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DEATH OF GOVERNOR

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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, IS DEEPLY GRIEVED TO ANNOUNCE THAT HE WAS INFORMED EARLY THIS MORNING BY HM AMBASSADOR IN PEKING OF THE DEATH OF THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, IN HIS SLEEP LAST NIGHT.

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EXCO INFORMED OF SIR EDWARD'S DEATH

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THE ACTING GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG INFORMED MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AT A SPECIAL MEETING THIS MORNING OF THE NEWS OF THE DEATH OF SIR EDWARD YOUDE.

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WERE DEEPLY SHOCKED AT THE SAD AND SUDDEN NEWS. THEY EXPRESSED THEIR DEEPEST REGRET AND PLEDGED THEIR FULL SUPPORT TO THE ACTING GOVERNOR. THEY PAID TRIBUTE TO SIR EDWARD'S UNTIRING AND UNSTINTING SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG AND EXPRESSED THEIR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY TO LADY YOUDE AND HER FAMILY.

THEY ADVISED THAT, AS A MARK OF RESPECT, CEREMONIAL AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENTS SHOULD NOT TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.

THE WORK OF THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY WILL CARRY ON CALMLY AND NORMALLY.

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NEW CIVIL SERVICE PENSIONS SCHEME OUTLINED

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THE STAFF SIDES OF THE SENIOR CIVIL SERVICE COUNCIL, THE POLICE FORCE COUNCIL AND THE MODEL SCALE 1 COUNCIL HAVE TODAY (FRIDAY) BEEN PROVIDED WITH DETAILS OF THE CHANGES MADE TO THE PROPOSED NEW PENSION SCHEME.

AT THE MEETINGS, SENIOR OFFICIALS FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH ALSO EXPLAINED THE COMPENSATION SCHEME FOR OFFICERS WHO ARE REQUIRED TO RETIRE OR PASSED OVER FOR PROMOTION THROUGH LOCALISATION.

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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR HAIDER BARMA, REITERATED THAT THE MAIN ELEMENTS OF THE PENSION SCHEME AS ORIGINALLY ANNOUNCED INCLUDED:

- \* AN EXTENSION OF THE NORMAL RETIREMENT AGE FROM 55 TO 60;
- \* A FACTOR OF 1/690TH FOR OFFICERS ON THE PERMANENT AND PENSIONABLE ESTABLISHMENT AND A FACTOR OF 1/840TH FOR OTHER OFFICERS. (THE MAXIMUM PENSION REMAINING AT 2/3RDS OF SALARY);
- \* A DEFERRED PENSION BENEFIT PAYABLE AT NORMAL RETIREMENT AGE FOR OFFICERS WHO RESIGN AFTER COMPLETING 10 YEARS OR MORE QUALIFYING SERVICES;
- \* AN OPTION TO COMMUTE UP TO 50 PER CENT OF THE ANNUAL PENSION AT A FACTOR OF 14;
- \* PENSIONS TO BE MADE A RIGHT RATHER THAN A PRIVILEGE;
- \* SERVING OFFICERS TO BE ALLOWED TO OPT TO RETAIN THEIR PRESENT RETIREMENT AGE OF 55.

HE SAID THAT FOLLOWING EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS WITH STAFF ON THESE PROVISIONS, A NUMBER OF MODIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE SCHEME WHICH TAKE ACCOUNT OF SOME OF THE REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY THE STAFF.

THE MAIN MODIFICATIONS ARE:

- \* THE PENSION FACTOR FOR STAFF ON THE PERMANENT AND PENSIONABLE ESTABLISHMENT WILL BE IMPROVED FROM 1/690TH TO 1/675TH. (THE MAXIMUM PENSION WILL REMAIN AT 2/3RDS OF SALARY);
- \* THE PENSION FACTOR FOR OTHER STAFF COVERED BY THE NEW ORDINANCE WILL BE BROUGHT INTO LINE WITH THAT FOR STAFF ON THE PERMANENT AND PENSIONABLE ESTABLISHMENT, I.E. IT WILL BE IMPROVED FROM 1/840TH TO 1/675TH IN RESPECT OF SERVICE AFTER THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW SCHEME. FOR SERVICE PRIOR TO THE NEW SCHEME COMING INTO OPERATION THE PENSION FACTOR WILL BE IMPROVED FROM 1/840TH TO 1/800TH;
- \* THE RANK AND FILE OF THE DISCIPLINED SERVICES WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO RETIRE VOLUNTARILY WITH THEIR PENSION BENEFITS AT THE AGE OF 50 AND THE OFFICERS RANKS AT THE AGE OF 55;
- \* THE HEADS OF THE DISCIPLINED SERVICES WILL BE EMPOWERED TO PRESCRIBE THAT ANY GRADE, RANK OR CATEGORY OF OFFICERS SHOULD RETIRE ON OR AFTER REACHING THE AGE OF 55 ON OPERATIONAL GROUNDS AND OFFICERS SO RETIRED WILL RECEIVE AN ENHANCED PENSION;

- \* BENEFITS UNDER THE WIDOWS' AND CHILDREN'S PENSIONS ORDINANCE WILL CONTINUE TO BE CALCULATED IN RELATION TO THE EXISTING PENSIONS ORDINANCE;
- \* SERVING OFFICERS WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO RETIRE WITH THEIR EARNED PENSION BENEFITS AT ANY TIME BETWEEN 55 AND 60 WITHOUT BEING REQUIRED TO OPT.

IN ADDITION, SERVING OFFICERS WILL BE GIVEN A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS IN WHICH TO EXERCISE AN OPTION TO JOIN THE NEW SCHEME, OR ONE YEAR FOR OFFICERS AGED 49 OR OVER.

MR BARMA ADDED THAT STAFF ARE NOW BEING GIVEN A FURTHER OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE SCHEME. THE SCHEME TOGETHER WITH STAFF COMMENTS WILL THEN BE REFERRED TO THE STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE AND THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DIRECTORATE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADVICE.

FOLLOWING THE INITIALLING OF THE JOINT DECLARATION ON HONG KONG'S FUTURE IN SEPTEMBER 1984, THE CHIEF SECRETARY WROTE TO CIVIL SERVANTS TO EXPLAIN HOW THE POST-1997 ARRANGEMENTS WOULD AFFECT THEM. HE MENTIONED THAT THERE WOULD BE A FEW OFFICERS WHOSE CAREER PROSPECTS WOULD BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED AND THEREFORE THAT SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WOULD NEED TO BE MADE FOR THEM IN DUE COURSE BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

HE GAVE AN ASSURANCE THAT, APART FROM THESE FEW EXCEPTIONS, ALL MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG PUBLIC SERVICE WOULD BE ABLE TO COMPLETE THEIR CAREERS IN THE SAME WAY AS BEFORE.

IT HAS NOW BEEN AGREED THAT STAFF SHOULD BE CONSULTED ON A DRAFT COMPENSATION SCHEME, UNDER WHICH COMPENSATION MAY BE PAID TO OFFICERS WHOSE CAREER PROSPECTS ARE ADVERSELY AFFECTED. PRIMARILY THE SCHEME IS DESIGNED TO COMPENSATE THOSE OFFICERS WHO ARE REQUIRED TO RETIRE OR WHO ARE SUPERSEDED FOR PROMOTION TO FACILITATE LOCALISATION.

ESSENTIALLY, THE COMPENSATION PAYABLE IS IN THE FORM OF A LUMP SUM CALCULATED BY MULTIPLYING THE OFFICER'S ANNUAL SALARY BY A FACTOR ACTUARIALLY APPROPRIATE TO HIS AGE AND SERVICE, SUBJECT TO AN OVERALL CEILING OF \$900 000.

THERE ARE DIFFERENT FACTORS FOR OFFICERS SERVING ON THE EXISTING PENSION SCHEME WITH ITS RETIREMENT AGE AT 55 AND FOR OFFICERS WHO TRANSFER TO THE PROPOSED NEW PENSION SCHEME WITH ITS RETIREMENT AGE OF 60 WHEN THIS IS INTRODUCED. THERE ARE ALSO DIFFERENT FACTORS FOR OFFICERS WHO ARE REQUIRED TO RETIRE AND FOR OFFICERS WHO ARE SUPERSEDED FOR PROMOTION TO FACILITATE LOCALISATION.

THE FACTORS FOR OFFICERS SUPERSEDED FOR PROMOTION ARE GENERALLY LOWER THAN THOSE FOR OFFICERS REQUIRED TO RETIRE SINCE THESE OFFICERS CAN CONTINUE IN THE SERVICE IN THEIR PRESENT POSTS.

THE COMPENSATION FACTORS FOR OFFICERS TRANSFERRING TO THE PROPOSED NEW PENSION SCHEME ARE GENERALLY HIGHER, ALTHOUGH NOT ALWAYS, THAN FOR OFFICERS ON THE EXISTING PENSIONS SCHEME. THIS IS BECAUSE THE CAREER PERIOD LOST IS LONGER. HOWEVER, IN MOST CASES THE HIGHER COMPENSATION WILL BE OFFSET BY A REDUCED PENSION BECAUSE OF THE NEW SCHEME'S LOWER PENSION EARNING RATE.

THE FOLLOWING ARE EXAMPLES OF THE APPLICATION OF THE COMPENSATION FACTORS:

(A) THE LUMP SUM COMPENSATION FOR A CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE ON A DIRECTORATE SALARY OF \$31 050 A MONTH WHO IS REQUIRED TO RETIRE TO PROVIDE A VACANCY FOR A LOCAL OFFICER AT THE AGE OF 45 WOULD BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

(I) UNDER THE EXISTING PENSION SCHEME, 2.95 TIMES \$372 600 EQUALS \$1 099 170;

(II) UNDER THE PROPOSED NEW PENSION SCHEME, 3.90 TIMES \$372 600 EQUALS \$1 453 140 ;

BUT BECAUSE OF THE COMPENSATION CEILING THE AMOUNT PAYABLE IN THE EITHER CASE WOULD BE \$900 000.

(B) THE LUMP SUM COMPENSATION FOR A SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE ON A DPS(O) SALARY OF \$21 660 A MONTH WHO IS SUPERSEDED FOR PROMOTION TO FACILITATE LOCALISATION AT THE AGE OF 39, AND WHOSE PENSION BENEFITS ARE DEFERRED WOULD BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

(I) UNDER THE EXISTING PENSION SCHEME, 2.57 TIMES \$259 920 EQUALS \$667 994;

(II) UNDER THE PROPOSED NEW PENSION SCHEME, 2.50 TIMES \$259 920 EQUALS \$649 800.

THE COMPENSATION SCHEME APPLIES TO PENSIONABLE OFFICERS, BOTH LOCAL AND OVERSEAS WHO WERE SELECTED FOR APPOINTMENT BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1985. IT WILL NOT APPLY TO JUDGES WHO WILL BE SUBJECT TO SEPARATE ARRANGEMENTS.

OVER THE NEXT SIX TO EIGHT WEEKS, MEETINGS WILL BE HELD WITH STAFF REPRESENTATIVES WHO HAVE A PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THE SCHEME.

MR BARMA SAID IT IS ESTIMATED THAT BETWEEN NOW AND 1997 ABOUT 100 OFFICERS, ALMOST ENTIRELY FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE AND THE POLICE FORCE, COULD BE AFFECTED BY LOCALISATION.

TV CENSORSHIP STANDARDS TO CONTINUE  
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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS DECIDED THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO RELAXATION OF THE PRESENT APPROACH TO CENSORSHIP REGARDING TELEVISION PROGRAMMES.

THE DECISION WAS TAKEN AFTER THE COUNCIL CONSIDERED THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BROADCASTING REVIEW BOARD (BRB) ON PROGRAMME QUALITY AND ADVERTISING.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (FRIDAY), A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ENDORSED THE BRB'S RECOMMENDATION THAT THE PREVAILING CENSORSHIP STANDARDS SHOULD CONTINUE AS THEY FAIRLY REFLECTED THOSE OF THE COMMUNITY.

IT ALSO TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THE SITUATION WHERE 95 PER CENT OF HOMES HAD TELEVISION SETS AND MANY CHILDREN WATCHED TELEVISION AT NIGHT.

HOWEVER, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE GOVERNMENT AGREED WITH THE BOARD THAT STRICTER CONTROLS SHOULD BE ENFORCED OVER THE CONTENT OF STATION PROMOTIONS BROADCAST DURING FAMILY VIEWING HOURS, ESPECIALLY DURING CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES.

OTHER MAJOR DECISIONS ON ADVERTISING AND PROGRAMME QUALITY INCLUDED:

\* THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF NON-PROGRAMME MATERIAL WITHIN A CLOCK HOUR SHOULD BE LIMITED TO 10 MINUTES OF ADVERTISEMENTS, TWO MINUTES OF STATION-PROGRAMME PROMOTION AND UP TO ONE MINUTE, BUT NOT LESS THAN 30 SECONDS, OF UNPAID ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST (API'S).

\* THE MAXIMUM DURATION OF EACH BREAK WITHIN PROGRAMMES AND INTERVAL BETWEEN PROGRAMMES SHOULD BE 3.5 MINUTES AND FIVE MINUTES RESPECTIVELY WITH NO INTERNAL STIPULATION AS TO HOW THE TIME SHOULD BE USED FOR NON-PROGRAMME MATERIAL.

WHERE A BREAK AND INTERVAL EXCEEDS 3.5 MINUTES AND FIVE MINUTES RESPECTIVELY, THE DURATION OF THE BREAK AND INTERVAL SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM THE PROGRAMME HOURS BASED ON WHICH TOTAL ADVERTISING TIME PERMITTED IN ONE CLOCK HOUR IS CALCULATED.

\* THE MINIMUM DURATION OF EACH PROGRAMME SEGMENT BETWEEN BREAKS SHOULD BE 10 MINUTES.

- \* THE PROPOSED BROADCASTING AUTHORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN DISCRETION TO VARY THE NUMBER OF BREAKS, LENGTH OF PROGRAMME SEGMENTS AND LIMIT OF NON-PROGRAMME MATERIAL IN A CLOCK HOUR IN THE CASE OF SPECIAL TYPES OF PROGRAMMES (SUCH AS LIVE SHOWS AND FOOTBALL MATCHES) WHERE SOME FLEXIBILITY IS REQUIRED IN THE INTEREST OF BETTER VIEWING AND PRESENTATION.

THE ABOVE MEASURES ARE MAINLY DESIGNED TO PREVENT BUNCHING OF ADVERTISEMENTS, TO PROVIDE GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN THE SCHEDULING OF PROGRAMMES AND TO ENSURE THAT API'S ARE SCREENED DURING PRIME TIME.

- \* THE BRB'S RECOMMENDATION THAT THE OVERALL DAILY ADVERTISING LIMIT BE INCREASED FROM 10 PER CENT TO 12 PER CENT OF TRANSMISSION TIME IN THE 24-HOUR PERIOD BEGINNING AT 6 AM SHOULD NOT BE ADOPTED.

THE PROPOSED BROADCASTING AUTHORITY SHOULD BE FREE TO RECOMMEND TO THE ADMINISTRATION THE LIMIT BE INCREASED TO 12 PER CENT SHOULD THIS BE FOUND NECESSARY.

- \* ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST SHOULD BE BROADCAST WITHOUT CHARGE BY THE LICENSEES. THE AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE WHAT MATERIAL CONSTITUTES AN API SHOULD BE VESTED WITH THE PROPOSED BROADCASTING AUTHORITY.
- \* CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS SHOULD BE ALLOWED AT ANY TIME BETWEEN 2 AM AND NOON (BUT NOT NECESSARILY IN BLOCKS OF 15 MINUTES EACH), AND THE PROPOSED BROADCASTING AUTHORITY SHOULD REVIEW THIS ARRANGEMENT ONE YEAR AFTER ITS INTRODUCTION.
- \* THE LEGISLATION SHOULD BE AMENDED TO ALLOW LICENSEES TO BROADCAST RELIGIOUS PROGRAMMES, MADE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE BY RELIGIOUS ORGANISATIONS SUBJECT TO PRIOR APPROVAL BY THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY.

THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY SHOULD BE INVITED TO DRAW UP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A CODE OF PRACTICE ON RELIGIOUS BROADCASTING, SETTING OUT HOW BEST THE COMMUNITY INTEREST MIGHT BE SERVED.

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PUBLIC PERCEPTIONS MUST BE HEEDED  
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PUBLIC ADMINISTRATORS HAVE TO BE ALERT AND EVER CONSCIOUS OF PUBLIC REACTION TO ISSUES BIG AND SMALL, THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR JAMES SO, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

+WE MUST REMEMBER THAT THE PUBLIC PERCEPTION ON WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT IS CARING, RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE OR NOT IS USUALLY NOT BASED ON MAJOR POLICY ISSUES, BUT ON SMALL DAY TO DAY THINGS,+ HE SAID.

EXAMPLES OF THESE INCLUDED THE TREATMENT RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FROM FRONT-LINE GOVERNMENT STAFF AND THE FORMS AND PROCEDURES THEY ENCOUNTERED WHEN HAVING TO DEAL WITH GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

HE NOTED THAT A GOOD PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR SHOULD THEREFORE BE CONSTANTLY AWARE OF THE PUBLIC'S REACTION AND COLLECT, COLLATE AND ASSESS PUBLIC OPINION THROUGH THE MEDIA AND BY MONITORING PUBLIC COMPLAINTS.

+WHEN FORMULATING GOVERNMENT POLICIES OR DRAWING UP ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES, WE HAVE TO CONSTANTLY BEAR IN MIND THE HUMAN FACTOR, THAT IT IS PEOPLE WHO ARE AT THE RECEIVING END OF THE POLICIES AND MEASURES,+ HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE GRADUATION DINNER OF A DIPLOMA COURSE IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION HELD AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, MR SO SAID, +A POLICY WHICH APPEARS TO PROVIDE THE IDEAL SOLUTION ON PAPER, IF NOT ACCEPTED BY THE PUBLIC, WILL NOT WORK.+

MR SO CITED THE ELECTRONIC ROAD PRICING SCHEME AS AN EXAMPLE OF BEING A GOOD AND TECHNICALLY FEASIBLE SCHEME TO SOLVE THE ROAD CONGESTION PROBLEM BUT WHICH WAS THWARTED BECAUSE IT COULD NOT PASS THE TEST OF PUBLIC ACCEPTANCE.

MR SO REMINDED THE GATHERING THAT THE KEY WORD IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION WAS +PUBLIC+, AND THE GOVERNMENT STOOD A VERY GOOD CHANCE OF GAINING PUBLIC CONFIDENCE AND ACCEPTANCE IF PUBLIC COMPLAINTS COULD BE DEALT WITH EXPEDITIOUSLY, FAIRLY AND WITH UNDERSTANDING.

MR SO POINTED OUT THAT ANOTHER WAY TO GAUGE THE PUBLIC MIND AND TO WIN PUBLIC SUPPORT WAS THROUGH THE MEDIA.

+THE MEDIA IN HONG KONG ENJOYS GREAT FREEDOM AND EXERCISES MUCH INFLUENCE IN SHAPING PUBLIC OPINIONS AND ATTITUDES.

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+THUS, AS PUBLIC ADMINISTRATORS, WE MUST NOT BELITTLE THE IMPORTANCE OF MEDIA COMMENTS NOR CAN WE IGNORE THEM,+ HE SAID.

MR SO SAID PUBLIC ADMINISTRATORS HAD TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO ENLIST THE SUPPORT OF THE MEDIA.

+WE MUST BE PREPARED TO ACT AND TAKE THE NEWS TO THE MEDIA AND NOT WAIT FOR MEDIA ENQUIRIES OR BE FORCED TO RESPOND TO INCORRECT OR SPECULATIVE REPORTING.

+IT DEMANDS FIRST OF ALL THAT WE BE FOREVER CONSCIOUS OF PUBLIC REACTION TO EVERYTHING WE DO.

+SECONDLY, WE MUST BE PREPARED TO COME FORWARD AND TALK FRANKLY AND WITH CONVICTION TO THE MEDIA, IN PARTICULAR TO THE ELECTRONIC MEDIA,+ HE SAID.

AND LASTLY, MR SO SAID, +WE MUST BE READY FROM TIME TO TIME TO GIVE BACKGROUND BRIEFINGS TO THE MEDIA WHEN NEW POLICIES OR MEASURES ARE BEING INTRODUCED.+

+THIS WOULD HELP THE MEDIA TO UNDERSTAND THE ISSUES BETTER AND WOULD PREVENT OR MINIMISE THE CHANCES OF MISUNDERSTANDING AND MISREPRESENTATION,+ HE SAID.

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CONTINUED WORK ON ROAD SAFETY PROMOTION ASSURED  
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THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO TRY ITS UTMOST TO WORK MOST POSITIVELY AND CLOSELY WITH ALL CONCERNED IN THE PROMOTION OF ROAD SAFETY.

THIS ASSURANCE CAME FROM THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR DAVID LAN, TODAY (FRIDAY) WHEN OFFICIATING AT THE SPEECH DAY OF THE CHINESE ARTISTS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG PRIMARY SCHOOL.

MR LAN SAID THAT THE CONCERTED EFFORTS OF VARIOUS ROAD SAFETY ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS HAD CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUSTAINED DECLINE OF ABOUT 18 PER CENT IN THE NUMBER OF ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, FROM 18 300 IN 1982 TO 14 900 IN 1985.

HOWEVER, HE SAID, THE DOWNWARD TREND APPEARED TO BE LEVELLING OFF AND WE SHOULD THEREFORE NOT BE COMPLACENT OVER THE ACHIEVEMENT OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS.

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MR LAN NOTED THAT THE ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL, RECONSTITUTED IN JANUARY 1983, REPLACED THE STANDING CONFERENCE ON ROAD SAFETY AS THE CENTRAL BODY COORDINATING ROAD SAFETY ACTIVITIES.

IT DEVELOPS PROPOSALS AND PROVIDES ADVICE ON POLICIES TO BRING ABOUT A MAJOR REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS AND CASUALTIES.

+IN ADDITION TO CONCERNED GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS THE ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, THE INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED MOTORISTS AND THE HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION ARE ALSO REPRESENTED AT THE COUNCIL,+ HE SAID.

THE COUNCIL IS SUPPORTED TECHNICALLY BY THE ROAD SAFETY DIVISION OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WHICH CARRIES OUT ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS, ADVISES REMEDIAL MEASURES AND CONDUCTS RESEARCHES INTO THE EFFECT OF LEGISLATION RELATED TO ROAD SAFETY.

ON THE PUBLICITY SIDE, MR LAN SAID THAT ROAD SAFETY HAD BEEN FEATURED AS A MAJOR GOVERNMENT CAMPAIGN SINCE 1978 AND HAD BEEN GIVEN DUE PROMINENCE.

HE WENT ON TO OUTLINE THE PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES WHICH WERE ORGANISED TO PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF ROAD SAFETY, PARTICULARLY AMONG STUDENTS.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE MESSAGE OF ROAD SAFETY COULD GET ACROSS THROUGH ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS.

+TEACHING KITS FOR USE BY PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN PRODUCED AND DISTRIBUTED. WORK HAS BEEN STARTED ON THE PREPARATION OF A KINDERGARTEN ROAD SAFETY TEACHING KIT.+

TO ENSURE THE SAFE CROSSING OF ROADS BY STUDENTS ON THEIR WAY TO AND FROM SCHOOLS, THEY ARE ENCOURAGED TO FORM ROAD SAFETY PATROLS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION, HE SAID.

EACH YEAR, THE GOVERNMENT GRANTS A SUBVENTION TO THE ASSOCIATION, PART OF WHICH IS SPENT ON THE COST OF UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE PATROLS.

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CALL FOR COMMISSION TO STUDY FUND PROPOSAL  
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THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD MET TODAY (FRIDAY) TO STUDY THE CONSULTATIVE PAPER ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF ESTABLISHING A CENTRAL PROVIDENT FUND IN HONG KONG.

CHAired BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND, MEMBERS HAD A LENGTHY DISCUSSION OF THE PAPER AND SUGGESTED THAT A COMMISSION SHOULD BE SET UP TO STUDY IN GREATER DETAIL VARIOUS MEANS OF PROVIDING SECURITY FOR OLD PEOPLE, IN PARTICULAR RETIRED WORKERS.

ALTHOUGH THE EMPLOYERS' REPRESENTATIVES DID NOT FAVOUR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CENTRAL PROVIDENT FUND, IT WAS AGREED THIS SHOULD BE STUDIED BY THE COMMISSION AS ONE OF THE POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS.

MR HAMMOND UNDERTOOK TO PASS ON MEMBERS' VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR CONSIDERATION.

MEMBERS ALSO DISCUSSED A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES INCLUDING A PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH AN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COUNCIL, AMENDMENTS TO THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND THE CONTROL AND LABELLING OF HARMFUL SUBSTANCES IN INDUSTRY.

THE BOARD SUPPORTED IN PRINCIPLE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COUNCIL AND USEFUL VIEWS WERE EXCHANGED AS TO THE METHOD OF FINANCING THE PROPOSED COUNCIL. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE SAFETY COUNCIL SHOULD BE SET UP AS A MATTER OF PRIORITY AND THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD GIVE FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO THE METHODS OF FUNDING INCLUDING SUBVENTION FROM THE GOVERNMENT.

MEMBERS ALSO ENDORSED A PROPOSAL TO REVISE THE NAME OF THE BOARD'S COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION TO INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE. IT AIMS TO REFLECT MORE ACCURATELY THE COMMITTEE'S SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES.

ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE, MEMBERS ENDORSED THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD'S COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION IN MAKING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EXISTING PROVISION OF THE LAW.

AS REGARDS THE PROPOSAL TO CONTROL AND LABEL HARMFUL SUBSTANCES, MEMBERS AGREED THAT LEGISLATION SHOULD BE INTRODUCED TO STRENGTHEN THE CONTROL OVER THE USE OF HARMFUL SUBSTANCES IN FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS IN HONG KONG. DETAILED PROVISIONS OF THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS WOULD BE SENT TO THE BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION LATER.

MEMBERS FURTHER EXAMINED THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD WHICH GAVE AN ACCOUNT OF THE WORK OF THE BOARD FOR THE PERIOD OF 1985 AND 1986. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE REPORT, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND, SHOULD BE PUBLISHED IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE AND BE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO INTERESTED BODIES, INCLUDING THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION.

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CIVIC EDUCATION GUIDELINES WELL RECEIVED

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AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF SCHOOLS AND KINDERGARTENS FOUND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S GUIDELINES ON CIVIC EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS USEFUL AND ADOPTED THE CROSS-CURRICULAR APPROACH TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION, RESULTS OF AN EVALUATION EXERCISE CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S STANDING COMMITTEE ON CIVIC EDUCATION SHOW.

THE SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED IN THE FORM OF A QUESTIONNAIRE SENT TO SCHOOLS AND KINDERGARTENS. OF 1 103 SCHOOLS (405 SECONDARY AND 698 PRIMARY SCHOOLS) AND 712 KINDERGARTENS WHICH RESPONDED, 85 PER CENT OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS, 91 PER CENT OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND 86 PER CENT OF KINDERGARTENS FOUND THE GUIDELINES USEFUL. THERE WAS A 96 PER CENT RETURN RATE OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE.

THE SURVEY ALSO SHOWS THAT A VAST MAJORITY OF SCHOOLS ADOPTED THE CROSS-CURRICULAR APPROACH, AS RECOMMENDED IN THE GUIDELINES, TO TEACH CIVIC EDUCATION. ONLY SIX SECONDARY SCHOOLS (1.5 PER CENT), AND NINE PRIMARY SCHOOLS (1.3 PER CENT) WERE TEACHING CIVIC EDUCATION AS AN INDEPENDENT SUBJECT.

MOST SCHOOLS AND KINDERGARTENS ALSO PROMOTED CIVIC EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM THROUGH EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING THOSE ORGANISED BY THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB, BOYS SCOUTS AND GIRL GUIDES IN SCHOOLS, AS WELL AS THROUGH EXHIBITIONS, DISPLAYS, GAMES, SPORTS DAYS AND EDUCATIONAL VISITS ORGANISED BY AND FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN.

ON IN-SERVICE TRAINING FOR TEACHERS, THE SURVEY SHOWS THAT UP TO THE END OF APRIL THIS YEAR, A TOTAL OF 6 503 TEACHERS (2 328 IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS, 3 242 IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND 933 IN KINDERGARTENS) ATTENDED COURSES, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT. THE PARTICIPANTS' RESPONSE IN GENERAL WAS VERY FAVOURABLE.

THE EVALUATION EXERCISE ALSO INCLUDED OBSERVATIONS MADE BY SCHOOL INSPECTORS AND DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICERS DURING ROUTINE VISITS TO SCHOOLS. INSPECTORS OBSERVED THAT TEACHERS OBTAINED MOST OF THEIR CIVIC EDUCATION MATERIALS IN LESSON PLANS AND SCHEMES OF WORK FROM THE GUIDELINES AND THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE'S SYLLABUSES.

DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICERS FOUND THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GUIDELINES HAD BEEN ENCOURAGING AND MANY CIVIC EDUCATION ACTIVITIES WERE ORGANISED BY DISTRICT SCHOOLS LIAISON COMMITTEES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AS PART OF THEIR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROGRAMMES.

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THROUGH DISCUSSIONS WITH TEACHERS, SCHOOL INSPECTORS FOUND THAT SOME TEACHERS STILL LACKED FULL UNDERSTANDING ABOUT CIVIC EDUCATION, WHILE OTHERS CONSIDERED THAT THERE WERE INSUFFICIENT TEACHING AND RESOURCE MATERIALS AVAILABLE FOR USE AND THAT BETTER CO-ORDINATION AMONG TEACHERS WAS NEEDED TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION.

IN ITS REPORT, THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF CIVIC EDUCATION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS MADE A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE TEACHING OF CIVIC EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS. THESE ARE NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.

THE MAIN RECOMMENDATIONS ARE TO PROVIDE MORE IN-SERVICE TRAINING TO HELP TEACHERS BETTER UNDERSTAND THE SUBJECT, TO FORM A CENTRAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE UNDER THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO ADVISE ON THE PROMOTION AND TEACHING OF CIVIC EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS AND TO SET UP MORE CIVIC EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRES POSSIBLY ON A REGIONAL OR DISTRICT BASIS.

THE EVALUATION REPORT HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND COPIES HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO OMELCO AND DISTRICT BOARDS, SCHOOLS, KINDERGARTENS AND EDUCATIONAL BODIES.

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TENDERS CALLED FOR AIRPORT MONEY-CHANGING CONCESSIONS  
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THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION TODAY (FRIDAY) INVITED TENDERS FOR TENANCIES OF SIX PREMISES IN THE AIRPORT PASSENGER TERMINAL BUILDING FOR MONEY-CHANGING CONCESSIONS.

SUCCESSFUL TENDERERS ARE EXPECTED TO OPERATE THE CONCESSIONS STARTING THE MIDDLE OF MARCH NEXT YEAR UNDER A NEW SCHEME DESIGNED TO OFFER MORE EQUITABLE EXCHANGE RATES.

THE NEW SCHEME, WHICH INCLUDES THE USE OF AN INDEPENDENT BANKNOTE EXCHANGE INFORMATION SYSTEM, WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR THE NEW CONCESSIONAIRES AFTER THE TENANCIES OF THE SIX EXISTING MONEY-CHANGERS EXPIRE ON MARCH 14, 1987. THE NEW TENANCIES WILL BE FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS.

UNDER THE NEW SCHEME, TELEVISION MONITORS PUBLICLY DISPLAYING THE INTER-BANK FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES OF 15 MOST POPULAR CURRENCIES WILL BE INSTALLED IN THE PREMISES OF THE MONEY-CHANGERS SO THAT THEY CAN BE EASILY SEEN BY THE PROSPECTIVE CUSTOMERS. THESE RATES WOULD BE UPDATED ON A REGULAR BASIS THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

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FOR TRANSACTIONS CONCESSIONAIRES ARE REQUIRED TO USE THE EXCHANGE RATES PROVIDED BY THIS INFORMATION SYSTEM.

THE MONEY-CHANGERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO LEVY A SERVICE CHARGE NOT EXCEEDING FIVE PER CENT OF THE MONEY TRANSACTED.

A CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID: +THE NEW SYSTEM WILL PROVIDE TIGHTER CONTROLS ON MONEY-CHANGING OPERATIONS AT THE AIRPORT.

+IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THIS SYSTEM WILL BE CAPABLE OF BEING ADEQUATELY MONITORED BY THE PUBLIC AND THE AIRPORT MANAGEMENT.+

THE MONEY-CHANGERS ARE LOCATED IN THE ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURE LEVELS OF THE PASSENGER TERMINAL BUILDING.

TENDERS WILL BE ALLOCATED IN PACKAGES OF TWO PREMISES EACH COMPRISING ONE LOCATION IN THE ARRIVALS LEVEL AND ANOTHER IN THE DEPARTURE LEVEL.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT ON THE 10TH FLOOR OF UNITED CENTRE AT 95 QUEENSWAY, OR THE AIRPORT MANAGEMENT DIVISION ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF THE AIRPORT PASSENGER TERMINAL BUILDING.

COMPLETED TENDER FORMS MUST BE PLACED IN THE TENDER BOX IN THE LIFT LOBBY ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (EAST WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, BY NOON ON JANUARY 16.

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SITE TO BE OFFERED FOR PSPS DEVELOPMENT  
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A SITE FOR A PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME DEVELOPMENT AT HUNG MUI KUK ROAD, SHA TIN, IS BEING OFFERED FOR SALE BY TENDER BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT.

ACCORDING TO SALES CONDITIONS, THE BUYER CAN DEVELOP A MAXIMUM OF 890 RESIDENTIAL UNITS ON THE 8 666-SQUARE-METRE SITE.

CAR PARKING WILL BE INCLUDED.

THE BUYER IS ALSO REQUIRED TO PROVIDE AT LEAST 3 000 SQUARE METRES OF OPEN SPACE AND RECREATIONAL AREA.

GODOWN AND CINEMA DEVELOPMENTS, HOWEVER, ARE NOT PERMITTED.

TENDERS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY NOON ON JANUARY 23.

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURES TO BE DEMOLISHED  
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS TO APPLY IN KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT ON DECEMBER 18 FOR CLOSURE ORDERS TO BE MADE ON ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN THE REAR YARDS AND OVER THE REAR SERVICE LANE AT 19, 29, 33, 55 AND 57, WAN HON STREET, KOWLOON.

THE AUTHORITY FEELS THAT THE STRUCTURES SHOULD BE CLOSED SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE PUBLIC.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR THE CLOSURE ORDERS WERE POSTED ON CONSPICUOUS PARTS OF THE STRUCTURES TODAY (FRIDAY).

ORDERS TO DEMOLISH THE STRUCTURES UNDER A SECTION OF THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE WERE ISSUED LAST MONTH. A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BUILDING AUTHORITY SAID DEMOLITION WORK WOULD BE CARRIED OUT TO TIE IN WITH THE WAN HON STREET SQUATTER CLEARANCE OPERATION INITIATED BY KWUN TONG DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

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FIRE PREVENTION DISPLAY MOVES TO WAN CHAI  
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A FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD AT SOUTHERN PLAYGROUND IN WAN CHAI ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 7) TO SUSTAIN THE PUBLIC'S AWARENESS OF THE NEED TO PREVENT FIRE IN THE DRY WINTER SEASON.

TWO SIMILAR EXHIBITIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN HELD IN KOWLOON, DRAWING CONSIDERABLE PUBLIC INTEREST.

THE EXHIBITIONS ARE PART OF THIS YEAR'S FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN WHICH HAS +SMOKE KILLS+ AS ITS THEME.

FROM NOON TO 3 PM, VISITORS TO SOUTHERN PLAYGROUND WILL BE ABLE TO LEARN ABOUT THE DANGER OF SMOKE FROM FIRES. FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT AND RESCUE APPLIANCES WILL ALSO BE ON DISPLAY.

FREE CALENDAR CARDS AND LEAFLETS CONTAINING INFORMATION ON HOW TO MINIMISE HARM IN THE EVENT OF FIRE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

IN ADDITION, GIVE-AWAYS SPONSORED BY KWONG ON BANK WILL BE DISTRIBUTED.

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SPEEDPOST SERVICE EXTENDED  
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SPEEDPOST SERVICE WILL BE EXTENDED TO JAKARTA IN INDONESIA AND TO 12 MORE CITIES IN CHINA FROM MONDAY (DECEMBER 8), THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE 12 CITIES IN CHINA ARE BAOTOU, CHANGZHOU, FO SHAN, GUIYANG, HOHHOT, NANCHANG, NANPING, NANTONG, QUANZHOU, SANMING, URUMQI AND ZHANGZHOU.

+THE EXPANSION WILL INCREASE TO 47 THE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES AND 45 THE NUMBER OF CITIES IN CHINA TO WHICH THE SERVICE IS AVAILABLE,+ A SPOKESMAN SAID.

+SPEEDPOST SERVICE IS A FAST AND RELIABLE MEANS FOR FORWARDING BUSINESS DOCUMENTS, SAMPLES AND MERCHANDISE OVERSEAS AND PICK-UP SERVICE IS AVAILABLE.+

HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT ONLY RESTRICTED SPEEDPOST SERVICE WOULD BE OFFERED TO INDONESIA INITIALLY.

+ONLY BUSINESS DOCUMENTS AND SAMPLES OF NO COMMERCIAL VALUE ARE ACCEPTABLE FOR TRANSMISSION IN THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO INDONESIA STARTING NEXT MONDAY,+ HE SAID.

+INITIALLY, DELIVERY IS RESTRICTED TO METROPOLITAN JAKARTA AND ITEMS POSTED IN HONG KONG WILL BE SENT TO ADDRESSEES IN JAKARTA ON THE NEXT WORKING DAY.

+BOTH +CONTRACT+ AND +ON DEMAND+ SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE,+ HE SAID.

REFERRING TO THE POSTAGE RATES OF SPEEDPOST ITEMS TO JAKARTA, HE SAID THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT LIMIT WAS 10 KG. HE LISTED THE RATES AS FOLLOWS:

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| ITEMS WEIGHING UNDER 250 G             | : | \$65 |
| ITEMS WEIGHING BETWEEN 250 G AND 500 G | : | \$75 |
| EACH SUBSEQUENT 500 G                  | : | \$20 |

+SHOULD CUSTOMERS REQUIRE MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION ABOUT SPEEDPOST SERVICE, THEY ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE POSTAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES ON 5-2671108,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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FIGHT CRIME WINNERS TO GET AWARDS

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WINNERS OF FIGHT CRIME ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE WILL RECEIVE PRIZES AT A CEREMONY ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 7).

SEVEN PEOPLE WILL BE GIVEN A +KWUN TONG GOOD CITIZENS AWARD+ FOR GOOD DEEDS IN HELPING TO COMBAT CRIME.

WINNERS OF THE INTER-SCHOOL DEBATE COMPETITION, AND PREVENTION OF RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION WILL ALSO BE AWARDED PRIZES.

THE CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE LOK WAH ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE IN CHUN WAH ROAD AT 2.45 PM.

AN EXHIBITION OF WINNING ENTRIES IN THE COMPETITIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE COMMITTEE CENTRE FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM. THERE WILL ALSO BE A DISPLAY ON THE DEEDS OF THE SEVEN +GOOD CITIZENS+.

ADMISSION IS FREE. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE EXHIBITION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EXHIBITION AND THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY AT 2.45 PM AT THE LOK WAH ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE IN CHUN WAH ROAD, KWUN TONG.

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REMINDER TO JOIN CLEAN AND GREEN '86

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FOUR DAYS ARE LEFT FOR INTERESTED PUBLIC TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POPULAR +CLEAN AND GREEN+ SCHEME ORGANISED FOR THE FOURTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT SINCE THE LAUNCH OF THE SCHEME ON NOVEMBER 1, MORE THAN 5 600 PEOPLE HAD ENROLLED FOR THE COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION PROJECT.

THE SCHEME, ORGANISED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, EMPHASISES THE NEED FOR A CLEANER AND GREENER COUNTRYSIDE ENVIRONMENT. IT IS OPEN TO ANYONE AGED 12 AND OVER.

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THE SCHEME IS HELD IN TWO STAGES. PARTICIPANTS IN THE FIRST STAGE CAN QUALIFY BY EITHER TAKING PART IN ANY OF THE COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION VOLUNTARY SERVICES ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR COLLECT A BAGFUL OF LITTER IN ANY OF THE 21 COUNTRY PARKS BEFORE DECEMBER 8.

IN THE SECOND STAGE, PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO ENROL IN ONE OR MORE OF THE FOUR COMPETITIONS DESIGNED TO TEST THEIR CONSERVATION KNOWLEDGE. THESE INCLUDE A PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION, A CLOTH BADGE DESIGN COMPETITION, A SLOGAN COMPETITION AND A CROSS-WORD PUZZLE CONTEST.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED PARTICIPANTS IN THE SECOND STAGE TO HAND IN THEIR ENTRIES BEFORE DECEMBER 12 TO THE DEPARTMENT'S RANGER SERVICES UNIT, 4-1/2 MILESTONE, TAI PO ROAD, KOWLOON OR TO ANY COUNTRY PARK MANAGEMENT CENTRE.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES  
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A NUMBER OF ROAD SECTIONS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM MONDAY (DECEMBER 8) FOR ROAD WORKS. DETAILS ARE:

- \* KING'S ROAD EASTBOUND BETWEEN MAN HONG STREET AND JAVA ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC DAILY BETWEEN 10 PM AND 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY UNTIL JANUARY 7. THE CLOSURE WILL NOT BE IN FORCE ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

AFFECTED VEHICLES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA MAN HONG STREET AND JAVA ROAD BEFORE REJOINING KING'S ROAD AT ITS JUNCTION WITH JAVA ROAD.

- \* TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF HUNG HING ROAD FLYOVER, THE EXIT ROADS LEADING FROM THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL TO NORTH POINT, CENTRAL AND CANAL ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 1 AM AND 6 AM FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY (DECEMBER 12).

VEHICLES LEAVING THE TUNNEL WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE CAUSEWAY BAY EXIT ROAD AND PROCEED TO NORTH POINT VIA EASTBOUND GLOUCESTER ROAD OR TO CENTRAL AND CANAL ROAD FLYOVER VIA THE GLOUCESTER ROAD FLYOVER.

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IN ADDITION, FROM 1 AM TO 6 AM ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 13), THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THE APPROACH ROAD LEADING FROM THE CANAL ROAD FLYOVER TO THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL WILL BE CLOSED. VEHICLES ON THE CANAL ROAD FLYOVER HEADING FOR KOWLOON WILL HAVE TO TRAVEL VIA EASTBOUND GLOUCESTER ROAD, FLYOVER, WESTBOUND GLOUCESTER ROAD AND THE FLYOVER LEADING TO THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL.

- \* PRINCE EDWARD ROAD FLYOVER WESTBOUND BETWEEN THE KOWLOON CITY ROUNDABOUT AND SHORT STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 10 PM AND 6 AM THE NEXT MORNING FROM MONDAY TO SATURDAY (DECEMBER 13). THE MEASURE WILL FACILITATE REPAIR WORKS ON THE FLYOVER.

AFFECTED VEHICLES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE DOWN RAMP AT THE KOWLOON CITY ROUNDABOUT TO PRINCE EDWARD ROAD GROUND LEVEL.

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SHAU KEI WAN TRAMS TO START LATER  
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TO FACILITATE THE REMOVAL OF WESTBOUND TRAM TRACK FROM KING'S ROAD TO AN UNNAMED NEW ROAD LINKING SAI WAN TERRACE AND BO FUNG GARDENS SOUTH OF KING'S ROAD, TRAM SERVICES EAST OF QUARRY BAY WILL START AN HOUR LATER THAN USUAL ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 7).

TRAMS BOUND FOR WHITTY STREET AND HAPPY VALLEY WILL NOT DEPART SHAU KEI WAN STATION UNTIL SHORTLY AFTER 7.15 AM WHILE ALL EASTBOUND TRAMS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO SHAU KEI WAN WILL TERMINATE AT QUARRY BAY BEFORE 7 AM.

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ABERDEEN URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION LIFTED  
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FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 8), THE 24-HOUR DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION ON THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE SECTION OF WU PAK STREET, BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 15 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION, WILL BE LIFTED.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN KOWLOON CITY

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN KOWLOON CITY FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 8) FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS FOR ROAD WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT AT THE JUNCTION OF CARPENTER ROAD AND SOUTH WALL ROAD.

THE SECTION OF CARPENTER ROAD BETWEEN LUNG KONG ROAD AND TAK KU LING ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

SOUTH WALL ROAD BETWEEN CARPENTER ROAD AND NGA TSIN WAI ROAD WILL BE CONVERTED INTO A TWO-WAY CUL-DE-SAC WITH ACCESS ONLY FROM NGA TSIN WAI ROAD.

MOTORISTS TRAVELLING ON CARPENTER ROAD HEADING FOR SOUTH WALL ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED TO LUNG KONG ROAD AND NGA TSIN WAI ROAD, WHILE THOSE FOR LOK SIN ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED TO LUNG KONG ROAD, NGA TSIN WAI ROAD AND TAK KU LING ROAD.

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