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FILM CLIPS TO PRESENT HK'S CASE ON IVORY

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS PRODUCED TWO FILM CLIPS ON HONG KONG'S IVORY CONTROL FOR OVERSEAS RELEASE WITH A VIEW TO ENHANCING A BETTER OVERSEAS UNDERSTANDING OF THE LOCAL SITUATION ON IVORY.

THE FILM CLIPS, OF ONE AND A HALF MINUTES AND FOUR MINUTES DURATION, HAVE BEEN PREPARED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, AS PART OF ITS EFFORTS TO PROMOTE HONG KONG'S IMAGE OVERSEAS.

THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT'S ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CONSERVATION AND COUNTRY PARKS), MR FRANK LAU, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THE KEY MESSAGE THE FILMS CONVEYED WAS HONG KONG'S FULL COMMITMENT TO THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA (CITES) BY STRENGTHENING ITS ALREADY STRICT CONTROLS ON IVORY.

SUCH ACTION FOLLOWED GROWING CONCERN WORLDWIDE IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS OVER THE DECLINING AFRICAN ELEPHANT POPULATION IN THE PRODUCING COUNTRIES.

THAT CONCERN RESULTED IN A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES, JAPAN, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND EUROPEAN COMMUNITY COUNTRIES, IMPOSING A BAN ON IVORY IMPORTS.

MR LAU SAID THE BAN HAD ADVERSELY AFFECTED THE LOCAL IVORY TRADE AS THESE COUNTRIES REPRESENTED HONG KONG'S MAJOR IVORY EXPORT MARKETS.

"THIS INDISCRIMINATE BAN HAS UNFAIRLY COVERED EXISTING STOCKS OF RAW AND WORKED IVORY PREVIOUSLY IMPORTED LEGALLY FROM CITES-APPROVED SOURCES," HE SAID.

THE CURRENT ESTIMATED STOCK OF IVORY IMPORTED INTO AND HELD IN HONG KONG UNDER CITES REGULATIONS IS APPROXIMATELY 500 TONNES OF RAW IVORY AND 170 TONNES OF WORKED IVORY.

"MOREOVER, IT HAS IMPOSED A LIVELIHOOD HARDSHIP ON SOME 1,200 LOCAL IVORY CARVERS AND 1,800 OTHER IVORY WORKERS ENGAGED IN THE TRADITIONAL HANDICRAFT WHICH DATES BACK SOME 2,000 YEARS," MR LAU SAID.

"MANY OF THE WORKERS ARE OVER 40 YEARS OF AGE, AND HAVE NO OTHER MEANS TO SUPPORT THEIR FAMILIES BUT BY THEIR LIFE-LONG DEVELOPED SKILLS.

"THIS IS INDEED A SAD EPILOGUE IN A WORLD WHICH BEMOANS THE PASSING OF FINE CRAFTSMANSHIP."

MR LAU SAID THAT SINCE EXISTING LEGAL STOCKS POSED NO THREAT TO THE PRESENT ELEPHANT POPULATION, HONG KONG WAS IN FAVOUR OF CONTINUING TRADE IN EXISTING IVORY STOCKS.

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"AT THE SAME TIME, WE SUPPORT TIGHTER CONTROL AS WELL AS CO-OPERATIVE INTERNATIONAL ACTIONS DESIGNED TO SAVE NOT ONLY THE AFRICAN ELEPHANT BUT ALSO A TRADITIONAL ARTISTIC CRAFT FROM EXTINCTION," HE ADDED.

MEANWHILE, THE GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN ITS ALREADY STRICT CONTROL ONE STEP FURTHER TO MAKE THE IMPORT OF ILLEGAL IVORY IMPOSSIBLE.

THE MEASURES TAKEN INCLUDE A MORATORIUM ON IMPORTS OF RAW IVORY FROM ALL SOURCES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, THOROUGH REGISTRATION AND MARKING OF ALL EXISTING LOCAL IVORY STOCKS AND ESTABLISHING A COMPUTER DATA BASE FOR ALL REGISTERED IVORY.

A SPECIAL TASK FORCE WAS ALSO FORMED IN THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT TO INVESTIGATE AND SUPPRESS ANY ILLEGAL IMPORT AND EXPORT THROUGH HONG KONG.

IN ADDITION, PLANS ARE BEING FINALISED FOR THE LICENSING OF THE POSSESSION OF ALL FORMS OF IVORY FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.

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#### DISABLED CHILDREN NEED COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR STEPHEN LAW, TODAY (SUNDAY) CALLED FOR MORE PUBLIC CONCERN, CARE AND LOVE TO BE SHOWN TO DISABLED CHILDREN SO THAT THEY CAN DEVELOP IN A NORMAL WAY.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE "STEP IN, LIGHT UP THE RETARDED 1989" COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG JAYCEETTES AT THE EXHIBITION SQUARE OF SHUN TAK CENTRE IN SHEUNG WAN.

MR LAW POINTED OUT THAT COMMUNITY SUPPORT PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN SUPPLEMENTING THE EFFORTS BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE SERVICE AGENCIES.

"THE GOVERNMENT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, HAS BEEN PROVIDING VARIOUS SERVICES TO DISABLED CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF SIX SO THAT THEY CAN RECEIVE PROPER CARE IN THE EARLIEST STAGE.

"THESE PRE-SCHOOL SERVICES INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF EARLY EDUCATION AND TRAINING CENTRES, SPECIAL CHILD CARE CENTRES AND INTEGRATED PROGRAMMES IN CHILD CARE CENTRES.

"THE COMPUTERISED CO-ORDINATED REFERRAL SYTEM FOR DISABLED PRE-SCHOOLERS ALSO PROVIDES MORE INFORMATION FOR BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN FUTURE PLANNING," HE SAID.

MR LAW COMMENDED THE HONG KONG JAYCEETTES, A VOLUNTARY GROUP OF YOUNG WOMEN, FOR ORGANISING A NUMBER OF MEANINGFUL CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES.

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DB FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS  
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THREE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN WONG TAI SIN HAVE RECEIVED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD FOR ORGANISING COMMUNITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES.

THE AGENCIES, THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT LIFE SAVING SOCIETY, WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FEDERATION OF WELFARE SERVICE FOR THE AGED AND THE CALVARY CHURCH SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE, HAVE RECEIVED A TOTAL OF ABOUT \$25,000 ALLOCATED BY THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING INVITED FROM VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND ORGANISATIONS IN WONG TAI SIN FOR THE NEXT PHASE OF ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR SIMILAR PROJECTS.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD REACH THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT BEFORE SEPTEMBER 18.

THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE WILL MEET IN OCTOBER TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT APPLICANT ORGANISATIONS MUST BE NON-PROFIT-MAKING AND SHOULD BE SERVING MORE THAN ONE AREA OR SERVING THE WHOLE DISTRICT.

"APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED BY AREA COMMITTEES WILL ALSO BE CONSIDERED," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE BY TELEPHONING 3-230387.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT VETTING OF APPLICATIONS WOULD FOLLOW THE CRITERIA AS SET DOWN BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THAT THE AMOUNT TO BE APPROVED FOR A PARTICULAR ORGANISATION WOULD NOT EXCEED \$10,000 WITHIN A FINANCIAL YEAR.

"REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE APPLICANT ORGANISATIONS HAVE TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE TO PRESENT THEIR PROJECTS.

"A REPORT ON THE PROJECT SHOULD ALSO BE SUBMITTED TO THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT WITHIN ONE MONTH OF THE PROJECT BEING COMPLETED," HE SAID.

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FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMMES  
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SOCIAL SERVICES GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT MAY NOW APPLY FOR SUBSIDIES FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD TO CARRY OUT SOCIAL SERVICES PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT.

FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE DISTRICT BOARD FOR PROGRAMMES FOR THE ELDERLY, THE DISABLED AND THE UNDERPRIVILEGED. APPLICANTS MAY REFER TO THE GUIDELINES ON APPLICATION FOR SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR DETAILS ON APPLICATION PROCEDURES.

COPIES OF THE GUIDELINES, TOGETHER WITH APPLICATION FORMS, CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN CENTRE.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST REACH THE SECRETARY BEFORE 5.30 PM ON SEPTEMBER 11.

THE COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER THE APPLICATIONS AT A MEETING IN EARLY OCTOBER, AND THEN INFORM THE APPLICANTS OF THE RESULTS IN WRITING.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE BY CALLING THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE, MISS LEONIE MONG, ON TEL. 5-540271.

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TSUEN WAN DB TO DISCUSS WASTE DISPOSAL PLAN  
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THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE DRAFT WASTE DISPOSAL PLAN FOR HONG KONG AT A MEETING ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 5).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER THE RELOCATION OF THE YEUNG UK ROAD SPORTS GROUND, AND PROGRESS REPORTS BY THE TSUEN WAN INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM AND THE TSUEN WAN INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE REPORTS ON THE WORK OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE VARIOUS DISTRICT BOARD COMMITTEES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 5) IN THE MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, SECOND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, TSUEN WAN. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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YUEN LONG DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS SPORTS BOARD

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THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS AN INFORMATION PAPER ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SPORTS DEVELOPMENT BOARD AT ITS MEETING ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 5).

A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH WILL ATTEND THE MEETING TO EXPLAIN THE DOCUMENT.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS FOR HOLDING RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT BETWEEN JANUARY AND MARCH.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 5) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, 13TH FLOOR, TAI KIU GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM.

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CONSTRUCTION OF HA TSUEN SEWAGE PUMPING STATION

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THE GOVERNMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SEWAGE PUMPING STATION IN HA TSUEN.

WORK WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PUMPING STATION AND THE ASSOCIATED CHAMBERS, PIPELINES, ROADS AND DRAINAGE WORKS.

CONSTRUCTION WORK WILL START IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR AND THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN 22 MONTHS.

THE WORKS ARE DESIGNED BY THE DRAINAGE (DESIGN) DIVISION AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE DRAINAGE (CONSTRUCTION) DIVISION OF THE DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

TENDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE NOON ON SEPTEMBER 22.

THE HA TSUEN SEWAGE PUMPING STATION IS SCHEDULED FOR COMMISSIONING BY THE END OF 1991, FORMING PART OF THE NORTH WEST TERRITORIES SEWERAGE SCHEME.

THE SEWERAGE SCHEME IS AIMED AT REDUCING POLLUTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND IMPROVING THE LIVING CONDITIONS IN THE REGION BY CONSTRUCTION OF A NETWORK OF TRUNK SEWERS AND PUMPING STATIONS TO SERVE YUEN LONG, YUEN LONG-TUEN MUN CORRIDOR AND TIN SHUI WAI.

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CONSTRUCTION OF ABATTOIR IN CHEUNG CHAU

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ABATTOIR IN CHEUNG CHAU.

WORKS, WHICH WILL START IN DECEMBER. WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN OFFICE BLOCK WITH CHANGING AND TOILET FACILITIES, AN ANIMAL LAIRAGE, A MAIN SLAUGHTER HALL, AN INCINERATOR, A TRANSFORMER ROOM AND SOFT LANDSCAPED AREA.

THE PROJECT IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY NOVEMBER NEXT YEAR.

TENDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE NOON ON SEPTEMBER 22.

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YOUTH ORCHESTRA RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS

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THE HONG KONG SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA OF THE MUSIC OFFICE IS RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS FOR 1989-90.

THE ORCHESTRA WILL BE TRAINED BY THE RESIDENT CONDUCTOR OF THE HONG KONG PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA, MISS YIP WING-SIE, AS ITS PRINCIPAL GUEST CONDUCTOR AND BY THE ASSISTANT MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR (PROFESSIONAL), MR THOMAS WANG.

THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA WAS FORMED IN 1978 WITH THE PRINCIPAL AIM OF PROVIDING TRAINEES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE WITH ORCHESTRAL TRAINING.

OVER THE YEARS, THE ORCHESTRA HAS HELD REGULAR CONCERTS IN HONG KONG, AS WELL AS PERFORMING IN AUSTRALIA, CYPRUS, FRANCE, ISRAEL, MACAU, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CHINA.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BE UNDER 25 YEARS OF AGE AND HAVE ATTAINED GRADE SIX OR ABOVE IN THE ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC EXAMINATION, OR EQUIVALENT, IN AT LEAST ONE ORCHESTRAL MUSICAL INSTRUMENT.

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS SEPTEMBER 11 AND QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND AN AUDITION.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE. COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE YUEN LONG MUSIC CENTRE, SECOND AND THIRD FLOORS, YUEN LONG CENTRE, 55 SAU FU STREET, YUEN LONG.

FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED BY TELEPHONING 0-4750465.

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NEW IDENTITY CARDS FOR MEN BORN IN 1945-48

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MEN BORN IN 1945, 1946, 1947 OR 1948 ARE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS FROM SEPTEMBER 4 TO OCTOBER 21.

MEN OF THE ABOVE AGE GROUP SHOULD CALL AT ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES DURING THIS PERIOD.

"THE NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES ARE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM DAILY, EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

"IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE ISSUE OFFICES WILL BE VERY CROWDED IN THE EVENINGS. TO AVOID HAVING TO QUEUE UP AT THE ISSUE OFFICES OR TO COME BACK ON ANOTHER DAY, APPLICANTS ARE ADVISED TO GO TO THESE OFFICES IN THE MORNINGS AND AFTERNOONS," HE ADDED.

APPLICANTS MAY ALSO 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, SECOND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD  
TEL. NO. 3-7553679
- WEST KOWLOON : CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND 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, SECOND FLOOR, CHANWAY SHOPPING  
CENTRE, 11-17, SHA TIN CENTRE STREET, SHA TIN  
TEL. NO. 0-6059108
- YUEN LONG : HOP YICK CENTRE, SECOND 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

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"APPLICANTS NORMALLY NEED TO BRING ALONG THEIR EXISTING IDENTITY CARDS IF THEIR CARDS WERE FIRST REGISTERED NOT LESS THAN SEVEN YEARS AGO AND BEAR THE \*\*\* SYMBOL," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"HOWEVER, IF THE APPLICANT'S IDENTITY CARD WAS FIRST REGISTERED LESS THAN SEVEN YEARS AGO OR DOES NOT HAVE THE \*\*\* SYMBOL, HE IS REQUIRED TO FURNISH MORE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE ASSESSMENT OF HIS RIGHT OF ABODE IN HONG KONG AND SUBSEQUENTLY HIS ELIGIBILITY FOR A PERMANENT IDENTITY CARD.

"THE DOCUMENT MAY TAKE THE FORM OF TRAVEL DOCUMENT, HONG KONG BIRTH CERTIFICATE, HONG KONG NATURALISATION CERTIFICATE, HONG KONG REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE, AND SO ON," HE ADDED.

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

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CENTRAL

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 5), GILMAN STREET BETWEEN PIER ROAD AND CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TRAFFIC TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

MOREOVER, VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT FROM WESTBOUND CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL ONTO GILMAN STREET.

VEHICLES ON CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WESTBOUND HEADING FOR PIER ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE LOOP ROAD NEAR HILLIER STREET, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL EASTBOUND AND RUMSEY STREET.

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