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PRAISE FOR WORK OF AMS AT VBP CAMPS

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THE PARTICIPATION OF THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES (AMS) IN THE MANAGEMENT OF CAMPS FOR VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE NOT ONLY PROVIDES MUCH NEEDED CARE FOR THE PEOPLE. IT ALSO HELPS TO RELIEVE MEDICAL AND NURSING STAFF AT A TIME WHEN THEY ARE UNDER GREAT PRESSURE THEMSELVES, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

"I WOULD LIKE TO SAY A PARTICULAR THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE IN HELPING TO RUN CAMPS FOR VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE SINCE APRIL LAST YEAR," SIR DAVID SAID AT THE AMS OFFICERS MESS DINNER.

"SOME 100 MEMBERS OF THE AMS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING CLINICAL SERVICES IN CAMPS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY AND I HAVE SEEN FOR MYSELF WHAT A WONDERFUL JOB YOU ARE DOING THERE."

SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT AS A COMMUNITY HONG KONG HAD A FINE TRADITION OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE, OF WHICH THE WELL TRAINED AND WELL DISCIPLINED AMS WAS A PRIME EXAMPLE.

"ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF YOU MOST SINCERELY FOR YOUR UNSTINTING DEVOTION TO SERVICE.

"I WOULD ALSO WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE HELP OF THE MANY EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE CO-OPERATED IN RELEASING THEIR STAFF TO UNDERTAKE AMS DUTIES," HE SAID.

FOR 39 YEARS, THE AMS HAD MADE A VERY VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY BY ITS SUPPORT OF THE EMERGENCY SERVICES, HE NOTED.

SIR DAVID SAID HE WAS VERY INTERESTED TO LEARN THAT THE AMS WAS THINKING OF ESTABLISHING A CADET CORPS AMONG SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO TRAIN STUDENTS TO PROVIDE FIRST AID SERVICE, ADDING THAT THIS WAS A VERY GOOD IDEA.

"IT WILL PROVIDE VERY PRACTICAL TRAINING FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND WILL GIVE THEM A FURTHER WAY OF CONTRIBUTING TO OUR COMMUNITY.

"I HOPE THE SCHEME WILL COME TO FRUITION SOON," HE ADDED.

IN HIS SPEECH, THE COMMISSIONER OF THE AMS, DR S.H. LEE, SAID 1989 HAD SO FAR BEEN A BUSY YEAR FOR THE 6,000-MEMBER FORCE.

"WITH THE LARGE INFLUX OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE COMPOUNDED WITH THE PROBLEMS OF BRAIN DRAIN AND LABOUR SHORTAGE, THE AMS HAS BEEN UNDER EXTREME PRESSURE IN MOBILISING ITS RESOURCES TO MEET VARIOUS CHALLENGES.

"DESPITE THIS, IT CONTINUES TO PERFORM ESSENTIAL CLINICAL DUTIES AT VARIOUS VBP DETENTION CAMPS ROUND-THE-CLOCK.

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"THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE PROVISION OF FIRST AID COVERAGE AT PUBLIC FUNCTIONS AND COUNTRY PARKS, LIFEGUARD SERVICES, MANNING OF METHADONE CLINICS AND TRAINING OF CIVIL SERVANTS IN FIRST AID."

TO MEET THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR ITS SERVICE, DR LEE SAID, THE AMS HAD RECENTLY LAUNCHED A RECRUITMENT DRIVE IN AN EFFORT TO GET MORE PROFESSIONALS, ESPECIALLY DOCTORS AND NURSES, TO JOIN IT.

HE ADDED THAT PROGRESS SO FAR HAD BEEN ENCOURAGING.

THE COMMISSIONER REFERRED TO THE GROWTH OF THE AMS AND VARIOUS TASKS ACCOMPLISHED OVER THE PAST YEAR, AND THANKED ALL AMS OFFICERS AND MEMBERS FOR THEIR LOYALTY AND DEDICATION.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD, INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL NOISE CONTROLS  
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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY) THE COMING INTO OPERATION ON NOVEMBER 1 OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE CONTROL OF NEIGHBOURHOOD NOISE AND NOISE FROM INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL PREMISES.

AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) SPOKESMAN SAID THE NEIGHBOURHOOD NOISE CONTROL PROVISIONS DEAL WITH NOISE WHICH IS EMITTED FROM DOMESTIC PREMISES AND PUBLIC PLACES AT ANY TIME OF THE DAY.

COMPLAINTS ON NEIGHBOURHOOD NOISE CAN BE LODGED WITH LOCAL POLICE STATIONS FOR PROMPT ACTION. THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR AN OFFENCE UNDER THESE PROVISIONS IS A \$5,000 FINE..

NOISE FROM INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL PREMISES IS CONTROLLED BY MEANS OF NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICES (NAN) REQUIRING THE OWNER OR OCCUPIER TO BRING THE NOISE EMISSION INTO A STATE OF COMPLIANCE BY A CERTAIN DATE.

NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE NAN WILL CONSTITUTE AN OFFENCE.

NOISE FROM VENTILATING AND AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS, PREVIOUSLY ENFORCED BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES ORDINANCE, WILL BE CONTROLLED BY THE EPD FROM NOVEMBER 1 UNDER THE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE.

COMPLAINTS OF NOISE FROM INDUSTRIAL OR COMMERCIAL PREMISES, INCLUDING NOISE FROM VENTILATING SYSTEMS, CAN BE LODGED WITH THE EPD ON TEL. 5-8383111.

/THE MAXIMUM .....

THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR AN OFFENCE UNDER THESE PROVISIONS IS \$50,000 FOR THE FIRST CONVICTION AND \$100,000 FOR THE SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT CONVICTION, WITH A MAXIMUM DAILY FINE OF \$10,000 FOR A CONTINUING OFFENCE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID WITH THE COMING INTO OPERATION OF THE "NEIGHBOURHOOD" AND "INDUSTRIAL" PROVISIONS ON NOVEMBER 1, AND WITH THE REQUIRING OF CONSTRUCTION NOISE PERMITS TO CARRY OUT PERCUSSIVE PILING OPERATIONS FROM NOVEMBER 17, ALL THE MAJOR PROVISIONS OF THE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE WOULD HAVE BEEN BROUGHT INTO OPERATION AS PREVIOUSLY UNDERTAKEN.

"IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL SECTORS WITH A FAIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE AND AT THE SAME TIME PASSING ONTO THEM BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF NOISE CONTROL TECHNIQUES, THE EPD IS CONDUCTING A SERIES OF SEMINARS FOR FACTORY AND RESTAURANT OPERATORS IN COLLABORATION WITH VARIOUS DISTRICT OFFICES.

"FOR THE MORE TECHNICALLY INCLINED, THE EPD IS TEAMING UP WITH TRADE AND PROFESSIONAL BODIES SUCH AS THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES, THE HONG KONG CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION AND THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL TO PRESENT TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL SEMINARS," HE SAID.

CONCERNING THE EFFECT OF THE NIGHT TIME CONSTRUCTION NOISE CONTROL PROVISIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN IN OPERATION FOR CLOSE TO THREE MONTHS, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT EPD HAS ISSUED 209 PERMITS AND REJECTED 199 APPLICATIONS.

PERMITS ARE ONLY ISSUED WHEN THE EXPECTED NOISE EMISSIONS COMPLY WITH OBJECTIVE CRITERIA DESIGNED TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM EXCESSIVE EXPOSURE.

THE EPD SPOKESMAN ALSO REMINDED PILING CONTRACTORS OF THE NEED TO HOLD A PERMIT FOR PILING OPERATIONS FROM NOVEMBER 17 TO AVOID PROSECUTION. THE CONTROLS APPLY EQUALLY TO PILING OPERATION AND CONTRACTS WHICH COMMENCED BEFORE NOVEMBER 17.

THE EPD HAS ALSO PUBLISHED TWO NEW INFORMATION BOOKLETS TO PROVIDE THE INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL SECTORS WITH PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS TO COMMON INDUSTRIAL NOISE PROBLEMS AND TO INFORM THEM OF THE RELEVANT STATUTORY CONTROL PROVISIONS.

A POCKET-SIZE INFORMATION CARD OUTLINING THE CLASSIFICATION OF VARIOUS NOISE CONTROL PROVISIONS AND THE APPROPRIATE CHANNELS FOR THE LODGING OF COMPLAINTS IS ALSO AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

ANY ENQUIRIES ON THE PROVISIONS OF THE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE COULD BE MADE TO THE NOISE CONTROL GROUP OF THE EPD ON THE 27TH FLOOR, SOUTHERN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, HONG KONG. THE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 5-8351124.

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POLITICAL ADVISER TO VISIT PEKING

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THE POLITICAL ADVISER, MR WILLIAM EHRMAN, WILL PAY AN INTRODUCTORY VISIT TO PEKING FROM OCTOBER 30 TO NOVEMBER 1.

THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT IS TO MEET OFFICIALS WHO DEAL WITH HONG KONG MATTERS.

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HK MUST CONTINUE TO DEVELOP COMPETITIVE SKILLS

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LOCAL MANUFACTURERS HAVE BEEN URGED NOT TO BE COMPLACENT ABOUT THE EXPORT PERFORMANCE OF HONG KONG'S ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY AS HONG KONG MUST CONTINUE DEVELOPING ITS SKILLS TO COMPETE ON DESIGN, QUALITY AND PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT.

THE ADVICE CAME FROM THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR T.H. BARMA, TODAY (FRIDAY) WHEN HE SPOKE AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE FOURTH UNIVERSITY PROGRAMME DESIGN CHAMPIONSHIP.

"WHILE WE CAN BE PLEASED WITH THE 16 PER CENT COMPOUND ANNUAL GROWTH IN ELECTRONICS EXPORTS ACHIEVED IN RECENT YEARS, THERE ARE NO GROUNDS FOR COMPLACENCY.

"THE VALUE-ADDED CONTENT OF ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF GROSS OUTPUT WAS ONLY 20 PER CENT IN 1986, AGAINST A MANUFACTURING-WIDE AVERAGE OF 27.5 PER CENT.

"MOREOVER, HONG KONG'S SHARE OF THE VITAL UNITED STATES ELECTRONICS MARKET HAS SHRUNK, WHILE OUR COMPETITORS HAVE MAINTAINED OR IMPROVED THEIR POSITIONS.

"BETWEEN 1982 AND 1987, OUR SHARE OF THAT MARKET DROPPED FROM FIVE PER CENT TO 3.9 PER CENT," MR BARMA SAID.

HE NOTED THAT MANY MANUFACTURERS HAD RESPONDED BY MOVING LABOUR-INTENSIVE SUB-ASSEMBLY OPERATIONS TO SOUTHERN CHINA AND OTHER LOWER-COST AREAS WHILE OTHER MANUFACTURERS HAD MOVED FURTHER UP THE VALUE-ADDED LADDER.

"THE COMMON ELEMENT IN BOTH THESE APPROACHES IS A RECOGNITION THAT HONG KONG MUST CONTINUE DEVELOPING THOSE SKILLS WHICH WILL ENABLE IT TO COMPETE ON DESIGN, QUALITY AND PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT," MR BARMA SAID.

/HE ATTACHED .....

HE ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO INDUSTRY, SAYING THAT IT HAD "A VALUABLE ROLE TO PLAY" IN THIS PROCESS AND EXTENDED HIS THANKS TO TEXAS INSTRUMENTS FOR ITS FARSIGHTED SUPPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY PROGRAMME DESIGN CHAMPIONSHIP.

"GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY TO HONG KONG'S EXPORT PERFORMANCE, IT IS PARTICULARLY APT THAT THE ENTRIES FOR THE DESIGN CHAMPIONSHIP HAVE CONCENTRATED ON EXPLOITING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN ALL ITS FORMS," HE SAID.

MR BARMA SAID HE APPRECIATED THAT THE TEXAS INSTRUMENTS UNIVERSITY PROGRAMME WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH A WIDE RANGE OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL, AS WELL AS ACCESS TO THE LATEST SEMICONDUCTOR TECHNOLOGY, AND THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE IN DESIGNING ADVANCED ELECTRONIC CIRCUITING.

"HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IN EQUIPPING STUDENTS FOR CAREERS IN INDUSTRY," HE SAID.

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UNLIMITED BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES IN AIRPORT AND PORT PROJECTS

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THE US\$16.3 BILLION AIRPORT AND PORT PROJECTS ANNOUNCED RECENTLY BY THE GOVERNOR PROVIDE ALMOST UNLIMITED OPPORTUNITIES FOR U.S. AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION, THE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE IN NEW YORK, MR KERRY MCGLYNN, SAID YESTERDAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING TO AN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS SYMPOSIUM IN LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, MR MCGLYNN SAID THERE WERE OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE SPECTRUM OF THE DEVELOPMENT FROM FINANCING TO CONSTRUCTION TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND SUPPLY OF EQUIPMENT.

HE SAID TWO U.S. COMPANIES HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN THE 22 MONTH STUDY WHICH LED TO THE FINAL DECISION TO GO AHEAD WITH THE AIRPORT AND THAT ABOUT 20 TO 30 AMERICAN COMPANIES HAD ALREADY EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE PROJECT.

MR MCGLYNN NOTED THAT THE OPPORTUNITY FOR INTERNATIONAL INVOLVEMENT HAD BEEN UNDERLINED BY THE GOVERNMENT ESTIMATE THAT ABOUT 40 TO 60 PER CENT OF THE PROJECT WOULD BE FINANCED BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

"THE OPPORTUNITIES ARE BOUNDLESS AND AS HONG KONG PLAYS ON A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD, U.S. COMPANIES WISHING TO BECOME INVOLVED WILL HAVE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO COMPETE WITH LOCAL AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL INTERESTS IN SECURING CONTRACTS AND WORK ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROJECT," HE SAID.

/MR MCGLYNN .....

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MR MCGLYNN TOLD HIS AUDIENCE THAT THE PORT/AIRPORT PROJECT WAS BUT ONE EXAMPLE OF THE COMMITMENT THAT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR WERE PREPARED TO MAKE TOWARDS HONG KONG'S FUTURE DESTINY AS THE GATEWAY TO CHINA AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LINK TO THE WHOLE OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION.

"WE NEED THIS PORT AND AIRPORT IF WE ARE TO FULFIL THAT ROLE."

MR MCGLYNN SAID THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE GOVERNOR MEANT THAT THE NEW SAR GOVERNMENT WOULD START NOT ONLY WITH A NEW PORT AND AIRPORT BUT WOULD ALSO BE AT THE BEGINNING OF ANOTHER SPECTACULAR DEVELOPMENT PROCESS INVOLVING THE REDEVELOPMENT OF KOWLOON CITY ONCE KAI TAK WAS CLOSED AND THE FIRST RUNWAY OF THE NEW AIRPORT BECAME OPERATIONAL.

"THIS WILL LITERALLY GIVE THE NEW SAR GOVERNMENT A FLYING START AND FOCUS THE ECONOMY FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME INTO THE NEXT CENTURY.

"SO THE OPPORTUNITIES DO NOT STOP WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE PORT/AIRPORT PROJECT. A WHOLE NEW CYCLE OF SPECTACULAR DEVELOPMENT WILL BEGIN AROUND THE OLD AIRPORT SITE IN 1997," HE SAID.

MR MCGLYNN POINTED OUT THAT THE WILLINGNESS TO COMMIT VAST PUBLIC AND PRIVATE RESOURCES TO BUILD THE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR WHAT IS RAPIDLY BECOMING ASIA'S MAJOR TRANS-SHIPMENT CENTRE WAS CLEAR EVIDENCE OF HONG KONG'S DETERMINATION TO ENSURE CONTINUED ECONOMIC GROWTH.

MR MCGLYNN IS ON A THREE DAY SPEAKING AND PRESENTATIONAL TOUR OF KENTUCKY STATE. HE WILL BE ADDRESSING THE KENTUCKY COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION ON THE EVENTS OF JUNE 4 AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR HONG KONG TODAY.

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#### FUNERAL OF FIREMAN ON TUESDAY

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AN OFFICIAL FUNERAL SERVICE WITH FULL HONOURS FOR SENIOR FIREMAN MR CHAN JENG-YU, WHO DIED WHILE FIGHTING A NO. 4 ALARM FIRE IN A BUILDING AT 603-609 NATHAN ROAD, MONG KOK, WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 31) OUTSIDE THE TSIM SHA TSUI FIRE STATION IN CANTON ROAD.

THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR JOHN MARCH, OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WILL PAY THEIR LAST RESPECTS DURING THE SERVICE.

THE HEARSE WILL LEAVE THE UNIVERSAL FUNERAL PARLOUR AT 10.30 AM AND WILL ARRIVE AT THE TSIM SHA TSUI FIRE STATION AT 10.45 AM.

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IT WILL LATER PROCEED TO THE SUN HING BUILDING IN NATHAN ROAD FOR "ON-SITE" FUNERAL RITES EN ROUTE TO THE CHAI WAN CHINESE PERMANENT CEMETERY WHERE MR CHAN WILL BE BURIED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER THE OFFICIAL FUNERAL SERVICE SHOULD ARRIVE AT TSIM SHA TSUI FIRE STATION AT 10.15 AM ON TUESDAY. INFORMATION OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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STAMP DUTY RELIEF ON STOCK BORROWING TRANSACTIONS

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A BILL SEEKING TO PROVIDE FOR STAMP DUTY RELIEF ON STOCK BORROWING TRANSACTIONS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

EXPLAINING THE BACKGROUND OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE BILL WAS INTENDED TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE PROPOSAL PUT FORWARD IN THE 1989-90 BUDGET TO GRANT STAMP DUTY CONCESSION FOR THE BORROWING OF SHARE SCRIP USED TO RESOLVE LEGITIMATE SETTLEMENT PROBLEMS.

UNDER EXISTING LEGISLATION, ANY PERSON WHO BORROWS OR LENDS STOCK IS CONSIDERED TO HAVE BOUGHT OR SOLD THAT STOCK AND IS REQUIRED TO PAY STAMP DUTY IN RESPECT OF THE TRANSACTIONS.

THE STAMP DUTY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989, IF PASSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, WILL GRANT STAMP DUTY RELIEF IN RESPECT OF TRANSACTIONS WHERE STOCK IS BORROWED FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF SETTLING A SALE OF HONG KONG STOCK WHICH HAS BEEN EFFECTED ON THE UNIFIED EXCHANGE, AND STOCK OF THE SAME QUANTITY AND DESCRIPTION AS THAT BORROWED IS RETURNED WITHIN 14 DAYS.

"THE BORROWING OF STOCK IS AN INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED AND ACCEPTED METHOD OF SETTLING A TRANSACTION WHERE DELIVERY OF THE ACTUAL SCRIP SOLD BY THE VENDOR IS DELAYED," THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

"UNDER THE CURRENT 24 HOUR SETTLEMENT SYSTEM IN HONG KONG, THE AVAILABILITY OF STOCK BORROWING IS VITAL TO AVOID SETTLEMENT BACKLOGS."

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT TO FACILITATE THE ADMINISTRATION AND COUNCIL OF THE CONCESSION, "APPROVED BORROWERS" WILL IN GENERAL BE RESTRICTED TO MEMBERS OF THE UNIFIED EXCHANGE. APPROVED BORROWERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO KEEP RECORDS AND FURNISH RETURNS RELATING TO THEIR STOCK BORROWING AND STOCK RETURNS.

THE STAMP DUTY (AMENDMENT) BILL IS SCHEDULED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR FIRST READING ON NOVEMBER 15 THIS YEAR.

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TAI TAM AND SHEK O OZP APPROVED

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) PUBLISHED THE OUTLINE ZONING PLAN FOR TAI TAM AND SHEK O WHICH WAS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL ON JULY 25.

THE PLAN COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 1,124 HECTARES AND IS BOUNDED BY THE TAI TAM COUNTRY PARK TO THE WEST AND CHAI WAN TO THE NORTH, COVERING THE ENTIRE D'AGUILAR PENINSULA.

THE PLANNING AREA IS MADE UP OF LARGELY UNSPOILED TERRAIN AND SCENIC COASTAL AREA WITH MAINLY LOW-DENSITY LOW RISE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ALONG THE MAIN TRAFFIC ROUTES.

OVER HALF OF THE AREA FALLS WITHIN THE SHEK O COUNTRY PARK. FOUR POPULAR BEACHES, NAMELY TURTLE COVE, BIG WAVE BAY, ROCKY BAY AND SHEK O BEACH, ARE IN THE AREA.

THESE FEATURES TOGETHER WITH THE WELL-WOODED SLOPES HAVE PROVIDED A PLEASANT SCENIC SETTING, MAKING THE AREA A VALUABLE RECREATIONAL ASSET FOR THE TERRITORY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD SAID THE OBJECTIVE OF THE PLAN IS TO PRESERVE THE EXISTING CHARACTER OF THE AREA BY IMPOSING STATUTORY PLANNING CONTROL OVER DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA THROUGH LAND USE ZONING.

ABOUT 84.6 PER CENT OF THE AREA (950.7 HECTARES) IS DESIGNATED AS GREEN BELT WITH ONLY 3.4 PER CENT (37.8 HECTARES) FOR RESIDENTIAL USE AND FOR SHOPPING CENTRE USE. THE REST IS SPECIFICALLY ZONED FOR OPEN SPACE, GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY AND OTHER SPECIFIED USES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID STRINGENT PLANNING CONTROLS ON BUILDING HEIGHT, PLOT RATIO AND SITE COVERAGE ARE IMPOSED ON THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT.

MINOR RELAXATION OF SUCH CONTROLS MAY BE CONSIDERED BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD ON APPLICATION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE.

A NOTICE ON THE PLAN WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY.

THE PLAN CAN BE INSPECTED AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES:

- PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG; AND
- THE TOWN PLANNING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

COPIES OF THE APPROVED PLAN ARE AVAILABLE AT THE MAP AND PLAN SALES SECTION, SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND THE KOWLOON MAP AND PLAN SALES SECTION, 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON, AT A COST OF \$10 EACH UNCOLOURED AND \$50 EACH COLOURED PRINTED VERSION.

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SECOND QUARTER SHIPPING, PORT AND CARGO STATISTICS RELEASED

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IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989, 4,458 SHIPS WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 27.1 MILLION NET REGISTERED TONS (NRT) ARRIVED IN HONG KONG, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 437 (OR 11 PER CENT) IN NUMBER AND OF 3.4 MILLION NRT (OR 14 PER CENT) IN CAPACITY OVER THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1988.

THIS IS CONTAINED IN THE "HONG KONG SHIPPING STATISTICS REPORT APRIL - JUNE 1989" PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CARGO DISCHARGED IN HONG KONG FROM INCOMING SHIPS (ESTIMATED FROM A SAMPLE OF MANIFEST CONSIGNMENTS) INCREASED BY 1 PER CENT.

WHEN ANALYSED BY SHIP TYPE, MAJOR INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE NUMBER OF CONTAINER VESSELS (+207), OIL TANKERS (+179) AND CONVENTIONAL CARGO VESSELS (+64), WHILE A MAJOR DECREASE WAS RECORDED IN THE NUMBER OF ROLL-ON/ROLL-OFF VESSELS (-21).

WHEN ANALYSED BY FLAG OF VESSELS, MAJOR INCREASES IN NUMBER WERE RECORDED FOR SHIPS REGISTERED IN CHINA (+221), PANAMA (+100), THE USA (+19) AND WEST GERMANY (+18), WHILE A DECREASE WAS RECORDED FOR THOSE REGISTERED IN THE PHILIPPINES (-13).

THE NUMBER OF INCOMING SHIPS WITH A CAPACITY OF LESS THAN 10,000 DEADWEIGHT TONS INCREASED BY 307 WHILST THE NUMBER OF THOSE WITH A LARGER CAPACITY INCREASED BY 130.

IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989, THERE WERE 4,464 OUTGOING SHIPS WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 27.0 MILLION NRT, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 457 (OR 11 PER CENT) IN NUMBER AND OF 3.3 MILLION NRT (OR 14 PER CENT) IN CAPACITY OVER THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1988.

THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CARGO LOADED ONTO OUTGOING SHIPS (ESTIMATED FROM A SAMPLE OF MANIFEST CONSIGNMENTS) ROSE BY 10 PER CENT. ABOUT 68 PER CENT OF THE DEPARTING SHIPS STAYED IN HONG KONG FOR LESS THAN TWO DAYS.

OF THE CARGO DISCHARGED FROM INCOMING SHIPS, 86 PER CENT IN TERMS OF TONNAGE WAS IMPORTS AND 14 PER CENT WAS TRANSHIPMENT CARGO. OF THE CARGO LOADED ONTO OUTGOING SHIPS, 61 PER CENT WAS EXPORTS (INCLUDING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS) AND 39 PER CENT WAS TRANSHIPMENT CARGO.

THE MAJOR COUNTRIES OF LOADING FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS IN TONNAGE TERMS WERE SINGAPORE (16 PER CENT), SOUTH AFRICA (14 PER CENT), JAPAN (14 PER CENT), AUSTRALIA (11 PER CENT), CHINA (10 PER CENT), TAIWAN (7 PER CENT) AND THE USA (5 PER CENT), WHILE THE MAJOR COUNTRIES OF DISCHARGE FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS WERE THE USA (21 PER CENT), CHINA (17 PER CENT), TAIWAN (12 PER CENT), JAPAN (5 PER CENT), SOUTH KOREA (5 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (5 PER CENT) AND INDONESIA (4 PER CENT).

/TRANSHIPMENT CARGO .....

TRANSHIPMENT CARGO WAS MAINLY LOADED IN CHINA (31 PER CENT) AND THE USA (21 PER CENT), AND WAS MAINLY DISCHARGED IN CHINA (19 PER CENT) AND THE USA (13 PER CENT).

COMPARING THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989 WITH THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1988, MAJOR INCREASES IN TONNAGE WERE NOTED FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS FROM AUSTRALIA (+41 PER CENT), JAPAN (+20 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (+16 PER CENT) AND SOUTH KOREA (+13 PER CENT); WHILE MAJOR DECREASES IN TONNAGE WERE NOTED FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS FROM BRAZIL (-19 PER CENT), TAIWAN (-18 PER CENT) AND CHINA (-11 PER CENT).

AS A WHOLE, THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF SEABORNE IMPORTS ROSE BY 3 PER CENT. AMONG THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES, MAJOR INCREASES IN CARGO TONNAGE WERE RECORDED FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS OF TEXTILE FIBRES (+120 PER CENT), CEREALS AND CEREAL PREPARATIONS (+26 PER CENT), OTHER MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT AND PARTS, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED (+16 PER CENT) AND TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD, ALL KINDS (+15 PER CENT); WHILE MAJOR DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS OF LOGS AND TIMBER (-27 PER CENT), ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS (-24 PER CENT) AND IRON AND STEEL (-22 PER CENT).

COMPARING THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989 WITH THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1988, THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF SEABORNE EXPORTS (DOMESTIC EXPORTS PLUS RE-EXPORTS) INCREASED BY 15 PER CENT.

MAJOR INCREASES IN TONNAGE WERE RECORDED FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS TO CHINA (+50 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+22 PER CENT), THE USA (+21 PER CENT) AND WEST GERMANY (+16 PER CENT); WHILE MAJOR DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS TO JAPAN (-13 PER CENT) AND SINGAPORE (-5 PER CENT).

AMONG THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES, MAJOR INCREASES IN TONNAGE WERE NOTED FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS OF PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (+63 PER CENT), CLAY AND KAOLIN (+52 PER CENT), MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURES OF METAL AND NON-METALLIC MINERALS, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED (+35 PER CENT) AND COTTON GARMENTS (+30 PER CENT); WHILE A MAJOR DECREASE WAS RECORDED FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS OF VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (-24 PER CENT).

OF THE CARGO DISCHARGED FROM INCOMING SHIPS, INCLUDING SEABORNE IMPORTS AND INWARD TRANSHIPMENT, 34 PER CENT IN TERMS OF TONNAGE WAS CONTAINERISED CARGO. OF THOSE LOADED ONTO OUTGOING SHIPS, INCLUDING SEABORNE EXPORTS AND OUTWARD TRANSHIPMENT, 78 PER CENT WAS CONTAINERISED CARGO.

IN TERMS OF TONNAGE, CONTAINERISED CARGO ACCOUNTED FOR 28 PER CENT OF SEABORNE IMPORTS. IN PARTICULAR, CONTAINERISED CARGO ACCOUNTED FOR A LARGE PROPORTION OF SEABORNE IMPORTS FROM ITALY (99 PER CENT), THE USA (85 PER CENT), THE NETHERLANDS (78 PER CENT) AND WEST GERMANY (75 PER CENT).

THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CONTAINERISED SEABORNE IMPORTS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989 ROSE BY 12 PER CENT OVER THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1988.

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AMONG THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES, CONTAINERISED CARGO ACCOUNTED FOR, IN TONNAGE TERMS, 92 PER CENT OF SEABORNE IMPORTS OF ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, 91 PER CENT OF PAPER, PAPERBOARD AND ARTICLES OF PAPER PULP, OF PAPER OR OF PAPERBOARD, 91 PER CENT OF OTHER ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC APPLIANCES AND PARTS AND 88 PER CENT OF MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURES OF METAL AND NON-METALLIC MINERALS, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED.

FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS, CONTAINERISED CARGO ACCOUNTED FOR 70 PER CENT IN TERMS OF TONNAGE. IN PARTICULAR, CONTAINERISED CARGO ACCOUNTED FOR ALL OR A VERY LARGE PROPORTION OF SEABORNE EXPORTS TO WEST GERMANY, THE NETHERLANDS, THE USA, THE UNITED KINGDOM, AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN.

THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CONTAINERISED SEABORNE EXPORTS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989 ROSE BY 12 PER CENT OVER THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1988.

ALL OR A VERY LARGE PROPORTION OF SEABORNE EXPORTS OF SOME PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES WERE CONTAINERISED. THESE INCLUDED COTTON GARMENTS; GARMENTS OF MIXED MATERIALS OR OTHER MATERIALS, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED; TOYS; FOOTWEAR; COTTON TEXTILES; PLASTIC MANUFACTURES, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED; TEXTILES OF MIXED MATERIALS OR OTHER MATERIALS, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED; AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED.

SHIPPING STATISTICS ARE COMPILED PRIMARILY FROM GENERAL DECLARATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE MARINE DEPARTMENT BY SHIPMASTERS OR AUTHORISED SHIPPING AGENTS AND COVER ALL OCEAN-GOING VESSELS ENTERING AND LEAVING HONG KONG, EXCLUDING YACHTS AND PLEASURE CRAFT.

PORT AND CARGO STATISTICS ARE COMPILED FROM OCEAN CARGO MANIFESTS SUPPLIED BY SHIPPING COMPANIES OR AGENTS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

BECAUSE OF RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS, A SAMPLE OF ALL CONSIGNMENTS LISTED IN THE MANIFESTS IS USED FOR COMPILING PORT AND CARGO STATISTICS. THE SAMPLING METHOD IS DESCRIBED IN THE EXPLANATORY NOTES OF THE REPORT.

MORE DETAILS ON SHIPPING, PORT AND CARGO STATISTICS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989 ARE CONTAINED IN THE "HONG KONG SHIPPING STATISTICS REPORT APRIL TO JUNE 1989", WHICH IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AT \$23 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ON STATISTICS PROVIDED IN THE REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE SHIPPING STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 5-8234887.

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CHOLERA CASE CONFIRMED

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AN 11-YEAR-OLD VIETNAMESE BOY WAS CONFIRMED TO BE SUFFERING FROM CHOLERA, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE BOY WAS AMONG A GROUP OF 12 VIETNAMESE WHO ARRIVED IN HONG KONG BY BOAT ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 23). UPON ARRIVAL, HE WAS FOUND TO BE SUFFERING FROM DIARRHOEA AND VOMITING.

HE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ADMITTED TO PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL WHERE HIS CONDITION WAS DESCRIBED AS SATISFACTORY.

LABORATORY TEST RESULTS CONFIRMED TODAY THAT THE PATIENT WAS SUFFERING FROM CHOLERA EL TOR. AS THE BOY DEVELOPED THE ILLNESS ON ARRIVAL AT HONG KONG, THE CASE WAS CLASSIFIED AS AN IMPORTED ONE.

OFFICERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAD VISITED THE ABERDEEN MARINE POLICE DEPOT WHERE THE VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE WERE DETAINED.

THIS GROUP OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE TOGETHER WITH 136 OTHERS WHO WERE DETAINED IN THE DEPOT RECEIVED MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND WERE GIVEN PREVENTIVE DRUGS. THE DEPOT WAS ALSO DISINFECTED.

ALL 147 VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE WERE LATER TRANSFERRED TO THE GREEN ISLAND RECEPTION CENTRE WHERE THEY ARE UNDER HEALTH SURVEILLANCE.

THE DEPARTMENT URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO CONTINUE TO OBSERVE STRICT PERSONAL, FOOD AND ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE TO AVOID CONTRACTING CHOLERA.

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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR RETIRES AFTER A 22-YEAR MARINE CAREER

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NOT TOO MANY PEOPLE IN HIS TIME WOULD HAVE CHERISHED SEAGOING AS A CAREER; BUT FOR MR BERNARD TANG, IT WAS BOTH A CHILDHOOD DREAM AND A LIFETIME MISSION.

AND AFTER 22 YEARS' SERVICE WITH THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, MR TANG, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (MARINE DISTRICTS), WILL GO ON PRE-RETIREMENT LEAVE NEXT MONTH BEFORE RETIRING IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR.

THE FIRST FROM HIS SCHOOL TO HAVE JOINED THE SHIPPING WORLD AFTER GRADUATING IN 1957, MR TANG STARTED HIS SEABORNE CAREER WITH A SHIPPING COMPANY IN LIVERPOOL, UK.

"AN INTERESTING POINT TO MAKE WAS THAT OUT OF THE 25 CANDIDATES TAKING THE CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY EXAMINATION IN LONDON THEN, I AND THE OTHER FOUR WHO PASSED WERE ALL COMMONWEALTH NON-UK CITIZENS," HE SAID.

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AFTER A RESPECTABLE 11 YEARS OF WORK AT SEA, MR TANG DECIDED TO HAVE A CHANGE AND LOOKED FOR A LAND-BASED JOB. THAT EXPLAINS WHY HE JOINED THE MARINE DEPARTMENT AS MARINE OFFICER IN 1967 AT THE AGE OF 32.

WORKING FOR THE THEN "MARDEP", AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN TO SEAFARERS, ALSO PUT HIM IN THE MORE "OUSTANDING" GROUP.

"IT WAS BECAUSE OUT OF THE 13 MARINE OFFICERS RECRUITED THEN, I WAS ONE OF THE FIVE CHINESE OFFICERS TO JOIN THE DEPARTMENT," HE SAID.

MODEST WITH THE PROJECTS FOR WHICH HE HAD PUT HIS SHOULDER TO THE WHEEL, HE RECALLED STARTING THE PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA (PCWA) SCHEME FROM SCRATCH.

"IN ORDER TO REGULATE BOTH EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY THE LOADING AND UNLOADING OF GOODS FROM VESSELS ALONG THE LONG SEAFRONT, THE GOVERNMENT HAD PLANS TO SET UP PCWA'S WELL BEFORE 1974.

"AFTER MUCH PLANNING AND NEGOTIATING FOR LAND AND SO FORTH, THE FIRST PCWA WAS SET UP IN WAN CHAI IN 1974 AND THE SUBSEQUENT PHASES OF DEVELOPMENT HAVE BEEN AND ARE STILL GOING ON WELL AS ENVISAGED," MR TANG SAID WITH A HINT OF SATISFACTION.

ANOTHER AREA WHICH HE HAS VENTURED INTO IS THE PORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY STUDY (PDSS), WHICH PROVIDES AN INPUT FOR THE PADS (OR PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY) STUDY.

"IN FACT, AS EARLY AS 1988 WE HAD THE IDEA OF DEVELOPING THE WESTERN HARBOUR AREA AND PUT THEM FORWARD IN THE EXPOSHIP (AN EXHIBITION FOR THE MARITIME INDUSTRY) WHICH THEN BECAME THE BLUEPRINT OF PDSS," MR TANG SAID.

THE LAST PROJECT TO BE ETCHED IN HIS MEMORY IS THE DWELLING BOAT CLEARANCE OPERATION IN YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER IN JULY THIS YEAR.

"I BELIEVE THE OPERATION WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IF NOT FOR THE CONCERTED EFFORTS OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED," HE SAID.

WITH AN AMPLE MARITIME EXPERIENCE, MR TANG ALSO LET HIS EXPERTISE GO GLOBAL. IN FACT HE HAS BEEN A MARITIME CONSULTANT TO SEVERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANISATIONS FOR MANY YEARS.

"I HOPE I CAN CONTINUE TO SERVE IN THE CONSULTANCY FIELD AFTER RETIREMENT," HE SAID.

THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR DERICK HALL, TODAY (FRIDAY) PRESENTED A GIFT TO MR TANG AT A CEREMONY ATTENDED BY MANY OF HIS COLLEAGUES.

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THANKING MR TANG FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO MANY AREAS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S WORK, MR HALL SAID: "YOUR SERVICE HAS GAINED YOU RESPECT WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS AMONG MARINE PROFESSIONALS IN OUR COMMUNITY."

PROJECTS IN WHICH THE OUTGOING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR HAD PURSUED A CRUCIAL ROLE INCLUDED, APART FROM STARTING PCWA'S AND PLANNING PORT DEVELOPMENT, CLEARING UP AN OIL SPILL AT AP LEI CHAU IN 1974 AND CO-ORDINATING A MARINE PROGRAMME FOR THE FIRST ROYAL VISIT BY THE QUEEN TO HONG KONG IN 1975.

ALL THE MORE, MR TANG'S PARTICIPATION IN THE MANY INTERNATIONAL SEMINARS AND CONFERENCE OVERSEAS, WHICH FORMED AN IMPRESSIVE PART OF HIS CAREER, "INDICATES THE HIGH RESPECT HE HAS SCORED IN THE INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING AND MARINE WORLDS," MR HALL SAID.

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#### WAN CHAI FESTIVAL OFFERS A VARIETY OF WEEKEND EVENTS

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A NUMBER OF CULTURAL AND ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS WILL BE HELD IN WAN CHAI THIS WEEKEND AS PART OF THE WAN CHAI FESTIVAL PROGRAMME.

THE FIRST EVENT IS AN EXHIBITION OF HISTORICAL PICTURES OF WAN CHAI AND CHINESE FOLK ART SHOW AT HENNESSY CENTRE, CAUSEWAY BAY, FROM 10 AM TO 7 PM DAILY, STARTING TOMORROW.

OLD PHOTOGRAPHS OF WAN CHAI, MOST OF WHICH ARE PROVIDED BY COURTESY OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OFFICE, WILL BE ON DISPLAY.

AN ADDED ATTRACTION WILL BE DEMONSTRATION OF VARIOUS TRADITIONAL CHINESE CRAFTS INCLUDING PAPER CRAFT, FRUIT SCULPTURE, FAN PAINTING, FLOUR FIGURINE-MAKING AND THREAD SPINNING.

THE EXHIBITION AND FOLK ART SHOW WILL MOVE TO TAI YAU ARCADE ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 31), AND FROM THERE TO HOPEWELL CENTRE ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 3). ADMISSION TO THE EXHIBITION IS FREE.

THE SECOND EVENT IS A "WAN CHAI TODAY" DRAWING COMPETITION AT THE HAPPY VALLEY SPORTS GROUND TOMORROW AFTERNOON FOR CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN FOUR AND 12.

A "JOINT SCHOOL MUSIC NIGHT" WILL BEGIN AT 7.30 PM AT THE ST JAMES SETTLEMENT, STONE NULLAH LANE.

THE MAJORITY OF PERFORMANCES WILL BE PRESENTED BY STUDENTS FROM SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT.

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THEY WILL INCLUDE CHINESE ORCHESTRAL MUSIC BY THE CHINESE ORCHESTRA OF ST PAUL'S CONVENT SCHOOL; CHINESE FOLK SONGS BY STUDENTS OF THE CONFUCIUS MIDDLE SCHOOL AND TRUE LIGHT MIDDLE SCHOOL, DANCES OF BALI AND SUMATRA BY THE INDONESIAN SCHOOL, AND CHINESE DANCES BY LINGNAN MIDDLE SCHOOL.

"A DISCO NIGHT" WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 29) IN THE PARK LANE HOTEL, STARTING AT 8 PM.

ON THE SAME DAY, THE RECREATION, AMENITIES AND SPORTS SECTION OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A VOLLEYBALL COMPETITION IN THE HARBOUR ROAD INDOOR GAMES HALL.

A "PONY RIDE FOR CHILDREN" WILL BE HELD AT THE POK FU LAM RIDING SCHOOL.

THOSE WHO HAVE APPLIED TO JOIN, OR OBTAINED TICKETS FOR THE ABOVE EVENTS, ARE REMINDED TO BE PUNCTUAL.

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CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL TO START ON SUNDAY

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A TOTAL OF 41 RECREATIONAL, EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL, AND ENTERTAINMENT ACTIVITIES ARE IN STORE FOR RESIDENTS OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT DURING THE FIVE-WEEK DISTRICT FESTIVAL TO START ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 29).

THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN A VARIETY OF EVENTS TO BE HELD AT MORE THAN 30 VENUES WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT.

DETAILS OF THE \$1.5 MILLION FESTIVAL WERE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR LIU LIT-FOR, THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

HE SAID THE FESTIVAL WOULD START WITH A TWO-HOUR OPENING CEREMONY AND TELEVISION VARIETY SHOW AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT ON SUNDAY, BEGINNING AT 3 PM.

MR LIU, TOGETHER WITH THE SENIOR LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR ALLEN LEE AND THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, WILL OFFICIATE AT A SWITCHING-ON CEREMONY.

THE SHOW, TO BE PRODUCED BY ASIA TELEVISION LIMITED, WILL FEATURE A DRAGON DANCE, SILVER BAND PARADE, TELEMATCHES, ACROBATIC SHOWS AND PERFORMANCES BY SINGERS, INCLUDING MAK KIT-MAN, CHEUNG LAP-KEI AND LOUIS CASTRO.

THE WINNER OF THE 1989 MISS ASIA PACIFIC (HONG KONG) PAGEANT, MISS YUNG HUNG, WILL BE THE SPECIAL GUEST OF THE SHOW.

IT WILL BE SCREENED ON ATV-HOME CHANNEL FROM 8.30 PM TO 9.30 PM THAT DAY.

MR LIU SAID THE FESTIVAL'S EVENTS HAD BEEN SPECIALLY ORGANISED TO CATER FOR DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS.

"A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN ARRANGED FOR THE YOUNGER GENERATION, INCLUDING A YOUTH ARTS PARADE; A GOOD STUDENT AWARD SCHEME; CHILDREN'S LYRICS, DRAWING AND STORY-TELLING COMPETITIONS; DANCING AND SINGING NIGHTS; AND A SPORTS CARNIVAL.

"FOR THE ELDERLY, WE HAVE ORGANISED A BANQUET, A FUND-RAISING VEGETARIAN MEAL, CANTONESE AND CHIU CHOW OPERAS, AND AN OUTING TO THE PEAK," HE ADDED.

ALSO, A "HEALTHY 10-DAYS FOR THE DISTRICT ELDERLY" WOULD BEGIN ON NOVEMBER 25, PROVIDING THE ELDERLY WITH FREE CHECK-UPS IN THREE LOCAL SOCIAL CENTRES, MR LIU SAID.

THE OPENING OF THE EVENT WOULD BE BROADCAST LIVE ON HK-TVB'S "ENJOY YOURSELF TONIGHT" PROGRAMME ON JADE CHANNEL, STARTING AT 10.35 PM ON THE SAME DAY.

HE SAID APART FROM ENTERTAINMENT AND SERVICES ITEMS, THERE WOULD BE A NUMBER OF INFORMATIVE EXHIBITIONS AND ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS A MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS DISPLAY AND THE "HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OPEN DAY".

"WE HAVE ALSO DESIGNED ACTIVITIES WHICH AIM TO ENHANCE CIVIC AWARENESS AND ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION AMONG RESIDENTS," MR LIU SAID, ADDING THAT THESE INCLUDED A POLLUTION-FREE ACTION PLAN, A DISTRICT POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION AND A "HONG KONG AWARENESS COURSE".

OTHER MAJOR ATTRACTIONS INCLUDED A CONCERT AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT ON NOVEMBER 19 AND TWO SEPARATE ENTERTAINMENT FUNCTIONS TO MARK THE GRAND FINALE OF THE FIVE-WEEK FESTIVAL ON DECEMBER 3.

OF THE FESTIVAL'S \$1.5 MILLION EXPENDITURE, \$300,000 IS FROM DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS, AND THE REST FROM LOCAL DONATIONS.

ADMISSION TO MOST OF THE EVENTS IS FREE. A PROGRAMME LEAFLET CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE FORMED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, SCHOOLS AND MORE THAN 50 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

EXCITING PROGRAMME FOR TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL

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A WIDE-RANGING PROGRAMME OF RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS EVENTS HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR RESIDENTS OF TSUEN WAN UNDER THE 11TH TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL WHICH WILL BEGIN ON NOVEMBER 4.

DETAILS OF THE MONTH-LONG SPORTS FESTIVAL WERE ANNOUNCED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM SHIU, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR SHUI ALSO SAID THAT A NUMBER OF LARGE RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS FACILITIES EITHER BUILT OR BEING BUILT IN THE DISTRICT WOULD PROVIDE IMPETUS TO SPORTS DEVELOPMENT.

THE TSUEN KING CIRCUIT WU CHUNG PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL HAD OPENED, AND NEW FACILITIES SUCH AS THE SHING MUN VALLEY PARK, TSO KUNG TAM PARK AND THE TSUEN WAN AUDITORIUM WOULD BE UNDERTAKEN.

"IT IS HOPED THAT THESE FACILITIES WILL HELP PROMOTE SPORTS ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT," HE SAID.

MR SHIU NOTED THAT TSUEN WAN WAS THE PIONEER IN HOLDING DISTRICT SPORTS FESTIVALS.

"THE TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL WAS FIRST HELD IN 1979 AND, WITH KEEN SUPPORT FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, IT HAS DEVELOPED INTO AN ANNUAL EVENT IN THE DISTRICT WITH REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS.

"THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE PAST FESTIVALS HAVE MADE EVERY EFFORTS AND SUCCEEDED IN BRINGING ABOUT BETTER PROGRAMMES EACH YEAR," HE SAID.

ON THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMMES, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, MR CHUNG WAI-PING, SAID THE FESTIVAL WOULD OPEN WITH A MARATHON SWIMMING COMPETITION AT APPROACH BEACH ON NOVEMBER 4.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED TABLE TENNIS AND MARTIAL ARTS DEMONSTRATIONS BY TEAMS FROM CHINA.

IN ADDITION, A WIDE RANGE OF SPORTS EVENTS INCLUDING ARCHERY, MINI-SOCCER, FIVE-A-SIDE SOCCER, BASKETBALL, HANDBALL, TENNIS, TABLE TENNIS, BADMINTON, AEROBIC DANCE, GO-KART RACING AND CROSS-COUNTRY MARATHON WOULD BE HELD AT VARIOUS VENUES.

"THE PROGRAMME ALSO INCLUDES A BOXING COMPETITION, AND SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THE HANDICAPPED AND THE ELDERLY," MR CHUNG SAID.

THE SPORTS FESTIVAL IS ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE FEDERATION OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT SPORTS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATIONS.

EXPENDITURE IN THE FESTIVAL IS ESTIMATED TO BE OVER \$1 MILLION, WITH \$300,000 COMING FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD, \$350,000 FROM THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, AND THE REMAINDER FROM LOCAL DONATIONS.

SPECIAL DB MEETING ON CONTAINER TERMINAL

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THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 30) TO DISCUSS THE CONSTRUCTION OF CONTAINER TERMINAL NO. 8.

THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (PLANNING) (SPECIAL DUTIES) OF THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS BRANCH, MR DEREK GOULD, AND SENIOR TOWN PLANNER OF THE PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY/PROJECT CO-ORDINATION OFFICE, MR GRAEME ROBERTS, WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE PROJECT AND ANSWER QUESTIONS.

ALSO, THE BOARD WILL BE ASKED TO ENDORSE FOUR PROJECTS APPROVED BY ITS COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE. MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE REDISTRIBUTION OF DB FUNDS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD SPECIAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 30) AT THE SHEK KIP MEI COMMUNITY HALL, BLOCK 42, SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE, NAM CHEONG STREET. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM.

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PREQUALIFICATION FOR HOSPITAL EXTENSION PROJECT

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING CONTRACTORS TO PARTICIPATE IN A PREQUALIFICATION EXERCISE FOR STAGE 3 OF THE QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL EXTENSIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAMME, INVOLVING ADDITIONS AND ALTERATIONS TO BLOCK B AND THE PATHOLOGY BUILDING.

THE RENOVATION PROJECT WILL INVOLVE THE UPGRADING OF FINISHES, FITTINGS, BUILDING SERVICES AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DANGEROUS GOODS STORE AND PLANT ROOMS AND OTHER ITEMS.

FEATURES OF THE CONTRACT ARE THE SIZE AND COMPLEXITY OF THE ADDITIONS AND ALTERATION WORKS. OPERATION OF THE HOSPITAL WILL BE MAINTAINED WHILE CONSTRUCTION WORKS ARE IN PROGRESS. A HIGH LEVEL OF CO-ORDINATION, ESPECIALLY ON THE BUILDING SERVICES, IS NECESSARY.

THE PROJECT IS SCHEDULED TO START IN MAY NEXT YEAR AND BE COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER 1993.

ONLY CONTRACTORS ON THE LANDS AND WORKS APPROVED CONTRACTORS LIST 1 GROUP 'C' FOR "BUILDING" OR LIST 2 FOR "BUILDING" MAY APPLY FOR PREQUALIFICATION.

THEY SHOULD WRITE TO THE DIRECTOR OF ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES (ATTN. CHIEF ARCHITECT/6), 40TH FLOOR, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, BEFORE NOVEMBER 17.

A NOTICE ON THE PREQUALIFICATION EXERCISE WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

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CROSS TOLO HARBOUR SWIM ON SUNDAY

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THE 22ND CROSS TOLO HARBOUR SWIM WILL BE HELD IN TAI PO ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 29).

A TOTAL OF 1,485 PEOPLE HAVE ENROLLED FOR THE ANNUAL EVENT. AMONG THEM, 1,213 ARE MEN AND 272 WOMEN. THE YOUNGEST ENTRANT IS 11 YEARS OLD AND THE OLDEST 75.

THE RACE IS ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND CO-SPONSORED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD AND A BREWERY.

IT WILL START AT 10.30 AM AT SHA LAN BEACH IN SHUEN WAN AND FINISH AT THE TAI MEI TUK WATER SPORTS CENTRE, COVERING A DISTANCE OF 2.4 KILOMETRES.

THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR THOMAS YIU, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE STARTING CEREMONY.

THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR LEO KWAN, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT THE WATER SPORTS CENTRE AT 12.10 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE 22ND CROSS TOLO HARBOUR SWIM IN TAI PO ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 29).

A COACH TAKING MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO THE STARTING POINT AT SHA LAN BEACH WILL LEAVE TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION'S LI FOOK LAM INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE, 2 ON CHEUNG ROAD, TAI PO AT 9.30 AM.

THOSE TRAVELLING ON THEIR OWN SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE PIER NEAR THE ROUNDABOUT OF SAM MUN TSAI ROAD (NEAR LUEN YICK SEAFOOD HOUSE) IN THE LUEN YICK FISHERMEN VILLAGE BY 10 AM.

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OLD-TYPE IDENTITY CARDS DECLARED INVALID

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT ALL OLD-TYPE IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED BEFORE JULY 1, 1987 TO WOMEN BORN BETWEEN 1951 AND 1956, WILL CEASE TO BE VALID DOCUMENTS FROM NOVEMBER 6 THIS YEAR.

A NOTICE TO THIS EFFECT WAS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE.

THIS IS THE SIXTH BATCH OF IDENTITY CARDS DECLARED INVALID SINCE THIS NEW IDENTITY CARD RE-ISSUE SCHEME STARTED ON JULY 1, 1987.

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"ONCE AN OLD CARD IS DECLARED INVALID, IT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR ANY PURPOSE," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

"FOR EXAMPLE, WOMEN OF THE ABOVE AGE GROUP HOLDING AN INVALID OLD-TYPE IDENTITY CARD WILL NOT BE ABLE TO USE IT FOR TRAVELLING ABROAD OR TO APPLY FOR A TRAVEL DOCUMENT."

THOSE WHO HAVE MISSED THEIR SPECIFIED CARD REPLACEMENT PERIODS DUE TO THEIR ABSENCE FROM HONG KONG OR ANY OTHER REASONS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY APPROACH ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES.

THESE CASES WILL BE LOOKED INTO THOROUGHLY AND DEALT WITH ON THEIR INDIVIDUAL MERITS.

THE SIZE OF THE NEW-TYPE IDENTITY CARDS IS THE SAME AS THE OLD ONES.

"HOWEVER THERE ARE SOME DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE OLD CARDS AND THE NEW ONES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE MAIN DIFFERENCES ARE:

- \* THE IDENTITY CARD NUMBER IS PRINTED ON THE TOP RIGHT CORNER IN THE OLD CARD, BUT THE BOTTOM RIGHT CORNER OF THE NEW CARD; AND
- \* THE HONG KONG CREST AT THE BACK IS REPLACED BY THE MULTICOLOUR BACKGROUND PRINTING.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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#### ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN KWAI CHUNG TO BE CLOSED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE CERTAIN ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN KWAI CHUNG SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND THE PUBLIC.

THEY ARE ON THE FLAT ROOFS ADJACENT TO UNITS A, B, C, D, K, L, M, N ON THE SECOND FLOOR AND UNIT 9, KITCHEN AND CANTEEN ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF BLOCK 2; AND UNITS C, D ON THE SECOND FLOOR AND UNIT A ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF BLOCK 1, 33-39 KWAI FUNG CRESCENT.

THE CLOSURE IS PART OF AN EXERCISE TO ENFORCE THE ORDERS ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE IN SEPTEMBER, 1985 REQUIRING THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURES.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS FROM THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT COURT ON NOVEMBER 24 THIS YEAR WAS POSTED ON CONSPICUOUS PARTS OF THE STRUCTURES TODAY (FRIDAY).

IT IS EXPECTED THAT DEMOLITION WILL START IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CLOSURE ORDERS ARE MADE.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT AT CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT IN CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 4 AM INSTEAD OF 7 AM THIS SUNDAY (OCTOBER 29) TO FACILITATE PREPARATIONS FOR HOLDING THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL 89, OPENING CEREMONY.

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TEMPORARY NIGHT CLOSURE OF CANAL ROAD FLYOVER UPRAMP  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD RESURFACING WORKS, THE UPRAMP LEADING FROM CANAL ROAD WEST TO CANAL ROAD FLYOVER IN WAN CHAI WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 9 PM TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FROM SUNDAY (OCTOBER 29) FOR THREE NIGHTS.

AFFECTED VEHICLES INCLUDING KOWLOON-BOUND CROSS HARBOUR BUS ROUTES 101, 103, 111, 112, 113, 116, 121, 122, 141 AND A3, WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LEIGHTON ROAD EASTBOUND, WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD AND THE UPRAMP OUTSIDE THE CARAVELLE HOTEL TO JOIN CANAL ROAD FLYOVER.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN TSUEN WAN  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE HOLDING OF THE YAN CHAI CHARITY WALK 1989, SPECIAL TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED BETWEEN 7.30 AM AND 2.30 PM ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 29).

THE SECTION OF SHING MUN ROAD BETWEEN SHING MUN RESERVOIR AND WO YI HOP ROAD, AND THE SECTION OF THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF WO YI HOP ROAD BETWEEN SAM TUNG UK ROAD AND LEI SHU ROAD, WILL BE CLOSED.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TAI KOK TSUI FERRY BOUND JOURNEYS OF KMB ROUTE 32 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CHEUNG PEI SHAN ROAD, TSUEN KAM INTERCHANGE, CHEUNG PEI SHAN ROAD, CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE ROAD WEST, CHEUNG SHAN BUS TERMINUS, SHING MUN ROAD, CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE ROAD WEST, CHEUNG PEI SHAN ROAD, TSUEN KAM INTERCHANGE, TEXACO ROAD NORTH, KWOK SHUI ROAD, CHEUNG WING ROAD AND WO YI HOP ROAD BEFORE RESUMING THE NORMAL ROUTEING.

KWAI SHING BOUND JOURNEYS OF GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 94 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SHEK ON STREET, SHEK KWAI STREET, CHEUNG PEI SHAN ROAD, TSUEN KAM INTERCHANGE, TEXACO ROAD NORTH, KWOK SHUI ROAD AND KWAI CHUNG ROAD BEFORE RESUMING THE NORMAL ROUTEING.

GMB ROUTES 82, 82M AND 94S WILL BE TRUNCATED TO PLY BETWEEN TSUEN WAN AND CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE ONLY. THE NORMAL SERVICE WILL BE RESUMED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CHARITY WALK.

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