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GOVERNOR URGES YOUTH TO MAKE FULL USE OF OPPORTUNITIES

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (SATURDAY) CALLED ON YOUNG PEOPLE ALL OVER HONG KONG TO MAKE GOOD USE OF THE EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED FOR THEM.

SPEAKING AT A MASS RALLY HELD AT THE HONG KONG STADIUM AS A KEY EVENT OF THE YOUTH FESTIVAL, SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNMENT'S PLAN TO SET UP A COMMISSION ON YOUTH, AS ANNOUNCED BY HIM LAST OCTOBER, WAS PART OF AN EFFORT TO RECOGNISE THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR SOCIETY AND TO CATER FOR THEIR NEEDS.

THE GOVERNMENT INTENDED TO DEVELOP A CHARTER FOR YOUTH WHICH WOULD RECOGNISE THOSE SPECIAL NEEDS AND FOCUS EFFORTS TO MEET THEM, THE GOVERNOR SAID, ADDING THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD DO ITS BEST TO PROVIDE THE EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES THEY NEEDED.

"BUT WHAT REALLY MATTERS IS HOW THEY ARE USED. IT IS UP TO ALL OF YOU HERE AND YOUR FRIENDS ALL OVER HONG KONG TO MAKE GOOD USE OF THOSE OPPORTUNITIES. YOUR SUCCESS WILL BE THE SUCCESS OF HONG KONG," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

THE GOVERNOR REMINDED YOUNG PEOPLE THAT THEY WERE THE PEOPLE WHO WOULD PROVIDE THE LEADERSHIP AND DRIVING POWER FOR THE SUCCESS OF HONG KONG IN THE YEARS TO COME.

HE CONGRATULATED THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH FOR ORGANISING THIS IMPORTANT EVENT WHICH WAS A SPECTACULAR AND CHEERFUL OCCASION.

SIR DAVID SAID THE THEME OF THE MONTH-LONG YOUTH FESTIVAL - "WE ARE HONG KONG", WAS A GOOD ONE AND REMINDED US ALL THAT WE WERE PART OF HONG KONG AND THAT WE MUST ALL DO OUR PART TO MAKE IT A BETTER PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE AND WORK.

FOLLOWING SIR DAVID'S SPEECH, LADY WILSON OFFICIATED AT A FLAG-HOISTING CEREMONY.

NEARLY 3,000 YOUNG PEOPLE FROM VARIOUS DISTRICTS, YOUTH AND UNIFORMED GROUPS THEN PRESENTED A THREE-HOUR ACTION-PACKED AND EXCITING PROGRAMME.

THE PROGRAMME INCLUDED A PARADE BY YOUNG PEOPLE, A "SHOW CASE OF TALENTS" AND TELEMATCHES HIGHLIGHTING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF HONG KONG'S CONSTRUCTION AND CLOTHING INDUSTRIES AND TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT.

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RETURNING TO VIETNAM THE ONLY OPTION FOR VBP IN HK: CS

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THE ONLY OPTION FOR THE VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE WHO ARE SCREENED OUT AS NOT BEING GENUINE REFUGEES IS TO GO BACK TO VIETNAM, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

"WE HAVE EMBARKED ON A PROGRAMME OF CONTINUING REPATRIATION OF ALL THOSE WHO ARE SCREENED OUT AND THE PROGRAMME WILL CONTINUE IN THE NEW YEAR," SIR DAVID SAID.

"I THINK THAT MUST BE UNDERSTOOD BY ALL THE BOAT PEOPLE HERE THAT THEIR FUTURE, IF THEY ARE SCREENED OUT, LIES IN VIETNAM.

"THE WORLD HAS GROWN WEARY OF THE PROBLEM AND THE PROSPECTS OF THEIR BEING RESETTLED OVERSEAS ARE NOW NOT AN OPTION FOR THEM.

"IT IS MUCH MORE HUMANE FOR THEM TO RETURN TO THEIR OWN HOME THAN TO FACE THE PROSPECT OF BEING DETAINED IN HONG KONG FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME WITH NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO BE DETAINED."

HE SAID THAT WE MUST PUT IN PLACE THE PROGRAMME OF REPATRIATION - A VOLUNTARY PROGRAMME AND A MANDATORY PROGRAMME RUNNING SIDE BY SIDE.

"AND THAT IS OUR PLAN FOR THE NEW YEAR."

THE CHIEF SECRETARY WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CAPTIVE WATERFOWL COLLECTION OF THE WORLD WIDE FUND FOR NATURE.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON A DECISION THAT THERE WOULD ONLY BE 18 DIRECTLY ELECTED SEATS IN THE LEGISLATURE AFTER 1997, SIR DAVID SAID IT WAS TOO EARLY TO MAKE A JUDGEMENT ON WHAT MIGHT APPEAR IN THE FINAL BASIC LAW.

ON ITS EFFECT ON HONG KONG'S POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT, SIR DAVID SAID WE WOULD WISH TO TAKE ACCOUNT IN 1991 OF THE VIEWS OF HONG KONG PEOPLE WHICH WOULD BE A KEY FACTOR IN OUR DECISION FOR 1991.

"I THINK IT IS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR THAT WE SHOULD HAVE CONTINUITY OVER THE PERIOD OF 1997. BUT IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT THAT ANYTHING WE DO IN 1991 SHOULD REFLECT THE VIEWS OF HONG KONG PEOPLE. THAT IS HOW WE MUST MOVE FORWARD," HE ADDED.

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WWF CONTRIBUTES TO CONSERVATION IN HK

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THE WORLD WIDE FUND FOR NATURE HONG KONG HAS NOT ONLY DEVELOPED MAI PO, IT HAS ALSO MADE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO CONSERVATION IN THE TERRITORY BY PROMOTING A GREATER AWARENESS AMONG THE COMMUNITY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE WWF (HK) CAPTIVE WATERFOWL COLLECTION AT MAI PO MARSHES, SIR DAVID SAID PEOPLE WERE VERY IMPRESSED BY WHAT WWF WAS DOING AND HOW MUCH IT HAD ACHIEVED SINCE IT TOOK OVER MAI PO.

"SINCE IT WAS FIRST ESTABLISHED SIX YEARS AGO, THE CORE RESERVE HAS BEEN EXPANDED TO COVER 100 HECTARES OF PONDS AND MARSHES," HE SAID.

THE FINE EDUCATION CENTRE AND OBSERVATION HIDES WHICH WERE BEING EXPANDED ALL THE TIME, AND THE PETER SCOTT STUDIES CENTRE WHEN COMPLETED EARLY NEXT YEAR WOULD PROVIDE EDUCATION AND RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES FOR THE MANY PEOPLE WHO LIKE TO VISIT AND TO WORK AT MAI PO, SIR DAVID NOTED.

LAST YEAR, NO LESS THAN 25,000 PEOPLE VISITED MAI PO.

ON WWF'S CONTRIBUTION IN PROMOTING COMMUNITY'S AWARENESS ON PROTECTION OF ENVIRONMENT, SIR DAVID NOTED THAT ITS EFFORT IN SCHOOLS WHERE A WEALTH OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS HAD BEEN MADE AVAILABLE FOR STUDIES ON THE ENVIRONMENT HAD BEEN HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL IN "CATCHING THEM YOUNG".

SIR DAVID SAID THE NEW CAPTIVE WATERFOWL COLLECTION WAS A WONDERFUL NEW FACILITY.

VISITORS TO THE COLLECTION WILL BE ABLE TO WALK AMONG THE LANDSCAPED PONDS TO SEE MANY OF THE SPECIES RECORDED IN HONG KONG AND SOUTHERN CHINA AND MANY IMPORTED FROM ENGLAND.

SIR DAVID ALSO SAID THAT HE WAS VERY GLAD THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN SPONSORING THIS PROJECT AND WAS SURE THERE WOULD BE MORE OPPORTUNITIES IN THE FUTURE FOR CO-OPERATION AND MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS SUCH AS THIS.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WWF (HK) PROJECTS COMMITTEE, DR K.C. SEARLE, THANKED THE GOVERNMENT FOR ITS \$1.97 MILLION DONATION WHICH ENABLED WWF (HK) TO ACQUIRE FOUR FISH PONDS FOR THE PURPOSE AND TO CARRY OUT THE NECESSARY LANDSCAPING, AND THE BUILDING OF A SECURE PERIMETER FENCE AND THE PURCHASE OF THE INITIAL BIRDS.

ALTOGETHER THE COLLECTION CONTAINS 170 WATERFOWL OF WHICH 54 HAVE BEEN DONATED BY THE LATE SIR PETER SCOTT'S WILDFOWL AND WETLANDS TRUST AT SLIMBRIDGE IN BRITAIN AND FLOWN INTO HONG KONG FREE OF CHARGE BY CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS.

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AG SPEAKS ON FUTURE OF LEGAL DEPARTMENT

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NOW AND FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE THE LAWYERS IN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS HAVE BEFORE THEM THE PROSPECT OF EXCITING, CHALLENGING WORK OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR JEREMY MATHEWS, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE OF THE LAW FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, MR MATHEWS SAID: "FOR THE ABLE AND AMBITIOUS, THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY IN A POSITION OF RESPONSIBILITY HAVE NEVER LOOKED BETTER."

HE NOTED THAT WASTAGE RATE HAD DROPPED FROM OVER 17 PER CENT LAST YEAR TO 8.5 PER CENT THIS YEAR. HE EXPECTED TO SEE A CONTINUED GROWTH IN THE NUMBERS OF LOCAL LAWYERS WHO WOULD ENTER AND REMAIN IN CHAMBERS.

MR MATHEWS SAID THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS, WITH A STAFF OF 250 LAWYERS, WOULD CONTINUE TO UNDERTAKE A WIDE RANGE OF LEGAL WORK THAT WAS MOST APPROPRIATELY PERFORMED WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT.

THIS WOULD INCLUDE CONSTITUTIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LAW, LEGAL POLICY QUESTIONS, LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING, ADVICE ON PUBLIC LAW, ADVISING ON CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS, SERVICING THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION AND MANY OTHER FUNCTIONS.

HE SAID HIS CHAMBERS WOULD PLACE A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF LEGAL WORK OUT TO PRIVATE PRACTICE, BOTH TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF LIMITATION ON THE GROWTH OF THE CIVIL SERVICE AND BECAUSE IT WAS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST THAT THE BAR HAD EXPERIENCE OF CROWN WORK, BUT RETAINING A FORENSIC CAPACITY WITHIN CHAMBERS.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS, HE SAID, WOULD HAVE A GROWING NUMBER OF LOCAL LAWYERS OF TALENT AND EXPERIENCE, BUT WITH EXPATRIATE LAWYERS CONTINUING TO HAVE A ROLE FOR MANY YEARS TO COME.

HE SAID THAT MANY OF THE LEGAL SERVICES WHICH THE DEPARTMENT CURRENTLY PROVIDED TO THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO BE SUPPLIED BY HIS CHAMBERS.

THOSE WOULD BE WHAT MR MATHEWS TERMED 'CORE' SERVICES. "THAT IS, LEGAL SERVICES CAN ONLY PROPERLY BE PROVIDED FROM WITHIN GOVERNMENT, BECAUSE THEIR NATURE IS SUCH THAT IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THEY CAN BE READILY PROVIDED BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR OR BECAUSE OF THE JUDGMENTS REQUIRED TO BE MADE OR BECAUSE OF THE NEED FOR LEGAL ADVICE ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS CALLS FOR A CONSISTENT APPROACH BASED ON CLOSE CONTACT," HE SAID.

MR MATHEWS POINTED OUT THAT THERE WAS SCOPE FOR CERTAIN AMOUNT OF WORK TO BE PLACED WITH PRIVATE SECTOR.

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"THIS WORK IS PRINCIPALLY CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LITIGATION. THERE ARE SOUND PUBLIC INTEREST REASONS WHY SOME OF THIS WORK SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

"IT ASSISTS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BAR IF ITS PRACTITIONERS HAVE EXPERIENCE OF GOVERNMENT LEGAL WORK.

"IT PROMOTES A SENSE OF BALANCE AND PROVIDES NECESSARY EXPERIENCES FOR THOSE FROM WHOM OUR JUDGES WILL BE DRAWN.

"AND AT A TIME WHEN THERE ARE CONSTRAINTS ON THE GROWTH OF THE CIVIL SERVICE, A RELATIVELY HIGH VOLUME OF PROSECUTION HAS TO BE CARRIED OUT BY THE BAR," MR MATHEWS SAID.

MR MATHEWS NOTED THAT HE WAS NOT IN FAVOUR OF ALL THE CROWN'S FORENSIC WORK BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

"I BELIEVE IT TO BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST FOR MY CHAMBERS TO RETAIN A CAPACITY TO UNDERTAKE CRIMINAL AND CIVIL ADVOCACY.

"FIRST, IT IS DESIRABLE THAT THOSE COUNSEL IN THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS' OFFICE WHO ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE PROSECUTION DECISIONS ARE THEMSELVES EXPERIENCED IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE CRIMINAL LAW AND ITS PROCESSES.

"SECONDLY, AS EXPERIENCE WITH THE CROWN PROSECUTION SERVICE IN ENGLAND HAS SHOWN, MORALE SUFFERS IF CROWN PROSECUTORS ARE SEVERELY RESTRICTED IN THE CONDUCT OF ADVOCACY.

"THIRDLY, THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO TO COURT PROVIDES AN ATTRACTION TO ABLE LAWYERS TO JOIN CHAMBERS.

"FOURTHLY, ADVOCACY TRAINING IS AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT IN THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WHICH WE OFFER THE LARGE NUMBERS OF YOUNG LOCAL LAWYERS WHO ARE IN CHAMBERS," MR MATHEWS SAID.

ON LOCALISATION, HE SAID IT WAS AIMED THAT 50 PER CENT OF THE SENIOR CROWN COUNSEL POSTS WOULD BE FILLED BY LOCAL LAWYERS BY 1992. ALREADY 52 OUT OF 124 SENIOR CROWN COUNSEL POSTS WERE FILLED BY LOCAL LAWYERS.

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AWARD SCHEME AN INSPIRATION TO YOUNG PEOPLE

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THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME HAS DONE MUCH TO ENSURE THAT YOUNG PEOPLE ARE HELPED TO BECOME WELL-ROUNDED, BALANCED AND READY TO FACE NEW CHALLENGES BY ENCOURAGING THEM TO HELP OTHERS, ACQUIRE NEW SKILLS, EXPERIENCE ADVENTURE AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS, LADY WILSON SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD - HONG KONG GATHERING '89, LADY WILSON SAID THE SCHEME HAD BEEN A TERRIFIC INSPIRATION TO MANY YOUNG PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD.

NOTING THAT THE HONG KONG COUNCIL FOR THE AWARD WAS AT PRESENT PLAYING A VERY ACTIVE ROLE, LADY WILSON SAID SHE APPRECIATED THE LIAISON WORK AND EFFORT PUT INTO ORGANISING THE HONG KONG GATHERING.

"I AM SURE THIS NEW DIMENSION OF THE COUNCIL'S WORK WILL HELP PROMOTE HONG KONG'S INTERNATIONAL STATUS, AND EVEN MORE IMPORTANT, FOSTER A SPIRIT OF FELLOWSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN YOUNG PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT NATIONS," SHE SAID.

THE GOLD AWARD CANDIDATES WHO HAD GATHERED FROM DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD WOULD BE FACING VERY CHALLENGING TESTS IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS TO COMPLETE THEIR GOLD LEVEL EXPEDITIONS AND RESIDENTIAL REQUIREMENT, LADY WILSON SAID.

"AS YOU STRIVE TO PROVE AND REALISE YOUR POTENTIAL, MAY I WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS, AND ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE IDEAS AND PERSPECTIVES WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE," SHE ADDED.

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SINO-BRITISH LAND COMMISSION TO HOLD 18TH MEETING

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THE TWO SIDES OF THE SINO-BRITISH LAND COMMISSION HAVE AGREED THAT THE COMMISSION'S 18TH MEETING WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 20, 1989 AT 9.30 AM.

THE MEETING WILL DISCUSS THE AVERAGE COST OF LAND PRODUCTION FOR 1989-90 AND REVIEW THE 1989-90 LAND DISPOSAL PROGRAMME.

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PRELIMINARY INQUIRY INTO COLLISION ORDERED
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THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR I.R. STRACHAN, HAS TODAY (SATURDAY) APPOINTED TWO OFFICERS TO CONDUCT A PRELIMINARY INQUIRY INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES ATTENDING TO THE CATAMARAN "APOLLO JET" COLLIDING WITH CERTAIN VESSELS AND SUBSEQUENTLY STRANDING IN THE YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER WHICH OCCURED YESTERDAY EVENING.

THE INQUIRY WAS ORDERED BY MR STRACHAN UNDER SECTION 51(1) OF THE MERCHANT SHIPPING ORDINANCE (CAP. 281), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT SAID.

MR NG KWOK-CHU, MARINE OFFICER, AND MR CHICK KING-FAI, SURVEYOR OF SHIPS (ENGINEER AND SHIP), WHO HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO CONDUCT THE INQUIRY, WOULD SUBMIT A REPORT OF THEIR FINDINGS TO THE GOVERNOR, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

IN THE INCIDENT, TWO PERSONS DIED, ONE PERSON WAS REPORTED MISSING AND 17 PERSONS WERE INJURED.

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RE-APPOINTMENT TO CIVIL SERVICE STANDING COMMISSION
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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THE GOVERNOR HAS RE-APPOINTED MR TANG KWAI-NANG TO BE A MEMBER OF THE STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS WITH EFFECT FROM JANUARY 1, 1990.

THE STANDING COMMISSION ADVISES THE GOVERNMENT ON THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES GOVERNING NON-DIRECTORATE CIVIL SERVICE PAY AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE.

MR TANG IS A MEMBER OF THE AIR TRANSPORT LICENSING AUTHORITY, THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON STUDENT FINANCE AND THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINED SERVICES SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE.

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POLICE FORCE HAS RESPONDED WELL TO PRESSURE AND DEMANDS

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THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE HAS RESPONDED WELL TO BOTH THE PRESSURE AND THE DEMANDS IN RECENT YEARS PARTICULARLY WHEN HONG KONG HAS EXPERIENCED EVENTS AND CHANGES IN CONDITIONS WHICH ARE FAST MOVING AND DEMAND QUICK RESPONSE AND ADJUSTABILITY.

THIS WAS STATED BY A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS, DR DANIEL TSE, WHEN HE TOOK THE SALUTE AT A PASSING OUT PARADE AT THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL IN WONG CHUK HANG TODAY (SATURDAY).

HE POINTED OUT THAT SUCH EVENTS INCLUDED THE INFLUX OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE, THE DECISION FOR THE POLICE TO PARTICIPATE IN BORDER PATROL DUTIES AS WELL AS TO TAKE OVER THE OTHER INTERNAL SECURITY RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ARMY DURING AND AFTER THE GRADUAL WITHDRAWAL OF THE BRITISH GARRISON, AND THE MASSIVE RALLIES AND DEMONSTRATIONS DRAWN TO THE STREET BY POLITICAL EVENTS AND SOCIAL GRIEVANCES.

"THEY HAVE TAKEN UP THEIR NEW AND VERY OFTEN UNPALATABLE DUTIES WITH GREAT SPIRIT AND HIGH PROFESSIONALISM AND INDEED DESERVE OUR FULLEST SUPPORT AND HIGHEST COMMENDATION," DR TSE SAID.

HE TOLD THE GRADUATING OFFICERS THAT THEY SHOULD STRIVE TO KEEP UP THE FORCE'S KNOWN REPUTATION AND TO LIVE UP TO THE RESPECT AND TRUST THE COMMUNITY HAD PLACED IN POLICE OFFICERS.

THE OFFICERS WERE ALSO REMINDED THAT THEY SHOULD NOT BE PUT OFF BY COMPLAINTS FROM THE PUBLIC AGAINST THE POLICE BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THEIR WORK AND THE INCREASING AWARENESS OF CIVIL RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE BUT SHOULD CONTINUE TO CARRY OUT THEIR DUTIES WITH FIRMNESS AND TACTFULNESS.

"WHATEVER THE CIRCUMSTANCES ARE, HONESTY, FAIRNESS, SELFLESSNESS, COURTESY OF A PATIENT POLICE OFFICER WILL ALWAYS HELP DIFFUSE ANY CONFRONTATION AND EASE ILL FEELINGS."

IN CONCLUSION, DR TSE SAID THAT THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE FORCE DEPENDED TO A GREAT EXTENT ON THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY BUT THE FORTHCOMING OF THAT SUPPORT WOULD DEPEND ON THE PERFORMANCE OF THE FORCE.

ON PARADE TODAY WERE 22 INSPECTORS AND 68 CONSTABLES WHO HAVE COMPLETED THEIR TRAINING AND A CONTINGENT OF 275 RECRUITS NOW UNDER TRAINING IN THE SCHOOL.

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COLLEGE PLAYS IMPORTANT ROLE IN TEACHER TRAINING

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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, TODAY (SATURDAY) PRAISED THE NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION FOR ITS TREMENDOUS CONTRIBUTION IN TEACHER TRAINING OVER THE PAST 50 YEARS.

SPEAKING AT THE COLLEGE'S GOLDEN JUBILEE DINNER PARTY, MR LI SAID THAT BY ORGANISING INITIAL, ADVANCED, AND REFRESHER COURSES, THE COLLEGE HAD PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN RAISING BOTH THE QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF TEACHERS.

HE NOTED THAT MORE THAN 13,000 TEACHERS HAD GRADUATED FROM THE COLLEGE SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1939, MANY OF WHOM HAD TAKEN UP KEY POSTS BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE EDUCATION SECTOR.

MR LI ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE COLLEGE'S ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FOR ESTABLISHING A PRIMARY SCHOOL 28 YEARS AGO, WHICH WAS AMONG THE FIRST BATCH OF SCHOOLS USING THE "ACTIVITY APPROACH".

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INAUGURATION OF FIRST ELDERLY ROAD SAFETY PATROL

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THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, TODAY (SATURDAY) URGED MOTORISTS TO GIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO SENIOR CITIZENS WHEN DRIVING ON THE ROAD.

HE ALSO CALLED ON THE ELDERLY TO HEED ROAD SAFETY ADVICE AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY TO MARK THE INAUGURATION OF THE FIRST ELDERLY ROAD SAFETY PATROL OF THE ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION, MR LEUNG SAID THAT DURING THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1989, HALF OF THE VICTIMS WHO DIED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS WERE OVER 60 YEARS OLD.

"TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, THE GOVERNMENT HAS CARRIED OUT IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT TRAFFIC BLACKSPOTS.

"THE MEASURES TAKEN INCLUDE PROVIDING ADDITIONAL PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES AND ADJUSTING THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS SO THAT PEDESTRIANS CAN HAVE MORE TIME TO CROSS THE ROAD.

"THROUGH THE MASS MEDIA, THE GOVERNMENT ALSO REMINDED MOTORISTS TO PAY ATTENTION TO ROAD CONDITIONS AND GIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO SENIOR CITIZENS CROSSING THE ROAD," HE SAID.

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MR LEUNG COMMENDED THE ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION AND THE HONG KONG CHINESE WOMEN'S CLUB MADAM WONG CHAN SOOK-YING MEMORIAL CARE AND ATTENTION CENTRE FOR THE AGED FOR SETTING UP THE ELDERLY ROAD SAFETY PATROL.

HE SAID THAT NOT ONLY WOULD IT DRIVE HOME THE ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE TO PATROL TEAM MEMBERS WHO WOULD IN TURN SPREAD THE SAME MESSAGE TO THE ELDERLY, IT WOULD ALSO INSTIL A SENSE OF DISCIPLINE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE AMONG THE MEMBERS.

MR LEUNG NOTED THAT SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FIRST ROAD SAFETY PATROL IN 1963, THE ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION HAD SET UP MORE THAN 210 SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY PATROLS IN BOTH SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

THESE PATROLS HAD SERVED WELL IN MAINTAINING ORDER IN ROAD CROSSING AND IN DISSEMINATING KNOWLEDGE OF ROAD SAFETY, HE ADDED.

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ELDERLY SERVICES GREATLY IMPROVED IN THE 80'S

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HONG KONG HAS SEEN GREAT IMPROVEMENTS IN THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES AND RESIDENTIAL SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY DURING THE 80'S, THE REGIONAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (NEW TERRITORIES EAST), MR CARLOS LEUNG, SAID THIS (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE MISSION COVENANT CHURCH YIU ON TONG SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY IN SHA TIN, MR LEUNG SAID IT WAS EXPECTED THAT THE PROVISION OF THE TWO TYPES OF SERVICES WOULD REACH THE GOVERNMENT'S TARGET IN THE 90'S.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD THREE AIMS WHEN DEVISING PLANS FOR PROVIDING ELDERLY SERVICES.

"THE FIRST ONE IS TO HELP THE ELDERLY TO CONTINUE LIVING IN THE COMMUNITY BY PROVIDING A SERIES OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES," HE SAID.

"SECONDLY, RESIDENTIAL SERVICES HAVE TO BE PROVIDED FOR THOSE ELDERLY WHO HAVE SUCH A NEED.

"THE THIRD AIM IS TO HELP ELDERLY PEOPLE LEAD A MEANINGFUL LIFE."

HOWEVER, MR LEUNG NOTED THAT WHILE THE FIRST TWO TYPES OF SERVICES WERE CONCRETE ONES, THE AIM OF THE THIRD TYPE OF SERVICES WAS MORE ABSTRACT AND COULD BE EASILY OVERLOOKED.

"IT IS NOW TIME TO DEVELOP SERVICES TO HELP ELDERLY PEOPLE LIVE A MEANINGFUL LIFE," HE SAID.

NOTING THAT SOCIAL CENTRES COULD PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN PROVIDING THESE SERVICES, HE SAID THE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE CENTRES SHOULD BE SO DEvised AS TO MAKE ELDERLY PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THAT THEY COULD STILL LEAD AN ACTIVE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY.

MR LEUNG COMMENDED THE MISSION COVENANT CHURCH FOR ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS WELFARE SERVICES IN THE PAST 40 YEARS.

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DB PRAISED FOR HELPING THE ELDERLY

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THE DIRECTOR OF HOSPITAL SERVICES, DR CHAU TUEN-YIN, TODAY (SATURDAY) PRAISED THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD FOR LOOKING AFTER THE WELL-BEING OF THE ELDERLY IN THE DISTRICT.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE MONG KOK EYE CARE CAMPAIGN FOR THE ELDERLY, DR CHAU NOTED THAT THE BOARD HAD ORGANISED ACTIVITIES IN THE PAST YEARS TO PROMOTE RESPECT FOR THE ELDERLY.

CITING EXAMPLES, HE NOTED THAT IT ORGANISED A "RESPECT FOR THE ELDERLY" CAMPAIGN LAST YEAR, OFFERING PREFERENTIAL SERVICES TO THE AGED, AND THE EYE CARE CAMPAIGN DURING THE CURRENT MONG KOK FESTIVAL.

"IT IS ALL THE MORE ENCOURAGING TO KNOW THAT OPHTHALMOLOGISTS IN MONG KOK HAVE AGREED TO PROVIDE PREFERENTIAL SERVICES TO THE ELDERLY IN MONG KOK, UNDERLYING THE ENTHUSIASTIC PARTICIPATION BY PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE IN THE DISTRICT.

"ELDERLY PEOPLE HAVE MADE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY. I HOPE THE CAMPAIGN WOULD AROUSE PUBLIC INTEREST IN SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY," MR CHAU SAID.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, MR LAI KWOK-WING, SAID THE GROUP WOULD OPEN AN ELDERLY CENTRE AND A YOUTH AND CHILDREN CENTRE AT JUNE GARDEN IN TAI KOK TSUI NEXT YEAR. BY THEN, THE GROUP WOULD BE ABLE TO OFFER MONG KOK RESIDENTS A MORE COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF SERVICES.

THE MONG KOK EYE CARE CAMPAIGN, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS AND THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD, WILL RUN FROM NEXT TUESDAY (DECEMBER 19) TO JANUARY 5.

MORE THAN 3,000 ELDERLY PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT WILL BE GIVEN FREE EYE CHECK-UPS AT FOUR VENUES. IF REQUIRED, THEY WILL BE PROVIDED WITH SPECTACLES AT DESIGNATED SHOPS.

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ELDERLY PEOPLE NEED CARE AND CONCERN

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CARING FOR THE ELDERLY'S SPIRITUAL NEEDS IS AS IMPORTANT AS PROVIDING THEM MATERIAL SUPPORT, THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER (COMMUNITY AFFAIRS) OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, MISS LISA CHAN, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE 1989 SAI KUNG DISTRICT FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY.

"WE SHOULD RESPECT AND TAKE CARE OF THE ELDERLY PEOPLE BECAUSE THEY HAD CONTRIBUTED A LOT IN BUILDING AND DEVELOPING THE SOCIETY WHEN THEY WERE YOUNG," SHE SAID.

MISS CHAN SAID EQUAL EFFORTS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO PROVIDING MATERIAL NECESSITIES FOR THE ELDERLY PEOPLE AND SERVICES IN MEETING THEIR PSYCHOLOGICAL NEEDS.

"TO SHOW OUR LOVE AND RESPECT FOR THE ELDERLY, A FESTIVAL IS HELD IN SAI KUNG EVERY YEAR WITH GREAT SUPPORT FROM THE LOCAL PEOPLE.

"AND I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THOSE INVOLVED IN ORGANISING THE FESTIVAL," SHE SAID.

IN ADDITION, MISS CHAN SAID THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE AND DISTRICT BOARD WERE ASSISTING VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS IN HOLDING ACTIVITIES FOR THE ELDERLY.

"I HOPE THESE ORGANISATIONS WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE GOVERNMENT IN PROVIDING MORE ACTIVITIES FOR THE OLD PEOPLE AND STEPPING UP THE SERVICES FOR THEM."

THE 1989 SAI KUNG DISTRICT FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY, WHICH STARTED ON NOVEMBER 18, WAS AIMED AT AROUSING THE CONCERN OF LOCAL RESIDENTS TOWARDS THE WELL-BEING OF THE ELDERLY.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WAS A LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADER, MR LEE SPIEGAL, WHO PRESENTED A GOLD MEDAL TO EACH OF THE SIX OLDEST PEOPLE IN SAI KUNG. THE OLDEST OF THE RECIPIENTS WAS A 99-YEAR-OLD VILLAGER OF HO CHUNG, MADAM CHEUNG SUN-TAI.

A TOTAL OF 18 ACTIVITIES WERE HELD DURING THE FESTIVAL. THEY INCLUDED VISITS TO HOMES FOR THE AGED IN SAI KUNG, DENTAL AND HEALTH CHECK-UPS FOR THE ELDERLY, CHESS COMPETITIONS AND A BANQUET FOR THE ELDERLY WHICH WAS HELD THIS AFTERNOON.

THE BANQUET WAS ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 1,000 OLD PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT.

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LIGHTS TO CELEBRATE SHA TIN FESTIVAL

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MORE THAN 20,000 COLOURED LIGHT BULBS WILL LIGHT UP SHING MUN RIVER FROM MONDAY (DECEMBER 18) EVENING TILL NEXT FEBRUARY TO CELEBRATE THE 1989-90 SHA TIN FESTIVAL.

THE LIGHT BULBS WILL BE ARRANGED AGAINST A PICTURE OF THE AMAH ROCK AND CHRISTMAS FLOWERS, MEASURING 6.3 METRES BY 33 METRES, ON SAND MARTIN BRIDGE.

DURING THE CHINESE NEW YEAR PERIOD, THE DESIGN WILL BE CHANGED TO THAT OF A GALLOPING HORSE TO GREET THE YEAR OF THE HORSE.

ANOTHER MAJOR ATTRACTION WILL BE A 3.3-METRE IN DIAMETER, 6.5-METRE TALL CHINESE LANTERN ROTATING AT A SPEED OF ONE CYCLE PER MINUTE ON A HILLTOP IN CENTRAL PARK.

ON THE LANTERN WILL BE PICTURES OF SHA TIN PAINTED BY FAMOUS ARTISTS IN CHINA.

ON BANYAN BRIDGE, A CHINESE PROVERB MEANING SUCCESS IN THE YEAR OF THE HORSE WILL WISH RESIDENTS GOOD LUCK.

IN ADDITION, THE LAMP POSTS ALONG TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD WILL BE DRESSED WITH COLOURFUL LIGHTING DECORATIONS.

THESE LIGHTING DECORATIONS, COSTING ABOUT \$330,000, WILL BE SWITCHED ON BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR PETER TSAO, AT 6.15 PM ON MONDAY ON THE ROOFTOP GARDEN OF SHA TIN TOWN HALL.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SWITCHING-ON CEREMONY OF SHA TIN FESTIVAL LIGHTING AT 6.15 PM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 18) ON THE ROOFTOP GARDEN, SHA TIN TOWN HALL.

HOLIDAY TREAT OF FLOWERS AND PLANTS

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL SEE COLOURFUL DISPLAYS OF BLOOMING PINWHEEL AFRICAN VIOLETS IN A LARGE-SCALE CULTURAL EVENT IN NORTH DISTRICT DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

THE HYBRID PINWHEEL, A NEW LOOK IN AFRICAN VIOLETS WITH UNIQUE STRIPED COLOUR PATTERNS AND COMBINATIONS, WILL BE A DISTINCTIVE EXHIBIT AT THE THIRD NORTH DISTRICT (1989) FLOWER, BIRD, INSECT AND FISH SHOW, TO BE HELD FROM FRIDAY (DECEMBER 22) TO DECEMBER 26.

THE FIVE-DAY SHOW, SPONSORED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, WILL BE STAGED AT THE FANLING RECREATION GROUND AND THE ADJACENT FANLING ROTARY YOUTH CENTRE.

VISITORS WILL ALSO HAVE A CHANCE TO APPRECIATE THE DELICATE BEAUTY AND FRAGRANCE OF VARIOUS ORCHIDS, SEASONAL FLOWERS FRESHLY FLOWN IN FROM OVERSEAS AND THE AGE-OLD STRENGTH OF BONSAI-TYPE PLANTS SUCH AS THE PINE.

TALKS ON FLOWER ARRANGEMENT WITH THE USE OF CHINESE EMBROIDERY, AND ON ORCHIDS, AFRICAN VIOLETS AND BONSAI CULTIVATION WILL ADD COLOUR TO THE SHOW TO BE OPENED BY LADY WILSON.

"THE OBJECTIVE OF STAGING THE SHOW IS TO AROUSE INTEREST IN AND ENHANCE KNOWLEDGE OF FLORA AND FAUNA," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

"THE EXHIBITION IS INTENDED FOR PEOPLE SEEKING A RELAXING OUTLET FROM THE HUSTLE OF CITY LIFE, AND FOR THE FAMILY AS A WORTHWHILE OUTING FOR SOME INEXPENSIVE FORM OF ENTERTAINMENT," HE ADDED.

A VARIETY OF PET BIRDS, BUTTERFLIES, MOTHS, BEES, TROPICAL AQUARIUM FISH, GOLDFISH, CORAL AND MARINE FISH WILL BE THE MAIN ATTRACTIONS APART FROM FLOWERS.

THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND THE WORLD WIDE FUND FOR NATURE HONG KONG ARE ALSO PROVIDING EXHIBITS.

THE EXHIBITION GROUND IS EASILY ACCESSIBLE BY TRAIN. THE ADMISSION FEE WILL BE \$5 FOR ADULTS AND \$2 FOR CHILDREN.

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FORUM AND CARNIVAL FOR WAN CHAI YOUTH FESTIVAL
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THE WAN CHAI YOUTH FESTIVAL, FEATURING AN OPEN FORUM AND A CARNIVAL WITH PERFORMANCES BY YOUNG PEOPLE, WILL BE HELD IN SOUTHOEN PLAYGROUND TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE EVENT HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD'S CONCERN FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES WORKING GROUP IN SUPPORT OF THE TERRITORY-WIDE YOUTH FESTIVAL.

MORE THAN 40 DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS, INCLUDING VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, YOUTH CENTRES, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND SCHOOLS, WILL TAKE PART IN THE DISTRICT EVENT WHICH AIMS AT PROMOTING A SENSE OF COMMITMENT AMONG YOUTH TOWARDS BUILDING A BETTER HONG KONG.

THE FORUM, IN WHICH YOUNG PEOPLE WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE FUTURE, WILL BE CHAIRED BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, MR MAK LOK-SUN.

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IN THE CARNIVAL, THERE WILL BE POP SONGS, FOLK SONGS, FOLK DANCE, BALLET, MARTIAL ARTS DEMONSTRATION, A DRAMA AND CHINESE ORCHESTRAL MUSIC PERFORMANCES BY YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THE DISTRICT, AS WELL AS PERFORMANCES BY WELL-KNOWN SINGERS.

OFFICIATING AT THE EVENT'S OPENING WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, MRS ROSANNA TAM; WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PETER MANN; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S CONCERN FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES WORKING GROUP, MR SAN STEPHEN WONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE WAN CHAI YOUTH FESTIVAL, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) IN SOUTHERN PLAYGROUND.

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JUNIOR POLICE CALL COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY TOMORROW
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THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL WILL BE ORGANISING A COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY TOMORROW (SUNDAY) IN SUPPORT OF THE HONG KONG YOUTH FESTIVAL.

MORE THAN 2,000 JPC MEMBERS FROM 19 DISTRICTS WILL TAKE PART IN VARIOUS COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, WHICH HAVE BEEN SPECIALLY ORGANISED TO HIGHLIGHT THE CHARACTERISTICS OF INDIVIDUAL DISTRICTS.

THE ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE VISITS TO HOMES FOR THE AGED AND ORPHANAGES; FUND-RAISING FOR THE NEEDY; DISTRIBUTION OF CRIME PREVENTION AND HOME SECURITY PAMPHLETS; BEACH CLEANING AND ROAD SAFETY DAY.

TOMORROW'S ACTIVITIES WILL ALSO TIE IN WELL WITH THE THEME OF THE YOUTH FESTIVAL -- "WE ARE HONG KONG". SIMILAR TO OTHER EVENTS OF THE FESTIVAL, THE JPC ACTIVITIES STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF A PROPER, BALANCED YOUTH DEVELOPMENT; ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS BUILDING A BETTER COMMUNITY.

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FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITION TO BE HELD IN TUEN MUN

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RESIDENTS IN TUEN MUN WILL LEARN MORE ABOUT FIRE PREVENTION FROM AN EXHIBITION TO BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE YAN OI TOWN SQUARE FROM NOON TO 3 PM.

THE EXHIBITION, ORGANISED BY THE FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP, IS THE SECOND IN A SERIES OF NINE FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITIONS.

"THE EXHIBITIONS AIM TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF FIRE PREVENTION AND THE POTENTIAL HAZARD OF ELECTRIC FAULT WHICH REMAINS A MAJOR CAUSE OF DOMESTIC AND INDUSTRIAL FIRES," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WORKING GROUP SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

"ELECTRIC FAULTS CAN BE AVOIDED IF REGULAR MAINTENANCE OF POWER POINTS AND APPLIANCES ARE CARRIED OUT BY PROFESSIONALS," HE SAID.

"IN ORDER TO HELP THE PUBLIC OBTAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE SUBJECT, OFFICERS FROM THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL BE PRESENT AT THE EXHIBITIONS TO ANSWER QUESTIONS," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO TAKE PART IN THE EXHIBITIONS TO ADVISE THE PUBLIC ON HOW TO PREVENT HILL FIRES.

VISITORS TO THE EXHIBITION WILL RECEIVE A BOOKLET ON THE PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC FIRES AND SOUVENIRS SPONSORED BY KWONG ON BANK LTD.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR SHUEN WAN LANDFILL PROJECT

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THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SEAWALL AND SANITARY LANDFILL IN THE SHUEN WAN LANDFILL.

WORKS UNDER THE CONTRACT WILL ALLOW FOR EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING LANDFILLING OPERATION IN THE AREA TO ACCOMMODATE AN ADDITIONAL TWO MILLION TONNES OF REFUSE.

THE WORKS WILL ALSO REQUIRE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 1,000-METRE LONG PITCHED SLOPE SEAWALL.

THE LANDFILLING OPERATION CONSISTS ESSENTIALLY OF SPREADING AND COMPACTING REFUSE IN LAYERS AND COVERING EACH LAYER WITH INERT EARTH AS LANDFILLING PROCEEDS.

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THE CONTRACTOR WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO SEAL OFF ALL WORKING FACES OF THE LANDFILL AT THE CONCLUSION OF EACH DAY'S WORK TO ELIMINATE HEALTH AND FIRE HAZARDS.

THE CONTRACT PERIOD IS 30 MONTHS AND WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN APRIL NEXT YEAR.

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CHIEF ENGINEER, DEVELOPMENT AND AIRPORT DIVISION, CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT, SEVENTH FLOOR, EMPIRE CENTRE, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS IS NOON ON JANUARY 12.

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WATER CUTS IN YUEN LONG, TAI PO
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN YUEN LONG WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 10 PM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 18) TO 7 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE WATER WORKS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES AT ALL AREAS ALONG KAM TIN ROAD, KAM SHEUNG ROAD AND LAM KAM ROAD; ALL AREAS ALONG FAN KAM ROAD (WANG TOI SHAN SECTION - TA SHEK WU SECTION); ALL AREAS ALONG CASTLE PEAK ROAD (FROM AU TAU ROUNDABOUT - MAI PO SECTION INCLUDING YAU SHIN STREET).

ON THE SAME DAY (DECEMBER 18), FLUSHING WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TAI PO WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR A LEAKAGE TEST.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES IN FU SHIN ESTATE, MING NGA COURT AND SUN HING GARDEN.

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SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS SOLD BY AUCTION
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THIRTY-NINE SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE PUT UP FOR AUCTION THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING FOR A TOTAL OF \$730,600 WHICH WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL, SAW THE REGISTRATION NUMBER ED8 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$150,000.

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ANOTHER NUMBER EE11 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$83,000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1,000 EACH FOR EE1231, ED9599, ED7870, ED6166.

FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF TODAY'S AUCTION:

ED8988	\$ 6,000	ED113	\$ 10,000	ED8	\$ 150,000
BS217	5,100	EB2	50,000	AS988	16,000
EE1231	1,000	DZ9328	5,500	ED139	9,000
EE313	8,000	EE188	40,000	EE213	9,000
BB1987	7,000	EC23	40,000	CA200	20,000
EE233	25,000	EE8223	5,000	EE115	11,000
EE1298	5,000	EE918	12,000	EE736	7,000
EC777	39,000	BH1313	20,000	ED8999	13,000
DD268	13,000	EE230	8,000	ED3002	2,000
EE883	25,000	AS1668	40,000	EE11	83,000
CN162	10,000	EE1028	4,000	BC4	19,000
ED7773	2,000	EE709	3,000	ED525	WITHDRAWN
ED9599	1,000	ED7870	1,000	ED6166	1,000
EE9968	5,000				

ONE SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK ED525 WAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE AUCTION.

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WERE REQUIRED TO PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

THE NUMBERS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 145TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR CHARITY REALISED SO FAR TO \$88,790,305.

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LANE CLOSURE ON KWAI CHUNG ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD MARKING WORK, THE THREE LANES OF THE KOWLOON-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF KWAI CHUNG ROAD OUTSIDE THE CONTAINER PORT WILL BE PARTIALLY CLOSED IN TURN FROM 10 PM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 18) TO 5 AM ON DECEMBER 21.

CLOSURE OF TWO TRAFFIC LANES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ONLY AT NIGHT (10 PM TO 5 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY). ONE TRAFFIC LANE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE REST OF THE CLOSURE PERIOD.

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TEMPORARY URBAN CLEARWAY IN LEIGHTON LANE
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 18), THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF LEIGHTON LANE IN WAN CHAI FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH LEIGHTON ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES TO THE SOUTH WILL BE DESIGNATED A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY.

THIS MEASURE WILL LAST FOR ABOUT EIGHT WEEKS TO FACILITATE DRAINAGE WORKS.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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