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YOUNG FIGHTERS WANTED FOR BATTLE AGAINST DRUGS

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THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS IS TO INJECT MORE YOUNG FIGHTERS INTO HONG KONG'S ON-GOING BATTLE AGAINST DRUGS BY LAUNCHING ITS +YOUTH AGAINST DRUGS SCHEME+.

ANNOUNCING THE SCHEME TODAY (TUESDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NARCOTICS DIVISION SAID THE AIM OF THE PROJECT IS TO ENCOURAGE AN ACTIVE AND DIRECT YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN ANTI-NARCOTICS WORK THROUGH PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY.

+THE SCHEME, WHICH IS TO BE LAUNCHED FOR THE FIRST TIME BY THE ACAN, IS DESIGNED TO ENABLE YOUNG PEOPLE TO PLAN AND IMPLEMENT ANTI-NARCOTICS EDUCATIONAL PUBLICITY PROJECTS IN THEIR OWN WAY,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

HE EXPLAINED THAT MOST DRUG ADDICTS START EXPERIMENTING WITH DRUGS DURING ADOLESCENCE MAINLY BECAUSE OF CURIOSITY, PEER GROUP PRESSURE AND ESCAPISM FROM FRUSTRATIONS IN LIFE.

+YOUNG PEOPLE ARE MOST VULNERABLE TO THE DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE AND YOUTH IS THEREFORE THE MOST IMPORTANT TARGET GROUP FOR PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY EFFORTS,+ HE SAID.

HOWEVER, HE ADDED THAT THE MAJORITY OF ANTI-NARCOTICS PROGRAMMES IN THE PAST WERE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH ONLY PARTICIPATING OPPORTUNITIES.

+TO TAKE ONE STEP FURTHER,+ HE SAID, +THIS SCHEME IS DESIGNED TO INVOLVE YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE ACTUAL PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION RIGHT AT THE START.

+WITH THIS NEW APPROACH, IT IS HOPED THAT THE SCHEME WILL ENABLE YOUNG PEOPLE TO KNOW AND UNDERSTAND MORE ABOUT THE PROBLEM OF DRUG ABUSE AND AT THE SAME TIME PASS ON THE ANTI-NARCOTICS MESSAGE TO THE YOUNG GENERATION IN THEIR OWN LANGUAGE.+

THE SCHEME IS NOW OPEN TO ANY YOUTH GROUP COMPRISING AT LEAST 10 OR MORE MEMBERS WHO ARE AT THE AGE OF 15 OR ABOVE. MOREOVER, THE GROUPS SHOULD BE RECOMMENDED BY THEIR SCHOOLS, YOUTH CENTRES, COMMUNITY CENTRES OR EMPLOYERS.

ALL PROJECTS SUBMITTED BY THE GROUPS WILL BE EXAMINED BY A SELECTION BOARD CONSISTING OF BOTH GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES.

ON SELECTION, THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT, THE BOARD WOULD TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE APPLICABILITY, PUBLICITY VALUE, INNOVATION, COST EFFECTIVENESS AND ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE OF EACH PROJECT.

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A SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION WILL RECEIVE FROM \$1 000 TO \$3 000 TO COVER EXPENSES, DEPENDING ON THE DECISION OF THE SELECTION BOARD.

APPLICATION FORMS ALONG WITH DETAILS ON RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE YOUTH AGAINST DRUGS SCHEME MAY BE OBTAINED FROM ALL CITY DISTRICT OFFICES, NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICES AS WELL AS THE OFFICES OF RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD REACH THE DRUG EDUCATION/LIAISON CENTRE OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS AT ROOM 130, EAST WING, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, CENTRAL, ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 29 THIS YEAR.

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT THE CENTRE AT 5-95761.

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RELIEF CASH FOR FIRE VICTIMS

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ABOUT \$300 000 IN EMERGENCY RELIEF FUNDS HAVE BEEN PAID OUT BY THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT TO THE 4 000 GENUINE VICTIMS OF THE SAU MAU PING FIRE.

THE RELIEF MONEY, WHICH WAS DISTRIBUTED IN THE SHAM SHUI PO CAMP AND THE BETHEL NO 3 PRIMARY SCHOOL IN SAU MAU PING TODAY (TUESDAY), COMES FROM THE FAT CHOY FUND AND TWO CHARITY BODIES -- THE TAOIST CHARITY ASSOCIATION AND THE HONG KONG CHIU CHOW MERCHANTS MUTUAL ASSISTANCE SOCIETY LIMITED.

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, MR ALBERT C.C. LAM, VISITED THE DISTRIBUTION POINT IN SAU MAU PING THIS MORNING, ACCOMPANIED BY THE KWUN TONG CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, MR DAVID K.P. TSUI.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT SAID THAT EACH GENUINE FIRE VICTIM, REGARDLESS OF AGE AND SEX, WAS GIVEN A TOTAL OF \$80 IN TODAY'S DISTRIBUTION.

+THOSE WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE RELIEF MONEY MAY COLLECT IT FROM THE KWUN TONG CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AT TUNG YAN STREET TOMORROW, BRINGING ALONG THEIR IDENTITY CARDS AND THE REGISTRATION CARDS ISSUED BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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NEW SERIES OF MONETARY STATISTICS
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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY PUBLISHED FIGURES FOR THE SIX MONTHS FROM DECEMBER 1980 TO JUNE 1981 IN A NEW SERIES OF MONETARY STATISTICS.

FOUR TABLES, WITH AN EXPLANATORY NOTE SETTING OUT THE PRINCIPAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE NEW SERIES OF STATISTICS AND THOSE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE, HAVE BEEN PLACED SEPARATELY IN GIS PRESS BOXES.

THE TABLES COVER THE MONEY SUPPLY, SELECTED ITEMS FROM BANKS' AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES' BALANCE SHEETS, AND SELECTED DATA ON MONEY MARKET LIABILITIES.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE FIGURES IN THESE TABLES WERE EXTRACTED FROM THE NEW STATISTICAL RETURNS WHICH ALL BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES HAD BEEN SUBMITTING TO THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS EACH MONTH FROM DECEMBER 1980, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE MONETARY STATISTICS ORDINANCE 1980.

A RUN OF ONLY SIX MONTHS' FIGURES IN AN ENTIRELY NEW SERIES WAS TOO SHORT TO ENABLE ANY FIRM CONCLUSIONS TO BE DRAWN FROM THE FIGURES, HE SAID.

THIS WAS PARTICULARLY THE CASE BECAUSE THE SITUATION REVEALED BY THE FIGURES WAS MORE COMPLEX THAN HAD BEEN APPARENT FROM THE FIGURES HITHERTO AVAILABLE, IN MATTERS SUCH AS THE INCREASING PROPORTION OF THE MONEY SUPPLY WHICH WAS ACCOUNTED FOR BY DEPOSITS DENOMINATED IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES, THE PROPORTION OF LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG MADE IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES, AND THE PROPORTION OF LOANS FOR USE OUTSIDE HONG KONG MADE IN HONG KONG DOLLARS.

THE FIGURES WERE NONETHELESS BEING PUBLISHED NOW FOR GENERAL INTEREST.

THE NEW STATISTICS WOULD BE PUBLISHED EACH MONTH FROM NOW ON, WHILE THE MONTHLY FIGURES IN THE EXISTING SERIES WOULD BE PUBLISHED MONTHLY UNTIL DECEMBER 1981. THEREAFTER ONLY THE NEW STATISTICAL SERIES WOULD BE PUBLISHED.

IN THAT WAY, HE SAID, A FULL YEAR'S OVERLAP OF THE TWO SERIES WOULD BE OBTAINED.

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RELOCATION HELPS SPEED UP TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS SERVICE
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THE TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE CAN NOW DEAL WITH COMPLAINTS ABOUT PUBLIC TRANSPORT MORE SPEEDILY AND EXAMINE PROBLEMS IN GREATER DETAIL.

THIS FOLLOWS THE RELOCATION OF THE UNIT TO ROOM 904, CAPITOL CENTRE, CAUSEWAY BAY, AND A NEAR DOUBLING IN THE NUMBER OF STAFF TO 13.

THE RELOCATION, EFFECTIVE FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY), ALSO HAS ANOTHER SIGNIFICANCE, ACCORDING TO THE UNIT'S EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, MR JAMES KWAN.

+NOW THAT IT IS PHYSICALLY SEPARATED FROM THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, THE UNIT WILL BE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE ITS AUTONOMOUS IDENTITY,+ HE SAID.

+WITH THE BUILD-UP IN STAFF AND OTHER RESOURCES, WE ARE NOW IN A POSITION TO DEAL WITH COMPLAINTS MUCH FASTER AND TO GO DEEPER INTO TRANSPORT PROBLEMS.

+OUR NEW TELEPHONE HOTLINE NUMBER FOR COMPLAINTS IS 5-776866, WHICH IS EQUIPPED WITH AN AUTOMATIC RECORDING DEVICE TO HANDLE CALLS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC OUTSIDE OFFICE HOURS.+

MR KWAN APPEALED TO COMMUTERS TO MAKE GOOD USE OF THE HOTLINE.

+ALTHOUGH THE TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS DROPPED BY ABOUT 14 PER CENT IN THE APRIL TO JUNE QUARTER, TELEPHONE COMPLAINTS ROSE BY 13 PER CENT,+ HE SAID.

+THIS IS A CLEAR INDICATION THAT PEOPLE PREFER TO PICK UP A TELEPHONE TO COMPLAIN INSTEAD OF WRITING A LETTER OR LODGING A COMPLAINT IN PERSON.+

MR KWAN STRESSED THAT THE ACCUMULATION OF COMPLAINTS ABOUT TRANSPORT MATTERS, NO MATTER HOW TRIVIAL, WAS THE +SECRET WEAPON+ OF THE UNIT.

+WITHOUT THE STRONG SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY, THE UNIT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE ITS AIM OF GIVING POINTERS ON POLICY TO THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND TO THE ADMINISTRATION,+ HE SAID.

+MORE COMPLAINTS CAN ONLY HELP BRING ABOUT MORE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TRANSPORT SYSTEM.+

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SEMINAR ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION TO BE HELD

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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI KAM, WILL ATTEND A SEMINAR ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) ORGANISED BY THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY FEDERATION OF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, AT THE PENINSULA HOTEL, STARTING AT 7 PM.

AS REGISTRATION OF VOTERS FOR DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 1 AND AS MANY GRADUATES OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY HAVE BEEN APPOINTED DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, THE SEMINAR IS TO ENABLE OTHER GRADUATES TO KNOW THE SCHEME BETTER AND TO ENCOURAGE THEIR PARTICIPATION IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS.

ALL ASPECTS OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE SEMINAR. MR CHUI WILL ANALYSE AND EXPLAIN THE NEW SCHEME IN DETAIL, WHILE OTHER SPEAKERS WILL ELABORATE ON SPECIAL TOPICS SURROUNDING DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

DR H.C. KUAN, LECTURER IN GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY, MR TONG PO-KWAI, A MEMBER OF KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD, AND MRS ALICE CHONG, A MEMBER OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SEMINAR ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR WILLIAM H.C. WAN, WHO IS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF STUDENT AFFAIRS AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY, IS ALSO A MEMBER OF SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD.

MORE THAN 100 GRADUATES ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR.

A 15-MINUTE SLIDE SHOW ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, PREPARED BY SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, WILL BE SHOWN AT THE START OF THE SEMINAR.

CHINESE UNIVERSITY GRADUATES ARE MEMBERS OF TSUEN WAN, SHA TIN, SAI KUNG, TAI PO, WONG TAI SIN, WAN CHAI AND KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARDS.

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GOVERNMENT TO LOOK INTO QUALITY TESTING SERVICES

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THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AIMS AT ESTABLISHING A SYSTEM FOR ACCREDITING TESTING LABORATORIES TO GUARANTEE THEIR COMPETENCE TO UNDERTAKE VARIOUS TYPES OF TESTS, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR J.H. BREMRIDGE SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

TOWARDS THIS END, THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS WOULD SHORTLY COMMISSION A STUDY OF QUALITY CERTIFICATION SERVICES IN HONG KONG, MR BREMRIDGE SAID, WHEN HE OFFICIATED AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CERTIFICATION LABORATORIES, HELD AT THE HILTON HOTEL.

THIS WOULD ENSURE THAT HONG KONG'S CERTIFICATES ARE ACCEPTED INTERNATIONALLY, HE SAID.

+THE PROVISION OF MODERN QUALITY ASSURANCE SERVICES IS ESSENTIAL IF HONG KONG IS TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE STRENGTH OF ITS ECONOMY THROUGH DIVERSIFICATION OF ITS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY. TO ACHIEVE DIVERSIFICATION, INDUSTRIALISTS NEED TO PRODUCE MORE SOPHISTICATED PRODUCTS USING HIGHER TECHNOLOGY.

+BUT CUSTOMERS FOR SUCH PRODUCTS WILL BE MORE DEMANDING ABOUT THE SAFETY AND QUALITY OF WHAT THEY BUY. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE OF CUSTOMERS IN OUR PRINCIPAL EXPORT MARKETS, WHICH GENERALLY LAY CONSIDERABLE STRESS ON STRINGENT CERTIFICATION OF QUALITY,+ MR BREMRIDGE SAID.

HE SAID THAT NOT ONLY MUST QUALITY CERTIFICATION SERVICES BE AVAILABLE, BUT THERE MUST ALSO BE ASSURANCE THAT THE PRODUCT TESTING PROCESS ITSELF HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT TO A HIGH STANDARD.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS NOW INVOLVED IN THIS AREA, FOLLOWING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DIVERSIFICATION, WHICH EMPHASISED THE NEED FOR IMPROVED AND MORE CLEARLY INDEPENDENT QUALITY CERTIFICATION SERVICES.

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HEUNG YEE KUK BY-ELECTION HELD

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A BY-ELECTION FOR TWO ORDINARY MEMBERS OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TOOK PLACE TODAY (TUESDAY) AT THE KUK'S HEADQUARTERS IN KOWLOON TONG.

THERE WERE 15 CANDIDATES FOR THE TWO VACANCIES. ELECTED WERE MR CHEUNG HON-KAU FROM TAI PO DISTRICT AND MR TANG TIN-YAN FROM YUEN LONG DISTRICT.

THEY REPLACE MR DONALD YAP AND MR TANG LAI-NAM.

MR YAP WAS APPOINTED AN UNOFFICIAL JUSTICE OF THE PEACE RECENTLY AND AS A RESULT BECOMES AN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE- MR TANG WAS A MEMBER OF THE KUK WHEN HE WAS VICE-CHAIRMAN OF HA TSUEN RURAL COMMITTEE, A POSITION HE NO LONGER HOLDS.

THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WAS THE RETURNING OFFICER FOR THE ELECTION WHICH WAS HELD BY SECRET BALLOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HEUNG YEE KUK ORDINANCE.

THE ELECTORATE CONSISTED OF 115 COUNCILLORS WHO CONSTITUTE THE FULL COUNCIL OF THE KUK.

THE KUK IS A STATUTORY ADVISORY BODY TO GOVERNMENT ON ISSUES AFFECTING THE WELL-BEING OF NEW TERRITORIES RESIDENTS.

HOLIDAY MAIL DELIVERY

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THERE WILL BE ONE DELIVERY OF MAIL ON MONDAY (AUGUST 31), LIBERATION DAY, WHICH IS A GENERAL HOLIDAY, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY).

THIRTY-THREE POST OFFICES, INCLUDING THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, HONG KONG, THE KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE, THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE, AND THE POST OFFICES IN TSUEN WAN AND TAI PO, WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO NOON ON THAT DAY.

ALL OTHER POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED.

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AMS TO BOOST CANOE RESCUE TEAMS

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SWIMMING IN PUBLIC BEACHES IN HONG KONG WILL BE MADE SAFER WHEN REGULAR LIFEGUARDS ARE JOINED BY MEMBERS OF AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICE WHO WILL PATROL THE WATER IN CANOES TO CARRY OUT LIFE-SAVING DUTIES.

SOME 850 AMS LIFEGUARDS ARE TO BE TRAINED IN CANOE RESCUE TECHNIQUES IN A NEWLY-SET-UP CANOE TRAINING CENTRE AT TSAM CHUK WAN, SAI KUNG.

THE CENTRE, FINANCED BY GOVERNMENT FUNDS AND DONATIONS FROM A GROUP OF AMS OFFICERS WILL BE OPENED ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, BY THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR K.L. THONG, WHO IS ALSO THE UNIT CONTROLLER OF THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SERVICE SAID ALL AMS LIFEGUARDS WILL BE TRAINED AT THE NEW CENTRE IN THE USE OF SPECIALLY-BUILT RESCUE CANOES TO SAVE LIFE AT SEA.

+THE CANOE HAS PROVED TO BE A FAST AND EFFECTIVE MEANS OF LIFE-SAVING,+ HE SAID.

COURSES TO BE CONDUCTED AT THE TSAM CHUK WAN CENTRE WILL BE DIVIDED INTO THREE PARTS -- BASIC CANOE TRAINING, CANOE RESCUE TECHNIQUES AND LIFE-SAVING PROFICIENCY. ALL AMS REGULAR LIFEGUARDS WILL HAVE TO COMPLETE THE THREE PARTS OF THE COURSE.

THE NEW AMS CANOE CENTRE WILL ALSO BE USED FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES BY AMS MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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AIRCRAFT CRASH AND RESCUE EXERCISE

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AN AIRCRAFT CRASH AND RESCUE EXERCISE WILL SOON BE HELD AT HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO PROVIDE CONTINUATION TRAINING AND FAMILIARISATION IN AIRPORT CRASH AND RESCUE TECHNIQUES FOR AGENCIES WHO WOULD BE INVOLVED IN AIRCRAFT ACCIDENTS.

TAKING PART IN THE EXERCISE WILL BE STAFF OF THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT, FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT. CIVIL AID SERVICES WILL PROVIDE PERSONNEL TO ACT AS PASSENGERS AND CASUALTIES AT THE SCENE.

IN ORDER TO TEST THE ALERTNESS OF THE PARTIES INVOLVED IN EMERGENCIES, THE DATE AND TIME OF THE EXERCISE CANNOT BE GIVEN IN ADVANCE. A SIMULATED ACCIDENT INVOLVING A PASSENGER AIRCRAFT ON FIRE AT THE AIRPORT WILL TRIGGER OFF THE EXERCISE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT SAID THAT INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC WOULD BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM, ALTHOUGH, OF NECESSITY, FIRE APPLIANCES, AMBULANCES AND POLICE VEHICLES WOULD BE RUSHING TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT DURING THE EXERCISE.

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BUILDINGS DECLARED IN DANGEROUS STATE

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY DECLARED NO. 2B AND NOS. 9 TO 25 (ODD NUMBERS) KAU HUI CHIK KAI, TAI PO TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED THIS MORNING, THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID THESE BUILDINGS HAD RECENTLY BEEN INSPECTED FOLLOWING A COMPLAINT.

NO. 2B CONSISTS OF A GROUP OF TWO-STOREY AND SINGLE-STOREY VILLAGE TYPE HOUSES WHEREAS NOS. 9 TO 25 ARE A TERRACE OF SINGLE-STOREY VILLAGE HOUSES.

+NUMEROUS STRUCTURAL CRACKS WERE FOUND IN THE LOADBEARING WALLS OF THESE BUILDINGS AND THERE WERE ALSO SIGNS OF MOVEMENT IN THESE WALLS.

+THE ROOFS OF THESE BUILDINGS ARE CONSTRUCTED WITH TILES ON CHINA FIR ROOF JOISTS. MANY OF THE JOISTS WERE IN AN ADVANCED STATE OF DECAY. CERTAIN PARTS OF THE ROOFS HAD PARTIALLY COLLAPSED,+ A SPOKESMAN SAID.

+IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THERE IS A RISK OF A COLLAPSE AND IT IS NECESSARY TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH THESE BUILDINGS.+

ACCORDINGLY, NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS IN KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 AM ON SEPTEMBER 22, 1981, WERE POSTED TODAY.

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