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SIR DAVID : PEOPLE LOOKING FOR FORWARD MOVES

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THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG ARE NOW LOOKING FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO MOVE FORWARD AND TO MAKE DECISIONS BASED ON ALL THE EVIDENCE THAT APPEARS IN THE SURVEY OFFICE REPORT ON THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE END OF A VISIT TO THE ISLANDS DISTRICT, SIR DAVID SAID "AS YOU KNOW, THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF EVIDENCE THERE ABOUT WHAT THE COMMUNITY THINKS."

"I BELIEVE THAT THE COMMUNITY - CERTAINLY THIS DISTRICT - IS NOW WANTING TO LOOK FORWARD TO TAKING THE DECISIONS."

WHEN ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE DEBATE IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL YESTERDAY, SIR DAVID SAID PEOPLE UNDERSTOOD AND EXPECTED THAT IF THE GOVERNMENT WAS CRITICISED, THE GOVERNMENT MUST ANSWER THAT CRITICISM.

HE SAID THAT WHAT THIS COMMUNITY LOOKED FOR WAS CO-OPERATION BETWEEN ALL THE DIFFERENT SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY.

"THIS IS A POINT WHICH HAS BEEN MADE TO ME THIS AFTERNOON HERE IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT," HE SAID.

ASKED IF THE SPEECH MADE BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID FORD, IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL YESTERDAY WOULD DETER PEOPLE FROM SPEAKING UP, SIR DAVID SAID HE HAD NEVER YET SEEN ANYTHING WHICH DETERRED PEOPLE IN HONG KONG FROM SPEAKING UP.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON MR FORD'S REMARK ON THE PERFORMANCE OF CIVIL SERVANTS, SIR DAVID SAID HE HAD GREAT ADMIRATION AND GREAT RESPECT FOR THE WORK DONE BY OFFICIALS IN THIS GOVERNMENT - SENIOR OFFICIALS, MIDDLE OFFICIALS AND JUNIOR OFFICIALS.

HE ADDED: "IF YOU GO ROUND DISTRICTS LIKE I'VE BEEN DOING TODAY AND LIKE I'VE DONE IN THE PAST, LIKE ALL OF YOU HAVE DONE, YOU CAN SEE HOW MUCH WORK THE GOVERNMENT IS DOING."

"YOU CAN SEE IT PHYSICALLY IN THE BUILDINGS THAT ARE GOING UP, THE FACILITIES THAT ARE GOING UP FOR PEOPLE.

"YOU CAN SEE IT PSYCHOLOGICALLY IN THE SORT OF CO-OPERATION THAT EXISTS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND DISTRICT BOARDS AND VARIOUS OTHER COMMUNITY LEADERS.

"SO I HAVE GREAT RESPECT FOR WHAT MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE DO AND WHAT THEY HAVE ACHIEVED."

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CONCERNING HIS VISIT, SIR DAVID SAID THERE WAS A GREAT NEED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF RURAL HOUSING IN THE DISTRICT.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD ALREADY MADE A START IN TAI O AND ON CHEUNG CHAU AND THERE WERE PLANS FOR FURTHER RURAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN MUI WO AND ON PENG CHAU.

"THERE CLEARLY IS A GREAT NEED AND IT IS SOMETHING WE MUST PUT A GREAT DEAL OF EFFORT INTO IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE LIVING STANDARD FOR THIS COMMUNITY," HE NOTED.

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GOVERNOR VISITS ISLANDS DISTRICT

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MORE RURAL PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES WILL BE BUILT IN MUI WO AND TAI O ON LANTAU AND ON CHEUNG CHAU AND PENG CHAU TO REHOUSE SQUATTERS IN THOSE AREAS AND TO IMPROVE ISLANDERS' LIVING CONDITIONS, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WAS TOLD DURING HIS VISIT TO THE ISLANDS DISTRICT THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON.

SIR DAVID, WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY LADY WILSON, WAS TOLD THAT, IN ADDITION TO THE EXISTING TWO ESTATES AT TAI O AND CHEUNG CHAU, AT LEAST FOUR OTHERS HAVE BEEN PLANNED, AND THESE WILL PROVIDE HOMES FOR ABOUT 9,000 PEOPLE.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE ACTING REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR PETER NG, AND ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JONATHAN NG, THE GOVERNOR AND LADY WILSON WERE GIVEN A BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF PENG CHAU AND LANTAU AS THEY FLEW IN BY HELICOPTER AND WERE BRIEFED ON DEVELOPMENTS ON THE TWO ISLANDS.

THEY LEARNT THAT THE CONSULTANTS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO CARRY OUT THE SOUTH LANTAU COAST PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT STUDY SIX MONTHS AGO HAD IDENTIFIED FOUR POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AREAS. THESE WERE PUI O, CHI MA WAN, CHEUNG SHA AND TONG FUK, WHERE VARIOUS RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION AND LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS WOULD BE RECOMMENDED.

THEY WERE TOLD THAT AN OVERALL REPORT BY THE CONSULTANTS WOULD BE AVAILABLE BY EARLY 1988.

ON THEIR ARRIVAL IN TAI O, SIR DAVID AND LADY WILSON WERE GREETED BY THE TAI O RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR YU YUEN-HEI, AND THE TAI O PROJECT MANAGER, MR C. K. CHOW.

THEY BOARDED A SAMPAN WHICH TOOK THEM ALONG TAI O CREEK WHERE THEY SAW A LARGE NUMBER OF STILTED STRUCTURES KNOWN AS "PANG UK'S" AND WHICH ACCOMMODATE ABOUT 3,000 PEOPLE.

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THE GOVERNOR AND LADY WILSON CALLED ON A FAMILY WHO WERE SIXTH GENERATION TAI O RESIDENTS.

AFTER THIS, THEY TOURED THE LUNG TIN ESTATE PHASE I - THE FIRST RURAL PUBLIC HOUSING SCHEME UNDERTAKEN IN THE DISTRICT BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY. IT WAS COMPLETED IN 1980 AND IS HOME TO ABOUT 1,000 PEOPLE.

WHILE IN TAI O, SIR DAVID AND LADY WILSON WERE BRIEFED ON DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS WHICH INCLUDED THE COMPLETION OF THE LUNG TIN ESTATE PHASE II AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SHELTERED ANCHORAGE IN THE EARLY 1990'S.

BEFORE LEAVING TAI O, THE GOVERNOR AND LADY WILSON VISITED THE BUDDHIST FAT HO MEMORIAL COLLEGE WHERE THEY MET STAFF AND STUDENTS AND WHILE THERE THEY ALSO DISCUSSED WITH OTHER LOCAL HEADMASTERS VARIOUS EDUCATION MATTERS AND PROBLEMS FACED BY THE VILLAGE SCHOOLS.

THE PARTY THEN FLEW BY HELICOPTER TO CHEUNG CHAU WHERE THEY WERE MET BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM WAI-KEUNG, CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR FUNG PAK-TAI, AND DISTRICT LANDS OFFICER, MR WAN MIN-KEE.

A BRIEFING WAS GIVEN ON DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE, COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND PUBLIC HOUSING.

SIR DAVID AND LADY WILSON WERE TOLD THAT THE SECOND ESTATE ON CHEUNG CHAU, TO BE BUILT AT SIN YAN TSENG, WOULD START TAKING IN RESIDENTS IN LATE 1992 AND AN INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE WOULD BE COMPLETED AT NAM SHE TONG IN EARLY 1991.

THEY THEN PROCEEDED TO THE PRAYA, THROUGH THE BUSTLING STREETS, AND WERE BRIEFED ON PLANS FOR A \$41.5 MILLION MARKET COMPLEX TO BE BUILT NEXT YEAR. THIS WOULD SOLVE HAWKER PROBLEMS.

NEXT, THE PARTY VISITED THE RENOVATED "STRAWHUT OF THE LAW FAMILY" WHERE THE GROUND FLOOR WAS USED AS AN ANCESTRAL HALL AND THE FAMILY ELDERS LIVED ON THE SECOND FLOOR. THEY ALSO VISITED THE 200-YEAR-OLD PAK TEI TEMPLE, WHICH HOUSES SEVERAL RELICS SUCH AS A LARGE IRON SWORD AND A SEDAN CHAIR.

BEFORE CONCLUDING THEIR VISIT TO THE ISLANDS DISTRICT, SIR DAVID AND LADY WILSON ATTENDED A TEA RECEPTION AT AN OPEN AREA IN FRONT OF THE PAK TEI TEMPLE, AND MET MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE RURAL COMMITTEES AND OTHER LOCAL PERSONALITIES.

SIR DAVID WAS PRESENTED WITH A SCROLL BY A WELL KNOWN LOCAL CALLIGRAPHER.

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CS LOOKS OVER ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID FORD, TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND DESCRIBED ITS WORK AS "TREMENDOUSLY IMPRESSIVE IN TECHNICAL TERMS".

HE WAS MET ON ARRIVAL BY THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES, MR GRAHAM OSBORNE, AND OTHER SENIOR STAFF BEFORE TOURING THE MAJOR WORKSHOPS IN THE EMSD HEADQUARTERS IN CAROLINE HILL ROAD.

MR FORD WAS BRIEFED ON THE EMSD'S MAIN AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITIES, WHICH INCLUDE ADVISING THE GOVERNMENT ON ALL ASPECTS OF BUILDING SERVICES, ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL AND ELECTRONIC INSTALLATIONS, MONITORING THEIR COMPLIANCE WITH STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS AND ENSURING THAT SAFETY STANDARDS ARE MAINTAINED.

THE DEPARTMENT IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR ADVISING THE GOVERNMENT ON ALL MATTERS RELATING TO THE TOWN-GAS AND LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS INDUSTRIES IN HONG KONG.

ITS OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE THE DESIGN, INSTALLATION, COMMISSIONING, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ALL MAJOR GOVERNMENT BUILDING SERVICES, ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL AND ELECTRONIC INSTALLATIONS, INCLUDING WASTE DISPOSAL AND SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS, AND THE UPKEEP OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FLEET OF 6,000 VEHICLES.

APART FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S 230 PROFESSIONAL OFFICERS TRAINED IN THE BUILDING SERVICES, ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL AND ELECTRONIC DISCIPLINES, ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF THE 7,500 STAFF ARE HIGHLY-SKILLED ARTISANS AND TECHNICIANS.

DEPLOYED IN MORE THAN 130 DIFFERENT LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, THEY ARE ENGAGED IN THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF A VAST RANGE OF MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL, ELECTRONIC AND AIR-CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS FOUR FUNCTIONAL BRANCHES INVOLVED RESPECTIVELY IN MANAGEMENT SERVICES, BUILDING SERVICES, PROJECTS AND DEVELOPMENT, AND WORKS AND SERVICES.

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GUIDELINES DEFINE MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

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A NEW SET OF DRAFTING GUIDELINES SCHEDULED FOR IMPLEMENTATION ON DECEMBER 1, 1987, WILL ENSURE THAT NEW DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT PROVIDE A MORE EFFECTIVE FRAMEWORK FOR THE BETTER MANAGEMENT OF MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

"THE GUIDELINES, TO BE REVIEWED AFTER ONE YEAR, WILL LIMIT THE PERIOD OF MANAGEMENT BY THE DEVELOPER TO TWO YEARS AND WILL CLEARLY DEFINE THE POWERS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE MANAGER. A SCALE OF RENUMERATION FOR THE MANAGER WILL ALSO BE SPELT OUT AND THE MANAGER WILL BE REQUIRED TO LIAISE REGULARLY WITH THE OWNERS FOR BETTER COMMUNICATION PURPOSES," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

"THE GUIDELINES WILL REQUIRE A CLEAR DEFINITION OF COMMON PARTS AND THEIR PLANS TO BE ATTACHED TO THE DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT, AND THE MANAGER WILL BE REQUIRED TO MAKE A CHINESE TRANSLATION OF THE DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT AVAILABLE FOR THE REFERENCE OF THE OWNERS," HE SAID.

THE LAW SOCIETY OF HONG KONG WILL BE PLAYING AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GUIDELINES WHICH HAVE BEEN TURNED INTO A PRACTICE DIRECTION FOR LEGAL PRACTITIONERS.

"SOLICITORS WILL IN FUTURE HAVE TO FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES WHEN DRAFTING DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT FOR ALL NEWLY CONSTRUCTED NON-INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS, ARISING FROM BOTH NEW DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT, EXCEPT THOSE LARGE ESTATES FOR WHICH THE DEVELOPER HAS GIVEN AN UNDERTAKING TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ESTATE FOR THE WHOLE OF THE LEASED PERIOD," THE SPOKESMAN NOTED.

"FURTHERMORE, ALL DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT ARISING FROM NEW NON-INDUSTRIAL LEASES GRANTED SINCE FEBRUARY 1986 ARE REQUIRED TO BE VETTED BY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL," HE SAID.

"IN VETTING DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT OF THESE NEW DEVELOPMENTS, THE REGISTRAR GENERAL WILL GIVE HIS APPROVAL ONLY IF HE IS SATISFIED THAT THE GUIDELINES HAVE BEEN FOLLOWED," HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT 18 DISTRICT BOARDS, EXCEPT ISLANDS DISTRICT WHERE MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS ARE UNCOMMON, THE LAW SOCIETY OF HONG KONG AND A NUMBER OF PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTIONS HAD BEEN CONSULTED BEFORE THE NEW GUIDELINES WERE DRAWN UP.

"THESE BODIES HAVE BEEN MOST FORTHCOMING AND MANY OF THEIR CONSTRUCTIVE COMMENTS HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THE GUIDELINES," HE SAID.

MUSIC OFFICE CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY

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ESTABLISHED IN 1977, THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH IS CELEBRATING ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY WITH A COLOURFUL PROGRAMME PROVIDING ENTERTAINMENT TO PEOPLE ALL OVER THE TERRITORY.

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE OFFICE'S CELEBRATIONS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (THURSDAY), THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR CLIVE OXLEY, SAID THAT OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS THE MUSIC OFFICE HOPED TO BRING HOME TO THE PEOPLE THAT IT HAD BEEN SERVING AND WOULD CONTINUE TO SERVE THE WHOLE COMMUNITY. THIS WAS BOTH IN PROVIDING INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING TO YOUNG PEOPLE AS WELL AS IN PROMOTING MUSIC PROGRAMMES IN ALL DISTRICTS, PROVIDING MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT TO YOUNG AND OLD.

LOOKING BACK OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS, MR OXLEY SAID THE MUSIC OFFICE IN 1978 HAD FOUR MUSIC CENTRES, AND NOW THERE WERE SEVEN CENTRES - ONE IN HONG KONG, THREE IN KOWLOON AND THREE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, AS WELL AS A HEADQUARTERS.

TODAY THERE WERE SOME 4,500 TRAINEES, COMPARED WITH 350 IN 1977.

MR OXLEY RECALLED THAT IN 1977, THE INSTRUCTORS, NUMBERING ABOUT 30, WERE PART-TIME WORKERS. "TODAY WE HAVE AN ESTABLISHMENT OF 79 FULL-TIME PROFESSIONALS, TEACHING 34 DIFFERENT TYPES OF CHINESE AND WESTERN MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AS WELL AS MANAGING 20 YOUTH ORCHESTRAS, BANDS AND CHOIRS," HE SAID.

ALTOGETHER, OVER 3,700 MUSIC-FOR-THE-MILLIONS CONCERTS HAD BEEN STAGED, HE SAID.

OUTLINING THE CELEBRATION PROGRAMME, THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR, MRS DORIS HO, SAID THE COMING WEEKS WOULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRAINEES TO SHARE THEIR MUSIC WITH PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE.

BESIDES CONCERTS IN THE CITY HALL, BANDS WILL PERFORM IN PLAYGROUNDS, AND STRING BANDS WILL PERFORM AT SCHOOLS AND SHOPPING CENTRES, AND, IN ADDITION, MUSICIANS WILL ALSO VISIT HOSPITALS.

A SCHOOL BAND FROM THE USA, THE TREMPER GOLDEN STRINGS, FROM TREMPER HIGH SCHOOL IN WISCONSIN, WILL TAKE PART IN THE PROGRAMME.

THE HAMAMATSU COMMERCIAL HIGH SCHOOL BAND FROM JAPAN WILL ALSO GIVE PERFORMANCES.

OTHER ACTIVITIES INCLUDE CONCERTS, CONTESTS, LECTURES, MASTERCLASSES, AND DEMONSTRATION WORKSHOPS.

THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF CONCERTS WILL BE THE OPENING CONCERT IN THE "CHINESE WEEK" TO BE HELD AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 14). SOME 400 MEMBERS OF THE CHINESE ORCHESTRAS OF THE MUSIC OFFICE WILL BE PERFORMING.

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DURING THE CELEBRATION WEEK, THREE GUEST MUSICIANS FROM CHINA WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROGRAMME AND THERE IS ALSO AN EVENING OF CHINESE FOLK AND OPERATIC MUSIC ON NOVEMBER 20.

A FIRST FOR THE MUSIC OFFICE WILL BE A YOUTH STRING MUSIC WEEK TO BE HELD FROM NOVEMBER 29 TO DECEMBER 6.

LADY WILSON WILL ATTEND AN EVENING CONCERT ON DECEMBER 28 AT WHICH ALL THE PERFORMERS WILL BE AGED UNDER 14 YEARS.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID FORD, WILL ADDRESS THE TRAINEES AT THE ANNUAL TRAINEES' GALA TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 24. OVER 1,000 TRAINEES AND ORCHESTRAL MEMBERS WILL PERFORM THAT AFTERNOON.

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WORLD'S BIGGEST POSTER FORMED BY CYC MEMBERS

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FOUR HUNDRED MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB (CYC) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) COMPOSED THE WORLD'S BIGGEST POSTER ON THE THEME OF "HONG KONG - MY HOME" IN AN ATTEMPT TO GAIN AN ENTRY IN THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS. THE POSTER WAS FORMED AT TWO FOOTBALL PITCHES IN THE VICTORIA PARK, CAUSEWAY BAY. MEASURING 50 X 50 METRES, IT WAS 25 PER CENT BIGGER THAN THE EXISTING RECORD IN THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS WHICH WAS SET BY STUDENTS OF THE OSAKA GAKUIN UNIVERSITY IN JAPAN IN OCTOBER 1984.

PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN FROM A ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE HELICOPTER WILL BE SENT TO THE EDITORIAL BOARD OF THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS TO SEEK RECOGNITION AS THE LARGEST POSTER IN THE WORLD.

THE POSTER WAS MADE UP OF 15,000 PIECES OF CARDBOARD PAINTED BY 1,200 STUDENTS FROM 25 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS. SOME 600 LITRES OF PAINT WERE USED.

THE POSTER WILL REAPPEAR AT THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY ANNUAL PARADE OF CYC AT THE HONG KONG COLISEUM ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20. THE CARDBOARD WILL THEN BE CUT UP INTO 90,000 CHRISTMAS CARDS AND SOLD TO THE PUBLIC TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE ELDERLY. A SUM OF \$450,000 IS EXPECTED TO BE RAISED.

SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY TO MARK THE COMPLETION OF THE POSTER, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, SAID THE THEME OF THE POSTER WAS CHOSEN TO PROMOTE CIVIC AWARENESS AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE WITH A VIEW TO PROMOTING A SENSE OF BELONGING.

THE ATTEMPT ALSO SOUGHT TO INSPIRE YOUNG PEOPLE TO DO BETTER AND MORE IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE MORE AND TO ALLOW THEM TO EXPERIENCE A SPIRIT OF CAMARADERIE.

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ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY FACING A CHALLENGE

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THE EMERGENCE OF APPLICATIONS SPECIFIC INTEGRATED CIRCUITS (ASIC) AND SURFACE MOUNT TECHNOLOGY (SMT) IN RECENT YEARS PRESENTS A CHALLENGE TO HONG KONG'S ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY, THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR K.Y. YEUNG, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT A SEMINAR ORGANISED BY THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, MR YEUNG SAID IF HONG KONG'S ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY DID NOT RESPOND TO NEW TECHNOLOGIES, TWO TRENDS WERE LIKELY TO EMERGE.

"FIRST, PRODUCTION REPRESENTED BY SIMPLE MANUAL ASSEMBLY WORK IS LIKELY TO BE TRANSFERRED OUT OF HONG KONG TO COUNTRIES WHERE LABOUR AND OTHER COSTS ARE RELATIVELY LOW," HE SAID.

"SECONDLY, PRODUCTION INVOLVING MORE COMPLEX PROCESSES AND RESULTING IN HIGHER VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS WOULD MOVE AWAY FROM HONG KONG TO COUNTRIES THAT ARE MORE TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED."

MR YEUNG SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD COME TO THE VIEW THAT THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY MUST SEEK TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE ITS COMPETITIVENESS AND THAT THERE WERE CERTAIN AREAS IN WHICH THE GOVERNMENT HAD AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY.

"THE GOVERNMENT IS AIMING TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT THAT WOULD ENABLE THE INDUSTRY TO CROSS THE TECHNOLOGICAL AND OTHER BARRIERS WHICH STAND IN THE WAY OF IT BECOMING MORE COMPETITIVE," HE SAID.

MR YEUNG SAID IN TERMS OF MANPOWER TRAINING, INDUSTRIAL LAND AND ACCOMMODATION AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT SERVICES AND FACILITIES, THE PUBLIC SECTOR WAS PLAYING A STRONG ENABLING ROLE IN HELPING THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE ITS COMPETITIVENESS.

WHILE NOTING THAT THERE WAS NOW GREATER AWARENESS IN THE INDUSTRY OF THE RELEVANCE OF EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES AND OF THE NEED TO UPGRADE ITSELF, MR YEUNG ADDED THAT GIVEN THE FURTHER STIMULUS PROVIDED BY PUBLIC SECTOR SERVICES AND FACILITIES, ENTREPRENEURS WOULD BE MORE WILLING TO INVEST IN PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, IN THE MASTERING AND APPLICATION OF NEW TECHNOLOGY AND IN MOVING INTO TOTAL QUALITY.

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91,700 LIVESTOCK STRUCTURES REGISTERED

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A TOTAL OF 91,700 LIVESTOCK STRUCTURES WERE RECORDED IN THE URBAN AREA AND THE NEW TERRITORIES DURING A SURVEY CONDUCTED BY GOVERNMENT STAFF BETWEEN OCTOBER 15 AND NOVEMBER 7.

THE SURVEY, CARRIED OUT SUBSEQUENT TO THE PASSAGE OF THE WASTE DISPOSAL (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE, WAS TO REGISTER ALL EXISTING LIVESTOCK FARMS IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH THEIR PRELIMINARY ELIGIBILITY FOR EX-GRATIA PAYMENTS UNDER THE LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL SCHEME.

ABOUT 258 TEAMS, COMPRISING SOME 700 STAFF FROM THE HOUSING, WATER SUPPLIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENTS TOOK PART IN CONDUCTING THE SURVEY, WHICH RECEIVED VERY GOOD CO-OPERATION FROM LIVESTOCK FARMERS.

AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THOSE FARMERS WHO CLAIMED THAT THEIR LIVESTOCK FARMS OR LIVESTOCK STRUCTURES WERE NOT VISITED BY SURVEY STAFF SHOULD CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT ON TELEPHONE NUMBER : 3-7332292, 3-7332293 OR 3-7332296 BEFORE NOVEMBER 17, 1987.

DETAILED SURVEYS COVERING ALL THE LIVESTOCK STRUCTURES WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY BEFORE CONTROLS COME INTO OPERATION TO DETERMINE THE ACTUAL AMOUNT DUE TO INDIVIDUAL FARMS UNDER THE PROPOSED COMPENSATION SCHEME.

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SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FESTIVAL TO START NEXT WEEK

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A FIVE-WEEK DISTRICT FESTIVAL FEATURING MORE THAN 60 CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL, SPORTS AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD IN SHAM SHUI PO FROM MONDAY (NOVEMBER 16).

THE FESTIVAL WILL KICK OFF WITH AN OPENING CEREMONY AND VARIETY SHOW ON MONDAY EVENING AT THE HONG KONG COLISEUM. EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MISS LYDIA DUNN, AND THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

THE THEME OF THE FESTIVAL IS TO PROMOTE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION. IT IS ORGANISED BY THE 1987 SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FESTIVAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE SHAM SHUI PO ARTS ASSOCIATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION, AND IS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

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AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (THURSDAY), THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR KWOK CHEONG, SAID: "THE FESTIVAL IS ESTIMATED TO COST \$1.8 MILLION, WITH \$500,000 SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE REST FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS."

"WITH THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION THEME, WE HOPE THE FESTIVAL WILL BE ABLE TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS' SUPPORT IN THE 1988 DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS," HE ADDED.

PUBLICITY FOR THE FESTIVAL HAS BEGUN EARLIER THIS MONTH WITH 250 BUNTING AND BANNERS MOUNTED THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT, AND "PAI LAUS" PUT UP NEAR THE SHAM SHUI PO CLOCK TOWER AND THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND. SHOW WINDOWS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND SUB-OFFICES HAVE ALSO BEEN REDECORATED.

FREE PROGRAMME PAMPHLETS OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND SUB-OFFICES.

THE FESTIVAL WILL END ON DECEMBER 20 (SUNDAY) WITH A CLOSING CEREMONY AND SPORTS CARNIVAL AT THE NEW SHAM SHUI PO SPORTS GROUND, CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD.

OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE FESTIVAL INCLUDE A CANTONESE OPERA PERFORMANCE BY THE CHOR FUNG MING GROUP, SUB-DISTRICT FESTIVALS ORGANISED BY EACH OF THE 10 AREA COMMITTEES IN SHAM SHUI PO, AN ATHLETIC MEET, AND A JOINT SCHOOL TELEMATCH.

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SIX ANIMALS, PANDA SKIN FLOWN TO PEKING

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A GIANT PANDA SKIN AND SIX ENDANGERED ANIMALS SEIZED BY THE GOVERNMENT AS A RESULT OF STRICT ENFORCEMENT ACTION WERE FLOWN TO PEKING TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE PANDA SKIN CAME INTO THE CUSTODY OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT IN JULY AFTER A CHINESE SEAMAN WAS APPREHENDED AND PROSECUTED FOR SMUGGLING IT AND A GOLDEN SNUB-NOSED MONKEY SKIN INTO THE TERRITORY.

THE LIVE ENDANGERED ANIMALS IN THE CONSIGNMENT WERE TWO RHESUS MONKEYS AND FOUR ALLIGATORS, ALL OF WHICH WERE PROTECTED UNDER THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) ORDINANCE.

THIS WAS THE TENTH CONSIGNMENT OF ENDANGERED SPECIES TRANSPORTED TO CHINA SINCE 1984. THE PREVIOUS CONSIGNMENTS INVOLVED 148 RARE ANIMALS INCLUDING AN ASIATIC BROWN BEAR, AN ASIATIC BLACK BEAR, FIVE CROCODILES, 29 GIANT SALAMANDERS AND TWO SERPENT EAGLES.

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TODAY'S EXERCISE WAS ARRANGED IN CONJUNCTION WITH CHINA'S ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA IMPORT AND EXPORT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE.

THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CONSERVATION AND COUNTRY PARKS), MR K.C. IU, SAID THAT AS A PARTICIPANT IN THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA (CITES), HONG KONG ENJOYED VERY GOOD CO-OPERATION WITH THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES IN THE WORLDWIDE EFFORT TO SAVE RARE SPECIES FROM EXTINCTION.

"IN CONFORMITY WITH THE CITES SPIRIT, THE DEPARTMENT STRICTLY PROHIBITS UNAUTHORISED IMPORT, EXPORT AND POSSESSION OF RARE ANIMALS, BIRDS OR PLANTS OR THEIR PARTS AND DERIVATIVES," HE SAID.

"FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE LAW MAY LEAD TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5,000 FOR THE FIRST OFFENCE, AND \$10,000 FINE PLUS SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT FOR A REPEAT OFFENCE," HE SAID.

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RAINFALL BELOW NORMAL IN OCTOBER

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OCTOBER WAS THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE MONTH IN WHICH THE RAINFALL WAS BELOW NORMAL, WITH A TOTAL AMOUNT OF ONLY 72.7 MILLIMETRES. THIS AMOUNT WAS 40 PER CENT BELOW THE NORMAL OCTOBER RAINFALL OF 121.2 MILLIMETRES. HOWEVER, THE TOTAL RAINFALL UP TO THE END OF OCTOBER WAS STILL ABOUT FOUR PER CENT ABOVE THE NORMAL FOR THE 10-MONTH PERIOD. THE MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 24.2 DEGREES WAS THE SECOND HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR OCTOBER.

THE ONLY TROPICAL CYCLONE THAT AFFECTED HONG KONG DURING THE MONTH WAS LYNN. IT NECESSITATED THE HOISTING OF THE STRONG WIND SIGNAL NO. 3 FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR.

FOLLOWING ON FROM THE WEATHER PATTERN AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER, CONDITIONS ON OCTOBER 1 REMAINED CLOUDY WITH SOME LIGHT RAIN. HOWEVER, AS EASTERLY WINDS WEAKENED TOWARDS THE END OF THE DAY, THE SKY BEGAN TO CLEAR. GENERALLY FINE WEATHER PREVAILED THROUGH OCTOBER 3 EXCEPT FOR A FEW BRIEF SHOWERS ON THAT DAY.

A SURGE OF THE NORTHEAST MONSOON ARRIVED DURING THE EARLY HOURS OF OCTOBER 4 BUT THE WEATHER CONTINUED TO BE FINE. THESE CONDITIONS LASTED UNTIL OCTOBER 7 WHEN A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE FORMED OVER CENTRAL CHINA AND BEGAN TO MOVE RAPIDLY SOUTHWARDS. IT REACHED THE SOUTH CHINA COAST ON OCTOBER 8 AND GAVE RISE TO THUNDERSTORMS IN HONG KONG DURING THE DAY.

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MODERATE TO FRESH EASTERLY WINDS KEPT THE SKY CLOUDY ON OCTOBER 9. HOWEVER, THE WEATHER BECAME FINE THE NEXT DAY AS THE EASTERLY WINDS SLACKENED.

FINE WEATHER PREVAILED BETWEEN OCTOBER 10 AND 14 ALTHOUGH SOME BRIEF SHOWERS OCCURRED OVERNIGHT ON OCTOBER 11 AND 12. PLENTY OF SUNSHINE AND SOUTHERLY WINDS CAUSED THE TEMPERATURE ON OCTOBER 11 TO REACH 30.7 DEGREES, WHICH WAS THE HIGHEST DURING THE MONTH.

A COLD FRONT REACHED THE SOUTH CHINA COAST ON OCTOBER 15. SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS OVER HONG KONG HERALDED ITS ARRIVAL. AFTER THE PASSAGE OF THE COLD FRONT, THE WEATHER TURNED FINE ON OCTOBER 16 AND REMAINED SO UNTIL OCTOBER 17.

AS ANOTHER WEAK COLD FRONT APPROACHED THE SOUTH CHINA COAST ON OCTOBER 18 THE SKY BECAME CLOUDY AGAIN. HOWEVER, FINE WEATHER RETURNED THE NEXT DAY AFTER THE COLD FRONT HAD MOVED TO THE SOUTH OF HONG KONG.

A SURGE OF THE NORTHEAST MONSOON ARRIVED AT HONG KONG ON THE NIGHT OF OCTOBER 19 AND THE WINDS BECAME FRESH EASTERLY OFFSHORE. CLOUDY CONDITIONS AND INTERMITTENT LIGHT RAIN BEGAN TO SET IN OVERNIGHT AND PERSISTED UNTIL OCTOBER 21.

ON OCTOBER 21, A COLD FRONT OVER CENTRAL CHINA MOVED SLOWLY SOUTHWARDS AND REACHED THE SOUTH CHINA COAST ON OCTOBER 22. ALTHOUGH THE RELATIVE HUMIDITY DROPPED AFTER THE ARRIVAL OF THE COLD FRONT, THE WEATHER REMAINED CLOUDY UNTIL THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 23.

MEANWHILE, OVER THE WESTERN PACIFIC TO THE EAST OF THE PHILIPPINES, TYPHOON LYNN WAS HEADING TOWARDS THE LUZON STRAIT. THE PREVAILING NORTHEAST MONSOON OVER SOUTHEASTERN CHINA WAS ENHANCED BY THE CIRCULATION ASSOCIATED WITH LYNN AND STRONG WINDS OCCURRED OVER THE SOUTH CHINA COASTAL WATERS DURING THE DAY ON OCTOBER 23 WHEN LYNN WAS STILL ABOUT 1,000 KILOMETRES AWAY FROM HONG KONG.

WITH LYNN CONTINUING TO MOVE CLOSER TO HONG KONG, THE STAND BY SIGNAL NO. 1 WAS HOISTED AT 11 PM ON OCTOBER 23. THE INCREASING THREAT OF LYNN NECESSITATED THE HOISTING OF THE STRONG WIND SIGNAL, NO. 3, AT 5 AM ON OCTOBER 24. DURING THE DAY, WINDS WITHIN THE HARBOUR WERE FRESH TO STRONG WHILE THOSE OFFSHORE OCCASIONALLY REACHED GALE FORCE. THE STRONG GUSTY WINDS ON OCTOBER 24 BLEW DOWN SOME BILLBOARDS AND TREES.

STRONG GUSTY WINDS PERSISTED OFFSHORE AND IN EXPOSED AREAS EARLY ON OCTOBER 25. HOWEVER, WINDS MODERATED DURING THE AFTERNOON AS TYPHOON LYNN WEAKENED TO A SEVERE TROPICAL STORM. AS LYNN WAS EXPECTED TO WEAKEN FURTHER, THE STRONG WIND SIGNAL NO. 3 WAS REPLACED BY THE STAND BY SIGNAL NO. 1 AT 3 PM ON OCTOBER 25. RAIN ASSOCIATED WITH LYNN AFFECTED HONG KONG THAT EVENING.

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DURING THE EARLY MORNING OF OCTOBER 26 THE TEMPERATURE DROPPED TO 19.7 DEGREES, WHICH WAS THE LOWEST SO FAR THIS AUTUMN. WITH LYNN WEAKENING FURTHER AND NO LONGER POSING A THREAT TO HONG KONG, THE STAND BY SIGNAL NO. 1 WAS LOWERED AT 4 PM ON OCTOBER 26. THE WEATHER THAT DAY REMAINED CLOUDY.

ALTHOUGH LYNN WEAKENED TO AN AREA OF LOW PRESSURE IN THE AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 27, SHOWERS AND ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS ASSOCIATED WITH ITS REMNANT AFFECTED HONG KONG BETWEEN OCTOBER 27 AND 29. THIS RAIN EPISODE CONTRIBUTED TO MOST OF THE RAINFALL FOR THE MONTH.

AFTER THE FINAL DISSIPATION OF THE REMNANT OF LYNN, THE WEATHER TURNED FINE ON OCTOBER 30. HOWEVER, ANOTHER WEAK SURGE OF THE NORTHEAST MONSOON BROUGHT CLOUDY SKIES AND INTERMITTENT LIGHT RAIN OVERNIGHT ON OCTOBER 30. SUCH CONDITIONS LASTED UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH.

A TOTAL OF FIVE TROPICAL CYCLONES OCCURRED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA DURING OCTOBER.

DURING OCTOBER, NO AIRCRAFT WAS DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER. THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON OCTOBER 3, 8, 15 AND 29. THE RED FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON OCTOBER 25 AND 31. THE YELLOW FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON OCTOBER 7, 8, 11, 17, 18, 24 AND 25.

SIGNALS HOISTED DURING THE MONTH WERE AS FOLLOWS:

WEATHER SYSTEM	SIGNAL	DATE AND TIME OF HOISTING	DATE AND TIME OF LOWERING
TYPHOON LYNN	1	OCTOBER 23 11 PM	OCTOBER 24 5 AM
	3	OCTOBER 24 5 AM	OCTOBER 25 3 PM
	1	OCTOBER 25 3 PM	OCTOBER 26 4 PM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	OCTOBER 28 4.47 AM	OCTOBER 28 12 NOON

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

SUNSHINE	176.3 HOURS	; 33.6 HOURS BELOW NORMAL
GLOBAL SOLAR RADIATION	13.54 MJ/SQUARE METRE	; 2.38 MJ/SQUARE METRE BELOW NORMAL
RAINFALL	72.7 MM	; 48.5 MM BELOW NORMAL

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CLOUDINESS	61 PER CENT	;	9 PER CENT MORE THAN NORMAL
RELATIVE HUMIDITY	80 PER CENT	;	8 PER CENT HIGHER THAN NORMAL
MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE	27.8 DEGREES CELSIUS	;	0.1 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN TEMPERATURE	25.7 DEGREES CELSIUS	;	0.7 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	24.2 DEGREES CELSIUS	;	1.5 DEGREES CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	21.9 DEGREES CELSIUS	;	2.6 DEGREES CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	109.7 MM	;	50.9 MM BELOW NORMAL

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CAREERS EXHIBITION ATTRACTS LARGE CROWD
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THE CAREERS EXHIBITION '88 NOW BEING HELD AT THE SHATIN TOWN HALL HAS PROVED TO BE VERY POPULAR AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE.

SINCE ITS OPENING LAST SATURDAY, MORE THAN 40,000 PEOPLE, MOST OF THEM SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS, HAVE VISITED THE EXHIBITION.

A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (THURSDAY) SAID THE LARGE NUMBER OF VISITORS WAS MOST ENCOURAGING PARTICULARLY AS THE EVENT WAS HELD IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FOR THE FIRST TIME.

HE CALLED ON THE PUBLIC TO VISIT THE EXHIBITION BEFORE IT CLOSED ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 16).

AS PART OF THE PROGRAMME, A SERIES OF CAREER TALKS AND VIDEO SHOWS ON TRAINING AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR FORM 3 TO 7 STUDENTS IS BEING ORGANISED DAILY.

IN ADDITION, TWO OUTDOOR CAREER SHOWS WILL BE HELD BETWEEN 10 AM AND 5 PM BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 14) AND BY THE AUXILIARY SERVICES ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 15).

THE SHOWS WILL BE STAGED OUTSIDE THE SHATIN TOWN HALL.

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TSUEN WAN ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE TO MEET

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THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSPORT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE VARIOUS OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE GRASS AND UNDERGROWTH CUTTING IN THE DISTRICT AT A MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

QUESTIONS ON THE COMPREHENSIVE REDEVELOPMENT AREA RELATING TO THE TOWN PLANNING OF THE DISTRICT WILL ALSO BE RAISED.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM IN THE MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, SECOND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STORRY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS RURAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

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THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DISCUSS THE PROGRESS OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT IN RURAL AREAS.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO CONSIDER VILLAGE PROJECTS SUCH AS FILLING IN OF POT-HOLES, AND REPAIRS TO FOOTPATHS AND FOOTBRIDGES.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME AND A REPORT FROM THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE STREET MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD, 13TH FLOOR, TAI KIU GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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ANTI-TRIAD SEMINAR IN TSUEN WAN

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SOME 30 SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, DISCIPLINE MASTERS AND SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS WILL PARTICIPATE IN AN ANTI-TRIAD SEMINAR ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE SEMINAR WILL SUPPORT THE TERRITORY-WIDE ANTI-TRIAD CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED BY THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

IT PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON TRIAD PROBLEMS.

AMONG THOSE ATTENDING WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT FCC, MR CHOW KWAN-SING; THE POLICE REGIONAL COMMANDER FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR RICHARD SMALLSHAW; AND TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM SHIU.

THE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD AT THE HILLTOP COUNTRY CLUB, HILLTOP ROAD, TSUEN WAN. IT WILL START AT 2 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR.

A GOVERNMENT VAN HAS BEEN ARRANGED TO TAKE PRESS MEMBERS TO THE VENUE. IT WILL LEAVE THE ENTRANCE OF THE TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING AT SAI LAU KOK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, AT 1.40 PM.

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SPORTS PROGRAMMES FOR SPECIAL TARGET GROUPS

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THE YOUNG, THE OLD AND THE DISABLED OF KWUN TONG WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY A HOST OF FUN-FILLED SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

PRESENTED BY THE KWUN TONG SPORTS FESTIVAL '87, THE ACTIVITIES ARE SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO CATER FOR RESIDENTS' INTERESTS AND NEEDS. THE FESTIVAL RUNS FROM NOVEMBER 8 TO 22.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE SAID THE PROGRAMMES TIED IN WITH THE OBJECTIVE TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION OF RESIDENTS FROM DIFFERENT SECTORS AND AGE GROUPS.

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DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DATE AND TIME -----	EVENT -----	VENUE -----
NOVEMBER 13 (FRIDAY) 9 AM - 1 PM	FUN DAY FOR THE DISABLED	HIU KWONG STREET INDOOR GAMES HALL
NOVEMBER 14 (SATURDAY) 9 AM - 1 PM	GAMES DAY FOR THE ELDERLY AND TAIJI DEMONSTRATION	HIU KWONG STREET INDOOR GAMES HALL
NOVEMBER 15 (SUNDAY) 9 AM - 1 PM	MINI OLYMPIC	FOK WAH PLAYGROUND, LOK WAH ESTATE

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENTS.

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KWAI TSING STARTS CLEAN HK AND HOME SAFETY CAMPAIGN

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THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD AND SEVERAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WILL JOINTLY PUT ACROSS CLEAN HONG KONG AND HOME SAFETY MESSAGES TO RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT THIS SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 14).

THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE DISTRICT'S CLEAN HONG KONG AND HOME SAFETY CAMPAIGN WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM ON SATURDAY AT THE HING FONG ROAD PLAYGROUND.

AN ANTI-MOSQUITOES DISPLAY AND EXHIBITIONS ON HOME SAFETY AND GAS SAFETY WILL BE SET UP AT THE VENUE BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

RESIDENTS MAY ALSO ENJOY A ONE-HOUR VARIETY SHOW ORGANISED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD.

THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN COAK, THE KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT HYGIENE SUPERINTENDENT OF REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR CHOY SHU-KAI, AND THE DIVISION COMMANDER OF N.T. SOUTHERN DIVISION OF FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR C.W. CHEUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, MR CHOW SUM, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE CAMPAIGN, MR LEE SHUNG-SHIN, WILL ALSO BE PRESENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT'S CLEAN HONG KONG AND HOME SAFETY CAMPAIGN ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 14) AT THE HING FONG ROAD PLAYGROUND (NEAR KWAI FONG MTR). THE CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM.

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CARNIVAL TO PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH

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A CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 14) AFTERNOON IN THE OPEN SQUARE OF SHA KOK ESTATE, SHA TIN, TO PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH THROUGH PARTICIPATION BY RESIDENTS AND FORMER MENTAL PATIENTS.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S WORKING GROUP ON COMMUNITY PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION EDUCATION AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE CARNIVAL WILL FEATURE SINGING, DRAMA, MAGIC SHOW, EDUCATIONAL VIDEO SHOW AND QUIZ. THERE WILL ALSO BE A CRAFT EXHIBITION AND 18 GAMES STALLS STAGED BY PATRONS OF HALF-WAY HOUSES.

SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VICTOR YUNG; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR NG CHAN-LAM; DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MRS LESLIE HUNG AND SENIOR HOUSING MANAGER, MR CHEN YU-CHENG WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 1.30 PM.

ADMISSION TO THE EVENT IS FREE. FOR ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CALL 0-6048078.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CARNIVAL ON MENTAL HEALTH, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 1.30 PM ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 14) AT THE OPEN SQUARE OF SHA KOK ESTATE, SHA TIN.

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VARIETY SHOW FOR MONG KOK EAST

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A VARIETY SHOW FEATURING LION DANCES, MAGIC, DANCING AND SINGING WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 14) NIGHT AT QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL.

THE FUNCTION HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE MONG KOK EAST AREA COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE FREE ENTERTAINMENT FOR RESIDENTS.

"IT IS ALSO HOPED THAT BY PARTICIPATING IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES THE RESIDENTS CAN DEVELOP FURTHER THEIR SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT," A COMMITTEE SPOKEMAN SAID.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING WILL BE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR JACKIE CHAN; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI; AND DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS BRENDA FUNG.

THE VARIETY SHOW, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 7.30 PM, IS SPONSORED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF MONG KOK EAST VARIETY SHOW ON SATURDAY AT QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL, 152 SAI YEE STREET, MONG KOK. IT WILL BEGIN AT 7.30 PM.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT TO HOLD STUDENTS VARIETY SHOW

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TALENTED STUDENTS IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT WILL GIVE A JOINT PERFORMANCE ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 14) AT SAN WUI COMMERCIAL SOCIETY CHAN PAK SHA SCHOOL IN SHUM WAN ROAD.

THE "SOUTHERN DISTRICT OUTSTANDING STUDENTS VARIETY SHOW", SPONSORED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE URBAN COUNCIL, IS ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE AND THE ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION OF THE DISTRICT.

THE AIM OF THE FUNCTION IS TO ENABLE LOCAL STUDENTS TO INCREASE EXPERIENCE IN PERFORMING AND TO LEARN FROM EACH OTHER.

ABOUT 200 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS FROM 10 SCHOOLS WILL PERFORM IN THE VARIETY SHOW.

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THERE WILL BE CHINESE, WESTERN AND FOLK DANCES, CANTONESE OPERATIC SONGS, POETRY AND PROSE RECITATIONS, CHINESE AND WESTERN INSTRUMENTAL PERFORMANCES AS WELL AS SINGING AND DANCING BY BROWNIES.

THE SHOW WILL START AT 10 AM WITH A BRIEF OPENING CEREMONY. LOCAL STUDENTS AND RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. ADMISSION IS FREE.

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SPORTS FORTNIGHT FOR WONG TAI SIN RESIDENTS

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A SPORTS FORTNIGHT PROVIDING 15 EVENTS FOR RESIDENTS IN WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT, WILL BEGIN WITH A VARIETY SHOW AT THE MORSE PARK AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 15).

THERE WILL BE PERFORMANCES BY A MOTOR-CYCLING TEAM AND A BAND, DEMONSTRATIONS OF MARTIAL ARTS, AND CHINESE FOLK DANCE.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS CAN BE OBTAINED AT ANY OF THE FOUR BRANCH OFFICES OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE IN SAN PO KONG, LOK FU SHOPPING CENTRE, TZE WAN SHAN ESTATE AND CHOI WAN ESTATE.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR MICHAEL CHENG; URBAN COUNCILLOR, MRS NELLIE FONG; AND WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NG HONG-WAH.

THE SPORTS FORTNIGHT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD, THE DISTRICT'S SPORTS AND RECREATION COUNCIL AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

ACTIVITIES PROVIDED FOR RESIDENTS WILL INCLUDE AN EXCURSION TO THE PEAK FOR THE AGED, FEI NGO SHAN ROAD RACE, CANOEING TRAINING COURSE, SAILING TRAINING COURSE, WINDSURFING TRAINING COURSE FOR THE DEAF, RECREATION CAMP, FOOTBALL, TENNIS, SOCCER, BASKETBALL, VOLLEY BALL AND SQUASH.

THE CLOSING EVENT WILL BE A DISCO NIGHT TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 29.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO TAKE PART AT THESE ACTIVITIES MAY MAKE APPLICATIONS AT THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE (RECREATION, AMENITIES AND SPORTS) AT THE FOURTH FLOOR OF THE URBAN COUNCIL NGAU CHI WAN COMPLEX.

ENQUIRES MAY BE MADE AT 3-289262.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT SPORTS FORTNIGHT TO BE HELD AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY AT THE MORSE PARK FOOTBALL PITCH.

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CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN FOR FANLING RESIDENTS

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A MONTH-LONG EXERCISE TO PROMOTE CIVIC AWARENESS AND TO FOSTER A BETTER UNDERSTANDING ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION IS BEING LAUNCHED IN THE TIN SUM TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA IN FANLING.

THE 'BE A GOOD CITIZEN' EXERCISE FEATURING EXHIBITION, CROSS-WORD PUZZLE AND QUIZ, WILL FOCUS ON THE THEME OF CIVIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES AS WELL AS ON THE ROLE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE STAGED IN THE OPEN SPACE OUTSIDE BLOCK 23 OF THE THA ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 15) AND RESIDENTS CAN TAKE PART IN THE QUIZ AND CROSS-WORD PUZZLE COMPETITION.

A TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS WILL ALSO VISIT 1,400 HOUSEHOLDS IN THE AREA TO HELP ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS TO REGISTER AS ELECTORS BEFORE NOVEMBER 20 SO THAT THEY CAN VOTE IN THE NEXT DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

THE CIVIC EDUCATION EXERCISE IS ORGANISED BY THE FANLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OF THE HONG KONG LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE HONG KONG SYNOD AND IS SPONSORED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT STEERING COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION.

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ROAD SAFETY CARNIVAL FOR KOWLOON CITY RESIDENTS

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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT WILL HOLD A ROAD SAFETY CARNIVAL ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 15) TO PUBLICISE THE IMPORTANCE OF ROAD SAFETY AND PROVIDE AN AFTERNOON OF FUN TO RESIDENTS. THE CARNIVAL WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM AT THE ARGYLE STREET PLAYGROUND.

PROGRAMMES WILL INCLUDE GAMESTALLS, FOOT DRILL BY SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY PATROL TEAMS AND PERFORMANCES BY THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL ROTARY BAND. A PUBLICITY VAN WILL TOUR THE DISTRICT TO SPREAD THE ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE.

THERE WILL BE AN EXHIBITION BUS, A MOBILE ROAD SAFETY TOWN, EXHIBITION ON ROAD SAFETY CODES AND AN INFLATABLE BEAR TO ATTRACT CHILDREN.

KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SIK-KONG, DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALEX FONG, AND KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT POLICE COMMANDER, MRS WONG LEUNG KAM-SHAN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CARNIVAL OPENING AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 15) AT THE ARGYLE STREET PLAYGROUND.

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR SCOUT RALLY

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 14) IN HAPPY VALLEY AND CAUSEWAY BAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE SCOUT RALLY AT THE HONG KONG STADIUM.

FROM 2 PM, THE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS WILL COME INTO EFFECT:

- * CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN LINK ROAD AND STADIUM PATH WILL BE ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.
- * CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD AND LEIGHTON ROAD/PENNINGTON STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC.
- * CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN COTTON PATH AND LEIGHTON ROAD/PENNINGTON STREET WILL BE ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.
- * EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD BETWEEN STADIUM PATH AND TUNG LO WAN ROAD WILL BE ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND. VEHICULAR ACCESS TO THE ST PAUL'S HOSPITAL CARPARK FROM TUNG LO WAN ROAD WILL BE MAINTAINED.
- * LINK ROAD BETWEEN CAROLINE HILL ROAD AND HAPPY VIEW TERRACE WILL BE ROUTED ONE-WAY UPHILL. VEHICLES EXITING FROM UPPER SECTION OF BROADWOOD ROAD, HAPPY VIEW TERRACE AND LEIGHTON HILL WILL PROCEED DOWN VIA BROADWOOD ROAD TO WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD.

FIFTEEN MINUTES BEFORE THE END OF THE EVENT, THE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED:

- * CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN STADIUM PATH AND LEIGHTON ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.
- * CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN LEIGHTON ROAD AND COTTON PATH WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC.
- * LINK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC EXCEPT FOR ACCESS TO OR FROM PREMISES AT LINK ROAD VIA BROADWOOD ROAD.

ON COMPLETION OF THE EVENT AND AFTER THE MAJORITY OF SPECTATORS HAVE DISPERSED, THESE SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE WITHDRAWN.

ALL CAR PARKING SPACES IN SUN WUI ROAD, STADIUM PATH AND THE UNNAMED SERVICE ROAD AROUND THE STADIUM WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM NOON UNTIL MIDNIGHT.

FROM 10 AM, LEARNER DRIVERS WILL BE BANNED FROM MATHESON STREET, RUSSELL STREET AND SHARP STREET EAST.

ALSO, THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT FROM PERCIVAL STREET SOUTHBOUND INTO LEIGHTON ROAD EASTBOUND, OR TO ENTER TUNG LO WAN ROAD FROM CAUSEWAY ROAD.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS ON HONG KONG ISLAND

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THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL BE MADE URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 14) FOR ROAD WORKS:

- * THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF KO SHING STREET IN SHEUNG WAN BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH QUEEN STREET AND HOUSE NO.13 WILL BE DESIGNATED A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS;
- * A 59-METRE STRETCH ALONG FORT STREET IN NORTH POINT EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH CHEUNG HONG STREET WILL ALSO BECOME A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY FOR ABOUT SIX WEEKS;
- * THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF JARDINE'S BAZAAR IN CAUSEWAY BAY BETWEEN HOUSE NOS.5 AND 21 AND BETWEEN HOUSE NOS.37 AND 49 WILL BE MADE 7 AM TO 12 MIDNIGHT DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS.

NO VEHICLE EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

MEANWHILE, EDINBURGH PLACE NORTH BETWEEN STAR FERRY PIER AND HMS TAMAR WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND THOSE BEARING OFFICIAL LABELS FROM 1 PM ON THE SAME DAY (SATURDAY) TO 6 PM THE NEXT DAY FOR THE 1987/88 KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN PARADE.

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CLOSURE OF CYCLE TRACKS, FOOTPATHS IN SHA TIN

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TO FACILITATE THE LAUNCHING OF THE "HANDS ACROSS THE RIVER" EVENT ORGANISED BY THE COMMUNITY CHEST OF HONG KONG, THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF CYCLE TRACKS AND FOOTPATHS IN SHA TIN WILL BE CLOSED FROM MIDNIGHT ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 14) TO 4 PM THE FOLLOWING DAY:

- * ALONG BOTH BANKS OF SHING MUN RIVER BETWEEN SAND MARTIN BRIDGE AND BANYAN BRIDGE.
- * ON BANYAN BRIDGE BETWEEN YUEN WO ROAD AND TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD.
- * ON SAND MARTIN BRIDGE BETWEEN YUEN WO ROAD AND TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD.

IN ADDITION, THE EASTBOUND BUS STOP ON TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD OPPOSITE TO RIVERSIDE PLAZA HOTEL, CURRENTLY OBSERVED BY KMB ROUTES NO. 73A, 74A, 82M, 84M, 85A, 89A AND 89C, WILL BE SUSPENDED BETWEEN 10 AM AND 1 PM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 15). BOTH KCR TRAIN AND KMB BUS SERVICES WILL BE STRENGTHENED AS NECESSARY.

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