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STRICT POLLUTION CONTROLS ON SHA TIN INDUSTRY

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS DRAWN UP STRICT POLLUTION CONTROL MEASURES FOR THE RAPIDLY-GROWING INDUSTRIAL AREAS OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

THE MEASURES HAVE BEEN DESIGNED TO ENSURE AS FAR AS POSSIBLE THAT THE 500,000 PEOPLE WHO WILL EVENTUALLY LIVE IN THE NEW TOWN WILL ENJOY A VIRTUALLY POLLUTION-FREE ENVIRONMENT.

THE SENIOR ESTATE SURVEYOR OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, MR. ROGER THOMPSON, SAID TODAY THE CONTROLS WERE AIMED AT STOPPING THE EMISSION OF SMOKE AND POISONOUS OR NOXIOUS WASTES.

HE SAID THE CONTROL PROVISIONS WERE BEING INCLUDED IN THE LEASE CONDITIONS FOR ALL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AT SHA TIN AND WERE BEING CLOSELY MONITORED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED.

MR. THOMPSON SAID: +THE SHA TIN VALLEY IS VERY SUSCEPTIBLE TO AERIAL POLLUTION AND COULD LITERALLY BECOME FILLED WITH SMOKE IF WE ALLOWED FACTORIES TO BURN THE WRONG FUELS.

+ALL OUR LEASE CONDITIONS STIPULATE THAT THE ONLY FUELS THAT CAN BE USED ARE TOWN GAS, LP GAS, NATURAL GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

+THESE LIMITATIONS, AND THE FACT THAT WE WILL HAVE ONLY LIGHT INDUSTRY, WILL HELP US TO KEEP THE VALLEY SMOKE-FREE.+

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS ALSO DISCOURAGING OFFENSIVE TRADES IN SHA TIN, AND WOULD ALLOW ONLY THOSE THAT COULD BE LICENSED AND CONTROLLED BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

+IN GENERAL, WE ARE ALSO ENSURING THROUGH LEASE CONDITIONS THAT ANY INDUSTRY WHICH COULD EMIT POISONOUS OR NOXIOUS WASTES SUCH AS LEAD, MERCURY, ACIDS OR STRONG ALKALI MUST HAVE APPROVED POLLUTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT TO ELIMINATE THEM AT SOURCE.

+THE MAJOR REASON IS THAT SUCH WASTES COULD SERIOUSLY AFFECT THE TOWN'S SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT, A RISK WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO TAKE.+

HOWEVER, THE CONTROLS HAVE NOT AFFECTED THE INTERESTS OF INDUSTRIALISTS INVESTING IN THE NEW TOWN AND PROSPECTIVE BUYERS ARE NOW +QUEUEING UP+ TO BUY LAND IN THE NEW TOWN, MR. THOMPSON SAID.

HE SAID THAT ABOUT A YEAR AGO, THERE WERE ONLY ONE OR TWO APPLICATIONS FOR TENDERS FOR INDUSTRIAL LAND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES BUT SHA TIN INDUSTRIAL SITES WERE NOW ATTRACTING A DOZEN OR MORE BIDS.

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SHA TIN'S FIRST LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AREA AT FO TAN NOW HAS SEVEN 14-STOREY INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS AS WELL AS THE \$3 MILLION OIL STORAGE DEPOT OPERATED BY CHINA RESOURCES LTD.

THE TOWN'S SECOND LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AREA AT TAI WAI IS BEING OPENED UP AND THE FIRST LOT WAS SOLD FOR \$20 MILLION AT A PUBLIC AUCTION LAST JUNE.

+THE BUYER HAS ALREADY SUBMITTED HIS BUILDING PLANS FOR A SEVEN-STOREY INDUSTRIAL BUILDING THAT WILL BE FULLY AIR-CONDITIONED AND WILL HAVE THE GROUND FLOOR AS A PRODUCTS DISPLAY AREA.

+ANOTHER TWO LOTS IN TAI WAI HAVE ALREADY BEEN SOLD BY TENDER TO HOLDERS OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS. TENDERS ARE IN FOR A FURTHER THREE SITES AND ANOTHER TWO LOTS WILL BE SOLD BY TENDER SHORTLY,+ MR. THOMPSON SAID.

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#### SOUTHERN DISTRICT ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN BEGINS

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UNOFFICIAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, THE REVEREND PATRICK MCGOVERN, TODAY CALLED ON THE PUBLIC TO SHOW SYMPATHY TO DRUG ADDICTS AND NO SYMPATHY AT ALL TO DRUG TRAFFICKERS.

THE REV. MCGOVERN, WHO IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS WHICH COORDINATES ALL ANTI-NARCOTICS WORK IN HONG KONG, WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE HONG KONG SOUTHERN DISTRICT ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN AT WONG CHUK HANG PLAYGROUND IN ABERDEEN.

HE SAID ALTHOUGH DRUG ADDICTION IS ONE OF HONG KONG'S MOST SERIOUS SOCIAL PROBLEMS, IT HAS NOT ATTRACTED PUBLIC SYMPATHY TO THE SAME DEGREE AS OTHER PROBLEMS LIKE BLINDNESS OR PHYSICAL HANDICAP.

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HE SAID DRUG ADDICTION IS NOT NECESSARILY CAUSED BY 'SELF-INFLICTED DEGRADATION' AS MANY PEOPLE WOULD BELIEVE BUT RATHER, IN MANY CASES, CAUSED BY POOR LIVING AND WORKING CONDITIONS AS WELL AS FAMILY AND OTHER PROBLEMS.

+I WOULD THEREFORE ASK YOU TO DO TWO THINGS,+ THE REV. MCGOVERN SAID.

+FIRST, SHOW SYMPATHY TO VICTIMS OF DRUGS IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO GIVE UP THE HABIT.

+SECOND, I BEG YOU ON NO ACCOUNT SHOW SYMPATHY TOWARDS DRUG TRAFFICKERS. LET THEM SEE BY YOUR ACTIONS THAT YOU DESPISE THEM. IF YOU GET AN OPPORTUNITY REPORT THEM,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID ALTHOUGH THE DRUG PROBLEM HAS NOW BEEN LARGELY CONTAINED, IT WILL NEVER BE ELIMINATED UNLESS THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE COMES FORWARD AND UNITES ACTION AGAINST IT.

THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN IS THE SECOND OF THREE DISTRICT-LEVEL EDUCATION CAMPAIGNS BEING ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS IN CONJUNCTION WITH LOCAL ORGANISATIONS THIS YEAR.

DURING THE MONTH-LONG CAMPAIGN, THERE WILL BE MORE THAN 40 EVENTS INCLUDING EXHIBITIONS, VARIETY SHOWS, MOBILE THEATRE AND FILM SHOWS FOR 230,000 RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

ABOUT 50,000 LEAFLETS, SEVERAL THOUSAND POSTERS AND SCORES OF BANNERS CARRYING ANTI-DRUG SLOGANS WILL ALSO BE DISTRIBUTED AND DISPLAYED IN THE DISTRICT.

BEFORE THE OPENING CEREMONY THIS AFTERNOON, MORE THAN 1,000 YOUNG VOLUNTEERS DISTRIBUTED LEAFLETS TO TAKE THE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE TO EVERY SHOP AND PEDESTRIAN IN THE AREA.

A BOAT DECORATED WITH PENNANTS AND EQUIPPED WITH LOUD HAILERS WEAVED ITS WAY THROUGH THE ABERDEEN TYPHOON SHELTER TO INFORM THE BOAT PEOPLE OF THE START OF THE CAMPAIGN.

AN EVALUATION SURVEY WILL BE CARRIED OUT AT THE END OF THE CAMPAIGN TO ASSESS ITS IMPACT AND EFFECTIVENESS.

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NEW HIGHWAY CODE ON SALE

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A NEW EDITION OF THE HONG KONG HIGHWAY CODE, WHICH SETS OUT THE RULES OF THE ROAD FOR SAFE AND COURTEOUS CONDUCT BY ALL ROAD USERS, IS NOW ON SALE.

PRICED AT \$2, THE BOOKLET IS AVAILABLE IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE EDITIONS FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, G.P.O. BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AND FROM LEADING BOOKSHOPS.

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO ISSUE FREE COPIES TO APPLICANTS FOR PROVISIONAL DRIVING LICENCES.

IN A FOREWORD, THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR. IAN MACPHERSON, SAYS: +A LITTLE EXTRA CARE BY ROAD USERS OF ALL KINDS, WHETHER VEHICLE DRIVERS, CYCLISTS OR PEDESTRIANS, WOULD HELP PREVENT THE SENSELESS ACCIDENTS THAT CAUSE DEATH AND INJURY FAR TOO OFTEN.

+WE SHOULD MAKE A PARTICULAR EFFORT TO INSTIL THE +DO'S AND DON'TS+ OF THE HIGHWAY CODE IN THE MINDS OF THE VERY YOUNG SO THAT THEY DO NOT BECOME YET ANOTHER STATISTIC ON THE LIST OF ROAD ACCIDENT CASUALTIES.+

THE 96-PAGE BOOKLET, WHICH HAS BEEN DESIGNED BY THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, IS ILLUSTRATED WITH PHOTOGRAPHS AND DIAGRAMS TO SHOW THE CORRECT USE OF THE ROADS. IT ALSO INCLUDES A COLOUR SECTION ON TRAFFIC SIGNS AND SIGNALS.

THE CODE MAKES SPECIAL REFERENCE TO SIX POINTS WHICH PEOPLE ARE URGED TO REMEMBER IN THE INTERESTS OF ROAD SAFETY. THESE ARE :-

- \* CHILDREN ARE IN SPECIAL DANGER - PARTICULARLY THOSE UNDER FIVE AND THOSE WHO CYCLE. PROTECT THEM AND TRAIN THEM IN ROAD SAFETY=
- \* OLD PEOPLE MAY REACT SLOWLY. GIVE THEM GREAT CONSIDERATION=
- \* THE BLIND AND THE DISABLED ALSO NEED YOUR HELP. GIVE EVERY CONSIDERATION AND ASSISTANCE TO A PERSON CARRYING THE FAMILIAR RED AND WHITE STRIPED WALKING STICK OR WHO IS CLEARLY CRIPPLED OR OTHERWISE DISABLED AND INCAPABLE OF QUICK MOVEMENT, INCLUDING THOSE USING CRUTCHES OR WHEELCHAIRS=
- \* HEALTH COUNTS. MAKE DUE ALLOWANCE FOR POOR EYESIGHT, DEAFNESS AND FATIGUE, MEDICINE OR TRANQUILIZERS WHICH COULD SLOW YOUR REACTIONS=
- \* ALCOHOL EVEN IN QUITE SMALL QUANTITIES, MAKES YOU LESS SAFE ON THE ROADS. ALWAYS BE SURE YOU ARE FIT TO BE ON THE ROAD= AND
- \* VEHICLES BADLY MAINTAINED MAY LEAD TO AN ACCIDENT. CHECK YOUR LIGHTS, BRAKES, STEERING AND TYRES.

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ROAD SAFETY PROJECT DESIGN COMPETITION

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SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE BELONGING TO COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUBS, ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN A +ROAD SAFETY PROJECT+ DESIGN COMPETITION.

THE COMPETITION, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TRAFFIC BRANCH OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AIMS AT AROUSING AWARENESS AMONG SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ROAD SAFETY.

A SCHOOL MAY CHOOSE ANY ASPECT OF ROAD SAFETY AS THE THEME OF THEIR PROJECT AND ILLUSTRATE IT IN SUCH A WAY THAT IT WILL FORM AN INTERESTING AND EYE-CATCHING DISPLAY WITH A MAXIMUM FLOOR AREA OF 10 SQUARE FEET.

THE DISPLAY MAY INCLUDE PICTURES, PHOTOGRAPHS, MODELS, GRAPHS, CHARTS, FEATURE ARTICLES AND ANY OTHER MEDIA RELEVANT TO THE THEME. CAPTIONS MAY EITHER BE IN CHINESE OR ENGLISH, OR BOTH.

AN ALLOWANCE OF UP TO \$300 WILL BE GIVEN TO EACH PARTICIPATING SCHOOL AS A SUBSIDY ON A REIMBURSEMENT BASIS.

THE PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SET UP THEIR DISPLAYS AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC PODIUM ON THE MORNING OF DECEMBER 14, AND JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE AFTERNOON.

THE JUDGES WILL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT 10 A.M. ON DECEMBER 15, TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY.

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED IN THE FORM OF BOOK/STATIONERY COUPONS. THE FIRST PRIZE WINNER WILL RECEIVE COUPONS WORTH \$1,000 PLUS A TROPHY= THE SECOND \$800 PLUS A TROPHY AND THE THIRD \$500 PLUS A TROPHY.

IN ADDITION THERE WILL BE A NUMBER OF MERIT PRIZES OF \$100 EACH AND SOUVENIR PLAQUES WILL BE GIVEN TO ALL PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 31.

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REGISTRATION TEAM TO OPERATE IN SHA TAU KOK

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A TEAM FROM THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE WILL CONDUCT REGISTRATIONS AT THE GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SHA TAU KOK ON OCTOBER 23 AND 24 FOR PEOPLE IN THE AREA.

REGISTRATION WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN 9.30 A.M. AND 4.30 P.M. DURING THESE TWO DAYS.

THE VISIT IS TO ENABLE PARENTS OR GUARDIANS TO REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN OR WARDS BETWEEN 11 AND 17 YEARS OF AGE FOR JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS AND HOLDERS OF JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS TO REGISTER FOR ADULT IDENTITY CARDS ON REACHING 18 YEARS OF AGE.

ALL PERSONS LIVING IN THIS AREA ARE REMINDED OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO REGISTER THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN FOR IDENTITY CARDS AND TO REPORT CHANGES OF EMPLOYMENT OR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES, MARITAL STATUS, OR ANY OTHER PARTICULARS WHICH HAVE CHANGED SINCE REGISTERING FOR THEIR IDENTITY CARDS.

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN NORTH POINT WILL BE STOPPED FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 P.M. ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 17) TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY 865-971 KING'S ROAD, JAVA ROAD FROM HEALTHY STREET EAST TO KING'S ROAD, TONG CHONG STREET, HOI WAN STREET, HOI TAI STREET, HOI KWONG STREET AND FINNIE STREET.

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