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ALL VIEWS ON TOBACCO ADS GIVEN FULL CONSIDERATION  
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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL'S DECISION TO PHASE OUT TOBACCO ADVERTISING ON TV AND RADIO OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS WAS TAKEN AFTER FULL CONSIDERATION OF THE ADVICE OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION, THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE, AS WELL AS THE VIEWS OF THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY, THE DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SIR DAVID WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OFFICIATING AT A GRADUATION CEREMONY AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

IN RESPONSE TO A SUGGESTION THAT THE DECISIONS ON THE BROADCASTING REVIEW BOARD REPORT HAD IGNORED THE VIEWS OF THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY, SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD TO LISTEN NOT ONLY TO THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY BUT ALSO TO THE MEDICAL PROFESSION AND TO THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

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EDUCATION PROMINENT IN TOTAL GOVERNMENT SPENDING  
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EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMMES OF ALL KINDS AND AT ALL LEVELS WILL ACCOUNT FOR SOME 18 PER CENT OF TOTAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR, THE DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING.

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE INSTITUTE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT, HE SAID IT WAS NO SURPRISE THAT EDUCATION OCCUPIED A PROMINENT POSITION IN TOTAL GOVERNMENT SPENDING IN A PLACE LIKE HONG KONG THAT HAD NOTHING BUT ITS HUMAN RESOURCES.

OUTLINING HONG KONG'S MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS IN ITS EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM OVER THE LAST 15 YEARS, HE MENTIONED THE VARIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE EDUCATION COMMISSION IN ITS TWO REPORTS AND GOVERNMENT ACTIONS TAKEN TO IMPLEMENT THEM.

SIR DAVID SAID THE COMMISSION IN ITS FIRST REPORT RECOMMENDED THAT SUBSIDISED SENIOR SECONDARY PLACES SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR SOME 85 PER CENT OF THE AGE GROUP AND THAT PLACES SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR A FURTHER 10 PER CENT ON FULL-TIME CRAFT COURSES IN THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

+THE GOVERNMENT HAS TOTALLY ACCEPTED THESE RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE TARGETS WILL BE ACHIEVED BY 1991.+

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ON THE CONTROVERSIAL QUESTION OF THE STRUCTURE OF THE SIXTH-FORM COURSE RAISED IN THE COMMISSION'S NO. 2 REPORT PUBLISHED RECENTLY, SIR DAVID SAID FAR-REACHING RECOMMENDATIONS HAD GIVEN RISE TO FURTHER DEBATE AND +IT WILL BE THE SPRING OF NEXT YEAR BEFORE A DECISION IS TAKEN IN THE LIGHT OF THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION NOW UNDER WAY+.

HE NOTED THAT THE COMMISSION IN ITS NO. 2 REPORT POINTED IN PARTICULAR TO THE NEED FOR A SYSTEM OF OPEN EDUCATION AT THE POST-SECONDARY LEVEL.

+TO MEET THIS OBJECTIVE, THE COMMISSION HAS PROPOSED A PROGRAMME WHICH WOULD ENCOMPASS THE FULL RANGE OF POST-SECONDARY STUDIES, IDEALLY WITH MINIMAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS, LEADING TO A RANGE OF EXIT QUALIFICATIONS, FROM CERTIFICATES TO SECOND DEGREES.

+THE REACTION TO THIS PROPOSAL SO FAR, FROM THE PUBLIC AND FROM EDUCATIONALISTS, HAS BEEN GENERALLY GOOD.+

AS WITH ALL OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE COMMISSION'S REPORT, NO DECISIONS WOULD BE TAKEN UNTIL THE RESULTS OF THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION WERE AVAILABLE, HE SAID.

+THIS IS AN EXCITING CONCEPT AND ONE WHICH WOULD PROVIDE A NEW DIMENSION OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY,+ HE ADDED.

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SIGNIFICANT YEAR FOR EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT - SIR DAVID  
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THE YEAR 1986 HAS BEEN ESPECIALLY SIGNIFICANT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATION IN HONG KONG, WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF DEGREE COURSES AT THE CITY POLYTECHNIC AND BAPTIST COLLEGE, THE SETTING UP OF A PLANNING COMMITTEE TO ESTABLISH THE THIRD UNIVERSITY AND OF ANOTHER PLANNING COMMITTEE TO LOOK AT HOW BEST HONG KONG CAN ARRANGE ITS OWN VALIDATION SYSTEM.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC TODAY (THURSDAY).

THESE DEVELOPMENTS, HE SAID, LAID THE FOUNDATION FOR THE FURTHER EXPANSION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS.

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+BY THE MID-1990'S, HONG KONG WILL HAVE SIX DEGREE-AWARDING INSTITUTIONS, PROVIDING DEGREE PLACES FOR SOME 32 000 OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

+WE SHALL HAVE OUR OWN VALIDATION SYSTEM WHICH WILL ENSURE THE HIGH STANDARD AND INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF OUR DEGREE COURSES.+

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT HONG KONG HAD A HIERARCHY OF COMMITTEES TO ENSURE THAT THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE ROLE OF EDUCATION IN THE COMMUNITY WERE PROPERLY ADDRESSED. THESE INCLUDED THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE EDUCATION COMMISSION, THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE, AND THE RECENTLY FORMED CHINESE TEXTBOOKS COMMITTEE.

+MEMBERS OF THESE COMMITTEES, COME FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE AND REPRESENT A WIDE VARIETY OF INTERESTS AND STRONG LINKS EXIST BETWEEN THEM AND THE LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE COUNCILS.+

SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS ONLY THREE YEARS SINCE THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC BEGAN ITS DEGREE PROGRAMMES YET IT HAS STARTED TO PROVIDE MASTERS DEGREE PROGRAMMES THIS YEAR.

+THE INTRODUCTION OF POST-GRADUATE STUDIES IN THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC MARKS A FURTHER IMPORTANT STEP IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS INSTITUTION AND WILL ASSIST IT IN ACHIEVING ITS TARGET OF HAVING 30 PER CENT OF ITS FULL TIME STUDENTS IN DEGREE PROGRAMMES BY THE START OF THE NEXT DECADE,+ HE ADDED.

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IMPROVED PROPERTY MARKET BENEFITS SPREAD THROUGHOUT  
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THE PROPERTY MARKET HAS IMPROVED SIGNIFICANTLY OVER THE LAST YEAR FUELLED AND SUSTAINED BY THE GROWTH OF THE ECONOMY AND BY LOW AND STABLE INTEREST RATES, THE DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL DINNER OF THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF SURVEYORS AND THE ROYAL INSTITUTION OF CHARTERED SURVEYORS, HE SAID THE BENEFITS OF THESE TRENDS HAD SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY, FROM THE FAMILY BUYING A ROOF OVER THEIR HEAD TO LARGE INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS.

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+OF PARTICULAR NOTE, BECAUSE ON IT WILL DEPEND MUCH OF THE FUTURE GROWTH OF THE ECONOMY, HAS BEEN THE INCREASED SUPPLY, AND STRENGTHENING DEMAND, FOR INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY, THE HIGHER LEVEL OF RETAINED IMPORTS FOR CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY, AND THE INCREASE, IN REAL TERMS, IN THE VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK BEING UNDERTAKEN.

+TAKEN TOGETHER, THESE TRENDS INDICATE THE INCREASING ACTIVITY IN THE AREAS THAT ARE ESSENTIAL TO SUSTAIN AND EXPAND THE ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF HONG KONG IN THE LONG TERM,+ HE SAID.

TURNING TO THE PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMME, SIR DAVID SAID IT HAD BECOME ONE OF THE MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS TO HONG KONG'S PROSPERITY.

HE NOTED THAT PRODUCTION OF PUBLIC HOUSING OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS, INCLUDING HOME OWNERSHIP FLATS, WOULD AMOUNT TO OVER 196 000 HOUSEHOLD UNITS WHILE PRIVATE SECTOR PRODUCTION WOULD AMOUNT TO OVER 100 000.

+IN OTHER WORDS, TAKING THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR TOGETHER WE WILL HAVE PRODUCED HOUSING FOR ONE MILLION PEOPLE, IN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.+

HOWEVER, HE ADDED, DESPITE THIS IMPRESSIVE FIGURE, POPULATION GROWTH, A DECLINE IN FAMILY SIZE, THE NEED TO REDEVELOP AGAIN AND OUTMODDED PROPERTY, SEEMED TO INDICATE THAT THERE WOULD BE A NEED TO SUSTAIN THIS RATE OF PRODUCTION WELL INTO THE FUTURE.

ON URBAN REDEVELOPMENT, SIR DAVID SAID ONE OF THE BIGGEST OBSTACLES TO IT HAD BEEN THE ASSEMBLY OF SITES, HAMPERED BY THE MULTIPLICITY OF OWNERS WHO COULD NOT BE BROUGHT TOGETHER TO WORK OUT A REDEVELOPMENT SCHEME.

IN THIS RESPECT, HE SAID, THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION WOULD BE EMPOWERED TO NEGOTIATE WITH OWNERS, TO MAKE OFFERS FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF THEIR PROPERTY AND TO HOLD THE PROPERTY UNTIL SUCH TIME AS A REDEVELOPMENT SCHEME WAS READY TO PROCEED.

+RESUMPTION WILL HAVE TO BE USED TO PREVENT SCHEMES FROM FOUNDERING BECAUSE ONE OR TWO OWNERS, FOR WHATEVER REASON, ARE UNABLE TO COOPERATE, BUT BEFORE RESUMPTION TAKES PLACE, A PANEL OF ASSESSORS WILL ENSURE THAT THE OFFERS TO THE OWNERS ARE FAIR AND REASONABLE.

+THE PANEL WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES, AND NOT BASE ITS JUDGEMENT ON A SIMPLE VALUATION BASED ON EXISTING USE,+ HE SAID.

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IN REDEVELOPING RUN-DOWN URBAN AREAS, HE SAID AN OWNER'S RIGHT TO CONTINUE LIVING IN THE DISTRICT HE HAD ALWAYS LIVED IN, WHERE HE HAD HIS FAMILY, HIS FRIENDS AND HIS ESTABLISHED SOCIAL TIES MUST BE RESPECTED.

ANY OFFER OF REDEVELOPMENT MUST THEREFORE TAKE THE OWNER'S REASONABLE ASPIRATIONS INTO ACCOUNT AND +WE MUST TRY TO INCLUDE, IF THE OWNER SO WISHES, REPROVISIONING OF HIS OLD FLAT WITH A NEW ONE+.

+EVEN SO, EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN THAT IF SCHOOLS, TRANSPORT AND OTHER FACILITIES ARE PROVIDED, HONG KONG FAMILIES ARE PREPARED TO MOVE,+ HE ADDED.

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IMPORTANCE OF PUBLIC HOSPITAL SYSTEM EMPHASISED  
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SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, TODAY (THURSDAY) REITERATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS NOT LOOKING FOR A MEANS OF PRIVATISING THE HOSPITAL SERVICES IN COMMISSIONING THE CONSULTANCY REPORT ON THE FUTURE OF SUCH SERVICES.

HE STRESSED THAT THE HOSPITAL SYSTEM WAS AND WOULD REMAIN A HEAVILY SUBSIDISED OPERATION ALTHOUGH THE CONSULTANTS HAD MADE SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR ADJUSTING THE BALANCE BETWEEN THE PROPORTION OF COSTS MET BY FEES PAID BY PATIENTS AND THAT PAID BY THE TAXPAYER THROUGH THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET AND SUBVENTIONS.

+WE HAVE TO RECOGNISE THAT THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE IN HONG KONG WHO COULD NOT AFFORD HOSPITAL SERVICES OPERATED ON A COMMERCIAL BASIS, AND THAT IT IS FOR THESE PEOPLE THAT THE PUBLIC HOSPITAL SYSTEM PRIMARILY EXISTS,+ MR CHAMBERS SAID AT THE 18TH ANNUAL DINNER OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY.

ON THE MAJOR RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE SETTING UP OF A STATUTORY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OUTSIDE THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR CHAMBERS SAID THE ADMINISTRATION RECOGNISED THAT THE PROPOSAL CLEARLY HAD MAJOR IMPLICATIONS FOR ALMOST EVERYONE INVOLVED IN THE PRESENT DUAL SYSTEM, AND IT WAS THEREFORE NOT SURPRISING THAT MANY QUESTIONS, DOUBTS AND RESERVATIONS HAD BEEN RAISED BY PARTIES CONCERNED.

SEVEN SUBMISSIONS FROM BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF SUBVENTED HOSPITALS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE GIVING THEIR COMMENTS ON THE CONSULTANTS' REPORT.

+WHILE GENERALLY ACCEPTING THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HOSPITAL AUTHORITY AND THE UPGRADING OF THE SUBVENTED HOSPITALS AND THE EMPLOYMENT TERMS OF THEIR STAFF WOULD ENABLE THE HOSPITAL TO FUNCTION WITH GREATER FLEXIBILITY AND EFFICIENCY AND ALLEVIATE THEIR PRESENT STAFF RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION PROBLEMS, THE DIRECTORS HAVE HIGHLIGHTED A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT POINTS WHICH NEED TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE FUTURE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE SUBVENTED ORGANISATIONS AND THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY.

+MOST OF THE BOARDS FELT THAT THEY SHOULD MAINTAIN OWNERSHIP OF THEIR HOSPITALS AND THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR MANAGEMENT. THEY ALSO FELT THAT IT WAS MOST IMPORTANT TO UPHOLD THE TRADITIONS, CHARACTER, SPIRIT AND PRINCIPLES OF THE SUBVENTED HOSPITALS. I AGREE THAT THESE ARE VALID POINTS AND NEED TO BE ANSWERED,+ MR CHAMBERS SAID.

TURNING TO ANOTHER MAJOR AREA OF CONCERN -- THE FUTURE OF THE STAFF WORKING IN THE GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS -- MR CHAMBERS SAID THAT THERE WOULD BE FULL CONSULTATION WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF BEFORE FINALISING ANY DECISIONS.

A TOTAL OF 26 STAFF ASSOCIATIONS IN THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAVE SENT IN THEIR COMMENTS TO THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE. WHILE ACCEPTING THAT IMPROVEMENTS WERE NEEDED TO THE EXISTING SYSTEM, THE MAJORITY OF THEM DID NOT AGREE THAT THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY SHOULD BE OUTSIDE THE CIVIL SERVICE.

+SOME OF THEM POINT OUT THAT MANY OF THE SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS COULD BE CARRIED OUT WITHIN THE EXISTING STRUCTURE. SOME CAST DOUBTS ON WHETHER AN INTEGRATED STRUCTURE IS THE ANSWER TO THE PRESENT PROBLEMS, ESPECIALLY WITH THE HUGE COSTS AND UNCERTAINTY INVOLVED.

+UNDERLYING ALL THESE COMMENTS WAS, OF COURSE, THE FEAR THAT THE CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT OF THE EXISTING STAFF WOULD BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED CHANGES,+ HE SAID.

REASSURING THE STAFF THAT NO PROPOSALS HAD YET BEEN MADE ABOUT THE LEVEL OF BENEFITS UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS, MR CHAMBERS POINTED OUT THAT CONSULTANTS PROPOSED THAT AN INDEPENDENT STAFF ADVISORY COMMISSION SHOULD BE SET UP TO WORK OUT AGREED TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR ALL AUTHORITY STAFF, INCLUDING THOSE IN THE GOVERNMENT AND SUBVENTED HOSPITALS.

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+GIVEN THE SIZE OF THE PROBLEM -- SOMETHING LIKE 25 000 STAFF ARE INVOLVED -- IT IS UNLIKELY THAT AN IMMEDIATE DISESTABLISHMENT OF THE STAFF OF THE GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS WOULD BE PRACTICABLE AND IT IS MUCH MORE LIKELY THAT A PHASED CHANGEOVER, WITH STAFF BEING OFFERED VARIOUS OPTIONS, WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED.+

REITERATING THE EMPHASIS TO BE PLACED ON STAFF CONSULTATION BEFORE ANY FINAL DECISIONS ARE TAKEN, MR CHAMBERS POINTED OUT: +IF THE NEW ORGANISATION IS TO BE SUCCESSFUL, IT WILL BE MOST IMPORTANT TO ENSURE THAT MORALE IS HIGH AND THAT STAFF AND MANAGEMENT WORK TOGETHER TO GET THE BEST POSSIBLE RESULTS.+

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VOLUNTEERS CAN HELP THE ELDERLY  
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VOLUNTARY SERVICE TO PROVIDE CARE IN THE COMMUNITY FOR THE ELDERLY SHOULD BE URGENTLY PROMOTED, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ANSON CHAN, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE AGED, MRS CHAN SAID THAT VOLUNTARY SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE WERE COMPLEMENTARY.

+WHEN NEW PROBLEMS EMERGE IN SOCIETY AND THE GOVERNMENT IS UNABLE TO REACT IMMEDIATELY OR MAP OUT CONTINGENCY MEASURES BECAUSE OF TIME AND FISCAL CONSTRAINTS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEERS CAN PROVIDE SERVICES FOR PEOPLE IN DISTRESS QUICKLY AND FLEXIBLY,+ SHE SAID.

+IN ADDITION, VOLUNTEER SERVICE CAN HELP IDENTIFY THE NEEDS OF SOCIETY AND PROVIDE THE NECESSARY IMPETUS FOR GOVERNMENT ACTION,+ SHE SAID.

VOLUNTEERS COULD ALSO FIND IT EASIER TO ESTABLISH A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THOSE THEY WERE TRYING TO HELP.

+FOR EXAMPLE, PLACING CHILDREN IN FOSTER HOMES IS BETTER THAN PUTTING THEM IN RECEPTION CENTRES,+ SHE SAID.

HOWEVER, MRS CHAN STRESSED THAT THE VALUE OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE SHOULD NOT BE NEGLECTED.

+INTERVENTION AND HANDLING BY THE PROFESSIONALS ARE REQUIRED IN THE CASE OF SERIOUS PROBLEMS,+ SHE SAID.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT VOLUNTARY SERVICE COULD BE IN THE FORM OF +SELF-HELP+ GROUPS. MEMBERS OF THESE GROUPS WOULD CO-OPERATE AND HELP EACH OTHER TO SOLVE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS BY THEMSELVES RATHER THAN WAITING PASSIVELY FOR ASSISTANCE.

+THERE SHOULD BE MUTUAL SUPPORT AMONG THE ELDERLY WHO, SHOULD THEIR HEALTH CONDITIONS PERMIT, CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SOCIETY AND HELP OTHERS,+ SHE SAID.

MRS CHAN SAID ATTEMPTS SHOULD BE MADE TO MOTIVATE INDIVIDUALS TO BECOME VOLUNTEERS.

VOLUNTARY SERVICE COULD BE GIVEN THROUGH SOME FORM OF ORGANISATION, SUCH AS TEAMS OR GROUPS, WHOSE MEMBERS WOULD SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER WHILE THE ORGANISATION SET A RECOGNISED SERVICE TARGET AND OBJECTIVE.

TO REINFORCE THE DEDICATION OF THE MEMBERS, THERE SHOULD BE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEM TO LEARN, TO EXERCISE THEIR PERSONAL ABILITY AND EXPERIENCE SO THAT THEY COULD HAVE A SENSE OF ACHIEVEMENT, MRS CHAN SAID.

IN CARING FOR THE ELDERLY, SHE SAID THE COMMUNITY HAD A ROLE TO PLAY SINCE THE GOVERNMENT COULD NOT HOPE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SERVICES ALONE.

SHE PRAISED THE 700 VOLUNTEERS OF THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE AGED FOR THEIR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THIS RESPECT, PARTICULARLY THE ELDERLY VOLUNTEERS.

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GOVERNOR TO INSPECT PARADE  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WILL INSPECT THE SILVER JUBILEE PARADE OF THE HONG KONG IMMIGRATION SERVICE ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 29) AT THE AUXILIARY POLICE HEADQUARTERS IN KOWLOON BAY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT. A PRESS COACH FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE EVENT WILL BE LEAVING FROM THE CGO CARPARK BY 8.45 AM ON SATURDAY.

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SEVEN PRODUCTS EXCLUDED FROM EEC GSP  
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SEVEN HONG KONG PRODUCTS WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY'S GENERALISED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES (GSP) FOR 1987, THE ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR S.S. TAM, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE PRODUCTS ARE PROTECTIVE GLOVES, IMITATION JEWELLERY, PORTABLE ELECTRIC LAMPS, QUARTZ WATCHES, DOLLS, OTHER TOYS, AND EQUIPMENT FOR PARLOUR, TABLE AND FUNFAIR GAMES.

HONG KONG'S EXPORTS OF THESE PRODUCTS TO THE EEC AMOUNTED TO \$2 971 MILLION OR 13.7 PER CENT OF TOTAL EXPORTS TO THE EEC IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1986.

THE DECISION WAS MADE AT A MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HELD ON NOVEMBER 24-25.

FOUR PRODUCTS FROM SOUTH KOREA WILL ALSO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE PRIVILEGED TREATMENT.

MR TAM SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE EXCLUSION OF THE SEVEN PRODUCTS WOULD REDUCE HONG KONG'S BENEFITS UNDER THE EEC GSP IT WAS UNLIKELY TO AFFECT TO ANY SIGNIFICANT EXTENT HONG KONG'S ABILITY TO EXPORT THESE PRODUCTS TO THE EEC OR TO COMPETE WITH OTHER SUPPLIERS.

+THIS IS BECAUSE THE QUOTAS OF DUTY-FREE GOODS ALLOWED FOR THE SEVEN PRODUCTS UNDER THE EXISTING GSP ARE VERY SMALL AND THE ADDITIONAL DUTY PAYABLE OF \$9 MILLION FOR THESE PRODUCTS DUE TO EXCLUSION AMOUNTS TO ONLY 0.2 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF TOTAL EEC IMPORTS OF THESE PRODUCTS FROM HONG KONG IN 1985,+ HE SAID.

+IT IS ALSO UNDERSTOOD THAT THE EXCLUSION WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY A NUMBER OF IMPROVEMENTS IN BENEFITS FOR OTHER PRODUCTS. AS FULL DETAILS OF THE 1987 EEC GSP SCHEME ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE, AN OVERALL ASSESSMENT ON THE EFFECT OF THE ENTIRE 1987 SCHEME ON HONG KONG'S EXPORTS TO THE EEC IS NOT POSSIBLE AT THIS STAGE,+ HE ADDED.

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PAC HEARINGS TO CONCLUDE TOMORROW  
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THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE WILL CONCLUDE ITS OPEN HEARINGS FOR THIS YEAR IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

APPEARING BEFORE THE COMMITTEE TO ANSWER POINTS RAISED IN THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT'S ANNUAL REPORT WILL BE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, CONTRACTORS REPRESENTATIVES, THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY AND THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE.

THE TIMETABLE FOR TOMORROW'S HEARINGS IS:

8.30 AM	SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, PARAGRAPHS 56-60.
9 AM	CONTRACTORS REPRESENTATIVES, PARAGRAPHS 146-151.
9.30 AM	SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, PARAGRAPHS 113-124.
10.15 AM	COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, PARAGRAPHS 5 AND 7, AND 101-106.
10.45 AM	COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES AND SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, PARAGRAPHS 78-86.
11.30 AM	COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES AND SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, PARAGRAPHS 87-89.
12.30 PM	COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE, PARAGRAPHS 8-11.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE OPEN HEARINGS OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE SHOULD BRING ALONG A COPY OF THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR REFERENCE.

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NINE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES CLEARED IN WAN CHAI

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NINE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AT THE REAR LANE OF TIN LOK LANE IN WAN CHAI WERE REMOVED IN A CLEARANCE OPERATION THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING.

ONE OF THE STRUCTURES WAS USED FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSE AND EIGHT FOR STORAGE.

ONE PERSON WHO WAS AFFECTED WAS RE-HOUSED IN PUBLIC HOUSING.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE, HOUSING DEPARTMENT, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE, TODAY'S OPERATION WAS THE SECOND CARRIED OUT THIS YEAR TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE DISTRICT.

EARLIER THIS WEEK, A SIMILAR CLEARANCE OPERATION WAS CARRIED OUT AT THE SIDE LANE OF SING WOO ROAD AND YUK SAU STREET IN HAPPY VALLEY.

A TOTAL OF 12 ILLEGAL STRUCTURES, SIX OF THEM DOMESTIC STRUCTURES, WERE DEMOLISHED.

TWELVE PEOPLE WERE AFFECTED IN THE OPERATION. OF THESE, 11 WERE RE-HOUSED IN PUBLIC HOUSING AND ONE IN A TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA.

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\$21 MILLION CONTRACT FOR SITE FORMATION, ROAD WORKS

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$21 MILLION CONTRACT FOR SITE FORMATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF A ROAD NETWORK AS PART OF THE CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT OF FANLING NEW TOWN.

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

THE PROJECT, ESSENTIAL FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TOWN PARK AND NEARBY RESIDENTIAL AREAS, INCLUDES CONSTRUCTION OF ACCESS ROADS, CAR PARKS, FOOTPATHS, CYCLE TRACKS AND DRAINAGE.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START NEXT MONTH AND LAST ABOUT 18 MONTHS.

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RO'S 1987 ALMANAC GOES ON SALE

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THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY'S 1987 ALMANAC, WHICH CONTAINS USEFUL ASTRONOMICAL AND METEOROLOGICAL INFORMATION, IS NOW ON SALE.

THE BILINGUAL BOOKLET CONTAINS THE TRADITIONAL CHINESE CALENDAR AND TIMES OF DAILY SUNRISE, SUNSET, MOONRISE, MOONSET, HIGH AND LOW TIDES, AND OTHER ASTRONOMICAL INFORMATION.

CLIMATOLOGICAL INFORMATION ON HONG KONG FOR EACH MONTH OF THE YEAR IS TABULATED AND WEATHER CONDITIONS IN MORE THAN 20 MAJOR CITIES ARE DESCRIBED.

INFORMATION RELATING TO THE OBSERVATORY'S FULLY METRIC PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES IS ALSO INCLUDED.

THE BOOKLET CAN BE BOUGHT FOR \$12 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY HEADQUARTERS, 134A NATHAN ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.

ALSO ON SALE, AT \$30 A COPY, IS THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY'S 1987 CALENDAR. THE CALENDAR HAS 12 COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS ON THE WEATHER AND THE ENVIRONMENT OF HONG KONG.

THOSE WHO BUY THE ALMANAC OR THE CALENDAR WILL HAVE THE OPTION OF PURCHASING A COPY OF THE OBSERVATORY'S CENTENARY PUBLICATION, +FROM TIME BALL TO ATOMIC CLOCK+, AT A REDUCED PRICE OF \$19.

THE PUBLICATION, WHICH COSTS \$34 WHEN PURCHASED SEPARATELY, TRACES THE HISTORY OF THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY AND ITS ACHIEVEMENTS.

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MONTHLY RETAIL SALES INDEX REBASED

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A SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE, ENTITLED +THE MONTHLY RETAIL SALES INDEX REBASED ON 1984-85+ IS INCLUDED IN THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS.

A NEW RETAIL SALES INDEX SERIES, BASED ON THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985, WAS PUBLISHED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IN SEPTEMBER 1986, REPLACING THE OLD SERIES WHICH WAS BASED ON 1980 AND INTRODUCED IN 1982. THE ARTICLE GIVES AN OUTLINE OF THE FEATURES OF THE REBASING.

ALSO CONTAINED IN THE ARTICLE IS AN INTRODUCTION OF THE REBASED QUARTERLY INDEX OF RESTAURANT RECEIPTS.

THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS IS ON SALE AT \$28 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, OR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATION SALES COUNTER, KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 317 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.

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NORTH DB MEMBERS SEE KCRC OPERATIONS  
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SIXTEEN MEMBERS OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD AND ITS TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION TO GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF ITS OPERATIONS.

THE VISIT WAS PART OF A PROGRAMME UNDER WHICH BOARD MEMBERS ARE FAMILIARISING THEMSELVES WITH THE WORK OF VARIOUS TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT AGENCIES.

LED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE, MR TANG KWOK-YUNG, THE MEMBERS FIRST VISITED THE CONTROL CENTRE AT THE KOWLOON STATION IN HUNG HOM.

THEY THEN BOARDED A SPECIAL TRAIN FOR THE HO TUNG LAU WORKSHOP WHERE THE ENGINEER DIRECTOR, MR CLEMENT CHIU, BRIEFED THEM ON TRAIN MAINTENANCE.

THE MEMBERS LATER WENT TO KCR HEAD OFFICE IN SHA TIN WHERE THEY WERE MET BY THE MANAGING DIRECTOR, MR PETER QUICK.

AFTER A SLIDE SHOW WAS HELD, MR QUICK BRIEFED MEMBERS ON THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CORPORATION.

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WINNING MESSAGES OF SAFETY IN KITE FLYING  
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TO PROMOTE THE MESSAGE THAT KITE FLYING WITHIN FIVE KILOMETRES OF AN AIRPORT IS HAZARDOUS TO AIR TRAFFIC AND AGAINST THE LAW, THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT, THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT JOINTLY ORGANISED A +SAFETY IN KITE FLYING+ BOOKMARK DESIGN COMPETITION.

THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE COMPETITION WAS HELD TODAY (THURSDAY) AT THE KAI TAK AIRPORT CONFERENCE ROOM.

THE COMPETITION WAS OPEN TO SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND COMPRISED TWO DIVISIONS - THE JUNIOR DIVISION FOR FORMS 1 TO 3 PUPILS AND A SENIOR DIVISION FOR THOSE IN FORMS 4 TO 6.

THE DESIGN HAD TO ILLUSTRATE OR PROMOTE SAFETY AND REMIND THE PUBLIC, PARTICULARLY SCHOOL CHILDREN, THAT KITE FLYING IS PROHIBITED OVER MANY AREAS IN THE TERRITORY SINCE SUCH ACTIVITY IS PROHIBITED WITHIN FIVE KILOMETRES OF SHEK KONG OR KAI TAK.

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANISER SAID THAT RESPONSE FROM SCHOOLS WAS MOST ENCOURAGING. ALTOGETHER 69 SECONDARY SCHOOLS TOOK PART WITH 1 284 ENTRIES IN THE JUNIOR DIVISION AND 454 ENTRIES IN THE SENIOR.

ACCORDING TO THE ADJUDICATORS, ALL ENTRIES WERE OF A VERY HIGH STANDARD.

DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS, MRS RUBY LAU, WELCOMED THE WINNERS TO THE CEREMONY AND THANKED ALL PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS FOR THEIR SUPPORT.

AIR TRAFFIC GENERAL MANAGER, MR MICHAEL PANG, AND PRINCIPAL INFORMATION OFFICER, MR PETER ALLEN, PRESENTED PRIZES TO WINNERS.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, THEY WERE INVITED TO TOUR THE CONTROL TOWER AT THE AIRPORT.

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STORAGE SITE ON PENG CHAU TO LET  
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A PENG CHAU SITE FOR STORING DANGEROUS GOODS IS BEING OFFERED ON SHORT TERM TENANCY BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT.

IT IS AT TAI LEI ISLAND AND MEASURES 150 SQUARE METRES.

THE TENANCY IS FOR ONE YEAR INITIALLY, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

TENDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE NOON ON DECEMBER 12.

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MURAL PAINTING COMPETITION TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY

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A HUNDRED STUDENTS FROM 17 SCHOOLS IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT WILL DEMONSTRATE THEIR CREATIVITY IN A CIVIC EDUCATION MURAL PAINTING COMPETITION ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 29).

THE COMPETITION, HELD FROM 10 AM OUTSIDE THE KELLETT BAY PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT SITE, IS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AS A COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITY FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

THERE WILL BE 11 TEAMS COMPETING IN THE PRIMARY SECTION AND NINE TEAMS IN THE SECONDARY SECTION. EACH TEAM WILL CONSIST OF FIVE MEMBERS LED BY A TEACHER ADVISER.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO DRAW ON THE THEME OF CIVIC EDUCATION ON THE HOARDINGS USING PAINTS, BRUSHES AND TOOLS PROVIDED BY THE ORGANISERS. THEY WILL BE JUDGED ON THEIR CREATIVENESS, EXPRESSION OF THEME, SKILL AND THE USE OF COLOUR.

A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THE AIM OF THE COMPETITION IS TO STIMULATE CREATIVITY AND TO ENCOURAGE MORE THOUGHTS ON CIVIC EDUCATION.

ADJUDICATION WILL BE HELD AT 4 PM AND A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT 5 PM AT THE WAH FU COMMUNITY HALL, WAH FU ESTATE. PRIZES WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED TO WINNERS OF VARIOUS CIVIC EDUCATION COMPETITIONS HELD EARLIER IN POK FU LAM AND WAH FU.

ADJUDICATORS INCLUDE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS OLIVIA NIP, MR CHEUNG KING-KWONG OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND MR LEUNG YAT-SUN FROM THE ADVERTISING SECTOR.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS ARE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MRS SO CHOW YIM-PING, URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR JOSEPH CHAN, DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, MR RAYMOND KWOK, MR MAN HON-MING, MR MIU WAH-CHUN, MR KAN MAN-LEE, AND THE WAH FU AREA COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR LEE BING-WAH.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MURAL PAINTING COMPETITION ON SATURDAY. ADJUDICATION WILL BE HELD AT 4 PM AT THE COMPETITION VENUE -- THE HOARDINGS OF THE KELLETT BAY HOUSING PROJECT SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF WAH FU ROAD AND SHEK PAI WAN ROAD. THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 5 PM AT THE WAH FU COMMUNITY HALL.

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FORUM TO BE HELD ON EDUCATION REPORT  
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CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO VOICE THEIR OPINIONS ON THE +EDUCATION COMMISSION REPORT NO 2+ AT AN OPEN FORUM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

IT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE COUNCIL OF CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT SCHOOL HEADS AND ASSISTED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE SECRETARY OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION, MR ANDREW WELLS, WILL GIVE A GENERAL INTRODUCTION OF THE REPORT AT THE FORUM WHICH WILL START AT 3 PM.

OTHER GUESTS INVITED TO TALK ON THE +SIXTH FORM EDUCATION+ INCLUDE THE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRE FOR EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE, DR JACK CHAN, AND A SENIOR LECTURER OF THE FACULTY OF EDUCATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, DR PETER TAM.

THE FORUM ALSO INCLUDES A SESSION ON +TEACHER PREPARATION+. SPEAKERS INCLUDE A SENIOR LECTURER OF THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, DR S.C. CHENG, AND A LECTURER OF THE FACULTY OF EDUCATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, MR K.M. CHENG.

THE FORUM WILL END ABOUT 5 PM AFTER A GROUP DISCUSSION SESSION.

RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE FORUM. ADMISSION IS FREE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FORUM AT 3 PM TOMORROW AT THE AUDITORIUM ON THE NINTH FLOOR, BLOCK D OF THE CARITAS HOUSE, 2 CAINE ROAD, CENTRAL.

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REFERENCE INDEX ON CIVIC EDUCATION PUBLISHED  
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AN INDEX OF REFERENCE MATERIALS ON CIVIC EDUCATION HAS BEEN PUBLISHED FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND SOCIAL WORKERS IN MONG KOK TO STUDY THE TOPIC.

THE INDEX IS INTENDED TO ENHANCE STUDENTS' CIVIC AWARENESS AND TO ASSIST COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS IN ARRANGING PROJECTS ON CIVIC EDUCATION.

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THE INDEX LISTS OUT REFERENCE BOOKS AND READING MATERIALS ON THE CONCEPTS OF CIVIC EDUCATION, CIVIC DUTIES AND RIGHTS, POLITICAL CONCEPTS, THE POLITICAL SYSTEM IN HONG KONG, DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND MORAL EDUCATION. IT ALSO CONTAINS AN INDEX OF NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS AND AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS.

SOME 400 COPIES OF THE INDEX, PUBLISHED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD AS PART OF A DISTRICT-WIDE CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN, HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS IN MONG KOK.

REFERENCE MATERIALS ARE KEPT IN THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE AND WILL BE AVAILABLE ON LOAN FREE OF CHARGE.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES ON THE SERVICE CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON 3-802251.

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EXHIBITION PORTRAYS FAMILY'S PROGRESS  
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A THREE-DAY EXHIBITION FOCUSING ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD WILL BEGIN TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE WONG TAI SIN COMMERCIAL CENTRE.

THE EXHIBITION IS PART OF WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES.

ON DISPLAY WILL BE DRAWINGS DEPICTING THE STORY OF A CHAN FAMILY THAT LIVES IN WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT. VISITORS WILL BE ABLE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A CITIZEN AS THEY FOLLOW THE EXPERIENCES OF THE CHAN FAMILY.

THE EXHIBITION IS AIMED AT ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

AN OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW AT THE WONG TAI SIN COMMERCIAL CENTRE. OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE THE PRESIDENT OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MISS CECELIA YEUNG; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S WORKING GROUP ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, MR ALBERT LI.

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THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN FROM 2.30 PM TO 5 PM TOMORROW AND FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 29 AND 30).

INFORMATION LEAFLETS ON THE STRUCTURE OF THE GOVERNMENT AND ON REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO VISITORS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL CIVIC EDUCATION EXHIBITION TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW AT THE FIRST FLOOR LOBBY OF WONG TAI SIN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, CHING TAK STREET, WONG TAI SIN.

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EASTERN DISTRICT WALK ON SUNDAY

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ABOUT 200 YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BE TAKING PART IN A THREE-HOUR DISTRICT WALK WHICH WILL START OFF AT 9 AM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 30) FROM THE NORTH POINT GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL.

THE +EASTERN DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION WALK+ IS AIMED AT ENHANCING CIVIC AWARENESS AMONG YOUTHS THROUGH ACTIVE PARTICIPATION.

THE WALK IS DIVIDED INTO FIVE ROUTES TO ALLOW PARTICIPANTS TO LEARN THE CHARACTERISTICS OF DIFFERENT AREAS OF THE DISTRICT. THEY COVER +THE DEVELOPED AREAS OF CAUSEWAY BAY AND NORTH POINT+; +QUARRY BAY TODAY+; +CHANGING FACE OF SHAU KEI WAN+; +FUTURE OF CHAI WAN+ AND +GOVERNMENT FACILITIES IN EASTERN DISTRICT+.

EACH PARTICIPANT WILL BE REQUIRED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS RELATING TO THEIR ROUTES AND A GROUP DISCUSSION WILL BE HELD AFTER THAT TO ANALYSE WHAT HAD BEEN OBSERVED.

THE WALK IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S CIVIC EDUCATION PROMOTION WORKING GROUP AND THE FOK SING OFFICE OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION, WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE EASTERN-WAN CHAI DISTRICT GROUP AND COMMUNITY SERVICES CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE.

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ANY PERSON AGED 17 TO 25 WHO WISH TO JOIN THE DISTRICT WALK SHOULD APPLY BY TELEPHONING 5-606262.

EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BOWEN LEUNG, AND THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ICAC FOK SING OFFICE, MR ANTONIO CHU, WILL OFFICIATE AT A CEREMONY TO START THE WALK.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY AT 9 AM ON SUNDAY AT NORTH POINT GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL, 888 KING'S ROAD.

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SEMINAR ON OPERATIC SONGS  
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A SEMINAR ON +THE VALUE OF EXISTENCE OF CHINESE PROVINCIAL OPERATIC SONGS+, ORGANISED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 29) AT 2.45 PM AT RTHK BROADCASTING HOUSE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR TO BE HELD AT STUDIO 2 OF RTHK BROADCASTING HOUSE.

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PRIZE-GIVING FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS  
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THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY OF THE 11TH HONG KONG SPECIAL OLYMPICS ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEET AT THE WAN CHAI SPORTS GROUND AT MIDDAY TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHARITY WALK  
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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN PAT SIN RANGE ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 30) TO ENABLE THE +WALK FOR A MILLION+ TO BE HELD.

THESE WILL INCLUDE ROAD CLOSURE AND SUSPENSION OF CAR PARKS.

FROM 10 AM TO NOON, HOK TAU ROAD AND LAU SHUI HEUNG ROAD, SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH HOK TAU ROAD, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

BETWEEN 7 AM AND 6 PM, THE CAR PARK ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF BRIDE'S POOL ROAD, OPPOSITE THE PAT SIN RANGE NATURE TRAIL; AND THE CAR PARK ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF BRIDE'S POOL ROAD AT THE COUNTRY PARK WARDEN POST WILL BE SUSPENDED.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN CENTRAL, ADMIRALTY  
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EDINBURGH PLACE NORTH BETWEEN QUEEN'S PIER AND HMS TAMAR WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 9 AM ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 29) TO 9 PM THE NEXT DAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE ROUND TABLE NO. 4'S CHARITY FUND RAISING EVENT.

THE EXISTING 24-HOUR DAILY RESTRICTED ZONE ON THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF DRAKE STREET IN ADMIRALTY FROM A POINT ABOUT 80 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH RODNEY STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 100 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL ALSO BE LIFTED FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY.

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