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FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 6 PUBLISHED
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THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 6, WHICH GIVES A FULL REVIEW OF THE WORK DONE BY THE COMMITTEE IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS, WAS PUBLISHED TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE REPORT, THE FIRST FCC ANNUAL REPORT, COVERS THE PERIOD FROM NOVEMBER 1985 TO OCTOBER 1986.

INTRODUCING THE REPORT TO THE PRESS, DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR AND CHAIRMAN OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID IT WAS AN HISTORIC DOCUMENT IN TWO SENSES OF THE WORD.

+FIRST, IT IS A COMPREHENSIVE STATEMENT OF WHAT HAS BEEN DONE BY THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE IN THE PAST YEAR TO TACKLE CRIME.

+SECOND, IT COMES AT A TIME WHEN THE DEGREE OF COMMITMENT AND POSITIVE ACTION BEING TAKEN -- AT ALL LEVELS OF OUR SOCIETY -- IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME, HAS NEVER BEEN GREATER.+

QUOTING FIGURES IN THE REPORT, SIR DAVID SAID THERE HAD BEEN A VERY ENCOURAGING DECREASE OF FOUR PER CENT IN OVERALL REPORTED CRIME IN THE FIRST THREE-QUARTERS OF 1986, COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1985.

+THE DECREASE IN VIOLENT CRIME HAS ALSO CONTINUED THIS YEAR, PARTICULARLY FOR THE CRIME OF ROBBERY WHERE THE NUMBER IS NOW AT THE SAME LEVEL AS IN 1978 BUT THE POPULATION HAS INCREASED BY ABOUT 20 PER CENT.+

BURGLARIES, AFTER A STEADY UPWARD TREND IN RECENT YEARS, DECREASED ENCOURAGINGLY BY 13 PER CENT IN 1986.

+HOWEVER, IT IS SOBERING TO NOTE THAT 25 PER CENT OF THE CASES STILL INVOLVED PREMISES LEFT UNLOCKED. THE MESSAGE TO PROPERTY OWNERS IS CLEAR 'LOCK UP',+ SIR DAVID SAID.

THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, HE SAID, WAS PRESSING AHEAD TO PUT INTO ACTION THE MEASURES AGAINST TRIADS SUPPORTED BY THE PUBLIC AND ADVICE WOULD BE SOUGHT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR INCREASING FINES UNDER THE SOCIETIES ORDINANCE.

+WE ARE ALSO CURRENTLY PUTTING DETAILED PROPOSALS TO THE WORKING GROUP ON GANGS REGARDING THE TRIAD RENUNCIATION SCHEME, WHILE BOTH THIS WORKING GROUP AND THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON YOUNG OFFENDERS HAVE STARTED TO TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT THE PROBLEM OF TRIADS IN SCHOOLS.+

HE SAID THE FCC WAS MAINTAINING ITS EQUALLY STRONG COMMITMENT TO CRIME PREVENTION AND THE 1987-88 FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN WOULD PRESS HOME THE INITIATIVE OF THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN DIRECTED AT PREVENTING RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES AND PUBLICISING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME.

/+THE RECENT

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+THE RECENT DROP IN CRIMINAL ACTS AGAINST HOME SHOWS, I THINK, THAT THE MESSAGE IS GETTING HOME,+ HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID APPEALED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR THEIR CO-OPERATION, SIMPLY BY LOCKING UP THEIR HOMES, TO MAKE THE CAMPAIGN EFFECTIVE, ADDING THAT IT WOULD ALSO ATTACK SHOP THEFT AND JUVENILE CRIME.

HE SAID THE FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN RECEIVED THE FULLEST SUPPORT OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND HELP FROM THE 19 DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEES.

+DURING THE YEAR, THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN HEAVILY INVOLVED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SECOND AND THIRD PHASES OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME AND THEY DESERVE FULL CREDIT FOR THE POPULARITY AND SUCCESS OF THE SCHEME WHICH, BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER, COVERED MORE THAN 28 500 FAMILIES.

+I GREATLY LOOK FORWARD TO THE FCC-DFCC ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN JANUARY AND THE INSIGHTS MEMBERS WILL GIVE INTO THE MANY PROBLEMS THEY ARE CONCERNED WITH,+ SAID SIR DAVID.

THE FCC REPORT NO. 6 CONTAINS 13 CHAPTERS ON THE CRIME SITUATION ; PUBLICITY; USE OF FIREARMS IN CRIME; SECURITY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT; PORNOGRAPHIC VIDEO TAPES AND NUISANCES ASSOCIATED WITH PROSTITUTION ; SECURITY OF GOLDSMITH AND JEWELLERY SHOPS, BANKS AND GOLD WORKSHOPS; STANDING COMMITTEE ON UNRULY AND DELINQUENT BEHAVIOUR IN SCHOOLS ; WORKING GROUP ON GANGS; DISCUSSION DOCUMENT ON OPTIONS FOR CHANGES IN THE LAW AND IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAW TO COUNTER THE TRIAD PROBLEM; WORKING GROUP ON YOUTH-STANDING COMMITTEE ON YOUNG OFFENDERS ; COMMERCIAL CRIME, RESEARCH AND DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEES.

THERE ARE ALSO APPENDICES ON CRIME STATISTICS.

COPIES IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH ARE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES.

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MONETARY STATISTICS FOR OCTOBER RELEASED
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STATISTICS PUBLISHED TODAY BY THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH SHOWED SOME ACCELERATION IN THE GROWTH RATES OF HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS AND HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY IN OCTOBER. THIS WAS DESPITE RELATIVELY LOW INTEREST RATES FOR THE HONG KONG DOLLAR.

ACTIVITY IN THE STOCK MARKET ALMOST CERTAINLY CONTRIBUTED, AS EVIDENCED BY THE UNUSUALLY RAPID GROWTH OF HONG KONG DOLLAR DEMAND DEPOSITS DURING THE MONTH.

FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS CONTINUED TO RECORD RAPID GROWTH IN OCTOBER.

LOANS TO FINANCE HONG KONG'S VISIBLE TRADE ALSO GREW FASTER IN OCTOBER, BUT GROWTH IN OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG SLOWED DOWN.

TABLE 1, WHICH HAS BEEN SENT BY FACSIMILE NETWORK AND ALSO BOXED FOR COLLECTION, SETS OUT SUMMARY FIGURES FOR OCTOBER 1986 AND COMPARISONS WITH EARLIER MONTHS.

DEPOSITS

IN OCTOBER, HONG KONG DOLLOR DEMAND DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 7.1 PER CENT AFTER A FALL OF 0.9 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER. SAVINGS DEPOSITS ALSO INCREASED, BY 4.3 PER CENT BUT TIME DEPOSITS FELL BY 0.6 PER CENT.

TOTAL HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 2.2 PER CENT AFTER INCREASES OF 1.0 PER CENT IN AUGUST AND 1.9 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER. OVER THE YEAR (THE 12 MONTHS TO THE END OF OCTOBER), THESE GREW BY 12.2 PER CENT.

FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS GREW BY 2.7 PER CENT IN OCTOBER AND 36.1 PER CENT OVER THE YEAR.

FOREIGN CURRENCY SWAP DEPOSITS DECREASED BY 3.9 PER CENT IN OCTOBER. ADJUSTED TO INCLUDE THESE DEPOSITS, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 1.5 PER CENT IN OCTOBER AND BY 13.5 PER CENT OVER THE YEAR; ADJUSTED FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS GREW BY 3.5 PER CENT IN OCTOBER AND BY 37.4 PER CENT OVER THE YEAR.

DEPOSITS (ALL CURRENCIES) WITH BANKS INCREASED BY 3.1 PER CENT IN OCTOBER WHILE THOSE WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES FELL BY 1.1 PER CENT. OVER THE YEAR, THE FORMER GREW BY 32.3 PER CENT WHILE THE LATTER FELL BY 9.7 PER CENT.

HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY

HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY M1 INCREASED FASTER IN OCTOBER, BY 4.5 PER CENT AFTER A SMALL INCREASE OF 0.2 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER. HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3 ALSO GREW MORE RAPIDLY THAN THE PREVIOUS MONTH, BY 3.1 PER CENT AND 2.3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. OVER THE YEAR, HK\$M1 GREW BY 15.8 PER CENT, HK\$M2 BY 18.5 PER CENT AND HK\$M3 BY 13.3 PER CENT.

/TOTAL MONEY

TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY

TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY M1 INCREASED BY 4.3 PER CENT IN OCTOBER, AFTER HAVING DECREASED BY 1.4 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER. TOTAL M2 AND TOTAL M3 GREW BY 3.0 PER CENT AND 2.5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. OVER THE YEAR, TOTAL M1 INCREASED BY 16.4 PER CENT, TOTAL M2 BY 31.5 PER CENT AND TOTAL M3 BY 24.3 PER CENT.

LOANS AND ADVANCES

LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES FELL IN OCTOBER, BY 0.4 PER CENT AFTER INCREASES OF 0.5 PER CENT IN AUGUST AND 2.6 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER. OVER THE YEAR, THEY GREW BY 12.7 PER CENT.

LOANS DENOMINATED IN HONG KONG DOLLARS GREW FASTER IN OCTOBER, AT 2.2 PER CENT WHILE LOANS DENOMINATED IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES FELL BY 2.9 PER CENT. OVER THE YEAR, THE FORMER GREW BY 11.6 PER CENT WHILE THE LATTER GREW BY 13.8 PER CENT.

WITHIN THE TOTAL, LOANS TO FINANCE THE VISIBLE TRADE OF HONG KONG ROSE BY 2.2 PER CENT AFTER AN INCREASE OF 1.6 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER. OVER THE YEAR THEY GREW BY 16.3 PER CENT. OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG INCREASED BY 0.8 PER CENT AFTER INCREASES OF 1.6 PER CENT IN AUGUST AND 2.6 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER. OVER THE YEAR, THEY GREW BY 13.3 PER CENT.

NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

THE NUMBER OF REPORTING LICENSED BANKS DECREASED BY ONE TO 148. THE NUMBER OF REPORTING LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES INCREASED BY ONE TO 38 WHILE THE NUMBER OF REPORTING REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES DECREASED BY TWO TO 257.

MONETARY STATISTICS - OCTOBER 1986

(HK\$mn)

Money Supply	Oct 1986	Earlier months (% change to October 1986)		
	-----	Sep 1986	Jul 1986	Oct 1985
M1 - HK\$	47,649	45,603 (4.5 %)	42,474 (12.2 %)	41,139 (15.8 %)
Foreign currency	4,417	4,293 (2.9 %)	4,946 (-10.7 %)	3,584 (23.2 %)
Total	52,066	49,896 (4.3 %)	47,420 (9.8 %)	44,723 (16.4 %)
M2 - HK\$	225,138	218,419 (3.1 %)	210,350 (7.0 %)	190,041 (18.5 %)
Foreign currency	267,120	259,447 (3.0 %)	238,903 (11.8 %)	184,375 (44.9 %)
Total	492,258	477,866 (3.0 %)	449,253 (9.6 %)	374,416 (31.5 %)
M3 - HK\$	258,889	253,152 (2.3 %)	245,513 (5.4 %)	228,582 (13.3 %)
Foreign currency	309,518	301,587 (2.6 %)	284,796 (8.7 %)	228,828 (35.3 %)
Total	568,407	554,739 (2.5 %)	530,308 (7.2 %)	457,411 (24.3 %)
 Deposits				
Demand deposits	33,495	31,445 (6.5 %)	29,919 (12.0 %)	28,533 (17.4 %)
Savings deposits	118,625	113,219 (4.8 %)	105,460 (12.5 %)	97,942 (21.1 %)
Time deposits with banks	314,396	307,873 (2.1 %)	289,997 (8.4 %)	226,053 (39.1 %)
Time deposits with dtcs	72,213	72,989 (-1.1 %)	77,180 (-6.4 %)	80,002 (-9.7 %)
All HK\$ deposits	234,410	229,292 (2.2 %)	222,886 (5.2 %)	208,895 (12.2 %)
All foreign currency deposits	304,321	296,235 (2.7 %)	279,670 (8.8 %)	223,636 (36.1 %)
Total	538,730	525,527 (2.5 %)	502,556 (7.2 %)	432,531 (24.6 %)
 Loans and advances				
To finance H.K.'s visible trade	35,151	34,400 (2.2 %)	35,014 (0.4 %)	30,227 (16.3 %)
To finance merchandising trade not touching H.K.	4,609	6,857 (-32.8 %)	4,492 (2.6 %)	4,728 (-2.5 %)
Other loans for use in H.K.	264,145	262,058 (0.8 %)	251,309 (5.1 %)	233,125 (13.3 %)
Other loans for use outside H.K.	159,427	163,608 (-2.6 %)	162,861 (-2.1 %)	149,446 (6.7 %)
Other loans where the place of use is not known	30,616	29,192 (4.9 %)	27,735 (10.4 %)	20,682 (48.0 %)
All loans in HK\$	244,508	239,165 (2.2 %)	234,900 (4.1 %)	219,090 (11.6 %)
All loans in foreign currencies	249,439	256,949 (-2.9 %)	246,510 (1.2 %)	219,117 (13.8 %)
Total	493,947	496,114 (-0.4 %)	481,410 (2.6 %)	438,207 (12.7 %)

THIRD QUARTER EXPORTS STATISTICS RELEASED
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IN TERMS OF THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1986, THE SIX MOST IMPORTANT INDUSTRY GROUPS WERE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS, WEARING APPAREL, TEXTILES, PLASTIC PRODUCTS, PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT, AND BASIC METALS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS.

THEY TOGETHER ACCOUNTED FOR 85 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE EXPORTS.

AMONG ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, THE LARGEST INCREASES IN ABSOLUTE VALUE OVER THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1985 WERE RECORDED IN ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS (+\$2 469 MILLION), TEXTILES (+\$2 361 MILLION), WEARING APPAREL (+\$1 421 MILLION), PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT (+\$619 MILLION), PLASTIC PRODUCTS (+\$543 MILLION), AND PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS, PRINTING AND PUBLISHING (+\$223 MILLION).

IN RELATIVE TERMS, INDUSTRIES WITH THE LARGEST PERCENTAGE INCREASES OVER THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1985 WERE NON-METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS (+44 PER CENT), CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS (+38 PER CENT), TEXTILES (+37 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS (+36 PER CENT), AND PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS, PRINTING AND PUBLISHING (+35 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, SIGNIFICANT DECREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS COMPARED WITH THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1985 WERE RECORDED FOR TOBACCO (-\$38 MILLION OR -15 PER CENT), AND LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS (-\$21 MILLION OR -16 PER CENT).

BESIDES THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, DOMESTIC EXPORTS ORIGINATING FROM THE MINING AND QUARRYING SECTOR ROSE SUBSTANTIALLY FROM THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1985 (+123 PER CENT), WHILE THOSE FROM OCEAN AND COASTAL FISHING WENT UP BY 82 PER CENT AND THOSE FROM AGRICULTURAL, LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTION BY 34 PER CENT. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE DOMESTIC EXPORT VALUE OF ELECTRICITY DECLINED BY 28 PER CENT.

THESE ARE SOME OF THE STATISTICS RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY ON DOMESTIC EXPORTS ANALYSED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1986. THIS SERIES IS DERIVED BY REGROUPING ALL SIX-DIGIT MERCHANDISE EXPORT ITEMS UNDER THE PRESENT EXTERNAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM ACCORDING TO THE INDUSTRIES IN WHICH THESE MERCHANDISE ITEMS ARE NORMALLY PRODUCED. TRANSACTIONS IN GOLD AND SPECIE ARE EXCLUDED.

/THE CLASSIFICATION

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THE CLASSIFICATION OF MERCHANDISE EXPORT ITEMS BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN IS STRUCTURED UPON THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION OF ALL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES (I.S.I.C.), AS DISTINCT FROM THE UNITED NATIONS STANDARD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION (S.I.T.C.) WHICH IS ADOPTED IN THE REGULAR TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS.

WHEN REFERRING TO THESE RE-CLASSIFIED FIGURES, SOME CAUTION IS NECESSARY. CERTAIN MERCHANDISE EXPORT ITEMS MAY REQUIRE SEVERAL INTERMEDIATE PROCESSING STAGES FOR THEIR PRODUCTION. IN SUCH CASES, THE INDUSTRY IN WHICH AN ITEM IS FINALLY PRODUCED IS NOT REALLY THE SOLE CONTRIBUTOR TO THE VALUE. NEVERTHELESS, STATISTICALLY, THE OVERALL VALUE OF THE ITEM IS WHOLLY ALLOCATED TO THAT INDUSTRY.

BESIDES, THE CLASSIFICATION OF A MERCHANDISE EXPORT ITEM TO A PARTICULAR INDUSTRY DOES NOT IMPLY THAT THE ENTIRE VALUE OF THE ITEM IS ACTUALLY PRODUCED BY ESTABLISHMENTS OF THAT INDUSTRY, SINCE SOME MAY BE SECONDARY PRODUCTS PRODUCED BY ESTABLISHMENTS CLASSIFIED UNDER OTHER INDUSTRIES.

/Value of

Value of domestic exports for merchandise, reclassified by
industrial origin for the third quarter of 1985 and of 1986

(HK\$'000)

Industrial origin of the commodities exported	Merchandise domestic exports			
	3rd qtr. 1985	3rd qtr. 1986	Value change	% change
<u>Agricultural, Forestry and Fishing</u>				
Agricultural, livestock and poultry production	688	925	237	34
Ocean and coastal fishing	52,800	96,151	43,351	82
<u>Mining and Quarrying</u>	1,012	2,252	1,240	123
<u>Manufacturing</u>				
Food	314,593	366,412	51,819	16
Beverages	59,197	57,680	-1,517	-3
Tobacco	253,912	216,311	-37,601	-15
Textiles (including knitting)	6,427,303	8,788,512	2,361,209	37
Wearing apparel, except footwear and knitwear	7,745,733	9,167,032	1,421,299	18
Leather and leather products	131,568	110,916	-20,652	-16
Footwear	193,143	234,436	41,293	21
Wood and cork products, furniture and fixtures	183,926	207,123	23,197	13
Paper and paper products, printing and publishing	643,518	866,529	223,011	35
Chemicals and chemical products	345,056	477,145	132,089	38
Rubber products	29,602	34,739	5,137	17
Plastic products	3,402,517	3,945,189	542,672	16
Non-metallic mineral products	117,989	169,830	51,841	44
Basic metals and fabricated metal products	1,569,436	1,658,852	89,416	6
Machinery, except electrical	593,051	717,712	124,661	21
Electrical and electronic products	6,879,965	9,349,081	2,469,116	36
Transport equipment	35,214	34,146	-1,068	-3
Professional and optical equipment	3,038,853	3,658,055	619,202	20
Other manufacturing industries	2,381,001	2,749,179	368,178	15
<u>Electricity</u>	121,938	87,967	-33,971	-28
<u>Miscellaneous items</u> (e.g. developed photographic plates and film, antiques, and works of art)	12,710	16,587	3,877	31
Total	34,534,726	43,012,759	8,478,033	25

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TRIPARTITE EFFORTS NEEDED TO TACKLE INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS
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COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND, SAID INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH HAD BEEN A SUBJECT OF GROWING CONCERN IN HONG KONG IN RECENT YEARS.

INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS, HE ADDED, NOT ONLY RESULTED IN THE LOSS OF PRODUCTION, DAMAGE TO PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, BUT HEAVY COMPENSATION COSTS.

+WHAT IS MORE SERIOUS IS THE HUMAN SUFFERING THAT IS CAUSED BY SUCH ACCIDENTS AND THE TRAGIC LOSS OF MANY SKILLED AND EFFICIENT WORKERS THROUGH DEATH AND INJURIES.+

ADDRESSING THE OPENING OF A FORUM ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD'S COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION (CISAP) THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING, MR HAMMOND STRESSED THAT TO PREVENT INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS AND TO IMPROVE THE STANDARDS OF SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK, THERE MUST BE CLOSE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN EMPLOYERS, EMPLOYEES AND THE GOVERNMENT.

ONLY THROUGH SUCH TRIPARTITE COMMITMENT WOULD IT BE ABLE TO TACKLE EFFECTIVELY THE PROBLEM OF ACCIDENTS AT WORK, HE SAID.

IT WAS WITH THIS PRIME OBJECTIVE OF BRINGING TOGETHER REPRESENTATIVES OF EMPLOYERS, EMPLOYEES, THE GOVERNMENT, ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS AND PROFESSIONALS TO WORK TOWARDS THE COMMON AIM OF PROMOTING INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH THAT CISAP WAS SET UP IN 1978, HE ADDED.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WAS THE REGIONAL ADVISER ON OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH FOR THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC REGION OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (ILO), MR WENYI FU.

MR FU SAID IT WAS GRATIFYING TO NOTE THAT SAFETY TRAINING HAD BEEN SUCCESSFULLY CARRIED OUT AND LARGE-SCALE PROMOTIONAL PROGRAMMES ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION LAUNCHED AS PART OF THE TRIPARTITE EFFORTS IN HONG KONG.

HE SAID THAT INDUSTRIAL SAFETY SHOULD BE PROMOTED SYSTEMATICALLY BY INTEGRATED EFFORTS OF ALL PEOPLE CONCERNED.

+USUALLY, THE EMPLOYERS' ORGANISATIONS AND THE TRADE UNIONS CAN PLAY A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE IF THEY JOINTLY MAKE EFFORTS TO IMPROVE SAFETY, HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT AT THE WORKPLACES,+ HE SAID.

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HE NOTED THAT THE ILO CONVENTION NO. 155 AND THE RECOMMENDATION NO. 164 CONCERNING OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ALSO STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF STRENGTHENING TRIPARTISM +BECAUSE IT IS FUNDAMENTAL TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ACTION IN THIS FIELD, AND IN PARTICULAR, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FEASIBLE SOLUTIONS+.

IN FACT, ONE IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT IN ILO IN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WAS THE LAUNCHING OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME ON IMPROVEMENT OF WORKING CONDITIONS AND ENVIRONMENT TO PROVIDE VARIOUS TYPES OF ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

+THESE INCLUDE PROVISION OF FELLOWSHIPS FOR SAFETY TRAINING= PROVISION OF EXPERT ASSISTANCE IN SELECTED SPECIALITIES= SPONSORING SEMINARS, SYMPOSIA AND OTHER FORMS FOR TRAINING INFORMATION OR EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE= AND ASSISTANCE IN INSTITUTION-BUILDING AND FIELDING OF MULTI-DISCIPLINARY MISSION UPON REQUEST TO ASSESS THE NEEDS OF THE COUNTRY AND TAKE FOLLOW-UP ACTION.

+ALL THESE ACTIVITIES ARE AIMED AT STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL CAPABILITIES AND THE TRIPARTITE EFFORTS OF THE COUNTRIES CONERNED,+ MR FU SAID.

THE FORUM, SPONSORED BY THE SHELL COMPANY OF HONG KONG, WAS ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 180 PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING EMPLOYERS, MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL AND WORKERS FROM VARIOUS INDUSTRIES AS WELL AS FACTORY INSPECTORS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

THE PANEL CHAIRMAN WAS MR LEE LUEN-FAI FROM RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND THE TOPIC DISCUSSED WAS: IN WHAT WAY MAY INDUSTRIAL SAFETY BE OF BENEFIT TO ME?

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THREE BILLS TO BE INTRODUCED

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SEVEN BILLS AND 11 QUESTIONS WILL BE AMONG MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

OF THE BILLS, THREE WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS. THESE ARE:

- * OFFICIAL LANGUAGES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986
- * INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL 1986
- * PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL 1986

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DEBATE WILL RESUME ON FOUR BILLS BEFORE COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING. THESE ARE:

- * DUTIABLE COMMODITIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986
- * EVIDENCE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986
- * PENALTIES FOR PRACTICE OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY BY UNREGISTERED PERSONS (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL 1986
- * ANTIBIOTICS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986

IN ADDITION, THE HON CHAN KAM-CHUEN WILL MAKE A STATEMENT ON THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 1985-86 AND THE HON HU FA-KUANG WILL GIVE AN ADDRESS ON THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE, HONG KONG - ANNUAL REPORT 1985-86.

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CROSS-BRED CHICKEN PROVE POPULAR
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BROILERS DERIVED FROM A CROSS-BREEDING PROGRAMME DEVELOPED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT ARE GENERALLY WELL ACCEPTED BY THE LOCAL POULTRY INDUSTRY.

WHEN RAISED WITH HIGH ENERGY RATIONS, THEY PRODUCE VERY PROMISING RESULTS AND MEET THE DEMAND OF CONSUMERS FOR GOOD QUALITY BIRDS.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S POULTRY HUSBANDRY OFFICER, MISS MABLE LAM, AT A SEMINAR HELD THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING.

THE SEMINAR, ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NEW TERRITORIES CHICKEN BREEDERS ASSOCIATION AND THE HONG KONG BRANCH OF THE WORLD POULTRY SCIENCE ASSOCIATION, WAS ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 100 POULTRY BREEDERS.

MISS LAM SAID THAT SINCE 1978, THE DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN CARRYING OUT A CROSS-BREEDING PROGRAMME BETWEEN THE LOCAL SHEK KI BREED AND CERTAIN EXOTIC BREEDS SO THAT BROILERS SO DERIVED WOULD HAVE THE DESIRED CHARACTERISTICS.

+THESE INCLUDE YELLOW TO BLUFF-COLOURED FEATHER, YELLOW BEAK, SKIN AND SHANKS, ROUND BODY CONFORMATION WITH THICK BREAST MUSCLES, HIGH SUBCUTANEOUS FAT DEPOSITION, SOFT AND SMOOTH SKIN, GOOD MEAT TEXTURE AND FLAVOUR, AND FAST GROWTH RATE AS WELL AS STRONG DISEASE RESISTANCE,+ SHE SAID.

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TO RAISE THESE IMPROVED BREEDS TO THEIR FULL GENETIC POTENTIAL, A NEW ENERGY RATION HAS BEEN DEVISED TO ENHANCE THE GROWTH RATE TO ACQUIRE A DESIRABLE CARCASS CONFORMATION WITH SUFFICIENT FAT DEPOSITION AT THE MARKETABLE AGE, SHE SAID.

RICH IN PROTEIN AND ENERGY CONTENTS, THE NEW RATION IS ESSENTIALLY A MIXTURE OF MAIZE AND SOYABEAN MEAL, ADDED WITH FAT, MEAT AND BONE MEAL, FISH MEAL, POULTRY MINERAL AND OTHER SUPPLEMENTS.

EXPERIMENTS BY THE DEPARTMENT SHOWED THAT BROILERS DERIVED FROM SHEK KI-TEGEL OFFSPRINGS BACKCROSSED WITH SHEK KI ACHIEVED THE BEST RESULTS WHEN FED WITH THE NEW RATION.

+THE NEW ENERGY RATION ENABLES THE IMPROVED BREEDS OF BROILER TO REACH MARKETABLE SIZE AND WEIGHT AROUND 80 DAYS OF AGE IN THE CASE OF COCKEREL AND 90 DAYS IN THE CASE OF PULLET WHILE IT TAKES 112 DAYS AND 119 DAYS RESPECTIVELY FOR LOCAL SHEK KI BIRDS TO ACHIEVE SIMILAR RESULTS.

+THE FACT THAT IMPROVED COCKERELS FED WITH THE HIGH ENERGY RATIONS CAN BE RAISED TO MARKETABLE SIZE IN ABOUT 80 DAYS IS A BREAKTHROUGH IN POULTRY BREEDING FOLLOWING THE DEREGISTRATION OF THE HORMONE IMPLANTS,+ MISS LAM ADDED.

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ENTRANCE TO TANG SHIU KIN HOSPITAL CLOSED
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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT THE ENTRANCE TO THE ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT OF THE TANG SHIU KIN HOSPITAL AT SALVATION ARMY STREET IS CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.

THE CLOSURE IS TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THE HOSPITAL'S EXTENSION PROJECT WHICH WILL LAST FOR ABOUT 22 MONTHS.

AT THE SAME TIME THE HOSPITAL EXIT TO OI KWAN ROAD WILL ALSO BE CLOSED.

DURING THE CLOSURE, ALL VEHICLES, INCLUDING AMBULANCES, SHOULD USE THE SLIP ROAD IN FRONT OF THE HOSPITAL AT QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

NOTICES ON THE CLOSURE HAVE BEEN PUT UP AT THE OLD ENTRANCE AT SALVATION ARMY STREET AND THE NEW ENTRANCE AT QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

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WATER CASCADE FOR YUEN LONG TOWN SQUARE

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RESIDENTS OF YUEN LONG WILL SOON BE ABLE TO ENJOY THE DISTRICT'S FIRST ARTIFICIAL WATER CASCADE.

THE THREE-LEVEL CASCADE IS TO BECOME ONE OF A RANGE OF ACTIVE AND PASSIVE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN YUEN LONG TOWN SQUARE AT THE JUNCTION OF FAU TSOI STREET AND YAU SAN STREET.

A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE THE FOUNTAIN EQUIPMENT WAS SIGNED TODAY (TUESDAY) AND WORK ON INSTALLING IT IS EXPECTED TO TAKE SEVEN MONTHS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WHICH AWARDED THE \$173 800 CONTRACT, SAID THAT ASIDE FROM THE 115-SQUARE-METRE, SEMI-CIRCLE CASCADE, OTHER FACILITIES PLANNED FOR THE SQUARE INCLUDED A RAISED PLATFORM FOR PERFORMING ACTIVITIES, PAVILIONS, A LANDSCAPED AREA, CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA, A CLOCK TOWER, ARBOURS, CONCRETE SEATS AND ASSOCIATED LIGHTING.

OCCUPYING AN AREA OF ABOUT 5 000 SQUARE METRES, THE SQUARE IS BEING BUILT FOR THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AT A COST OF \$3 MILLION, DONATED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB. CONSTRUCTION WORK BEGAN ON NOVEMBER 1 AND IS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED BY NEXT JUNE.

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APPLY EARLY FOR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TRAVELLING ABROAD DURING THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS ARE ADVISED TODAY (TUESDAY) TO APPLY FOR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS NOW.

+THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE TRAVELLING OUTSIDE HONG KONG GREATLY INCREASES DURING THIS TIME OF THE YEAR. IN ORDER TO AVOID LAST MINUTE RUSH, PEOPLE SHOULD APPLY FOR PASSPORTS AND CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE DATE ON WHICH THEY INTEND TO TRAVEL,+ AN IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

+IT NORMALLY TAKES 10 WORKING DAYS TO ISSUE THESE DOCUMENTS IF APPLICATIONS ARE MADE IN THE HEADQUARTERS BUT LONGER IF MADE AT BRANCH OFFICES. RE-ENTRY PERMITS AND DOCUMENTS OF IDENTITY FOR VISA PURPOSES ARE NORMALLY ISSUED ON THE SAME DAY BUT DELAY IS LIKELY IF THERE ARE MANY APPLICANTS COMING AT THE SAME TIME,+ HE ADDED.

+CHRISTMAS IS ONE OF THE PEAK SEASONS. BY APPLYING EARLY, IT WILL NOT ONLY SPREAD THE WORKLOAD OF THE DEPARTMENT BUT ALSO GIVE APPLICANTS EXTRA TIME TO MEET ANY FURTHER VISA PROCESSING REQUIREMENTS WHERE NECESSARY.+

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THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REMINDED RESIDENTS LIVING ON HONG KONG ISLAND THAT THEY COULD SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR HONG KONG CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY AT THE RE-ENTRY PERMIT OFFICE ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

THERE ARE TWO OTHER IMMIGRATION OFFICES ON THE ISLAND - ONE AT ABERDEEN AND THE OTHER, AT CAUSEWAY BAY.

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INTRODUCTION TO CHINESE MUSIC WELL RECEIVED
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CHINESE MUSIC WAS WELL RECEIVED WHEN PLAYED BEFORE AN APPRECIATIVE AUDIENCE OF VARIOUS NATIONALITIES AT AN ENGLISH-SPEAKING SCHOOL TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE INSTRUCTORS' CHINESE ORCHESTRA OF THE MUSIC OFFICE, LED BY MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR, MRS DORIS HO, VISITED THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL IN REPULSE BAY TO INTRODUCE NOT ONLY CHINESE MUSIC BUT ALSO A VARIETY OF CHINESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS TO SOME 300 STUDENTS.

THE +MUSIC FOR THE MILLIONS+ CONCERT PROGRAMME IS ONE OF THE REGULAR ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH TO BRING MUSIC TO NEW AUDIENCES.

CONCERTS ARE GIVEN BY YOUTH ORCHESTRAS, BANDS AND ENSEMBLES IN SCHOOLS, FACTORIES, PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, COMMUNITY HALLS, HOSPITALS AND CONVALESCENT CENTRES AND HAD ATTRACTED AN AUDIENCE OF MORE THAN 2.2 MILLION PEOPLE SO FAR.

JUDGING FROM THE RESPONSE RECEIVED TODAY, MORE CONCERTS TO NON-CHINESE SCHOOLS WOULD PROBABLY BE ORGANISED IN THE FUTURE, A MUSIC OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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GRAND TATTOO TO END DISTRICT FESTIVAL
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A GRAND TATTOO WITH DISPLAYS AND PERFORMANCES BY VARIOUS DISCIPLINED UNITS AND LOCAL GROUPS WILL BE HELD FROM 2 PM TO 6 PM ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 7) IN THE WONG CHUK HANG HARD-SURFACED SOCCER PITCH TO MARK THE END OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

THERE WILL ALSO BE DISPLAY OF WEAPONS BY THE COLDSTREAM GUARDS, FIRE ENGINES AND POLICE ARMoured CARS.

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PERFORMANCES INCLUDE LION AND DRAGON DANCES, MOCK BATTLE FIGHTING, DEMONSTRATIONS OF KARATE, MOTORCYCLE AND BMX BICYCLE TECHNIQUE, AND DRILLS BY THE POLICE PIPE BAND AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS).

THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE HAS ARRANGED FREE SHUTTLE BUS SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS FROM POK FU LAM AND STANLEY TO THE SPECTACULAR.

THE POK FU LAM ROUTE WILL RUN FROM 1.30 PM TO 3 PM. PICK-UP POINTS ARE BUS STOPS OUTSIDE POK FU LAM VILLAGE, WAH TAI HOUSE IN WAH FU ESTATE, AND ST PETER'S SCHOOL IN ABERDEEN.

IN STANLEY, TWO BUSES WILL PICK UP RESIDENTS OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT OFFICE SUB-OFFICE AT NO. 88, STANLEY VILLAGE ROAD AT 1.30 PM AND 2.30 PM. THERE WILL BE ONE BUS TO TAKE RESIDENTS BACK TO STANLEY AT 6 PM.

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AMENDMENTS PROPOSED TO SHEK WU HUI ROADWORKS
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CERTAIN AMENDMENTS ARE TO BE INTRODUCED TO ROADWORKS IN SHEK WU HUI IN NORTH DISTRICT.

THESE AMENDMENTS INCLUDE LAYOUTS OF CERTAIN ROADS AND A SUBWAY SYSTEM, ADDITION OF A STORMWATER OVERFLOW CHAMBER, BOX CULVERT EXTENSION AND CARPARK EXTENSION NEAR KAI LENG, REDESIGN OF THE PROPOSED BUS TERMINUS, ADDITION OF A VILLAGE TRACK AND CONNECTION OF A ROAD TO THE EXISTING HAUL ROUTE TO CORPS RIDGE.

THESE MINOR AMENDMENTS ARE NECESSARY TO MAKE THE ROADWORKS FIT BETTER INTO THE NEW TOWN PLAN.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSAL HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GAZETTE.

OBJECTIONS SHOULD REACH THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT BY JANUARY 27.

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INSURANCE TRAINING CENTRE OPENING
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THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL HAS ESTABLISHED AN INSURANCE TRAINING CENTRE TO PROVIDE WORK-BASED PRACTICAL SHORT COURSES FOR INSURANCE PERSONNEL.

THIS IS THE FIRST COMMERCIAL TRAINING CENTRE OPERATED BY THE COUNCIL, WITH A TARGET TO TRAIN 1 000 IN-SERVICE PERSONNEL A YEAR.

THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CENTRE, TO BE HELD AT 2 PM ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 4), WILL BE OFFICIATED BY CHAIRMAN OF THE INSURANCE TRAINING BOARD, MR KO YING- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COUNCIL, MR MORRIS MORGAN, AND MANAGER OF THE CENTRE, MR D.S. HANSELL.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CENTRE ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR OF MALAYSIA BUILDING, 50 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ FOR THE ELDERLY
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ELDERLY RESIDENTS OF WAN CHAI DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD'S CONCERN FOR THE AGED WORKING GROUP.

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE EVENT ARE TO ENCOURAGE THE ELDERLY TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIAL ACTIVITIES- TO AROUSE THEIR INTEREST IN CURRENT AFFAIRS AND DISTRICT MATTERS- AND TO CULTIVATE A SENSE OF DISTRICT IDENTITY.

PARTICIPANTS, DIVIDED INTO THREE-MEN TEAMS, WILL BE REQUIRED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ON LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, AS WELL AS MATTERS RELATING TO THE DISTRICT.

A PRELIMINARY ROUND WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 3, WHILE THE FINAL WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 19 AT THE BAPTIST OI KWAN SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE.

RESIDENTS OF WAN CHAI OVER 60 YEARS OLD ARE WELCOME TO FORM THREE-MEN TEAMS TO TAKE PART IN THE CONTEST. APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE AT 201 HENNESSY ROAD. DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS DECEMBER 8. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-742281.

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DETAILS OF SPORTS AID FOUNDATION

A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF A SPORTS AID FOUNDATION WILL BE HELD AT THE OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT, MR F.K. HU, ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 4) AT 4.30 PM.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CONFERENCE AT RYODEN ELECTRIC ENGINEERING COMPANY LIMITED, 22ND FLOOR, LEIGHTON CENTRE, 77 LEIGHTON ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CHANGES IN WAN CHAI

TO FACILITATE THE LAYING OF WATER MAINS, THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN WAN CHAI FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 5) TO 10 AM ON DECEMBER 11:

- * THE SECTION OF JAFFE ROAD BETWEEN TONNOCHY ROAD AND MARSH ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY EASTBOUND TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND;
- * THE PARKING SPACES ON JAFFE ROAD BETWEEN TONNOCHY ROAD AND MARSH ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED.
- * THE SECTION OF MARSH ROAD NORTHBOUND BETWEEN JAFFE ROAD AND INNER GLOUCESTER ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC. DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES ON JAFFE ROAD HEADING FOR INNER GLOUCESTER ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TONNOCHY ROAD.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN TAI PO

THE EXISTING ACCESS ROAD TO TAI PO TAU IN TAI PO WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 4). VEHICLES HEADING FOR TAI PO TAU, INCLUDING NEW TERRITORIES GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 21K, WILL BE DIVERTED TO ROAD D5 AND ROAD A100, WHICH IS ABOUT 320 METRES EAST OF THE CLOSED ROAD.

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