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COMPUTERISED SUMMONS SYSTEM INSTALLED

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A NEW COMPUTERISED CASE AND SUMMONS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (CASEMAN) IS BEING INSTALLED BY THE JUDICIARY TO IMPROVE THE MANAGEMENT OF ALL CASES WHICH ARE CURRENTLY PROSECUTED BY MEANS OF SUMMONS IN THE MAGISTRACIES.

THE SYSTEM WILL BECOME OPERATIONAL ON JULY 1 THIS YEAR.

THE BASIS OF THE SYSTEM WILL BE A CENTRAL COMPUTER BASED ON THE MAIN COMPUTER OF THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

A SUB-SYSTEM, WHICH IS AT THE CORE OF CASEMAN AND KNOWN AS THE CENTRAL SUMMONS PROCESSING UNIT, IS LOCATED IN THE EASTERN LAW COURTS.

THE CENTRAL COMPUTER WILL BE ACCESSED BY TERMINALS AT THE CENTRAL SUMMONS PROCESSING UNIT, ALL MAGISTRACIES, AND MOST PROSECUTING DEPARTMENTS.

WHEN THE SYSTEM IS PUT INTO USE, FOR EVERY OFFENCE, A STANDARD OFFENCE DESCRIPTION IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE WILL BE KEPT ON THE COMPUTER DATABASE.

THE PROSECUTING DEPARTMENTS WILL KEY IN THE DETAILS, SUCH AS THE NAME, ADDRESS AND I.D. NUMBER OF THE DEFENDANT, TIME AND PLACE OF THE OFFENCE, AND THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER IN THE EVENT OF A TRAFFIC CASE WHEN APPLYING FOR THE ISSUE OF SUMMONS.

THE COMPUTER WILL THEN ALLOCATE A RETURN DAY FOR THE FIRST APPEARANCE OF THE DEFENDANT AT THE APPROPRIATE COURT, AND THE SUMMONS WILL BE PRINTED AND SERVED FROM THE CENTRAL SUMMONS PROCESSING UNIT.

THE CENTRAL SUMMONS PROCESSING UNIT WILL ALSO PRODUCE SUMMONSES TO WITNESSES, ON APPLICATION BY THE PROSECUTION OR DEFENCE AT THE MAGISTRACIES CONCERNED.

AFTER THE HEARINGS, DETAILS OF THE OUTCOME WILL ALSO BE ENTERED INTO THE COMPUTER.

WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THE CASEMAN, THE QUALITY OF SERVICE OF THE MAGISTRACIES TO THE PUBLIC WILL IMPROVE, AS SUMMONSES WILL BE IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, THEY WILL BE MORE READILY COMPREHENSIBLE TO MOST DEFENDANTS.

MOREOVER, THE CENTRALISATION WILL ENABLE A DEFENDANT WHO HAS BEEN ORDERED TO PAY A FINE TO MAKE PAYMENT AT ANY MAGISTRACY, BUT NOT ONLY AT THE MAGISTRACY AT WHICH HIS CASE HAS BEEN HEARD.

THIS WILL BE MORE CONVENIENT TO MANY DEFENDANTS, ESPECIALLY IN CASES WHERE A PLEA OF GUILTY HAS BEEN ENTERED BY LETTER.

AS FOR THE JUDICIARY, THE PRIMARY IMPROVEMENT WILL BE THE ELIMINATION OF LABORIOUS MANUAL PROCESSING OF SUMMONSES AT THE INDIVIDUAL MAGISTRACIES AND TRACKING DOWN OF OUTSTANDING FINES MORE QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY.

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THERE WILL ALSO BE AUTOMATIC CHECKING SO THAT NO SUMMONS CAN BE ISSUED OUTSIDE THE STATUTORY TIME LIMIT.

THE COST OF THE SYSTEM IS ABOUT \$21 MILLION IN CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND SOME \$7 MILLION A YEAR IN RECURRENT EXPENDITURE. HOWEVER, WITH THE SAVINGS IN STAFF AND TIME, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE CAPITAL EXPENDITURE WILL BE RECOVERED BY 1995-1996.

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SPECIAL MARINE TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR
LUNAR NEW YEAR FIREWORKS DISPLAY
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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT REMINDED THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT SPECIAL MARINE TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN VICTORIA HARBOUR TO FACILITATE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR FIREWORKS DISPLAY ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 5).

THE SPECIAL MARINE TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 5) ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- * FROM 7.45 PM TO 9 PM ALL VESSELS NAVIGATING IN VICTORIA HARBOUR AREA BETWEEN GREEN ISLAND AND LEI YUE MUN SHALL PROCEED AT A SAFE SPEED WHICH SHOULD NOT GENERALLY EXCEED FIVE KNOTS. EVERY VESSEL SHALL AT ALL TIMES MAINTAIN A PROPER LOOK-OUT.
- * FROM 7.45 PM TO 8.45 PM ALL SCHEDULED FERRY SERVICES USING THE CENTRAL HARBOUR WILL BE SUSPENDED.
- * A CLOSED AREA ENCOMPASSING THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY BARGES IN CENTRAL HARBOUR WILL BE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN 2 PM TO 9 PM. DURING THE PERIOD, THE AREA WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL MARINE TRAFFIC EXCEPT MARINE POLICE, MARINE DEPARTMENT AND FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT PATROL LAUNCHES, CRAFT DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY AND OTHER VESSELS APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE.
- * MASTERS, OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF SMALL VESSELS, PARTICULARLY VESSELS WITH NO DECKING, ARE RECOMMENDED NOT TO PROCEED INTO OR REMAIN IN THE CENTRAL HARBOUR AREA BETWEEN 7 PM AND 9 PM. IN AREA OF HIGH TRAFFIC DENSITY SUCH VESSELS ARE VULNERABLE TO THE WASH FROM LARGER VESSELS AND ARE OFTEN NOT EASILY DETECTED FROM LARGER HIGHER FREEBOARD VESSELS.
- * PUBLIC PIERS AND LANDING STEPS IN CENTRAL DISTRICT AND WAN CHAI ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND IN TSIM SHA TSUI IN KOWLOON WILL BE CLOSED TO NORMAL MARINE TRAFFIC STARTING FROM 6 PM TO 8.30 PM TO ASSIST IN LANDWARD CROWD CONTROL MEASURES.
- * EXCURSION FERRIES PROVIDING FACILITIES FOR VIEWING THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY WILL BE POSITIONED IN THE AREA WELL TO THE EAST OF THE CLOSED AREA.

- * A TEMPORARY UNLIT MOORING BUOY WILL BE LAID ABOUT HALF A NAUTICAL MILE EAST NORTHEAST OF HMS TAMAR TO FACILITATE THE MOORING OF BARGES WHICH THE FIREWORKS WILL BE DISCHARGED. THE MOORING BUOY WILL BE LAID DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS TOMORROW (FEBRUARY 3). VESSELS NAVIGATING IN THIS AREA MUST PROCEED WITH CAUTION.

THE SENIOR MARINE OFFICER (WEST REGION) OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, MR FUNG KWOK-MING, TODAY (SUNDAY) SAID: "THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY IS FOR ALL TO ENJOY AND MASTERS, OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF ALL VESSELS NAVIGATING IN VICTORIA HARBOUR SHOULD PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO MARINE SAFETY AND NOT TO OVERLOAD THEIR BOATS.

"THEY SHOULD EXERCISE SELF-DISCIPLINE AND BE CONSIDERATE TO OTHER BOAT USERS.

"THE MARINE POLICE, MARINE DEPARTMENT AND FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE SPECIAL PATROLS IN THE CENTRAL HARBOUR AREA TO ASSIST MASTERS, OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF VESSELS DURING THE EVENING OF THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY.

"MASTERS, OWNERS AND OPERATORS SHOULD COMPLY AT ALL TIMES WITH ANY ADVICE OF OFFICER FROM THE PATROL LAUNCHES."

DETAILS OF THE SPECIAL MARINE TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS ARE GIVEN IN A MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO. 13 OF 1992. COPIES OF THE NOTICE CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE MARINE DEPARTMENT PORT FORMALITIES OFFICE ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD IN CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

ON FEBRUARY 18 LAST YEAR THE THEN DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR MICHAEL SZE, ORDERED A LOCAL MARINE INQUIRY INTO A COLLISION INVOLVING A FERRY VESSEL "MAN LOY" AND A PLEASURE VESSEL "LONG BOAT" IN VICTORIA HARBOUR. THE INQUIRY WAS ORDERED AFTER THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE HAD CONSIDERED A PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THE ACCIDENT ON FEBRUARY 16.

THE INVESTIGATING OFFICER MADE A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS, ONE OF WHICH WAS TO SET UP A WORKING GROUP TO DRAW UP PROPOSALS FOR THE CONTROL OF VESSELS DURING FUTURE FIREWORKS DISPLAY AND ANY OTHER OCCASIONS WHEN THERE IS A CONCENTRATION OF PLEASURE VESSELS IN VICTORIA HARBOUR.

A WORKING GROUP KNOWN AS THE MARINE CONTROL WORKING GROUP ON LUNAR NEW YEAR FIREWORKS DISPLAY WAS SET UP UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE PRINCIPAL MARINE OFFICER (LOCAL SERVICES) OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, MR CHENG PAK-KWAN, AND INCLUDED MEMBERS FROM THE MARINE POLICE, FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AND MARINE DEPARTMENT.

THE MARINE CONTROL WORKING GROUP MET IN JUNE AND NOVEMBER LAST YEAR AND SUBMITTED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CONTROL OF MARINE TRAFFIC BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER FUTURE FIREWORKS DISPLAY.

THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR TONY MILLER, HAS ACCEPTED THE RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE MARINE CONTROL WORKING GROUP.

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INJURED WORKERS TO GET \$600,000 FROM FUND BOARD
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THE EMPLOYEES COMPENSATION ASSISTANCE FUND BOARD WILL PAY OUT \$600,000 FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO THE FIRST BATCH OF 16 APPLICANTS WHO HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN COMPENSATION FROM THEIR EMPLOYERS FOR WORK INJURIES.

"THE PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY THE LEGAL AID DEPARTMENT ON BEHALF OF THE FUND BOARD AS MOST OF THE APPLICANTS HAVE BEEN ASSISTED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN PURSUING THEIR CLAIMS," THE FUND BOARD'S CHAIRMAN, MR ANTHONY NEOH, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

MR NEOH NOTED THAT SOME 30 ADDITIONAL CASES WERE BEING PROCESSED BY THE FUND BOARD AND THAT THE COURTS HAD MADE RULINGS ON THE AMOUNTS OF COMPENSATION IN NINE OF THESE CASES.

"THE REMAINING 20-ODD CASES, IN WHICH COURT JUDGEMENT IS AWAITED, INVOLVE APPLICATIONS MADE UNDER A PROVISION OF THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ASSISTANCE ORDINANCE, WHERE THE BOARD MAY MAKE 'PAYMENT IN ANTICIPATION OF ENTITLEMENT'," HE ADDED.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE, EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDANTS OF DECEASED EMPLOYEES MAY BE ABLE TO RECEIVE THEIR COMPENSATION ENTITLEMENT, INCLUDING COMMON LAW AWARDS, IN DEFAULT CASES ARISING OUT OF THE EMPLOYER'S FAILURE TO INSURE THEM OR FROM THE INSURER'S INSOLVENCY.

"THE LEGAL AID DEPARTMENT AT PRESENT ASSISTS WORKERS IN MAKING CLAIMS TO THE FUND BOARD IN CASES WHICH AWAIT COURT JUDGEMENT, OR IN WHICH THE EMPLOYER HAS DIED OR CANNOT BE LOCATED FOLLOWING WINDING-UP OF HIS BUSINESS," MR NEOH SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE FUND BOARD RECEIVED ABOUT \$14 MILLION FROM A ONE PER CENT LEVY ON EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION INSURANCE PREMIUMS IN 1991/92.

ANY PERSON WHO HAS A CLAIM UNDER THE ORDINANCE MAY APPLY TO THE EMPLOYEES COMPENSATION ASSISTANCE FUND BOARD THROUGH THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL. ENQUIRIES CAN ALSO BE MADE TO THE DIVISION ON TEL. 852 4821.

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MUSIC OFFICE ANNUAL GALA

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MORE THAN 500 YOUNG MUSICIANS WILL PERFORM AT THE MUSIC OFFICE'S ANNUAL GALA TO BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE CONCERT HALL ON MARCH 1 (SUNDAY).

THE ANNUAL GALA IS THE FIRST MUSICAL ACTIVITY ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE IN THE YEAR OF THE MONKEY DURING WHICH TRAINEES UNDER THE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING SCHEME IN THE PAST YEAR WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PERFORM IN PUBLIC BEFORE THEIR PARENTS, TEACHERS AND FRIENDS.

"PARENTS, WHEN WATCHING THEIR CHILDREN PERFORM ON STAGE AND PARTICULARLY BEFORE A LARGE AUDIENCE, WOULD FEEL PROUD OF THE YOUNGSTERS' ACHIEVEMENT," A MUSIC OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

SOME OF THE TRAINEES PARTICIPATING IN THE CONCERT WERE WINNERS IN THE SCHOOLS MUSIC FESTIVAL OR HONG KONG'S REPRESENTATIVES TO TAKE GOODWILL VISITS TO SINGAPORE, AUSTRALIA, THE UNITED KINGDOM, CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES IN THE PAST YEARS.

THEIR OUTSTANDING PLAYING TECHNIQUE WILL SURELY GIVE THE AUDIENCE AN AFTERNOON OF GOOD MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT.

PERFORMING IN THE CONCERT WILL BE THE HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA, HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND, HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND THE MUSIC OFFICE YOUTH CHOIR.

THEY WILL PRESENT PIECES SUCH AS GIUSEPPE VERDI'S "LUISA MILLER OVERTURE", FRANZ LISZT'S "LES PRELUDES" AND LIU NIAN-QU'S "BEAUTIFUL SCENES OF THE SOUTHERN STOCKED VALLEY".

THERE WILL ALSO BE A JOINT PERFORMANCE BY ALL THE PARTICIPATING GROUPS OF JOSEPH KOO'S "MUSIC FOR THE MILLIONS" AT ABOUT 3 PM.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, PROFESSOR WANG GUNGWU, WILL OFFICIATE AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY. OUTSTANDING TRAINEES; AND ORCHESTRAL, CHOIR AND BAND MEMBERS WILL BE PRESENTED WITH CERTIFICATES OF MERIT OR AWARDS IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR ACHIEVEMENT.

TICKETS FOR THE ANNUAL GALA, AT \$30 AND \$40 EACH, ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL URBIX OUTLETS. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 734 9009 OR 399 2195.

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ALDAN KWOK TO HEAD WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE

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MR ALDAN KWOK FOO-KAI WILL TOMORROW (MONDAY) TAKE OVER THE POST OF WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICER FROM MR BRIAN LAU KIM-TIM.

MR KWOK, AGED 40, JOINED THE GOVERNMENT IN 1976 AND BECAME AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN 1981.

HE WAS LAST POSTED TO THE WORKS BRANCH AS A PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY, DEALING WITH PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMMES.

MR KWOK WAS ALSO FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON AND ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OF YUEN LONG.

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GOVERNOR TO SPEAK ON RADIO, TV

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL DELIVER HIS NEW YEAR MESSAGE ON LUNAR NEW YEAR'S EVE TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE TIMETABLE FOR BROADCASTS OF THE MESSAGE IS AS FOLLOWS:

DATE AND TIME

TELEVISION	MONDAY (FEB 3)	TUESDAY (REPEAT) (FEB 4)
TVB (JADE)	ABOUT 1820	ABOUT 1315
ATV (HOME)	ABOUT 1855	ABOUT 1300
TVB (PEARL)	ABOUT 2030	ABOUT 1145
ATV (WORLD)	ABOUT 1850	ABOUT 1300

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RADIO -----	MONDAY (FEB 3) -----	TUESDAY (REPEAT) (FEB 4) -----
RTHK 1, 2, 5 (CHINESE)	1900	1300
RTHK 3 (ENGLISH)	1830	0730
COMMERCIAL RADIO 1 (CHINESE)	1830	1215
COMMERCIAL RADIO 2 (CHINESE)	1805	1205
COMMERCIAL RADIO (ENGLISH)	1850	ABOUT 0800
METRO NEWS	1800	0900
FM SELECT	1800	--
HIT RADIO	1800	--

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LUCKY CAR NUMBERS TO GO ON SALE

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SPECIAL CAR REGISTRATION NUMBERS CONTAINING SINGLE, DOUBLE, TRIPLE AND QUADRUPLE EIGHTS ARE AMONG 20 SPECIAL NUMBERS TO BE PUT UP FOR SALE AT A LUNAR NEW YEAR LUCKY VEHICLE NUMBER AUCTION ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 8).

CAR OWNERS WHO WOULD WANT TO GRACE THEIR VEHICLES WITH SPECIAL LUCKY NUMBERS TO GREET THE YEAR OF THE MONKEY SHOULD NOT MISS THIS AUCTION ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

THE NUMBERS ARE:

EW88	DE1122	BL8888	EZ1331
BC3	BB7	AD25	699
DM18	BW888	9998	CR888
3868	ED2	BL88	EY21
EW7878	6999	BC8	CS1818

ALL NUMBERS ARE NOT TRANSFERRABLE.

WITH AN EXPECTED LARGE TURNOUT, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD THE AUCTION AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE AT 10 AM.

PREVIOUS LUNAR NEW YEAR AUCTIONS SAW THE AUSPICIOUS NUMBER "8" FETCHED A RECORD HIGH OF \$5 MILLION IN 1988, AND "7" WAS SOLD FOR \$4.8 MILLION THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

SINCE MAY 1973, A TOTAL OF 170 AUCTIONS HAVE BEEN HELD BY THE DEPARTMENT, RAISING ABOUT \$128 MILLION FOR THE LOTTERIES FUND.

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