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NOT UNREASONABLE FOR GOVT TO REPLY TO CRITICISMS - CS

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT HIS RECENT REMARKS IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN RESPONSE TO CRITICISM WERE NOT INTENDED TO BE A THREAT, BUT WERE SIMPLY MEANT TO INDICATE THAT IT WAS NOT UNREASONABLE FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO REPLY WHEN BEING CRITICISED.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE 1987 KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN PARADE AT EDINBURGH PLACE, MR FORD SAID AS THE CHIEF OFFICIAL IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN, HE SHOULD BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO CRITICISM, AND HE WAS NOT SEEKING CONFRONTATIONAL POLITICS.

"WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IS THAT OVER THE YEARS RECENTLY, WITH THE WIDENING OF THE REPRESENTATION THERE, WE'VE HAD MORE LIVELY DEBATES, I THINK THAT'S TO BE ENCOURAGED, I THINK THAT'S TO BE WELCOMED AS I'VE SAID SO IN MY SPEECH, AND THAT LIVELY DEBATES WOULD LEAD TO CRITICISM OF THE GOVERNMENT. I THINK THAT'S INEVITABLE," HE SAID.

"I'VE HEARD IT SUGGESTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S JOB WAS TO SIT AND LISTEN, BUT NOT TO REPLY, BUT MY JOB AS THE CHIEF OFFICIAL IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IS ALSO TO REPRESENT THE GOVERNMENT'S POINT OF VIEW. I'M THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN, AND I THINK THAT EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS THAT I SHOULD BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO CRITICISM," HE ADDED.

MR FORD SAID SOME PEOPLE HAD SAID THAT HIS REMARKS AT LAST WEDNESDAY'S LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WAS A BIT TOO FORCEFUL, BUT IN FACT, HE SAID, THEY WERE QUITE MILD WHEN COMPARING WITH THE ACCUSATIONS MADE IN THE POLICY DEBATE WHICH WERE INDEED VERY CRITICAL OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE GOVERNOR.

"I THINK IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT SOME OF MY REMARKS HAD BEEN TAKEN AS A THREAT. I TOOK VERY CAREFUL CHINESE ADVICE ABOUT THEM. THEY CERTAINLY WERE NOT INTENDED IN ANY WAY TO BE A THREAT. THEY WERE SIMPLY MEANT TO INDICATE THAT IF THE GOVERNMENT WAS CRITICISED, IT WAS NOT UNREASONABLE FOR US TO REPLY," HE SAID.

MR FORD SAID THE REAL BUSINESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WAS TO GET ON WITH POLICY DEBATES AND DISCUSSING POLICIES AND NOT PERSONALITIES.

"I THINK THAT'S WHAT WE SHOULD DO AND I HOPE THAT'S WHAT WILL HAPPEN," HE SAID.

MR FORD DISAGREED WITH A SUGGESTION THAT HIS REMARKS MIGHT PUT SOME COUNCILLORS OFF IN FUTURE FROM BEING SO STRONGLY CRITICAL WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

"I'M SURE IT WILL NOT. IT WAS CERTAINLY NOT INTENDED THAT WAY," HE SAID.

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"IN ANY CASE, MY WIFE TELLS ME THAT SHE DOESN'T THINK THAT THE TIGER'S SKIN SUITED ME TOO WELL -- IT'S NOT IN KEEPING WITH MY CHARACTER. SO I DON'T SUPPOSE I SHOULD BE PUTTING IT ON VERY OFTEN IN THE FUTURE."

TURNING TO THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN, MR FORD SAID HE WAS A GREAT SUPPORTER OF THE CAMPAIGN.

"WE INVENTED LAP SAP CHUNG 15 YEARS AGO AND STARTED THIS CAMPAIGN. IT'S MARVELLOUS TO SEE HOW THE IMPETUS IS STILL GOING, AND WHAT A GOOD EFFECT I THINK IT IS HAVING ON THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN HONG KONG.

"I HOPE IT WILL GROW FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH. I THINK IT DESERVES TO DO SO."

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#### CS OFFICIATES AT COLOURFUL PARADE

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A TOTAL OF 27 ORGANISATIONS, 14 FROM DISTRICT BOARDS AND 13 FROM COMMERCIAL AND PUBLIC UTILITY CORPORATIONS, TODAY (SUNDAY) TOOK PART IN THE LARGEST-EVER VEHICLE PARADE IN HONG KONG WHICH RAN FROM TSUEN WAN SPORTS GROUND TO EDINBURGH PLACE.

THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN PARADE, ORGANISED BY THE JOINT URBAN/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE TO LAUNCH THIS YEAR'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN AT DISTRICT LEVEL, IS AIMED AT ENCOURAGING PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS TO SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN.

AT A CEREMONY HELD AT EDINBURGH PLACE, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID FORD, OFFICIATED AT A BALLOON-FLYING CEREMONY WHICH KICKED OFF A ONE-HOUR LIVE TELEVISION SHOW CENTERING ROUND THE PARADE AND CLEAN HONG KONG MESSAGES. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, MR A.K. CHUI; THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE, MR CARLOS CHEUNG AND MR WALTER SULKE.

TOWARDS THE END OF THE SHOW, MRS FORD PRESENTED TROPHIES TO WINNERS OF THE BEST DECORATED VEHICLES CONTEST, WHICH WAS DIVIDED INTO THE DISTRICT BOARD AND COMMERCIAL AND PUBLIC UTILITY CORPORATION SECTIONS.

THE CHAMPION FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD SECTION WAS TUEN MUN. THE FIRST AND SECOND RUNNERS-UP WERE NORTHERN AND KWAI CHING RESPECTIVELY.

MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION WON THE FIRST PRIZE FOR THE COMMERCIAL AND PUBLIC UTILITY CORPORATION SECTION. THE SECOND AND THIRD PRIZES WENT TO THE GARDEN CO LTD AND KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION RESPECTIVELY.

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THE PANEL OF ADJUDICATORS FOR THE CONTEST COMPRISED LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR YEUNG PO-KWAN; THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR PETER MOSS; AND THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MR C.L. KWOK.

EARLIER, AT A BRIEF CEREMONY HELD AT TSUEN WAN SPORTS GROUND, MORE THAN 1,000 SPECTATORS WERE ENTERTAINED BY A DRAGON DANCE PERFORMANCE. IT WAS PRECEDED BY AN EYE-DOTTING CEREMONY OFFICIATED BY URBAN COUNCILLOR DR RONALD LEUNG.

ADDRESSING THE GATHERING PRIOR TO THE START OF THE PARADE, CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG POINTED OUT THAT THIS YEAR'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN HAD GAINED THE SUPPORT OF NUMEROUS ORGANISATIONS SINCE ITS LAUNCHING.

"THESE ORGANISATIONS TOOK THE INITIATIVE TO PLEDGE SUPPORT TO THE CAMPAIGN IN VARIOUS FORM," HE SAID.

QUOTING THE VEHICLE PARADE AS AN EXAMPLE, MR CHEUNG SAID "IT IS INDEED VERY ENCOURAGING TO SEE SO MANY DISTRICT BOARDS AND PRIVATE CORPORATIONS 'PITCHING IN' THE CAMPAIGN BY TAKING PART IN TODAY'S FUNCTION."

AFTER THE ADDRESS, DR LEUNG AND MR CHEUNG TOOK SALUTE OF ALL THE PARADE VEHICLES, WHICH WERE DECORATED WITH KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN MESSAGES AND THEIR DISTRICT/CORPORATE IDENTITIES.

THE VEHICLES WERE PARKED AT THE EDINBURGH PLACE THIS AFTERNOON FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION. SOME VEHICLES HAD SMALL-SCALE PERFORMANCES ON BOARD AND SOUVENIRS WERE DISTRIBUTED TO VISITORS.

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#### DFCC PLAYS IMPORTANT ROLE IN FIGHTING CRIME

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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (STDFCC) PLAYS A CRUCIAL ROLE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME, ESPECIALLY IN ENCOURAGING THE COMMUNITY TO JOIN IN ANTI-CRIME ACTIVITIES, THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR DAVID JEAFFRESON, SAID THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

SPEAKING AT THE DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME GAMES DAY, MR JEAFFRESON SAID THE COMMITTEE HAD KEPT UNDER REVIEW THE STATE OF CRIME AND LAW ENFORCEMENT IN THE DISTRICT, AND HAD COORDINATED DISTRICT EFFORTS TO ASSIST THE POLICE IN VARIOUS ANTI-CRIME ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS THE LIFT DISPLAY PROJECT AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME.

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"THIS LATTER SCHEME, WHICH AIMS AT FOSTERING A SENSE OF MUTUAL HELP AMONG NEIGHBOURS, IS MAKING HEADWAY IN SHA TIN," HE SAID.

"I UNDERSTAND THAT 677 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UNITS INVOLVING NEARLY 7,000 HOUSEHOLDS, HAVE BEEN FORMED HERE FORMED HERE SINCE THE SCHEME WAS STARTED IN NOVEMBER 1985.

"THIS CLEARLY INDICATED THE SUCCESS OF THE SCHEME AND THE COMMUNITY'S GROWING AWARENESS OF THE NEED TO TAKE SUITABLE MEASURES TO PREVENT CRIME," HE ADDED.

MR JEAFFRESON NOTED THAT THE STDFCC HAD ALSO ORGANISED MANY ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF TERRITORY-WIDE FIGHT CRIME PUBLICITY. THESE INCLUDE A POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION, A BOOKMARK COMPETITION ON THE PREVENTION OF SHOPTHEFT, AN ANTI-TRIAD VARIETY SHOW AND TODAY'S GAMES DAY.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STDFCC, MR ROGER LAU, SAID THE CRIME RATE IN SHA TIN HAD DROPPED THROUGH THE COOPERATION OF THE POLICE, THE COMMITTEE AND THE COMMUNITY.

"IN PARTICULAR, THE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN OUR DISTRICT, WHICH NUMBER MORE THAN 200 HAVE CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE SUCCESS OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME," HE ADDED.

TWELVE TEAMS TOOK PART IN TODAY'S GAMES DAY ORGANISED BY THE STDFCC AT THE SHA TIN SPORTS GROUND. THEY REPRESENTED THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD, RURAL COMMITTEE, SPORTS AND ARTS ASSOCIATIONS, YIN NGAI SOCIETY, SHA TIN DISTRICT JUNIOR POLICE CALL, AS WELL AS AREA COMMITTEES OF YUEN WO, TSANG TAI UK, SHA KOK, TIN SUM, SHING MUN EAST AND CHE KUNG TEMPLE. THE POLICE PIPE BAND AND POLICE DOGS ALSO PERFORMED AT THE EVENT.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS INCLUDED THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VICTOR YUNG; THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR NG CHAN-LAM; AND DISTRICT POLICE COMMANDER, MR JOHN GREENE.

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GRAND OPENING OF EASTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL  
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THE TWO-WEEK EASTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL, FEATURING 30 LARGE-SCALE CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL PROGRAMMES FOR THE ELDERLY AND THE DISABLED, STARTED TODAY (NOVEMBER 15) AT VICTORIA PARK.

THE MAIN THEME OF THE FESTIVAL IS "PARTICIPATE IN YOUR DISTRICT'S DEVELOPMENT".

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SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON), MR T.H. CHAU, SAID THE AIM OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL WAS TO ENHANCE PUBLIC AWARENESS IN COMMUNITY BUILDING AND TO INSTILL A SENSE OF DISTRICT BELONGING AMONG LOCAL RESIDENTS.

MR CHAU ALSO NOTED THAT OWING TO RAPID DEVELOPMENT, IMPROVEMENTS WERE BEING MADE IN TRANSPORT, LIVING ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN EASTERN DISTRICT.

HE PRAISED LOCAL BODIES AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS FOR GIVING THEIR FULL SUPPORT IN MAKING THE FESTIVAL A POPULAR EVENT.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE FESTIVAL'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR ERIC LI, DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GARY YEUNG, AND EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG, MR CHAU LOOKED OVER THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES IN PROGRESS. THESE INCLUDED GAME STALLS AND GAMES FOR CHILDREN.

OTHER MAJOR EVENTS DURING THE FESTIVAL PERIOD INCLUDE A CONCERT BY CLASSICAL PERFORMERS, CHINESE DANCE PERFORMANCE, SPORTS, ARTS GALA, AND A POP CONCERT.

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#### PUBLICATION OF GUIDE TO SITE INVESTIGATION

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS PUBLISHED THE SECOND IN A SERIES OF GEOGUIDES ON GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING IN HONG KONG.

THE GUIDE TO SITE INVESTIGATION (GEOGUIDE 2) IS PRODUCED BY THE GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE (GCO) OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

"IT PRESENTS A RECOMMENDED STANDARD OF GOOD PRACTICE FOR SITE INVESTIGATIONS," THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER, DR E.W. BRAND, SAID.

THE GEOGUIDE IS DIVIDED INTO FIVE MAIN PARTS COVERING GENERAL ASPECTS OF SITE SELECTION, PLANNING THE GROUND INVESTIGATION, METHODS OF GROUND INVESTIGATION SUCH AS EXCAVATION, BORING AND SAMPLING, FIELD AND LABORATORY TESTING AND PREPARATION OF REPORTS.

IT DESCRIBES SUITABLE WAYS OF CARRYING OUT INVESTIGATIONS BOTH ON LAND AND OFFSHORE AND IS APPLICABLE TO ALL TYPES OF ROCK AND SOIL CONDITIONS FOUND IN THE TERRITORY.

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"THE GEOGUIDE WILL BE INVALUABLE TO ENGINEERS, GEOLOGISTS AND ARCHITECTS INVOLVED WITH PLANNING, EXECUTION AND SUPERVISION OF SITE INVESTIGATIONS FOR ENGINEERING PROJECTS AND BUILDING WORKS," DR BRAND SAID.

"BECAUSE OF ITS COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE OF SITE INVESTIGATION METHODS, IT SHOULD ALSO BE OF INTEREST TO ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTISTS, PLANNERS, TEACHERS AND ACADEMICS."

HE EMPHASISED THAT GOOD SITE INVESTIGATION WAS A PREREQUISITE FOR SAFE AND ECONOMICAL LAND DEVELOPMENT.

"THE RAPID URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG OVER THE LAST 10 TO 20 YEARS HAS LED TO ENGINEERING AND BUILDING WORKS OF INCREASING SIZE AND COMPLEXITY, VERY OFTEN IN DIFFICULT TERRAIN.

"IT IS IMPORTANT TO ENSURE THAT INVESTIGATION METHODS AND PRACTICES KEEP PACE WITH SUCH DEVELOPMENT.

"THERE HAVE BEEN SOME SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS IN LOCAL SITE INVESTIGATION PRACTICE IN THE PAST FEW YEARS, AND THE GEOGUIDE SERVES AS A VERY CONVENIENT AND UP-TO-DATE SUMMARY OF ALL THE COMMONLY-USED METHODS," HE ADDED.

THE 362-PAGE GEOGUIDE, WHICH INCLUDES AN EXTREMELY USEFUL APPENDIX ON SOURCES OF INFORMATION, IS CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING IN CENTRAL. THE PRICE IS \$40.

"A COMPANION DOCUMENT, GUIDE TO ROCK AND SOIL DESCRIPTION (GEOGUIDE 3), WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE SHORTLY WHILE THE FIRST GEOGUIDE, GUIDE TO RETAINING WALL DESIGN (GEOGUIDE 1), PUBLISHED IN 1982, IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR REVISION," DR BRAND SAID.

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#### BID TO CURB KOWLOON CITY TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

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THE POLICE WILL PLACE SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON PROMOTING ROAD SAFETY IN KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT THIS YEAR IN ORDER TO REDUCE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

THE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER FOR KOWLOON CITY, MRS WONG LEUNG KAM-SHAN, SAID THIS AT THE DISTRICT'S ROAD SAFETY CARNIVAL HELD AT THE ARGYLE STREET PLAYGROUND THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

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MRS WONG SAID THE NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN KOWLOON CITY IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR WAS THE HIGHEST IN THE KOWLOON REGION.

"IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, A TOTAL OF 9,023 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS OCCURRED IN KOWLOON AND 836 OF THESE WERE IN KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT," MRS WONG SAID.

"AS MOST TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVE MOTORISTS AND PEDESTRIANS, THE POLICE, IN ADDITION TO STEPPING UP ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST MOTORISTS, WILL EDUCATE PEDESTRIANS WHO DISREGARD THEIR OWN SAFETY AT ROAD CROSSINGS AND JAYWALKERS WILL FACE PROSECUTION."

IN ORDER TO PUT ACROSS THE ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE AND TO AROUSE THE PUBLIC CONCERN, A MONTH-LONG ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN WAS LAUNCHED LAST MONTH.

IT WAS AIMED AT THREE TARGET GROUPS: PEDESTRIANS WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON ELDERLY PEOPLE AND CHILDREN UNDER 14; MOTORISTS, PARTICULARLY YOUNG AND INEXPERIENCED DRIVERS; AND CYCLISTS.

A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES WERE ORGANISED TO EDUCATE LOCAL RESIDENTS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF ROAD SAFETY. THESE INCLUDED BOOKMARK DESIGN AND DRAWING COMPETITIONS, VISITS TO THE SAU MAU PING ROAD SAFETY TOWN, VISITS TO SCHOOLS AND CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY TO DISSEMINATE ROAD SAFETY MESSAGES, AND SELECTION OF MODEL PEDESTRIANS AT TRAFFIC BLACKSPOTS.

TODAY'S ROAD SAFETY CARNIVAL INCLUDED GAMESTALLS, A ROAD SAFETY EXHIBITION BUS, MOBILE ROAD SAFETY TOWN, ROAD SAFETY EXHIBITION, A PUBLICITY TOUR BUS AND DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLICITY MATERIALS.

THERE WERE ALSO DEMONSTRATIONS OF FOOT DRILL BY SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY PATROL TEAMS AND PERFORMANCES BY THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL ROTARY BAND.

THE DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CARNIVAL WAS SPONSORED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD AND JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE POLICE.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WERE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SIK-KONG; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALEX FONG; HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, MR LAM WAI-KUEN; AND THE CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN, MR HUI IN-YING.

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SPECIAL STAMP ISSUE ON WEDNESDAY

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A SPECIAL SET OF FOUR STAMPS (50 CENTS, \$1.30, \$1.70 AND \$5.0) FEATURING FOUR HISTORICAL CHINESE COSTUMES WILL BE ISSUED BY THE POST OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

ALL POST OFFICES ARE EXPECTED TO BE CROWDED WITH CUSTOMERS ON THAT DAY. IN ORDER TO ASSIST THE PUBLIC TO TRANSACT NORMAL POSTAL BUSINESS, ADDITIONAL SPECIAL COUNTERS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

POST OFFICES ON HONG KONG ISLAND

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GENERAL POST OFFICE, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HENNESSY ROAD, KING'S ROAD, MORRISON HILL, QUEEN'S ROAD, AND SHEUNG WAN.

POST OFFICES IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES

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CHEUNG SHA WAN, GILLIES AVENUE, KOWLOON CENTRAL, KOWLOON CITY, KWUN TONG, MONG KOK, SHAM SHUI PO, TSIM SHA TSUI, AND TSUEN WING STREET.

EXTRA STAFF WILL BE ON DUTY AT MOST POST OFFICES ON WEDNESDAY. BUT QUEUES ARE, NEVERTHELESS, EXPECTED TO FORM AND THE PUBLIC ARE REQUESTED TO SHOW TOLERANCE AND, IF POSSIBLE, TO TRANSACT THEIR NORMAL POSTAL BUSINESS ON THE PRECEDING DAY OR THE DAY FOLLOWING THE DATE OF THE SPECIAL STAMP ISSUE.

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LOWER TAR CIGARETTE DOMINATES MARKET

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FIFTY-SEVEN PER CENT OF ALL BRANDS OF CIGARETTES WHICH WERE COMPLETELY SAMPLED AND TESTED BELONG TO THE LOW OR LOW-TO-MIDDLE TAR GROUP, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST REPORT OF "TAR AND NICOTINE YIELDS OF CIGARETTES" RELEASED BY THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE FIGURE FROM THE LAST SURVEY WAS 53 PER CENT.

HOWEVER, THE AVERAGE YIELD OF THE ADDICTIVE ELEMENT, NICOTINE, REMAINS SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE YIELD OF THE LAST SIX SURVEYS, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

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THE LATEST REPORT SHOWS THAT THE AVERAGE NICOTINE YIELD FROM SAMPLES TESTED WAS 1.25 MG/CIG, AS COMPARED WITH AN AVERAGE OF 1.18 MG/CIG FROM THE PAST SIX REPORTS.

THE SURVEY WAS THE NINTH IN A SERIES OF CIGARETTES TESTS CONDUCTED BY THE GOVERNMENT CHEMIST EVERY SIX MONTHS.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE REGULAR RELEASE OF THIS TAR GROUP TEST RESULTS WAS NOT TO PROMOTE THE SALE OF THOSE LOWER TAR BRANDS, BUT TO REMIND THE PUBLIC OF THE HIGHER HEALTH RISK ASSOCIATED WITH SMOKING.

"ALTHOUGH THE LOWER THE TAR CONTENT, THE LOWER IS THE HEALTH RISK, A BETTER GUARANTEE OF HEALTH IS NOT TO SMOKE AT ALL," HE SAID.

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#### TAI PO RESIDENTS URGED TO KEEP DISTRICT CLEAN

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THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN BURRETT, THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON URGED TAI PO RESIDENTS TO HELP KEEP THE DISTRICT CLEAN.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE DISTRICT'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN HELD AT THE TAI PO PLAYGROUND, MR BURRETT SAID IT WAS EASY TO SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN BY NOT LITTERING AND SIMPLY PLACING RUBBISH IN LITTER BINS.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, A DECORATED LORRY BEARING THE SLOGAN "CLEAN HONG KONG" AND PAINTINGS DEPICTING TAI PO NEW TOWN AND ITS FRINGE AREAS, THE TOLO HIGHWAY CYCLE TRACK AND MARICULTURE ZONES, LEFT THE PLAYGROUND FOR A DISTRICT TOUR.

LITTER BAGS AND PUBLICITY MATERIALS SUCH AS BOOKMARKS AND BALLOONS WERE GIVEN OUT TO RESIDENTS WHEN THE VEHICLE CALLED AT TAI PO MARKET, TAI YUEN ESTATE, FU SHIN ESTATE, KWONG FUK ESTATE AND VARIOUS VILLAGES.

THE THEME SONG OF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN WAS ALSO BROADCAST BY THE VEHICLE, REMINDING THE PUBLIC THAT "WE ARE PITCHING IN TO KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN".

AS PART OF THE OPENING DAY'S ACTIVITIES, A YOUTH RALLY WAS HELD IN THE PLAYGROUND BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE RALLY INCLUDED TELEMATCH GAMES DESIGNED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO CONVEY THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN MESSAGE, AND A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR THE "TURNING LITTER INTO ORNAMENTAL/DECORATIVE ITEMS COMPETITION".

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THE RALLY ATTRACTED ABOUT 1,000 PARTICIPANTS.

TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY WAS ORGANISED BY THE WORKING GROUP ON THE DISTRICT'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN, WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WERE A REGIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER, MR TANG PUI-TAK; TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR HO YUNG-SANG, AND SAI KUNG NORTH RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR LAM PAK-PING.

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#### EIGHT BRAVE CITIZENS HONOURED

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EIGHT YOUNG MONG KOK RESIDENTS WERE TODAY (SUNDAY) COMMENDED FOR THEIR BRAVE DEEDS IN ASSISTING THE POLICE IN FIGHTING CRIME.

RECIPIENTS OF THE GOOD CITIZEN AWARDS INCLUDED SEVEN MEN AND ONE WOMAN AGED BETWEEN 21 AND 39 YEARS OLD.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL AND THE AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR JACOB CHAN, SAID THEIR BRAVERY AND ALERTNESS DESERVED THE HIGHEST RESPECT FROM THE COMMUNITY.

MR CHAN ALSO URGED PARTICIPANTS TO VISIT THE EXHIBITION ON ANTI-TRIAD SOCIETY INFORMATION AT THE CARNIVAL VENUE TO TAKE NOTE OF THE EXTENT OF HARM AND DAMAGE CAUSED BY TRIAD ELEMENTS.

"I HOPE RESIDENTS WILL CO-OPERATE WITH THE POLICE AND TAKE EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO COMBAT TRIAD ACTIVITIES," HE SAID.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WERE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MRS ROSANNA TAM, MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI, AND DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS BRENDA FUNG.

TODAY'S CARNIVAL WAS ORGANISED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND THE MONG KOK DISTRICT POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICE.

PARTICIPANTS HAD MUCH FUN AND EXCITEMENT AT THE GAMESTALLS AND WERE ENTERTAINED BY THE PERFORMANCES OF POPULAR SINGERS AND TELEVISION ARTISTES.

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FIRST KWAI TSING SPORTS FESTIVAL A SUCCESS

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MEMBERS OF THE GUANGDONG WOMEN'S FOOTBALL TEAM DEMONSTRATED THEIR SKILL IN A MATCH AGAINST A KWAI TSING TEAM AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE FIRST KWAI TSING SPORTS FESTIVAL TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SPORTS FESTIVAL, MR CHENG WING-CHUN, SAID HE APPRECIATED THE SUPPORT GIVEN BY THE GUANGDONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND HE ALSO PRAISED KWAI TSING RESIDENTS WHO HELPED IN ORGANISING ACTIVITIES.

THE SPORTS FESTIVAL CAME TO A CLOSE AFTER A SUCCESSFUL MONTH-LONG PROGRAMME IN WHICH RESIDENTS OF ALL AGES TOOK PART.

OFFICIATING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG; KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN COAK; AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HO TUNG-CHING.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION, MR HENRY FOK, ALSO ATTENDED.

AS PART OF THE DAY'S ACTIVITIES A FOOTBALL MATCH WAS HELD BETWEEN DISTRICT SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AND KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

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KWUN TONG WORKERS SHARE TELEMATCH FUN

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SOME 200 KWUN TONG WORKERS ENJOYED AN AFTERNOON OF ACTION AT A TELEMATCH FUN DAY HELD AT THE KOWLOON BAY RECREATION GROUND TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE EVENT WAS PRESENTED BY THE KWUN TONG SPORTS FESTIVAL '87 IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE INDUSTRIAL AREA BRANCH OF THE KWUN TONG SPORTS PROMOTION ASSOCIATION.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDDY CHAN, SAID THE FUN DAY GAVE WORKERS FROM DIFFERENT ESTABLISHMENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET ACQUAINTED AND TO ESTABLISH TIES.

MR CHAN PAID TRIBUTE TO THE INDUSTRIAL AREA BRANCH OF THE KWUN TONG SPORTS PROMOTION ASSOCIATION FOR INITIATING THE FUNCTION AS WELL AS FOR PRESENTING A VARIETY OF RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS PROGRAMMES FOR WORKERS DURING THEIR LEISURE HOURS.

TEN TEAMS PARTICIPATED IN THE FIVE FUN GAMES. TROPHIES WERE AWARDED TO WINNING TEAMS.

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WARNING ON BOGUS LABOUR OFFICIALS

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS REMINDED EMPLOYERS TO BE ON THEIR GUARD AGAINST IMPOSTORS.

THE REMINDER FOLLOWS COMPLAINTS BY EMPLOYERS WHO HAD RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALLS FROM PEOPLE CLAIMING TO BE OFFICERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

THE CALLERS CLAIMED THEY WERE CONDUCTING AN EMPLOYMENT SURVEY AND ASKED FOR PARTICULARS OF THE EMPLOYERS' FACTORIES OR FIRMS.

EMPLOYERS WHO RECEIVED SUCH TELEPHONE CALLS IN THE FUTURE SHOULD CHECK IMMEDIATELY WITH THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, A SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT WHEN MAKING VISITS EVERY OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT CARRIED A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD AND A WARRANT BEARING HIS PHOTOGRAPH AND NAME.

"STAFF OF THE FACTORY AND LABOUR INSPECTORATES ARE INSTRUCTED TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES BY PRODUCING THEIR WARRANTS WHEN VISITING FACTORIES," HE SAID.

"IF IN DOUBT, EMPLOYERS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OR REPORT TO THE NEAREST POLICE STATION," HE ADDED.

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COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS POLICIES ON DEMOLISHING ILLEGAL STRUCTURES

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MEMBERS OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND WORKS COMMITTEE WILL EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON GOVERNMENT POLICIES ON DEMOLITION OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AT A MEETING ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 17).

AT THE MEETING, A STRUCTURAL ENGINEER OF THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, MR ROBERT GARTAN, WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE CONTROL OF UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS.

A SENIOR HOUSING MANAGER OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, MR LAI WING-KIN, WILL EXPLAIN THE REHOUSING ARRANGEMENTS FOR ROOFTOP SQUATTERS RENDERED HOMELESS BY ENFORCEMENT ACTION OF THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT.

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OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE REPORTS ON THE TAI PO ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL WORKING GROUP AND THE MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND WORKS COMMITTEE OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD AT 10 AM ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 17) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD, 3/F, TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 152 KWONG FUK ROAD.

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PRESS CONFERENCE ON 1988 HK INTERNATIONAL MARATHON

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THE 1988 HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL MARATHON, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS AND THE HONG KONG AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, WILL BE HELD ON THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR ON JANUARY 24.

DETAILS OF THE SUNDAY MARATHON WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 17), BEGINNING AT 3.30 PM.

ATTENDING WILL BE THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR GARETH MULLOY; ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MRS AGNES ALLCOCK; RACE DIRECTOR OF THE 1988 HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL MARATHON, MR JAMIE SCOTT; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, MR WILLIAM KO.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE 1988 HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL MARATHON PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM ON 5/F, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG, ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 17). IT WILL BEGIN AT 3.30 PM.

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SHORTAGE OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES ON DB AGENDA

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A PAPER OUTLINING SHORT AND LONG-TERM MEASURES TO SOLVE THE SHORTAGE OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE TABLED FOR DISCUSSION AT THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 17).

SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER (TAI PO AND NORTH), MR LIU TSO-TIM, WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE PAPER WHICH REFERS TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIX SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT BY 1993, AMONG OTHER PROJECTS.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS PROGRESS ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NORTH DISTRICT HOSPITAL AND PROVISION OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN TIN PING ESTATE, SHEUNG SHUI.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 17), STARTING AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS GUIDELINES ON USE OF FUNDS

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THE RECREATION, SPORTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 17) TO DISCUSS CHANGES IN THE GUIDELINES ON THE USE OF FUNDS BY DISTRICT BOARDS FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS.

REPORTS ON COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES FOR THE DISTRICT ORGANISED BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER WILL ALSO BE TABLED AT THE MEETING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S RECREATION, SPORTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 17) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT, 3/F, TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 152 KWONG FUK ROAD. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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VILLAGE HOUSES TO BE BUILT ON TSING YI  
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A TOTAL OF 40 THREE-STOREY VILLAGE HOUSES WILL BE BUILT AT FUNG SHUE WO, TSING YI, FOR HOUSE OWNERS PREVIOUSLY MOVED FROM THE AREA NEARBY TO MAKE WAY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TOWN CENTRE.

OTHER FACILITIES IN THE PROJECT WILL INCLUDE A BASKETBALL COURT, A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT AND A CARPARKING AREA.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE WORK WHICH IS EXPECTED TO START IN NEXT JANUARY AND BE COMPLETED IN MARCH 1989.

TENDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY NOON ON DECEMBER 4.

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PEDESTRIAN/CYCLE BRIDGE FOR YUEN LONG  
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A PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE BRIDGE WILL BE BUILT OVER THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE CENTRAL NULLAH IN YUEN LONG NEW TOWN.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE BEING INVITED BY THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

A TDD CHIEF ENGINEER, MR D.N. MUDD, SAID THE WORK ALSO INCLUDED THE CONSTRUCTION OF FENCING ALONG THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT RESERVE BETWEEN TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG.

THE PROJECT IS SCHEDULED TO START IN FEBRUARY AND TAKE ABOUT 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

"WHEN COMPLETED, THE PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE BRIDGE WILL PROVIDE CONVENIENT ACCESS ACROSS THE YUEN LONG NULLAH FOR THE FUTURE POPULATION BUILD-UP OF THE SOUTHERN PART OF YUEN LONG NEW TOWN. THE FENCING WORK ALONG THE LRT RESERVE IS PART OF THE SEGREGATION MEASURES TO ISOLATE THE RESERVE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE FOR SAFETY REASONS," MR MUDD SAID.

DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS DECEMBER 4.

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