-LAM

MR LEE HAK-NANG

MR KWONG WOON-PUI

MR LUI WING-HANG

MR LEE QUINK-TAK

MR TAM LUNG-TANG

MR MAU LEONG-PONG

MR LUK KIN-KAM

/MR LEE TAK-CHOI, GEORGE .....

MR LEE TAK-CHOI, GEORGE

MR KWAN WING-KAN

MR LAU KAM-WAH

DR LI CHUNG-SUM, PETER

MR LAU CHI-KWAN, ROBERT

MR YEUNG CHI-HO

MR TIN WA-CHEONG, DAVID

MR WONG KIM-PO

MR CHAN MAN-YUN, JOHN

MR POON WING-CHEUNG

MR LUI YAU-LOK

MR TSE WAI-TIM

MR WONG YUN-KWAN

MR IP SUI-FUI

MR LAM KWAI-KONG

OFFICERS AWARDED 30 YEARS' MERITORIOUS SERVICE CERTIFICATE

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MR LI SUET-HIN

MR CHENG SIU-MING, SAMUEL

MR CHUI KWONG

MR CHU CHING-KI

MR WONG NGUK-YUNG

MR LI TUNG-SHUEN

MR SHAM PAK, PATRICK

MR KWOK WAI-HAY

MR YAU TAK-KEE

MR LEE WING-CHIU

MR S.M. HASSAN

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LADY WILSON TO OPEN NORTH FLORA AND FAUNA SHOW

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A MINIATURE WORLD OF FLORA AND FAUNA BUILT UP IN NORTH DISTRICT WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY LADY WILSON TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THIS WORLD IS FORMED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT FLOWER, BIRD, INSECT AND FISH SHOW, WHICH HAS BECOME A POPULAR ANNUAL EVENT IN THE DISTRICT.

THE FIVE-DAY SHOW, SPONSORED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, WILL BE STAGED AT THE FANLING RECREATION GROUND AND THE ADJACENT FANLING ROTARY YOUTH CENTRE FROM TOMORROW UNTIL DECEMBER 27 (TUESDAY).

AT THE SHOW, LADY WILSON WILL ALSO PRESENT AN OVERALL CHAMPION TROPHY TO THE BEST EXHIBIT IN THE FLOWER SECTION.

THE SHOW WILL FEATURE A WIDE RANGE OF FLORAL AND HORTICULTURAL ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS COMPETITIONS FOR POT PLANTS, MINIATURE POT PLANTS, AFRICAN VIOLETS, AND BONSAI-TYPE PLANTS AND ORCHIDS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS, FLORAL AND LANDSCAPE DISPLAYS BY HORTICULTURAL CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS, AND OVERSEAS EXHIBITS.

AMONG THE FLORAL EXHIBITS WILL BE SOME LARGE AFRICAN VIOLETS WITH A LEAF SPAN OF 56 CENTIMETRES (22 INCHES) ALONG WITH MINIATURE ONES WHOSE LEAF SPAN IS ONLY FIVE CENTIMETRES (TWO INCHES).

OTHER ATTRACTIONS INCLUDE 50 BIRDS OF DIFFERENT SPECIES FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES, AND A PRIVATE COLLECTION OF 20 ANTIQUE CAGES FOR BIRDS.

A GREAT VARIETY OF GOLDFISH, AND SPECIMENS OF A NUMBER OF HARMFUL AND BENEFICIAL FOREST INSECTS WILL ALSO BE ON DISPLAY.

DURING THE SHOW, A SERIES OF FRINGE ACTIVITIES SUCH AS BEE SHOWS AND TALKS WILL BE ORGANISED.

ABOUT 60 STALLS WILL SELL SOUVENIRS, FLOWERS AND PLANTS.

IN VIEW OF THE WIDE RANGE OF EXHIBITS, THE SHOW IS EXPECTED TO ATTRACT LARGE NUMBERS OF NATURE LOVERS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

THE ADMISSION FEE IS \$5 FOR ADULTS AND \$2 FOR CHILDREN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE SHOW BY LADY WILSON AT THE FANLING RECREATION GROUND AT 10.30 AM TOMORROW (FRIDAY). GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT FOR THE MEDIA WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER, TSIM SHA TSUI, AT 9 AM.

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DB MEMBERS SPREAD CHRISTMAS JOY IN KWUN TONG  
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MEMBERS OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON BROUGHT CHRISTMAS JOY TO THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED PERSONS AT FOUR WELFARE ORGANISATIONS IN KWUN TONG DISTRICT BY SINGING CAROLS AND DISTRIBUTING CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

A MEMBER OF THE CAROLLING TEAM WAS DRESSED AS SANTA CLAUS DURING THE GOODWILL VISITS.

VISITS WERE MADE TO THE PO LEUNG KUK KO CHIU ROAD CENTRE; SOCIETY OF HOMES FOR THE HANDICAPPED - SHUN LEE ADULT TRAINING CENTRE; TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, PONG WING SHIU SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY; AND THE SHENG KUNG HUI DIOCESAN WELFARE COUNCIL, GOOD SHEPHERD HOME FOR THE ELDERLY.

THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHRIS WAN, AND HIS STAFF JOINED IN THE GOODWILL VISITS.

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ENTRIES INVITED FOR SOUTHERN CIVIC EDUCATION COMPETITION  
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ENTRIES ARE BEING INVITED FOR A COLOURING COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION MESSAGES.

FEATURING THE GOOD CITIZENSHIP AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION THEMES, THE COMPETITION IS OPEN TO PEOPLE OF ALL AGES WHO LIVE, STUDY OR WORK IN THE DISTRICT.

IT WILL OFFER THE PARTICIPANTS THE OPPORTUNITIES TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR FLAIR NOT ONLY IN PAINTING BUT ALSO IN SLOGAN DESIGN, AND TO WIN HANDSOME PRIZES.

THOSE AGED 12 OR UNDER CAN TAKE PART IN THE JUNIOR SECTION WHICH REQUIRES THEM TO COLOUR FOUR PRE-DRAWN PICTURES SHOWING THE VIRTUES OF A GOOD CITIZEN.

THOSE AGED 13 OR OVER CAN JOIN THE SENIOR SECTION. THEY CAN PAINT AN IDEAL COUNTRYSIDE WITH A THEME ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO DESIGN A SLOGAN FOR THE ENTRIES.

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THE FIRST THREE WINNERS IN EACH SECTION WILL BE AWARDED GIFT COUPONS AND TROPHIES AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE DISTRICT'S "BUILD YOUR OWN COMMUNITY" CIVIC EDUCATION EXHIBITION TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 26 AT LEI TUNG COMMUNITY HALL IN AP LEI CHAU.

THERE WILL ALSO BE NINE PRIZES FOR OUTSTANDING ENTRIES IN EACH SECTION.

PICTURE SHEETS FOR THE COLOURING COMPETITION ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS AP LEI CHAU, WAH FU AND STANLEY SUB-OFFICES. THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES WILL BE JANUARY 6.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-540271.

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FAREWELL TO FIVE-CENT COIN

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT THE FIVE-CENT COIN WILL CEASE TO BE LEGAL TENDER FROM JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR.

"FROM JANUARY 1, THERE WILL BE NO LEGAL OBLIGATION TO ACCEPT THESE COINS IN PAYMENT OF DEBTS NOT EXCEEDING TWO DOLLARS, THE LEGAL TENDER LIMIT FOR FIVE-CENT COINS," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THIS MEANS THAT SHOPKEEPERS, TRANSPORT OPERATORS AND OTHERS ARE NOT OBLIGED TO ACCEPT THESE COINS AFTER THAT DATE.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED TO EXCHANGE THEIR FIVE-CENT COINS AT ANY BANK FOR OTHER DENOMINATIONS THAT ARE LEGAL TENDER.

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DTC REGISTRATION REVOKED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF MG FINANCE LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS TODAY (THURSDAY) AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 31(2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE.

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LEFT-TURN ONLY IN NAM HONG STREET  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 25), THE NORTHBOUND VEHICLES ON NAM HONG STREET SOUTH OF SHAU KEI WAN ROAD CAN ONLY TURN LEFT AT THE JUNCTION OF SHAU KEI WAN ROAD WITH NAM HONG STREET.

THIS MEASURE WILL LAST FOR ABOUT THREE DAYS FOR ROADWORKS.

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN TST, CENTRAL  
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED DURING THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAY PERIOD TO ENABLE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ENJOY THE FESTIVE LIGHTS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR.

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS TODAY (THURSDAY), A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID CERTAIN ROADS IN TSIM SHA TSUI AND CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED, AT CERTAIN TIMES, FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF PEDESTRIANS.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED THE PUBLIC TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT, AND TO BE CONSIDERATE TO CHILDREN AND THE ELDERLY.

HE SAID: "FAMILIES SHOULD KEEP CLOSE TOGETHER, AND TO ARRANGE TO MEET AT AN AGREED POINT SHOULD THEY BECOME SEPARATED."

HE ALSO CALLED ON HOLIDAYMAKERS TO MAKE FULL USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES, WHICH WILL GO ONTO EXTENDED TIME SCHEDULES TO MEET EXPECTED DEMANDS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED NOT TO USE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATIONS AS MEETING PLACES FOR FRIENDS, SO THAT SMOOTH PASSENGER TRAFFIC CAN BE MAINTAINED.

PEOPLE STAGING IN TSIM SHA TSUI WHO ARE BOOKED ON AIR FLIGHTS SHOULD LEAVE FOR THE AIRPORT BEFORE 8 PM, AS VEHICLES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE ONCE THE ROADS HAVE BEEN CLOSED.

MOTORISTS SHOULD DRIVE WITH CARE AND PATIENCE; PAY ATTENTION TO THE TRAFFIC SIGNS AND TAKE HEED OF POLICE ADVICE.

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THE SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

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IN TSIM SHA TSUI, SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED, IN TWO PHASES, ON DECEMBER 24, AND, DEPENDING ON TRAFFIC AND CROWD CONDITIONS, MAY ALSO BE ENFORCED ON DECEMBER 25, 26 AND 31.

DURING PHASE I, THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 8 PM ON DECEMBER 24 UNTIL 1.30 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY:-

- (1) SOUTHBOUND KOWLOON PARK DRIVE BETWEEN CANTON ROAD AND SALISBURY ROAD (KMB BUSES PUBLIC LIGHT BUS (SCHEDULED) SERVICES EXCEPTED);
- (2) HAIPHONG ROAD BETWEEN LOCK ROAD AND NATHAN ROAD (EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON HAIPHONG ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED TO TURN RIGHT ONTO LOCK ROAD);
- (3) SALISBURY ROAD BETWEEN KOWLOON PARK DRIVE AND CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH (SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH WILL BE DIVERTED INTO EASTBOUND SALISBURY ROAD);
- (4) SOUTHBOUND NATHAN ROAD BETWEEN MODY ROAD AND SALISBURY ROAD (SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON NATHAN ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED TO TURN LEFT INTO MODY ROAD);
- (5) WESTBOUND SALISBURY ROAD BETWEEN SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD AND CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH;
- (6) MODY ROAD BETWEEN CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH AND SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD;
- (7) GRANVILLE ROAD BETWEEN CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH AND SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD (KMB BUSES AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUS (SCHEDULED) SERVICES EXCEPTED);
- (8) MODY LANE;
- (9) ASHLEY ROAD BETWEEN PEKING ROAD AND MIDDLE ROAD; AND
- (10) PEKING ROAD BETWEEN CANTON ROAD AND KOWLOON PARK DRIVE.

THE ROAD CLOSURES MAY BE INTRODUCED AGAIN IN THE EVENING ON DECEMBER 25, 26 AND 31. APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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DURING PHASE II, THE SECTION OF CANTON ROAD BETWEEN HAIPHONG ROAD AND SALISBURY ROAD AND SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD BETWEEN GRANVILLE ROAD AND SALISBURY ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC AT ANY TIME DURING THE EVENINGS, WITHOUT PRIOR NOTIFICATION, DEPENDING ON THE PREVAILING TRAFFIC AND CROWD CONDITIONS. THE SECTION OF SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD NORTH OF GRANVILLE ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY NORTHBOUND.

THE SECTION OF MODY ROAD BETWEEN NATHAN ROAD AND CORNWALL AVENUE WILL BE TEMPORARILY DESIGNATED AS RESTRICTED ZONE ON DECEMBER 24 FROM 8 PM TO 1.30 AM IN THE FOLLOWING MORNING. THE SAME ARRANGEMENT MAY BE IMPLEMENTED ON THE EVENINGS OF DECEMBER 25, 26 AND 31, DEPENDING ON THE PREVAILING TRAFFIC CONDITION.

ON DECEMBER 24-26 AND 31, ALL ON-STREET PARKING IN THE TSIM SHA TSUI AREA WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 3 PM ONWARDS. VEHICLES LEFT ILLEGALLY PARKED WILL BE REMOVED BY POLICE.

DUE TO THE PHASED CLOSURE OF ROADS IN TSIM SHA TSUI, VEHICULAR ACCESS TO ALL HOTELS AND CARPARKS IN THE AFFECTED AREAS WILL BE RESTRICTED, FROM 8 PM UNTIL ABOUT 2 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

MOTORISTS WISHING TO GO TO THE HOTELS AND CARPARKS ARE ADVISED TO PARK THEIR CARS BEFORE 8 PM. THEY SHOULD BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT THEIR CARS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE UNTIL THE CESSATION OF ROAD CLOSURE RESTRICTIONS IN THE AREA.

#### HONG KONG ISLAND

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ON HONG KONG ISLAND, CHATER ROAD BETWEEN PEDDER STREET AND JACKSON ROAD, AND ICE HOUSE STREET BETWEEN QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL AND CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 7 PM ON DECEMBER 24 TO 6 AM ON DECEMBER 28, AND FROM 7 PM ON DECEMBER 31 TO 6 AM ON JANUARY 3, 1989.

IN ADDITION, JACKSON ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 7 PM UNTIL MID-NIGHT ON DECEMBER 24, 25, 26, 27, 31 AND JANUARY 1 AND 2.

DURING THESE PERIODS, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL BETWEEN QUEEN VICTORIA STREET AND PEDDER STREET WILL ALSO BE CLOSED, EXCEPT FOR FRANCHISED BUSES, IF POLICE CONSIDER NECESSARY.

AS A RESULT OF THIS ROAD CLOSURE, TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL. THE BUS ONLY LANE IN QUEEN VICTORIA STREET BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL WILL ALSO BE LIFTED. TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE ERECTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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AT THE SAME TIME, MOTORISTS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS, IN THE FOLLOWING ROADS:-

- \* JUBILEE STREET;
- \* QUEEN VICTORIA STREET (EXCEPT FOR FRANCHISED BUSES);
- \* PEDDER STREET BETWEEN QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL AND DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL (EXCEPT FOR FRANCHISED BUSES);
- \* QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL BETWEEN WYNDHAM STREET AND JUBILEE STREET; AND
- \* POTTINGER STREET.

PARKING FACILITIES ALONG JACKSON ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 6 PM UNTIL MIDNIGHT ON DECEMBER 24, 25, 26, 27, 31 AND JANUARY 1 AND 2.

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