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POLICE COMMISSIONER'S HOLIDAY GREETINGS

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THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR LI KWAN-HA, SAID IN HIS CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR GREETINGS TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THERE HAD BEEN A MARKED DECLINE IN ARMED ROBBERIES AND CAR THEFT IN THE TERRITORY IN THE PAST YEAR.

"IT IS MY DETERMINATION THAT RESOLUTE POLICE ACTION IN COMBATTING CRIME WILL CONTINUE," HE SAID.

MR LI SAID AS A RESULT OF IMPROVEMENT IN RECRUITMENT, THE POLICE WERE ABLE TO COPE WITH THE EXPANDING POPULATION AND THE EVER INCREASING RESPONSIBILITIES IN POLICING THE TERRITORY.

HE STRESSED THAT THE STRONG DETERRENT PRESENCE OF POLICE OFFICERS ON STREETS WOULD BE MAINTAINED AS IT WAS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF THE POLICE ROLE IN HONG KONG.

ON THE SINO-HONG KONG CO-OPERATION IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME, MR LI SAID IT HAD NOT BEEN AFFECTED BY DIFFERENCES IN OTHER AREAS AS BOTH SIDES MAINTAINED REGULAR CONTACTS IN A BID TO UPHOLD THE TERRITORY'S STABILITY AND PROSPERITY.

THE COMMISSIONER ALSO THANKED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR THEIR HELP AND SUPPORT TO THE FORCE, ADDING THAT THE POLICE WERE COMMITTED TO PROVIDING QUALITY SERVICES TO THEM IN A CARING AND PROFESSIONAL MANNER.

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70 NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED

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THE BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT APPROVED 70 NEW BUILDING PLANS IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR. OF THEM, 18 ARE FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, 13 FOR KOWLOON AND 39 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE APPROVED PLANS INCLUDE 28 FOR APARTMENT AND APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS, 11 FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS AND 18 FOR FACTORY AND INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

IN THE MONTH, CONSENTS WERE GIVEN FOR WORK TO START ON 43 PROJECTS, WHICH INVOLVE 163,352 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA AND 169,314 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

MEANWHILE, THE DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED IN THE MONTH TOTALLED ABOUT \$2,704 MILLION.

OF THE BUILDINGS CERTIFIED FOR OCCUPATION IN THE MONTH, USABLE FLOOR AREAS FOR DOMESTIC AND NON-DOMESTIC USE ARE 95,312 SQUARE METRES AND 124,005 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY.

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IN OCTOBER, THE DEPARTMENT ISSUED 41 OCCUPATION PERMITS - 13 FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, 11 FOR KOWLOON AND 17 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN ADDITION, 29 DEMOLITION CONSENTS INVOLVING 62 BUILDINGS WERE ISSUED.

THE DEPARTMENT'S CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION RECEIVED 768 COMPLAINTS OF UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS, CARRIED OUT 1,894 INSPECTIONS AND ISSUED 1,303 REMOVAL ORDERS IN RESPECT OF UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS.

THE DANGEROUS BUILDINGS SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT INSPECTED 894 BUILDINGS AND OBTAINED FIVE EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDERS.

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MONG KOK LAUNCHES DISTRICT FESTIVAL

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THE MONG KOK DISTRICT FESTIVAL WAS LAUNCHED TODAY (SATURDAY), AMID THE FESTIVE JOY OF CHRISTMAS.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR MICHAEL SUEN, PRAISED THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD FOR PLAYING A LEADING ROLE IN ORGANISING THE EVENT.

SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS, THE FESTIVAL AIMED TO ENHANCE THE IMAGE OF THE BOARD AND TO FOSTER A SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG THE RESIDENTS.

THE FESTIVAL WILL LAST UNTIL FEBRUARY 20. MORE THAN 20 ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD.

THESE INCLUDE A NEW YEAR BALL, FESTIVE LIGHTINGS, CONCERTS, VISITS, A PHOTO CONTEST, A FIGHT CRIME DAY AND A CIVIC EDUCATION SEMINAR.

PAMPHLETS SHOWING THE DETAILS OF THE FESTIVAL ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS BRANCH OFFICES.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL 787 0775.

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NEW CLINIC IN TUEN MUN  
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A NEW CLINIC WILL BE OPENED TO SERVE TUEN MUN RESIDENTS NEXT WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 29).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THE NEW TUEN MUN WU HONG CLINIC, AT 2 WU HONG STREET, WILL PROVIDE GENERAL OUT-PATIENT SERVICE AND FAMILY HEALTH SERVICE.

THE OPENING HOURS WILL BE FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM AND FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM DURING WEEKDAYS AND FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM ON SATURDAYS.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINIC IS 458 3788. THAT FOR THE MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRE IS 458 1694.

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SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT GIVES WARMTH TO STREET SLEEPERS  
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS DISHED OUT 967 BLANKETS TO STREET SLEEPERS ALL OVER THE TERRITORY IN TWO EXERCISES THIS WINTER.

THE BLANKETS WERE GIVEN TO 95 STREET SLEEPERS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 11 IN EAST KOWLOON, 270 IN WEST KOWLOON, 21 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES EAST AND 12 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WEST ON NOVEMBER 21.

ON DECEMBER 15, THE EXERCISE BENEFITED 159 ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 15 IN EAST KOWLOON, 251 IN WEST KOWLOON, 25 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES EAST AND NINE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WEST.

THE EXERCISES, WHICH ARE AIMED TO HELP THE NEEDY IN THE STREET, WILL BE MOUNTED WHEN THE TEMPERATURE IS FORECAST TO FALL BELOW 10 DEGREES CELSIUS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

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PUBLIC REMINDED NOT TO BRING IN ENDANGERED SPECIES

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC VISITING CHINA AND OVERSEAS COUNTRIES DURING THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS ARE REMINDED NOT TO BRING BACK ANY ENDANGERED SPECIES ON THEIR RETURN TO HONG KONG.

THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR CONSERVATION OFFICER, MR CHAN JEE-KEUNG, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY):

"BOTH THE CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES AND THE DEPARTMENT HAVE STEPPED UP CONTROL AT ALL ENTRY POINTS TO CHECK ON TRAVELLERS AND GOODS VEHICLES DURING THE HOLIDAY PERIOD.

"ANYONE WHO TRIES TO ILLEGALLY BRING IN ANY ENDANGERED SPECIES, INCLUDING LIVE AND STUFFED SPECIMENS AS WELL AS PARTS AND DERIVATIVES, WILL BE PROSECUTED."

MR CHAN SAID THERE HAD BEEN 377 SEIZURES IN CONNECTION WITH ILLEGAL IMPORT AND POSSESSION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES IN THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF THIS YEAR.

THE SEIZURES INVOLVED WERE MAINLY MEDICINE CLAIMING TO CONTAIN RHINO INGREDIENTS, RHINO HORN AND HIDE, IVORY, TIGER PARTS, CROCODILE MEAT, PANGOLIN SCALE, STUFFED SEA TURTLE, SLOW LORIS, FUR SKINS, SNAKE SKINS AND WILD ORCHIDS AND SO ON.

IT IS AN OFFENCE UNDER THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) ORDINANCE TO IMPORT, EXPORT OR POSSESS ANY ENDANGERED SPECIES WITHOUT THE PRIOR PERMISSION OF THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS MAY RESULT IN A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$25,000 ON THE FIRST OFFENCE AND \$50,000 PLUS SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT FOR A REPEATED OFFENCE, MR CHAN SAID.

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TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS HOTLINE MORE READILY AVAILABLE

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THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS TO MAKE THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT (TCU) MORE READILY AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC BY PUTTING UP SIGNBOARDS CONTAINING THE HOTLINE NUMBER AT MAJOR TRANSPORT TERMINI THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

THE METAL SIGNBOARD WITH GREEN LETTERING AGAINST A WHITE BACKGROUND IN BOTH CHINESE AND ENGLISH READS: "FOR COMPLAINTS AGAINST PUBLIC TRANSPORT, PLEASE PHONE 577 6866 (24 HOURS) -- TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT, TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE."

IT HAS BEEN PUT UP AT 14 LOCATIONS, NAMELY PUBLIC TRANSPORT INTERCHANGES AT THE NORTH POINT FERRY PIER, ADMIRALTY, EDINBURGH PLACE, MACAU FERRY TERMINAL, THE PEAK, THE EXCHANGE SQUARE, TUEN MUN TOWN CENTRE, SHATIN CENTRAL BUS TERMINUS, MUI WO BUS TERMINUS, MTR STATIONS IN CHAI WAN, TSUEN WAN AND KWAI FONG, AND KCR STATIONS IN SHEUNG SHUI AND TAI PO MARKET.

WORK IS IN HAND TO ERECT THE SIGNBOARD AT SIX MORE LOCATIONS, NAMELY PUBLIC TRANSPORT INTERCHANGES AT THE STAR FERRY PIER (KOWLOON), KOWLOON AND MONGKOK STATIONS OF THE KCR, KOWLOON TONG KCR/MTR INTERCHANGE, CHINA FERRY TERMINAL AND THE AIRPORT.

THE TCU CHAIRMAN, MR K Y LEUNG, SAID THE EXERCISE AIMED TO MAKE THE PUBLIC MORE AWARE THAT THE TCU WAS A FORUM TO RECEIVE COMPLAINTS ABOUT PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES.

"THIS IS PARTICULARLY USEFUL TO PEOPLE WHO WISH TO MAKE AN INSTANT COMPLAINT WHILE THEIR MEMORY IS STILL FRESH ABOUT THE TRANSPORT SERVICE THEY HAVE JUST USED VIA THEIR PERSONAL MOBILE PHONE OR A PUBLIC TELEPHONE AT A TRANSPORT TERMINAL."

THE HOTLINE IS MANNED DURING OFFICE HOURS AND CONTINUES TO RECEIVE CALLS OUTSIDE OFFICE HOURS VIA A RECORDER ANSWERING SERVICE.

MR LEUNG SAID: "APART FROM DEALING WITH PUBLIC TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS, TCU ALSO HANDLES COMPLAINTS ABOUT TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND ENFORCEMENT AS WELL AS ROAD MAINTENANCE."

"ALL COMPLAINTS AND SUGGESTIONS RECEIVED ON THE HOTLINE WILL BE CAREFULLY INVESTIGATED AND WHERE NECESSARY, WILL BE REFERRED TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES FOR ACTION," HE SAID.

THE PUBLIC MAY ALSO LODGE A TRANSPORT COMPLAINT BY WRITING TO THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE UNIT ON THE 22ND FLOOR, EAST EXCHANGE TOWER, 38 LEIGHTON ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY.

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### 3,900 STUDENTS JOIN DANCE FESTIVAL

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A TOTAL OF 3,921 STUDENTS FROM 228 SCHOOLS HAVE ENTERED THIS YEAR'S 30TH SCHOOL DANCE FESTIVAL.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS SPORTS COUNCIL. IT WILL BE HELD AT WONG TAI SHAN MEMORIAL COLLEGE AT NAM CHEONG STREET, SHAM SHUI PO, FROM JANUARY 20 TO 31.

OF THE 368 TEAMS, 180 ARE FROM SECONDARY SCHOOLS, 170 FROM PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND 18 FROM SPECIAL SCHOOLS.

THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO FOUR CATEGORIES -- WESTERN FOLK, CHINESE, ORIENTAL AND MODERN DANCES.

PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN TO THREE SECONDARY AND THREE PRIMARY SCHOOLS WHICH HAVE OBTAINED THE HIGHEST TOTAL SCORES IN THEIR BEST FOUR DANCES.

THE MOST PROGRESSIVE SCHOOL AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED TO ONE SECONDARY AND ONE PRIMARY SCHOOL BASED ON THEIR PAST AND CURRENT PARTICIPATION AND RESULTS.

THE WINNERS' PERFORMANCES AND PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL AND HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE IN APRIL.

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### WATER CUTS

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN LAM TIN WILL GO OFF FROM 9.30 AM TO 5 PM ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 28) TO FACILITATE CONNECTION WORK ON WATER MAINS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT LAM TIN PARK AND ALL THE PREMISES IN HONG WAH COURT, HING TIN ESTATE, TAK TIN ESTATE, HONG YING COURT, KWONG TIN ESTATE, HONG NGA COURT AND HONG PAK COURT.

ALSO, OWING TO MAINTENANCE WORK ON WATER MAINS, SALT WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN KWAI CHUNG WILL STOP FROM 8 AM ON TUESDAY TO 8 AM ON THURSDAY.

THE CUT WILL AFFECT ALL THE PREMISES AT LAI KING HILL ROAD, LAI CHI LING ROAD AND WAH KING HILL ROAD, INCLUDING MEI FOO SUN CHUEN, KAU WA KENG, LAI WAN GARDEN, LAI KING ESTATE, CHO YIU CHUEN, LAI YIU ESTATE, WAH YUEN CHUEN AND WONDERLAND VILLAS.

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