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HONG KONG READIES FOR TYPHOON SEASON
GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS PREPARED FOR ALL EVENTUALITIES

THE TYPHOON SEASON IS WITH US AGAIN AND A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN STEPPING UP PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY.

FOR THOSE WHOSE HOMES MAY BE ENDANGERED, THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT CAN SET UP MORE THAN 100 TYPHOON SHELTERS ALL OVER HONG KONG WHICH CAN TOGETHER ACCOMMODATE 20,000 PEOPLE.

THESE SHELTERS ARE LOCATED IN THE 10 CITY DISTRICTS -- CENTRAL, WANCHAI, WESTERN, EASTERN, KOWLOON CITY, KWUN TONG, MONGKOK, SHAM SHUI PO, WONG TAI SIN AND YAU MA TEI -- AND ARE OPEN ONCE THE NO. 8 STORM SIGNAL IS HOISTED.

THE INFORMATION SECTION OF THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT ALSO RUNS A ROUND-THE-CLOCK ENQUIRY SERVICE (TEL. 5-456381) ON THE HOISTING OF ANY STORM SIGNAL TO ANSWER PUBLIC ENQUIRIES ON THE STORM OR ON SUCH MATTERS AS TRAFFIC CONDITIONS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO USE THE TYPHOON SHELTERS CAN CONTACT THE VARIOUS CITY DISTRICT OFFICES. THEIR TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

HONG KONG ISLAND		KOWLOON	
CENTRAL	5-249217 OR 5-239172	KOWLOON CITY	3-010171
WANCHAI	5-752477 OR 5-742281	KWUN TONG	3-423431
WESTERN	5-480452	MONGKOK	3-802251 OR
(CASERDEN SUB-OFFICE)	5-524429		3-809731
EASTERN	5-712658	SHAM SHUI PO	3-704251
(SHAUKWAN SUB-OFFICE)	5-690121		
(CHAI WAN SUB-OFFICE)	5-567167	WONG TAI SIN	3-229701 OR
			3-222251
		YAU MA TEI	3-686161

ANOTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT WHICH IS PUT ON EXTRA ALERT WHENEVER HONG KONG IS THREATENED BY TROPICAL STORMS IS THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THROUGHOUT THE DRY SEASON, ROUTINE INSPECTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE TO CHECK FOR POSSIBLE DANGERS TO ENSURE THAT THE RISK OF ACCIDENTS IS REDUCED IN THE FIRST PLACE RATHER THAN WAITING TO TAKE REMEDIAL MEASURES.

THE WORK OF EXAMINING STREAMWATER MAINS, DRAINS, CULVERTS, WATER MAINS SUPPLIES AND CATCHPITS FALLS ON THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE. THESE SYSTEMS ARE CHECKED TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE WORKING PROPERLY AND ARE CLEAR OF ANY BLOCKAGE.

VULNERABLE SPOTS ARE DOUBLE-CHECKED, AND CONTRACT ARRANGEMENTS AND EMERGENCY PROCEDURES ARE REVIEWED. SITE INSPECTORS AND FOREMEN ARE REGULARLY BRIEFED ON THEIR DUTIES IN THE EVENT OF A TYPHOON, AS WELL AS DURING SEVERE RAINSTORMS AND OTHER EMERGENCIES.

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SIMILAR CHECKS ARE MADE BY STAFF OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE. THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE COMPLEMENTS THE OTHER OFFICES BY KEEPING DEVELOPERS INFORMED OF ALL PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN PREPARATION FOR HEAVY RAIN.

THE FIRE SERVICES ALSO GO ON THE ALERT AT THE APPROACH OF A STORM.

ON THIS ALERT, ALL OPERATIONAL STAFF ARE RE-DEPLOYED THROUGHOUT THE COMMANDS, ALL FIRE APPLIANCES AND VEHICLES UNDERGOING ROUTINE MAINTENANCE ARE RETURNED TO THEIR RESPECTIVE STATIONS, AND ADDITIONAL LORRIES ALLOCATED FROM THE PWD TRANSPORT POOL ARE FITTED WITH RESERVE EQUIPMENT AS TEMPORARY FIRE AND RESCUE VEHICLES.

SUPPORTING STAFF ARE ALSO MOBILISED. THOSE IN THE WORKSHOP SET UP MOBILE REPAIR AND RECOVERY UNITS, LIAISON OFFICERS ARE DESPATCHED TO CONTROLS, FIRST-AID POSTS MANNED BY AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICE PERSONNEL ARE ESTABLISHED AT ALL FIRE STATIONS, AND AMBULANCE COMMAND GIVES SPECIAL PRIORITY TO EMERGENCY CALLS.

THE AUXILIARY FIRE SERVICES ARE ALSO MOBILISED AND IN SOME CASES OFF-DUTY OFFICERS AND FIREMEN ARE RE-CALLED FOR EMERGENCY WORK.

THE POLICE ARE GEARED TO RESPOND TO AN ALERT IMMEDIATELY SIGNAL NO. 3 IS HOISTED. DISTRICT AND DIVISIONAL OPERATION ROOMS ARE OPENED, ALL POLICE OFFICERS RETURN TO DUTY, AND EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT IS CHECKED TO ENSURE THAT EVERYTHING IS AVAILABLE AND IN GOOD WORKING ORDER.

THE 999 EMERGENCY NUMBER FOR REPORTS OF ACCIDENTS AND DAMAGE IS MANNED DAY AND NIGHT TO ANSWER CALLS, WHILE THE CONTROL ROOM IS LINKED DIRECTLY TO FIRE AND AMBULANCE SERVICES TO SERVE THESE CALLS.

ALL 999 CARS ARE EMPLOYED BY THE EMERGENCY UNITS AND ARE ON CONTINUOUS PATROL. THEY ARE IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH THE CONTROL ROOM AND CAN BE IMMEDIATELY DIRECTED TO THE SCENE OF ANY LANDSLIDE, HOUSE COLLAPSE OR OTHER ACCIDENTS.

THESE EMERGENCY UNITS -- TWO IN KOWLOON, ONE ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND ONE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES -- OPERATE ON SHIFTS AND FORM A TASK FORCE FOR TACKLING ANY EMERGENCY THAT MAY ARISE.

IN CASE OF A DISASTER, ADDITIONAL CONTROLLERS JOIN THE CONTROL ROOMS AND A COMMAND POST UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A SENIOR OFFICER IS SET UP AT THE SCENE. POLICE OFFICERS CORDON OFF THE AREA AND TAKE UP INITIAL RESCUE OPERATIONS.

AT SEA, MARINE POLICE LAUNCHES ARE AVAILABLE TO FERRY PATIENTS IN EMERGENCY CASES AND VICTIMS OF ACCIDENTS FROM OUTLYING AREAS TO HOSPITALS IN THE CITY. THESE LAUNCHES CAN ALSO BE DIRECTED BY THE 999 SYSTEM.

THE WORK OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT IS PARTICULARLY HEAVY WHENEVER THERE IS A TROPICAL CYCLONE ALERT, AND ITS PORT COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE, SITUATED IN A COMMANDING POSITION ON TOP OF THE RUMSEY STREET MULTI-STORY CARPARK, IS THE NERVE-CENTRE OF ALL INFORMATION AFFECTING SHIPPING AND OTHER MARINE INSTALLATIONS IN THE HARBOUR.

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WHEN A STORM BEGINS TO AFFECT HONG KONG AND FISHERMEN AND OTHER BOAT PEOPLE ARE RETURNING TO BASE, THE DEPARTMENT'S PATROL LAUNCHES INSPECT ALL THE TYPHOONS SHELTERS AND MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE FULLY USED WITHOUT BLOCKING FIRE LANES AND FAIRWAYS.

THE HARBOUR IS PATROLLED BY A FAST LAUNCH TO OFFER ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE, MAINLY TO OCEAN-GOING VESSELS, UNTIL THE WEATHER CONDITIONS FORCE THE LAUNCH ITSELF TO GO INTO SHELTER.

ALL LAUNCHES ARE IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE AND WITH EACH OTHER BY MEANS OF VHF RADIO. THE COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE COLLECTS ALL THE INFORMATION AND DIRECTS THE ALLOCATION OF TYPHOON MOORINGS AND THE MOVEMENT OF VESSELS DURING THE STORM.

INFORMATION AND REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE TO CASUALTIES IS ALSO DEALT WITH BY THE CENTRE.

A CRANE BARGE UNDER CONTRACT IS AVAILABLE TO RELOCATE, REMOVE OR REPAIR DAMAGED NAVIGATIONAL AIDS OR GOVERNMENT MOORINGS AND CAN BE EMPLOYED TO REMOVE MINOR WRECKS OF VESSELS CAUSING OBSTRUCTION.

A CHAIN OF MARINE DEPARTMENT SIGNAL STATIONS ARE LINKED BY A TELEPRINTER CIRCUIT AND THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY AND CABLE AND WIRELESS WHICH RELAYS MESSAGES, IS ALSO CONNECTED TO THE CENTRE.

LIKE OTHER DEPARTMENTS, THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES GOES ON FULLSCALE ALERT AT THE APPROACH OF A STORM TO KEEP THE PUBLIC FULLY AWARE OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS SO THAT ADVANCE PRECAUTIONS CAN BE TAKEN.

INFORMATION OFFICERS ARE DEPLOYED TO VITAL DEPARTMENTS TO FEED BACK INFORMATION TO THE CENTRAL CONTROL AT BEACONSFIELD HOUSE FROM WHERE SITUATION REPORTS ARE ISSUED TO THE MEDIA AS SOON AS THEY COME IN.

THEY ARE COMPLEMENTED BY MOBILE TEAMS WHICH SUPPLY ON-THE-SPOT ACCOUNTS TO THE CENTRAL CONTROL.

ALL OTHER DEPARTMENTS, THE ARMED SERVICES, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES SUCH AS THE FERRY AND BUS COMPANIES, ALSO LIAISE WITH GIS TO KEEP THE PUBLIC INFORMED OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS AND CO-ORDINATE RESCUE AND RELIEF WORK.

OTHER KEY DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH, SOCIAL WELFARE, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES AND THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, CONTRIBUTE NO LESS TO THE WORK.

OTHER SERVICES OPERATING IN TYPHOON EMERGENCIES INCLUDE THE CIVIL AID SERVICES, ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE, ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS THE HONG KONG RED CROSS AND THE ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

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THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY ISSUES TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNINGS AND SIGNALS. DETAILS ABOUT THESE SIGNALS AND WHAT PRECAUTIONS TO TAKE WHEN THEY ARE DISPLAYED CAN BE FOUND IN THE FRONT OF EVERY TELEPHONE DIRECTORY AND ON SPECIAL CARDS.

COPIES OF THESE CARDS WHICH ARE ISSUED BY THE OBSERVATORY ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE ENQUIRY COUNTERS OF CITY DISTRICT OFFICES, FROM THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, FROM THE GOVERNMENT PRINTER AND FROM THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

WEATHER INFORMATION IS COLLECTED BY RADIO FROM ALL AVAILABLE SOURCES, INCLUDING SHIPS, ISLANDS, LAND STATIONS AND AIRCRAFT OVER A WIDE AREA. PICTURES TRANSMITTED BY WEATHER SATELLITES, BOTH VISUAL AND INFRARED, ARE RECEIVED DAILY.

WHEN THE CENTRE OF A WELL-DEVELOPED TROPICAL CYCLONE COMES WITHIN ABOUT 240 NAUTICAL MILES OF HONG KONG IT MAY BE LOCATED BY THE OBSERVATORY'S RADARS MOUNTED ON TOP OF TATE'S CAIRN (580 M) AND TRACKED CONTINUOUSLY.

THE CENTRAL FORECASTING OFFICE ISSUES WARNINGS OF VIOLENT RAINSTORMS AND THUNDERSTORMS WHICH ARE ALSO TRACKED BY RADAR. A SPECIAL ISOECHO DEVICE ENABLES INTENSITY OF RAINFALL IN DIFFERENT AREAS TO BE MAPPED AND RAINFALL AMOUNTS ESTIMATED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING PWD WORKERS CLEARING STORM WATER DRAINS WILL BE BOXED FOR COLLECTION.

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MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY

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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, MR. DENYS ROBERTS, HAS SENT A MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG EXPRESSING DEEP SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER.

THE MESSAGE READS: +I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WILL CONVEY TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN THE SORROW AND DEEP SYMPATHY OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG AT THE SAD NEWS OF THE DEATH OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER.+

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INTEREST-FREE LOANS FOR NEEDY STUDENTS
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STUDENTS WITH FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES IN COMPLETING THEIR COURSES OF STUDY FOR THE COMING ACADEMIC YEAR ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR INTEREST-FREE LOANS FROM TWO LOCAL FUNDS.

THEY CAN SEEK ASSISTANCE FROM THE HONG KONG ROTARY CLUB STUDENTS' LOAN FUND AND THE STANDARD/SING TAO FAT CHOY DRIVE STUDENTS' LOAN FUND.

THE ROTARY FUND PROVIDES INTEREST-FREE LOANS TO A MAXIMUM OF \$1,500 FOR STUDENTS OF POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS INCLUDING THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

THE FAT CHOY FUND PROVIDES INTEREST-FREE LOANS FOR STUDENTS OF POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS, THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

MAXIMUM LOANS VARY FROM \$1,500 FOR A POST-SECONDARY STUDENT TO \$800 FOR A SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENT. PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO APPLICANTS WHO ARE NEARING COMPLETION OF THEIR STUDIES.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS FOR LOANS FROM EITHER FUND WILL BE REQUIRED TO ENTER INTO A FORMAL UNDERTAKING REGARDING THE REPAYMENT OF LOANS.

THESE LOANS ARE MADE ON A YEARLY BASIS. NEW APPLICANTS, AND PRESENT RECIPIENTS WHO WISH TO APPLY FOR FURTHER LOANS FOR THE COMING ACADEMIC YEAR, MUST COMPLETE A PRESCRIBED FORM.

APPLICANTS INTENDING TO ENTER THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG OR THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, AND PRESENT UNDER-GRADUATES OF THE TWO UNIVERSITIES, WHETHER NEW APPLICANTS OR NOT, ARE NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE FORMS PROVIDED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, BUT SHOULD APPLY TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THEIR STUDENT UNION BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 1974.

APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE WILL BE CONSIDERED BY A JOINT COMMITTEE FOR BOTH LOAN FUNDS, CONSISTING OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE TWO UNIVERSITIES IN HONG KONG, THE PRESIDENT OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG, A REPRESENTATIVE OF SIN POH AMALGAMATED (HONG KONG) LTD. AND THE SUPERVISOR OF A SECONDARY SCHOOL.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SUB-OFFICE, BONAVENTURE HOUSE, 2ND FLOOR, 91 LEIGHTON ROAD, HONG KONG, AND COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE SAME OFFICE NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 1, 1974.

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PUBLIC DONATIONS TO DISASTER VICTIMS
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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT IT WOULD BE OF CONSIDERABLE HELP IF, IN FUTURE, ORGANISATIONS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO DONATE MONEY TOWARDS THE RELIEF OF VICTIMS OF NATURAL DISASTERS COULD DONATE THE MONEY TO THE EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND WHICH THE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERS, INSTEAD OF TO THE VICTIMS OF A PARTICULAR DISASTER.

IN CALLING FOR PUBLIC CO-OPERATION IN THIS MATTER, MR. NORMAN OBI, THE DEPARTMENTAL SECRETARY, SAID THERE HAD BEEN SOME CONFUSION IN THE PAST AS TO THE WISHES OF THE DONORS BECAUSE OF THE WORDING OF SOME OF THE APPEALS FOLLOWING A NATURAL DISASTER. WITH THE ADVENT OF THE TYPHOON SEASON ONCE AGAIN, HE FELT THE POSITION SHOULD BE CLARIFIED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND WAS SET UP BY THE GOVERNMENT WITH THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF HELPING ALL PERSONS AFFECTED BY TYPHOONS, LANDSLIDES, FLOODING AND FIRES, BY GIVING THEM IMMEDIATE CASH GRANTS.

+THE FUND EXISTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF DISASTER VICTIMS GENERALLY AND ANY DONATIONS MADE TO IT WILL THEREFORE BE PUT TO VERY GOOD USE EITHER IMMEDIATELY A DISASTER OCCURS OR IN THE LONG TERM.+

HE STRESSED THAT IT WAS ENTIRELY UP TO WOULD-BE DONORS TO DECIDE WHETHER THEY WISHED TO SUBSCRIBE TOWARDS THE FUND OR TO DONATE THEIR MONEY TO A SPECIFIC GROUP OF VICTIMS. IF THEY CHOSE TO DO THE LATTER, IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE, HE SAID, IF THE MONEY WAS SENT TO A VOLUNTARY AGENCY FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE VICTIMS CONCERNED RATHER THAN TO THE DEPARTMENT.

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DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION WORKSHOP
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MORE THAN 120 TEACHERS FROM SCHOOLS IN THE HONG KONG EAST AREA TODAY ATTENDED THE SECOND OF A SERIES OF WORKSHOP ON DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION FOR TEACHERS OF PUPILS IN THE 10-15 AGE GROUP.

+THE AIM OF THESE WORKSHOPS IS TO ACQUAINT TEACHERS WITH THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE DRUG PROBLEM IN HONG KONG, TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR TEACHERS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THEIR OWN DISTRICT, AND TO EXPLORE THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAYS OF EDUCATING PUPILS AGAINST DRUG ABUSE,+ AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE WORKSHOPS ARE BEING CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS.

TODAY'S WORKSHOP, WHICH WAS HELD AT THE HO TUNG TECHNICAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, WAS OPENED BY REV. K.L. STUMPF, CHAIRMAN OF ACAN'S EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE AND DIRECTOR OF THE LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION.

THE FIRST WORKSHOP WAS HELD AT THE KWUN TONG GOVERNMENT SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL A MONTH AGO.

THE WORKSHOPS FOLLOW THE SYMPOSIUM ON DRUG ABUSE HELD AT THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION LAST FEBRUARY.

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SHEK KIP MEI REHOUSING SCHEME
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ANOTHER PHASE OF THE SHEK KIP MEI REHOUSING SCHEME STARTED TODAY (TUESDAY).

SOME 6,500 TENANTS OF BLOCKS 1, 5, AND 6, OF THE LOWER SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE WILL SHORTLY BE MOVING TO BETTER LIVING ACCOMMODATION. AND AS SOON AS THESE BLOCKS ARE VACATED, WORKMEN WILL MOVE IN TO CONVERT THEM INTO SELF-CONTAINED UNITS.

MORE THAN 100 APPLICATIONS HAVE NOW BEEN RECEIVED FROM TENANTS FOR FLATS AT UPPER PAK TIN OR THE CONVERTED SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE.

SOME 50 SHOP TENANTS AND FIVE WORKSHOP OPERATORS WHO WILL ALSO BE AFFECTED BY THE SCHEME WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE DETAILS OF THEIR REPROVISIONING AT A LATER DATE.

THE DEPUTY COLONIAL SECRETARY, MR. MICHAEL CLINTON, AND THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR. DENIS BRAY, THIS AFTERNOON INSPECTED THE REHOUSING OPERATION TO GAIN FIRST HAND INFORMATION OF THE PROJECT WHICH INVOLVES THE TRANSFER OF 62,000 TENANTS OF THE OLD ESTATE TO PAK TIN OR THE CONVERTED ESTATE. THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR. IAN LIGHTBODY.

THE PARTY LATER TOURED THE YAN OI TRANSIT CENTER WHERE THEY TOOK A LOOK AT AN UNCONTROLLED SQUATTER AREA, A TRANSIT CENTER, THE PARTLY-BUILT LICENSED AREA STRUCTURES, AND A TRADITIONAL LICENSED AREA, AND THE OI MAN ESTATE, THE FIRST GOVERNMENT PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE IN THE 10-YEAR PROGRAMME.

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RTV ARTISTES TO TOUR KOWLOON DISTRICTS
TO HELP PROMOTE LOTTERY SALES
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FOUR RTV ARTISTES -- MISS TINA CHING FEI, MISS STELLA CHEE, MISS ANGELINA LEUNG AND MR. JOHNNY YIP -- WILL TOUR VARIOUS DISTRICTS IN KOWLOON TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON TO HELP PUBLICISE THIS YEAR'S SECOND GOVERNMENT LOTTERY.

THEY WILL LEAVE THE RTV STUDIO AT BROADCAST DRIVE AT ABOUT 3.15 P.M. AND WILL STOP AT WONG TAI SIN (3.30 P.M. - 3.50 P.M.), HUNG HOM FERRY CONCOURSE (4.00 P.M. - 4.20 P.M.), JORDAN ROAD FERRY CONCOURSE (4.30 P.M. - 4.50 P.M.), AND TAI KOK TSUI FERRY CONCOURSE (5.00 P.M. - 5.20 P.M.).

THE DRAW FOR THE CURRENT LOTTERY WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY (JUNE 14) NIGHT DURING THE LIVE TELEVISION ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME +WITH TINA+ AT 9.00 P.M.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE TOUR TOMORROW AFTERNOON. TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. TWO NINE-SEATER VANS -- NO. AM 2173 AND AM 2174 -- WILL AWAIT PRESS MEMBERS AT QUEEN'S PIER AT 2.30 P.M.

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TEMPORARY WATER CUTS

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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND IN KOWLOON WILL BE INTERRUPTED IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS LATER THIS WEEK TO FACILITATE TESTS FOR LEAKAGE.

ON THURSDAY (JUNE 13) PREMISES IN NORTH POINT BOUNDED BY THE SOUTH SIDE OF KING'S ROAD FROM LAU SIN STREET AND ELECTRIC ROAD TO BOAT STREET, INCLUDING OIL STREET, FOOK YUM ROAD, KING WAH ROAD AND WANG ON ROAD, WILL BE AFFECTED.

THE TEMPORARY STOPPAGE WILL LAST FROM 1 A.M. TO 6 A.M.

THE FOLLOWING DAY (FRIDAY), THE TEMPORARY INTERRUPTION WILL APPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES ON THE PEAK AND IN TSIM SHA TSUI DISTRICT.

THE AFFECTED AREA ON THE PEAK IS FROM MOUNT GOUGH TANK TO BARKER ROAD, PART OF SEVERN ROAD AND BARKER ROAD FROM RURAL BUILDING LOT NO. 733 TO FINDLAY PATH. THE AFFECTED AREA IN TSIM SHA TSUI IS BOUNDED BY NATHAN ROAD, MODY ROAD, CHATHAM ROAD, HART AVENUE AND CARNARVON ROAD.

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OPENING OF NEW PREVENTIVE SERVICE TRAINING SCHOOL

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE ACTING GOVERNOR, MR. DENYS ROBERTS, WILL OPEN THE NEW PREVENTIVE SERVICE TRAINING SCHOOL AT TAI LAM CHUNG IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ON THURSDAY (JUNE 13) AT 11 A.M.

THERE WILL BE A CEREMONIAL PARADE BY THE PREVENTIVE SERVICE TO MARK THE OCCASION. MR. ROBERTS WILL ADDRESS THE PARADE AND UNVEIL A COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE. AFTER TAKING THE SALUTE AT A MARCHPAST, HE WILL TOUR SOME OF THE FACILITIES PROVIDED AT THE NEW SCHOOL.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THIS EVENT. TWO PREVENTIVE SERVICE LAUNCHES HAVE BEEN LAID ON TO TAKE NEWS REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SCHOOL. THE PICK-UP POINT WILL BE QUEEN'S PIER AT 9.30 A.M. SHARP, ON THURSDAY. NEWS REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO USE THIS FACILITY ARE REQUESTED TO MAKE RESERVATIONS BY TELEPHONING THE GIS DUTY PRESS INQUIRY OFFICER NO LATER THAN 3 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 12). THEY ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE AT QUEEN'S PIER FIVE MINUTES BEFORE THE SCHEDULED DEPARTURE TIME.

ALTERNATIVELY, NEWS REPRESENTATIVES CAN MAKE THEIR OWN WAY TO THE SCHOOL BY ROAD. THEY ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 10.45 A.M. THE SCHOOL IS SITUATED IN TAI LAM CHUNG ROAD, OFF THE CASTLE PEAK ROAD (16 MILESTONE).

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SEVERELY DISABLED GO NIGHTCLUBBING
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FORTY-TWO PARAPLEGICS AND SEVERELY DISABLED PEOPLE FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S KWUN TONG SETTLEMENT FOR THE SEVERELY DISABLED, ARE TO TREAT THEMSELVES TO A NIGHT OUT ON THE TOWN TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

STARTING OFF WITH A MAHJONG GAME IN LATE AFTERNOON AT THE PEARL CITY RESTAURANT AND NIGHT CLUB IN CAUSEWAY BAY, THEY WILL FOLLOW THROUGH WITH A TWELVE-COURSE CHINESE DINNER AND THEN STAY ON FOR THE NIGHT CLUB PERFORMANCE OF SONGS AND FLOORSHOWS.

ACCORDING TO MISS STELLA LEUNG, OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S BLIND AND PHYSICALLY DISABLED UNIT WHICH RUNS THE SETTLEMENT, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT SUCH A GROUP OF DISABLED PEOPLE WILL BE GOING OUT TO ENJOY THE NIGHT LIFE OF HONG KONG, MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE CO-OPERATION OF THE RESTAURANT'S MANAGEMENT.

+THIS IS JUST ONE FORM OF INTEGRATION OF THE DISABLED INTO THE NON-DISABLED COMMUNITY BECAUSE, AFTER ALL, THEY TOO HAVE LIKES AND DISLIKES JUST AS ANYONE ELSE AND WITH A LITTLE HELP AND UNDERSTANDING WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY THE FINE THINGS OF LIFE THAT ARE LESS READILY AVAILABLE TO THEM,+ SHE SAID.

ALL WILL BE PAYING THEIR OWN SHARES OF \$25 EACH WHICH IS THE SPECIAL CONCESSIONARY RATE THE RESTAURANT IS CHARGING.

STAFF OF THE SETTLEMENT WILL TAKE CARE OF THE ARRANGEMENTS INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF TRANSPORT AND ESCORTS.

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BELLEVUE DRIVE REOPENS TOMORROW
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE NORTHERN SECTION OF BELLEVUE DRIVE IN REPULSE BAY WILL RE-OPEN TO TRAFFIC TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE SECTION WAS CLOSED IN APRIL TO FACILITATE REMEDIAL WORKS ON THE ROCK SURFACE.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING PRICES WERE REALISED TODAY (TUESDAY) AT SALE UNDER THE RICE CONTROL SCHEME AND AT THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION WHOLESALE MARKET AND THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION WHOLESALE MARKET AT CHEUNG SHA WAN, KOWLOON:

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF RICE

GRADE OF RICE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY) MODE
<u>CHINA RICE</u>		
SEE NEW	--	--
- OLD CROP	--	--
- NEW CROP	--	--
S.C. JIEN	--	--
- OLD CROP	--	2.16
- NEW CROP	GOOD	--
PO NGAI	--	--
CHU CHO	--	--
<u>THAI RICE</u>		
100% WHOLE	GOOD	2.03
10-15% BROKENS	GOOD	1.93
A1 SUPER EXTRA	GOOD	1.79
A1 SUPER	GOOD	1.63
WHOLE GLUTINOUS	GOOD	1.90
U.S. RICE	GOOD	1.90
AUSTRALIAN RICE	GOOD	1.91
PAKISTAN RICE	--	--
TAIWAN RICE	--	--
THAI RICE FIRST GRADE	GOOD	2.12

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE

(ALL SOURCES)

AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	-	GOOD
WHOLESALE PRICES OF PORK (\$/PICUL-LIVE WEIGHT)	-	305 (AVERAGE)

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SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF MARINE FISH

(CFMO CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET)

SPECIES	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
GOLDEN THREAD	NORMAL	6.00	4.00	4.80
BIG-EYES	GOOD	2.80	1.00	2.00
SQUID	LIMITED	7.00	3.00	5.80
HAIR-TAILS	GOOD	2.40	1.00	2.00
LIZARD FISHES	NORMAL	5.00	1.80	3.00
CROAKERS	NORMAL	2.60	1.20	1.60
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	GOOD	2.80	1.20	2.00
MELON COAT	LIMITED	2.50	1.30	2.20
BREAMS	LIMITED	5.50	3.50	4.50
YELLOW BELLY	NORMAL	2.30	0.70	1.80
MACKERELS	NORMAL	5.50	3.80	4.50
RED GOAT FISH	LIMITED	0.75	0.60	0.65
FORK-TAIL	GOOD	1.50	1.00	1.20
HORSE-HEAD	LIMITED	7.50	4.20	5.80
MELON SEED	NORMAL	3.50	1.20	2.50
POMFRETS	SCARCE	12.00	9.00	10.00
GARROUPAS	LIMITED	8.00	7.00	7.50
YELLOW CROAKER	NO SALE			

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF LOCALLY PRODUCED VEGETABLES

(V.M.O. CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE VEGETABLE MARKET)

TYPE OF VEGETABLE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
FLOWERING CABBAGE	LIMITED	1.00	0.30	0.70
WHITE CABBAGE	NORMAL	0.60	0.15	0.40
CHINESE LETTUCE	LIMITED	0.60	0.20	0.40
WATER SPINACH	NORMAL	0.50	0.10	0.30
CHINESE KALE	SCARCE	1.20	0.50	0.80
STRING BEANS	NORMAL	1.20	0.30	0.70
SPRING ONION	LIMITED	1.20	0.40	0.80
SPINACH		--	--	--
WATER CRESS	SCARCE	1.00	0.30	0.70
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	LIMITED	1.20	0.30	0.70
CHINESE SPINACH	NORMAL	0.60	0.20	0.40
TOMATO	SCARCE	2.80	1.50	2.20

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