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SIR DAVID STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF REACHING CONSENSUS  
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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY (FRIDAY) STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF REACHING A CONSENSUS OF THE VARIOUS VIEWS THAT HAD BEEN EXPRESSED ON HONG KONG'S POLITICAL REFORM.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE PRESENTATION OF SOUVENIRS CEREMONY OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE'S EMPLOYMENT SERVICE, SIR DAVID SAID THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAD TO ACCOMMODATE ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE AND ALL SORTS OF EXPRESSION OF VIEWS.

+AND THAT IS WHAT MISS LYDIA DUNN SAID IN HER SPEECH: THE IMPORTANCE OF REACHING, AT THE END OF THE DAY, A CONSENSUS AND TO FIND THE MIDDLE GROUND AMONGST ALL THE VIEWS THAT ARE BEING EXPRESSED,+ HE SAID.

REPLYING TO QUESTIONS ON THE 1987 REVIEW, SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD MADE ITS POSITION VERY CLEAR. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, HAD REPEATED MANY TIMES THAT THE REVIEW WOULD BE A THOROUGH AND COMPREHENSIVE ONE.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON A REMARK ATTRIBUTED TO CHINESE OFFICIAL, MR LU PING, THAT POLITICAL REFORMS IN HONG KONG SHOULD CONVERGE WITH THE BASIC LAW, SIR DAVID SAID HE HAD NOT SEEN PRECISELY WHAT MR LU HAD SAID.

+WHAT I SAID ABOUT THE REVIEW NEXT YEAR IS THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S POSITION,+ HE ADDED.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON REPORTS THAT AN AUSTRALIAN PRESS CORPORATION WOULD BE TAKING OVER THE SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST, THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT FOR HONG KONG TO HAVE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS BECAUSE A LOT OF PEOPLE DEPENDED UPON THE SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST AND THE HONG KONG STANDARD AS THEIR SOURCE OF NEWS, INFORMATION AND VIEWS.

+THE SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST HAS OCCUPIED A VERY IMPORTANT POSITION IN THAT RESPECT IN THE PAST, AND I HOPE, AND I AM SURE, THAT IT WILL CONTINUE TO OCCUPY THAT ROLE IN THE FUTURE,+ HE SAID.

ON A SUGGESTION THAT THE POST MIGHT COME UNDER AUSTRALIAN CONTROL, SIR DAVID SAID IT WAS A HONG KONG NEWSPAPER AND IT HAD TO SERVE THE HONG KONG PUBLIC.

HE DISMISSED AS +SPECULATION BEYOND THE BOUNDS OF POSSIBILITY+ A SUGGESTION THAT HE WOULD BECOME THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE POST FOLLOWING ITS TAKEOVER.

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CS: ROLE OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE MUST CONTINUE  
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THE IMPORTANCE OF ENGLISH, THE PREDOMINANT LANGUAGE OF THE COMMERCIAL WORLD, OF INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING AND OF FINANCE, MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO DIMINISH, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE SPEECH DAY MARKING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF KING GEORGE FIFTH SCHOOL (KGV), SIR DAVID SAID RECENTLY MEASURES HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED TO STRENGTHEN THE TEACHING OF ENGLISH, BUT THIS SHOULD BE SEEN AS ONLY A BEGINNING, AS A CONTINUING EFFORT WOULD BE NEEDED IN WHICH WE COULD ALL PLAY A PART.

HE POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG WAS A COSMOPOLITAN SOCIETY, A CAPITAL CITY OF ASIA AND ITS EDUCATION SYSTEM, ITS SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES MUST SERVE THIS INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER.

THE ENGLISH SCHOOLS, OF WHICH KGV WAS ONE, PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE. OTHER SCHOOLS, TOO, PROVIDING EDUCATION FOR AMERICAN, JAPANESE, FRENCH, GERMAN AND SWISS CHILDREN, EACH USING THEIR OWN LANGUAGE AS THE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION AND WITH A DISTINCT CURRICULUM OF THEIR OWN, BROUGHT A HEALTHY DIVERSITY.

THEY GAVE HONG KONG A SPECIAL STRENGTH, ENCOURAGED TOLERATION AND UNDERSTANDING AMONG ITS MANY RACES AND PRODUCED A CREATIVE FUSION OF IDEAS, HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE PRIMARY ROLE OF KGV WOULD CONTINUE TO BE TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING COMMUNITY BUT IT HAD AN IMPORTANT SECONDARY ROLE IN PROVIDING A LIBERAL EDUCATION IN THE MEDIUM OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE TO A MUCH GREATER RANGE OF STUDENTS.

SIR DAVID ALSO NOTED THAT THE FUTURE OF KGV AND SCHOOLS LIKE IT IN THE YEARS AFTER 1997 WAS ASSURED BY WHAT HAD BEEN AGREED BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTERS OF GREAT BRITAIN AND CHINA.

HE CONGRATUATED KGV FOR ITS PAST ACHIEVEMENTS AND WISHED IT MIGHT GO FORWARD INTO ITS NEXT 50 YEARS WITH CONFIDENCE.

SIR DAVID SAID THAT LOOKING AT THE LANDSCAPE OF HONG KONG IN 1986 IT WAS DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT IT WAS ONLY IN 1971 THAT ALL CHILDREN HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO GO TO SCHOOL- AND ONLY IN 1978 THAT ALL OF THEM HAD A CHANCE TO GO TO SECONDARY SCHOOL.

HE SAID IT WAS UNBELIEVABLE THAT HONG KONG COULD HAVE MADE SUCH GIANT STRIDES IN SUCH A SHORT TIME: TO HAVE MADE HONG KONG WITH ITS TINY CROWDED POPULATION ONE OF THE FOREMOST AMONG THE TRADING NATIONS OF THE WORLD, THIRD IN CONTAINER TRAFFIC AND THIRD AS A FINANCIAL CENTRE AND, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE WORLD'S LARGEST PRODUCER OF WATCHES, TOYS AND GARMENTS.

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+I THINK WE SHOULD TAKE CREDIT, AND TAKE HEART FROM THE WAY, AS A COMMUNITY, WE HAVE FACED UP TO THE CHALLENGE OF CHANGE, AND I REFUSE TO BE DEPRESSED BY THE CHALLENGES THAT WE FACE IN THE YEARS AHEAD, AND I AM STRENGTHENED IN THIS BY WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED AND WHAT IS BEING ACHIEVED BY HONG KONG TODAY.

+INDEED, WE HAVE BECOME SO USED TO BEING ABLE TO GET THINGS DONE IN HONG KONG THAT EVENTS AND CEREMONIES TO MARK THE COMPLETION OF GREAT PROJECTS PASS ALMOST UNNOTICED AND +NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS+ HAS BEEN TURNED ON ITS HEAD TO BECOME +GOOD NEWS IS NO NEWS+,+ HE SAID.

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#### EMPLOYMENT SERVICE FINDS JOBS FOR 500

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SOME 500 PEOPLE WERE SUCCESSFULLY PLACED IN EMPLOYMENT IN 1985-86 BY THE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

SIR DAVID WAS SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION OF SOUVENIRS CEREMONY OF THE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE.

HE SAID THAT THE SERVICE, INITIATED BY THE COUNCIL IN 1959, HAD AN ECONOMIC VALUE AS WELL AS A WELFARE PURPOSE.

+HELPING THE SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED TO FIND EMPLOYMENT IS AN IMPORTANT STEP IN THEIR REHABILITATION,+ HE SAID.

THE COUNCIL'S TARGET GROUPS THIS YEAR WERE DISCHARGED PRISONERS, FORMER DRUG ADDICTS, PROBATIONERS AND PEOPLE WITH PERSONALITY PROBLEMS, SIR DAVID NOTED. MANY OF THESE PEOPLE WERE WITHIN THE AGE GROUP OF THE ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE.

+THEY ARE, HOWEVER, HANDICAPPED BY A LACK OF CONFIDENCE AND DISADVANTAGE BECAUSE OF THEIR BACKGROUND,+ HE SAID, AND TO RE-INTEGRATE THEM INTO THE COMMUNITY REQUIRED CONSTANT PERSONAL COUNSELLING AND ENCOURAGEMENT= MUCH UNDERSTANDING AND ACCOMMODATION BY SOCIETY.

SIR DAVID SAID THAT THIS WAS BY NO MEANS EASY BUT IT WAS GRATIFYING TO SEE ABANDONED INDIVIDUALS TURN A NEW LEAF, RE-GAIN SELF-RESPECT IN REWARDING JOBS AND MAKE THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY LIKE ANY OTHER RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS.

/HE CONGRATULATED .....

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HE CONGRATULATED THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE FOR PROVIDING THIS MEANINGFUL SERVICE TO WHICH THE GOVERNMENT HAD ALREADY GIVEN ITS SUPPORT BY FULLY SUBVENTING THE SERVICE.

+THE SUCCESS OF THE SCHEME DEPENDS NOT ONLY ON THE DEDICATION AND PROFESSIONALISM OF THE WORKERS BUT ALSO THE CO-OPERATION OF OTHER WELFARE ORGANISATIONS WHICH ARE INVOLVED IN THE REHABILITATION OF THE UNFORTUNATE,+ SIR DAVID SAID.

+ABOVE ALL, THE GOODWILL AND SUPPORT OF THE EMPLOYERS ARE CENTRAL TO THE RUNNING OF THE SCHEME AND THE SOCIAL WORKERS HAVE TO OVERCOME AN UNDERSTANDABLE RELUCTANCE AND SUSPICION.+

SIR DAVID NOTED WITH PLEASURE THAT OVER 400 COMPANIES AND ORGANISATIONS HAD PARTICIPATED IN THIS SCHEME AND 10 OF THEM HAD PLEDGED SUPPORT FOR MORE THAN A DECADE.

+IT IS EVEN MORE ENCOURAGING TO NOTE THAT SOME OF THE EMPLOYERS NOT ONLY PROVIDE JOB OPPORTUNITIES BUT HAVE ALSO FACILITATED THE REHABILITATION OF THE INDIVIDUALS BY ACTIVE COUNSELLING AND ASSISTANCE,+ HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID SAID THE FINE EXAMPLE THEY HAD SET WOULD SERVE AS A MODEL FOR OTHERS. HE HOPED THAT MORE EMPLOYERS WOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VERY WORTHWHILE PROJECT.

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MUCH WORK REQUIRED ON SHIP REGISTER - JACOBS  
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THERE WAS STILL MUCH WORK TO BE DONE TO FLESH OUT THE PRINCIPLES SO AS TO PUT THE NEW SHIPPING REGISTER ON A FOOTING ATTRACTIVE TO SHIPOWNERS, FREE FROM THE STIGMA OF BEING PERCEIVED AS A FLAG OF CONVENIENCE AND CONDUCIVE TO THE OVERALL PROSPERITY AND STABILITY OF HONG KONG.

THIS WAS SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, TO THE HONG KONG SHIPOWNERS' ASSOCIATION.

MR JACOBS SAID HONG KONG HAD MADE A GOOD START IN THE DRAFTING OF LOCAL LEGISLATION TO REPLACE THE EXISTING UNITED KINGDOM LEGISLATION WHICH, FOR THE MOST PART, EXTENDED TO HONG KONG ON MARITIME MATTERS.

+BUT WE ARE NOW GETTING ON TO THOSE DIFFICULT AREAS WHERE A HIGHER DEGREE OF LIAISON BETWEEN THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND THE VARIOUS CONCERNED DEPARTMENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT AND WITH THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANISATION IS CALLED FOR,+ HE SAID.

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+TO THIS END, WE HAVE ALREADY TAKEN STEPS TO POST A SENIOR OFFICER TO LONDON TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE SYSTEM OF LIAISON AND FEEDBACK.+

MR JACOBS OUTLINED THE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS MADE SO FAR ON DISENGAGING THE HONG KONG SHIPPING REGISTER FROM BRITAIN.

+BY MAY 1985 WE HAD PUBLISHED A CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT SEEKING VIEWS ON THE WAY FORWARD TOWARDS ESTABLISHING AN AUTONOMOUS REGISTER.

+TAKING ACCOUNT OF COMMENTS MADE, AND AFTER SEVERAL SESSIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION AND WITH THE UNIONS, WE THEN SOUGHT AND RECEIVED THE BLESSING OF THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT ON THE PRINCIPLES UNDER WHICH THE NEW REGISTER SHOULD OPERATE,+ HE SAID.

+FINALLY, AT THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP IN LONDON IN JULY THIS YEAR, THESE PRINCIPLES WERE AGREED WITH THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT.+

THEY WERE PUBLISHED FOR GENERAL INFORMATION IN THE MIDDLE OF LAST MONTH, HE NOTED.

MR JACOBS ALSO REITERATED THREE BASIC APPROACHES OF THE NEW SHIPPING REGISTER:

- \* EXISTING STANDARDS (WHETHER OF SAFETY, CREW QUALIFICATIONS OR ANYTHING ELSE) WILL BE MAINTAINED=
- \* VERY CLOSE LINKS WILL BE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN HONG KONG AND SHIPS ON THE REGISTER - INDEED, THESE LINKS WILL BE FAR CLOSER THAN THOSE WHICH EXIST AT PRESENT= AND
- \* THE REGISTER WILL, HOPEFULLY, BE OF HELP TO ALL WORKING IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY, WHETHER OWNERS, OFFICERS, CREW OR OTHERS.

ON EMPLOYMENT OF OFFICERS OR CREW ON BOARD HONG KONG REGISTERED SHIPS, ONE OF THE KEY PRINCIPLES OF THE NEW REGISTER, MR JACOBS QUESTIONED THE RELEVANCE OF A SHIPOWNER BEING LEGALLY OBLIGED TO EMPLOY A BRITISH, IRISH OR COMMONWEALTH OFFICER, A RULE ORIGINALLY DEvised FOR DEFENCE PURPOSES.

+WE HAVE THEREFORE DETERMINED, AND THE BRITISH AND CHINESE GOVERNMENTS HAVE AGREED, THAT NO SPECIFIED NATIONALITY WILL BE REQUIRED FOR EITHER OFFICERS OR CREW ON SHIPS ON THE NEW REGISTER.+

/MR JACOBS .....

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MR JACOBS CONTINUED: +WE HAVE NOT INSISTED ON ANY LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENT THAT THERE SHOULD BE A RESIDENTIAL LINK BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE CREW ON HONG KONG SHIPS BECAUSE IT IS OUR OBJECTIVE THAT THERE SHOULD BE AS LITTLE CHANGE AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER FOR THE NEW REGISTER TO TAKE OVER SMOOTHLY FROM THE OLD.+

HE ADDED THAT NEARLY HALF THE POSTS AVAILABLE ON ALL HONG KONG REGISTERED VESSELS WERE ALREADY BEING FILLED BY HONG KONG SEAMEN - FOR OCEAN-GOING SHIPS THE PROPORTION WAS ABOUT A THIRD.

BESIDES, SINCE THE NUMBER OF ADEQUATELY QUALIFIED HONG KONG OFFICERS WAS INSUFFICIENT TO MEET THE DEMAND FROM SHIPS AT PRESENT REGISTERED IN HONG KONG, EITHER THE NEW REGISTER WOULD START OFF IN AN UNSATISFACTORY WAY BY RELYING ON WIDESPREAD EXEMPTIONS OR THE SIZE OF THE FLEET WOULD HAVE TO DROP TO MEET THE NUMBER OF OFFICERS AVAILABLE.

ON SELF-FINANCING OF THE REGISTER, MR JACOBS SAID, +IT MAY WELL BE THAT THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF FEES AND CHARGES SHOULD BE OVERHAULED AND THE COSTS OF THE REGISTER RECOVERED, IN A DIFFERENT WAY - FOR EXAMPLE AS THE ASSOCIATION HAS SUGGESTED, FROM AN INITIAL REGISTRATION FEE PLUS AN ANNUAL TONNAGE FEE.+

THIS WOULD GIVE THE REGISTER A GREATER DEGREE OF FINANCIAL STABILITY ON A YEAR-ON-YEAR BASIS, HE SAID.

TURNING TO AN ARGUMENT THAT IN ORDER TO MAKE THE REGISTER EFFECTIVE, HONG KONG SHOULD OFFER SIGNIFICANT TAX EXEMPTIONS TO THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY, MR JACOBS SAID BOTH RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT SHIPOWNERS WERE SUBJECT TO HONG KONG PROFITS TAX ON THAT PART OF THEIR WORLDWIDE PROFITS ARISING FROM OUTWARD FREIGHT FROM HONG KONG REGARDLESS OF WHERE THEIR SHIPS WERE REGISTERED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE UNDERLYING THE TAXATION SYSTEM WAS THAT PROFITS WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM HONG KONG SHOULD BE LIABLE TO TAX HERE.

+I CAN SEE LITTLE JUSTIFICATION FOR TREATING PROFITS FROM THE BUSINESS OF SHIPPING DIFFERENTLY FROM PROFITS FROM ANY OTHER BUSINESS,+ HE SAID.

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ORDER SEEKS BETTER CONTROL OVER ILLEGAL HAWKING

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AN ORDER WHICH SEEKS TO TIDY UP CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN THE LAW SO THAT MORE EFFECTIVE CONTROL OVER ILLEGAL HAWKING CAN BE ACHIEVED IS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES ORDINANCE (AMENDMENT OF FIRST SCHEDULE) ORDER 1986 PROVIDES FOR THE OFFENCE OF HAWKING IN A STREET WITHOUT A LICENCE AS ONE OF THE SCHEDULED OFFENCES FOR WHICH AUTHORISED PUBLIC OFFICERS HAVE POWER OF ARREST WITHOUT WARRANT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH EXPLAINED THAT THIS WAS BASICALLY A REGULARISATION EXERCISE AIMED AT SMOOTHING OUT THE PROCEDURES FOR ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST UNLICENSED HAWKING AND HAWKING IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE LAW.

+PREVIOUSLY PROSECUTION ACTION AGAINST PERSONS HAWKING WITHOUT A LICENCE WAS TAKEN UNDER BY-LAW 5(1) OF THE HAWKER BY-LAWS (NOW THE HAWKER (URBAN COUNCIL) BY-LAWS) IN THE URBAN AREA AND UNDER REGULATION 4(1) OF THE HAWKER (NEW TERRITORIES) REGULATIONS (NOW THE HAWKER (REGIONAL COUNCIL) BY-LAWS) IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WHICH PROVIDED ENFORCEMENT STAFF WITH THE POWER OF ARREST WITHOUT WARRANT.

+HOWEVER, A PAST AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCE GAVE RISE TO CERTAIN INCONSISTENCIES WHICH HAD THE INADVERTENT EFFECT OF INVALIDATING THE RELEVANT HAWKER BY-LAWS,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT BEFORE THE MAKING OF THIS ORDER, ARREST ACTION COULD ONLY BE TAKEN UNDER BOTH THE SUMMARY OFFENCES ORDINANCE AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES ORDINANCE.

THE AMENDMENT ORDER WILL TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT, HE POINTED OUT.

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NEW RABIES INFECTED AREA DESIGNATED

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THE DESIGNATION OF SO KWUN PO VILLAGE AND ITS VICINITY IN SHEUNG SHUI, NEW TERRITORIES, AS A RABIES INFECTED AREA, WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT.

THE AREA IS BOUNDED BY JOCKEY CLUB ROAD IN THE NORTHEAST, LUNG SUM AVENUE IN THE NORTHWEST, THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY IN THE SOUTHWEST, AND FAN LENG NAM WAI IN THE SOUTHEAST.

IT IS ADDITIONAL TO THE RABIES INFECTED AREA IN THE FRONTIER CLOSED AREA WHICH HAS BEEN IN EFFECT SINCE 1980.

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A GAZETTE EXTRAORDINARY WILL BE PUBLISHED TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO GIVE RETROSPECTIVE EFFECT TO THE DESIGNATION.

THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (AGRICULTURE), DR THOMAS YIP, SAID THE DESIGNATION OF THE ADDITIONAL AREA FOLLOWED CONFIRMATION OF AN INDIGENOUS RABIES CASE IN THE VILLAGE EARLY THIS WEEK.

THIS INVOLVED A THREE-YEAR-OLD MONGREL BITCH WHICH DIED OF RABIES WHILE UNDER OBSERVATION AFTER BITING A 75-YEAR-OLD WOMAN.

DR YIP SAID: +IN THE RABIES INFECTED AREA, NO DOGS ARE ALLOWED TO BE BROUGHT INTO OR OUT OF SUCH AREAS WITHOUT PRIOR PERMISSION FROM THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

+SPECIAL SIGNS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ERECTED AROUND THE AREA TO WARN LOCAL RESIDENTS TO THIS EFFECT.+

IN THE DESIGNATED AREA, INTENSIVE OPERATIONS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT INCLUDING HOUSE-TO-HOUSE VISITS TO ENSURE THAT ALL DOGS ARE INOCULATED AND LICENSED. SPECIAL SWEEPING EXERCISES ARE CONTINUING IN AN EFFORT TO GET RID OF STRAY DOGS.

IN TODAY'S OPERATION CARRIED OUT IN THE AREA, 47 DOGS WERE INOCULATED OR RE-INOCULATED AND 28 UNLICENSED DOGS, INCLUDING EIGHT STRAYS, WERE ROUNDED UP AND PUT DOWN.

ON A TERRITORY-WIDE BASIS, STRINGENT ANTI-RABIES MEASURES WILL CONTINUE IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE RISK OF AN OUTBREAK TO A MINIMUM.

DR YIP SAID THAT BECAUSE OF THE COMPLICATED EPIDEMIOLOGY OF RABIES, THE THREAT OF SPORADIC OUTBREAKS STILL EXISTED AND HE URGED DOG OWNERS TO HAVE THEIR DOGS INOCULATED AND TO EXERCISE PROPER CONTROL OVER THEIR PETS AT ALL TIMES.

HE ADVISED THAT ANY DOG-BITING INCIDENT MUST BE REPORTED TO THE POLICE WITHOUT DELAY AND THE ANIMAL INVOLVED HANDED OVER TO THE NEAREST GOVERNMENT KENNEL FOR OBSERVATION.

PROMPT REPORTING WOULD ENABLE EARLY DETECTION AND DIAGNOSIS OF THE DISEASE AND REMEDIAL MEASURES COULD ALSO BE TAKEN AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, DR YIP EMPHASISED.

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REGISTRATION FEES FOR FIRE SERVICE CONTRACTORS GAZETTED

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FEES FOR THE REGISTRATION OF FIRE SERVICE INSTALLATION CONTRACTORS ARE SET OUT IN THE FIRE SERVICE (INSTALLATION CONTRACTORS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1986 GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE NEW REGULATIONS FOLLOWED THE ENACTMENT OF THE FIRE SERVICE (AMENDMENT)(NO 2) ORDINANCE WHICH WAS PASSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN JUNE THIS YEAR.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS WERE AIMED AT TIGHTENING CONTROL OVER FIRE SERVICES CONTRACTORS. THE FEES WERE CHARGED FOR VETTING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THESE CONTRACTORS WHEN THEY APPLIED FOR REGISTRATION.

+THE EXAMINATION AND INSPECTION PROCEDURES ENTAIL CONSIDERABLE ADMINISTRATIVE EFFORT BY THE STAFF OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND IT IS IN LINE WITH GENERAL GOVERNMENT POLICY TO RECOVER THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS THROUGH THE CHARGING OF FEES,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE OPPORTUNITY HAD ALSO BEEN TAKEN TO MAKE SOME ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS TO ENHANCE ENFORCEMENT.

+SINCE A REGISTERED CONTRACTOR, OR ITS QUALIFIED DIRECTOR OR PARTNER, AS THE CASE MAY BE, IS REQUIRED TO BE AVAILABLE IN HONG KONG TO SUPERVISE THE INSTALLATION OR MAINTENANCE OF FIRE SERVICE EQUIPMENT, REGULATION 3 WHICH GOVERNS THE APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION IS AMENDED TO INCLUDE A RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+NEW REGULATION 6A ALSO RESTRICTS A REGISTERED CONTRACTOR FROM UNDERTAKING ANY WORK IN CONNECTION WITH FIRE SERVICE INSTALLATIONS OR EQUIPMENT IN THE CASE OF ILLNESS OR ABSENCE FROM HONG KONG OF THE CONTRACTOR OR ITS ONLY QUALIFIED PERSON,+ HE ADDED.

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DUTIABLE COMMODITIES AMENDMENT BILL PUBLISHED

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THE DUTIABLE COMMODITIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986, WHICH UPDATES VARIOUS PROVISIONS AND DEFINITIONS, AS WELL AS ADAPTS TO MODERN BUSINESS PRACTICES, WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

NO CHANGES IN DUTY RATES ARE PROPOSED.

/THE DUTIABLE .....

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THE DUTIABLE COMMODITIES ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 109) WAS ENACTED IN 1931 FOR THE TAXATION AND CONTROL OF LIQUOR, TOBACCO, HYDROCARBON OIL, METHYL ALCOHOL AND OTHER SUBSTANCES, AND WAS LAST SUBSTANTIALLY REVISED IN 1963.

A TOTAL OF 42 FIRMS AND ORGANISATIONS, REPRESENTING EVERY SECTOR OF THE DUTIABLE COMMODITIES TRADE, WERE CONSULTED ON THE PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS WHICH WOULD AFFECT THEIR RESPECTIVE INTERESTS.

THE CONSULTATION PROCESS WAS ALSO EXTENDED TO THE FOUR CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE, THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES, THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG AND THE TRADE FACILITATION COUNCIL.

A GENERALLY FAVOURABLE RESPONSE FROM THE TRADE WAS RECEIVED. DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION, TOGETHER WITH COMMENTS RECEIVED AND THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE, WERE THEN REFERRED TO AND ENDORSED BY THE TRADE ADVISORY BOARD.

THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 19.

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A TOTAL OF 1 445 613 ELECTORS WERE LISTED ON THE GENERAL ELECTORAL ROLL AS THIS YEAR'S REGISTRATION PERIOD ENDED ON SEPTEMBER 30.

THIS REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF 4 073 ELECTORS COMPARED WITH 1 441 540 NAMES ALREADY ON THE FINAL REGISTER, A REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION SPOKESMAN SAID.

OF THE TOTAL OF 32 306 APPLICATIONS RECEIVED IN THE PERIOD, 20 439 WERE ACCEPTED FOR INCLUSION IN THE PROVISIONAL REGISTER WHILE THE REMAINDER WERE REPORTS ON CHANGES OF ADDRESS AND DUPLICATE APPLICATIONS.

THERE WERE ALSO 16 366 NAMES OMITTED FROM THE REGISTER DUE TO DEATHS, EMIGRATION AND LOSS OF CONTACT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THESE DELETIONS WERE MADE IN RESPECT OF 6 527 DEATHS, 1 846 CASES OF EMIGRATION, 7 056 CASES WHERE THE DIVISION HAD BEEN UNABLE TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH THE ELECTORS AND 937 DOUBLE REGISTRATION CASES,+ HE EXPLAINED.

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THE PROVISIONAL REGISTER IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION FROM TODAY (FRIDAY) TO NOVEMBER 20 AT DISTRICT OFFICES AND THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION AT HARBOUR CENTRE, TENTH FLOOR, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

THE SPOKESMAN CALLED ON ELIGIBLE PERSONS TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REGISTER AS ELECTORS BY APPLYING IN PERSON TO THE REGISTRATION OFFICER. SUCH APPLICATIONS WOULD BE OPEN FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION UNTIL NOVEMBER 25.

ANYONE WHO HAS ANY OBJECTION ON VALID GROUNDS TO THE INCLUSION IN THE REGISTER OF ANY NAME MAY ALSO LODGE A NOTICE OF OBJECTION IN A SPECIFIED FORM WITH THE REGISTRATION OFFICE, HE SAID.

HE ALSO REMINDED ELECTORS TO REPORT CHANGES OF REGISTERED PARTICULARS BY DECEMBER 10 FOR INCORPORATION IN THE FINAL REGISTER WHICH WOULD BE PUBLISHED ON JANUARY 9 NEXT YEAR AND WOULD REMAIN IN FORCE FOR ANOTHER 12 MONTHS.

+FOR CHANGES REPORTED AFTER DECEMBER 10, AMENDMENTS WILL BE MADE IN THE NEXT PROVISIONAL REGISTER TO BE COMPILED LATER IN 1987.+

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ASSISTANCE ARRANGED FOR BUS ACCIDENT VICTIMS  
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS ARRANGING CASH AID AND OTHER KINDS OF ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS OF THE TUEN MUN BUS ACCIDENT.

FIVE PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND 61 OTHERS INJURED IN THE ACCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED AT SHEK PAI TAU ROAD NEAR MING KAM ROAD ON WEDNESDAY MORNING.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ACCIDENT, STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT'S TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE (TAVA) SECTION AS WELL AS THE FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES OF TUEN MUN AND WONG TAI SIN VISITED FAMILIES OF THE DECEASED AND THE INJURED IN THE HOSPITAL OR CONTACTED THOSE DISCHARGED BY TELEPHONE TO OFFER ASSISTANCE.

OF THE 32 VICTIMS WHO RESPONDED, FIVE WERE EACH GRANTED \$690 FROM THE TAVA FUND TODAY (FRIDAY). MAKING A TOTAL OF \$3 450.

APPLICATIONS FROM 12 VICTIMS ARE BEING PROCESSED WHILE 15 HAD INDICATED THAT THEY DID NOT WANT TO SEEK ASSISTANCE UNDER THE TAVA SCHEME.

MEANWHILE, MEDICAL SOCIAL WORKERS OF THE PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL ARE RENDERING ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING COUNSELLING, TO THOSE HOSPITALISED.

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KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER TO BE REDEVELOPED  
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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO REDEVELOP KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT THE WATERFRONT IMMEDIATELY IN FRONT OF THE EXISTING PIER.

THE PROPOSED NEW PIER WILL BE BUILT WITHIN AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 1.85 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEA-BED.

THE WORK WILL PROVIDE A PILED DECK WITH A NEW WATER FRONTAGE WHICH WILL BECOME THE NEW KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER WITH A TOTAL OF SIX BERTHS.

THE REMAINDER OF THE DECK WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SPACE TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR CIRCULATION SERVING BOTH THE NEW PIER AND THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE.

AN ELEVATED PROMENADE WILL ALSO BE BUILT ABOVE THE ROOF OF THE PIER TO FORM A PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY LINKING THE STAR FERRY CONCOURSE TO THE FUTURE MUSEUM OF ART AND THE EXISTING TSIM SHA TSUI EAST PROMENADE.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN JANUARY AND BE COMPLETED ABOUT THE END OF 1988.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED WORK HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GAZETTE.

WRITTEN OBJECTIONS SHOULD REACH THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS BEFORE JANUARY 6, 1987.

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SURVEY TO IDENTIFY SEWERAGE BLACKSPOTS IN MONG KOK

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A SURVEY IS BEING CONDUCTED IN MONG KOK TO STUDY THE PROBLEMS CREATED BY BLOCKED UNDERGROUND DRAINS AND LEAKING PIPES OF BUILDINGS.

THE SURVEY IS PART OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN WHICH HAS SELECTED THE SEWERAGE PROBLEM AS THE MAIN FOCUS OF THIS YEAR'S PUBLICITY DRIVE.

QUESTIONNAIRES ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED TO MORE THAN 600 RESIDENTS, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF AREA COMMITTEES, OWNERS CORPORATIONS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, SCHOOL HEADS, SHOPS AND RESTAURANT OPERATORS IN THE DISTRICT.

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+THEY WILL BE ASKED ABOUT THE CAUSES AND THE SEVERITY OF THE BLOCKAGE PROBLEM, AND TO IDENTIFY VARIOUS BLACKSPOTS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE SAID.

+IT IS HOPED THAT THE SURVEY CAN HELP SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF FREQUENT STREET FLOODINGS, AND TO HELP BUILDING MANAGEMENT ORGANISATIONS MAINTAIN SEWERS AND PIPES IN GOOD CONDITION,+ HE SAID.

DATA COLLECTED WILL BE ANALYSED AND DISCUSSED WITH THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE URBAN DRAINAGE DIVISION OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO WORK OUT REMEDIES TO ALLEVIATE THE SITUATION.

TO PUBLICISE THE MESSAGE, POSTERS AND STICKERS WITH SLOGANS ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT TO REMIND RESIDENTS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING SEWERS FREE OF TRASH.

THE SURVEY WILL TAKE A MONTH TO COMPLETE AND FINDINGS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE DISTRICT BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION.

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19TH CENTURY PORTRAITS HIGHLIGHTED IN SPECIAL STAMPS  
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THE POST OFFICE WILL ISSUE THIS YEAR'S LAST SET OF SPECIAL STAMPS ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9.

THE NEW STAMPS FEATURE THREE 19TH CENTURY PORTRAITS HELD BY THE HONG KONG MUSEUM OF ART IN DENOMINATION OF 50 CENTS, \$1.30 AND \$1.70 AND ONE HELD BY THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION IN DENOMINATION OF \$5, A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE FOUR STAMPS TO BE ISSUED ARE:

50 CENTS A PORTRAIT ATTRIBUTED TO SPOILUM, A CHINESE PAINTER SPECIALISING IN PORTRAITS OF EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN MERCHANTS. THE PAINTING IS PROBABLY A PORTRAIT OF THE SECOND PUAN KHEQUA WHOSE FATHER WAS THE FOUNDER OF TUNGWEN HONG, ONE OF THE LEADING HONGS WHICH SPECIALISED IN SINO-WESTERN TRADE IN CANTON.

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- \$1.30 AN EARLY 19TH CENTURY PORTRAIT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED CHINESE LADY BY AN UNKNOWN ARTIST. IT IS BELIEVED TO BE A COPY OF A PORTRAIT ORIGINALLY PAINTED BY LANG SHIH NING (THE CHINESE NAME OF THE JESUIT FATHER GIUSEPPE CASTIGIONE) WHO LIVED AT THE COURT OF PEKING FOR ABOUT 50 YEARS AND DIED IN 1766. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF SUCH COPIES IN EXISTENCE.
- \$1.70 A SELF-PORTRAIT OF LAMQUA IN 1853 (KWAN KIU CHIN) AT THE AGE OF 52. THE ARTIST IS BELIEVED TO BE THE ONLY CHINESE PUPIL OF GEORGE CHINNERY AND WAS ONE OF THE MOST ESTABLISHED AND BEST KNOWN ARTISTS WORKING FOR THE EXPORT PAINTING MARKET IN CANTON.
- \$5 THE LADY IN THE PORTRAIT IS BELIEVED TO BE THE WIFE OF A HONG MERCHANT, WO HING QUA. THE PORTRAIT IS ATTRIBUTED TO GEORGE CHINNERY, ONE OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL AND TALENTED ARTISTS WHO LIVED AND WORKED IN THE FAR EAST DURING THE 19TH CENTURY.

THE STAMPS WERE DESIGNED BY MR REDGE SOLLEY AND PRINTED IN IRELAND.

FIRST DAY COVERS AT 50 CENTS EACH WILL BE ON SALE ON DECEMBER 2. FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE ANNOUNCED CLOSER TO THE DAY OF ISSUE.

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REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION ENDS  
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THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION OF ASIA PACIFIC REGIONAL WORKSHOP BEING HELD IN HONG KONG SINCE OCTOBER 27 CONCLUDED TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY, THE DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL, MR GEORGE GOTSCHLICH, SAID HE WAS PLEASED WITH THE ACTION PLAN DECIDED AT THE WORKSHOP BY REPRESENTATIVES OF 15 MEMBER COUNTRIES WHICH INTRODUCED MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN CUSTOMS CO-ORDINATION AND EXCHANGE OF OPERATIONAL INFORMATION WITHIN THE REGION IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING.

IN FORMULATING A REGIONAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, THE DRUG EXPERTS AGREED TO NOMINATE A CONTACT OFFICER IN EACH CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION TO CO-ORDINATE DRUG INTELLIGENCE BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THEIR COUNTRIES.

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THEY ALSO AGREED TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON A REGULAR BASIS AND TO CO-OPERATE IN DRUG INVESTIGATIONS WHENEVER NECESSARY.

THE WORKSHOP ALSO DEVELOPED DETAILED PROFILES FOR DRUG COURIERS, CARGO SHIPMENTS AND MAIL WHICH COULD HELP CUSTOMS OFFICERS TO STOP THE FLOW OF ILLICIT DRUGS.

HONG KONG WAS REPRESENTED BY THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER, MR K.S. TONG, SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT, MR K.L. MAK, AND SENIOR INSPECTOR, MISS CATHERINE MOK.

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WARNING ON BOGUS LABOUR DEPARTMENT OFFICERS  
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ADVISED EMPLOYERS TO BE ON GUARD AGAINST PEOPLE SOLICITING MONEY BY IMPERSONATING OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID REPORTS HAD BEEN RECEIVED THAT A MAN CLAIMING TO BE AN OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN SOLICITING MONEY FROM FACTORY PROPRIETORS FOR ADVERTISEMENTS IN A PURPORTED DEPARTMENTAL PUBLICATION TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

+NO OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN AUTHORISED TO SOLICIT OR ACCEPT MONEY FOR SUCH A PURPOSE,+ HE STRESSED.

+ALL SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND ITS PUBLICATIONS ON LABOUR LEGISLATION AND INDUSTRIAL SAFETY ARE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC FREE OF CHARGE.+

HE SAID EVERY OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT CARRIED WITH HIM A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD AND A WARRANT BEARING HIS PHOTOGRAPH AND NAME.

MEMBERS OF THE FACTORY AND LABOUR INSPECTORATES WERE UNDER INSTRUCTION TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES BY PRODUCING THEIR WARRANTS WHEN VISITING FACTORIES.

THE SPOKESMAN CALLED ON THE PUBLIC TO CHECK ON THE IDENTITY OF VISITORS CLAIMING TO BE OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT, AND TO REPORT IMMEDIATELY TO THE NEAREST POLICE STATION WHEN IN DOUBT.

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CYPRUS JOINS INTELPOST NETWORK  
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THE INTELPOST (INTERNATIONAL ELECTRONIC POST) NETWORK WILL BE EXTENDED TO CYPRUS FROM MONDAY (NOVEMBER 10), THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

INTELPOST ITEMS POSTED IN HONG KONG BEFORE 6 PM DURING WEEKDAYS WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE ADDRESSEE THE SAME DAY, A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE CHARGES FOR THE SERVICE TO CYPRUS WILL BE:

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| * SHORT MESSAGE FACILITY  | \$50 |
| * FOR THE FIRST SIDE OF AN A4 SHEET OF PAPER                              | \$65 |
| * FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT A4 SIDE SENT TO THE SAME ADDRESSEE AT THE SAME TIME | \$30 |

CUSTOMERS WISHING TO USE THE SERVICE SHOULD HAND IN THEIR DOCUMENTS AT ONE OF THE 26 ACCEPTANCE OFFICES.

INTELPOST IS AVAILABLE TO 39 OVERSEAS DESTINATIONS INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES, UNITED KINGDOM, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, CHINA, FRANCE, JAPAN AND AUSTRALIA.

THOSE HAVING FACSIMILE MACHINES IN THEIR OFFICES CAN, BY ARRANGEMENT, TRANSMIT ITEMS DIRECT TO THE POST OFFICE INTELPOST TERMINAL IN THE GENERAL POST OFFICE FOR ONWARD TRANSMISSION OVERSEAS AT NO EXTRA COST.

FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE INTELPOST MANAGER ON 5-2671143.

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EASTERN DISTRICT LAUNCHES ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN  
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THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL LAUNCH AN EXTENSIVE ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN NEXT WEEK AND ALSO CONDUCT A SERIES OF TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT SURVEYS IN THE DISTRICT.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (FRIDAY), THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE, MR YUE HUI-KWONG, SAID THE DISTRICT BOARD HAD ALLOCATED A TOTAL OF \$100 000 FOR THE TWO PROJECTS.

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IT WAS HOPED THAT THE CAMPAIGN COULD HELP PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY AMONG RESIDENTS AND THAT THE SURVEYS WOULD BE USEFUL IN PLANNING FUTURE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT, MR YUE SAID.

CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP ON ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN, MR STEPHEN CHENG, SAID PEDESTRIANS, PARTICULARLY YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE ELDERLY, FORMED THE TARGET GROUP THIS YEAR.

THE OBJECTIVE WAS TO AROUSE THE AWARENESS OF THE RESIDENTS ON ROAD SAFETY SO THAT THEY WOULD PROPERLY OBSERVE TRAFFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS, MR CHENG SAID.

THE CAMPAIGN WILL BEGIN THIS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9 WITH THE SELECTION OF +MODEL PEDESTRIANS+ IN THE VARIOUS SUB-DISTRICTS OF EASTERN. ROAD SAFETY BANNERS WILL ALSO BE PUT UP AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS.

VISITS WILL BE MADE TO 16 PRIMARY SCHOOLS TO BRIEF CHILDREN ON ROAD SAFETY. A ROAD SAFETY TOWN WILL BE FORMED DURING THE VISITS.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE A ROAD SAFETY DAY ON NOVEMBER 23, AT VICTORIA PARK. IT WILL FEATURE A VARIETY SHOW WITH PERFORMANCES BY SINGERS, MAGICIANS AND ACROBATS.

IT WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE ROAD SAFETY TOWN EXHIBITION, GAMES STALLS AND A COLOURING CONTEST.

THE CAMPAIGN IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD, EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION.

CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP ON TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT SURVEYS, MR AU YEUNG YING-CHEONG, SAID A SERIES OF SURVEYS RELATING TO TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT MATTERS IN THE DISTRICT HAD BEEN PLANNED IN THE COMING MONTHS. IT WAS HOPED THAT BASED ON THESE REPORTS, IMPROVEMENTS COULD BE SUGGESTED TO THE COMMITTEE.

THE SURVEYS WILL INCLUDE THE FREQUENCY OF BUS SERVICES, GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES, USE OF FOOTBRIDGES, AND THE IMPACT OF ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION ON PRIMARY STUDENTS.

WORK ON THE SURVEYS IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED EARLY NEXT YEAR AND THE RESULTS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN DUE COURSE.

ALSO ATTENDING TODAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE WERE EASTERN DISTRICT OPERATIONS OFFICER OF ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, MR PAU SHIU-PING; SENIOR TRANSPORT OFFICER OF TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, MR TSANG WING-HANG, VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION, MR PAUL W.O. HO; AND ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHNNY CHAN.

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EXCITING PERFORMANCES FOR ARMY CAMP OPEN DAY  
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ABOUT 1 500 TUEN MUN CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS WILL BE TREATED TO SPECIAL DISPLAYS BY THE QUEEN'S GURKHA ENGINEERS AT THE PEROWNE CAMP OPEN DAY TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE DISPLAYS INCLUDE A BRIDGE BUILDING COMPETITION BETWEEN DIFFERENT UNITS OF THE QUEEN'S GURKHA ENGINEERS, AND A MOCK SECTION ATTACK ON A BRIDGE.

IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE DANCING BY GURKHA CHILDREN, PIPE AND DRUM PERFORMANCES BY THE QUEEN'S GURKHA ENGINEERS AS WELL AS DISPLAY INVOLVING AN ARMY HELICOPTER AND MILITARY EQUIPMENT.

THE CHILDREN, AGED BETWEEN EIGHT AND 14, CAN TAKE PART IN SPECIAL GAMES SUCH AS ON AN AERIAL ROPEWAY AS WELL AS HAVING PONY AND CAMEL RIDES.

THE EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND THE QUEEN'S GURKHA ENGINEERS.

TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN SELBY CHAIRMAN OF TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD, MR LAU WONG-FAT AND THE DEPUTY COMMANDER OF GURKHA FIELD FORCE, COLONEL M.J.F. STEPHENS WILL OFFICIATE AT AN OPENING CEREMONY AT 2 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE PEROWNE CAMP OPEN DAY AT 2 PM TOMORROW ON THE SOCCER PITCH OF PEROWNE BARRACKS IN SO KWUN WAT. THE CAMP IS LOCATED AT 18 MILESTONE OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD, OPPOSITE THE OLD CAFETERIA BEACH. A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE, AM 5797 WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 12.30 PM TO TAKE PRESS MEMBERS TO TUEN MUN.

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LAUNCH PICNIC TO FOSTER FAMILIARITY  
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A LAUNCH PICNIC TO ENABLE RESIDENTS OF KWUN TONG DISTRICT TO KNOW THEIR DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS BETTER WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16.

THE PICNIC HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION PROMOTION ORGANISING COMMITTEE, AND CO-ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MRS WINNIE POON, SAID THE FUNCTION WOULD PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD MEMBERS AND RESIDENTS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON DISTRICT AFFAIRS.

+THROUGH THIS INFORMAL GATHERING, PARTICIPANTS WILL COME TO KNOW THEIR DB MEMBERS BETTER AND CLOSER COMMUNICATION WILL BE FOSTERED,+ SHE SAID.

ABOUT 300 PEOPLE WILL BE ON BOARD FOR A CRUISE AROUND THE HARBOUR BETWEEN 10 AM AND 3.30 PM. PARTICIPANTS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED BY DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS.

PROGRAMMES WILL INCLUDE AN INTRODUCTION TO THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD AND ITS MEMBERS, A QUIZ ON CIVIC KNOWLEDGE, TALENT PERFORMANCES AND GROUP DISCUSSIONS.

THE KWUN TONG CIVIC EDUCATION PROMOTION ORGANISING COMMITTEE WAS FORMED LAST MONTH WITH MEMBERS AND CO-OPTED MEMBERS COMING FROM THE BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE AND OTHER COMMITTEES, CARITAS SOCIAL CENTRE AND THE N. M. S. PING NGON YOUTH SERVICES CENTRES.

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CHILDREN TO SHOW DRAWING TALENTS  
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CHILDREN IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR DRAWING TALENT IN TWO COMPETITIONS TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 9) MORNING.

THE FIRST COMPETITION WILL BEGIN AT 9 AM AT THE ZOOLOGICAL AND BOTANICAL GARDENS. MORE THAN 300 CHILDREN HAVE APPLIED TO TAKE PART.

IT WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS WITH A CLASS FOR CHILDREN AGED FROM FOUR TO NINE AND ONE FOR THOSE AGED BETWEEN 10 AND 15.

ADJUDICATORS WILL INCLUDE THE HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS (CENTRAL AND WESTERN), MRS IRENE LEE, THE EXTERNAL SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS (CENTRAL AND WESTERN), MRS ALICE KO, AND AN ARTIST, MR HSU TAT-CHIN.

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PART OF THE SECOND CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL PROGRAMME, THE COMPETITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS (CENTRAL AND WESTERN), THE MID-LEVELS (CENTRAL) AND MID-LEVELS (WESTERN) AREA COMMITTEES.

THE SAME MORNING, ANOTHER DRAWING COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN WILL BE HELD AT 9.30 AM AT THE SHEK TONG TSUI CHILDREN PLAYGROUND IN KENNEDY TOWN. OVER 400 CHILDREN ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE.

IT WILL ALSO BE DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS -- ONE FOR THOSE AGED FROM FIVE TO EIGHT AND ONE FOR THOSE AGED BETWEEN NINE AND 14.

THE THEME FOR THIS COMPETITION IS +CONCERN FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE+, TO STIMULATE RESPECT FOR PARENTS AND ELDERLY PEOPLE.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE SAI YING PUN AREA COMMITTEE, THE COMPETITION ALSO FORMS PART OF FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES.

ADJUDICATORS FOR THIS COMPETITION WILL BE TWO MEMBERS OF DISTRICT BOARD, MR LEE TAT-YU AND MR LEUNG YING-YEUNG AND TWO MEMBERS OF THE SAI YING PUN AREA COMMITTEE, MR YAU YUK-TAK AND MR HO SIU-SUM.

CHILDREN WISHING TO COMPETE IN BOTH DRAWING COMPETITIONS SHOULD BRING ALONG THEIR DRAWING EQUIPMENT AND REGISTER AT THE REGISTRATION BOOTH ON ARRIVAL.

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO WINNING ENTRIES.

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#### FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEME AT TIN SHUI WAI

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AS PART OF A SCHEME TO PROTECT FOUR LOW-LYING VILLAGES NEAR TIN SHUI WAI FROM FLOODING, THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF 10 SCREW PUMPS AT FOUR PUMPING STATIONS TO BE BUILT.

THE WORK INCLUDES DESIGN, MANUFACTURE, SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF THE SCREW PUMPS, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY FITTINGS AND ACCESSORIES.

THE AIM OF THE PROJECT IS TO DISCHARGE EXCESS WATER ACCUMULATED IN FLOOD PONDS WITHIN LO UK TSUEN, SIK KONG TSUEN, SIK KONG WAI AND KIU TAU WAI INTO DRAINAGE CHANNELS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN MID-FEBRUARY AND TAKE ABOUT 22 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

TENDERS CLOSE AT NOON ON DECEMBER 19.

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TEA PARTY HELD FOR COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARS  
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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, GAVE A TEA RECEPTION TO SEVEN COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARS AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS RECENTLY.

THE SCHOLARS -- FROM AUSTRALIA, BAHAMAS, SINGAPORE, TANZANIA, TRINIDAD AND UGANDA -- ARE PURSUING POST-GRADUATE STUDIES IN THE TWO LOCAL UNIVERSITIES, UNDER THE COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP PLAN.

THEY ARE RECIPIENTS OF SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT TO POST-GRADUATE STUDENTS IN COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES WITH THE AIM OF ENHANCING MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

THERE ARE RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR HONG KONG STUDENTS STUDYING IN COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES.

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FREE CONCERTS FOR KOWLOON CITY RESIDENTS  
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KOWLOON CITY RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO THREE FREE OUTDOOR CONCERTS FEATURING TALENTED YOUNG MUSICIANS OVER THE NEXT THREE SUNDAYS.

THE PERFORMERS ARE WINNERS OF A RECENT +KOWLOON CITY FOLK MUSIC FROM THE COMMUNITY+ SINGING COMPETITION.

THERE WILL BE SOLO AND GROUP PERFORMANCES INVOLVING BOTH FOLK SONGS AND POP MUSIC AT THE CONCERTS.

THE FIRST CONCERT, TO BE HELD THIS SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 9), WILL TAKE PLACE OUTSIDE THE OI MAN ESTATE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX FROM 3 PM TO 4.30 PM.

THE OTHER TWO CONCERTS WILL BE HELD AT HUNG HOM FERRY PIER SQUARE AND MA TAU WAI ROAD PLAYGROUND RESPECTIVELY ON THE FOLLOWING SUNDAYS.

THE SINGING COMPETITION AND OUTDOOR CONCERTS ARE SPONSORED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD AND JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL, URBAN COUNCIL, MUSIC OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

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KOWLOON CITY RESIDENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE CONCERTS.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE SCHEDULE OF THE THREE OUTDOOR CONCERTS:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9	3 - 4.30 PM	OI MAN ESTATE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16	3 - 4.30 PM	HUNG HOM FERRY SQUARE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23	3 - 4.30 PM	MA TAU WAI ROAD PLAYGROUND.

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INTERFLOW CONCERT, FINALE CONCERT ORGANISED  
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AN INTERFLOW CONCERT JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL. IT WILL BEGIN AT 7.30 PM.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MUSIC OFFICE SAID THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT AN INTERFLOW CONCERT INVOLVING AS MANY AS 11 LOCAL AMATEUR CHINESE ORCHESTRAS HAS BEEN HELD AS PART OF THE PROGRAMME FOR THE HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE MUSIC FESTIVAL, NOW IN ITS FOURTH YEAR.

THE 11 ORCHESTRAS, TOGETHER WITH THE OFFICE'S HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA, WILL TAKE TURNS TO PERFORM ON STAGE WHILE LOCAL MUSICIANS AND TWO GUEST MUSICIANS FROM CHINA, MR LIU CHONG-ZENG AND MR CAO JIAN-GUO, WILL GIVE INSTANT COMMENT ON THEIR PERFORMANCES.

+THE MUSIC OFFICE HOPES THAT THE CONCERT WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR LOCAL CHINESE ORCHESTRAS TO GET TOGETHER AND LEARN FROM EACH OTHER,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE 1986 HK YOUTH CHINESE MUSIC FESTIVAL STARTED LAST SATURDAY AND WILL END ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 9).

TO MARK THE CLOSE OF THE FESTIVAL, A FINALE CONCERT FEATURING GUEST MUSICIANS FROM CHINA, WINNERS OF LOCAL AWARDS OF CHINESE MUSIC AND THE HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA WILL BE STAGED AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL AT 8 PM ON SUNDAY.

THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, MR A.K. CHUI, WILL BE THE OFFICIATING GUEST AT THE FINALE CONCERT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE INTERFLOW CONCERT AND FINALE CONCERT TOMORROW AND ON SUNDAY RESPECTIVELY.

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FIRE PREVENTION DISPLAY STAGED IN SHAM SHUI PO  
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THE FIRST FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITION DURING THE PREVAILING DRY WEATHER WILL BE HELD THIS SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 9) FROM NOON TO 3 PM AT MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND IN SHAM SHUI PO.

ON DISPLAY -- TOGETHER WITH FIRE FIGHTING APPLIANCES, AMBULANCES AND OTHER EQUIPMENT -- WILL BE SETS OF EDUCATIONAL PANELS ADVISING THE PUBLIC TO BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE WHETHER THEY ARE AT HOME OR IN THE COUNTRYSIDE.

A SECTION OF THE DISPLAY MATERIAL EMPHASISES THE DANGER POSED BY SMOKE FROM FIRES AND ADVISES THE PUBLIC OF THE +DO'S+ AND +DON'TS+ SHOULD FIRE OCCUR.

EIGHT SIMILAR EXHIBITIONS WILL BE HELD ON A BI-WEEKLY BASIS IN OTHER DENSELY POPULATED AREAS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES IN THE COMING WINTER MONTHS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP SAID THE EXHIBITIONS ARE INTENDED TO REMIND THE PUBLIC OF THE CONSTANT NEED TO PREVENT FIRE OUTBREAKS IN THE DRY WINTER MONTHS.

+THE DANGER OF SMOKE IS STRESSED AS EXPERIENCE TELLS US THAT MOST FIRE VICTIMS DIED FROM SUFFOCATION RATHER THAN BURNS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THE EXHIBITIONS WILL MAKE THE PUBLIC REALISE THAT THE EFFECT OF SMOKE CAN ACTUALLY BE MINIMISED CONSIDERABLY IF THEY WOULD LISTEN TO FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE TO KEEP SMOKE LOBBY DOORS IN GOOD CONDITION AND CLOSED.+

VISITORS TO THE FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITION WILL RECEIVE AN INFORMATIVE FIRE PREVENTION LEAFLET, A 1987 CALENDAR CARD AND GIVEAWAY ITEMS SPONSORED BY THE KWONG ON BANK LTD.

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SAI KUNG TO HOLD BLOOD DONATION DAY  
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SAI KUNG RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A BLOOD DONATION DAY TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28 AT THE SAI KUNG TOWN HALL.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION PROMOTION COMMITTEE AND THE HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE, THE BLOOD DONATION DAY IS AIMED AT ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS TO GIVE BLOOD AND TO DEVELOP A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS OTHER PEOPLE.

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THE BLOOD DONATION DAY IS THE FIRST EVENT IN THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN WHICH WILL RUN FROM THIS MONTH TO MAY.

RESIDENTS WHO WEIGH 40.45 KG OR ABOVE AND ARE AGED BETWEEN 18 AND 65 ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE. HOWEVER, ANYONE WHO HAS RECEIVED AN INOCULATION OR A VACCINATION RECENTLY SHOULD INFORM THE NURSES ON DUTY BEFORE GIVING BLOOD.

A BLOOD DONATION COMPETITION WILL BE HELD, WITH PARTICIPANTS FORMING TEAMS. THE NUMBER OF TEAM MEMBERS IS UNRESTRICTED AND TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR GROUP DONORS.

FIVE OUTSTANDING TEAMS WITH THE LARGEST NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS WILL BE AWARDED PRIZES.

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS NOVEMBER 14. APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SAI KUNG TOWN HALL AT PO TUNG ROAD AND THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE AT MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG. ENQUIRIES CAN BE DIRECTED TO MISS WONG MEI-LI ON 3-2814455.

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SHAM SHUI PO FESTIVAL STARTS TOMORROW  
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THE 1986 SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FESTIVAL WILL GET UNDERWAY TOMORROW (SATURDAY) WITH A COMBINED OPENING CEREMONY AND VARIETY SHOW AT MONG KOK STADIUM.

THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY TOGETHER WITH AN EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER, MR PETER C. WONG, AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN.

THE PROGRAMME WILL START AT 11.30 AM WITH A PARADE BY A WOMEN'S BAND AND A LION DANCE.

AFTER THE RIBBON-CUTTING, THERE WILL BE A PARADE BY SHAM SHUI PO SCHOOL TEAMS LED BY THE HONG KONG MILITARY SERVICE CORPS BAND.

ENTERTAINMENT ACTIVITIES WILL START AFTER THE PARADE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FESTIVAL TOMORROW AT 11.30 AM AT MONG KOK STADIUM, BOUNDARY STREET.

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ROAD TO BE BUILT ON AP LEI CHAU  
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A 650-METRE-LONG ROAD IS TO BE BUILT ON AP LEI CHAU EAST RECLAMATION.

THE ROAD, TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED STORMWATER AND SEWER DRAINS, WILL SERVE THE PROPOSED BOATYARDS ON THE EAST OF THE ISLAND.

IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE ACCESS TO FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA.

THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE 12-MONTH PROJECT WHICH IS EXPECTED TO GET UNDERWAY IN JANUARY.

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DETAILS OF WONG TAI SIN FESTIVAL  
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A PRESS LUNCHEON WILL BE HELD AT THE WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 10) TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE WONG TAI SIN FESTIVAL '86.

THE 15-DAY FESTIVAL WILL BEGIN ON NOVEMBER 16. IT IS ORGAINSED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD AND CO-ORGANISED BY URBAN COUNCIL, CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL AND WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS COUNCIL.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR FUNG KWONG-CHUNG= THE DISTRICT OFFCER, MR NICHOLAS YEK= AND THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR MICHAEL CHENG WILL SPEAK AT THE CONFERENCE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PRESS LUNCHEON TO BE HELD ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 10) AT 12.30 PM AT FUNG MING HALL, WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE.

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COMMISSIONING OF LAUNCHES  
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FOUR NEW CUSTOMS LAUNCHES WILL SALUTE TIN HAU AT JOSS HOUSE BAY AS PART OF A COMMISSIONING CEREMONY TO BE OFFICIATED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR PATRICK WILLIAMSON, ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 10) AT 11 AM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE OUTSIDE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT PIER BY 9 AM FOR A PRESS BOAT THAT WILL LEAVE FOR JOSS HOUSE BAY AT 9.15 AM.

A COCKTAIL RECEPTION WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CUSTOMS MESS ON THE NINTH FLOOR OF RUMSEY STREET MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK BUILDING IN CENTRAL AFTER THE CEREMONY.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CHANGES IN CENTRAL  
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TO FACILITATE RECONSTRUCTION OF STAUNTON STREET, THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS, WHICH HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED IN CENTRAL SINCE SEPTEMBER, WILL REMAIN IN FORCE FOR ANOTHER SIX WEEKS FROM MONDAY (NOVEMBER 10):

- \* THE SECTION OF SHELLEY STREET BETWEEN STAUNTON STREET AND ELGIN STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND AND THE METERED PARKING SPACES ON THIS ROAD SECTION WILL BE SUSPENDED TEMPORARILY. VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT FROM STAUNTON STREET INTO THIS SECTION OF SHELLEY STREET, AND TO TURN EITHER LEFT OR RIGHT FROM SHELLEY STREET INTO ELGIN STREET.
- \* THE SECTION OF ELGIN STREET BETWEEN SHELLEY STREET AND PEEL STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND. VEHICLES CAN NOW TURN EITHER LEFT OR RIGHT FROM ELGIN STREET INTO PEEL STREET.
- \* THE SECTION OF PEEL STREET BETWEEN ELGIN STREET AND STAUNTON STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND, AND VEHICLES CAN TURN LEFT FROM THIS SECTION OF PEEL STREET INTO STAUNTON STREET.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF TSING YI BRIDGE  
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THE TSING YI BRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 12.30 AM TO 2.30 AM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 9) IN ORDER TO MONITOR THE STRUCTURE OF THE BRIDGE.

THE BRIDGE WILL ALSO BE CLOSED FROM 6.30 AM TO 7.30 AM AND FROM 3 PM TO 4 PM ON THE SAME DAY.

DURING THE PERIOD OF CLOSURE, THE BRIDGE WILL BE RE-OPENED TO GENERAL TRAFFIC AT FIVE-MINUTE INTERVALS AND IMMEDIATELY FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES.

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RIGHT-TURN BAN IN CHEUNG SHA WAN  
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FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 10), THE RIGHT TURNING MOVEMENT FROM LAI CHI KOK ROAD NORTHWEST BOUND ON TO FAT TSEUNG STREET NORTHEAST BOUND IN CHEUNG SHA WAN WILL BE BANNED TO IMPROVE ROAD SAFETY AT THE JUNCTION.

MOTORISTS ON LAI CHI KOK ROAD NORTHWEST BOUND HEADING FOR FAT TSEUNG STREET ARE ADVISED TO USE TONKIN STREET AND CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD.

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PARKING SPACES FOR FANLING  
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FROM 8 PM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 10), FOUR METERED PRIVATE CAR PARKING SPACES IN LUEN WO ROAD, FANLING, NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH LUEN CHEONG STREET, WILL COME INTO OPERATION.

FOUR MORE PARKING SPACES FOR GOODS VEHICLES WILL BE PROVIDED IN LUEN CHEONG STREET NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH WO FUNG STREET.

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RE-ROUTING OF MAPLE STREET  
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MAPLE STREET IN TAI KOK TSUI BETWEEN BEDFORD ROAD AND TUNG CHAU STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY TOWARDS BEDFORD ROAD FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 10).

THE MOVE IS DESIGNED TO FACILITATE THE ROAD WORK OF WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR AND WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FOR ABOUT SEVEN WEEKS.

MOTORISTS ON MAPLE STREET HEADING FOR TUNG CHAU STREET ARE ADVISED TO ROUTE VIA BEDFORD ROAD AND LIME STREET.

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