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FUTURE DEPENDS ON DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES: CS

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OUR FUTURE WILL DEPEND VERY MUCH ON HOW WE DEVELOP OUR HUMAN RESOURCES, ESPECIALLY OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

ADDRESSING THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD HEADQUARTERS, SIR DAVID SAID HONG KONG'S SUCCESS WAS BUILT ON THE VISION AND DETERMINATION OF ITS PEOPLE.

"ONE OF THE PRIORITY TASKS IS THEREFORE TO ENSURE THAT THEY HAVE SUFFICIENT OPPORTUNITIES TO DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL AND ABILITY," HE SAID.

"TO THIS END, A CONCERTED EFFORT BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMUNITY IS NEEDED."

VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS HAD CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TOWARDS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG, THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID, CITING THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME.

SIR DAVID ALSO NOTED THAT THE SCHEME, WITH ONLY ONE OPERATING AUTHORITY AND SOME 250 PARTICIPANTS WHEN IT WAS INTRODUCED TO HONG KONG IN 1961, HAD DEVELOPED INTO 23 OPERATING AUTHORITIES WITH MORE THAN 40,000 PARTICIPANTS.

CONGRATULATING THE SCHEME'S COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF, HE SAID THE INAUGURATION OF ITS NEW HEADQUARTERS AT LAI KOK ESTATE IN CHEUNG SHA WAN SIGNIFIED YET ANOTHER STEP FORWARD AFTER THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH TRAINING CAMP IN TAI PO OPENED TWO YEARS AGO.

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TRADITION OF TALKING THINGS OUT: CS

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT IF THERE WERE DIFFICULTIES AS A RESULT OF THE REPORT BY THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINED SERVICES PAY AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE, THE RECOMMENDATION WAS THAT THESE SHOULD BE SORTED OUT BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE TO BE ESTABLISHED AT A LATER STAGE.

SIR DAVID SAID THE DISCIPLINED SERVICES HAD A TRADITION OF "TALKING THINGS OUT" AND THE SERVICES AS A WHOLE HAD A VERY FINE TRADITION OF NOT TAKING INDUSTRIAL ACTION.

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SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OPENING THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD HEADQUARTERS, SIR DAVID SAID: "I AM NOT WORRIED AT THE MOMENT ABOUT INDUSTRIAL ACTION.

"WE HAVE A TRADITION OF TALKING THINGS OUT IN THE SERVICE. I AM CONFIDENT THAT THINGS CAN BE TALKED OUT IN THIS WAY TOO."

REFUTING A SUGGESTION THAT MORALE IN THE CIVIL SERVICE WAS LOW, THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID: "I THINK THAT BY AND LARGE OVER THE RANGE THE SERVICE IS EXTREMELY GOOD INDEED.

"BUT I DON'T THINK THAT ONE SHOULD MAKE A JUDGEMENT ABOUT THE OVERALL MORALE FROM THE BASIS OF A FEW PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT TOO HAPPY WITH RESULTS OF PARTICULAR SURVEYS WHICH HAVE HAPPENED."

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IMPORTANCE PLACED ON DEVELOPING CENTRE FOR SHIPPING: FS
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THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO PLACE GREAT IMPORTANCE ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG AS A CENTRE FOR SHIPPING, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, SAID THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING.

SPEAKING AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE SEAMEN'S TRAINING CENTRE IN TAI LAM CHUNG, MR JACOBS SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS WORKING HARD TO ESTABLISH HONG KONG'S OWN SHIPPING REGISTER.

"AND IN FUTURE, WITHIN THE TERMS OF THE JOINT DECLARATION, I EXPECT TO SEE HONG KONG ASSUMING A GREATER INVOLVEMENT IN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME POLICY-MAKING BODIES."

MR JACOB SAID HONG KONG WAS A MAJOR AND EXPANDING CONTAINER PORT AND IN TERMS OF THE VOLUME OF CARGO HANDLED, IT WAS THE WORLD'S BUSIEST.

"IT HAS CONTRIBUTED SUBSTANTIALLY TO INCREASING HONG KONG'S ENTREPOT TRADE AND INDIRECTLY TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF ITS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY," HE SAID.

MR JACOBS SAID HONG KONG SHIPOWNERS CONTROLLED ONE OF THE LARGEST MERCANT FLEETS IN THE WORLD, AND SHIP MANAGEMENT COMPANIES ALL OVER THE WORLD WERE NOW SETTING UP OFFICES HERE IN INCREASING NUMBERS.

"THEIR INTEREST IN HONG KONG NOT ONLY SERVES TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR HONG KONG PEOPLE BUT ALSO HIGHLIGHTS HONG KONG'S GROWING IMPORTANCE IN THE MARITIME WORLD," HE SAID.

/MR JACOBS

MR JACOBS PRAISED THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL FOR PROVIDING COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING FACILITIES TO SUPPORT HONG KONG'S SHIPPING INDUSTRY.

"AND, OF COURSE, THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE PORT REMAINS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE," HE ADDED.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL, MR CHAN KAM-CHUEN SAID: "THE AVAILABILITY OF A HIGH STANDARD TRAINING CENTRE FOR SEAMEN IS A PRE-REQUISITE IF HONG KONG IS TO HAVE ITS OWN REGISTER, WHICH IT WILL, AND IF ITS FLAG IS NOT TO BE TAGGED AS A FLAG OF CONVENIENCE."

MR CHAN SAID THE CENTRE WOULD PROVIDE THE INDUSTRY WITH A STEADY SUPPLY OF WELL-TRAINED SEAMEN TO TOP UP THE SHRINKING POOL OF SEAFARERS AND TO REPLACE THE VERY LARGE PROPORTION OF SERVING MARINERS WHO ARE REACHING RETIREMENT AGE.

SITUATED AT THE WATERFRONT OF TAI LAM CHUNG, THE PURPOSE-BUILT CENTRE BECAME OPERATIONAL IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR.

IT HAS FACILITIES TO TRAIN 450 NEW ENTRANTS A YEAR AND TO OFFER UPGRADING TRAINING TO 600 SERVING SEAMEN ANNUALLY TO MEET INTERNATIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

PRIOR TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS CENTRE, THE COUNCIL HAD STARTED TO TRAIN IN-SERVICE SEAMEN TO OBTAIN MANDATORY CERTIFICATES AS EARLY AS 1984 AT THE TEMPORARY CENTRE AT LITTLE SAI WAN.

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CLOSER TRADE LINKS WITH NORWAY

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A NEW SOCIETY WAS INAUGURATED IN OSLO THIS WEEK TO PROMOTE TRADE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND NORWAY.

THE AIM OF THE NORWAY-HONG KONG SOCIETY, WHICH IS CHAIRED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF BERGEN BANK, MR EGIL GADE GREVE IS TO PROVIDE A FORUM FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH VARIOUS ACTIVITIES SUCH AS TRADE DELEGATIONS AND SPEAKER PROGRAMMES.

THE SOCIETY'S FIRST GUEST SPEAKER WAS THE HONG KONG COMMISSIONER IN LONDON, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE WHO ADDRESSED MORE THAN 40 OF ITS MEMBERS ON HONG KONG'S ATTRACTIONS AS A BUSINESS CENTRE.

HONG KONG HAS BEEN A SMALL TRADING PARTNER FOR NORWAY BUT TWO-WAY TRADE HAS SEEN A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN RECENT YEARS.

/NORWAY'S EXPORTS

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NORWAY'S EXPORTS TO HONG KONG WERE VALUED AT \$267 MILLION IN 1987, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 32.4 PER CENT OVER 1986.

IN THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1988, THE GROWTH WAS AN IMPRESSIVE 45.5 PER CENT OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. THE MAJOR ITEMS WERE NICKEL, PAPER AND PAPERBOARD, RAW FUR SKIN AND IRON AND STEEL.

HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO NORWAY WERE \$765 MILLION IN 1987.

THE PRINCIPAL ITEMS WERE CLOTHING, TOYS AND SPORTING GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES. RE-EXPORTS TO NORWAY WENT UP BY SOME 105 PER CENT OVER 1986, ILLUSTRATING HONG KONG'S RE-EMERGENCE AS AN IMPORTANT TRANS-SHIPMENT CENTRE FOR EAST ASIA.

SOME 80 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S EXPORTS OF CLOTHING AND BED LINEN ARE RESTRAINED AT NORWAY'S REQUEST UNDER THE MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT. JUST LAST MONTH NORWAY AGREED TO DISPERSE WITH SOME OF THESE RESTRAINTS.

MR ALLEYNE TOLD THE SOCIETY THAT IN TRADE TERMS THIS WAS LITTLE MORE THAN A TOKEN DEGREE OF LIBERALISATION, BUT A VERY WELCOME ONE FOR ALL THAT.

"WE HOPE THAT THERE WILL BE FURTHER DEGREES OF LIBERALISATION IN FUTURE," HE ADDED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT NOW THAT SWEDEN HAD ANNOUNCED THAT RESTRAINTS ON TEXTILE IMPORTS WOULD BE TERMINATED AT THE END OF THE CURRENT TERM OF THE MFA IN 1991, IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER THE ARRANGEMENT WAS RENEWED, HONG KONG WAS WAITING TO SEE IF NORWAY WOULD FOLLOW SUIT.

"IN OUR EXPERIENCE, THIS WOULD BENEFIT NOT ONLY HONG KONG EXPORTS BUT ALSO NORWAY'S EXPORTS TO HONG KONG," HE SAID.

"THE HONG KONG MARKET IS ALREADY COMPLETELY OPEN TO NORWEGIAN EXPORTS AND THERE ARE EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR INCREASING THE SHARE OF THE HONG KONG IMPORT MARKET," MR ALLEYNE ADDED.

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PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR OCTOBER 1988

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HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE CONTINUED TO SHOW SIGNIFICANT GROWTH IN OCTOBER 1988 OVER A YEAR EARLIER, WITH SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES RECORDED FOR RE-EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, AND A RELATIVELY SLOWER INCREASE IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS.

THIS IS SHOWN IN THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN OCTOBER 1988 WAS \$20,066 MILLION, \$1,878 MILLION OR 10.3 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN OCTOBER 1987, WHILE THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 55.9 PER CENT OR \$9,546 MILLION TO \$26,628 MILLION.

THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS (DOMESTIC EXPORTS PLUS RE-EXPORTS), AT \$46,694 MILLION IN OCTOBER 1988, WAS THUS \$11,424 MILLION OR 32.4 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN OCTOBER 1987.

THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW BY 31.9 PER CENT OR \$11,078 MILLION OVER A YEAR EARLIER, TO \$45,788 MILLION IN OCTOBER 1988.

THE VISIBLE TRADE BALANCE IN OCTOBER 1988 RECORDED A SURPLUS OF \$906 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 2.0 PER CENT OF VALUE OF IMPORTS.

THIS COMPARES WITH A SURPLUS OF \$560 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 1.6 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, RECORDED IN OCTOBER 1987.

PUTTING THE TRADE FIGURES FOR OCTOBER IN PERSPECTIVE, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS IN THE FIRST TEN MONTHS OF 1988 WAS \$396,015 MILLION, MADE UP OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF \$176,439 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS OF \$219,576 MILLION.

COMPARED WITH THE FIRST TEN MONTHS IN 1987, IN VALUE TERMS TOTAL EXPORTS GREW BY \$90,530 MILLION OR 29.6 PER CENT, DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY \$17,112 MILLION OR 10.7 PER CENT, AND RE-EXPORTS BY \$73,418 MILLION OR 50.2 PER CENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW BY \$95,531 MILLION OR 31.3 PER CENT, TO \$400,391 MILLION.

A VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT OF \$4,376 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 1.1 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED IN THE FIRST TEN MONTHS OF 1988.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, A VISIBLE TRADE SURPLUS OF \$625 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO ONLY 0.2 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH RATE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE FIRST TEN MONTHS OF 1988, THOUGH SIGNIFICANT, WAS LESS RAPID WHEN COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATE OF 26.8 PER CENT FOR 1987 AS A WHOLE.

/THE SPOKESMAN

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO POINTED OUT THAT, AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUED UPSURGE IN RE-EXPORTS, RE-EXPORTS REPRESENTED 55.4 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS DURING THE FIRST TEN MONTHS OF 1988, UP FROM A FIGURE OF 47.8 PER CENT DURING THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE PRESENTS THE PROVISIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FIGURES FOR OCTOBER 1988.

TRADE FIGURES FOR OCTOBER, 1988

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAS RELEASED THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FIGURES FOR OCTOBER:-

MERCHANDISE:	DOMESTIC EXPORTS	:	\$20,066 MILLION	
	RE-EXPORTS	:	\$26,628 MILLION	
	TOTAL EXPORTS	:	\$46,694 MILLION	
	IMPORTS	:	\$45,788 MILLION	
	TRADE BALANCE	:	\$906 MILLION	[IN SURPLUS]

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

LATEST 3 MONTHS	AUG 88	AUG 87	INCREASE	
	TO OCT 88 HK\$ MN.	TO OCT 87 HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	60,686	54,588	6,098	11.2
RE-EXPORTS	78,280	49,732	28,548	57.4
TOTAL EXPORTS	138,966	104,320	34,646	33.2
IMPORTS	134,306	99,409	34,897	35.1
TRADE BALANCE	4,660	4,911	-251	

SAME MONTH LAST YEAR

OCTOBER 1988 HK\$ MN.	OCTOBER 1987 HK\$ MN.	INCREASE	
		HK\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	20,066 (43.0%)	18,188 (51.6%)	1,878 10.3
RE-EXPORTS	26,628	17,082	9,546 55.9
TOTAL EXPORTS	46,694	35,270	11,424 32.4
IMPORTS	45,788	34,710	11,078 31.9
TRADE BALANCE	906	560	346

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LAST MONTH	OCTOBER	SEPT	INCREASE	
	1988	1988	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	20,066 (43.0%)	19,951 (43.2%)	115	0.6
RE-EXPORTS	26,628	26,223	405	1.5
TOTAL EXPORTS	46,694	46,174	520	1.1
IMPORTS	45,788	44,691	1,097	2.5
TRADE BALANCE	906	1,483	-577	

CALENDAR YEAR TO-DATE	JAN-OCT	JAN-OCT	INCREASE	
	1988	1987	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	176,439 (44.6%)	159,327 (52.2%)	17,112	10.7
RE-EXPORTS	219,576	146,158	73,418	50.2
TOTAL EXPORTS	396,015	305,485	90,530	29.6
IMPORTS	400,391	304,860	95,531	31.3
TRADE BALANCE	-4,376	625	-5,001	

LAST 12 MONTHS	NOV 87	NOV 86	INCREASE	
	TO	TO	HK\$ MN.	%
	OCT 88	OCT 87		
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	212,366	189,565	22,801	12.0
RE-EXPORTS	256,198	171,060	85,138	49.8
TOTAL EXPORTS	468,564	360,625	107,939	29.9
IMPORTS	473,478	358,374	115,104	32.1
TRADE BALANCE	-4,914	2,251	-7,165	

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DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY REGISTRATION REVOKED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF UNIVEST FINANCE (HONG KONG) LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON NOVEMBER 23, 1988 AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 31(2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR OCTOBER 1988

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) PUBLISHED THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR OCTOBER 1988.

THE CPI(A) AND CPI(B) (OCT. 84/SEP. 85 = 100) FOR OCTOBER 1988 WERE 120.0 AND 119.9 RESPECTIVELY, REPRESENTING INCREASES OF 7.6 PER CENT AND 7.5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER OCTOBER 1987.

COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1988 AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, THE CPI(A) DECREASED BY 0.4 PER CENT AND THE CPI(B) BY 0.1 PER CENT.

THE AVERAGE CPI(A) AND AVERAGE CPI(B) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER 1988, AT 116.0 AND 116.1 RESPECTIVELY, WERE 7.3 PER CENT AND 7.1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER 1987.

DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED OCTOBER 1988, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI(A) AND CPI(B) BOTH INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 0.6 PER CENT PER MONTH.

THE CPI(A) AND THE CPI(B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1984/85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

THE CPI(A) REFERS TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$2,000 AND \$6,499 A MONTH AT THAT TIME AND THE CPI(B) BETWEEN \$6,500 AND \$9,999 A MONTH.

CHANGES IN THE INDEXES FOR OCTOBER 1988 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES, AS COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1988 AND OCTOBER 1987, ARE GIVEN BELOW.

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(OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 AVERAGE = 100)

SECTION	CPI(A)			CPI(B)		
	INDEX FOR OCT.88	% CHANGE OVER SEP.88	% CHANGE OVER OCT.87	INDEX FOR OCT.88	% CHANGE OVER SEP.88	% CHANGE OVER OCT.87
FOODSTUFFS	119.9	-1.0	+10.3	120.7	-0.7	+10.5
HOUSING	115.5	+0.1	+3.9	112.1	+0.1	+3.3
FUEL AND LIGHT	92.3	-0.5	-0.3	92.9	-0.6	-0.4
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	124.6	+0.2	+6.6	125.5	+0.3	+7.0
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	123.6	+0.7	+8.5	125.9	+0.8	+8.9
DURABLE GOODS	119.5	+0.1	+5.7	118.7	+0.1	+5.7
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	123.2	-0.1	+4.5	123.6	-0.1	+4.9
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	121.6	+0.4	+3.9	120.9	+0.5	+4.3
SERVICES	131.8	+0.2	+9.2	131.6	+0.3	+9.7
ALL ITEMS	120.0	-0.4	+7.6	119.9	-0.1	+7.5

COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1988, THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS DECREASED BY 1.0 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 0.7 PER CENT IN CPI(B).

THIS WAS MAINLY DUE TO DECREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND FRESH FRUIT, WHICH MORE THAN OFFSET THE INCREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SALT-WATER FISH AND IN THE AVERAGE CHARGE FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES.

THE INDEX FOR FUEL AND LIGHT DECREASED BY 0.5 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 0.6 PER CENT IN CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF LOWER PRICES OF KEROSENE AND THE DOWNWARD FUEL COST ADJUSTMENT FOR TOWNGAS.

THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR INCREASED BY 0.7 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 0.8 PER CENT IN CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER PRICES OF OUTER CLOTHING AND MEN'S FOOTWEAR.

/MORE DETAILS

MORE DETAILS ARE GIVEN IN THE "CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT" FOR OCTOBER 1988, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$3.5 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAILINGS.

FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE INDEXES, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT 5-8235089.

THE HANG SENG CPI WAS 125.5 IN OCTOBER 1988, UP BY 0.4 PER CENT OVER SEPTEMBER 1988 AND UP BY 9.0 PER CENT OVER OCTOBER 1987.

THE HANG SENG CPI IS BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF THE 10 PER CENT OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG THAT SPENT HK\$10,000-24,999 A MONTH DURING THE 1984/85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THIS INDEX ARE INCLUDED IN THE HANG SENG CPI REPORT ISSUED BY THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF HANG SENG BANK LTD.

FIGURES HEREIN REFER TO CPI SERIES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. ALL PERCENTAGE CHANGES ARE DERIVED FROM CPI FIGURES TAKEN TO MORE THAN 1 DECIMAL PLACE.

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SES OUTLINES PLANNING FOR HARBOUR SERVICES

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THE GOVERNMENT IS NOW ACTIVELY PLANNING FOR HARBOUR INFRASTRUCTURAL SERVICES TO MEET PROJECTED TRADE GROWTH UP TO THE YEAR 2011, THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MRS ANSON CHAN, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING IN KOREA AT THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF A VESSEL COMMISSIONED BY THE WORLD WIDE GROUP, MRS CHAN SAID HONG KONG CONFIDENTLY EXPECTED CONTINUED GROWTH IN TRADE IN VIEW OF THE INCREASING USE OF HONG KONG AS A MAJOR ENTREPOT FOR SOUTHERN CHINA.

MRS CHAN POINTED OUT THAT 90 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S TRADE WAS HANDLED THROUGH THE PORT.

IN 1987, THE PORT HANDLED OVER 14,000 OCEAN-GOING VESSELS AND 82,000 COASTAL TRADE VESSELS. CARGO THROUGHOUT LAST YEAR WAS A RECORD 70 MILLION TONS.

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"GIVEN HONG KONG'S VERY SMALL AREA -- WE HAVE ONLY 1,000 SQUARE KILOMETRES AND MOST OF THAT HAS EITHER BEEN BUILT UP FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT OR IS MOUNTAINOUS -- WE CAN ONLY DEVELOP NEW CONTAINER FACILITIES, FOR EXAMPLE, BY RECLAMATION FROM THE SEA," SHE SAID.

"THIS PLANNING MUST GO ON IRRESPECTIVE OF 1997," SHE ADDED.

MRS CHAN SAID HONG KONG SHIPOWNERS NOW CONTROLLED SOME 1,200 SHIPS OF ABOUT 500 MILLION DEADWEIGHT TONS, PERHAPS AS MUCH AS 10 PER CENT OF THE WORLD'S TOTAL TONNAGE.

"COUPLED WITH THIS EXPANSION, IS THE CORRESPONDING EXPANSION OF HONG KONG AS A SHIP MANAGEMENT BASE, AND AN ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERLOCKING MESH OF RELATED SERVICES -- SHIPPING FINANCE, LEGAL SERVICES, INSURANCE AND SO ON.

"INDEED THERE ARE FEW, IF ANY, COUNTRIES WHICH MANAGE MORE SHIPPING TONNAGE THAN HONG KONG," SHE SAID.

MRS CHAN SAID THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG INTO A LARGE SHIP OWNING AND SHIP MANAGEMENT CENTRE IN THE PAST YEARS HAD BEEN DUE TO A NUMBER OF FACTORS.

"THE OPEN MARKET FREE ENTERPRISE POLICY OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, THE LOW TAXATION LEVELS, THE SOPHISTICATION OF ITS FINANCIAL AND COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS AND THE AVAILABILITY OF A POOL OF SKILLED INDUSTRIOUS WORKERS AT THE RIGHT COST HAVE ALL HELPED. WE PLAN NO CHANGES HERE," SHE SAID.

MRS CHAN SAID HONG KONG WAS ALSO AN IMPORTANT PORT OF REGISTER FOR SHIPS AND IT HAD SOMETHING MORE THAN SEVEN MILLION GROSS REGISTERED TONS ON ITS BOOKS AND THE PROSPECTS FOR GROWTH WERE GOOD.

SHE SAID THAT WITH THE AGREEMENT OF BOTH THE CHINESE AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS, THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT TOGETHER WITH THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG WAS BUSILY ENGAGED IN PLANNING HOW BEST TO MODIFY THE EXISTING REGISTER SO THAT IT COULD TRANSIT 1997 WITH "A MINIMUM OF FUSS AND A MAXIMUM OF CONTINUITY".

"WE ARE MAKING GOOD PROGRESS AND ARE CONFIDENT, THAT BY THE END OF 1990, A MODIFIED REPUTABLE REGISTER WILL BE IN PLACE," SHE SAID.

"SO STEADY PROGRESS IS BEING MADE TO KEEP HONG KONG IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING SCENE WELL INTO THE NEXT CENTURY," SHE ADDED.

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STUDY ON LAND DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL STRATEGY

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A \$9 MILLION CONSULTANCY CONTRACT WAS AWARDED BY THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) FOR STUDYING THE PROBLEMS OF LAND DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL IN THE TERRITORY.

THE TERRITORIAL LAND DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL STRATEGY STUDY - PHASE I WILL BEGIN LATER THIS MONTH AND TAKE 13 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

SPEAKING AFTER SIGNING THE CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT, THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES, DR K.F. NIP, SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS UNDERTAKING A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY WHICH WOULD LEAD TO THE FORMULATION OF A TERRITORIAL LAND DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL STRATEGY.

DR NIP SAID HIS DEPARTMENT HAD IDENTIFIED THE MAIN CAUSES OF FLOODING, WHICH INCLUDED:

- BLOCKAGE OF GULLIES AND LAND DRAINAGE BY RUBBISH, DEBRIS OR VEGETATION;
- FLOW DEPTH REDUCTION OF LAND DRAINAGE DUE TO NATURAL SILTING OR ANIMAL WASTE;
- INTERFERENCE TO LAND DRAINAGE PATTERN OR REDUCTION OF FLOOD STORAGE CAPACITY DUE TO UNCONTROLLED FILLING OF LOW LAND;
- STRUCTURAL OBSTRUCTION TO STORMWATER DRAINS OR WATER COURSES;
- LOW-LYING AREA AFFECTED BY TIDE AND SURGE EVEN WITHOUT RAIN;
- INADEQUATE LAND DRAINAGE, I.E. UNABLE TO DRAIN AWAY THE RAIN WATER AT LOW TIDE.

HE APPEALED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO REFRAIN FROM FURTHER DUMPING OF RUBBISH, DEBRIS AND ANIMAL WASTE INTO THE STORMWATER DRAINAGE OR NATURAL STREAM COURSES AS THESE WERE NEVER INTENDED FOR SUCH PURPOSES.

DR NIP SAID THE CONSULTANCY STUDY WOULD LOOK INTO:

- (I) A TERRITORY-WIDE STUDY OF LAND DRAINAGE CATCHMENTS ENABLING CATEGORISATION INTO HIGH, MEDIUM AND LOW PRIORITY AREAS IN RESPECT OF FLOOD RISK PROTECTION AND SOCIAL-ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES OF FLOODING;
- (II) AN ASSESSMENT OF THE EXISTING TECHNICAL STANDARDS OF LAND DRAINAGE DESIGN, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE PROBLEM OF TIDAL-SURGE EFFECTS AT THE LAND DRAINAGE OUTFALLS;

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- (III) THE DEVELOPMENT AND ASSESSMENT OF ALTERNATIVE LAND DRAINAGE OPTIONS IN A LIMITED NUMBER OF TYPICAL LOCATIONS, BASED ON CONVENTIONAL STRUCTURAL MEASURES AND NON-STRUCTURAL MEASURES SUCH AS FLOOD RISK ANALYSIS, LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL, AND FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM ETC;
- (IV) AN ASSESSMENT OF EXISTING COMPUTER MODELS FOR LAND DRAINAGE ANALYSIS AND DESIGN AND PROPOSALS FOR THE ADOPTION OF A SUITABLE SYSTEM FOR LOCAL CONDITIONS;
- (V) THE IDENTIFICATION OF PRIORITY ITEMS FOR LAND DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL FOR INCLUSION IN THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME; AND
- (VI) PROPOSALS FOR THE INSTITUTIONAL/ORGANISATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR IMPROVED MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF LAND DRAINAGE SYSTEMS, INCLUDING RAINFALL, RUN-OFF AND FLOW MONITORING, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A DRAINAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE, LEGISLATIVE ENACTMENT.

DR NIP SAID THE PROGRESS OF THIS STUDY WOULD BE MONITORED CAREFULLY BY A STEERING GROUP, WHICH WOULD BE CHAIRED BY A CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT OFFICER AND INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

THE INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS PROVIDED BY THIS STUDY SHOULD NOT ONLY HELP TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEMS THAT HONG KONG FACES IN RESPECT OF THE LAND DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL, BUT ALSO ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT TO FORMULATE A CENTRALISED STRATEGY FOR DEALING WITH LAND DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL.

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OVERALL CRIME DECREASE IN THIRD QUARTER

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OVERALL CRIMES REPORTED TO POLICE IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF THIS YEAR SHOWED A DECREASE OF 3.7 PERCENT OVER THE PREVIOUS THREE-MONTH PERIOD.

RELEASING THE CRIME STATISTICS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER TODAY (THURSDAY), MR PETER LEE LAM-CHUEN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, CRIME SAID A TOTAL OF 19,803 CRIMES WERE RECORDED, REPRESENTING A THREE PERCENT DROP WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

COMPARED WITH LAST QUARTER, PICKPOCKETING DECLINED BY 52.1 PERCENT AND SHOP THEFT WAS DOWN 22.8 PERCENT, MR LEE SAID.

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HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE RECORDED FOR INDECENT ASSAULT, AND WOUNDINGS AND SERIOUS ASSAULTS, UP 17.2 PERCENT AND 13.7 PERCENT RESPECTIVELY.

VIOLENT CRIME TOTALLED 4,258 CASES DURING THE QUARTER, REPRESENTING 21.5 PERCENT OF ALL CRIMES REPORTED.

ON ROBBERIES, MR LEE SAID THE USE OF VIOLENCE WAS STILL HIGH. HE SAID: "WEAPONS WERE USED IN 46.6 PERCENT OF THESE OFFENCES, RESULTING IN 23.9 PERCENT OF ROBBERIES' VICTIMS SUSTAINING INJURIES."

OF ALL THE ROBBERIES COMMITTED IN THE THIRD QUARTER, 10 INVOLVED GOLDSMITH OR WATCH SHOPS. A TOTAL OF \$15 MILLION WORTH OF GOLD, JEWELLERY AND WATCHES WERE STOLEN. THE CORRESPONDING NUMBERS OF SUCH ROBBERIES FOR THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND THE SAME QUARTER LAST YEAR WERE 14 AND NINE RESPECTIVELY.

THERE WERE 47 ROBBERIES INVOLVING THE USE OF GENUINE FIREARMS OR PISTOL LIKE OBJECTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1988, OF WHICH THREE CASES WERE CONFIRMED AS GENUINE FIREARMS.

THERE WERE 54 SUCH CASES IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND 48 IN THE SAME QUARTER OF LAST YEAR.

WITH REGARD TO BURGLARIES, MR LEE POINTED OUT THAT IN 28.8 PERCENT OF ALL CASES OCCURRING IN THE THIRD QUARTER, THE BURGLARS DID NOT HAVE TO BREAK INTO THE PREMISES.

COMPARED WITH LAST QUARTER, DOMESTIC PREMISES BURGLARIES DECREASED BY 6.8 PERCENT, COMMERCIAL OFFICE BURGLARIES BY 3.9 PERCENT, AND FACTORY BURGLARIES BY 0.8 PERCENT. SHOP BURGLARIES WENT UP BY 3.4 PERCENT.

WOUNDINGS AND SERIOUS ASSAULTS AVERAGED 21.1 CASES PER DAY IN THE THIRD QUARTER, AN INCREASE OF 13.7 PERCENT OVER THE PREVIOUS QUARTER AND ALSO 5.5 PERCENT HIGHER THAN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF LAST YEAR.

THE NUMBER OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS AGED BELOW 16 ARRESTED, INCLUDING THOSE CAUTIONED WITHOUT PROSECUTION, DECREASED IN THE QUARTER UNDER REVIEW.

OF ALL OFFENDERS ARRESTED DURING THE QUARTER, 1,497 (OR 15 PERCENT) WERE JUVENILES.

MEANWHILE, 1,691 YOUNG OFFENDERS (AGED 16 TO BELOW 21) WERE ARRESTED DURING THE QUARTER, REPRESENTING A 2.4 PERCENT DECREASE OVER THE PREVIOUS QUARTER AND A 5.5 PERCENT DECREASE OVER THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF LAST YEAR.

YOUNG OFFENDERS ACCOUNTED FOR 16.9 PERCENT OF ALL PERSONS ARRESTED DURING THE QUARTER.

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DURING THE QUARTER THE NUMBER OF PROSECUTIONS FOR COMMISSION OF CRIME BY RECENT ARRIVALS AVERAGED 2.3 PER DAY, A DECREASE OF 28.3 PERCENT COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER AND 48.9 PERCENT OVER THE SAME QUARTER OF LAST YEAR.

WHEN EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE OVERALL NUMBER OF PERSONS PROSECUTED, RECENT ARRIVALS ACCOUNTED FOR 2.3 PERCENT IN THE THIRD QUARTER. THE CORRESPONDING FIGURE IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER WAS 3.1 PERCENT.

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TWO MORE AIDS PATIENTS CONFIRMED

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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) CONFIRMED THAT TWO MORE AIDS (ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME) PATIENTS HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN HONG KONG.

THIS BRINGS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PATIENTS REPORTED TO 15. UP TO NOW, 11 OF THE PATIENTS HAVE DIED, INCLUDING ONE FEMALE PATIENT.

THE TWO NEW PATIENTS ARE MALE - ONE ACQUIRED THE VIRUS THROUGH TRANSFUSION OF BLOOD PRODUCTS, AND THE OTHER ACQUIRED THE DISEASE SEXUALLY.

RELEASING THE MONTHLY STATISTICS ON THE AIDS SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME FOR OCTOBER, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT SO FAR 113 CARRIERS HAVE BEEN DETECTED, EXCLUDING THE 15 PATIENTS.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS STARTED THE SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME TO MONITOR THE SPREAD OF THE DISEASE SINCE 1985.

UNDER THE PROGRAMME, CERTAIN HIGH RISK GROUPS INCLUDING HAEMOPHILIACS, INTRAVENOUS DRUG ABUSERS AND SEXUALLY PROMISCUOUS PEOPLE ARE TESTED FOR THE HIV ANTIBODIES.

A TOTAL OF 108,794 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TESTED SO FAR AND 128 ARE FOUND POSITIVE.

THESE 128 PERSONS COMPRISE 53 HAEMOPHILIACS, 12 PATIENTS WHO ATTENDED THE SOCIAL HYGIENE CLINICS, 34 PATIENTS FROM GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS AND CLINICS AND 29 REFERRALS FROM PRIVATE DOCTORS AND SUBVENTED ORGANISATIONS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE HAS ALSO SCREENED ALL BLOOD DONORS FOR AIDS. UP TO OCTOBER THIS YEAR, 474,939 UNITS OF BLOOD HAD BEEN TESTED AND SEVEN WERE FOUND TO BE POSITIVE.

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AIDS Virus (HIV) Antibody Testing

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Virus Unit

	April 85 - Sept 88		Oct 88		Total	
	No. tested 檢驗 次數	No. +ve 陽性 次數	No. tested	No. +ve	No. tested	No. +ve
經政府醫院及診所介紹 Referrals from Govt. hospitals and clinics	6 532	34	202	0	6 734	34
經私家醫生及輔助醫院介紹 Referrals from private practitioners and subvented hospitals	1 684	29	12	0	1 696	29
到社會衛生科求診人次 Attendances at social hygiene clinics	93 555	12	2 861	0	96 416	12
血友病患者 Haemophiliacs	340	52	6	1	346*	53
濫用注射藥物者 IV drug abusers	2 800	0	145	0	2 945	0
經家庭計劃指導會介紹 Referrals from Family Planning Association	142	0	5	0	147	0
健康護理人員 Health care personnel	508	0	2	0	510	0
Total 總數	105 561	127	3 233	1	108 794	128

* This indicates the number of specimens and not persons as tests are repeated for certain individuals.
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	Aug 85 - Sept 88		Oct 88		Total	
	No. tested	No. +ve	No. tested	No. +ve	No. tested	No. +ve
香港紅十字會輸血服務 Hong Kong Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service	463 607	7	11 332	0	474 939	7

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NEED FOR MONITORING BODY DISCUSSED

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MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENTIFICALLY ASSISTED HUMAN REPRODUCTION TODAY (THURSDAY) FURTHER CONSIDERED THE NEED FOR A MONITORING BODY ON SCIENTIFICALLY ASSISTED HUMAN REPRODUCTION.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THERE SHOULD BE AN ADVISORY BODY TO KEEP UNDER REVIEW CURRENT PRACTICE, TRENDS AND DEVELOPMENT IN THIS FIELD.

IN ADDITION, IT RECOMMENDED THE SETTING UP OF A STATUTORY LICENSING BODY.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, DR LEONG CHE-HUNG, SAID THAT AT THE NEXT MEETING A DETAILED CONSULTATION REPORT ON THE DELIBERATIONS SO FAR WOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR ULTIMATE CIRCULATION TO CONCERNED PARTIES.

"THE COMMITTEE CONTINUES TO WELCOME VIEWS FROM THE PUBLIC ON THEIR PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS ON SURROGACY, ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION BY DONOR," HE SAID.

ANY COMMENTS AND OPINIONS CAN BE SENT TO THE COMMITTEE THROUGH THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

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MEDICAL PROFESSION URGED TO HELP IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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THE MEDICAL PROFESSION WAS URGED TODAY (THURSDAY) TO JOIN HANDS WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROFESSION TO ANTICIPATE RISKS TO PUBLIC HEALTH THAT WERE CAUSED BY POLLUTION.

THE APPEAL WAS MADE BY THE PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER (WATER POLICY), OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, MR PAUL HOLMES, IN AN ADDRESS TO THE HONG KONG SOCIETY OF MICROBIOLOGY.

"THERE IS A DEFINITE NEED FOR THE TWO PROFESSIONS TO GET TOGETHER TO TRY TO GET AHEAD OF THE PROBLEMS," MR HOLMES SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE CHOLERA OUTBREAK IN AUGUST 1986 AND THE HEPATITIS A OUTBREAK THIS YEAR WERE EXAMPLES OF HEALTH HAZARDS WITH AN ENVIRONMENTAL LINK.

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"WITH AN INCREASING COMMITMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO BETTER THAN JUST REACTING TO PROBLEMS AFTER THEY HAVE HAPPENED," HE SAID.

MR HOLMES CITED THE EXAMPLE OF RED TIDES WHICH WOULD HAVE NEGATIVE IMPACTS ON ECOLOGY AND HUMAN HEALTH, AND OF WHICH POLLUTION WAS CLEARLY A SIGNIFICANT CAUSE.

"ALTHOUGH TRANSMISSION OF HEPATITIS A BY POLLUTED SHELLFISH IS SO FAR UNPROVEN, VERY HIGH BACTERIA COUNTS HAVE BEEN RECORDED IN THE SAMPLES WE COLLECTED," HE SAID.

REFERRING TO THE STANDARDS AND OBJECTIVES FOR WATER QUALITY IN HONG KONG, MR HOLMES SAID THESE WERE CHOSEN TO BE APPROPRIATE TO LOCAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND WERE NOT SIMPLY IMPORTED FROM OVERSEAS.

"PARTICULARLY IN RELATION TO MICROBIAL STANDARDS, DIFFERENT CONDITIONS OF TEMPERATURE, SALINITY, INSOLATION AND OTHER FACTORS WOULD MAKE EUROPEAN OR AMERICAN STANDARDS MEANINGLESS HERE," HE SAID.

"IN FACT, OUR STANDARDS FOR BATHING BEACHES ARE SET AT LOWER HEALTH RISK RATES THAN THE RISKS CONSIDERED ACCEPTABLE IN THE U.S.A."

MR HOLMES ADDED THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT WOULD SHORTLY COMPLETE ITS REVIEW OF BATHING BEACH QUALITY IN THE 1988 BATHING SEASON.

THE URBAN COUNCIL AND REGIONAL COUNCIL WOULD DECIDE ON WHICH BEACHES SHOULD BE OPENED OR CLOSED BEFORE THE NEXT BATHING SEASON.

THE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT WOULD BE PUBLISHED BEFORE NEXT SUMMER.

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HOLIDAY CAMP FOR THE DISABLED

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AN OUTING TO A SCENIC HOLIDAY CAMP HAS BEEN ARRANGED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TO PROMOTE THE CONCEPT OF INTEGRATING THE DISABLED WITH THE COMMUNITY AND TO CELEBRATE THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEPARTMENT.

THE FUNCTION - "CAMPING OUT WITH THE DISABLED" - WILL BE HELD AT THE YMCA WU KAI SHA YOUTH VILLAGE IN SHA TIN THIS WEEKEND.

THE 760 CAMPERS INCLUDE DISABLED CLIENTS AND THEIR PARENTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S REHABILITATION SERVICE UNITS, BOYS AND GIRLS FROM CORRECTIONAL HOMES, PROBATIONERS, VOLUNTEERS AND SOCIAL WORKERS.

THEY WILL BE ABLE TO MINGLE AND ENJOY A FUN-PACKED PROGRAMME STARTING FROM SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 26) WITH A CAMP-FIRE, A TALENT QUEST AND FOLK DANCE PERFORMANCE.

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THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY AND A FUN FAIR THE FOLLOWING DAY (SUNDAY) TO BE OFFICIATED BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG.

THE FUNCTION IS SPONSORED BY THE HONG KONG SHUMEI CHURCH, AND WITH THE SUPPORT FROM THE LUTHERAN CHEUNG CHING CENTRE FOR THE DISABLED, THE HONG KONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED AND THE YMCA WU KAI SHA YOUTH VILLAGE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY OF "CAMPING OUT WITH THE DISABLED" ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 27) AT THE YMCA WU KAI SHA YOUTH VILLAGE, SHA TIN. IT WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, A PRESS BRIEFING WILL BE GIVEN BY MR KWOK KA-CHI, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE (YOUTH AND REHABILITATION), ON THE DEVELOPMENTS OF REHABILITATION SERVICES AT ABOUT 11 AM. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE ALSO INVITED TO ATTEND A LUNCH AT THE CAMP.

PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. THE PRESS COACH WILL LEAVE FROM THE CARPARK OF HENRY G. LEONG COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 60 PUBLIC SQUARE STREET, YAU MA TEI AT 8.30 AM ON SUNDAY. SWD INFORMATION STAFF WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN IN KWAI TSING

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RESIDENTS OF KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI ARE BEING INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A THREE-WEEK ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN TO BE LAUNCHED IN KWAI TSING DISTRICT FROM MONDAY (NOVEMBER 28).

KWAI TSING DISTRICT WAS CHOSEN BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS THIS YEAR AS ONE OF THE FOUR DISTRICTS TO PROMOTE THE ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL AND TO ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN THE CAMPAIGN.

THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE WILL ORGANISE A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES WITH A BUDGET OF \$300,000. DETAILS OF THE ACTIVITIES WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MR SO HOI-PAN; KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PAUL TANG AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS WILL BE PRESENT AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE ON KWAI TSING DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN TO BE HELD AT 11 AM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM, 10/F, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING (NEXT TO KWAI HING MTR STATION), KWAI CHUNG.

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'BE A GOOD CITIZEN' CARNIVAL IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT

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A MAJOR PROGRAMME UNDER SOUTHERN DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN, ENTITLED "BE A GOOD CITIZEN" CARNIVAL, WILL BE HELD THIS SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 27) AT THE AP LEI CHAU COMMUNITY HALL IN THE AP LEI CHAU ESTATE.

"ALL SOUTHERN RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE FUN-FILLED CARNIVAL WHICH FEATURES A HOST OF INTERESTING STALL GAMES AND EXHIBITIONS DESIGNED TO ENHANCE CIVIC AWARENESS," A SPOKESMAN FOR SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE SAID.

ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD, THE CARNIVAL WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN 1.30 PM AND 5 PM.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE CARNIVAL WILL BE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, DR DANIEL TSE, WHO WILL GIVE A SPEECH ON CIVIC EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION.

ALSO PRESENT WILL BE THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS MAUREEN CHAN; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HUI YUNG-CHUNG; LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MRS SO CHAU YIM-PING; SOUTHERN DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MRS JUDY MAULDON, AND SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER, DR JIMMY CHAN.

WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF LOCAL GROUPS, SCHOOLS, THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL (JPC) AND THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION (ICAC), A TOTAL OF 16 GAME STALLS WILL BE SET UP IN THE CARNIVAL.

"THESE GAMES ARE SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO DISSEMINATE THE MESSAGES OF CIVIC EDUCATION IN AN ENTERTAINING YET EDUCATIONAL WAY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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THE YEAR-ROUND CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN IN THE DISTRICT SEEKS TO PROMOTE AMONG RESIDENTS A SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT, MUTUAL HELP AND RESPECT, UNDERSTANDING OF CIVIC RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, AWARENESS IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND PARTICIPATION IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF HONG KONG.

ALSO FEATURED IN THE CARNIVAL WILL BE A SERIES OF EXHIBITIONS STAGED BY THE CIVIL AID SERVICES, AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES, AND THE JPC. THESE ORGANISATIONS WILL SET UP SPECIAL COUNTERS TO ANSWER ENQUIRIES AND TO RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS.

IN ADDITION, THE ICAC WILL HOLD AN EXHIBITION TO INTRODUCE ITS WORK AND TO PUBLICISE ANTI-CORRUPTION MESSAGES.

APART FROM THE CARNIVAL, THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN PLANS TO ORGANISE A COLOURING COMPETITION AND A LARGE SCALE CIVIC EDUCATION EXHIBITION TO FURTHER ENHANCE CIVIC AWARENESS.

FREE TICKETS FOR STALL GAMES IN THE CARNIVAL ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE ENQUIRY COUNTERS OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES IN AP LEI CHAU, WAH FU AND STANLEY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE "BE A GOOD CITIZEN" CARNIVAL WHICH WILL START AT 1.30 PM THIS SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 27) IN THE AP LEI CHAU COMMUNITY HALL, AP LEI CHAU ESTATE.

A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE TO TAKE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO THE VENUE WILL DEPART FROM THE CARPARK OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, AT 12.45 PM. INFORMATION OFFICER, MR ALEX LI, WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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EASTERN DISTRICT ARTS CARNIVAL BEGINS ON SATURDAY
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RESIDENTS IN EASTERN DISTRICT WILL ENJOY A VARIETY OF ARTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT WHEN A CARNIVAL BEGINS ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 26).

ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE ARTS CARNIVAL WILL FEATURE A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES CENTRED ON CHINESE ARTS AND CULTURE.

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THE PROGRAMME FOR THE CARNIVAL, WHICH WILL RUN TO DECEMBER 4,
IS:

DATE/TIME -----	EVENT -----	VENUE -----
NOVEMBER 26, 2.30 PM	OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT ARTS CARNIVAL AND CHINESE PAINTING AND CALLIGRAPHY EXHIBITION	EAST BRIDGE OF CITYPLAZA (PHASE II) TAIKOO SHING
NOVEMBER 27, 8 PM	CANTONESE OPERA	DR SEAKER CHAN MEMORIAL HALL, NORTH POINT
DECEMBER 3, 10.30 AM	FILM SHOW	KAM HUNG KER THEATRE, NORTH POINT
DECEMBER 3, 3 PM	CIVIC EDUCATION DRAMA CONTEST	KIANGSU CHEKIANG PRIMARY SCHOOL, NORTH POINT
DECEMBER 3, WHOLE DAY	CHILDREN DRAWING DAY	LEI YUE MUN PARK
DECEMBER 4, 2.30 PM	DEMONSTRATION OF FLOWER ARRANGEMENT	EAST BRIDGE OF CITYPLAZA (PHASE II)
DECEMBER 4, 8 PM	CLOSING CEREMONY AND CHINESE PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA CONCERT	CHAI WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE

ADMISSION IS FREE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT ARTS CARNIVAL AND CHINESE PAINTING AND CALLIGRAPHY EXHIBITION WHICH WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 26 (SATURDAY) AT 2.30 PM AT THE EAST BRIDGE OF CITYPLAZA (PHASE II), TAIKOO SHING.

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FREE ENTERTAINMENT FOR KWUN TONG RESIDENTS

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A HOST OF CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL EVENTS WILL BE STAGED IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF KWUN TONG OVER THE NEXT THREE DAYS TO PROVIDE FREE ENTERTAINMENT FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS.

THEY ARE PART OF THE CURRENT KWUN TONG FESTIVAL '88 WHICH RUNS FROM NOVEMBER 20 TO DECEMBER 10.

KICKING OFF THE SERIES TOMORROW (FRIDAY) WILL BE A LUNCH-HOUR CONCERT FOR WORKERS AT THE TSUN YIP STREET PLAYGROUND WHERE THEY WILL BE TREATED TO POPULAR SONGS BY WELL-KNOWN ARTISTES.

ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 26) EVENING, THERE WILL BE TWO VARIETY SHOWS - ONE AT NGAU TAU KOK EAST AND ANOTHER AT KWUN TONG TOWN, WHICH WILL FEATURE POPULAR SONGS, ORIENTAL DANCE, CHILDREN CHORUS SINGING AND ACROBATIC SHOW TO BRING FESTIVE FUN FOR ALL.

ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 27), FIVE OTHER SUB-DISTRICTS WILL BE CELEBRATING THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL WITH A WIDE VARIETY OF EVENTS - FUN DAY, FILM SHOW, CARNIVAL, VARIETY SHOW AND A CHILDREN'S PAINTING DAY.

DETAILS OF THE FESTIVAL EVENTS TO BE HELD FROM NOVEMBER 25 TO 27 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

EVENT -----	DATE AND TIME -----	VENUE -----
LUNCH-HOUR CONCERT FOR WORKERS	NOV 25 (FRIDAY) 12.30 PM	TSUN YIP STREET
NGAU TAU KOK EAST VARIETY SHOW	NOV 26 (SATURDAY) 7.30 PM	OPEN AREA OUTSIDE KEI LOK PRIMARY SCHOOL AT LOK WAH ESTATE
KWUN TONG TOWN VARIETY SHOW	NOV 26 (SATURDAY) 7.30 PM	TSUI PING ROAD RECREATION GROUND
NGAU TAU KOK NORTH FILM PRESENTATION - 'NAUSICA'	NOV 27 (SUNDAY) 10 AM	OSCAR THEATRE
SAU MAU PING AREA FUN DAY	NOV 27 (SUNDAY) 1 PM	SAU MAU PING URBAN COUNCIL NO. 10 PLAYGROUND

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SZE SHAN AREA VARIETY SHOW	NOV 27 (SUNDAY) 1 PM	SAM KA TSUEN DEVELOPMENT STAGE IV RECLAMATION SITE
SHUN LEE AREA FESTIVAL OPENING CEREMONY AND CARNIVAL	NOV 27 (SUNDAY) 2 PM	SHUN ON PLAYGROUND
NGAU TAU KOK WEST CHILDREN'S PAINTING DAY	NOV 27 (SUNDAY) 3 PM	TELFORD GARDENS MAIN SQUARE

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS FIRE ALARM SYSTEM
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THE INSTALLATION OF A FIRE ALARM SYSTEM IN MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS WILL BE AN ITEM FOR DISCUSSION AT THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) MORNING.

DB MEMBER, MR WONG FUK-WAH WILL ASK THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT IF IT IS A LEGAL REQUIREMENT FOR NEWLY-BUILT MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS TO MAINTAIN AN AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARM SYSTEM AND THE POSSIBILITY OF A PRIVATE COMPANY MONOPOLISING SUCH FIRE ALARM SERVICES.

MEANWHILE, DB MEMBER, MR CHAN HON-YING WILL PRESENT A PAPER ON THE CLEAN-UP AND REBUILDING OF A SITE IN YUEN CHAU TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA WHICH WAS RECENTLY DAMAGED BY FIRE.

HE WILL PRESENT ANOTHER PAPER ON THE FINDINGS OF A SURVEY ON RESIDENTS' VIEWS ON THE PROPOSED CHANGING OF SITES BETWEEN THE CARPARK ON THE GROUND FLOOR AND THE SHOPPING CENTRE ON THE FIRST FLOOR IN SHA TIN PARK.

THE SHA TIN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE WILL SUBMIT TWO PAPERS FOR DISCUSSION. ONE WILL BE ON THE LAYOUT PLAN OF THE YIU ON AREA IN MA ON SHAN, COVERING AN AREA OF 32 HECTARES AND ACCOMMODATING 24,200 RESIDENTS AND THE OTHER ON THE PROPOSED LOCAL OPEN SPACE NEAR PAI TAU VILLAGE.

THE MEETING WILL ALSO CONSIDER SEVEN PROPOSED MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS TOTALLING \$380,000 IN SHA TIN TAU, SIU LEK YUEN, TIN SUM, TAO FUNG SHAN, HA WO CHE, MUI LEE TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA AND HUNG MUI KUK VILLAGE.

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OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE PROGRESS REPORTS BY THE PUBLIC HOUSING AND PRIVATE BUILDING WORKING GROUPS AS WELL AS APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING TO BEGIN AT 9.30 AM ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 25) AT THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON 6TH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS DISTRICT SPORTS FESTIVAL
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THE CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DISCUSS A PROPOSAL TO HOLD THE FIRST DISTRICT SPORTS FESTIVAL NEXT YEAR.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S DISTRICT FESTIVAL SUBSIDY SCHEME FOR HOLDING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES FOR ISLANDERS.

THEY WILL ALSO BE INFORMED OF THE REVISION IN GUIDELINES ON VETTING APPLICATIONS FOR DB FUNDS ON CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT AND DISCUSS THE PROPOSED ESTIMATES FOR SUCH ACTIVITIES IN 1989-90.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, 20TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, BEGINNING AT 2 PM.

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DRAWING CONTEST FOR CHILDREN THIS SUNDAY

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CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN THREE AND 12 WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW THEIR FLAIR FOR DRAWING IN A CONTEST AT THE TSIM SHA TSUI PROMENADE THIS SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 27) AFTERNOON.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TSIM SHA TSUI AREA COMMITTEE AND MING PAO DAILY NEWS WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD, THE DRAWING CONTEST AIMS AT ENHANCING CHILDREN'S INTEREST IN ART.

CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN THREE AND SIX WILL BE REQUIRED TO COLOUR A PRE-DRAWN PICTURE. THE FIRST THREE WINNERS WILL BE AWARDED GIFT COUPONS WORTH \$300, \$200 AND \$100 RESPECTIVELY.

THOSE AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 12 WILL BE REQUIRED TO DRAW PICTURE WITH THE THEME OF 'I LOVE YAU TSIM DISTRICT'. PRIZES FOR THE FIRST THREE WINNERS IN THIS SECTION WILL BE GIFT COUPONS OF \$400, \$300 AND \$200 RESPECTIVELY. GIFTS WILL BE AWARDED TO 20 OUTSTANDING ENTRIES OF EACH SECTION.

THOSE WHO WISH TO JOIN THE CONTEST SHOULD ENROL AT A RECEPTION DESK SITUATED BEHIND THE NEW WORLD CENTRE BEFORE NOON ON SUNDAY. THEY SHOULD ALSO BRING ALONG PAINTING BRUSHES AND COLOURS.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CONTEST WILL BE THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OF YAU TSIM DISTRICT, MR ARTHUR YUEN; YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH, AND POLICE DIVISIONAL COMMANDER OF TSIM SHA TSUI, MR JIM ROBB.

THERE WILL ALSO BE SINGING PERFORMANCES TO ADD TO THE FESTIVE ATMOSPHERE, STARTING AT 3 PM.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE CONTEST CAN BE MADE AT 3-695259.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CHILDREN'S DRAWING CONTEST TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 27) AT THE TSIM SHA TSUI PROMENADE, STARTING AT 1 PM. THE PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 4 PM.

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NEW POST OFFICE TO OPEN IN SHAU KEI WAN
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A NEW SHAU KEI WAN POST OFFICE WILL OPEN AT 9 AM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 28).

THE POST OFFICE IS LOCATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF PERFECT MOUNT GARDENS, 1 PO MAN STREET, SHAU KEI WAN.

IT WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING POST OFFICE, AND THE HOURS OF BUSINESS AND THE TELEPHONE NUMBER WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

IN ADDITION TO NORMAL COUNTER SERVICES, THE NEW POST OFFICE WILL ACCEPT SPEEDPOST POSTINGS AND THE NUMBER OF POST OFFICE BOXES WILL BE INCREASED FROM 300 TO 500.

A SPECIAL HANDBACK SERVICE FOR PHILATELISTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE NEW POST OFFICE ON MONDAY.

UNREGISTERED "FIRST DAY" COVERS BEARING A LOCAL ADDRESS WILL BE IMPRESSED WITH THE NORMAL DATESTAMP AND HANDED BACK TO THE PERSONS PRESENTING THEM.

THE EXISTING SHAU KEI WAN POST OFFICE AT 329-331 SHAU KEI WAN ROAD WILL CLOSE FOR BUSINESS AT 5 PM ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 26).

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HK, MACAU PHILATELIC SALES
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FROM NEXT THURSDAY (DECEMBER 1), THE PHILATELIC BUREAUS OF HONG KONG AND MACAU WILL SELL PHILATELIC PRODUCTS ON BEHALF OF EACH OTHER.

PEOPLE WISHING TO BUY HONG KONG OR MACAU PHILATELIC PRODUCTS WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE THEIR PURCHASES AT THE PHILATELIC COUNTERS OF THE FOLLOWING POST OFFICES:

GENERAL POST OFFICE

BEACONSFIELD HOUSE POST OFFICE

PEAK POST OFFICE

TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE

GRANVILLE ROAD POST OFFICE, AND

AIRPORT POST OFFICE

AND AT THE MAIN POST OFFICES IN MACAU.

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CYC HONOURS COMMUNITY LEADERS AND EDUCATIONALISTS

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A GROUP OF COMMUNITY LEADERS, SCHOOL HEADS AND TEACHERS WERE HONOURED TODAY (THURSDAY) FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB (CYC) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THEY WERE PRESENTED WITH HONORARY MEDALS BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, IN HIS CAPACITY AS THE PRESIDENT OF CYC AT THE 8TH ANNUAL PARADE OF THE CLUB AT QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, WAN CHAI.

AT THE PARADE MR LI TOOK THE SALUTE AND PAID TRIBUTE TO THE MEDAL RECIPIENTS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CYC MOVEMENT.

AMONG THOSE WHO WERE HONOURED TODAY WAS MISS AW SIAN, CHAIRMAN OF SING TAO LIMITED WHO WAS PRESENTED WITH THE HIGHEST CYC AWARD, A GOLD MEDAL.

SILVER MEDALS WERE PRESENTED TO MR PETER MOSS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, MR K.C. IU, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR SO FAI-CHO, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS), MR LAW KAR-KUI, CHAIRMAN OF LAWS FOUNDATION TRUST, AND MRS LINA LO, HEAD OF EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION DIVISION OF RADIO AND TELEVISION HONG KONG.

MR LI ALSO GAVE BRONZE MEDALS TO 14 SCHOOL HEADS AND TEACHERS IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR OUTSTANDING SERVICES TOWARDS THE CYC MOVEMENT.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN CENTRAL

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD RESURFACING WORKS, SEVERAL ROAD SECTIONS IN CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED THIS WEEKEND.

TAMAR STREET NORTHBOUND BETWEEN DRAKE STREET AND HARCOURT ROAD; AND DRAKE STREET EASTBOUND WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH TAMAR STREET WILL BE CLOSED FROM 7 PM ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 26) TO 7 PM THE NEXT DAY.

IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS WILL BE CLOSED FROM MIDNIGHT TO 7 AM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 27):

* THE SOUTHBOUND LANE OF TAMAR STREET BETWEEN DRAKE STREET AND HARCOURT ROAD.

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- * THE EASTBOUND LANE OF DRAKE STREET EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH TAMAR STREET. THE GME STOP FOR ROUTE 31 IN DRAKE STREET WILL BE RELOCATED TO HARCOURT ROAD OUTSIDE ADMIRALTY CENTRE.
- * THE NORTHBOUND LANE OF RODNEY STREET BETWEEN DRAKE STREET AND HARCOURT ROAD.

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ROAD CLOSURE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CYCLE RACE

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS IN SHA TIN WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 5.30 AM TO 8.50 AM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 27) FOR THE HOLDING OF THE INTERNATIONAL CYCLE RACE:

- * THE EASTERN CARRIAGEWAY OF YUEN WO ROAD BETWEEN BANYAN BRIDGE AND SAND MARTIN BRIDGE;
- * THE NORTHERN CARRIAGEWAY OF SAND MARTIN BRIDGE BETWEEN YUEN WO ROAD AND TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD;
- * THE WESTERN CARRIAGEWAY OF TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD BETWEEN SAND MARTIN BRIDGE AND BANYAN BRIDGE; AND
- * THE SOUTHERN CARRIAGEWAY OF BANYAN BRIDGE BETWEEN TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD AND YUEN WO ROAD.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERGED. THIS INCLUDES KMB ROUTES 48, 70, 72, 72A, 72B, 73A, 74A, 80K, 80M, 81, 81K, 82K, 82M, 84M, 85, 85A, 85K, 86, 86C, 87, 88K, 89, 89A, 89C, 89R, 170 AND 284, AND GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES 60K, 62K, 65K, 67K AND 68K. THE BUS STOPS ALONG THE CLOSED ROAD SECTIONS WILL ALSO BE SUSPENDED.

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PARTIAL LANE CLOSURE OF TUEN MUN ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE THREE TRAFFIC LANES ON TUEN MUN ROAD SOUTHBOUND AT SIU LAM BRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED IN TURN FROM NOVEMBER 27 (SUNDAY) TO DECEMBER 6 FOR ROAD RESURFACING WORKS.

DURING THE WORKS PERIOD, AT LEAST TWO OF THE TRAFFIC LANES WILL REMAIN OPEN DAILY BETWEEN 6.30 AM AND 9 PM.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO DIVERT TO THE CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

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