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LEGCO MEMBERS GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON GREEN PAPER

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL SPEAK ON A MOTION BY MISS LYDIA DUNN ON THE GREEN PAPER DURING A TWO-DAY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL STARTING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

TWENTY-TWO MEMBERS WILL SPEAK TOMORROW WHILE THE REMAINING 23 WILL SPEAK ON THURSDAY ON THE MOTION WHICH READS:

"THAT THIS (LEGISLATIVE) COUNCIL TAKES NOTE OF THE GREEN PAPER: THE 1987 REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT".

OTHER MATTERS ON THE AGENDA FOR TOMORROW WILL INCLUDE TWO BILLS AND ONE QUESTION.

THE TWO BILLS, WHICH ARE DUE FOR COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING, ARE THE HONG KONG COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH BILL 1987 AND THE BUILDINGS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987.

A QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY WILL BE RAISED BY MR PETER C. WONG. HE WILL ASK THE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE A STATEMENT ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO THE GRANTING OF LEGAL AID TO FOUR FILIPINO MAIDSTO CHALLENGE THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT'S RIGHT TO CUT SHORT THEIR STAY IN HONG KONG AND THE BASIS ON WHICH SUCH AID WAS GRANTED.

DURING THE MEETING, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID FORD, WILL MOVE A MOTION SEEKING CHANGES TO THE STANDING ORDERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR PETER JOHNSON, WILL MOVE A MOTION UNDER THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION ORDINANCE.

IN ADDITION, THE ACTING FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR JOHN YAXLEY, WILL MAKE A REPORT OF CHANGES TO THE APPROVED ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE APPROVED DURING THE FINAL QUARTER OF 1986-87.

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AIDS CAMPAIGN ENTERS SECOND PHASE

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THE AIDS (ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME) EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN ENTERED ITS SECOND PHASE TODAY (TUESDAY) WITH THE LAUNCHING OF A NEW PACKAGE OF PUBLICITY MATERIALS.

THE THEME FOR THIS PHASE OF THE AIDS CAMPAIGN IS SAFE SEX PRACTICES AND THE USE OF CONDOMS AS A MEANS OF PREVENTION.

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THE NEW PUBLICITY MATERIALS INCLUDE A 30-SECOND FILM WHICH WILL BE SCREENED BOTH ON TELEVISION AND IN CINEMA, A POSTER AND A LEAFLET.

IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT, TUBE CARDS CARRYING MESSAGES ON SAFE SEX PRACTICES FOR DISPLAY IN THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY COACHES.

THE FIRST PHASE OF THE CAMPAIGN WAS LAUNCHED IN LATE APRIL THIS YEAR WITH THE OBJECTIVE TO AROUSE AWARENESS ON AIDS AND AT THE SAME TIME TO PROVIDE THE PUBLIC WITH BASIC INFORMATION ON THE DISEASE AND ITS MODE OF TRANSMISSION AS WELL AS THE METHODS OF PREVENTION.

THE EDUCATION PUBLICITY PROGRAMME ON AIDS IS PLANNED AND IMPLEMENTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY ON AIDS SET UP IN JANUARY 1987.

BEFORE THE START OF THE CAMPAIGN, A SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED IN EARLY APRIL TO PROVIDE A BASELINE OF THE LEVEL OF PUBLIC AWARENESS AND KNOWLEDGE ON AIDS.

A SECOND SURVEY WAS ALSO CARRIED OUT BETWEEN MAY 21 AND 29 TO TEST THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE FIRST PHASE OF THE CAMPAIGN SO AS TO MEASURE THE CHANGE IN PEOPLE'S AWARENESS AND ATTITUDE TOWARDS AIDS.

THE FINDINGS OF THE SECOND SURVEY REVEALED THAT THERE WAS A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE PROPORTIONS OF PEOPLE CLAIMING TV, POSTERS AND PAMPHLETS AS THEIR SOURCE OF LEARNING ABOUT AIDS AND SUBSEQUENT DECREASE OF THE PERCENTAGES MENTIONING OTHER SOURCES.

FOR OLDER AND LESS WELL-EDUCATED MALE RESPONDENTS, THEY TENDED TO REMEMBER MORE ABOUT THE SHORT PROMOTIONAL FILM AND DOCUMENTARIES ON TELEVISION THAN THEY DO ABOUT NEWS REPORTS.

THE RESPONDENTS ALSO BELIEVED THAT THE MORE SEXUAL PARTNERS ONE HAS, THE MORE THE CHANCES OF CONTRACTING AIDS.

THERE WAS ALSO A RISE IN THE AWARENESS OF THE AIDS COUNSELLING SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

SINCE THE START OF THE CAMPAIGN, A TOTAL OF 5,239 CALLS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE COUNSELLING SERVICE.

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AIDS SEMINAR FOR SOCIAL WORKERS

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THE LADY TRENCH TRAINING CENTRE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL ORGANISE A SEMINAR ON ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS) FOR SOCIAL WORKERS AT THE QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL ON JULY 17.

THE SEMINAR IS EXPECTED TO ATTRACT SOME 300 SOCIAL WORKERS FROM MEDICAL SOCIAL SERVICES, FAMILY SERVICES, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK, PROBATION SERVICE, RESIDENTIAL TRAINING CENTRES FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS, AND REHABILITATION HOMES AND HOSTELS OF THE DEPARTMENT; AS WELL AS THOSE FROM VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND SUBVENTED HOSPITALS.

TWO SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICERS OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, DR PATRICK LI OF AIDS COUNSELLING SERVICE AND DR NGAN CHUNG-MING OF CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT WILL SPEAK ON THE NATURE OF THE DISEASE, THE MODES OF TRANSMISSION AND THE METHODS OF PREVENTION.

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ROAD USERS' CODE PUBLISHED

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A COMPREHENSIVE DOCUMENT FOR ALL ROAD USERS REPLACING THE OLD HIGHWAY CODE HAS BEEN PUBLISHED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

LAUNCHING THE DOCUMENT - THE ROAD USERS' CODE - AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (TUESDAY), THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR JAMES SO, SAID THE BILINGUAL ROAD USERS' CODE WAS AIMED AT ALL ROAD USERS AND NOT JUST MOTORISTS AS WAS THE HIGHWAY CODE. ITS MAIN PURPOSE WAS TO PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY.

"THE CODE, PREPARED UNDER SECTION 109(1) OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE, IS DESIGNED NOT ONLY TO GIVE A COMPREHENSIVE SUMMARY OF HONG KONG'S TRAFFIC LEGISLATION REQUIREMENTS IN LAYMAN TERMS BUT ALSO TO SET OUT RULES OF CONDUCT FOR ALL ROAD USERS ON HOW TO USE OUR ROADS SAFELY," HE SAID.

"MOREOVER, THE CODE GIVES ADVICE ON THE LAW AND RULES OF CONDUCT, AND OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION AS WELL AS EXPLAINS VARIOUS ROAD FEATURES AND TRAFFIC SIGNS," MR SO ADDED.

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ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE WERE THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR (TRAFFIC), ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, MR GEOFFREY ROPER, AND THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S ROAD SAFETY AND STANDARDS DIVISION, MR DAVID WILLDAY.

A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT OF THE CODE OVER THE OLD HIGHWAY CODE IS THAT IT ADOPTS A FRESH APPROACH IN PRESENTATION WITH INCREASED USE OF GRAPHICS TO EXPLAIN THE VARIOUS FEATURES WHICH FACE ROAD USERS EVERY DAY.

THERE ARE SEPARATE CHAPTERS FOR ROAD USERS IN GENERAL, PEDESTRIANS, PASSENGERS, CYCLISTS, DRIVERS IN GENERAL, PROFESSIONAL DRIVERS, MOTOR CYCLISTS AND THE CHILD AS A ROAD USER.

THE REMAINING TWO CHAPTERS, ON EMERGENCIES AND THE LANGUAGE OF THE ROAD, SHOULD BE READ BY EVERYONE.

"THE GOVERNMENT HOPES THAT THE CODE WILL BECOME WIDELY USED AS A GENERAL REFERENCE BOOK FOR EXPERIENCED ROAD USERS AND LEARNER DRIVERS, AS WELL AS SPECIFIC GROUPS SUCH AS CYCLISTS," MR SO SAID.

"IT IS ALSO INTENDED THAT THE CODE WILL BECOME A BASIC EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING TOOL FOR TEACHERS AND PARENTS IN TEACHING SAFETY CONSCIOUSNESS TO THE YOUNG, AND FOR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER INTERESTED ORGANISATIONS IN PUBLISHING OR GIVING ADVICE OR INFORMATION ON ROAD SAFETY," HE SAID.

ON THE LEGAL STATUS OF THE DOCUMENT, MR SO EXPLAINED THAT FAILURE TO OBSERVE THE CODE WOULD NOT IN ITSELF CONSTITUTE AN OFFENCE. NEVERTHELESS, HE STRESSED THAT SUCH FAILURE MIGHT BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN ANY COURT PROCEEDINGS.

FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY), THE DEPARTMENT WILL START GIVING FREE COPIES OF THE CODE TO DRIVING TEST APPLICANTS, DRIVING LICENCE HOLDERS RENEWING THEIR LICENCE AND THOSE FIRST ISSUED WITH A DRIVING LICENCE.

THE CODE WILL ALSO BE DISTRIBUTED FREE TO DRIVING INSTRUCTORS, ROAD SAFETY ORGANISATIONS AND OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT ABOUT ONE MILLION COPIES OF THE CODE WILL BE GIVEN AWAY FREE OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS.

THE CODE WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG AT \$10 PER COPY.

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JSEA RESULTS TO BE RELEASED TOMORROW

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THE RESULTS OF THIS YEAR'S JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSESSMENT (JSEA) WILL BE RELEASED TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

A TOTAL OF 54,364 SECONDARY THREE STUDENTS HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED AIDED SECONDARY FOUR PLACES COMPARED WITH 52,738 LAST YEAR.

A TOTAL OF 77,775 STUDENTS TOOK PART IN THE LAST JSEA SCALING TEST WHICH WILL BE ABOLISHED IN THE COMING SCHOOL YEAR. APART FROM THE 54,364 STUDENTS ALLOCATED AIDED SECONDARY FOUR PLACES, 3,493 STUDENTS HAVE ACCEPTED FULL-TIME CRAFT COURSE PLACES IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING CENTRES IN THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR.

ANOTHER 1,703 STUDENTS OPTED OUT DURING THE YEAR, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

OF THOSE STUDENTS GIVEN AIDED SECONDARY FOUR PLACES, MORE THAN 86.6 PER CENT HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED BACK TO THEIR OWN 'FEEDER' SCHOOLS COMPARED WITH 85.6 PER CENT LAST YEAR AND 84.9 PER CENT IN 1985.

OF THESE 98 PER CENT WERE ALLOCATED TO SCHOOLS OF THEIR CHOICES COMPARED WITH 98.6 PER CENT IN 1986 AND 97.9 PER CENT IN 1985.

REGISTRATION OF FEEDER STUDENTS (I.E. STUDENTS ALLOCATED PLACES IN THEIR OWN SCHOOLS) WILL TAKE PLACE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY). STUDENTS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY SHOULD LEAVE THEIR REGISTRATION FORMS WITH THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

THOSE STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED TO OTHER SCHOOLS SHOULD REPORT FOR REGISTRATION ON THURSDAY (JULY 16). WHEN REPORTING FOR REGISTRATION, STUDENTS SHOULD BRING THE FOLLOWING:

- (A) PUPIL IDENTIFICATION FORM;
- (B) REGISTRATION FORM;
- (C) INDIVIDUAL RESULT SLIP;
- (D) STUDENT'S HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD; AND
- (E) TWO RECENT PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS AND SUFFICIENT AMOUNT OF MONEY UP TO ABOUT ONE MONTH'S SCHOOL FEE WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE SCHOOL FOR REGISTRATION PURPOSE.

STUDENTS WHO HAVE ACCEPTED A PLACE OFFERED BY TECHNICAL INSTITUTES/INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRES OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL AND CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRE SHOULD REPORT FOR REGISTRATION ON THURSDAY (JULY 16) AND STUDENTS WHO HAVE ACCEPTED A PLACE OFFERED BY CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRES SHOULD REPORT FOR REGISTRATION ON SUNDAY (JULY 19).

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IF A STUDENT IS UNABLE TO COLLECT HIS ALLOCATION RESULT OR GO FOR A REGISTRATION TOMORROW OR ON THURSDAY, HIS PARENT SHOULD AUTHORISE, IN WRITING, A REPRESENTATIVE TO COLLECT THE RESULT OR REPORT TO THE SCHOOL FOR REGISTRATION ON HIS BEHALF. THE LETTER OF AUTHORISATION MUST HAVE BEEN ENDORSED BY THE ORIGINAL SCHOOL. IT SHOULD BE PRODUCED AT THE TIME OF COLLECTION OR REGISTRATION BY THE APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVE.

IN REGISTERING WITH A SCHOOL, A STUDENT MUST SURRENDER HIS REGISTRATION FORM TO THE SCHOOL. IN THE EVENT OF A SUBSEQUENT TRANSFER, THE STUDENT MUST RETRIEVE HIS REGISTRATION FORM FROM THE ORIGINAL SCHOOL WHICH WILL THEN CANCEL HIS REGISTRATION IN THAT SCHOOL.

"SCHOOLS MAY NOT ADMIT ANY STUDENT WITHOUT HIS REGISTRATION FORM," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

STUDENTS WHO HAVE MOVED TO ANOTHER DISTRICT AND WISH TO TRANSFER TO A SCHOOL NEARER TO HIS NEW RESIDENCE AFTER ALLOCATION MUST COMPLETE AN APPLICATION FORM WHICH IS AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL IN WHICH HE COMPLETED HIS SECONDARY THREE. THE COMPLETED FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL FOR ONWARD TRANSMISSION TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER WILL CLOSE ON SATURDAY (JULY 18) BY 12 NOON AND ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUPPORTED BY DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE.

STUDENTS REALLOCATED TO OTHER SCHOOLS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY TELEPHONE FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON MONDAY (JULY 20). REGISTRATION OF TRANSFERRED STUDENTS WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY (JULY 23).

STUDENTS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN ALLOCATED AN AIDED SECONDARY FOUR PLACE WILL BE PROVIDED WITH AN INFORMATION SHEET OUTLINING THE ALTERNATIVE OPPORTUNITIES OPEN TO THEM. THE SHEET CONTAINS ADDRESSES AND THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS FROM WHICH STUDENTS MAY OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION.

PAMPHLETS ON COURSES OFFERED BY THE INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRES OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRE AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRES WILL ALSO BE ISSUED TO STUDENTS NOT ALLOCATED AN AIDED SECONDARY FOUR PLACE.

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION INTO GOVERNMENT EVENING SECONDARY CLASSES WILL CLOSE ON FRIDAY. APPLICANTS MUST CALL IN PERSON AT THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, 5/F., LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG (TEL. 5-8392309), BRINGING WITH THEM THEIR JSEA RESULT SLIP AND A PHOTOCOPY OF THE SLIP FOR RETENTION PURPOSE.

IN THE EVENT OF A TYPHOON AFFECTING HONG KONG DURING THE REGISTRATION PERIODS, SCHOOL HEADS AND STUDENTS ARE ADVISED TO WATCH OUT FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE MEDIA FOR ANY NECESSARY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING ALLOCATION RESULTS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSESSMENT SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON 5-8919099.

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CALL TO RETURN ANNUAL ECONOMIC SURVEYS QUESTIONNAIRES
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THE CLOSING DATE IS DRAWING NEAR FOR THE RETURN OF SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES FOR A NUMBER OF ECONOMIC SURVEYS FOR 1986.

THEY INCLUDE: THE SURVEY OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION; THE SURVEY OF WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS; THE SURVEY OF BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE SECTORS; THE SURVEY OF TRANSPORT AND RELATED SERVICES; AND THE SURVEY OF STORAGE, COMMUNICATIONS, FINANCING, INSURANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES.

THESE SURVEYS ARE CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AS PART OF A CONTINUOUS PROGRAMME OF COLLECTING ECONOMIC STATISTICS ON THE STRUCTURE AND PERFORMANCE OF DIFFERENT SECTORS IN THE ECONOMY. SUCH ECONOMIC DATA ARE NEEDED FOR ASSESSING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF VARIOUS ECONOMIC SECTORS TO THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT OF HONG KONG. THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEYS WILL ALSO BE USEFUL TO BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN FORMULATING POLICIES AND MAKING DECISIONS.

QUESTIONNAIRES WERE SENT BY REGISTERED MAIL BETWEEN APRIL AND MAY THIS YEAR TO SOME 27,000 ESTABLISHMENTS WHICH HAD BEEN SAMPLED FOR THE SURVEYS. THE ESTABLISHMENTS CONCERNED ARE LEGALLY REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRES TO THE DEPARTMENT BY JULY 31, 1987.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS APPEALED TO THE MANAGERMENTS OF THE SAMPLED ESTABLISHMENTS TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRES WITHOUT DELAY. ANY RESPONDENT WHO FAILED TO DO SO MAY BE COMMITTING AN OFFENCE, HE ADDED.

CENSUS AND SURVEY OFFICERS, WHO CARRY A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD WHILE ON DUTY, ARE MAKING VISITS TO THE ESTABLISHMENTS CONCERNED TO ASSIST THEM IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES IF REQUIRED.

THE COMMISSIONER POINTED OUT THAT AUDITED ACCOUNTS WERE NOT ESSENTIAL FOR PROVIDING INFORMATION RELATING TO INCOME AND EXPENDITURE. THE DEPARTMENT ACCEPTS FIGURES BASED ON PRELIMINARY ACCOUNTS OR ESTIMATIONS WHICH ARE CORRECT TO THE BEST OF THE RESPONDENTS' KNOWLEDGE AT THE TIME OF SUBMISSION OF RETURNS. THE ESTABLISHMENTS CONCERNED THEREFORE NEED NOT WAIT FOR THEIR AUDITED ACCOUNTS BEFORE COMPLETING THEIR QUESTIONNAIRES.

HE ALSO STRESSED THAT INFORMATION RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENT WOULD BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND THAT ONLY AGGREGATE INFORMATION WHICH DID NOT REVEAL DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WOULD BE RELEASED.

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SHOW TO HERALD MONG KOK FESTIVAL

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MONG KOK RESIDENTS WERE TONIGHT (TUESDAY) TREATED TO A FREE POP CONCERT AS A PRELUDE TO THE MONG KOK FESTIVAL TO BE HELD LATER THIS YEAR.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE ALL STAR SHOW AT ANCHOR STREET PLAYGROUND, MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI SAID: "AS THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL IS ON 'HOME' THE PROGRAMMES ARE DESIGNED TO HELP RESIDENTS CULTIVATE A SENSE OF BELONGING AND AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNITY."

"IT IS ALSO HOPED THAT THE FESTIVAL WILL ENHANCE A BETTER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE DISTRICT BOARD AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS, AS WELL AS TO PROMOTE INDUSTRY AND TRADE IN THE DISTRICT," HE SAID.

MR CHOW SAID THE ACTIVITIES FOR THE FESTIVAL WOULD BE LAUNCHED IN TWO PHASES.

THE FIRST PHASE INVOLVES ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS' CORPORATIONS AND LOCAL BODIES AIMED AT BUILDING UP A FESTIVE MOOD FOR THE FESTIVAL PROPER IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE SECOND PHASE INCLUDE A TRADE FAIR FEATURING EXHIBITS BY FLOWER, FISH AND BIRD TRADERS WHOSE BUSINESSES ARE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DISTRICT; CHRISTMAS LIGHTING ALONG THE MAIN STREETS AND A LARGE-SCALE POP CONCERT.

MR CHOW SAID THAT MORE THAN \$700,000 HAS BEEN EARMARKED FOR THE FESTIVAL.

TODAY'S SHOW WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL, DISTRICT BOARD AND THE WEST AREA COMMITTEE.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS BRENDA FUNG AND CHAIRMAN OF THE FESTIVAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR HO KWONG-HUNG ALSO OFFICIATED AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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ADVICE TO SCHOOL LEAVERS

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SCHOOL LEAVERS WERE TODAY (TUESDAY) GIVEN ADVICE ON HOW TO FACE THE NEW STAGE IN LIFE BEFORE THEM BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR STEPHEN LAW.

SPEAKING AT THE JOINT GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE SOCIETY OF BOYS' CENTRES, MR LAW SAID THAT FIRSTLY, IT WAS NECESSARY FOR THEM TO HAVE A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS LIFE AND NOT TO FEEL DEPRESSED BY MINOR SETBACKS.

SECONDLY, IT WAS NECESSARY TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT FRIENDS AND TO TREASURE THE FRIENDSHIP BECAUSE EVERYONE HAD TO LEARN FROM OTHERS, NOT ONLY IN SCHOOL BUT ALL THROUGH LIFE, HE SAID.

THIRDLY, THERE WAS THE NEED FOR SELF-CONFIDENCE, HE SAID, ADDING: "ONLY WITH AN APPROPRIATE MEASURE OF SELF-CONFIDENCE CAN ONE GET THINGS DONE AND FEEL HAPPY."

MR LAW FELT THAT INTEGRITY WAS ALSO IMPORTANT BECAUSE THIS WOULD WIN RESPECT FROM OTHER PEOPLE.

LASTLY, HE SAID THAT FULFILLING ONE'S RESPONSIBILITIES AS A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY WAS EQUALLY IMPORTANT.

HE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE AGENCY FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION TO SERVICES FOR YOUTHS WITH PROBLEMS OVER THE PAST 30 YEARS.

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COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS ENVIRONMENT CONTROL

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AT A MEETING OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND WORKS COMMITTEE ON THURSDAY (JULY 16), MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE PROGRESS REPORTS ON THE DISTRICT'S ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL WORKING GROUP.

PROPOSED MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS AND LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS WILL ALSO BE CONSIDERED AT THE MEETING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TO BE HELD AT 10 AM ON THURSDAY IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE AT 152-172 KWONG FUK ROAD.

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COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS PROPOSED REFRESHMENT KIOSK

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THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S RECREATION, SPORTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WILL CONTINUE TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF A REFRESHMENT KIOSK ON THE CYCLE TRACK ALONG THE TOLO HIGHWAY AT A MEETING ON THURSDAY (JULY 16).

THE ISSUE WAS A LEFT-OVER ITEM FROM THE COMMITTEE'S LAST MEETING.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS RECREATIONAL, SPORTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES PLANNED BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS FOR TAI PO RESIDENTS IN JULY AND AUGUST.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE AT 152-172 KWONG FUK ROAD.

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FREE MEDICAL CHECK-UPS FOR ELDERLY ISLANDERS

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ELDERLY ISLANDERS OF PO TOI WILL BE GIVEN FREE MEDICAL CHECK-UPS AT A 'HEALTH DAY' PROGRAMME TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE PROGRAMME IS ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE AND IT WILL START AT 10.45 AM AT A SERVICE CENTRE TO BE SET UP AT THE PO TOI VILLAGE OFFICE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE 'HEALTH DAY' PROGRAMME.

PRESS REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO MAKE USE OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARRANGED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE LAUNCH 'CLEMENTI' WILL LEAVE THE MARINE DEPARTMENT PIER IN CENTRAL AT 9 AM FOR PO TOI.

INFORMATION OFFICER, MR RAYMOND TAM WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE MEDIA.

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AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR REGISTRATION NUMBERS ON SATURDAY (JULY 18) AT 10 AM IN THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL.

A TOTAL OF 40 SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING. THEY ARE:

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| AB8881 | DN1832 | DM9887 | CH33 |
| DM9171 | DM6848 | DM8262 | DN3378 |
| HK797 | DP688 | DC13 | DP1828 |
| CD750 | AK938 | DN1698 | DN1628 |
| CD297 | 4387 | DP1338 | 560 |
| DD9779 | HK629 | AA629 | BB8186 |
| DP168 | DN923 | DN6088 | AA3898 |
| DN229 | DC999 | 641 | DL6128 |
| DN812 | DN560 | DN1868 | DN5 |
| CK383 | DR7310 | AA1180 | DP8238 |

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY IN CASH OR BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL AS USUAL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE COMING AUCTION WILL BE THE 115TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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VISIT TO PO TOI O VILLAGE, SAI KUNG

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MEMBERS OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE WILL VISIT PO TOI O VILLAGE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO SEE WATER POLLUTION PROBLEMS THERE.

SAI KUNG ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS BETTY CHING; REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, SAI KUNG WILL ALSO ATTEND.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE VISIT TO PO TOI O VILLAGE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY). MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN, AT 9.50 AM SHARP. INFORMATION OFFICER, MISS MAQUITA WONG WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE MEDIA.

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SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR JUNK BAY

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A SECONDARY SCHOOL IS BEING BUILT ON A 6,445-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT YAU YUE WAN IN JUNK BAY NEW TOWN.

THE SCHOOL WILL HAVE ONE BLOCK OF 24 CLASSROOMS AND ANOTHER FOR SPECIAL ROOMS, INCLUDING SCIENCE LABORATORIES, TECHNICAL WORKSHOPS, A LIBRARY, MUSIC ROOM, DOMESTIC SCIENCE ROOM AND OFFICES.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT ARE AN ASSEMBLY HALL, BASKETBALL COURTS AND STAFF QUARTERS.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$120,000 CONTRACT FOR A VENTILATION AND PUMPING INSTALLATION FOR THE SCHOOL.

ALL THE WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF JULY, 1988.

THE SCHOOL WILL SUPPLEMENT EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AVAILABLE IN THE NEW TOWN WHERE THE POPULATION WILL GROW TO 75,000 PEOPLE BY 1990.

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ACCESS ROAD FOR NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN WESTERN
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A NEW ROAD WILL BE BUILT ON THE WESTERN RECLAMATION NEAR WATER STREET, SHEK TONG TSUI, TO SERVE NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA.

THE PROJECT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 340-METRE LONG, 13.5-METRE WIDE BITUMINOUS CARRIAGEWAY WITH ASSOCIATED FOOTWAYS AND DRAINAGE WORKS ON THE WESTERN RECLAMATION NEAR THE JUNCTION OF WATER STREET AND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST.

IT WOULD SERVE AS AN ACCESS ROAD TO NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA SUCH AS THE PROPOSED WESTERN TRAM DEPOT AND THE WESTERN WHOLESALE FRUIT MARKET. CONSTRUCTION IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN SEPTEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE PROJECT WAS DESIGNED AND ITS CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT WORKS WERE INVITED IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE. THEY ARE TO BE SUBMITTED BY NOON ON JULY 31.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN HAPPY VALLEY
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TO FACILITATE EMERGENCY ROAD WORKS, THE SOUTHBOUND SECTION OF CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN LEIGHTON ROAD AND LINK ROAD IN HAPPY VALLEY WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM THURSDAY (JULY 16) FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES LEADING FROM LEIGHTON ROAD EASTBOUND TURNING TO CAROLINE HILL ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TUNG LO WAN ROAD AND EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD.

MEANWHILE, VEHICLES LEADING FROM LEIGHTON ROAD WESTBOUND TO CAROLINE HILL ROAD WILL HAVE TO PROCEED VIA WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD, BROADWOOD ROAD AND LINK ROAD.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN TUEN MUN, SHEUNG SHUI

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NO VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT FROM YAN CHING STREET ON TO TAK CHING COURT IN TUEN MUN TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW THERE FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JULY 17).

MOTORISTS HEADING FOR TAK CHING COURT ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA YAN CHING STREET EASTBOUND, THE YAN CHING STREET LOOP AND YAN CHING STREET WESTBOUND.

WITH EFFECT FROM THE SAME TIME, SEVERAL ROADS IN SHEUNG SHUI WILL BE DESIGNATED PROHIBITED ZONE FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES.

THEY ARE:

- * ROAD L13 FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH ROAD L9,
- * ACCESS ROAD TO AREA 1B FROM ROAD L9,
- * ACCESS ROAD TO AREA 6A FROM ROAD L9,
- * EASTERN ACCESS ROAD TO AREA 6B FROM ROAD 601,
- * WESTERN ACCESS ROAD TO AREA 6B FROM ROAD 601 SOUTHBOUND, AND
- * WESTERN ACCESS ROAD TO AREA 6B FROM ROAD 601 NORTHBOUND.

NO PLB WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE PROHIBITED AREA 24-HOUR DAILY.

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RESTRICTED ZONE ON FORT STREET LIFTED

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THE 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION ON FORT STREET BETWEEN NORTH VIEW STREET AND CHEUNG HONG STREET IN NORTH POINT WILL BE LIFTED FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JULY 17).

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