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YOUTHS WARNED NOT TO TAKE DRUGS

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THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF HONG KONG MUST TREASURE THEIR YOUTH AND HEALTH AND NEVER BE TEMPTED INTO DRUG ABUSE, THE CIVIL AID SERVICES COMMISSIONER, MR ROGER LOBO, WARNED TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 1983 ANTI-NARCOTICS YOUTH CAMP, MR LOBO, SAID, +IN THE YEARS AHEAD WHEN THE TIME COMES FOR YOU TO TAKE YOUR PLACES IN THE ADULT WORLD, YOU WILL MEET DIFFERENT PROBLEMS, AMONG WHICH MAY BE DRUGS.

+IN THE ANTI-NARCOTICS YOUTH CAMP YOU WILL LEARN A LOT ABOUT THE EVILS OF DRUGS. ARMED WITH THIS KNOWLEDGE YOU WILL NO DOUBT BE ABLE TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM AND BE READY TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY WELL, + HE SAID.

THE 1983 ANTI-NARCOTICS YOUTH CAMP, SPONSORED BY THE LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 303, WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) AND THE CIVIL AID SERVICES AS PART OF THE ACAN'S TERRITORY-WIDE PREVENTIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMME THIS YEAR.

THE FOUR-DAY CAMP BEGAN YESTERDAY (TUESDAY) AT THE YMCA WU KAI SHA YOUTH VILLAGE. IT HAS ATTRACTED ABOUT 820 YOUTH LEADERS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 14 AND 18 FROM 11 UNIFORMED YOUTH GROUPS.

THEY WERE CIVIL AID SERVICES CADET CORPS, HONG KONG RED CROSS, ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE CADET SCHOOL, ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (JUNIOR LEADERS), ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION, GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION, ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE, BOYS BRIGADE OF HONG KONG, AIR CADET CORPS, SEA CADET CORPS AND SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG.

THE ORGANISERS HOPE THAT THROUGH THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF YOUNG CAMPERS IN HEALTHY AND CONSTRUCTIVE PURSUITS, AND THROUGH THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES ORGANISED BY THE NARCOTICS DIVISION DURING THE CAMP, THE ANTI-NARCOTICS MESSAGE WILL REACH NOT ONLY THE CAMPERS BUT WILL BE DISSEMINATED BY THEM AMONG THEIR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF THEIR OWN AGE GROUPS WHO ARE MOST VULNERABLE TO THE RISK OF DRUG ABUSE.

APART FROM THE ANTI-NARCOTICS SEMINAR AND EXHIBITION, THE ACTIVITIES ALSO INCLUDED TELE-GAMES, SPORTS, FILM SHOWS, A CAMP FIRE AND A VARIETY SHOW IN WHICH MISS FRIENDSHIP 1983, SYLVIA CHUNG SANG.

ATTENDING THE OPENING CEREMONY TODAY WERE THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, THE HONOURABLE D.G. JEAFFRESON; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE OF ACAN, MR K.L. STUMPF; THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR G.L. MORTIMER; MR Y.C. PI, DISTRICT GOVERNOR LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 303, AND THE CIVIL AID SERVICES CADET CORPS COMMANDANT, MR HOWARD YOUNG.

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[Typographical errors in the original document]

THAT HILL FIRE WAS ONLY ONE OF THE HUNDREDS OF HILL FIRES THAT RAVAGED OUR COUNTRYSIDE THIS YEAR. ACCORDING TO THE DEPARTMENT'S FIRE PROTECTION OFFICER, MR PAUL CHEUNG, THERE HAS BEEN A FOUR-FOLD INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF HILL FIRES THIS YEAR AS COMPARED WITH LAST YEAR.

+THE REASON IS BECAUSE WE HAVE HAD THE DRIEST NOVEMBER, AND ONE OF THE WETTEST SUMMERS, IN THE LAST TWO DECADES,+ MR CHEUNG SAID. +THE WET SUMMER YIELDED AN ABUNDANT COVER OF GRASS AND UNDERGROWTH WHICH, TOGETHER WITH THE NUMEROUS TREE BRANCHES FELLED BY TYPHOON ELLEN, PROVIDED VERY GOOD FUEL FOR FIRES.+

FROM THE START OF THE DRY SEASON IN SEPTEMBER UNTIL THE END OF NOVEMBER, 499 HILL FIRES BROKE OUT, DESTROYING 92 976 TREES AND 1 760 HECTARES OF GRASSLAND AND FORESTRY AREAS. DURING THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, 139 FIRES WERE RECORDED AND 48 HECTARES OF COUNTRYSIDE WERE AFFECTED.

IN VIEW OF THE HIGH FIRE RISK, THE TAI LAM, SHING MUN, TAI MO SHAN AND POKFULAM COUNTRY PARKS AND THE TAI PO KAU NATURE RESERVE HAVE BEEN CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC SINCE EARLY NOVEMBER.

DESPITE THE BAN, FIVE FIRES HAVE OCCURRED IN TAI LAM AND TAI MO SHAN.

+WHILE CARELESS PICNICKERS WERE TO BLAME FOR MOST OF THOSE FIRES, THERE WERE STRONG INDICATIONS THAT SOME WERE STARTED DELIBERATELY,+ MR CHEUNG SAID.

+WE ARE TREATING THE MATTER AS A TOP PRIORITY AND A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION IS BEING CARRIED OUT TO TRACK DOWN THE OFFENDERS,+ MR CHEUNG SAID.

HE WARNED THAT THE ILLEGAL LIGHTING OF FIRES IN THE COUNTRYSIDE CARRIES A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5 000 AND ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT.

THE DEPARTMENT URGED THE PUBLIC TO EXERCISE EXTREME CARE DURING THE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS AND TO OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING WHEN THEY VISIT THE COUNTRYSIDE:

- \* EXTINGUISH CIGARETTE ENDS AND MATCHES PROPERLY,
- \* LIGHT FIRES ONLY IN DESIGNATED BARBECUE PITS; OR, BETTER STILL, BRING PRE-COOKED FOOD.
- \* DON'T LITTER THE COUNTRYSIDE.

+WE WOULD LIKE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO BE MORE CAREFUL, MORE THOUGHTFUL AND A BIT MORE CIVIC-MINDED WHEN THEY VISIT THE COUNTRY PARKS,+ SAID MR CHEUNG.

+LET US HAVE A FIRE-FREE HOLIDAY SEASON FOR A CHANGE SO THAT EVERYONE CAN ENJOY THE BEAUTY OF OUR COUNTRYSIDE TO THE FULL.+

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DB TO HEAR ABOUT FIRE PREVENTION

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A SPECIAL TALK ON +FIRE PREVENTION AND FIRE FIGHTING+ WILL BE GIVEN AT THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

THE TALK, TO BE GIVEN BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S DISTRICT COMMANDER FOR HONG KONG EAST, MR CHAN WAH-DING, WILL BE PRECEDED BY A SHORT FILM SHOW ON THE TOPIC.

DURING THE MEETING, BOARD MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS A PROPOSAL TO PUT UP DISTRICT BOARD DISPLAY PANELS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE DISTRICT, AND ALSO WAYS TO HELP REDUCE LITTERING.

OTHER TOPICS ON THE AGENDA WILL INCLUDE THE URBAN COUNCIL'S REVISED CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME FOR 1983-84 TO 1987-88 FOR EASTERN DISTRICT AND PROGRESS REPORTS OF THE BOARD'S VARIOUS COMMITTEES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE 1ST FLOOR OF 884-886 KING'S ROAD.

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NEW QMH VISITING HOURS FROM 1984

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THE QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL IS TO INTRODUCE NEW VISITING HOURS FOR ITS GENERAL AND PAEDIATRIC WARDS AS FROM JANUARY 1, NEXT YEAR.

FROM SUNDAY, VISITING HOURS FOR THE GENERAL WARD WILL BE FROM 6 PM TO 7.30 PM, WHILE THE NEW HOURS FOR THE PAEDIATRIC WARDS WILL BE +ANY TIME BEFORE 8 PM+.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOSPITAL SAID THAT THE NEW AND LONGER VISITING HOURS FOR THE ADULT GENERAL WARD WOULD HELP THE WORKING PUBLIC TO VISIT THEIR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES AFTER OFFICE HOURS.

HE ADDED THAT THE NEW HOURS WOULD ALSO REDUCE TRAFFIC CONGESTION WITHIN THE HOSPITAL COMPOUND.

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COOKED FOOD BAZAAR FOR YAU MA TEI  
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THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A CONTRACT TO TAI HING (ENGINEERS AND BUILDERS) LTD. FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A TEMPORARY COOKED FOOD BAZAAR AT THE JUNCTION OF TEMPLE, PAK HOI AND WOOSUNG STREETS IN YAU MA TEI.

THE BAZAAR WILL OCCUPY AN 890-SQUARE-METRE SITE AND ACCOMMODATE 24 COOKED FOOD STALLS.

TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT, THE PRESENT ON-STREET COOKED FOOD STALLS IN THE AREA ARE EXPECTED TO MOVE TO THE NEW BAZAAR.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT, VALUED AT \$298 000, WILL START IN EARLY JANUARY AND BE COMPLETED IN THREE MONTHS.

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TSUEN WAN FAIR STALLS FOR AUCTION  
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A TOTAL OF 208 STALLS FOR THE SALE OF FLOWERS, DRY GOODS, BOTTLED DRINKS OR ICE CREAM AT THE FORTHCOMING TSUEN WAN LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR, WILL BE PUT UP FOR PUBLIC AUCTION ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 30).

THE AUCTION WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CULTURAL ACTIVITY HALL OF TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL, STARTING 9.30 AM, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE STALLS WILL AGAIN BE ERECTED AT THE FAIR SITE AT SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND, WITHIN EASY WALKING DISTANCE OF RESIDENTS.

THE UPSET PRICE FOR EACH STALL IS \$100, AND ALL HONG KONG RESIDENTS WHO HAVE ATTAINED 21 YEARS MAY BID AT THE AUCTION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE TSUEN WAN LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR WILL BE HELD BETWEEN JANUARY 26 AND FEBRUARY 2 NEXT YEAR, TOGETHER WITH SIX OTHER FAIRS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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LANTAU TO HAVE PAVILION  
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A CHINESE-STYLE PAVILION IS TO BE BUILT AT THE POPULAR SILVERMINE WATERFALL AREA ON LANTAU ISLAND.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT.

BESIDES THE PAVILION WHICH WILL PROVIDE SHELTER FOR VISITORS, THE PROJECT WILL INCLUDE A PUBLIC TOILET.

WORK WILL START IN MARCH AND BE COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER.

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HEAVY VEHICLES TO BE DIVERTED

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FROM FRIDAY (DECEMBER 30), ALL VEHICLES OVER 2-1/2 TONS UNLADEN WILL BE BANNED FROM THE SECTION OF SHAU KEI WAN ROAD EASTBOUND BETWEEN HOLY CROSS PATH AND HOI NING STREET DAILY FROM MIDNIGHT TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE MEASURE, WHICH WILL LAST FOR ABOUT FOUR WEEKS, IS TO FACILITATE WORK ON THE MTR ISLAND LINE.

DURING THE CLOSURE, HEAVY VEHICLES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA HOLY CROSS PATH AND HOI NING STREET.

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NO U-TURNS

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FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 31), U-TURNS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED IN TONKIN STREET, FROM THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY TO THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY.

AND FROM THE SAME DAY, THE SECTION OF NAM CHEONG STREET FLYOVER ABOVE LUNG CHEUNG ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED A PUBLIC LIGHT BUS PROHIBITED ZONE EXCEPT FOR THOSE BUSES AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

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WATER FIGURES

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (WEDNESDAY) STOOD AT 90.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 532.013 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 437.072 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 74.6 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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