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PEDESTRIANS STILL HIGH IN ROAD ACCIDENT TOLL
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ROAD ACCIDENTS INCREASED IN 1987, RISING BY 8.8 PER CENT OVER 1986, WITH ACTUAL CASUALTIES INCREASING BY 11 PER CENT.

PEDESTRIANS CONTINUED TO BE THE ROAD USERS MOST AT RISK.

THIS IS REPORTED IN THE 1988 EDITION OF THE ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY PAPER ISSUED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL.

THE STRATEGY PAPER IS NOW PRODUCED BIENNIALLY, AND THE LATEST ISSUE COVERS 1986 AND 1987.

IN THE TWO-YEAR PERIOD UNDER REVIEW, PEDESTRIANS ACCOUNTED FOR 73 PER CENT OF THE PEOPLE KILLED ON THE ROAD AND FOR 33 PER CENT OF ROAD INJURIES.

THE PAPER NOTES THAT STEPPED-UP ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY EFFORTS HAD HELPED TO REDUCE FATAL ACCIDENTS INVOLVING THE ELDERLY.

"FOLLOWING 1985'S SHARP RISE IN PEDESTRIAN FATALITIES IN THE 60 AND OVER AGE GROUP, THERE WAS A COMBINED DROP OF 18.2 PER CENT IN THE YEARS 1986 AND 1987," IT SAYS.

THE PAPER POINTS OUT THAT THE POLICE CONTINUED TO GIVE PRIORITY TO ENFORCEMENT ACTION ON PEDESTRIAN, SPEEDING AND VEHICLE MAINTENANCE OFFENCES.

THE PAPER REPORTS THAT THE CONTINUED DECREASE IN DRIVER FATALITIES AND SERIOUS INJURIES COMPARED TO BEFORE IMPLEMENTATION OF SEAT BELT LEGISLATION INDICATES THAT FRONT SEAT BELTS DO SAVE LIVES AND LESSEN THE SEVERITY OF INJURY.

SEAT BELT LEGISLATION IS LIKELY TO BE EXTENDED TO TAXIS AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES IN 1989.

NEW ROAD SAFETY LEGISLATION FOR PRIVATE ROADS WILL EMPOWER THE MANAGERMENTS OF PRIVATE ESTATES TO REGULATE PARKING AND TRAFFIC ON PRIVATE ROADS WITHIN THEIR ESTATES.

THE PAPER NOTES THAT IN JULY LAST YEAR A ROAD USERS' CODE WAS PUBLISHED TO REPLACE AND SUPPLEMENT THE HIGHWAYS CODE PREVIOUSLY IN USE.

THOUGH AIMED PRIMARILY AT ROAD USERS, THE INFORMATION ABOUT SAFETY MEASURES AND ROAD TRAFFIC LEGISLATION IS ALSO INTENDED FOR USE BY ROAD SAFETY TRAINING OFFICERS, TEACHERS AND PARENTS, AS A RESOURCE BOOK.

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"THE CHAPTER FOR CYCLISTS HAS BEEN EXTRACTED TO FORM A CYCLISTS' CODE TO FURTHER PUBLICISE THE ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE TO CYCLISTS," THE PAPER EXPLAINS.

A CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE LOADING OF VEHICLES WAS PUBLISHED THIS YEAR.

THE PAPER STATES THAT THE VEHICLE EXAMINATION PROGRAMME SHOULD BE EXPANDED TO INCREASE THE FREQUENCY OF ALL INSPECTIONS AND TO WIDEN THE RANGE OF VEHICLES INCLUDED IN THEM. OF PARTICULAR CONCERN ARE GOODS VEHICLES AND PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES.

A MAJOR AIM IN 1988 IS THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FULLY COMPUTERISED VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE TO CATER FOR GREATER THROUGHPUT AND EFFICIENCY.

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS PURSUING THE BUILDING OF A FULLY COMPUTERISED VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE ADJACENT TO THE EXISTING KOWLOON BAY VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE.

"WHEN COMPLETED, IT WILL CENTRALISE MOST OF THE ANNUAL VEHICLE INSPECTION WORK AND FURTHERMORE, IT WILL ENABLE THE POLICY OF ANNUAL INSPECTION OF ALL GOODS VEHICLES TO BE ACHIEVED," THE REPORT SAYS.

THE ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL WAS SET UP IN 1983 TO REPLACE THE STANDING CONFERENCE ON ROAD SAFETY.

IT CHANGED FROM BEING MAINLY A CO-ORDINATOR OF EXECUTIVE ACTION INTO A BODY WHICH ALSO DEVELOPS PROPOSALS TO PREVENT TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS AND PROVIDES ADVICE ON POLICIES TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

APART FROM CO-ORDINATING THE WORK OF THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, THE COUNCIL SEEKS TO HARNESS COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND, BY MEANS OF CAMPAIGNS, MEDIA PUBLICITY AND EDUCATION, TO SPREAD THE ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE AND RAISE THE COMMUNITY'S LEVEL OF ROAD SAFETY CONSCIOUSNESS.

THE COUNCIL IS CHAIRED BY THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, OPERATIONS.

IT HAS REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE TRANSPORT BRANCH AND THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION; THE TRAFFIC WING OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE; TRANSPORT, EDUCATION, HIGHWAYS AND INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENTS; BRITISH FORCES, HONG KONG; THE HONG KONG ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION; THE HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION AND THE INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED MOTORISTS.

THE PURPOSE OF THE STRATEGY PAPER IS TO REVIEW PROGRESS IN THE VARIOUS FIELDS OF ROAD SAFETY ENDEAVOUR, IDENTIFY AREAS REQUIRING SPECIAL ATTENTION AND CO-ORDINATE STRATEGY PROPOSALS AND MAINTAIN A CHECK-LIST OF CURRENT AND FUTURE ACTIVITIES.

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TAC DISCUSSES TAXI AND KMB FARES RISE

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THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) TODAY (TUESDAY) DISCUSSED FARE INCREASE APPLICATIONS FROM THE URBAN AND NEW TERRITORIES TAXI ASSOCIATIONS.

HAVING DISCUSSED THE VIEWS OBTAINED AT THE RECENT SPECIAL MEETING WITH TAXI TRADE REPRESENTATIVES AND THOSE OF THE PUBLIC RECEIVED THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS, MEMBERS CONSIDERED THAT THERE WAS A CASE FOR A MODERATE INCREASE IN FARES IN ORDER TO MEET OPERATING EXPENSES.

WAITING TIME CHARGES WERE ALSO RECOMMENDED TO BE REVISED.

THE MEETING NOTED THAT THE PROPOSED INCREASE WOULD HELP TOWARDS MAINTAINING A REASONABLE FARE DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN TAXIS AND OTHER MODES OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

A RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE MADE TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN DUE COURSE.

ON THE QUESTION OF MALPRACTICES BY TAXI DRIVERS, THE TAC NOTED THAT IT HAD ALREADY CONVEYED THE STRONG PUBLIC SENTIMENTS ON THE SUBJECT TO TRADE REPRESENTATIVES AT THE SPECIAL MEETING AND STRESSED THE NEED FOR THE TRADE TO EXERCISE SELF-DISCIPLINE.

THE TAC CONSIDERED THE FARE INCREASE ISSUE WITHOUT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE QUESTION OF MALPRACTICES. THE TWO ARE SEPARATE ISSUES AND SHOULD NOT BE LINKED.

THE TAC WOULD CLOSELY MONITOR THE SITUATION OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS AND WOULD CONSIDER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF STRINGENT MEASURES INCLUDING AN INCREASE OF FINES OR THE DEMERIT POINT SYSTEM FOR REPEATED OFFENDERS IF THE SITUATION CONTINUED TO DETERIORATE.

THE COMMITTEE ALSO AGREED AFTER DETAILED DISCUSSIONS, THAT A FARE INCREASE SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY.

IN CONSIDERING THE APPLICATION, MEMBERS EXAMINED THE COMPANY'S EXISTING FINANCIAL POSITION AND TOOK FULL ACCOUNT OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY MEMBERS OF CERTAIN DISTRICT BOARDS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEES.

THE TAC'S RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR ITS FINAL DECISION. BUT TAC HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT ANY INCREASE SHOULD NOT TAKE PLACE IN 1988.

THE COMMITTEE WAS ALSO BRIEFED ON THE GOVERNMENT'S FUTURE ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY POLICY OUTLINED IN THE ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY PAPER 1988.

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MEMBERS WERE ALSO BRIEFED ON THE RESULTS OF THE CAR JOURNEY TIME SURVEY CARRIED OUT BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IN JUNE THIS YEAR TO MONITOR TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THE URBAN AREAS OF HONG KONG AND KOWLOON.

THE RESULTS INDICATED THAT CONGESTION INCREASED OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, AS REFLECTED IN THE DECREASING CAR SPEEDS, DESPITE THE INTRODUCTION OF SUCH TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE AS THE MTR ISLAND LINE AND THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR STAGE II.

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CS OPENS NEW BLOCK AT CARITAS MEDICAL CENTRE
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THE OPENING OF THE NEW JOCKEY CLUB WAI OI BLOCK OF THE CARITAS MEDICAL CENTRE IN SHAM SHUI PO MARKS THE GROWTH OF THE CENTRE INTO A COMPREHENSIVE DISTRICT HOSPITAL, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE NEW BLOCK, SIR DAVID NOTED THAT THE CENTRE WAS BEGUN BY CARITAS HONG KONG SOME 24 YEARS AGO WITH A MODEST SCALE OF 367 BEDS.

IT WAS INTENDED PRIMARILY TO CARE FOR THE POOR OF THE CROWDED AREA OF SO UK, AND IT EMPHASISED THE TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS, WHICH WAS THEN A DEADLY INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

"THE CENTRE HAS SINCE GROWN RAPIDLY INTO A DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL WITH OVER 1,400 BEDS, PROVIDING A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES: FROM OUT-PATIENT SERVICES TO SPECIALISED INTENSIVE CARE, AND FROM THE NURSING TRAINING SCHOOL TO THE LOK YAN SCHOOL FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

"IT IS AN IMPRESSIVE HISTORY, WHICH SHOWS HOW A CHARITABLE MEDICAL AGENCY HAS DEVELOPED AND DIVERSIFIED INTO A PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTION PROVIDING FULL MEDICAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES TO THE DENSE POPULATION OF NORTH-WEST KOWLOON," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID ALSO SAID THAT FOR MANY YEARS THE GOVERNMENT HAD GIVEN SUPPORT TO CARITAS IN ITS EFFORTS TO IMPROVE MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE REGION, AND THE OPENING OF THE NEW BLOCK MARKED A SIGNIFICANT STOP FORWARD.

"THE NEW BLOCK WILL PROVIDE SPACE FOR AN EXPANDED NURSING SCHOOL, STAFF QUARTERS, THE CENTRAL STERILE SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICES.

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"IT WILL ALSO FREE VALUABLE SPACE IN THE EXISTING BLOCKS FOR WARD EXPANSION AND USE BY OTHER SUPPORTING MEDICAL SERVICES," SIR DAVID ADDED.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER THE CEREMONY ABOUT PROBLEMS FACED BY NURSING STAFF, SIR DAVID SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO HEAR THAT THERE WOULD BE A MEETING ON FRIDAY BETWEEN THE NURSES' REPRESENTATIVES AND THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH TO DISCUSS THE MATTER.

HE SAID THE BEST WAY TO SOLVE PROBLEMS WAS TO TALK ABOUT THEM AND TO TRY TO FIND A COMMON SOLUTION: "I HOPE THAT WILL BE ONE STEP ALONG THE ROAD.

"WE DO RECOGNISE THAT THE NURSES HAVE A PROBLEM. WE ARE ANXIOUS TO TRY TO HEAR WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY AND TO TRY TO COME UP WITH A LONG TERM SOLUTION," SIR DAVID ADDED.

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WHITEHEAD DETENTION CENTRE TO COME INTO OPERATION SOON

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THE NEW DETENTION CENTRE FOR VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE AT WHITEHEAD, WUI KAI SHA, WILL SOON COME ON STREAM AND BE OPERATED BY CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT STAFF.

THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MRS CARRIE YAU, SAID THIS TODAY (TUESDAY) AT A MEETING OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD WHEN SHE BRIEFED MEMBERS ON THE PROGRESS OF THE PROJECT.

IN AUGUST, THE FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROVED FUNDS COVERING TWO STAGES OF THE WHITEHEAD DETENTION CENTRE.

"AT PRESENT, ONE STAGE IS BEING BUILT WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 4,000, AND FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE NEED TO BUILD STAGE II TOMORROW," MRS YAU TOLD THE MEETING.

"SITE FORMATION HAS ALREADY STARTED AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE BUILDINGS TO HOUSE CAMP STAFF AND BOAT PEOPLE WILL SOON BEGIN.

"IT IS EXPECTED THAT 2,000 PLACES WILL BE PROVIDED IN LATE DECEMBER AND ANOTHER 2,000 IN LATE FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR WHEN STAGE I IS COMPLETED."

MRS YAU ASSURED DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS THAT HIGH SECURITY MEASURES WOULD BE PROVIDED AT THE NEW DETENTION CENTRE.

"THERE WILL BE A DOUBLE 17-FOOT HIGH FENCE ROUND THE CAMP, AND VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE WILL BE KEPT IN SEPARATE COMPOUNDS OF 2,000 EACH FOR MANAGEMENT AND SECURITY PURPOSES," SHE SAID.

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AIMS OF SHIPPING REGISTER OUTLINED

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THE GOVERNMENT HOPES TO PRODUCE A SHIPPING REGISTER WHICH OFFERS THE VERY FEATURES AND SAFEGUARDS SOUGHT BOTH BY THOSE WHO WILL BE OWNING, OPERATING AND SAILING ON THE VESSELS CONCERNED AND BY THOSE REGULATING THE INDUSTRY, THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MRS ANSON CHAN, SAID THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE 1988 EXPOSHIP FAR EAST INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING EXHIBITION, MRS CHAN SAID THAT FOR OWNERSHIP, SHIPS REGISTERED IN HONG KONG WOULD BE REQUIRED TO HAVE A GENUINE LINK WITH HONG KONG, ADDING THAT GRANDFATHER RIGHTS WOULD APPLY TO SHIPS ALREADY REGISTERED HERE.

SHE SAID REGISTRATION WOULD BE RESTRICTED TO OWNERS WHOSE COMPANIES WERE ESTABLISHED IN HONG KONG UNDER THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE OR WERE INCORPORATED IN HONG KONG.

"WE WILL PROVIDE FOR JOINT VENTURE OWNERSHIP, PROVIDED THAT AT LEAST 50 PER CENT OF THE VESSEL IS OWNED BY A HONG KONG INTEREST.

"WE WILL ALSO PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF VESSELS CHARTERED-IN BY OTHERWISE QUALIFIED OWNERS.

"NONE OF THESE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE PARTICULARLY ONEROUS, SO A FURTHER LINK WILL BE NECESSARY; EACH OWNER WILL BE REQUIRED TO APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE OR MANAGEMENT PERSON WITH A PERMANENT PRESENCE IN HONG KONG," SHE SAID.

"ONCE THE REGISTER IS ESTABLISHED," SHE ADDED, "WE WILL HAVE MOVED FROM A SITUATION WHEREBY A SHIP REGISTERED HERE NEED HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO CONNECTION WITH HONG KONG TO ONE IN WHICH WE HAVE LINKS THROUGH BOTH OWNERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT OF THE VESSEL."

SO THERE SHOULD BE NO CASE FOR ANYONE CONSIDERING THE NEW REGISTER TO BE A "FLAG OF CONVENIENCE", SHE SAID.

MRS CHAN SAID APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS WOULD BE ADOPTED WHICH WOULD REPLACE THE LARGELY BRITISH STANDARDS WHICH CURRENTLY APPLIED.

SHE SAID THIS DID NOT MEAN A LOWERING OF STANDARDS. "WE WILL BE AIMING TO APPLY THOSE STANDARDS SET BY THE RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL BODIES - THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANISATION AND THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION."

MRS CHAN SAID THE REGISTER WOULD BE SELF-FINANCING.

"IT WILL NOT BE DESIGNED TO MAKE A PROFIT BUT WE HOPE IT WILL NOT MAKE A LOSS."

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"ITS INCOME WILL COME FROM INITIAL REGISTRATION FEES, SURVEY FEES AND AN ANNUAL TONNAGE CHARGE ON EACH SHIP," SHE SAID.

"IT IS TOO EARLY TO SAY IN DETAIL WHAT OUR CHARGES WILL BE BUT THEY SHOULD BE COMPETITIVE AND CERTAINLY ATTRACTIVE TO A SHIPOWNER WHO SEEKS TO KEEP HIS SHIPS UNDER A WELL-RESPECTED FLAG AND A COMPETENT MARITIME ADMINISTRATION," SHE ADDED.

AS REGARDS PROCEDURES, MRS CHAN SAID INTEGRAL TO THE NEW REGISTER WOULD BE A PACKAGE OF MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT REGISTRATION WAS CONDUCTED PROMPTLY AND EFFICIENTLY, AND TOOK ACCOUNT OF SOME OF THE ADVANTAGES OF MODERN TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIONS.

MRS CHAN SAID ONE KEY FACTOR CONFIRMING HONG KONG'S POSITION AS AN IDEAL BASE FOR CONDUCTING SHIPPING OPERATIONS WAS THAT WE HAD AN ENVIABLE RANGE OF FINANCIAL, MANAGERIAL, INSURANCE AND SHIPPING SUPPORT SERVICES AND INSTITUTIONS.

HONG KONG ALSO HAD ONE OF THE WORLD'S BEST NATURAL HARBOURS AND THE WORLD'S BUSIEST AND THE MOST EFFICIENT CONTAINER PORT.

IN ADDITION, SHE SAID, HONG KONG'S UNIQUE GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION MADE IT A NATURAL CHOICE FOR CONDUCTING TRADE WITHIN THE PACIFIC RIM, AND WITH CHINA IN PARTICULAR.

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CRITERIA FOR RECRUITMENT OF JUDGES

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THERE ARE THREE CRITERIA THAT SHOULD NORMALLY BE ADOPTED WHEN RECRUITING A JUDGE, NAMELY, COMPETENT WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF THE LAW, JUDICIAL TEMPERAMENT, AND UNBLEMISHED AND DIGNIFIED CONDUCT IN AND OUT OF COURT, THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR TI LIANG YANG, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

IF A PERSON PASSES THESE THREE TESTS, THEN WE SHALL HAVE IN HIM AS GOOD A JUDGE AS ANY THAT SOCIETY MAY HOPE TO SEE, SIR TI LIANG SAID WHEN ADDRESSING A ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG LUNCHEON.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE SAID THE AUTHORITY AND DIGNITY OF THE JUDGES WAS TIED INEXTRICABLY TO THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE PUBLIC WAS PREPARED TO TRUST THEM.

"THE ULTIMATE AND TRUE TEST IS ONE OF PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN THE JUDGES," HE SAID.

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"PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IS THEREFORE OUR LIFE BLOOD, WITHOUT WHICH THE COURTS ARE NIL."

IN HIS SPEECH ENTITLED "RECRUITMENT OF THE PERFECT JUDGE", THE CHIEF JUSTICE EXPLAINED THE QUALITIES THAT THE PUBLIC WOULD EXPECT FROM JUDGES.

HE POINTED OUT THAT A COMPETENT KNOWLEDGE OF THE LAW WAS NOT THE SAME AS A COMPETENT WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF THE LAW, THE FIRST OF THE THREE CRITERIA FOR JUDGES.

TO EXPLAIN IT, THE CHIEF JUSTICE SAID THAT AS THE JUDGE LISTENED TO THE EVIDENCE, HE HAD TO DECIDE WHAT WAS IMPORTANT AND UNIMPORTANT AND WHAT WAS THE LAW TO BE APPLIED GIVEN A CERTAIN SET OF FACTS.

"BUT IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THE FACTS HE IS TO APPLY THE LAW OF EVIDENCE, TO CONSIDER EVIDENCE WHICH IS ADMISSIBLE IN LAW AND REJECT THAT WHICH IS NOT," HE SAID.

"HAVING ARRIVED AT HIS CONCLUSION ON THE FACTS, HE DETERMINES THE LAW TO BE APPLIED TO THOSE FACTS."

SIR TI LIANG SAID THAT IF, THROUGH A MISUNDERSTANDING OF THE EVIDENCE, ERRORS WERE MADE IN THE FINDINGS OF FACTS, THEN APPLYING THE LAW TO THE WRONG FACT WOULD PRODUCE THE WRONG RESULTS AND SIMILARLY APPLYING THE WRONG LAW TO THE CORRECT FACTS WOULD ALSO RESULT IN AN ERRONEOUS JUDGEMENT.

"IN ORDER TO AVOID THE PITFALLS I HAVE ALLUDED TO, THE JUDGE MUST NECESSARILY POSSESS A KNOWLEDGE OF HUMAN AFFAIRS, MUCH COMMONSENSE, AND A CLEAR MIND," HE SAID.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE EXPLAINED THAT THE MAXIM, "JUSTICE MUST NOT ONLY BE DONE BUT MUST ALSO BE SEEN TO BE DONE" WOULD BE THE BEST WORDS TO DESCRIBE JUDICIAL TEMPERAMENT, THE SECOND OF THE THREE CRITERIA FOR JUDGES.

"IF A JUDGE IS POMPOUS OR RUDE, FRIVOLOUS OR BOASTFUL, STUBBORN OR DEFIANT, UNJUSTIFIABLY CONTROVERSIAL AND ARGUMENTATIVE, PATENTLY LAZY OR INATTENTIVE, THEN CLEARLY EVEN IF HIS JUDGEMENT BE CORRECT, THERE IS A FEELING THAT JUSTICE IS NOT SEEN TO BE DONE," HE SAID.

SIR TI LIANG SAID THAT UNLIKE AN ERROR MADE IN THE JUDGEMENT, WHICH MIGHT BE CORRECTED ON APPEAL, THERE WOULD BE NO JUDICIAL REMEDY TO REDRESS THE GRIEVANCE A PARTY MIGHT FEEL IF A JUDGE WAS GUILTY OF THE SHORTCOMINGS.

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"BUT IT DOES NOT MEAN THE JUDGE MAY THEN ACT WITH IMPUNITY. THERE ARE TWO WATCHDOGS WHO KEEP THE JUDGES IN CHECK, NAMELY AN INDEPENDENT LEGAL PROFESSION AND A FREE PRESS, WHICH READILY (SOMETIMES, WE SAY, TOO READILY!) EXPOSE THEM, AS THEY SHOULD."

HE SAID THAT ON THE WHOLE IT WAS POSSIBLE TO DISCOVER WHETHER A CANDIDATE FOR APPOINTMENT FELL SHORT OF EITHER OF THE TWO CRITERIA AS PERMANENT APPOINTMENTS WERE PRECEDED BY A BRIEF PERIOD OR PERIODS OF ACTING WHEN A POTENTIAL CANDIDATE WAS TESTED.

"IT IS A LITTLE MORE DIFFICULT WITH HIGH COURT APPOINTMENTS FROM ABROAD. THERE IS NO PROBATIONARY PERIOD, FOR EXPERIENCE TELLS US THAT NO LAWYER OF A CALIBRE FIT FOR ELEVATION TO THIS HIGH JUDICIAL POST IS PREPARED TO GIVE UP HIS PRIVATE PRACTICE AND FACE THE PROSPECT OF AN UNCERTAIN TENURE OF OFFICE OVERSEAS," HE SAID.

SIR TI LIANG STRESSED THAT THE ONLY WAY TO ENSURE A GOOD APPOINTMENT WAS BY MAKING AS FULL AN ENQUIRY AS WAS HUMANLY POSSIBLE ABOUT THE OVERSEAS CANDIDATE.

ON HIS THIRD CRITERION, THE CONCEPT OF PROPRIETY OF CONDUCT, HE SAID IT DEFIED DEFINITION.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE SAID THAT IT COVERED SUCH WIDE AREAS OF HUMAN CONDUCT SUCH AS MODESTY, DECENCY, SOBRIETY, INTEGRITY, RESTRAINT IN SPEECH AND BEHAVIOUR.

"PROPRIETY OF CONDUCT IN AND OUT OF COURT HAS TO DO WITH SAYING NOTHING AND DOING NOTHING THAT MIGHT DAMAGE THE DIGNITY AND REPUTATION OF THE LAW AND THE JUDICIARY.

"MORE POSITIVELY, IT IMPLIES BEHAVING IN SUCH A WAY AT ALL TIMES AS TO ENHANCE PEOPLE'S CONFIDENCE AND RESPECT FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

"A JUDGE IS THEREFORE NEVER OFF-DUTY, IN THE SENSE THAT EVEN IN PRIVATE AND AMONGST PERSONAL FRIENDS, WHAT HE SAYS AND DOES IS ASSESSED IN THE CONTEXT OF HIS JUDICIAL OFFICE," HE SAID.

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OFFICIALS TO REPLY IN POLICY DEBATE

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TEN OFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL REPLY TO POINTS RAISED BY MEMBERS LAST WEEK WHEN THE COUNCIL RESUMES THE POLICY DEBATE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE DEBATE IS ON A MOTION OF THANKS TO THE GOVERNOR FOR HIS ADDRESS TO THE COUNCIL MOVED BY THE SENIOR MEMBER, THE HON ALLEN LEE.

IN ADDITION, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE HON JEREMY MATHEWS, WILL MOVE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE COMPANIES (WINDING-UP) (AMENDMENT) RULES 1988.

THE MOTOR VEHICLES (FIRST REGISTRATION TAX) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988 WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

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GOVERNOR PRESENTS INSIGNIA TO 63

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, PRESENTED INSIGNIA THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING TO 59 PEOPLE DECORATED BY HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN FOR THEIR SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC.

IN ADDITION, SIR DAVID PRESENTED INSIGNIA TO FOUR PEOPLE TO WHOM HE HAD AWARDED THE GOVERNOR'S COMMENDATION.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF RECIPIENTS OF INSIGNIA IN THE CEREMONY HELD AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE:

CBE

MISS MARIA TAM WAI-CHU
MR ALAN JOHN CARTER

OBE

DR CHIU HIN-KWONG
MR DENNIS TING HOK-SHOU

OBE (HON)

MR JAMES JOHN O'GRADY

/MBE

MBE

MR THOMAS MACLAREN BLAIR
MISS MARION SUM-SUK FANG
MR NATHAN MA NING-HEI
MR LEONARD NYLON TS'O

MBE (HON)

MR WILLIAM WONG

MBE (MILITARY DIVISION)

WARRANT OFFICER CHUNG KAN-FU

BEM

MR CHAN SIK-KEE
MR CHAN SUM
MR CHUNG HON
MR CHUNG WUN-CHING
MR DAVID HENRY GRAHAME COLES
MR KAN KONG-LAM
MR KWOK BING-CHAU
MRS LAI KWOK ON-PONG
MS LAI LAI-HEUNG
MR LAM SHUN-PUNG
MR LEE HONG
MRS TSOI CHEUNG SAU-HA
MR TSOI KWING-HI
MR WONG KAI-CHIU

ISM

MR CHAN CHUNG-KWONG

QPM

MR SO LAI-YIN
MR PETER JOHN WEBB

QFSM

MR LAM CHEK-YUEN

CPM

RHKP

MR THOMAS ALBERT BARNES
MR ROBERT CHARLES TOAL
MR CHEUNG CHI-KEUNG
MR YIP KWOK-KEUNG
MR IU YEE-HUNG
MR CHAN SIU-CHIK
MR LAI WUN-WING
MR KWOK PING-TONG
MR LAU CHUN-SANG
MR LI KAM-CHUEN
MR CHEUNG KING-TIM
MR PUN YING-KUEN

FSD

MR JAMES HO KWOK-CHUEN
MR LEE WAI
MR HO HON-KWAN

BADGE OF HONOUR

MR CHAN HON-YING
MR CHAN YAU-YUE
MR CHEUNG CHUNG-YAN
MR CHOI HING-SHUN
MR CHOY LO
MR KO KIM-CHING
MR KWONG KAI-TO
MR LAI KWONG
DR SUSAN LEONG JP
MR ERIC LI KA-CHEUNG
MR LO SHIN-CHEUNG
MR LUI KWAN-FAT
MISS ELIZABETH SUSAN MAIR
MR NG KIN-SUN
MR YUNG TIN-TACK

GOVERNOR'S COMMENDATION

MR FRANCIS WONG HON-CHUNG
MR JOHN MARTIN PRITCHARD
MR LAM WAI-MING
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DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMME DEVELOPED

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THE MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (MDC) OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL HAS SUCCESSFULLY DEVELOPED A DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMME FOR OWNERS AND MANAGERS OF SMALL BUSINESSES.

A CEREMONY WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT THE MDC TO LAUNCH THE PROGRAMME WHICH WILL PROVIDE OWNER-MANAGERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP THEIR MANAGERIAL SKILLS AND IMPROVE THEIR BUSINESS.

PRODUCED IN CHINESE, THE PROGRAMME IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG CATERING TO THE DEVELOPING NEEDS OF SMALL BUSINESSES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT 3 PM AT THE MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, 17TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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WORK TO START ON NORTH WEST KOWLOON SEWAGE TREATMENT SCHEME

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WORK ON A SEWAGE TREATMENT SCHEME AT NORTH WEST KOWLOON IS TO START SOON FOLLOWING THE SIGNING OF THE FIRST CONTRACT FOR THE SCHEME TODAY (TUESDAY).

IT WAS SIGNED BY THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES, DR K.F. NIP, AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CONTRACTOR.

THE CONTRACT, WORTH \$197 MILLION, IS THE FIRST OF SEVEN CONTRACTS UNDER THE FIRST STAGE OF THE NORTH WEST KOWLOON SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL SCHEME TO IMPROVE THE WATER QUALITY OF THE WEST KOWLOON COASTLINE.

IT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT THREE KILOMETRES OF INTERCEPTOR SEWERS IN TAI KOK TSUI, SHAM SHUI PO AND LAI CHI KOK. WORK IS EXPECTED TO TAKE 27 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

UNDER STAGE I OF THE SCHEME, WHICH IS ESTIMATED TO COST \$1.1 BILLION, SEWAGE IN THE AREA WILL BE COLLECTED INTO THE INTERCEPTOR SEWERS AND DIRECTED TO A PUMPING STATION AT CHEUNG SHA WAN RECLAMATION.

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THE SEWAGE WILL THEN BE PUMPED VIA A TWIN TWO-METRE DIAMETER UNDERWATER MAIN TO THE SCREENING PLANT AT STONECUTTERS ISLAND FOR SCREENING AND SUBSEQUENT DISPOSAL THROUGH A SUBMARINE OUTFALL TO THE WEST OF THE ISLAND, WHERE THE TIDAL CURRENT IS STRONG ENOUGH TO PRODUCE THE NECESSARY DILUTION OF THE TREATED EFFLUENT.

OTHER CONTRACTS UNDER THIS STAGE OF THE SCHEME WILL BE AWARDED SEPARATELY AND THE TARGET DATE FOR COMMISSIONING OF THE SCHEME IS LATE 1991.

SEWAGE FROM NORTH WEST KOWLOON IS CURRENTLY DISCHARGED CLOSE INSHORE VIA SUBMARINE OUTFALLS AT TAI KOK TSUI, SHAM SHUI PO AND LAI CHI KOK.

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MANPOWER SURVEY ON BANKING BEGINS

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THE BANKING TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL WILL START A SURVEY TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO COLLECT UPDATED INFORMATION ON THE INDUSTRY'S MANPOWER AND TRAINING NEEDS.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY NOTES HAVE BEEN SENT TO LICENSED BANKS, AND LICENSED AND REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES.

SURVEY INTERVIEWING OFFICERS FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL CALL AT THESE ESTABLISHMENTS TO ASSIST EMPLOYERS IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES.

THE SURVEY WILL BE COMPLETED ON NOVEMBER 30. INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

THE BANKING TRAINING BOARD URGES EMPLOYERS TO CO-OPERATE BY PROVIDING ACCURATE INFORMATION WHICH WILL BE VITAL IN FORMULATING TRAINING PLANS TO MEET NEEDS OF THE INDUSTRY.

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LOWER TAR, NICOTINE AVERAGE IN CIGARETTES

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THE 11TH BIENNIAL TABLE OF "TAR AND NICOTINE YIELDS OF CIGARETTES" RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) SHOWS A LOWER AVERAGE OF TAR AND NICOTINE CONTENT OF CIGARETTES.

THE AVERAGE TAR AND NICOTINE YIELDS AMONG THE 108 BEST-SELLING CIGARETTES IN HONG KONG HAVE DECREASED BY 1.3 PER CENT AND 9.3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY WHEN COMPARED WITH FIGURES RELEASED IN MAY THIS YEAR.

THE AVERAGE TAR YIELD IS 15.2 MG/CIGARETTE WHICH IS SLIGHTLY LOWER THAN 15.4 MG/CIGARETTE RECORDED IN MAY THIS YEAR, WHILE THE AVERAGE NICOTINE CONTENT HAS GONE DOWN FROM THE PREVIOUS FIGURE OF 1.29 MG/CIGARETTE TO 1.17 MG/CIGARETTE.

THE TABLE ALSO INDICATES NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE NUMBER OF HIGHER TAR CIGARETTES ON SALE IN HONG KONG.

COMMENTING ON THE FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID, "WE HOPE THE TREND TOWARDS A LOWER LEVEL OF TAR AND NICOTINE CONTENT OF CIGARETTES WILL CONTINUE."

A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FINDINGS HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST EDITION OF THE CONSUMER COUNCIL'S "CHOICE" MAGAZINE.

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UNEMPLOYMENT, UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS FOR JULY - SEPTEMBER

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THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DECLINED FURTHER DURING THE PERIOD JULY - SEPTEMBER 1988, WHILE THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE REMAINED LOW, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THESE FIGURES SHOW THAT THE LABOUR MARKET REMAINED VERY TIGHT.

THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR JULY - SEPTEMBER 1988 WAS 1.6 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH 1.8 PER CENT FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 1988 AND THE SAME PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER.

THE DECREASES OF 0.2 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT BELOW THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS PERIOD AND THE SAME PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER ARE BOTH STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN JULY - SEPTEMBER 1988 WAS ESTIMATED AT 43,800, COMPARED WITH 49,400 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 1988 AND 49,900 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER 1987.

THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE FOR JULY - SEPTEMBER 1988 WAS 0.6 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH 0.7 PER CENT FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 1988. THE RATE FOR JULY - SEPTEMBER 1987 WAS 1 PER CENT.

THE DECREASE OF 0.1 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT BELOW THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS PERIOD IS STATISTICALLY NOT SIGNIFICANT, WHILE THE DECREASE OF 0.4 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT BELOW THE SAME PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER IS STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS FOR JULY - SEPTEMBER 1988 WAS 15,400, COMPARED WITH 18,900 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 1988 AND 26,800 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER 1987.

CONSISTENT WITH THE CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (ILO), PERSONS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS A WEEK DUE TO ECONOMIC REASONS (SUCH AS SLACK WORK, MATERIAL SHORTAGE, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWN AND INABILITY TO FIND FULL-TIME WORK) WERE REGARDED AS UNDEREMPLOYED ONLY IF THEY WERE EITHER SEEKING OR AVAILABLE FOR MORE WORK.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS SAID THAT BECAUSE THE PROPORTION OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS (E.G. PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST LEFT SCHOOL) VARIES FROM MONTH TO MONTH, UNEMPLOYMENT RATES THAT HAD BEEN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE VARIATIONS IN THE NUMBER OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS SHOULD BE USED IN MAKING COMPARISONS OVER TIME.

THE COMMISSIONER ADDED THAT, BASED ON A SYSTEM OF PROVISIONAL COUNTS, THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES COVERING THE LATEST THREE MONTHS PERIOD COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHIN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE SURVEY.

THESE PROVIDE AN EARLY INDICATION OF THE LATEST TREND IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION.

THE PROVISIONAL SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR AUGUST - OCTOBER 1988 WAS 1.5 PER CENT AND THE PROVISIONAL UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 0.6 PER CENT.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE OBTAINED FROM A CONTINUOUS GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THIS SURVEY COVERS A QUARTERLY SAMPLE OF SOME 14,000 HOUSEHOLDS OR 50,000 PERSONS, SELECTED SCIENTIFICALLY TO REPRESENT THE LAND-BASED CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION IN HONG KONG.

PERSONAL AND LABOUR FORCE DATA WERE OBTAINED IN THE SURVEY BY INTERVIEWING EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AGED 15 AND ABOVE IN THE HOUSEHOLDS SAMPLED.

IN THE SURVEY, THE DEFINITIONS USED IN MEASURING UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOLLOW CLOSELY THOSE RECOMMENDED BY THE ILO.

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS IS GIVEN IN THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY WHICH IS PUBLISHED FOUR TIMES A YEAR.

THE NEXT REPORT COVERING THE QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 1988 SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AROUND DECEMBER 20 AT \$10 PER COPY.

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COMPETITIONS TO PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY IN TUEN MUN

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THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE IS INVITING ENTRIES FOR MOTORCAR STICKER AND SLOGAN COMPETITIONS IN ORDER TO ENHANCE RESIDENTS' AWARENESS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF ROAD SAFETY THROUGH CREATIVE DESIGN.

THE MOTORCAR STICKER COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO THE SECONDARY SCHOOL SECTION AND OPEN SECTIONS, WHICH INVITE COMPETITORS TO SUBMIT THEIR WORKS ON A DRAWING PAPER OF 29 CM IN 37.5 CM.

AS FOR THE SLOGAN COMPETITION, IT IS DIVIDED INTO THE PRIMARY SCHOOL, SECONDARY SCHOOL AND OPEN SECTIONS, WITHOUT LIMITATION ON THE NUMBER OF WORDS.

APART FROM CREATIVENESS, ENTRIES FOR BOTH COMPETITIONS WILL BE JUDGED ON HOW EFFECTIVE THEY CAN CONVEY THE ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE IN THE CONTEXT OF FUTURE PUBLICITY.

ADJUDICATORS OF THE COMPETITIONS WILL INCLUDE INSPECTORS OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND LECTURERS FROM POST-SECONDARY COLLEGES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE.

APART FROM THE THREE TOP AWARDS, VALUABLE PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO FIVE OUTSTANDING WORKS IN EACH COMPETITION.

ENTRY FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES. COMPLETED FORMS AND CREATIVE WORKS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE ABOVE OFFICES BY NOON ON JANUARY 16, 1989.

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MEANWHILE, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD, THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO SELECT MODEL PEDESTRIANS AND DRIVERS AS PART OF THE NINE-MONTH DISTRICT CAMPAIGN WHICH BEGAN IN JULY.

SIX MODEL PEDESTRIANS AND MODEL DRIVERS OF THE PRIVATE CAR, TAXI, BUS, LIGHT GOOD VEHICLE, LORRY, CONTAINER TRUCK AND LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT VEHICLE WILL BE SELECTED IN RECOGNITION FOR THEIR GOOD BEHAVIOUR IN OBSERVING TRAFFIC CODES AND REGULATIONS.

THEY WILL BE PRESENTED WITH VALUABLE PRIZES AND SOUVENIRS AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN NEXT MARCH.

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EXCITING PROGRAMME FOR TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL

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RESIDENTS OF TSUEN WAN WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE HIGH-CALIBRE SPORTS PERFORMANCES BY VISITING CHINESE SPORTS TEAMS AND LOCAL TOP ATHLETES AT THE TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL NEXT WEEK, THE CHAIRMAN OF ITS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, MR CHUNG WAI-PING SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE JIANGSU BADMINTON TEAM, FEATURING WORLD-CLASS PLAYERS SUCH AS MR YANG YANG AND MR ZHAO JIANHUA WILL GIVE DEMONSTRATION MATCHES TOGETHER WITH HONG KONG'S TOP PLAYERS, MR CHAN CHI-CHOI AND MISS AMY CHAN ON NOVEMBER 24 (THURSDAY) AT THE KWAI CHUNG OSMAN RAMJU SADICK INDOOR GAMES HALL.

ALSO PERFORMING AT THE SAME VENUE ON NOVEMBER 25 (FRIDAY) EVENING WILL BE THE JIANGSU ACRO AND RHYTHMIC GYMNASTIC TEAM AND THE WELL-KNOWN LADY FENCER MISS LUAN JUIE.

THE MONTH-LONG TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL, WHICH WAS LAUNCHED A WEEK AGO, IS CELEBRATING ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR.

"A WIDE RANGE OF EVENTS, INCLUDING ARCHERY, MINI-SOCCER, FIVE-A-SIDE SOCCER, BASKETBALL, VOLLEY BALL, HANDBALL, TENNIS, AEROBIC DANCE, GO-KART RACING AND A CROSS-COUNTRY MARATHON HAVE BEEN ARRANGED FOR RESIDENTS," MR CHUNG SAID.

"SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THE HANDICAPPED AND THE ELDERLY WILL TAKE PLACE ON NOVEMBER 26 AND NOVEMBER 27 RESPECTIVELY," MR CHUNG ADDED.

IN THE MEANTIME, A PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION HAS ALSO BEEN ORGANISED FOR ENTHUSIASTS.

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THE DEADLINE FOR THE PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION WILL BE DECEMBER 9 AND ADJUDICATION WILL TAKE PLACE ON DECEMBER 21.

DETAILS OF THE COMPETITION, FREE ADMISSION TICKETS AND COPIES OF THE FESTIVAL PROGRAMMES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICES CENTRES OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE 10TH TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL IS PRESENTED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE FEDERATION OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT SPORTS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION AS A JOINT EFFORT TO BOOST SPORTS ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

"THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN THE FESTIVAL, IT IS HOPED THAT RESIDENTS WILL CULTIVATE A SENSE OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, THUS ENHANCING THEIR COMMUNITY SPIRIT," MR CHUNG SAID.

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GOVERNMENT BUILDING PLANNED AT MUI WO
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A THREE-STOREY GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING IS TO BE BUILT AT MUI WO ON LANTAU ISLAND.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT WERE INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE 4,000-SQUARE-METRE BUILDING WILL BE CONSTRUCTED BETWEEN NEXT JANUARY AND MAY 1990.

IT WILL ACCOMMODATE A DISTRICT DELIVERY POST OFFICE, A CLINIC FOR REPROVISIONING OF THE OUT-PATIENT AND FAMILY HEALTH SERVICE FACILITIES FROM THE EXISTING MUI WO DISPENSARY TOGETHER WITH A 24-HOUR ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT.

IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, CIVIL AID SERVICES, CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT AND THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE.

TENDERS FOR THE CONTRACT WORKS MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE 12 NOON ON NOVEMBER 25.

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TRADE TESTING FOR VEHICLE MECHANICS NEXT SUMMER

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THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL (VTC) WILL OFFER THE FIRST VOLUNTARY TRADE TEST NEXT SUMMER TO VALIDATE THE SKILLS OF TRAINED VEHICLE MECHANICS IN THE INDUSTRY.

SPEAKING AT THE BEST APPRENTICE AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY TODAY (TUESDAY), THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, MR HAROLD LEE, SAID, "A GUIDELINE FOR THE TRADE TEST WILL BE PUBLISHED AROUND MARCH FOR WORKERS WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE."

FOR MORE THAN A DECADE THE BOARD HAS BEEN ASSISTING IN PROMOTING THE APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME IN THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY.

"THE TIME HAS COME TO ASSESS AND VALIDATE THE SKILLS OF CRAFTSMEN WHO HAVE BEEN TRAINED THROUGH THE SCHEME," MR LEE SAID.

"THE BEST APPRENTICE COMPETITION, OPEN TO FINAL YEAR VEHICLE MECHANIC APPRENTICES, HAS PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH VALUABLE EXPERIENCE TO ASSIST IN IMPLEMENTING TRADE TESTING.

"IT HAS ALSO PROVED USEFUL IN IDENTIFYING THE STRENGTHS AS WELL AS WEAKNESSES OF APPRENTICES WHERE TRAINING NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED."

AMONG THE 51 APPRENTICES TAKING PART IN A SERIES OF THEORY AND PRACTICAL TRADE TESTS, MR WONG CHI-WAH, OF THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY, WAS DECLARED THE BEST APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR.

THE RUNNERS-UP WERE MR YEUNG CHI-WAI AND KWONG YIU-CHUNG, BOTH OF WHOM ARE ALSO APRENTICED TO KMB.

PRIZES AND CERTIFICATES WERE PRESENTED TO THE WINNERS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE VTC, MR HORACE KNIGHT, AND MR WILLIAM SUM, OF THE MOTOR TRADERS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG.

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ROAD SAFETY CARNIVAL IN KWAI TSING DISTRICT ON SATURDAY
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RESIDENTS OF KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI ARE BEING INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A ROAD SAFETY CARNIVAL TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 19) AT THE KWAI CHUNG POLICE STATION.

THE CARNIVAL HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY MESSAGES AMONG RESIDENTS.

THE POLICE ROAD SAFETY BUS WILL BE ON DISPLAY AND STALL GAMES WILL ALSO BE SET UP TO PROVIDE ENTERTAINMENT FOR VISITORS.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PAUL TANG KWOK-WAI; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR E.H. EVANS; KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LEE WING-TAT; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DB TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE, MR TING YIN-WAH.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CARNIVAL WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 11 AM ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 19) AT THE KWAI CHUNG POLICE STATION (NEAR KWAI FONG MTR STATION).

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TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS IN SHEUNG SHUI
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN SHEUNG SHUI WILL BE DESIGNATED 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 18).

THEY ARE ROAD D6 BETWEEN ROAD D3 AND ROAD L10; AND ROAD L3 BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 40 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH ROAD D6 AND A POINT ABOUT 40 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

AT THE SAME TIME, ALL VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, WILL BE BANNED FROM ENTERING THE GREEN MINIBUS TERMINUS AND THE ADJOINING KERBSIDE LANE IN SHEUNG SHUI AREA 28B OFF ROAD 28B01.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS IN KWUN TONG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT SEVERAL ROAD SECTIONS IN KWUN TONG WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 18).

THE FOLLOWING THREE SECTIONS WILL BE MADE DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS ROUND-THE-CLOCK:

- * THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF YUE MAN SQUARE BETWEEN HONG NING ROAD AND FU YAN STREET.
- * THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF HONG NING ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH YUE MAN SQUARE AND A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.
- * THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF FU YAN STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH YUE MAN SQUARE AND A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING WILL BECOME 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS: THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF AN UNNAMED ROAD BETWEEN NGAU TAU KOK ROAD AND NGAU TAU KOK FOURTH STREET; AND THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF NGAU TAU KOK FOURTH STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH THE UNNAMED ROAD LEADING TO NGAU TAU KOK ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT NINE METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

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TEMPORARY NIGHT CLOSURE OF LAI CHI KOK ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN SHAM SHUI PO ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 18) TO FACILITATE FOOTBRIDGE CONSTRUCTION WORKS.

LAI CHI KOK ROAD BETWEEN YEE KUK STREET EXTENSION AND TONKIN STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 1.30 AM TO 5.30 AM ON THAT DAY.

DURING THE CLOSURE, LEFT-TURNS FROM YEE KUK STREET EXTENSION TO LAI CHI KOK ROAD WESTBOUND AND FROM TONKIN STREET SOUTHBOUND TO LAI CHI KOK ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE BANNED.

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MOTORISTS TRAVELLING ON YEE KUK STREET EXTENSION HEADING FOR LAI CHI KOK ROAD WESTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LAI CHI KOK ROAD EASTBOUND, YEN CHOW STREET, CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD AND FAT TSEUNG STREET WHILE THOSE ON LAI CHI KOK ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TONKIN STREET, CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND YEN CHOW STREET BEFORE JOINING LAI CHI KOK ROAD.

AT THE SAME TIME, MOTORISTS ON TONKIN STREET SOUTHBOUND HEADING FOR EASTBOUND LAI CHI KOK ROAD ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD AND YEN CHOW STREET.

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FRESH WATER CUT IN KWUN TONG, SAN PO KONG
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KWUN TONG AND SAN PO KONG WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR WATER WORKS LATER THIS WEEK.

IN KWUN TONG, THE SUPPLY TO PREMISES IN YUET WAH STREET, TIN HEUNG STREET AND TSZ LOI LANE, INCLUDING WO LOK ESTATE, WILL BE CUT OFF BETWEEN 11 PM ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 17) AND 6 AM ON FRIDAY.

IN SAN PO KONG, THE SUPPLY TO PREMISES IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY YUK WAH STREET, PO FONG LANE, PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD, PO MING LANE AND YUK WAH CRESCENT WILL BE SUSPENDED BETWEEN 9 PM ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 18) TO 7 AM ON SATURDAY.

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