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NO SHORT CUTS IN DECIDING ON NEW AIRPORT: CS

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THE DETAILED INVESTIGATIONS NEEDED TO MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION ON A REPLACEMENT AIRPORT ARE EXPENSIVE AND TIME CONSUMING BUT THERE ARE NO SHORT CUTS, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SIR DAVID SAID 1989 WOULD BE AN EXCITING YEAR FOR THE GOVERNMENT IN TERMS OF THE MAJOR DECISIONS IT WOULD HAVE TO MAKE ON MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURAL ACTIVITIES, OF WHICH THE NEW AIRPORT AND PORT WAS ONE.

HE STRESSED THAT THE DECISION ON THE NEW AIRPORT AND PORT HAD TO BE HANDLED WITH THE GREATEST CARE AND WITH THE BEST INFORMATION OBTAINABLE AS ITS EFFECT ON HONG KONG'S FUTURE PROSPERITY WOULD LAST WELL BEYOND 1997 AND INTO THE NEXT CENTURY.

"WE ARE FIRMLY ON COURSE TOWARDS A DECISION BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR, AND ARE COMMITTED TO THAT TIME-TABLE," HE SAID.

OUTLINING THE DEVELOPMENT ON THE DIFFERENT OPTIONS OF THE REPLACEMENT AIRPORT, SIR DAVID SAID IT WAS TOO EARLY TO TAKE A VIEW ON WHICH WOULD BE THE BETTER OPTION.

"WE HAVE TO DECIDE NOT ONLY ON THE WHOLE PACKAGE OF WORKS FOR EACH OPTION, BUT ALSO THE ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT OF THE DIFFERENT PROPOSALS," HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT A LUNCH MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON, SIR DAVID SAID IT MUST BE RECOGNISED THAT WHILST MUCH DEVELOPMENT COULD PROCEED ON THE BASIS OF INCREMENTAL DECISIONS, A NEW AIRPORT REQUIRED A QUANTUM LEAP INVOLVING BILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF EXPENDITURE BY BOTH THE TAXPAYERS AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

"THE LOCATION OF THE NEW AIRPORT AND PORT WILL AFFECT THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG WELL INTO THE NEXT CENTURY," HE SAID.

"IN A SENSE, BUILDING A NEW AIRPORT AND PORT IS LIKE HAVING A HEART TRANSPLANT EXCEPT THAT THE HEART IS PUT BACK IN A DIFFERENT PLACE," HE SAID.

"WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THE BIGGEST PROJECT EVER UNDERTAKEN IN HONG KONG," HE ADDED.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID THE PROJECT WOULD BE 12 TIMES THE COST OF THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING AND 32 TIMES THE COST OF THE TOLO HIGHWAY.

"IT INVOLVES SPENDING AT LEAST \$40 BILLION, PROBABLY MUCH MORE. THAT IS EQUIVALENT TO 80 PER CENT OF A YEAR'S TOTAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE," SIR DAVID SAID.

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"WE MUST BE SATISFIED THAT WE CAN PRODUCE A WORKABLE SOLUTION IN BROAD ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL, INSTITUTIONAL AND PLANNING TERMS. CLEARLY THIS IS A DECISION WE HAVE TO GET RIGHT," HE ADDED.

ON THE WORK THAT WAS IN PROGRESS CONCERNING A REPLACEMENT AIRPORT, SIR DAVID SAID THE PREVIOUS STUDY ON CHEK LAP KOK HAD BEEN UPDATED AND THE CURRENT CAPITAL COST ESTIMATE OF AN AIRPORT THERE WAS ABOUT \$29 BILLION.

"IT COMPRISES \$22 BILLION FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS WHICH INCLUDE RECLAMATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF TWO RUNWAYS, THREE TERMINAL MODULES AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURAL FACILITIES DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE NEW AIRPORT, AND \$7 BILLION FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR TENANT FACILITIES," HE SAID.

"IT DOES NOT INCLUDE, HOWEVER, THE COST OF THE ROAD LINKS BETWEEN THE NEW AIRPORT AND THE MAINLAND," HE ADDED.

"WE BELIEVE THE WORK COULD BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT NINE YEARS FROM A DECISION BEING TAKEN, BUT WE ARE LOOKING AT WAYS OF FAST TRACKING THE PROJECT," HE SAID.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY POINTED OUT THAT WHILE A REPLACEMENT AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP LOK, WITH DUAL RUNWAYS SPACED 900 METRES APART, COULD HANDLE MORE THAN DOUBLE THE MAXIMUM CAPACITY OF KAI TAK, A LIMITATION OF THAT SITE WAS THAT IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO BUILD ADDITIONAL RUNWAYS IN THE LONGER TERM.

ON THE OTHER HAND, BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT ALREADY HAD THE RESULTS OF PREVIOUS DETAILED STUDIES, IT WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE AN EARLY START ON BUILDING IT, SIR DAVID NOTED.

AS FOR HAVING THE REPLACEMENT AIRPORT IN THE WESTERN HARBOUR, SIR DAVID SAID THAT STUDIES CARRIED OUT IN THE LATE 1970'S IDENTIFIED SEVERAL POSSIBILITIES.

"IN 1986 HOPEWELL PRESENTED TO US SOME MODIFIED IDEAS INCORPORATING NEW PORT FACILITIES AND OTHER URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

"WE ARE NOW TAKING A FRESH LOOK AT VARIOUS OPTIONS AND HAVE REACHED A POINT WHERE THREE ALTERNATIVE SITES HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED," HE SAID.

"THE FIELD WILL BE NARROWED TO ONE SITE WHICH WILL THEN BECOME A FIXED POINT OF REFERENCE FOR PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY TO PRODUCE AN ALTERNATIVE PORT DEVELOPMENT OPTION," HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID SAID A SITE IN THE WESTERN HARBOUR WOULD GIVE MORE FLEXIBILITY IN THAT IT COULD PROVIDE ADEQUATE SCOPE FOR DUAL RUNWAYS WITH 2,000 METRES SEPARATION WHICH, IN TURN, COULD PRODUCE A BETTER AIRPORT LAYOUT AND HAVE RESERVE CAPACITY BEYOND 2011.

"A WESTERN HARBOUR SITE WOULD ALSO BE CLOSER TO THE CITY, BUT IT WOULD OF COURSE PRESENT GREATER ENGINEERING CHALLENGES AND COST SUBSTANTIALLY MORE," HE SAID.

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID A COMMITMENT TO A LONG RANGE PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY MUST OBVIOUSLY BE BASED ON A CLEAR APPRECIATION OF THE BEST WAY TO FUND THE MAJOR PROJECTS INVOLVED.

"WE ARE ALREADY COMMITTED TO MAJOR EXPENDITURE ON ROADS, DRAINAGE AND THE SOCIAL SERVICES IN THE 1990'S AND IF WE ARE TO TAKE ON THIS MASSIVE PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT WE HAVE TO BE SURE WE HAVE THE RESOURCES TO SEE IT THROUGH.

"ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTING ASPECTS OF SUCH A PROJECT AS THIS, IS THE OPPORTUNITIES IT PROVIDES FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO PARTICIPATE.

"WE MUST THEREFORE BE SURE THAT WE HAVE THE RIGHT KIND OF INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK TO ARRANGE FUNDING AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF WORKS IN A TIMELY AND EFFECTIVE WAY.

"ONE POSSIBILITY IS THE SETTING UP OF SEPARATE PORT AND AIRPORT AUTHORITIES," SIR DAVID SAID.

"WE HAVE A MERCHANT BANK WORKING ON THIS AND THEIR ADVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE IN GOOD TIME FOR US TO MAKE THE MAJOR DECISION ON THE PROJECT," HE ADDED.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY ALSO NOTED THAT THE PROPOSALS TO CONSTRUCT NEW AIRPORTS IN MACAU AND SHENZHEN HAD ATTRACTED CONSIDERABLE MEDIA ATTENTION AND RAISED THE INEVITABLE QUESTION OF WHETHER A NEW AIRPORT IN HONG KONG WOULD BE NEEDED.

"WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE MACAU AIRPORT WILL BE DESIGNED TO SERVE A FEW MILLION PASSENGERS AND THE SHENZHEN AIRPORT WILL MAINLY CATER FOR DOMESTIC SERVICES," HE SAID.

"WITH WELL OVER 20 MILLION AIR PASSENGERS PROJECTED TO TRAVEL TO HONG KONG BY THE MID-90'S, AND THE GROWING PROSPERITY OF THE SHENZHEN ECONOMIC ZONE AND THE PEARL RIVER DELTA REGION, THERE WILL BE MORE THAN SUFFICIENT DEMAND TO UNDERPIN THE DEVELOPMENT OF AIRPORTS IN ALL THREE PLACES," SIR DAVID SAID.

"WE ANTICIPATE THAT THEY WILL COMPLEMENT EACH OTHER AND CONTRIBUTE JOINTLY TO THE PROSPERITY OF THE REGION," HE SAID.

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1997 NOT SIGNIFICANT IN PLANNING NEW AIRPORT

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REPLYING TO QUESTIONS FROM REPORTERS AFTER THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON TODAY (THURSDAY), THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID THE DATE OF 1997 WAS NOT A SIGNIFICANT DATE IN THE PLANNING OR THE BUILDING OF A REPLACEMENT AIRPORT.

"CLEARLY WE HAVE AGREEMENT OF THIS GOVERNMENT AND THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT THAT AN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN HONG KONG IS NEEDED WELL INTO THE FUTURE.

"1997 DOES NOT FEATURE IN OUR THINKING AT ALL, WE SHALL SIMPLY FORGE AHEAD," HE SAID.

ASKED WHICH OPTION WAS THE MORE ATTRACTIVE LOCATION - CHEK LAP KOK OR THE WESTERN HARBOUR, SIR DAVID SAID BOTH HAD THEIR ADVANTAGES.

CHEK LAP KOK COULD BE BUILT QUICKER AND WAS SOMEWHAT CHEAPER, BUT THERE WERE LIMITATIONS IN TERMS OF SIZE AND SCOPE.

THE WESTERN HARBOUR OPTION WOULD PROVIDE A LARGER SCALE AIRPORT WITH A GREATER OPPORTUNITY FOR EXPANSION, BUT IT WOULD TAKE LONGER AND COST MORE.

"SO ALL THESE ARE THE CONSIDERATIONS THAT WE ARE NOW LOOKING INTO VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE A FINAL DECISION IS TAKEN," SIR DAVID SAID.

ASKED ABOUT THE ROLE OF A PORT AND AIRPORT AUTHORITY IN FUTURE, SIR DAVID SAID OPTIONS ABOUT HOW THE PORT AND AIRPORT SHOULD BE ADMINISTERED WERE STILL BEING CONSIDERED.

"THE RAISING OF FUNDS AND WORKING ON A COMMERCIAL BASIS IS SIMPLY ONE OF THOSE OPTIONS," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THE PRESSURE FOR A DECISION ON THE AIRPORT CAME FROM WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE GOVERNMENT WAS VERY ANXIOUS TO GET A DECISION ON THE AIRPORT AND PORT DEVELOPMENT.

"IT CLEARLY WILL AFFECT THE WHOLE OF OUR INFRASTRUCTURAL PLANNING AND IT SEEMS VERY CLEAR FROM THE STUDIES WHICH WE'VE ALREADY DONE ON KAI TAK THAT KAI TAK WILL REACH SATURATION POINT IN THE LATTER HALF OF THE 1990'S.

"AND WE MUST HAVE CLEAR ALTERNATIVES AVAILABLE IF WE ARE NOT TO HAVE ECONOMIC DISBENEFITS BY OVERCROWDING AT KAI TAK," SIR DAVID SAID.

ASKED HOW CHEK LAP KOK WOULD BE CONSIDERED WHEN IT DID NOT OFFER THE MINIMUM INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OF 1,300 METRES FOR RUNWAY SEPARATION, SIR DAVID SAID IT DID OFFER THE MINIMUM SEPARATION AND IT WAS QUITE ACCEPTABLE IN TERMS OF INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS.

"THERE ARE MANY AIRPORTS NOW WHICH ARE OPERATING ON AN INTERNATIONAL BASIS WITH 900-METRE SEPARATION," HE ADDED.

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GOVERNOR VISITS CENTRAL AND WESTERN

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RESIDENTS IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BENEFIT FROM A WIDE RANGE OF IMPROVEMENTS TO BOTH THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AS A RESULT OF URBAN RENEWAL SCHEMES NOW UNDER WAY, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID DURING A VISIT TO THE DISTRICT TODAY (THURSDAY).

SIR DAVID SAID THAT APART FROM THE PROVISION OF MUCH NEEDED DISTRICT FACILITIES, THE SCHEMES WOULD ALSO BOOST THE DISTRICT'S COMMERCIAL POTENTIAL AND IMPROVE THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT FOR ITS RESIDENTS.

THERE WERE A NUMBER OF PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES TO BE OVERCOME IN IMPLEMENTING URBAN RENEWAL PROJECTS, THE GOVERNOR SAID.

THESE INCLUDED THE MULTIPLE OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTIES AND THE NEED TO REHOUSE TENANTS. SUCH PROBLEMS WERE NOW BEING TACKLED THROUGH A COMBINATION OF GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE INITIATIVES.

SIR DAVID WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD, MR AMBROSE LAU, AND THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN FISHER.

HE FIRST VISITED LAN KWAI FONG, AN EXAMPLE OF SUCCESSFUL URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AS RESULT OF PRIVATE INITIATIVE.

SIR DAVID THEN WENT TO WING ON STREET, WHERE HE WAS MET BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, MR F.K.HU.

HE WAS BRIEFED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE CORPORATION, MR ABRAHAM RAZACK, ON THE PROBLEMS OF OLD URBAN AREAS AND THE PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR THE GILMAN STREET COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT AREA.

THE GOVERNOR WAS TOLD THAT THERE ARE PLANS TO INCORPORATE A COOKED FOOD CENTRE AND AN OPEN SPACE IN THE REDEVELOPMENT SCHEME.

THERE IS ALSO A TENTATIVE PROPOSAL FOR A HOSTEL AND A DAY CARE CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY TO BE LOCATED WITHIN THE COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS PLANNED.

THE GOVERNOR NEXT VISITED HOK SZE TERRACE, WHERE HE WAS BRIEFED ON THE HISTORICAL BACKGROUND AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FIVE NEARBY RESIDENTIAL TERRACES.

THE NEXT STOP WAS WHITTY STREET COMPOUND, WHERE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IS BEING UNDERTAKEN.

THE GOVERNOR THEN WENT TO A HIGH-RISE BUILDING FACING THE HARBOUR FOR A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE WESTERN RECLAMATION WHICH COVERS 30 HECTARES ALONG THE SECTION OF CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST BETWEEN SHEK TONG TSUI AND CENTRAL.

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HE WAS TOLD THAT THE RECLAIMED LAND WILL PROVIDE A NEW WHOLESALE MARKET, A PUBLIC CARGO HANDLING AREA, A PUBLIC PARK, AN INDOOR GAMES HALL, THE REPROVISIONED WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE AND A TRAM DEPOT.

THE RECLAMATION WOULD ALSO PROVIDE A LAND RESERVE FOR A THIRD CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT MOST OF THE NEW FACILITIES WILL BE READY FOR USE IN THE EARLY 1990'S.

SIR DAVID CONCLUDED HIS VISIT BY ATTENDING A TEA RECEPTION WHERE HE MET DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER HIS VISIT TO CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT, THE GOVERNOR SAID A VERY SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT TO THE TRAFFIC SITUATION IN CENTRAL WOULD BE MADE WHEN THE CONNAUGHT ROAD FLYOVER AND THE MAJOR ROAD SCHEME WERE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

"BUT EVEN IF ONE IMPROVES, WE CAN'T EXPECT TO SOLVE OUR TRAFFIC PROBLEM OVERNIGHT.

"NO BIG CITY IN THE WORLD CAN TOTALLY DEAL WITH ITS TRAFFIC PROBLEM INSTANTLY," SIR DAVID SAID.

"WE HAVE TO THINK OF OTHER MEASURES TO TRY TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES OR LIMIT THE USE OF ROADS," HE ADDED.

"THERE IS A MAJOR THINKING TO BE DONE ON THAT WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE DONE AFTER THE COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORT STUDY NO. 2 COMES OUT AND WE HAVE A PERIOD OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION LATER THIS YEAR," HE SAID.

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REPATRIATING VBP IS MAIN OBJECTIVE: GOVERNOR

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THE MAIN OBJECTIVE IN DEALING WITH THE VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE SITUATION IN THE SHORT TERM IS TO TRY TO GET SOME OF THE PEOPLE BACK TO VIETNAM STARTING WITH THE GROUP WHO HAVE SAID THEY WANT TO GO BACK, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

ASKED BY REPORTERS ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ON VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE, AFTER HIS VISIT TO CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT, SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION ON ITS POLICY AND THE REASONS FOR IT HAD BEEN MADE VERY CLEAR.

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"WE MUST START TO REVERSE THE FLOW AND THE WAY TO START THAT IS WITH THE GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE SO FAR VOLUNTEERED TO GO," HE SAID.

"I HOPE WE CAN GET THOSE ARRANGEMENTS IN PLACE SOON. WE'RE WORKING VERY HARD AT THAT AT THE MOMENT, BOTH HERE WITH UNHCR AND WITH THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT," HE ADDED.

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#### OECD PARIS MEETING ENDS WITH CONSENSUS

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AN INFORMAL SEMINAR BETWEEN THE ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT (OECD) AND THE NEWLY INDUSTRIALISED ASIAN ECONOMIES CONCLUDED IN PARIS YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY).

THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR MICHAEL SZE, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY): "THE SEMINAR FINISHED WITH A CONSENSUS THAT THE DIALOGUE HAD BEEN USEFUL AND THAT FURTHER SEMINARS OF THIS KIND SHOULD BE HELD IN FUTURE.

"FURTHER CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO THE SUBJECT MATTER AND THE FORM OF THESE FUTURE MEETINGS.

"HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC SUCCESS, ITS SEPARATENESS FROM THE OTHER ASIAN ECONOMIES, ITS OPEN MARKET AND FREE TRADE POLICIES WERE FULLY RECOGNISED BY ALL THE PARTICIPANTS."

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#### HK CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMS DAY

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HONG KONG AND OVER 100 MEMBER ADMINISTRATIONS OF THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL (CCC) AROUND THE WORLD ARE CELEBRATING THE INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMS DAY TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT A COCKTAIL RECEPTION, THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR PATRICK WILLIAMSON, SAID THAT HIS DEPARTMENT HAD EXCHANGED INTELLIGENCE WITH NO LESS THAN 58 CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATIONS IN 1988 ON A TOTAL OF 7,134 OCCASIONS.

ON NARCOTICS ISSUES ALONE, INTELLIGENCE PROVIDED BY THE HONG KONG CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE HAD LED TO 19 ARRESTS OVERSEAS, RESULTING IN THE SEIZURE OF 36 KILOGRAMS OF NO. 4 HEROIN, HE SAID.

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"THERE ARE ALSO 12 OTHER ARRESTS OVERSEAS FOLLOWING SEIZURES MADE IN HONG KONG OF 18 KG OF NO. 4 HEROIN; THESE INCLUDING THREE CONTROLLED DELIVERIES, THE FIRST EVER FOR THE HONG KONG CUSTOMS TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA," MR WILLIAMSON ADDED.

THIS IS THE SECOND TIME THIS CELEBRATION HAS BEEN HELD IN HONG KONG SINCE THE TERRITORY BECAME AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF THE CCC IN JULY 1987.

IT REMINDS CCC MEMBERS OF THEIR OBLIGATIONS TO PROMOTE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND TO FORGE CLOSER LINKS BETWEEN VARIOUS CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATIONS.

ABOUT 150 GUESTS, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, OMELCO MEMBERS, CONSULS-GENERAL, CHIEF EXECUTIVES OF COMMERCIAL ORGANISATIONS, AND DIGNITARIES WERE PRESENT AT THE RECEPTION HOSTED BY MR WILLIAMSON.

THE CCC IS MADE UP OF 104 CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATIONS WITH A MUTUAL GOAL OF PROMOTING CO-OPERATION, HARMONY AND UNIFORMITY, AND CIRCULATION OF INFORMATION AMONG ITS MEMBERS.

IT ALSO DRAWS UP DRAFT AGREEMENTS TO SIMPLIFY AND STANDARDISE CUSTOMS WORK, AS WELL AS SETTling CUSTOMS DISPUTES.

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MARINE DEPT COMPLETES SHIP FIRE INVESTIGATION

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THE INVESTIGATION BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE FIRE ON BOARD THE SHIP "LAVIA", WHICH OCCURRED ON JANUARY 7, IN THE PORT OF HONG KONG, HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

THE REPORT BY STAFF OF THE MARINE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY SECTION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE FOR HIS CONSIDERATION.

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TRADE DEPARTMENT UPGRADES COMPUTER LICENSING SYSTEM

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THE TRADE DEPARTMENT HAS ENHANCED ITS COMPUTER SYSTEM TO CATER FOR THE EVER INCREASING VOLUME OF TEXTILES EXPORT LICENCES THAT IT PROCESSES.

COSTING \$8 MILLION, THE PROJECT INVOLVED UPGRADING BOTH THE HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE OF THE COMPUTER SYSTEM TO BOOST ITS PROCESSING CAPACITY BY TWO AND A HALF TIMES.

"THE UPGRADED SYSTEM NOT ONLY ENABLES THE DEPARTMENT TO COPE WITH THE INCREASE IN THE VOLUME OF TEXTILES EXPORT LICENCES AND THE CONSTANTLY CHANGING DEMANDS OF TEXTILES EXPORT CONTROLS, BUT WILL ALSO ENABLE LICENSING OF ALL IMPORTS OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING INTO HONG KONG TO BE COMPUTERISED BY FEBRUARY 1990," THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR TONY MILLER, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY TO MARK THE INAUGURATION OF THE NEW SYSTEM, MR MILLER SAID A FULLY COMPUTERISED TEXTILE EXPORT CONTROL SYSTEM HAD MANY ADVANTAGES.

"IT IMPROVES THE SPEED AND ACCURACY OF PROCESSING SO THAT BETTER SERVICE CAN BE PROVIDED TO THE TEXTILE TRADE.

"IT PROVIDES UP-TO-DATE AND DETAILED INFORMATION ON QUOTA BALANCE AND EXPORT DATA SO THAT MAXIMUM USE CAN BE MADE OF HONG KONG'S QUOTA ALLOCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT CAN NEGOTIATE BETTER RIGHTS OF ACCESS FOR HONG KONG'S TEXTILE PRODUCTS," HE SAID.

THE TRADE DEPARTMENT'S COMPUTER SYSTEM - FIRST DEVELOPED IN 1977 AND ENHANCED THREE TIMES - IS GEARED FOR TEXTILES QUOTA ADMINISTRATION AND PROCESSING OF TEXTILES LICENCES COVERING EXPORTS TO ALL MARKETS WITH WHICH HONG KONG HAS BILATERAL AGREEMENTS.

THESE MARKETS ARE THE USA, EEC, CANADA, SWEDEN, FINLAND, AUSTRIA AND NORWAY.

THE NUMBER OF TEXTILES QUOTA LICENCES AND RELATED APPLICATIONS PROCESSED BY THE TRADE DEPARTMENT IN 1988 FOR HONG KONG'S RESTRAINED MARKETS TOTALLED 2.7 MILLION, UP SEVEN PER CENT ON 1987.

BY EARLY 1990, THE COMPUTER SYSTEM WILL ALSO CATER FOR TEXTILES IMPORT LICENSING, WHICH IS DONE MANUALLY AT PRESENT.

THE DEPARTMENT PROCESSED ABOUT ONE MILLION TEXTILES IMPORT LICENCES IN 1988 - A 15.5 PER CENT INCREASE OVER THE FIGURE FOR 1987.

THE UPGRADED SYSTEM WENT INTO OPERATION IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR. IT USES AN IBM-4381 SYSTEM AND IS LINKED TO 113 WORK STATIONS AND TERMINAL PRINTERS IN THE DEPARTMENT.

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GOVERNOR TO TAKE SALUTE AT CSD INSPECTION

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL TAKE THE SALUTE AT THE ANNUAL INSPECTION OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY.

THE INSPECTION WILL BEGIN AT 4 PM.

SIR DAVID WILL ALSO PRESENT COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDALS TO 19 OFFICERS TO MARK THEIR 18 YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CSD'S ANNUAL INSPECTION WHICH WILL START AT 4 PM AT THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE, 47 TUNG TAU WAN ROAD.

PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE ARRANGED AND MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WHO WISH TO USE THE SERVICE SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE GROUND FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG, AT 3 PM.

PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE ADVISED TO BRING ALONG TELEPHOTO LENSES AS THERE WILL BE FIXED PRESS POSITIONS.

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YOUNG PEOPLE HONOURED FOR KEEP HK CLEAN ACTIVITIES

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THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN IS MORE THAN JUST AN EFFORT TO KEEP THE CITY CLEAN, IT IS ALSO AN ATTEMPT TO INSTIL IN ALL HONG KONG CITIZENS CIVIC PRIDE AND AN AWARENESS OF THE ENVIRONMENT.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE, MR WALTER SULKE, SAID THIS TODAY (THURSDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN AT THE CITY HALL.

THE CEREMONY WAS HELD TO HONOUR YOUNG SUPPORTERS OF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN, WHICH HAS SINCE LAST YEAR MOVED INTO THE FIELD OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, CALLING UPON MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN OPERATION.

EMPHASISING THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING THE SUPPORT OF YOUTH, MR SULKE SAID, "THE STUDENTS AND THE YOUTHS OF HONG KONG ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THIS INVOLVEMENT, BECAUSE THEY WILL ALL SOON ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY OF RUNNING THIS TOWN".

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THE COMMITTEE ORGANISED SEVERAL ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS AND YOUTH LAST YEAR TO SOLICIT THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE CAMPAIGN.

AMONG THE MAJOR ACTIVITIES WERE THE 1988 AUXILIARY LITTER WARDEN SCHEME AND THE "DRAWING THE RAINBOW" SCHOOL PAINTING COMPETITION.

ABOUT 640 STUDENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE JOINED THE AUXILIARY LITTER WARDEN SCHEME TO PATROL URBAN BEACHES, CLEAR REFUSE AND GIVE ADVICE TO BEACH-GOERS.

"THE AUXILIARY LITTER WARDEN'S TASK IS NOT EASY BECAUSE NO MATTER HOW GOOD THE IMPROVEMENT, THERE ARE STILL PEOPLE LITTERING ON THE BEACH IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT RUBBISH BINS ARE WITHIN EASY REACH," MR SULKE SAID.

"AND IT ALWAYS REQUIRES A LOT OF TACT AND PATIENCE TO POINT OUT TO PEOPLE THAT THEIR BEHAVIOUR IS UNACCEPTABLE."

THE "DRAWING THE RAINBOW" SCHOOL PAINTING COMPETITION WAS ORGANISED WITH THE SUPPORT OF 83 SCHOOLS, AND A TOTAL OF 1,400 ENTRIES WERE RECEIVED.

"THIS RATHER ORIGINAL CONCEPT FOR THE COMPETITION REQUIRED TWO PICTURES TO BE SENT IN; ONE, DRAWING AN ENVIRONMENTAL BLACK SPOT, AND ANOTHER, TO SHOW HOW SUCH A BLACK SPOT COULD BE IMPROVED," MR SULKE SAID.

THERE WERE FOUR GRAND PRIZES AND FIVE MERIT PRIZES IN THE AUXILIARY LITTER WARDEN SCHEME AND THE FIRST PRIZE WAS WON BY THE LUTHERAN MIDDLE SCHOOL.

THE PAINTING COMPETITION WAS DIVIDED INTO PRIMARY, JUNIOR SECONDARY AND SENIOR SECONDARY SECTIONS, AND THERE WERE THREE GRAND PRIZES AND 19 MERIT PRIZES IN EACH SECTION.

THE FIRST PRIZE-WINNER IN EACH SECTION RECEIVED A \$1,000 BOOK COUPON; AND \$800, \$500 AND \$200 BOOK COUPONS WERE AWARDED TO THE SECOND, THIRD AND MERIT PRIZE-WINNERS RESPECTIVELY.

JOINING MR SULKE IN OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WERE THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE, DR PANG HOK-TUEN, AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR SO FAI-CHO.

AN EXHIBITION, DISPLAYING THE WINNING WORKS IN THE PAINTING COMPETITION, WAS OPENED TO THE PUBLIC AFTER THE CEREMONY.

THE CEREMONY WAS ATTENDED BY ABOUT 500 STUDENTS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS.

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3RD QUARTER SHIPPING, PORT, CARGO STATISTICS RELEASED

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IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1988, 4,276 SHIPS WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 25.3 MILLION NET REGISTERED TONS (NRT) ARRIVED IN HONG KONG, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 502 (OR 13 PER CENT) IN NUMBER AND OF 2.5 MILLION NRT (OR 11 PER CENT) IN CAPACITY OVER THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1987.

THIS IS SHOWN IN THE HONG KONG SHIPPING STATISTICS REPORT JULY - SEPTEMBER 1988 PUBLISHED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CARGO DISCHARGED IN HONG KONG FROM INCOMING SHIPS (ESTIMATED FROM A SAMPLE OF MANIFEST CONSIGNMENTS) INCREASED BY 19 PER CENT.

WHEN ANALYSED BY SHIP TYPE, MAJOR INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE NUMBER OF CONTAINER VESSELS (+245) AND OIL TANKERS (+170), WHILE MAJOR DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE NUMBER OF DRY BULK CARRIERS (-24) AND CHEMICAL CARRIERS/TANKERS (-15).

WHEN ANALYSED BY FLAG OF VESSELS, MAJOR INCREASES IN NUMBER WERE RECORDED FOR SHIPS REGISTERED IN CHINA (+145), PANAMA (+119) AND TAIWAN (+47), WHILE MAJOR DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR THOSE REGISTERED IN DENMARK (-40) AND JAPAN (-7).

THE NUMBER OF INCOMING SHIPS WITH A CAPACITY OF LESS THAN 10,000 DEADWEIGHT TONS INCREASED BY 311 WHILE THE NUMBER OF THOSE WITH A LARGER CAPACITY INCREASED BY 191.

IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1988, THERE WERE 4,277 OUTGOING SHIPS WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 25.4 MILLION NRT, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 527 (OR 14 PER CENT) IN NUMBER AND OF 2.7 MILLION NRT (OR 12 PER CENT) IN CAPACITY OVER THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1987.

THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CARGO LOADED ONTO OUTGOING SHIPS (ESTIMATED FROM A SAMPLE OF MANIFEST CONSIGNMENTS) ROSE BY 23 PER CENT. ABOUT 66 PER CENT OF THE DEPARTING SHIPS STAYED IN HONG KONG FOR LESS THAN TWO DAYS.

OF THE CARGO DISCHARGED FROM INCOMING SHIPS, 84 PER CENT IN TERMS OF TONNAGE WAS IMPORTS AND 16 PER CENT WAS TRANSHIPMENT CARGO. OF THE CARGO LOADED ONTO OUTGOING SHIPS, 60 PER CENT WAS EXPORTS (INCLUDING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS) AND 40 PER CENT WAS TRANSHIPMENT CARGO.

THE MAJOR COUNTRIES OF LOADING FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS IN TONNAGE TERMS WERE SINGAPORE (18 PER CENT), SOUTH AFRICA (16 PER CENT), JAPAN (12 PER CENT), CHINA (11 PER CENT) AND TAIWAN (8 PER CENT).

THE MAJOR COUNTRIES OF DISCHARGE FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS WERE THE U.S.A. (20 PER CENT), CHINA (13 PER CENT), TAIWAN (12 PER CENT), JAPAN (6 PER CENT) AND SINGAPORE (5 PER CENT).

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TRANSHIPMENT CARGO WAS MAINLY LOADED IN CHINA (25 PER CENT) AND THE U.S.A. (19 PER CENT), AND WAS MAINLY DISCHARGED IN CHINA (25 PER CENT) AND THE U.S.A. (12 PER CENT).

COMPARING THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1988 WITH THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1987, MAJOR INCREASES IN TONNAGE WERE NOTED FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS FROM INDONESIA (+88 PER CENT), SOUTH AFRICA (+37 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (+33 PER CENT), JAPAN (+20 PER CENT) AND TAIWAN (+13 PER CENT); A DECREASE IN TONNAGE WAS NOTED FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS FROM AUSTRALIA (-37 PER CENT). AS A WHOLE, THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF SEABORNE IMPORTS ROSE BY 18 PER CENT.

AMONG THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES, MAJOR INCREASES IN CARGO TONNAGE WERE RECORDED FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS OF ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS (+63 PER CENT), PAPER, PAPERBOARD AND ARTICLES OF PAPER PULP, OF PAPER OR OF PAPERBOARD (+43 PER CENT) AND PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (+33 PER CENT).

A DECREASE WAS RECORDED FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS OF CEREALS AND CEREAL PREPARATIONS (-7 PER CENT).

COMPARING THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1988 WITH THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1987, THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF SEABORNE EXPORTS (DOMESTIC EXPORTS PLUS RE-EXPORTS) INCREASED BY 25 PER CENT.

MAJOR INCREASES IN TONNAGE WERE RECORDED FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS TO CHINA (+107 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+40 PER CENT), WEST GERMANY (+24 PER CENT), THAILAND (+24 PER CENT) AND THE UNITED KINGDOM (+22 PER CENT); A DECREASE WAS RECORDED FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS TO SOUTH KOREA (-5 PER CENT).

AMONG THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES, MAJOR INCREASES IN TONNAGE WERE NOTED FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS OF PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (+242 PER CENT), IRON AND STEEL (+165 PER CENT), MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURES OF METAL AND NON-METALLIC MINERALS, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED (+56 PER CENT), CLAY AND KAOLIN (+47 PER CENT) AND ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS (+47 PER CENT).

A DECREASE IN TONNAGE WAS NOTED FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS OF INORGANIC CHEMICALS (-20 PER CENT).

OF THE CARGO DISCHARGED FROM INCOMING SHIPS, SEABORNE IMPORTS AND INWARD TRANSHIPMENT, 33 PER CENT IN TERMS OF TONNAGE WAS CONTAINERISED CARGO. OF THAT LOADED ONTO OUTGOING SHIPS, INCLUDING SEABORNE EXPORTS AND OUTWARD TRANSHIPMENT, 77 PER CENT WAS CONTAINERISED CARGO.

IN TERMS OF TONNAGE, CONTAINERISED CARGO ACCOUNTED FOR 28 PER CENT OF SEABORNE IMPORTS. IN PARTICULAR, CONTAINERISED CARGO ACCOUNTED FOR A LARGE PROPORTION OF SEABORNE IMPORTS FROM ITALY (98 PER CENT), THE U.S.A. (92 PER CENT) AND THE NETHERLANDS (89 PER CENT).

THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CONTAINERISED SEABORNE IMPORTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1988 ROSE BY 29 PER CENT OVER THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1987.

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AMONG THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES, CONTAINERISED CARGO ACCOUNTED FOR, IN TONNAGE TERMS, 90 PER CENT OF SEABORNE IMPORTS OF OTHER ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC APPLIANCES AND PARTS, 89 PER CENT OF ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, 85 PER CENT OF PAPER, PAPERBOARD AND ARTICLES OF PAPER PULP, OF PAPER OR OF PAPERBOARD, 83 PER CENT OF MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURES OF METAL AND NON-METALLIC MINERALS, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED, AND 80 PER CENT OF NON-FERROUS METALS.

OF SEABORNE EXPORTS, CONTAINERISED CARGO ACCOUNTED FOR 72 PER CENT IN TERMS OF TONNAGE.

IN PARTICULAR, CONTAINERISED CARGO ACCOUNTED FOR ALL OF THE SEABORNE EXPORTS TO WEST GERMANY, THE UNITED KINGDOM, AUSTRALIA AND THE NETHERLANDS.

THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CONTAINERISED SEABORNE EXPORTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1988 ROSE BY 21 PER CENT OVER THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1987.

SEABORNE EXPORTS OF SOME PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES WERE NEARLY ALL CONTAINERISED. THESE INCLUDED FOOTWEAR; COTTON GARMENTS; TOYS; CANNED FOOD; GARMENTS OF MIXED MATERIALS OR OTHER MATERIALS, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED; TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS AND COTTON TEXTILES.

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

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

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

MORE DETAILS ON SHIPPING, PORT AND CARGO STATISTICS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1988 ARE CONTAINED IN THE HONG KONG SHIPPING STATISTICS REPORT FOR JULY TO SEPTEMBER 1988, WHICH IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AT \$22 PER COPY.

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

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SHA TAU KOK CENTRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL OPENS

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A CENTRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL AMALGAMATES A NUMBER OF RURAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS DISPERSED IN REMOTE VILLAGES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO PROVIDE BETTER FACILITIES AND TEACHING STAFF, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR MICHAEL SUEN, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SHA TAU KOK CENTRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL.

MR SUEN EXPLAINED THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTRAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS WAS BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS MADE IN THE 1981 WHITE PAPER ON PRIMARY EDUCATION AND PRE-PRIMARY SERVICES TO ENABLE PUPILS IN REMOTE AREAS TO ENJOY SIMILAR SERVICES AVAILABLE IN THE URBAN AREAS.

MR SUEN NOTED THAT THE SHA TAU KOK CENTRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL WAS THE SECOND CENTRALLY LOCATED PRIMARY SCHOOL ESTABLISHED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE FIRST ONE BEING THE SAI KUNG CENTRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL.

HE SAID APART FROM THE STRONG SUPPORT FROM THE SHA TAU KOK RURAL COMMITTEE, ASSISTANCE FROM LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS AND VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED IN THE PREPARATORY WORK, WHICH TOOK OVER TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE, ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO THE SMOOTH ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SCHOOL.

THE SCHOOL, WHICH PROVIDED AN IDEAL STUDY ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN IN SHA TAU KOK, WAS AN AMALGAMATION OF FIVE SCHOOLS -- FMO SHA TAU KOK PRIMARY SCHOOL IN THE FRONTIER CLOSED AREA (FCA) AND LUK KENG PUBLIC SCHOOL, MAN WO PUBLIC SCHOOL, KOK KWAN SCHOOL AND TAI WA SCHOOL OUTSIDE THE FCA, HE ADDED.

STARTING FROM MID-SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, MORE THAN 170 PUPILS WILL ATTEND THE SHA TAU KOK PRIMARY SCHOOL, WHICH HAS 12 STANDARD CLASSROOMS, A FULLY FURNISHED SCHOOL HALL AND VARIOUS RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

AN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HAS BEEN SET UP TO HANDLE THE SCHOOL'S ADMINISTRATION AND POLICIES. MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE COMPRISE RURAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS, REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HONG KONG HOUSING SOCIETY, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE AS WELL AS LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS.

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FINALS OF 6TH HONG KONG MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD

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THE FINALS OF THE 6TH HONG KONG MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD WILL BE HELD AT THE HALL OF NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION IN SASSOON ROAD, POK FU LAM, ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 28).

THERE WERE 206 TEAMS IN THE PRELIMINARY ROUND, AND THE TOP 40 WILL TAKE PART IN THE FINALS.

THE COMPETITION IS ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S MATHEMATICS SECTION OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE AND THE MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT OF NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION.

THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE AT ABOUT NOON, IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE COMPETITION ENDS.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS), MR SO FAI-CHO, AND THE PRINCIPAL OF NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, MRS I. CHIU, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO THE WINNING TEAMS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FINALS AND THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY OF THE 6TH HONG KONG MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD AT NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AT 21 SASSOON ROAD, POK FU LAM, BETWEEN 9.45 AM AND NOON ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 28).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF HONG KONG MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD (1988-89), MRS NG HUI WAI-CHING, WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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DB MEMBERS LOOK OVER CONTAINER TERMINALS

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TWELVE MEMBERS OF KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED THE CONTAINER TERMINALS OF HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL TERMINALS LIMITED (HIT) IN KWAI CHUNG TO GAIN A MORE IN-DEPTH UNDERSTANDING OF ITS FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS.

ON ARRIVAL, THEY WERE BRIEFED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HIT ON THE HISTORY AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMPANY, AND WATCHED A CORPORATE VIDEO SHOW.

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THEY THEN PROCEEDED TO THE ROOF-TOP OF THE OFFICE BUILDING TO HAVE AN OVERALL VIEW OF ALL THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINALS AND LATER TOURED CONTAINER TERMINAL 4 AND TERMINAL 6 WHICH ARE OPERATED BY HIT.

THE VISIT WAS ORGANISED BY THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE FOLLOWING A DISCUSSION EARLY THIS MONTH BETWEEN KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONTAINER TRADE AND OFFICIALS OF THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE DISCUSSION WAS HELD PRIMARILY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON PROBLEMS RELATED TO CONTAINER PORT OPERATIONS AND ON POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS.

THE MEETING AGREED THAT COMMUNICATION BETWEEN ALL PARTIES IN THE TRADE SHOULD BE MAINTAINED IN THE FUTURE.

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#### DB MEMBERS VISIT CONTAINER TERMINALS

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A GROUP OF WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON VISITED THE MODERN TERMINALS LIMITED (MTL), A CONTAINER TERMINAL OPERATOR IN KWAI CHUNG, TO UPDATE THEMSELVES WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S CONTAINER PORT.

THE VISIT WAS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT.

LED BY THE BOARD CHAIRMAN, DR MICHAEL LEE, AND ACCOMPANIED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NG HON-WAH, THE GROUP FIRST VIEWED A FILM ON THE COMPANY'S OPERATIONS.

THEY WERE THEN BRIEFED BY THE COMPANY'S SENIOR STAFF ON PORT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA.

THE GROUP LATER TOURED THE CONTROL ROOM TO SEE THE MTL'S DAILY OPERATIONS.

THE MTL IS ONE OF THE LARGEST CONTAINER TERMINAL OPERATORS IN HONG KONG, COVERING AN AREA OF 38 HECTARES, AND INCORPORATING 777 METRES OF QUAY.

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YEAR-END CLEAN-UP TO BEGIN  
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THE TRADITION OF YEAR-END CLEANING UP, MUCH PROMOTED BY BOTH THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL IN RECENT YEARS, WILL BE CONTINUED THIS YEAR UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE TWO COUNCILS.

BOTH COUNCILS WILL IMPLEMENT A SERIES OF CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS THROUGH THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO HELP HOUSEHOLDS DISCARD EXCESSIVE AND BULKY REFUSE DURING THE PERIOD LEADING UP TO THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

TWO CEREMONIES WILL BE HELD BY THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE TO MARK THE START OF THE CLEAN-UPS.

THE CEREMONY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES CLEAN-UP WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 2 PM AT THE OPEN SPACE OF THE PODIUM LEVEL OF LUK YEUNG SUN CHUEN IN TSUEN WAN.

THE CEREMONY FOR THE URBAN DISTRICTS WILL BE AT 3 PM AT THE LAN KWAI FONG REFUSE COLLECTION POINT IN CENTRAL.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE, MR WALTER SULKE, AND THE VICE-CHAIRMAN, DR PANG HOK-TUEN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONIES IN CENTRAL AND TSUEN WAN RESPECTIVELY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONIES IN TSUEN WAN AND CENTRAL. THEY WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM AND 3 PM RESPECTIVELY.

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YEAR-END CLEAN-UPS IN KOWLOON CITY, YAU TSIM  
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A YEAR-END CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN WILL BEGIN IN KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO COPE WITH THE LARGE VOLUME OF REFUSE THAT THE PUBLIC IS EXPECTED TO DISCARD BEFORE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

A SIMILAR CAMPAIGN WILL BEGIN IN YAU TSIM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 28).

THE FIRST CAMPAIGN IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

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IT IS AIMED AT ENSURING THAT THE FESTIVE ATMOSPHERE WILL NOT BE MARRED BY LARGE QUANTITIES OF REFUSE AND JUNK IN PUBLIC AREAS.

A CEREMONY TO BEGIN THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY AT THE CHEUNG NING STREET REFUSE COLLECTION POINT, TO KWA WAN, STARTING AT 2 PM.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR PETER C.K.CHAN; KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SIK-KONG; ASSISTANT KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS EVA TO; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, MR WONG CHI-KEUNG.

THE PRIZE PRESENTATION OF THE CLEAN BUILDING POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION, CLEAN MULTI-STOREY RESIDENTIAL BUILDING AWARD SCHEME AND WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 88 CALENDAR CARD DESIGN COMPETITION WILL BE HELD DURING THE CEREMONY.

IN YAU TSIM, A CLEAN-UP DRIVE WILL BE LAUNCHED BY THE DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE ON SATURDAY TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO DISPOSE OF RUBBISH PROPERLY.

TWELVE TEMPORARY REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS WILL BE SET UP AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS TO COPE WITH THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR RUBBISH DISPOSAL FACILITIES.

OFFICIATING AT A CEREMONY TO BEGIN THE CLEAN-UP DRIVE WILL BE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WONG HON-HO; URBAN COUNCILLOR, MISS JULIANA LI; ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (KOWLOON) OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR T.K.CHOY, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, MR YIP WAH.

THEY WILL HELP IN DISPOSING OF RUBBISH AFTER THE CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONIES OF THE YEAR-END CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGNS IN KOWLOON CITY AND YAU TSIM DISTRICTS ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 28).

THE CAMPAIGN IN KOWLOON CITY WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM AT THE CHEUNG NING STREET REFUSE COLLECTION POINT (NEAR SHEUNG HEUNG ROAD), TO KWA WAN.

THE YAU TSIM CEREMONY WILL START AT 10.30 AM AT THE CANTON ROAD REFUSE COLLECTION POINT.

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DB GIVES OUT POSTERS, LAI-SEE PACKETS

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WITH THE YEAR OF THE SNAKE LESS THAN TWO WEEKS AWAY, THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD HAS PREPARED SPECIAL NEW YEAR GIFTS TO WISH LOCAL RESIDENTS A YEAR OF FORTUNE AND PROSPERITY.

A TOTAL OF 600,000 LAI-SEE PACKETS AND 100,000 NEW YEAR POSTERS HAVE BEEN PRINTED BY THE BOARD FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION TO RESIDENTS.

THE POSTERS, PORTRAYING THE GODS OF FORTUNE, WEALTH AND LONGEVITY, WILL BE GIVEN AWAY TOGETHER WITH RED PACKETS FEATURING THE CHINESE CHARACTER FOR FORTUNE AND THE LOGO OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD.

THE PRODUCTION OF THESE GIVE-AWAY ITEMS IS CO-ORDINATED BY THE "WORKING GROUP ON LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES" FORMED UNDER THE BOARD.

THE GROUP'S WORK ALSO INCLUDES SETTING UP OF A "PAI LAU" OUTSIDE THE KWUN TONG GOVERNMENT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING IN TUNG YAN STREET.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WORKING GROUP SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE AIM OF ORGANISING THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES WAS TO PROMOTE THE IMAGE OF THE BOARD AND DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION DURING THE FESTIVE SEASON.

"THE POSTERS AND LAI-SEE PACKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS," HE SAID.

A SWITCH-ON CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 3 (FRIDAY) EVENING TO MARK THE LIGHTING UP OF THE "PAI LAU", THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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SELECTION OF MODEL PEDESTRIANS AND DRIVERS

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PRUDENT ROAD-USERS IN TUEN MUN WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE CHOSEN AS MODEL PEDESTRIANS AND DRIVERS IN A SELECTION ACTIVITY LAUNCHED BY THE DISTRICT'S ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE.

A HIGHLIGHT OF THE CAMPAIGN PROGRAMME, THE SELECTION OF MODEL ROAD-USERS WILL TAKE PLACE IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE DISTRICT TO ENHANCE THE PUBLIC'S AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF OBSERVING ROAD REGULATIONS AND THE ROAD CODE.

A PANEL OF ADJUDICATORS COMPRISING MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WILL VISIT ROAD CROSSINGS NEAR SAN FAT ESTATE, MELODY GARDEN, BUTTERFLY ESTATE AND TUEN MUN PIER TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO CHOOSE MODEL PEDESTRIANS.

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SIX MODEL ROAD-USERS WILL BE CHOSEN ACCORDING TO THE EXTENT OF THEIR OBEYING OF TRAFFIC SIGNS AND CAREFULNESS IN USING THE ROAD.

THE PANEL WILL ALSO TOUR THE SECTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD BETWEEN SAM SHING ESTATE AND LAM TEI TO SELECT EIGHT MODEL DRIVERS OF VARIOUS TYPES OF VEHICLE-PRIVATE CAR, LIGHT GOODS VEHICLE, TAXI, LORRY, CONTAINER TRUCK, BUS, AND LIGHT RAIL VEHICLE.

MEANWHILE, THE ADJUDICATION OF A SLOGAN AND STICKER COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE TO COMPLEMENT THE ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMME HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

A PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR THE COMPETITION, AS WELL AS FOR THE MODEL PEDESTRIANS AND DRIVERS, WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 5 IN A GRAND CLOSING TO MARK THE CONCLUSION OF THE NINE-MONTH CAMPAIGN IN THE DISTRICT.

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#### BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR IN EASTERN DISTRICT

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MEMBERS OF THE OWNERS INCORPORATIONS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES OF THE PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS IN EASTERN DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN A SEMINAR AND EXHIBITION ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND FIRE PROTECTION ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 28).

THE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD AT THE CHAI WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE, BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM.

THE FUNCTION IS ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT FEDERATION OF MULTI-STOREY BUILDING ORGANISATIONS AND CO-ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND CHUBB HONG KONG LTD.

SPEAKING AT THE SEMINAR WILL BE THE SENIOR DIVISIONAL OFFICER OF THE FIRE PROTECTION BUREAU, FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR WONG KWONG-CHI, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG HOUSING AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION, MR LEE ON.

THEY WILL DEAL WITH FIRE PREVENTION AT HOME AND NEW TRENDS IN BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

AN EXHIBITION ON FIRE PROTECTION WILL BE HELD FROM 2.30 PM TO 5.30 PM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

A TOTAL OF 18 DISPLAY PANELS WILL FOCUS ON FIRE PREVENTION MEASURES AT HOME AND THE CORRECT OPERATION OF FIRE SERVICE INSTALLATIONS PROVIDED AT PRIVATE BUILDINGS.

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FIRE FIGHTING DEMONSTRATIONS WILL BE GIVEN IN THE PLAYGROUND OUTSIDE THE COMMUNITY CENTRE LATER IN THE AFTERNOON.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GARY YEUNG; CHAIRMAN OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG, AND DIVISIONAL COMMANDER OF THE EASTERN DIVISION OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR YEUNG WAN-PIU.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EASTERN DISTRICT BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND FIRE PROTECTION SEMINAR WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 28) AT CHAI WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE, 230 CHAI WAN ROAD.

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'KEEP YUEN LONG CLEAN' PRIZE PRESENTATION  
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A PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR WINNERS OF THE YUEN LONG BUILDING CLEAN-UP COMPETITION AND THE POT PLANTING COMPETITION WILL BE HELD IN THE LONG PING COMMUNITY HALL, LONG PING ESTATE, ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 28).

THE TWO COMPETITIONS WERE ORGANISED BY THE KEEP YUEN LONG DISTRICT CLEAN CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE WITH THE AIM OF AROUSING YUEN LONG RESIDENTS' AWARENESS OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANLINESS AND PLANT CONSERVATION.

AMONG THE GUESTS OFFICIATING AT THE PRIZE-AWARDING CEREMONY WILL BE THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROBIN IP, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD, MR TAI KUEN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR WINNERS OF THE YUEN LONG BUILDING CLEAN-UP COMPETITION AND THE POT PLANTING COMPETITION. THE CEREMONY WILL BE HELD IN THE LONG PING COMMUNITY HALL, LONG PING ESTATE, BEGINNING AT NOON.

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FIREWORKS BAN REMINDER

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WITH THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS APPROACHING, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT IT IS AN OFFENCE TO POSSESS OR DISCHARGE FIREWORKS OR FIRE-CRACKERS WITHOUT A VALID LICENCE.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UNDER THE DANGEROUS GOODS ORDINANCE, ANY PERSON WHO POSSESSES OR DISCHARGES ANY FIREWORKS WITHOUT A LICENCE IS LIABLE, ON CONVICTION, TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$25,000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT.

HE SAID EXPLOSIVES OFFICERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S MINES DIVISION WILL CONDUCT SPOT CHECKS ON SHOPS AND PREMISES SUSPECTED OF SELLING OR STORING SUCH GOODS.

"ANY UNLICENSED FIREWORKS FOUND WILL BE SEIZED AND THE OFFENDER PROSECUTED," HE STRESSED.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED THOSE IN POSSESSION OF FIREWORKS OR FIRE-CRACKERS TO SURRENDER THEM IMMEDIATELY TO THE MINES DIVISION AT THE CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, KOWLOON, OR TO CONTACT THE DIVISION ON 3-7332356 OR 3-7332358 FOR SUCH GOODS TO BE COLLECTED.

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ID CARD REMINDER FOR WOMEN BORN BETWEEN 1957-59

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT URGED TODAY (THURSDAY) WOMEN BORN IN 1957, 1958 OR 1959 TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS BEFORE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR TO AVOID FORSEEABLE CROWDEDNESS AFTER THE HOLIDAYS.

"ALTHOUGH THE CLOSING DATE FOR THEIR APPLICATIONS IS MARCH 11, APPLICANTS ARE URGED TO COME FORWARD AT THEIR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE TO AVOID CROWDEDNESS AFTER THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS, WHICH WAS THE CASE IN THE PAST YEARS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

"FAILURE TO APPLY FOR A NEW I.D. CARD WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD IS AN OFFENCE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$3,000," HE ADDED.

APPLICANTS CAN GO TO ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES TO RENEW THEIR IDENTITY CARDS.

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

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"THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE VERY CROWDED IN THE EVENINGS. TO AVOID HAVING TO QUEUE UP FOR A LONG TIME AT THE ISSUE OFFICES OR TO COME BACK ON ANOTHER DAY, APPLICANTS ARE ADVISED TO GO TO THESE OFFICES IN THE MORNINGS AND THE AFTERNOONS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THEY MAY MAKE USE OF THE PHONE-IN SERVICE TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING THE OFFICE OF THEIR CHOICE.

THE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE:

- HONG KONG : BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI.  
TEL. NO. 5-747070
- EAST KOWLOON : AMOY PLAZA, 2ND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD.  
TEL. NO. 3-7553679
- WEST KOWLOON : CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 2ND FLOOR,  
393 CANTON ROAD, YAU MA TEI.  
TEL. NO. 3-7232424
- TSUEN WAN : EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR,  
29-37 TSUEN FU STREET.  
TEL. NO. 0-4981259
- SHA TIN : SHOP 8A, 2/F, CHANWAY SHOPPING CENTRE,  
11-17, SHA TIN CENTRE STREET, SHA TIN  
TEL. NO. 0-6059108
- YUEN LONG : HOP YICK CENTRE, 2ND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK ROAD.  
TEL. NO. 0-4771543
- TUEN MUN : CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR,  
CHI LOK FA YUEN.  
TEL. NO. 0-4580862
- SHEUNG SHUI : TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR,  
82-84 SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI.  
TEL. NO. 0-6727191

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

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TRAFFIC RE-ROUTEING IN CENTRAL

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC RE-ROUTEING WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CENTRAL FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 29) TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW:

- \* THE SECTION OF MURRAY ROAD BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND LAMBETH WALK WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.
- \* AT THE SAME TIME, TRAFFIC ON LAMBETH WALK WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT INTO THIS SECTION OF MURRAY ROAD.
- \* THE SECTION OF CHATER ROAD BETWEEN JACKSON ROAD AND MURRAY ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC.
- \* THE SECTION OF JACKSON ROAD BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND CHATER ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.

AT THE SAME TIME, ON THEIR WESTBOUND JOURNEYS, BUSES ON CMB ROUTES 721 AND 722 AND GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 22 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CHATER ROAD WESTBOUND AND JACKSON ROAD.

MOREOVER, THE WESTBOUND AIRBUS ROUTE A2 WILL OPERATE ALONG HARCOURT ROAD AND CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL INSTEAD OF CLUB STREET, CHATER ROAD AND MURRAY ROAD.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PROVIDED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN YAU MA TEI

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE VICINITY OF YAU MA TEI FRUIT MARKET FROM ONE MINUTE PAST MIDNIGHT ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 28) TO 6 PM ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5 IN ANTICIPATION OF A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE VISITING THE MARKET.

RECLAMATION STREET NORTHBOUND BETWEEN THE UNNAMED ROAD SOUTH OF SHEK LUNG STREET AND WATERLOO ROAD; AND WATERLOO ROAD WESTBOUND BETWEEN RECLAMATION STREET AND FERRY STREET WILL BE REDUCED FROM THREE-LANE TO TWO-LANE TRAFFIC.

THE UNNAMED ROAD SOUTH OF SHEK LUNG STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND WHILE CHING PING STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

TUNG KUN STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND AND RIGHT-TURNS FROM CANTON ROAD NORTHBOUND TO TUNG KUN STREET WILL BE BANNED.

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THE SECTION OF SHEK LUNG STREET BETWEEN RECLAMATION STREET AND SHANGHAI STREET; AND MAN MING LANE BETWEEN RECLAMATION STREET AND SHANGHAI STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC AND WILL BECOME PEDESTRIAN PRECINCTS.

THE METERED PARKING SPACES IN CANTON ROAD BETWEEN CHEUNG SHUI STREET AND THE UNNAMED ROAD SOUTH OF SHEK LUNG STREET; AND LEE TAT STREET BETWEEN CANTON ROAD AND CHING PING STREET WILL BE SUSPENDED.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF TSING YI BRIDGE

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 29), TSING YI BRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC INTERMITTENTLY BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 2 AM, BETWEEN 6.15 AM AND 6.45 AM AND BETWEEN 3.15 PM AND 3.45 PM FOR SURVEYING THE BRIDGE STRUCTURE.

DURING THE ABOVE PERIODS, THE BRIDGE WILL BE OPENED AT FIVE-MINUTE INTERVALS, AND IMMEDIATELY FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURE OF TOLO HIGHWAY

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS, TOLO HIGHWAY SOUTHBOUND BETWEEN TO TSE KIN AND ISLAND HOUSE INTERCHANGE IN TAI PO WILL BE PARTIALLY CLOSED DURING THE FOLLOWING PERIODS:

- \* INNER-MOST LANE AND CENTRE LANE FROM 8 PM TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY DAILY ON JANUARY 29 AND 30.
- \* INNER-MOST LANE FROM 6 AM TO 8 PM DAILY ON JANUARY 30 AND 31.
- \* OUTER-MOST LANE AND CENTRE LANE FROM 8 PM TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY DAILY ON JANUARY 31, FEBRUARY 1 AND 2.
- \* OUTER-MOST LANE FROM 6 AM TO 8 PM DAILY ON FEBRUARY 1 AND 2.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PROVIDED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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