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ANTI-FOOD POISONING ACTION STEPPED UP
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AS PART OF STEPPED-UP GOVERNMENT ACTION AGAINST FOOD POISONING, EDUCATION MATERIALS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT DISTRICT OFFICES ALL OVER HONG KONG WHILE A HOTLINE HAS COMMENCED OPERATION OFFERING GENERAL ADVICE TO THE PUBLIC.

TWO LEAFLETS, ONE ENTITLED +PREVENTION OF BACTERIAL FOOD POISONING+ AND THE OTHER FOCUSING ON CHOLERA PREVENTION, HAVE BEEN PREPARED BY THE HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH.

SENIOR HEALTH INSPECTOR WONG LUP-GAY OF THE HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THE TWO LEAFLETS EMPHASISING THE IMPORTANCE OF FOOD HYGIENE WOULD PROVIDE A QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

+THE LEAFLET ON THE PREVENTION OF BACTERIAL FOOD POISONING OUTLINES THE SYMPTOMS OF FOOD POISONING AND DRAWS PUBLIC ATTENTION TO THE COMMON TYPES OF BACTERIA AND THE KINDS OF FOOD LIKELY TO BE CONTAMINATED.

+IT THEN HIGHLIGHTS VARIOUS PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES INCLUDING THE POINTS TO OBSERVE WHEN PURCHASING FOOD, IN FOOD PREPARATION AS WELL AS STORAGE,+ HE SAID.

MR WONG POINTED OUT THAT THE LEAFLET ON CHOLERA PREVENTION SERVED AS A FURTHER REMINDER ABOUT VARIOUS ASPECTS OF PERSONAL HYGIENE INCLUDING EATING HABITS AND ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANLINESS.

HE SAID ADVICE AGAINST FOOD POISONING COULD ALSO BE OBTAINED BY DIALLING A 24-HOUR HOT-LINE - 5-8916443 - WHICH STARTED OPERATION EARLY THIS MONTH.

+WHILE THE RECORDED MESSAGE PUTS THE FOOD POISONING PREVENTIVE MEASURES IN A NUTSHELL, CALLERS CAN ASK SPECIFIC QUESTIONS AND OFFICERS FROM THE HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT WOULD GET BACK TO THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE,+ HE SAID.

MEANWHILE, TWO POSTERS ON FOOD POISONING - ONE DESIGNED FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND THE OTHER TARGETTED AT MEMBERS OF THE FOOD TRADE - HAVE BEEN PRODUCED TO HEIGHTEN AWARENESS OF FOOD HYGIENE.

MR WONG SAID THESE POSTERS, TOGETHER WITH THE LEAFLETS, HAVE ALSO BEEN DELIVERED TO DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, HOSPITALS, CLINICS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS' INCORPORATIONS FOR DISPLAY.

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LAST CHOLERA PATIENT DISCHARGED
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THE LAST CHOLERA PATIENT IN THE HOSPITAL, A 72-YEAR-OLD MAN WILL BE DISCHARGED THIS AFTERNOON, THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SINCE AUGUST 12, NO FURTHER CHOLERA CASE HAS BEEN CONFIRMED.

HONG KONG WAS ANNOUNCED AS A CHOLERA INFECTED AREA ON AUGUST 2. A TOTAL OF 22 PERSONS WERE CONFIRMED TO HAVE CONTRACTED THE DISEASE.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 34 SUSPECTED CASES IN THE PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL.

MEANWHILE, UP TO 12 NOON TODAY, 661 PERSONS WERE INOCULATED AT THE EIGHT GOVERNMENT VACCINATION CENTRES AND PORT HEALTH OFFICES.

THE FOLLOWING IS A BREAKDOWN OF THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO WERE VACCINATED TODAY:

SAI YING PUN JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC	39
SHAU KEI WAN JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC	35
KWUN TONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE	115
YAU MA TEI JOCKEY CLUB POLYCLINIC	121
LADY TRENCH POLYCLINIC, TSUEN WAN	99
YUEN LONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE	52
SHEK WU HUI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC	23
TAI PO JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC	26
PORT HEALTH OFFICES	151

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT VACCINATION WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE EIGHT CENTRES.

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AREA COMMITTEE'S ROLE IN COMMUNITY BUILDING STRESSED
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AREA COMMITTEES CAN MAKE A GREAT IMPACT ON CIVIC EDUCATION AS THEIR CENTRAL POSITION IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE IS PIVOTAL IN THE CAMPAIGN, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SIMON LORD, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT A SEMINAR ORGANISED BY THE ABERDEEN AND AP LEI CHAU AREA COMMITTEE, MR LORD SAID AREA COMMITTEES WERE AT THE MIDDLE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S THREE-TIER CONSULTATIVE MACHINERY AND ONE OF THEIR TASKS WAS TO PASS OPINIONS AND SUGGESTIONS BETWEEN RESIDENT BODIES AND THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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+THIS IS FACILITATED BY THE FACT THAT MANY AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE THEMSELVES MEMBERS OF RESIDENT ORGANISATIONS OR INDEED OF THE DISTRICT BOARD ITSELF,+ HE SAID.

ACCORDING TO THE CIVIC EDUCATION STRATEGY 1986-87 RECENTLY ENDORSED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE, A CIVIC EDUCATION TEAM WOULD BE FORMED UNDER EACH OF THE DISTRICT'S SIX AREA COMMITTEES TO CARRY OUT BASIC CIVIC EDUCATION ON THE GROUND.

MR LORD POINTED OUT THAT AP LEI CHAU WOULD BE A FOCUS OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE COMING YEARS WITH THE COMPLETION OF LEI TUNG ESTATE, WHICH WOULD EVENTUALLY ACCOMMODATE MORE THAN 36 000 PEOPLE, AND RECLAMATION ALONG THE NORTHERN SHORE OF THE ISLAND.

+THE ABERDEEN AND AP LEI CHAU AREA COMMITTEE WILL INEVITABLY BE CLOSELY INVOLVED IN THESE EVENTS - PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS THE VITAL JOB OF COMMUNITY BUILDING AMONG THE RESIDENTS OF LEI TUNG, WITH THEIR DIVERSE BACKGROUND,+ HE SAID.

MORE THAN 70 REPRESENTATIVES FROM MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS CORPORATIONS AND RESIDENT ASSOCIATIONS IN ABERDEEN AND AP LEI CHAU ATTENDED TODAY'S SEMINAR TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON DISTRICT AFFAIRS.

THEY DISCUSSED MATTERS CONCERNING THE AREA'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT AND COMMUNITY BUILDING. TOPICS RAISED ALSO INCLUDED HAWKER PROBLEMS, LAW AND ORDER, BUS SERVICES, ROAD SAFETY AND CIVIC EDUCATION.

THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL ORGANISE SIMILAR SEMINARS WITH OTHER AREA COMMITTEES IN THE DISTRICT LATER IN THE YEAR.

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QUARTERLY TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UP 31 PER CENT * * * * *

COMPLAINTS ABOUT TRANSPORT MATTERS LODGED WITH THE TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT IN THE PERIOD APRIL TO JUNE 1986 ROSE BY 31 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO THE UNIT'S QUARTERLY REPORT RELEASED TODAY (SATURDAY).

A TOTAL OF 1 734 COMPLAINTS WERE RECEIVED IN THE PERIOD WHILE 1 328 WERE REGISTERED IN THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. THE LATEST FIGURE ALSO REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OVER THE 1 423 RECORDED IN THE QUARTER STARTING JANUARY 1986.

THE UPWARD TREND WAS MAINLY DUE TO MORE COMPLAINTS ABOUT PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES, ROAD TRAFFIC CONDITIONS, ROAD MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT, THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT, MR MOHAMMED RUMJAHN SAID.

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COMPLAINTS ABOUT PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES CONSTITUTED THE LARGEST SINGLE GROUP OF COMPLAINTS HANDLED BY UNIT. THEY ACCOUNTED FOR 688 CASES OR ABOUT TWO-FIFTHS OF ALL THE COMPLAINTS RECEIVED. BUS SERVICES AND GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES WERE THE PRINCIPAL SUBJECTS OF COMPLAINTS, HE SAID.

THERE WERE 474 COMPLAINT CASES CONCERNING BUS SERVICES, COMPARED WITH 390 CASES IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT ADEQUACY OF BUS SERVICES FOR HONG KONG ISLAND WENT UP FROM 47 CASES IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER TO 58 THIS QUARTER, WHILST THOSE CONCERNING KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES ALSO INCREASED FROM 98 CASES IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER TO 140 THIS QUARTER.

+COMPLAINTS OF THIS NATURE WERE REFERRED TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT FOR CONSIDERATION AS THE SUBJECTS OF COMPLAINT INCLUDE FREQUENCY-CARRYING CAPACITY, ROUTING, HOURS OF OPERATION AND PROVISION OF STOPS,+ MR RUMJAHN SAID.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE STANDARD OF SERVICE OF THE TWO BUS COMPANIES COMPRISED 101 CASES DIRECTED AT CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY AND 110 CASES DIRECTED AT KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY. THE MAJOR CAUSES OF COMPLAINT WERE NON-ADHERENCE TO SCHEDULED FREQUENCY AND CONDUCT OF STAFF.

SUCH COMPLAINTS WERE REFERRED TO THE BUS COMPANIES CONCERNED FOR INVESTIGATION, AND WHERE CASES WERE FOUND TO BE SUBSTANTIATED, APPROPRIATE RECTIFICATION HAD BEEN MADE, HE SAID.

COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS QUARTER, COMPLAINTS ABOUT GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES SLIGHTLY INCREASED BY NINE CASES TO 108 CASES. THE MAJOR AREAS OF COMPLAINT, NEARLY HALF OF WHICH WERE CONCERNED WITH ROUTES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, COVERED NON-ADHERENCE TO SCHEDULED FREQUENCY-ROUTING, CONDUCT AND PERFORMANCE OF DRIVERS AND INADEQUATE FREQUENCY-CARRYING CAPACITY.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT TAXI SERVICE ROSE FROM 37 CASES IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER TO 42 THIS QUARTER. MOST OF THESE COMPLAINTS WERE CONCERNED WITH MALPRACTICES OF TAXI DRIVERS - REFUSING HIRE, MISCONDUCT OF DRIVERS, OVERCHARGING AND NOT TAKING THE MOST DIRECT ROUTING.

MR RUMJAHN ADVISED THESE COMPLAINANTS TO REPORT DIRECT TO THE POLICE AS THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE WAS THE STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR TAKING ENFORCEMENT ACTION.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT ROAD CONGESTION CONTINUED TO INCREASE TO 363 CASES, COMPARED WITH 267 CASES IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER AND 243 IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR. THEY ACCOUNTED FOR ABOUT ONE-FIFTH OF ALL THE COMPLAINTS RECEIVED IN THE QUARTER. MOST OF THE CASES OCCURRED IN THE URBAN AREAS, INCLUDING KWUN TONG, CENTRAL AND WESTERN, WAN CHAI, KOWLOON CITY AND SHAM SHUI PO.

TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS AND VEHICLE OBSTRUCTION WERE CLAIMED TO BE THE MAJOR CAUSES OF ROAD CONGESTION. AS IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER, ABOUT HALF OF THE COMPLAINTS ABOUT VEHICLE OBSTRUCTION WERE DIRECTED AGAINST PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES.

/MR RUMJAHN

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MR RUMJAHN SAID THAT A TOTAL OF 205 PROPOSALS ON TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC AIDS-PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES CHANNELLED THROUGH THE UNIT IN THE QUARTER HAD BEEN FORWARDED TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT FOR CONSIDERATION.

+COMPLAINTS CONCERNING MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND ROAD FURNITURE WENT UP FROM 118 CASES IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER TO 173 THIS QUARTER. THE MAJOR AREAS OF COMPLAINT WERE DEFECTIVE ROAD SURFACE, MALFUNCTIONED TRAFFIC LIGHTS AND DAMAGED TRAFFIC SIGNS-AIDS.+

THESE CASES WERE REFERRED TO THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT AND THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR ACTION, HE SAID.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT CASES WENT UP FROM 76 IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER TO 136 THIS QUARTER. THE MAJOR AREAS OF COMPLAINT WERE ILLEGAL PARKING AND VEHICLE MOVING OFFENCES.

THE TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT, SET UP UNDER THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO RECEIVE AND MONITOR COMPLAINTS ON TRANSPORT MATTERS, OPERATES A 24-HOUR HOTLINE ON 5-776866.

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CAR NUMBER BK8 FETCHES \$122 000
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THIRTY-FIVE SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD BY AUCTION THIS MORNING (SATURDAY) FOR A TOTAL OF \$801 500 WHICH WILL GO INTO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION HELD AT RECITAL HALL OF THE CITY HALL, 8TH FLOOR, SAW THE REGISTRATION NUMBER BK8 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$122 000.

ANOTHER NUMBER DK8 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$92 000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1 000 FOR DC790, DJ7707, DJ8010 AND AZ8230.

THE OTHER SPECIAL REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD AT THE FOLLOWING PRICES:

DC 790	\$ 1 000	DJ8868	\$ 11 000	AA9779	\$ 45 000
DJ1380	2 000	DK 800	47 000	DJ2388	5 000
BK 8	122 000	BC 988	30 000	DJ 928	12 000
DJ7707	1 000	DK 188	44 000	DK8338	39 000
DJ1113	4 500	DK 8	92 000	XX 246	13 000
DH9000	18 000	BK 411	3 000	AZ8230	1 000
DJ3286	5 000	DJ6268	5 000	DK 383	30 000
HK1283	17 000	8787	60 000	DK 238	18 000
DJ7118	4 000	DK1028	5 000	DH8318	4 000
DJ 889	30 000	DK1888	42 000	DH 77	12 000
DH1000	57 000	DK7168	4 000	AL1868	8 000
DJ8010	1 000	DK3233	9 000		

/SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS

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SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY IN CASH OR BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

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

TODAY'S SALE, THE 107TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR CHARITY REALISED SO FAR TO \$39 129 032.

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JULY RAINFALL 73 PER CENT ABOVE NORMAL
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JULY WAS 73 PER CENT WETTER THAN USUAL WITH A TOTAL OF 547.3 MM OF RAINFALL RECORDED, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY REPORTED TODAY.

OF THIS RAINFALL, 85 PER CENT WAS ASSOCIATED WITH STORMS ON JULY 3 AND 4 AND WITH TYPHOON PEGGY WHICH NECESSITATED THE HOISTING OF THE NO. 8 TROPICAL CYCLONE SIGNAL ON JULY 11.

AFTER TWO DAYS OF FINE WEATHER AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MONTH, HEAVY SHOWERS AND SQUALLY THUNDERSTORMS OCCURRED ON JULY 3 WHEN A MOISTURE-LADEN SOUTHWEST MONSOON AFFECTED HONG KONG.

PERSISTENT HEAVY RAIN MAINLY FELL IN THE URBAN AREAS AND OVER 100 MM OF RAIN WERE REPORTED IN WESTERN DISTRICT. RAIN IN KOWLOON CAUSED 90 RESIDENTS OF AN OLD BUILDING IN DIAMOND HILL TO BE EVACUATED AFTER THE BALCONY COLLAPSED.

HEAVY AND THUNDERY SHOWERS RECURRED THE NEXT MORNING. IN SAI KUNG, OVER 200 MM OF RAIN WERE RECORDED BETWEEN 4 AM AND 11 AM.

THE TORRENTIAL DOWNPOUR GAVE RISE TO 39 CASES OF MINOR FLOODING AND FIVE LANDSLIPS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF HONG KONG.

IN ADDITION, 11 PASSENGERS WERE INJURED WHEN A LORRY WAS HIT BY FALLING BOULDERS IN SAI KUNG, AND EIGHT PEOPLE WERE EVACUATED FROM THEIR HOMES AFTER A LANDSLIP IN NGAU CHI WAN.

THE WEATHER BECAME FINE AGAIN IN THE AFTERNOON WITH SUNNY INTERVALS.

FROM JULY 5 TO 9, THE WEATHER WAS MAINLY FINE AND HOT APART FROM SOME MORNING THUNDERSTORMS.

MEANWHILE, TYPHOON PEGGY HAD DEVELOPED OVER THE PACIFIC NEAR GUAM ON JULY 3. IT CROSSED LUZON ON JULY 9 AND ENTERED THE SOUTH CHINA SEA. THE NO. 1 SIGNAL WAS HOISTED AT 11.10 PM THAT DAY.

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IT WAS THE FIRST TYPHOON THAT NECESSITATED THE HOISTING OF TROPICAL CYCLONE SIGNALS IN HONG KONG THIS YEAR.

THE WEATHER WAS SUNNY AND VERY HOT ON JULY 10. THE TEMPERATURE ROSE TO A MAXIMUM OF 34.8 DEGREES CELSIUS ON JULY 10, MAKING THE DAY THE FOURTH HOTTEST RECORDED IN JULY. IN THE SAME EVENING, THUNDERSTORMS WERE TRIGGERED OFF BY THE INTENSE SOLAR HEATING.

THE WEATHER DETERIORATED RAPIDLY ON JULY 11 UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF PEGGY. THE NO. 3 SIGNAL WAS HOISTED AT 2.10 AM WHEN IT MOVED TOWARDS THE SOUTH CHINA COAST.

THE NO. 8 SOUTHWESTERLY GALE OR STORM SIGNAL WAS HOISTED AT 3.30 PM ON THE SAME DAY WHEN PEGGY WAS ABOUT TO CROSS THE SOUTH CHINA COAST ABOUT 130 KILOMETRES EAST-NORTHEAST OF HONG KONG. IT CAME CLOSEST TO HONG KONG AROUND 9 PM WHEN IT WAS ABOUT 90 KILOMETRES TO THE NORTHEAST. STRONG TO GALE-FORCE WINDS ACCOMPANIED BY WIDESPREAD AND FREQUENT SQUALLY SHOWERS BATTERED THE TERRITORY.

WHEN PEGGY MOVED FURTHER INLAND AND AWAY FROM HONG KONG IN THE EARLY MORNING OF JULY 12, THE NO. 8 SIGNAL WAS CHANGED TO A STRONG WIND SIGNAL NO. 3 AT 2.15 AM.

THROUGHOUT THE MORNING, PEGGY'S INTENSE RAINBANDS GAVE RISE TO SEVERE SQUALLS IN PERSISTENT HEAVY PRECIPITATION. MORE THAN 100 MM OF RAIN WERE RECORDED IN URBAN AREAS, SAI KUNG, SHA TIN AND TSUEN WAN BETWEEN 6 AM AND 10 AM. RAIN BECAME LESS HEAVY AND SOUTHERLY WINDS MODERATED IN THE AFTERNOON.

ALL SIGNALS WERE LOWERED AT 6.40 PM ON JULY 12 WHEN PEGGY WAS ABOUT 330 KILOMETRES WEST-NORTHWEST OF HONG KONG.

DURING THE PASSAGE OF PEGGY, A SIX-YEAR OLD BOY WAS DROWNED AFTER FALLING OVERBOARD FROM HIS FAMILY BOAT IN AP LEI CHAU. TWENTY-SIX PEOPLE SUFFERED INJURIES.

ON JULY 12 ALONE, THERE WERE 20 CASES OF LANDSLIPS AND 78 REPORTS OF FLOODING THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY. LANDSLIPS WERE REPORTED IN ABERDEEN, WAN CHAI, SHEK KIP MEI, SAU MAU PING AND LEI YUE MUN. THE MOST SERIOUS INCIDENT OCCURRED ON ROUTE TWISK, NEAR TAI MO SHAN, WHERE OVER 40 TONNES OF SOIL AND ROCKS FELL FROM A SLOPE.

PEGGY ALSO SERIOUSLY DISRUPTED TRANSPORT. FERRY SERVICES CAME AT A HALT AND 11 AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG.

WEATHER GRADUALLY IMPROVED OVER THE NEXT TWO DAYS AND IT WAS FINE AND HOT FROM JULY 15 TO 19, APART FROM SOME SHOWERS.

AN EXTENSIVE AREA OF HEAVY SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS OVER THE SOUTH CHINA SEA BROUGHT OVERCAST SKIES AND SQUALLY SHOWERS TO HONG KONG ON JULY 20 AND 21.

HOWEVER, HOT AND SUNNY WEATHER WAS MAINTAINED FROM JULY 22 UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH WHILE A RIDGE OF HIGH PRESSURE COVERED THE SOUTH CHINA COASTAL AREAS.

AFTER A PARTICULARLY HOT AFTERNOON ON JULY 31, SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS OCCURRED IN THE EVEING. SCAFFOLDINGS, BILLBOARDS AND TREES WERE BLOWN DOWN BY VIOLENT SQUALLS, WITH WINDS GUSTING UP TO 76 KILOMETRES PER HOUR.

THE MOST SERIOUS INCIDENT OCCURRED IN WAN CHAI WHEN A LARGE SCAFFOLDING COLLAPSED, CAUSING DAMAGE TO EIGHT VEHICLES. ELECTRICITY SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PARTS OF KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES WAS ALSO AFFECTED.

THREE OTHER TROPICAL CYCLONES OCCURRED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA DURING THE MONTH:

* TROPICAL STORM OWEN RECURVED EAST-NORTHEAST OF LUZON IN LATE JUNE BUT DISSIPATED ABOUT 140 KILOMETRES SOUTHEAST OF OKINAWA ON JULY 2.

* FORMED ABOUT 370 KILOMETRES NORTHWEST OF GUAM ON JULY 12, ROGER INTENSIFIED INTO A TYPHOON ABOUT 450 KILOMETRES SOUTHEAST OF OKINAWA THREE DAYS LATER. IT TURNED NORTHEAST OVER THE RYUKYUS ON JULY 16 AND PASSED CLOSED TO THE SOUTHEAST OF KAGOSHIMA ON JULY 17. ROGER ACCELERATED OFF THE COAST OF JAPAN AND PASSED ABOUT 140 KILOMETRES SOUTH-SOUTHEAST OF TOKYO ON JULY 18. IT DISSIPATED ABOUT 470 KILOMETRES EAST-SOUTHEAST OF TOKYO THAT AFTERNOON.

* SARAH DEVELOPED TO THE EAST OF MANILA ON JULY 30 AND FORMED INTO A TROPICAL STORM THE FOLLOWING DAY. IT WAS CENTRED ABOUT 440 KILOMETRES NORTHEAST OF MANILA, MOVING WESTWARDS TOWARDS LUZON.

DURING THE MONTH, THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON JULY 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14, 20, 21, AND 31. FLOOD WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON JULY 3, 4 AND 12. LANDSLIP WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON JULY 4 AND 12.

SIGNALS HOISTED DURING THE MONTH WERE AS FOLLOWS:

WEATHER SYSTEM	SIGNAL	DATE AND TIME OF HOISTING	DATE AND TIME OF LOWERING
TYPHOON PEGGY	1	JULY 9 11.10 PM	JULY 11 2.10 AM
	3	JULY 11 2.10 AM	JULY 11 3.30 PM
	8SW	JULY 11 3.30 PM	JULY 12 2.15 AM
	3	JULY 12 2.15 AM	JULY 12 6.40 PM

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THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

SUNSHINE	222.1 HOURS = 8.8 HOURS BELOW NORMAL
RAINFALL	547.3 MM = 230.5 MM ABOVE NORMAL
CLOUDINESS	62 PER CENT = 4 PER CENT LESS THAN NORMAL
RELATIVE HUMIDITY	82 PER CENT = 1 PER CENT HIGHER THAN NORMAL
MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE	31.2 DEGREES C = 0.4 DEGREE C BELOW NORMAL
MEAN TEMPERATURE	28.5 DEGREES C = 0.1 DEGREE C BELOW NORMAL
MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	26.4 DEGREES C = 0.1 DEGREE C ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	25.1 DEGREES C = 0.1 DEGREE C ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	150.4 MM = 27.3 MM BELOW NORMAL

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ID CARD REMINDER FOR WOMEN BORN 1916-1920
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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) REMINDED WOMEN BORN IN 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919 AND 1920 THAT THEY MUST APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS BEFORE AUGUST 30.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UP TO AUGUST 14 THE EIGHT NEW ID CARD ISSUE OFFICES HAD RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 51 057 APPLICATIONS.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 34 843 MORE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED IN THE REMAINING 11 WORKING DAYS.

+TO AVOID THE LAST MINUTE RUSH, WOMEN IN THIS TARGET GROUP ARE ADVISED TO COME EARLY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

APPLICANTS ARE ALSO WELCOMED TO MAKE USE OF THE PHONE-IN SERVICE TO ARRANGE AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING THE OFFICE OF THEIR CHOICE BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY, AND BETWEEN 9 AM AND NOON ON SATURDAY.

/+APPLICANTS HAVE

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+APPLICANTS HAVE TO PROVIDE PERSONAL PARTICULARS SUCH AS NAME, ID CARD NUMBER AND YEAR OF BIRTH TO COMPLETE THE BOOKING PROCEDURE,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED APPLICANTS WHO MAY HAVE DIFFICULTY IN GIVING THEIR EXACT ADDRESSES VERBALLY TO HAVE THEM WRITTEN OUT BEFORE MAKING THEIR VISITS.

THE ADDRESSES OF THE ISSUE OFFICES AND THEIR TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR BOOKING APPOINTMENTS ARE:

HONG KONG :	BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI.	5-747070
EAST KOWLOON :	AMOY GARDEN PLAZA, SECOND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD.	3-7553679
WEST KOWLOON :	CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR, 393 CANTON ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.	3-7232442
TSUEN WAN :	EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, 29-37 TSUEN FU STREET.	0-4981259
SHA TIN :	SHA TIN CENTRE, PODIUM FLOOR, 2-16 WANG POK STREET.	0-6059108
YUEN LONG :	HOP YICK CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK ROAD.	0-793291
TUEN MUN :	CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, CHI LOK FA YUEN.	0-4580862
SHEUNG SHUI :	TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR, 82-84 SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI.	0-927155

THESE OFFICES ARE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM DAILY, EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

APPLICANTS ARE REMINDED THAT IF THEY ARE IN POOR HEALTH AND FIND IT DIFFICULT TO VISIT THE ISSUE OFFICES, THEY CAN APPLY IN WRITING FOR A CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION.

FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO APPLY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN TELEPHONE THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION OFFICE ON 3-7333111.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REITERATED THAT NO AMNESTY WILL BE GRANTED TO ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS. +ONCE DETECTED, THEY WILL BE REPATRIATED IMMEDIATELY,+ HE SAID.

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MORE NEW ROADS PLANNED FOR JUNK BAY

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO BUILD ABOUT 1.9 KILOMETRES OF NEW ROADS IN NORTHWESTERN JUNK BAY, FORMING PART OF PHASE I OF JUNK BAY NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT.

THE ROADWORKS WILL PROVIDE ACCESS TO NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA AND SPACE FOR CONSTRUCTING A DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

THE ROADS WILL CONNECT WITH THE EXTENSION OF PO LAM ROAD IN THE NORTH AND THE FUTURE JUNK BAY TUNNEL AND THE ROAD LEADING TO THE NORTHEASTERN PART OF JUNK BAY IN THE SOUTH.

THE MAJOR PARTS COMPRISE A TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY OF 1.4 KILOMETRES RUNNING BETWEEN TSEUNG KWAN O VILLAGE AND THE HAVEN OF HOPE SANATORIUM AND ANOTHER 400-METRE-LONG CARRIAGEWAY AT THE SOUTHERN PART.

ALSO INCLUDED ARE CONSTRUCTION OF SECTIONS OF ROAD ADJOINING THE MAIN CARRIAGEWAY, PROVIDING ACCESS TO THE PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS AND GOVERNMENT FACILITIES.

OTHER FACILITIES, SUCH AS PEDESTRIAN-CYCLE SUBWAYS, FOOTPATHS, CYCLE-TRACKS, CAR PARKS AND AMENITY AREAS, WILL BE PROVIDED AS PART OF THE PROJECT.

THE ROADWORKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN TWO STAGES STARTING FROM THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN PARTS AT THE END OF THE YEAR AFTER REMOVAL OF SOME INDUSTRIES THERE.

WORK ON THE MIDDLE PART WILL START AFTER THE REMAINING INDUSTRIES ARE RELOCATED TO THE SOUTHERN PART OF JUNK BAY.

SOME EXISTING ROADS AND FOOTPATHS IN THE AREA WILL BE CLOSED, BUT ALTERNATIVE ACCESS WILL BE PROVIDED.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROJECT SHOULD REACH THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT BY OCTOBER 14.

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ROAD NETWORK BEING BUILT IN FANLING

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR SITE FORMATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF A ROAD NETWORK AT FANLING.

THE SITE FORMATION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT AT SHEK WU HUI TO THE WEST OF FANLING WAI.

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THE PROJECT INCLUDES CONSTRUCTION OF ACCESS ROADS, CAR PARKS, FOOTPATHS, CYCLE TRACKS, AND DRAINAGE.

IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF FANLING TOWN PARK AND NEARBY RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

WORK ON THE PROJECT, WHICH IS PART OF THE CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT OF FANLING NEW TOWN, IS EXPECTED TO START IN OCTOBER AND LAST ABOUT 18 MONTHS.

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FISHING VESSELS FEATURED ON SPECIAL STAMPS
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A SET OF FOUR SPECIAL STAMPS FEATURING DIFFERENT TYPES OF OLD AND NEW FISHING VESSELS SEEN IN THE WATERS AROUND HONG KONG WILL BE ISSUED BY THE POST OFFICE ON SEPTEMBER 24.

THE NEW STAMPS ARE:

- * HAND LINER (50 CENTS) - THE HAND LINER IS A SAMPAN OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE DESIGN WHICH HAS BEEN PLYING THE INSHORE WATERS OF HONG KONG FOR MANY DECADES, MAINLY USING HAND LINES FOR FISHING. MANY OF THESE SAMPANS HAVE BEEN MECHANISED AND THEY ALSO SERVE THE MARICULTURE INDUSTRY.
- * STERN TRAWLER (\$1.30) - THE MODERN HULL DESIGN OF THE TRAWLER WAS FIRST INTRODUCED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT IN 1965, ALONG WITH THE CONCEPT OF STERN TRAWLING. FURTHER TECHNOLOGICAL IMPROVEMENTS HAVE SINCE ENHANCED THE FISHING PERFORMANCE OF THIS VESSEL, GIVING IT GREATER MOBILITY AND AN OPERATIONAL RANGE OF UP TO A DISTANCE OF 700 KILOMETRES FROM HONG KONG.
- * LONG LINER (\$1.70) - THE LONG-LINER IS A JUNK OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE DESIGN. THE FISHING GEAR IS COMPOSED OF A MAIN LINE OF CONSIDERABLE LENGTH WITH NUMEROUS SETS OF HOOKS. AN INCREASING NUMBER OF THESE VESSELS IS BEING REPLACED BY A TYPE OF MORE MODERN DESIGN, HAVING A SPACIOUS DECK, BETTER ALL ROUND SEAWORTHINESS AND EQUIPPED WITH SOPHISTICATED NAVIGATIONAL AIDS.
- * JUNK TRAWLER (\$5) - THE JUNK TRAWLER IS OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE DESIGN PRIMARILY CHARACTERISED BY THE LOW BOW AND HIGH STERN. EACH TRAWL-NET IS OPERATED BY A PAIR OF BOATS WHICH CAN FISH IN THE DEEPER WATERS OFF SOUTHERN CHINA. WITH THE INCREASING MODERNISATION OF THE HONG KONG FISHING FLEET, ONLY A SMALL NUMBER OF THESE MECHANISED TRAWLERS NOW REMAIN IN SERVICE.

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THE STAMPS WERE DESIGNED BY MR HENRY STEINER AND PRINTED IN ICELAND.

FIRST DAY COVERS AT 50 CENTS EACH WILL BE ON SALE AT ALL POST OFFICES ON SEPTEMBER 10. FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE ANNOUNCED NEARER THE DAY OF ISSUE.

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EXHIBITION GIVES ADVICE ON HEARING HEALTH
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AN EXHIBITION AIMED AT AROUSING RESIDENTS AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF PROTECTING THEIR HEARING WILL BE HELD IN KWUN TONG TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE LOCATED AT TELFORD GARDENS MAIN SQUARE IN KOWLOON BAY FROM 11 AM TO 5 PM, AND WILL BE MOVED TO OTHER LOCATIONS ON THE FOLLOWING SIX SUNDAYS.

INFORMATION ON PROTECTING HEARING AND AVOIDING EAR DAMAGE WILL BE DISPLAYED. THERE WILL ALSO BE A VIDEO SHOW AND COMPUTER QUIZ ON AURAL HEALTH. FREE HEARING TESTS FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

THE FUNCTION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE DEAF, KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, AND THE KWUN TONG INDUSTRIAL AREAS COMMITTEE.

A CEREMONY TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD AT 11 AM. OFFICIATING WILL BE THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE DEAF, MRS LEE KONG WAI-MUI; CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, MR LI WAH-MING; ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STANLEY YING; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE INDUSTRIAL AREAS COMMITTEE, MR PETER LOO.

THE DATES AND VENUES OF THE EXHIBITION FOR THE FOLLOWING SIX SUNDAYS ARE:

AUGUST 24	11 AM - 5 PM	SAU MAU PING (SOUTH) ESTATE COMMUNITY HALL
AUGUST 31	11 AM - 5 PM	LAM TIN (EAST) COMMUNITY HALL
SEPTEMBER 7	11 AM - 5 PM	SHUN LEE ARCADE MAIN SQUARE
SEPTEMBER 14	11 AM - 5 PM	YAU TONG HO CHING PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 21	9 AM - 5 PM	KWUN TONG MTR STATION

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SEPTEMBER 28 1 PM - 5 PM KWUN TONG HONG NING ROAD PLAYGROUND

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE HEARING AWARENESS EXHIBITION TO BE HELD TOMORROW AT 11 AM AT TELFORD GARDENS MAIN SQUARE, KOWLOON BAY.

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WAN CHAI SYP CLOSSES TOMORROW
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A CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE TANG SHIU KIN VICTORIA TECHNICAL SCHOOL IN OI KWAN ROAD TO MARK THE CLOSING OF THE WAN CHAI SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

IT WILL COMPRISE A TALENT SHOW AND VARIOUS GAMES STALLS ORGANISED BY THE BAPTIST OI KWAN SOCIAL SERVICE.

OFFICIATING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY WILL BE THE WAN CHAI ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS DONNA WONG; CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR STEPHEN WONG; REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BAPTIST OI KWAN SOCIAL SERVICE, MR LAWRENCE CHU; MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, MR CHRISTOPHER CHAN; AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR LEE KON.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE WAN CHAI SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME TO BE HELD TOMORROW AT THE TANG SHIU KIN VICTORIA TECHNICAL SCHOOL IN OI KWAN ROAD. THE TALENT SHOW WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM, WHILE THE CLOSING CEREMONY AND THE STALL GAMES WILL START AT 2.30 PM.

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SEMI-FINAL DAY FOR CENTRAL, WESTERN FOLK SINGING
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THE SEMI-FINAL OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN FOLK SINGING CONTEST '86 WILL BE HELD AT THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND GROUP WORK UNIT OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE. IT IS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

MORE THAN 300 PEOPLE ENTERED THE PRELIMINARIES, AND 64 WERE SELECTED FOR THE SEMI-FINAL.

TWENTY-THREE OF THE SEMI-FINALISTS WILL GO THROUGH TO THE FINAL. THIS WILL BE HELD AT THE CARITAS SOCIAL CENTRE IN CAINE ROAD ON AUGUST 30, WITH WINNERS BEING SELECTED IN SOLO, GROUP AND CREATIVE CATEGORIES.

ADMISSION TO THE SEMI-FINAL IS FREE. TICKETS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE.

HOWEVER, TICKETS FOR THE FINAL WILL COST \$10 EACH. THESE CAN ALSO BE OBTAINED FROM THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMI-FINAL OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN FOLK SINGING CONTEST, TO BEGIN AT THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 36A WESTERN STREET AT 1 PM TOMORROW.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETS
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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY (AUGUST 18) AT 4 PM AT SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE SIXTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE.

MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS SUBMITTED BY THE WORKING GROUPS AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, AND ALSO THE REPORTS OF THE WORKING GROUPS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING.

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RESTRICTED ZONES IN TSIM SHA TSUI
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FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 19), MIDDLE ROAD WESTBOUND BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH NATHAN ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 60 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED A RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

AT THE SAME TIME, CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH SOUTHBOUND BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH MODY ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE MADE A RESTRICTED ZONE DAILY FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM.

NO VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREA.

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