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HK ATTENDS SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING OF
ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION

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A HONG KONG DELEGATION WAS IN BANGKOK FOR THE SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION (APEC) WHICH WILL START TOMORROW (MONDAY).

HEADING THE DELEGATION IS DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE AND SENIOR OFFICIAL REPRESENTING HONG KONG ON APEC, MR DONALD TSANG.

"HONG KONG HAS ALREADY PARTICIPATED IN A MEETING OF THE APEC INFORMAL GROUP ON REGIONAL TRADE LIBERALISATION HERE ON SATURDAY," MR TSANG SAID IN BANGKOK.

HE ADDED THAT THE MAJOR TASKS OF THE THREE-DAY SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING ARE TO DISCUSS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SUPPORT MECHANISM AND FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR APEC.

APEC IS AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL FORUM SET UP IN 1989 TO HELP STRENGTHEN THE MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM, TO INCREASE TRADE AND INVESTMENT FLOWS WITHIN THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION AND TO IDENTIFY THE RANGE OF PRACTICAL AND COMMON ECONOMIC INTERESTS.

HONG KONG WAS ADMITTED TO APEC IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR, TOGETHER WITH CHINA AND CHINESE TAIPEI.

APART FROM HONG KONG, THE CURRENT MEMBERSHIP OF APEC COMPRISES THE ASEAN COUNTRIES (I.E. BRUNEI, INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, THE PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE AND THAILAND), AUSTRALIA, CANADA, CHINA, JAPAN, NEW ZEALAND, SOUTH KOREA, CHINESE TAIPEI AND USA.

THAILAND IS THE HOST OF THE APEC MINISTERIAL AND SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETINGS THIS YEAR.

MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG DELEGATION INCLUDE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE, MR JOHN C. TSANG, AND TRADE OFFICER, MRS DOROTHY CHOW.

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IMPORTED WORKERS MUST BE INSURED
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IMPORTED WORKERS ARE ENTITLED TO EXACTLY THE SAME PROTECTION AS THEIR LOCAL COUNTERPARTS UNDER THE LABOUR LAW.

SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER (PROSECUTIONS) OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MR JOHN SUNG, TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS TO TAKE OUT INSURANCE POLICIES FOR THEIR WORKERS, INCLUDING IMPORTED WORKERS, AS REQUIRED UNDER THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE.

MR SUNG CITED A RECENT CASE IN WHICH A PROPRIETOR, LI TAI-TO OF HAPPY GARDEN NURSING HOME IN CAUSEWAY BAY, WAS FINED \$2,000 BY AN EASTERN MAGISTRATE FOR FAILING TO INSURE FOR HIS FOUR EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING AN IMPORTED WORKER.

"ALL EMPLOYERS ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE OUT INSURANCE POLICIES TO COVER THEIR FULL LIABILITIES TO COMPENSATE WORKERS INJURED AT WORK UNDER THE ORDINANCE AND UNDER COMMON LAW," HE SAID.

"OFFENDERS ARE LIABLE, ON SUMMARY CONVICTION, TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$20,000 AND TO IMPRISONMENT FOR ONE YEAR," MR SUNG SAID.

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GOVT STATEMENT ON MEDICAL INTERN EMPLOYMENT

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IN SYMPATHY WITH THE MEDICAL INTERNS WHO ARE CONCERNED OVER THEIR EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS, THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH JOINTLY ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

"WE IN THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ARE COMMITTED TO DOING OUR LEVEL BEST TO HELP INDIVIDUAL INTERNS WHO ARE UNABLE TO SECURE IMMEDIATE EMPLOYMENT WITH THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY," THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MRS HELEN YU, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

"WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE 17 SUCH INTERNS. WE STAND READY TO ASSIST EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM. WE WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THEIR INDIVIDUAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND ASPIRATIONS," SHE SAID.

THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, DR S.H. LEE, FULLY SUPPORTED THE BRANCH'S COMMITMENT TO HELP THESE INTERNS. DR LEE FURTHER SAID: "WE HAVE SO FAR THIS YEAR OFFERED EMPLOYMENT TO 23 MEDICAL INTERNS. THIS IS MORE THAN WE HAVE ENGAGED IN PAST YEARS AS WE ARE ENDEAVOURING TO IMPROVE AND DEVELOP SERVICES," DR LEE SAID.

"WE ARE ALSO AWARE THAT SERVICE AGENCIES, SUCH AS UNHCR AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS ARE IN NEED OF DOCTORS. THE INTERNS' SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY WILL BE VALUED IN WHATEVER CAREER THEY CHOOSE."

THESE INTERNS, HAVING COMPLETED THEIR INTERNSHIP, ARE REGISTRABLE IMMEDIATELY. THEY ARE FREE TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT THEMSELVES OR TO PRACTISE IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH IS ALREADY IN DISCUSSION WITH EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH ON MANPOWER PLANNING TO MEET HONG KONG'S CURRENT AND FUTURE NEEDS. THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH WILL BE SEEKING THE ADVICE OF THE HEALTH AND MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN THIS REGARD.

THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, PROFESSOR NATALIS YUEN, COMMENTED: "I ENDORSE THIS APPROACH. MY COMMITTEE WILL CERTAINLY LOOK INTO HONG KONG'S NEEDS FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, INCLUDING DOCTORS, FOR THE SHORT AND LONGER TERMS."

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SURVEYS OF TRANSPORT STORAGE, COMMUNICATION,
FINANCING, INSURANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE SURVEY OF TRANSPORT AND RELATED SERVICES AND THE SURVEY OF STORAGE, COMMUNICATION, FINANCING, INSURANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES FOR 1991 HAVE JUST STARTED.

THE SURVEYS ARE CONDUCTED ANNUALLY AND REPRESENT PART OF A CONTINUOUS PROGRAMME IN THE DEPARTMENT TO COMPILE STATISTICS ON THE STRUCTURE AND PERFORMANCE OF VARIOUS ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES IN HONG KONG.

THE AIMS OF THE SURVEYS ARE TO OBTAIN UP-TO-DATE DATA FOR EVALUATING THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE TRANSPORT AND SERVICE SECTORS TO HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT, AND FOR ASCERTAINING THEIR COST STRUCTURE, OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS AND OUTPUT LEVELS.

RESULTS OF THE SURVEYS ARE USEFUL TO BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN FORMULATING POLICIES AND MAKING DECISIONS.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS APPEALED TO THE MANAGERMENTS OF ALL SAMPLED ESTABLISHMENTS TO RETURN THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES PROMPTLY AND TO CO-OPERATE WITH OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT IN THE COURSE OF THE SURVEYS, SO AS TO FULFIL THEIR LEGAL AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

HE STRESSED THAT INFORMATION RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WOULD BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE UNDER THE PROVISION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE.

ONLY AGGREGATE INFORMATION, WHICH DOES NOT REVEAL DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS, WILL BE RELEASED.

THE COMMISSIONER ALSO POINTED OUT THAT AUDITED ACCOUNTS ARE NOT ESSENTIAL FOR THE SUPPLY OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE DATA REQUIRED IN THE SURVEYS.

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ACCEPTS FIGURES BASED ON PRELIMINARY ACCOUNTS OR ESTIMATES WHICH ARE CORRECT TO THE BEST OF THE RESPONDENTS' KNOWLEDGE AT THE TIME OF SUBMISSION OF THE RETURNS, IF AUDITED ACCOUNTS ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE.

ABOUT 4,000 ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE ENUMERATED IN THE PRESENT ROUND OF THE SURVEYS, INCLUDING A FULL COVERAGE OF LARGE ESTABLISHMENTS AND A RANDOM SAMPLE OF THE RELATIVELY SMALLER ONES.

THE SURVEY OF TRANSPORT AND RELATED SERVICES COVERS LAND, SEA AND AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES, SUCH AS PUBLIC BUSES, TRAMWAYS, TAXIS, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, TRUCKS, FERRIES, SHIPPING COMPANIES AND AIRLINES.

IT ALSO COVERS SUCH TRANSPORT-RELATED SERVICES AS THOSE PROVIDED BY CAR PARKS, TRAVEL AGENTS AND CARGO FORWARDING AGENTS.

THE SURVEY OF STORAGE, COMMUNICATION, FINANCING, INSURANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES COVERS STORAGE AND WAREHOUSE, COMMUNICATIONS, FINANCIAL (EXCEPT LICENSED BANKS, RESTRICTED LICENSE BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES) AND INSURANCE.

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IT ALSO COVERS BUSINESS SERVICES SUCH AS ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING, ADVERTISING, DATA PROCESSING, EMPLOYMENT AGENCY, EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY RENTAL, LEGAL, NEWS AGENCY, SECRETARIAL AND OTHER BUSINESS SERVICES.

THE SURVEYS ARE BEING CONDUCTED UNDER THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS (ANNUAL SURVEY OF TRANSPORT AND RELATED SERVICES) ORDER 1984 AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS (ANNUAL SURVEY OF STORAGE, COMMUNICATION, FINANCING, INSURANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES) ORDER 1984, WHICH WERE MADE UNDER THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 316).

INFORMATION SOUGHT IN THE SURVEYS INCLUDES : TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, FLOOR AREA, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES, OPERATING EXPENSES, BUSINESS RECEIPTS, CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND OTHER RELATED INFORMATION ON THE BUSINESS OPERATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENTS.

SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES HAVE BEEN MAILED TO THE ESTABLISHMENTS SAMPLED FOR THE SURVEYS.

THESE ESTABLISHMENTS ARE LEGALLY REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRES TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT BY JULY 31 THIS YEAR.

IF REQUIRED, OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND HELP THEM IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES.

THESE OFFICERS WILL CARRY A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD AND A CERTIFICATE FOR CONDUCTING THE SURVEYS WHILST ON DUTY, WHICH ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION.

ANY ENQUIRIES REGARDING THE SURVEYS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE TRANSPORT AND SERVICES STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL 802 1262.

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SPECIAL STAMPS ON "STAMP COLLECTING"

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THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR M. PAGLIARI, ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT A SET OF SPECIAL STAMPS WILL BE ISSUED ON JULY 15 ON THE THEME OF "STAMP COLLECTING".

THERE WILL BE FOUR DENOMINATIONS: \$0.8, \$1.8, \$2.3 AND \$5.

THE STAMPS WERE DESIGNED BY MR KAN TAI-KEUNG AND PRINTED BY LEIGH-MARDON PTY. LTD OF AUSTRALIA.

THE STAMPS WILL BE DISPLAYED FOR ADVANCE INFORMATION OF THE PUBLIC AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE AND SHA TIN CENTRAL POST OFFICE AS FROM JULY 1.

OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVERS WILL BE PLACED ON SALE AT ALL POST OFFICES AS FROM JULY 1 AT \$1 EACH.

/ADVANCE ORDERS

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ADVANCE ORDERS FOR SERVICED FIRST DAY COVERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM JULY 1 TO 8. THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF COVERS PER ORDER IS FIVE.

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF CUSTOMERS, FIRST DAY COVERS PRE-AFFIXED WITH A SET OF STAMPS AND CANCELLED WITH THE FIRST DAY OF ISSUE POSTMARK WILL BE AVAILABLE AT \$12.9 EACH AT THE FOLLOWING 28 POST OFFICES:

HONG KONG ISLAND

BEACONSFIELD HOUSE POST OFFICE
CAUSEWAY BAY POST OFFICE
GENERAL POST OFFICE
HENNESSY ROAD POST OFFICE
KING'S ROAD POST OFFICE
PEAK POST OFFICE
QUEEN'S ROAD POST OFFICE
SAI YING PUN POST OFFICE
TSAT TSZ MUI POST OFFICE

KOWLOON

AIRPORT POST OFFICE
CHEUNG SHA WAN POST OFFICE
GRANVILLE ROAD POST OFFICE
KOWLOON BAY POST OFFICE
KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE
KWONG WAH STREET POST OFFICE
KWUN TONG POST OFFICE
LOK FU POST OFFICE
MONGKOK POST OFFICE
NGAU TAU KOK POST OFFICE
OI MAN POST OFFICE
TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE

NEW TERRITORIES

SHA TIN CENTRAL POST OFFICE
SHEK WU HUI POST OFFICE
TAI PO POST OFFICE
TSUEN WAN POST OFFICE
TSUEN WING STREET POST OFFICE
TUEN MUN CENTRAL POST OFFICE
YUEN LONG POST OFFICE

A HAND-BACK SERVICE WILL BE GIVEN TO ALL OFFICIAL AND PRIVATELY MADE COVERS BEARING THE "FIRST DAY" INDICATION ON JULY 15.

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STUDENTS TO COMPETE IN INTERNATIONAL COMPUTER CONTEST

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SIX HONG KONG SECONDARY STUDENTS WILL COMPETE WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS FROM ASIAN COUNTRIES IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMPUTER COMPETITION TO BE HELD IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA, FROM AUGUST 7 TO 11.

THE EVENT, ORGAINSED BY THE MALAYSIAN COMPUTER SOCIETY, IS DESIGNED TO TEST YOUNG STUDENTS' COMPUTER PROGRAMMING SKILLS AND TO PROMOTE THE USE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.

COUNTRIES INCLUDING AUSTRALIA, INDIA, INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, PAKISTAN, THE PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORT, SRI LANKA AND THAILAND, WILL TAKE PART.

THE HONG KONG REPRESENTATIVES WERE CHOSEN FROM A SELECTION TEST CONDUCTED RECENTLY AMONG 90 SECONDARY STUDENTS BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE HONG KONG COMPUTER SOCIETY AND THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR COMPUTER EDUCATION, WHICH HAVE BEEN SPONSORING THE LOCAL TEAMS IN THE PAST FEW YEARS.

STUDENTS ARE: LAM HEI-NING (QUEEN'S COLLEGE), LAU KWOK-HUNG (SKH TSANG SHIU-TIM SECONDARY SCHOOL), LEE KIT-LUN (YING WA COLLEGE), LI HON-CHING (LA SALLE COLLEGE), WONG HIM-TING (SALESIAN ENGLISH SCHOOL) AND YAU KA-FAI (TSUEN WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL).

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PHOTO CONTEST TO PROMOTE HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

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ENTRIES ARE INVITED FOR A PHOTO COMPETITION TO PROMOTE HEALTHY LIFESTYLE IN FAMILY.

THE COMPETITION ALSO ENCOURAGES FAMILY MEMBERS TO SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER FOR BETTER HEALTH.

ENTITLED "HEALTHY MEMBERS, HAPPY FAMILY", THE COMPETITION IS ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND IS OPEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC OF ALL AGES.

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE COMPETITION, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THERE WOULD BE NO LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES SUBMITTED BY AN INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANT.

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE OF 8R-SIZE AND UNMOUNTED. SLIDES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

EACH ENTRY SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED WITH A TITLE OF NOT MORE THAN 15 WORDS AND SHOULD DEPICT THE THEME "HEALTHY MEMBERS, HAPPY FAMILY".

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT PHOTOGRAPHS THAT HAD BEEN OR WOULD BE PUBLISHED BEFORE SEPTEMBER 11 THIS YEAR WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED.

THE THREE WINNERS OF THE CONTEST WILL EACH RECEIVE AN ATTRACTIVE PRIZE OF A CAMERA. THERE WILL ALSO BE FIVE MERITORIOUS PRIZES.

/WINNING ENTRIES

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WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE PUT ON DISPLAY AT A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY IN SEPTEMBER.

THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CONTEST ARE NOW OBTAINABLE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OFFICES AT THE SOUTHOEN CENTRE, 7/F, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI; THE YUNG FUNG SHEE MEMORIAL CENTRE AT CHA KWO LING ROAD; THE LEK YUEN HEALTH CENTRE IN SHA TIN, ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND SHRIRO (HK) LTD.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRY IS AUGUST 11.

THE CONTEST IS SPONSORED BY SHRIRO (HK) LTD.

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BOOK YOUR TICKETS FOR "BEATING RETREAT" PERFORMANCE

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SPECTACULAR PERFORMANCES OF "BEATING RETREAT" - A MAJOR ACTIVITY JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (CSD) AND THE HONG KONG ISLAND 221ST SCOUT GROUP, WILL BE STAGED AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM ON JULY 23 AND 24.

THE EVENT IS A CHARITY FUND-RAISING EXERCISE FOR THE COMMUNITY CHEST.

ADMISSION TICKETS AT \$15 EACH WILL BE ON SALE FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY) AT ALL URBTIX OUTLETS.

THE MAIN PERFORMERS OF "BEATING RETREAT" ARE A GROUP OF TRAINING CENTRE INMATES OF THE HONG KONG ISLAND 221ST SCOUT GROUP WHO WILL DEMONSTRATE THEIR MUSIC TALENT AND MAGNIFICENT MARCHING DISPLAY.

THERE WILL ALSO BE PERFORMANCES BY THE 141ST ISLAND RANGER GUIDES SERVICE UNIT.

A CSD SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THE DEPARTMENT ALWAYS ENCOURAGES YOUNG INMATES TO TAKE PART IN SCOUTING ACTIVITIES.

"THE INMATES CAN DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL, CULTIVATE SELF-CONFIDENCE, AND APPRECIATE THE MEANING OF DISCIPLINE AND TEAMWORK SPIRIT THROUGH SCOUTING MOVEMENT," HE NOTED.

APPEALING FOR PUBLIC SUPPORT TO THE EVENT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THEIR PRESENCE AT THE PERFORMANCES WOULD NOT ONLY SIGNIFY THEIR SUPPORT TO THE COMMUNITY CHEST, BUT ALSO THEIR ENCOURAGEMENT TO THESE YOUNG PERFORMERS WHO HAVE BEEN MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO PREPARE THEMSELVES FOR THE OCCASION.

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