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PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR NOVEMBER 1990 RELEASED

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DOMESTIC EXPORTS PICKED UP MARKEDLY IN NOVEMBER, WHILE RE-EXPORTS SHOWED A FURTHER SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE. IMPORTS AND RETAINED IMPORTS ALSO ROSE SUBSTANTIALLY IN NOVEMBER.

THESE ARE SHOWN IN THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN NOVEMBER 1990, AT $21,878 MILLION, WAS $2,466 MILLION OR 12.7 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN NOVEMBER 1989. THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY $12,659 MILLION OR 42.1 PER CENT TO $42,705 MILLION.

TAKING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS ROSE BY $15,125 MILLION OR 30.6 PER CENT OVER A YEAR EARLIER, TO $64,583 MILLION IN NOVEMBER 1990. THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW BY $17,748 MILLION OR 38.3 PER CENT OVER A YEAR EARLIER, TO $64,092 MILLION IN NOVEMBER 1990.

AS THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS WAS LARGER THAN THAT OF IMPORTS, A VISIBLE TRADE SURPLUS OF $491 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 0.8 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED IN NOVEMBER 1990.

THIS COMPARES WITH A SURPLUS OF $3,114 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 6.7 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, RECORDED IN NOVEMBER 1989.

PUTTING THESE FIGURES IN PERSPECTIVE, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS FOR THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF 1990 WAS $582,901 MILLION, MADE UP OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF $205,663 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS OF $377,238 MILLION.

COMPARED WITH THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF 1989, TOTAL EXPORTS GREW BY $61,893 MILLION OR 11.9 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS, WITH DOMESTIC EXPORTS RISING BY $1,474 MILLION OR 0.7 PER CENT AND RE-EXPORTS BY $60,419 MILLION OR 19.1 PER CENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS ROSE BY $67,832 MILLION OR 13.2 PER CENT, TO $583,169 MILLION.

WITH A DEFICIT OF ONLY $268 MILLION, THE VISIBLE TRADE ACCOUNT WAS VIRTUALLY IN BALANCE IN THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF 1990. THIS COMPARES WITH A SURPLUS OF $5,671 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 1.1 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, RECORDED IN THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989.

COMMENTING ON THE NOVEMBER FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT AFTER RECOVERING TO POSITIVE GROWTH IN OCTOBER, DOMESTIC EXPORTS PICKED UP FURTHER IN NOVEMBER, WITH THE YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH RATE IN THAT MONTH BEING THE HIGHEST SINCE MARCH 1989.

THE REVIVAL IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER WAS PRECEDED BY SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN RETAINED IMPORTS OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES SINCE JULY THIS YEAR.

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ON RE-EXPORTS, THE FURTHER SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH IN NOVEMBER WAS SUPPORTED BY RAPID INCREASES IN BOTH RE-EXPORTS OF CHINA ORIGIN AND RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA.

AS REGARDS RETAINED IMPORTS, THE GROWTH RATE IN VALUE TERMS (AFTER ADJUSTING FOR THE RE-EXPORT MARGIN) WAS AROUND 33 PER CENT IN NOVEMBER.

THUS THE GROWTH RATE OF RETAINED IMPORTS HAD BEEN ACCELERATING FOR FIVE CONSECUTIVE MONTHS. THIS SHOULD HAVE FAVOURABLE IMPLICATIONS FOR BOTH LOCAL DEMAND AND DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE COMING MONTHS.

THE SPOKESMAN, HOWEVER, POINTED OUT THAT THE VARIOUS GROWTH RATES RECORDED FOR NOVEMBER WERE AFFECTED BY A RELATIVELY LOW BASE OF COMPARISON IN THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE PRESENTS THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR NOVEMBER 1990.

MERCHANDISE:	DOMESTIC EXPORTS	:	$21,878 MILLION	
	RE-EXPORTS	:	$42,705 MILLION	
	TOTAL EXPORTS	:	$64,583 MILLION	
	IMPORTS	:	$64,092 MILLION	
	TRADE BALANCE	:	$491 MILLION	[IN SURPLUS]

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

LATEST THREE MONTHS	SEP 90 TO NOV 90 HK$ MN.	SEP 89 TO NOV 89 HK$ MN.	INCREASE HK$ MN.	INCREASE %
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	63,588	59,803	3,785	6.3
RE-EXPORTS	119,643	92,466	27,177	29.4
TOTAL EXPORTS	183,231	152,269	30,962	20.3
IMPORTS	181,152	142,015	39,137	27.6
TRADE BALANCE	2,079	10,254	-8,175	

SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	NOVEMBER 1990 HK$ MN.	NOVEMBER 1989 HK$ MN.	INCREASE HK$ MN.	INCREASE %
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	21,878	19,412	2,466	12.7
(% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	(33.9%)	(39.2%)		
RE-EXPORTS	42,705	30,046	12,659	42.1
TOTAL EXPORTS	64,583	49,458	15,125	30.6
IMPORTS	64,092	46,344	17,748	38.3
TRADE BALANCE	491	3,114	-2,623	

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LAST MONTH	NOVEMBER 1990 HK$ MN.	OCTOBER 1990 HK$ MN.	INCREASE HK$ MN.	INCREASE %
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	21,878	22,185	-307	-1.4
(% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	(33.9%)	(34.7%)		
RE-EXPORTS	42,705	41,839	866	2.1
TOTAL EXPORTS	64,583	64,024	559	0.9
IMPORTS	64,092	63,208	884	1.4
TRADE BALANCE	491	816	-325	

CALENDAR YEAR TO-DATE	JAN-NOV 1990 HK$ MN.	JAN-NOV 1989 HK$ MN.	INCREASE HK$ MN.	INCREASE %
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	205,663	204,189	1,474	0.7
(% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	(35.3%)	(39.2%)		
RE-EXPORTS	377,238	316,819	60,419	19.1
TOTAL EXPORTS	582,901	521,008	61,893	11.9
IMPORTS	583,169	515,337	67,832	13.2
TRADE BALANCE	-268	5,671	-5,939	

LAST 12 MONTHS	DEC 89 TO NOV 90 HK$ MN.	DEC 88 TO NOV 89 HK$ MN.	INCREASE HK$ MN.	INCREASE %
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	225,578	225,362	216	0.1
RE-EXPORTS	406,824	344,942	61,882	17.9
TOTAL EXPORTS	632,402	570,304	62,098	10.9
IMPORTS	630,613	565,520	65,093	11.5
TRADE BALANCE	1,789	4,784	-2,995	

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FOREIGN JUDGEMENTS (RECIPROCAL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 1990 GAZETTED

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THE FOREIGN JUDGEMENTS (RECIPROCAL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 1990 PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY) PROVIDED FULL RECIPROCITY OF TREATMENT IN RESPECT OF ALL OF AUSTRALIA'S SUPERIOR COURTS.

THE AMENDMENT ORDER EXTENDED THE PROVISIONS OF THE FOREIGN JUDGEMENTS (RECIPROCAL ENFORCEMENT) ORDINANCE TO JUDGEMENTS GIVEN IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS OF ALL JURISDICTIONS WITHIN AUSTRALIA AND ITS EXTERNAL TERRITORIES.

THE AMENDMENT ORDER ALSO DISAPPLIED THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE TO JUDGEMENTS GIVEN IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS OF PAKISTAN BECAUSE OF A LACK OF RECIPROCITY OF TREATMENT.

REFERENCE TO CEYLON IN THE FIRST SCHEDULE OF THE ORDER WAS REPLACED WITH REFERENCE TO SRI LANKA.

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CHANGES TO IMPORT AND EXPORT (GENERAL) REGULATIONS GAZETTED

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS INTRODUCED CHANGES TO THE IMPORT AND EXPORT (GENERAL) REGULATIONS TO EXEMPT FROM LICENSING REQUIREMENTS THE IMPORT AND EXPORT OF CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS AND TEXTILES.

DETAILS OF THE CHANGES ARE CONTAINED IN THE IMPORT AND EXPORT (GENERAL) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1990 AND IMPORT AND EXPORT (GENERAL) REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT OF FIRST SCHEDULE) ORDER 1990 PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT, PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS IMPORTED OR EXPORTED IN THE ACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE OF A PERSON ENTERING OR LEAVING HONG KONG AND WHICH ARE FOR HIS PERSONAL USE WILL BE EXEMPTED FROM LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.

AT THE SAME TIME, TEXTILES CONSTITUTING PERSONAL EFFECTS OR A GIFT IMPORTED INTO HONG KONG OR TEXTILES CONSTITUTING PERSONAL EFFECTS EXPORTED IN ACCOMPANIED PERSONAL BAGGAGE WILL ALSO BE FREE FROM LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.

PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS AND TEXTILES IMPORTED OR EXPORTED AS PART OF THE PROVISIONS REQUIRED FOR THE USE OF THE CREW OR PASSENGERS OF A CARRIER ARE ALSO EXEMPTED.

IN ALL THESE CASES, THE ARTICLES HAVE TO BE IN A REASONABLE QUANTITY WITH RESPECT TO THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THEY ARE IMPORTED OR EXPORTED IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR EXEMPTION.

ALSO EXEMPTED UNDER THE PRESENT AMENDMENT EXERCISE ARE FABRIC SWATCHES AND SAMPLE YARN IMPORTED BY AIR AND NOT EXCEEDING 0.8 SQUARE METRE IN SIZE IN THE CASE OF THE FORMER AND 1.2 KILOGRAMS IN WEIGHT IN THE CASE OF THE LATTER.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE, MR KEVIN HO, SAID THE CHANGES WERE INTRODUCED FOLLOWING A REVIEW OF THE PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS BY THE TRADE DEPARTMENT.

"UNDER PRESENT REGULATIONS, ALL IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF TEXTILE ARTICLES, PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS AND MEDICINES ARE SUBJECT TO LICENSING REQUIREMENTS EVEN IF THEY ARE NOT COMMERCIAL CONSIGNMENTS.

"THIS STRINGENT LICENSING REQUIREMENT HAS GIVEN RISE TO INCONVENIENCE TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT DIRECTLY ENGAGED IN THE TRADE OF THESE ITEMS," HE SAID.

MR HO SAID THE CHANGES HAD BEEN BROUGHT IN TO REMOVE SUCH "UNDUE INCONVENIENCES" AND TO IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFICIENCY OF THE LICENSING SYSTEM.

THE TRADE AND TEXTILE ADVISORY BOARDS HAVE BEEN CONSULTED AND HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE CHANGES.

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AMENDMENTS TO HK IMPORTS AND EXPORTS CLASSIFICATION LIST GAZETTED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE HONG KONG IMPORTS AND EXPORTS CLASSIFICATION LIST (HARMONIZED SYSTEM), JANUARY 1988.

THE AMENDMENTS, PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY, WILL TAKE PLACE FROM JANUARY 1, 1991.

THEY INVOLVE THE COUNTRY CLASSIFICATION OF THE UNIFIED GERMANY, THE REPUBLIC OF YEMEN AND NAMIBIA, AND THE COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION OF HALOGENATED DERIVATIVES OF ACYCLIC HYDROCARBONS.

IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS ARE REMINDED THAT IMPORT AND EXPORT DECLARATIONS FOR SHIPMENTS MADE ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1991 MUST BE COMPLETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMENDED CLASSIFICATION.

THEY ARE URGED TO ENSURE THAT THEIR STAFF RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLETING IMPORT AND EXPORT DECLARATION FORMS SHOULD BECOME FULLY CONVERSANT WITH SUCH AMENDMENTS.

COPIES OF THE AMENDMENT LIST ARE OBTAINABLE FREE OF CHARGE AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES:

* GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE,
GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR,
CONNAUGHT PLACE,
CENTRAL.

* CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT
(I) HONG KONG COLLECTION OFFICE,
SECOND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING,
38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

(II) KOWLOON COLLECTION OFFICE,
GROUND FLOOR,
MIDDLE ROAD MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING,
TSIM SHA TSUI.

* CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT,
TRADE CLASSIFICATION SECTION,
17TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER I,
12 HARBOUR ROAD,
WAN CHAI.

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TRAVEL AGENT'S LICENCE FEES TO BE REVISED

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FEES FOR A TRAVEL AGENT'S LICENCE WILL BE REVISED FROM FEBRUARY 1, 1991.

THE NEW FEES ARE SET OUT IN THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE TRAVEL AGENTS (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1990 PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

UNDER THE REVISIONS, THE APPLICATION FEE FOR A TRAVEL AGENT'S LICENCE WILL BE RAISED FROM $340 TO $400, WHILE THAT FOR A LICENCE OR THE RENEWAL OF A LICENCE WILL RISE FROM $275 TO $310 FOR EACH MONTH OF THE LICENCE'S TERM.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRADE AND INDUSTRY BRANCH SAID THE FEE REVISIONS WERE TO COVER INCREASED COSTS OF PROVIDING THE SERVICE.

HE SAID FEES, PAYABLE TO THE REGISTRAR OF TRAVEL AGENTS, WERE SUBJECT TO REGULAR REVIEW. THE LATEST FEE REVISIONS FOLLOWED THE 1990 REVIEW WHICH HAD JUST BEEN COMPLETED.

THE LAST REVISIONS TOOK PLACE ON JANUARY 1, 1990.

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NEW ORIGIN AND ORIGIN MARKING RULES FOR WATCHES

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THE TRADE DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ISSUED A REMINDER THAT HONG KONG'S NEW ORIGIN AND ORIGIN MARKING RULES FOR WATCHES WILL TAKE EFFECT ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 1).

UNDER THE NEW ORIGIN RULE, WATCHES WHICH INCORPORATE HONG KONG MOVEMENTS ARE OF HONG KONG ORIGIN.

IN REGARD TO ORIGIN MARKING ON WATCHES, AN ORDER PUBLISHED UNDER THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS ORDINANCE LAST OCTOBER SPECIFIED THAT, AS FROM JANUARY 1, 1991, THE ORIGIN OF A WATCH IS DETERMINED BY THE ORIGIN OF ITS MOVEMENT. THE ORDER DOES NOT REQUIRE ANY ORIGIN MARKING ON WATCHES IN HONG KONG.

IN OTHER WORDS, ORIGIN MARKING IS NOT MANDATORY. HOWEVER, IF A WATCH DISPLAYS AN ORIGIN MARKING, IT WILL HAVE TO CONFORM TO THE SPECIFIED ORIGIN MARKING RULE.

THE NEW ORIGIN AND ORIGIN MARKING RULES WILL BRING HONG KONG'S PRACTICE INTO LINE WITH THOSE OF OTHER MAJOR PRODUCERS AND MARKETS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRADE DEPARTMENT SAID UNDER THE NEW ORIGIN MARKING RULE WATCHES INCORPORATING HONG KONG MOVEMENTS COULD BEAR "HONG KONG" OR SIMILAR ORIGIN MARKINGS.

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WATCHES WHICH INCORPORATED FOREIGN MOVEMENTS COULD BE MARKED ACCORDING TO THE ORIGIN OF THEIR MOVEMENTS.

"CONSUMERS ARE REMINDED THAT AN ORIGIN MARKING OF A PARTICULAR COUNTRY ON A WATCH INDICATES THAT ITS MOVEMENT HAS BEEN MANUFACTURED IN THAT COUNTRY.

"THE WATCH NEED NOT HAVE BEEN ASSEMBLED OR THE OTHER COMPONENT PARTS MANUFACTURED IN THAT COUNTRY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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BUILDING (CONSTRUCTION) REGULATIONS 1990 GAZETTED

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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS APPROVED AMENDMENTS TO THE BUILDING (CONSTRUCTION) REGULATIONS TO UPDATE AND IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE REGULATIONS.

THE BUILDING (CONSTRUCTION) REGULATIONS 1990 WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY) AND CAME INTO IMMEDIATE EFFECT.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID UNDER THE NEW REGULATIONS, ONLY THE SAFETY AND PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR BUILDINGS, BUILDING WORKS AND STREET WORKS WERE SPECIFIED.

DETAILED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN UPDATED AND TRANSFERRED INTO CODES OF PRACTICE ISSUED BY THE BUILDING AUTHORITY AS TECHNICAL GUIDELINES FOR MEETING REQUIREMENTS IN THE NEW REGULATIONS.

PRACTICE NOTES ON SPECIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS NOT CONTAINED IN THE CODES OF PRACTICE WILL ALSO BE ISSUED FROM TIME TO TIME TO AUTHORISED PERSONS AND REGISTERED STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS.

EMPHASIS HAD ALSO BEEN PLACED ON THE LEVEL OF PROFESSIONAL SUPERVISION IN THE DESIGN AND EXECUTION OF BUILDING WORKS.

"THE NEW REGULATIONS WILL FACILITATE HONG KONG IN KEEPING UP WITH MODERN BUILDING TECHNOLOGY AND PRACTICES BECAUSE IT IS EASIER TO REGULARLY UPDATE CODES OF PRACTICE AND PRACTICE NOTES THAN TO REVISE SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE NOTED THAT TO CATER FOR PROJECTS WHICH WERE IN AN ADVANCED STAGE OF DESIGN OR CONSTRUCTION, A 12-MONTH GRACE PERIOD WAS ALLOWED DURING WHICH EITHER THE EXISTING OR THE AMENDED REGULATIONS COULD BE FOLLOWED.

"UPON EXPIRATION OF THE PERIOD, THE NEW REGULATIONS MUST BE COMPLIED WITH, ALTHOUGH NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE TO CATER FOR AMENDMENTS TO ONGOING PROJECTS WHICH HAVE THE BUILDING AUTHORITY'S APPROVAL AND CONSENT," HE ADDED.

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PARALLEL AMENDMENTS WERE ALSO MADE TO THE BUILDING (ADMINISTRATION) REGULATIONS TO SPECIFY THE RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF AUTHORISED PERSONS AND REGISTERED STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS IN RESPECT OF STRUCTURAL WORKS.

AMENDMENTS TO THE BUILDING (CONSTRUCTION) REGULATIONS, WHICH WERE LAST REVISED IN 1975, WERE BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HONG KONG INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS, THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, THE ROYAL INSTITUTION OF CHARTERED SURVEYORS (HONG KONG BRANCH), THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE, THE GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE AND THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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SWAC MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCED

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THE GOVERNOR HAS REAPPOINTED ALL 12 INCUMBENT MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVSIORY COMMITTEE (SWAC) FOR ANOTHER YEAR FROM DECEMBER 1, 1990 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1991, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

IN ADDITION, MR LINCOLN SOO HUNG-LEUNG HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO FILL THE VACANT SEAT ON THE COMMITTEE LEFT BY MR ROBERT GAFF.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE SWAC HAD A BUSY YEAR IN 1990, DURING WHICH A TOTAL OF SEVEN MEETINGS, INCLUDING A BRAINSTORMING SESSION ON THE DRAFT WHITE PAPER ON SOCIAL WELFARE INTO THE 1990'S, HAD BEEN HELD AND 21 PAPERS TABLED FOR DISCUSSION.

THE 13 MEMBERS OF THE SWAC ARE THE HON ROSANNA TAM (CHAIRMAN), PROFESSOR EDWARD CHEN, DR AGNES NG, MR LINCOLN SOO HUNG-LEUNG, MR LI WAH-MING, MR HERMAN HU, MR PAUL YOUNG, DR LAM KUI-CHUN, THE HON HUI YIN-FAT, PROFESSOR FELICE LIEK-MAK, MRS PAMELA CHAN, THE HON PEGGY LAM AND DR NELSON CHOW.

THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ARE TO KEEP SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES UNDER CONTINUOUS REVIEW AND TO ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT, THROUGH THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, ON ALL MATTERS OF SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY.

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RECLAMATION FOR LANDFILL AT TSEUNG KWAN O
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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CONSTRUCT SEAWALLS AND CARRY OUT RECLAMATION WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 82 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT TSEUNG KWAN O.

THIS IS TO PROVIDE LAND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LANDFILL FOR WASTE DISPOSAL AND FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED WAS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 27 NEXT YEAR.

THE NOTICE OF SUCH OBJECTION SHALL DESCRIBE THE INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT OF THE OBJECTOR AND THE MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED.

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PROPOSED ROAD IMPROVEMENT WORKS IN KWAI TSING
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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO CARRY OUT IMPROVEMENT WORKS ALONG KWAI TSING ROAD AND HING FONG ROAD INCLUDING THE KWAI TSING INTERCHANGE TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THESE AREAS.

THIS WILL ENTAIL THE CONVERSION OF THE KWAI TSING INTERCHANGE FROM A ROUNDABOUT TO A SIGNALISED JUNCTION, WIDENING OF KWAI TSING ROAD AND THE SECTION OF HING FONG ROAD SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH KWAI FOO ROAD, AND THE PROVISION OF A SYSTEM OF FOOTBRIDGES ALONG HING FONG ROAD AND KWAI TSING ROAD.

WORK IS SCHEDULED TO START IN MID-1991 AND WILL TAKE 24 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY). IT CAN ALSO BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS AT THE SITE.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME OF THE PROPOSED WORKS MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

* CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;

/* KWAI TSING .....

* KWAI TSING DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, 10TH-11TH FLOORS, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES;

* KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY 26, 1991.

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THREE PRE-WAR BUILDINGS TO BE CLOSED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY (FRIDAY) DECLARED TWO BUILDINGS AT BONHAM STRAND WEST AND WING LOK STREET TO BE DANGEROUS AND ANOTHER BUILDING AT BONHAM STRAND WEST LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS.

IN A STATEMENT, THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID THESE BUILDINGS ARE THREE-STOREY PRE-WAR ONES AND HAVE BEEN VACATED. THEY ARE CONSTRUCTED OF LOAD BEARING BRICK AND MASONRY WALLS WITH TIMBER FLOORS AND ROOFS.

THE BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN UNDER PERIODIC OBSERVATION SINCE 1980 AND RECENT INSPECTIONS HAVE REVEALED EXTENSIVE CRACKING IN EXTERNAL AND PARTY WALLS AND PARTIAL COLLAPSE OF THE MAIN ROOF.

THE STRUCTURES AT 7 BONHAM STRAND WEST AND 171 WING LOK STREET HAVE DETERIORATED TO THE POINT THAT THEY ARE DANGEROUS AND SHOULD BE CLOSED AND DEMOLISHED.

MEANWHILE, 5 BONHAM STRAND WEST IS SHOWING SIGNS OF EXTENSIVE CRACKING IN ITS PARTY WALL WITH 7 BONHAM STRAND WEST, AND IT IS CONSIDERED THAT IT CANNOT WITHSTAND THE DEMOLITION OF THE ADJOINING BUILDING. IT SHOULD BE CLOSED AND DEMOLISHED BECAUSE IT IS LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON JANUARY 18, 1991 WERE POSTED TODAY ON THE BUILDINGS.

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1991 SPECIAL STAMP ISSUE PROGRAMME ANNOUNCED

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THE SPECIAL STAMP ISSUE PROGRAMME FOR 1991 IS ANNOUNCED BY THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR DOMINIC S.W. WONG, TODAY (FRIDAY).

IT INCLUDES:

JANUARY 24 - YEAR OF THE RAM

THIS SET OF STAMPS WILL COMPRISE FOUR DENOMINATIONS OF 60 CENT, $1.40, $1.80 AND $5.

THERE WILL BE A RELATED PRODUCT, THE YEAR OF THE RAM ELECTRONIC POSTAGE LABELS, WHICH WILL BE ISSUED ON FEBRUARY 21.

THE LABEL PAPER BEARS A GRASS PATTERN DESIGN IN THE BACKGROUND. THE LABELS WILL COMPRISE DENOMINATIONS OF 10 CENT, 60 CENT, $1.40 AND $1.80.

APRIL 18 - HONG KONG EDUCATION

THIS SET OF STAMPS WILL DEPICT VARIOUS STAGES OF EDUCATION IN HONG KONG AND WILL COMPRISE FOUR DENOMINATIONS OF 80 CENT, $1.80, $2.30 AND $5.

JUNE 6 - 100 YEARS OF TRANSPORT IN HONG KONG

THIS SET OF STAMPS WILL DEPICT SEVERAL INTERESTING MODES OF TRANSPORT FROM THE EARLY DAYS OF HONG KONG TO MODERN TIMES, VIZ RICKSHAW (80 CENT), FRANCHISED BUS (90 CENT), FERRY ($1.70), TRAM ($1.80), MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY ($2.30), AND JETFOIL ($5).

AUGUST 24 - 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE POST OFFICE

THIS SET OF STAMPS WILL COMMEMORATE THE 150 YEARS OF POSTAL SERVICE IN HONG KONG AND WILL COMPRISE FIVE DENOMINATIONS OF 80 CENT, $1.70, $1.80, $2.30 AND $5.

A SOUVENIR SHEET WILL ALSO BE ISSUED.

OCTOBER 24 - HONG KONG LANDMARKS

THIS IS A SET OF STAMPS ON SOME LANDMARKS OF LOCAL OR TOURIST INTEREST IN HONG KONG, VIZ THE BRONZE BUDDHA ON LANTAU ISLAND (80 CENT), WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE ($1.70), CLOCK TOWER IN TSIM SHA TSUI ($1.80), PEAK PAVILION ($2.30) AND CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL ($5).

FURTHER DETAILS OF EACH STAMP ISSUE WILL BE ANNOUNCED CLOSER TO THE DATE OF ISSUE.

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NEED FOR EARLY CAREERS PLANNING STRESSED

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND, TODAY (FRIDAY) CALLED ON SECONDARY STUDENTS TO MAKE GOOD USE OF THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRES TO PLAN THEIR FUTURE.

MR HAMMOND MADE THE APPEAL AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION OF THE DEPARTMENT'S 1990 CAREERS QUIZ.

HE SAID THE QUIZ WAS AIMED AT AROUSING STUDENTS' AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF MAKING A WISE CAREERS CHOICE WHILE ENCOURAGING THEM TO MAKE EARLY PLANNING BY ACTIVELY COLLECTING CAREERS INFORMATION.

HE NOTED THAT THE QUESTIONS IN THE QUIZ COVERED A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS ON EMPLOYMENT, FURTHER EDUCATION AND LABOUR LEGISLATION AND HOPED THAT ALL STUDENTS WOULD TAKE AN INTEREST IN SUCH INFORMATION.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WAS DR M. BASSU, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPS CHINA HONG KONG GROUP WHICH SPONSORED THE EVENT.

DR BASSU NOTED THAT THE CAREERS QUIZ WAS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

"I AM SURE THE VALUABLE INFORMATION PROVIDED WILL ENABLE THE STUDENTS TO CHOOSE A CAREER BEST SUITED TO THEIR TALENTS, INTERESTS AND APTITUDES," HE ADDED.

IN THIS YEAR'S COMPETITION, THE TOP SCHOOLS IN THE FORMS 3, 4 AND 5 SECTIONS WERE TSUEN WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL, SHUN TAK CATHOLIC ENGLISH COLLEGE AND KOWLOON SAM YUK SECONDARY SCHOOL RESPECTIVELY.

THE STUDENTS WHO SCORED THE OVERALL HIGHEST MARKS IN THE THREE SECTIONS WERE EACH AWARDED A PERSONAL COMPUTER. THEY WERE LEE LAI-PING OF CARITAS ST GODFREY PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL (FORM 3), LOO KIN-KONG OF TSUEN WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL (FORM 4) AND HO KAI-PUN OF BUDDHIST CHI HONG COLLEGE (FORM 5).

IN ADDITION, A LANGUAGE SET WAS GIVEN TO EACH OF THE THREE RUNNERS-UP IN EACH SECTION, WHILE 30 OTHER STUDENTS IN EACH FORM GOT A SOUVENIR FOR THEIR GOOD PERFORMANCE IN THE QUIZ.

FOR EACH PARTICIPATING SCHOOL, A CONSOLATION PRIZE WAS AWARDED TO THE STUDENT WHO SCORED THE HIGHEST MARKS IN EACH FORM.

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LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION OFFICE ON MOVE

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THE LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION UNIT OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL OPERATE FROM NEW PREMISES IN WAN CHAI FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE NEW OFFICE IS LOCATED ON THE 16TH FLOOR OF OVERSEAS TRUST BANK BUILDING, 160 GLOUCESTER ROAD, HONG KONG. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 834 9311.

THE UNIT CONDUCTS A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE HARMONIOUS LABOUR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

ITS WORK INCLUDES ENCOURAGING THE SETTING UP OF JOINT CONSULTATIVE BODIES IN INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES, ADVISING ON GOOD MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, ORGANISING LECTURES, SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS AND EXHIBITIONS ON LABOUR RELATIONS MATTERS FOR EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES AND PAYING LIAISON VISITS TO COMPANIES AND TRADE UNIONS.

EVERY YEAR, THE UNIT ORGANISES A LARGE-SCALE LABOUR RELATIONS CONFERENCE AND RUNS A CERTIFICATE COURSE ON LABOUR RELATIONS AND ANOTHER ON STAFF RELATIONS MANAGEMENT FOR SUPERVISORS.

IT ALSO PUBLISHES A LABOUR RELATIONS NEWSLETTER FOR DISTRIBUTION TO OVER 20,000 ESTABLISHMENTS WITH 20 OR MORE EMPLOYEES.

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EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE ON MOVE

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THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL MOVE ITS MAIN OFFICE AND ITS SHAU KEI WAN SUB-OFFICE TO NEW PREMISES ON THE 11TH FLOOR, EASTERN LAW COURTS BUILDING, 29 TAI ON STREET, SAI WAN HO ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 31).

THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE COUNTER WILL OPERATE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE BUILDING. ITS TELEPHONE NUMBERS WILL CHANGE TO 886 6531 AND 886 6532.

THE COUNTER WILL PROVIDE GENERAL ENQUIRY AND STATUTORY DECLARATION SERVICES TO RESIDENTS FROM 9 AM TO 5.30 PM ON WEEKDAYS, AND FROM 9 AM TO MIDDAY ON SATURDAY.

MEANWHILE, THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATING TEAM WILL MOVE TO THE CAUSEWAY BAY SUB-OFFICE AT 7 FOOK YUM ROAD. ITS TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 570 4125.

ALSO, THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY COUNTER AT THE CHAI WAN SUB-OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM MONDAY TO MAKE WAY FOR THE CONSUMER COUNCIL'S ADVICE CENTRE WHICH IS PRESENTLY LOCATED AT THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE MAIN OFFICE.

RESIDENTS IN CHAI WAN ARE ADVISED TO OBTAIN ENQUIRY SERVICE FROM THE NEARBY HENG FA CHUEN PUBLIC ENQUIRY COUNTER.

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MEI FOO PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE TO CLOSE
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THE MEI FOO SUB-OFFICE OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AT NASSAU STREET, MEI FOO SUN CHUEN WILL CEASE TO PROVIDE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE FROM WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 2).

LOCAL RESIDENTS WHO NEED THE SERVICE CAN APPROACH THE NEARBY CHEUNG SHA WAN SUB-OFFICE AT BLOCK 3, UN CHAU STREET ESTATE, OR THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AT 37 TONKIN STREET.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 728 0781.

MEANWHILE, THE MEI FOO SUB-OFFICE WILL MOVE TO NEW PREMISES AT THE LAI KOK COMMUNITY HALL IN LAI KOK ESTATE ON JANUARY 10. ITS NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER WILL BE 386 4882.

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SAI KUNG FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL ON SUNDAY
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THE 1990 SAI KUNG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 30), FROM 2.30 PM TO 4.30 PM AT THE SAI KUNG TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND.

THE CARNIVAL IS ORGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (DFCC) TO PUBLICISE FIGHT CRIME MESSAGES AND TO ENCOURAGE YOUNGSTERS TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE POLICE IN CRIME PREVENTION.

THERE WILL BE GAME STALLS, SINGING PERFORMANCES, MAGIC SHOW, A LION DANCE AND KUNG FU DEMONSTRATION.

OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DFCC, MR CHEUNG CHUN-HOI; SAI KUNG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME STAR, MISS LEE SEE-KEI; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER OF WONG TAI SIN, MR PAANG KUI-SAN; AND SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR FREDERICK TONG.

FREE COUPONS FOR THE STALL GAMES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 34 CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN, AND ITS TSEUNG KWAN O SUB-OFFICE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF PO NING HOUSE, PO LAM ESTATE.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 792 4455 EXT. 24.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 30) FROM 2.30 PM TO 4.30 PM AT THE SAI KUNG TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND, FUK MAN ROAD, SAI KUNG TOWN. THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM.

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ROAD SAFETY CARNIVAL FOR YAU TSIM RESIDENTS

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A CARNIVAL TO PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY WILL BE HELD AT THE KOWLOON PARK PIAZZA IN TSIM SHA TSUI ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 30). IT WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

ORGANISED BY THE 1990 YAU TSIM DISTRICT FESTIVAL ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE CARNIVAL WILL INCLUDE GAMES STALLS, A DRAWING CONTEST AND A VARIETY SHOW.

THIS YEAR'S TARGET IS TO ENHANCE THE AWARENESS OF ELDERLY RESIDENTS AS WELL AS MOTORISTS TOWARDS ROAD SAFETY.

MEANWHILE, IN SUPPORT OF THE CAMPAIGN, MEMBERS OF FOUR ELDERLY CENTRES IN THE DISTRICT WILL HELP DISTRIBUTE ROAD SAFETY PUBLICITY LEAFLETS IN THE DISTRICT TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

TO REMIND MOTORISTS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFE DRIVING, TWO WRECKED CARS WILL BE DISPLAYED AT THE CENTRAL DIVIDER OF SALISBURY ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST AND AT A SITTING-OUT AREA AT THE JUNCTION OF GASCOIGNE ROAD AND NATHAN ROAD, YAU MA TEI.

THE DRAWING CONTEST, WHICH TAKE SPLACE FROM 11.30 AM TO 1.30 PM ON SUNDAY, WILL BE OPEN TO CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OLD. THEY SHOULD ENROL AT THE VENUE BEFORE 11.30 AM. CRAYONS AND PAPERS WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE ORGANISER.

IN ADDITION TO SINGING PERFORMANCES AND A LUCKY DRAW, THE VARIETY SHOW WILL FEATURE A CHILDREN'S FASHION SHOW WHICH HELPS PARTICIPANTS TO KNOW MORE ABOUT TRAFFIC SIGNS.

THE RESULTS OF THE 1990 YAU TSIM OUTSTANDING BUS CAPTAINS ELECTION WILL ALSO BE ANNOUNCED AND PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED AFTER THE PERFORMANCES.

RESIDENTS CAN ALSO VISIT A ROAD SAFETY BUS WHICH WILL BE PARKED AT PARKLANE BOULEVARD THAT DAY.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CARNIVAL WILL BE THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH; DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ANNIE TANG; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR PETER FERRY; AND STAFF OFFICER (POLICE TRAFFIC KOWLOON), MR PETER DYSON.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT FESTIVAL ROAD SAFETY CARNIVAL AT KOWLOON PARK PIAZZA, TSIM SHA TSUI ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 30), BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM.

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NEW YEAR CLINIC SERVICES

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EIGHT GOVERNMENT GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINICS WILL REMAIN OPEN BETWEEN 9 AM TO 1 PM ON TUESDAY, NEW YEAR'S DAY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE EIGHT CLINICS ARE: THE VIOLET PEEL HEALTH CENTRE AND SHAU KEI WAN JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC ON HONG KONG ISLAND; KWUN TONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE, ROBERT BLACK HEALTH CENTRE AND YAU MA TEI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC IN KOWLOON; AND LADY TRENCH POLYCLINIC, SHEK WU HUI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC AND YUEN LONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ALL OTHER OUT-PATIENT AND EVENING CLINICS WILL BE CLOSED.

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