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BOOKLET ON NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) HAS PUBLISHED AN INFORMATION BOOKLET ON THE PROVISIONS OF THE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE ENACTED IN JULY THIS YEAR.

THE BOOKLET, TITLED 'A CONCISE GUIDE TO THE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE', OUTLINES THE VARIOUS CONTROL PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE IN LAYMAN'S TERMS. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO BOTH THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR.

THIS INFORMATION BOOKLET IS THE FIRST IN A SERIES DEALING WITH VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE ORDINANCE AS WELL AS ADVISING ON THE TECHNIQUES TO REDUCE NOISE EMISSION.

SPECIFICALLY, THE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE DEALS WITH THE FOLLOWING FORMS OF NOISE:

- \* NOISE FROM DOMESTIC PREMISES AND PUBLIC PLACES (GENERAL NEIGHBOURHOOD NOISE);
- \* CONSTRUCTION NOISE AND PILING;
- \* NOISE FROM INDUSTRIAL OR COMMERCIAL PREMISES;
- \* NOISE FROM INDIVIDUAL ITEMS OF PLANT OR EQUIPMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FROM EPD SAID PROVISIONS RELEVANT TO THE ABOVE FORMS OF NOISE WILL BE BROUGHT INTO OPERATION IN STAGES BY THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WHO WILL BE APPOINTED AS THE NOISE CONTROL AUTHORITY.

HE SAID THE PRESENT SCHEDULE OF IMPLEMENTATION AIMS TO HAVE CONTROL PROVISIONS REGARDING THE FIRST THREE FORMS OF NOISE FULLY IMPLEMENTED BY MID 1989.

THE GOVERNMENT IS NOW IN AN ADVANCED STAGE OF PREPARING REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE PROCESSING OF CONSTRUCTION NOISE PERMITS, TO BE INTRODUCED FOR CONTROLLING NOISE FROM GENERAL CONSTRUCTION WORK AND PILING.

SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, THE REQUIRED REGULATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO BE MADE BEFORE THE END OF 1988 AND EPD CAN THEN STARTING RECEIVING AND PROCESSING PERMIT APPLICATIONS IN EARLY 1989.

THE DEPARTMENT IS NOW CONDUCTING A RECRUITMENT EXERCISE TO FILL THE MORE THAN 40 POSTS AT THE PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LEVELS CREATED TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS. BARRING UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES, OFFERS FOR ALL THE POSTS COULD BE MADE WITHIN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

THE INFORMATION BOOKLET IS NOW AVAILABLE FREE FROM ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND EPD WHICH IS LOCATED AT 17TH FLOOR, SINCERE BUILDING, 173 DES VOEUX ROAD, HONG KONG.

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GUIDELINES FOR EVALUATING CIVIC EDUCATION ACTIVITIES  
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GUIDELINES FOR EVALUATING THE EFFECTS OF CIVIC EDUCATION FUNCTIONS WOULD BE LAID DOWN AS A REFERENCE FOR ORGANISATIONS PLANNING RELATED ACTIVITIES, A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF MONG KOK CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN 1988-89, MR CHAN WING-TAI, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE'S RESOURCE CENTRE SUB-COMMITTEE, SAID THE GUIDELINES WOULD BE DRAWN FROM THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY ON CIVIC EDUCATION CONDUCTED IN 1986 AND ANOTHER WHICH IS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY.

THE ANALYSIS AND RESULTS OF THE CURRENT TERRITORY-WIDE SURVEY WERE EXPECTED TO BE ANNOUNCED IN DECEMBER, AND A COMPARISON WOULD BE MADE BETWEEN THE TWO SURVEYS IN A BID TO FIND OUT CHANGES IN CIVIC AWARENESS AMONG MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

MR CHAN STRESSED THAT IN THE PAST FEW YEARS, CIVIC EDUCATION HAD BEEN TAKEN SERIOUSLY AT CENTRAL AS WELL AS LOCAL LEVELS.

"AS AN ORGANISATION FOR PROMOTING CIVIC EDUCATION ACTIVITIES, THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION IS CONCENTRATING ITS RESOURCES ON TWO ASPECTS, NAMELY TO PROMOTE AMONG CITIZENS THE MUTUAL HELP SPIRIT IN THE COMMUNITY; AND TO ENCOURAGE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FROM DIFFERENT WALKS OF LIFE TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION," HE SAID.

TO ACHIEVE THE TWO OBJECTIVES, THE COMMITTEE WOULD ORGANISE A "CIVIC EDUCATION DAY" IN DECEMBER AND A SEMINAR ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION IN JANUARY, MR CHAN ADDED.

TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY AT HONG KONG VERNACULAR NORMAL SCHOOLS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOOL WAS FOLLOWED BY A CARNIVAL WHICH FEATURED GAME STALLS, A VARIETY SHOW AND EXHIBITIONS ORGANISED BY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, ATTRACTING MORE THAN 5,000 MONG KOK RESIDENTS.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WITH MR CHAN WERE MRS LORNA MA WONG LUNG-SHI, MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, AND MR CHOW CHUN-FAI, CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE MONG KOK CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN INCLUDE A SURVEY ON THE VOTING BEHAVIOUR OF MONG KOK RESIDENTS; THE DISTINGUISHED CIVIC EDUCATION PROJECTS AWARD SCHEME; AN EXHIBITION ON THE AWARD-WINNING PROJECTS AND A CLOSING CEREMONY.

THE CAMPAIGN IS SPONSORED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD.

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SAI KUNG CIVIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE FORMED  
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A 20-MEMBER COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED IN SAI KUNG TO CO-ORDINATE ALL MATTERS RELATING TO THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION IN THE DISTRICT.

CHAIRER BY A SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MRS ANITA CHAN, THE COMMITTEE COMPRISES SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, SOCIAL WORKERS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE MEMBERS, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM VILLAGES AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WILL ALSO ADVISE ON THE WORK AND ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID A SERIES OF EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD BETWEEN NOVEMBER AND NEXT MARCH TO PROMOTE THE CONCEPTS OF CIVIC EDUCATION AMONG RESIDENTS.

THE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE A BLOOD DONATION DAY ON NOVEMBER 29, VISIT TO THE RESOURCE CENTRE OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, ATTENDING MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, SAI KUNG DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD.

ARTICLES ON CIVIC EDUCATION WILL ALSO BE PUBLISHED IN THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT NEWSPAPER EVERY MONTH BETWEEN NOVEMBER AND MARCH.

"WE HOPE THAT BY PARTICIPATING IN THESE ACTIVITIES, RESIDENTS, PARTICULARLY THE YOUNGER GENERATION, WILL DEVELOP A SENSE OF BELONGING TO THEIR DISTRICT AND BE MORE AWARE OF THEIR CIVIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"BESIDES, ON KNOWING MORE ABOUT DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT, RESIDENTS WILL BE MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR SOCIETY AND TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS," HE SAID.

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DETAILS OF HEALTH MONTH FOR ELDERLY  
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A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE 1988 HEALTH MONTH FOR THE ELDERLY IN WAN CHAI WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (MONDAY) BY THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF THE PROJECT.

THE PROGRAMME, LAUNCHED JOINTLY BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD AND THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, AIMS AT AROUSING PUBLIC CONCERN AND CARE FOR THE ELDERLY IN WAN CHAI.

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IT WILL INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL CHECK-UP SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY, AN EXHIBITION ON THE PREVENTION OF COMMON GERIATRIC DISEASES, AND THE PRODUCTION OF A PAMPHLET ON HEALTH CARE FOR THEM.

ATTENDING TOMORROW'S PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE MRS PEGGY LAM, CHAIRMAN OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD; MR PAUL YU, CHAIRMAN OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS; MS ANNA TANG AND MR SAMMY POONE, CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE PROJECT; AND MR KENNETH LEE, CONVENOR OF THE PUBLICITY SUB-GROUP UNDER THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT WHICH WILL BE HELD TOMORROW AT 3 PM IN BEGONIA ROOM, 22/F, LEE GARDENS HOTEL, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

CONSULTANT STUDY OF UC MARKETS  
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THE URBAN COUNCIL HAS RECENTLY COMMISSIONED A CONSULTANCY FIRM TO CONDUCT AN IN-DEPTH STUDY INTO THE ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT OF ITS MARKETS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A MORE EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

"THE STUDY WILL BE CARRIED OUT LATER THIS MONTH AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN THREE MONTHS' TIME," THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE URBAN COUNCIL'S MARKETS AND STREET TRADERS SELECT COMMITTEE, DR ELSIE TU, SAID TODAY.

"FOLLOWING OUR OWN DETAILED STUDY OF THE PROBLEMS FACING COUNCIL-OPERATED MARKETS, WE HAVE COME TO A CONCLUSION THAT THE VIABILITY OF MARKETS DEPENDS NOT ONLY ON THEIR LOCATION BUT ALSO ON THEIR MANAGEMENT.

"ADDITIONALLY, CUSTOMERS' IMPRESSION OF THE MARKETS, A CLEAN AND ROOMY MARKET, ORDERLY STALLS, DRY, NON-SLIPPERY, UNOBSTRUCTED PASSAGeways, CLEAN TOILETS, CLEAR DIRECTIONAL SIGNS AND A BRIGHT AIRY ATMOSPHERE ARE ALL FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO A POPULAR AND VIABLE MARKET."

THE COUNCIL AGREED THAT A FIRM, EFFECTIVE AND PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT WOULD BE THE KEY TO THE OPERATION OF A FINANCIALLY-VIABLE MARKET.

"IN ORDER TO DEVISE AN APPROPRIATE MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE STAFFED WITH THE RIGHT CALIBRE OF OFFICERS, IT REQUIRES COMMERCIAL EXPERTISE NOT AVAILABLE FROM THE PUBLIC SECTOR.

"IT IS HOPED THAT THE CONSULTANTS' STUDY WILL DEVELOP AND HELP THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN IN THE MANAGEMENT OF UC MARKETS TO ENHANCE THE MARKETS' VIABILITY AND EFFICIENCY," ADDED DR TU.

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NEW SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX FOR TAI PO  
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WORK HAS BEGUN ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MODERN SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX AT AREA 22 IN TAI PO.

THIS FOLLOWS THE AWARDING OF A \$31.7 MILLION CONTRACT TOWARDS THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN OLYMPIC-SIZED POOL, AND A 600-SEAT SPECTATOR STAND.

THE CONTRACT ALSO INCLUDES SEPARATE TOILETS AND CHANGING FACILITIES FOR THE ABLE-BODIED AND THE DISABLED, A RESTAURANT, EXERCISE ROOM, FIRST-AID ROOM, PLANT ROOMS AND ADMINISTRATION OFFICES.

INCLUDING PILING FOUNDATION WORK, THE TAI PO SWIMMING POOL PHASE I PROJECT WILL COST A TOTAL OF \$47.7 MILLION. IT WILL BE COMPLETED IN JANUARY 1990.

WORK ON PHASE II, EXPECTED TO COST AT LEAST ANOTHER \$47 MILLION, WILL BEGIN NEXT MARCH. IT WILL COMPRISE A PADDLING POOL, A DIVING POOL, TWO TEACHING POOLS AND ONE LEISURE POOL WITH WATER SLIDES.

THE FACILITY WILL BE MANAGED BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

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SHA TIN COMMITTEE TO REVIEW SUBSIDY  
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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S FINANCE AND GENERAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WILL REVIEW AT ITS MEETING ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 25) THE PROCEDURE FOR REIMBURSEMENT TO THE DB'S WORKING GROUPS AND THE STANDARD RATES OF SUBSIDY TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

THE COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER IF IT IS TIME TO STREAMLINE THE PROCEDURE FOR PAYMENT OF REIMBURSEMENTS TO THE DB'S WORKING GROUPS SO THAT THEIR FUNCTIONS CAN BE CARRIED OUT MORE EFFICIENTLY.

MOREOVER, THE MEETING WILL DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF SETTING UP A WORKING GROUP UNDER THE COMMITTEE TO SEE IF IT IS ADVISABLE TO INCREASE THE STANDARD RATES OF DB SUBSIDY TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

MEANWHILE, AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING THE ERECTION OF THREE DIRECTIONAL SIGN BOARDS TOTTALLING \$3,900 AT AH KUNG KOK FISHERMEN'S VILLAGE, SHEUNG KENG HAU VILLAGE AND HIN TIN VILLAGE WILL BE DISCUSSED.

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THREE OTHER APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS, CONCERNING THE HOLDING OF A SEMINAR ON THE BASIC LAW, EXHIBITIONS ON THE ISSUE AND FOR ORGANISING FESTIVE LIGHTING IN SHA TIN WILL ALSO BE CONSIDERED.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE REPORTS BY THE WORKING GROUPS AS WELL AS THE DB'S REVISED ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL SITUATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S FINANCE AND GENERAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING TO BEGIN AT 9.30 AM ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 25) AT THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON SIXTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION.

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METERED PARKING SPACES IN TSUN FU STREET  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT SEVEN METERED PARKING SPACES WILL BE DESIGNATED IN TSUN FU STREET BETWEEN SAN HONG STREET AND SAN TSOI STREET IN SHEUNG SHUI FROM WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 26) TO REGULATE THE UTILISATION OF ON-STREET PARKING SPACES.

THE TWO-HOUR PARKING METERS WILL OPERATE BETWEEN 8 AM AND 8 PM DAILY EXCEPT ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS. THE PARKING CHARGE WILL BE \$1 PER 30 MINUTES.

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SINGING COMPETITION IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN  
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MUSIC LOVERS LIVING, STUDYING OR WORKING IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT ARE BEING INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE "SEVENTH CENTRAL AND WESTERN SINGING COMPETITION" TO BE HELD IN JANUARY.

THE COMPETITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE, CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD, CENTRAL AND WESTERN CULTURE AND ARTS ASSOCIATION AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

IT IS AIMED AT PROMOTING PUBLIC INTEREST IN SINGING.

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THE COMPETITION WILL BE DIVIDED INTO THREE CATEGORIES: CLASSICAL SONG (SOLO ITEM), POP/FOLK SONG (SOLO ITEM) AND POP/FOLK SONG (GROUP ITEM).

PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 30 CAN ENTER. THEY ARE FREE TO SELECT A SONG WHICH SHOULD HAVE A POSITIVE THEME. NO ACCOMPANIMENT WILL BE PROVIDED TO CONTESTANTS.

AUDITIONS WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 1 AND DECEMBER 3. ENTRIES OF SATISFACTORY STANDARD WILL BE QUALIFIED TO ENTER THE FINALS TO BE HELD AT THE SHEUNG WAN CIVIC AND CULTURAL CENTRE ON JANUARY 15.

THE CHAMPION, THE FIRST RUNNERS-UP AND THE SECOND RUNNERS-UP IN EACH GROUP WILL BE AWARDED TROPHIES AND CASH PRIZES OF \$1,000, \$700 AND \$500 RESPECTIVELY.

ALL FINALISTS WILL BE GIVEN SOUVENIRS.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE COMPETITION ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE HONG KONG MUSIC CENTRE OF THE MUSIC OFFICE, THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES AS WELL AS THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES IS NOVEMBER 18. FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED BY CALLING 5-283257 OR 5-8523489.

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FAMILY LIFE MUSIC SELECTION TRIAL IN SHAM SHUI PO

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A MUSIC SELECTION TRIAL WILL BE HELD IN SHAM SHUI PO IN JANUARY TO SELECT A REPRESENTATIVE TO TAKE PART IN THE TERRITORY-WIDE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION MUSIC COMPETITION.

THE COMPETITION AIMS AT PROMOTING A MORE HARMONIOUS RELATIONSHIP AND A BETTER UNDERSTANDING AMONG FAMILY MEMBERS BY MEANS OF GROUP SINGING.

SPONSORED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD, THE SELECTION TRIAL IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE WORKING GROUP ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN 1988-89, THE SHAM SHUI PO ARTS ASSOCIATION AND THE MUSIC OFFICE.

THE WINNER, AND FIRST AND SECOND RUNNERS-UP IN THE SELECTION TRIAL WILL BE AWARDED TROPHIES AND CASH COUPONS OF \$1,000, \$700 AND \$400 RESPECTIVELY.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE SELECTION TRIAL WILL CLOSE ON OCTOBER 29 AND AN AUDITION WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 19.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES, THE SHAM SHUI PO ARTS ASSOCIATION, THE MONG KOK MUSIC CENTRE AND THE SHAM SHUI PO COMMUNITY YOUTH OFFICE.

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BOOK TICKETS EARLY FOR YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL  
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FESTIVAL-GOERS WHO DO NOT WANT TO MISS ANY SHOW IN THE COMING YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL ARE ADVISED TO BOOK THEIR TICKETS EARLY BY MAIL.

MAIL ORDER FORMS CONTAINING INFORMATION ON THE VENUES, TICKET PRICES AND SEATING PLANS OF PERFORMANCES ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRIES COUNTERS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT, YUEN LONG TOWN HALL AND LONG PING COMMUNITY HALL.

APPLICANTS SHOULD RETURN THE FORMS BY NOVEMBER 12, BY MAIL OR BY HAND, TO THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL AT 4 TAI YUK ROAD, YUEN LONG.

THE 18-DAY YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL, WHICH WILL BEGIN ON DECEMBER 9, HAS SOME 37 ACTIVITES, INCLUDING A WIDE VARIETY OF MUSIC AND DANCE PERFORMANCES WITH A BUDGET OF \$888,000.

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