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MONITORING OF POWER COMPANIES

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COMMENTING ON RECENT REPORTS REGARDING THE ROLE OF THE GOVERNMENT IN MONITORING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE POWER COMPANIES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE ONGOING REVIEW WAS TO ENSURE THAT THE PUBLIC RECEIVED A GUARANTEED SUPPLY AT A REASONABLE COST, HAVING REGARD TO THE COMMERCIAL VIABILITY OF THE COMPANIES, AND THAT THIS WAS BEING ACHIEVED THROUGH THE SCHEMES OF CONTROL.

NEVERTHELESS, THE SCHEMES ARE KEPT UNDER PERIODIC REVIEW AND IMPROVEMENTS ARE MADE WHERE NECESSARY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE GOVERNMENT ACCEPTED THAT THE CHANGES IN THE POWER COMPANIES' TARIFF STRUCTURES FOR 1982 WERE NECESSARY FOR THE CONTINUATION OF A RELIABLE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY AT A TIME OF GROWING DEMAND AND CONTINUING INFLATION.

ANY INCREASE IN TARIFFS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE GOVERNMENT, AND A DECISION ON THE FINAL STRUCTURE IS TAKEN ONLY AFTER A MOST THOROUGH STUDY OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES INVOLVED.

+BEFORE AN APPLICATION FOR AN INCREASE IS CONSIDERED THE COMPANIES MUST SUBMIT FULL DETAILS OF THEIR FINANCIAL FORECASTS, DEMAND AND SALES FORECASTS AND CAPITAL EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS TO THE GOVERNMENT AND THESE ARE CLOSELY EXAMINED BY FULLY-QUALIFIED ACCOUNTANTS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID. +THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS ARE EXAMINED BY FULLY-QUALIFIED ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS AND WHERE ANY EXPERTISE IS LACKING WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT, IT IS SOUGHT OUTSIDE.+

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDITIONAL CAPITAL EQUIPMENT WOULD ONLY BE ACCEPTED IF JUSTIFIED BY THE PROJECTED DEMAND FOR ELECTRICITY, SO NEITHER COMPANY WAS IN FACT ABLE TO EXPAND UNNECESSARILY.

+IN ADDITION TO EXAMINING FINANCIAL FORECASTS, THE GOVERNMENT'S ACCOUNTANTS DO AN ANNUAL AUDIT REVIEW IN WHICH ACTUAL FINANCIAL RESULTS ARE COMPARED WITH FORECASTS SUBMITTED, AND FULL EXPLANATION AND JUSTIFICATION ARE SOUGHT FOR ANY DISCREPANCIES,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT THE NEW TARIFF RATES OF BOTH COMPANIES COMPARED FAVOURABLY WITH THE CHARGES LEVIED BY OTHER ELECTRICITY UNDERTAKINGS IN THE REGION, AND THAT HONG KONG HAD A BETTER RECORD FOR RELIABILITY IN THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY.

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ONE YEAR FREE WATER FOR MILLIONTH DOMESTIC CUSTOMER
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TODAY TURNED ON THE SUPPLY TO ITS ONE MILLIONTH DOMESTIC CUSTOMER, MRS KWOK CHAN MUI OF YAU OI ESTATE, TUEN MUN.

TO MARK THE OCCASION, THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR WILLIAM TUCKER, PRESENTED MRS KWOK WITH A CERTIFICATE ENTITLING HER AND HER FAMILY TO FREE WATER FOR A YEAR.

COMMENTING ON THE RATE OF EXPANSION OF DEVELOPMENT, MR TUCKER SAID THE WSD WAS NOW INSTALLING WATER METERS AT A RATE OF 70 000 A YEAR.

+THIS HAS PLACED GREAT DEMANDS ON THE DEPARTMENT, NOT ONLY IN PROVIDING THE ACTUAL CONNECTIONS TO PEOPLE'S HOUSES, BUT ALSO IN FINDING RESOURCES TO MEET THE INCREASING DEMAND ARISING FROM INCREASES IN POPULATION AND IMPROVED HOUSING STANDARDS,+ HE SAID.

MR TUCKER SAID THAT TUEN MUN WAS TYPICAL OF THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO THE PROVISION OF BETTER HOUSING AND IMPROVED SERVICES. SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE NEW TOWN, THE WSD HAD BEEN BUSY INSTALLING TREATMENT WORKS, SERVICE RESERVOIRS AND WATER MAINS.

+THESE ACTIVITIES ARE REPEATED THROUGHOUT HONG KONG TO ENSURE THE TIMELY AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLIES TO NEW DEVELOPMENTS AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF SUPPLIES TO EXISTING DEVELOPMENT,+ HE SAID.

MR TUCKER SAID THAT IN TUEN MUN, THE WSD WAS COMMITTED TO PROVIDE A FURTHER 90 000 CUBIC METRES OF TREATMENT AND PUMPING CAPACITY, MORE SERVICE RESERVOIRS FOR FRESH AND FLUSHING WATER, AND A SUBSTANTIAL MAINLAYING PROGRAMME.

SPEAKING OF THE AGREEMENT FOR PROGRESSIVELY INCREASING AMOUNTS OF WATER FROM CHINA, MR TUCKER SAID THAT THE RECEPTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE EXTRA WATER REQUIRED A LOT OF WORK.

+CONSIDERABLE CAPITAL INVESTMENT HAS BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE MADE OVER THE COMING YEARS AND THIS, COMBINED WITH THE RECENT INCREASE IN THE COST OF WATER FROM CHINA, MUST INEVITABLY INCREASE THE COST OF PRODUCTION OF WATER.

+NEVERTHELESS, THE NEED TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE, TREATED SUPPLIES OF WATER AT AN ECONOMICAL RATE WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE PRIME OBJECTIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT,+ HE SAID.

MR TUCKER NOTED THAT WSD CONSUMER ENQUIRIES OFFICES HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED IN KOWLOON AND TAI PO AND SAID IT WAS PROPOSED TO ESTABLISH A CENTRE IN TUEN MUN WHEN A SUITABLE LOCATION COULD BE FOUND.

WELCOMING MR TUCKER TO THE CEREMONY, THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (KOWLOON), MR LAU KWAN-YUEN, SAID THAT THE KWOK FAMILY WERE FORMER BOAT SQUATTERS FROM THE YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER WHO HAD APPLIED FOR PUBLIC HOUSING IN JUNE 1976.

+HAPPILY, THEY CAN LOOK OUT OF THE WINDOWS OF THE FLAT AND STILL SEE THE SEA NEARBY, WITH JUNKS, SAMPANS AND OTHER CRAFT AT ANCHOR,+ HE SAID.

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COMMUNITY BUILDING WORK IN NEW TOWNS

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THE NEW TOWNS ARE NOT MERELY A COLLECTION OF HOUSING ESTATES, BUT A HUMAN SOCIETY ENJOYING THE BETTER LIFE, SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, DR PATRICK HASE, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

DR HASE, WHO WAS SPEAKING TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, SAID UNLESS THE COMMUNITY OF THE NEW TOWN WAS REAL AND DEEPROOTED, OBVIOUS PROBLEMS WOULD OCCUR.

+WHERE FAMILIES FEEL NO NEIGHBOURLY SPIRIT TOWARDS THOSE WHO LIVE NEAR THEM, THEN ANTI-SOCIAL AND UN-NEIGHBOURLY ACTS WILL ABOUND,+ HE SAID.

+WHERE THERE IS NO SENSE OF BELONGING, RESIDENTS WILL ALWAYS LOOK OUTSIDE THE TOWN FOR ALL THEIR IMPORTANT NEEDS.

+WHERE THERE IS NO NETWORK OF SOCIAL CONTACTS, INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES TEND TO FEEL ROOTLESS AND EXPOSED: PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEMS AND CRIMINAL ACTS ARISE.

+FINALLY, WHERE THERE IS NO LIVELY LOCAL CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS STRUCTURE, RESIDENTS WILL LOOK OUTSIDE THE TOWN FOR THEIR PERSONAL AMUSEMENTS, LEISURE ACTIVITIES AND SPIRITUAL LIFE.

+SUCH A SITUATION WOULD BE A DISASTER: SUCH A TOWN WOULD BE DEAD, NO MATTER HOW WELL PLANNED ITS PHYSICAL STRUCTURE.

+IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION ALL OUR WORK IS AIMED AT BUILDING IN THE NEW TOWNS A VIABLE AND VITAL COMMUNITY, HAPPY AND CONTENTED, LIVING A GOOD LIFE AMONG WELL PLANNED AND ATTRACTIVE SURROUNDINGS,+ DR HASE SAID.

UNFORTUNATELY, BUILDING SUCH A COMMUNITY WAS NOT SOMETHING WE COULD DO, NO MATTER HOW DETERMINED WE WERE, BY OUR OWN UNAIDED EFFORTS.

HE ALSO SAID THAT THE +SHA TIN ARTS FORTNIGHT+ WHICH OPENS ON DECEMBER 13, WOULD BE EXTENDED TO NEARLY THREE WEEKS BECAUSE MORE EVENTS WOULD BE PUT ON THAN ORIGINALLY PLANNED.

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TICD CHIEF OFF TO HIGH-LEVEL TALKS

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MR BILL DORWARD, DIRECTOR OF TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, LEFT FOR EUROPE ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 28) FOR HIGH-LEVEL DISCUSSIONS ON CURRENT TRADE ISSUES, INCLUDING THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE RENEWAL OF THE MULTI-FIRBE ARRANGEMENT. HE IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO HONG KONG LATER THIS WEEK.

MR PETER K.Y. TSAO, COMMISSIONER OF INDUSTRY, WILL SERVE AS ACTING DIRECTOR OF TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

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TAX EXEMPTION ON INTEREST EARNED

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INTEREST PAYABLE BY LICENSED BANKS, BY CERTAIN PUBLIC UTILITIES AND BY THE GOVERNMENT AT RATES OF UP TO 11 PER CENT PER ANNUM WILL BE EXEMPT FROM INTEREST TAX FROM TODAY (MONDAY), A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED.

HE SAID THIS REPRESENTS A REDUCTION OF ONE PER CENT IN THE EXEMPTION LIMIT, AND FOLLOWS THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF BANKS ON FRIDAY THAT THE RATES OF INTEREST PAYABLE ON SAVINGS ACCOUNTS WOULD BE REDUCED TO 11 PER CENT WITH EFFECT FROM TODAY.

A NOTICE SIGNED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY UNDER SECTION 28(1) OF THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE IS PUBLISHED IN AN EXTRAORDINARY GAZETTE TODAY.

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PLAYGROUND AND OPEN SPACES FOR TUEN MUN

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PLAYGROUND IN HA TSUEN AND FIVE LOCAL OPEN SPACES IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

THE HA TSUEN PLAYGROUND WILL PROVIDE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, INCLUDING A MINI-SOCCER PITCH, A BASKETBALL-CUM-VOLLEYBALL COURT AND A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND, FOR RESIDENTS OF HA TSUEN, HUNG SHUI KIU, TAN KWAI TSUEN AND PING SHAN.

IT WILL ALSO HAVE A SIMPLE SERVICE BUILDING WITH TOILETS AND CHANGING ROOMS.

WORK ON THE PLAYGROUND WILL START IN FEBRUARY AND BE COMPLETED IN AUGUST NEXT YEAR.

THE FIVE LOCAL OPEN SPACES TO BE DEVELOPED IN THE VICINITY OF CHI LOK FA YUEN HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME WILL PROVIDE FACILITIES TO MEET THE NEED FOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

INCLUDED IN THESE LOCAL OPEN SPACES WILL BE SITTING-OUT AREAS WITH ARBOURS, A MINI-SOCCER PITCH, A BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL COURT, A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND WITH PLAY EQUIPMENT, A PAVILION AND A TOILET.

FLOODLIGHTING WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED FOR NIGHT EVENTS AT THE SOCCER PITCH AND BASKETBALL COURT.

WORK ON THIS PROJECT WILL BEGIN IN JANUARY AND BE COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR.

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NEW MARRIAGE REGISTRY IN CENTRAL OPENS WEDNESDAY
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PEOPLE PLANNING TO MARRY BEFORE THE COMING LUNAR NEW YEAR WILL HAVE A NICE NEW MARRIAGE REGISTRY TO GO TO AT COTTON TREE DRIVE, WHICH WILL OPEN FOR SERVICE ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 2).

+IT IS A CHINESE TRADITION FOR COUPLES TO SELECT AN AUSPICIOUS DATE TO CELEBRATE THEIR MARRIAGE CEREMONY AND MOST OF THESE DATES BEFORE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HAVE ALREADY BEEN FULLY BOOKED IN OTHER MARRIAGE REGISTRIES,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

+AS THE COTTON TREE DRIVE MARRIAGE REGISTRY IS A NEW ONE, COUPLES WHO GIVE NOTICE AT THIS REGISTRY OF THEIR INTENTION TO MARRY HAVE A GOOD CHANCE TO SELECT A 'LUCKY' DATE FOR THE CEREMONY,+ HE ADDED.

THE NEW MARRIAGE REGISTRY IS LOCATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF ROWLINSON HOUSE, VICTORIA BARRACKS, OPPOSITE MURRAY BUILDING AND IS JUST TWO MINUTES' WALK FROM THE VICTORIA BARRACKS COTTON TREE DRIVE ENTRANCE.

A UNIQUE FEATURE OF THIS REGISTRY IS THAT IT HAS A PICTURESQUE GARDEN WITH A SUGAR PALM TREE WHICH, ACCORDING TO CHINESE SAYING, IS A SYMBOL OF ETERNAL LOVE AND EVERLASTING MARRIAGE, THUS PROVIDING AN EXCELLENT BACKGROUND FOR PHOTOGRAPHS.

THE NEW REGISTRY OCCUPIES AN AREA OF ABOUT 250 SQUARE METRES AND HAS A BEAUTIFULLY-DECORATED MARRIAGE CEREMONY HALL WITH A SEATING CAPACITY OF 25 AND ROOM FOR MANY ATTENDANTS. IN ADDITION, THERE IS A COMFORTABLE POWDER ROOM WITH DRESSING TABLES AND LARGE MIRRORS.

AND, UNLIKE OTHER REGISTRIES, THERE IS SPACE FOR PARKING.

THE REGISTRY WILL BE OPEN FROM 8.45 AM TO 1 PM AND FROM 2 PM TO 5.15 PM ON WEEKDAYS. ON SATURDAYS, IT WILL OPEN FROM 9 AM TO NOON.

+FROM JANUARY TO OCTOBER THIS YEAR, A TOTAL OF 39 641 MARRIAGES WAS PERFORMED IN OUR MARRIAGE REGISTRIES. OF THESE, 16 PER CENT WERE REGISTERED IN CITY HALL MARRIAGE REGISTRY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+WE HOPE THE OPENING OF COTTON TREE DRIVE MARRIAGE REGISTRY WILL REDUCE THE HEAVY WORKLOAD AT CITY HALL.+

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SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION

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APPLICATIONS ARE NOW INVITED FOR FUNDS FROM THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION FOR THE 1982-83 FINANCIAL YEAR.

THEY SHOULD BE FOR NON-CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS AND APPLICANTS MUST BE NON-PROFIT MAKING ORGANISATIONS.

THE FUND, ADMINISTERED BY THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT, IS DESIGNED TO ASSIST IN PROVIDING EQUIPMENT FOR A WIDE RANGE OF RECREATIONAL, SPORTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, EXCLUDING THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL CITY DISTRICT OFFICES, THE VARIOUS OFFICES OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, THE RECREATION AND SPORT DIVISION AND RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OFFICES OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY, COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), 3RD FLOOR, ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG BEFORE JANUARY 15 NEXT YEAR.

APPLICANTS WILL BE INFORMED OF THE OUTCOME IN JULY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COUNCIL SAID APPLICATIONS FOR CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS WILL BE CALLED FOR IN JUNE NEXT YEAR.

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SPECIAL PASSENGER TRAINS FOR UNIVERSITY CONGREGATION

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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY WILL OPERATE TWO SPECIAL TRAINS FOR THE 23RD CHINESE UNIVERSITY CONGREGATION ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 3) ON THE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS.

IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR SERVICES, A SPECIAL TRAIN WILL PICK UP COMMUTERS AT THE KOWLOON STATION AT 12.36 PM AND ARRIVE AT THE UNIVERSITY STATION AT 1.04 PM.

AFTER THE CONGREGATION, A SPECIAL TRAIN WILL TAKE PEOPLE BACK TO KOWLOON, LEAVING THE UNIVERSITY STATION AT 6.08 PM AND ARRIVING AT KOWLOON STATION AT 6.36 PM.

THESE SPECIAL TRAINS WILL ONLY RUN DIRECT FROM KOWLOON STATION TO THE UNIVERSITY AND VICE VERSA.

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YOUNG PEOPLE RESPOND TO CALL FOR KIDNEY DONATIONS

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MORE THAN 11 000 PEOPLE HAVE RESPONDED TO THE KIDNEY DONATION CAMPAIGN ORGANISED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND HAVE REGISTERED AS KIDNEY DONORS, THE HEAD OF RTHK'S CHINESE PROGRAMME SECTION, MR CHU PUI-HING, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE, MR CHU SAID THE BEST RESPONSE CAME FROM YOUNG PEOPLE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 16 AND 30 WHO MADE UP 80 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL.

STATISTICS ALSO SHOWED THAT 20 PER CENT OF THE PEOPLE RESPONDING WERE UNDER THE AGE OF 20, AND 57 PER CENT WERE WOMEN.

MR CHU SAID MANY OF THE PEOPLE HAVE AGREED TO DONATE OTHER ORGANS AS WELL.

FORTY-ONE PER CENT ARE PREPARED TO GIVE AWAY THEIR KIDNEYS, CORNEAS AND OTHER ORGANS WHILE 29 PER CENT AGREED TO DONATE THEIR KIDNEYS AND CORNEAS.

THE 10-WEEK CAMPAIGN WAS LAUNCHED IN MID-JUNE FOLLOWING THE DONATION OF TWO KIDNEYS BY A NURSE, MISS FUNG WAI-MING, UPON HER DEATH. IT WAS SUPPORTED BY A DONATION OF \$10 000 FROM SIR SHIU-KIN TANG.

DURING THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD, RADIO PROGRAMMES, EXHIBITIONS, POSTER COMPETITIONS, REACH OUT ACTIVITIES AND TV SPECIALS WERE EMPLOYED TO CARRY THE MESSAGE TO THE PUBLIC.

MR CHU SAID THE CAMPAIGN WAS STARTED TO RECRUIT MORE KIDNEY DONORS, TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC TO GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF KIDNEY DISEASES, AND MOST IMPORTANT, TO HELP BREAK THROUGH THE TRADITIONAL CONCEPT OF KEEPING THE WHOLE BODY INTACT AFTER DEATH.

PUBLICITY WAS ALSO INTENDED TO SHOW THAT HONG KONG HAS THE ABILITY TO PERFORM KIDNEY TRANSPLANTS BUT THERE WAS A LACK OF DONORS, HE SAID.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG EYE BANK AND RESEARCH FOUNDATION, MR NG YIN-NAM, DR KENNETH LEUNG WHO IS IN CHARGE OF DATA ANALYSIS AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HONG KONG SOCIETY OF NEPHROLOGY.

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NEW FIRE BOAT ON DISPLAY

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A NEW MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR FIRE BOAT EQUIPPED WITH A MARINE SNORKEL AND CAPABLE OF PUMPING FOAM AND WATER AT THE RATE OF 11 300 LITRES PER MINUTE WILL BE PUT ON DISPLAY BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT EDINBURGH PLACE TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE SPECIALLY-DESIGNED VESSEL, COSTING \$10 MILLION, WILL BERTH AT QUEEN'S PIER AS PART OF THE ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES OF THE CAREERS '82 EXHIBITION BEING HELD IN THE CITY HALL EXHIBITION HALL.

CONDUCTED TOURS OF THE VESSEL WILL BE ARRANGED FOR VISITORS BY FIRE OFFICERS FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM.

THE AIM OF THIS LIVE CAREER SHOW IS TO STRESS THE ROLE PLAYED BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN PROTECTING LIFE AND PROPERTY ON LAND AND SEA.

VISITORS CAN ALSO SEE SOME OF THE MAJOR EQUIPMENT AND APPLIANCES USED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN ALL FORMS OF DUTIES, RANGING FROM FIRE-FIGHTING TO LANDSLIDES, TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, HOUSE COLLAPSES, MOUNTAIN RESCUES AS WELL AS LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEMS.

THE APPLIANCES ON DISPLAY WILL INCLUDE A HYDRAULIC PLATFORM, AN AMBULANCE AND A MOBILE COMMAND UNIT.

THERE WILL ALSO BE COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE DEPARTMENT AT WORK AND DURING OFF-DUTY LEISURE.

THE PHOTOGRAPHS ALSO SHOW A RANGE OF FIRE SERVICES APPLIANCES FOR DEALING WITH SITUATIONS ON LAND, AIR AND SEA.

A TEMPORARY RECRUITMENT CENTRE WILL BE SET UP AT THE MOBILE UNIT FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE +ELITE BRIGADE+, AND RECRUITMENT PROCEDURES, SUCH AS CHEST MEASUREMENTS AND EYE-SIGHT TESTS, WILL BE CARRIED OUT ON THE SPOT FOR APPLICANTS.

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+AN EVENING OF FOLK DANCE+ AT TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL

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THE NEW TERRITORIES PRESENTATIONS OFFICE OF THE CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE STARS DANCE GROUP WILL JOINTLY PRESENT +AN EVENING OF FOLK DANCE+ AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 6) AT 7.30 PM.

THE GROUP WAS ESTABLISHED WITH THE AIM OF TRAINING AND NOURISHING POTENTIAL ARTISTS IN HONG KONG. SINCE ITS FORMATION IN 1973, IT HAS PARTICIPATED IN VARIOUS OPEN COMPETITIONS.

TICKETS FOR THIS PERFORMANCE AT \$3 (STUDENT TICKET), \$5, \$7, \$10 AND \$20 ARE NOW ON SALE AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL BOX OFFICE.

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SEVEN NT DISTRICTS TO HOLD LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIRS

SEVEN DISTRICTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL HOLD LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIRS IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR AND 971 STALLS WILL SOON BE PUT UP FOR PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE FAIRS WILL BE HELD BETWEEN JANUARY 18 AND 25.

RESIDENTS OF SHA TIN WILL HAVE THEIR OWN FAIRS FOR THE FIRST TIME, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY.

THE SHA TIN LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR WILL BE HELD AT THE CAR PARK OF THE SHA TIN RACECOURSE WHERE AMPLE PARKING SPACE IS AVAILABLE. SHUTTLE PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES WILL ALSO BE ARRANGED FOR VISITORS.

OTHER FAIRS WILL BE HELD AT YUEN LONG SPORTSGROUND, TUEN MUN SAN HUI PLAYGROUND, SHEK WU HUI PLAYGROUND IN SHEUNG SHUI, TAI PO PLAYGROUND, SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND IN TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG SPORTSGROUND.

DETAILS OF THE PUBLIC AUCTION OF THE STALLS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DAY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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18 WHO HELPED SAVE OTHERS

EIGHTEEN CIVIC-MINDED PEOPLE WHO TOOK PART IN RESCUES IN HONG KONG WATERS DURING THE PAST YEAR, WILL BE AWARDED CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 4) BY THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR P.E.J. DAVY.

THE RECIPIENTS INCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, CREW MEMBERS OF THE TWO FERRY COMPANIES, AND OFFICERS FROM THE MARINE AND PRISONS DEPARTMENTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 3 PM IN THE MARINE DEPARTMENT'S EXAMINATION HALL, 10TH FLOOR, RUMSEY STREET CAR PARK BUILDING IN CENTRAL.

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PAN ASIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT
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THE NEW TERRITORIES PRESENTATIONS OFFICE OF THE CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL PRESENT A CONCERT BY THE PAN ASIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AT THE LUT SAU HALL, YUEN LONG ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 6) AT 7.30 PM.

CHEN GANG, CO-COMPOSER OF THE VIOLIN CONCERTO +THE BUTTERFLY LOVERS+, WILL BE GUEST CONDUCTOR AND SOPRANO BETTY PAO WILL ALSO TAKE PART.

CHEN HAILS FROM A MUSICAL FAMILY.

HIS FATHER, THE FAMOUS CHINESE COMPOSER CHEN GEXIN, TAUGHT HIM TO APPRECIATE MUSIC AT AN EARLY AGE. CHEN BEGAN STUDYING PIANO AT THE AGE OF SEVEN.

HE THEN STUDIED COMPOSITION AND HARMONY UNDER HIS FATHER, AND AT 20, ENTERED THE SHANGHAI CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC TO STUDY COMPOSITION.

IN 1958, WHILE STILL A STUDENT, HE WROTE THE FAMOUS VIOLIN CONCERTO +THE BUTTERFLY LOVERS+ TOGETHER WITH HE ZHAOHAO, AND ALSO MANY OTHER WIDELY-ACCLAIMED WORKS, INCLUDING SYMPHONIES, PIANO CONCERTOS, CHORALES AND VIOLIN PIECES.

IN 1959, HE WAS INVITED BY THE CENTRE FOR U.S. - CHINA ARTS EXCHANGE TO GO TO THE UNITED STATES FOR FOUR MONTHS AND ATTENDED MUSIC CONFERENCES AND GAVE PRESENTATIONS ON CHINESE MUSIC.

HE IS CURRENTLY SERVING AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE CHINESE MUSICIANS ASSOCIATION, PROFESSOR IN THE COMPOSITION DEPARTMENT OF THE SHANGHAI CONSERVATORY AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE RESEARCH GROUP IN MUSIC COMPOSITION.

PROGRAMME FOR THE NIGHT WILL INCLUDE THE FAMOUS +BUTTERFLY LOVERS+, +NINE RINGS+, +PLUCKING LU-CHAI PLANTS+, +WAVES OF HUNG HU+, +ENCOUNTER AT THE BALCONY+ AND OTHER PIECES.

TICKETS AT \$7 ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL BOX OFFICE, YUEN LONG PUBLIC LIBRARY AND THE NEW TERRITORIES MOBILE LIBRARY.

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FOU TS'ONG AT TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL

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PIANIST FOU TS'ONG WILL GIVE RECITALS IN THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM ON JANUARY 29 AND 30, 1982 AT 7.30 PM.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HONG KONG, HE WILL INTERPRET WORKS BY CONTEMPORARY CHINESE COMPOSERS - HWANG FU-WAI'S '+BA-SHU SCENES+' AND TSUI SHIH-KUANG'S '+RAIN+'.

HE WILL ALSO PLAY WORKS BY CHOPIN, MOZART AND DEBUSSY.

FOU TS'ONG'S PIANO RECITAL WILL BE ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FOURTH TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL TO BE HELD FROM JANUARY 22 TO FEBRUARY 13 NEXT YEAR.

THE FESTIVAL IS A JOINT PRESENTATION BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL, TSUEN WAN CULTURE AND RECREATION CO-ORDINATING ASSOCIATION AND THE MUSIC OFFICE.

TICKETS FOR FOU TS'ONG'S RECITALS AT \$10, \$20 AND \$30 ARE NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH POSTAL BOOKINGS UNTIL DECEMBER 9.

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