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REPATRIATION DISCUSSED IN MEETING ON INDOCHINESE ASYLUM SEEKERS

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REPATRIATION WAS AMONG THE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED AT GREAT LENGTH AT A MEETING WHICH HAS JUST ENDED IN KUALA LUMPUR ON INDOCHINESE ASYLUM SEEKERS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

"IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED THAT INITIAL EMPHASIS SHOULD BE ON VOLUNTARY RETURNEES AND TO GET THEM GOING FIRST AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE," THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR GEOFFREY BARNES, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) AT KAI TAK AIRPORT ON HIS RETURN FROM THE MEETING.

"IT WAS GENERALLY RECOGNISED THAT THE SUCCESSFUL RETURN OF THE VOLUNTARY PEOPLE WOULD HOPEFULLY INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PERSONS APPLYING TO RETURN.

"WE MADE THE POINT VERY STRONGLY TO THE MEETING AND TO THE VIETNAMESE THAT THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN HAD THE RESPONSIBILITY TO ACCEPT BACK PERSONS WHO HAD BEEN FOUND NOT TO BE REFUGEES, AND THIS WE REGARD AS AN INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATION."

MR BARNES SAID THE VIETNAMESE DID ACKNOWLEDGE THE PROBLEM AND THIS WAS MADE QUITE CLEAR AT THE LONDON TALK EARLIER.

"THEY DO RECOGNISE THAT A COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION HAS TO BE FOUND FOR THOSE PEOPLE WHO CAME AFTER JUNE 15 THIS YEAR AND WHO HAVE NO PROSPECT FOR RESETTLEMENT," HE SAID.

AT THE MEETING, MR BARNES SAID HE ALSO EXPLAINED HONG KONG'S SCREENING PROCESSES TO OTHER COUNTRIES.

"WE ARE THE ONLY PLACE WHICH HAS ADOPTED A FORMAL SCREENING PROCESS. THERE IS GREAT INTEREST IN THEM AND IN THE WAY HONG KONG IS CARRYING OUT THE SCREENING PROCESS," HE SAID.

MR BARNES SAID THE MEETING IN KUALA LUMPUR WAS THE THIRD IN A SERIES OF PRELIMINARY WORKING GROUP MEETINGS WHICH WOULD LEAD UP IN DUE COURSE TO AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD NEXT YEAR.

"THE MEETING IDENTIFIED THE MAIN AREAS FOR DISCUSSION, DECISION AND CONCLUSIVE SOLUTIONS AT NEXT YEAR'S INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE," HE SAID.

"WE DISCUSSED THE PREVENTION OF DEPARTURES FROM VIETNAM, ARRIVALS IN HONG KONG AND OTHER COUNTRIES OF FIRST ASYLUM, THE SCREENING PROCESS, RESETTLEMENT, REPATRIATION AND ORDERLY DEPARTURES FROM VIETNAM.

"A WORKING GROUP WILL DEVELOP THESE AREAS INTO A FORM OF PAPER FOR CONSIDERATION BY GOVERNMENTS, AND IF THEIR COMMENTS ARE VERY DIVERGENT IN VIEW, THERE WILL BE ANOTHER WORKING GROUP TO DEAL WITH IT.

"THE NEXT STEP WILL BE THE PREPARATORY CONFERENCE WHICH IS SCHEDULED IN KUALA LUMPUR HOPEFULLY IN ABOUT APRIL NEXT YEAR, WHICH WILL CLEAR THE WAY FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL. THE DATE HAS NOT BEEN FIXED YET."

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UN CONVENTION TO APPLY TO HK

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THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT LODGED THE UNITED KINGDOM'S INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS ON DECEMBER 8.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, MR TIM EGGAR, AT THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMEMORATIVE SESSION FOR THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

A HONG KONG GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THE CONVENTION WILL BE APPLIED TO HONG KONG ONCE THE NECESSARY LEGISLATION HAS BEEN ENACTED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND IN HONG KONG.

THE SPOKESMAN ENVISAGED THAT THIS WOULD BE DONE IN THE EARLY HALF OF 1989.

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GATT IN MONTREAL

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THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, DESCRIBED AS "DISAPPOINTING" THE FAILURE TO REACH FULL AGREEMENT AT THE MID TERM MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE GATT IN MONTREAL.

"THE URUGUAY ROUND IS ATTEMPTING TO DEAL WITH A FAR WIDER RANGE OF SUBJECTS THAN PREVIOUS ROUNDS. NEGOTIATIONS ARE THEREFORE MORE COMPLEX. AGRICULTURE HAS PROVED THE MAJOR STUMBLING BLOCK THIS TIME," HE SAID.

"DESPITE THIS TEMPORARY SETBACK, CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS WAS ACHIEVED IN NEGOTIATIONS ON MANY SUBJECTS.

"FOR EXAMPLE THERE WAS CONSENSUS ON IMPROVEMENTS TO DISPUTE SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES, ON TRADE POLICY SURVEILLANCE, ON TARIFFS AND ALSO ON THE FRAMEWORK OF AN AGREEMENT ON SERVICES.

"ALL OF THIS IS VERY ENCOURAGING AND IS AMPLE EVIDENCE OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE MULTILATERAL SYSTEM," SAID MR MACLEOD.

"OBVIOUSLY, WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SEEN MORE PROGRESS ON WAYS IN WHICH TO LIBERALISE TRADE IN TEXTILES AND CLOTHING," HE COMMENTED, "BUT THESE TALKS STILL HAVE TWO YEARS TO RUN."

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ON THE FAILURE TO REACH CONSENSUS ON AGRICULTURE, MR MACLEOD SAID, "IT IS A PITY TOO THAT THE AGRICULTURE DEADLOCK HAS ALSO INTERRUPTED PROGRESS ON THE PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AND IN A FEW OTHER AREAS.

"BUT I DO UNDERSTAND THE FRUSTRATION OF THOSE INVOLVED.

"THE IMPORTANT THING TO REMEMBER IS THAT THE MONTREAL MEETING HAS HELPED TO FOCUS MINDS.

"THE EXTENT OF PROGRESS HAS BEEN MEASURED AND WE HAVE AS A RESULT OF THE TALKS GAINED A BETTER MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING OF THE DIRECTION WE SHOULD TAKE.

"THIS IS VERY ENCOURAGING. THE SYSTEM HAS PROVED ITS WORTH AND ITS RESILIENCE," MR MACLEOD SAID.

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MILLIONS TO BE SPENT ON MA ON SHAN DEVELOPMENT

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AN ESTIMATED \$1.8 BILLION WOULD BE SPENT IN PROVIDING LAND, INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES FOR A POPULATION OF 200,000 UPON FULL DEVELOPMENT IN MA ON SHAN, SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VICTOR YUNG SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

UP TO NOW, GOVERNMENT HAD ALREADY SPENT \$700 MILLION ON SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE AREA, HE SAID.

"IN ORDER TO COPE WITH THE INCREASE IN POPULATION, A COMPREHENSIVE ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME HAS BEEN DRAWN UP," HE NOTED.

"FOLLOWING THE OPENING OF SAI SHA ROAD JOINING MA ON SHAN WITH SAI KUNG IN OCTOBER, A TRUNK ROAD SPANNING SHING MUN RIVER CONNECTING MA ON SHAN WITH TOLO HIGHWAY WILL BE COMPLETED BY 1991.

"CONSIDERATION HAS ALSO BEEN GIVEN TO LINKING MA ON SHAN TO THE SECOND CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL THROUGH THE TATES CAIRN TUNNEL IN 1993."

MR YUNG POINTED OUT THAT THE PRIMARY PLANNING OBJECTIVE IN THE AREA WAS TO HAVE A BALANCED COMMUNITY WITH SUFFICIENT PROVISION FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOUSING, INDUSTRIAL LAND, GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS, COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND OPEN SPACE.

IN THIS REGARD, MA ON SHAN WILL HAVE ITS OWN DISTINCTIVE TOWN CENTRE LOCATED TO THE NORTH OF HENG ON ESTATE.

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"THE TOWN CENTRE IS PLANNED FOR A POPULATION OF 30,000 TO 40,000 AND WILL HAVE SHOPPING CENTRES, A TOWN PARK AND A CIVIC CENTRE," HE SAID.

"OTHER COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS, INDOOR RECREATIONAL CENTRES, COMMUNITY CENTRES, MARKETS, OPEN SPACES AND A SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX."

THE DISTRICT OFFICER NOTED THAT IN PAST YEARS, THERE WERE ONLY A FEW PEOPLE LIVING IN MA ON SHAN CONGREGATING AROUND THE WU KAI SHA AND AH KUNG KOK AREAS.

HOWEVER, WITH THE FIRST POPULATION INTAKE OF HENG ON ESTATE IN MARCH 1987, A COMPLETE CHANGE HAS EMERGED.

"HENG ON ESTATE ALONE CAN ACCOMMODATE A POPULATION OF 28,000, 15 PER CENT OF WHICH WILL LIVE IN HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME FLATS," HE SAID.

"MOREOVER, THE FIRST STAGE OF YIU ON ESTATE DEVELOPMENT - THE SECOND PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE IN THE AREA, HAS BEEN COMPLETED WITH A PRESENT INTAKE OF MORE THAN 6,500 PEOPLE.

"THE CHEVALIER GARDENS, A PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME ESTATE WHICH COULD ACCOMMODATE 15,000 PEOPLE, WAS COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER AND ATTRACTED MANY PEOPLE TO THIS NEW AREA."

IN ORDER TO ENHANCE RESIDENTS' KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR LIVING ENVIRONMENT, A COMPREHENSIVE FACT SHEET OUTLINING THE AREA'S HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT IS AVAILABLE FREE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S MA ON SHAN SUB-OFFICE, COMMUNITY HALL AND PUBLIC HOUSING OFFICES.

"WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO PROMOTE A SENSE OF COMMUNITY IN THIS FAST DEVELOPING AREA AND HOPE RESIDENTS WILL FIND IT A GOOD PLACE TO LIVE IN," ADDED MR YUNG.

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GOVERNOR TO VISIT SAI KUNG DISTRICT

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL TOUR SAI KUNG DISTRICT ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 12) AFTERNOON TO SEE THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS OF THE DISTRICT AND MEET LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS.

SIR DAVID WILL FIRST MAKE BRIEF STOPS AT TSAM CHUK WAN AND THE NEWLY OPENED TAI MONG TSAI CYCLE PARK BEFORE A TOUR OF SAI KUNG TOWN.

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HE WILL THEN VISIT PAK KONG VILLAGE, WHERE A VILLAGE EXPANSION PROJECT IS IN PROGRESS. AT THE HO CHUNG RIVER, HE WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE PROGRESS OF EFFORTS IN REDUCING POLLUTION IN THE RIVER.

THE GOVERNOR WILL ALSO VISIT JUNK BAY NEW TOWN TO SEE THE FACILITIES AND HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA BEFORE ATTENDING A RECEPTION WITH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND LOCAL PERSONALITIES AT THE TSUI LAM COMMUNITY HALL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO SAI KUNG ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 12).

TRANSPORT FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER, NEXT TO STAR FERRY, BY 2 PM SHARP. THOSE WHO WANT TO TRAVEL BY THEIR OWN TRANSPORT SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE PAK KONG VILLAGE CARPARK, OPPOSITE TO THE VILLAGE'S RECREATION CENTRE, NOT LATER THAN 3 PM.

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SHW OPENS CENTRES FOR ELDERLY, CHILDREN AND YOUTH
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TO MEET THE NEEDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE, THE GOVERNMENT SUBVENTS WELFARE AGENCIES TO OPERATE A WIDE RANGE OF YOUTH SERVICES, THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR T.H. CHAU, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

"IN THIS CONNECTION, A CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE IS ESTABLISHED FOR AN AREA WITH A POPULATION OF 20,000 TO 30,000," HE SAID AT THE OPENING OF THE SALVATION ARMY CHUK YUEN ELDERLY CENTRE AND CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE.

"IN THESE CENTRES, A WIDE VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES ARE ORGANISED. THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN WHOLESOME ACTIVITIES, YOUNG PEOPLE LEARN HOW TO ORGANISE GROUPS AND REACH OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY.

"THEY DEVELOP A SENSE OF CO-OPERATION, CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY AND LEADERSHIP.

"AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 231 CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES IN HONG KONG, OF WHICH 19 ARE OPERATED IN WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT, INCLUDING THREE CENTRES IN THE CHUK YUEN ESTATE."

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AS FOR ELDERLY SERVICES, MR CHAU SAID THAT BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR PROVIDED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, HOME HELP SERVICE, MULTI-SERVICES CENTRES, SOCIAL CENTRES AND A VARIETY OF RESIDENTIAL SERVICES.

"BY THE CURRENT PLANNING STANDARD, A SOCIAL CENTRE IS ESTABLISHED FOR AN AREA WITH A POPULATION OF 30,000 TO ORGANISE CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL, SOCIAL AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES FOR OLD PEOPLE LIVING WITH THEIR FAMILIES OR ALONE," HE SAID.

"THESE ACTIVITIES ENCOURAGE THEM TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH THE COMMUNITY, TO HAVE A MORE POSITIVE OUTLOOK IN LIFE AND TO ENJOY THEIR TWILIGHT YEARS IN A MORE NATURAL AND FAMILIAR ENVIRONMENT."

INCLUDING THE SALVATION ARMY CHUK YUEN ELDERLY CENTRE WHICH WAS OPENED TODAY, THERE ARE NOW 14 MULTI-SERVICES CENTRES AND 99 SOCIAL CENTRES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS IN HONG KONG.

MR CHAU COMMENDED THE SALVATION ARMY FOR ITS VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION IN THE WELFARE AND EDUCATIONAL FIELDS IN HONG KONG.

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BETTER CARE FOR CHILDREN THROUGH JOINT EFFORT

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS A SIGNIFICANT PART TO PLAY IN PROVIDING SERVICES FOR CHILDREN BUT THE FAMILY IS THE MOST FUNDAMENTAL AND EFFECTIVE UNIT IN MEETING THE NEEDS OF OUR CHILDREN, PARTICULARLY THE VERY YOUNG, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SHE EMPHASISED THAT MERE PHYSICAL CARE OR MATERIAL COMFORT WAS HOWEVER NOT ENOUGH AS CHILDREN NEEDED MORE.

MRS WONG WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE "CONFERENCE ON HONG KONG'S YOUNG CHILDREN: SHARING OUR EXPERIENCES" ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND SERVICES.

SHE SAID THAT CHILDREN NEEDED THEIR PARENTS' TIME AND PATIENCE TO LISTEN TO THEM, TO ENCOURAGE, PRAISE AND LOVE THEM.

"I THINK THROUGH A CONCERTED EFFORT, AND JOINT ENDEAVOUR, CHILDREN WILL BE BETTER CARED FOR IN SOCIETY," SHE SAID.

ON PRE-PRIMARY SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT, MRS WONG SAID THAT THERE WERE KINDERGARTENS AND CHILD CARE CENTRES AND PARENTS HAD A CHOICE IN SENDING THEIR CHILDREN TO EITHER PLACE ACCORDING TO THEIR INDIVIDUAL NEEDS.

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"CHILD CARE CENTRES, UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, PROVIDE NOT ONLY PHYSICAL CARE OF CHILDREN BUT ALSO PROGRAMMES TO DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL IN A SAFE, HEALTHY AND STABLE ENVIRONMENT THAT PROMOTES THEIR PHYSICAL, SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND INTELLECTUAL GROWTH," SHE SAID.

"FOR CHILDREN FROM LOW INCOME FAMILIES, THERE IS THE FREE ASSISTANCE SCHEME TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES IN NEED TO ENABLE THEM TO ATTEND KINDERGARTENS OR CHILD CARE CENTRES.

"FOR FAMILIES WITH SOCIAL PROBLEMS WHICH INHIBIT THE PROVISION OF PROPER CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FOR THEIR CHILDREN, THERE ARE WIDE-RANGING WELFARE SERVICES AND PROVISIONS OF RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES TO CATER FOR THE CHILDREN'S NEEDS," SHE SAID.

AS A SHORT-TERM GOAL, SHE SAID, THE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN TAKING STEPS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY AND STANDARDS OF BOTH KINDERGARTENS AND CHILD CARE CENTRES.

"AS A LONG-TERM GOAL, CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO EXAMINE THE ULTIMATE UNIFICATION OF PRE-PRIMARY SERVICES," MRS WONG ADDED.

SHE COMMENDED DEVOTED INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND SERVICES FOR HAVING PUT SO MUCH EFFORT IN PROMOTING THE WELL-BEING OF OUR YOUNG CHILDREN.

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DAY FOR PEOPLE TO GIVE OF THEMSELVES

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A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN ORGANISED IN A CIVIC EDUCATION DAY TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO GIVE OF THEMSELVES, LITERALLY, AND TO DONATE THEIR TIME, MONEY AND ITEMS AS A GESTURE OF CARE AND CIVIC-MINDEDNESS TOWARDS THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH THEY LIVE.

THE "TO CARE AND TO GIVE CIVIC EDUCATION DAY", ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, WILL BE HELD AT VICTORIA PARK ON DECEMBER 18 (SUNDAY).

IT AIMS AT PROMOTING A GREATER SENSE OF MUTUAL HELP AND CARE IN THE COMMUNITY, AND TO ENCOURAGE CITIZENS TO CONTINUE CONTRIBUTING TO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH ACTION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID THAT ACTIVITIES APPEALING FOR CONTRIBUTION OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE AND DONATION OF KIDNEYS, CORNEA, BLOOD, CASH AND NEW TOYS WOULD BE LAUNCHED ON THAT DAY.

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THE AGENCY FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE WILL HOLD AN EXHIBITION TO INTRODUCE THE IMPORTANCE OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE IN THE COMMUNITY. THE AGENCY AIMS TO RECRUIT VOLUNTEERS FOR A NUMBER OF SERVICE JOBS IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

ANY PERSON INTENDING TO OFFER SERVICE AND HELP TO THOSE IN NEED ARE WELCOME TO VISIT THE EXHIBITION COUNTER FOR MORE INFORMATION.

THE AGENCY WILL, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, MOUNT A SPECIALLY DESIGNED CIVIC EDUCATION TREE ON WHICH VISITORS CAN HANG A CARD TO PLEDGE THEIR SUPPORT OF MUTUAL CARE AND CONCERN.

THE TREE WILL THEN BE MOVED TO THE CITY PLAZA IN TAI KOO SHING AFTER THE CIVIC EDUCATION DAY.

THE EVENT WILL ALSO OFFER OPPORTUNITIES FOR CITIZENS TO SHOW THEIR CARE FOR OTHERS BY PLEDGING THE DONATION OF KIDNEYS, CORNEA AND BLOOD, ADDED THE SPOKESMAN.

FOUNDED IN 1987 TO PROMOTE THE CONCEPT OF HELPING OTHERS BY DONATION OF KIDNEYS, THE KIDNEY DONATION SOCIETY WILL ALSO TAKE PART IN THE CIVIC EDUCATION DAY TO CALL FOR MORE PARTICIPATION IN THE SCHEME.

CITIZENS WILL LEARN WHEN THEY VISIT THE EXHIBITION STAGED BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT OPHTHALMIC SERVICE THAT THEIR HELP IS MUCH NEEDED IN CORNEA DONATION.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL BE PRESENT AT THE EXHIBITION TO EXPLAIN THE IMPORTANCE OF LOCAL DONATION AND TO DISTRIBUTE CORNEA DONATION CARDS.

IN ADDITION, THEY CAN VISIT THE HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE COUNTER AND JOIN THE "SAVE LIFE, GIVE BLOOD" CAUSE IN THE RED CROSS'S DOUBLE-DECKER STATIONED THERE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE COMMITTEE HOPED CITIZENS WOULD SHOW THEIR CONCERN AND CARE FOR THE UNDER-PRIVILEGED AND HANDICAPPED CHILDREN BY DONATING NEW TOYS IN THE CIVIC EDUCATION DAY.

THE NEW TOYS WILL BE COLLECTED BY THE SPARE A NEW TOY APPEAL (SANTA) AND DISTRIBUTED TO HOMES FOR CHILDREN.

PARENTS ARE INVITED TO BRING THEIR CHILDREN TO PLAY ON CHARITY CASH-RAISING TRAMPOLINE SPONSORED BY THE COMMUNITY CHEST.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A LARGE-SCALE SOCIAL SERVICE EXHIBITION ON THE WORK OF 17 VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND WELFARE BODIES, A CONCERT STAGED BY COMMERCIAL RADIO ONE TO PROMOTE MUTUAL LOVE AND CARE IN THE COMMUNITY AND A YOUTH DRAWING COMPETITION ON CIVIC EDUCATION.

THE ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM AND ADMISSION IS FREE.

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EXHIBITION OF STUDENTS' CREATIVE WORK

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AN EXHIBITION OF SECONDARY 5 STUDENTS' CREATIVE WORK WILL BE HELD AT THE CULTURAL CRAFTS CENTRE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, BETWEEN DECEMBER 12 (MONDAY) AND JANUARY 7 NEXT YEAR.

THE EXHIBITION WILL INCLUDE 500 SELECTED ITEMS OF ART WORK INCLUDING COURSE WORK PRODUCED BY 44 SECONDARY 5 STUDENTS FROM 22 SCHOOLS.

THE DISPLAY WILL BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO TEACHERS AND PUPILS PREPARING FOR THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION IN ART.

IT WILL FEATURE A WIDE RANGE OF DRAWINGS, PAINTINGS, GRAPHIC DESIGNS, PATTERN DESIGNS, CALLIGRAPHY, CERAMICS AND SPECIAL COURSE WORK IN TWO AND THREE DIMENSIONAL MEDIA.

THE EXHIBITION WILL OPEN BETWEEN 9 AM TO 5 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND BETWEEN 9 AM TO NOON ON SATURDAYS.

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ADULT EDUCATION CENTRE AT TSING YI

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TO COPE WITH INCREASING DEMANDS, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS RECENTLY SET UP AN ADULT EDUCATION AND RECREATION CENTRE IN TSING YI TO PROVIDE CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL, SOCIAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES FOR RESIDENTS IN THE AREA.

THE CENTRE IS LOCATED AT THE TSING YI TRADE ASSOCIATION PRIMARY SCHOOL IN CHEUNG HONG ESTATE.

TO MARK THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CENTRE, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (FURTHER), MRS RUBY LAU, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD, MR LEE WING-FAT WILL OFFICIATE AT A CEREMONY BEGINNING AT 8 PM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 12) EVENING.

THE CENTRE WILL BE OPEN FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY BETWEEN 7.30 PM TO 9.30 PM TO ADULTS AGED 18 AND ABOVE.

THE ACTIVITIES OFFERED AT THE CENTRE INCLUDE COURSES ON ENGLISH CONVERSATION, ELEMENTARY ENGLISH, PRACTICAL ENGLISH, PUTONGHUA, JAPANESE CONVERSATION, CHINESE PAINTING, MAKE-UP, PHOTOGRAPHY, CANTONESE OPERA, CUT RIBBON FLOWER DESIGN, TAI CHI, YOGA, FOLK DANCE AND SOCIAL DANCE.

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CAMPAIGN TO EDUCATE SQUATTERS

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A CAMPAIGN TO EDUCATE SQUATTER AREA RESIDENTS IN WONG TAI SIN ON FIRE PREVENTION AND TO PREVENT ILLEGAL TAPPING OF ELECTRICITY WILL BE LAUNCHED WITH AN OPENING CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT THE TZE WAN SHAN CENTRAL PLAYGROUND TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE CEREMONY WILL START AT 3 PM, TO BE FOLLOWED BY AN EXHIBITION ON FIRE PREVENTION, THE CORRECT WAYS OF USING ELECTRICITY AND FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT; A DEMONSTRATION BY FIRE WATCH TEAMS ON FIRE-FIGHTING, AND PERFORMANCES BY SINGERS AND A BRASS BAND.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE FUNCTION.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT TRAFFIC ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED

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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 12) TO DISCUSS A PROPOSAL ON RELOCATING A GREEN MINIBUS TERMINUS IN SHEK PAI WAN FROM YUE HONG STREET TO YUE KWONG ROAD.

THE PROPOSAL IS SUBMITTED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WITH THE AIM OF REDUCING TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN YUE HONG STREET.

THE INCREASE OF TRANSPORT NEED IN THE CULDESAC HAS ADVERSELY AFFECTED THE NORMAL SERVICE OF MINIBUSES OPERATING FROM THE TERMINUS.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO EXAMINE A PROGRESS REPORT ON OUTSTANDING ITEMS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING. THESE ITEMS INCLUDE THE PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF TAXI RESTRICTION IN STANLEY NEW STREET, JAY WALKING AT ABERDEEN PRAYA ROAD AND PARKING FACILITIES AT ABERDEEN WATERFRONT.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE AN INFORMATION PAPER ON A WORKS PROGRAMME OF MAINSLAYING FOR ABERDEEN SALT WATER SUPPLY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 12) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, ABERDEEN CENTRE, NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN.

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ANNUAL DIGEST OF STATISTICS NOW ON SALE
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAS PUBLISHED THE 1988 EDITION OF THE HONG KONG ANNUAL DIGEST OF STATISTICS.

THIS ANNUAL PUBLICATION IS THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE SOURCE OF OFFICIAL STATISTICS.

IT BRINGS TOGETHER IN ONE VOLUME UP-TO-DATE STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS OF HONG KONG.

THE REPORT COVERS STATISTICS ON A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS INCLUDING POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS, LABOUR, INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES, AND TRANSPORT AND SERVICES.

IT ALSO COVERS EXTERNAL TRADE, GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT, PUBLIC FINANCE, MONEY AND BANKING, PRICES AND HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE, AND FOOD SUPPLIES, TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATIONS AND TOURISM.

ALSO COVERED ARE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION, HOUSING, EDUCATION, MEDICAL AND HEALTH, SOCIAL WELFARE, LAW AND ORDER, AND CULTURE AND RECREATION.

ALTOGETHER THERE ARE 301 TABLES IN 20 SECTIONS, COVERING WHEREVER POSSIBLE A 10-YEAR PERIOD FROM 1978-1987.

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CARNIVAL CONCLUDES KWUN TONG FESTIVAL
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THE KWUN TONG FESTIVAL '88 CULMINATED WITH A CARNIVAL THIS (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON WHEN NEARLY 1,000 LOCAL RESIDENTS SHARED FUN AND LAUGHTER AT THE HONG NING ROAD PLAYGROUND.

THE CARNIVAL MARKED THE CLOSING HIGHLIGHT OF THE THREE-WEEK FESTIVAL, WHICH AIMED AT INSTILLING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY BELONGING THROUGH A WIDE VARIETY OF FREE CULTURAL, SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL EVENTS FOR KWUN TONG RESIDENTS.

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SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY, THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON), MR PAUL LEUNG, SAID THE FESTIVAL HAD ONCE AGAIN PROVIDED THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND 15 LOCAL AREA COMMITTEES WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO JOINTLY IMPLEMENT A MEANINGFUL PROJECT, THROUGH WHICH THE SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY-BUILDING AND CO-OPERATION WAS REALISED.

HE SAID APART FROM THE KWUN TONG FESTIVAL, THEY HAD BEEN PROVIDING ALL SORTS OF CULTURAL AND RECREATION PROGRAMMES TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON A REGULAR BASIS.

"THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD HAS ALLOCATED SOME \$1.5 MILLION THIS YEAR TO PROMOTE VARIOUS KINDS OF CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECTS."

"THE URBAN COUNCIL, IN ADDITION TO ITS YEAR-ROUND ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES, HAS PROVIDED RESIDENTS WITH DIFFERENT KINDS OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR LEISURE," HE SAID.

ON THE PART OF THE AREA COMMITTEES, MR LEUNG NOTED THAT THE ACTIVITIES THEY ORGANISED SUCH AS PICNICS, BOAT CRUISES AND VEGETARIAN FEASTS, HAD HELPED BOOST THE SPIRIT OF NEIGHBOURLINESS AND MUTUAL HELP IN THE COMMUNITY.

HE HOPED THAT LOCAL RESIDENTS WOULD CONTINUE SUPPORTING THE ABOVE ORGANISATIONS TO JOINTLY CREATE A BETTER COMMUNITY.

EARLIER, MR LEUNG OFFICIATED AT A CEREMONY TO LAUNCH A HELIUM BLIMP TO MARK THE CLOSING OF THE FESTIVAL.

THIS AFTERNOON'S CARNIVAL FEATURED A WIDE VARIETY OF ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES. THEY INCLUDED SINGING AND PIPE BAND PERFORMANCES, PONY AND MINI-TRAIN RIDES, DEMONSTRATIONS OF CHINESE FOLK ARTS AND HANDICRAFT.

THERE WAS ALSO A DISPLAY OF ARMY VEHICLES AND AN EXHIBITION STAGED BY EIGHT LOCAL ORGANISATIONS TO INTRODUCE THEIR SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

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ANTI-JUVENILE CRIME CAMP FOR YOUTHS

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EIGHTY YOUNGSTERS FROM THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT TODAY (SATURDAY) ATTENDED A TWO-DAY ANTI-JUVENILE CRIME CAMP AT THE MA HANG PRISON AND STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY.

THE FUNCTION WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT JUNIOR POLICE CALL, DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUP HUNG HOM OUT-REACHING TEAM.

THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT PROVIDED THE VENUES AND ASSISTANCE FOR THE FUNCTION.

THE CAMP FEATURED TALKS, VIDEO, GROUP DISCUSSION, QUIZ COMPETITION, GAMES AND SPORTS, THROUGH WHICH THE PARTICIPANTS WOULD LEARN SELF-DISCIPLINE AND WOULD BE MORE AWARE OF THE EVIL OF TRIADS AND JUVENILE DELINQUENCY.

IT BEGAN WITH A TALK ON LAW GIVEN BY A MEMBER OF THE LAW SOCIETY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY TWO VIDEOS WHICH DEPICTED HOW YOUNG PEOPLE COULD EASILY GET INVOLVED WITH BAD ELEMENTS, AND HOW DIFFICULT IT WOULD BE FOR THEM TO STEER A STRAIGHT PATH AFTERWARDS.

FROM THE PROGRAMMES, THE PARTICIPANTS LEARNT HOW AND WHY YOUNG PEOPLE WERE TEMPTED TO CRIME AND HOW THEY COULD TURN A NEW LEAF.

OTHER PROGRAMMES OF THE FUNCTION INCLUDED A VISIT TO THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE, A GROUP DISCUSSION TO REVIEW THE RESULTS OF THE CAMP AND EXCHANGE ON EXPERIENCES.

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NOVEMBER RAINFALL BELOW NORMAL

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THE RAINFALL IN NOVEMBER CONTINUED TO BE BELOW NORMAL. THE TOTAL AMOUNT FOR THE MONTH, 25.6 MILLIMETRES, WAS ONLY 74 PER CENT OF THE NORMAL FOR NOVEMBER, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY REPORTED TODAY (SATURDAY).

SINCE JANUARY 1, THE TOTAL RAINFALL AMOUNTED TO 1,578.4 MILLIMETRES WHICH IS 28 PER CENT BELOW THE NORMAL OF 2,199.4 MILLIMETRES.

THE MONTH'S MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 22.4 DEGREES WAS THE FIFTH LOWEST ON RECORD FOR NOVEMBER WHILE THE MEAN ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE FOR THE MONTH OF 1,019.7 HECTOPASCALS WAS THE FIFTH HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR NOVEMBER.

THE CLOUDY CONDITIONS WHICH PERSISTED FOR THE LAST FEW DAYS IN OCTOBER CONTINUED ON NOVEMBER 1. HOWEVER, THE WEATHER TURNED FINE THE NEXT DAY.

A WEAK SURGE OF THE WINTER MONSOON EARLY ON NOVEMBER 3 BROUGHT DRIER AIR TO THE SOUTH CHINA COASTAL AREAS AND FINE WEATHER CONTINUED.

MAINLY FINE AND DRY CONDITIONS LASTED UNTIL THE EVENING OF NOVEMBER 9 WHEN CLOUD BANDS ASSOCIATED WITH TYPHOON SKIP OVER THE SOUTH CHINA SEA BEGAN TO AFFECT THE TERRITORY.

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DURING THE DAY, HOWEVER, THERE WAS STILL PLENTY OF SUNSHINE SO THAT THE TEMPERATURE THAT AFTERNOON ROSE TO A MAXIMUM OF 27.7 DEGREES CELSIUS, THE HIGHEST FOR THE MONTH.

AS SKIP CONTINUED ITS NORTHWESTWARD TRACK, THE WEATHER OVER HONG KONG REMAINED OVERCAST WITH OCCASIONAL RAIN FROM NOVEMBER 10 TO 12.

ALTHOUGH SKIP DISSIPATED TO THE SOUTHWEST OF HONG KONG LATER ON NOVEMBER 12, ITS REMNANTS CONTINUED TO BRING CLOUDY AND RAINY CONDITIONS TO HONG KONG ON NOVEMBER 13.

THE WEATHER DID NOT IMPROVE MUCH IN THE NEXT FOUR DAYS. ON THE EVENING OF NOVEMBER 17, A SURGE OF THE WINTER MONSOON FROM THE NORTH BROUGHT MUCH DRIER AIR TO THE SOUTH CHINA COASTAL AREAS. THE WEATHER THEN TURNED FINE ON NOVEMBER 18.

WITH A CONTINENTAL AIRSTREAM PREVAILING OVER SOUTH CHINA, FINE CONDITIONS CONTINUED TILL THE END OF THE MONTH.

DURING THIS PERIOD, SEVERAL SURGES OF THE WINTER MONSOON REACHED THE COASTAL AREAS, EACH TIME BRINGING COOLER AIR TO THE REGION.

ON THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 29, THE TEMPERATURE AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY DROPPED TO 13.7 DEGREES WHICH WAS THE LOWEST FOR THE MONTH. IT IS ALSO THE LOWEST SO FAR THIS WINTER.

TEMPERATURES THAT MORNING WERE MUCH LOWER OVER THE NEW TERRITORIES. AT SHA TIN, THE TEMPERATURE FELL TO 7.5 DEGREES WHILE AT TA KWU LING IT WAS ONLY 4.0 DEGREES.

DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, NO AIRCRAFT WAS DIVERTED DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER.

THE RED FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON NOVEMBER 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 19, 20, 24 AND BETWEEN 26 AND 30. THE YELLOW FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON NOVEMBER 20 AND 26.

TWO TROPICAL CYCLONES OCCURRED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA DURING NOVEMBER.

THE ONLY SIGNAL HOISTED DURING THE MONTH WAS AS FOLLOWS:

WEATHER SYSTEM	SIGNAL	DATE AND TIME OF HOISTING	DATE AND TIME OF LOWERING
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	NOVEMBER 9 7.30 PM	NOVEMBER 11 7 AM

/THE MONTH'S

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

TOTAL BRIGHT SUNSHINE	198.4 HOURS	;	6.9 HOURS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DAILY GLOBAL SOLAR RADIATION	12.71 MJ/SQ. METRE	;	0.83 MJ/SQ. METRE BELOW NORMAL
TOTAL RAINFALL	25.6 MM	;	9.1 MM BELOW NORMAL
MEAN AMOUNT OF CLOUD	45 PER CENT	;	7 PER CENT LESS THAN NORMAL
MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY	66 PER CENT	;	3 PER CENT LOWER THAN NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	22.4 DEGREES CELSIUS	;	2.0 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN AIR TEMPERATURE	19.9 DEGREES CELSIUS	;	1.4 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MINIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	17.6 DEGREES CELSIUS	;	1.3 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	12.9 DEGREES CELSIUS	;	2.0 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	101.1 MM	;	34.1 MM BELOW NORMAL

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INTERRUPTIONS TO SALT WATER SUPPLY

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT SALT WATER SUPPLY TO THE FOLLOWING AREAS WOULD BE INTERRUPTED DUE TO WATER WORKS:

- * THE SUPPLY TO KING YIP STREET, JUNK BAY ROAD, SAU MAU PING ROAD, CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD, LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, PO KONG TSUEN ROAD, CHOI HUNG ROAD, TSEUK LUK STREET, KING FUK STREET, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST, EASTERN ROAD, KAI FUK ROAD AND HOI BUN ROAD WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9 AM TO 6 PM DAILY FROM MONDAY (DECEMBER 12) TO SATURDAY (DECEMBER 17).

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ALSO AFFECTED BY THE CUT WILL BE THE FOLLOWING HOUSING ESTATES:
NGAU TAU KOK, JORDAN VALLEY, SHUN LEE, SHUN TIN, SHUN ON, SHUN LEE
TSUEN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, SHUN CHI COURT, KWUN TONG, CHOI WAN,
CHOI HUNG, PING SHEK, CHEUNG WO COURT, LOK WAH, ON KAY COURT, LOK NGA
COURT, FU SHAN, KING SHAN COURT, KOWLOON BAY T.H.A., KAI CHEUNG
T.H.A., KAI LOK T.H.A., AND HONG NING ROAD T.H.A.

- * THE SUPPLY TO THE WHOLE AREA OF TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG
(FROM CASTLE PEAK ROAD (KWAI CHUNG) TO KWAI CHUNG ROAD AND
CONTAINER PORT ROAD) WILL BE CUT OFF FROM 8 PM ON WEDNESDAY
(DECEMBER 14) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY.
- * THE SUPPLY TO THE WHOLE SAN PO KONG INDUSTRIAL AREA,
BOUNDED BY CHOI HUNG ROAD, TSUEK LUK STREET, KING FUK
STREET AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST, WILL BE CUT OFF FROM 10
PM ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 15) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY.
- * THE SUPPLY TO ALL PREMISES IN TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG
DISTRICTS, INCLUDING SHEUNG KWAI CHUNG, HA KWAI CHUNG, AND
THE CONTAINER TERMINUS WILL BE CUT OFF FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM
ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 16).

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN TSIM SHA TSUI
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT PEKING ROAD BETWEEN
ITS JUNCTION WITH NATHAN ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 35 METRES WEST OF THE
SAME JUNCTION WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 13).

THE CLOSURE WILL LAST FOR ABOUT 15 MONTHS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION
OF A NEW ENTRANCE AT TSIM SHA TSUI MTR STATION.

VEHICLES ON NATHAN ROAD HEADING FOR PEKING ROAD, INCLUDING GMB
ROUTE 8, WILL BE DIVERTED VIA MIDDLE ROAD AND HANKOW ROAD.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KOWLOON CITY AND TUEN MUN
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON WATERLOO ROAD BETWEEN 10 PM AND 6 AM THE NEXT DAY DAILY FROM DECEMBER 13 TO 15 FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER.

WATERLOO ROAD SOUTHBOUND AT ITS JUNCTION WITH ARGYLE STREET WILL BE REDUCED TO ONE-LANE TRAFFIC.

MOREOVER, THE U-TURN FROM WATERLOO ROAD SOUTHBOUND TO WATERLOO ROAD NORTHBOUND OUTSIDE KOWLOON HOSPITAL WILL BE BANNED.

AFFECTED VEHICLES ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA WATERLOO ROAD SOUTHBOUND, PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, SHEUNG HING STREET, PUI CHING ROAD AND WATERLOO ROAD NORTHBOUND.

MEANWHILE, TO FACILITATE FOOTBRIDGE CONSTRUCTION, STREET D IN TUEN MUN AREA WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5.30 AM DAILY FROM DECEMBER 13 TO 19.

MOTORISTS MAY USE THE ALTERNATIVE ROUTING VIA TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN LUNG STREET AND TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD FOR ACCESS TO STREET B.

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