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CAMP VIOLENCE MUST BE DEALT WITH FIRMLY: GOVERNOR

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HONG KONG CANNOT ALLOW VIOLENCE TO BECOME A WAY OF LIFE IN THE CAMPS FOR THE VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE, NOR CAN WE ALLOW THOSE IN THE CAMPS TO FASHION LETHAL WEAPONS WHICH ARE A THREAT TO FELLOW INHABITANTS OF THE CAMPS AND TO THE STAFF WHO RUN THEM, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

"WE MUST BE PREPARED TO HANDLE THIS PROBLEM WITH HUMANITY AND WITH FIRMNESS," THE GOVERNOR SAID WHEN ADDRESSING THE ANNUAL INSPECTION OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY.

"RECENTLY WE HAVE SEEN A GOOD DEAL OF TENSION IN THE CAMPS. THIS HAS MADE MANAGEMENT OF THE CAMPS MORE DIFFICULT," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT THE VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE PROBLEM HAD AROUSED STRONG EMOTIONS, UNDERSTANDABLY SO.

"INEVITABLY IT WILL CONTINUE TO BE A SUBJECT OF CONTROVERSY BOTH HERE AND OVERSEAS," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THERE WERE THREE KEY ELEMENTS TO DEALING WITH THE PROBLEM OF PEOPLE ARRIVING HERE BY BOAT FROM VIETNAM.

"THOSE WHO ARE GENUINE REFUGEES MUST BE RESETTLED.

"THOSE WHO ARE FOUND NOT TO BE POLITICAL REFUGEES MUST BE RETURNED TO THEIR HOMES IN VIETNAM JUST AS WE RETURN ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FROM CHINA.

"AND, WHILE THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE LEFT THEIR OWN HOMES TO SEEK A BETTER LIFE OVERSEAS ARE HERE IN OUR TERRITORY, WE MUST DO OUR BEST TO LOOK AFTER THEM IN A WAY WHICH IS BOTH HUMANE AND SECURE," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT 1989 WAS A YEAR OF TREMENDOUS CHALLENGE FOR THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES AND HAD BROUGHT NEW CHALLENGES FOR THE DEPARTMENT IN ITS MORE TRADITIONAL, BUT NO LESS IMPORTANT, WORK OF CARING FOR OFFENDERS.

"THERE IS NOW SERIOUS OVERCROWDING IN MANY CORRECTIONAL SERVICES INSTITUTIONS, LARGELY AS A RESULT OF THE NUMBER OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FROM CHINA NOW SERVING SENTENCES.

"THE LAW IN THIS MATTER IS AN IMPORTANT DETERRENT AGAINST FURTHER ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION AND THE ILLEGAL EMPLOYMENT OF NEW ARRIVALS.

"BUT I AM CONSCIOUS THAT IT ALSO PLACES EXTRA DEMANDS UPON THE DEPARTMENT'S SKILLS AND RESOURCES," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

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IN RECENT YEARS WITHIN THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES INSTITUTIONS GREATER EMPHASIS HAD BEEN PLACED ON PROGRAMMES FOR THE REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS AND THIS WAS AN IMPORTANT TASK, HE ADDED.

"VARIOUS NEW SCHEMES SUCH AS THE PROGRAMMES FOR RELEASE UNDER SUPERVISION; THE PRE-RELEASE EMPLOYMENT SCHEME; AND THE YOUNG OFFENDERS ASSESSMENT PANEL ARE ALL NOW MAKING EXCELLENT PROGRESS.

"IT IS SIGNIFICANT THE INMATES OF OUR CORRECTIONAL SERVICES INSTITUTIONS HAVE RECENTLY ACHIEVED REMARKABLE RESULTS IN PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

"FROM SOME 300 CANDIDATES IN 1989, AMONGST THE 190 RESULTS SO FAR RECEIVED THERE WERE 13 DISTINCTIONS AND 21 CREDITS," HE NOTED.

SIR DAVID ALSO SAID THAT DESPITE THE REAL STRAINS ON THE DEPARTMENT OVER THE PAST YEAR, IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD CONTINUE TO APPROACH TRADITIONAL TASKS WITH A SPIRIT OF INNOVATION.

"AN IMPORTANT EXAMPLE IS THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES INDUSTRIES WHICH HAVE CONTINUED TO DEVELOP AND DIVERSIFY.

"PRISONERS AND INMATES PRODUCED GOODS AND SERVICES DURING 1989 TO A COMMERCIAL VALUE OF \$210 MILLION.

"THIS WAS A 18 PER CENT INCREASE OVER 1988.

"THE DEPARTMENT WILL SOON BE TAKING OVER THE OPERATION OF THE TUEN MUN HOSPITAL LAUNDRY, ALMOST DOUBLING THE EXISTING CAPACITY OF THE LAUNDRY.

"THIS CARRIES A DOUBLE BENEFIT FOR US ALL: IT BOTH REDUCES THE BURDEN ON THE TAXPAYER AND IMPROVES SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT COULD LOOK BACK ON 1989 AS A YEAR IN WHICH IT HAD CONTINUED TO PERFORM ITS DUTIES WITH GREAT PATIENCE AND EFFICIENCY, AND AT THE SAME TIME HAD FACED NEW CHALLENGES RESOLUTELY AND WITH CONFIDENCE.

"THE NEXT DECADE WILL BE ONE OF IMMENSE IMPORTANCE FOR ALL OF YOU, YOUR FAMILIES, AND YOUR SERVICE," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

AT THE EVENT, SIR DAVID PRESENTED COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDALS TO 36 STAFF MEMBERS WHO HAD GIVEN EXEMPLARY SERVICE OVER THE PAST 18 YEARS.

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PAST SUCCESS PROVIDES GOOD FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE: CS

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THE SPIRIT OF CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS, THE ESSENTIALLY PRACTICAL AND PRAGMATIC APPROACH TO PROBLEMS, AND THE IRREPRESSIBLE DETERMINATION TO GET THINGS DONE ARE THE FOUNDATIONS OF OUR COMMUNITY'S PAST ACHIEVEMENTS AND PROVIDE THE SUREST GUARANTEES OF OUR FUTURE SUCCESS, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE "HONG KONG INTO THE 90's" EXHIBITION, BEING HELD AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE, SIR DAVID SAID THE EXHIBITION WAS APTLY TITLED AS HONG KONG STOOD AT THE BEGINNING OF A NEW DECADE THAT SEEMED CERTAIN TO BE EXHILARATING AND CHALLENGING AS ANY IN ITS HISTORY. AND A POSITIVE APPROACH WAS JUST WHAT WAS REQUIRED.

POINTING OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS PLEASED TO BE TAKING PART WITH THE GALAXY OF PRIVATE SECTOR ORGANISATIONS, SIR DAVID SAID IT WAS ESPECIALLY SATISFYING WHEN, IN THE FACE OF NEW CHALLENGES, THE PRIVATE SECTOR RESPONDED BY STEPPING FORWARD ENTHUSIASTICALLY, AS IT HAD DONE TODAY, WITH IMAGINATION AND INITIATIVE.

"WE IN HONG KONG HAVE BECOME ALMOST BLASE ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS WHICH OTHER PEOPLE FIND DIFFICULT EVEN TO CONCEIVE OF. BUT THE GLIMPSE OF WHAT LIES AHEAD, WHICH THIS EXHIBITION PROVIDES, IS QUITE ASTOUNDING.

"OF COURSE THERE WILL BE HAZARDS, BUT WE WILL FACE THEM DOWN, AS WE HAVE DONE OTHERS BEFORE. FOR WHAT OTHER PEOPLE CALL DIFFICULTIES, WE HAVE THE HAPPY KNACK OF TURNING INTO OPPORTUNITIES.

"AND, AS TODAY'S EXHIBITION SO CLEARLY DEMONSTRATES, THE OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE TO BE SEIZED," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID IMAGINATION AND INITIATIVE, THE QUALITIES OF LEADERSHIP, WERE WHAT THE EXHIBITION WAS ALL ABOUT, AND ON SHOW WAS THE COLLECTIVE VISION OF HONG KONG INCORPORATED FOR THE FUTURE.

"THERE ARE EXCITING EXHIBITS OVER THE WHOLE SPECTRUM OF MANUFACTURING AND SERVICE INDUSTRIES EMBRACING FINANCIAL SERVICES, HI-TECH INDUSTRIES, TRANSPORT AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS, TOURISM AND MANY OTHERS.

"THERE ARE PLANS, BOTH FOR PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENTS, FOR EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES; INITIATIVES WHICH WILL IMPROVE THE WHOLE QUALITY OF LIFE HERE IN HONG KONG," HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID SAID HE WAS QUITE SURE THAT HONG KONG NOT ONLY HAD THE VISION, IT HAD BOTH THE RESOURCES AND THE RESOURCEFULNESS TO MAKE THAT VISION A REALITY.

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"DESPITE THE BRAIN DRAIN WE WILL HAVE TALENTED YOUNG LEADERS IN INDUSTRY, IN COMMERCE AND, IN THE CIVIL SERVICE TO DRIVE THESE PROJECTS THROUGH.

"TO THEM I SAY: THIS IS THE CHALLENGE AS WE MOVE INTO THE NINETIES," HE SAID.

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NATIONALITY QUESTION MUST BE PUT IN PERSPECTIVE: CS

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID THE QUESTION OF NATIONALITY MUST BE PUT IN PERSPECTIVE AND THERE SHOULD NOT BE OVER-REACTION TO WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN CANTON.

SPEAKING TO THE MEDIA AFTER HE OPENED THE "HONG KONG INTO THE 90'S" EXHIBITION AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING, SIR DAVID SAID: "IT'S BEEN CLEAR THAT THESE ARE EARLY PROPOSALS AND CLEARLY WE WOULD WANT TO STUDY WHAT APPEARS IN THE DRAFT BASIC LAW."

HE SAID THESE PROPOSALS CAME AS NO GREAT SURPRISE BECAUSE AFTER ALL THERE WAS IN THE JOINT DECLARATION A VERY CLEAR INDICATION THAT AS FAR AS PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS WERE CONCERNED THAT THEY SHOULD BE CHINESE NATIONALS.

"WE WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE CONCERNED IF THOSE PROPOSALS WERE EXTENDED WIDELY INTO CIVIL SERVICE.

"BUT, SO FAR, THERE IS NO INDICATION OF THAT. SO THE NUMBER AFFECTED BY WHAT IS BEING SAID IN CANTON IS VERY LIMITED," HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID SAID: "CLEARLY TO SUGGEST THAT THESE PROPOSALS IN ANY WAY TORPEDO THE NATIONALITY PACKAGE ARE NONSENSE.

"THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE INVOLVED IS 20 OR 30 AT THE MOST AND THE NATIONALITY PACKAGE PROVIDES ASSURANCES FOR SOME 50,000 FAMILIES AND SO THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT THESE PROPOSALS WILL UNDERMINE SERIOUSLY THE NATIONALITY PACKAGE," THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID.

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FUNDS APPROVED FOR VBP INITIAL MANDATORY REPATRIATION PROGRAMME
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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TODAY (FRIDAY) APPROVED A NON-RECURRENT COMMITMENT OF \$6.07 MILLION AS THE GOVERNMENT'S 50 PER CENT CONTRIBUTION TO AN INITIAL MANDATORY REPATRIATION PROGRAMME FOR UP TO 1,000 VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE SCREENED OUT AS NON-REFUGEES.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE TOLD THAT THE TOTAL COST OF THE PROGRAMME WAS ESTIMATED AT \$12,140,000 BUT IT HAD BEEN AGREED WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT THAT HONG KONG SHOULD PAY ONLY HALF.

IT WAS ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE ESTIMATED PER CAPITA COST EVEN OF REPATRIATION BY AIR REPRESENTED SIGNIFICANTLY LESS THAN THE NOTIONAL ANNUAL COST OF \$15,700 PER ANNUM FOR THE CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF A BOAT PERSON IN A DETENTION CENTRE.

THE COMMITTEE LEARNED THAT IT HAD BEEN AGREED WITH VIETNAM THAT, IN ADDITION TO VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION AND IN LINE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS, THOSE BOAT PEOPLE SCREENED OUT SHOULD BE MANDATORILY RETURNED TO VIETNAM.

FOLLOWING THE MANDATORY REPATRIATION OF THE FIRST GROUP IN DECEMBER, ADDITIONAL FLIGHTS ARE CONSIDERED NECESSARY IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM OF THE MANDATORY REPATRIATION ARRANGEMENTS.

GIVEN THE SECURITY AND OTHER OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS, THE NUMBER OF RETURNEES PER FLIGHT WILL BE LIMITED TO ABOUT 80.

IT IS INTENDED THAT UP TO 1,000 NON-REFUGEES BE RETURNED BY AIR UNDER THE INITIAL REPATRIATION PROGRAMME.

THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST OF \$12,140,000 FOR THE PROGRAMME COMPRISES \$7 MILLION FOR CHARTERING AIRCRAFT, \$4.9 MILLION AS REINTEGRATION ASSISTANCE AND \$240,000 AS CASH ALLOWANCE FOR RETURNEES.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE TOLD THAT REPATRIATION BY AIR HAD THE ADVANTAGE OF ESTABLISHING QUICKLY AND FIRMLY THE PRACTICE OF MANDATORY REPATRIATION.

HOWEVER, FOR THE LONGER TERM, THERE IS A NEED FOR AN ALTERNATIVE MODE OF TRANSPORTATION WHICH ALLOWS FOR LARGE NUMBERS OF NON-REFUGEES TO BE REPATRIATED REGULARLY AND ECONOMICALLY.

THE GOVERNMENT IS CURRENTLY EXAMINING A MORE COST-EFFECTIVE OPTION, THAT IS REPATRIATION BY SEA.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ALSO LEARNED THAT TO ENABLE THOSE REPATRIATED TO SUCCESSFULLY RE-ESTABLISH THEMSELVES IN VIETNAM, IT HAD BEEN AGREED TO PROVIDE REINTEGRATION ASSISTANCE TO HELP DEFRAY THE COST OF TRANSPORTATION AND RESETTLEMENT WITHIN VIETNAM.

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THIS WOULD INCLUDE BASIC FOOD SUPPLY FOR UP TO ONE YEAR, MEDICINES, DOMESTIC APPLIANCES, HOUSING, VOCATIONAL TRAINING, JOB PLACEMENT AND PRODUCTION TOOLS, AS WELL AS ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.

IT WAS ALSO AGREED PROVISIONALLY THAT THE AVERAGE VALUE OF THE ASSISTANCE PER RETURNEE WOULD BE US\$620 (OR HK\$4,900). IN ADDITION, RETURNEES WOULD EACH RECEIVE A CASH ALLOWANCE OF US\$30 PER ADULT OR US\$15 PER CHILD TO COVER THEIR IMMEDIATE NEEDS ON ARRIVAL IN VIETNAM.

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DB CHAIRMEN BRIEFED ON TRANSPORT POLICY

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THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, TODAY (FRIDAY) GAVE A BRIEFING ON THE WHITE PAPER ON TRANSPORT POLICY IN HONG KONG TO THE CHAIRMEN OF ALL DISTRICT BOARDS AND DISTRICT BOARD TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEES.

MR LEUNG ASSURED THE CHAIRMEN THAT THE TRANSPORT STRATEGY SPELT OUT IN THE WHITE PAPER WOULD BE APPLIED FLEXIBLY, AND REVIEWED FROM TIME TO TIME TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF CHANGING DEMANDS AND DEVELOPMENTS.

THIS IS THE SECOND TIME THEY HAVE BEEN BRIEFED ON THE TRANSPORT POLICY BY MR LEUNG, THE FIRST BEING IN JUNE LAST YEAR WHEN THE GREEN PAPER WAS PUBLISHED.

THE BRIEFING WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR GORDON SIU; THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS, MR KWEI SEE-KAN; AND THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR ALBERT LAM.

COPIES OF THE WHITE PAPER ARE AVAILABLE FREE FROM DISTRICT OFFICES AND THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT LICENSING OFFICES, DRIVING TEST CENTRES AND VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRES OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

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DEVELOPMENT WORKS FOR CONTAINER TERMINAL 8

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO PROVIDE LAND AND AN APPROACH CHANNEL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CONTAINER TERMINAL 8 AND BACK-UP AREAS TO MEET THE RAPID GROWTH OF CONTAINERISED TRADE.

THIS WOULD BE DONE BY DREDGING AND RECLAIMING WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 148.2 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT STONECUTTERS ISLAND LATER THIS YEAR.

MEANWHILE, TO PROVIDE MARINE ACCESS OF THE TERMINAL TO AND FROM THE SHAM SHUI PO COASTLINE, DREDGING WORK WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 295 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT YAU MA TEI ANCHORAGE WOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS YEAR.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREAS AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN NOTICES 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 BY NEXT MARCH 18.

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

THE NOTICES, TOGETHER WITH THE PLANS, CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITES.

THE PLANS COULD ALSO BE SEEN AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND AT THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, 37-39 TONKIN STREET, GROUND FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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JOINT ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION OPERATION MOUNTED

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A TERRITORY-WIDE ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION OPERATION JOINTLY MOUNTED BY THE POLICE, AND THE LABOUR AND IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENTS YESTERDAY (THURSDAY) HAS RESULTED IN THE ARRESTS OF 47 PERSONS.

THE OPERATION WAS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUOUS EFFORT TO FLUSH OUT ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

OF THE ARRESTED PERSONS, THREE WERE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS CAUGHT AT THE BORDER. THEY HAVE BEEN SENT TO SAN UK LING FOR REPATRIATION.

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THE REMAINING 44 HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION. THOSE FOUND TO BE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WILL BE REPATRIATED.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN REITERATED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF ANY AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

"OUR LATEST OPERATION SHOULD DRIVE HOME THE POINT THAT THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE TO THIS POLICY. ANYONE FOOLISH ENOUGH TO BELIEVE OTHERWISE IS ONLY CHEATING HIMSELF," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT APART FROM CONTINUOUS CHECKS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, THERE WAS NO LET-UP IN ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION EFFORTS AT THE BORDER.

"A HIGH STATE OF VIGILANCE WILL CONTINUE TO BE MAINTAINED BY THE POLICE AND THE SECURITY FORCES BOTH AT THE LAND AND SEA BORDERS," HE SAID.

DURING THE JOINT OPERATION, WHICH BEGAN AT 5 AM YESTERDAY AND ENDED THIS MORNING, THE POLICE HAD STEPPED UP THEIR IDENTIFICATION SPOT CHECKS IN PUBLIC PLACES AND CARRIED OUT CHECKS AT SUSPICIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

AS A RESULT, A TOTAL OF 35,703 PERSONS, 4,001 VEHICLES AND 780 VESSELS WERE STOPPED FOR IDENTIFICATION CHECKS.

TWELVE PERSONS WERE SUMMONSED AND FOUR PERSONS CHARGED FOR FAILING TO PRODUCE PROPER PROOF OF IDENTITY. A FURTHER 19 PERSONS WERE WARNED IN RESPECT OF THIS OFFENCE, WHICH CARRIES A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$1,000.

ON THE LABOUR FRONT, INSPECTORS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT VISITED 3,804 ESTABLISHMENTS TO WEED OUT ANY ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WHO MAY BE WORKING, AND TO CHECK THAT EMPLOYERS FULFIL THEIR LEGAL OBLIGATION OF KEEPING PROPER RECORDS OF THEIR EMPLOYEES.

A TOTAL OF 7,583 EMPLOYEES HAD THEIR PROOF OF IDENTITY CHECKED DURING THE OPERATION.

FOUR ESTABLISHMENTS WERE FOUND NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE FOR INSPECTION A RECORD OF EMPLOYEES.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THEY COULD BE FINED UP TO \$50,000 AND JAILED FOR UP TO A YEAR IF THEY WERE FOUND TO BE EMPLOYING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR OPERATING PUBLIC RADIO PAGING SERVICES

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THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FROM INTERESTED PARTIES TO OPERATE PUBLIC RADIO PAGING SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

THE NOTICE ON THIS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

"THERE HAS BEEN A TREMENDOUS GROWTH IN RADIO PAGING BUSINESS IN RECENT YEARS," THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY, MR DOMINIC S.W. WONG, SAID.

"THE DEMAND IS SUCH THAT THERE ARE NOW NEARLY 600,000 PAGERS LICENSED, AND WE EXPERIENCE THE HIGHEST PENETRATION RATE PER CAPITA IN THE WORLD.

"IN ORDER TO MEET FURTHER DEMAND FOR PAGING AS WELL AS RELATED INFORMATION DISSEMINATION SERVICES, THE 279 - 281 MHZ FREQUENCY BAND HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

"THIS WILL PROVIDE ABOUT 60 NEW CHANNELS WITH A HIGHER TRANSMITTER POWER OF 100 WATTS."

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE DEMAND FOR PAGING SERVICES WILL CONTINUE TO GROW. RECENTLY, RADIO PAGING HAS ALSO BEEN USED FOR DISSEMINATING FINANCIAL OR OTHER TYPES OF INFORMATION TO SUBSCRIBERS.

NEW MODELS OF PAGER WITH THE ABILITY TO DISPLAY LONGER MESSAGES OR MESSAGES IN CHINESE CHARACTERS ARE ALSO BECOMING POPULAR.

INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD APPLY IN WRITING TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY, TELECOMMUNICATIONS BRANCH, SINCERE BUILDING, FIFTH FLOOR, 173 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG. DETAILED REQUIREMENTS WILL THEN BE SUPPLIED TO THEM.

PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO FULL APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BEFORE MARCH 30 THIS YEAR.

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ALLOCATION OF FREE QUOTAS FOR RETAINED IMPORTS OF CFC'S

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) INVITED APPLICATIONS FOR FREE QUOTAS FOR RETAINED IMPORTS OF CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS (CFC'S). THESE FREE QUOTAS ARE FOR THE QUOTA YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1990.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT UNDER THE OZONE LAYER PROTECTION ORDINANCE, A LICENSING SYSTEM, IN CONJUNCTION WITH A QUOTA ALLOCATION SCHEME, HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED SINCE JULY 1 LAST YEAR TO CONTROL THE IMPORT OF CFC'S.

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ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO IMPORT ANY QUANTITY OF CFC'S CONTROLLED UNDER THE ORDINANCE MUST HAVE SUFFICIENT QUOTA TO COVER THE QUANTITY IN ORDER TO GET A LICENCE FROM THE TRADE DEPARTMENT.

FOR THE CURRENT QUOTA YEAR, FROM JULY 1, 1989, TO JUNE 30, 1990, ALL NORMAL QUOTAS WERE ALLOCATED LAST JUNE.

ADDITIONAL QUOTAS, AMOUNTING TO A QUANTITY OF 340 TONNES OF CFC'S WEIGHTED BY THEIR OZONE DEPLETING POTENTIAL, ARE NOW AVAILABLE AND WILL BE ALLOCATED IN MARCH.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID UNLIKE THE NORMAL QUOTAS, THE FREE QUOTAS ARE NOT TRANSFERRABLE AMONG IMPORTERS AND THERE ARE SOME CONDITIONS ON THE UTILISATION WHICH AN APPLICANT SHOULD NOTE BEFORE ACCEPTANCE.

THESE QUOTAS ARE VALID FOR IMPORTS ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30 THIS YEAR.

ALL IMPORTERS OF CFC'S REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE OZONE LAYER PROTECTION ORDINANCE AND WHO HAVE NOT COMMITTED ANY OFFENCE BEFORE UNDER THE ORDINANCE ARE WELCOME TO APPLY.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION IS FEBRUARY 15 AND APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE ON SPECIFIED FORMS.

APPLICATION FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, ON THE 26TH FLOOR, SOUTHOEN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI. TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 8351089.

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NOVEMBER ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL FIGURES

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IN NOVEMBER 1989, THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND REPORTED BY THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES DECREASED BY 1 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1989 AND BY 2 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1988, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARING NOVEMBER 1989 WITH OCTOBER 1989, THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY BUT DECREASED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS, WEARING APPAREL AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, ORDERS SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1988, THE ORDERS POSITION IN NOVEMBER 1989 IMPROVED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY AND SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE IN THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRY.

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ON THE OTHER HAND, ORDERS DECREASED MODERATELY IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY, AND SLIGHTLY IN THE TEXTILES AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IS MEASURED IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF MONTHS AND REFERS TO ORDERS OUTSTANDING AS AT THE END OF THE REFERENCE MONTH.

ON EMPLOYMENT, THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED REPORTED THAT THEIR TOTAL WORKFORCE IN NOVEMBER 1989 DECREASED BY 1 PER CENT AND 8 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1989 AND NOVEMBER 1988 RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1989, EMPLOYMENT IN NOVEMBER 1989 SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE IN THE TEXTILES, PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES, BUT DECREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS, FOOD AND DRINKS AND WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRIES.

COMPARING NOVEMBER 1989 WITH NOVEMBER 1988, EMPLOYMENT INCREASED IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRY. ON THE OTHER HAND, EMPLOYMENT DECREASED IN MOST OTHER MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, WITH THE LARGEST DECREASE RECORDED IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

COMPARING NOVEMBER 1989 WITH OCTOBER 1989, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SURVEYED DECREASED BY 1 PER CENT IN MONEY TERMS. MODERATE DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS, TEXTILES AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES, DUE LARGELY TO LESS PAYMENT IN NOVEMBER 1989 FOR OVERTIME WORK.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, LITTLE CHANGE IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS WAS RECORDED IN THE WEARING APPAREL, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1988, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN NOVEMBER 1989 INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY, BY 17 PER CENT. WHILE PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED IN MOST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, THE LARGEST INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS, PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

IN THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES SURVEYED, EMPLOYMENT IN NOVEMBER 1989 DECREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1989 AND MODERATELY WHEN COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1988. PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN NOVEMBER 1989 INCREASED SLIGHTLY OVER OCTOBER 1989 BUT SUBSTANTIALLY OVER NOVEMBER 1988.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT FIGURES FOR THIS SECTOR COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

IN THE SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS, THE OVERALL EMPLOYMENT IN NOVEMBER 1989 AS REPORTED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED INCREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1989 AND NOVEMBER 1988. PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN NOVEMBER 1989 INCREASED SLIGHTLY OVER OCTOBER 1989 BUT SUBSTANTIALLY OVER NOVEMBER 1988.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS ARE SHOWN IN TABLES 1 TO 3.

THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND THE 50 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS, CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZES IN SEPTEMBER 1986.

THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT AS THE SURVEY IS NOT BASED ON A SCIENTIFICALLY SELECTED SAMPLE, THE MAGNITUDES OF CHANGE INDICATED BY THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE MERELY A REFLECTION OF THE EXPERIENCE OF THE COMPANIES SURVEYED.

HOWEVER, GIVEN THE COMPOSITION OF THE PANEL, IT SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR MAKING A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 1989 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT \$2 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 8234820.

TABLE 1: ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	ORDERS-ON-HAND		
	AS AT THE END OF NOVEMBER 1989	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
			OCT. 89
	(MONTHS)	(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	4.24	-1	-2
WEARING APPAREL	4.72	-2	*
TEXTILES	2.30	+3	-3
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	2.57	-5	+7
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4.43	-2	-6
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5.06	*	-2
OTHERS	4.12	*	-2

* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

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TABLE 2: EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY/SERVICES	PERSONS ENGAGED AT THE END OF NOVEMBER 1989	
	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH OCT. 89	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH NOV. 88
	(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	-1	-8
FOOD AND DRINKS	-1	+3
WEARING APPAREL	-1	-10
TEXTILES	*	-1
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	*	-11
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	*	-9
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	-3	-16
OTHERS	*	+2
CONSTRUCTION #	-1	-4
SERVICES	+1	+3
BANKS	*	+2
HOTELS	*	*
PUBLIC UTILITIES	*	+1
OTHERS	+1	+8

* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

PERSONS ENGAGED COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

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TABLE 3: PER CAPITA EARNINGS

INDUSTRY/SERVICES	PER CAPITA EARNINGS		
	AVERAGE AS IN NOVEMBER 1989	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
	(HK\$)	OCT. 89 (%)	NOV. 88 (%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	5,188	-1	+17
FOOD AND DRINKS	5,929	-4	+20
WEARING APPAREL	4,352	*	+13
TEXTILES	4,783	-4	+10
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	5,055	-3	+20
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	5,046	*	+13
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5,064	*	+20
OTHERS	6,676	-1	+17
CONSTRUCTION #	7,762	+3	+25
SERVICES	8,710	+1	+21
BANKS	8,379	*	+19
HOTELS	5,627	+1	+17
PUBLIC UTILITIES	8,815	+1	+24
OTHERS	9,618	*	+20

* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

PER CAPITA EARNINGS COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

NOTES TO TABLES 1-3: UNLIKE "ORDERS-ON-HAND" AND "PER CAPITA EARNINGS", WHICH ARE AVERAGE FIGURES AMONGST THE COMPANIES SURVEYED, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED IS NOT MEANINGFUL INFORMATION ON ITS OWN (BECAUSE THIS IS A PANEL SURVEY) AND IS THEREFORE NOT SHOWN.

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TSEUNG KWAN O CLEAN HOMES TO GET PRIZES

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REPRESENTATIVES OF 15 HOUSEHOLDS IN TSEUNG KWAN O THAT HAVE WON A HOME CLEANSING COMPETITION WILL RECEIVE THEIR PRIZES AT A CEREMONY ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 21).

THE COMPETITION FORMS PART OF THE YEAR-END CLEAN-UP EXERCISE IN THE AREA WHICH INCLUDES FIVE HOUSING ESTATES - PO LAM AND TSUI LAM ESTATES, YING MING AND KING MING COURTS, AND HONG SING GARDEN.

THE PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED BY ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, MR BRIAN LO; CHAIRMAN OF THE 1989-90 KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN WORKING GROUP, MR EDWARD PONG; CHAIRMAN OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD, MR HO KOON-SHUN; SENIOR HOUSING MANAGER (SAI KUNG) OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, MRS LEUNG PO SIU-TO; AND DISTRICT HYGIENE SUPERINTENDENT (SAI KUNG) OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR CHU WING-WAI.

THE CLEAN-UP EXERCISE WILL INCORPORATE A CLEAN TSEUNG KWAN O FORTNIGHT, AND ACTION AGAINST LITTERBUGS WILL BE STEPPED UP.

THE EXERCISE HAS BEEN ORGANISED IN SUPPORT OF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN. IT BEGAN ON JANUARY 13 AND WILL CONTINUE UNTIL JANUARY 26.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE HOME CLEANING COMPETITION PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT 11 AM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 21) AT TSUI LAM COMMUNITY HALL, TSUI LAM ESTATE, TSEUNG KWAN O.

OPENING OF TSEUNG KWAN O SUB-OFFICE

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THE TSEUNG KWAN O SUB-OFFICE OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR LEO KWAN, TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE SUB-OFFICE IS LOCATED AT FLAT 121-122, GROUND FLOOR, PO NING HOUSE, PO LAM ESTATE.

A PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE COUNTER HAS BEEN SET UP TO PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS. THESE INCLUDE ADMINISTERING DECLARATIONS, THE FREE LEGAL ADVICE SCHEME, RENT OFFICER SCHEME, AND ANSWERING ENQUIRIES CONCERNING GOVERNMENT SERVICES.

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THE COUNTER ALSO HELPS DISTRIBUTE GOVERNMENT FORMS, PUBLICATIONS, FACT SHEETS, PAMPHLETS, AND ENROLMENT FORMS OF TERTIARY EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AND PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS.

RESIDENTS CAN ALSO APPROACH THE SUB-OFFICE TO MAKE SIMPLE COMPLAINTS, AND TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON EMPLOYMENT VACANCIES REGISTERED AT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND IN THE CIVIL SERVICE AND ON THE GENERAL DEVELOPMENT OF TSEUNG KWAN O.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS AT TOMORROW'S OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR FREDERICK TONG; SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WILLIAM WAN; AND THE ELECTED DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER OF TSEUNG KWAN O, MR WONG KWOK-YEE.

AN EXHIBITION ON THE SERVICES OF THE SUB-OFFICE AND THE COMMUNITY FACILITIES OF TSEUNG KWAN O NEW TOWN WILL BE STAGED OUTSIDE THE SUB-OFFICE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE'S TSEUNG KWAN O SUB-OFFICE AT 10.30 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) OUTSIDE THE SUB-OFFICE AT FLAT 121-122, GROUND FLOOR, PO NING HOUSE, PO LAM ESTATE.

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YAU TSIM TO HOLD ROAD SAFETY CARNIVAL

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ROAD SAFETY MESSAGES WILL BE CONVEYED TO YAU TSIM RESIDENTS THROUGH A CARNIVAL AND A DRAWING CONTEST TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 21) AT THE KOWLOON PARK PIAZZA.

THE DRAWING CONTEST IS OPEN TO CHILDREN AGED UNDER 12. THEY CAN ENROL AT THE PIAZZA AT NOON THAT DAY. CRAYONS AND DRAWING PAPER WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE ORGANISER.

ADJUDICATION WILL BE HELD AT 2 PM AND TOYS WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNERS.

THE PROGRAMME OF THE CARNIVAL, WHICH STARTS AT 2.30 PM, INCLUDES STALL GAMES, SINGING AND DANCE PERFORMANCES AND A GAME OF REMOTE CONTROLLED MODEL CARS TO TEACH CHILDREN TRAFFIC RULES.

THE EVENTS HAVE BEEN ORGANISED BY A COMMITTEE COMPRISING MEMBERS OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD AND AREA COMMITTEES, AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES FROM VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, THE POLICE AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

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OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE CARNIVAL WILL BE THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WONG HON-HO; AND POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER (YAU MA TEI), MR LAU YUK-KUEN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD AT THE KOWLOON PARK PIAZZA ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 21), BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM. IT WILL BE PRECEDED BY A CHILDREN'S DRAWING CONTEST AT THE SAME VENUE, BEGINNING AT NOON.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENTS.

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YEAR-END CLEAN UP IN SHAM SHUI PO

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THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT PRIVATE BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE IS LAUNCHING A PUBLICITY DRIVE TO ENCOURAGE LOCAL RESIDENTS TO CLEAN UP THEIR ENVIRONMENT FOR THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

THE CAMPAIGN WILL FOCUS ON KEEPING COMMON AREAS, ESPECIALLY FIRE EXITS IN PRIVATE BUILDINGS, CLEAR OF OBSTRUCTION TO REDUCE FIRE HAZARDS.

TO SHOW THE COMMITTEE'S SUPPORT FOR RESIDENTS' PARTICIPATION IN THE DRIVE, A TEAM OF ABOUT 20 VOLUNTEERS WILL BE SENT TO THREE PRIVATE BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO HELP IN THE CLEAN UP OPERATIONS.

THE DISTRICT OFFICE CO-ORDINATED DRIVE WILL ALSO INVOLVE THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WHICH MADE AN INSPECTION AT THE BUILDINGS TODAY. THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL ARRANGE FOR THE COLLECTION OF REFUSE FROM THE BUILDINGS TOMORROW.

POSTERS LISTING THE VARIOUS PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS IN THE DISTRICT HAVE BEEN SENT TO ALL OWNERS' CORPORATIONS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES.

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CENTRAL AND WESTERN ANTI-NARCOTICS DAY NEXT MONTH

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO STAMP OUT THE DRUG MENACE DESPITE AN ENCOURAGING OVERALL DROP IN THE NUMBER OF DRUG ABUSERS IN THE TERRITORY IN THE PAST FEW YEARS.

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY (NARCOTICS), MISS ANNETTE LEE, SAID THIS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD TODAY (FRIDAY) TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN ANTI-NARCOTICS DAY TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 11 (SUNDAY).

HOWEVER, MISS LEE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE INCREASING NUMBER OF PERSONS AGED BELOW 21 REGISTERED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE CENTRAL REGISTRY OF DRUG ABUSE.

"THE NUMBER OF PERSONS IN THIS AGE GROUP REGISTERED IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF LAST YEAR HAD RECORDED A 12.5 PER CENT INCREASE OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988," SHE NOTED.

"ACCORDING TO STATISTICS, THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASING NUMBER OF PEOPLE TAKING NO. 4 HEROIN AND MORE YOUNGSTERS HAVE STARTED TAKING SOFT DRUGS," SHE SAID.

YOUTH HAD BEEN THE TARGET OF THE NARCOTICS DIVISION'S TERRITORY-WIDE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS, MISS LEE SAID, ADDING THAT DISTRICT ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN ANTI-NARCOTICS DAY, WERE WIDELY SUPPORTED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS MONICA CHEN, SAID THE DISTRICT'S FIRST ANTI-DRUG ACTIVITY, AN ANTI-NARCOTICS BOOKMARK DESIGN COMPETITION, WAS HELD IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR AND HAD ATTRACTED ABOUT 400 ENTRIES FROM PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS.

"BOOKMARKS BASED ON THE PRIZE-WINNING DESIGNS WILL BE PRODUCED AND DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL SCHOOLS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO PUT ACROSS THE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE," SHE ADDED.

MISS CHEN ANNOUNCED THREE ACTIVITIES WHICH WOULD BE HELD DURING NEXT MONTH'S DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS DAY.

FIRST, A CLASSICAL TRAM CAR WOULD TOUR THE DISTRICT TO PUBLICISE THE TWO OTHER EVENTS TO BE HELD IN THE AFTERNOON -- A POP CONCERT AND A "VITALITY SHOW" AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT IN CENTRAL AND THE FORBES STREET PLAYGROUND IN KENNEDY TOWN RESPECTIVELY, SHE SAID.

THE POP CONCERT WILL INCLUDE PERFORMANCES BY SINGERS ROMAN TAM, MARIA CORDERO, YAN CHOR-SIN, KWAN SHUK-YEE AND THE GROUP GRASSHOPPERS. HOSTED BY DISC JOCKEYS WONG HOI-KUN AND CHOW WAI-MUN, THE CONCERT WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE ON RTHK'S RADIO 2 BETWEEN 2 PM AND 4 PM.

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THE "VITALITY SHOW" WILL INCLUDE TELEMATCHES, STALL GAMES, AN INFLATED ELEPHANT FOR CHILDREN, AN ANTI-DRUG EXHIBITION AND A VARIETY OF PERFORMANCES BY LOCAL GROUPS. A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR THE BOOKMARK DESIGN COMPETITION WILL ALSO BE HELD.

THE DISTRICT'S FOUR MAJOR ANTI-DRUG ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (DFCC) AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

OTHER CO-ORGANISERS INCLUDE RTHK, THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT SCHOOL HEADS, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE HONG KONG YWCA.

ALSO SPEAKING AT TODAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE WERE THE HEAD OF RTHK'S RADIO 2, MR CHEUNG MAN-SUN; CHAIRMAN OF THE DFCC, MR WU CHOR-NAM; CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S TWO ANTI-DRUG PUBLICITY WORKING GROUPS, MR NGAI WAI-MING AND MR CHAN TAK-CHOR.

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JOINT AREA COMMITTEE VARIETY SHOW IN SHA TIN

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A JOINT VARIETY SHOW FEATURING 12 PERFORMANCES BY THE NINE AREA COMMITTEES IN SHA TIN WILL BE HELD AT THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL TOMORROW (SATURDAY) FOR AROUND 1,400 MEMBERS OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS' CORPORATIONS AND OTHER RESIDENTS' ORGANISATIONS.

THE SHOW WILL INCLUDE MUSIC, DRAMA, DANCES AND MARTIAL ARTS DEMONSTRATIONS.

THE FUNCTION HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE'S COMMUNITY BUILDING SUB-COMMITTEE AND THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD AND REGIONAL COUNCIL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE JOINT VARIETY SHOW BY NINE AREA COMMITTEES IN SHA TIN TOMORROW (SATURDAY) IN THE AUDITORIUM, SHA TIN TOWN HALL. THE FUNCTION WILL BEGIN AT 7 PM.

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CLEAN HARBOUR PUBLICITY TOUR IN TAI PO
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MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN IN TAI PO DISTRICT TODAY (FRIDAY) VISITED MARICULTURISTS TO PUBLICISE THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING THE ENVIRONMENT CLEAN.

THEY WENT TO THE MARICULTURE ZONES IN YIM TIN TSAI, SHUM WAN AND KO LAU WAN, WHERE THEY DISTRIBUTED GARBAGE BAGS AND PUBLICITY STICKERS.

THE CONVENER OF THE WORKING GROUP, MR TSUI SZE-KIT, SAID HE HOPED MARICULTURISTS WOULD KEEP UP THEIR EFFORTS IN MAINTAINING A CLEAN AND TIDY ENVIRONMENT.

"IT IS TIME TO CARRY OUT CLEANING OPERATIONS AS LUNAR NEW YEAR DRAWS ON," HE SAID.

THE CLEAN TOLO HARBOUR PUBLICITY TOUR CONCLUDED THE FOUR-MONTH KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN IN THE DISTRICT.

IN EARLIER ACTIVITIES, THE WORKING GROUP HAD ORGANISED A CARNIVAL, CLEAN SCHOOL COMPETITION, CLEAN BUILDING COMPETITION AND CLEAN BEACH OPERATION. THE ACTIVITIES WERE SPONSORED BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

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PREVENTIVE APPROACH TO MAINTENANCE OF FISHING VESSEL ENGINES URGED
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FISHERMEN AND FISHING VESSEL OPERATORS HAVE BEEN URGED TO ADOPT A PREVENTIVE APPROACH IN THE DAILY MAINTENANCE OF THE ENGINES OF THEIR FISHING VESSELS.

MEMBERS OF THE FISHING COMMUNITY ATTENDING A SEMINAR AT THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT'S ABERDEEN FISHERIES OFFICE TODAY (FRIDAY) WERE TOLD THAT THEY COULD EASILY MONITOR THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR FISHING VESSEL ENGINES BY SUBMITTING SAMPLES OF THE LUBRICATING OIL USED IN THESE ENGINES TO OIL COMPANIES FOR ANALYSIS ON A REGULAR BASIS.

THE SEMINAR, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY AFD AND A LOCAL OIL COMPANY, WAS AIMED AT INTRODUCING THE ENGINE MAINTENANCE THROUGH PROGRESSIVE ANALYSIS (EM/PA) TECHNIQUE TO FISHERMEN.

"UNDER THE EM/PA PROGRAMME, EACH OIL SAMPLE WILL GO THROUGH A SERIES OF STANDARD ANALYTICAL PROCEDURES WHICH ARE INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED TO PINPOINT ANY OIL CONDITION AND SELECTED METAL CONTENTS THAT MAY DEVIATE FROM A HEALTHY OIL," AFD'S FISHERIES OFFICER (FISHERIES TECHNOLOGY), MR JOSEPH SHAM, EXPLAINED.

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"BASED ON THE CORRELATION BETWEEN THE LUBRICANT IN USE AND THE LUBRICATED EQUIPMENT, ENGINEERS CAN EASILY DIAGNOSE THE OPERATING CONDITION OF THE EQUIPMENT AND IDENTIFY ENGINE TROUBLES AT AN EARLY STAGE," HE CONTINUED.

"HENCE IT IS POSSIBLE FOR FISHING VESSEL OPERATORS TO TAKE PREVENTIVE MEASURES BEFORE THE ENGINES BREAK DOWN," MR SHAM SAID.

NOTING THAT MOST OIL COMPANIES IN HONG KONG PROVIDE LUBE OIL ANALYSIS SERVICE TO THEIR CUSTOMERS, MR SHAM URGED FISHING VESSEL OPERATORS TO MAKE GOOD USE OF THESE SERVICES.

HE SUGGESTED THAT LUBE OIL SAMPLES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED FOR ANALYSIS WHEN ENGINES OF A VESSEL HAD BEEN IN OPERATION FOR 400 TO 600 HOURS.

"POORLY MAINTAINED ENGINES DO NOT ONLY CONSUME MORE OIL BUT ARE ALSO MORE PRONE TO BREAKDOWNS WHICH IN TURN CURTAIL VALUABLE FISHING TIME," MR SHAM POINTED OUT.

"MINOR ENGINE TROUBLES, IF NOT ATTENDED TO AT AN EARLY STAGE, COULD LEAD TO EXTENSIVE WEAR AND TEAR TO THE ENGINE COMPONENTS, STERN GEAR AND EVEN THE VESSEL STRUCTURE.

"MEANWHILE, SERIOUS ENGINE BREAKDOWNS COULD ENDANGER THE SAFETY OF THE VESSEL, ESPECIALLY IN ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS," HE WENT ON.

MR SHAM ADDED THAT THE HONG KONG FISHING FLEET COMPRISED 4,700 VESSELS WITH SOME 6,800 DIESEL ENGINES USED FOR PROPULSION.

VESSEL MAINTENANCE, OF WHICH ENGINE MAINTENANCE WAS THE KEY ITEM, ACCOUNTED FOR AT LEAST 12 PER CENT OF THE COST OF FISH MARKETED.

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SEIZURE OF SUSPECTED ADULTERATED LIQUOR BY CUSTOMS

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THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO BE WARY OF BUYING IN ADULTERATED LIQUOR DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

THE ADVICE WAS MADE FOLLOWING THE SEIZURE OF FIVE BOTTLES OF SUSPECTED ADULTERATED LIQUOR BY CUSTOMS OFFICERS IN A TERRITORY-WIDE OPERATION YESTERDAY (THURSDAY).

THIS WAS A JOINT OPERATION BY THE DEPARTMENT'S CUSTOMS TASK FORCE, THE LAND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION AND THE INVESTIGATION BRANCH WITH A VIEW TO STAMPING OUT THE SALE OF ADULTERATED LIQUOR AND PROTECTING CONSUMERS' INTEREST.

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THE INSPECTION WAS CONDUCTED BY 106 CUSTOMS OFFICERS IN 200 STORES AND SUPERMARKETS SELLING LIQUOR.

AS A RESULT, FIVE BOTTLES OF SUSPECTED ADULTERATED LIQUOR VALUED AT ABOUT \$900 WERE FOUND IN A SUPERMARKET IN JORDAN ROAD.

A 51-YEAR-OLD MAN WAS ARRESTED. HE HAS BEEN RELEASED ON BAIL OF \$2,000 PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

A SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT, MR RAYMOND LI, SAID THE DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTINUE ITS EFFORT TO KEEP STRICT VIGIL ON THE SALE AND MANUFACTURE OF ADULTERATED LIQUOR IN ORDER TO WIPE OUT THE ILLICIT TRADE.

"MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND STORE OPERATORS SHOULD REPORT ANY CASES OF SUSPECTED ADULTERATED LIQUOR TO THE DUTY OFFICERS OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 8521437 OR 8521438," HE SAID.

THE LAST MASSIVE OPERATION MOUNTED BY CUSTOMS OFFICERS ON ADULTERATED LIQUOR WAS ON DECEMBER 20 LAST YEAR RESULTING IN THE SEIZURE OF 41 BOTTLES OF ADULTERATED LIQUOR.

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FIRING PRACTICE IN FEBRUARY

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON 24 DAYS NEXT MONTH.

THE PUBLIC IS WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES AND TIMES THAT FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE:

DATE	TIME
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FEBRUARY 1 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 2 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 3 (SATURDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 5 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 9 PM
FEBRUARY 6 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 9 PM
FEBRUARY 7 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 9 PM

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FEBRUARY 8	(THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 9	(FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 10	(SATURDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 12	(MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 13	(TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 14	(WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 15	(THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 16	(FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 17	(SATURDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 19	(MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 6 PM
FEBRUARY 20	(TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
FEBRUARY 21	(WEDNESDAY)	MIDNIGHT - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 22	(THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
FEBRUARY 23	(FRIDAY)	MIDNIGHT - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 24	(SATURDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 26	(MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
FEBRUARY 27	(TUESDAY)	MIDNIGHT - 11.59 PM
FEBRUARY 28	(WEDNESDAY)	MIDNIGHT - 5 PM

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URBAN CLEARWAY IN SHEUNG WAN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 21), THE RUMSEY STREET FLYOVER IN SHEUNG WAN WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY 24 HOURS DAILY.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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