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ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF INTEREST IN HONG KONG : GOVERNOR

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THERE IS AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF INTEREST IN HONG KONG FROM PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES AND THERE IS AN IMMENSE AMOUNT OF SYMPATHY FOR AND WILLINGNESS TO TRY TO HELP THE TERRITORY. THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT ON HIS RETURN FROM A WEEK-LONG VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES, THE GOVERNOR SAID HIS VISIT WAS TO PUT ACROSS VARIOUS MESSAGES ABOUT HONG KONG.

"THE KEY ONE WAS, THAT ALTHOUGH WE'VE HAD OUR FAIR SHARE OF TROUBLES, INDEED MORE THAN OUR FAIR SHARE, WE ARE DOING OUR BEST TO PICK OURSELVES UP AND THAT IS WHAT WE ARE DETERMINED TO DO.

"WE'VE GOT MAJOR PROJECTS FOR THE FUTURE AND WE WANT THESE TO BE ONES WHICH OTHER PEOPLE PARTICIPATE IN AS WELL. THAT WE WANT TO WELCOME FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN THE BIG PROJECTS WE'VE GOT LIKE THE AIRPORT AND THE PORT, AND THAT VERY MUCH INCLUDES AMERICAN INVESTMENTS," SIR DAVID SAID.

"I WAS ALSO DEALING, OF COURSE, WITH THE QUESTION OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE AND EXPLAINING THE BACKGROUND TO THE PROBLEM WE FACE AND THE WAY THAT WE THINK IT'S RIGHT TO TACKLE IT," HE ADDED.

THE GOVERNOR SAID THAT WHEN HE WAS IN THE UNITED STATES PREVIOUSLY IN AUTUMN TWO YEARS AGO, PEOPLE WERE CERTAINLY INTERESTED IN HONG KONG.

"I FOUND THEM EVEN MORE INTERESTED THIS TIME, BECAUSE OF THE EVENTS IN CHINA. I THINK THERE IS A GREATER CONCENTRATION OF INTERESTS NOT JUST IN CHINA, BUT IN OUR AFFAIRS," SIR DAVID SAID.

"AND AN IMMENSE AMOUNT OF SYMPATHY FOR AND WILLINGNESS TO TRY TO HELP HONG KONG. EVERYBODY I SAW. ADMINISTRATION, PEOPLE IN CONGRESS, PEOPLE IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY AS WELL," HE ADDED.

ASKED ABOUT THE DISCUSSION BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA ON THE REPATRIATION OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FROM CHINA, SIR DAVID SAID THAT HAD BEEN GOING ON WHILE HE HAD BEEN AWAY.

"WE'VE BEEN WORKING AWAY STEADILY WITH THE CHINESE THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS, THROUGH OUR OWN CONTACTS HERE, TO TRY TO RESTORE THE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WERE FIRST REACHED IN THE MID-1970'S AND GET BACK TO NORMAL FOR THE REGULAR RETURN OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR ADDED THAT HE HOPED IT COULD BE RESOLVED AS SOON AS IT POSSIBLY COULD BE.

TURNING TO THE PROBLEM OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE, SIR DAVID SAID: "WHAT WAS IMPORTANT FOR ME WAS TO PUT ACROSS OUR VIEWS AND THE BACKGROUND TO IT.

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"AND SIMPLY TO CONFRONT THEM WITH THE ISSUE AND SAY: HERE WE ARE, HERE'S THIS PROBLEM. THE WORLD HAS AGREED THAT THERE SHOULD BE SCREENING. THE WORLD HAS AGREED THAT THOSE WHO ARE SCREENED AS NOT BEING REFUGEES CAN NEVER EXPECT RESETTLEMENT.

"ALRIGHT, WHAT DO YOU, AS A MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THINK SHOULD BE DONE WITH THOSE WHO ARE SCREENED OUT?"

"WE. IN HONG KONG HAVE THE ANSWER, WHICH IS THAT THEY SHOULD GO BACK TO THEIR OWN HOMES IN AN ORDERLY DEPARTURE PROGRAMME, ORDERLY RETURN PROGRAMME, CAREFULLY MONITORED. DOES THAT NOT MAKE SENSE?"

ASKED WHAT IS THE AMERICAN ANSWER TO THE WHOLE SOLUTION, SIR DAVID SAID: "THEY FRANKLY, TO THAT PARTICULAR POINT, HAVE NO ANSWER."

REFERRING TO THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION, HE SAID THEY COULD NOT YET FACE THE REALITY OF THE SITUATION THAT SOMETHING MUST BE DONE WITH PEOPLE FOUND NOT TO BE REFUGEES.

"YOU CANNOT SIMPLY LEAVE THEM YEAR AFTER YEAR IN CAMPS. SO YOU MUST HAVE AN ARRANGEMENT FOR SENDING THEM HOME.

"AND THAT JUMP OF LOGIC, THAT'S WHAT IT IS. JUMP OF HUMANITARIAN CONCERN, BECAUSE THAT'S ALSO WHAT IT IS, THEY HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO MAKE.

"BUT I THINK A LARGE NUMBER OF THE PEOPLE I TALKED TO ARE NOW LOOKING AT THE QUESTION AGAIN AND I HOPE ARE TRYING TO RE-THINK THEIR APPROACH TO IT," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR AND LADY WILSON WERE MET AT THE AIRPORT BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD.

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OMELCO TRIP TO KUALA LUMPUR USEFUL  
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THE OMELCO GROUP'S VISIT TO KUALA LUMPUR HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A VERY USEFUL AND EFFECTIVE ONE.

LEADER OF THE GROUP, MRS ROSANNA TAM, SAID YESTERDAY (FRIDAY) THAT THEY SUCCEEDED IN PUTTING ACROSS THEIR POSITION ON NATIONALITY TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING AND MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS, AS WELL AS PROMOTING A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF HONG KONG'S SITUATION.

OMELCO MEMBERS MET DELEGATES OF SIX COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES AND A LARGE NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS. THEY ALSO DISTRIBUTED INFORMATION ON HONG KONG AND THE OMELCO POSITION TO ALL OTHER PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES.

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"WE WERE VERY PLEASED THAT MINISTERS OF THE COUNTRIES WERE ABLE TO GIVE US SOME OF THEIR VALUABLE TIME AND LISTEN ATTENTIVELY TO OUR CASE," MRS TAM SAID.

DURING THEIR VISIT, MEMBERS HAD MEETINGS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER OF SINGAPORE, MR LEE KUAN-YEW; THE BRITISH SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, MR JOHN MAJOR; THE AUSTRALIAN MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE, MR GARETH EVANS; THE CANADIAN SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, MR JOE CLARK; THE NEW ZEALAND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MR RUSSELL MARSHALL; AND THE DEPUTY SECRETARY IN THE INDIAN MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, MR JAYANT PRASAD.

"WE ARE IMPRESSED BY THE UNDERSTANDING AND KNOWLEDGE OF HONG KONG THAT MINISTERS SHOWED DURING OUR DISCUSSIONS AND WE BELIEVE THAT THIS KIND OF INTERNATIONAL CONTACTS PROVIDES AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR ENCOURAGING AMONG THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AN EVEN GREATER AND MORE POSITIVE INTEREST IN HONG KONG," MRS TAM SAID.

THE OMELCO GROUP WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING.

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#### INTEGRATION OF DISABLED A JOINT EFFORT

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THE SUCCESS OF INTEGRATING THE DISABLED INTO THE COMMUNITY HINGES ON THE CO-OPERATION OF THE DISABLED, SERVICE PROVIDERS AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE. THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

ADDRESSING THE CONFERENCE ON "INTEGRATION OF PEOPLE WITH HANDICAPS IN HONG KONG" AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, MRS WONG SAID THE THREE GROUPS COMPLEMENT EACH OTHER.

"NONE OF US CAN FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY IN ISOLATION," SHE SAID.

"DISABLED PERSONS AND THEIR PARENTS, THROUGH VARIOUS MEANS AND SKILLS, SHOULD DEMONSTRATE THEIR ABILITY TO PLAY A PART IN THE COMMUNITY."

MRS WONG POINTED OUT THAT SERVICE PROVIDERS IN THE GOVERNMENT, VOLUNTARY AND PRIVATE SECTORS SHOULD GIVE THE DISABLED OPPORTUNITIES TO DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL.

"THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE SHOULD KEEP AN OPEN-MIND AND A WARM HEART TO ACCEPT PERSONS WITH HANDICAPS AS FELLOW CITIZENS IN THEIR OWN RIGHT.

"IT IS ONLY THROUGH CO-OPERATION THAT WE, THE ABLE-BODIED AND THE DISABLED, CAN LIVE TOGETHER IN A MEANINGFUL LIFE.

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"THIS IS THE WAY OF LIFE AS IT SHOULD BE AND LET THIS BE OUR GOAL AND OUR COMMITMENT FOR THE FUTURE."

FROM THE PRACTICAL POINT OF VIEW, THE DISABLED, THE SERVICE PROVIDERS AND THE COMMUNITY MUST HAVE A CERTAIN LEVEL OF AWARENESS IN ORDER THAT THEY COULD CO-OPERATE TO ENABLE THE INTEGRATION OF THE DISABLED INTO THE COMMUNITY, MRS WONG SAID.

SHE SAID THE AWARENESS OF DISABLED PERSONS AND THEIR PARENTS OF THE DEGREE AND EXTENT OF THEIR LIMITATIONS AND STRENGTHS CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF INTEGRATION.

ON THE PART OF SERVICE PROVIDERS, IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR THEM TO BE AWARE OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE DISABLED PERSONS IN DAILY LIFE, THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SERVICES BEING PROVIDED, AND THE AMOUNT OF RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE REALISTIC GOALS.

"THE THIRD CONTRIBUTING FACTOR IS THE AWARENESS OF PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY OF THEIR ROLE AND THEIR PARTNERSHIP WITH THOSE TAKING CARE OF DISABLED PERSONS," SHE ADDED.

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#### HALF-WAY HOUSE IMPORTANT IN REHABILITATION PLANNING

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RESIDENTIAL SERVICES FOR EX-MENTAL PATIENTS IS A PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT AREA IN THE PRESENT REHABILITATION PLANNING PROVISION, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SHE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE HIN KENG HALF-WAY HOUSE IN SHA TIN OPERATED BY THE HONG KONG MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION.

MRS WONG SAID IT WAS THE POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT AND WELFARE AGENCIES TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR BOTH THE DISABLED AND EX-MENTAL PATIENTS.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT HALF-WAY HOUSES, WHICH PROVIDED TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION FOR EX-MENTAL PATIENTS, WERE EFFECTIVE MEANS IN HELPING THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO THE COMMUNITY.

"THIS PARTICULAR SERVICE HAS PROVED TO BE EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

"IN THE PROCESS OF REHABILITATION, EX-MENTAL PATIENTS REQUIRE THE CARE, CONCERN AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE FAMILY, FRIENDS AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE.

"WITH THEIR SUPPORT, EX-MENTAL PATIENTS MAY BE ABLE TO REGAIN CONFIDENCE, INTEGRATE INTO THE COMMUNITY AND BECOME CONTRIBUTORY MEMBERS OF SOCIETY."

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APART FROM THE PROVISION OF REHABILITATION SERVICES, MRS WONG NOTED THAT IT WAS VITAL TO PROMOTE COMPREHENSIVE MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION SO THAT THE PUBLIC COULD HAVE A POSITIVE VIEW TOWARDS MENTAL HEALTH, UNDERSTAND HOW MENTAL ILLNESS WAS DEVELOPED, AND BE WILLING TO ACCEPT AND ASSIST MENTAL PATIENTS.

SHE PRAISED THE HONG KONG MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION FOR ITS ENTHUSIASM AND EFFORTS, AND PARTICULARLY ITS CLOSE CO-OPERATION WITH GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS.

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#### CREDIT UNIONS PRAISED

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THE REGISTRAR OF CREDIT UNIONS, MR TONY BENNETT, TODAY (SATURDAY) PRAISED LOCAL CREDIT UNIONS FOR GENERATING THEIR OWN FINANCIAL RESOURCES WITHOUT RESORTING TO EXTRANEIOUS AID OR DONATIONS BY OUTSIDERS.

MR BENNETT, ACTING DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, WAS ADDRESSING A DINNER PARTY ORGANISED BY THE CREDIT UNION LEAGUE OF HONG KONG TO MARK THE INTERNATIONAL CREDIT UNION DAY.

CREDIT UNIONS ARE A SPECIALISED FORM OF CO-OPERATIVE ORGANISATION WHOSE MEMBERS JOIN VOLUNTARILY TOGETHER TO PROMOTE SELF-HELP AND MUTUAL HELP THROUGH LENDING THEIR SAVINGS TO NEEDY MEMBERS AT A LOW RATE OF INTEREST. IN HONG KONG, CREDIT UNIONS HAVE A HISTORY OF MORE THAN TWO DECADES.

AS AT MARCH 31 THIS YEAR, THERE WERE 66 REGISTERED CREDIT UNIONS IN HONG KONG WITH A TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF 35,000 AND, CURRENTLY, THERE ARE SOME 35,000 CREDIT UNIONS SERVING 71 MILLION MEMBERS ALL OVER THE WORLD.

THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR'S INTERNATIONAL CREDIT UNION DAY WAS "CREDIT UNIONS: ONE VOICE". WHICH REFLECTED THE NEED FOR CO-OPERATING AND FOCUSING ON COMMON INTERESTS NOT ONLY WITHIN INDIVIDUAL CREDIT UNIONS BUT ALSO AMONG CREDIT UNIONS AT LOCAL, REGIONAL, TERRITORIAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL.

"AS ON AVERAGE EACH MEMBER OF THE LOCAL CREDIT UNION MOVEMENT HAS SAVINGS OF \$4,200 AND AS OVER 82 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL SHARES OF \$144 MILLION ARE ON LOAN TO NEEDY MEMBERS, THE USEFULNESS OF CREDIT UNIONS SHOULD NOT BE UNDERESTIMATED AS A MEANS OF ALLEVIATING THE SHORT TO MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL NEEDS OF THEIR MEMBERS.

"IN THE LONGER TERM, MEMBERS CAN ALSO USE THEIR CREDIT UNIONS TO PROVIDE FINANCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF A HOME," MR BENNETT SAID.

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HE WENT ON TO PRAISE THE CREDIT UNION MEMBERS. IN PARTICULAR THE VOLUNTARY WORKERS AND LEADERS, WITHOUT THE DEDICATION AND HARD WORK OF WHOM THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE MOVEMENT, BOTH LOCAL AND WORLDWIDE. WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN REALISED.

MR BENNETT THEN PRESENTED OUTSTANDING SERVICE CERTIFICATES TO SEVEN CREDIT UNION MEMBERS -- MRS KATHERINE CHENG, MISS LAM KIT-MEI, MR CHAN KAI-YUEN, AND MR KWAN SHUN-KEN, MR WONG YAN-PARK, MR YUEN YUN-LAM AND MR MAK YUK-PUN.

THREE OTHER MEMBERS -- MR KWAN YIM, MR WAI SHIU-FUNG AND MR YUNG KI-WAI, WERE HONOURED WITH LONG SERVICE CERTIFICATES.

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#### SAFETY PRECAUTIONS IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, TODAY (SATURDAY) ADVISED PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS TO TAKE SAFETY MEASURES WHILE ORGANISING PHYSICAL EDUCATION ACTIVITIES, PARTICULARLY SCHOOL ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEETS AND SWIMMING GALAS.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A SEMINAR ON SAFETY PRECAUTIONS IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOR SCHOOL TEACHERS AT THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL.

MR LI SAID THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE SAFETY OF SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION ACTIVITIES AND HAD ISSUED CIRCULARS TO SCHOOLS ANNUALLY REQUESTING THEM TO ADHERE TO THE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS CONTAINED IN A HANDBOOK PUBLISHED BY THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

THERE WERE INCREASING RISKS IN SCHOOL ATHLETIC AND SWIMMING EVENTS IN VIEW OF THE COMPETITION AND THE LARGE NUMBER OF STUDENTS AND TEACHERS PARTICIPATING, HE NOTED.

"THE AIM OF TODAY'S SEMINAR IS TO EXPLORE WAYS TO AVOID ACCIDENTS DURING THESE EVENTS," HE SAID.

HE HOPED TEACHERS WOULD MAKE USE OF THE SEMINAR TO EXCHANGE VIEWS, SHARE EXPERIENCES AND MAKE CONSTRUCTIVE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THIS EFFECT.

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INDUSTRIALISTS URGED TO HELP BUILD BETTER HK

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LOCAL INDUSTRIALISTS WERE TODAY (SATURDAY) URGED TO CONTRIBUTE THEIR EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE TOWARDS BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE FOR HONG KONG BY PARTICIPATING IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

THE PLEA WAS MADE BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT INDUSTRIALISTS' ASSOCIATION.

HE POINTED OUT THAT AS THE TERRITORY'S STABILITY AND PROSPERITY HINGED ON COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS, THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR HAD AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN THE LOCAL POLITICAL SETUP.

"AT PRESENT, THE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SECTORS EACH OCCUPIES TWO SEATS FOR FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND THERE ARE MANY INDUSTRIALISTS SITTING ON THE URBAN COUNCIL, DISTRICT BOARDS AND AREA COMMITTEES." HE NOTED.

MR LAN SAID THERE WERE MANY WAYS OF SUPPORTING DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

BESIDES DIRECT PARTICIPATION, ANOTHER WAY WAS TO SPONSOR DISTRICT ACTIVITIES WHICH HELP TO ENHANCE PARTICIPANTS' SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE COMMUNITY.

BY READILY GIVING VIEWS ON INDIVIDUAL MATTERS, INDUSTRIALISTS, WHO MIGHT BE LOOKING AT THINGS FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE, COULD HELP DRAW THE GOVERNMENT'S ATTENTION TO THE DIFFERENT NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS WHEN MAPPING OUT FUTURE POLICIES.

AS FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS IN 1991, MR LAN SAID NO DECISION HAD YET BEEN MADE, BUT MANY PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT WALKS OF LIFE HAD ADVOCATED THE RETENTION OF THE APPOINTMENT SYSTEM AND THE 2:1 RATIO BETWEEN ELECTED AND APPOINTED MEMBERS.

"THE REASON (FOR RETAINING THE APPOINTMENT SYSTEM) IS THAT A DISTRICT BOARD IS A CONSULTATIVE BODY, AND MUST BE ABLE TO REFLECT BALANCED VIEWS, WHICH CAN HARDLY BE ACHIEVED SOLELY BY DISTRICT ELECTIONS." HE SAID.

HE NOTED THAT DESPITE THE RELATIVELY SHORT HISTORY OF DISTRICT BOARDS, THE NUMBER OF ELECTED MEMBERS HAD BEEN INCREASED QUITE RAPIDLY, NOW OCCUPYING TWO-THIRDS OF THE TOTAL SEATS, SINCE 1980 WHEN ALL SEATS WERE FILLED BY GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENT.

MR LAN ADDED THAT HE WELCOMED FURTHER VIEWS FROM THE PUBLIC ON THE APPOINTMENT SYSTEM AND THE RATIO BETWEEN ELECTED AND APPOINTED MEMBERS.

RS PRAISES PO LEUNG KUK

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN. TODAY (SATURDAY) PRAISED THE PO LEUNG KUK FOR ITS OVERALL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TERRITORY IN THE AREAS OF EDUCATION, COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL SERVICES.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE "PO LEUNG KUK AND COMMUNITY EXHIBITION" AT THE LANDMARK THIS MORNING, MR LAN SAID THE EXHIBITION WAS AIMED AT INFORMING THE PUBLIC OF THE PRESENT SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CHARITABLE AGENCY AS WELL AS ITS FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.

"THE EXHIBITION HELPS TO RALLY STRONGER PUBLIC SUPPORT TO THE ORGANISATION," HE ADDED.

MR LAN NOTED THAT PO LEUNG KUK OPERATED A TOTAL OF 13 SCHOOLS, PROVIDING 28,000 PLACES. A VOCATIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL AND A KINDERGARTEN WERE ALSO IN THE PIPELINE.

HE SAID THE AGENCY HAD PLANS TO BUILD MORE DAY CARE CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY AND HOMES FOR THE AGED.

"A NEW RECREATIONAL CAMP IS BEING BUILT IN TAI TONG, YUEN LONG WHILE THE CAMP IN PAK TAM CHUNG WILL BE EXPANDED," HE ADDED.

"THROUGH THE TENACIOUS EFFORTS OF PAST AND PRESENT DIRECTORS, THE ORGANISATION HAS DEVELOPED INTO A SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY WHICH PROVIDES A WIDE RANGE OF FACILITIES ON EDUCATION, RECREATION AND MEDICAL CARE FOR CHILDREN AND THE ELDERLY," MR LAN SAID.

THE ROVING EXHIBITION, WHICH WILL RUN UNTIL JANUARY, WILL BE STAGED AT SIX PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES -- EACH WITH A POPULATION IN EXCESS OF 30.000 -- AND AT COMMERCIAL CENTRES AND MTR STATIONS.

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SHELLEY LAU TAKES UP DEPUTY SECRETARY POST AT RCB

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MRS SHELLEY LAU, FORMERLY DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE OMELCO, HAS RECENTLY TAKEN UP THE POST OF DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE.

IN THIS POST SHE ALSO BECOMES COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE. MRS LAU WILL WORK UNDER THE SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE ON POLICY MATTERS RELATING TO RECREATION, SPORTS, CULTURE, THE PERFORMING ARTS AND MUSIC.

AGED 40, MRS LAU JOINED THE GOVERNMENT IN 1971. SHE HAS SERVED IN A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND BRANCHES, INCLUDING THE FORMER SOCIAL SERVICES BRANCH AND HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, AND THE GOVERNMENT HOUSE, FINANCE BRANCH, CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH AND THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

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POLICE SMALL BOAT UNIT CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY

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TEN YEARS OF SUCCESS IN THE WIDENING WATERS OF POLICE OPERATIONS AT SEA ARE BEING CELEBRATED THIS MONTH WHEN THE MARINE REGION'S SMALL BOAT UNIT MARKS UP ITS FIRST DECADE.

THREE HUNDRED PAST AND PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE UNIT WILL GATHER AT MARINE SOUTH DIVISION HEADQUARTERS AT ABERDEEN TODAY (SATURDAY) TO CELEBRATE THE OCCASION.

THE UNIT WAS ORIGINALLY FORMED TO TAKE OVER DUTIES OF INTERCEPTING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS PREVIOUSLY PERFORMED BY THE ROYAL NAVY.

BUT ITS WORK DIVERSIFIED OVER THE YEARS TO COUNTER SMUGGLING AND OTHER WATER BORNE CRIME.

"AT FIRST THE UNIT HAD ONLY ABOUT 40 OFFICERS AND SIX SMALL CRAFT," THE PRESENT COMMANDER, MR LES BIRD, SAID.

"BUT NOW WE HAVE 100 OFFICERS AND 13 BOATS, INCLUDING TWO 9.5 METRE AND NINE SEVEN-METRE INFLATABLE BOATS. TWO NEW ADDITIONS, COMMISSIONED IN MARCH THIS YEAR, ARE 'SHARK CAT' MULTI-HULLED VESSELS EQUIPPED WITH RADAR AND MODERN TECHNOLOGY.

"THE RIGID INFLATABLES ARE ALSO MORE DURABLE THAN THE OLD CRAFT. THEY HAVE HIGHER POWERED ENGINES AND ARE NOT SO EASILY DAMAGED."

MR BIRD SAID THE SMALL BOAT UNIT HAD DEVELOPED INTO THE TASK FORCE OF MARINE REGION.

"IF PROBLEMS ARISE IN THE DIVISIONS WE DEPLOY OUR OFFICERS TO ASSIST.

"WE HAVE PERFORMED ANTI-SMUGGLING DUTIES IN NORTH AND EAST DIVISIONS; WE HELPED WEST DIVISION TO INTERCEPT ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS; AND WE HAVE CARRIED OUT CRIME OPERATIONS IN HARBOUR DIVISION.

"AND NOW WE ARE ATTACHED TO SOUTH DIVISION COUNTERING SPEED BOAT AND SMUGGLING PROBLEMS.

"WHEN WE RECEIVE A REQUEST FROM A DIVISION, OUR WHOLE UNIT, STAFF AND BOATS, WILL MOVE TO THAT DIVISION.

"WE SET UP A FORWARD OPERATING BASE, WORK OUT PLANS WITH THE DIVISION AS TO HOW THE UNIT CAN HELP IN SOLVING THE PROBLEM.

"FOR EXAMPLE. WE WERE IN EAST AND NORTH DIVISIONS FOR FOUR TO FIVE MONTHS AND SUCCESSFULLY PERFORMED 25 SEPARATE INTERCEPTIONS OF SPEED BOATS FOR SMUGGLING ACTIVITIES.

"THAT WORK WAS REALLY TOUGH, BECAUSE THE SPEED BOATS WERE DRIVEN VERY DANGEROUSLY, WITH COMPLETE DISREGARD TO SAFETY."

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MR BIRD FIRST JOINED THE UNIT IN 1980, SHORTLY AFTER ITS FORMATION. SOME 400 TO 500 ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WERE THEN ARRESTED EVERY NIGHT IN DEEP BAY.

ABOUT ONE YEAR LATER, THE UNIT HAD ARRESTED ITS 10,000TH ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT.

MR BIRD REJOINED THE UNIT IN AUGUST LAST YEAR.

"FORMERLY, WE ONLY PERFORMED INTERCEPTION DUTIES," CONTINUED MR BIRD. "BUT NOW, WE ARE FAR MORE INVOLVED. WE HAVE TO TAKE FOLLOW UP ACTIONS, MAKE INVESTIGATIONS AND SEEK INFORMATION IN CRACKING DOWN ON ILLEGAL SYNDICATES.

"MEMBERS OF THE UNIT ARE SELECTED BY INTERVIEW AND A PRACTICAL TEST. THEY SHOULD HAVE STRONG PHYSIQUES BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO STAND FOR A LONG TIME, DRIVE BOATS IN HEAVY SEAS AND BRAVE DANGEROUS SITUATIONS.

"THEY USUALLY STAY IN THE UNIT FOR ABOUT THREE YEARS AND ARE THEN DEPLOYED TO OTHER DIVISIONS FOR A CHANGE AND PROMOTION CHANCES."

AMONG THE STAFF AT PRESENT, STATION SERGEANT NGAI FUNG-YEE HAS A SIGNIFICANT MEMORY OF THE UNIT BECAUSE HE WAS TWICE PROMOTED WITHIN IT AND HAS BEEN TWICE ATTACHED TO IT.

MR NGAI, WHO JOINED THE FORCE IN SEPTEMBER 1967, WAS FIRST POSTED TO THE SMALL BOAT UNIT IN OCTOBER 1979. HE WAS PROMOTED TO SERGEANT ON JANUARY 1980 AND STATION SERGEANT FOUR YEARS LATER.

HE LEFT THE UNIT IN OCTOBER 1984, BUT REJOINED IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR.

"OVER 10 YEARS, THE UNIT HAS EXPANDED AND MADE A LOT OF PROGRESS," MR NGAI SAID. "FORMERLY THE OUTFIT WAS NOT SUFFICIENT TO ITS TASK AND OUR BOATS WERE NOT STRONG ENOUGH.

"NOW, WE HAVE TAILOR-MADE UNIFORMS, BETTER LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT, WATER-PROOF RAINCOATS AND ADVANCED CRAFT."

HE FELT THAT THE PRESENT JOB HAD HIGHER MOBILITY AND THE WORKING CIRCUMSTANCES WERE MORE DANGEROUS.

HE REMEMBERED THAT THEY ARRESTED ONE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT ON THE NIGHT OF THE UNIT'S FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND THE INTRUDER BECAME THEIR GUEST AT THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

"BUT THIS YEAR SHOULD BE MUCH MORE DIFFERENT. AROUND 300 FORMER AND PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE UNIT WILL CELEBRATE ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY."

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POLICE BANDSMEN AND DANCERS TO PERFORM IN ENGLAND

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THERE WILL BE A NEW ITEM OF CLOTHING IN THE BAGGAGE OF POLICE FORCE BANDSMEN AND DANCERS WHEN THEY FLY TO ENGLAND LATER THIS MONTH.

RAINCOATS.

WHEN THE 70-STRONG PARTY TAKES OFF TO HELP CELEBRATE CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS INAUGURAL FLIGHT TO THE NORTHERN ENGLISH CITY OF MANCHESTER THEY KNOW THEY ARE ON THEIR WAY TO THE CITY WHICH IS ON RECORD AS HAVING BRITAIN'S WETTEST CLIMATE.

"I KNOW IT WILL BE RAINING," THE TOUR'S DIRECTOR OF MUSIC, MR FRANK PARKINSON, SAID. "BUT WE DO NOT INTEND TO LET IT DAMPEN OUR SPIRITS."

FORTUNATELY THE TOURISTS WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ACCLIMATISE THEMSELVES TO THE DAMP PLEASURES OF AUTUMN IN MANCHESTER.

FOR ALTHOUGH THEY WILL BE ON HAND TO FANFARE THE ARRIVAL OF CATHAY PACIFIC'S FIRST JUMBO FROM HONG KONG VIA FRANKFURT THE BAND WILL ACTUALLY FLY TO LONDON'S GATWICK AIRPORT.

THEY WILL BARELY HAVE TIME TO TRAVEL THE FOUR AND A HALF HOUR JOURNEY BY ROAD TO MANCHESTER TO REACH THEIR FIRST ENGAGEMENT AT OLD TRAFFORD CRICKET GROUND.

THE NON-STOP HIGH SPEED MUSICAL MELEE BEGINS AT POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL ON THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 28 WHEN AFTER PLAYING AT A PASSING OUT PARADE THE MAIN PARTY OF THE BAND WILL RUSH DIRECT TO KAI TAK TO PICK UP THEIR FLIGHT.

THEY WILL BE MET AT GATWICK THE FOLLOWING MORNING BY AN ADVANCE PARTY OF 25 WHO LEFT HONG KONG THE PREVIOUS DAY.

AT OLD TRAFFORD, THE BAND AND ITS TEAM OF 10 LADY DANCERS WILL PERFORM AT A "FUN DAY" ORGANISED BY THE AIRLINE.

THE FOLLOWING DAY THE BAND AND DANCERS, ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR TOUR LEADER, POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL DEPUTY COMMANDANT MR DAVE HUGHES; AND LEADER OF THE LADIES, SENIOR INSPECTOR BONNIE STEWART, WILL MAKE A TELEVISION APPEARANCE AND PLAY AT CHARITY ENGAGEMENTS.

THE BAND WILL BE AT MANCHESTER'S INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ON OCTOBER 31 TO GREET THE ARRIVAL OF CATHAY PACIFIC'S FIRST HONG KONG - MANCHESTER JUMBO AT 8 AM.

THE SAME EVENING THE BAND AND DANCERS WILL BE ON HAND FOR A CELEBRATORY DINNER ORGANISED BY THE AIRLINE AND THE FOLLOWING MORNING WILL BE AT MANCHESTER CITY HALL WHERE THEY WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE LORD MAYOR.

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THE BAND WILL ALSO MARCH THROUGH THE STREETS IN A PARADE THAT IS ALSO SCHEDULED TO INCLUDE THE CITY'S CHINATOWN AREA.

"IT'S BOUND TO RAIN FOR THAT." MR PARKINSON, WHO HAILS FROM NEARBY BRADFORD, PREDICTED.

FINALLY ON THURSDAY NOVEMBER 2 THE BAND WILL ENJOY A FULL DAY OFF IN PREPARATION FOR ANOTHER DRIVE SOUTH TO GATWICK TO PICK UP THE FLIGHT TO ARRIVE IN HONG KONG ON NOVEMBER 4.

"WE'LL THEN BE GOING STRAIGHT INTO REHEARSALS FOR THE COMING VISIT OF PRINCE CHARLES AND PRINCESS DIANA. THE BEATING RETREAT CEREMONY AND THE FAREWELL PARADE FOR COMMISSIONER OF POLICE MR RAYMON ANNING." MR PARKINSON SAID.

"IT'S GOING TO BE A BUSY TIME. BUT I'M PLEASED TO BE GOING TO MANCHESTER AND IT WILL BE GOOD FOR THE LADS AND LASSIES AND ALSO FOR THE GOOD IMAGE OF THE FORCE.

"IF ONLY IT STOPS RAINING FOR SOME OF THE TIME."

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#### BUILDING MANAGEMENT STAFF SHOULD GO PROFESSIONAL

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR MR CHUNG PUI-LAM TODAY (SATURDAY) TOLD A SEMINAR ABOUT THE NEED TO INTRODUCE A GOOD SYSTEM FOR BUILDING MANAGEMENT WORK AND TO PROFESSIONALISE BUILDING MANAGEMENT STAFF.

MR CHUNG, WHO IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BUILDING MANAGEMENT, SAID HIS VIEWS COINCIDED WITH A PROPOSAL FROM THREE PROFESSIONAL GROUPS THAT BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMPANIES SHOULD SET UP A MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION SYSTEM AMONG THEMSELVES.

ACCORDING TO THE INSTITUTE OF HOUSING, THE ROYAL INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED SURVEYORS AND THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF SURVEYORS, THE REGISTERED MEMBERS SHOULD SET THEIR OWN STANDARDS AND EXERCISE SELF-DISCIPLINE. MR CHUNG SAID.

"BUILDING MANAGEMENT IN HONG KONG IS IN NEED OF A COMPREHENSIVE, PROGRESSIVE, PROFESSIONAL AND LEGALLY-SUPPORTED SYSTEM," HE ADDED.

THE SEMINAR, ENTITLED "THE EMPLOYMENT AND SUPERVISION OF CLEANSING, SECURITY AND MANAGEMENT STAFF", WAS AN ACTIVITY OF THIS YEAR'S MONG KOK ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN.

IT AIMED AT STRENGTHENING THE KNOWLEDGE OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT AMONG AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICE BEARERS OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS INCORPORATED. THE FUNCTION WAS SPONSORED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD.

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MR CHUNG SAID IN VIEW OF THE CURRENT BUILDING DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG, IT WAS NECESSARY TO INTRODUCE A SOUND BUILDING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION OR ANOTHER RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT.

"I BELIEVE, WITH CONTINUOUS SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC EXPANSION AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, MORE MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS WOULD COME ON STREAM AND GOOD BUILDING MANAGEMENT WOULD HAVE A BIG IMPACT ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT," HE SAID.

MR CHUNG ALSO NOTED THAT PROFESSIONAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT STAFF SHOULD HAVE GOOD KNOWLEDGE OF BUILDING ADMINISTRATION, SECURITY, PUBLIC RELATIONS, FINANCE, ACCOUNTING AS WELL AS CLERICAL AND COMMUNICATION MATTERS.

MORE IMPORTANT, HE ADDED, BUILDING MANAGEMENT STAFF SHOULD KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT BUILDING STRUCTURE, WATER AND POWER SUPPLIES AS WELL AS COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS IN RELATION TO BUILDING MAINTENANCE.

THREE OTHER SPEAKERS ALSO GAVE THEIR VIEWS AT THE SEMINAR. THEY WERE THE REGIONAL OFFICER (KOWLOON WEST) OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION, MRS DOROTHY TAM, LABOUR OFFICER OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MRS MARIAN LI, AND DIRECTOR OF HONG YIP SERVICE CO. LTD., MR KWONG CHUN.

OFFICIATING AT THE SEMINAR WERE THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS LORNA MA, AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI.

TO TIE IN WITH THE SEMINAR, A BUILDING MANAGEMENT EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD AT THE FOOTBRIDGE OF ARGYLE CENTRE FROM TODAY TO OCTOBER 27.

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ROAD SAFETY PUBLICITY DRIVE BEGINS IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT  
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A TWO-DAY ROAD SAFETY PUBLICITY DRIVE, STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF OBSERVING ROAD SAFETY CODES, WAS LAUNCHED IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT TODAY (SATURDAY).

ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE EXERCISE COMPRISES A PUBLICITY BUS TOUR OF TRAFFIC BLACKSPOTS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT TODAY AND A CARNIVAL AT WAH FU ESTATE TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

DURING THE BUS TOUR, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MR MAN HON-MING, AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS LED A ROAD SAFETY PATROL SQUAD IN VISITING ABOUT 20 TRAFFIC BLACKSPOTS TO ADVISE ROAD USERS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF OBSERVING ROAD SAFETY CODES.

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TRAVELLING IN A DOUBLE-DECKER BUS DECORATED WITH ROAD SAFETY MESSAGES. THE PARTY USED A PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM TO MAKE APPEALS AND TO BROADCAST ROAD SAFETY SONGS ADOPTED FROM POPULAR TUNES. THEY ALSO DISTRIBUTED LEAFLETS TO PEDESTRIANS AND DRIVERS.

THE LEAFLETS, PRODUCED BY THE COMMITTEE, ILLUSTRATE BY MEANS OF CARTOONS ROAD SAFETY CODES IN A MORE COMPREHENSIVE AND INTERESTING WAY.

THE PUBLICITY DRIVE WILL CONTINUE TOMORROW WITH A THREE-HOUR VARIETY SHOW AT THE OPEN SPACE NEAR THE ROUTE NO. 4 BUS TERMINUS IN WAH FU ESTATE, STARTING AT 2 PM.

A HIGHLIGHT OF THE ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN, THE SHOW WILL INCLUDE PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGERS SUCH AS MR LEE LOON-KEI, THE POLICE PIPE BAND, MAGIC SHOWS, A ROAD SAFETY QUIZ GAME STALL AND A SPECIAL FASHION SHOW.

THE FASHION SHOW IS SPONSORED BY THE HONG KONG SCHOOL OF MOTORING, AND WILL BE PRESENTED BY A GROUP OF KINDERGARTEN PUPILS WEARING SPECIALLY-DESIGNED CLOTHING BEARING VARIOUS TYPE OF TRAFFIC SIGNS WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF EXPLAINING THE MEANINGS OF THE SIGNS.

DURING THE SHOW, MORE THAN 30 WINNERS OF A ROAD SAFETY SLOGAN COMPETITION WILL RECEIVE THEIR PRIZES, AND THE PRIZE-WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE DISPLAYED.

THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS MAUREEN CHAN; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER (WESTERN), MR R.C. TOAL; POLICE SENIOR STAFF OFFICER (TRAFFIC/HONG KONG ISLAND), MR D.G. ROBINSON; AND THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR MAN HON-MING, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE VARIETY SHOW.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE "SOUTHERN DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY VARIETY SHOW" TO BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE OPEN SPACE NEAR THE ROUTE NO. 4 BUS TERMINUS IN WAH FU ESTATE, BEGINNING AT 2 PM.

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RESIDENTS COMPLETE COMMUNITY LEADER TRAINING SCHEME

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ABOUT 50 RESIDENTS OF SHA TIN WILL TOMORROW (SUNDAY) RECEIVE CERTIFICATES AFTER COMPLETING A FIVE-DAY COMMUNITY LEADER TRAINING SCHEME.

THE PROGRAMME, WHICH BEGAN ON OCTOBER 10, WAS ORGANISED BY THE WORKING GROUP ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC MINDEDNESS FORMED UNDER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

THE AIM WAS TO ENHANCE RESIDENTS' UNDERSTANDING OF HONG KONG'S LAWS AND POLITICAL STRUCTURE AS WELL AS TO FOSTER PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

ACTIVITIES CENTRED ON LECTURES, SEMINARS AND A DAY CAMP. GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDED LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS, DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES, ACADEMICS AND JOURNALISTS.

THE GRADUATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT POK HONG COMMUNITY CENTRE IN POK HONG ESTATE, SHA KOK AREA AT NOON.

AMONG THE OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL BE THE ASSISTANT SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER (COMMUNITY AFFAIRS), MISS VICTORIA TANG: DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN. MR NG CHAN-LAM: AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR ANDREW WONG.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE COMMUNITY LEADER TRAINING SCHEME TO BE HELD AT THE POK HONG COMMUNITY CENTRE IN POK HONG ESTATE, SHA KOK AREA, SHA TIN AT NOON TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

FIRE AND CHEMICAL SAFETY CAMPAIGN TO START NEXT WEEK

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL LAUNCH A CAMPAIGN ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 23) TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE BY FACTORY OWNERS AND WORKERS OF THE SAFETY REGULATIONS ON FIRE PRECAUTIONS AND DANGEROUS CHEMICALS.

THE TWO-MONTH CAMPAIGN IS AIMED AT EDUCATING AND ADVISING FACTORY MANagements AND EMPLOYEES ON THEIR LEGAL OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (FIRE PRECAUTIONS IN NOTIFIABLE WORKPLACES) AND (DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES) REGULATIONS.

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"WITH THE ONSET OF THE DRY SEASON, IT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO ENSURE FIRE SAFETY IN INDUSTRY." THE DEPARTMENT'S CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR, MR YIP YUK-LUN, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

"AS MANY DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES ALSO POSE VERY HIGH FIRE AND EXPLOSION RISKS, IT MAKES GOOD SENSE TO TACKLE BOTH PROBLEMS IN THE SAME CAMPAIGN." MR YIP SAID.

"WE ALSO CONSIDER IT OPPORTUNE TO STEP UP OUR ENFORCEMENT ACTION ON THE DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES REGULATIONS, WHICH CAME INTO EFFECT LAST DECEMBER, TO REMIND EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS OF THEIR LEGAL OBLIGATIONS AND TO ENHANCE THEIR SAFETY AWARENESS." HE ADDED.

DURING THE CAMPAIGN, FACTORY INSPECTORS WILL CALL AT FACTORIES WHICH POSE HEALTH RISKS TO WORKERS, INCLUDING THOSE HOUSED IN POORLY MANAGED INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS, CONDUCTING FIRE HAZARDOUS TRADES AND INVOLVING EXTENSIVE USE OF INFLAMMABLE CHEMICALS OR COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS.

"THEY WILL ADVISE THE MANAGEMENTS AND WORKERS ON CHEMICAL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS TO ENSURE THEIR COMPLIANCE WITH THE REGULATIONS," SAID MR YIP, ADDING THAT PUBLICATIONS CONTAINING USEFUL INFORMATION ON SAFETY WILL BE DISTRIBUTED.

"WE WILL ALSO ENCOURAGE EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES TO ATTEND COURSES ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE ON THE SAFE HANDLING OF DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES," HE SAID.

"IN SERIOUS CASES OF VIOLATION OF SAFETY REGULATIONS, PROSECUTION WILL BE INSTITUTED," MR YIP STRESSED.

DURING THE FIRE SAFETY CAMPAIGN LAST YEAR, 13,534 FACTORIES WERE INSPECTED, RESULTING IN 445 PROSECUTIONS AND THE ISSUE OF 951 PROHIBITION NOTICES AND FIRE PRECAUTIONS NOTICES TO OFFENDERS.

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#### FIREMAN HONOURED FOR RESCUING GIRL

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A SENIOR FIREMAN OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN AWARDED A GOLD MEDAL BY A BROADCASTING COMPANY FOR RESCUING A SIX-YEAR-OLD GIRL TRAPPED UNDERNEATH A TRAM EARLIER THIS YEAR.

HE IS 34-YEAR-OLD WONG KAT-LAM, CURRENTLY ATTACHED TO THE MARINE AND OUTLYING ISLANDS DIVISION. SENIOR FIREMAN WONG IS AMONG A NUMBER OF PERSONS AWARDED A GOLD MEDAL FOR STERLING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

MR WONG MADE FULL USE OF HIS FIREMAN'S SKILLS IN SAVING THE GIRL.

THE DRAMA HAPPENED IN THE AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 11.

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MR WONG AND HIS WIFE WERE WALKING ALONG KING'S ROAD, NEAR HEALTHY GARDENS. IN NORTH POINT WHEN THEY HEARD THERE HAD BEEN AN ACCIDENT INVOLVING A TRAM.

HE RUSHED TO THE SCENE AND FOUND THAT A GIRL WAS TRAPPED UNDER THE TRAM.

WHILE OTHER ONLOOKERS WERE UNSURE OF HOW TO SAVE HER, SENIOR FIREMAN WONG QUICKLY DECIDED ON A COURSE OF ACTION.

HE STOPPED PASSING MOTORISTS AND BORROWED THEIR JACKS, WHICH HE USED TO LIFT UP THE TRAM, AND THEN RESCUED THE GIRL.

THE GOLD MEDAL WAS PRESENTED TO HIM BY THE HONG KONG COMMERCIAL BROADCASTING COMPANY LIMITED.

MR WONG RECEIVED A COMMENDATION FROM THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER OF HONG KONG COMMAND, MR TAM YUK-FAN, IN FEBRUARY IN RECOGNITION OF HIS EXEMPLARY CONDUCT IN RESCUING THE GIRL.

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ENTRIES INVITED FOR RADIO PLAY WRITING COMPETITION

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ENTRIES ARE BEING INVITED FOR A RADIO PLAY WRITING COMPETITION WHICH IS PART OF THE PROMOTIONAL EFFORT IN SUPPORT OF THIS YEAR'S CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.

THE COMPETITION, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION AND COMMERCIAL RADIO I, AIMS TO INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A STORY OR A RADIO SCRIPT OF 1,200 CHARACTERS ON ONE OF THE FIVE GIVEN TOPICS, EACH FOCUSING ON A SUBJECT OF COMMUNITY INTEREST.

THE FIVE TOPICS WILL BE BROADCAST ON COMMERCIAL RADIO I DAILY FROM 9 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 8 PM TO 9 PM BETWEEN MONDAY (OCTOBER 23) AND NOVEMBER 3.

THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO THREE SECTIONS: JUNIOR SECONDARY (FORM 1 TO FORM 3), SENIOR SECONDARY (FORM 4 TO FORM 7) AND OPEN (THOSE AGED OVER 18).

THE CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMITTING ENTRIES IS NOVEMBER 11.

ATTRACTIVE PRIZES AND TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED TO WINNERS OF EACH SECTION. RESULTS OF THE COMPETITION WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON DECEMBER 2.

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ADJUDICATORS FOR THE COMPETITION ARE OMELCO MEMBER. MRS ROSANNA TAM: MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION. MR CHENG KAI-NAM: HEAD OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY'S DEPARTMENT OF JOURNALISM AND COMMUNICATION. DR LEONARD CHU: WRITER MR CHU PO-SANG: AND PROGRAMME DIRECTOR OF COMMERCIAL RADIO I. MISS KITTY IP.

ENTRY FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM VARIOUS DISTRICT OFFICES. COMMUNITY AND YOUTH CENTRES. COMMERCIAL RADIO AND THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT GROUND FLOOR. GPO BUILDING. CONNAUGHT PLACE. CENTRAL.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-8428852.

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TSUEN WAN LO WAI ROAD TO BE WIDENED  
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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT WILL WIDEN A SECTION OF LO WAI ROAD IN TSUEN WAN FROM THE ENTRANCE OF LO WAI TSUEN TO YUEN YUEN INSTITUTE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THE SECTION OF LO WAI ROAD TO BE IMPROVED PROVIDED ACCESS FOR THE PEOPLE OF LO WAI TSUEN AND TO POPULAR RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

"TO BETTER SERVE THE ROAD USERS. THE DEPARTMENT WILL WIDEN THE CARRIAGEWAY TO STANDARD WIDTH FOR TWO-WAY TRAFFIC AND TO PROVIDE PROPER FOOTPATH. COACH PARKING SPACES AND DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

"THE EXISTING BRIDGE ACROSS THE STREAM AND THE REFUSE COLLECTION POINT WILL ALSO BE RECONSTRUCTED.

"THE ROADWORKS WILL INCLUDE LANDSCAPING FEATURES TO ENHANCE THE ENVIRONMENT." HE SAID.

CONSTRUCTION WILL START IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR AND BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF 1991.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT.

THE DEPARTMENT IS NOW INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION WORKS. A NOTICE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE YESTERDAY.

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## SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS SOLD BY AUCTION

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FORTY SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE PUT UP FOR AUCTION THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,183,500 WHICH WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL, SAW THE REGISTRATION NUMBER EB1 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$140,000.

ANOTHER NUMBER 366 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$130,000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$5,000 EACH FOR EC331 AND CD557.

FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF TODAY'S AUCTION:

	\$		\$		\$		\$
EC8388	10,000	EC280	23,000	EB1	140,000	HK167	20,000
EC331	5,000	ED889	40,000	ED120	16,000	CD557	5,000
EC911	12,000	AN1313	20,000	ED2688	20,000	EA323	23,000
CK555	110,000	EC229	18,000	EC982	10,000	ED2238	13,000
EC8988	20,000	EC7	90,000	366	130,000	ED8878	14,000
AA625	13,000	EC325	11,000	ED6686	18,000	EA8181	14,000
EC919	17,000	CN2288	27,000	EC1323	9,000	EC718	10,000
EC877	8,000	EC369	21,000	HK596	15,500	EB9328	10,000
EB8628	13,000	HK1930	28,000	EB2628	23,000	ED3378	8,000
AX190	21,000	EC168	46,000	HK63	120,000	EC9388	12,000

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WERE REQUIRED TO PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

THE NUMBERS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 143RD ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR CHARITY REALISED SO FAR TO \$87,039,632.

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## LANE CLOSURE IN TAI PO

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS. THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF LAM KAM FLYOVER, TAI PO ROAD TAI WO IN TAI PO WILL BE CLOSED FROM MONDAY (OCTOBER 23):

- \* THE INNER-MOST LANE OF TAI PO ROAD TAI WO NORTHBOUND NORTH OF LAM KAM FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED FROM 8 AM ON MONDAY TO 8 PM ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 25).

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- \* THE INNER-MOST LANE OF TAI PO ROAD TAI WO SOUTHBOUND SOUTH OF WO HOP SHEK INTERCHANGE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 8 AM ON OCTOBER 30 TO 8 PM THE NEXT DAY.
- \* THE FAST LANE OF THE NORTHBOUND SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM TOLO HIGHWAY NORTHBOUND TO LAM KAM ROAD INTERCHANGE AND THE FAST LANE OF LAM KAM FLYOVER NORTHBOUND CONNECTING TOLO HIGHWAY AND TAI PO ROAD TAI WO WILL BE CLOSED FROM 8 AM TO 8 PM ON NOVEMBER 20.
- \* THE FAST LANE OF TAI PO ROAD TAI WO NORTHBOUND NORTH OF TAI WO SERVICE ROAD WEST WILL BE CLOSED FROM 8 AM TO 8 PM ON NOVEMBER 21.
- \* THE FAST LANE OF TAI PO ROAD TAI WO SOUTHBOUND NORTH OF HONG LOK YUEN ROAD AND THE FAST LANE OF LAM KAM FLYOVER SOUTHBOUND CONNECTING TAI PO ROAD TAI WO AND TOLO HIGHWAY WILL BE CLOSED FROM 8 AM TO 8 PM ON NOVEMBER 27.
- \* THE FAST LANE OF THE SOUTHBOUND SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM LAM KAM ROAD INTERCHANGE TO TOLO HIGHWAY SOUTHBOUND WILL BE CLOSED FROM 8 AM TO 8 PM ON NOVEMBER 28.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SHAM SHUI PO, HUNG HOM

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT A SECTION OF ABOUT 350 METRES OF THE LAI CHI KOK BRIDGE NEAR MEI FOO SUN CHUEN WILL BE OCCUPIED ON A LANE-BY-LANE BASIS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESURFACING FROM MONDAY (OCTOBER 23), FOR THREE MONTHS.

IN HUNG HOM, IN CONNECTION WITH WHAMPOA GARDENS FESTIVAL, THE INTERNAL ROAD NETWORK WITHIN WHAMPOA GARDENS EAST OF HUNG HOM ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, GREEN MINIBUSES AND TAXIS FROM 7.30 PM TO 11.30 PM ON MONDAY.

DURING THE CLOSURE, FRANCHISED BUSES, GREEN MINIBUSES AND TAXIS WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO GAIN ACCESS TO WHAMPOA GARDENS VIA TAK ON STREET BETWEEN SITE 2 AND SITE 11, AND EXIT VIA THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING FROM TAK ON STREET TO HUNG HOM ROAD.

THE SECTION OF THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TAK MAN STREET, EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH DOCK STREET, WILL BE RESTRICTED TO FRANCHISED BUSES, GREEN MINIBUSES AND TAXIS.

ALL OTHER TRAFFIC ON TAK MAN STREET EASTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED SOUTHWARDS TO PO LOI STREET.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN PRINCE EDWARD ROAD

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WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ALONG PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST WILL BE BANNED FROM TURNING RIGHT INTO LA SALLE ROAD FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 25) TO FACILITATE WORKS FOR THE LAYING OF AN ANTI-SKID ROAD SURFACE. THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES.

THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT WILL WORK ON EACH OF THE FOUR LANES OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST AT ITS JUNCTION WITH LA SALLE ROAD TO REPAIR DEFECTIVE ROAD SLABS BEFORE LAYING ANTI-SKID SURFACE DRESSING.

THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN FIVE WEEKS.

TRAFFIC HEADING FOR LA SALLE ROAD WILL BE TEMPORARILY ROUTED VIA PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST, WATERLOO ROAD, BOUNDARY STREET, EARL STREET, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST AND THEN TO LA SALLE ROAD.

DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD, THE EXISTING OPTIONAL STRAIGHT AHEAD AND TURN RIGHT ROAD MARKING IN THE FAST LANE WILL BE CHANGED TO STRAIGHT AHEAD. THE TURNING POCKET WILL ALSO BE REMOVED.

APPROPRIATE SIGNS AND LIGHTING WILL BE ERECTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN KWAI CHUNG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT A SECTION OF SOUTHBOUND CASTLE PEAK ROAD IN KWAI CHUNG BETWEEN WAH KING HILL ROAD AND BUTTERFLY VALLEY INTERCHANGE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 2 AM TO 4 AM ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 23).

THE CLOSURE IS TO FACILITATE THE TRANSPORTATION OF A 250-TON TRANSFORMER BY CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY LIMITED.

MOTORISTS ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD SOUTHBOUND HEADING FOR KOWLOON WILL BE DIVERTED TO TRAVEL VIA WAH KING HILL ROAD, TAI WO INTERCHANGE, WAH YIU ROAD, LAI CHI LING ROAD, LIM CHO STREET, KING CHO ROAD, LAI KING HILL ROAD, PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL INTERCHANGE, KWAI CHUNG ROAD AND/OR CHING CHEUNG ROAD.

MOTORISTS ARE ALSO ADVISED TO USE KWAI CHUNG ROAD FOR TRAVELLING TO KOWLOON AND TO AVOID CASTLE PEAK ROAD DURING THE CLOSURE.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ABERDEEN STREET

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 23), ABERDEEN STREET IN CENTRAL BETWEEN STAUNTON STREET AND CAINE ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS TO FACILITATE TELEPHONE COMPANY WORKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES ON EASTBOUND CAINE ROAD HEADING FOR ABERDEEN STREET WILL BE DIVERTED VIA OLD BAILEY STREET AND STAUNTON STREET TO JOIN ABERDEEN STREET.

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