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PRICE, VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE IN AUGUST

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STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT INDICATED THAT THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS GREW BY 27 PER CENT AND 49 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1987 AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. HENCE, THERE WAS AN OVERALL INCREASE OF 36 PER CENT IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS. IMPORTS INCREASED BY 34 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS. ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY THREE PER CENT AND TWO PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, SO THAT THE PRICES OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY THREE PER CENT. PRICES OF IMPORTS, ON THE OTHER HAND, ROSE BY FOUR PER CENT. AS A RESULT, THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX (EXPRESSED AS A RATIO OF THE TOTAL EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO THE IMPORT PRICE INDEX) DROPPED BY ONE PER CENT.

COMPARING AUGUST 1987 WITH AUGUST 1986, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 22 PER CENT AND 49 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. HENCE, TOTAL EXPORTS GREW BY 33 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS. IMPORT VOLUME INCREASED BY 32 PER CENT. ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY THREE PER CENT; RE-EXPORTS PRICES ROSE BY TWO PER CENT WHILE IMPORT PRICES ROSE BY THREE PER CENT.

PRICES ARE BASED ON UNIT VALUES WHICH DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OR QUALITY OF GOODS TRADED, EXCEPT FOR SOME SELECTED COMMODITIES FOR WHICH SPECIFICATION PRICE INDEXES ARE COMPILED. THE VOLUME OF TRADE IS DERIVED FROM TRADE VALUES BY DISCOUNTING THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP FOR AUGUST 1987 AS COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1986 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

AS CAN BE SEEN FROM TABLE 1, PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF MOST COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED IN AUGUST 1987 COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1986. THESE INCLUDED METAL ORES AND SCRAP (+9 PER CENT); TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (+7 PER CENT); CLOTHING (+7 PER CENT); TEXTILE FABRICS (+7 PER CENT); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (+6 PER CENT); RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (+6 PER CENT); FOOTWEAR (+5 PER CENT); TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (+4 PER CENT); METAL MANUFACTURES (+3 PER CENT) AS WELL AS DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (+2 PER CENT). HOWEVER, A DECREASE IN DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES WAS RECORDED IN WATCHES AND CLOCKS (-1 PER CENT). THE PRICES OF ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED.

THE DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME OF MOST COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED IN AUGUST 1987 COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1986, INCLUDING METAL ORES AND SCRAP (+112 PER CENT); TEXTILE FABRICS (+33 PER CENT); TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (+29 PER CENT); ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+28 PER CENT); FOOTWEAR (+24 PER CENT); CLOTHING (+21 PER CENT); METAL MANUFACTURES (+20 PER CENT); WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+18 PER CENT); TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (+4 PER CENT) AS WELL AS DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (+1 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED IN TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (-1 PER CENT) AS WELL AS RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-1 PER CENT).

/THE CHANGES

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR AUGUST 1987 AS COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1986 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 2.

AS PRESENTED IN TABLE 2, IMPORT PRICES OF ALL END-USE CATEGORIES ROSE IN AUGUST 1987 AS COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1986, RANGING FROM ONE PER CENT FOR CONSUMER GOODS TO 30 PER CENT FOR FUELS, WHICH WAS PARTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE RELATIVELY LOW IMPORT PRICES OF FUELS IN AUGUST 1986.

IMPORTED FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY EIGHT PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS IN AUGUST 1987 COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1986. SIGNIFICANT GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN SUGAR; FISH AND FISH PREPARATIONS AS WELL AS TEA AND COFFEE. HOWEVER, DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR WHEAT AND FLOUR; VEGETABLES AS WELL AS LIVE POULTRY.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF CONSUMER GOODS INCREASED BY 39 PER CENT. THE COMMODITIES WITH MORE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES INCLUDED FOOTWEAR; HOUSEHOLD TYPE ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES; MISCELLANEOUS MADE-UPS ARTICLES OF TEXTILE MATERIALS AS WELL AS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES ROSE BY 31 PER CENT IN AUGUST 1987 COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1986. THE MAJOR INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN RAW COTTON; WOOD, LUMBER AND CORK; MAN-MADE FIBRES; WOOL AND OTHER ANIMAL HAIR AS WELL AS CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS.

IMPORTS OF FUELS DECREASED BY 14 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS IN AUGUST 1987 AS COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1986.

FOR THE CAPITAL GOODS CATEGORY, THE IMPORT VOLUME INCREASED BY 43 PER CENT IN AUGUST 1987 WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1986. THERE WERE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT; INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY OTHER THAN TEXTILE AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY; OFFICE MACHINES AS WELL AS TEXTILE MACHINERY.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR AUGUST 1987 AS COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1986 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3.

AS DEPICTED IN TABLE 3, THE RE-EXPORT VOLUME OF MOST END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED IN AUGUST 1987 WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1986, RANGING FROM 13 PER CENT FOR FOODSTUFFS TO 67 PER CENT FOR CAPITAL GOODS. HOWEVER, THE VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS OF FUELS DECREASED BY 47 PER CENT.

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE AUGUST 1987 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS" WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AROUND NOVEMBER 12 AT \$2.50 PER COPY. ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THIS REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, HONG KONG (TELEPHONE: 5-8428802) AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE INDEXES TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (5-8234918).

TABLE 1: INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP.

COMMODITY GROUP	COMPARING JAN-AUG 1987 WITH JAN-AUG 1986			COMPARING AUG. 1987 WITH AUG. 1986		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
CLOTHING	29	8	20	30	7	21
TEXTILE FABRICS	65	5	57	42	7	33
TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD	52	5	45	39	7	29
TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES	8	5	3	8	4	4
RADIOS OF ALL KINDS	27	2	25	5	6	-1
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	8	-2	11	28	*	28
FOOTWEAR	21	3	17	31	5	24
METAL MANUFACTURES	27	2	25	24	3	20
METAL ORES AND SCRAP	55	1	53	131	9	112
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	17	1	16	17	-1	18
TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES	4	4	*	5	6	-1
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	22	4	17	3	2	1
ALL COMMODITIES	31	3	27	25	3	22

NOTES FOR TABLES 1 TO 3:

* INSIGNIFICANT, I.E. LESS THAN 0.5 PER CENT

PERCENTAGE CHANGES ARE CALCULATED FROM TRADE INDEXES TAKEN TO MORE DECIMAL PLACES THAN THOSE TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE "HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS". THEY MAY THEREFORE DIFFER FROM THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES TO BE COMPUTED FROM THE PUBLISHED FIGURES.

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TABLE 2: INCREASES IN IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

END-USE CATEGORY	COMPARING JAN-AUG 1987 WITH JAN-AUG 1986			COMPARING AUG. 1987 WITH AUG. 1986		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
FOODSTUFFS	12	1	10	10	2	8
CONSUMER GOODS	44	4	38	41	1	39
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	42	3	38	36	4	31
FUELS	-2	-4	2	12	30	-14
CAPITAL GOODS	44	7	35	46	2	43
ALL COMMODITIES	39	4	34	36	3	32

TABLE 3: INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

END-USE CATEGORY	COMPARING JAN-AUG 1987 WITH JAN-AUG 1986			COMPARING AUG. 1987 WITH AUG. 1986		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
FOODSTUFFS	17	-1	19	11	-2	13
CONSUMER GOODS	61	2	58	48	2	45
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	51	2	47	61	5	54
FUELS	4	6	-1	-34	25	-47
CAPITAL GOODS	44	*	44	61	-4	67
ALL COMMODITIES	52	2	49	52	2	49

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REVISED FILM CENSORSHIP BILL PUBLISHED

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A REVISED FILM CENSORSHIP BILL, WHICH SETS OUT THE PRINCIPLES FOR THE CENSORSHIP OF FILMS AND PROVIDES FOR A THREE-TIER CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM, WAS PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY) FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION AND COMMENT.

THE BILL, A SUBSTANTIALLY REVISED VERSION OF THE ONE PUBLISHED FOR INFORMATION AND COMMENT ON APRIL 3, TAKES INTO ACCOUNT COMMENTS FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AD HOC GROUP ON FILM CLASSIFICATION AND CENSORSHIP, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FILM INDUSTRY, DISTRICT BOARDS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.

THE BILL CONTINUES TO PROVIDE FOR THE CENSORSHIP OF FILMS ON MORAL AND SOCIAL GROUNDS. IT ALSO SEEKS TO RETAIN CENSORSHIP ON GROUNDS OF MAINTAINING GOOD RELATIONS WITH OTHER TERRITORIES.

THE CENSORSHIP CRITERIA HAVE, HOWEVER, BEEN REVISED TO SEPARATE THE THREE MAIN PRINCIPLES, THAT IS, MORAL, SOCIAL AND GOOD RELATIONS, FROM OTHER FACTORS WHICH ARE TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WHEN CONSIDERING THE MAIN PRINCIPLES.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THIS WOULD ENABLE THE FILM INDUSTRY TO HAVE A CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF THE CENSORSHIP CRITERIA AND ENSURE CONSISTENCY IN THE WORK OF THE CENSORS.

AS REGARDS THE POWER TO CENSOR FILMS ON GROUNDS OF GOOD RELATIONS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE FIRST ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS INDICATED GENERAL PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF, AND SUPPORT FOR, THE NEED TO RETAIN SUCH A PROVISION. IN VIEW OF THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY SOME MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, THIS PROVISION HAS BEEN TIGHTENED.

UNDER THE NEW BILL, THE EXISTING REQUIREMENT OF "DAMAGE GOOD RELATIONS WITH OTHER TERRITORIES" HAS BEEN QUALIFIED TO THE EXTENT THAT A CENSOR MAY ONLY DISAPPROVE A FILM UNDER THIS CRITERION IF HE IS SATISFIED THAT ITS EXHIBITION IS LIKELY TO CAUSE "SERIOUS DAMAGE" TO HONG KONG'S RELATIONS WITH OTHER TERRITORIES.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THIS QUALIFICATION WOULD ENSURE THAT FILMS COULD ONLY BE BANNED ON THIS GROUND IN CLEARLY ESTABLISHED CIRCUMSTANCES.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT CHANGE INTRODUCED IN THE NEW BILL IS THE TREATMENT OF FILM ADVERTISING MATERIAL. WHILE THE SUBMISSION OF ADVERTISING MATERIAL TO THE AUTHORITY WILL CONTINUE TO BE MANDATORY, A DEGREE OF SELF-REGULATION BY THE INDUSTRY HAS BEEN INTRODUCED.

IN FUTURE, WHERE THE PRODUCER/DISTRIBUTOR IS CONFIDENT THAT THE MATERIAL IS CONSISTENT WITH THE CENSORSHIP CRITERIA, HE WILL HAVE THE OPTION OF INDICATING THAT AN EXAMINATION BY THE AUTHORITY IS NOT REQUIRED.

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IN MARGINAL CASES OR IN CASES WHERE THEY ARE NOT SURE, THEY MAY REQUEST THE AUTHORITY TO EXAMINE AND APPROVE THE MATERIAL BEFOREHAND.

THROUGHOUT THE BILL, THE PROCEDURAL ASPECTS OF FILM CENSORSHIP AND THE REVIEW PROCESS HAVE BEEN STREAMLINED. THESE IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE LARGELY AS A RESULT OF REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE FILM INDUSTRY AND ARE IMPORTANT TO THEIR EFFICIENT OPERATION.

BECAUSE OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF CHANGES INTRODUCED AS A RESULT OF THE FIRST CONSULTATION EXERCISE, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS CAN WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION AT CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES OR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AD HOC GROUP ON FILM CLASSIFICATION AND CENSORSHIP IN JACKSON ROAD. THEY HAVE UNTIL DECEMBER 4, 1987 TO SUBMIT THEIR VIEWS.

AT THE END OF THIS SECOND CONSULTATION PERIOD, THE BILL WILL BE RE-SUBMITTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WITH THE RECOMMENDATION THAT IT BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR ENACTMENT WITHIN THE CURRENT LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

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CONSULTANT ENGAGED FOR AIRPORT CAPACITY STUDY

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS ENGAGED A CONSULTANT TO STUDY HONG KONG'S AIR TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS AND EXAMINE THE CAPACITY AND POTENTIAL OF THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, MR TREVOR THORPE, HAS SIGNED A \$12-MILLION CONTRACT WITH THE CONSULTANCY FIRM, RMP ENCON LTD, A HONG KONG SUBSIDIARY OF THE AMERICAN RALPH M. PARSONS COMPANY.

THE CONSULTANTS WILL PRODUCE A FORECAST OF HONG KONG'S AIR TRAFFIC DEMAND UP TO 2010, AND CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY TO DEFINE THE AIRPORT'S ULTIMATE CAPACITY AND EXPLORE METHODS OF MEETING THE FORECAST DEMAND.

THEY WILL ALSO BE LOOKING INTO RELATED ISSUES SUCH AS GROUND ACCESS TO THE AIRPORT, ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS, SAFETY AND AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL.

THE CONSULTANCY WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE NEWLY-ESTABLISHED AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STUDIES DIVISION OF THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT, WHO WILL ALSO MANAGE A SERIES OF FORTHCOMING CONSULTANCY STUDIES INVOLVING ALTERNATIVE REPLACEMENT AIRPORT SITES.

/THE ASSISTANT

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STUDIES) OF CIVIL AVIATION, MR TREVOR OLIVER, SAID THAT THE AIRPORT CAPACITY STUDY WAS THE FIRST STEP OF A BROAD GOVERNMENT EFFORT TO DETERMINE THE NEED FOR AND PROPER TIMING OF AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT.

"THE STUDY WILL GIVE THE GOVERNMENT A CLEARER PICTURE OF THE TREND OF GROWTH IN TRAFFIC DEMAND, AND PROVIDE USEFUL DATA WHICH THE GOVERNMENT CAN REFER TO FOR CONSIDERATION ON WHEN HONG KONG NEEDS A NEW AIRPORT," HE SAID.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE CONSULTANTS WILL TAKE ABOUT 11 MONTHS TO COMPLETE THE WORK, FOLLOWING WHICH A FINAL REPORT TOGETHER WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNMENT.

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APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR TV RELAY LICENCES SIMPLIFIED

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THE PROCEDURE TO ALLOW SMALL COMMUNITIES IN THE REMOTE AREAS OF HONG KONG TO APPLY FOR A LICENCE TO INSTALL THEIR OWN TELEVISION RELAY STATIONS TO IMPROVE TELEVISION RECEPTION HAS BEEN SIMPLIFIED.

THE TELECOMMUNICATION (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1987 GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY) AMEND THE BROADCAST RADIO RELAY STATION LICENCE TO PERMIT THESE COMMUNITIES TO APPLY TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY, THAT IS, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, FOR A LICENCE TO INSTALL RELAY STATIONS TO IMPROVE RECEPTION OF TELEVISION PROGRAMMES.

"THE REGULATIONS FOLLOW A RECOMMENDATION BY THE BROADCASTING REVIEW BOARD THAT SMALL COMMUNITIES BE ALLOWED TO INSTALL THEIR OWN TELEVISION RELAY STATIONS AS A FURTHER MEASURE TO IMPROVE TELEVISION RECEPTION," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT UNDER THE TELEVISION ORDINANCE, TELEVISION LICENSEES ARE REQUIRED TO BROADCAST IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO ENABLE TRANSMISSION TO BE RECEIVED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY IN ALL PARTS OF HONG KONG.

AT PRESENT, IN ANY AREA OF A RADIUS OF THREE KILOMETRES WHICH HAS A POPULATION OF 6,000 OR ABOVE, LICENSEES MUST ENSURE THAT THE RESIDENTS HAVE TELEVISION RECEPTION TO A SPECIFIED STANDARD. AS FROM JANUARY 1, 1988, THIS CRITERION WILL BE TIGHTENED SUCH THAT IN ANY AREA OF A RADIUS OF THREE KILOMETRES WHICH HAS A POPULATION OF ONLY 2,000 OR ABOVE, THE LICENSEES MUST ENSURE RECEPTION TO THE SPECIFIED STANDARD. THERE ARE, HOWEVER, REMOTE COMMUNITIES WHICH FALL OUTSIDE THIS CRITERION WHERE RECEPTION CONTINUES TO BE UNSATISFACTORY.

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ONE VILLAGE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES HAS ALREADY APPLIED TO INSTALL A RELAY STATION TO RECEIVE TELEVISION PROGRAMMES FROM THE MAIN TRANSMITTER STATION AND TO RE-BROADCAST THEM TO ITS INTENDED COVERAGE AREA USING A DIFFERENT SET OF FREQUENCIES.

"IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT OTHER SMALL COMMUNITIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ALSO CONTEMPLATE THIS SOLUTION," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE ANNUAL FEE FOR THE LICENCE IS \$680.

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CHIEF SECRETARY TO VISIT CSD FAIR

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID FORD, WILL VISIT THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL AUTUMN FAIR WHICH WILL BE HELD IN STANLEY TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE FAIR WILL BE HELD AT THE FOOTBALL FIELD NEXT TO STANLEY PRISON, OPENING AT 12 NOON AND CONTINUING TO 5 PM. IT WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY MRS FORD. ADMISSION IS FREE.

THERE WILL BE A FULL PROGRAMME OF ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE PUBLIC AND, IN ADDITION, A WIDE VARIETY OF PRODUCTS MADE BY INMATES OF PENAL INSTITUTIONS WILL BE ON SALE AT SOME 30 STALLS.

THESE ITEMS RANGE FROM STUFFED TOYS AND HANDICRAFT ITEMS TO RATTAN AND WOODEN FURNITURE. ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO VARIOUS CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS AND THE DEPARTMENT'S WELFARE FUND.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE AUTUMN FAIR OPENING CEREMONY AT NOON TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE FOOTBALL FIELD NEXT TO STANLEY PRISON. PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. PLEASE ASSEMBLE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC RELATIONS UNIT AT 23/F., WAN CHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT 10.45 AM.

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HONG KONG MAINTAINS GOOD LABOUR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

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GOOD LABOUR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS COULD ENHANCE HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC PROSPERITY AND SOCIAL STABILITY, AN ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR YIU YAN-NANG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

ADDRESSING AN EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION BENEFIT SCHEME SEMINAR, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MR YIU SAID HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCTS IN 1986 WERE UP BY 8.7 PER CENT AND THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY 19 PER CENT OVER 1985.

THE NUMBER OF STRIKES REPORTED LAST YEAR WAS NINE AND THE NUMBER OF WORKING DAYS LOST PER 1,000 EMPLOYEES AS A RESULT OF TRADE DISPUTES AT THE SAME PERIOD WAS 2.1 WHICH WAS SUBSTANTIALLY BELOW THE AVERAGE IN OTHER INDUSTRIALISED COUNTRIES.

"THESE FIGURES SHOW POSITIVE SIGNS OF AN IMPROVED RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES IN HONG KONG," HE SAID.

"BUT STABLE LABOUR RELATIONS COULD ONLY ACHIEVE WHEN EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYERS HAD A CHANCE TO SHARE IN THE PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG'S ECONOMY.

"IN OTHER WORDS, EMPLOYERS SHOULD ATTACH GREATER IMPORTANCE TO WORKERS' WELFARE BENEFITS."

MR YIU NOTED THAT MORE AND MORE EMPLOYERS HAD REALISED THE IMPORTANCE OF EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT BENEFIT SCHEMES.

THIS IS EVIDENT IN THE FACT THAT 5,169 RETIREMENT SCHEMES WERE APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE AS AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, HE SAID.

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CALL TO BETTER UTILISE SKILLS, TALENTS OF LABOUR FORCE

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HONG KONG'S PRESENT ECONOMIC SUCCESS OWES MUCH TO THE INGENUITY AND RESOURCEFULNESS OF ITS MANUFACTURERS AND HIGHLY EFFICIENT SERVICE SECTOR, THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR HARNAM GREWAL, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

BUT THE MAINSTAY OF ITS PROSPERITY WAS STILL THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WHOSE ABILITY, ADAPTABILITY AND HARDWORK WAS PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TERRITORY'S ECONOMIC ACHIEVEMENT, HE ADDED.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 16TH ANNUAL CAREERS EXHIBITION HELD AT THE SHATIN TOWN HALL TODAY, MR GREWAL SAID HONG KONG WAS INDEED FORTUNATE TO HAVE SUCH A WORKFORCE.

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"IN TIMES OF RAPID ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND FULL EMPLOYMENT, THERE IS AN EVEN GREATER NEED TO BETTER UTILIZE THE SKILLS AND TALENTS OF OUR LABOUR FORCE," MR GREWAL SAID.

"THIS REQUIRES A CLOSE MATCHING OF THE SKILLS AND TALENTS OF OUR WORKFORCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF OUR EMPLOYERS.

"IN THIS RESPECT, YOUNG PEOPLE MUST ALSO BE MADE MORE AWARE OF THEIR POTENTIAL; AND, BY ACQUIRING CAREERS INFORMATION, DEVELOP GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHANGING OPPORTUNITIES FOR EMPLOYMENT."

THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH A PROPER CHOICE OF CAREER WAS AN ISSUE OF FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE TO AN INDIVIDUAL, A RIGHT DECISION WOULD ALSO BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY.

HE SAID THE CAREERS EXHIBITION SHOULD HELP INSPIRE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WERE YET UNDECIDED ON THEIR FUTURE CAREER, OR THOSE WHO HAD SOMEHOW SET THEIR MINDS ON A LIMITED CHOICE, TO LOOK FURTHER AFIELD AND DISCOVER MORE ABOUT JOB OPPORTUNITIES, WHICH MIGHT MATCH THEIR RANGE OF INTERESTS.

MR GREWAL ALSO DISCLOSED THAT THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT PLANNED TO SET UP A FOURTH CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRE IN SHA TIN NEXT YEAR.

HE BELIEVED THAT THE NEW OFFICE WOULD FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE CAREERS SERVICE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THIS FAST GROWING PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

EARLIER IN HIS WELCOMING SPEECH, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND, TOLD THE GATHERING THAT 22 EXHIBITORS FROM THE COMMERCIAL SECTOR, THE MANUFACTURING AND THE SERVICE INDUSTRIES, PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND THE GOVERNMENT TOOK PART IN THIS YEAR'S EXHIBITION.

HE PAID TRIBUTES TO ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN SETTING UP THE EXHIBITION, IN PARTICULAR THE REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR ITS GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THIS VENTURE.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WAS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG.

MR CHEUNG TOLD THE GATHERING THAT THE EVENT HAD BEEN GIVEN A FRESH APPEARANCE BY TAKING PLACE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE SHATIN TOWN HALL THIS YEAR.

HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE NEW VENUE WOULD ATTRACT MORE VISITORS FROM ALL OVER HONG KONG, PARTICULARLY FROM THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AREA.

THE EXHIBITION IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 9.30 AM TO 6.30 PM DAILY AT THE SHATIN TOWN HALL UNTIL NOVEMBER 16.

IN ASSOCIATION WITH THIS EXHIBITION, LIVE CAREER SHOWS WILL BE STAGED OUTSIDE THE TOWN HALL ON NOVEMBER 7, 8, 14 AND 15 BY A NUMBER OF DISCIPLINARY FORCES AND AUXILIARY SERVICES.

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NEW AIRCRAFT FOR RHKAAF

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THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE WILL RECEIVE AN ADDED BOOST TO ITS SEARCH AND RESCUE CAPABILITY WITH THE ARRIVAL TOMORROW (SATURDAY) OF ITS LATEST FIXED WING AIRCRAFT, A BEECH SUPER KING AIR TWIN TURBO PROP.

THE AIRCRAFT IS BEING FERRIED TO HONG KONG BY THE CHIEF STAFF OFFICER, RHKAAF, SQUADRON LEADER JOHN SHAWCROSS, AND SENIOR FIXED WING PILOT, FLIGHT LIEUTENANT NIGEL ASHLEY. THEY ARE ACCOMPANIED BY FLIGHT SERGEANT MARTIN CHAN WHO IS SUPERVISING THE ENGINEERING SIDE OF THE LONG DELIVERY FLIGHT FROM WICHITA IN THE UNITED STATES.

THE AIRCRAFT IS EQUIPPED WITH THE LATEST STATE OF THE ART ELECTRONIC FLIGHT INFORMATION AND NAVIGATION SYSTEMS AND HAS DAY AND NIGHT SEARCH CAPABILITY, BEING FITTED WITH FORWARD LOOKING INFRARED (FLIR) NIGHT IMAGING UNIT.

BEING PRESSURISED, THE AIRCRAFT IS ABLE TO FLY TO THE SCENE OF A SEARCH AT HIGH LEVEL AND, EQUIPPED WITH TURBO PROPER ENGINES, AT A MUCH HIGHER SPEED THAN THE UNPRESSURISED PISTON-ENGINED AIRCRAFT WHICH CONSTITUTE THE PRESENT FIXED WING FLEET.

SIX PILOTS HAVE ALREADY UNDERGONE TRAINING COURSES IN THE UNITED STATES, AS HAVE MANY OF THE UNIT'S ENGINEERS WHO WILL BE TASKED WITH MAINTAINING THIS LATEST ADDITION TO THE FLEET TO THE USUAL HIGH STANDARDS WHICH HAVE ENABLED THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE SEARCH AND RESCUE AVAILABILITY TO SHIPPING AND AIRCRAFT IN THE HONG KONG AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY.

THE FLIGHT FROM THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN ROUTED VIA HAWAII, MIDWAY ISLAND, WAKE ISLAND, GUAM AND JAPAN.

A SECOND SUPER KING AIR HAS BEEN ORDERED FOR DELIVERY IN AUGUST 1988.

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ACCORD REACHED ON QUOTA LEVEL ADJUSTMENT

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THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR JOSEPH WONG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT HONG KONG HAS REACHED AN AGREEMENT WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY ON ADJUSTMENTS TO THE QUOTA LEVELS OF 16 CATEGORIES RESTRAINED UNDER THE CURRENT HONG KONG/EEC BILATERAL TEXTILES AGREEMENT ARISING FROM THE INTRODUCTION OF THE HARMONIZED COMMODITY DESCRIPTION AND CODING SYSTEM (HARMONIZED SYSTEM) IN 1988.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM HAD BEEN ANTICIPATED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT BILATERAL AGREEMENT LAST YEAR.

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AS A RESULT, THERE WERE SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES TO THE CLASSIFICATION AND QUOTA LEVELS OF VARIOUS CATEGORIES.

HOWEVER, ONE MAJOR PROBLEM REMAINED IN RESPECT OF SUITS: UNDER THE CURRENT CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM, SUITS INCLUDE COMBINATIONS OF COMPONENT GARMENTS MADE UP OF DIFFERENT BUT CO-ORDINATED FABRICS; UNDER THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM, SUITS MUST COMPRISE COMPONENT GARMENTS MADE UP OF IDENTICAL FABRIC.

"THE QUOTA ADJUSTMENTS, WHICH WILL APPLY TO THE REMAINING PERIOD OF THE AGREEMENT (THAT IS, 1988-91) RESOLVE THE PROBLEM OF CO-ORDINATE SUITS BY EFFECTIVELY TRANSFERRING A PROPORTION OF QUOTA FROM THE SUIT CATEGORIES TO THE COMPONENT GARMENT CATEGORIES," MR WONG SAID.

THE AGREEMENT WAS REACHED AFTER TWO ROUNDS OF CONSULTATIONS IN BRUSSELS.

APART FROM THE THREE SUIT CATEGORIES, 16, 29 AND 74, THE MAJOR COMPONENT GARMENT CATEGORIES AFFECTED BY THE QUOTA ADJUSTMENT INCLUDE CATEGORIES 5 (PULLOVERS), 21 (BLOUSONS), 6A (TROUSERS) AND 21 (SKIRTS).

"EXPORTERS WHO USED SUIT QUOTA IN 1987 TO EXPORT CO-ORDINATE SUITS TO THE COMMUNITY WOULD BE OFFERED QUOTA IN THE RELEVANT COMPONENT GARMENT CATEGORIES IN THE ALLOCATION FOR 1988," MR WONG SAID.

THE TRADE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE MAKING AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE TRADE SHORTLY ON THE DETAILS OF THE CHANGE IN CLASSIFICATION AND ON THE QUOTA ALLOCATION PROCEDURES.

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NO-SMOKING AREAS WILL PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH

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NO-SMOKING AREAS WILL HELP TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF NON-SMOKING PEOPLE IN HONG KONG, A MEMBER OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH, MR JOB YOUNG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE STRESSED THAT NON-SMOKERS WERE IN THE MAJORITY IN THE COMMUNITY, WITH FEWER THAN ONE IN FIVE ADULTS BEING CIGARETTE SMOKERS.

SPEAKING AT THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ANTI-SMOKING DAY HELD AT THE OI MAN ESTATE CONCOURSE, MR YOUNG SAID SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE SHOWED THAT PASSIVE SMOKING WAS HARMFUL TO HEALTH.

"AS WITH ALL PUBLIC HEALTH DANGERS, GOVERNMENT AND EMPLOYERS HAVE A DUTY TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF PASSIVE SMOKERS," HE SAID.

"A WIFE MAY DEVELOP LUNG CANCER FROM HER HUSBAND'S SMOKING EVEN IF SHE HAS NEVER SMOKED A CIGARETTE HERSELF, AND IF A WOMAN SMOKES DURING PREGNANCY IT CAN HARM HER FOETUS," HE SAID.

MR YOUNG SAID BREATHING OTHER PEOPLE'S SMOKE MIGHT CAUSE ANNOYANCE, AND THROAT, EYE AND NOSE IRRITATION, AND COULD MAKE A NON-SMOKER'S HAIR OR CLOTHES SMELL FOR SEVERAL HOURS. BUT, MORE RECENTLY, IT WAS REALISED THAT SMOKERS PRESENTED A HEALTH HAZARD TO NON-SMOKERS.

HE SAID CHEMICALS FROM TOBACCO SMOKE COULD BE MEASURED IN THE BLOOD OF NON-SMOKERS WHO HAD BEEN IN A SMOKE-FILLED ROOM.

MR YOUNG APPEALED TO CIGARETTE SMOKERS, FOR THE SAKE OF THEIR HEALTH, FAMILY AND FELLOW WORKERS, TO GIVE UP SMOKING.

IN SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN, THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD SET UP A CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE IN JULY TO ORGANISE A SERIES OF PROGRAMMES TO SPREAD THE MESSAGE THAT "CIGARETTE SMOKING IS HAZARDOUS TO HEALTH".

THESE INCLUDED A SLOGAN DESIGN COMPETITION, A QUIZ COMPETITION AND TODAY'S ANTI-SMOKING DAY WHICH WAS FOLLOWED BY A PUBLICITY BUS TOUR OF THE DISTRICT.

AN ANTI-SMOKING EXHIBITION WAS ALSO STAGED AT THE VENUE AND WILL BE OPEN AT THE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX TOMORROW AND SUNDAY.

ALSO ATTENDING THE CEREMONY WERE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALEX FONG; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SIK-KONG; AND THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR TANG PO-HONG.

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\$240,000 RAISED BY TUEN MUN FESTIVAL

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A SUM OF \$240,000 WAS RAISED BY THE 1987 TUEN MUN FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE FOR THE COMMUNITY CHEST, DEMONSTRATING LOCAL RESIDENTS' CONCERN FOR THE UNDERPRIVILEGED.

THE MONEY CAME FROM VARIOUS SOURCES, AND INCLUDED \$90,000 RAISED FROM SCHOOLS AND FROM TICKET SALES AT THE OPENING PERFORMANCE AT THE FESTIVAL.

DURING THE FESTIVAL, A FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN WAS HELD BETWEEN NOVEMBER 2 AND 4, BY MEANS OF A COMPETITION AMONG RESIDENTS IN THREE CATEGORIES FROM RESPECTIVE VILLAGES, PRIVATE BUILDINGS AND PUBLIC HOUSING (INCLUDING HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME.) THE FUND-RAISING CHAMPIONS WERE RESPECTIVELY SUN FUNG WAI, SIU PING COURT OF THE SIU HONG COURT, AND CHUN YUE LAU OF THE SAM SING ESTATE.

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PRE-WAR BUILDING IN CENTRAL DECLARED DANGEROUS

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A FOUR-STORY PRE-WAR BUILDING AT 71 WING LOK STREET IN CENTRAL DISTRICT WAS TODAY (FRIDAY) DECLARED BY THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION AND IT SHOULD BE DEMOLISHED.

THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR, MR ANTHONY LAWRENCE, SAID THE BUILDING, WITH TIMBER FLOORS AND STAIRCASE AND REINFORCED CONCRETE ROOF, BALCONIES AND KITCHENS ON BRICK LOAD-BEARING WALLS, WAS IN AN ADVANCED STATE OF DELAPIDATION.

HE SAID THE BUILDING HAD BEEN UNDER PERIODICAL SURVEILLANCE SINCE 1970, AND NUMEROUS VERTICAL CRACKS WERE VISIBLE ALONG OR NEAR THE WINDOW OPENINGS OF THE FLANK WALL AND ALONG THE DOOR OPENINGS OF THE REAR MAIN WALL.

"THESE CRACKS HAVE OPENED UP RECENTLY, INDICATING UNARRESTED MOVEMENT OF THE FLANK WALL OF THE BUILDING TOWARDS MAN WA LANE. THE BALCONIES IN FRONT ARE ALSO FOUND TO BE VERY DETERIORATED. THE REINFORCED CONCRETE ELEMENTS ARE BADLY SPALLED, EXPOSING VERY CORRODED STEEL BARS. THERE ARE ALSO SIGNS OF OUTWARD MOVEMENT OF THE BALCONIES.

"IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THERE IS A RISK OF COLLAPSE OF THE FLANK WALL AND THE BALCONIES. IT IS, THEREFORE, NECESSARY TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH THIS BUILDING," MR LAWRENCE ADDED.

A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER IN HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON JANUARY 5 NEXT YEAR WAS POSTED ON THE BUILDING TODAY, (FRIDAY).

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FIREMEN TO DEMONSTRATE AT CAREERS EXHIBITION

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FIREMEN WILL PUT UP A SERIES OF DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE '87 CAREERS EXHIBITION ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IN SHA TIN TOWN HALL ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 8).

THE DEMONSTRATIONS, WHICH WILL BE HELD FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM, WILL INCLUDE JUMPS ONTO AN RESCUE CUSHION, RESCUE OF INJURED PEOPLE FROM HEIGHT AND INJURED PEOPLE TRAPPED UNDER A CAR, AND THE USE OF VARIOUS TYPES OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS.

AN ASSORTMENT OF FIRE APPLIANCES INCLUDING A TURNABLE LADDER, A HYDRAULIC PLATFORM, AN AMBULANCE, AN AMBULANCE MOTORCYCLE, A MOBILE CASUALTY TREATMENT CENTRE AND A MOBILE COMMAND UNIT WILL BE DISPLAYED.

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THERE WILL ALSO BE AN EXHIBITION FEATURING PHOTOGRAPHS ON THE HISTORY OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND SOME OF THE WORST FIRES IN THE PAST.

A TEMPORARY RECRUITMENT CENTRE WILL BE PUT UP TO PROVIDE TRY-OUT OF MEASUREMENT, EYE-SIGHT AND STRENGTH TESTS FOR SPECTATORS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FIREMEN DEMONSTRATION TO BE STAGED AT SHA TIN TOWN HALL ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 8) BETWEEN 10 AM AND 5 PM.

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TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MEET

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THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO DISCUSS AN APPLICATION BY THE CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY LTD TO EXTEND ITS FRANCHISE.

IN ADDITION, THE COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER AN APPLICATION BY THE HONGKONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY LTD FOR AN INCREASE IN FARES.

ALSO ON THE AGENDA IS THE PROPOSED APPROACH AND TIMETABLE FOR THE REVIEW OF THE ROLE AND SEATING CAPACITY OF PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AND THE INTRODUCTION OF MIDIBUS SERVICE.

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT STARTING AT 9.30 AM.

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HOME SAFETY ATTENTION TURNS TO THE ELDERLY

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A FIVE-MINUTE PROGRAMME WILL BE TELEVISED TOMORROW (SATURDAY) EVENING TO BRING HOME THE MESSAGE THAT CARING FOR THE ELDERLY GOES A LONG WAY TOWARDS REDUCING ACCIDENTS IN THE HOME.

THE PROGRAMME IS PART OF THE "PUBLIC EDUCATION" SERIES JOINTLY PRODUCED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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THE PROGRAMME CAN BE VIEWED AT 9.50 PM ON TVB JADE TOMORROW AND WILL BE REPEATED NEXT SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 14) ON ATV GOLD AT 7.58 PM.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOME SAFETY CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, MR GEORGE YUEN, SAID: "SO FAR THIS YEAR, THE DEATH TOLL FROM HOME ACCIDENTS HAS REACHED 104, AND MORE THAN HALF OF THE VICTIMS WERE AGED 60 AND OVER.

"OUT OF THE 61 FATALITIES INVOLVING THE ELDERLY, 50 PER CENT RESULTED FROM FALLS, SUCH AS FALLING FROM A HEIGHT, STAIRCASES, OR IN THE DARK, BECAUSE OF POOR EYESIGHT."

AN API (ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST) ON CARING FOR THE ELDERLY HAS BEEN SCREENED ON TELEVISION SINCE LAST MONTH.

MR YUEN ALSO GAVE A REMINDER THAT A HOME SAFETY EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD THIS SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 8) IN LUNG HANG ESTATE IN SHA TIN.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE STAGED AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE SHOPPING ARCADE ON THE PODIUM AND WILL BE OPEN FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM.

HOME SAFETY BOOKLETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED FREE AT THE VENUE.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT HOLDING ROAD SAFETY DAY
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A CARNIVAL, ENTITLED "SOUTHERN DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY DAY", WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 8) FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM AT THE WONG CHUK HANG HARD-SURFACED SOCCER PITCH TO SPREAD THE ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE AMONG RESIDENTS.

AS A HIGHLIGHT OF THE DISTRICT'S ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN, THE CARNIVAL WILL FEATURE A ROAD SAFETY TOWN, A ROAD SAFETY BUS, AND PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR ARTISTS, ACROBATIC CYCLING AND LION DANCES.

THERE WILL ALSO BE GAMES STALLS FOR WHICH A LIMITED NUMBER OF FREE GAMES TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE VENUE ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF DISTRICT RESIDENTS, FREE SHUTTLE BUS SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE CHINA MOTOR BUS CO. LTD. TO AND FROM THE VENUE FROM 1 PM TILL 5.30 PM.

THE SHUTTLE BUSES, WHICH WILL CARRY BIG SOUTHERN DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY DAY BANNERS, WILL PLY BETWEEN BUS TERMINI AT WAH FU (SOUTH) (NEAR WAH TAI HOUSE), ABERDEEN AND APLEICHAU ESTATE AND THE VENUE, LEAVING AT REGULAR INTERVALS.

/A CEREMONY

A CEREMONY TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE ROAD SAFETY DAY WILL BE HELD AT 2 PM. OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR MAN HON-MING; ACTING SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS OLIVIA NIP; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER (WESTERN), MR E.J. STEVENSON; SENIOR STAFF OFFICER/TRAFFIC/HK ISLAND, MR LIONEL LAM; REGIONAL COMMANDER (KOWLOON), ROAD SAFETY PATROL, MR STEVE H.W. LAU, AND COMPANY SECRETARY OF CHINA MOTOR BUS, MR WONG WING-KEUNG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY DAY TO BE HELD AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY, AND THE CARNIVAL THAT FOLLOWS.

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CONCERTS MARK MUSIC OFFICE ANNIVERSARY

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THE MUSIC OFFICE IS CELEBRATING ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR, AND ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CELEBRATION PROGRAMME WILL BE THE YOUTH CHINESE MUSIC WEEK FROM NOVEMBER 14 TO 22.

A MUSIC OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID ALL ACTIVITIES CELEBRATING THE OCCASION WOULD BE DESIGNED TO MAXIMISE PARTICIPATION BY THE OFFICE'S TRAINEES, AMATEUR MUSIC GROUPS, AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, ALL WITH AN AIM TO INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS AND INTEREST IN CHINESE MUSIC.

THREE GUEST MUSICIANS FROM CHINA - MR AN ZHISHUN (PERCUSSION), MR XIAO BAIYONG (ER-HU) AND MS FAN SHENGE (ZHENG) - HAVE ALSO BEEN INVITED TO GIVE DEMONSTRATION PERFORMANCES AND TO CONDUCT MASTERCLASSES AT VARIOUS MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE IN HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE CHINESE MUSIC WEEK WILL FORMALLY START WITH AN OPENING CONCERT TO BE HELD AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM NEXT SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 14) FEATURING PERFORMANCES BY SOME 500 MEMBERS FROM THE MUSIC OFFICE CHINESE ORCHESTRAS. THE CONCERT WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM.

PIECES ON THE PROGRAMME INCLUDE "GREETINGS", "REJOICE", "GENERAL'S COMMAND", "FLYING DRAGON AND LEAPING TIGER", "AMBUSH" AND UNISON PERFORMANCES WITH DIFFERENT MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS SUCH AS PI-PA, ER-HU AND PERCUSSION.

A JING YING CONCERT, WILL BE STAGED AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE ON NOVEMBER 18.

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ANOTHER CONCERT, AN EVENING OF CHINESE FOLK MUSIC AND OPERATIC MUSIC, WILL BE HELD AT THE AUDITORIUM, SHA TIN TOWN HALL, ON NOVEMBER 20.

BOTH CONCERTS WILL BE FREE.

IN SUPPORT OF THE OFFICE'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS, THE URBAN COUNCIL WILL ORGANISE A FREE STUDENT CONCERT TO BE PERFORMED BY THE HONG KONG CHINESE ORCHESTRA ON NOVEMBER 19 AT 3 PM AT KO SHAN THEATRE AS PART OF THE WEEK'S PROGRAMMES.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES WOULD MEET THE NEEDS OF THE CHINESE MUSIC ENTHUSIASTS AND AT THE SAME TIME PROVIDE ENTERTAINMENT TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

HE ALSO EXTENDED THANKS TO TWO MUSIC COMPANIES THAT HAD GIVEN GENEROUS SPONSORSHIP TOWARDS VARIOUS CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES.

TICKETS FOR THE CONCERTS ON NOVEMBER 14, 18 AND 20, AT \$5 AND \$10 EACH, ARE AVAILABLE AT URBIX OUTLETS AT CITY HALL, QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, SPACE MUSEUM, HONG KONG COLISEUM, NGAU CHI WAN CIVIC CENTRE, TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL, SHA TIN TOWN HALL, TUEN MUN TOWN HALL AND TOM LEE MUSIC CO. LTD. (CAMERON LANE, MAN YEE BUILDING, TAIKOO SHING CITY PLAZA AND HENNESSY ROAD).

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON 0-4928127 AND 0-6065731.

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1981 PRIVATE CARS COME UNDER INSPECTION SCHEME

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PRIVATE CARS MANUFACTURED IN 1981 WHICH REQUIRED A NEW LICENCE COMMENCING ON OR AFTER APRIL 1 NEXT YEAR MUST PASS A ROADWORTHINESS TEST PRIOR TO LICENCE RENEWAL, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

"UNDER THE PRIVATE CAR INSPECTION SCHEME WHICH CAME INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 2, 1986, ALL SIX-YEAR-OLD PRIVATE CARS MUST FIRST OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF ROADWORTHINESS FROM A GOVERNMENT-DESIGNATED CAR TESTING CENTRE BEFORE THEIR LICENCES CAN BE RENEWED," A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

"WITH THE APPROACH OF 1988, IT IS ONLY NATURAL THAT 1981 CARS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE INSPECTION SCHEME," HE SAID.

THERE ARE 17 DESIGNATED CAR TESTING CENTRES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR AND APPOINTMENTS FOR INSPECTION MAY BE MADE FOUR MONTHS BEFORE THE EXPIRY DATE OF THE VEHICLE LICENCE.

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THE PARTS INSPECTED INCLUDE: THE BRAKING AND STEERING SYSTEM, SUSPENSION, WHEELS AND TYRES, ENGINE AND TRANSMISSION, ELECTRICAL FITTINGS AND LIGHTING, BODYWORK AND GENERAL ITEMS SUCH AS NUMBER PLATES, WINDSCREEN WIPERS AND WASHERS AND SEAT BELTS.

OF THE 35,486 VEHICLES WHICH UNDERWENT THEIR FIRST INSPECTIONS UNDER THE SCHEME IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, ABOUT 67 PER CENT PASSED, COMPARED WITH A PASS RATE OF 50 PER CENT AMONG THE 28,936 FIRST INSPECTIONS IN 1986. A TOTAL OF 88,586 INSPECTIONS HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT UP TO SEPTEMBER.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THE CERTIFICATE OF ROADWORTHINESS FOR ANY PRIVATE CAR WHICH HAS PASSED THE TEST MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE DEPARTMENT WITHIN FOUR MONTHS OF THE ISSUE DATE FOR RELICENSING A VEHICLE, OTHERWISE ITS VALIDITY WILL LAPSE.

THE FEE FOR A CAR INSPECTION IS \$160 AND A RE-CHECK FEE OF \$50 IS CHARGED WHEN DEFECTS FOUND IN THE ORIGINAL INSPECTION ARE REMEDIED AND EXAMINED WITHIN 14 DAYS. IN CASES OF SPECIFIED MINOR FAULTS, THE RE-CHECK IS FREE OF CHARGE.

SHOULD A CAR OWNER DISAGREE WITH THE RESULT OF A TEST, HE CAN APPEAL TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR A FRESH, INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION.

"TO AVOID UNNECESSARY INCONVENIENCE, CAR OWNERS SHOULD HAVE THEIR VEHICLES CHECKED AND REPAIRED BEFORE THE INSPECTION APPOINTMENT WITH CAR TESTING CENTRES," THE SPOKESMAN URGED.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON 5-200933.

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ID CARD REMINDER FOR MEN BORN IN 1963-64

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT REMINDED TODAY (FRIDAY) MEN BORN IN 1963 AND 1964 TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS BEFORE NOVEMBER 29.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT UP TO NOVEMBER 4, 59,756 MEN IN THIS AGE GROUP HAD APPLIED FOR NEW ID CARDS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID: "THERE ARE ONLY THREE MORE WEEKS FOR MEN IN THIS GROUP TO RENEW THEIR CARDS BEFORE THIS PHASE CLOSES ON NOVEMBER 28.

"TO AVOID A LAST-MINUTE RUSH, MEN IN THIS AGE GROUP WHO HAVE NOT YET APPLIED FOR A NEW IDENTITY CARD SHOULD COME FORWARD WITHOUT DELAY."

/THE SPOKESMAN

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THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT FAILURE TO APPLY FOR A NEW ID CARD WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD IS AN OFFENCE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$3,000.

APPLICANTS MAY GO TO ANY ONE OF EIGHT NEW ID CARD ISSUE OFFICES TO RENEW THEIR ID CARDS.

THEY MAY MAKE USE OF THE PHONE-IN SERVICE TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING THE OFFICE OF THEIR CHOICE.

THE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE:

HONG KONG : BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI.
TEL. NO. 5-747070

EAST KOWLOON : AMOY GARDEN PLAZA, 2ND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD.
TEL. NO. 3-7553679

WEST KOWLOON: CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 2ND FLOOR, 393 CANTON ROAD, YAU MA TEI.
TEL. NO. 3-7232424

TSUEN WAN : EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, 29-37 TSUEN FU STREET.
TEL. NO. 0-4981259

SHA TIN : SHATIN CENTRE, PODIUM FLOOR, 2-16 WANG POK STREET.
TEL. NO. 0-6059108

YUEN LONG : HOP YICK CENTRE, 2ND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK ROAD.
TEL. NO. 0-793291

TUEN MUN : CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, CHI LOK FA YUEN.
TEL. NO. 0-4580862

SHEUNG SHUI : TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR, 82-84 SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI.
TEL. NO. 0-927155

THESE OFFICES ARE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM DAILY, EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

"IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE ISSUE OFFICES WILL BE VERY CROWDED IN THE EVENINGS. TO AVOID HAVING TO QUEUE UP AT THE ISSUE OFFICES, APPLICANTS ARE ADVISED TO GO TO THESE OFFICES IN THE MORNINGS AND THE AFTERNOONS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE REITERATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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FIRING PRACTICE DAYS FOR NOVEMBER
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON 20 DAYS IN NOVEMBER.

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

THE DATES AND TIMES OF THE PRACTICE ARE:

DATE ----	TIME ----
NOVEMBER 7 (SATURDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 9 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 10 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 11 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 12 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 13 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 14 (SATURDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 16 (MONDAY)	8 AM - 11.59 PM
NOVEMBER 17 (TUESDAY)	0.01 AM - 11.59 PM
NOVEMBER 18 (WEDNESDAY)	0.01 AM - 11.59 PM
NOVEMBER 19 (THURSDAY)	0.01 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 20 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 21 (SATURDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 23 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 24 (TUESDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 25 (WEDNESDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 26 (THURSDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 27 (FRIDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 28 (SATURDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
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GRAND OPENING FOR TUEN MUN FESTIVAL

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A GRAND OPENING AND VARIETY SHOW ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 9) IN THE TUEN MUN TOWN HALL WILL BE THE CURTAIN RAISER FOR THE 1987 TUEN MUN FESTIVAL.

THE ACTING REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR PETER NG, WILL OFFICIATE AT A SWITCHING-ON CEREMONY BEFORE THE SHOW WHICH WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE ON HK-TVB'S "ENJOY YOURSELF TONIGHT" PROGRAMME. MR NG WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR KINGSLEY SIT, AND ACTING TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDWARD YAU.

AT THE END OF THE TV PROGRAMME, MR SIT WILL PRESENT A CHEQUE, REPRESENTING THE AMOUNT RAISED FOR THE COMMUNITY CHEST BY LOCAL RESIDENTS IN THE NAME OF FESTIVAL, TO A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY CHEST, MR LAU WONG-FAT.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH-LONG FESTIVAL INCLUDE A FOLK SONG CONTEST, RUNNING COMPETITION, FILM SHOWS AND THE CHINA/HONG KONG GYMNASIAC TEAMS SPECTACULAR.

THE FESTIVAL IS PRESENTED BY THE FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD AND REGIONAL COUNCIL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 1987 TUEN MUN FESTIVAL AT 9 PM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 9) IN THE TUEN MUN TOWN HALL. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE IN THE FOYER OF THE TOWN HALL AT 8.45 PM WHERE AN INFORMATION OFFICER WILL BE PRESENT TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE.

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ESSAY COMPETITION TO COMBAT CRIME

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THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN IS ORGANISING AN ANTI-TRIAD CAMPAIGN ESSAY COMPETITION TO ENHANCE RESIDENTS' AND STUDENTS' CIVIC SPIRIT AND TO AROUSE THEIR AWARENESS OF ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES.

THE DIFFERENT DIVISIONS OF THE COMPETITION ARE PRIMARY DIVISION, JUNIOR-SECONDARY DIVISION AND SENIOR-SECONDARY DIVISION.

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THE ESSAY TITLES FOR THE THREE CATEGORIES ARE, RESPECTIVELY, "REPENTANCE OF A PERSON TRAPPED BY A TRIAD SOCIETY", "HOW SHOULD A SECONDARY STUDENT REACTS TO MEMBERS OF A TRIAD SOCIETY" AND "DISCUSSION ON THE ILL EFFECTS OF A TRIAD SOCIETY".

WINNERS IN EACH DIVISION WILL BE AWARDED PRIZES AND OUTSTANDING WORKS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE TUEN MUN COMMUNITY STAR.

A PANEL OF JUDGES, COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND LOCAL TEACHERS, WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ADJUDICATION.

THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED CAN OBTAIN AN APPLICATION FORM FROM THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES AS WELL AS THEIR RESPECTIVE SCHOOLS.

ESSAYS PERTAINING TO THE THEMES OF THE COMPETITION SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE OR SUB-OFFICES BY NOVEMBER 20. RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON DECEMBER 8 AND A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD EARLY NEXT YEAR.

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EQUESTRIAN SHOW TO LAUNCH SPORTS FESTIVAL
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KWUN TONG RESIDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY A DAY OF ACTION WHEN THEY ATTEND THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE KWUN TONG SPORTS FESTIVAL '87 FORTNIGHT AT THE KOWLOON BAY RECREATION GROUND ON NOVEMBER 8 (SUNDAY).

HIGHLIGHT OF THE DAY WILL BE AN EQUESTRIAN SHOW WHICH IS BEING INTRODUCED FOR THE FIRST TIME INTO DISTRICT SPORTS SCENE.

THE OPENING WILL ALSO FEATURE DRAGON AND LION DANCES, A BRASS BAND PERFORMANCE, FLAG-HOISTING AND AN ATHLETICS MEET.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY AT 10.30 AM WILL BE THE REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON), MR T.H. CHAU; PRESIDENT OF THE AMATEUR SPORTS FEDERATION AND OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF HONG KONG, MR A. DE O. SALES; KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDDY CHAN; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM HANG-FAI; ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (LEISURE SERVICES) OF URBAN SERVICES, MR ROBIN GILL; PRESIDENT OF THE KWUN TONG SPORTS FESTIVAL '87, MR YU SUN-SAY; HONORARY PRESIDENT, MR WONG WAH-SANG AND CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, MR RONNIE WONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE KWUN TONG SPORTS FESTIVAL TO BE HELD AT 10.30 AM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 8) AT THE KOWLOON BAY RECREATION GROUND. INFORMATION OFFICER, MISS IRENE LAU, WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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LAND SPORTS SAFETY DAY ON SUNDAY

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THE 1987 LAND SPORTS SAFETY DAY WILL BE HELD AT THE DODWELL'S RIDGE POLICE CADET SCHOOL IN SHEUNG SHUI THIS SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 8).

THE PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY WILL INCLUDE DEMONSTRATIONS, VIDEO DOCUMENTARIES, AND SEMINARS ON A NUMBER OF POPULAR LAND SPORTS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE EXHIBITIONS AND DISPLAYS MOUNTED BY LEADING LAND SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS.

THE EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE LAND SPORTS SAFETY CAMPAIGN WORKING PARTY TO DELIVER THE "PLAY SAFE" MESSAGE TO THE PUBLIC AS WELL AS TO MORE SPECIFIC TARGET GROUPS.

THE DAY WILL START OFF WITH A ROLLER SKATING DEMONSTRATION AT 9.25 AM, FOLLOWED BY AN OPENING CEREMONY WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG AS THE OFFICIATING GUEST.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CAMPAIGN WORKING PARTY SAID THE ANNUAL EVENT IS HELD TO STRESS THE "PLAY SAFE" MESSAGE IN VIEW OF THE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS IN LAND SPORTS.

"WITH CORRECT KNOWLEDGE IN THE PARTICULAR SPORT CONCERNED AS WELL AS CAUTION AND COMMON SENSE, MOST OF THOSE ACCIDENTS CAN BE AVOIDED," HE SAID.

VISITORS CAN ENJOY VIDEO DOCUMENTARIES INTRODUCING SOME OF THE MOST POPULAR LAND SPORTS LIKE ORIENTEERING AND CYCLING.

THEY WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO LEARN HOW TO PARTICIPATE SAFELY IN LAND SPORTS THROUGH A SERIES OF TALKS BY EXPERTS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS, SUCH AS HIGH ALTITUDE TREKKING, AND TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE DEMONSTRATIONS IN CYCLING, CYCLING ON ROLLERS, ORIENTEERING, ARCHERY, AND ROLLER SKATING.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE EVENT. SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE HAS BEEN ARRANGED TO BRING THEM FROM THE SHEUNG SHUI KCR STATION TO THE VENUE BETWEEN 9 AM - 11 AM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE EVENT TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 8) AT THE DODWELL'S RIDGE POLICE CADET SCHOOL IN SHEUNG SHUI.

DEMONSTRATIONS WILL BEGIN AT 9.25 AM AND THE OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, WILL BE HELD AT 10 AM.

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MEMBERS OF THE PRESS SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE KOWLOON TONG KCR STATION ENTRANCE AT 8 AM ON SUNDAY. A PRESS COACH WILL TAKE THEM TO THE VENUE.

INFORMATION OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT SHEUNG SHUI KCR STATION BETWEEN 9 AM - 11 AM.

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SAI KUNG BLOOD DONATION EXERCISE

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COMMUNITY-SPIRITED RESIDENTS OF SAI KUNG ARE BEING INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A BLOOD DONATION EXERCISE ON DECEMBER 3 (THURSDAY) AT THE RENNIE'S MILL MIDDLE SCHOOL AND ON DECEMBER 4 (FRIDAY) AT THE SAI KUNG TOWN HALL.

THE EXERCISE, THE FIRST PROGRAMME OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN, AIMS AT ENCOURAGING LOCAL RESIDENTS TO GIVE BLOOD TO THE NEEDY AND TO BECOME RESPONSIBLE, CARING AND HELPFUL CITIZENS.

ANYONE AGED BETWEEN 18 TO 65, OF SOUND HEALTH AND WEIGHING 40.45 KG OR ABOVE, ARE WELCOME TO TAKE PART IN THE EXERCISE.

HOWEVER, THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY RECEIVED AN INOCULATION OR VACCINATION SHOULD INFORM THE NURSES ON DUTY BEFORE GIVING BLOOD.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE BLOOD DONATION EXERCISE MAY TAKE PART IN TEAMS OR AS INDIVIDUALS. EACH TEAM WILL BE PRESENTED A SOUVENIR PENNANT AND PARTICIPANTS WILL ALSO BE GIVEN A T-SHIRT ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

THE BLOOD DONATION EXERCISE HAS BEEN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION PROMOTION COMMITTEE AND THE HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE. IT IS SPONSORED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD.

APPLICATION FORMS HAVE ALREADY BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO THE DISTRICT'S MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS CORPORATIONS, RURAL COMMITTEES, SECONDARY SCHOOLS, LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS URGING SUPPORT FOR THE EXERCISE.

RESIDENTS WHO WANT TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT CAN OBTAIN THE APPLICATION FORMS AT THE SAI KUNG TOWN HALL OR THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE AT MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN. THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS NOVEMBER 11.

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TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL BEGINS

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THE MONTH-LONG NINTH TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL WILL BEGIN TOMORROW (SATURDAY) WITH A FOOTBALL MATCH BETWEEN TWO VISITING TEAMS FROM CHINA.

THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, MR A.K. CHUI, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 8 PM IN THE YEUNG UK ROAD SPORTSGROUND.

EVENTS IN THE FESTIVAL RANGE FROM FOOTBALL TO GO-KART RACING, AND WILL TAKE PLACE AT VARIOUS VENUES IN THE DISTRICT. THERE WILL ALSO BE PERFORMANCES BY SPORTS TEAMS FROM CHINA.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS AND COPIES OF THE PROGRAMME ARE AVAILABLE FROM OFFICES OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE FEDERATION OF TSUEN WAN DISTRICT SPORTS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATIONS AND THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE FESTIVAL IS AN ANNUAL MAJOR DISTRICT ATTRACTION WITH MAIN FUNDING COMING FROM THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, WHICH IS ONE OF THE ORGANISERS. THIS YEAR THE DISTRICT BOARD HAS CONTRIBUTED \$300,000.

OTHER ORGANISERS INCLUDE THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE FEDERATION OF TSUEN WAN DISTRICT SPORTS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATIONS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE 9TH TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL TO BE HELD AT 8 PM IN THE YEUNG UK ROAD SPORTSGROUND TOMORROW.

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EYE CARE CAMPAIGN FOR ELDERLY STARTS TOMORROW

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A CEREMONY TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT AND EASTERN DISTRICT EYE CARING CAMPAIGN FOR THE ELDERLY WILL BE HELD AT THE ST JAMES' SETTLEMENT IN WAN CHAI TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE CAMPAIGN, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, AND WAN CHAI AND EASTERN DISTRICT BOARDS WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE HONG KONG OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION, IS EXPECTED TO BENEFIT MORE THAN 10,000 SENIOR RESIDENTS IN THE TWO DISTRICTS.

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OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING WILL BE THE REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON), MR T.H. CHAU; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, MRS THERESA LAU; DISTRICT OFFICERS OF WAN CHAI AND EASTERN DISTRICTS, MR ALLAN CHOW AND MR GARY YEUNG; AND THE CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEES, MRS ANNA TANG AND MR TO BOON-MAN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT AND EASTERN DISTRICT EYE CARING CAMPAIGN FOR THE ELDERLY TO BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 11 AM AT MING HUA HALL, ST JAMES SETTLEMENT, 85 STONE NULLAH LANE, WAN CHAI.

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CENTRAL, WESTERN SPORT FESTIVAL OPENS ON SUNDAY

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THE THREE-WEEK CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT SPORT FESTIVAL WILL BEGIN AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 8) AFTERNOON.

A NUMBER OF ENTERTAINING ACTIVITIES INCLUDING A LION DANCE, TAI-CHI DEMONSTRATIONS, A DANCE PERFORMANCE AND DANCE-IN SESSION, POTTED GAMES AND A "TREASURE HUNT" ARE ON THE PROGRAMME.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 2.30 PM WILL BE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM KAM-KWONG; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR VINCENT KO; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORT ASSOCIATION, MR LEUNG SIK-WAH.

THE FESTIVAL IS JOINTLY ORGAINSED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, URBAN COUNCIL AND CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORT ASSOCIATION, AND SPONSORED BY THE BOARD AND WESTERN DISTRICT JUNIOR POLICE CALL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT SPORT FESTIVAL AT 2.30 PM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 8) AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT.

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FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL IN MONG KOK

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A LARGE-SCALE CARNIVAL, AIMING TO ATTRACT MORE THAN 5,000 MONG KOK RESIDENTS, WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 15 (SUNDAY) AT MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND TO PROMOTE THE CRIME PREVENTION MESSAGE.

IT WILL FEATURE GAMESTALLS SET UP BY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND A VARIETY SHOW PERFORMED BY POPULAR SINGERS AND BANDS, TELEVISION PERSONALITIES AND ARTISTES.

A FITNESS EXERCISE DEMONSTRATION AND LION DANCES WILL ALSO BE STAGED.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO WIN PRIZES AT A LUCKY DRAW.

AT THE SAME TIME, AN EXHIBITION ABOUT TRIAD SOCIETIES WILL BE PUT UP IN THE PLAYGROUND TO WARN YOUNG PEOPLE TO STAY AWAY FROM CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES AND VICE ESTABLISHMENTS.

THE FUNCTION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND THE MONG KOK POLICE STATION.

FREE ENTRY TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AND THE POLICE COMMUNITY RELATION OFFICE, MONG KOK POLICE STATION, 142 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD.

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DREDGING OF NORTHERN FAIRWAY IN VICTORIA HARBOUR

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THE NORTHERN FAIRWAY IN THE VICTORIA HARBOUR IS TO BE DREDGED EARLY NEXT YEAR UNDER A WORKS CONTRACT, TENDERS FOR WHICH IS NOW BEING INVITED BY THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE PURPOSE OF THE WORKS IS TO RESTORE THE NORTHERN FAIRWAY TO ITS ORIGINAL DREDGED LEVEL BY THE REMOVAL OF SILT DEPOSITED IN THE PAST FEW YEARS, THUS INCREASING THE DRAFT IN THE AREA TO FACILITATE NAVIGATION IN THE HARBOUR.

WORK ON THE PROJECT, COVERING AN AREA OF 1.5 SQUARE KILOMETRES, WILL START IN JANUARY AND TAKE FOUR MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

ALL TENDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE 12 NOON ON NOVEMBER 27.

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TSUEN WAN ROAD TO BE CLOSED AT NIGHT

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TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FLYOVER, TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AT TSUEN WAN ROAD NEAR THE ROUNDABOUT WITH TEXACO ROAD DAILY BETWEEN 11 PM AND 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FROM MONDAY (NOVEMBER 9) TO WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 11).

UNDER THE ARRANGEMENTS, THE SLIP ROAD FROM THE ROUNDABOUT WITH TEXACO ROAD LEADING TO THE KOWLOON-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TSUEN WAN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC. VEHICLES HEADING FOR KOWLOON WILL HAVE TO USE THE ROUNDABOUT AT TEXACO ROAD, MA TAU PA ROAD, YEUNG UK ROAD AND KWAI FUK ROAD.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CENTRAL

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THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CENTRAL, TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW FOR THE UPGRADED CONNAUGHT ROAD PROJECT, FROM 1 PM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 8):

- * LAMBETH WALK WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND;
- * THE EXISTING BAN THAT NO VEHICLE EXCEEDING SEVEN METRES IN LENGTH IS ALLOWED TO ENTER THE SLIP ROAD SOUTH OF THE MURRAY ROAD MULTI-STOREY CARPARK WILL BE LIFTED; AND
- * THE SLIP ROAD SOUTH OF THE MURRAY ROAD MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BETWEEN MURRAY ROAD AND COTTON TREE DRIVE WILL BE DESIGNATED A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY. NO VEHICLE EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

AT THE SAME TIME, CROSS-HARBOUR ROUTE NO. 103 ON ITS JOURNEYS TO POKFIELD ROAD WILL RESUME ITS NORMAL ROUTING VIA THE SLIP ROAD SOUTH OF THE MURRAY ROAD MULTI-STOREY CARPARK. GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE NO.28 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA MURRAY ROAD AND THE SLIP ROAD SOUTH OF THE MURRAY ROAD MULTI-STOREY CARPARK TO JOIN COTTON TREE DRIVE.

MEANWHILE, TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS MURRAY ROAD, MURRAY ROAD BETWEEN LAMBETH WALK AND QUEENSWAY WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES FROM 1 AM TO 6.30 AM ON SUNDAY.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES TRAVELLING FROM CHATER ROAD TO QUEENSWAY WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LAMBETH WALK, COTTON TREE DRIVE, COTTON TREE DRIVE FLYOVER, THE SLIP ROAD SOUTH OF THE ST JOHN'S BUILDING AND GARDEN ROAD FLYOVER TO JOIN QUEENSWAY.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 8) TO FACILITATE THE SERVICE AT THE CENOTAPH IN CENTRAL.

THE ARRANGEMENTS INCLUDE TEMPORARY CLOSURES OF THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS:

- * JACKSON ROAD BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND CHATER ROAD, AND EDINBURGH PLACE NORTH BETWEEN QUEEN'S PIER AND HMS TAMAR, WILL BE CLOSED FROM 8 AM TO 12 NOON.
- * CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL EASTBOUND BETWEEN EDINBURGH PLACE WEST AND EDINBURGH PLACE EAST WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10.50 AM TO 11.30 AM.
- * HARCOURT ROAD FLYOVER, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WESTBOUND BETWEEN HARCOURT ROAD AND ICE HOUSE STREET, AND MURRAY ROAD NORTHBOUND BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND CHATER ROAD, WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10.28 AM TO 12 NOON.
- * CHATER ROAD BETWEEN PEDDER STREET AND JACKSON ROAD, AND ICE HOUSE STREET BETWEEN QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL AND CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, WILL BE CLOSED FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT.

THE FOLLOWING DIVERSIONS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 8 AM TO 12 NOON UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED:

- * AS JACKSON ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC, VEHICLES ON CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WESTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CLUB STREET.
- * EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE DIVERTED VIA EDINBURGH PLACE WEST, EDINBURGH PLACE NORTH AND EDINBURGH PLACE EAST FROM 10.50 AM TO 11.30 AM. ALL BUSES AND HEAVY VEHICLES WILL USE THE NORTHERN LANE WHEN PASSING THROUGH THE QUEEN'S PIER CONCOURSE AREA.
- * WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ON HARCOURT ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED SOUTH INTO COTTON TREE DRIVE. VEHICLES WISHING TO PROCEED FURTHER WEST WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE SLIP ROAD TO QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
- * EASTBOUND TRAFFIC FROM THE ADMIRALTY MTR STATION WILL BE PERMITTED TO TURN SOUTH INTO TAMAR STREET AND THEN LEFT INTO QUEENSWAY.

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* DURING THE CLOSURE OF CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL EASTBOUND BETWEEN EDINBURGH PLACE WEST AND EDINBURGH PLACE EAST FROM 10.50 AM TO 11.30 AM, EDINBURGH PLACE CENTRAL WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND. VEHICLES LEAVING THE STAR FERRY MUTLI-STOREY CAR PARK WILL BE DIVERTED VIA EDINBURGH PLACE CENTRAL, QUEEN'S PIER AND EDINBURGH PLACE EAST.

ALL PARKING SPACES IN JACKSON ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 12.01 AM TO MIDNIGHT, AND THOSE ON CONNAUGHT PLACE WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 12.01 AM TO 12 NOON. MOTORCYCLE PARKING SPACES ON EDINBURGH PLACE NORTH WILL ALSO BE CANCELLED BETWEEN 12.01 AM AND 12 NOON.

THE TAXI STAND ON EDINBURGH PLACE WEST WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 10 AM TO 11.30 AM AND WILL BE RESITED TO THE EASTERN SIDE OF CONNAUGHT PLACE. THE GREEN MINIBUS TERMINI ON EDINBURGH PLACE EAST AND EDINBURGH PLACE CENTRAL WILL ALSO BE SUSPENDED FROM 10 AM TO 12 NOON, WILL BE RESITED TO THE NORTHERN SECTION OF CONNAUGHT PLACE.

BUSES ON CMB ROUTES NO. 2, 3, 6, 12, 13, 15, 26, 61, 64, 70, 80, 81M, 97, 99, 260, 780, CROSS-HARBOUR ROUTE NO. 103, AND KMB ROUTE NO. A2 WILL BE DIVERTED DUE TO THE SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN 10 AM AND 12 NOON. GREEN MINIBUSES ON ROUTES NO. 1, 1A, 3, 8, 9, 22 AND 28 WILL ALSO BE DIVERTED.

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