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KUK PRAISED FOR KEEPING UP WITH CHANGES
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THE WORK OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK HAS DEVELOPED AND CHANGED IN THE PAST 25 YEARS SO THAT THERE ARE NOW 24 SUB-COMMITTEES DEALING WITH SUBJECTS RANGING FROM HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES TO EDUCATION AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY BY THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE 26TH TERM OF THE N.T. HEUNG YEE KUK.

RECALLING THAT HE WAS ALSO PRESENT AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE 14TH TERM OF THE KUK 25 YEARS AGO, SIR DAVID SAID: +TODAY, AFTER 25 YEARS OF CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH THE KUK, IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO RE-AFFIRM MY INTEREST BY BEING PRESENT AT THIS INAUGURATION OF THE 26TH TERM.+

SIR DAVID SAID THE KUK, IN THE PAST 25 YEARS, HAD MAINTAINED ITS DETERMINATION TO FULFIL ITS OBJECTIVES BY REFLECTING THE NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE, BY WISE ADVICE AND BY ASSISTING IN THE SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN THE COURSE OF DEVELOPMENT AND BY EXPLAINING THESE DEVELOPMENTS TO THE PEOPLE WHOSE LIVES WERE SO DRAMATICALLY AFFECTED BY THEM.

+WITHOUT THIS COOPERATION, THE PROGRESS MADE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED,+ HE SAID.

THE HEUNG YEE KUK ORDINANCE, HE SAID, ENACTED AT THE END OF 1959, NOT ONLY GAVE THE KUK A FORMAL AND LEGAL EXISTENCE, IT ALSO ESTABLISHED THE CHAIRMAN, VICE-CHAIRMAN OF RURAL COMMITTEES, AND SPECIAL COUNCILLORS OF THE KUK AS A SYSTEM OF REPRESENTATION FOR THE PEOPLE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES REACHING UPWARD FROM THE VILLAGES TO A CENTRAL BODY.

HE SAID WHEN THE 14TH TERM OF THE KUK TOOK OFFICE AND BECAME A STATUTORY ORGANISATION IN 1960, THE POPULATION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES WAS ONLY ABOUT 400 000. TWENTY-FIVE YEARS LATER, IT IS ESTIMATED TO BE AROUND 1 837 000.

TO COPE WITH URBANISATION AND THE EXPANSION OF THE POPULATION, NEW SYSTEMS OF REPRESENTATION HAD BEEN INTRODUCED, HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO SEE THAT THE LONG ESTABLISHED ORGANISATION OF THE KUK HAD BEEN ABLE TO PLAY A PROMINENT PART IN THIS PROCESS.

+IN THE MIDST OF THESE, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL CHANGES, THE MEMBERSHIP OF RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN ON THE DISTRICT BOARDS AND OF MEMBERS OF THE KUK ON THE REGIONAL COUNCIL IS OF GREAT VALUE,+ HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID HE HAD TAKEN NOTE OF THE CHAIRMAN, MR LAU WONG-FAT'S FRANK ADVICE ON A NUMBER OF MATTERS.

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INEVITABLY, HE SAID, THERE WERE SOME THINGS OVER WHICH THE KUK AND GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN UNABLE TO ACHIEVE A COMPLETE IDENTITY OF VIEWS, CONSIDERING THE WIDE RANGE AND COMPLEXITY OF THE ISSUES INVOLVED.

+AS IN THE PAST, WE WILL CONTINUE TO DISCUSS THESE ISSUES TO REACH AGREEMENT AND ACT IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF HONG KONG AS A WHOLE,+ HE SAID.

HE NOTED THAT FEW PLACES IN THE WORLD HAD ACHIEVED SO MUCH IN SUCH A SHORT TIME IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW TOWNS AND NEW COMMUNITIES REPLACING A PREVIOUSLY RURAL ENVIRONMENT.

AS DEVELOPMENT TOOK PLACE, THERE MIGHT BE SOME PART OF GOVERNMENT'S ACTIVITY WHERE, BECAUSE OF THE DISTANCES INVOLVED, OR BECAUSE OF THE RAPID GROWTH OF POPULATION, FACILITIES HAD NOT YET REACHED A SATISFACTORY LEVEL, HE POINTED OUT.

NEVERTHELESS, HE SAID, SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, POLICE AND FIRE STATIONS ETC, WERE NOW MORE EVENLY DISTRIBUTED THAN ANY TIME IN THE PAST THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE OF HONG KONG.

SIR DAVID THEN EXPRESSED THANKS TO ALL THE PAST AND PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE KUK WHO HAD GIVEN MUCH OF THEIR TIME IN DISCHARGING THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE PEOPLE WHOM THEY REPRESENTED.

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MORE NOMINATIONS COMING IN - SIR DAVID
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MORE NOMINATIONS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS ARE BEGINNING TO COME IN, THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE 26TH TERM OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL.

ASKED IF HE THOUGHT THAT THE NOMINATIONS HAD BEEN RATHER SLOW, HE SAID: +I THINK PEOPLE HAVE BEEN A BIT SLOW IN MAKING UP THEIR MINDS, BUT THEY ARE BEGINNING TO COME IN NOW.

+I THINK THERE ARE 15 ALREADY REGISTERED IN THE FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES AND SOME ARE COMING IN IN THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE.+

HE POINTED OUT THAT THERE HAD BEEN TWO NOMINATIONS IN THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE UP TO 12 NOON AND MORE ARE COMING IN.

ASKED IF HE WAS SURPRISED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK, MR LAU WONG-FAT'S ATTACK ON THE GOVERNMENT IN HIS SPEECH AT THE CEREMONY, SIR DAVID SAID: +MR LAU WONG-FAT AND I HAVE KNOWN ONE ANOTHER FOR OVER 20 YEARS NOW, AND WE ARE USED TO SPEAKING FRANKLY TO ONE ANOTHER, SO I AM ALWAYS VERY GLAD TO LISTEN TO WHAT MR LAU HAS TO SAY, AND TO EXCHANGE OPINIONS WITH HIM.

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ASKED WHETHER HE WAS SYMPATHETIC TOWARDS MR LAU'S GRIEVANCES, SIR DAVID REPLIED: +THE PARTICULAR POINTS NEED LOOKING INTO. BUT AS I SAID WE'VE HAD 25 YEARS OF THIS KIND OF EXCHANGE, AND AS A RESULT YOU CAN SEE THE RESULTS ALL AROUND YOU IN THE NEW TERRITORIES OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK'S ADVICE, AND THE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO IT.+

ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE KUK'S CONSTITUTION TO ENABLE IT TO APPOINT ITS OWN MEMBERS, HE SAID: +I HAVE NOT HEARD THAT PARTICULAR PROPOSAL FROM THE HEUNG YEE KUK, SO I AM NOT PREPARED TO COMMENT.+

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DRAFT ORDER ON NATIONALITY CONSIDERED BY EXCO
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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS GIVEN PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION TO THE DRAFT ORDER IN COUNCIL ON NATIONALITY AND A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THERE WILL BE A PERIOD FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT ORDER.

+THE TIMING OF PUBLICATION IN HONG KONG WILL COINCIDE WITH THAT FOR PUBLICATION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM. THE EXACT DATES HAVE NOT YET BEEN DECIDED BUT IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE DRAFT ORDER WILL BE PUBLISHED IN HONG KONG WELL BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE UK GOVERNMENT WILL CONSIDER ANY CHANGES WHICH MAY BE NECESSARY FOLLOWING PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND DEBATES IN BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT.

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WEEK LEFT TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES
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AS OF TODAY (AUGUST 13) A TOTAL OF 21 PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO STAND AS CANDIDATES IN THE FORTHCOMING LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION ANNOUNCED.

CANDIDATES NOMINATED SO FAR INCLUDE THREE FOR THE TEACHING FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY, TWO EACH FOR THE LABOUR, SOCIAL SERVICES, LEGAL, AND ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL, SURVEYING AND PLANNING FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES. ONE PERSON EACH HAS BEEN NOMINATED FOR THE COMMERCIAL (DIVISION I), COMMERCIAL (DIVISION II), INDUSTRIAL (DIVISION I), FINANCIAL AND MEDICAL FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES. FIVE CANDIDATES HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO STAND IN THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE.

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COMMENTING ON THE NOMINATIONS RECEIVED SO FAR, THE R.E.D. SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THERE WAS A WEEK TO GO BEFORE THE NOMINATION PERIOD ENDED AND IT IS BELIEVED THAT PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES WERE ACTIVELY PREPARING FOR NOMINATION PAPERS TO BE SUBMITTED.

THE SPOKESMAN, HOWEVER, REMINDED ALL PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES THAT NOMINATIONS WOULD NOT BE RECEIVED AFTER OFFICE HOURS ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 20= THEREAFTER, NOMINATED CANDIDATES WOULD HAVE UNTIL AUGUST 21 TO DECIDE WHETHER THEY WISHED TO WITHDRAW FROM THE ELECTIONS.

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FIVE LEGCO NOMINATIONS RECEIVED
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FIVE NOMINATIONS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS NEXT MONTH WERE RECEIVED TODAY (TUESDAY), BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER RECEIVED SINCE THE OPENING OF NOMINATIONS TO 21.

FOLLOWING ARE THE PERSONAL PARTICULARS OF THE PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES WHOSE NOMINATION FORMS WERE RECEIVED TODAY:

<u>ELECTORAL COLLEGE CONSTITUENCY</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>OCCUPATION</u>	<u>CONTACT TEL. NO.</u>
1. URBAN COUNCIL	ELSIE ELLIOTT (ELSIE ELLIOTT TU)	F	72	SCHOOL SUPERVISOR	3-898599 OR 3-422416 EXT. 11
2. HK ISLAND (WEST)	LIU LIT- FOR	M	54	BANKER	5-8417417
3. HK ISLAND (EAST)	MRS LAM PEGGY PEI	F	57	WELFARE ADMINISTRATOR	5-722070
4. KOWLOON CITY	PAO PING- WING	M	38	COMMUNITY SERVICE AND DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT	3-620301
<u>FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>OCCUPATION</u>	<u>CONTACT TEL. NO.</u>
1. FINANCIAL	DAVID KWOK-PO LI	M	46	BANKER	5-8423200

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FOLLOWING IS A STATISTICAL BREAKDOWN OF THE NOMINATIONS RECEIVED SO FAR:

<u>ELECTORAL COLLEGE CONSTITUENCY</u> (NO. OF SEATS IN BRACKETS)	<u>NO. OF NOMINATIONS RECEIVED</u>
1. URBAN COUNCIL (1)	1
2. PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL (1)	
DISTRICT BOARDS:	
3. HK ISLAND (EAST) (1)	2
4. HK ISLAND (WEST) (1)	1
5. KWUN TONG (1)	
6. WONG TAI SIN (1)	
7. KOWLOON CITY (1)	1
8. SHAM SHUI PO (1)	
9. SOUTH KOWLOON (1)	
10. NEW TERRITORIES (EAST) (1)	
11. NEW TERRITORIES (WEST) (1)	
12. NEW TERRITORIES (SOUTH) (1)	
SUB-TOTAL	5
 <u>FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY</u>	
1. COMMERCIAL I (1)	1
COMMERCIAL II (1)	1
2. INDUSTRIAL I (1)	1
INDUSTRIAL II (1)	
3. FINANCIAL (1)	1
4. LABOUR (2)	2
5. SOCIAL SERVICES (1)	2
6. MEDICAL (1)	1
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7. TEACHING (1)	3
8. LEGAL (1)	2
9. ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL, SURVEYING AND PLANNING (1)	2
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SUB-TOTAL	16
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VOTER REGISTRATION AIMS AT THE YOUNG
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IF YOU ARE 21 YEARS OLD THIS YEAR AND WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN DISTRICT BOARD, URBAN COUNCIL AND REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS, SIGN UP AS A VOTER DURING THE ANNUAL VOTER REGISTRATION PERIOD WHICH STARTS ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 15) AND WILL LAST UNTIL OCTOBER 1.

THAT IS THE MESSAGE TO SOME 90 000 YOUNG PEOPLE WHO TURN 21 BY DECEMBER 31 THIS YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION SAID ANYONE WHO IS 21 YEARS OLD AND HAS BEEN A HONG KONG RESIDENT FOR SEVEN YEARS CAN REGISTER AS AN ELECTOR.

+OF COURSE WE ARE ALSO AIMING FOR THOSE WHO MISSED OUT ON LAST YEAR'S EXERCISE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+TO DATE, ABOUT 1.42 MILLION OF THE 2.9 MILLION ELIGIBLE VOTERS HAVE REGISTERED,+ HE ADDED.

HE REMINDED REGISTERED ELECTORS WHO HAVE CHANGED THEIR ADDRESS OR ANY PARTICULARS, TO NOTIFY THE REGISTRATION OFFICER DURING THE FORTHCOMING SEVEN-WEEK VOTER REGISTRATION PERIOD.

+THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY REGISTERED ELECTORS NEED NOT REGISTER AGAIN TO AVOID DUPLICATION,+ HE SAID.

ALL REGISTERED ELECTORS WILL BE ABLE TO CAST THEIR VOTES IN DISTRICT BOARD, URBAN COUNCIL AND REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

+THE URBAN COUNCIL AND REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE IN MARCH NEXT YEAR, WHILE THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD IN 1988,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR BOTH REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS AND NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS ARE OBTAINABLE FREE IN ALL DISTRICT OFFICES, POST OFFICES, IMMIGRATION OFFICES, HOUSING ESTATE OFFICES, THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, THE HANG SENG BANK, AND ALL MUSEUMS, TOWN HALLS AND STADIUMS OPERATED BY THE URBAN SERVICES AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTS.

APPLICANTS SHOULD COMPLETE AND RETURN THE SELF-ADDRESSED FORMS TO THE REGISTRATION OFFICER DURING THE REGISTRATION PERIOD.

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POST OFFICE JOINS 'COURTESY TO PUBLIC' DRIVE

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THE POST OFFICE WAS AMONG TEN +FRONT-LINE+ GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TAKING PART IN A COURTESY DRIVE TO IMPROVE ITS SERVICE AND ALSO BRING IT EVEN CLOSER TO THE PEOPLE IT SERVED, THE ACTING POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR DAVID LAN, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

WITH THE EXTREMELY WIDE DAILY CONTACTS WITH THE PUBLIC, HE SAID, THE POST OFFICE WAS QUITE SERIOUS TO MAKE THE DRIVE A REAL SUCCESS -- ALL MAJOR BRANCH POST OFFICES WITH COUNTER FACILITIES ARE INVOLVED IN THE EXERCISE.

LAUNCHED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH AND THE CIVIL SERVICE TRAINING CENTRE, THE DRIVE HAS BECOME A SERVICE-WIDE GOVERNMENT PROMOTION EFFORT.

SPEAKING AT A LUNCH MEETING OF THE LIONS CLUB OF SOUTH KOWLOON, MR LAN SAID THAT THE SCHEME WAS UNLIKE THE ORDINARY COURTESY OR SMILE CAMPAIGN+ IN WHICH MANAGEMENT DIRECTED THE STAFF ON WHAT THEY SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT DO.

+IN THIS EXERCISE THERE IS ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BY THE STAFF WHO WILL BE TAKING THE INITIATIVE THEMSELVES FOR MAKING IMPROVEMENTS,+ HE SAID.

THE SCHEME HAD ALSO RECEIVED THE FULL SUPPORT OF ALL THEIR STAFF UNIONS AND THIS WAS VITAL FOR ITS SUCCESS, HE ADDED.

WITH THE POST OFFICE HANDLING AN AVERAGE OF 1.5 MILLION POSTAL ITEMS A DAY AND POSTAL TRAFFIC GROWING AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF EIGHT TO 10 PER CENT PER ANNUM, MR LAN SAID THAT THE POST OFFICE WAS CONSTANTLY SEEKING WAYS TO PROVIDE BETTER SERVICE.

AN EXAMPLE OF THIS, HE SAID, WAS THE FREE PICK-UP SERVICE INTRODUCED LAST YEAR WHEREBY SPEEDPOST ITEMS WOULD BE PICKED UP AT THE TELEPHONE REQUEST OF A CLIENT FROM HIS OFFICE OR HOME AT NO ADDITIONAL COST.

THE SERVICE, WHICH HAD BEEN EXTENDED TO COVER OVER 300 MAJOR CITIES IN 33 COUNTRIES, HAD PROVED A MOST WELCOMED FACILITY BY VARIOUS SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY AND AS A RESULT REVENUE AND TRAFFIC HAD INCREASED BY OVER 50 PER CENT ANNUALLY FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS, HE SAID.

ANOTHER EXAMPLE WAS THE INTRODUCTION OF A COMPUTER SYSTEM TO STREAMLINE THE VARIOUS MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS OF THE POST OFFICE.

THIS HAD ENABLED THE DEPARTMENT TO MAINTAIN THE LARGE VOLUME OF RECORDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE OVER 40 000 LICENCES ISSUED AND TO FACILITATE THE ISSUE AND RENEWAL OF THESE LICENCES.

MR LAN ALSO MENTIONED THAT THE POST OFFICE RECENTLY ENGAGED THE BRITISH POST OFFICE TO UNDERTAKE A CONSULTANCY STUDY ON ELECTRONIC MAIL SORTING AND A STUDY OF THE REPORT FOUND THAT THE +OPTICAL CHARACTER RECOGNITION+ SYSTEM WOULD BE THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS OF IMPROVING EFFICIENCY AND ECONOMISING OPERATIONAL COST IN THE LONG TERM.

HE ADDED THAT FUNDS WERE BEING SOUGHT FROM THE FINANCE BRANCH FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH A SYSTEM.

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HK KEEPS UP WITH COMPENSATION STANDARDS
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HONG KONG HAD ACHIEVED INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS IN THE FIELD OF EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION, THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR DARWIN CHEN, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT A LUNCH MEETING OF THE ACTUARIAL ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, HE SAID COMPREHENSIVE LEGISLATION AND STREAMLINED ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES HAD MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR HONG KONG TO APPLY FULLY THREE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONVENTIONS - WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (AGRICULTURE), EQUALITY OF TREATMENT (ACCIDENT COMPENSATION) AND WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES).

IN ADDITION, MR CHEN SAID, HONG KONG WAS ALSO ABLE TO COMPLY WITH MOST OF THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (ACCIDENTS) CONVENTION.

HE SAID THAT IN HONG KONG, PROVISIONS OF COMPENSATION FOR PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH CAUSED BY ACCIDENT OR OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES ARISING OUT OF AND IN THE COURSE OF EMPLOYMENT WERE EMBODIED IN THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE IN GENERAL, AND IN THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS COMPENSATION ORDINANCE IN PARTICULAR.

BUT THERE WAS STILL ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT IN THE EXISTING SYSTEM, HE SAID.

+FOR EXAMPLE, SOME EMPLOYEES STILL HAVE TO BRING THEIR CASES TO THE COURTS AND ARE THUS REQUIRED TO GO THROUGH A SERIES OF COSTLY AND TIME-CONSUMING LEGAL PROCEEDINGS,+ HE SAID.

THERE HAD ALSO BEEN COMPLAINTS FROM EMPLOYERS, WHO WERE REQUIRED TO INSURE AGAINST THEIR FULL LIABILITIES FOR COMPENSATION UNDER THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND FOR DAMAGES IN CIVIL LITIGATION, THAT THE PREMIA CHARGED BY SOME INSURERS WERE UNDULY HIGH, WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF NO-CLAIM REDUCTIONS.

HE SAID: +WE ARE CLOSELY MONITORING THE SITUATION AND IF NEED ARISES, WE SHALL CONSIDER FURTHER CHANGES TO OUR SYSTEM IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE HIGHER COST EFFECTIVENESS, SPEEDIER SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS AND, PERHAPS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT, STRONGER MOTIVATION TO FOLLOW GOOD SAFETY PRACTICES IN WORKPLACES.

+PREVENTION OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS AND OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES MUST BE OUR PRIMARY OBJECTIVE, BUT ACCIDENTS DO OCCUR AND THE PROVISION OF AN EFFICIENT SYSTEM OF COMPENSATION THAT MEETS THE NEEDS OF A FAST-CHANGING SOCIETY SUCH AS OURS IS THEREFORE ALSO AN IMPORTANT TASK.+

MR CHEN ADDED THAT IN CARRYING OUT THE TASK SUCCESSFULLY, THE GOVERNMENT NEEDED THE SUPPORT AND ADVICE OF THE COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY FROM PROFESSIONALS WITH RELEVANT EXPERIENCE, SUCH AS MEMBERS OF THE ACTUARIAL ASSOCIATION.

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USD WARNS NOT TO TRANSPORT FOOD IN THE OPEN
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THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY WARNED FOOD MERCHANTS, TRANSPORT OPERATORS, AND DELIVERY PERSONNEL NOT TO TRANSPORT FOOD IN THE OPEN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT DURING A TWO-WEEK BLITZ WHICH ENDED LAST SATURDAY, 183 FOOD OPERATORS WERE PROSECUTED BY THE HEALTH STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR CARRYING FOOD IN THE OPEN.

+EXPOSURE OF FOOD, SUCH AS ROASTED PRODUCTS, DRESS POULTRY AND MEAT, DURING TRANSPORTATION CAN RESULT IN THE DETERIORATION OF THEIR QUALITIES BECAUSE OF THE DUST AND VERMIN WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN ATTRACTED,+ HE SAID.

+UNDER THE FOOD BUSINESS BY-LAWS, OFFENDERS ARE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$2 000 AND THREE MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED THE TRADES CONCERNED TO ENSURE THAT ALL FOOD TO BE TRANSPORTED MUST FIRST BE HYGIENICALLY WRAPPED OR PUT INTO SUITABLE CONTAINERS ADDING THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO TAKE PROSECUTION ACTION WHERE NECESSARY.

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PUBLIC WARNED NOT TO BRING IN ENDANGERED SPECIES
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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) REPEATED ITS WARNING THAT IMPORTATION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES OF ANIMALS WITHOUT A VALID LICENCE WAS AN OFFENCE.

THIS WARNING FOLLOWED TWO RECENT COURT CASES IN WHICH ONE MAN WAS FINED \$5 000 FOR ILLEGALLY BRINGING INTO HONG KONG A TIGER SKIN AND ANOTHER MAN WAS FINED \$1 200 FOR IMPORTING TEN KESTRELS WITHOUT A VALID LICENCE.

THE IMPORTED ITEMS WERE CONFISCATED AND THE BIRDS WERE LATER RELEASED.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5 000 WAS IMPOSED ON THE FIRST OFFENDER BECAUSE OF THE DWINDLING NUMBERS OF TIGERS AND BECAUSE CERTAIN SPECIES WERE CLOSE TO EXTINCTION.

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THERE WAS GROWING CONCERN WORLDWIDE ABOUT THE CONSERVATION OF TIGERS AND A NUMBER OF OTHER ENDANGERED ANIMALS.

DESPITE REPEATED APPEALS AND PUBLICITY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, THE NUMBER OF ILLEGAL IMPORTS OF ENDANGERED ANIMALS CONTINUED TO INCREASE.

DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR, THERE WERE 282 CASES, REPRESENTING A FOUR-FOLD INCREASE OVER THE 67 CASES FOR THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

THE IMPORTED SPECIES INVOLVED IN THESE CASES INCLUDED OWLS, BUZZARDS, KESTRELS, PANGOLINS AND ITEMS SUCH AS STUFFED SPECIMENS OF SEA TURTLES AND CROCODILES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID HE HOPED THAT HEAVY PENALTIES WOULD DETER PEOPLE FROM BREACHING THE LAW.

+THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) ORDINANCE PROVIDES FOR A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10 000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT FOR A REPEATED OFFENCE,+ HE WARNED.

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STUDENTS COMPETE FOR INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP * * * * *

THE INTER-DISTRICT STUDENT TEAM CHAMPION AWARD COMPETITION HAS GENERATED KEEN COMPETITION AMONG 19 QUALIFYING TEAMS, WHO HAVE EACH SUBMITTED A SOCIAL PROJECT STUDY ABOUT THEIR OWN DISTRICT FOR THE FIRST PART OF THE FINAL ROUNDS.

THE COMPETITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF '85 YOUTH FESTIVAL TO COINCIDE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR (IYY).

THE COMPETITION IS AIMED AT SELECTING THE MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT TEAM WITH QUALITIES IN LEADERSHIP, ORGANISING ABILITY, CREATIVITY, SOCIAL KNOWLEDGE, VITALITY AND TEAM WORK.

EACH SOCIAL PROJECT PROVIDED AN INSIGHT INTO THE NEEDS OF THE DISTRICT TOGETHER WITH PROPOSALS TO SOLVE VARIOUS PROBLEMS.

ADJUDICATORS FOR THE SOCIAL PROJECTS WERE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MRS RITA FAN; DR ANTONY YEH OF THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY; MR RAYMOND WONG OF TVB; MR HO CHI-LEUNG OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT; AND A PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR GREGORY LEUNG.

IMPRESSED BY THE HIGH STANDARD OF THE ENTRIES, THE ADJUDICATORS NOTED THAT EACH TEAM HAD CARRIED OUT AN IN-DEPTH STUDY OF THEIR DISTRICT'S PROBLEMS AND CONDUCTED SURVEYS BEFORE MAKING PROPOSALS.

THE PROJECTS, WELL PRESENTED WITH PHOTOGRAPHS, ILLUSTRATIONS, SLIDES AND SURVEY RESULTS, WERE JUDGED ACCORDING TO THEIR CONSTRUCTIVENESS, PRACTICALITY, COST EFFECTIVENESS AND PRESENTATION.

THE SECOND PART OF THE FINALS IN THE COMPETITION INVOLVED STAGE PERFORMANCES BY EACH TEAM WHO WERE REQUIRED TO PRESENT AN ACT CENTRED AROUND THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR THEME OF +PARTICIPATION, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE+.

THE PERFORMANCES WERE GRADED ACCORDING TO THE PRESENTATION OF THEMES, CREATIVITY, TEAM WORK AND THE USE OF SPECIAL STAGE EFFECTS.

ADJUDICATORS FOR THIS SECTION OF THE COMPETITION WERE MR LAU TIN-CHI, MS PEARL CHAN AND MISS MARINA LAU, ALL FROM TVB; MRS SIN CHOW DICK-YEE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT; A PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MRS FANNY LAW; MR ALEX CHEUNG, A FILM DIRECTOR; AND MR LAW WING-FAI OF THE HONG KONG ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS.

THE THIRD PART OF THE FINAL ROUNDS IN THE COMPETITION WILL BE A QUIZ TO BE HELD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM.

THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THESE COMPETITIONS HAVE BEEN COMPILED INTO AN HOUR-LONG TV PROGRAMME WHICH WILL BE AIRED LATER THIS MONTH.

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ONE MORE BRAND OF TOXIC WINE FOUND

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THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) CONFIRMED THAT AN ADDITIONAL BRAND OF AUSTRIAN WINE HAS BEEN FOUND TO CONTAIN DIETHYLENE GLYCOL.

THE NAME OF THE AUSTRIAN WINE IS MONCHHOFFER KAISERGARTEN 1979 WEISSBURGUNDER BEERENAUSSLESE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THIS BRINGS TO 18 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF AUSTRIAN WINES FOUND TO CONTAIN THE TOXIC CHEMICAL. INVESTIGATIONS WERE CONTINUING TO ESTABLISH HOW MANY BOTTLES OF SUCH WINE HAVE REACHED THE MARKET.

SO FAR, THE DEPARTMENT HAD RECOVERED A TOTAL OF 3 109 BOTTLES OF VARIOUS BRANDS OF AUSTRIAN WINES WHICH WERE IDENTIFIED AS CONTAINING THE ANTI-FREEZE CHEMICAL, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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INDUSTRIAL SAFETY, ANTI-CORRUPTION FOR DISPLAY
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A THREE-DAY EXHIBITION FOCUSING ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND CORRUPTION PREVENTION WILL BE HELD IN SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO INDUSTRIAL LIAISON COMMITTEE AND THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION, THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC DAILY BETWEEN 10 AM AND 10 PM AT THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL CENTRE AT 489-491 CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

CHAIRMAN OF THE INDUSTRIAL LIAISON COMMITTEE, MR CHOI WAN-HOE, SAID THE EXHIBITION IS AIMED AT PROMOTING SAFETY-CONSCIOUSNESS AMONG THE 100 000 INDUSTRIALISTS AND WORKERS IN THE DISTRICT'S 7 000 FACTORIES, AND AT THE SAME TIME ENHANCE THEIR KNOWLEDGE ABOUT ANTI-CORRUPTION WORK IN THE DISTRICT.

ON DISPLAY WILL BE A SERIES OF ILLUSTRATIONS ON THE WORK OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION, ANTI-BRIBERY LAWS AND VARIOUS ASPECTS OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

VISITORS WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN A QUIZ ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A LUNCH-TIME CONCERT TO BE HELD AT THE CHEUNG SHA WAN PLAYGROUND, HING WAH STREET, AT 12.30 PM ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 17). PROGRAMMES OF THE DAY WILL INCLUDE POP MUSIC, DANCING PERFORMANCES AND GAMES.

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MAINTENANCE DEPOT OPENING
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S TAI PO PARKING METER MAINTENANCE DEPOT AT OLD CLERKS QUARTERS, WAN TAU KOK, WILL BE OPENED ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 15) AT 3 PM.

THE CHAIRMAN OF TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE, DR STEPHEN TANG, AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR PETER LEEDS, WILL BE OFFICIATING.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT. TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES AT THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT KOWLOON REGIONAL OFFICE, 56 DUNDAS STREET, 25TH FLOOR AT 2 PM.

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REGISTRATION REVOKED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF ASIAVEST LIMITED AS DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES HAS BEEN REVOKED AT THEIR OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 14(2) OF THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ORDINANCE.

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MORE MOTOR CYCLE PARKING SPACES

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FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 16), A TOTAL OF 95 MOTOR CYCLE PARKING SPACES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN TSIM SHA TSUI.

THEY WILL BE LOCATED AT HANOI ROAD, HANKOW ROAD, THE CANTON ROAD COACH PARK, AND THE SERVICE AREA OUTSIDE THE MANDARIN PLAZA.

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KWUN TONG RESTRICTED ZONE

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THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE OF HUNG TO ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH HOI YUEN ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 40 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED A RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY STARTING FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 16).

ALL MOTOR VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS AND GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE.

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