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BILL SEEKS MORE CONTROL ON MONEY CHANGERS

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THE MONEY CHANGERS (DISCLOSURE OF RATES, CHARGES AND COMMISSIONS) BILL 1984 PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY SEEKS TO PROVIDE A MEASURE OF PROTECTION TO PERSONS WHO GO TO A MONEY CHANGER IN HONG KONG TO EXCHANGE CURRENCY.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THERE HAD BEEN MANY COMPLAINTS FROM TOURISTS AND LOCAL RESIDENTS ABOUT THE INADEQUATE ADVANCE NOTICE GIVEN BY SOME MONEY CHANGERS ABOUT COMMISSION CHARGES.

THE GOVERNMENT'S PRIME CONCERN WAS TO ENSURE THAT CUSTOMERS WERE GIVEN A FAIR CHANCE OF KNOWING THE TERMS OFFERED BEFORE ENTERING INTO THE EXCHANGE TRANSACTION, HE SAID.

THE BILL, THEREFORE, SEEKS TO REQUIRE A MONEY CHANGER, BEFORE ENTERING INTO AN EXCHANGE TRANSACTION WITH A CUSTOMER, TO GIVE TO THE CUSTOMER A NOTE SETTING OUT CERTAIN DETAILS OF THE TRANSACTION, INCLUDING THE RATE OF EXCHANGE AND THE AMOUNT OF ANY CHARGE OR COMMISSION, TO DRAW THE CUSTOMER'S ATTENTION TO THOSE DETAILS, AND TO OBTAIN THE CUSTOMER'S CONSENT IN THE FORM OF HIS SIGNATURE.

A MONEY CHANGER WHO FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THESE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE COMMITTING AN OFFENCE AND WILL BE LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$2 000 IN THE CASE OF A FIRST OFFENCE AND TO A FINE OF \$5 000 AND TO IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS IN THE CASE OF A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENCE. IN ADDITION, A CUSTOMER MAY RESCIND THE TRANSACTION WITHIN THREE DAYS, IF THE MONEY CHANGER COMMITS THIS OFFENCE.

TO ENSURE FULL DISCLOSURE OF COMMISSIONS OR CHARGES IMPOSED ON EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS, A MONEY CHANGER WHO MAINTAINS A BOARD OR SCREEN DISPLAYING THE RATES WILL BE REQUIRED TO STATE CLEARLY ON THE BOARD OR SCREEN THE NATURE OF ANY CHARGE OR COMMISSION AND THE AMOUNT OR THE METHOD OF CALCULATION OF THE AMOUNT. CONTRAVENTION WITHOUT REASONABLE EXCUSE WILL BE AN OFFENCE CARRYING A FINE OF \$5 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS.

THE REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED UPON A MONEY CHANGER WILL NOT APPLY TO A LICENSED BANK OR A LICENSED OR REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY, OR TO A TRANSACTION FOR A SUM EXCEEDING 100 000 HONG KONG DOLLARS OR ITS EQUIVALENT. HOTELS SELLING HONG KONG CURRENCIES PRIMARILY AS A SERVICE TO THEIR GUESTS ARE ALSO EXCLUDED.

THE BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 19, AND IS EXPECTED TO PASS ITS THIRD READING ON JANUARY 23, 1985.

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THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IF THE BILL IS ENACTED, A PERIOD OF ONE MONTH WILL BE GIVEN TO THE MONEY CHANGERS TO ADJUST THEIR BUSINESS PROCEDURE AND FORMS BEFORE THE LEGISLATION BECOMES OPERATIVE.

ANYONE WHO HAS ANY COMMENT TO MAKE CAN WRITE TO UMELCO, AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, CHATER ROAD, OR TO THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

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WIDER CONCERN NOW FOR HANDICAPPED -- LADY YOUDE  
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THE HONG KONG COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE HAD GRADUALLY BECOME MORE CONSCIOUS OF THE NEED TO UNDERTAKE THE TASK OF CARING FOR THE HANDICAPPED, LADY YOUDE, WIFE OF THE GOVERNOR, SAID TODAY.

THIS TASK HAD FORMERLY BEEN LEFT LARGELY TO THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE FAMILY, SHE SAID.

LADY YOUDE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE MACLEHOSE MEDICAL REHABILITATION CENTRE AND THE SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR REHABILITATION.

THE GOVERNMENT, SHE SAID, HAD RESPONDED TO THIS GROWING SOCIAL AWARENESS WITH ITS PLANS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FULLY EQUIPPED MEDICAL REHABILITATION CENTRES ON A REGIONAL BASIS TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

THERE WERE AT PRESENT THE MARGARET TRENCH REHABILITATION CENTRE IN EAST KOWLOON, ALSO UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR REHABILITATION, AND THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL PHYSICAL MEDICINE UNIT, SERVING THE EAST NEW TERRITORIES.

AND PLANS WERE ON HAND TO ESTABLISH A REHABILITATION UNIT AT THE TUEN MUN HOSPITAL FOR THE WEST NEW TERRITORIES, AND ANOTHER AT ARGYLE STREET FOR WEST KOWLOON.

SHE SAID THE MACLEHOSE MEDICAL REHABILITATION CENTRE, WHICH WOULD NOW SERVE HONG KONG ISLAND, WAS NAMED FOR THE FORMER GOVERNOR WHOSE UNFAILING SUPPORT FOR THE SOCIETY WAS WELL-KNOWN.

THE CENTRE HAS 150 BEDS AND PROVIDES AN INTENSIVE, INTEGRATED AND MULTI-DISCIPLINARY SERVICE FOR THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED. IT ALSO SERVES AS A CLINICAL TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, AND FOR TRAINEE PHYSIOTHERAPISTS AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS FROM HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

A +REHABUS+ DEPOT HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF ITS BUSES, AND A +REHABAID+ CENTRE PROVIDED A COUNSELLING SERVICE FOR THE DISABLED AND THEIR FAMILIES, SHE SAID. LADY YOUDE CONGRATULATED ALL WHO HAD WORKED +SO HARD FOR MANY YEARS TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE PROJECT.+

NOTING THAT THE SOCIETY WAS CELEBRATING ITS SILVER JUBILEE, SHE ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONGRATULATE IT ON ITS +EXCELLENT WORK IN PROVIDING FACILITIES AND SERVICES FOR THE DISABLED.+

+IT IS WORK THAT HAS WON THE SOCIETY THE REGARD AND DEEP APPRECIATION OF BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG,+ SHE SAID.

EARLIER, LADY YOUDE HAD WELCOMED SIR DAVID TRENCH, A FORMER GOVERNOR, WHO WAS A GUEST AT THE CEREMONY, AND THANKED HIM AND LADY TRENCH FOR ALL THAT THEY HAD DONE TO ENCOURAGE THE PROVISION OF CARE FOR THE HANDICAPPED.

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#### GOVERNOR RETURNING TOMORROW

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WILL RETURN FROM LONDON TOMORROW (SATURDAY) ON FLIGHT CX 200, ETA 9.05 AM.

ALSO TRAVELLING ON THE FLIGHT WILL BE THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR S.Y. CHUNG.

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#### ARBITRATION LAW ANOMALIES TO BE REMOVED

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THE GOVERNMENT IS SEEKING TO AMEND THE ARBITRATION ORDINANCE UNDER AN ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1984 PUBLISHED TODAY.

UNDER THE BILL, THE COURT OF APPEAL AND NOT, AS AT PRESENT, THE HIGH COURT, WILL HEAR APPEALS IF THE AWARD WAS MADE BY A JUDGE ACTING AS AN ARBITRATOR OR UMPIRE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE AMENDMENT BILL WOULD REMOVE THE PRESENT ANOMALY WHERE THE APPEAL IS HEARD BY THE COLLEAGUES OF THE JUDGE IN THE HIGH COURT.

THE BILL ALSO REMOVES THE ANOMALY WHEREBY THE HIGH COURT CAN DETERMINE A PRELIMINARY POINT OF LAW FOR THE BENEFIT OF A FELLOW JUDGE ACTING AS AN ARBITRATOR OR UMPIRE.

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THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE PRESENTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR FIRST READING ON DECEMBER 19 AND TO GO THROUGH THE REMAINING LEGISLATIVE STAGES ON JANUARY 9, 1985.

ANYONE WHO WISHES TO COMMENT ON THE PROVISIONS OF THE BILL MAY WRITE TO UMELCO, AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12/F, CHATER ROAD, OR TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

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### TRADE MARKS CRITERIA TO BE REVISED

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THE CRITERIA FOR THE REGISTRATION OF TRADE MARKS ARE TO BE REVISED TO REMOVE THE PRESENT INHIBITION ON LOCAL MANUFACTURERS AND IMPORTERS OF FOREIGN GOODS FROM INVESTING IN THE PROMOTION OF A NEW TRADE MARK.

THE PROPOSED REVISION, UNDER THE TRADE MARKS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984 PUBLISHED TODAY, ALSO BRINGS THE CRITERIA INTO LINE WITH THE CURRENT BRITISH REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE TRADE MARKS ACT.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT AT PRESENT THE REGISTER OF TRADE MARKS IN HONG KONG IS DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS.

FOR REGISTRATION IN PART A, THE TRADE MARKS MUST BE +DISTINCTIVE+, THAT IS, ADAPTED TO DISTINGUISH THE GOODS TO WHICH IT APPLIES FROM OTHER GOODS.

FOR REGISTRATION IN PART B, THE TEST IS LESS STRINGENT, AND THE TRADE MARK ONLY HAS TO BE +CAPABLE OF DISTINGUISHING+ THE GOODS IN QUESTION AND HAS TO HAVE BEEN USED FOR TWO YEARS.

UNDER THE AMENDMENT BILL, FOR PART B REGISTRATIONS, THE TWO-YEAR REQUIREMENT WOULD BE ABOLISHED AND A TRADE MARK COULD BE CONSIDERED +CAPABLE OF DISTINGUISHING+ THE GOODS BY REASON OF USE OR ANY OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES. FURTHERMORE, THE REGISTRAR OF TRADE MARKS WOULD HAVE DISCRETION, AS HE NOW HAS FOR PART A REGISTRATION, TO ACCEPT OR REFUSE APPLICATIONS FOR PART B REGISTRATION.

THE BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 19 AND IS EXPECTED TO RECEIVE ITS THIRD READING ON JANUARY 9, 1985.

ANYONE WHO WISH TO COMMENT ON ITS PROVISIONS MAY WRITE TO UMELCO, AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, CHATER ROAD, OR TO THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG.

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REGISTRATION SUSPENDED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAS TODAY SUSPENDED THE REGISTRATION OF DEAK-PERERA FINANCE LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY, ON THE GROUND THAT THE BUSINESS OF THE COMPANY IS BEING CARRIED ON IN A MANNER DETRIMENTAL TO THE INTERESTS OF ITS DEPOSITORS.

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CHILD ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS REPATRIATED

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT OF THE 74 CHILD ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS INTERCEPTED WHILE TRYING TO ENTER HONG KONG IN THE PAST WEEK, 47 HAVE SO FAR BEEN REPATRIATED.

+THE REMAINING 27 ARE EITHER BEING PROCESSED BY THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT OR ARE ASSISTING POLICE ENQUIRIES,+ HE SAID.

+THIS GROUP INCLUDE TWO CHILDREN WHO WERE INJURED WHEN THEIR SPEEDBOAT COLLIDED WITH A ROYAL MARINE INFLATABLE BOAT IN TOLO HARBOUR ON DECEMBER 1.

+THEY ARE NOW IN FAIR CONDITION IN QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL.+

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT ALL 27 OF THEM WILL BE REPATRIATED ONCE THEY HAVE BEEN PROCESSED.

+THE TWO WHO ARE NOW IN HOSPITAL WILL BE REPATRIATED ONCE THEY ARE CONSIDERED MEDICALLY FIT,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN AGAIN REITERATED THAT THERE WAS NO PROSPECT WHATSOEVER OF ANY AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS OF ANY AGE AND SEX.

+CHILDREN CAUGHT IN THE ACT OF COMING INTO HONG KONG ILLEGALLY ARE AUTOMATICALLY RETURNED TO CHINA,+ HE SAID.

+THE REPATRIATION OF THE GROUPS INTERCEPTED IN THE PAST WEEK SHOULD MAKE THAT VERY CLEAR.+

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600 FLATS SOLD AT RICHLAND GARDENS  
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MORE THAN 600 FLATS AT RICHLAND GARDENS IN KOWLOON BAY HAVE BEEN SOLD TO ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS OVER THE WEEK SINCE THE SALES BOOK WAS OPEN ON MONDAY.

+THE GOOD RESPONSE TO THE CURRENT SALES CLEARLY INDICATES THAT HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME FLATS CONTINUE TO BE WELCOMED BY ASPIRING HOME-OWNERS,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TODAY.

HE SAID THE 4 272 FLATS ON THE FIRST 16 BLOCKS NOW AVAILABLE FOR SELECTION WOULD BE SOLD EQUALLY BETWEEN THE TWO CATEGORIES OF GREEN-FORM AND WHITE-FORM APPLICANTS.

+ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS WILL BE INVITED TO CALL AT THE HOME OWNERSHIP CENTRE IN HO MAN TIN IN TURNS TO MAKE THEIR CHOICE ACCORDING TO THEIR ORDER OF PRIORITY.

+THOSE ON THE RESERVE LIST MAY, HOWEVER, STILL HAVE A CHANCE TO ACQUIRE A FLAT AS THE REMAINING 1 632 FLATS ON THE LAST SIX BLOCKS AT THE ESTATE MAY ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR SELECTION IF THERE IS SUCH A DEMAND,+ HE ADDED.

FLATS WITH TWO BEDROOMS ARE PRICED FROM \$188 300 EACH AND THOSE WITH THREE BEDROOMS, FROM \$251 100. THEY HAVE GROSS AREAS BETWEEN 43.7 AND 57.9 SQUARE METRES.

ALL UNITS WILL BE READY FOR OCCUPATION BY THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR.

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HOUSING DISPLAY MOVING TO NEW WORLD PLAZA  
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A LARGE-SCALE EXHIBITION FOCUSING ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF HONG KONG'S PUBLIC HOUSING WILL BE MOVED TO THE NEW WORLD PLAZA, TSIM SHA TSUI, TOMORROW (SATURDAY) FOLLOWING ITS SUCCESS AT THE CITY HALL.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED FROM 2.30 PM TO 4 PM TOMORROW AFTERNOON WHEN A CELEBRATION CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE THERE TO MARK THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMME.

AT THE CELEBRATION CEREMONY, LADY HADDON-CAVE, WIFE OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY, WILL CUT A BIRTHDAY CAKE WHICH WILL BE IN THE SHAPE OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S LOGO.

LADY HADDON-CAVE WILL THEN PRESENT SOUVENIRS TO THE MAJOR SPONSORS OF HOUSING FESTIVAL COMPETITIONS, AFTER WHICH SHE WILL TOUR THE EXHIBITION ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR DAVID FORD.

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PRIOR TO THE BIRTHDAY CAKE CEREMONY, PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE WINNERS OF FOUR HOUSING FESTIVAL COMPETITIONS, ON PHOTOGRAPHS, DRAWINGS, ESSAYS AND ARCHITECTURAL PLANS.

THE EXHIBITION WILL REOPEN AFTERWARDS AT 4 PM UNTIL 6 PM, AND WILL THEN BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC DAILY FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM UNTIL DECEMBER 16.

USING ULTRA MODERN SOUND AND VISUAL TECHNIQUES, THE EXHIBITION DEPICTS THE MODERN LIFESTYLE TO BE FOUND IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND PLACES SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE EVER-IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE OF ESTATE RESIDENTS.

ENTITLED +BETTER LIVING IN ESTATES+, IT IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AS ONE OF THE MAJOR EVENTS OF THE HOUSING FESTIVAL '84.

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BONSAI AND HORTICULTURAL SHOW  
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LADY BREMRIDGE, WIFE OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, WILL BE AMONG THE GUESTS TO OFFICIALLY OPEN A BONSAI AND HORTICULTURAL SHOW ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 9) AS A HIGHLIGHT OF THE HOUSING FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS AT SHEK WAI KOK ESTATE, TSUEN WAN.

THE SHOW WILL EXHIBIT PRECIOUS COLLECTIONS OF STALAGMITE AND PLANTS WORTH OVER \$2 MILLION, INCLUDING AN 100-YEAR-OLD TREE BELIEVED TO HAVE COME FROM A PALACE COLLECTION DATED BACK TO THE QING DYNASTY.

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REDEVELOPMENT AT TUNG TAU ESTATE  
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ANOTHER OLD BLOCK AT TUNG TAU ESTATE IN CENTRAL KOWLOON IS TO BE DEMOLISHED SHORTLY TO MAKE WAY FOR A NEW BLOCK WHICH WILL PROVIDE MODERN HOMES FOR 1 100 PEOPLE.

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TODAY INVITED TENDERS FOR THE DEMOLITION WORK WHICH WOULD FORM PART OF AN ON-GOING REDEVELOPMENT SCHEME TO UPGRADE LIVING CONDITIONS IN THE ESTATE.

ON THE SITE OF THE OLD BLOCK WILL BE BUILT AN 11-STOREY LINEAR BLOCK WITH 200 SELF-CONTAINED FLATS.

UPON FULL REDEVELOPMENT BY THE EARLY 1990'S, SOME 8 200 MODERN FLATS WILL HAVE BEEN PROVIDED AT THE ESTATE FOR 38 000 PEOPLE.

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### TAXI LICENCE FEES UP NEXT YEAR

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THE ANNUAL LICENCE FEES FOR TAXIS WILL GO UP FROM \$1 600 TO \$2 000 FROM JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR.

REFERRING TO THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID:

+THE INCREASE IS IN LINE WITH A DECISION MADE BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN JULY 1984 WHEN REVIEWING THE TAXI POLICY.+

IT WAS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE NUMBER OF TAXI LICENCES FOR THE URBAN AREA, THE NEW TERRITORIES AND LANTAU WILL CONTINUE TO BE FROZEN AT 14 000, 2 638 AND 40 RESPECTIVELY FOR THE NEXT 12 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF GAZETTING.

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE GAZETTING OF THESE PROPOSALS +MERELY PUT INTO EFFECT+ THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL'S DIRECTIVE OF JULY 17, 1984.

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### MORE WELFARE WORK URGED FOR NEW TOWNS

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WITH THE RAPID GROWTH OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, THERE WAS A NEED FOR WELFARE AGENCIES TO EXPAND THEIR ACTIVITIES IN THE NEW TOWNS, THE NEW DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ANSON CHAN, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SHE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE RED CROSS YOUTH AND WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S NEW TERRITORIES DIVISION HEADQUARTERS AT SHEK LEI ESTATE, KWAI CHUNG.

SHE SAID THE MUCH NEEDED HEADQUARTERS PROVIDED THE RED CROSS WITH A BASE FOR THE RECRUITMENT OF YOUTH AND ADULT MEMBERS IN TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG.

THIS NOT ONLY HELPED TO FILL GAPS IN THE OVERALL PATTERN OF COMMUNITY WELFARE SERVICES, BUT ALSO ENABLED THE BEST USE TO BE MADE OF PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL IN OTHER AREAS, MRS CHAN SAID.

PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY SERVICE, SHE ADDED, HELPED MEMBERS UNDERSTAND OTHERS' PROBLEMS, AND ENCOURAGED THEM TO WORK TOGETHER CONSTRUCTIVELY AND TO ASSIST THE LESS FORTUNATE.

IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING PROGRAMMES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, THE HEADQUARTERS HOUSES A FIRST AID TRAINING CENTRE TO SERVE LOCAL INDUSTRIAL WORKERS AND A DEPOT FOR THE RED CROSS' HOSPITAL LIBRARY SERVICE WHICH PROVIDES LIGHT READING MATERIAL TO HOSPITAL PATIENTS.

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MRS CHAN SAID THE NEW CENTRE HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND AND THE BRADBURY CHARITABLE TRUST FUND TOWARDS ITS CAPITAL COST OF \$1 MILLION.

SHE NOTED THAT THE MEMBERSHIP UNDER THE RED CROSS YOUTH PROGRAMME HAD GROWN FROM 57 IN 1956 TO OVER 6 600 NOW.

MEMBERS HAD BEEN GIVEN OPPORTUNITIES TO BE TRAINED IN A WIDE RANGE OF SKILLS AND TO HELP THE SICK, THE FRAIL AND THE LESS FORTUNATE.

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IMPORTANCE OF CIVIC EDUCATION STRESSED  
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CIVIC EDUCATION HAD A VITAL ROLE TO PLAY IN PROMOTING AN UNDERSTANDING OF AND CONCERN FOR THE NEW SYSTEM OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT AND OTHER CHANGES LIKELY TO OCCUR IN HONG KONG IN THE FUTURE, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SEMINAR FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL HEADS ON CIVIC EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS HELD AT GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION IN KOWLOON THIS MORNING.

MR LEUNG SAID THAT IN CONSIDERING CIVIC EDUCATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM, ONE MUST NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE NEED FOR HONG KONG TO PRESERVE THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS WHICH HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO ITS STABILITY AND STEADY PROGRESS.

MR LEUNG EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS PROPOSED TO DEVELOP CIVIC EDUCATION IN THREE WAYS.

WITH REGARD TO THE FORMAL CURRICULUM, A CROSS-CURRICULAR APPROACH WAS ADVOCATED.

+INSTEAD OF REINSTATING THE SUBJECT OF CIVICS, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE MORE DESIRABLE TO ENCOURAGE TEACHERS OF ALL RELEVANT SUBJECTS TO HIGHLIGHT THE ELEMENTS OF CIVIC EDUCATION AND WHAT MIGHT BE CALLED POLITICAL KNOWLEDGE AND AWARENESS IN THEIR TEACHING WHEREVER APPROPRIATE,+ MR LEUNG SAID.

IN PARTICULAR, HE MENTIONED THE TEACHING OF SOCIAL STUDIES, HISTORY, CHINESE HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY, ECONOMICS, ECONOMIC AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS, AND THE PROPOSED NEW SUBJECT GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

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AS FOR THE INFORMAL CURRICULUM, INCLUDING EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND RELATED ACTIVITIES, THERE WAS GROWING RECOGNITION IN HONG KONG THAT THESE OFFERED STUDENTS PRACTICAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR CITIZENSHIP.

AS EXAMPLES, MR LEUNG LISTED SUCH WELL-ESTABLISHED ORGANISATIONS AS THE GUIDES, SCOUTS, ST JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE, JUNIOR POLICE CALL, THE ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION AND THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB.

THE THIRD CONCERN WAS THE +ETHOS+ OF THE SCHOOL, WHICH WAS STRONGLY INFLUENCED BY THE RELATIONSHIPS EXISTING BETWEEN SCHOOL MANAGERS, ADMINISTRATORS, TEACHERS, PUPILS AND SUPPORTING STAFF, AS WELL AS PARENTS.

+IN LEARNING ABOUT THE GIVE-AND-TAKE OF LIFE, OF SENSIBLE WAYS OF LIVING, OF RIGHTS AND DUTIES, PUPILS GAIN MORE FROM ACTUAL SCHOOL LIFE THAN FROM MERE BOOK LEARNING. WHAT SCHOOLS CAN AND OUGHT TO DO IN THIS RESPECT IS WORTH CAREFUL CONSIDERATION, FOR IT IS IN THE CORPORATE LIFE OF THE SCHOOL THAT ITS ESSENTIAL CHARACTER LIES,+ HE SAID.

MR LEUNG POINTED OUT THAT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WAS CONSULTING THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ON THE PROPOSED APPROACH TO CIVIC EDUCATION AND WAS PREPARING GUIDELINES AND TEACHING MATERIALS TO SUPPORT IT.

THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY HEADS AT THE SEMINAR WOULD BE OF GREAT VALUE IN THIS PREPARATORY WORK, HE SAID.

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#### CLEAR INSTRUCTION ON WORK METHODS URGED

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FACTORY PROPRIETORS WERE REMINDED TODAY BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT THAT THEY MUST ENSURE THAT CLEAR AND ADEQUATE SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS ARE GIVEN TO WORKERS ON JOB METHODS.

THIS WAS ESPECIALLY ESSENTIAL WHERE CHEMICALS WERE HANDLED AND USED AND WHEN WORKERS WITH LANGUAGE BARRIER WERE INVOLVED, A SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE APPEAL WAS MADE FOLLOWING A RECENT INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT IN WHICH A VIETNAMESE WORKER WAS SUSPECTED TO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY CYANIDE GAS.

THE GAS HAD BEEN GENERATED WHEN CERTAIN CHEMICALS WERE WRONGLY MIXED AS A RESULT OF HIS PERSONAL IGNORANCE OF THE SUBSTANCES BEING HANDLED AND THE LACK OF PROPER COMMUNICATION BETWEEN HIM AND HIS SUPERVISOR.

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THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ALTHOUGH IT DID NOT TAKE LONG FOR THE AFFECTED WORKER TO RECOVER FROM THE GASSING, ACCIDENTS OF THIS NATURE COULD BE VERY SERIOUS AND MIGHT EVEN BE FATAL.

IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT CLEAR AND SIMPLE IDENTIFICATION AND WARNING LABELS SHOULD BE PLACED ON ALL VESSELS USED FOR KEEPING AND TRANSFERRING CHEMICALS, HE STRESSED.

FACTORY PROPRIETORS WHO REQUIRE FURTHER ADVICE SHOULD CONTACT THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, HE SAID.

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TSIM SHA TSUI EAST SET FOR BIG LIGHT UP  
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AT THE PRESS OF A BUTTON NEXT FRIDAY (DECEMBER 14) EVENING, LADY YOUDE, WIFE OF THE GOVERNOR, WILL BE SWITCHING ON THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

LADY YOUDE WILL PERFORM THE SWITCHING-ON CEREMONY AT 6 PM IN THE URBAN COUNCIL CENTENARY PARK, OPPOSITE THE SOUTH SEA CENTRE.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTINGS, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TSIM SHA TSUI EAST DEVELOPERS ASSOCIATION, MR LUI CHE-woo SAID THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS FOR THE AREA, WILL HAVE THE THEME: +I LOVE HONG KONG+.

+THE THEME SYMBOLISES THE WISH OF EVERYONE IN HONG KONG -- THEIR LOVE AND TRUST IN THE TERRITORY,+ MR LUI SAID.

+WITH DESIGNS OF SANTA CLAUS, PIGEONS AND THE WORDS 'I LOVE HONG KONG', THE LIGHTINGS WILL BE MOUNTED ON BUILDINGS, HOTELS AND LAMPPOSTS ALONG THE STREETS IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST,+ HE ADDED.

+THERE WILL BE ABOUT 100 000 BULBS LIGHTING UP THE TSIM SHA TSUI EAST AREA,+ HE SAID.

THE FULL \$1 MILLION SPENT ON THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTINGS HAS BEEN BORNE BY DEVELOPERS IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BOWEN LEUNG, WHO ALSO ATTENDED THE PRESS CONFERENCE, GAVE DETAILS OF SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

MR LEUNG STRESSED THAT THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTINGS WOULD BE SWITCHED ON FOR MANY DAYS BEFORE AND AFTER THE HOLIDAYS FROM DECEMBER 14 TO JANUARY 6.

+THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF TIME TO ENJOY THE FESTIVE LIGHTINGS,+ HE SAID.

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THE FESTIVE LIGHTINGS WILL ALSO BE EXTENDED TO THE LUNAR NEW YEAR SEASON.

+THE FIRST PHASE OF THE FESTIVE LIGHTINGS WILL BE FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON AND THE SECOND PHASE, WHICH RUNS FROM FEBRUARY 8 TO MARCH 6 NEXT YEAR, WILL BE FOR THE LUNAR NEW YEAR,+ MR LEUNG SAID.

DURING THE WEEKDAYS, THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS WILL BE ON FROM 6 PM TO 10.30 PM AND ON WEEKENDS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS THEY WILL BE ON FROM 6 PM UNTIL MIDNIGHT.

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MAIL CHRISTMAS CARDS EARLY, PUBLIC URGED  
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CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR LOCAL DELIVERY SHOULD BE POSTED BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

+DELIVERY BEFORE CHRISTMAS CANNOT BE GUARANTEED IF CARDS ARE POSTED AFTER THAT DATE,+ HE SAID.

+POST EARLY TO AVOID THE LAST MINUTE RUSH,+ HE URGED.

BUSINESS WOULD BE CONDUCTED AS USUAL ON CHRISTMAS EVE, AND NEW YEAR'S EVE, BUT ALL POST OFFICES WOULD BE CLOSED DURING THE PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, EXCEPT ON BOXING DAY, DECEMBER 26, WHEN 38 POST OFFICES WILL BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS FROM 9 AM TO NOON.

THESE 38 POST OFFICES INCLUDE THE GENERAL POST OFFICE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON CENTRAL AND TSIM SHA TSUI IN KOWLOON AND TSUEN WAN AND TAI PO IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THERE WILL ALSO BE SPECIAL DELIVERIES OF LETTERS AND PARCELS ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, AND ALSO ON BOXING DAY.

THERE WILL BE NO DELIVERIES ON CHRISTMAS DAY AND NEW YEAR'S DAY.

FURTHER DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM INDIVIDUAL POST OFFICES OR FROM THE POST OFFICE ENQUIRY BUREAU AT 5-231071.

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NO CHRISTMAS AEROGRAMMES  
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THERE WILL BE NO SALE OF SPECIAL CHRISTMAS AEROGRAMMES THIS YEAR, A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

HE SAID THAT THIS WAS DUE TO A CONTINUED DECLINE IN DEMAND FOR THE AEROGRAMMES OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS.

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### NEW SAI KUNG FIRE STATION

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THE \$6.7 MILLION SAI KUNG FIRE STATION WAS OFFICIALLY COMMISSIONED TODAY BY CHIEF FIRE OFFICER, KOWLOON COMMAND, MR M. KINGDOM.

THE NEW STATION IS OF A SUB-DIVISIONAL STANDARD DESIGN, CONSISTING OF A FOUR-STOREY STATION BUILDING WITH SPACE FOR FOUR FIRE APPLIANCES ON THE GROUND FLOOR, A DRILL YARD AND A DRILL TOWER.

THE STATION IS HEADED BY AN ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL OFFICER, AND 35 OFFICERS AND MEN, AND HAS THREE FIRE APPLIANCES AND TWO AMBULANCES.

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### NEWSPAPERS EMPLOY FEWER STAFF

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THE NUMBER OF STAFF EMPLOYED BY THE LOCAL MASS MEDIA DROPPED FROM ABOUT 4 800 IN 1981 TO 4 300 IN 1983 AS A RESULT OF THE ECONOMIC RECESSION.

THE JOURNALISM TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL EXPECTED THIS TREND TO CONTINUE.

THE FINDINGS OF A MANPOWER SURVEY CONDUCTED IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR BY THE BOARD ON THE MASS MEDIA INDUSTRY REVEALED THAT THE NEWSPAPER SECTOR LOST MORE THAN 500 JOBS, FROM 3 000 IN 1981 TO 2 500 IN 1983, REPRESENTING A 17 PER CENT DROP, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, SAID.

IT WAS THE TRAINING BOARD'S OPINION THAT THE MAGAZINE SECTOR WOULD HAVE BEEN FAIRLY VULNERABLE TO THE RECESSION. HOWEVER, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE EMPLOYED IN THIS SECTOR INCREASED BY 2.6 PER CENT TO 1 412.

THE TELEVISION AND RADIO SECTOR ALSO REGISTERED A MANPOWER INCREASE OF 17 PER CENT AND THE NEWS AGENCIES SECTOR, 23 PER CENT.

+THE INCREASE IN THESE SECTORS IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HONG KONG'S GROWING ROLE AS A REGIONAL MAGAZINE CENTRE AS WELL AS AN ASIAN NEWS CENTRE,+ HE SAID.

THE 1983 SURVEY ALSO PROBED THE STAFFING QUALIFICATIONS AND TRAINING NEEDS IN 363 MEDIA ENTERPRISES WHICH COMPRISE 84 NEWSPAPERS, 254 MAGAZINES, FIVE TELEVISION AND RADIO STATIONS AND 29 NEWS AGENCIES.

HE POINTED OUT THAT EMPLOYERS PREFERRED TO RECRUIT BETTER-EDUCATED STAFF WITH POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, ALTHOUGH AT PRESENT A SIZEABLE PROPORTION OF THE STAFF HAD FORM 5 EDUCATION BACKGROUND.

HOWEVER, THE BOARD NOTED THAT REPORTERS, WHO FORMED THE BACKBONE OF A JOURNALISTIC TEAM, WERE GENERALLY UNDERPAID AND YET THEY WERE EXPECTED TO BE WELL QUALIFIED, HE ADDED.

THE SURVEY ALSO REVEALED THAT AS FEW EMPLOYERS PROVIDED IN-HOUSE TRAINING FOR THEIR STAFF, THERE WOULD BE A STRONG DEMAND FOR JOURNALISM COURSES ORGANISED BY OUTSIDE BODIES AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

THE TRAINING BOARD THEREFORE RECOMMENDED:

- \* THE PROMOTION OF MORE SHORT PART-TIME COURSES AND SEMINARS FOR IN-SERVICE JOURNALISTS AS WELL AS FOR NEW ENTRANTS TO THE INDUSTRY.
- \* THE ORGANISATION OF A ONE- OR TWO-YEAR PART-TIME DIPLOMA JOURNALISM COURSE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY.
- \* ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR THE TRANSLATION INTO CHINESE OF KEY TEXTS IN JOURNALISM AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF COURSES MATERIALS BEST SUITED TO HONG KONG.

+THE BOARD BELIEVES THAT IT IS IN THE INDUSTRY'S INTERESTS THAT THESE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES BE SUBSIDISED AS IN THE PAST,+ HE SAID.

SINCE THE FIRST MANPOWER SURVEY IN DECEMBER 1981, THE BOARD HAS OFFERED A NUMBER OF SUBSIDISED TRAINING COURSES AND SEMINARS ON TOPICS RANGING FROM LAW, NEWS TRANSLATION TO ENGLISH AND PUTONGHUA COMMUNICATION SKILLS. ALTOGETHER, 1 000 PEOPLE HAVE BENEFITED.

+THE 1983 MANPOWER SURVEY REPORT ON THE MASS MEDIA+, PUBLISHED IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$20.50 A COPY.

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WOMEN REMINDED ABOUT IDENTITY CARDS

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A TOTAL OF 610 000 OLD HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED TO WOMEN BORN BETWEEN 1955 AND 1965 WILL CEASE TO BE LEGAL DOCUMENTS ON DECEMBER 16 THIS YEAR.

THIS WILL BE THE FIRST BATCH OF I.D. CARDS FOR WOMEN TO BE DECLARED INVALID.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, AN IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID, +ANYONE IN THE ABOVE AGE GROUPS, INCLUDING GREEN-SEAL CARD HOLDERS, WHO IS STILL HOLDING AN OLD IDENTITY CARD MUST HAVE IT REPLACED BY A NEW ONE BY DECEMBER 15.+

THE EIGHT ISSUE OFFICES ARE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM MONDAYS THROUGH SATURDAYS, AND THE APPLICATION PROCEDURE NORMALLY TAKES ONLY 30 MINUTES.

SINCE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE WOMEN'S CYCLE OF THE NEW I.D. CARD ISSUE SCHEME LAST APRIL, 98 PER CENT OF WOMEN IN THE ABOVE AGE GROUPS HAVE OBTAINED NEW CARDS.

THE SPOKESMAN WARNED THAT FAILURE TO APPLY FOR A NEW IDENTITY CARD WITHIN THE PERIOD SPECIFIED IN THE GOVERNOR'S ORDER WAS AN OFFENCE, LEADING TO POSSIBLE PROSECUTION AND A FINE UP TO \$3 000.

+THEY WILL ALSO SUFFER A LOT OF INCONVENIENCE. FOR INSTANCE, THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO APPLY FOR THE HONG KONG RE-ENTRY PERMIT WITH THEIR OLD I.D. CARDS AFTER THE INVALIDATION DATE,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS, IRRESPECTIVE OF AGE AND SEX.

+ONCE DETECTED AND CONVICTED, THEY WILL BE REPATRIATED IMMEDIATELY,+ HE SAID.

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VARIETY SHOW STARTS OFF FIGHT CRIME DRIVE

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A VARIETY SHOW AT CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT IN CENTRAL WILL MARK THE OPENING OF THIS YEAR'S CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN.

THE SHOW, TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 9), STARTS AT 1.45 PM AND WILL FEATURE LION DANCES; SINGING, DANCING, BAND PERFORMANCES; MAGIC AND ACROBATIC SHOWS; DRAMA PRESENTATIONS AND GAMES STALLS.

/THE CAMPAIGN .....

THE CAMPAIGN IS ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICES OF CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICTS.

ACTIVITIES ORGANISED FOR THE YEAR-LONG CAMPAIGN INCLUDE SEMINARS FOR JEWELLERS, BUILDING CARETAKERS AND WATCHMEN, AS WELL AS FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS WITH THE AIM OF ENHANCING CRIME PREVENTION KNOWLEDGE AMONG FAMILIES, JEWEL AND GOLD SHOP OPERATORS, AND MEMBERS OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS CORPORATIONS.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM KAM-KWONG; THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KIN SALKALD; THE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER (CENTRAL), MR LAU TO-YEE; THE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER (WESTERN) MR D. DEPTFORD; SENIOR INFORMATION OFFICER, MR DAVID ROBERTS; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME VARIETY SHOW ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR WU CHOR-NAM; AND THE VICE-CHAIRMAN, MR WONG CHUNG-YING.

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WINNING PHOTOGRAPHS ON SHOW  
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MORE THAN 100 COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS OF A SAND SCULPTURING COMPETITION AT THE BEACH OF CLEARWATER BAY IN SAI KUNG WILL BE ON DISPLAY AT THE LANDMARK IN CENTRAL FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE PHOTOGRAPHS ARE THE WINNING ENTRIES OF A PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, THE CHAMPION CLUB, AND THE UNITED ARTIST PHOTOGRAPHIC ASSOCIATION.

THEY HAD BEEN SELECTED FROM SOME 3 000 ENTRIES, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NTSD.

TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION, THE SAI KUNG URBAN SERVICES OFFICER, MR CHIN YIU-CHEUNG, THE PROGRAMME SUPERVISOR OF RTHK, MR HO KAM-KONG, THE PRESIDENT OF UNITED ARTIST PHOTOGRAPHIC ASSOCIATION, MR NG WAI-CHUNG AND THE MANAGER OF CHAMPION SPORTS GOODS LTD., MR LEUNG MUN-CHUEN WILL OFFICIATE AT A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY AT 3 PM ON SATURDAY.

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HOME SAFETY DAY AT TAI PO  
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A HOME SAFETY DAY, THE HIGHLIGHT OF THIS YEAR'S TAI PO COMMUNITY HEALTH PROJECT, WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 9) AFTERNOON.

THERE WILL BE FIRST-AID DEMONSTRATIONS BY THE ST JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE, GAMES STALLS, AND A VARIETY SHOW FEATURING PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGERS, MAGICIANS AND ACROBATS.

THE COMMUNITY HEALTH PROJECT IS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD TO AROUSE RESIDENTS' CONCERN ABOUT FAMILY HEALTH AND HOME SAFETY.

WITH THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE LIONS CLUB OF NEW TERRITORIES, THE COMMUNITY HEALTH PROJECT WORKING GROUP HAS PUBLISHED A PAMPHLET CONTAINING INFORMATION ON HOME SAFETY PRECAUTIONS, THE SAFE USE OF ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND FIRST AID GUIDELINES.

AT THE OPENING OF THE HOME SAFETY DAY, DESIGNERS OF THE BEST GAMES STALLS AND WINNERS OF A SPOT-THE-PHOTOGRAPHIC-ERROR COMPETITION WILL BE PRESENTED WITH PRIZES.

OFFICIATING AT THE FUNCTION WILL BE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR THOMAS CHAN= THE PRESIDENT OF THE LIONS CLUB OF NEW TERRITORIES, MR YIP WAH= THE CHAIRMAN OF TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE, MR CHEUNG WAI-LAM= AND THE CHAIRMAN OF SAI KUNG NORTH RURAL COMMITTEE, MR LAM PAK-PING.

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'PHAB' WALK SET FOR SUNDAY  
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MORE THAN 700 HANDICAPPED AND ABLE-BODIED PERSONS WILL BE TAKING PART IN THE 11TH PHAB (PHYSICAL-HANDICAPPED AND ABLE-BODIED) WALK TO BE HELD AT SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 9).

THE WALK, AN ANNUAL EVENT ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE PHAB ASSOCIATION, ENABLES PARTICIPANTS TO ENJOY THE FUN OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES TOGETHER.

THIS YEAR'S ROUTE IS A ROUND-TRIP BETWEEN KEI LING HA AND YUNG SHUE AU. THE PARTICIPANTS ARE EXPECTED TO COMPLETE A 10-KILOMETRE JOURNEY BEFORE NOON.

UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MRS PAULINE NG, WILL START-OFF THE WALK AT 10.30 AM ON THAT DAY.

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### CHINA MUSICIANS GIVE CONCERT

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FIVE NOTED MUSICIANS FROM CHINA GAVE A DEMONSTRATION CONCERT BEFORE A FULL-HOUSE AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL THIS EVENING, AS THE SECOND CHINESE MUSIC FESTIVAL ENTERED ITS SIXTH DAY.

THE CONCERT, JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (N.T. DIVISION).

THE PROGRAMME INCLUDED SOLO PERFORMANCES BY XIANG ZU-HUA (YANG-CHIN), ZHANG SHAO (ER-HU), ZUO JI-CHENG (SOU-NA), LI XIANG-TING (GU-CHIN) AND LIN SHI-CHENG (PI-PA).

IN SUPPORT OF THE FESTIVAL, THE HONG KONG CHINESE ORCHESTRA OF THE URBAN COUNCIL WILL PRESENT A CONCERT AT THE KO SHAN THEATRE TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 8 PM.

THE FESTIVAL WILL END ON SUNDAY WITH A CONCERT AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL, AT 8 PM.

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, WILL BE THE OFFICIATING GUEST.

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### CHILDREN TAKE PART IN MURAL PAINTING

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MORE THAN 200 CHILDREN WILL BE TAKING PART IN A LARGE-SCALE 'CITYSCAPE' MURAL PAINTING EXERCISE AT THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ARTS FAIR IN THE KO SHAN ROAD PARK THIS SUNDAY (DECEMBER 9).

THE ARTS FAIR IS PART OF THE CURRENT TWO-WEEK KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ARTS FESTIVAL.

THE CHILDREN WILL BE PAINTING SOME OF THE UNIQUE FEATURES OF THE DISTRICT ON THREE PIECES OF CLOTH, EACH MEASURING 1.2 METRES BY 2.4 METRES. SOME OF THE INTERESTING SUBJECTS INCLUDE THE SUNG WONG TOI GARDEN, THE KAI TAK AIRPORT AND THE TELEVISION STATIONS ON BROADCAST DRIVE.

THERE WILL ALSO BE FORTUNE-TELLING AND PALM READING, ACROBATIC AND PUPPET SHOWS, TRADITIONAL CHINESE HANDICRAFT AND FLOWER ARRANGEMENT DEMONSTRATIONS, CHESS COMPETITION, COMPUTER GAMES AND AN EXHIBITION ON CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY AND PAINTINGS, AS WELL AS MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT, FEATURING FOLK SINGING, CHINESE ORCHESTRAL MUSIC AND CANTONESE OPERA.

ADMISSION TO THE ARTS FAIR IS FREE.

KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GORDON JONES, THE CHAIRMAN AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE ARTS FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR HUI IN-YING AND MR WONG SIK-KONG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING.

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'TA CHIU' CUSTOM TO BE OBSERVED  
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TRADITIONAL 'TA CHIU' CELEBRATIONS WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED IN YUEN LONG BY THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 9).

THE HA TSUEN TA CHIU, WHICH HAS A HISTORY OF MORE THAN TWO CENTURIES, WILL LAST UNTIL NEXT FRIDAY (DECEMBER 14).

'TA CHIU' IS A TRADITIONAL CHINESE CUSTOM THAT IS STILL BEING PRACTISED AMONG TYPICAL CHINESE COMMUNITIES TO REFLECT ON PAST ACHIEVEMENTS AND TO REAFFIRM FRIENDSHIP, MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND COMMUNITY TIES IN PREPARATION FOR THE FUTURE.

THERE WILL BE RELIGIOUS RITES, STORY TELLING, A CANTONESE OPERA AND VEGETARIAN FOOD FESTIVALS.

THE PROGRAMME FOR THE OPENING DAY WILL START AT 4 PM, WHEN THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JAMES WILSON DOTS THE EYES OF A GOLDEN DRAGON.

AT 5.30 PM, MR AKERS-JONES WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING AND OFFER THE FIRST JOSS STICK.

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AMS TEAMS TO COMPETE  
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THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES WILL HOLD ITS BIENNIAL REGIONAL COMPETITION FINALS ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 9), AT THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT, OIL STREET, NORTH POINT, STARTING AT 8.30 AM.

+THE AIM OF THE COMPETITION IS TO INSTILL A SENSE OF TEAM WORK AMONG ALL AMS MEMBERS AND TO RAISE THEIR STANDARD OF PROFICIENCY,+ AN AMS SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE COMMISSIONER, AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES, DR K.L. THONG, WILL PRESENT THE TROPHIES.

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CLOSURE OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURE

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY DECLARED THAT AN ILLEGAL STRUCTURE AT THE SIDE LANE OF THE BUILDING AT 38-40A HILLWOOD ROAD, KOWLOON SHOULD BE CLOSED TO ENABLE DEMOLITION WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT, WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS OR THE PUBLIC.

THE STRUCTURE, WHICH HAD BEEN USED AS A STORE, WAS OBSTRUCTING PUBLIC THOROUGHFARE.

THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID A RECENT INSPECTION SHOWED THAT THE DEMOLITION ORDER WHICH HAD BEEN SERVED TO THE OWNER HAD NOT BEEN COMPLIED WITH. IT WAS CONSIDERED NECESSARY TO CLOSE THE STRUCTURE FOR THE INTENDED WORK.

A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER IN THE KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT ON JANUARY 7, 1985 AT 9.30 AM WAS POSTED TODAY.

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FOOTBRIDGE OVER O'BRIEN ROAD

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A COVERED FOOTBRIDGE IS TO BE CONSTRUCTED OVER O'BRIEN ROAD IN WAN CHAI, TO PROVIDE THE MAIN PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC LINK BETWEEN WAN CHAI RECLAMATION AND ENTRANCES OF THE WAN CHAI STATION OF THE M.T.R.

WITH RAPID DEVELOPMENT TAKING PLACE ON WAN CHAI RECLAMATION AND THE EXPECTED OPENING IN MID-1985 OF THE ISLAND LINE, PEDESTRIAN FLOW BETWEEN THE RECLAMATION AREA AND THE STATION'S ENTRANCES, LOCATED IN O'BRIEN ROAD BETWEEN HENNESSY ROAD AND LOCKHART ROAD, IS EXPECTED TO BE HEAVY.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT PROVISION WOULD BE MADE AT THE NORTHERN END OF THE FOOTBRIDGE FOR A DIRECT LINK TO A GOVERNMENT OFFICE BLOCK NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON THE NORTHERN SIDE OF GLOUCESTER ROAD.

+THE SECTION OF O'BRIEN ROAD BETWEEN HENNESSY ROAD AND LOCKHART ROAD, WHERE THE STATION'S ENTRANCES ARE LOCATED, WILL BE PEDESTRIANISED WHILE THE SECTION BETWEEN GLOUCESTER ROAD AND LOCKHART ROAD WILL BE REDUCED TO TWO LANES OF TRAFFIC,+ HE SAID.

/THE PEDESTRIAN .....

THE PEDESTRIAN AREAS WOULD BE LANDSCAPED, HE ADDED.

ESCALATORS WOULD BE PROVIDED AT THE NORTH AND SOUTH SIDES OF GLOUCESTER ROAD AND AT THE ENTRANCES OF THE MTR STATION IN O'BRIEN ROAD.

THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FOOTBRIDGE.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN MARCH 1985 AND TAKE ABOUT 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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SHA TIN ROAD WORKS CONTINUE  
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THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO CARRY OUT A SERIES OF ROAD WORKS ADJACENT TO SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS AND SHA TIN RACE COURSE, AS PART OF THE CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

THE WORKS INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 350 METRE LONG, 7.3 METRE WIDE ACCESS ROAD ADJACENT TO SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS; CONSTRUCTION OF 2 400 METRES OF FOOTPATHS AND CYCLE TRACKS ADJACENT TO SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS AND SHA TIN RACE COURSE; AND CONSTRUCTION OF A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE WITH CYCLE TRACKS ACROSS SHING MUN RIVER FROM SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS TO AH KUNG KOK.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE FOOTPATHS, CYCLE TRACKS AND THE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE WILL FORM AN INTEGRAL LINK IN THE COMPREHENSIVE FOOTPATH AND CYCLE TRACK NETWORK BETWEEN SHA TIN, MA ON SHAN AND TAI PO.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS IS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE UNDER THE ROADS (WORKS, USE AND COMPENSATION) ORDINANCE.

PLANS CAN BE SEEN AT:

- \* CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY;
- \* THE SHA TIN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, 2 TUNG LO WAN HILL ROAD, SHA TIN; AND
- \* THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, 6TH FLOOR, K.C.R. HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION, SHA TIN, NEW TERRITORIES.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD BE SENT IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS WITHIN TWO MONTHS.

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REPULSE BAY TAPS OFF

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN REPULSE BAY WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 10) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES WILL BE ALONG ODD NUMBERS 37-45 AND EVEN NUMBERS 4-24A ON REPULSE BAY ROAD.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES FOR FIREWORKS SHOW

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THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KOWLOON WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 9) FOR THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY IN SHA TIN:

- \* FROM 5 PM TO 9.30 PM, FEI NGO SHAN ROAD AND THE SECTION OF SHATIN PASS ROAD NORTH OF TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT FOR LOCAL ACCESS;
- \* FROM 4 PM TO MIDNIGHT, THE PARKING SPACES ON KENT ROAD BETWEEN HOUSE NO. 16 AND SOMERSET ROAD IN KOWLOON TONG WILL BE SUSPENDED.

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