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HEALTH DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO CHECK VEGETABLES

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THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TODAY (SUNDAY) CONTINUED THE MONITORING OF FOOD INCLUDING VEGETABLES IMPORTED FROM CHINA AT THE BORDER CHECK POINTS.

SINCE THE BLAST IN SHENZHEN, 176 LORRY-LOADS OF VEGETABLES FROM CHINA HAVE BEEN INSPECTED AND NO CONTAMINATION HAS BEEN DETECTED.

FIFTY-ONE SAMPLES OF VEGETABLES HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE GOVERNMENT LABORATORY FOR TESTS OF CONTAMINATION ARISING FROM THE BLAST, IN PARTICULAR OF ANY POSSIBLE CONTAMINATION BY AMMONIUM NITRATES.

ALL SAMPLES HAVE NEGATIVE RESULTS SHOWING NO EVIDENCE OF CONTAMINATION.

MEANWHILE, THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE THE MONITORING OF VEGETABLES.

THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED TO OBSERVE GOOD HYGIENIC PRACTICES, THOROUGHLY WASH VEGETABLES AND COOK WELL BEFORE CONSUMPTION.

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SECONDARY 6 ADMISSION PROCEDURE

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STAGE I OF THE FIVE-STAGE SECONDARY 6 ADMISSION PROCEDURE WILL BEGIN ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 10) WHEN RESULTS OF THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION ARE ANNOUNCED.

INFORMATION ON THE PROCEDURES FOR EACH STAGE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE EXAMINATION PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING PRIVATE CANDIDATES, FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY) VIA THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S 24-HOUR AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE ENQUIRY SERVICE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

STUDENTS CAN OBTAIN DETAILS OF THE PROCEDURES FOR GETTING A SECONDARY 6 SCHOOL PLACE BY DIALLING 891 0088. THEY SHOULD TAKE THE FOLLOWING STEPS:

- * PRESS THE DIGIT 1 OR 2 TO CHOOSE THE LANGUAGE
- * PRESS 2 FOR STUDENT-RELATED INFORMATION
- * PRESS 4 FOR INFORMATION ON SECONDARY 6 ALLOCATION SYSTEM

ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE SECONDARY 6 ADMISSION PROCEDURE WILL BE HELD AT 3 PM TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE 14TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT WU CHUNG HOUSE, 213 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI.

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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CONSULTATION ON CHARGING FOR CHEMICAL WASTE ENDS SOON

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THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT CONSULTATION ON A PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE A DIRECT CHARGING SCHEME FOR THE USE OF THE CHEMICAL WASTE TREATMENT FACILITY WILL END ON AUGUST 14 THIS YEAR.

THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO INTRODUCE THE CHARGING SCHEME BY PHASES FROM MID-1994.

THE PROPOSED SCHEME IS IN LINE WITH THE POLLUTER PAYS PRINCIPLE AND IS DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE WASTE MINIMISATION AND ADOPTION OF CLEANER PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE ENVIRONMENT DIVISION, PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS BRANCH, 20TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE THE END OF THE CONSULTATION ON AUGUST 14.

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NEW GEOLOGICAL MAP PUBLISHED

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THE GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING OFFICE (GEO) OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT HAS PUBLISHED A GEOLOGICAL MAP OF THE NORTHEASTERN PART OF THE TERRITORY.

THE MAP, OF 1:20 000 SCALE, SHOWS THE GEOLOGY OF BOTH THE ONSHORE AND OFFSHORE AREAS. IT IS THE 12TH IN A SERIES PRODUCED BY THE GEO AS A RESULT OF THE SYSTEMATIC GEOLOGICAL MAPPING OF THE TERRITORY UNDER A GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

THE AREAS COVERED INCLUDE MUCH OF MIRS BAY WITH ITS NUMEROUS SCENIC ISLANDS, SUCH AS TAP MUN CHAU (GRASS ISLAND), CHEK CHAU (PORT ISLAND), WONG WAN CHAU (DOUBLE ISLAND), NGO MEI CHAU (CRESCENT ISLAND) AND KAT O CHAU (CROOKED ISLAND).

THE ISLANDS OF PING CHAU AND SHEK NGAU CHAU HAVE BEEN INCLUDED AS INSETS FOR COMPLETENESS.

THE LARGELY UNDEVELOPED RECREATIONAL AREA COVERED BY THE MAP IS OF PARTICULAR GEOLOGICAL IMPORTANCE AND INTEREST.

THE STRIKING RED SANDSTONES THERE ARE NOT FOUND ELSEWHERE IN HONG KONG, OFFERING A SCENIC VIEW AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY THEIR SEDIMENTOLOGICAL FEATURES.

THE OLDEST AND YOUNGEST SEDIMENTARY ROCK UNITS IN THE TERRITORY CAN ALSO BE SEEN, FROM THE DEVONIAN SANDSTONES AND CONGLOMERATES OF THE BLUFF HEAD FORMATION ALONG THE NORTHERN LANDMASS OF THE TOLO CHANNEL TO THE UNUSUAL LACUSTRINE SEDIMENTS OF PALAEOGENE AGE FOUND ON PING CHAU.

BOTH AREAS HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED SITES OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST, LARGELY FOR THEIR GEOLOGICAL IMPORTANCE.

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THE MAP ALSO INCLUDES A NUMBER OF LOCALITIES WHERE WELL-PRESERVED FOSSILS CAN BE FOUND.

PLANTS AND INSECTS HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED ON PING CHAU AND THE AMMONITE, HONGKONGITES HONGKONGENSIS, WAS FIRST IDENTIFIED FROM THE ROCKS OF THE TOLO CHANNEL COAST.

THE MAP WILL NOT ONLY BE OF VALUE TO THOSE CONCERNED WITH PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION, BUT WILL ALSO HELP THE GENERAL PUBLIC GAIN A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING AND ENJOYMENT OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IN THEIR RECREATIONAL PURSUITS.

THE MAP WILL BE FOLLOWED IN THE NEAR FUTURE BY THE PUBLICATION OF A FULL ACCOUNT OF THE GEOLOGY IN A MEMOIR WHICH WILL ALSO DESCRIBE TWO PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED GEOLOGICAL MAPS (SHEETS 2 AND 3).

ALL PUBLISHED MAPS AND MEMOIRS OF THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AND MAP SALES OUTLETS OF THE LANDS DEPARTMENT.

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HONG KONG DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL NEW YORK RACES HELD

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SEVENTEEN TEAMS YESTERDAY (NEW YORK TIME) COMPETED IN EXCITING HONG KONG DRAGON BOAT RACES ON THE LAKE AT FLUSHING MEADOWS IN CORONA PARK, NEW YORK.

WINNING TEAMS INCLUDE PANE STONE CONSTRUCTION, WALL STREET LIONS CLUB, DELOITTE & TOUCHE, KOREAN AMERICAN NY CLUB. THEY WILL GO ON TO COMPETE IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP RACE NEXT SUNDAY (AUGUST 15) ON THE HUDSON RIVER AS PART OF THE HONG KONG DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL IN NEW YORK.

THE THIRD ANNUAL HONG KONG DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL, SPONSORED BY THE HONGKONG BANK, RUNS FROM AUGUST 7 TO 15.

THE WINNING TEAM OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP RACE WILL BE FLOWN TO HONG KONG TO COMPETE IN THE 1994 HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL BY DELTA AIR LINES, THE OFFICIAL CARRIER OF THE HONG KONG DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL.

THE 17 TEAMS PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S NEW YORK CITY RACES ARE: PANE STONE CONSTRUCTION, KOREAN AMERICAN NY CLUB, CHINESE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI, HONG KONG ASSOCIATION, BATTLE FOWLER, TWO TEAMS FROM DELOITTE & TOUCHE, WEBSTER HALL, THE VIKINGS, BANK OF EAST ASIA, DAL CHONG HONG, CHINATOWN YMCA, HONGKONG BANK, WALL STREET LIONS CLUB, WESTCHESTER/HONG KONG SCHOOL ALUMNI, AT&T, AND DEBEVOISE & PLIMPTON.

ADDRESSING THE OPENING OF THE HONG KONG DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL IN NEW YORK, SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR JAMES SO, SAID: "THE DRAGON BOAT RACE, ACCORDING TO OLD CHINESE LEGEND STARTED OVER 2,000 YEARS AGO TO COMMEMORATE THE TRAGIC DEATH OF THE RIGHTEOUS, HONEST AND PATRIOTIC POET AND STATESMAN QU YUAN, HAS NOW BECOME AN INTERNATIONAL SPORTING EVENT.

"EVERY YEAR IN JUNE, OVER 30 TEAMS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD COME TO HONG KONG TO TAKE PART IN THE HONG KONG DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL RACES HELD IN VICTORIA HARBOUR," HE SAID.

HE SAID HE WAS DELIGHTED TO SEE THAT THIS TRADITIONAL CHINESE FESTIVAL SPORTING EVENT HAD NOW TAKEN ROOT IN NEW YORK.

"THIS YEAR, THE NUMBER OF TEAMS PARTICIPATING IN THE DRAGON BOAT RACES HERE IN YOUR GREAT CITY HAS MORE THAN DOUBLED THE NUMBER OF TEAMS TAKING PART IN 1991.

"THIS YEAR'S EVENT HAS MORE COLOUR AND VARIETY, IN THE FORM OF AN EXHIBITION AND CULTURAL FAIR HELD AT THE WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER IN LOWER MANHATTAN," HE ADDED.

"I HOPE THESE EVENTS WILL ENABLE NEW YORKERS TO HAVE A COLOURFUL INSIGHT INTO THE MANY FACETED LIFE OF HONG KONG.

"I HOPE BY STAGING THESE CULTURAL EVENTS, WE WILL FOSTER A BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND CLOSER TIES BETWEEN US, SO AS TO ENHANCE THE ALREADY CLOSE TRADING AND ECONOMIC TIES BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE USA," HE SAID.

"TODAY'S RACE MARKS THE OPENING OF THE THIRD HONG KONG DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL IN NEW YORK," SAID HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE DIRECTOR MR ALEX FONG AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

"WHEN THIS FESTIVAL WAS FIRST ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE AND THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK IN 1991, THE BATTLE ON THE WATER WAS FOUGHT BETWEEN 11 TEAMS ON THE HUDSON RIVER," HE SAID.

"I AM PLEASED TO SAY THAT WE HAVE MOVED A LONG WAY SINCE THEN," HE ADDED. "THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL WILL BE MADE UP OF NOT ONLY THE HUDSON RIVER RACES, BUT TODAY'S RACE HELD HERE AT THE FLUSHING MEADOWS CORONA PARK. A TOTAL OF 24 TEAMS ARE COMPETING IN THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL. TWO CANADIAN TEAMS WILL BE MAKING THEIR FIRST APPEARANCE IN THE HUDSON RIVER RACE,"

THE HONG KONG DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL ALSO FEATURES A HONG KONG EXHIBITION/CULTURAL FAIR AT THE WINTER GARDEN AT THE WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER FROM AUGUST 12 TO 15 AT 11 AM TO 6 PM.

HONG KONG WILL COME TO LIFE DURING THE FOUR DAYS. VISITORS WILL BE ABLE TO SAMPLE TRADITIONAL CHINESE DISHES, WATCH CHINESE ARTISANS CREATE ART OBJECTS, WATCH TRADITIONAL CHINESE DANCES AND SEE PERFORMANCES BY A CHINESE MUSIC ENSEMBLE, BROUGHT OVER FROM HONG KONG - THANKS TO THE HELP OF MR JAMES SO AND THE ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS IN HONG KONG - AND VIEW DEMONSTRATIONS OF CHINESE MARTIAL ARTS.

VISITORS WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO SEE THE MODERN FACES OF HONG KONG.

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AFD SUBSIDIES FOR SECONDARY STUDIES

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CHILDREN OF FARMING AND FISHING FAMILIES IN NEED OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO COMPLETE THEIR SECONDARY EDUCATION ARE REMINDED TO APPLY EARLY FOR THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND MARINE FISH SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SAID APPLICATIONS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS WILL CLOSE ON AUGUST 18 (WEDNESDAY).

APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS ON THE 12TH FLOOR OF CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON AND FROM VARIOUS DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES LIAISON OFFICES.

APPLICANTS MUST BE STUDENTS IN FORMS 4 TO 7 AND THE AWARDS CAN BE TENABLE AT ANY SECONDARY SCHOOL IN HONG KONG.

SCHOLARSHIPS MAY BE AWARDED TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE ACHIEVED A STANDARD OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"STUDENTS MAY ALSO APPLY FOR GRANTS TO COVER TUITION FEES AND PURCHASE OF BOOKS. SUCH SUBMISSIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED ON A NEED BASIS," HE ADDED.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT APPLICATION PROCEDURES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND MARINE FISH SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TEL 733 2249.

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WATER CUT IN PEAK AREAS

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FRESH AND FLUSHING WATER SUPPLIES TO SOME PREMISES ON THE PEAK WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 10) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE WASTE DETECTION WORK ON WATER MAINS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT MOUNT KELLET ROAD, PLUNKETT'S ROAD, PLANTATION ROAD, BLUFF PATH, 22 AND 24 GOUGH HILL ROAD, POLLOCK'S PATH, 3, 4, 26, 28, 30 AND 36 SEVERN ROAD, 60, 62, 64, 66, 99, 100 AND 110-116 PEAK ROAD; AND 4 PEEL RISE.

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