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SOURCE OF TAINTED CHOI SUM  
BLOCKED AT BORDER - HYGIENE ADVISER

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THE SUSPECTED SOURCE OF THE TAINTED CHOI SUM HAS BEEN LOCATED AND NO FURTHER TRUCKLOADS OF PRODUCE FROM THERE ARE BEING PERMITTED FOR SALE IN HONG KONG.

THE HYGIENE ADVISER OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH, DR RONALD PERRY, SAID THIS TODAY WHEN HE MADE A DETAILED REPORT TO THE URBAN COUNCIL'S FOOD HYGIENE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE OUTBREAK OF FOOD POISONING CAUSED BY CHOI SUM.

DR PERRY PRAISED THE WORK OF HEALTH INSPECTORS AND FOOD INSPECTORS WHO HAD SPENT MANY HOURS GOING TO THE HOMES OF THE VICTIMS AND LOCATING RETAILERS LAST WEEK TO SEEK A COMMON CAUSE FOR THE FOOD POISONING, AND WHO FOUND IN THE HOME OF SOME OF VICTIMS UNUSED CHOI SUM WHICH WAS IMMEDIATELY SENT FOR ANALYSIS.

"THE GOVERNMENT CHEMIST, WHO HAD BEEN ALERTED BY THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH, THEN ARRANGED FOR STAFF TO WORK OVER LAST WEEKEND TO CONDUCT URGENT TESTS," SAID DR PERRY.

"AT THE SAME TIME, ALL BUT A SKELETON STAFF OF FOOD INSPECTORS FROM THE MAIN TOWNS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WERE CONCENTRATED AT THE MAN KAM TO BORDER CROSSING POINT TO INSPECT AND TAKE SAMPLES OF CHOI SUM FOR TESTING.

"ALSO, USD HEALTH INSPECTORS WERE OUT IN FORCE IN SHAM SHUI PO, THE DISTRICT AFFECTED, TO CHECK ON HAWKERS' CHOI SUM SUPPLIES, AND WHERE THESE CAME FROM.

"AS A RESULT OF THIS CO-ORDINATED ACTION, THE SUSPECTED SOURCE WAS IDENTIFIED AND ABOUT 300 KG OF CHOI SUM WERE CONFISCATED AND DESTROYED."

DR PERRY SAID THAT THE PESTICIDE CONCERNED WAS NOT REGISTERED IN HONG KONG AND THEREFORE WAS ILLEGAL TO BE USED HERE.

"CHOI SUM, OR FLOWERING CABBAGE, IS PARTICULARLY SUSCEPTIBLE TO WORMS AND IT APPEARS THAT THE PESTICIDE WAS SPRAYED ON THE VEGETABLES CONCERNED NOT LONG BEFORE THEY WERE CUT FOR MARKETING," HE SAID.

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"QUITE APART FROM THE USE OF THIS PARTICULAR PESTICIDE, IT IS GOOD FARMING PRACTICE NOT TO SPRAY PESTICIDE ONTO VEGETABLES FOR AT LEAST ONE TO TWO WEEKS BEFORE CUTTING," HE SAID.

CONCERNING THE PEOPLE AFFECTED, HE SAID MOST HAD ALREADY MADE A GOOD RECOVERY AND IT WAS EXPECTED THAT THE REMAINING FEW VICTIMS WOULD ALSO RECOVER.

DR PERRY SAID THAT THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH WOULD BE ASKING BOTH THE URBAN COUNCIL AND REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL TO HAVE STAFF AT BORDER CROSSING POINTS FULL TIME SO THAT CONTINUOUS CHECKS CAN BE MADE ON FOOD COMING INTO HONG KONG WHICH THROUGH MAN KAM TO IS AT A PRESENT RATE OF 500 LORRYLOADS A DAY.

THOUGH THE PRESENT OUTBREAK WAS THOUGHT TO BE FULLY CONTAINED, HE REITERATED THAT THE PESTICIDE WAS SOLUBLE IN WATER AND THAT VERY THOROUGH WASHING OF THE VEGETABLE BEFORE COOKING SHOULD KEEP THE RISK TO A MINIMAL LEVEL.

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PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF RETAIL SALES SURVEY  
FOR SEPTEMBER RELEASED

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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR ESTIMATED AT \$7,223 MILLION, WAS 19 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR WHILST THEIR VOLUME WAS 11 PER CENT HIGHER, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARING THE PERIOD JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, TOTAL RETAIL SALES INCREASED BY 16 PER CENT IN VALUE AND NINE PER CENT IN VOLUME.

THIS REFLECTED BUOYANT CONSUMER DEMAND DURING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, PARTICULARLY IN THE THIRD QUARTER, CONSISTENT WITH THE HIGH LEVEL OF ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE.

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ANALYSED BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS, RETAIL SALES OF FUELS INCREASED BY 13 PER CENT IN VALUE AND FOUR PER CENT IN VOLUME IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR. FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO ROSE BY NINE PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND THREE PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, RETAIL SALES OF "OTHER CONSUMER GOODS" ROSE SUBSTANTIALLY BY 24 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 15 PER CENT IN VOLUME. "CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS" AND CONSUMER DURABLES WENT UP BY 22 PER CENT AND 20 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN SALES VALUE AND 15 PER CENT AND 11 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN SALES VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY BY 59 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 48 PER CENT IN VOLUME. DEPARTMENT STORES ALSO ROSE SUBSTANTIALLY BY 46 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 37 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

SUPERMARKET SALES INCREASED BY 16 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 10 PER CENT IN VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS HAD AN INCREASE OF FIVE PER CENT IN SALES VALUE, BUT WITH LITTLE CHANGE IN SALES VOLUME.

COMPARING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1986, IN RESPECT OF THE MAJOR TRADE GROUPS, FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO INCREASED MODERATELY BY 10 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND SIX PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. FUELS WENT UP BY THREE PER CENT IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, RETAIL SALES OF "OTHER CONSUMER GOODS" AND CONSUMER DURABLES BOTH INCREASED BY 20 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 12 PER CENT AND 11 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN VOLUME. CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS WENT UP BY 16 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND NINE PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY BY 43 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 29 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

SALES BY DEPARTMENT STORES AND SUPERMARKETS WENT UP BY 27 PER CENT AND 20 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN VALUE AND 19 PER CENT AND 16 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN VOLUME.

CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED BY 12 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND FIVE PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1987, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON IS AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, TOTAL RETAIL SALES FOR SEPTEMBER 1987 DECREASED SLIGHTLY BY ONE PER CENT IN VALUE AND TWO PER CENT IN VOLUME.

IN TERMS OF BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME, FUELS WENT UP BY ONE PER CENT WHILE FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED.

OVER THE SAME MONTH, RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS INCREASED BY FOUR PER CENT IN VALUE AND ONE PER CENT IN VOLUME. "OTHER CONSUMER GOODS" DROPPED BY TWO PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND FOUR PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME, WHILST THE CORRESPONDING DECREASES FOR CONSUMER DURABLES WERE FOUR PER CENT AND FIVE PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED BY THREE PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME. SUPERMARKETS SALES ROSE SLIGHTLY BY ONE PER CENT IN VALUE AND RECORDED ALMOST NO CHANGE IN VOLUME.

CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS FELL BY EIGHT PER CENT IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME. SALES BY DEPARTMENT STORES DECREASED BY 13 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 16 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED TOTAL RETAIL SALES FIGURE FOR AUGUST 1987 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURE FOR SEPTEMBER 1987.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES IN AUGUST 1987 AND SEPTEMBER 1987 (A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES, (B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS AND (C) BY SELECTED TRADES (WHICH FORM PART OF THE RELEVANT MAJOR TRADE GROUPS), WITH AVERAGE RETAIL SALES FROM OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 TAKEN AS 100.

COMPARISONS OF SEPTEMBER 1987 RESULTS WITH THOSE FOR AUGUST 1987 AND WITH THOSE FOR SEPTEMBER 1986 AND COMPARISONS OF RETAIL SALES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 1987 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1986 ARE ALSO GIVEN.

THE REPORT CONTAINING THE ANALYSIS OF THE SEPTEMBER 1987 SURVEY RESULTS IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION SALES CENTRE. GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AT \$1 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL NO. 5-8234941).

TABLE 1 : TOTAL RETAIL SALES

Total Retail Sales for September 1987 (Provisional Figure) = HK\$7,223 million  
for August 1987 (Revised Figure) = HK\$7,333 million

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES  
FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 1987

(Monthly average of Oct. 84 - Sept. 85 = 100)

Item	Index of Retail Sales	August 1987	September 1987	September 1987 compared with August 1987		September 1987 compared with September 1986		Jan. - Sept. 87 compared with Jan. - Sept. 86	
		(Revised figures)	(Provisional figures)	Points	%	Points	%	Points	%
(A) <u>FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES</u>	Value	131	129	- 2	- 1	+21	+19	+17	+16
	Volume	117	114	- 3	- 2	+11	+11	+ 9	+ 9
(B) <u>BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS</u>									
	Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco								
	Value	117	117	•	•	+10	+ 9	+11	+10
	Volume	109	108	•	•	+ 4	+ 3	+ 6	+ 6
	Fuels								
	Value	94	94	+ 1	+ 1	+11	+13	+ 2	+ 3
	Volume	103	103	+ 1	+ 1	+ 4	+ 4	+ 3	+ 3
	Clothing, footwear and allied products								
	Value	130	135	+ 5	+ 4	+25	+22	+18	+16
	Volume	116	118	+ 2	+ 1	+15	+15	+10	+ 9
	Consumer durables								
	Value	146	140	- 6	- 4	+23	+20	+21	+20
	Volume	124	119	- 6	- 5	+12	+11	+11	+11
	Other consumer goods								
	Value	138	134	- 3	- 2	+26	+24	+20	+20
	Volume	121	116	- 4	- 4	+16	+15	+11	+12
(C) <u>BY SELECTED TRADES</u> (see note 1 below)									
	Supermarkets								
	Value	146	147	+ 1	+ 1	+20	+16	+23	+20
	Volume	136	136	•	•	+13	+10	+17	+16
	Motor vehicles and parts								
	Value	208	215	+ 7	+ 3	+80	+59	+51	+43
	Volume	159	163	+ 5	+ 3	+53	+48	+31	+29
	Consumer durables other than motor vehicles and parts								
	Value	127	117	-10	- 8	+ 6	+ 5	+12	+12
	Volume	114	105	- 9	- 8	•	•	+ 5	+ 5
	Department stores								
	Value	156	135	-21	-13	+43	+46	+26	+27
	Volume	141	118	-23	-16	+32	+37	+18	+19

- Notes :**
- In order to analyse the sales of certain trades within major trade groups, the value and volume indexes in respect of the following selected trades are compiled:
    - "Supermarkets" - a trade in the "Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco" group.
    - "Motor vehicles and parts" - a trade in the "Consumer durables" group.
    - "Consumer durables other than motor vehicles and parts" - a trade in the "Consumer durables" group.
    - "Department stores" - a trade in the "Other consumer goods" group.
  - Figures denoting changes are derived from the unrounded index figures.
  - "•" denotes change of less than 0.5.

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MORE ACTIVITY CENTRES FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PLANNED

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THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, DISCLOSED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT FOUR DAY ACTIVITY CENTRES WITH 190 PLACES FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED ADULTS WERE EXPECTED TO BE IN OPERATION WITHIN THIS FINANCIAL YEAR.

IN ADDITION, ANOTHER 15 CENTRES WITH 1,060 PLACES ARE BEING PLANNED FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, SAID MR CHAMBERS WHEN HE OFFICIATED AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF CHUN SHEK ADULT TRAINING CENTRE.

WITH THE OPENING OF THE CENTRE, A TOTAL OF 1,070 DAY ACTIVITY CENTRE PLACES ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED ADULTS.

TRAINING PROGRAMMES IN THE CENTRES ARE DESIGNED TO HELP THE TRAINEES TO COPE WITH THEIR DAILY LIVES MORE INDEPENDENTLY AND TO PREPARE THEM FOR WORK IN A SHELTERED WORKSHOP OR OPEN EMPLOYMENT.

SOCIAL TRAINING, BASIC LITERARY AND NUMERICAL EDUCATION, SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY AND SEX EDUCATION ARE ALSO INCLUDED IN THE TRAINING PROGRAMMES.

"I STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT IF DISABLED PEOPLE, EVEN THE QUITE SEVERELY HANDICAPPED, CAN BE PROVIDED WITH PROPER TRAINING, THEY ARE CAPABLE OF BECOMING MORE INDEPENDENT AND SELF-RELIANT IN THEIR DAILY LIVES AS WELL AS UNDERTAKING A WIDE RANGE OF UNSKILLED OR SEMI-SKILLED WORK, EITHER IN THE COMMUNITY, OR UNDER SHELTERED WORK CONDITIONS," MR CHAMBERS SAID.

HE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE SOCIETY OF HOMES FOR THE HANDICAPPED FOR ITS VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH ITS UNFAILING EFFORTS IN PROVIDING REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR THE DISABLED, PARTICULARLY FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

CHUN SHEK ADULT TRAINING CENTRE PROVIDES TRAINING AND CARE FOR 50 ADULTS WHO RANGE FROM LOW MODERATE TO SEVERELY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

THIS CENTRE IS THE FIFTH OF ITS KIND RUN BY THE SOCIETY OF HOMES FOR THE HANDICAPPED.

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SEWAGE SCREENING PLANT TO HELP IMPROVE  
HARBOUR WATER QUALITY

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A PRIMARY SEWAGE SCREENING PLANT, WHICH WILL CONTRIBUTE TO IMPROVED WATER QUALITY IN VICTORIA HARBOUR, WILL BE COMPLETED IN TO KWA WAN, KOWLOON, IN 1990.

THE TO KWA WAN SEWAGE SCREENING PLANT WILL PROVIDE SCREENING AND DEGRITTING FACILITIES TO THE SEWAGE PRIOR TO DISCHARGE INTO VICTORIA HARBOUR VIA A NEW MULTI-PORT SUBMARINE OUTFALL OFF TO KWA WAN RECLAMATION AREA.

"IT IS ENVISAGED THAT ON THE COMPLETION OF THE SCREENING PLANT, WHICH HAS BEEN DESIGNED FOR A POPULATION OF 360,000, THE QUALITY OF COASTAL WATERS OFF TO KWA WAN WILL BE IMPROVED," THE PROJECT ENGINEER OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR K.K. YUNG, SAID.

"THE MAIN CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS INCLUDE AN INLET PUMPING STATION, SCREENING CHAMBERS, DETRITORS, PLANT HOUSES, TRANSFORMER HOUSE, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ANCILLARY STRUCTURES, ASSOCIATED PIPEWORKS AND ROADWORKS," HE ADDED.

THE DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT, WORK ON WHICH IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN NEXT APRIL AND TAKE ABOUT 24 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND THE CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS 12 NOON ON DECEMBER 18.

PRESENTLY, THERE ARE A TOTAL OF 15 PRIMARY SEWAGE SCREENING PLANTS, WHICH WILL BE INCREASED TO 22 BY LATE 1990.

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> THIRD INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON LANGUAGES IN EDUCATION

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THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ITS THIRD INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR FROM DECEMBER 15 TO 17 AT THE SHANGRI-LA HOTEL, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

THE SEMINAR WILL BE OPENED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, MRS RITA FAN.

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, WILL GIVE A WELCOMING ADDRESS AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION, DR VERNER BICKLEY, WILL CLOSE THE SEMINAR.

THE THEME OF THE SEMINAR IS "LANGUAGES IN EDUCATION IN A BILINGUAL OR MULTI-LINGUAL SETTING".

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THE SEMINAR IS PARTICULARLY RELEVANT TO HONG KONG IN ITS PRESENT SITUATION WHEN LANGUAGE POLICIES AND THEIR IMPLEMENTATION ARE BEING SERIOUSLY DISCUSSED BY PROFESSIONALS AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE.

ISSUES RELATED TO LANGUAGE PLANNING IN EDUCATION, MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION, LANGUAGE AS A SUBJECT, BILINGUAL DEVELOPMENT OF INDIVIDUALS, LANGUAGE AWARENESS AND THE TEACHING AND LEARNING OF LANGUAGES WILL BE EXAMINED AT THE SEMINAR.

THE SEMINAR HAS ATTRACTED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST AND 300 PROFESSIONALS FROM OVERSEAS AND HONG KONG ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FUNCTION.

THEY INCLUDE SPECIALISTS IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH LINGUISTICS AND APPLIED LINGUISTICS, LANGUAGE TEACHER EDUCATION, MANAGEMENT, EVALUATION AND CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT.

OVERSEAS PARTICIPANTS WILL COME FROM MORE THAN 15 COUNTRIES, INCLUDING AUSTRALIA, BRUNEI, CANADA, CHINA, FRANCE, INDIA, INDONESIA, JAPAN, MALAYSIA, PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE, SRI LANKA, THAILAND, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES.

LOCAL EXPERTS FROM MORE THAN 20 INSTITUTIONS, ORGANISATIONS AND SCHOOLS WILL ATTEND THE SEMINAR.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT OVER 115 PAPERS AND WORKSHOPS WILL BE PRESENTED DURING THE THREE DAYS OF THE SEMINAR.

THE KEYNOTE SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE THE WORLD'S LEADING LINGUIST, PROFESSOR M.A.K. HALLIDAY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SIDNEY, AUSTRALIA; PROFESSOR JIM CUMMINS OF THE ONTARIO INSTITUTE FOR STUDIES IN EDUCATION, TORONTO, CANADA; PROFESSOR PHILIP RILEY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NANCY, FRANCE; DR RONALD CARTER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM OF THE U.K; MR CHEW CHENG-HAI OF THE INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION, SINGAPORE; MR LIU QUO-ZHENG OF THE PEOPLE'S EDUCATION PRESS, CHINA; AND DR VERNER BICKLEY OF THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE SEMINAR WILL PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR TEACHERS AND INTERESTED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO MEET EXPERTS IN THE FIELD AND DISCUSS WITH THEM ISSUES IN LANGUAGES EDUCATION WHICH ARE OF SPECIAL CONCERN TO THE HONG KONG COMMUNITY AT THIS POINT OF TIME.

ENQUIRIES ON FURTHER DETAILS AND IMMEDIATE REGISTRATION, MAY BE MADE TO THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION ON 3-7719418.

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PROGRESS IN URUGUAY TRADE TALKS IMPORTANT: STI

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THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, HAS UNDERLINED THE IMPORTANCE OF MAKING PROGRESS IN THE URUGUAY ROUND OF MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

MR MACLEOD WAS STATING HONG KONG'S VIEWS ON THE WORK OF THE GATT AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF GATT MEMBERS IN GENEVA EARLIER THIS WEEK.

MR MACLEOD ALSO EMPHASISED THE NEED NOT ONLY TO IMPROVE GATT RULES, BUT ALSO TO DO ALL THAT WAS POSSIBLE TO ENCOURAGE ADHERENCE TO THE RULES.

"THE GAP BETWEEN THE RHETORIC AND THE REALITY IS DANGEROUSLY WIDE. IT IS AS IMPORTANT TO USE THE URUGUAY ROUND TO REVIVE SOME IDEALISM, SOME WILLINGNESS TO ADHERE TO THE RULES AND TO MAKE THE SYSTEM WORK, AS TO USE IT TO IMPROVE THE RULES THEMSELVES.

"IN THIS CONTEXT TRADE IN GOODS IS STILL AT CENTRE STAGE. AND THE ESSENTIAL TASK IS TO MAKE THE STANDSTILL AND ROLLBACK COMMITMENTS WORK, IN A RATIONAL, CONSTRUCTIVE AND UNTHREATENING MANNER."

HE WENT ON TO DEFEND GATT AGAINST SOME OF THE CRITICISMS LEVELLED AGAINST IT BY REFERRING TO TWO POINTS WHICH ILLUSTRATED THE GATT'S KEY ROLE IN THE CURRENT SITUATION.

"FIRST, MORE GATT PANELS HAD BEEN CONVENED DURING THE PAST YEAR THAN AT ANY TIME IN THE GATT'S 40-YEAR HISTORY, CLEARLY NOT SUGGESTING ANY LOSS OF FAITH IN THE ABILITY OF THE GATT TO HELP SOLVE TRADE DISPUTES.

"SECONDLY, THE VERY EXISTENCE OF THE URUGUAY ROUND AND THE OBVIOUS COMMITMENT OF PARTICIPANTS IN IT TO MAKE REAL PROGRESS DEMONSTRATED THE GATT WAS STILL AN EFFECTIVE FORUM FOR MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS."

THAT SAID, MR MACLEOD WARNED: "WE SHALL RIGHTLY BE JUDGED BY HOW WE ACT, NOT JUST BY HOW WE SPEAK."

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REVIEW ARTICLE ON HARMONISED SYSTEM PUBLISHED  
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THE SEPTEMBER 1987 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS CONTAINS A SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE ENTITLED "THE HARMONISED COMMODITY DESCRIPTION AND CODING SYSTEM".

HONG KONG WILL IMPLEMENT THE HARMONISED COMMODITY DESCRIPTION AND CODING SYSTEM, OR HARMONISED SYSTEM FOR SHORT, FOR IMPORT AND EXPORT DECLARATION PURPOSES AS FROM JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR. THE HARMONISED SYSTEM WAS DEVELOPED BY THE CUSTOMS COOPERATION COUNCIL AND WILL BE ADOPTED BY MANY TRADING NATIONS AS FROM 1988.

THE ARTICLE DESCRIBED HONG KONG'S PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTING THE NEW COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM, ITS STRUCTURE AND ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE EXISTING SYSTEM WHICH IS BASED ON THE UNITED NATIONS' STANDARD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION, REVISION 2. IT ALSO DISCUSSES THE EFFECTS OF THE CHANGEOVER ON IMPORTERS, EXPORTERS AND USERS OF TRADE STATISTICS.

THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS IS NOW ON SALE AT \$28 PER COPY. PURCHASES MAY BE MADE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, OR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATION SALES COUNTER, 19/F., WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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CALL FOR SUPPORT IN COMBATING TRIADS  
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WERE TODAY (THURSDAY) URGED TO REJECT TRIADS AND REPORT THEIR ACTIVITIES TO THE POLICE SO THAT ACTION COULD BE TAKEN TO COMBAT AND BREAK UP THE GANGS.

MAKING THE APPEAL IN THE ANTI-TRIAD NIGHT OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ANTI-TRIAD CAMPAIGN, THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SIMON LORD ALSO POINTED OUT THE EVIL NATURE OF TRIADS.

"TRIADS ARE EVIL. THEY ARE NEITHER BRAVE NOR GLAMOROUS, AND THEY ONLY PREY ON THE WEAK AND THE DEFENCELESS."

"IF PEOPLE REJECT THEM AND REPORT THEIR ACTIVITIES, THEY CANNOT SURVIVE," HE SAID.

THE ANTI-TRIAD NIGHT, HELD AT THE LEI TUNG COMMUNITY HALL ON AP LEI CHAU, WAS THE CLIMAX OF THE CAMPAIGN AND ATTRACTED A FULL HOUSE AUDIENCE.

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THE PROGRAMME INCLUDED A PLAY STAGED BY JUNIOR POLICE CALL MEMBERS AND PERFORMANCES BY TV ARTISTES AND SINGERS.

DURING THE FUNCTION, PRIZES WERE ALSO AWARDED TO WINNERS OF A SERIES OF COMPETITIONS, INCLUDING ESSAY WRITING, POSTER DESIGN, SLOGAN, SOCCER AND TABLE TENNIS, WHICH WERE ORGANISED AS PART OF THE CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE THE ANTI-TRIAD MESSAGE.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS OF THE FUNCTION INCLUDED THE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER (WESTERN), MR E.J. STEVENSON; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR JASPER LAM; SOUTHERN DISTRICT ANTI-TRIAD CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE MEMBER, MADAM SO CHOW YIM-PING; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR KAN MAN-LEE.

THE DISTRICT'S ANTI-TRIAD CAMPAIGN WILL CONTINUE WITH A SERIES OF TALKS IN SCHOOLS IN THE COMING MONTHS TO WARN STUDENTS OF THE GRAVE CONSEQUENCES OF INVOLVING IN TRIAD ACTIVITIES.

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#### CIVIC EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE SET UP

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TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION AMONG RESIDENTS, A CIVIC EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE HAS RECENTLY BEEN SET UP IN YUEN LONG AND WILL BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC FROM DECEMBER 8, A YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

"LOCATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICES BUILDING, THE CENTRE IS EQUIPPED WITH A COLLECTION OF VIDEO TAPES, SLIDES, PHOTOGRAPHS, REPORTS, BOOKS, NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS AND DISPLAY BOARDS."

"THE SUBJECTS COVERED RANGED FROM THE HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT OF YUEN LONG TO THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME AND CIVIC EDUCATION MATTERS IN GENERAL," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THESE SUBJECTS WERE PRESENTED IN AN INTERESTING AND EASY TO UNDERSTAND MANNER.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT THE CENTRE IS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON CIVIC EDUCATION MATTERS IN RELATION TO THE DISTRICT'S CHARACTERISTICS. IT ALSO PROVIDES INFORMATION ON YUEN LONG'S HERITAGE AND DEVELOPMENTS.

"IN THE LONG TERM, WE HOPE THE CENTRE CAN GENERATE CIVIC EDUCATION-ORIENTATED ACTIVITIES FROM ITS USERS, ESPECIALLY YOUNG PEOPLE."

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THE CENTRE IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON TUESDAYS FROM 3.30 PM TO 4.30 PM. GROUP VISITS WILL BE ARRANGED FOR THURSDAY AFTERNOONS.

ADVANCE BOOKING IS REQUIRED FOR GROUP VISITS. RESIDENTS MAY CALL 0-792261 OR OBTAIN APPLICATION FORMS FROM THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE PUBLIC ENQUIRY COUNTER.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT MOST OF THE ITEMS ON DISPLAY CAN BE ON LOAN TO LOCAL SCHOOLS OR ORGANISATIONS ON A TEMPORARY BASIS.

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#### CAD/CAM TECHNOLOGIES EDUCATION FOR TECHNICIAN STUDENTS

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THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE VTC-IBM CAD/CAM EDUCATION CENTRE HAS CLEARLY CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF MANPOWER IN THE APPLICATION OF CAD/CAM TECHNIQUES WHICH IS URGENTLY REQUIRED BY LOCAL INDUSTRY, CHAIRMAN OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL MR K.C. CHAN, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CENTRE, MR CHAN SAID STUDENTS OF THE COUNCIL'S EIGHT TECHNICAL INSTITUTES HAVE BEEN MAKING FULL USE OF THE CENTRE'S \$6 MILLION COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE IN THEIR STUDIES OF CAD/CAM (COMPUTER-AIDED DRAUGHTING/DESIGN/COMPUTER-AIDED MANUFACTURE) APPLICATIONS.

IN ADDITION, A NUMBER OF SHORT COURSES ON THE CAD/CAM EQUIPMENT HAD BEEN RUN FOR LOCAL INDUSTRY, MR CHAN ADDED.

THE CENTRE, HOUSED IN HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, CAME INTO EXISTENCE IN OCTOBER AS A RESULT OF A JOINT PROJECT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VTC AND IBM WORLD TRADE CORPORATION ON THE FOSTERING OF CAD/CAM EDUCATION OF TECHNICIAN STUDENTS.

UNDER THE AGREEMENT, IBM HELPS EQUIP THE CENTRE WITH A PACKAGE OF COMPUTER HARDWARE ON LOAN TO THE COUNCIL. THE NECESSARY APPLICATION SOFTWARE PACKAGES ARE SUPPLIED BY CADAM PACIFIC LTD.

THE CENTRE WILL DRAW ON THE EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE OF STAFF AND TALENT OF STUDENTS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF TEACHING AND LEARNING MATERIALS WHICH HELP IBM IN THE MARKETING OF ITS CAD/CAM PRODUCTS IN RETURN, MR CHAN SAID.

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ELABORATING ON THE AIM OF THE PROJECT, THE DIRECTOR (HONG KONG OPERATIONS) OF IBM, MR HENRY CHOW, SAID, "THIS JOINT EFFORT WILL HELP NURTURE THE FUTURE GENERATIONS OF ENGINEERS FOR HONG KONG, STRENGTHEN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING AND ENHANCE ITS ALREADY EXCELLENT REPUTATION AS A CENTRE OF HIGH QUALITY PRODUCTS AND TECHNOLOGY."

HE EMPHASISED THAT THE KEY TO COMPETITIVENESS WAS NOT TECHNOLOGY BUT PEOPLE RESOURCE.

"WE MUST REALISE THAT A SOUND EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMME MUST BE PUT IN PLACE, AND AT AN EARLY STAGE, BEFORE THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE EVER-EVOLVING NEW TECHNOLOGIES," HE ADDED.

AT THE CEREMONY THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF CADAM PACIFIC LTD., MR MICHAEL QUINN, POINTED OUT THAT THE MAJOR OBSTACLE TO IMPLEMENTING CAD/CAM/CAE (COMPUTER-AIDED ENGINEERING) IN SOUTHEAST ASIA WAS THE LACK OF TRAINED MANPOWER AND TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW.

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STRING MUSIC WEEK IN FULL SWING  
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A HIGHLY-ACCLAIMED STRING GROUP, THE TREMPER GOLDEN STRINGS FROM WISCONSIN, AMERICA, BEGAN ITS ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN THE YOUTH STRING MUSIC WEEK THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING BY STAGING A STUDENT CONCERT AT YING WAH COLLEGE.

THE STRING MUSIC WEEK IS ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE AS ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF ITS TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS.

THE "STROLLING STRINGS" APPROACH OF THE GROUP ENTHRALLED ALL THE STUDENTS WHO ATTENDED THE CONCERT. A REPERTOIRE OF BOTH SERIOUS AND LIGHT MUSIC WAS PERFORMED.

"I HAVE NEVER MET A 'STROLLING STRINGS' GROUP BEFORE AND THEIR SUPERB TECHNIQUE AND MUSICIANSHIP ARE BOTH IMPRESSIVE AND ENTERTAINING," SAID ONE OF THE STUDENTS.

THE GROUP ARRIVED LAST NIGHT AND WILL HAVE A TIGHT SCHEDULE IN HONG KONG. IT WILL HOLD TWO OTHER FREE STUDENT CONCERTS AT SHUE YAN COLLEGE TOMORROW.

MEMBERS OF THE GROUP AND ITS DIRECTOR, MR STANLEY NOSAL, WILL CONDUCT A WORKSHOP FOR STRING INSTRUCTORS AT THE HENRY G. LEONG COMMUNITY CENTRE ON SATURDAY AT 10 AM, FOLLOWED BY A COMMUNITY CONCERT AT NEW WORLD CENTRE AT 2 PM.

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ON SUNDAY, THE GROUP WILL GIVE A DEMONSTRATION CONCERT AT TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL AT 10 AM FOR AN AUDIENCE OF 1,400 PEOPLE.

THE STRING MUSIC WEEK WILL REACH ITS CLIMAX ON THE SAME DAY WITH A GALA CONCERT AT THE AUDITORIUM OF TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL. THE CONCERT, FEATURING JOINT PERFORMANCES OF THE GOLDEN STRINGS AND THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA OF THE MUSIC OFFICE, WILL START AT 8 PM.

A LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS FOR THE GALA CONCERT AT \$5 AND \$10 ARE STILL AVAILABLE AT ALL URBIX OUTLETS. FURTHER ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON 5-283257.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND THE GALA CONCERT AT TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL ON SUNDAY AT 8 PM.

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SAI KUNG TO START CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN  
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THE SAI KUNG CIVIC EDUCATION PROMOTION COMMITTEE WILL LAUNCH A CAMPAIGN TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO AROUSE RESIDENTS' AWARENESS OF THEIR CIVIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES AND TO DEVELOP THEIR SENSE OF DISTRICT BELONGING.

THE CAMPAIGN, WHICH WILL CONTINUE UNTIL JUNE NEXT YEAR, IS ALSO AIMED AT EDUCATING RESIDENTS ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

THE FIRST PROGRAMME TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE A BLOOD DONATION EXERCISE TO BE HELD BETWEEN 2.30 PM AND 8.30 PM TOMORROW AT THE SAI KUNG JOCKEY CLUB TOWN HALL.

SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER MR KEVIN HO, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN MR WILLIAM WAN AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SAI KUNG CIVIC EDUCATION PROMOTION COMMITTEE, MRS ANITA CHAN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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OTHER ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE VISITS, CARNIVALS AND A YOUTH REPORTER SCHEME.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN AND THE BLOOD DONATION EXERCISE TOMORROW AT THE SAI KUNG JOCKEY CLUB TOWN HALL, PO TUNG ROAD, SAI KUNG TOWN. THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM.

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CHRISTMAS LIGHTINGS ON TOMORROW

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SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MISS LYDIA DUNN, WILL OFFICIATE AT A SWITCH-ON CEREMONY OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTINGS FOR TSIM SHA TSUI EAST AT THE URBAN COUNCIL CENTENARY GARDEN TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE LIGHTINGS AND DECORATIONS ARE ORGANISED BY THE TSIM SHA TSUI EAST PROPERTY DEVELOPERS ASSOCIATION.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION, MR LUI CHE-WOO, AND YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SWITCH-ON CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT 6 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE URBAN COUNCIL CENTENARY GARDEN (BETWEEN REGAL MERIDIEN HOTEL AND SOUTH SEAS CENTRE), TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

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WORKSHOP ON CIVIC RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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A HALF-DAY WORKSHOP TO EXPLORE BETTER MEANS TO PROMOTE THE PUBLIC'S SENSE OF CIVIC RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN HONG KONG WILL BE HELD AT NEW WORLD HOTEL ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5.

ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION (CPCE), THE WORKSHOP WILL INCLUDE GROUP DISCUSSIONS AND TWO PLENARY SESSIONS DURING WHICH TWO KEY-NOTE SPEECHES WILL BE DELIVERED BY DR DANIEL TSE AND MR S.L. WAN.

ABOUT 100 PARTICIPANTS REPRESENTING A WIDE SPECTRUM OF THE COMMUNITY WILL BE INVITED TO TAKE PART.

THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, WILL OFFICIATE AND SPEAK AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE WORKSHOP AT 9 AM ON THAT DAY.

A CLOSING SPEECH FOR THE EVENT WILL BE DELIVERED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF CPCE, MRS RITA FAN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WORKSHOP WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 9 AM ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 5) IN THE FOUR SEASON SUITES, NEW WORLD HOTEL, TSIM SHA TSUI.

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ELDERLY HOME LIFE IN KWUN TONG

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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT ELDERLY SERVICE JOINT FUNCTION COMMITTEE WILL ORGANISE A CIVIC EDUCATION PROGRAMME TO PROMOTE HOME SAFETY FOR THE ELDERLY ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 5) FROM 10 AM TO 3.30 PM AT THE TELFORD GARDEN MAIN SQUARE, KOWLOON BAY.

THERE WILL BE GAMES STALLS, OPERA PERFORMANCE AND TALKS ON TOPICS SUCH AS INTER-PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP, NUTRITION AND FIRE PREVENTION.

THE COMMITTEE IS FORMED BY ALL ELDERLY SERVICE UNITS IN KWUN TONG AND THE FUNCTION IS SPONSORED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE "ELDERLY HOME LIFE IN KWUN TONG" PROGRAMME AT 11.30 AM AT THE TELFORD GARDEN MAIN SQUARE, KOWLOON BAY, ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 5).

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GYMNASTIC SHOWS FOR TUEN MUN FESTIVAL  
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TWO GYMNASTIC PERFORMANCES FEATURING FREE EXERCISE, HIGH-LOW BARS AND VAULTING HORSE DEMONSTRATION WILL BE STAGED BY ATHLETES FROM GUANGDONG, SHANGHAI AND HONG KONG OVER THE WEEKEND AS THE CLOSING OF THE 1987 TUEN MUN FESTIVAL.

ORGANISED BY THE TUEN MUN FESTIVAL GYMNASTIC SUB-COMMITTEE AND HONG KONG AMATEUR GYMNASTIC ASSOCIATION, THE CHINA/HONG KONG GYMNASTIC TEAMS JOINT PRESENTATION WILL TAKE PLACE AT 7 PM ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY (DECEMBER 5 AND 6) IN THE YAN OI TONG COMMUNITY AND INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE AND IN THE TAI HING SPORTS CENTRE.

RESIDENTS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THE PERFORMANCES CAN OBTAIN FREE TICKETS FOR THE FIRST SHOW FROM THE YAN OI TONG COMMUNITY AND INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE AND THE SECOND ONE FROM THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE. TICKETS ARE DISTRIBUTED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES, MISS CHRISTINE CHOW, WILL OFFICIATE AT A CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE TUEN MUN FESTIVAL AT 7 PM ON DECEMBER 6 (SUNDAY) IN THE TAI HING SPORTS CENTRE.

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FREE SHUTTLE BUS FOR 'WE CARE' CARNIVAL  
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RESIDENTS OF CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT CAN TAKE FREE SHUTTLE BUSES TO THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 6) TO ENJOY A DAY OF FUN IN A CARNIVAL WHICH MARKS THE CLOSING OF THE DISTRICT'S 'WE CARE' ACTIVITIES.

BUSES WILL DEPART FROM KENNEDY TOWN AND SAI YING PUN EVERY HOUR FROM 12 NOON TO 4 PM.

AT THE CARNIVAL, THERE WILL BE BAND PERFORMANCE, EXHIBITION, RTHK CHILDREN'S SHOW, AN ALL-STAR SHOW AND GAMESTALLS, STARTING FROM 11.30 AM TO 3 PM.

THE CHAIN OF EVENTS WILL BE INTERRUPTED AT 2 PM WHEN THE CLOSING CEREMONY IS HELD. OFFICIATING GUESTS INCLUDE A DIRECTOR OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS (T.W.G.H.), MR YU SIU-TIN; MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR LIU LIT-FOR; CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM KAM-KWONG; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR VINCENT KO; CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS (DACA), MR WU CHOR-NAM AND CHAIRMAN OF 'WE CARE' CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR SAMMY POONE.

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MEANWHILE, A BUNCH OF EXCITING PROGRAMMES WILL ALSO BE ORGANISED AT THE NEARBY CHATER GARDENS FROM 1 TO 5 PM.

THESE INCLUDE A CHILDREN'S DRAWING COMPETITION, BAND AND SINGING PERFORMANCE, ACROBATICS, MAGIC SHOW BY THE FRINGE CLUB AS WELL AS TRICK CYCLING DEMONSTRATION.

THE TWO-MONTH LONG 'WE CARE' ACTIVITIES HAS OFFERED A WIDE RANGE OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES INCLUDING FUND RAISING WALKATHON, VARIETY SHOWS, SEMINARS, CONCERTS AND A FEAST FOR THE ELDERLY. MORE THAN 20,000 PEOPLE HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE VARIOUS PROGRAMMES.

THE PROJECT WAS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, T.W.G.H. AND DACA, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND URBAN COUNCIL.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT SUNDAY'S CARNIVAL CAN BE MADE ON 5-8523002 OR 5-8523480.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CLOSING CARNIVAL AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT AND CHATER GARDENS ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 6). A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY FOR THE EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD AT 12 NOON AND THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE 'WE CARE' ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD AT 2 PM, BOTH AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT. INFORMATION OFFICER, MISS VALENTINA CHAN, WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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SEMINAR ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION IN KWUN TONG  
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A DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SEMINAR AIMED AT ENHANCING THE WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD, AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS' CORPORATIONS WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 6).

SOME 400 REPRESENTATIVES FROM THESE BODIES WILL TAKE PART IN THE SEMINAR WHICH WILL START AT 4 PM AT WELLINGTON COLLEGE, TELFORD GARDENS.

THEY WILL DISCUSS WAYS TO FURTHER PROMOTE COMMUNICATIONS IN AREAS SUCH AS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT, SOCIAL SERVICES, RECREATION AND CUTLURE AND PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS.

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, AND KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM HANG-FAI, WILL ADDRESS THE SEMINAR BEFORE A GROUP DISCUSSION SESSION BEGINS.

THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR PAUL LEUNG, WILL MAKE CLOSING REMARKS AT 7.30 PM AT THE TELFORD CHINESE RESTAURANT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR, TO BEGIN AT 4 PM ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 6) AT WELLINGTON COLLEGE, TELFORD GARDENS IN KOWLOON BAY.

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DB TO BE BRIEFED ON LEGAL AID SERVICES

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SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE LEGAL AID DEPARTMENT AT THEIR BOARD MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

OTHER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED WILL INCLUDE PRECAUTIONS IN THE USE OF GAS FUEL; ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS BESETTING LAI WAN; REVISION OF ADDITIONS POLICY FOR TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA SINGLETONS AFTER MARRIAGE.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO ASK GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE LAI CHI KOK INCINERATORS AND THE ISSUE ON THE POISONOUS VEGETABLE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2 PM ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 4) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM AT 39 TONKIN STREET, 2ND FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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SPEEDPOST SERVICE EXTENDS TO CAYMAN ISLANDS

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THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE WILL BE EXTENDED TO GRAND CAYMAN, CAYMAN ISLANDS, FROM MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

THIS WILL BRING TO 54 THE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES INCLUDED IN THE SPEEDPOST NETWORK SERVED FROM HONG KONG.

"SPEEDPOST ITEMS POSTED ON MONDAY TO THURSDAY WILL BE DELIVERED ON THE SECOND WORKING DAY WHILE THOSE POSTED ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY WILL BE DELIVERED ON THE NEXT WORKING DAY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID. HE ADDED THAT ONLY "ON DEMAND" SERVICE WOULD BE AVAILABLE.

THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT LIMIT IS 20KG PER ITEM AND THE POSTAGE RATES ARE \$75 FOR ITEMS WEIGHING UNDER 250G; \$105 FOR ITEMS WEIGHING BETWEEN 250G AND 500G; AND \$45 FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT ADDITIONAL 500G.

PICK-UP SERVICE BY THE POST OFFICE FROM CUSTOMERS' PREMISES IS FREE.

"THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE IS A FAST AND RELIABLE MEANS FOR FORWARDING DOCUMENTS, SAMPLES AND MERCHANDISE OVERSEAS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO THE CAYMAN ISLANDS AND THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE IN GENERAL CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE POSTAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES ON 5-8471108.

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REGISTRATION OF DTC REVOKED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF MERCHANT GUARANTY LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED TODAY (THURSDAY) AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 31(2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE.

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR 'CELEBRITY OLYMPICS'

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN HAPPY VALLEY AND CAUSEWAY BAY FOR THE "CELEBRITY OLYMPICS AND CONCERT" TO BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG STADIUM ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 6).

THE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS WILL COME INTO EFFECT FROM 1.30 PM:

- \* CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN LINK ROAD AND STADIUM PATH WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND;
- \* CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD AND LEIGHTON ROAD/PENNINGTON STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT FOR LOCAL ACCESS;
- \* CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN COTTON PATH AND LEIGHTON ROAD/PENNINGTON STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND;
- \* EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD BETWEEN STADIUM PATH AND TUNG LO WAN ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND; BUT VEHICLES CAN STILL ENTER THE ST PAUL'S HOSPITAL CARPARK FROM TUNG LO WAN ROAD; AND
- \* LINK ROAD BETWEEN CAROLINE HILL ROAD AND HAPPY VIEW TERRACE WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY UPHILL; VEHICLES EXITING FROM THE UPPER SECTION OF BROADWOOD ROAD, HAPPY VIEW TERRACE AND LEIGHTON HILL SHOULD TRAVEL DOWNHILL VIA BROADWOOD ROAD TO WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD.

THE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED 15 MINUTES BEFORE THE EVENT FINISHES:

- \* CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN STADIUM PATH AND LEIGHTON ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND;
- \* CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN LEIGHTON ROAD AND COTTON PATH WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC; AND
- \* LINK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT FOR ACCESS TO OR FROM PREMISES AT LINK ROAD VIA BROADWOOD ROAD.

THESE ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE WITHDRAWN ON COMPLETION OF THE EVENT AND AFTER THE MAJORITY OF ATTENDANTS HAVE DISPERSED.

LEARNER DRIVERS WILL BE BANNED FROM MATHESON STREET, RUSSELL STREET AND SHARP STREET EAST FROM FOUR HOURS BEFORE UNTIL TWO HOURS AFTER THE EVENT.

IN ADDITION, THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT FROM PERCIVAL STREET SOUTHBOUND INTO LEIGHTON ROAD EASTBOUND, AND ENTER TUNG LO WAN ROAD FROM CAUSEWAY ROAD.

ALL ON-STREET PARKING SPACES IN SUN WUI ROAD, STADIUM PATH AND THE UNNAMED SERVICE ROAD AROUND THE STADIUM WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM NOON TO MIDNIGHT.

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URBAN CLEARWAY, HEAVY VEHICLE BAN

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THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF WONG CHUK HANG ROAD FROM A POINT ABOUT FIVE METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH YIP KAN STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 43 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED A DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY ROUND-THE-CLOCK FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 5).

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EXISTING MEASURE THAT NO VEHICLE OVER FOUR TONNES GROSS IS ALLOWED TO ENTER TAI YUEN STREET IN WAN CHAI BETWEEN QUEEN'S ROAD EAST AND JOHNSTON ROAD WILL BE EXTENDED FOR ABOUT FOUR MONTHS BECAUSE OF ROAD WORKS.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF EDINBURGH PLACE NORTH

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FROM 7 AM TO 6 PM ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 4) AND SATURDAY, EDINBURGH PLACE NORTH BETWEEN QUEEN'S PIER AND HMS TAMAR WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC TO FACILITATE THE HOLDING OF NAVY DAY AT HMS TAMAR.

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