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FS STOPS OVER JAPAN

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, ARRIVED IN TOKYO TODAY (SUNDAY) FOR A TWO-DAY VISIT ON HIS WAY BACK FROM THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON.

MR JACOBS WILL MAKE USE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO FAMILIARISE HIMSELF WITH THE WORK OF JAPANESE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR FINANCE AND TRADE MATTERS AND TO ACQUAINT HIMSELF WITH THE OFFICIALS CONCERNED.

HE WILL MEET THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MR H. KITAMURA, AND OFFICIALS FROM THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, THE MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND THE BANK OF JAPAN.

MR JACOBS WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 6).

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CRIME COMMITTED ON MTR REMAINS LOW

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MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY POLICE ARE CONFIDENT THAT CRIME ON THE UNDERGROUND RAILWAY HAS BEEN KEPT AT A LOW LEVEL THROUGH EFFECTIVE DEPLOYMENT OF OFFICERS AND AN ARREST RATE THAT IN ITSELF SERVES AS A STRONG DETERRENT.

"THE OVERALL CRIME RATE IS VERY LOW, GIVEN THE VOLUME OF TRAFFIC - AROUND 1.8 MILLION PASSENGERS DAILY," SAID DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR. JAMIE CLEMENTS.

IN AUGUST, WHEN THE MTR CARRIED 53.1 MILLION PASSENGERS, THE NUMBER OF CASES DEALT WITH BY MTR OFFICERS TOTALLED 218. OF THESE, 57 WERE CRIME RELATED, AND 126 OF THE OTHERS CAME UNDER THE MISCELLANEOUS CATEGORY, MANY OF THEM INVOLVING PASSENGERS WHO HAD BECOME SICK.

THERE WERE SEVEN REPORTS OF INDECENT ASSAULTS ON FEMALE PASSENGERS - AND OFFICERS MADE SEVEN ARRESTS.

"THE STATISTICS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. WE CONSIDER THAT WE HAVE VIOLENT CRIME, INCLUDING INDECENT ASSAULT, UNDER FIRM CONTROL BECAUSE OF OUR ARREST RATE," SAID MR. CLEMENTS.

HE DESCRIBED THE SITUATION AS VERY ENCOURAGING, TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE SHEER VOLUME OF PASSENGERS. "AT PEAK HOURS, CENTRAL, TSIM SHA TSUI, MONG KOK AND KOWLOON TONG STATIONS ARE AMONG THE WORLD'S BUSIEST."

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POLICING THE RAILWAY - COMPRISING 37 STATIONS AND 38.6 KILOMETRES OF TRACK - NATURALLY HAS SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS, BUT MR. CLEMENTS SAYS MUCH OF THE DAILY ROUTINE IS THE SAME AS THAT FOR SURFACE BEAT OFFICERS.

"ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS WE HAVE ONE POLICE CONSTABLE ASSIGNED TO EACH STATION. THE CONSTABLE'S JOB IS TO PATROL THAT STATION AND, WITH THE TECHNICAL RESOURCES THAT WE HAVE IN OUR CONTROL ROOM IN THE MTR'S KOWLOON BAY DEPOT, SUCH AS CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION AND RADIO FACILITIES, WE CAN GET A FAST, ACCURATE RESPONSE BY THE OFFICER SHOULD AN INCIDENT BE REPORTED," HE POINTED OUT.

"IF THE OFFICER REQUIRES SUPPORT, HELP CAN BE ON THE WAY ON THE VERY NEXT TRAIN. HE'S ALSO BACKED UP BY TRAIN PATROLS AND SUPERVISORY PATROLS AS WELL AS BY SPECIAL 'THEME SQUAD' PATROLS."

MR. CLEMENTS SAYS A SIGNIFICANT FEATURE IS THE LOW INCIDENCE OF CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON. ONE REASON FOR THIS IS THAT A VIOLENT CRIME IS LIKELY TO BE REPORTED QUICKLY - AND DRAW A RAPID RESPONSE.

"A RAPID RESPONSE AND THE LIKELIHOOD OF A RAPID ARREST FORM A MAJOR DETERRENT TO VIOLENT CRIME."

MTR DISTRICT HAS 293 STAFF, MAINLY UNIFORM BRANCH PATROL OFFICERS WHO SERVE THERE FOR 18 MONTHS.

THE DISTRICT COMMANDER DESCRIBED MORALE AS GOOD, AND POINTED OUT THAT OFFICERS WORK IN A "CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT" AND, FOR EXAMPLE, DO NOT HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT CLIMATIC CHANGES AS DO THEIR COLLEAGUES ON THE SURFACE.

"THE REASON WE KEEP THE LENGTH OF TOUR TO 18 MONTHS IS THAT OFFICERS NEED TO GET EXPERIENCE IN THE BROADER SPHERE OF THE FORCE. THERE'S A DEGREE OF SPECIALISATION IN THE MTR DISTRICT, BUT WE DO NOT WANT OFFICERS TO BECOME RESTRICTED TO THIS FIELD."

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE DISTRICT DRAWS ITS OFFICERS FROM POLICE TACTICAL UNIT. "THIS IS AN ADVANTAGE BECAUSE THESE OFFICERS HAVE HAD TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE IN CROWD CONTROL DUTIES."

CROWD CONTROL FORMS AN IMPORTANT PART OF MTR WORK AT THE MAJOR FESTIVAL, AND THE DISTRICT WILL HAVE TO COPE WITH AROUND TWO MILLION PASSENGERS AT THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL NEXT MONTH.

LOOKING AHEAD, R. CLEMENTS SAID THE EVER GROWING PASSENGER NUMBERS, AND THE LARGER CROWDS AT PEAK TIMES, MAKE THE JOB THAT MUCH HARDER, AND RESPONSE TIME CAN BE AFFECTED. HOWEVER, IT IS STILL PUT AT AN ACCEPTABLE 90 SECONDS.

THE OPENING OF THE ISLAND LINE IN 1985 PROVIDED SOME COMPLICATIONS IN POLICING, BECAUSE SOME OF THE STATIONS ARE SEVEN FLOORS DEEP, AND THE ANSWER LAY IN THE EFFECTIVE USE OF TECHNICAL AIDS, SUCH AS CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION CAMERAS.

APART FROM TRAINING DAYS, THE DISTRICT AT REGULAR INTERVALS STAGES EMERGENCY EXERCISES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FIRE SERVICES AND THE MTR CORPORATION. "WE SOMETIMES TAKE ACTUAL EMERGENCIES THAT OCCURRED OVERSEA AND APPLY THEM IN A LOCAL CONTEXT TO TEST OUR CO-ORDINATED RESPONSE," SAID MR. CLEMENTS.

THE DISTRICT'S CONTROL ROOM, SITUATED NEXT TO THE MTR CONTROL ROOM, FUNCTIONS IN A MANNER SIMILAR TO A DISTRICT CONSOLE OR REGIONAL COMMAND AND CONTROL CENTRE. IN AN EMERGENCY, MR. CLEMENTS WOULD MOVE FROM HIS OFFICE IN THE ADJACENT KOWLOON EAST OPERATIONAL BASE TO THE CONTROL ROOM AND DIRECT OPERATIONS FROM THERE, USING A SEPARATE CONSOLE AND TELEVISION MONITOR.

THE COMPUTER EQUIPMENT ENABLES THE COMMANDER TO KNOW PRECISELY WHAT HIS RESOURCES ARE AND WHERE HIS OFFICERS ARE LOCATED. SPECIAL RADIO EQUIPMENT ALSO ENABLES CONTROL ROOM STAFF TO LIAISE DIRECTLY WITH SURFACE FORMATIONS.

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NEW CONSTITUENCY FACILITATES PROMOTION OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

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THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NGAU TAU KOK NORTH CONSTITUENCY IN KWUN TONG WOULD HELP FURTHER PROMOTE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION TO THE FAST GROWING AREA, THE KWUN TONG ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS ROSANNA URE, SAID TONIGHT (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE NGAU TAU KOK WEST MID-AUTUMN CARNIVAL, MRS URE SAID FOLLOWING THE REALIGNMENT OF CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES IN NGAU TAU KOK, THERE WOULD BE FOUR CONSTITUENCIES IN THE AREA - THE NGAU TAU KOK EAST, NGAU TAU KOK WEST, PING SHEK AND KAI YIP AND THE NEWLY ADDED NGAU TAU KOK NORTH CONSTITUENCY.

"THE NEW CONSTITUENCY COVERS UPPER NGAU TAU KOK ESTATE, JORDAN VALLEY ESTATE, AMOY GARDENS, TAK BO GARDENS AND NEARBY PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS," SHE SAID.

MRS URE SAID POPULATION IN NGAU TAU KOK HAD ALREADY REACHED 200,000 AND MANY PRIVATE AND PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECTS IN THE AREA WERE BEING COMPLETED.

THE INTRODUCTION OF AN ADDITIONAL CONSTITUENCY IN THE AREA IS TO FACILITATE THE PROMOTION OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND ENSURE THAT PROBLEMS IN THE AREA ARE DEALT WITH EFFECTIVELY," MRS URE NOTED.

EARLIER, MRS URE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE WEST NGAU TAU KOK AREA COMMITTEE FOR THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY BUILDING AFFAIRS AND THEIR VALUABLE ADVICE GIVEN TO THE ADMINISTRATION.

TONIGHT'S CARNIVAL WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE WEST NGAU TAU KOK AREA COMMITTEE, KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, LOCAL MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND ORGANISATIONS, AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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SPORTS COMPETITIONS FOR SCHOOLS

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SCHOOLS ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN VARIOUS SPORTS COMPETITIONS TO BE ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION BETWEEN NOVEMBER AND MARCH NEXT YEAR.

THE 1987/88 SPORTS COMPETITION FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL INCLUDE CANOEING, TRAMPOLINING AND GYMNASTICS. EVENTS FOR CANOEING AND OF TRAMPOLINING WILL TAKE PLACE ON NOVEMBER 10 AND 14, AND ON DECEMBER 1 AND 2 RESPECTIVELY, WHILE THOSE FOR GYMNASTICS WILL BE HELD BETWEEN MARCH 8 AND 11 NEXT YEAR.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS INTERESTED IN THESE COMPETITIONS ARE ADVISED TO SUBMIT THEIR ENTRY FORMS TO THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (PHYSICAL EDUCATION) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BEFORE OCTOBER 17.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS CAN ENTER THE 1987/88 GYMNASTICS COMPETITION ORGANISED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE HONG KONG AMATEUR GYMNASTIC ASSOCIATION. THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO TWO CATEGORIES, COMPULSORY AND VOLUNTARY.

THE COMPULSORY EVENTS FOR SCHOOLS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL TAKE PLACE ON FEBRUARY 6 AND THOSE FOR SCHOOLS IN HONG KONG AND KOWLOON WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 12 AND 13 NEXT YEAR.

THE VOLUNTARY EVENTS ARE OPEN TO ALL SCHOOLS FROM MARCH 8 TO 11 AT THE TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION LI FOOK LAM SPORTS CENTRE.

SCHOOLS MAY ENTER 10 BOYS AND 10 GIRLS IN DIVISIONS A AND B OF EACH OF THE COMPULSORY AND VOLUNTARY SECTIONS OF THE GYMNASTICS COMPETITION. CONTESTANTS MUST NOT BE OVER 14 YEARS OF AGE ON JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS INTENDING TO TAKE PART IN THE GYMNASTICS COMPETITIONS ARE ADVISED TO RETURN THEIR APPLICATIONS TO THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (PHYSICAL EDUCATION) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON THE 4TH FLOOR OF THE LEE GARDENS AT HYSAN AVENUE IN CAUSEWAY BAY BEFORE NOVEMBER 14.

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PROSECUTION OVER USE OF DEFECTIVE PRESSURE EQUIPMENT LIKELY
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FACTORY PROPRIETORS USING A PRESSURE EQUIPMENT WHICH HAS BEEN ISSUED WITH A CLOSURE ORDER BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ARE LIABLE TO BE PROSECUTED WITHOUT FURTHER WARNING.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT FROM TIME TO TIME, CLOSURE ORDERS WERE ISSUED UNDER THE BOILERS AND PRESSURE RECEIVERS ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF UNSAFE PRESSURE EQUIPMENT.

HOWEVER, MANY OWNERS OF THESE EQUIPMENT FAIL TO TAKE PROMPT ACTION TO RECTIFY THE DEFICIENCIES AND CONTINUE TO USE THEM AT THEIR OWN RISK.

"THIS PRACTICE IS NOT ONLY AN OFFENCE BUT MAY ALSO POSE SERIOUS THREATS TO HUMAN LIVES AND PROPERTIES," HE WARNED.

ANYONE WHO OPERATES A DEFECTIVE PRESSURE EQUIPMENT IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$50,000 UNDER THE BOILERS AND PRESSURE RECEIVERS ORDINANCE.

THE SPOKESMAN CALLED ON ALL OWNERS TO HEED THE CLOSURE ORDERS AND TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO HAVE THEIR EQUIPMENT CHECKED BY AN APPOINTED EXAMINER.

AN APPOINTED EXAMINER IS AN EXPERIENCED ENGINEER IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO CONTROL, EXAMINE AND ISSUE CERTIFICATE OF FITNESS IN RESPECT OF THE EQUIPMENT WHICH HE IS AUTHORISED TO EXAMINE.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THERE SHOULD NOT BE ANY DIFFICULTY FOR OWNERS TO ENGAGE AND APPOINTED EXAMINER AS THERE ARE AT PRESENT 48 AIR RECEIVER INSPECTORS AND 29 BOILER INSPECTORS AUTHORISED TO CARRY OUT INSPECTIONS.

A LIST OF THESE APPOINTED EXAMINERS IS AVAILABLE FROM THE PRESSURE EQUIPMENT DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, 17TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, CENTRAL.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT 5-8524185.

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NOMINATIONS INVITED FOR COMMONWEALTH YOUTH SERVICE AWARDS

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NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE INITIATED AND IMPLEMENTED OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY PROJECTS TO REPRESENT HONG KONG IN THE COMMONWEALTH YOUTH SERVICE AWARDS SCHEME.

THE SCHEME, LAUNCHED BY THE COMMONWEALTH YOUTH PROGRAMME IN THE UNITED KINGDOM IN 1985, IS ALSO AN ENDURING COMMEMORATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR.

SELECTION FOR THE BEST TWO COMMUNITY PROJECTS TO REPRESENT HONG KONG ARE BEING CO-ORDINATED BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

"THE SCHEME WAS CREATED TO RECOGNISE AND REWARD CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY YOUNG PEOPLE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR SOCIETIES," A CNTA SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

"IT AIMS TO FOSTER CO-OPERATION AND EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND EXPERIENCE AMONG COMMONWEALTH YOUTHS," HE SAID.

EACH YEAR, THE SCHEME OFFERS UP TO FIVE AWARDS WITH NOT MORE THAN TWO AWARDS TO COUNTRIES OF ANY ONE REGION.

THE WINNING TEAM WILL BE GIVEN A GRANT OF 1,000 POUND STERLING TO BE USED TO FURTHER THE TEAM'S WORK PLUS A MEDALLION AND CERTIFICATE TO BE GIVEN TO EACH MEMBER OF THE TEAM.

FOR PROJECTS TO BE SELECTED, THEY SHOULD BE EXAMPLES OF EFFECTIVE TEAMWORK BY SMALL GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE, NORMALLY NOT MORE THAN 20 PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 24, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THESE PROJECTS SHOULD DEMONSTRATE THEIR POTENTIAL IN EFFECTIVE PLANNING, ABILITY TO EXECUTE THEIR PLANS AND CO-OPERATION AMONG MEMBERS," HE ADDED.

"PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE BROAD OBJECTIVES AND RESPOND TO LOCAL NEEDS THROUGH THEIR PROJECTS, SHOWING INNOVATION AND FLEXIBILITY.

"APART FROM THAT, THE PROJECTS SHOULD HAVE LONG-TERM EFFECTIVENESS AND PROVIDE A MODEL OR INSPIRATION TO OTHER PLACES IN THE COMMONWEALTH," HE SAID.

NOMINATIONS ARE BEING INVITED FROM THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH DIVISION OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICES, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE DISTRICT OFFICES AND THEY SHOULD REACH THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 20.

TWO PROJECTS WILL BE SELECTED TO REPRESENT HONG KONG IN DECEMBER AND THE AWARDS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN MAY, NEXT YEAR.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN THE AWARDS SCHEME MAY CONTACT THEIR DISTRICT OFFICE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

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SIGNBOARDS PULLED DOWN

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A TOTAL OF 17 OBJECTIONABLE SIGNBOARDS OUTSIDE KAM KOON BUILDING IN WAN CHAI WAS REMOVED LAST WEEK FOLLOWING THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD TO THE OWNERS' CORPORATION OF THE BUILDING FOR THE OPERATION.

THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT AN OWNERS' CORPORATION IN WAN CHAI HAD APPLIED FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS TO REMOVE OBJECTIONABLE SIGNBOARDS. A TOTAL OF \$6,700 WAS ENDORSED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD FOR THE OPERATION.

SPEAKING ON THE CLEARANCE, WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM, SAID OWNERS' CORPORATIONS IN THE DISTRICT WERE WELCOMED TO APPLY FOR FUNDS FROM THE BOARD TO REMOVE OBJECTIONABLE SIGNBOARDS FROM THEIR BUILDINGS.

SHE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THEY COULD CONSIDER TAKING LEGAL ACTION AGAINST TENANTS WHO ARE PERSISTENT IN PUTTING UP SUCH SIGNBOARDS.

THE OPERATION AT KAM KOON BUILDING WAS LAUNCHED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE POLICE.

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ACTIVITIES ORGANISED TO FIGHT CRIME

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VARIOUS ACTIVITIES ARE ORGANISED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE EACH YEAR TO CALL FOR RESIDENTS' SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO COMBAT CRIME, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MR CHAN LAI-SANG, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE 'DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE CUP' BASKETBALL COMPETITION AT THE BOUNDARY STREET INDOOR STADIUM, MR CHAN SAID, "THESE ACTIVITIES ARE ALSO DESIGNED TO COPE WITH CHANGING NEEDS AND DIFFERENT CRIME SITUATIONS."

ACTIVITIES FOR THIS YEAR INCLUDE AN ANTI-PICKPOCKET CAMPAIGN, THE PROMOTION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME AND A CRIME PREVENTION CARNIVAL.

MR CHAN NOTED THAT MONG KOK RESIDENTS HAD KEENLY PARTICIPATED IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME SINCE ITS IMPLEMENTATION IN 1985.

SO FAR, 15 BUILDINGS COMPRISING 1,595 FAMILY UNITS HAVE TAKEN PART IN THE SCHEME WHICH PROVES EFFECTIVE IN DETERRING CRIME.

/TODAY'S BASKETBALL

TODAY'S BASKETBALL COMPETITION WAS ALSO ONE OF THE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE DISTRICT'S CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION TO DRIVE HOME THE FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE.

A TOTAL OF 24 TEAMS TOOK PART IN THE CONTEST DURING THE PAST THREE WEEKS TO VIE FOR TOP PRIZES.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WERE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS BRENDA FUNG; CHAIRMAN OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION, MR LAM KIN-MING; PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION, MR LEE CHI-KWONG; URBAN COUNCILLOR, DR RONALD LEUNG, AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR WONG YUEN-WEI.

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SWIMMING GALA IN KENNEDY TOWN
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SOME 300 SPORT ENTHUSIASTS TOOK PART IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA HELD AT THE KENNEDY TOWN SWIMMING POOL THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

OFFICIATING AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR THE SWIMMING GALA, CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM KAM-KWONG, SAID THE ANNUAL EVENT WAS AIMED AT PROMOTING SWIMMING AS A RECREATION AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE.

HE NOTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT AND URBAN COUNCIL HAD ENDEAVOURED TO BOOST AND IMPROVE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

AN INDOOR GAMES HALL INSIDE THE SHEUNG WAN URBAN COUNCIL COMPLEX TO BE COMPLETED NEXT YEAR AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF ANOTHER INDOOR GAMES HALL AS WELL AS EXTENSIVE PARK ON THE WESTERN RECLAMATION, WOULD COPE WITH THE POPULATION'S RECREATIONAL NEEDS AND HELP IMPROVE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT, HE SAID.

"OTHER PROJECTS SUCH AS THE SAI WO LANE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, HOLLYWOOD ROAD PARK AND LI SING STREET GARDEN ARE BEING PLANNED, HE ADDED.

HE SAID THE DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORT ASSOCIATION (C&W D RSA) AND URBAN COUNCIL WOULD ORGANISE A MONTH-LONG COMMUNITY SPORTS FESTIVAL NEXT MONTH.

MR LAN ALSO PRESENTED PRIZES TO WINNERS OF A RELAY RACE HELD FOR SIX AREA COMMITTEES.

THE SWIMMING GALA WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, DISTRICT BOARD, AREA COMMITTEES, C&W D RSA AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

ALSO ATTENDING THE FUNCTION WERE RSA CHAIRMAN, MR LEUNG SIK-WAH; DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR CHOW YIN-SUM AND SIX AREA COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT CHILDREN ARTS CARNIVAL LAUNCHED

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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT CHILDREN ARTS CARNIVAL BEGAN TODAY (SUNDAY) WITH A CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL FEATURING ARTS AND CRAFTS DEMONSTRATIONS THAT ATTRACTED HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN AT THE ABERDEEN PROMENADE REST GARDEN.

THE WEEK-LONG PROGRAMME, WHICH AIMS AT PROMOTING CHILDREN'S INTEREST IN ART, WAS SPONSORED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD AND ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE MUSIC OFFICE.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WHICH PRECEDED THE CHILDREN CARNIVAL, THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION, MADAM SO CHOW YIM-PING, SAID, "AS A MAJOR COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECT ESPECIALLY TARGETTED AT CHILDREN, WE HOPE THAT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT CHILDREN ARTS CARNIVAL CAN ENHANCE CHILDREN'S INTEREST AND WIDEN THEIR KNOWLEDGE IN ART THROUGH ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES."

TODAY'S CARNIVAL OFFERED A VARIETY OF ARTS AND CRAFTS STALLS FEATURING DIFFERENT FORMS OF ART CREATIONS AS WELL AS A VARIETY OF GAMES STALLS. THE STALLS WERE PUT UP BY VARIOUS ART AND SERVICES GROUPS, DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS, SCHOOLS AND KINDERGARTENS.

THERE WERE ALSO A MAGIC AND ACROBATICS SHOW, A LION-DANCE, CHINESE FOLK DANCES AND A MARCHING BAND PERFORMANCE BY THE CIVIL AID SERVICES MARCHING BAND.

A HIGHLIGHT OF THE CARNIVAL WAS AN OPEN DRAWING COMPETITION WHICH REQUIRED PARTICIPANTS TO DRAW THEIR IMPRESSIONS ABOUT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

THE WINNERS OF THE DRAWING COMPETITION WILL RECEIVE THEIR PRIZES AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF A CONCERT BY THE CHILDREN'S CHOIRS FROM THE FOUR DISTRICTS ON HONG KONG ISLAND THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY (OCTOBER 11) IN ABERDEEN SQUARE.

THE WINNING ENTRIES WILL ALSO BE EXHIBITED ON THE SQUARE ON THAT DAY.

MEANWHILE, AN ART BOOK EXHIBITION IS BEING HELD IN THE URBAN COUNCIL POK FU LAM AND ABERDEEN PUBLIC LIBRARIES UNTIL THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH. THE EXHIBITION FEATURES BOOKS ON VARIOUS PERFORMING ARTS LIKE DRAMA, DANCE AND MUSIC THAT ARE SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN'S READING LEVEL.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY ARE THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SIMON LORD; ASSISTANT MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR, MR THOMAS WANG; CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT MANAGER, MR DANIEL CHUNG; SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR JASPER LAM; AND SOUTHERN DISTRICT ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION'S PRESIDENT, MR LEE SAI-YICK; HONORARY PRESIDENTS MR C.T. HO AND MR LIU DING.

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DIAMOND HILL DEVELOPMENT SITE FORMATION CONTRACT AWARDED
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WORK HAS JUST STARTED ON EXCAVATING AND REMOVING 3.5 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF SOIL AND ROCK FROM A SITE FOR DEVELOPMENT IN DIAMOND HILL FOLLOWING THE RECENT AWARD OF A CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT CONTRACT.

THE SITE, LOCATED AT PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD, WILL BE USED TO DEVELOP DIAMOND HILL PARK AND FOR OTHER GOVERNMENT AND INSTITUTIONAL USES.

BESIDES FORMING DESIRABLE DEVELOPMENT LAND IN THE AREA, THE WORK WILL ALSO GENERATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE OF ABOUT \$52.4 MILLION.

THE CONTRACT PERMITS THE OPERATION OF A PLANT FOR PRODUCING AND SELLING READY-MIX CONCRETE AND BITUMINOUS MATERIALS.

THE OPERATION OF A ROCK CRUSHING AND SAND WASHING PLANT FOR SELLING EXTRACTED AGGREGATE AND SAND ON THE SITE IS ALSO ALLOWED.

STRICT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION CONTROL MEASURES ARE INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT TO LIMIT DUST AND NOISE NUISANCE.

THE MEASURES WILL ALSO ENSURE THAT THE WORK DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH PUBLIC TRANQUILITY.

THE 60-MONTH CONTRACT HAS BEEN AWARDED TO GUANGDONG WATER CONSERVANCY AND HYDRO POWER ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED.

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KIOSKS AT TSUEN WAN TRANSPORT COMPLEX TO LET
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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE TENANCIES OF TWO RETAIL KIOSKS ON THE PEDESTRIAN DECK AT THE FIRST FLOOR LEVEL OF TSUEN WAN TRANSPORT COMPLEX IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE KIOSKS, EACH WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 16 SQUARE METRES, ARE TO BE USED AS RETAILS SHOPS, BUT NOT FOR SELLING WET GOODS.

THE TENANCIES WILL BE FOR THREE YEARS, RENEWABLE FOR ANOTHER THREE YEARS AFTERWARDS.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON OCTOBER 30.

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CULTURE AND SPORTS COMMITTEE TO MEET ON MONDAY
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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE AND SPORTS COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 5) AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS THE PROGRESS REPORTS OF THE SHA TIN ARTS AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO CONSIDER THE APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS, FINANCIAL POSITION AND PROGRESS OF DB SPONSORED ACTIVITIES, WRITING OFF OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT, FESTIVE LIGHTING IN SHA TIN AS WELL AS THE FIVE-YEAR FORECAST AND ANNUAL ESTIMATES FOR THE BOARD.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SENT REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 5) AT THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON 6/F, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION.

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS FOR MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON HONG KONG ISLAND TO COPE WITH FESTIVE CROWDS ON MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL, WHICH FALLS ON OCTOBER 7 THIS YEAR. DETAILS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

I. TRAFFIC AND PARKING ARRANGEMENT

THE PEAK AREA

- * FROM 6.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 7) UNTIL 3 AM THE NEXT DAY, THE SECTION OF PEAK ROAD OUTSIDE THE UPPER PEAK TRAM TERMINUS WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT BUSES, COACHES, TAXIS, GREEN MINIBUSES AND THOSE FOR ACCESS TO PREMISES IN MOUNT AUSTIN ROAD, LUGARD AND HARLECH ROADS. ALL OTHER VEHICLES WILL BE DIRECTED TO TURN ROUND OUTSIDE THE VICTORIA GAP CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AND LEAVE VIA THE PEAK ROAD SLIP ROAD OUTSIDE THE PEAK MANSIONS.
- * AT THE SAME TIME, THE ACCESS ROAD WITHIN THE UPPER PEAK TRAM TERMINUS CAR PARK AND TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY CLOCKWISE FOR BUSES, COACHES, TAXIS AND GREEN MINIBUSES ONLY.

/x TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS

- * TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS IN THE PEAK ROAD AND MAGAZINE GAP ROAD MAY ALSO BE IMPOSED AT ANY TIME IF NECESSARY.
- * FROM 2 PM ON WEDNESDAY UNTIL 3 AM THE NEXT MORNING, ALL METERED PARKING SPACES AND PARKING SPACES FOR PUBLIC BUSES AT THE UPPER PEAK TRAM TERMINUS AND PEAK GARDEN WILL BE SUSPENDED. TO FACILITATE OPERATION OF SPECIAL BUS SERVICES, CMB VEHICLE NO. BN7283 BEARING THE COMPANY'S LOGO WILL BE PERMITTED TO PARK INSIDE THE UPPER PEAK TRAM TERMINUS CAR PARK.

CAUSEWAY BAY

- * THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 7 PM ON WEDNESDAY TO 3 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY:
 - GLOUCESTER ROAD BETWEEN INNER GLOUCESTER ROAD AND CAUSEWAY ROAD EXCEPT THE ACCESS FOR NORTHBOUND VEHICLES FROM TAI HANG ROAD FLYOVER HEADING FOR GLOUCESTER ROAD FLYOVER;
 - KINGSTON STREET EAST OF CLEVELAND STREET;
 - PATERSON STREET SOUTH OF KINGSTON STREET;
 - EAST POINT ROAD;
 - GREAT GEORGE STREET;
 - SUGAR STREET;
 - LOCKHART ROAD EAST OF CANNON STREET;
 - JAFFE ROAD EAST OF CANNON STREET;
 - KAI CHIU ROAD EAST OF YUN PING ROAD; AND
 - ELECTRIC ROAD BETWEEN HING FAT STREET AND YACHT STREET.
- * AT THE SAME TIME, LAU LI STREET BETWEEN ELECTRIC ROAD AND HING FAT STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND FOR VEHICLES TO TRAVEL FROM ELECTRIC ROAD TO HING FAT STREET, WHILE CANNON STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.
- * FROM 12 NOON ON WEDNESDAY UNTIL 3 AM THE NEXT DAY, ALL METERED PARKING SPACES AT HING FAT STREET CAR PARK, LOCKHART ROAD BETWEEN CANNON STREET AND PERCIVAL STREET, AND THE SECTION OF JAFFE ROAD EAST OF PERCIVAL STREET WILL BE SUSPENDED. TAXI STANDS AT PATERSON STREET, LAU LI STREET AND NGAN MOK STREET, AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUS STAND AT GLOUCESTER ROAD WILL ALSO BE CANCELLED.

- * FROM 7.30 PM TO 11.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY, LEARNER DRIVERS WILL BE BANNED FROM LEIGHTON ROAD (EXCEPT THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY BETWEEN PERCIVAL STREET AND WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD), TIN LOK LANE, CAROLINE HILL ROAD, EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD, TAI HANG ROAD NORTH OF LAI TAK TSUEN ROAD, TUNG LO WAN ROAD, ELECTRIC ROAD SOUTH OF WING HING STREET, THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF MORRISON HILL ROAD, HENNESSY ROAD EAST OF MARSH ROAD, THE DOWNHILL CARRIAGEWAY OF TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD WEST OF FORTRESS HILL ROAD, AND CAUSEWAY ROAD.

CENTRAL

- * THE SECTION OF PIER ROAD BETWEEN GILMAN STREET AND CENTRAL HARBOUR SERVICES PIER WILL BE CLOSED FROM 1 PM TO 12 MIDNIGHT ON WEDNESDAY.

REPULSE BAY

- * BEACH ROAD AND SOUTH BAY ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC, EXCEPT CMB BUSES AND LOCAL ACCESS VEHICLES, AT ANY TIME IF NECESSARY.
- * ALL PARKING SPACES ALONG BEACH ROAD OPPOSITE TO HOUSE NO. 871 EXCEPT THE TAXI STAND WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 2 PM ON WEDNESDAY TO 8 PM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

II. PUBLIC TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

NO PARKING FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE PEAK AND CAUSEWAY BAY AREA AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED TO MAKE FULL USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICE. DETAILS OF SPECIAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES ON WEDNESDAY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

THE MTR AND PEAK TRAMS WILL RUN ALL NIGHT, WHILE TRAM SERVICES, EXCEPT THE ROUTES RUNNING FROM HAPPY VALLEY TO SHAU KEI WAN AND KENNEDY TOWN, WILL BE EXTENDED TO AROUND 2 AM ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 8).

CMB WILL OPERATE TWO SPECIAL BUS ROUTES TO THE PEAK AREA : 15A RUNNING BETWEEN NORTH POINT FERRY AND THE PEAK FROM 7.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY TO 4 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY; AND 15M OPERATING FROM 8 PM ON WEDNESDAY TO 4 AM THE NEXT MORNING BETWEEN ADMIRALTY MTR STATION AND THE PEAK.

ADDITIONAL SERVICE WILL BE OPERATED ON ROUTE 15 WITH EXTENDED SERVICE TO 3 AM ON THURSDAY.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES WILL ALSO BE OPERATED ON CMB ROUTES 6, 9, 14, 61 AND 73. OPERATING HOURS OF THESE ROUTES MAY BE EXTENDED IF NECESSARY. ROUTES 2, 4, 7, 10, 70, 72, 90, 92, 95, 98 AND EXPRESS COACH ROUTE 260 WILL ALSO EXTEND THEIR SERVICES TO FINISH BETWEEN 11.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY AND 2 AM THE NEXT DAY. IN ADDITION, BUSES ON CMB ROUTE 5B, KMB ROUTE A3 AND CROSS-HARBOUR ROUTES 102, 103, 106 AND 170 WILL HAVE TO DIVERT THEIR ROUTINGS IN ORDER TO AVOID THE CLOSED ROAD SECTIONS.

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MOREOVER, ADDITIONAL SERVICES WILL ALSO BE OPERATED ON NLB ROUTES 1, 1R, 3, 4, 5 AND 7 ON LANTAU ISLAND DURING THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL HOLIDAY.

AS REGARDS GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES, ROUTE 1 WILL RUN UNTIL 4 AM ON THURSDAY, WHILE THE SERVICES OF ROUTES 16M, 19, 20 AND 20M WILL FINISH AT 2 AM ON THURSDAY.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED ON OUTLYING DISTRICT FERRY ROUTES. IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE THE INCREASE IN PASSENGER DEMAND, THE FERRY SERVICE FROM CENTRAL TO LAMMA ISLAND WILL OPERATE FROM BLAKE PIER INSTEAD OF FROM CENTRAL GOVERNMENT PIER FROM 6 PM ON WEDNESDAY.

FROM 7 PM, SEPARATE DIRECT SAILINGS WILL BE OPERATED FOR THE CENTRAL TO SILVERMINE BAY AND PENG CHAU SERVICES. THE FORMER FERRY SERVICE WILL REMAIN OPERATING AT THE OUTLYING DISTRICT SERVICES PIER WHILE THE LATTER WILL DEPART FROM THE EAST BERTH OF THE CENTRAL HARBOUR SERVICES PIER.

HOWEVER, FERRY SERVICES BETWEEN WAN CHAI AND JORDAN ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED AFTER 6.20 PM ON WEDNESDAY.

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ROAD CLOSURES IN KOWLOON BAY

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TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE ON KAI FUK ROAD IN KOWLOON BAY, THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC DAILY BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5.30 AM ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 6), OCTOBER 8 AND 9:

- * THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF KAI FUK ROAD,
- * THE WESTBOUND LANE OF THE FLYOVER LINKING KWUN TONG ROAD AND KAI FUK ROAD, AND
- * THE SLIP ROADS LINKING WAI YIP STREET AND KAI FUK ROAD WESTBOUND.

WESTBOUND VEHICLES ON KWUN TONG ROAD HEADING FOR THE AIRPORT TUNNEL WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LAI YIP STREET, HOI BUN ROAD, SHUN YIP STREET, WAI YIP STREET AND KAI CHEUNG ROAD.

MEANWHILE, BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5.30 AM ON OCTOBER 7 AND 10, THE JUNCTION OF THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF KAI FUK ROAD AND KAI CHEUNG ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

EASTBOUND VEHICLES ON THE AIRPORT TUNNEL HEADING FOR KWUN TONG WILL HAVE TO USE KAI CHEUNG ROAD AND WAI YIP STREET.

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