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NO MANIPULATION OF SURVEY REPORT RESULTS -- CS
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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID FORD, TODAY (SATURDAY) TOTALLY REJECTED THE IDEA THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD MANIPULATED THE RESULT OF THE REPORT BY THE SURVEY OFFICE ON PUBLIC RESPONSE TO THE GREEN PAPER ON POLITICAL REVIEW.

HE ALSO URGED THAT A CAREFUL STUDY OF THE REPORT WAS REQUIRED AND "NOT HASTY JUDGEMENTS ON ONE PARTICULAR QUESTION OR ANOTHER".

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER VISITING THE ANNUAL AUTUMN FAIR OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, HE STATED THAT GOVERNMENT'S POSITION WAS CRYSTAL CLEAR.

"WE HAVE A TOTALLY OPEN MIND AND NO PRE-CONCEIVED IDEAS AT ALL ON THE OUTCOME OF THE SURVEY REPORT," HE STRESSED.

"I THINK ANYONE WHO READS THE SURVEY REPORT CAREFULLY AND THOROUGHLY WILL COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT IT HAS BEEN DONE VERY FAIRLY, VERY OPENLY AND VERY COMPREHENSIVELY.

"AND THE MONITORS THEMSELVES HAVE CONFIRMED THAT THIS IS THE CASE," HE ADDED.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID HE WAS SOMEWHAT SADDENED BY THE FACT THAT SOME PEOPLE, AFTER A VERY QUICK READING OF THE REPORT, HAD TRIED TO DISCREDIT IT, "APPARENTLY BECAUSE THE OUTCOME DOES NOT ACCORD WITH THEIR OWN VIEWS."

"I THINK WE - THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND THE GOVERNMENT - OWE IT TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG NOT TO COME TO ANY HASTY CONCLUSIONS.

"WE WILL READ IT VERY CAREFULLY INDEED - IT'S A VERY LONG DOCUMENT."

MR FORD SAID THAT AS HE HAD SAID IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WOULD SEE THAT WHEN THE DECISIONS WERE ANNOUNCED, "THEY DO TRULY REFLECT THEIR VIEWS AFTER A VERY CAREFUL READING OF THE REPORT."

WHEN ASKED WHETHER THE QUESTIONS IN THE AGB MCNAIR SURVEYS WERE VERY LOADED AND ONE-SIDED, MR FORD POINTED OUT THAT THE SURVEY DONE BY THE SURVEY OFFICE WERE DONE IN CONJUNCTION WITH A PROFESSIONAL PUBLIC OPINION FIRM AND THAT IT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

"IT WAS DONE IN A TOTALLY INDEPENDENT WAY AND THE GOVERNMENT HAD NO INFLUENCE WHATSOEVER OVER THE AGB MCNAIR SURVEY.

HE ADDED THAT THE SURVEY WAS CARRIED OUT BY THIS FIRM AND THEIR PROFESSIONAL INTEGRITY WAS AT STAKE, AND THEY HAD DEFENDED THEIR SYSTEM OF CARRYING OUT THE SURVEY.

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MR FORD NOTED THAT SEVERAL PEOPLE HAD SELECTED VARIOUS QUESTIONS AND HAD SAID THAT THOSE QUESTIONS WERE NOT PUT FAIRLY.

"I THINK IF YOU STUDY THE REPORT AS A WHOLE YOU WILL SEE THAT THERE ARE OTHER SURVEYS WHICH BEAR OUT THE FINDINGS OF THE AGB MCNAIR SURVEY," HE SAID.

"ONE SHOULD SPEND A LOT OF TIME READING VERY CAREFULLY THE TREMENDOUS EFFORTS THAT HONG KONG PEOPLE HAVE MADE IN COMPILING THIS REPORT AND THAT IS WHAT THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO DO."

MR FORD DISAGREED THAT ANY PARTICULAR WEIGHT HAD BEEN GIVEN IN THE REPORT TO SIGNATURES OR LETTERS, ADDING THAT THEY WERE BOTH RECORDED VERY CAREFULLY IN THE REPORT.

"THEY ARE THERE FOR ALL TO SEE AND THE DEDUCTIONS ONE DRAWS FROM THEM ARE A MATTER FOR THE READER."

AS TO WHY A REFERENDUM WAS NOT USED, MR FORD SAID THAT THE SUBJECTS THE HONG KONG PEOPLE WERE ASKED TO COMMENT ON WERE VERY WIDE AND VERY VARIED.

"ALTHOUGH AS MANY PEOPLE HAVE SAID MOST PEOPLE COMMENTED ON DIRECT ELECTIONS, MANY, MANY MORE PEOPLE COMMENTED ON THE OTHER WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES WHICH WERE REFLECTED IN THE GREEN PAPER.

"AND FOR THAT REASON I DON'T THINK YOU CAN ASK OR DEAL WITH THIS VERY COMPLEX SUBJECT BY A SIMPLE YES-NO ANSWER TO ONE SINGLE QUESTION."

WHEN ASKED TO EXPLAIN THE DISCREPANCIES IN THE RESULT OF THE SURVEY CARRIED OUT BY AGB MCNAIR AND THOSE BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR, MR FORD SAID THAT THIS WAS INEVITABLE IN A SITUATION WHERE THE PROFESSIONAL SURVEY COMPANIES ADOPTED DIFFERENT METHODS IN ORDER TO PRODUCE A RESULT.

"THE AGB MCNAIR SURVEY WAS DONE BY WAY OF FACE-TO-FACE INTERVIEW. IT WAS A VERY CAREFUL SURVEY WHICH WAS DONE BY TAKING THE QUESTIONNAIRE VERY CAREFULLY THROUGH THE PEOPLE WHO ARE BEING ASKED THE QUESTIONS.

"IT IS INTERESTING THAT THE OTHER SURVEYS WHICH USED BROADLY THE SAME METHOD, THAT IS THE CONCERNED EDUCATIONAL GROUPS, CAME UP WITH VERY SIMILAR ANSWERS.

"NOW SOME OF THE OTHER SURVEYS USED DIFFERENT TECHNIQUES. THEY USED TELEPHONE METHODS OF SURVEY - PICKING UP THE TELEPHONE AND ASKING SIMPLE QUESTIONS."

HE ADDED THAT IT WAS NOT SURPRISING THAT ONE WAS GOING TO GET A DIFFERENT VIEW.

MR FORD STRESSED THAT ALL THE INFORMATION WERE NOW THERE AND THAT IT WOULD BE VERY CAREFULLY SIFTED THROUGH BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND THE GOVERNMENT.

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COMMITTEE TO HANDLE COMPLAINTS ON TV PROGRAMMES

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TELEVISION VIEWERS WHO ARE DISSATISFIED WITH WHAT THEY SEE ON TELEVISION MAY NOW AIR THEIR GRIEVANCES TO A COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE SET UP BY THE RECENTLY ESTABLISHED BROADCASTING AUTHORITY.

THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY ORDINANCE STIPULATED THAT WHERE A PERSON MAKES A COMPLAINT TO THE AUTHORITY THAT A TELEVISION LICENSEE OF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS CONTRAVENED THE TELEVISION ORDINANCE; OR THE TERMS OR CONDITIONS OF A LICENCE; OR A CODE OF PRACTICE, THE AUTHORITY SHALL REFER THE COMPLAINT TO THE COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE.

THE COMMITTEE WILL GIVE THE SUBJECT OF THE COMPLAINT A REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS, WHICH IT WILL CONSIDER WITH RELEVANT EVIDENCE, BEFORE MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE COMPLAINT TO THE AUTHORITY.

APART FROM WRITING TO THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY AT 9TH FLOOR, NATIONAL MUTUAL CENTRE, 151, GLOUCESTER ROAD, HONG KONG, VIEWERS MAY ALSO USE THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED COMPLAINTS HOTLINE (5-8381122) TO PHONE IN THEIR COMPLAINTS.

THE HOTLINE IS MANNED DURING OFFICE HOURS AND CONNECTED TO A TELEPHONE RECORDER MACHINE OUTSIDE OFFICE HOURS. RECORDED MESSAGES WILL BE FOLLOWED UP ON THE FOLLOWING WORKING DAY.

THE AUTHORITY IS GIVEN WIDE DISCRETION UNDER THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY AND TELEVISION ORDINANCES, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF DIRECTIONS TO A LICENSEE AND THE IMPOSITION OF FINANCIAL PENALTIES.

THE AUTHORITY MAY, HOWEVER, REFUSE TO REFER COMPLAINTS CONSIDERED TRIVIAL OR FRIVOLOUS TO THE COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE.

CHAired BY MR LO KING-MAN, THE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF FOUR OTHER BROADCASTING AUTHORITY MEMBERS - MR IRA KAYE, MRS PAMELA CHAN WONG SHUI, MRS MABEL CHOW, AND THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE. OTHER PUBLIC MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE COMMITTEE ARE MR PETER CHAN CHEUNG-HO, MR LAM KWOK-WAI AND MR CLEMENT TAO.

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TAC CONSIDERS CMB FRANCHISE EXTENSION
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AN APPLICATION BY THE CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY LTD. (CMB) TO EXTEND ITS FRANCHISE FOR ANOTHER TWO YEARS TO AUGUST 31, 1991 WAS CONSIDERED AND SUPPORTED BY THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) TODAY (SATURDAY) AND ITS RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN DUE COURSE.

CMB'S CURRENT FRANCHISE WAS FIRST GRANTED IN 1975 FOR A PERIOD OF 10 YEARS AND HAS SINCE BEEN EXTENDED BY EXCO ON TWO OCCASIONS. THE LAST EXTENSION, TO AUGUST 31, 1989, WAS APPROVED IN APRIL 1986.

MEMBERS REVIEWED CMB'S PERFORMANCE OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS, AND CONSIDERED THAT THE COMPANY CONTINUES TO SHOW PROGRESSIVE IMPROVEMENT IN ITS MAINTENANCE STANDARDS, THAT THE SCHEDULES OF SERVICE HAVE BEEN ADEQUATELY MET, AND THAT IT HAS MET ITS OBLIGATIONS IN PREPARING A FIVE-YEAR FORWARD PLANNING PROGRAMME. THEY WERE STILL KEEPING AN EYE ON CMB'S MANAGEMENT AND BUS REPLACEMENT PROGRAMMES.

THE TAC ALSO DISCUSSED AN APPLICATION BY THE HONGKONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY LTD (HYF) FOR AN INCREASE IN FARES. IN CONSIDERING THE APPLICATION, MEMBERS EXAMINED THE EFFECTS OF THE PROPOSED FARE INCREASES ON THE COMPANY'S PATRONAGE, REVENUE, EXPENDITURE AND PROFIT FORECASTS. THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO EXCO FOR CONSIDERATION.

MEMBERS WERE ALSO BRIEFED ON HYF'S 1988-1992 FORWARD PLAN, INCLUDING ITS PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGES.

THE TAC ALSO AGREED TO EXAMINE THE ROLE OF PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES (PLB) IN THE TRANSPORT SYSTEM AT ITS NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER. THE QUESTION OF THE SEATING CAPACITY FOR PLB'S AND POLICY GUIDELINES FOR THE OPERATION OF MIDIBUS SERVICES WILL THEN BE CONSIDERED IN DETAIL AT THE DECEMBER MEETING.

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VOLUNTEERS INVITED FOR COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION WORK
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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING SCHOOL AND ORGANISED GROUPS TO PARTICIPATE IN A SCHEME OF VOLUNTARY WORK ON COUNTRYSIDE MANAGEMENT WHICH WILL START FROM MONDAY (NOVEMBER 9).

THE YEAR-ROUND VOLUNTARY WORK SCHEME, THE NINTH ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT SINCE 1978, AIMS AT PROVIDING THE YOUNGER GENERATION WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE COUNTRYSIDE ENVIRONMENT THROUGH DIRECT INVOLVEMENT.

/THE SCHEME

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THE SCHEME IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY POPULAR AND THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS HAS INCREASED FROM JUST 500 IN 1978 TO OVER 10,000 LAST YEAR. ALL RENDERED A USEFUL SERVICE TOWARDS IMPROVING THE COUNTRYSIDE ENVIRONMENT.

THE DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR CONSERVATION OFFICER, MR M.K. CHEUNG, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT A VARIETY OF VOLUNTARY ACTIVITIES FROM MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS (EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS) COULD BE UNDERTAKEN BY GROUPS INTERESTED IN CONTRIBUTING TO THE CONSERVATION OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND THE BETTER MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNTRYSIDE.

"IT IS HOPED THAT YOUNG PEOPLE WILL DEVELOP A SENSE OF RESPECT AND LOVE FOR OUR COUNTRYSIDE THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN VARIOUS CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES," HE SAID.

AS PART OF THE DEPARTMENT'S COUNTRYSIDE EDUCATION PROGRAMME, MR CHEUNG SAID, THIS YEAR'S SCHEME INCLUDED PLANTING AND TENDING OF TREES AND SHRUBS, MAINTENANCE OF FOOTPATHS AND COUNTRY PARK RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, LITTER COLLECTION, GRASS CUTTING AND CLEARING OF FIRE BREAKS.

"PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE STUDENTS AND YOUTHS OF 15 YEARS OF AGE OR ABOVE AND THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN EACH GROUP SHOULD BE IN THE REGION OF 30 TO 50," HE SAID.

"THEY SHOULD BE SUPERVISED BY ONE OR MORE TEACHERS OR ADULT LEADERS."

MR CHEUNG SAID THAT INTEREST GROUPS SHOULD MAKE THEIR PRELIMINARY BOOKINGS BY CONTACTING MR T.H. LIU, OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CONSERVATION EDUCATION UNIT, ON 3-7332121. CONFIRMATION SHOULD THEN BE MADE BY COMPLETING AND RETURNING A BOOKING FORM TO THE UNIT SIX WEEKS BEFORE THEIR PROPOSED DATE OF SERVICE.

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EYE CARE CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

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WAN CHAI AND EASTERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS AGED OVER 60 WILL BE GIVEN FREE EYE CHECK-UPS AND, IF NECESSARY, SPECTACLES IN THE THREE-WEEK EYE CARE CAMPAIGN FOR THE ELDERLY WHICH WAS FORMALLY LAUNCHED TODAY (SATURDAY).

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS AND THE WAN CHAI AND EASTERN DISTRICT BOARDS WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE HONG KONG OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION, THE CAMPAIGN IS AIMED AT DISSEMINATING EYE-CARE KNOWLEDGE TO RESIDENTS AND PROVIDING FREE EYE CHECK-UPS FOR THE AGED.

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SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CAMPAIGN, REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON), MR T. H. CHAU, NOTED THAT PEOPLE OVER 60 CONSTITUTED 15 PER CENT AND 12 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION IN WAN CHAI AND EASTERN DISTRICT RESPECTIVELY, WHILE THEIR ACTUAL NUMBER TOTALLED MORE THAN 90,000 IN THE TWO DISTRICTS COMBINED. THE PERCENTAGE OF OLD PEOPLE IN WAN CHAI IS ALSO THE HIGHEST OF ALL DISTRICTS IN HONG KONG.

HE BELIEVED THAT THE EYE CARE CAMPAIGN, WHICH AIMED AT PROVIDING USEFUL SERVICE TO SENIOR RESIDENTS IN THE TWO DISTRICTS, WOULD BE WELL-RECEIVED.

MR CHAU ALSO PRAISED THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS FOR JOINTLY ORGANISING EYE CARE CAMPAIGNS FOR THE ELDERLY WITH A NUMBER OF DISTRICT BOARDS AND INTRODUCING VARIOUS SOCIAL SERVICES IN HONG KONG AS WELL AS TAKING AN ACTIVE PART IN COMMUNITY BUILDING WORK.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, MRS THERESA LAU, TOLD THE GATHERING THAT THIS WAS THE SEVENTH EYE CARE CAMPAIGN JOINTLY STAGED BY THE GROUP WITH DISTRICT BOARDS AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

THE GROUP ALSO HAD PLANS TO EXPAND ITS INSTITUTIONAL CARE PROGRAMME, AND TO SET UP SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY IN SAU MAU PING AND IN MEI LAM ESTATE IN SHA TIN IN THE NEAR FUTURE, SHE ADDED.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF THE CAMPAIGN, MISS ANNA TANG, SAID THAT THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD'S CONCERN FOR THE AGED WORKING GROUP WOULD TAKE PART IN THE FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE AND WOULD ARRANGE TOURS TO THE MAI PO MARSHES FOR THE AGED.

ANOTHER CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR TO BOON-MAN, BELIEVED THAT THE EYE CARE CAMPAIGN WOULD BE POPULAR AND WOULD ATTRACT PARTICIPATION FROM PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT SOCIAL STRATA.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY WERE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER MR ALLAN CHOW; EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER MR GARY YEUNG; WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN MRS PEGGY LAM, AND EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN MR SHUM CHOI-SANG.

FREE EYE CHECK-UP SERVICES AND EYE CARE EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD IN ST JAMES SETTLEMENT IN WAN CHAI FROM TODAY TO NOVEMBER 9. THE CAMPAIGN WILL THEN BE HELD IN OTHER VENUES IN THE DISTRICT UNTIL NOVEMBER 16 AND IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT FROM NOVEMBER 17-27.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE TO THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE ON 5-752477 OR TO EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE ON 5-641547.

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COMIC STRIP COMPETITION ON ANTI-NARCOTICS

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PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO WIN ATTRACTIVE PRIZES BY DESIGNING COMIC STRIPS WHICH CONVEY THE MESSAGE THAT DRUG ABUSE IS HARMFUL.

THE OPEN COMPETITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE YOUTH VOLUNTEER GROUP (YVG) OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, THE ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT OF BREAKTHROUGH MAGAZINE, AND BREAKTHROUGH JUNIOR MAGAZINE.

IT IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS : JUNIOR (10 - 17 YEARS OLD) AND SENIOR (18 YEARS OLD AND ABOVE).

ENTRIES, EITHER IN FULL COLOUR OR IN BLACK AND WHITE, MUST BE A SINGLE STRIP CARTOON MEASURING 15 CM AND 20 CM OR A SEQUENCE OF FOUR TO 10 STRIPS EACH MEASURING 7.5 CM TO 10 CM.

ENTRIES SHOULD REACH THE NARCOTICS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT AT 23RD FLOOR, HIGH BLOCK, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, CENTRAL, BY TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15.

THE TOP PRIZE IN THE SENIOR SECTION WILL BE A \$1,000 GIFT COUPON AND A ONE-YEAR FREE SUBSCRIPTION TO BREAKTHROUGH MAGAZINE. THE WINNER OF THE JUNIOR SECTION WILL BE AWARDED A \$700 GIFT COUPON AND A ONE-YEAR FREE SUBSCRIPTION TO BREAKTHROUGH JUNIOR MAGAZINE.

ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE NARCOTICS DIVISION, ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND THE ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT OF BREAKTHROUGH MAGAZINE.

MEANWHILE, TWO EXHIBITIONS PROMOTING THE CONTEST AND ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE ARE SCHEDULED TO BE HELD AT THE NEW WORLD CENTRE TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AND AT CITY PLAZA PHASE I (NOVEMBER 22).

THERE WILL ALSO BE A COMIC STRIP SEMINAR AT THE BREAKTHROUGH CENTRE ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21. ADMISSIONS ARE FREE OF CHARGE.

FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM 5-8622762 (NARCOTICS DIVISION) OR 3-7224411, EXT.345 (ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT OF BREAKTHROUGH).

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FINALS OF YOUNG MUSICIANS' AWARDS

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THE CHINESE AND WESTERN MUSIC FINALS OF THIS YEAR'S HONG KONG YOUNG MUSICIANS' AWARDS WILL BE HELD AT THE CONCERT HALL, HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS, ON NOVEMBER 28 AND 29 AT 8 PM.

THE AWARDS ARE JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND THE COMPOSERS AND AUTHORS SOCIETY OF HONG KONG (CASH).

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR THOMAS WANG, SAID THE CONTEST WAS AIMED AT RAISING THE STANDARD OF COMPOSING AND PERFORMING SERIOUS MUSIC AS WELL AS AROUSING INTEREST IN THE APPRECIATION OF SERIOUS MUSIC.

THERE ARE TWO CATEGORIES IN THE CHINESE AND WESTERN MUSIC SECTIONS, ONE FOR COMPOSITION AND THE OTHER FOR ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE.

THE THREE WINNERS IN EACH CATEGORY WILL BE AWARDED \$6,000, \$3,000 AND \$1,000 RESPECTIVELY, AMOUNTING TO A TOTAL OF \$40,000, AND ALL DONATED BY CASH.

TICKETS FOR THE FINALS AT \$10 EACH ARE AVAILABLE AT URBIX OUTLETS AT CITY HALL, QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, SPACE MUSEUM, HONG KONG COLISEUM, NGAU CHI WAN CIVIC CENTRE, TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL, SHA TIN TOWN HALL, TUEN MUN TOWN HALL, TOM LEE MUSIC CO. LTD., HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS AND HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE.

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MORE PUBLICITY TO PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY IN KWAI TSING

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TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS CAUSED EIGHT FATALITIES AND MORE THAN 150 CASES OF INJURY IN KWAI TSING DISTRICT IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF THIS YEAR.

THIS WAS SAID BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN, MR SIU KONG-YU AT, THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CAMPAIGN TODAY (SATURDAY).

MR SIU NOTED THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS WAS APPROXIMATELY THE SAME AS IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR, THOUGH THERE WAS ONE FATALITY FEWER LAST YEAR.

MORE PUBLICITY WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY MESSAGES AMONG RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT, HE SAID.

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A CARNIVAL WAS HELD AFTER THE OPENING CEREMONY. RESIDENTS TOOK PART IN A MASS DRAWING EXERCISE, VISITED THE ROAD SAFETY BUS AND VIEWED AN EXHIBITION OF THE WINNING ENTRIES IN A SPECIAL DRAWING AND SLOGAN DESIGN COMPETITION.

A ROAD SAFETY BUS, DECORATED WITH BANNERS AND POSTERS, WILL TOUR THE SEVEN SUB-DISTRICTS ON NOVEMBER 14 AND 15 TO MAKE RESIDENTS MORE FULLY AWARE OF THE CAMPAIGN.

OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY WERE THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN COAK; KWAI CHUNG POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR E.H. EVANS; POLICE SENIOR STAFF OFFICER (N.T. TRAFFIC), MR I.M. BLAIR; KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HO TUNG-CHING; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE, MR CHAN KWOK-WAH.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR SHA TIN FESTIVE LIGHTING

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED TO MAKE AND INSTALL FESTIVE LIGHTING DECORATIONS ALONG SHING MUN RIVER IN SHA TIN FOR CHRISTMAS, NEW YEAR AND CHINESE NEW YEAR.

THE FOCUS OF THE DECORATION WILL BE THE SAND MARTIN BRIDGE, BANYAN BRIDGE AND RIVER PROMENADES ALONG THE RIVER. DESIGNS OF LIGHTING WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S FESTIVE LIGHTING ORGANISING COMMITTEE.

ALL TENDERS SHOULD REACH THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE ON 6/F, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION BEFORE 3 PM ON NOVEMBER 17. INTERESTED PARTIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A BRIEFING AT 2 PM NEXT TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 10) AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO MR CHAN ON 0-6048078 EXT 201.

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TWO YUEN LONG SITES TO LET
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TWO SITES IN YUEN LONG ARE TO BE LET BY TENDER ON SHORT TERM TENANCIES BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT.

THE SITE AT MA TIN ROAD, MEASURING 3,870 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR STORING GOODS AND VEHICLES OR FOR A FEE PAYING CAR PARK PURPOSE.

THE TENANCY IS TWO YEARS, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

THE OTHER SITE, AT THE JUNCTION OF TAI TONG ROAD AND KAU YUK ROAD, IS FOR PARKING OF PRIVATE CARS AND LIGHT GOODS VEHICLES. IT HAS AN AREA OF 2,536 SQUARE METRES.

THE TENANCY IS ONE YEAR, RENEWABLE MONTHLY AFTERWARDS.

TENDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY NOON ON NOVEMBER 20.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SHEUNG WAN
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TO FACILITATE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORK IN BONHAM STRAND NEAR ITS JUNCTIONS WITH WELLINGTON STREET AND QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 9). THEY INCLUDE:

- * RIGHT TURN MOVEMENTS WILL BE BANNED FROM QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL INTO BONHAM STRAND.
- * VEHICLES ALONG WELLINGTON STREET MUST TURN LEFT INTO QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
- * THE SECTION OF JERVOIS STREET BETWEEN MERCER STREET AND BONHAM STRAND WILL BE CONVERTED INTO A CUL-DE-SAC.
- * METER PARKING SPACES ALONG JERVOIS STREET WILL BE SUSPENDED.

THE ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT SIX WEEKS.

AFFECTED VEHICLES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL AND MORRISON STREET TO JOIN BONHAM STRAND.

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN HAPPY VALLEY,
CAUSEWAY BAY

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN HAPPY VALLEY AND CAUSEWAY BAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE RELIGIOUS MEETINGS AT THE HONG KONG STADIUM IN THE EVENINGS FROM MONDAY (NOVEMBER 9) TO SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 14) AND IN THE AFTERNOON ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 15).

THE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED TWO HOURS PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF EACH MEETING:

- * CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN LINK ROAD AND STADIUM PATH WILL BE RE-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 RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.
- * EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD BETWEEN STADIUM PATH AND TUNG LO WAN ROAD WILL BE RE-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 RE-ROUTED ONE WAY UPHILL; VEHICLES EXISTING FROM THE UPPER SECTION OF BROADWOOD ROAD, HAPPY VIEW TERRACE AND LEIGHTON HILL SHOULD TRAVEL DOWNHILL VIA BROADWOOD ROAD TO WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD.

THE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED 15 MINUTES BEFORE THE MEETINGS CLOSE:

- * 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 TRAFFIC EXCEPT FOR ACCESS TO OR FROM PREMISES AT LINK ROAD VIA BROADWOOD ROAD.

THESE ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE WITHDRAWN ON COMPLETION OF EACH SESSION AND AFTER THE MAJORITY OF ATTENDANTS HAVE DISPERSED.

ALL PARKING SPACES IN SUN WUI ROAD, STADIUM PATH AND THE UNNAMED SERVICE ROAD AROUND THE STADIUM WILL BE SUSPENDED FOUR HOURS BEFORE UNTIL TWO HOURS AFTER EACH MEETING.

/LEARNER DRIVERS

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LEARNER DRIVERS WILL BE BANNED FROM MATHESON STREET, RUSSELL STREET AND SHARP STREET EAST FOUR HOURS BEFORE UNTIL TWO HOURS AFTER EACH MEETING.

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

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN SHA TIN

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TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS, THE FAST LANE OF SHA TIN ROAD SOUTHBOUND BETWEEN PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL AND TSANG TAI UK WILL BE CLOSED FROM MIDNIGHT TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AND MONDAY (NOVEMBER 9).

BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 6 AM THE NEXT MORNING ON NOVEMBER 11 AND 12, THE SLOW LANE OF THE SAME SECTION OF SHA TIN ROAD WILL ALSO BE CLOSED.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN KOWLOON

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TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FLYOVER ALONG BOUNDARY STREET, NO VEHICLE ON SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET NORTH WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT ON TO BOUNDARY STREET DAILY BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5 AM FROM TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 10) TO NOVEMBER 30.

VEHICLES ON TAI PO ROAD HEADING FOR BOUNDARY STREET WILL HAVE TO PROCEED ALONG TAI PO ROAD, CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD AND BOUNDARY STREET.

FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY, THE EXISTING PEAK-HOUR (I.E. 7 TO 10 AM AND 4 TO 7 PM) DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION ON THE SECTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD FROM A POINT ABOUT 60 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH WING LUNG STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE EXTENDED TO OPERATE BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM DAILY.

NO VEHICLE OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP WITHIN THE URBAN CLEARWAY FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

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TSUEN WAN, HAMMER HILL WATER CUT

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO ALL PREMISES IN TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG, EXCLUDING LAI KING ESTATE, LAI YIU ESTATE, CHO YIU CHUEN AND LAI KING TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 AM TO 10 PM ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 10).

THE SUSPENSION IS TO FACILITATE REPAIR WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT AT A PUMPING STATION IN TSUEN WAN.

MEANWHILE, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME HAMMER HILL PREMISES WILL ALSO BE SUSPENDED FROM 10 PM ON THE SAME DAY TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO ALLOW MAINS WORK TO PROCEED.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT HAMMER HILL ROAD, FUNG SHING STREET, KING TUNG STREET AND PING TING ROAD INCLUDING FU SHAN ESTATE, KING SHAN COURT, DIAMOND HILL AND NGAU CHI WAN VILLAGE.

PREMISES IN CHOI HUNG ESTATE AND SAN PO KONG MAY EXPERIENCE WEAK PRESSURE.

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