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FREEDOMS IMPORTANT TO HK WAY OF LIFE: GOVERNOR
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THE FREEDOMS UNDER WHICH HONG KONG OPERATES, SUCH AS OF SPEECH AND OF PUBLICATION, ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO THE TERRITORY'S WAY OF LIFE. AND MUST BE PRESERVED, THOUGH PEOPLE SHOULD USE THEM WITH A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID IN LOS ANGELES ON THURSDAY (US TIME).

"THEY ARE PART AND PARCEL OF HONG KONG," SIR DAVID SAID WHEN ANSWERING QUESTIONS AFTER SPEAKING TO THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL.

HE SAID THAT TRADITIONALLY HONG KONG HAS SURVIVED BECAUSE IT HAD NOT EXCESSIVELY BECOME INVOLVED IN THE INTERNAL POLITICS OF CHINA. JUST AS WE DID NOT WANT CHINA TO INVOLVE ITSELF IN THE INTERNAL EVENTS OF HONG KONG.

"AND THAT IS ONE THING THAT I THINK HONG KONG PEOPLE HAVE TO LOOK AT, NOT EXCESSIVELY INVOLVING THEMSELVES IN THE INTERNAL EVENTS ACROSS THE BORDER," HE SAID.

ON THE STATIONING OF CHINESE TROOPS IN THE SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION AFTER 1997, THE GOVERNOR SAID THIS WAS A QUESTION ABOUT WHICH PEOPLE IN HONG KONG WERE SENSITIVE.

"SO WE'VE ASKED CHINA TO BE SENSITIVE ABOUT THE WAY IN WHICH THEY EXERCISE A RIGHT WHICH THEY UNDOUBTEDLY DO HAVE," HE SAID.

ON THE QUESTION OF EMIGRATION FROM HONG KONG AND ITS EFFECTS, SIR DAVID SAID THAT IF THE ECONOMY CONTINUED TO BOOM, THE TERRITORY WOULD NEED TO BRING IN MORE PEOPLE THAN PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT FROM OUTSIDE TO MEET THE LIKELY NEED FOR TALENT.

"WE WILL BE LOOKING CAREFULLY AT OUR OWN IMMIGRATION ARRANGEMENTS TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY MATCH WHAT THE HONG KONG ECONOMY IS GOING TO NEED OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS OR SO," HE SAID.

ASKED WHAT CHINA WOULD GAIN FROM HONG KONG AFTER 1997, THE GOVERNOR SAID THAT CHINA ALREADY GAINED AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT NOW, WITH HONG KONG BEING A TRADING BRIDGE AND ALSO A BRIDGE FOR INVESTMENT INTO CHINA.

HE ALSO SAID THAT BECAUSE OF WHAT HAD HAPPENED IN CHINA THERE HAD BEEN A TENDENCY TO DISREGARD THE JOINT DECLARATION OR UNDERESTIMATE ITS SIGNIFICANCE, AND DISREGARD THE WAY IN WHICH CHINA COMMITTED ITSELF TO A VERY FAR-SIGHTED, VERY REMARKABLE CONCEPT OF DEALING WITH THE ENDING OF A LEASE.

IN THE JOINT DECLARATION CHINA HAD GAINED A TREMENDOUS BOOST TO ITS INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION.

"WHAT IT WILL GAIN IN 1997 THROUGH THE SUCCESSFUL CARRYING OUT OF THAT ARRANGEMENT IS AGAIN A BOOST TO ITS INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION. AND I DON'T THINK THAT ANY OF US SHOULD UNDERESTIMATE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THAT," HE ADDED.

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ON A QUESTION ABOUT PROTECTIONS IN ENFORCING THE JOINT DECLARATION, SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS A TREATY BETWEEN TWO MAJOR WORLD POWERS, AND REGISTERED WITH THE UNITED NATIONS.

HE SAID CHINA HAD A "VERY GOOD TRACK RECORD INDEED" REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TREATIES.

THE GOVERNOR SAID HE PERSONALLY BELIEVED THAT CHINA ATTACHED ENORMOUS IMPORTANCE TO ITS INTERNATIONAL WORD THAT IT WAS DETERMINED TO CARRY OUT WHAT IT AGREED TO DO IN THE JOINT DECLARATION.

ON THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S ROLE AFTER 1997 IN TERMS OF TRADE AND FINANCE, SIR DAVID SAID HE HOPED THERE WOULD BE VERY SUBSTANTIAL UK ECONOMIC INVOLVEMENT IN HONG KONG WELL AFTER 1997.

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GOVERNOR TO RETURN TOMORROW
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, HAS CANCELLED HIS VISIT TO SAN FRANCISCO, THE LAST LEG OF HIS VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES, AND WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

FOLLOWING THE EARTHQUAKE AND SUBSTANTIAL LOSS OF LIFE IN SAN FRANCISCO AND THE BAY AREA EARLY THIS WEEK AND OUT OF DEFERENCE TO THE PREOCCUPATION OF THE PEOPLE OF SAN FRANCISCO WITH THE TASK OF REPAIRING THE DAMAGE AND RESTORING THE CITY TO NORMAL, THE GOVERNOR HAS DECIDED WITH GREAT REGRET THAT IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE TO PROCEED WITH HIS PLANNED VISIT AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME.

SIR DAVID REACHED THIS DECISION TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN COMPLETING HIS SCHEDULED VISIT PROGRAMME IN CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

HE MADE THIS DECISION WITH GREAT SADNESS AT MISSING THIS OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT A CITY WITH WHICH HONG KONG HAS CLOSE AND LONG STANDING TIES, AND WHERE IT HAS MANY FRIENDS.

THE GOVERNOR WOULD VERY MUCH HOPE TO BE ABLE TO REINSTATE HIS VISIT TO SAN FRANCISCO IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, AND LADY WILSON WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG BY FLIGHT NO. CX 801 AT ABOUT 8.10 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY). MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER THE GOVERNOR'S ARRIVAL ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT THE AIRPORT PRESS ROOM BY 7.30 PM.

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HK'S CRIME SITUATION COMPARES FAVOURABLY WITH OTHER CITIES

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THE CRIME SITUATION IN HONG KONG HAS BEEN CONTAINED AT A LEVEL WHICH COMPARES FAVOURABLY WITH MANY OTHER CITIES IN THE WORLD, THE DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE 1989 FIGHT CRIME RECEPTION IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (FCC), SIR DAVID SAID HONG KONG HAD AN ANNUAL AVERAGE OF 80,000 CASES OF REPORTED CRIME OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS.

NOTING THAT CRIME WAS AN UNSAVOURY AND ENDURING FEATURE OF EVERY AFFLUENT SOCIETY, HE SAID HONG KONG STOOD OUT CREDITABLY FOR ITS DETERMINED EFFORTS AGAINST CRIME.

"WE HAVE ACHIEVED THIS THROUGH SOUND LEGISLATION, AN IMPARTIAL AND INDEPENDENT JUDICIARY, A HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SYSTEM, THE HARD WORK OF AN EFFICIENT POLICE FORCE AND STRONG COMMUNITY SUPPORT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME," HE SAID.

ON THE WORK OF THE FCC DURING THE YEAR, SIR DAVID SAID A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS, INCLUDING CORPORAL PUNISHMENT, ORGANISED CRIME LEGISLATION, REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS, TRIAD RENUNCIATION SCHEME AND THE YOUNG OFFENDERS ASSESSMENT PANEL PILOT SCHEME HAD BEEN CONSIDERED.

ON JUVENILE CRIME IN PARTICULAR, SIR DAVID SAID 1988 SAW A SIGNIFICANT DECREASE OF SHOP THEFT CASES COMMITTED BY JUVENILES.

"IT IS MOST ENCOURAGING TO NOTE THAT THIS DOWNWARD TREND HAS CONTINUED IN 1989." HE SAID.

IN THE NINE MONTHS UP TO SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, 1,319 JUVENILES WERE ARRESTED FOR SHOP THEFT, REPRESENTING A DECREASE OF 31 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE 1,920 ARRESTED IN THE SAME PERIOD OF 1988.

HOWEVER, SIR DAVID SAID THE DEVELOPMENT OF JUVENILE CRIMES IN OTHER ASPECTS WAS NOT SO HEARTENING.

"A GREATER NUMBER OF JUVENILES WERE ARRESTED FOR SERIOUS AND VIOLENT CRIMES IN 1989 THAN IN 1988.

"IN THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF 1989, THERE WERE SOME 600 JUVENILES ARRESTED FOR ROBBERY AND 361 FOR WOUNDING AND SERIOUS ASSAULT WHICH REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 11 PER CENT AND 3.6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER 1988," SIR DAVID SAID.

"IN THE FACE OF THIS RISING TREND, THE FCC STANDING COMMITTEE ON YOUNG OFFENDERS WILL CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES, YOUTH AGENCIES AND OTHER RELATED BODIES TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM.

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"WE LOOK TO THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEES FOR CONTINUING SUPPORT," HE ADDED.

REFERRING TO THE TRIAD RENUNCIATION SCHEME, SIR DAVID NOTED THAT THE RESPONSE TO THE SCHEME HAD BEEN ENCOURAGING.

"SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE TRIAD RENUNCIATION TRIBUNAL IN DECEMBER 1988, SOME 2,600 ENQUIRIES AND 640 APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.

"UP TO THE END OF SEPTEMBER 1989, A TOTAL OF 97 GENUINE TRIAD MEMBERS HAVE SUCCESSFULLY RENOUNCED THEIR TRIAD MEMBERSHIP," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID ADDED THAT HAVING REGARD TO THE OPERATION OF THE TRIBUNAL AND THE CONTINUED INFLOW OF APPLICATIONS IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, THE GOVERNMENT WAS NOW CONSIDERING THE EXTENSION OF THE SCHEME FOR A FURTHER PERIOD OF TIME.

"THE PROCEDURES OF THE TRIAD RENUNCIATION TRIBUNAL WILL BE STREAMLINED. PUBLICITY WILL ALSO BE RENEWED TO ATTRACT FURTHER POTENTIAL TRIAD RENOUNCERS," SIR DAVID SAID.

TODAY'S RECEPTION WAS ORGANISED TO PROMOTE BETTER COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND ITS COUNTERPARTS IN THE DISTRICTS.

IT WAS ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 350 FCC MEMBERS AND DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

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THIRD QUARTER CRIME STATISTICS RELEASED
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OVERALL CRIMES REPORTED TO POLICE IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF THIS YEAR SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 3.8 PER CENT OVER THE PRECEDING QUARTER.

RELEASING THE CRIME STATISTICS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER TODAY (FRIDAY), DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CRIME, MR WONG TSAN-KWONG, SAID A TOTAL OF 21,188 CRIME CASES WERE RECORDED.

VIOLENT CRIME TOTALLED 4,856 DURING THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW, REPRESENTING 21.1 PER CENT OF ALL CRIMES REPORTED, AND A 12.5 PER CENT RISE OVER THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

THE RISE IN VIOLENT CRIME WAS MAINLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO AN INCREASE IN THE OFFENCES OF ROBBERY, WOUNDING AND SERIOUS ASSAULT, ASSAULT ON POLICE AND RAPE, MR WONG SAID.

COMPARED WITH LAST QUARTER, THE RATE OF ROBBERY, WOUNDING AND SERIOUS ASSAULT WAS UP 13.6 PER CENT AND 8.9 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY WHILE THAT OF RAPE CASES INCREASED BY 3.3 PER CENT.

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ON ROBBERIES, MR WONG SAID WEAPONS WERE USED IN 44.4 PER CENT OF THESE OFFENCES, RESULTING IN 23.9 PER CENT OF ROBBERY VICTIMS SUSTAINING INJURIES.

OF THE 1.665 ROBBERIES WHICH OCCURRED, 14 INVOLVED GOLDSMITH OR WATCH SHOPS. GOLD, JEWELLERY AND WATCHES TALLING \$18.7 MILLION WERE STOLEN.

DURING THE QUARTER, THERE WERE 53 ROBBERIES IN WHICH GENUINE FIREARMS OR PISTOL-LIKE OBJECTS WERE USED, COMPARED WITH 59 CASES IN THE SECOND QUARTER.

WITH REGARD TO BURGLARIES, MR WONG POINTED OUT THAT DOMESTIC BURGLARIES ACCOUNTED FOR 64.5 PER CENT OF THE 2,971 CASES. HE ADDED THAT SHOP BURGLARIES INCREASED BY 26.2 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS THREE-MONTH PERIOD.

NOTING THAT THERE WERE 2,079 WOUNDING AND SERIOUS ASSAULT CASES. MR WONG HIGHLIGHTED THAT 153 OF THESE INVOLVED VIETNAMESE REFUGEES AND VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE.

OF THE 53 REPORTS OF RAPE, 15 CASES OCCURRED INSIDE VIETNAMESE DETENTION CENTRES AND CLOSED CAMPS, MR WONG SAID. INDECENT ASSAULT CASES ROSE BY 3.3 PER CENT FROM THE PREVIOUS QUARTER AND BY 10.2 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF LAST YEAR.

NOTING THAT THE 1,673 JUVENILE OFFENDERS ARRESTED SHOWED A DECREASE OF 299 PERSONS FROM THE SECOND QUARTER, MR WONG ATTRIBUTED THIS TO A DROP IN THE NUMBER OF OFFENCES OF WOUNDING, SERIOUS ASSAULT, ROBBERY, MISCELLANEOUS THEFTS AND UNLAWFUL SOCIETY OFFENCES.

ON THE OTHER HAND, 1,954 YOUNG OFFENDERS (AGED 16-20) WERE ARRESTED DURING THE QUARTER, WHICH MADE UP 18.4 PER CENT OF ALL ARRESTED PERSONS.

DURING THE QUARTER, 297 ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WERE ARRESTED FOR CRIME, OF WHICH 68.7 PER CENT WERE INVOLVED IN OFFENCES OF USING IDENTITY CARD RELATING TO ANOTHER, FORGERY AND UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

THE NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES AND VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE ARRESTED FOR CRIME IN THE THIRD QUARTER STOOD AT 523, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 339 PERSONS OVER THE PRECEDING QUARTER, MR WONG CONCLUDED.

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FUTURE DEPENDS ON ECONOMIC GROWTH, ADAPTABILITY: SEM

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THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR K.Y. YEUNG, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING THAT THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG DEPENDS ON ECONOMIC GROWTH AND ADAPTABILITY TO CHANGES.

"THIS IN TURN DEPENDS ON AS MANY TALENTED YOUNG PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE BEING ABLE TO OBTAIN AN EDUCATION THAT WILL PREPARE THEM ADEQUATELY FOR ADULT LIFE," HE SAID.

MR YEUNG WAS SPEAKING OF THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN EDUCATION, MANPOWER TRAINING AND THE NEEDS OF THE ECONOMY IN HIS ADDRESS TO THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 24TH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE HONG KONG JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

"YOUNG EXECUTIVES AND MANAGERS MUST THEN HAVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR JOB-SPECIFIC TRAINING, INCLUDING TRAINING IN THE APPLICATION OF BENEFICIAL TECHNOLOGIES," HE SAID.

"FINALLY, TRAINED MANAGERS AND TECHNOLOGISTS HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO EXERT A CONSTRUCTIVE INFLUENCE ON CURRICULA."

ON TERTIARY EDUCATION, MR YEUNG SAID THE GOVERNMENT PLANNED TO ACHIEVE PLACES IN FIRST DEGREE COURSES FOR OVER 18 PER CENT OF THE RELEVANT AGE GROUP BY 1994-95.

"THIS WILL MEAN THAT ROUGHLY A QUARTER OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BE GOING TO SOME FORM OF HIGHER EDUCATION," HE SAID.

"BY 1994-95, WE ESTIMATE THAT THE NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE ACHIEVING BASIC MATRICULATION REQUIREMENTS WILL HAVE REACHED AT LEAST 23 PER CENT."

AS TO MANPOWER TRAINING, MR YEUNG SAID THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL'S TECHNICAL INSTITUTES PROVIDED 65,000 TECHNICAL EDUCATION PLACES, WHILE THE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING CENTRES OF ALL THREE TRAINING AUTHORITIES PROVIDED A FURTHER 30,000 PLACES.

TO ENABLE HONG KONG'S MANPOWER TO ABSORB AND ADAPT NEW TECHNOLOGIES, HE SAID A NEW FUND WOULD BE ESTABLISHED TO ENCOURAGE EMPLOYERS TO GIVE MANAGERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT NEW, BENEFICIAL AND APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGIES.

"LOANS WILL BE MADE TO COMPANIES FOR THE TRAINING OF MANAGERS IN PLANNING, DESIGN, PRODUCTION AND MARKETING," HE SAID.

"THE FUND WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, WHILE THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL WILL HELP BORROWING COMPANIES WITH A REFERRAL SERVICE IN RESPECT OF TRAINING PLACEMENTS ABROAD.

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"WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO FINANCE 400 TRAINEESHIPS PER YEAR."

SPEAKING OF HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WHICH HAD IMPLICATIONS ON EDUCATION AND MANPOWER TRAINING, MR YEUNG SAID HE COULD NOT IMAGINE MANUFACTURING RETAINING THE DOMINANT ROLE IT ENJOYED IN THE 1960'S AND EARLY 1970'S.

"RATHER I SEE MANUFACTURING MAINTAINING ROUGHLY ITS CURRENT SHARE OF GDP BUT SHIFTING OVER TIME TOWARDS MORE EFFICIENT AND LABOUR-SAVING PROCESSES, HIGHER QUALITY PRODUCTS AND INCREASED LINKAGE INDUSTRY PRODUCTION," HE SAID.

"ALREADY THERE IS PLENTY OF EVIDENCE OF GROWING INTEREST IN COMPUTER-AIDED DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING SYSTEMS, OF MASSIVE INVESTMENT IN SOPHISTICATED NEW PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, AND OF INCREASED OUTPUT IN PARTS AND COMPONENTS.

"ALL THESE MEAN THAT IT HAS BECOME CRITICAL FOR US TO PROVIDE TERTIARY EDUCATION OF HIGH QUALITY TO A FAR LARGER PERCENTAGE OF THE POPULATION THAN WE DO NOW."

AS FAR AS FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS SERVICES WERE CONCERNED, MR YEUNG SAID, THE OPENING UP OF CHINA HAD CREATED OPPORTUNITIES THAT HONG KONG HAD BEEN ABLE TO EXPLOIT, IN TERMS OF LOAN SYNDICATION, INVESTMENT CAPITAL AND THE FINANCING OF OTHER FORMS OF DEBT REQUIRED BY CHINA FOR ITS MODERNISATION PROGRAMMES.

"TO THE EXTENT THAT THESE SERVICES ARE GROWING IN A HIGHLY COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT, THE SHIFTS WITHIN THESE INDUSTRIES TOWARDS THE USE OF THE MOST MODERN AND EFFICIENT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES CAN BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE," HE SAID.

"IN MY VIEW, HONG KONG IS ALREADY THE FINANCIAL CAPITAL OF A DEVELOPING CHINA, AND IS LIKELY TO REMAIN THAT WAY."

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STI ON DUTY VISIT IN EUROPE

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THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR JOHN CHAN, HAS LEFT FOR A DUTY VISIT TO EUROPE TO BUILD UP CONTACTS WITH TRADE OFFICIALS IN THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY (EEC) AND THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE (GATT).

THIS IS MR CHAN'S FIRST DUTY VISIT TO EUROPE SINCE HE ASSUMED HIS PRESENT POST IN MARCH THIS YEAR.

HE WILL ALSO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET STAFF OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OVERSEAS OFFICES IN GENEVA, BRUSSELS AND LONDON.

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ON OCTOBER 24, MR CHAN WILL SPEAK TO THE ROYAL INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS IN BRUSSELS.

HE WILL GIVE TWO FURTHER SPEECHES ON OCTOBER 26 TO THE HAMBURG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN HAMBURG AND THE KIEL INSTITUTE OF WORLD ECONOMICS IN KIEL.

MR CHAN WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON NOVEMBER 1.

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JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL GAZETTED

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A BILL, WHICH SEEKS TO MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES TO THE COMPOSITION, QUORUM AND VOTING REQUIREMENTS FOR A RESOLUTION OF THE JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION, WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989 ALSO PROPOSES A CONSULTATION MECHANISM WITH THE LAW SOCIETY AND BAR ASSOCIATION FOR THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT OF TWO MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE LEGAL PROFESSION TO THE COMMISSION.

UNDER THE PROPOSALS, MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

- THREE MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY (INCLUDING THE CHIEF JUSTICE AS CHAIRMAN);
- THREE MEMBERS OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION (THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, ONE BARRISTER AND ONE SOLICITOR); AND
- THREE LAY MEMBERS.

"COMPARED WITH THE EXISTING COMPOSITION, THE PROPOSAL REMOVES THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION AND REPLACES IT BY ANOTHER LAY MEMBER," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

"HOWEVER, IT IS FELT THAT THERE IS A NEED FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION BOTH AS THE SENIOR LEGAL ADVISER TO THE GOVERNOR AND AS THE HEAD OF THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT.

"TOTAL MEMBERSHIP WILL BE INCREASED FROM FIVE TO NINE," HE SAID.

THE SPOKEMAN SAID ANOTHER PROPOSAL WAS TO REVISE FROM THREE TO SIX THE QUORUM OF THE COMMISSION.

"IT IS ALSO PROPOSED THAT A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION, WHETHER AT A MEETING OR BY CIRCULATION OF PAPERS, IS TO BE MADE BY AT LEAST FOUR, FIVE, SIX OR SEVEN MEMBERS VOTING FOR IT IF THERE ARE RESPECTIVELY SIX, SEVEN, EIGHT OR NINE MEMBERS VOTING.

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"AT PRESENT, RESOLUTIONS OF THE COMMISSION CAN ONLY BE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY," HE SAID.

THE BILL FURTHER PROPOSED THAT IN DECIDING THE APPOINTMENTS OF THE BARRISTER AND SOLICITOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION, THE GOVERNOR SHOULD CONSULT WITH THE HONG KONG BAR ASSOCIATION AND THE LAW SOCIETY OF HONG KONG RESPECTIVELY.

"THE TWO ASSOCIATIONS WOULD BE INVITED TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS FOR THESE APPOINTMENTS TO THE GOVERNOR, BUT THE GOVERNOR WOULD NOT BE BOUND BY THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ASSOCIATIONS," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT WHEN THE JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988 WAS DISCUSSED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AD HOC GROUP FORMED FOR THE PURPOSE LAST YEAR, THE LEGAL PROFESSION EXPRESSED THEIR VIEWS IN THE FORM OF A JOINT SUBMISSION BY THE BAR ASSOCIATION AND LAW SOCIETY.

"AS A RESULT THE ADMINISTRATION UNDERTOOK TO EXAMINE THE LEGAL PROFESSION'S SUBMISSION.

"THE CURRENT CHANGES ARE PROPOSED FOLLOWING CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION'S SUBMISSION, AND FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH THEIR REPRESENTATIVES," HE SAID.

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EFFORTS TO REDUCE AIRPORT NOISE CONTINUE
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EXISTING CONTROLS OVER THE NOISE MADE BY AIRCRAFT ENGINES AT NIGHT WILL BE APPLIED THROUGH A SET OF NEW REGULATIONS WITH EFFECT FROM NOVEMBER 1 THIS YEAR.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (FRIDAY), A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID PROVISIONS FOR SUCH CONTROLS WERE CONTAINED IN THE CIVIL AVIATION (AIRCRAFT NOISE) (LIMITATION ON OPERATION OF ENGINES AND AUXILIARY POWER UNITS) REGULATIONS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE.

EXPLAINING THE NEED FOR THE NEW REGULATIONS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID NOISE CAUSED BY THE OPERATION OF AN AIRCRAFT'S MAIN ENGINE OR AUXILIARY POWER UNITS (APU'S) (WHICH ARE OTHER ENGINES ON AN AIRCRAFT USED TO PROVIDE POWER WHEN THE MAIN ENGINES ARE NOT IN USE) WAS CURRENTLY CONTROLLED THROUGH TWO EXEMPTION ORDERS MADE IN 1972 AND 1987 UNDER SECTION 13(4) OF THE SUMMARY OFFENCES ORDINANCE.

"SINCE SECTION 13 OF THE SUMMARY OFFENCES ORDINANCE AND THE EXEMPTION ORDERS MADE UNDER IT WILL BE REPEALED LATER THIS YEAR WHEN THE PROVISIONS OF THE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE COME INTO EFFECT, THE NEW REGULATIONS ARE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN EXISTING CONTROLS.

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"THE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE HAS NO PROVISIONS CONTROLLING NOISE GENERATED BY AIRCRAFT ENGINES AND APU'S," HE ADDED.

THE MAIN CONTROLS WHICH WILL REMAIN IN FORCE THROUGH THESE REGULATIONS MADE UNDER THE CIVIL AVIATION (AIRCRAFT NOISE) ORDINANCE ARE:

- (A) AIRCRAFT ENGINES MAY NOT BE OPERATED AT KAI TAK ABOVE "GROUND IDLE POWER" (THAT IS ENGINES MAY NOT OPERATE ABOVE THEIR LOWEST POWER SETTING) FROM 12 MIDNIGHT TO 7 AM;
- (B) APU'S MAY NOT BE OPERATED BETWEEN 12 MIDNIGHT AND 6 AM WITHIN THE APU CONTROLLED AREA (THAT PART OF THE AIRCRAFT APRON CLOSEST TO RICHLAND GARDENS). THE OPERATION OF APU'S BETWEEN 11 PM AND 12 MIDNIGHT IN THIS AREA AND BETWEEN 11 PM AND 6 AM IN OTHER AREAS WITHIN THE AIRPORT BOUNDARY IS ALSO RESTRICTED.

THE REGULATIONS PROVIDED THAT FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CONTROLS OVER THE OPERATION OF AIRCRAFT ENGINES AND APU'S WOULD CONSTITUTE AN OFFENCE LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$50,000, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THIS REPRESENTS A 10-FOLD INCREASE IN THE FINE OF \$5,000 WHICH WAS SET IN 1972 FOR BREACH OF THE EQUIVALENT CONTROLS UNDER SECTION 13 OF THE SUMMARY OFFENCES ORDINANCE.

"THE INCREASE IS DESIGNED TO MAINTAIN THE DETERRENT EFFECT OF THE FINE," HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT EFFORTS WOULD CONTINUE TO REDUCE GROUND NOISE AT THE AIRPORT.

"THE INSTALLATION OF FIXED GROUND POWER, A QUIETER ALTERNATIVE TO APU'S, WILL COMMENCE ON THE CARGO APRON LATER THIS YEAR, AND WILL BE EXTENDED IN 1990 TO OTHER APRONS LOCATED NEAR TO RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS," HE SAID.

FURTHERMORE, IN LINE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY CONSULTANTS STUDYING THE REDUCTION OF GROUND NOISE AT KAI TAK AND AFTER A TRIAL SCHEME WHICH COMMENCED IN OCTOBER 1988, AIRLINES HAVE AGREED TO CONDUCT THE TESTING OF AIRCRAFT ENGINES AS FAR AWAY AS POSSIBLE FROM RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS ADJACENT TO THE AIRPORT.

"PREVIOUSLY, ALL AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE WAS UNDERTAKEN ON THE MAINTENANCE AND LONG TERM AIRCRAFT APRONS EAST OF THE KAI TAK NULLAH.

"SINCE THE TRIAL SCHEME, TWO OUT OF THREE OF ALL ENGINE GROUND TEST RUNS HAVE TAKEN PLACE WEST OF THE NULLAH, FURTHER AWAY FROM RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS," THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT.

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PREQUALIFICATION EXERCISE FOR HOSPITAL CONTRACT

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) INVITED CONTRACTORS TO PARTICIPATE IN A PREQUALIFICATION EXERCISE CONCERNING THE CONTRACT TO BUILD THE SUPERSTRUCTURE WORKS FOR THE PAMELA YOUDE HOSPITAL STAFF QUARTERS AND NURSES TRAINING SCHOOL IN CHAI WAN.

A NOTICE ON THE PREQUALIFICATION EXERCISE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY, AND IT IS INTENDED THAT TENDERS FOR THE CONTRACT WILL BE CALLED IN DECEMBER.

THE CONTRACT WILL INCLUDE:

A. FOUR INTERLOCKING BLOCKS OF 16 STOREYS FOR:

I. A NURSE TRAINING SCHOOL WITH LECTURE THEATRES, CLASSROOMS, SEMINAR/DISCUSSION ROOMS, DEMONSTRATION/PRACTICAL AREAS AND LIBRARY;

II. 793 UNITS OF QUARTERS FOR NURSES AND STUDENTS, DINING ROOMS, KITCHEN, ADMINISTRATION AREAS, SQUASH COURTS AND CARPARKING SPACES.

B. THREE HIGH-RISE BLOCKS PROVIDING 108 QUARTERS FOR SENIOR STAFF AND CARPARKING SPACES.

WORK IS SCHEDULED TO START IN MARCH AND BE COMPLETED IN APRIL 1992, WHEN THE MAIN HOSPITAL SUPERSTRUCTURE IS ALSO DUE TO BE COMPLETED.

THE PAMELA YOUDE HOSPITAL, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE EASTERN DISTRICT HOSPITAL, IS BEING BUILT ON A MID-LEVEL HILLSIDE SITE OVERLOOKING CHAI WAN.

IT WILL PROVIDE A FULL RANGE OF MEDICAL AND SURGICAL FACILITIES FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT AND IS ONE OF THE LARGEST HOSPITALS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN THE WORLD TODAY.

THE HOSPITAL COMPLEX WILL CONSISTS OF INTER-RELATED BUILDINGS BUILT AROUND THE HILLSIDE LINKED BY TUNNELS, DOCKS AND FOOTBRIDGES.

THE PRIMARY UNIT WILL BE A 14-STOREY MAIN BLOCK, AND THERE WILL BE A 12-STOREY SPECIAL BLOCK, NINE-STOREY PATHOLOGY BLOCK, SIX-STOREY POLYCLINIC BLOCK, THREE-STOREY NURSES TRAINING SCHOOL AND STAFF QUARTERS RANGING FROM 12 TO 22 STOREYS.

CARPARKING, LANDSCAPED ROOF DECKS, STAFF BARRACKS AND A ROOFTOP HELIPAD FOR EMERGENCY USE WILL BE PROVIDED.

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CUSTOMS COMMITS SUBSTANTIAL RESOURCES TO CURBING PIRACY

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THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT IS DETERMINED TO CURB INFRINGING ACTIVITIES AND HAS COMMITTED SUBSTANTIAL RESOURCES TO THE FIGHT AGAINST PIRACY.

THE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR TONG KANG-SING, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY DURING WHICH A GROUP OF EIGHT LOCAL LEADING VIDEO DISTRIBUTORS PRESENTED A COMMEMORATIVE PLATE TO THE CUSTOMS INTELLECTUAL BUREAU IN RECOGNITION OF ITS EFFORTS IN ELIMINATING PIRACY IN VIDEO TAPES.

MR TONG SAID ALTHOUGH VIDEO PIRACY APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN ON THE UPWARD TREND TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE PUBLIC DEMAND, THE SITUATION WAS NOW WELL UNDER CONTROL AS A RESULT OF THE CUSTOMS' VIGOROUS ACTIONS.

SO FAR THIS YEAR, CUSTOMS OFFICERS HAVE SEIZED OVER 16,000 VIDEO TAPES WITH A TOTAL VALUE OF \$4.9 MILLION.

COMPARED TO THE TOTAL SEIZURE OF 7,700 VIDEO TAPES VALUED AT \$1.8 MILLION IN THE WHOLE OF LAST YEAR, THE FIGURES MORE THAN DOUBLED IN BOTH QUANTITY AND VALUE TERMS.

MR TONG ATTRIBUTED THE SUCCESS TO THE RECENT RE-ORGANISATION OF THE DEPARTMENT IN WHICH COPYRIGHT PROTECTION WORK HAD BEEN STRENGTHENED WITH THE ADDITION OF MANPOWER AND UPGRADING OF THE COMMAND LEVEL.

AN INDEPENDENT COPYRIGHT INVESTIGATION DIVISION UNDER THE COMMAND OF A SUPERINTENDENT HAS BEEN SET UP AND IS PURELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE COPYRIGHT LAWS.

SINCE THE RE-ORGANISATION ON AUGUST 1, OFFICERS OF THE COPYRIGHT INVESTIGATION DIVISION HAVE CONDUCTED FIVE LARGE-SCALE OPERATIONS, RESULTING IN THE SEIZURE OF A TOTAL OF 12,313 INFRINGING VIDEO CASSETTE TAPES, WHICH REPRESENTED 73 PER CENT OF THIS YEAR'S TOTAL SEIZURE.

A TOTAL OF 40 PERSONS HAD BEEN ARRESTED IN THESE OPERATIONS COMPARED WITH THE TOTAL FIGURE OF 111 SO FAR THIS YEAR.

IN AN OPERATION JUST TWO DAYS AGO, CUSTOMS OFFICERS MADE THE LARGEST HAUL OF 5,202 INFRINGING VIDEO TAPES.

MR TONG SAID IT WAS AN UNEQUIVOCAL RESOLUTION WORLDWIDE TO PROTECT THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF LAW-ABIDING TRADERS AND CONSUMERS, AND THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO STRIVE FOR A COMPLETE REMOVAL OF PIRACY.

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BUILDING MANAGEMENT TALK IN MONG KOK

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A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR CHUNG PUI-LAM, WILL GIVE A TALK ON A NEED TO ORGANISE BUILDING MANAGEMENT STAFF INTO A PROFESSION AT A SEMINAR IN MONG KOK TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE SEMINAR ON THE "EMPLOYMENT AND SUPERVISION OF CLEANSING, SECURITY AND MANAGEMENT STAFF" HAS BEEN ARRANGED AS PART OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN FOR 1989-90.

IT AIMS AT IMPARTING KNOWLEDGE OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT TO AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICE BEARERS OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS' CORPORATIONS.

OTHER SPEAKERS AT THE SEMINAR WILL BE REGIONAL OFFICER (KOWLOON WEST) OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION, MRS DOROTHY TAM, LABOUR OFFICER OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MRS MARIAN LI, AND DIRECTOR OF HONG YIP SERVICE CO. LTD., MR KWONG CHUN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE SEMINAR, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (OCTOBER 21) AT SIXTH FLOOR, GRAND TOWER HOTEL, 627-641 NATHAN ROAD.

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PRIZE-GIVING IN SQUATTER AREAS CLEANLINESS CAMPAIGN

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A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AND TEA RECEPTION TO MARK THE CLOSING OF THE WONG TAI SIN SQUATTER AREAS, CLEANLINESS CAMPAIGN WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 22) AT THE WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY CENTRE.

WINNERS OF A CROSSWORD PUZZLE AND COLOUR-SHADING COMPETITION, AND A COMPETITION TO SELECT THE CLEANEST HOUSEHOLD AND VILLAGE ORGANISED DURING THE CAMPAIGN, WILL BE PRESENTED PRIZES AT THE CEREMONY.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, DR MICHAEL LEE; CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S SQUATTER AREAS COMMITTEE, MRS LEE LO YUK-SIM; WONG TAI SIN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS SANDY CHAN; WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT HYGIENE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR KONG WAN-FEE; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE CLEANLINESS CAMPAIGN WORKING GROUP, MR LI YUK-WA.

THE CAMPAIGN, WHICH STARTED ON SEPTEMBER 24, WAS ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN SQUATTER AREAS CLEANLINESS CAMPAIGN WORKING GROUP OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S SQUATTER AREAS COMMITTEE TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT OF SQUATTER AREAS IN THE DISTRICT.

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THE CAMPAIGN ALSO AIMED AT AROUSING RESIDENTS' AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANLINESS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AND TEA RECEPTION OF THE WONG TAI SIN SQUATTER AREAS CLEANLINESS CAMPAIGN WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 22) AT THE WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY CENTRE, 104 CHING TAK STREET.

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BUS ROUTE DEVELOPMENT ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS A CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT ON BUS ROUTE DEVELOPMENT IN THE DISTRICT AT ITS MEETING ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 23).

THE MAJOR PROPOSALS IN THE "DRAFT 1990-91 PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR SOUTHERN DISTRICT" INCLUDE INTRODUCING TWO NEW BUS ROUTES TO MEET THE DEMAND EXPECTED TO ARISE FROM THE INTAKE OF RESIDENTS AT WAH KWAI ESTATE, A NEW PUBLIC HOUSING IN KELLET BAY.

THE PROGRAMME ALSO COVERS THE PROGRESS OF BUS SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS BEING IMPLEMENTED IN AP LEI CHAU AND OTHER AREAS.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT FIGURES IN THE DISTRICT.

ACCORDING TO THE "ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENT STATISTICS BY DISTRICT BOARD AREA" COMPILED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, THE LARGEST NUMBER OF PEDESTRIAN CASUALTIES, IN THE DISTRICT, ABOUT 27 PER CENT, WERE UNDER 10 YEARS OLD.

IN ADDITION, MEMBERS WILL ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT ROAD WORKS IN LEI TUNG ESTATE, BUS SHELTERS IN LEI TUNG ESTATE AND YUE ON COURT, SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN HAPPY VALLEY IN CONNECTION WITH RACE MEETINGS, AND THE TRAFFIC CONGESTION PROBLEM IN SAI ON STREET AND CHENGTU ROAD IN ABERDEEN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 23) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, 7-11 NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN CENTRE.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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FIRING PRACTICE IN NOVEMBER

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON 22 DAYS NEXT MONTH.

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

FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES AND TIMES THAT FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE:

DATE		TIME
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NOVEMBER 1	(WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
NOVEMBER 2	(THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 3	(FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 4	(SATURDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 7	(TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 8	(WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 10	(FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 11	(SATURDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 13	(MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 14	(TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
NOVEMBER 15	(WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
NOVEMBER 16	(THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
NOVEMBER 17	(FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 20	(MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 21	(TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 22	(WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
NOVEMBER 23	(THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 24	(FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 27	(MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 28	(TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 29	(WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 30	(THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM

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ANTI-DRUG LONG RUN ON SUNDAY

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ABOUT 500 PEOPLE WILL PARTICIPATE IN AN ANTI-DRUG LONG RUN AT THE ABERDEEN COUNTRY PARK IN ABERDEEN ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 22).

THE COMPETITION IS ORGANISED BY THE YOUTH VOLUNTEER GROUP OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) TO TIE IN WITH THE "THE ROAD TO A HAPPY LIFE" ANTI-DRUG PUBLICITY PROGRAMME THIS YEAR.

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IT IS OPEN TO RUNNERS AGED 18 OR ABOVE, AND COMPRISES THREE DIVISIONS: MEN, WOMEN AND GROUPS.

INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANTS HAVE TO COMPLETE A FULL COURSE OF ABOUT SIX KILOMETRES.

THE DISTANCE FOR GROUP DIVISION WILL BE AROUND 14 KILOMETRES.

TROPHIES AND GIFT COUPONS WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FIRST THREE WINNERS IN EACH DIVISION.

THE STARTING-OFF CEREMONIES FOR INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP DIVISIONS ARE SCHEDULED FOR 9.30 AM AND 11.15 AM RESPECTIVELY, AT THE TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE OF THE COUNTRY PARK IN ABERDEEN.

A MEMBER OF THE ACAN, MR PAO PING-WING, WILL OFFICIATE AT A PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT THE SAME LOCATION AT 1.15 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT, ESPECIALLY THE STARTING-OFF AND THE PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONIES.

NARCOTICS DIVISION STAFF WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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ADULT EDUCATION SEMINAR FOR TEACHERS

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MORE THAN 1,000 ADULT EDUCATION WORKERS AND PART-TIME LECTURERS WILL ATTEND A SEMINAR ON ADULT EDUCATION AT THE AUDITORIUM OF THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 22).

THE SEMINAR IS ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR PART-TIME LECTURERS AND FIELD WORKERS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S ADULT EDUCATION SECTION AND REPRESENTATIVES OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES JOINING THE ADULT EDUCATION SUBVENTION SCHEME.

IT WILL PROVIDE THEM WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT THE MODERN TRENDS OF DEVELOPMENT IN ADULT EDUCATION AND TO EXCHANGE THEIR VIEWS AND EXPERIENCE IN RUNNING ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMMES.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (FURTHER EDUCATION), MRS RUBY LAU, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AND PRESENT CERTIFICATES OF LONG SERVICE TO 31 PART-TIME LECTURERS OF THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION.

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THE HEAD OF THE CENTRE OF PROFESSIONAL AND CONTINUING EDUCATION OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, MR PETER GRAYSON, WILL GIVE A TALK ON THE THEME OF THE SEMINAR ON "OVERCOMING ADULT LEARNER OBSTACLES".

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE ADULT EDUCATION SEMINAR AT SHA TIN TOWN HALL AT 9.30 AM ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 22).

POSTER COMPETITION TO STIMULATE CREATIVITY

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SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO ENJOY DRAWING WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THEIR WORK SENT TO THE SECOND ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST TO BE HELD IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, IN THE UNITED STATES.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL CONTEST, THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB (CYC) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 303 ARE JOINTLY ORGANISING A LOCAL CONTEST WITH "PICTURE A PEACEFUL WORLD" AS ITS THEME.

CYC MEMBERS IN SCHOOLS WHO ARE AGED BETWEEN 11 AND 13 ARE ELIGIBLE TO TAKE PART.

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE LOCAL CONTEST AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (FRIDAY), THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CYC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, MRS C.H. KONG, SAID THE COMPETITION WAS AIMED TO STIMULATE STUDENTS' CREATIVITY AND IMAGINATION.

OUTSTANDING ENTRIES WOULD BE SENT TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONTEST, MRS KONG SAID.

THE GRAND PRIZE FOR THE WINNER OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONTEST WILL BE A ROUND TRIP TO NEW YORK WITH TWO FAMILY MEMBERS FOR A VISIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS, WHERE THE WINNER WILL BE PRESENTED WITH A CASH AWARD OF US\$1,500 AND AN ENGRAVED COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE.

THERE WILL BE 23 MERIT AWARDS EACH RECEIVING A CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT AND US\$250 IN CASH.

THE ENTRIES SHOULD SHOW ORIGINALITY AND SHOULD EFFECTIVELY PROMOTE THE CENTRAL THEME. THEY SHOULD BE BETWEEN 36 BY 50 CENTIMETRES AND 55 BY 60 CENTIMETRES IN SIZE. PENCILS, CRAYONS, PENS, MARKERS AND PAINTER CHALK MAY BE USED.

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FOR THE LOCAL CONTEST, THE SELECTED ENTRIES WILL BE AWARDED BOOK OR STATIONERY COUPONS. THE FIRST PRIZE WILL BE AWARDED COUPONS WORTH \$1,500, SECOND PRIZE COUPONS WORTH \$1,000 AND THIRD PRIZE COUPONS WORTH \$800. THERE WILL BE 38 MERIT PRIZES EACH RECEIVING COUPONS WORTH \$300.

INTERESTED SCHOOLS ARE REQUESTED TO SEND THEIR STUDENTS' ENTRIES TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S CYC SECTION AT LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, BEFORE NOVEMBER 24.

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LOCAL OPEN SPACE PROJECT IN KWAI CHUNG
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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LOCAL OPEN SPACE IN KWAI CHUNG.

LOCATED TO THE WEST OF TSUEN WAN ROAD NEAR THE TSUEN TSING INTERCHANGE, THE OPEN SPACE WILL PROVIDE FACILITIES INCLUDING A REST GARDEN, FIVE-A-SIDE SOCCER PITCH, AND SITTING-OUT AND LANDSCAPED AREAS.

WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO START IN DECEMBER AND BE COMPLETED BY AUGUST NEXT YEAR.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CONSULTANTS' COMPANY AT SUITE 1708, HARCOURT HOUSE, 39 GLOUCESTER ROAD, HONG KONG.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON NOVEMBER 10.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR DIOCESAN CELEBRATION AT HK STADIUM
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 22) AFTERNOON IN HAPPY VALLEY FOR THE DIOCESAN CELEBRATION 1989 TO BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG STADIUM.

TRAFFIC DIVERSION

THE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS WILL COME INTO EFFECT FROM 2 PM TO 4 PM:

/* CAROLINE HILL

- * CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN LEIGHTON ROAD AND STADIUM PATH WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.
- * CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD AND COTTON PATH WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT FOR VEHICLES REQUIRING LOCAL ACCESS.
- * EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD BETWEEN STADIUM PATH AND TUNG LO WAN ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND; BUT VEHICULAR ACCESS TO THE ST PAUL'S HOSPITAL CARPARK FROM TUNG LO WAN ROAD WILL BE MAINTAINED.
- * LINK ROAD BETWEEN CAROLINE HILL ROAD AND HAPPY VIEW TERRACE WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY UPHILL; VEHICLES ON CAROLINE HILL ROAD WILL BE BANNED FROM TURNING RIGHT ONTO LINK ROAD IF NECESSARY; VEHICLES EXITING FROM THE UPPER SECTION OF BROADWOOD ROAD, HAPPY VIEW TERRACE AND LEIGHTON HILL SHALL PROCEED DOWN VIA BROADWOOD ROAD TO WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD.
- * WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ON HYSAN AVENUE WILL BE DIVERTED TO TURN LEFT ONTO EASTBOUND LEIGHTON ROAD.
- * SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON SUN WUI ROAD WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING RIGHT ONTO WESTBOUND LEIGHTON ROAD.
- * THE SERVICE ROAD AROUND THE STADIUM WILL BE CLOSED.
- * TRAFFIC CONES MAY BE LAID ON THE SECTION OF LEIGHTON ROAD BETWEEN HYSAN AVENUE AND CAROLINE HILL ROAD TO PROVIDE TWO EASTBOUND LANES.

THE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 5.45 PM UNTIL THE DISPERSAL OF THE CROWD:

- * CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN STADIUM PATH AND LEIGHTON ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND;
- * CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN LEIGHTON ROAD AND COTTON PATH WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC; AND
- * LINK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT FOR ACCESS TO OR FROM PREMISES IN LINK ROAD VIA BROADWOOD ROAD.

LEARNER DRIVER PROHIBITION

ALL LEARNER DRIVERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER MATHESON STREET, LEIGHTON ROAD SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH IRVING STREET, RUSSELL STREET AND SHARP STREET EAST FROM NOON TO 8 PM.

PARKING ARRANGEMENT

ALL ON-STREET CAR PARKING SPACES ON THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM NOON TO 8 PM:

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- * SUN WUI ROAD (DURING THE PERIOD OF THE SUSPENSION, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PERMITTED TO WAIT UNDER POLICE INSTRUCTION);
- * STADIUM PATH; AND
- * THE UNNAMED SERVICE ROAD AROUND THE STADIUM.

GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES

ON JOURNEYS TO CAUSEWAY BAY, MINIBUSES ON GMB ROUTES 5 AND 14M WILL BE DIVERTED VIA WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD AND MORRISON HILL ROAD TO LEIGHTON ROAD WHILE MINIBUSES ON GMB ROUTES 30 AND 30A WILL BE DIVERTED VIA WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD, MORRISON HILL ROAD AND LEIGHTON ROAD TO HYSAN AVENUE.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES IN SHAU KEI WAN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CONVEYOR SYSTEM, THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS IN SHAU KEI WAN WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 30 MINUTES PAST MIDNIGHT TO 5 AM ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 22):

- * SHAU KEI WAN ROAD EASTBOUND BETWEEN HOLY CROSS PATH AND HOI NING STREET;
- * HOI NING STREET BETWEEN HING MAN STREET AND SHAU KEI WAN ROAD; AND
- * HOI NING STREET BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN ROAD AND SAI WAN HO STREET.

AT THE SAME TIME, ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER SHAU KEI WAN ROAD WESTBOUND BETWEEN HOI AN STREET AND HOLY CROSS PATH.

EASTBOUND VEHICLES TRAVELLING ON SHAU KEI WAN ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA HOLY CROSS PATH, HING MAN STREET AND HOI AN STREET.

VEHICLES TRAVELLING ON SHAU KEI WAN ROAD WESTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA HOI AN STREET, SAI WAN HO STREET AND TAI CHEONG STREET BEFORE REJOINING SHAU KEI WAN ROAD.

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