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SEPTEMBER ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL FIGURES OUT
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THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) IN THE 200 LARGEST FIRMS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR AS A WHOLE HAD RISEN IN SEPTEMBER 1986 COMPARED WITH THAT OF SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR BUT WAS SLIGHTLY BELOW THAT OF AUGUST THIS YEAR, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN THE VOLUME OF ORDERS WERE REPORTED BY THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, TEXTILES AND WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRIES. THE VOLUME OF ORDERS IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY, HOWEVER, DROPEO CONSIDERABLY.

COMPARED WITH AUGUST, THE TEXTILES AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES SHOWED AN INCREASE IN THE VOLUME OF ORDERS, WHILE THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS, WEARING APPAREL AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES REPORTED A DECLINE IN THE VOLUME OF ORDERS.

THE LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR FELL IN SEPTEMBER 1986 COMPARED WITH THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR. IT WAS ALSO BELOW THE LEVEL IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH MAINLY DUE TO THE DEPARTURE OF SUMMER WORKERS.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN BOTH PAYROLL AND CAPITA EARNINGS IN SEPTEMBER 1986 OVER THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR WERE RECORDED IN THE INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, PARTICULARLY THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

THE SEPTEMBER 1986 PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE LATTER INDUSTRY WERE ALSO SIGNIFICIANTLY ABOVE THOSE IN AUGUST, DUE TO THE PAYMENT OF BONUSES BY SOME FIRMS.

IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, THERE WAS AN INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT OVER THE PREVIOUS MONTH AS SOME FIRMS STARTED NEW PROJECTS IN SEPTEMBER. HOWEVER, EMPLOYMENT WAS STILL BELOW THAT OF THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR. PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS WERE SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN THOSE IN AUGUST LAST YEAR.

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THE LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE SERVICES SECTORS AS A WHOLE WAS SLIGHTLY ABOVE THAT OF THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR, WITH THE BANKS RERISING RELATIVELY LARGER INCREASES, COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH, HOWEVER, THERE WAS LITTLE CHANGE IN OVERALL TERMS.

PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE SERVICES SECTORS IN SEPTEMBER 1986 WERE GENERALLY HIGHER THAN THOSE IN THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR. IN THE CASE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES, PER CAPITA EARNINGS WERE SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN THOSE IN THE PRECEDING MONTH DUE TO THE PAYMENT OF BONUSES.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS ARE SHOWN IN TABLES.

THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND THE 50 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICES SECTORS, CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT IN MARCH 1983.

AS THE SAMPLE WAS NOT DRAWN ON A RANDOM BASIS, THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT RESULTS ON THE MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE MIGHT NOT REFLECT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE, ALTHOUGH THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO GIVE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1986 IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, AT \$1.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT AT 3-7212854.

/A. Order-on-hand in

A. Orders-on-hand in manufacturing industries

<u>Industry</u>	<u>in terms of months for September 1986</u>	<u>Orders-on-hand</u>	
		<u>% increase/ decrease over</u>	
		<u>Aug. 86</u>	<u>Sep. 85</u>
Wearing apparel	4.80	-2	9
Textiles	2.62	3	20
Plastic products	3.10	-3	-22
Fabricated metal products	4.01	1	23
Electrical and electronic products	5.05	-1	2
Others	4.41	*	*
<u>All above industries</u>	<u>4.34</u>	<u>-1</u>	<u>4</u>

B. Employment and earnings

<u>Industry/Services</u>	<u>Persons engaged at the end of September 1986</u>		<u>Per capita earnings</u>		
	<u>% increase/ decrease over</u>		<u>as in September 1986 (HK\$)</u>	<u>% increase/ decrease over</u>	
	<u>Aug. 86</u>	<u>Sep. 85</u>		<u>Aug. 86</u>	<u>Sep. 85</u>
<u>Manufacturing</u>	<u>-2</u>	<u>-1</u>	<u>3 337</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>12</u>
Food and drinks	-1	1	4 329	5	14
Wearing apparel	-2	-8	2 791	-2	12
Textiles	-1	1	3 462	-1	14
Plastic products	-6	6	3 306	13	23
Fabricated metal products	-2	-5	3 166	6	14
Electrical and electronic products	-2	3	3 039	-2	7
Others	-1	*	4 426	2	10
<u>Construction**</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>-5</u>	<u>4 783</u>	<u>-1</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>Services</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6 178</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>
Banks	*	5	5 359	*	8
Hotels	1	-1	3 857	-1	9
Public utilities	*	-3	6 608	11	7
Others	1	5	7 178	-11	8

* Changes within $\pm 0.5\%$

** Persons engaged cover company employees only; site workers employed by labour-only sub-contractors not included.

Note : Unlike "orders-on-hand" and "per capita earnings" which are average figures, the total no. of persons engaged by the firms surveyed is not meaningful information on its own because this is a panel survey and is therefore not shown.

SIR DAVID DETAILS RAPID GROWTH IN TRADE WITH BELGIUM

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TRADE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND BELGIUM IN THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1986 INCREASED RAPIDLY TO OVER U.S.\$280 MILLION, 23 PER CENT MORE THAN IN THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

THE SUDDEN SURGE COMPARED WITH AN ANNUAL GROWTH RATE OF LESS THAN ONE PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS INCREASE IN TWO-WAY TRADE WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, AT A LUNCHEON RECEPTION HELD IN BRUSSELS TODAY (THURSDAY) TO ANNOUNCE THE FORMATION OF THE BELGIUM-HONG KONG SOCIETY THERE.

SIR DAVID SAID THE INCREASE NOT ONLY REFLECTED A RISING TREND IN BELGIUM'S TRADE WITH THE FAR EAST BUT ALSO SHOWED THAT THE HONG KONG ECONOMY WAS GOING THROUGH ANOTHER CYCLE OF EXPANSION. ECONOMIC GROWTH WAS FORECAST TO REACH 5.6 PER CENT THIS YEAR, COMPARED WITH 0.8 PER CENT IN 1985, HE NOTED.

+BUT PERHAPS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC FACTOR, AND THE ONE WHICH IS AN IMPORTANT INDICATOR OF THE POLITICAL MOOD - THE CONFIDENCE FACTOR - IS THE SIGNIFICANT REVIVAL IN INVESTMENT INTENTIONS,+ HE SAID.

IN ADDITION TO CONTINUING EXPANSION OF PRIVATE INVESTMENT, SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS ALSO INVESTING IN, AND DEVELOPING THE PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE OF HONG KONG, BUILDING ROADS, TUNNELS, BRIDGES AND WHARVES.

HE POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG, BEING AN OPEN AND UNRESTRICTED MARKET FOR FOREIGN GOODS, ALSO OFFERED OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVESTMENT AND TRADE IN SERVICES TO SERVE THE WHOLE PACIFIC REGION.

NOTING THAT BELGIAN INTERESTS HAD BEEN PRESENT IN HONG KONG'S BANKING, FINANCIAL, INSURANCE AND MANUFACTURING SECTORS FOR A CONSIDERABLE TIME, SIR DAVID SAID THAT THERE WAS AN ADDED DIMENSION: FOR THOSE WISHING TO DO BUSINESS WITH CHINA, HONG KONG HAD NOT ONLY THE EXPERTISE AND THE NECESSARY FACILITIES.

+IT ALSO HAS THE IRREPLACEABLE ADVANTAGE OF PROXIMITY TO THIS GROWING MARKET, AND A KNOWLEDGE OF THE LANGUAGE AND COMMERCIAL CHARACTERISTICS, MECHANISMS AND LAWS OF CHINA,+ HE SAID.

ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG, SIR DAVID EXPLAINED THAT +IT IS THE OBJECTIVE OF THE JOINT DECLARATION THAT THE SYSTEM - THE FAMILIAR HONG KONG SYSTEM OF LAWS, FREEDOMS, RELATIONSHIPS AND CAPITALIST ECONOMY - SHOULD CONTINUE FOR 50 YEARS AFTER 1997.+

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HE SAID THAT THE OBJECTIVE WAS BEING ASSURED BY THE PROGRESS MADE THROUGH JOINT LIAISON BETWEEN THE BRITISH AND CHINESE GOVERNMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT IN THE 18 MONTHS SINCE THE JOINT DECLARATION WAS REGISTERED IN THE UNITED NATIONS.

+THE DECISION MADE THIS APRIL THAT HONG KONG SHOULD BECOME THE 91ST CONTRACTING PARTY TO THE GATT IS A SIGNIFICANT EXAMPLE OF THE AUTONOMY WHICH HONG KONG WILL ENJOY AFTER 1997,+ SIR DAVID POINTED OUT.

AMONG OTHER MATTERS, DISCUSSION HAD ALSO BEGUN WITH CHINA AND RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS TO SECURE THE CONTINUED APPLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS CONCERNING HONG KONG.

FURTHERMORE, PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE ON ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT SHIPPING REGISTER, AND LAND WAS NOW SOLD WITH LEASES WHICH RUN UNTIL THE YEAR 2047.

+THESE ARE SOLID ACHIEVEMENTS MADE POSSIBLE IN THE SHORT TIME SINCE THE JOINT DECLARATION WAS SIGNED BY THE GOODWILL AND CO-OPERATION OF THE BRITISH AND THE CHINESE GOVERNMENTS WHICH UNDERLINES THE SPIRIT OF THE AGREEMENT,+ SIR DAVID STRESSED.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY ALSO MENTIONED THE GOVERNMENT'S REVIEW NEXT YEAR ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

HE SAID THE UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH HONG KONG WOULD BE GOVERNED AFTER 1997 CALLED FOR AN IMAGINATIVE APPROACH TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS FUTURE STRUCTURE.

THE BELGIUM-HONG KONG SOCIETY HAS BEEN FORMED TO PROMOTE SOCIAL AND CULTURAL LINKS. MORE THAN 70 REPRESENTATIVES OF BELGIAN BANKS AND COMPANIES WHICH HAVE LINKS WITH HONG KONG ATTENDED TODAY'S LUNCH, HOSTED BY HONG KONG'S MINISTER FOR COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH THE EEC, MR PETER TSAO, WHO IS BASED IN BRUSSELS.

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MARITIME LAWS BEING LOCALISED -- AG
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THE +LOCALISATION+ OF MARITIME LAWS HAS ALREADY COMMENCED, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR MICHAEL THOMAS, SAID THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY DINNER OF THE INSTITUTE OF SEA TRANSPORT, MR THOMAS SAID THAT THESE LAWS INCLUDED THE SEAFARER'S BILL AND LEGISLATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA CONVENTION (SOLAS).

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HOWEVER, HE POINTED OUT THAT +THE TASK IS COMPLICATED BY THE FACT THAT SOME OF THE LAWS WHICH WE SHALL BE 'LOCALISING' WILL ALSO BE SUBJECT TO FURTHER CHANGE AND ADDITIONS AS WE GO ALONG TO IMPLEMENT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND PROTOCOLS.+

NOTING THAT SHIPOWNERS AND OTHERS MIGHT FEEL THAT THEY HAD A HARD ENOUGH TIME IN KEEPING UP WITH THE LAW, MR THOMAS SAID +LAW MAKERS HAVE AN EQUALLY HARD TIME IN KEEPING UP WITH THE FLOW OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS WHICH NEED TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY LOCAL LEGISLATION.+

HE POINTED OUT THAT TO MAKE IT EASIER TO DISENTANGLE OURSELVES FROM THE U.K. LEGISLATIVE REGIME, THE HONG KONG (LEGISLATIVE POWERS) ORDER 1986 WAS MADE EARLIER THIS YEAR UNDER THE HONG KONG ACT 1985.

THIS GAVE, FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE LEGISLATURE OF HONG KONG POWER TO REPEAL U.K. ENACTMENTS AND TO PASS LAWS HAVING EXTRA-TERRITORIAL EFFECT, THUS SAVING TIME WHEN LOCALISING AN ORDINANCE, HE ADDED.

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RABBIT GOLD COIN TO COMPLETE COMMEMORATIVE SET
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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED THE ISSUE OF THE YEAR OF THE RABBIT GOLD COIN - THE TWELFTH AND LAST COIN IN THE CURRENT SERIES OF GOLD COINS COMMEMORATING THE 12 LUNAR YEARS WHICH CORRESPOND TO THE YEARS 1976-1987.

THIS, TOGETHER WITH THE COINS COMMEMORATING THE ROYAL VISITS OF 1975 AND 1986, COMPLETES THE SET OF 14 HONG KONG COMMEMORATIVE GOLD COINS.

AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, THE LATEST ISSUE OF \$1 000 GOLD COINS WILL BE IN LIMITED QUANTITIES. WORLDWIDE MINTAGE IS LIMITED TO 32 000 GOLD COINS, OF WHICH 12 000 ARE PROOF AND 20 000 ARE UNCIRCULATED.

OF THIS TOTAL, 22 000, CONSISTING OF 9 500 PROOF AND 12 500 UNCIRCULATED COINS, HAVE BEEN SET ASIDE FOR HONG KONG RESIDENTS.

APPLICATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM DECEMBER 1 AT ALL OFFICES OF THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION AND DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION. APPLICATIONS WILL CLOSE AT 12.30 PM ON SATURDAY DECEMBER 13.

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE PROOF VERSION OF THE COIN IS PRICED AT \$3 300 WHILE THE BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED COIN COSTS \$2 200. THESE ARE THE PRICES AT WHICH THE COCKEREL, THE DOG, THE PIG, THE RAT, THE OX, THE TIGER AND THE 1986 ROYAL VISIT COINS WERE SOLD.

+THE APPLICATION PROCEDURE IS THE SAME AS THAT OF PREVIOUS YEARS IN THAT CHEQUES ON PERSONAL ACCOUNTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AS WELL AS BANKER'S CASHIER ORDERS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+HOWEVER, APPLICATIONS ARE RESTRICTED TO RESIDENTS WITH A HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD. IN THE EVENT OF OVER-SUBSCRIPTION A BALLOT WILL BE HELD,+ HE ADDED.

STRUCK IN 22 CARAT GOLD, EACH COIN MEASURES 28.4 MM IN DIAMETER AND WEIGHS 15.976 GRAMS. EACH COIN WILL BE PACKAGED IN A PLASTIC SCREW TOP CAPSULE AND SUPPLIED WITH A PRESENTATION CASE AND SOUVENIR BOOKLET.

PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE GOLD COINS ARE HELD IN A SPECIAL COIN SUSPENSE ACCOUNT AND ARE USED TO HELP FINANCE CAREFULLY SELECTED PROJECTS.

THE FOLLOWING CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE TOWARDS PREVIOUS PROJECTS:

QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM	\$15.0 MILLION
SILVER JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE	\$56.9 MILLION
FLATS FOR THE ELDERLY	\$32.5 MILLION
GRANT TO THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE	\$28.5 MILLION

A SUM OF \$200 MILLION HAS BEEN EARMARKED FROM THE SPECIAL COIN SUSPENSE ACCOUNT FOR THE FUNDING OF THE SHA TIN INFIRMARY. THE 700-BED INFIRMARY IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN 1990.

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED RESIDENTS TO HAND IN THEIR APPLICATION FORMS EARLY. COMPLETED FORMS, TOGETHER WITH BANKER'S CASHIER ORDERS OR CROSSED CHEQUES DATED NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 13 AND MADE PAYABLE TO +HONG KONG GOVERNMENT 1987 SPECIAL COIN ACCOUNT+, MUST REACH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING BRANCHES OF THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION BY 12.30 PM ON THAT DAY:

1 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG
40-50 DES VOEUX ROAD WEST, HONG KONG
500 HENNESSY ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG
306 KING'S ROAD, NORTH POINT, HONG KONG

82-84 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON

673 NATHAN ROAD, MONG KOK

1 YUE MAN SQUARE, KWUN TONG

455-457 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN

150 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO DISCLOSED THE WORLDWIDE MINTING FIGURES OF THE 14 GOLD ISSUES IN VIEW OF RECENT PUBLIC INTEREST. DETAILS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

YEAR	TYPE	PROOF		UNCIRCULATED	
		MINTING LIMIT	COINS ISSUED	MINTING LIMIT	COINS ISSUED
1975	ROYAL VISIT	5 000	5 000	15 000	14 995
1976	DRAGON	10 000	7 865	20 000	14 180
1977	SNAKE	10 000	7 054	20 000	13 179
1978	HORSE	10 000	9 747	20 000	16 057
1979	GOAT	10 000	10 000	20 000	20 000
1980	MONKEY	13 000	13 000	27 000	27 000
1981	COCKEREL	22 000	17 226	33 000	22 564
1982	DOG	22 000	15 642	33 000	20 156
1983	PIG	22 000	8 109	33 000	11 143
1984	RAT	10 000	9 027	20 000	12 471
1985	OX	10 000	8 675	20 000	11 343
1986	TIGER	10 000	7 500*	20 000	10 500*
1986	ROYAL VISIT	12 000	9 500*	20 000	12 500*
1987	RABBIT	12 000		20 000	

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* HONG KONG ALLOCATIONS ONLY, SINCE OVERSEAS SALES FOR THESE COINS HAVE NOT BEEN CLOSED YET.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE MINTING LIMIT FOR EACH ISSUE IS THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF COINS THAT IS ALLOWED TO BE ISSUED.

+THE ACTUAL NUMBER ISSUED IS THE TOTAL NUMBER SOLD IN HONG KONG AND OVERSEAS PLUS A SMALL NUMBER KEPT BY THE GOVERNMENT AS RESERVES WHICH ARE NOT TO BE SOLD TO THE PUBLIC,+ HE SAID.

+ALTHOUGH THE NUMBER OF COINS ISSUED WAS BELOW THE MINTING LIMIT IN SOME OF THE PREVIOUS ISSUES, THE GOVERNMENT WILL UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES RE-OPEN THE SALES OF ANY SUCH ISSUES,+ HE ADDED.

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FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITION MOVES TO KWUN TONG
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THE MINI FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITION MOVES TO HONG NING ROAD PLAYGROUND IN KWUN TONG THIS SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 23).

KWUN TONG IS THE SECOND OF NINE VENUES AT WHICH THE EXHIBITION WILL BE STAGED THIS WINTER.

THE EXHIBITION, OPEN FROM NOON TO 3 PM, OFFERS RESIDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE CLOSELY A FIRE ENGINE AND AN AMBULANCE AND TO LEARN ABOUT FIRE PREVENTION THROUGH PICTORIAL DISPLAYS.

+THE DISPLAY OF FIRE-FIGHTING APPLIANCES ALWAYS INTERESTS THE PUBLIC, BUT IT IS THE RULES OF FIRE PREVENTION WE WANT THEM TO OBSERVE, PARTICULARLY DURING THIS DRY SEASON WHEN FIRE RISKS ARE HIGH,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP SAID.

+BY CONTINUALLY SPELLING OUT THE DANGERS OF FIRE, IT IS HOPED THAT THE MESSAGE WILL SINK IN AND PEOPLE WILL LEARN TO TAKE EXTRA CARE TO PREVENT FIRE.+

THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN PUTS SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE DANGERS OF SMOKE, AND TEACHES PEOPLE WHAT TO DO AND WHAT NOT TO DO IN THE EVENT OF FIRE.

THIS INFORMATION IS CONTAINED IN A LEAFLET, DISTRIBUTED FREE TO THE PUBLIC AT THE VENUE.

VISITORS TO THE EXHIBITION WILL ALSO RECEIVE A CALENDAR CARD WITH FIRE PREVENTION MESSAGES, AND GIVEAWAYS SPONSORED BY KWONG ON BANK LTD.

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CONTRACT LET FOR ROUTE 5 TUNNEL LIGHTING
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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$22.8 MILLION CONTRACT FOR LIGHTING THE ROUTE 5 TUNNELS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

AT THE ENTRANCES TO THE TUNNELS, BOOST LIGHTING WILL BE PROVIDED WITHIN THE LIGHT THRESHOLD ZONES SO THAT TUNNEL USERS WILL PROGRESSIVELY ADAPT TO THE RELATIVELY LOW ILLUMINATION LEVEL INSIDE.

A LOWER WATTAGE BOOST LIGHTING SYSTEM WAS CHOSEN AS IT SAVES ON ELECTRICITY COSTS.

INSTALLATION WORK HAS ALREADY STARTED AND WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF 1989.

THREE OTHER ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL CONTRACTS WILL BE AWARDED LATER THIS MONTH.

THE \$452 MILLION CONTRACT FOR BUILDING THE TUNNEL, WHICH IS PART OF A ROAD NETWORK LINKING TSUEN WAN AND SHA TIN, WAS AWARDED LAST MARCH. MAIN TUNNELING WORK IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN LATE 1988.

ROUTE 5 TUNNELS ARE DUE TO BECOME OPERATIONAL BY THE END OF 1989.

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SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO HANDICAPPED STUDENTS
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A HANDICAP IS BY NO MEANS AN INSURMOUNTABLE OBSTACLE TO ACHIEVEMENT, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

HE POINTED OUT THAT IN THE LAST ACADEMIC YEAR MORE THAN 70 DISABLED STUDENTS WERE STUDYING AT THE TWO UNIVERSITIES AND TWO POLYTECHNICS.

THEIR IMPAIRMENTS, AURAL, VISUAL OR PHYSICAL, WERE NO BAR TO THEIR LEARNING ABILITY, MR LEUNG SAID AT THE FIFTH AWARD PRESENTATION OF THE SHELL-ISLAND JAYCEES SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE DISABLED.

THESE STUDENTS WERE MAJORING IN A VARIETY OF SUBJECTS, RANGING FROM SOCIAL WORK, LAW AND ENGINEERING TO FINE ARTS AND COMPUTERS.

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+THIS IS A CLEAR INDICATION THAT A HANDICAP IS BY NO MEANS AN INSURMOUNTABLE OBSTACLE TO ACHIEVEMENT. GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY, SUCH STUDENTS CAN ACHIEVE IN THE SAME WAY AS THEIR ABLE-BODIED COUNTERPARTS,+ HE SAID.

MR LEUNG COMMENDED THE 10 HANDICAPPED STUDENTS WHO WERE AWARDED A SCHOLARSHIP FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN SCHOOL, GOOD CONDUCT AND ACADEMIC ATTAINMENT AND FOR THEIR SERVICE TO SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY.

THE SHELL-ISLAND JAYCEES SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE DISABLED WAS SET UP IN 1981 AS A CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLED PERSONS.

THE AIM IS TO ENCOURAGE PUPILS WITH A HANDICAP TO REALISE THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION AND TO DEVELOP THEIR CAPABILITIES AND POTENTIAL, TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY AND TO SHARE RESPONSIBILITIES AND BE INTEGRATED INTO THE COMMUNITY.

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THREE-PRONGED CAMPAIGN AGAINST SMOKING
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THE GOVERNMENT'S ANTI-SMOKING ACTIONS ARE BY NO MEANS OUT OF PROPORTION TO THE VERY SERIOUS DANGERS OF SMOKING, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MISS ELAINE CHUNG, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY HELD AT STATUE SQUARE TO MARK HONG KONG'S THIRD SMOKE OUT DAY, MISS CHUNG SAID THIS WAS DESPITE THE FACT THAT THERE HAD BEEN SURPRISE IN SOME QUARTERS AT THE GOVERNMENT'S ANTI-SMOKING POLICIES.

+ OF COURSE, IF ALL SMOKERS REALISE THE DAMAGE THEY ARE CONSTANTLY INFLICTING UPON THEMSELVES (AND OTHERS AROUND THEM) AND VOLUNTARILY GIVE UP THE DEADLY HABIT, GOVERNMENT DOES NOT NEED TO TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE,+ SHE SAID.

MISS CHUNG ALSO OUTLINED THE GOVERNMENT'S THREE-PRONGED EFFORTS IN ANTI-SMOKING: BY LEGISLATION, EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY, AND ASSISTANCE AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO SMOKERS.

SHE SAID THE SMOKE OUT DAY BELONGED TO THE THIRD CATEGORY AND WOULD SERVE AS A REMINDER THAT THERE WAS AN ALTERNATIVE TO SMOKING.

+SURVEYS DONE IN HONG KONG AND ELSEWHERE SHOW THAT THE MAJORITY OF SMOKERS WISH THEY HAD NOT ACQUIRED THE COSTLY, UNHEALTHY, ANTI-SOCIAL AND DIRTY HABIT,+ SHE SAID.

+MANY SMOKERS ARE, HOWEVER, TOO BUSY WITH THEIR DAILY LIVES TO THINK ABOUT GIVING UP THEIR HABIT.+

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EASTERN DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS FORTNIGHT
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RESIDENTS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY AN ANTI-NARCOTICS CARNIVAL ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 22), AT THE CHAI WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE BETWEEN 11 AM AND 4 PM.

IT WILL FEATURE GAMES STALLS, AN EXHIBITION DISPLAY, FILM SHOWS AND A DEMONSTRATION BY THE ANTI-NARCOTICS DOG UNIT OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT.

THE EVENT IS ONE OF THE MAJOR ACTIVITIES JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE NARCOTICS DIVISION AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE AS PART OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS FORTNIGHT.

SCHEDULED TO BE HELD FROM NOVEMBER 22 TO DECEMBER 7, THE FORTNIGHT WILL PROVIDE A COLOURFUL PROGRAMME AIMED AT EDUCATING THE COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY YOUNG PEOPLE, ABOUT THE DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE.

THE SAME MESSAGE WILL BE DISSEMINATED THROUGH VARIOUS EDUCATIONAL, RECREATIONAL AND INTERESTING ACTIVITIES.

HIGHLIGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT WILL BE AN OPEN-AIR DISCO TO BE HELD AT THE FOOTBALL PITCHES IN VICTORIA PARK ON DECEMBER 7.

THE ANTI-NARCOTICS BEAT STREET DISCO WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE BY COMMERCIAL RADIO WITH FREE ADMISSION TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FROM 7 PM TO 10 PM.

STAFF OF NARCOTICS DIVISION WILL VISIT MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT DURING THE FORTNIGHT TO ENLIST SUPPORT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS.

THEY WILL URGE MEMBERS WHO ARE PARENTS TO TAKE MORE CARE OF THEIR CHILDREN, ORGANISE MORE ANTI-NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN AT THE NEIGHBOURHOOD LEVEL, AND TO ASK THEM TO REPORT DRUG PEDDLING ACTIVITIES.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR G.L. MORTIMER, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE FORTNIGHT ON SATURDAY AT 2.30 PM.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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REMINDER TO RETURN REQUISITION FORMS
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RATEPAYERS WHO HAVE RECEIVED A REQUISITION FORM (FORM R1A (D)) DURING THE PAST THREE TO FOUR WEEKS ARE REMINDED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE FORM TO THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ANY RATEPAYER WHO REFUSES OR NEGLECTS TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE FORM MAY BE LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$2 000.

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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE VARIOUS ISSUES
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THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DISCUSS MATTERS HELD OVER FROM ITS MEETING ON NOVEMBER 7.

THESE INCLUDE ERECTING A PROPOSED +WELCOME+ SIGNBOARD, DECKING THE TONKIN STREET NULLAH, RELOCATION OF UN CHAU STREET TEMPORARY REFUSE COLLECTION POINT, DEVELOPMENT OF SITTING-OUT AREAS AND THE HAWKER PROBLEM IN PEI HO STREET.

THE MEETING WILL START AT 2.15 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD, 39 TONKIN STREET, SECOND FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE MEETING.

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DB MEMBERS TO VISIT TSING YI NORTH BRIDGE
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MEMBERS OF THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD WILL VISIT THE TSING YI NORTH BRIDGE TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE \$200 MILLION PROJECT, THE SECOND LINK TO THE ISLAND, IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN OCTOBER NEXT YEAR.

THE GROUP WILL BE ACCOMPANIED ON THE VISIT BY STAFF OF THE TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AND THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE VISIT. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT 2 PM TOMORROW IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES (NEXT TO KWAI HING MTR STATION), 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

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DB MEMBERS VISIT FIRE STATION
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MEMBERS OF THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD HAD A LOOK AT THE WORKS OF FIREMEN DURING A VISIT TO THE TSIM SHA TSUI FIRE STATION TODAY (THURSDAY).

LED BY DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH, THE GROUP WAS FIRST BRIEFED BY THE ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL OFFICER (TSIM SHA TSUI), MR YEUNG KWONG-HUNG, ON THE OPERATION OF THE STATION.

THEY THEN WATCHED A DEMONSTRATION OF FIRE-FIGHTING APPLIANCES AND SPECIAL EQUIPMENT AND SAW DIFFERENT FACILITIES ON BOARD A FIRE BOAT.

BEFORE ENDING THE VISIT, THE PARTY TOURED THE FIRE SERVICES COMMUNICATION CENTRE TO SEE HOW THE DEPARTMENT DEALT WITH EMERGENCY CALLS.

THE VISIT WAS PART OF AN ON-GOING PROGRAMME ARRANGED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE FOR MEMBERS TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

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CONTRACTORS REMINDED ABOUT ILLEGAL BLASTING
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT REMINDED BUILDING CONTRACTORS TODAY (THURSDAY) OF THE LAW GOVERNING THE STORAGE AND USE OF EXPLOSIVES ON CONSTRUCTION SITES.

THIS FOLLOWED A RECENT COURT CASE IN WHICH A SUB-CONTRACTOR WAS SENTENCED TO FOUR MONTHS IMPRISONMENT BY A TSUEN WAN MAGISTRATE FOR CARRYING OUT ILLEGAL BLASTING OPERATIONS AT A CONSTRUCTION SITE IN TSUEN WAN IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, AND FOR POSSESSING A QUANTITY OF SUBSTANCE CLASSIFIED UNDER CATEGORY I OF THE DANGEROUS GOODS ORDINANCE.

AS THE ACCUSED WAS INVOLVED IN A SIMILAR CASE IN JANUARY 1985, HIS SIX-MONTH SUSPENDED SENTENCE WAS THEREFORE ACTIVATED, BRINGING TO 10 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MONTHS HE HAS TO SERVE.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UNDER THE DANGEROUS GOODS ORDINANCE, NO PERSON SHOULD MANUFACTURE, STORE, CONVEY OR USE DANGEROUS GOODS WITHOUT A VALID LICENCE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S MINES DIVISION.

ANY PERSON WHO CONTRAVENED ANY PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE IS LIABLE, ON CONVICTION, TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$25 000 AND TO IMPRISONMENT OF SIX MONTHS, HE ADDED.

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SOUTHERN MODEL CITIZENS TO RECEIVE AWARDS

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FIVE MEN AND A WOMAN HAVE BEEN CHOSEN AS MODEL CITIZENS FOR OCTOBER FROM EACH OF THE SIX AREAS OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT IN AN AWARD SCHEME JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO THEM AT 2.30 PM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 23) DURING THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL CARNIVAL AT THE ABERDEEN PROMENADE REST GARDEN. WINNERS OF THE SEPTEMBER AWARDS WILL RECEIVE THEIR PRIZES AT THE SAME TIME.

MODEL CITIZENS FOR NOVEMBER ARE NOW BEING SELECTED AND NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN FOR DECEMBER AWARDS.

THE +CITIZENS OF THE MONTH+ AWARD SCHEME IS PART OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT'S CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN. IT IS AIMED AT PROMOTING CIVIC AWARENESS AND GIVING RECOGNITION TO GOOD CITIZENS.

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THE OCTOBER WINNERS RANGE FROM HOUSEWIVES TO CIVIL SERVANTS AND MEMBERS OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES OR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATIONS WHO ALL HAVE CONTRIBUTED TIME AND EFFORT TOWARDS SERVING THE COMMUNITY.

SOME HAVE SERVED WITH THE ST JOHN'S AMBULANCE BRIGADE AND THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES. THEY HAVE SHOWN A GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR AREA AND HAVE DEMONSTRATED CARE AND CONCERN FOR OTHERS.

A SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID CANDIDATES FOR THE AWARD MUST LIVE, STUDY OR WORK IN THE DISTRICT, BE TRUSTWORTHY AND KNOW THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF A CITIZEN. THEY SHOULD ALSO HAVE COMMENDABLE RECORDS FOR THEIR SERVICES.

NOMINATIONS FOR NEXT MONTH, THE LAST MONTH IN THE SCHEME, CLOSE ON DECEMBER 18. FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND AT SUB-OFFICES IN ABERDEEN CENTRE, WAH FU AND STANLEY. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON 5-540271.

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NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR OUTSTANDING ELDERLIES
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ELDERLY RESIDENTS IN NORTH DISTRICT KEEN IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS ARE INVITED TO STAND FOR AN ELECTION OF THE +TEN OUTSTANDING AGED+ IN THE DISTRICT.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR ELDERLY ACTIVITIES AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE ELECTION IS AIMED AT ENHANCING PUBLIC AWARENESS IN THE IMPORTANCE OF RESPECTING THE ELDERLY AND TO RECOGNISE THEIR EFFORTS IN COMMUNITY BUILDING.

THE ELECTION IS FOR RESIDENTS AGED 60 OR ABOVE AND NOMINATIONS SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH LOCAL VOLUNTARY AGENCIES OR ELDERLY CENTRES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE SAID TODAY.

A PANEL OF ADJUDICATORS COMPRISING LOCAL SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AND SOCIAL WORKERS WOULD BE FORMED. CANDIDATES WOULD BE JUDGED ON THEIR LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, ATTITUDE TOWARDS LIFE, CIVIC-MINDEDNESS, HUMAN RELATIONSHIP AND CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS SOCIETY, HE SAID.

WINNERS WOULD BE AWARDED PRIZES AT A CEREMONY DURING THE NORTH DISTRICT ELDERLY FORTNIGHT IN DECEMBER, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS NOVEMBER 30 AND NOMINATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE NORTH DISTRICT CHOI YUEN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BRANCH OFFICE, CHOI YUEN ESTATE. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 0-927158.

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EASTERN HOLDING ROAD SAFETY DAY ON SUNDAY
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A ROAD SAFETY DAY WILL BE HELD IN VICTORIA PARK ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 23) AS PART OF THE MONTH-LONG EASTERN DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN.

THE CAMPAIGN IS AIMED AT PROMOTING ROAD SAFETY AWARENESS, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON PEDESTRIANS.

FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY DAY, STARTING AT 11 AM, A MINIATURE ROAD SAFETY TOWN WILL BE SET UP AND A ROAD SAFETY BUS WILL BE ON DISPLAY. IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE AN EXHIBITION AND GAMES STALLS, AND A COLOURING CONTEST WILL ALSO BE HELD.

A HIGHLIGHT OF THE DAY WILL BE A VARIETY SHOW AT WHICH POPULAR SINGERS, MAGICIANS AND ACROBATS WILL PERFORM.

BANNERS HAVE BEEN PUT UP AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS TO SPREAD THE ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE DURING THE CAMPAIGN.

VISITS HAVE BEEN MADE TO PRIMARY SCHOOLS TO BRIEF CHILDREN ON ROAD SAFETY AND 55 +MODEL PEDESTRIANS+ HAVE BEEN CHOSEN AT VARIOUS TRAFFIC BLACKSPOTS.

THE CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD, EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE WITH THE HELP OF THE ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION.

OFFICIATING AT THE ROAD SAFETY DAY OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BOWEN LEUNG; POLICE DEPUTY DIRECTOR (TRAFFIC), MR JOHN CLEMENCE; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR G.W. ROPER; CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG; POLICE SENIOR STAFF OFFICER (TRAFFIC), MR LAM KIN; PRESIDENT OF THE ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION, MR SHE KWONG-WAH; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE, MR YUE HUI-KWONG.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EASTERN DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY DAY OPENING CEREMONY AT 11 AM ON SUNDAY IN VICTORIA PARK.

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SIX GOVERNMENT SITES TO LET

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SIX SITES ARE TO BE LET ON SHORT-TERM TENANCY BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT.

TWO ARE AT THE JUNCTION OF WATER STREET AND CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST, WESTERN RECLAMATION, AND MEASURE 1 500 SQUARE METRES. THEY ARE FOR HANDLING AGGREGATE AND CEMENT.

THE TENANCIES ARE FOR THREE YEARS, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

A SITE ON THE WESTERN PART OF ALDRICH BAY RECLAMATION, SHAU KEI WAN, IS FOR CAR AND LORRY PARKING. IT MEASURES 665 SQUARE METRES.

THE TENANCY IS FOR TWO YEARS INITIALLY, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

THE ONLY KOWLOON LOT TO BE OFFERED IS A 2 925-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF TAT CHEE AVENUE AND FA PO STREET. UNDER THE TENANCY TERMS, THE SITE IS TO BE USED FOR STORAGE AND SALE OF POTTED PLANTS.

THE TENANCY IS FOR ONE YEAR, RENEWABLE MONTHLY.

A SITE AT TAK YIP STREET, TUNG TAU INDUSTRIAL AREA, YUEN LONG, MEASURING 1 777 SQUARE METRES, CAN BE USED FOR STORING GOODS (EXCEPT DANGEROUS GOODS) AND/OR CONTAINERS, AND/OR MAINTAINING VEHICLES, AND/OR AS A SAWMILL. PAINT SPRAYING IS ALSO PERMITTED.

THE TENANCY PERIOD IS ONE YEAR, RENEWABLE EVERY THREE MONTHS.

THE LAST SITE IS FOR USE AS A FEE-PAYING CAR PARK AT HING SHING ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

THE TENANCY IS FOR SIX MONTHS INITIALLY, RENEWABLE MONTHLY AFTERWARDS.

THE 1 480-SQUARE-METRE SITE, HOWEVER, CANNOT BE USED BY LORRIES OR CONTAINER VEHICLES.

TENDERS FOR ALL SIX SITES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY NOON ON DECEMBER 5.

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FREE CONCERTS OVER THE WEEKEND
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THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH WILL BE STAGING THREE CONCERTS OVER THE WEEKEND IN TAI KOK TSUI AND KWAI CHUNG IN SUPPORT OF THE 1986 MONG KOK DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS FORTNIGHT.

TWO DEMONSTRATION CONCERTS - ONE ON STRINGS AND THE OTHER ON PERCUSSION - WILL BE HELD AT LIM POR YEN CENTRE ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 22) AT 2.30 PM AND 3.30 PM.

A STRINGS QUARTET WILL PLAY CLASSICAL WORKS OF VARIOUS STYLES AND CULTURAL ORIGINS WHILE SHORT INTERESTING PIECES WILL BE PERFORMED BY A PERCUSSION DUO AT THE CONCERTS.

ON SUNDAY, THE MUSIC LOVERS' CHINESE ORCHESTRA WILL BE PERFORMING AT YEUNG KING HOUSE PLAYGROUND, LAI KING ESTATE, KWAI CHUNG AT 3 PM.

BESIDES FEATURING A REPERTOIRE RANGING FROM CHINESE ORCHESTRAL MUSIC TO SOLO ITEMS, THE CONCERT WILL ALSO INCLUDE AN INTRODUCTION AND DEMONSTRATION OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

ADMISSION TO THE CONCERTS IS FREE. FOR ENQUIRIES CALL 5-458791.

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SHUTTLECOCK GAME OPENS ACTIVE FORTNIGHT
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THE MONG KOK DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS FORTNIGHT WAS LAUNCHED TONIGHT (THURSDAY) WITH A PERFORMANCE BY PLAYERS OF THE CHINESE SHUTTLECOCK TEAM.

HIGHLIGHT OF THE EVENING WAS A FRIENDSHIP MATCH BETWEEN THE CHINESE TEAM AND PLAYERS FROM THE HONG KONG AMATEUR SHUTTLECOCK ASSOCIATION, FOLLOWING AN OPENING CEREMONY OFFICIATED BY THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI.

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, MR CHUI SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD ACTIVELY PROVIDED RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS FACILITIES OVER THE YEARS TO MEET INCREASING DEMAND.

HE SAID THAT MORE FACILITIES WOULD BE COMPLETED IN MONG KOK IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS, INCLUDING A NEW INDOOR GAMES HALL AT BOUNDARY STREET, THE FA YUEN STREET URBAN COUNCIL COMPLEX, AND A SITTING-OUT AREA AT THE JUNCTION OF RECLAMATION STREET AND SOY STREET.

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MR CHUI NOTED THAT THE RECREATION AND SPORTS FORTNIGHT WAS NOT THE ONLY JOINT FUNCTION ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE URBAN COUNCIL AS +THE BOARD AND THE URBAN COUNCIL ORGANISE A LARGE NUMBER OF RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR RESIDENTS EVERY YEAR+.

MR CHUI SAID THE ACTIVITIES HELP DEVELOP PARTICIPANTS' SELF-CONFIDENCE, POTENTIAL, AND ENHANCE THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF DISTRICT AFFAIRS.

THE PROGRAMMES FOR THE FORTNIGHT INTRODUCE A WIDE VARIETY OF SPORT ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMING ARTS THAT ARE LESS POPULAR AND FAMILIAR TO RESIDENTS. THESE INCLUDE SHUTTLECOCK KICKING, FENCING, FOLK DANCING, AND THE PERFORMANCES OF MIME, DRAMA AND MODERN DANCING.

THE MONG KOK DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS FORTNIGHT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, URBAN COUNCIL AND MONG KOK DISTRICT CULTURAL RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES FOR FUNCTION AT HK STADIUM
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A SERIES OF TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN WAN CHAI ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 23) IN CONNECTION WITH THE CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING 1986 AT THE HONG KONG STADIUM.

THE MEASURES, UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED, WILL BE IN FORCE FROM 1.30 PM UNTIL CROWDS HAVE DISPERSED AFTER THE EVENT.

- * CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN LEIGHTON ROAD AND STADIUM PATH WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND FROM 1.30 PM TO 5.45 PM. THE SAME ROAD SECTION WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND FROM 5.45 PM UNTIL DISPERSAL OF THE MAJORITY OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE FEAST.
- * CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD AND COTTON PATH WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT FOR VEHICLES REQUIRING ACCESS TO PREMISES.

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- * EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD BETWEEN STADIUM PATH AND TUNG LO WAN ROAD WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND, BUT VEHICLES WILL STILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE CAR PARK OF ST PAUL'S HOSPITAL FROM TUNG LO WAN ROAD.

- * LINK ROAD BETWEEN CAROLINE HILL ROAD AND BROADWOOD ROAD WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY UPHILL FROM 1.30 PM TO 5.45 PM. VEHICLES LEAVING THE UPPER SECTION OF BROADWOOD ROAD, HAPPY VIEW TERRACE AND LEIGHTON HILL SHOULD PROCEED VIA BROADWOOD ROAD TO WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD. THE SAME SECTION OF LINK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT FOR LOCAL ACCESS FROM 5.45 PM UNTIL CROWDS HAVE DISPERSED.

MEANWHILE, ALL PARKING SPACES AT STADIUM PATH AND THE UNNAMED SERVICE ROAD ROUND THE STADIUM WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM NOON UNTIL AROUND 7 PM.

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