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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PRESS FACILITY

THERE WILL BE A FACILITY FOR PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN TO COVER THE DEPARTURE OF THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, FOR PEKING ON MONDAY (JULY 11).

SIR EDWARD, ACCOMPANIED BY THE POLITICAL ADVISER, MR ROBIN MCLAREN, WILL BE LEAVING ON FLIGHT CA102 ETD 1 PM.

PLEASE ADVISE THOSE ASSIGNED TO COVER THE DEPARTURE TO ASSEMBLE IN THE PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING NOT LATER THAN 11.45 AM ON MONDAY. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE THERE TO ASSIST.

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EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL STATISTICS FOR MARCH

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY PUBLISHED EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS FOR MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY IN MARCH 1983.

THESE WERE DERIVED FROM THE SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL CONDUCTED EVERY QUARTER BY THE DEPARTMENT COVERING THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR.

A SEPARATE EMPLOYMENT SURVEY COVERS BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES.

THE OVERALL FIGURES BY MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS, TOGETHER WITH A COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR MARCH 1982 AND DECEMBER 1982, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	PERSONS ENGAGED (EMPLOYMENT) IN			PERCENTAGE CHANGE +	
	MAR 82	DEC 82	MAR 83	MAR 83 ON MAR 82	MAR 83 ON DEC 82
MANUFACTURING	886 100	847 200	848 700	- 4.2	+ 0.2
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION (MANUAL WORKERS ON SITES ONLY)	86 500	82 100	76 400	-11.7	- 7.0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	490 200	517 700	517 200	+ 5.5	- 0.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	157 700	166 100	164 500	+ 4.3	- 1.0

+ BASED ON UNROUNDED EMPLOYMENT FIGURES

/A COMPARISON

A COMPARISON OF THE FIGURES FOR MARCH 1983 WITH THOSE FOR MARCH 1982 SHOWS THAT THERE WERE INCREASES IN EMPLOYMENT IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND IN THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AT 517 200, WAS 5.5 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN MARCH 1982.

AT 164 500, EMPLOYMENT IN THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR WAS 4.3 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN MARCH 1982.

ON THE OTHER HAND, EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR AND ON BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES DECREASED BY 4.2 PER CENT AND 11.7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1982, HOWEVER, CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR AND THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR WERE MARGINAL.

DECREASES OF 7.0 PER CENT AND ONE PER CENT WERE REGISTERED FOR BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES AND FOR THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR RESPECTIVELY.

TOGETHER WITH THE EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS, THE SURVEY ALSO PROVIDED VACANCY STATISTICS FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR IN MARCH 1983.

THE OVERALL FIGURES BY MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS, TOGETHER WITH A COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR MARCH 1982 AND DECEMBER 1982, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES IN			PERCENTAGE CHANGE +	
	MAR 82	DEC 82	MAR 83	MAR 83 ON MAR 82	MAR 83 ON DEC 82
MANUFACTURING	44 100	23 800	38 500	-12.5	+62.1
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	7 200	3 900	4 800	-33.6	+23.3
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	3 100	1 800	1 900	-37.1	+ 7.5

+ BASED ON UNROUNDED VACANCY FIGURES

/COMPARED WITH

COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH IN 1982, THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES FOR MARCH 1983 DECREASED IN ALL OF THE ABOVE THREE SECTORS. THE DECREASES IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR WERE 12.5 PER CENT, 33.6 PER CENT AND 37.1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

RELATIVE TO DECEMBER 1982, HOWEVER, THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES FOR MARCH 1983 INCREASED IN ALL OF THE ABOVE THREE SECTORS. WHILE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES OF 62.1 PER CENT AND 23.3 PER CENT WERE RECORDED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR AND THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR RESPECTIVELY, THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES FOR THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR INCREASED BY 7.5 PER CENT.

ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE SURVEY ARE STATISTICS ON MONTHLY PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR.

QUARTERLY TOTALS FOR EACH OF THESE SECTORS ARE SHOWN IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE:

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	TOTAL QUARTERLY PAYROLL IN		% CHANGE +
	1ST QTR. 1982	1ST QTR. 1983	1ST QTR. 1983 ON 1ST QTR. 1982
	HK \$MN	HK \$MN	
MANUFACTURING	5 531	6 011	+ 8.7
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	3 525	4 185	+18.7
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	1 861	2 128	+14.4

+ BASED ON UNROUNDED PAYROLL FIGURES

RELATIVE TO THE SAME QUARTER A YEAR AGO, PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN THE ABOVE THREE SECTORS INCREASED BY 8.7 PER CENT, 18.7 PER CENT AND 14.4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. THE INCREASES IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR, AT 18.7 PER CENT AND 14.4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, WERE PARTICULARLY LARGE. THESE INCREASES WERE IN PART DUE TO INCREASED EMPLOYMENT.

/BY ADJUSTING

BY ADJUSTING FOR VARIATIONS IN TOTAL PAYROLL OUTLAYS ARISING FROM CHANGES IN THE LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT, A NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IS OBTAINED.

TO ALLOW FOR THE EFFECTS OF PRICE CHANGES, THE NOMINAL INDEX IS DEFLATED BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) TO GIVE THE REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED.

VALUES OF THESE TWO INDICES ARE GIVEN IN THE TABLES BELOW:

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED (JUNE 1980 = 100)		% CHANGE
	MAR 82	MAR 83	MAR 83 ON MAR 82
MANUFACTURING	135.6	149.2	+10.0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	136.2	149.3	+ 9.6
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE, BUSINESS SERVICES	132.8	150.8	+13.6

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED (JUNE 1980 = 100)		% CHANGE
	MAR 82	MAR 83	MAR 83 ON MAR 82
MANUFACTURING	108.5	107.6	- 0.8
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	109.0	107.7	- 1.2
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	106.2	108.8	+ 2.4

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COMPARED WITH MARCH 1982, INCREASES OF 10.0 PER CENT, 9.6 PER CENT AND 13.6 PER CENT WERE REGISTERED IN THE NOMINAL INDEX OF

PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR RESPECTIVELY.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED SHOWED DECREASES OF 0.8 PER CENT AND 1.2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, AND THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR. ON THE OTHER HAND, AN INCREASE OF 2.4 PER CENT WAS REGISTERED IN THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR.

(TABLES GIVING EMPLOYMENT FIGURES FOR SELECTED INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIES WITHIN THE FOUR SECTORS ARE BEING TRANSMITTED BY FACSIMILE NETWORK. THE TABLES MAY ALSO BE COLLECTED FROM THE GIS PRESS ROOM).

FURTHER DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS OF THE EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT: MR AU HOO-KIT - 5-434185, MR NG KUNG-TAK - 5-455661 AND MR YEUNG MANG-KWONG - 5-439398.

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IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED IN SQUATTER AREAS
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A NUMBER OF IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ARE BEING PLANNED FOR ALL SQUATTER AREAS IN KWUN TONG, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN MAK, SAID TODAY.

THESE PROJECTS INCLUDE THE INSTALLATION OF SHARED LETTER BOXES BETWEEN TWO HOUSEHOLDS TO REPLACE A COMMUNAL LETTER BOX IN ON LOK VILLAGE, A SITTING-OUT AREA AT THE JUNCTION OF ON LOK VILLAGE AND TAI SHING VILLAGE, AND A MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE OFFICE IN KAM KUK VILLAGE.

+PLANS TO INSTALL STREET LIGHTINGS IN LAM TIN VILLAGE ARE ALSO UNDERWAY, AND IT IS HOPED TO SET UP MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN EACH OF THE 26 SQUATTER AREAS BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR, + HE SAID.

ALREADY, 17 MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES HAD BEEN FORMED IN SQUATTER AREAS WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

MR MAK WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF AN EXHIBITION AND A CARNIVAL ORGANISED FOR RESIDENTS IN ON LOK VILLAGE AND SAU MAU PING PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE.

HE NOTED THAT THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAD BEEN TRYING TO IMPROVE THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE 50 000 SQUATTERS IN THE DISTRICT.

WORKS COMPLETED SO FAR INCLUDE THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY AND WATER, HYGIENIC IMPROVEMENTS, BUILDING OF FIRE ESCAPE ROUTES, REPAIRING SLOPES, AND DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE SQUATTER AREAS.

HE SAID THAT EFFORT SHOULD ALSO BE MADE TO INTRODUCE RELEVANT SOCIAL PROGRAMMES TO THE SQUATTERS TO HELP BUILD UP THEIR COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND INTEGRATE THEM WITH THE NEIGHBOURING COMMUNITY.

TODAY'S EXHIBITION AND CARNIVAL WERE ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, THE HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICE, THE KWUN TONG COMMUNITY HEALTH PROJECT AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

THE PURPOSE OF THE EVENT WAS TO MAKE SQUATTERS AND RESIDENTS IN SAU MAU PING AWARE OF THE WELFARE SERVICES AVAILABLE IN THE DISTRICT, AND TO EDUCATE THEM ON HEALTH CARE, FAMILY PLANNING, AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

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CAS SEEKING SHA TIN RECRUITS

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THE CIVIL AID SERVICES HELD ITS FIRST LOCALISED RECRUITMENT DRIVE IN THE YEAR TODAY (SUNDAY) AT THE SHA KOK ESTATE COMPOUND IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN, WHERE THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASING DEMAND FOR CAS SERVICES.

THE DAY-LONG RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN IS AIMED AT RECRUITING 110 ADULT MEMBERS OF BOTH SEXES AND 50 MALE CADETS TO JOIN ITS SHA TIN NEW TOWN UNIT, WHICH HAS RECENTLY BEEN RE-ORGANISED AND EXPANDED TO BECOME N.T. EAST DIVISION.

THE EXERCISE WAS STARTED OFF BY MR NG CHAM LAM, A MEMBER OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD THIS MORNING, WHEN HE TOOK THE SALUTE AND INSPECTED A PARADE OF CAS PERSONNEL.

ALSO ATTENDING THE CEREMONY WERE MR HENRY KU HONG-CHEONG, CAS N.T. REGIONAL COMMANDER, AND OTHER LOCAL DIGNITARIES.

SPEAKING AT THE PARADE, MR NG EMPHASISED THE ROLE OF SHA TIN RESIDENTS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITY.

+THE GROWTH OF SHA TIN IS THE RESULT OF THE CONCERTED EFFORTS OF LOCAL RESIDENTS.

+IN LINE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN, CAS IS EXPANDING ITS ESTABLISHMENT OF BOTH THE ADULT SERVICE AND THE CADET CORPS,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THAT BY JOINING THE CAS, LOCAL YOUTHS WOULD BE PROVIDED WITH A CHANCE TO ENRICH THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF SOCIETY, AND TO DEVELOP A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN INTERESTING OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES AND TRAINING, AS WELL AS SOCIAL SERVICES PROJECTS.

YOUTHS WHO WANTED TO JOIN AS ADULT MEMBERS MUST BE AGED 16 OR ABOVE, WHILE APPLICANTS FOR CADET VACANCIES MUST BE BOYS AGED BETWEEN 12 AND 14, WHO HAVE THEIR PARENTS' CONSENT BEFORE ENROLMENT.

THE PARADE WAS FOLLOWED BY A SERIES OF DEMONSTRATIONS BY CAS PERSONNEL ON SILENT DRILL, TRICK CYCLING, AND RESCUE AND CASUALTY HANDLING.

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EFFORT MADE TO REDUCE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS OVER THE YEARS TAKEN MEASURES TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PHILIP CHOK, SAID TODAY.

THESE INCLUDED MORE STRINGENT LAW ENFORCEMENT, SUCH AS MAKING THE WEARING OF SEAT BELTS COMPULSORY, PUBLICITY AND EDUCATION, TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND THE BUILDING OF FOOTBRIDGES AND SUBWAYS TO SEGREGATE PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.

MR CHOK WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN AT THE CHOI WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE.

HE NOTED THAT LAST YEAR, THERE WERE 24 297 CASES OF INJURIES AND DEATHS RESULTING FROM TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, AN INDICATION THAT THE PROBLEM WAS VERY SERIOUS.

PEDESTRIAN AND DRIVER NEGLIGENCE WAS THE MAJOR CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENTS, HE SAID.

MR CHOK ALSO ATTRIBUTED THE TREMENDOUS NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS TO THE SEVERE SHORTAGE OF ROAD SPACE, THE GROWTH IN NUMBER OF VEHICLES AND THE DENSITY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

+IT HAS BEEN FOUND THAT ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION IS AN EFFECTIVE MEANS TO LOWER THE ACCIDENT RATE,+ HE SAID.

+A ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN IS, THEREFORE, ORGANISED EVERY YEAR TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC TO BE MORE CAREFUL IN THE USE OF ROADS.+

EDUCATIONAL AND PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES HAVE BEEN PLANNED FOR WONG TAI SIN RESIDENTS.

THEY INCLUDE A MOBILE ROAD SAFETY TOWN, ROAD SAFETY EXHIBITIONS, THE SELECTIONS OF MODEL PEDESTRIANS AND DRIVERS, A SLOGAN COMPETITION, A COLOURING CONTEST AND FILM SHOWS.

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SAFETY WORKER CONTEST OFFERS BIG PRIZES

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AN 11-DAY ALL-EXPENSES PAID TRIP TO THE WEST COAST OF THE UNITED STATES, WORTH \$12 000 PLUS \$2 000 IN CASH, WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNERS OF A +SAFETY WORKER+ CONTEST FOR MEN AND WOMEN IN INDUSTRY ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES.

THE CONTEST, WHICH WILL BE SPLIT INTO TWO SECTIONS -- MEN'S SECTION AND WOMEN'S SECTION -- WILL BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE THIRD SERIES OF +SAFETY AT WORK+ TV PROGRAMME, CURRENTLY UNDER PRODUCTION.

IT IS BEING SPONSORED BY MR LAM KIN-MING OF SING FOOK KNITTING FACTORY LTD, IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE MISCELLANEOUS TEXTILES GROUP OF THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES.

THE CONTEST AIMS AT STIMULATING WORKERS, EMPLOYERS, AND MANAGMENTS TO INVOLVE THEMSELVES MORE DIRECTLY IN THE SAFETY MOVEMENT TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS.

THE CONTEST IS OPEN TO ALL BLUE COLLAR WORKERS IN INDUSTRY. CONTESTANTS WILL BE JUDGED ON THE FOLLOWING STANDARDS:-

- (A) KNOWLEDGE OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH IN GENERAL (A MAXIMUM OF 30 POINTS OUT OF 100);
- (B) CONTRIBUTION OR SUGGESTION FOR INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH IMPROVEMENTS AT CONTESTANT'S PLACE OF WORK OR CONTESTANT'S PARTICULAR INDUSTRY (MAXIMUM 30 POINTS);
- (C) ABILITY TO EXPRESS OR CONVINCING THE PUBLIC ON THE IMPORTANCE OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH (MAXIMUM 30 POINTS); AND
- (D) PERSONALITY-POSTURE-PRESENTATION (MAXIMUM 10 POINTS).

CONTESTANTS MUST SATISFY THE FOLLOWING ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:-

- (A) BE 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER;
- (B) BE BLUE COLLAR WORKERS (OFFICE WORKERS WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE);
- (C) BE ABLE TO SPEAK FLUENT CANTONESE OR MANDARIN;
- (D) HAVE SOME BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH;
- (E) MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR INDUSTRIAL SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS; AND
- (F) BE A RESIDENT OF HONG KONG FOR SEVEN YEARS.

THE FIRST PRIZE WILL BE AN ALL-EXPENSES PAID 11-DAY TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES WITH FULL BOARD AND LODGING WORTH APPROXIMATELY \$12 000 PLUS \$2 000 IN CASH.

THE SECOND PRIZE WILL BE A TOUR OF JAPAN INCLUDING TOKYO'S +DISNEYLAND+ WORTH APPROXIMATELY \$2 900 PLUS \$1 000 IN CASH.

THE THIRD PRIZE WILL BE A PACKAGE TOUR TO THAILAND WORTH ABOUT \$2 500 PLUS \$500 IN CASH.

EMPLOYERS OF BLUE COLLAR WORKERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO NOMINATE OR SPONSOR APPLICANTS, UP TO A MAXIMUM OF TWO FOR EACH SECTION OF THE +SAFETY WORKERS+ CONTEST.

THE FIRST PRIZE WINNERS OF EACH SECTION WILL JOIN THE WINNERS OF THE THIRD SERIES OF THE +SAFETY AT WORK+ TV PROGRAMME WHO WILL ALSO BE AWARDED AN 11-DAY HOLIDAY TO THE UNITED STATES.

FORMS ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED MAINLY THROUGH THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES, BUT IF ANY EMPLOYERS OF BLUE COLLAR WORKERS WISH TO OBTAIN FORMS THEY CAN DO SO BY CONTACTING THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S PUBLICITY UNIT ON TELEPHONE NUMBER 5-7907020.

THE FORMS SHOULD BE FILLED IN AND RETURNED TO THE PUBLICITY UNIT OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, 4TH FLOOR, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG, NOT LATER THAN JULY 30.

JUDGING OF THE FINALISTS OF THE TWO SECTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE AUDITORIUM OF THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL ON SEPTEMBER 28, 1983.

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CORRECTIONAL CHIEFS TO MEET

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THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR THOMAS GARNER, AND SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT PING-LEE, WILL BE LEAVING ON TUESDAY (JULY 12) TO ATTEND THE FOURTH ASIAN AND PACIFIC CONFERENCE OF CORRECTIONAL ADMINISTRATORS IN WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND FROM JULY 18 TO 22.

MR GARNER WILL SERVE AS CO-DIRECTOR OF THE CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT.

TWO OTHER OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT, SUPERINTENDENT KAN KWOK-NAM AND SENIOR INFORMATION OFFICER ALEX CHOI, WILL ACCOMPANY THE OFFICIAL HONG KONG DELEGATES AS OBSERVERS.

THE FIVE-DAY CONFERENCE, HOSTED BY THE NEW ZEALAND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN COLLABORATION WITH THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY, WILL BE ATTENDED BY HEADS OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES FROM THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC REGION.

HONG KONG IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY LAID THE FOUNDATION FOR SUCH CONFERENCES BY HOSTING THE FIRST ONE HERE.

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BETTER MAIL SERVICE FOR VILLAGERS

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MAIL DELIVERY TO THE 1 200 RESIDENTS IN TWO CAUSEWAY BAY VILLAGES — MA SHAN AND LIN FA KUNG — HAS BEEN MUCH IMPROVED WITH THE PROVISION OF TWO COMMUNAL LETTER BOXES.

HOUSES IN THE AREA ARE SCATTERED AND NOT NUMBERED AND THE RESIDENTS HAD PREVIOUSLY TO RELY ON THEIR RELATIVES AND NEARBY SHOPS FOR THEIR MAIL. HOWEVER, THROUGH THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF THE VILLAGES' MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES (MACS), THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE COOPERATION OF THE POST OFFICE, COMMUNAL LETTER BOXES WERE PROVIDED BY VILLAGERS TO RECEIVE LETTERS IN BULK FOR DISPATCH BY THE VILLAGERS TO OTHER SMALLER BOXES.

+THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF ACHIEVEMENTS BY MACS, WHICH ARE FORMED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF DISTRICT OFFICES IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS AND SQUATTER AREAS,+ SAID THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GORDON JONES.

+THEIR AIMS ARE TO PROMOTE A SENSE OF FRIENDSHIP, MUTUAL CARE AND RESPONSIBILITY AMONG MEMBERS, AND TO PROMOTE BETTER SECURITY AND LIVING ENVIRONMENT,+ HE ADDED.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE A TOTAL OF 269 MACS FORMED IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO NEWS EDITORS:

ANTI-DRUG VARIETY SHOW

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DETAILS OF THE +ANTI-NARCOTICS EDUCATIONAL VARIETY SHOW+ WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON TUESDAY (JULY 12) AT 2.30 PM AT THE GIS THEATRE, 5TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL.

SPEAKERS AT THE CONFERENCE WILL INCLUDE THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR G.L. MORTIMER- THE ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, MR SIMON LUN AND AN URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR STEPHEN LAU.

THE SHOW, WHICH IS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THIS YEAR'S ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN, WILL BE STAGED AT THE HONG KONG COLISEUM, HUNG HOM, ON JULY 17. IT WILL FEATURE PERFORMANCES BY TOP SINGERS, ROMAN TAM, FRANCES YIP, ELIZA CHAN AND BY THE PAN ASIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND THE HONG KONG CHILDREN'S CHOIR.

THE ARTISTIC CONSULTANT OF THE SHOW, DR YIP WAI-HONG, AND ROMAN TAM WILL ALSO BE ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

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TUEN MUN ROAD PROJECT PLANNED
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THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT INTENDS TO CARRY OUT A ROAD PROJECT IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF TUEN MUN AS PART OF THE CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

WORKS WILL INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DUAL CARRIAGEWAY INCLUDING AN INTERCHANGE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF ON TING AND YAU OI ESTATES TO LINK TUEN MUN ROAD WITH THE NEW TUEN MUN NULLAH BRIDGE NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING MAIN ENTRANCE, THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TUEN MUN, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL MUST SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 6, 1983.

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ROAD TO BE REALIGNED
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THE CONTAINER PORT ROAD SOUTH OF KAI WAN STREET WILL SOON BE REALIGNED TO FACILITATE THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER PORT.

ALSO INCLUDED AS PART OF THE SCHEME, WHICH WILL IMPROVE TRAFFIC ACCESS TO THE CONTAINER PORT, WILL BE THE PROVISION OF NEW ROAD LINKS TO KWAI CHUNG ROAD AND THE CLOSURE OF THE EXISTING CONTAINER PORT ROAD SOUTH OF KAI WAN STREET AND KAI WAN STREET ITSELF.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING MAIN ENTRANCE, THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, TSUEN WAN, 9-1/2 MILESTONE, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANK BUILDING, 3RD FLOOR, TSUEN WAN OR AT THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, 2ND FLOOR, FOU WAH CENTRE, 210 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSAL MUST BE SENT IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 6.

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POST OFFICE NO. 92

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A NEW POST OFFICE WILL BE OPENED AT NOON ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE CAUSEWAY BAY KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION BUILDING, 30 HING FAT STREET.

THIS WILL BRING THE NUMBER OF POST OFFICES IN HONG KONG TO 92.

TO MARK THE OCCASION, THERE WILL BE A SHORT OPENING CEREMONY AT 11 AM ON THE SAME DAY.

MR LI KWAN-HUNG, VICE CHAIRMAN AND DIRECTOR OF CAUSEWAY BAY KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING TOGETHER WITH THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR HUGH ARDLEY, AND THE DISTRICT OFFICER, EASTERN, MR GORDON JONES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE OPENING OF THE POST OFFICE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE CAUSEWAY BAY KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION BUILDING, 30 HING FAT STREET, AT 11 AM ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 13.

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MORE ROAD TIME FOR LEARNERS

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LEARNER DRIVERS ARE TO BE GIVEN MORE TIME TO PRACTISE ON THE ROADS.

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING REVISED HOURS FOR LEARNERS AS FROM JULY 15:

6 AM TO 7.30 AM
9.30 AM TO 4.30 PM
7.30 PM TO 11 PM

AT PRESENT PERMITTED HOURS VARY ACCORDING TO THE DAY OF THE WEEK, BUT THE NEW HOURS WILL APPLY EVERY DAY.

+SINCE THE EXISTING PERMITTED TIME SCHEDULE WAS DRAWN UP, ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE, TRAFFIC PATTERNS AND WORKING HOURS HAVE CHANGED,+ SAID A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN.

+HONG KONG NOW HAS AN IMPROVED SYSTEM OF URBAN CLEARWAYS, MAIN ARTERIES AND FEEDER ROADS.

/+GENERALLY,

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+GENERALLY, TRAFFIC FLOWS FREELY IN COMPARISON WITH MOST CITIES OF COMPARABLE SIZE AND THERE IS SCOPE TO EXTEND THE TIME WHEN LEARNER DRIVERS CAN BE ON THE ROADS.+

THE NEW HOURS STILL KEEP +LEARNER FREE+ PERIODS DURING THE BUSIEST TIMES OF THE DAY. THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IT WAS THEREFORE UNLIKELY THAT THE CHANGE WOULD LEAD TO A DETERIORATION IN TRAFFIC CONDITIONS.

ONE OF THE MAIN REASONS FOR THE CHANGE IS TO GIVE HONG KONG'S LEARNERS MORE TIME TO PRACTISE, IN AN ATTEMPT TO IMPROVE THE PRESENT VERY LOW PASS RATE IN PRIVATE CAR DRIVING TESTS.

THE PRESENT PERMITTED HOURS ARE:

MONDAY TO FRIDAY:

6 AM TO 7.30 AM
9.30 AM TO 12.30 PM
2.30 PM TO 4.30 PM
8 PM TO 11 PM

SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:

6 AM TO 7.30 AM
9.30 AM TO 12.30 PM
8 PM TO 11 PM

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CENTRAL, WESTERN WATER WORKS
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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICTS WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9 AM TO 4 PM ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 13) FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

AFFECTED PREMISES LIE BETWEEN ICE HOUSE STREET AND SANDS STREET, INCLUDING CONNAUGHT ROADS CENTRAL AND WEST, QUEEN'S ROADS CENTRAL AND WEST, HOLLYWOOD ROAD, FIRST STREET, SECOND STREET, THIRD STREET, HIGH STREET, WATER STREET, ABERDEEN STREET, PEEL STREET, WYNDHAM STREET AND DES VOEUX ROADS CENTRAL AND WEST.

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NT CLEAN BEACH DRIVE LAUNCHED

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THE CLEAN-THE-BEACHES PHASE OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG 1983 DRIVE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WAS LAUNCHED TODAY AT A CEREMONY AT THE OLD CAFETERIA BEACH IN TUEN MUN.

MORE THAN 200 MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB FROM 18 TUEN MUN SCHOOLS HELPED CLEAN-UP THE BEACH, AS PART OF THEIR CIVIC EFFORT DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS. THEY COLLECTED ABOUT 50 BASKETS OF REFUSE.

THE EFFORT, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, IS AIMED AT AROUSING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING THE BEACHES CLEAN.

TUEN MUN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE WORKERS HELPED REMOVE THE COLLECTED DEBRIS.

ALSO TAKING PART IN THE OPERATION TODAY WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD, MR NG CHEUK-TAI, AND THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF TUEN MUN, MR CHOI YING-WAI.

CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS WILL ALSO BE MOUNTED DURING THE NEXT SEVEN WEEKS AT FOUR OTHER BEACHES IN THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT -- NEW CAFETERIA BEACH, KADOORIE BEACH, CASTLE PEAK BEACH AND BUTTERFLY BEACH.

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TRAFFIC TO BE REROUTED

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TRAFFIC IN MAN WA LANE IN CENTRAL WILL BE TEMPORARILY REROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (JULY 12), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

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