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GOVERNMENT ENCOURAGED BY  
EXCHANGE RATE ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM  
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN ENCOURAGED BY THE EFFICIENCY OF THE ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM DURING THE FIRST MONTH OF THE BANKNOTE ARRANGEMENT SCHEME, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, MR TONY LATTER, SAID THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING.

+BUT WE ARE BY NO MEANS COMPLACENT. WE SHALL KEEP A CLOSE WATCH ON DEVELOPMENTS,+ MR LATTER SAID.

SPEAKING AT A DINNER FUNCTION HOSTED BY THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION, MR LATTER NOTED THERE HAD BEEN SUGGESTION THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD INTERVENE, IN EITHER TRADITIONAL OR NOVEL WAYS, TO ASSIST THE SCHEME'S OPERATION.

+THIS IS NOT OUR GENERAL INTENTION, AND SHOULD NOT BE NECESSARY IF THE ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM IS WORKING SATISFACTORILY, BUT WE DO OF COURSE RESERVE OUR POSITION,+ HE STATED.

+I MIGHT ADD HERE THAT GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE AS A GENERAL RULE NOT TO DISCLOSE ANYTHING ABOUT ITS OWN MARKET OPERATIONS.

+STORIES WHICH YOU HEAR, HOWEVER ASSERTIVE OR SEEMINGLY AUTHORITATIVE, WILL THEREFORE CONTINUE TO BE CONJECTURE,+ HE STRESSED.

ON THE NEW MONETARY SCHEME, MR LATTER POINTED OUT THE NOTE ISSUING BANKS NOW SUPPLY HK\$ BANKNOTES TO OTHER BANKS, AND TAKE NOTES BACK FROM THEM, ONLY AGAINST PAYMENTS IN US DOLLARS AT THE SAME \$7.80 RATE AS APPLIES TO THE NOTE-ISSUING BANKS IN THEIR DEALINGS IN CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS.

+THE GOVERNMENT SUPPORTED THE INTRODUCTION OF THIS SECOND-STAGE MECHANISM ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT WOULD HELP THE \$7.80 RATE FOR NOTES TO PERMEATE COMPETITIVELY THE MONETARY SYSTEM.

+IT ALSO SEEMED THAT SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT WOULD PRE-EMPT, OR AT LEAST MINIMISE, ANY SUGGESTIONS THAT THE TWO NOTE-ISSUING BANKS WERE EITHER UNDULY FAVOURED OR UNDULY DISFAVOURED UNDER THE NEW SCHEME,+ HE SAID.

IT MIGHT BE ARGUED THAT THIS STRIVING TO ESTABLISH THE BROADEST CONVERTIBILITY BETWEEN HK\$ NOTES AND US DOLLARS WAS AT SOME COST IN TERMS OF +THE OTHER CORNERSTONE+ OF THE ESSENTIAL ARBITRAGE PROCESS, HE NOTED.

THIS OTHER CORNERSTONE IS THE CONVERTIBILITY BETWEEN HK\$ BALANCES AND NOTES, SINCE BANKS ARE NOW DENIED DIRECT CONVERTIBILITY OF THE BALANCES THEY HOLD WITH THE NOTE-ISSUING BANKS.

+HOWEVER, I DO NOT CONSIDER THAT THIS SHOULD BE MUCH OF A PROBLEM AS REGARDS THE OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SCHEME, SINCE BANK CUSTOMERS HAVE SHOWN THAT THEY, AS A GROUP, ARE HIGHLY ALERT TO THE ARBITRAGE OPPORTUNITIES,+ MR LATTER SAID.

ON THE INTEREST RATE RULES OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF BANKS, HE POINTED OUT THAT IN THE MACRO-ECONOMIC CONTEXT, THE GOVERNMENT HAS TO BE CONSULTED CONCERNING MAXIMUM DEPOSIT RATES WHICH ARE SET BY HKAB TO BE BINDING ON ITS MEMBERS.

+NOTE THAT THE PROCESS IS ONE OF CONSULTATION ONLY, SO THAT THE FINAL DECISION HAS ALWAYS RESTED WITH THE COMMITTEE OF THE ASSOCIATION, BUT THE OBLIGATION TO CONSULT HAS ENSURED THAT THE COMMITTEE IS FULLY AWARE OF BROADER MONETARY POLICY CONSIDERATIONS, AS PERCEIVED BY GOVERNMENT,+ HE STRESSED.

WHILE UNDER THE NEW MONETARY REGIME IT IS IN THEORY NO LONGER NECESSARY FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE LEVEL OF INTEREST RATES, IT DOES NOT FOLLOW THAT THE INTEREST RATE RULES MUST BE ABANDONED, HE SAID.

+IT IS ARGUABLE THAT, SO LONG AS HKAB IS PREPARED TO ADJUST RATES MORE FREQUENTLY THAN IN THE PAST -- AND IT HAS ALREADY DEMONSTRATED THAT IT IS -- THE EXISTENCE OF A SYSTEM OF CARTELISED RATES NEED NOT NECESSARILY IMPEDE THE FUNCTIONING OF THE ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM WITHIN THE NEW EXCHANGE RATE REGIME,+ MR LATTER STATED.

MEANWHILE, NOTHING HAD OCCURRED SUDDENLY TO SWEEP AWAY THE MICRO-ECONOMIC JUSTIFICATION BEHIND THE INTEREST RATE RULES, HE ADDED.

THIS JUSTIFICATION IS THE DESIRE TO PRESERVE AN ORDERLY BANKING SYSTEM AND TO AVOID THE SORT OF EXCESSIVE AND IMPRUDENT COMPETITION FOR DEPOSITS THAT MIGHT ENDANGER IN PARTICULAR SOME SMALLER AND OFTEN MORE CONSERVATIVE LOCAL BANKS.

HE ADDED, +I WOULD NOT DENY, HOWEVER, THAT SINCE THE PRINCIPLE OF THIS SORT OF SAFEGUARD TO THE INDIGENOUS BANKS WAS FIRST ESTABLISHED THROUGH THE INTEREST RATE AGREEMENT OF THE EXCHANGE BANKS ASSOCIATION IN THE MIDDLE 1960'S, THERE HAS BEEN A STEADY EVOLUTION OF FIRMER SUPERVISION OF BANKS, WHICH MAY ALLAY FEARS ABOUT POTENTIALLY IMPRUDENT BEHAVIOUR.+

HE POINTED OUT THAT MOREOVER, THERE ARE 1 388 BRANCH OFFICES OF BANKS IN HONG KONG TODAY -- PLUS 135 HEAD OFFICES -- WHICH, GIVEN THE GEOGRAPHIC CONCENTRATION OF THE CUSTOMER POPULATION, MIGHT SEEM SOMEWHAT EXCESSIVE.

AND THIS COULD BE INTERPRETED TO MEAN THAT BANKS, HAVING BEEN RESTRICTED FROM COMPETING FREELY VIA INTEREST RATES, HAVE BEEN DRIVEN TO COMPETE ONLY IN OTHER AREAS OF SERVICE - A SITUATION WHICH MIGHT NOT NECESSARILY BE IN THE FULLEST INTERESTS OF CUSTOMERS, HE SAID.

+BUT DO NOT BE DELUDED ABOUT THE POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF UNBRIDLED COMPETITION. AFTER AN INITIAL BOUT OF INTENSE COMPETITION, A MUCH MORE CONCENTRATED BANKING SECTOR MIGHT EMERGE, TO THE POINT WHERE THE VERY COMPETITION WHICH APPEARED TO BE FRUSTRATED BY THE EXPLICIT INTEREST-RATE CARTEL WAS INSTEAD BEING SUPPRESSED BY OLIGOPOLY.

/+I MIGHT .....

+I MIGHT ADD THAT SOME MEASURE OF PROTECTION, IN ONE GUISE OR ANOTHER, FOR INDIGENOUS BANKS IS PRACTISED ACROSS MOST OF THE WORLD, EVEN IN THOSE ECONOMIES MOST FERVENTLY COMMITTED TO FREE ENTERPRISE,+ MR LATTER SAID.

ON THE MONETARY SYSTEM UNDER THE NEW REGIME, HE SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S VIGILANCE EXTENDS TO THE BEHAVIOUR OF INTEREST RATES.

WHILE THE FLEXIBILITY DEMANDED OF INTEREST RATES MIGHT WELL BE CAPABLE OF ACCOMMODATION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE EXISTING HKAB RULES, THERE COULD BE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH AN INDIVIDUAL BANK FACED PRESSURES NOT SHARED BY OTHERS, AND THEREFORE WANTED TO ADJUST RATES UNILATERALLY AND QUICKLY, HE SAID.

HKAB RULES, HE POINTED OUT, ALLOW FOR UNILATERAL DEPARTURE FROM AGREED DEPOSIT RATES DOWNWARDS, BUT NOT UPWARDS.

+BUT DON'T LET US GET CARRIED AWAY. AS YET NO COMPELLING CASE FOR ABANDONING THE INTEREST RATE RULES HAS BECOME APPARENT.

+AS I HAVE SAID, WE SHALL BE WATCHING. AS EVER WE STAND READY TO CONSULT QUICKLY IF CIRCUMSTANCES SO DEMAND, BUT WE ARE EQUALLY RELUCTANT TO MAKE RUSHED RESPONSES TO WHAT ARE FOR THE TIME BEING HYPOTHETICAL SITUATIONS,+ MR LATTER STATED.

HE NOTED THAT THE FINANCIAL SECTOR HAS BEEN FACED WITH MANY UNAVOIDABLE CHANGES OF LATE: THE TRANSITION TO THE THREE-TIER STRUCTURE IS JUST COMPLETED; FURTHER LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS FOR PRUDENTIAL REASONS ARE ALREADY IN THE PIPELINE; AND THE EXCHANGE RATE REGIME HAS JUST BEEN INTRODUCED.

+WHILE COPING WITH ALL THIS, THE FINANCIAL SECTOR IS STILL BUSY NURSING A FAIR NUMBER OF FRAGILE CUSTOMERS. THIS MAY NOT BE THE MOMENT FOR FURTHER STRUCTURAL CHANGES, UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY,+ MR LATTER SAID.

REFERRING TO CALLS TO AMEND THE LIQUIDITY REQUIREMENT ON BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES, HE NOTED THAT THIS HAD BEEN AN ISSUE SINCE LONG BEFORE THE RECENTLY INTRODUCED MEASURES ON THE EXCHANGE RATE.

HE SAID THAT HIS OWN PERSONAL VIEW HAD ALWAYS BEEN THAT:

- \* FIRST, THE LIQUIDITY REQUIREMENT WAS DEvised AS A PRUDENTIAL REQUIREMENT AND SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE REGARDED IN THAT CONTEXT AND NOT IN THE CONTEXT OF MACRO MONETARY POLICY; AND
- \* SECOND, THAT EVEN IF +WE HAD SOMEHOW ALTERED OR MANIPULATED THE LIQUIDITY REQUIREMENT FOR INTENDED MONETARY CONTROL PURPOSES, WE WOULD NOT HAVE FOUND IT CAPABLE OF PRODUCING A SUSTAINED EFFECT.+

/HE FELT .....

HE FELT THAT THE ADVOCATES OF SO USING THE LIQUIDITY REQUIREMENT HAD BEEN SEDUCED BY WHAT MIGHT BROADLY BE DESCRIBED AS RESERVE RATIO CONTROLS OPERATED ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD, BUT HAD FAILED TO APPRECIATE CERTAIN IMPORTANT FEATURES OF HONG KONG.

THESE FEATURES INCLUDE THE ABSENCE OF A CENTRAL BANK, THE ABSENCE OF EXCHANGE CONTROLS, THE ABSENCE OF MARKETABLE GOVERNMENT DEBT AND LARGELY ARISING FROM THESE, THE LACK OF ANY CAPABILITY FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO CONTROL THE AVAILABLE SUPPLY OF SPECIFIED LIQUID ASSETS.

+THESE FEATURES PROVIDE HONG KONG WITH A UNIQUE MONETARY ENVIRONMENT INTO WHICH OTHER SYSTEMS OF CONTROL CANNOT READILY BE TRANSPLANTED,+ HE SAID.

+I AM PARTICULARLY SURPRISED THAT CALLS FOR CHANGES TO THE LIQUIDITY ARRANGEMENTS AS A MEANS OF MONETARY CONTROL, AND INDEED MORE GENERAL CALLS FOR CREDIT CONTROL MEASURES, DO NOT APPEAR NOW TO HAVE ABATED AT ALL.

+THEIR CONTINUANCE SEEMS, FROM A THEORETICAL STANDPOINT, TO BELIE A BASIC MISUNDERSTANDING OF THE NEW EXCHANGE RATE REGIME,+ MR LATTER ADDED.

UNDER THIS REGIME, THE MONEY STOCK WILL AUTOMATICALLY ADJUST TO A LEVEL THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE EXCHANGE RATE, HE SAID.

+THEREFORE, IF THE NEW SCHEME IS WORKING IN PRACTICE AS THE THEORY SUGGESTS IT SHOULD -- AND SO FAR THIS SEEMS BROADLY TO HAVE BEEN THE CASE -- THERE CAN BE NO PLACE FOR A SEPARATE POLICY DIRECTED AT CONTROLLING THE MONEY STOCK.

+ONLY IF THE SCHEME WERE NOT WORKING SO WELL MIGHT THERE BE SOME JUSTIFICATION FOR ADOPTING A LESS NON-INTERVENTIONIST STANCE,+ HE SAID.

MR LATTER ADDED THAT HE DID NOT, HOWEVER, WANT TO DISMISS THE LIQUIDITY DEBATE ENTIRELY.

+WHILE I HOPE I HAVE DEMONSTRATED WHY I AM PERSONALLY SCEPTICAL OF THE MACRO-ARGUMENTS FOR REVISED LIQUIDITY ARRANGEMENTS, THE MICRO ARGUMENTS ARE AS VALID - SOME MAY SAY INVALID - AS THEY EVER WERE,+ HE SAID.

THESE CONCERN THE RELATIVE COSTS AS BETWEEN DIFFERENT TYPES OF BANK OF MEETING THE LIQUIDITY REQUIREMENT, AND HENCE THE RELATIVE EASE OF CREDIT CREATION, HE STATED.

+I DO NOT WISH TO VENTURE INTO THIS DEBATE IN PUBLIC AT THIS TIME, BUT I CAN SAY THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS UNDERTAKEN TO REVIEW THE MATTER,+ HE ADDED.

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## TECHNICAL EDUCATION PILOT SCHEME PROPOSED

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A PILOT SCHEME FOR 18 TO 24 MONTHS', FULL-TIME TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING SHOULD BE DEVELOPED FOR FORM THREE LEAVERS, MR R.L. HELMORE, CONSULTANT TO THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL ON TECHNICAL EDUCATION, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE, MR HELMORE SAID THERE WAS EVIDENCE THAT THE NUMBER OF APPRENTICESHIPS WAS LEVELLING OFF, MAINLY BECAUSE MORE PUPILS WERE CONTINUING IN SCHOOL FOR THE FOURTH AND FIFTH FORMS.

+FOR MANY OF THEM, AS OTHER OBSERVERS HAVE NOTED, THE TRADITIONAL CURRICULUM IS QUITE UNSUITABLE AND THEY DO BADLY IN THE EXAMINATIONS AT FIFTH FORM LEVEL, + HE SAID.

IN MR HELMORE'S VIEW, THE DESIRE TO CONTINUE IN SOME FORM OF FULL-TIME EDUCATION BEYOND FORM THREE IS SUCH A STRONG SOCIAL TREND THAT IT IS BEST TO ACKNOWLEDGE IT BY PROVIDING AN ALTERNATIVE CURRICULUM OF A MORE VOCATIONAL KIND USING THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND THE TRAINING CENTRES NOW BEING CONSTRUCTED, TO PROVIDE INTEGRATED EDUCATION AND TRAINING.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THIS ALTERNATIVE CURRICULUM WOULD BE A BETTER PREPARATION FOR JOBS IN INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE THAN IS PROVIDED BY THE PRESENT ACADEMIC ROUTE, BUT WOULD AT THE SAME TIME KEEP THE DOOR OPEN TO FURTHER STUDY FOR THOSE CAPABLE OF UNDERTAKING IT.

A WELL-DESIGNED COURSE OF THIS KIND LASTING 18 MONTHS TO TWO YEARS SHOULD ENABLE APPRENTICESHIPS TO BE SHORTENED SINCE STUDENTS WOULD HAVE RECEIVED A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF INITIAL SKILL TRAINING BEFORE ENTERING EMPLOYMENT.

MR HELMORE ALSO SAID THAT THE WORK OF THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES WAS ONE OF SOUND ACHIEVEMENT AND HIGH STANDARD.

THE STRONG DEMAND FOR THE INSTITUTES COURSES INDICATED THAT THEY ARE HELD IN HIGH REGARD BY STUDENTS AND PARENTS, AND EMPLOYERS HE HAD MET SPOKE WELL OF THE PRODUCT OF THE INSTITUTES, HE SAID.

MR HELMORE SAID HE THOUGHT PRESENT APPRENTICESHIP SCHEMES NEEDED REVIEW, NOT ONLY BECAUSE THEY WERE DESIGNED FOR THE FORM THREE LEAVER, WHO WAS INCREASINGLY RARE BECAUSE OF THE TENDENCY TO STAY ON LONGER IN FULL-TIME EDUCATION, BUT ALSO BECAUSE THE RATE OF CHANGE IN INDUSTRY WAS SO RAPID THAT THE IDEA OF A SINGLE SKILL LASTING FOR A WORKING LIFE-TIME WAS NO LONGER TENABLE.

IT IS FOR THESE REASONS, MR HELMORE SAID, HE IS RECOMMENDING THAT AN URGENT REVIEW OF APPRENTICESHIP IN SELECTED INDUSTRIES SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN.

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OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS COVER THE PROMOTION OF SHORT COURSES AS AN AREA REQUIRING PARTICULAR ATTENTION, GREATER DELEGATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS TO THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, IMPROVED ARRANGEMENTS FOR STAFF DEVELOPMENT, MORE EFFECTIVE STAFF PARTICIPATION AND WIDER DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE WORK OF THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND TRAINING CENTRES IN SCHOOLS.

MR HELMORE, WHO IS THE PRINCIPAL OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY, WAS A MEMBER OF THE MANPOWER SERVICES COMMISSION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR TEN YEARS UNTIL 1982. TRAINED AS AN ELECTRICAL ENGINEER, HE HAS CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE IN INDUSTRIAL TRAINING AND IN EDUCATION. HE WAS AWARDED A CBE IN 1980.

THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF HIS CONSULTANCY INCLUDED:

ASSESSING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SERVICE AT PRESENT OFFERED BY THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES;

IDENTIFYING AREAS WHICH REQUIRE STRENGTHENING WITH REFERENCE TO STAFFING, RESOURCES AND ADMINISTRATION;

COMMENTING ON THE PROBLEMS ARISING FROM THE SCHOOLS ON THE ONE HAND AND THE TERTIARY EDUCATION IN SYSTEM ON THE OTHER;

COMMENTING ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND THE PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL TRAINING CENTRES, AND

SUGGESTING FUTURE STRATEGIES AND PRIORITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT.

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#### BLITZ CONTINUES AGAINST ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

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THE POLICE, LABOUR AND IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENTS ARE MOUNTING A SERIES OF BLITZ OPERATIONS AGAINST ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AS PART OF THEIR CONTINUING EFFORTS TO PUT THE PROBLEM UNDER CHECK.

IN THE PAST 24 HOURS, STEPPED-UP OPERATIONS HAVE RESULTED IN THE ARREST OF 18 PERSONS SUSPECTED OF BEING HERE ILLEGALLY. THE ARRESTED PEOPLE HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT FOR INVESTIGATION.

SPOT CHECKS ON IDENTIFICATION WERE INTENSIFIED BY THE POLICE IN PUBLIC PLACES, AND SPECIAL OPERATIONS WERE CARRIED OUT IN SUSPECTED AREAS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

AT THE SAME TIME, LABOUR INSPECTORS VISITED 3 626 ESTABLISHMENTS TO TIGHTEN THE NET ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS HIDING IN HONG KONG.

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OF THE 48 212 PEOPLE CHECKED BY THE POLICE, 11 WERE FOUND TO HAVE NO PROOF OF IDENTITY.

ANOTHER 126 PEOPLE WERE SUMMONED FOR FAILING TO PRODUCE PROPER PROOF OF IDENTITY AND A FURTHER 53 WERE WARNED IN RESPECT OF THE OFFENCE WHICH CARRIES A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$1 000.

LABOUR INSPECTORS FOUND SEVEN PERSONS WORKING IN SEVEN ESTABLISHMENTS WITHOUT PROPER PROOF OF IDENTITY AND REFERRED THEM TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

ANOTHER THREE ESTABLISHMENTS WERE FOUND NOT TO BE KEEPING PROPER RECORDS OF EMPLOYEES. LABOUR INSPECTORS ALSO SUMMONED 36 ESTABLISHMENTS TO PRESENT THEIR EMPLOYEE RECORDS FOR INSPECTION AT THE DEPARTMENT.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UNDER THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE, OWNERS OF ESTABLISHMENTS FOUND TO BE EMPLOYING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS COULD BE FINED UP TO \$50 000 AND BE JAILED FOR UP TO A YEAR.

HE ALSO REMINDED EMPLOYERS OF THEIR LEGAL OBLIGATION TO KEEP UP-TO-DATE RECORDS OF THEIR EMPLOYEES.

ON CONVICTION, THE MAXIMUM PENALTY IS A \$10 000 FINE FOR FAILING TO RECORD THE PARTICULARS OF EACH EMPLOYEE INCLUDING NAME, TYPE OF IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENT AND THE NUMBER OF THE DOCUMENT.

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PROVISIONAL REGISTER OF ELECTORS FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION  
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A PROVISIONAL REGISTER OF ELECTORS, COMPRISING ALL THE 18 DISTRICTS IN THE TERRITORY, WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION FROM TOMORROW UNTIL DECEMBER 5.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO INSPECT THE PROVISIONAL REGISTER CAN DO SO DURING OFFICE HOURS AT :

- (A) REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION, 10TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG;
- (B) CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, 13TH FLOOR, WORLD SHIPPING CENTRE, HARBOUR CITY, 7 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

AT THESE TWO OFFICES, A COMPLETE REGISTER IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION. IN ADDITION, A RELEVANT PART OF THE REGISTER IS ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICT OFFICE OR ITS SUB-OFFICE.

THE REGISTRATION OFFICER, MR C.W. WONG, SAID THE PROVISIONAL REGISTER OF ELECTORS WAS COMPILED FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION FOR TWO PURPOSES.

FIRSTLY, IT ENABLED ELIGIBLE PEOPLE WHO HAD NOT REGISTERED FOR VARIOUS REASONS, SUCH AS TEMPORARY ABSENCE FROM HONG KONG DURING THE LAST REGISTRATION PERIOD FROM AUGUST 31 TO OCTOBER 11, TO APPLY TO HAVE THEIR NAMES INCLUDED IN THE NEXT FINAL REGISTER OF ELECTORS DUE TO BE PUBLISHED IN JANUARY 1984.

SECONDLY, IT GAVE THE PUBLIC A CHANCE TO OBJECT TO THE INCLUSION IN THE NEXT FINAL REGISTER OF THOSE PERSONS CONSIDERED INELIGIBLE FOR REGISTRATION.

APPLICATIONS FOR LATE REGISTRATION CAN BE MADE FROM NOVEMBER 18 TO DECEMBER 5. THE PROCEDURE IS VERY SIMPLE. ALL AN ELIGIBLE APPLICANT HAS TO DO IS TO CALL AT THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT ON THE 10TH FLOOR OF HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG DURING OFFICE HOURS, BRINGING WITH HIM HIS HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD. ON ARRIVAL, HE WILL FILL IN A REGISTRATION FORM OBTAINABLE FREE OF CHARGE FROM THE OFFICE AND LODGE IT IN PERSON WITH THE REGISTRATION OFFICER.

TO RAISE AN OBJECTION, A PERSON MUST ALSO CALL AT THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION DURING THE SAME PERIOD. HE WILL COMPLETE A SPECIFIED FORM OBTAINABLE FREE OF CHARGE FROM THE OFFICE AND LODGE IT IN PERSON WITH THE REGISTRATION OFFICER. THE OBJECTION WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE REVISING OFFICER (WHO IS THE REGISTRAR, SUPREME COURT) FOR DETERMINATION.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT SUCH OBJECTIONS, IF ANY, ARE RAISED IN THE PROPER MANNER FOR DECISION BY THE REVISING OFFICER, BECAUSE ACCORDING TO THE LAW, NO SUCH OBJECTION CAN BE ENTERTAINED OUTSIDE THE PRESCRIBED PERIOD FROM NOVEMBER 18 TO DECEMBER 5, MR WONG SAID.

HE ALSO REMINDED ALL REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE NEED TO WRITE TO HIM TO REPORT ANY CHANGE OF THEIR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS, QUOTING ONE'S HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD NUMBER, NAME AND NEW RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.

ALTERNATIVELY, THEY CAN COMPLETE A FORM ENTITLED 'APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS IN A REGISTER OF ELECTORS,' WHICH IS OBTAINABLE FREE OF CHARGE FROM ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND POST OFFICES. THE COMPLETED FORMS CAN BE POSTED TO HIM, BUT NO POSTAGE IS REQUIRED.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR REPORTING OF RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS CHANGES IN THE 1983 REGISTRATION CYCLE IS DECEMBER 31. IF A CHANGE IS REPORTED IN TIME, THE RESULTING CHANGE IN CONSTITUENCY FOR THE ELECTOR WHERE APPROPRIATE WILL BE REFLECTED IN THE NEXT FINAL REGISTER OF ELECTORS, WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AS FROM MID-JANUARY 1984.

SECRETARY FOR SECURITY VISITS INSTITUTIONS  
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THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR DAVID JEAFFRESON, VISITED THREE INSTITUTIONS OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT ON HEI LING CHAU TODAY (THURSDAY) TO LOOK OVER VARIOUS PROGRAMMES AND FACILITIES FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS, DRUG DEPENDANTS AND REFUGEES.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR THOMAS GARNER, MR JEAFFRESON FIRST VISITED THE HEI LING CHAU ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRE WHERE HE WAS BRIEFED ON THE TREATMENT PROGRAMME PROVIDED FOR ADULT MALE DRUG DEPENDANTS.

MR JEAFFRESON ALSO TOURED THE NEARBY LAI SUN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION WHERE HE SAW YOUTHS UNDER VOCATIONAL TRAINING, COVERING CARPENTRY, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING AND TAILORING, AMONG OTHER TRADES.

HE THEN CALLED AT THE HEI LING CHAU CLOSED CENTRE, INSPECTING ITS VARIOUS FACILITIES INCLUDING A CLINIC, A DINING HALL, AND DORMITORIES. HE ALSO TALKED TO THE REFUGEES AND ENQUIRED ABOUT THEIR CONDITIONS. THE CENTRE ACCOMMODATES OVER 2 300 REFUGEES.

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TWO RECEIVE GOVERNOR'S COMMENDATION  
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TWO RECIPIENTS OF THE GOVERNOR'S COMMENDATION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE WERE TODAY PRESENTED WITH CERTIFICATES BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DENIS BRAY, FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING AND VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY.

MR KWOK HOI-CHUEN JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN 1959 AS AN ASSISTANT ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR OF THE THEN ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE. HE HELPED IN THE SETTING UP OF THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF CREDIT UNION IN 1970 AND HAD SINCE WORKED UNSTINTINGLY TO PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF HIS COLLEAGUES.

MR KWOK WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE CREDIT UNION LEAGUE OF HONG KONG. HE GAVE UP MUCH OF HIS SPARE TIME TO ENCOURAGE THE GROWTH OF THE CREDIT UNION MOVEMENT SO THAT THE BENEFITS ENJOYED BY HIS COLLEAGUES COULD BE EXTENDED TO OTHERS.

AT A BRIEF CEREMONY AT QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL WHERE HE IS RECEIVING TREATMENT, MR KWOK WAS COMMENDED FOR HIS CONTINUED EFFORTS IN IMPROVING THE WELFARE OF HIS COLLEAGUES AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC THROUGH HIS ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AND VOLUNTARY SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY FOR OVER 13 YEARS.

AT ANOTHER CEREMONY IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, MR LAM TAK-MONG WAS RECOGNISED FOR HIS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION IN HELPING THE VICTIMS OF THE ALDRICH BAY FIRE IN 1976 AND THE SHAU KEI WAN HILLSIDE VILLAGERS DURING THE PASSAGE OF TYPHOON +ELLEN+ IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

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MR LAM HAD SHOWN SPECIAL EFFORTS AND ENTHUSIASM IN INVOLVING RESIDENTS OF THE SQUATTER VILLAGES IN VARIOUS COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECTS AND CAMPAIGNS.

HE HAD SERVED AS MEMBER OF THE SHAU KEI WAN KAI FONG ASSOCIATION, CHAIRMAN OF THE SHAU KEI WAN HILLSIDE AREA COMMITTEE AND SHAU KEI WAN AGRICULTURAL, INDUSTRIAL AND MERCANTILE ASSOCIATION LTD. HE HAD ALSO BEEN CHAIRMAN OF THE NAM ON FONG MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE AND MEMBER OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

MR LAM IS CURRENTLY AN APPOINTED MEMBER OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD.

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BOARD MEMBERS' VITAL PUBLIC ROLE STRESSED  
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WITH THEIR EXPERT KNOWLEDGE OF DISTRICT AFFAIRS, DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS SHOULD BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE CONSTRUCTIVE IDEAS FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE BENEFICIAL DECISIONS FOR THE PEOPLE.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, AT THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD MEETING.

MR WIGGHAM SAID THE CONTINUED SUCCESS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM MUST RELY ON CO-OPERATION AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PUBLIC.

+IN THIS CONNECTION, THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, BOTH APPOINTED AND ELECTED, PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN PRESENTING THE VIEWS AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

+THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION ABOUT GOVERNMENT'S SINCERITY AND WILLINGNESS IN THIS PARTNERSHIP,+ HE SAID.

ON THE WORK OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD, HE SAID MEMBERS HAD COME A LONG WAY IN IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN THE DISTRICT.

+HOWEVER, I HASTEN TO ADD THAT WE SHOULD NOT FORGET THAT WE STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO.

+AS A LARGE DISTRICT IN ONE OF THE OLDEST DEVELOPED URBAN AREAS, KOWLOON CITY HAS ITS FAIR SHARE OF MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS.

+THE ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF BACKLANES IS ONE SUCH PROBLEM AND WITH THE LAUNCHING OF THE 'RED ZONE OPERATIONS' IN JULY 1982, HALF OF THE BACKLANES HAVE NOW BEEN CLEARED.

+I AM ALSO AWARE THAT ANOTHER MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEM BESETTING THIS DISTRICT IS THE QUESTION OF PRIVATE STREETS AND I AM HOPEFUL THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PILOT SCHEME TO IMPROVE THESE STREETS WILL ACHIEVE THE INTENDED RESULTS,+ HE SAID.

MR WIGGHAM EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT MEMBERS WOULD CONTINUE TO HELP IMPROVE THE DISTRICT.

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HOTEL OWNERS PRAISED FOR IMPROVING SERVICE TRAINING  
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HONG KONG, AS A TOURIST CENTRE, HAS A LOT TO GAIN IF EFFICIENT AND HIGH QUALITY HOTEL SERVICES COULD BE PROVIDED.

FOR THIS REASON, THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES SAID, HE WAS ENCOURAGED TO LEARN THAT HOTEL OWNERS, THROUGH THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG HOTEL OWNERS, ARE UP-GRADING THE TRAINING AND EDUCATION FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES.

+FOR WE ARE NOT SO MUCH COMPETING WITH ONE ANOTHER BUT COMPETING TO MAINTAIN AND EXPAND HONG KONG'S IMPORTANCE AS A TOURIST CENTRE AND TO MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE ITS WORLDWIDE REPUTATION,+ HE ADDED.

SPEAKING AT THE FEDERATION'S INAUGURATION CEREMONY TODAY, HE SAID THAT BASED ON THE AVERAGE ROOM OCCUPANCY RATE OF 80 PER CENT, HONG KONG WOULD NEED ANOTHER 4 000 ROOMS BY 1987.

+I AM PLEASED TO LEARN THAT OVER THE NEXT YEAR WE WILL HAVE AN ADDITIONAL NINE HOTELS OR HOSTELS, PROVIDING AN EXTRA 2 600 ROOMS.

+THIS WILL GO SOME WAY TOWARDS MEETING THE PROJECTED SHORTFALL.+

MR AKERS-JONES POINTED OUT THAT OVER THE LAST DECADE, THE HOTEL TRADE HAD GROWN STEADILY IN TERMS OF ROOMS AND EMPLOYMENT.

+IN 1970, THERE WERE 8 000 HOTEL ROOMS IN HONG KONG, EMPLOYING 11 000 WORKERS. TODAY, WE HAVE 17 000 ROOMS WITH 22 000 EMPLOYEES, REPRESENTING A TWO-FOLD INCREASE IN THE SIZE OF THE TRADE.

+AND FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1983, THE REVENUE DERIVED FROM THE TOURIST INDUSTRY WAS NEARLY \$5 BILLION,+ HE SAID.

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NEW SCHOOL OPENED IN TUEN MUN  
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THERE ARE 40 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN TUEN MUN AND A FURTHER 15 SCHOOLS AND A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE ARE EITHER UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR ARE SCHEDULED FOR A START IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS, THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR NICKY CHAN, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY OF CARMEL BUNNAN TONG MEMORIAL SECONDARY SCHOOL AT WU KING ESTATE IN TUEN MUN, MR CHAN SAID THAT, WHILE THE DEMAND FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE NEW TOWN HAD BEEN HIGHER THAN ORIGINALLY THOUGHT, URGENT STEPS WERE BEING TAKEN TO REMEDY ANTICIPATED DEFICIENCIES.

/+THE COMPLETION .....

+THE COMPLETION OF THIS SCHOOL IS THEREFORE A PART OF THE CONTINUOUS PROCESS OF MATCHING SUPPLY AND DEMAND IN EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES,+ HE SAID.

MR CHAN SAID, BEING A FORMER PROJECT MANAGER OF TUEN MUN, HE WAS INVOLVED IN THE EARLY STAGES OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN.

AND IT WAS WITH CONSIDERABLE SATISFACTION THAT HE SAW FOR HIMSELF THE PROGRESS MADE.

+FOR TUEN MUN, THE LAST DECADE HAS BEEN A PERIOD OF VAST CHANGES, FROM LARGE-SCALE RECLAMATIONS IN CASTLE PEAK BAY TO COMPLETION OF TUEN MUN ROAD AND MASSIVE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS WHICH HAVE DRAMATICALLY ALTERED THE SKYLINE,+ HE SAID.

THE POPULATION OF THE NEW TOWN HAD REACHED 230 000 AND NO FEWER THAN SEVEN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES HAD VIRTUALLY BEEN COMPLETED ALONG WITH MANY PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS.

BY THE EARLY 1990'S THE TOWN WAS EXPECTED TO BE FULLY DEVELOPED WITH A MAXIMUM POPULATION OF 480 000.

MR CHAN SAID THAT INDUSTRY, TOO, HAD EXPANDED SEVERAL-FOLD AND HAD CONTRIBUTED TO THE TERRITORY'S ECONOMY.

AT THE LAST COUNT, SOME 1 400 FACTORIES HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED PROVIDING JOBS FOR ABOUT 30 000 PEOPLE, HE SAID. TO ENSURE THAT AMPLE JOB OPPORTUNITIES WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR THE LOCAL POPULATION, THE PLANNERS HAD SET ASIDE ADDITIONAL AREAS OF LAND FOR INDUSTRY IN THE TOWN PLAN.

WITH THE GROWTH OF HOUSING AND INDUSTRY, THERE HAD BEEN AN INCREASING DEMAND FOR MORE COMMUNITY FACILITIES TO MEET THE NEEDS AND DESIRES OF RESIDENTS, MR CHAN SAID.

IN ADDITION TO MANY FACILITIES ALREADY COMPLETED OR BEING BUILT, INCLUDING SCHOOLS, POLICE AND FIRE STATIONS, CLINICS AND A MODERN COMMUNITY AND INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE IN SAN HUI, BUILT BY THE YAN OI TONG, WORK HAD NOW STARTED ON SUCH MAJOR CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL PROJECTS AS THE CIVIC AND CULTURAL COMPLEX, THE TOWN PARK AND A SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX.

+CONSTRUCTION OF THE 1 500-BED TUEN MUN DISTRICT HOSPITAL WILL ALSO BE STARTING VERY SHORTLY,+ HE ADDED.

THE SCHOOL WAS DONATED BY THE WIDOW OF PHILANTHROPIST, MR BUNNAN TONG, WHO DIED IN 1976.

IT IS AN AIDED SECONDARY SCHOOL, WITH 24 CLASSROOMS AND THERE ARE AT PRESENT MORE THAN 700 STUDENTS.

CONSTRUCTION STARTED IN JANUARY, 1981, AND WAS COMPLETED IN JUNE, 1982, AT A COST OF \$10.25 MILLION.

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A DELEGATION FROM THE GERMAN TEXTILES FEDERATION, IN TOWN TO PROMOTE SALES OF GERMAN TEXTILES, HELD A MEETING TODAY WITH MEMBERS OF THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD CHAIRED BY THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR E.P. HO.

+HONG KONG AS THE WORLD'S LARGEST NET IMPORTER IN TEXTILES, BOTH IN TERMS OF TOTAL QUANTITY AND ON A PER CAPITA BASIS, WOULD ALWAYS WELCOME VISITS BY DELEGATIONS OF THIS NATURE. SUCH PROMOTIONAL EFFORTS IN HONG KONG'S OPEN MARKET WOULD HELP ENSURE THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO BUY THE HIGHEST QUALITY PRODUCTS AT THE BEST PRICE,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRADE DEPARTMENT SAID.

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HOME SAFETY TIPS FOR MONG KOK RESIDENTS

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EXPERT ADVICE ON WAYS TO PREVENT CRIMES AND FIRES AT HOME WILL BE GIVEN TO MORE THAN 200 MONG KOK RESIDENTS AT A SEMINAR ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 19).

THEY WILL ALSO RECEIVE GUIDANCE ON CHILD CARE AND CHILD SAFETY AT THE SEMINAR, WHICH WILL MARK THE END OF THE TWO-WEEK MONG KOK HOME SAFETY CAMPAIGN.

+IT IS HOPED THAT THE LOCAL PEOPLE WILL MAKE GOOD USE OF WHAT THEY LEARN FROM THE SEMINAR AND TRY EVERY EFFORT TO MAKE THEIR HOMES SAFER PLACES TO LIVE IN,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE WHICH ORGANISED THE CAMPAIGN.

HE ADDED : +ALTHOUGH THE DRIVE WILL OFFICIALLY END ON SATURDAY, WE HOPE PEOPLE WILL CONTINUE TO BEAR IN MIND THE IMPORTANCE OF HOME SAFETY, AND GUARD AGAINST ANY UNNECESSARY ACCIDENTS AT HOME.+

SPEAKERS AT THE SEMINAR WILL INCLUDE OFFICIALS FROM THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, THE MONG KOK DISTRICT POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICE, THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND A PRIVATE COMPANY SPECIALISING IN CHILD CARE PRODUCTS.

BETWEEN THE TALKS WILL BE A CLOSING CEREMONY DURING WHICH PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO 10 FAMILIES WHO HAVE WON THE +MODEL FAMILY AWARD+ FOR THEIR HIGH HOME SAFETY STANDARD WHICH INCLUDES THE INSTALLATION OF CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION AND OTHER SAFETY DEVICE.

WINNERS OF A QUIZ COMPETITION WILL ALSO RECEIVE PRIZES AT THE CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE OFFICIATED BY THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER (MONG KOK), MR STANLEY WONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MONG KOK HOME SAFETY CAMPAIGN SEMINAR AND CLOSING CEREMONY TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 19) AT THE FUNCTION ROOM ON THE TOP FLOOR OF AMBASSADOR HOTEL ON NATHAN ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.

THE FIRST TWO TALKS +CHILD SAFETY AT HOME+ AND +CHILD CARE AT HOME+ WILL START AT 3 PM. THE PRIZE-PRESENTATION AND CLOSING CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AROUND 4.15 PM, AFTER A SHORT TEA BREAK.

THE TALKS ON +CRIME PREVENTION AT HOME+ AND +FIRE PREVENTION+ WILL BE GIVEN AFTERWARDS.

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CLEARANCE OPERATION FOR FOUR ISLANDS  
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A LARGE-SCALE STREET OBSTRUCTION CLEARANCE EXERCISE, WHICH WILL LAST MORE THAN 18 MONTHS, WILL BE LAUNCHED IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 21).

THE EXERCISE, INVOLVING THE REMOVAL OF ILLEGAL CANOPIES, DEBRIS, REFUSE, GOODS AND ARTICLES WHICH CAUSE OBSTRUCTION, WILL BE CONDUCTED ON CHEUNG CHAU, PENG CHAU, LAMMA AND LANTAO ON A ROTATION BASIS.

EXPLAINING DETAILS OF THE EXERCISE TODAY (THURSDAY), THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR RAYMOND WONG SAID THIS PROJECT WAS INITIATED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT'S STREET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED IN OCTOBER 1982 UNDER THE ISLANDS DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

+IT AIMS AT IDENTIFYING CASES OF STREET OBSTRUCTION IN THE WHOLE DISTRICT AND CLEARING THEM STEP BY STEP,+ HE SAID.

+THE ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE IS TO BRING ABOUT AN OVERALL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT IN THE DISTRICT.+

FOR THE EXERCISE, THE FOUR ISLANDS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO 17 ZONES BASED ON AN EVEN DISTRIBUTION OF STREET OBSTRUCTION CASES IN EACH ZONE.

CLEARANCE WILL BE CONDUCTED IN PRIORITY OF HAZARDS AND OFFENSIVENESS, PROXIMITY AND THE EXTENT OF THE AREA.

TO ENSURE THAT THE CLEARANCE WILL NOT BE CENTRED ON ONE SINGLE AREA ALL THE TIME, THE FOLLOWING METHODS WILL BE ADOPTED:-

- (A) A PRIORITY SEQUENCE FOR THE FOUR ISLANDS WILL FIRST BE SET UP;

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- (B) A PRIORITY SEQUENCE FOR THE ZONES WITHIN EACH OF THE ISLANDS WILL THEN BE DRAWN UP;
- (C) THE FIRST PRIORITY ZONE OF THE ISLAND GIVEN THE HIGHEST PRIORITY WILL BE THE FIRST TARGET OF CLEARANCE, FOLLOWED BY THE FIRST PRIORITY ZONE OF THE ISLAND WITH THE SECOND PRIORITY, AND SO ON; AND
- (D) WHEN THE FIRST ROUND OF CLEARANCE OPERATION FOR THE FOUR ISLANDS IS COMPLETED, THE TARGET WILL ROLL BACK CONSECUTIVELY TO THE SECOND PRIORITY ZONES AMONG THE FOUR ISLANDS.

THE FIRST PHASE OF THE CLEARANCE, WHICH WILL START ON MONDAY, WILL BE ON CHEUNG CHAU, FROM THE FERRY PIER UP TO TAI SHEK HAU, INCLUDING CHUNG HING STREET AND CHUNG HING BACK STREET.

+FOR OPERATIONAL PURPOSES, THE FIRST SELECTED ZONE HAS BEEN SUB-DIVIDED INTO FIVE SECTIONS SO THAT STREET OBSTRUCTIONS IN EACH OF THE SECTIONS CAN BE CLEARED WITHIN ONE DAY,+ SAID MR WONG.

+THERE WILL BE ONE OPERATION DAY IN EACH WEEK AND THE WHOLE CLEARANCE OPERATION FOR THE CHEUNG CHAU FIRST PRIORITY ZONE WILL BE COMPLETED IN FIVE WEEKS' TIME.+

MR WONG URGED SHOP OWNERS AND VARIOUS PARTIES CONCERNED TO CO-OPERATE BY REMOVING THEIR ARTICLES AND GOODS THAT CAUSE OBSTRUCTION, AS WELL AS ILLEGAL CANOPIES IN THEIR VICINITY.

+STRICT ENFORCEMENT WILL BE OBSERVED AND THE OBSTRUCTIONS IN QUESTION WILL BE REMOVED AGAIN IF THEY REAPPEAR,+ HE ADDED.

THE CLEARANCE EXERCISE, ENDORSED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, IS CO-ORDINATED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE AND JOINTLY CARRIED OUT BY THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

CARNIVAL TO START ROAD SAFETY DRIVE  
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A CARNIVAL TO MARK THE OPENING OF A MONTH-LONG WAN CHAI DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN WILL BE HELD AT SOUTHERN PLAYGROUND ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 19) AFTERNOON.

THE CARNIVAL WILL INCLUDE A MINIATURE ROAD SAFETY TOWN, A DISPLAY OF WRECKED VEHICLES, A SEAT BELT CATAPULT, GAMES STALLS AND A DRAWING COMPETITION.

THE CAMPAIGN IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE, THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE POLICE.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS LOLLY CHIU, THE DISTRICT POLICE COMMANDER, MR A.J. MULLINS, AND THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE'S CHAIRMAN, MR CHAM SIU-LEUN WILL OFFICIATE AT AN OPENING CEREMONY AT 2.30 PM.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AND THE CARNIVAL.

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ONE-WAY TRAFFIC  
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FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (NOVEMBER 18), A NEW SECTION OF SAI WAN HO STREET BETWEEN SUN SING STREET AND HOI FOO STREET WILL BE OPENED TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND TRAFFIC.

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