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THE FOLLOWING IS A JOINT STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY INCORPORATED AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF DAO HENG HOLDINGS LIMITED:

DISPOSAL OF HANG LUNG BANK LIMITED TO DAO HENG BANK LIMITED

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FURTHER TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF 1ST AUGUST, 1989, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY INCORPORATED ("FSI") AND THE DIRECTORS OF DAO HENG HOLDINGS LIMITED ANNOUNCE THAT FSI AND DAO HENG BANK LIMITED ("DAO HENG") HAVE ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT (THE "AGREEMENT") ON 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1989 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF HANG LUNG BANK, LIMITED ("HANG LUNG") BY DAO HENG.

THE AGREEMENT PLACES A VALUE ON HANG LUNG WHICH TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION, INTER ALIA, ITS CONSOLIDATED NET ASSET VALUE INCLUDING INNER RESERVES AND ANY SURPLUS ARISING FROM THE REVALUATION OF ITS PROPERTIES AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1989, THE DATE OF COMPLETION OF THE TRANSACTION. ON THE BASIS OF INFORMATION CURRENTLY AVAILABLE, THE DIRECTORS OF DAO HENG EXPECT THAT THE CONSIDERATION PAYABLE FOR HANG LUNG UNDER THE AGREEMENT WILL BE APPROXIMATELY \$600 MILLION.

MORGAN GRENFELL (HONG KONG) LIMITED IS ACTING AS THE FINANCIAL ADVISER TO FSI AND SCHRODERS ASIA LIMITED IS ACTING AS THE FINANCIAL ADVISER TO DAO HENG.

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FS IN NEW YORK TO MEET FINANCIAL LEADERS

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR PIERS JACOBS, ARRIVED IN NEW YORK YESTERDAY (FRIDAY) AFTER ATTENDING THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND (IMF) MEETING IN WASHINGTON, DC.

WHILE IN NEW YORK, SIR PIERS WILL BE MEETING LEADING BANKERS AND FINANCIERS FROM THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

HE WAS GUEST OF HONOUR AT A LUNCH YESTERDAY HOSTED BY MR JOHN BOND, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION IN NEW YORK. SIR PIERS WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE IN NEW YORK, MR KERRY MCGLYNN.

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ON MONDAY, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S MAJOR ENGAGEMENT WILL BE A SPEECH TO OVER 200 TOP BUSINESS, FINANCIAL AND ACADEMIC LEADERS AT A LUNCHEON ORGANISED BY THE ASIA SOCIETY AND CO-SPONSORED BY THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK ON HONG KONG AFTER JUNE 4, AND THE CHALLENGES AHEAD FOR IT.

HE WILL ALSO BE CALLING ON OFFICIALS OF THE U.S. FEDERAL RESERVE BANK IN THE CITY'S FINANCIAL DISTRICT, MEETING THE MEDIA AND ATTENDING A DINNER TO BE HOSTED BY THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION, GOLDMAN SACHS, AND ATTENDED BY SENIOR EXECUTIVES OF SOME OF THE LEADING CORPORATIONS WITH HONG KONG CONNECTIONS.

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GOVERNOR TO OPEN VESSEL TRAFFIC SYSTEM

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THE CENTRE FOR A SOPHISTICATED VESSEL TRAFFIC SYSTEM AIMED AT REDUCING THE RISK TO MARINE TRAFFIC AND LIFE IN HONG KONG'S WATERS WILL BE OPENED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 2).

THE SYSTEM IS THE MOST UP-TO-DATE IN THE WORLD, AND PROVIDES COVERAGE OF 95 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S WATERS USED BY COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC, BOTH OCEAN-GOING VESSELS AND FERRIES.

THE CENTRE IS LOCATED IN THE MACAU FERRY TERMINAL IN SHEUNG WAN.

SIR DAVID WILL UNVEIL A PLAQUE, TO DECLARE THE CENTRE OPEN, AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD IN THE BALLROOM OF THE HOTEL VICTORIA IN SHUN TAK CENTRE. THE PLAQUE WILL LATER BE MOUNTED IN THE VESSEL TRAFFIC CENTRE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE VESSEL TRAFFIC CENTRE BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TO BE HELD AT THE BALLROOM OF HOTEL VICTORIA IN SHUN TAK CENTRE ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 2). MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE BALLROOM BEFORE 2.45 PM.

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LICENSING OF VEHICLES STREAMLINED FROM MONDAY

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL FROM MONDAY (OCTOBER 2) ISSUE VEHICLE LICENCES WITH VALIDITY PERIODS COMMENCING FROM THE ACTUAL DATES OF ISSUE INSTEAD OF FROM THE BEGINNING OF EACH MONTH.

THIS NEW ARRANGEMENT WILL APPLY ONLY TO NEWLY LICENSED VEHICLES AND TO VEHICLES WITH EXPIRED LICENCES.

UNTIL NOW, THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF A VEHICLE LICENCE IS CALCULATED FROM THE FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH IN WHICH THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT RECEIVES THE APPLICATION.

TO GET FULL VALUE FOR MONEY, MOST VEHICLE OWNERS THUS APPLY FOR OR RENEW THEIR LICENCES AT THE BEGINNING OF A MONTH RESULTING IN LONG QUEUES AT THE LICENSING OFFICES.

TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION, AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO REGULATION 21 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC (REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF VEHICLES) REGULATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF A VEHICLE LICENCE TO COUNT FROM THE DATE OF ISSUE.

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE PUBLIC, REGULATION 21(5) ALLOWS THE REGISTERED OWNER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE TO RENEW HIS VEHICLE LICENCE FOUR MONTHS IN ADVANCE.

SUCH LICENCE WILL TAKE EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF EXPIRY OF THE PRESENT LICENCE. THIS REGULATION IS ALSO EXTENDED TO COVER TRAILERS AND RICKSHAWS.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT SEVERAL AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS AIMED AT PROVIDING BETTER SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC WILL ALSO TAKE EFFECT FROM MONDAY.

REGULATION 24 PROVIDES FOR THE REFUND OF VEHICLE LICENCE FEES TO BE CALCULATED ON A DAILY BASIS.

IF A VEHICLE LICENCE IS SURRENDERED TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AT LEAST 60 DAYS BEFORE EXPIRY, THE RATE OF REFUND WILL BE 0.24 PER CENT OF THE ANNUAL FEES FOR EACH DAY OF THE UNEXPIRED PERIOD.

THE REQUIREMENT FOR VEHICLE OWNERS TO PRODUCE A VALID VEHICLE LICENCE FOR A REFUND IF THE VEHICLE WITH ITS LICENCE HAS BEEN STOLEN AND THE OWNER HAS DULY REPORTED TO THE POLICE WILL ALSO BE WAIVED UNDER AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION 24(2).

REGULATION 17 REQUIRES A NEW VEHICLE OWNER TO PRODUCE A VALID THIRD PARTY RISKS INSURANCE POLICY UPON TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF A REGISTERED VEHICLE.

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HOWEVER, AS AN UNLICENSED VEHICLE IS NOT ALLOWED TO BE DRIVEN ON THE ROAD, THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT IS EMPOWERED TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENT TO PRODUCE A VALID POLICY OF THIRD PARTY INSURANCE IF THE VEHICLE IS NOT LICENSED AT THE TIME OF TRANSFER.

THE PROVISIONS ON THE ISSUE OF AN EXCESS PASSENGER PERMIT UNDER REGULATION 52 ARE ALSO AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SUCH A PERMIT IS REQUIRED ONLY IF THE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS TO BE CARRIED IN A GOODS VEHICLE EXCEEDS FIVE.

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OUTLINE OF SERVICES TO HELP FAMILIES

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THE OVERALL OBJECTIVE OF FAMILY SERVICES IS TO ENABLE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILY MEMBERS TO PREVENT PERSONAL AND FAMILY PROBLEMS AND TO DEAL WITH THEM WHEN THEY ARISE, WITH A VIEW TO PRESERVING AND STRENGTHENING THE FAMILY AS A UNIT, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR STEPHEN LAW, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT A SEMINAR ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY, MR LAW NOTED THAT FAMILY SERVICES COULD BE DIVIDED INTO FOUR BROAD CATEGORIES -- CARE AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH, RELATIONSHIP PROBLEMS AMONG FAMILY MEMBERS, PROBLEMS INVOLVING PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH, AND FINANCIAL AND ACCOMMODATION ISSUES.

AT PRESENT, OVER 28,000 FAMILIES WERE SERVED BY THE 30 GOVERNMENT FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES WHILE ANOTHER 8,000 WERE SERVED BY THE 23 CENTRES OPERATED BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

BASED ON THE RATIO THAT 180 FAMILIES OUT OF 10,000 HOUSEHOLDS MIGHT REQUIRE SERVICES, A FAMILY SERVICES CENTRE WOULD BE PROVIDED FOR EVERY COMMUNITY WITH 150,000 POPULATION.

IN ORDER TO COPE WITH THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWNS AND THE DRASTIC INCREASE IN CASELOADS THERE, FOUR SUCH CENTRES HAD BEEN SET UP IN THE PAST TWO YEARS AND A FIFTH WOULD BE OPENED SOON, MR LAW SAID.

"AS RESIDENTS HAVE A RISING EXPECTATION TOWARDS THE GOVERNMENT AND WISH THE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND PROVIDE SOLUTIONS PROMPTLY WHENEVER PROBLEMS ARISE IN THEIR FAMILIES, IT IS THE DEPARTMENT'S TARGET TO PROVIDE A FAMILY SERVICES CENTRE IN EVERY DISTRICT AS FAR AS PRACTICABLE," MR LAW SAID.

"APART FROM ACCEPTING REFERRAL AND SELF-APPROACHED CASES, WORKERS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES ALSO TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO REACH OUT TO FAMILIES IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE AS REPORTED BY THE MASS MEDIA.

"ALSO, SOCIAL CASE CONFERENCES, INVOLVING REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS SUCH AS THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, THE POLICE, THE HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE SWD, WILL BE CONVENED AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL TO TACKLE EMERGENCY CASES."

NOTING THE INCREASE IN FAMILY CASES, MR LAW SAID ANALYSIS BY THE DEPARTMENT SHOWED THAT MANY CASES REQUIRED A LONG PERIOD OF ASSISTANCE BECAUSE OTHER SUPPORTING SERVICES WERE INADEQUATE.

"FURTHER EXPANSION OF CHILD CARE AND HOME HELP SERVICES WILL HELP REDUCE THE PRESSURE ON FAMILY SERVICES," HE SAID.

MR LAW ALSO SAID THAT THE BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE OF FAMILY SERVICES IN HONG KONG HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED, WITH A COMPREHENSIVE NETWORK COVERING BOTH DIRECT AND SUPPORTING SERVICES AS WELL AS PROMOTIONAL PROGRAMMES BUT THERE WAS STILL ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENTS.

"AS THE PROBLEMS OF SHORTAGE OF PROFESSIONAL MANPOWER WILL NOT BE RESOLVED IN THE NEAR FUTURE, WE NEED TO FURTHER STEP UP EXISTING SERVICES, PLANNING AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS TRAINING, QUALITY OF SERVICE, ORGANISATION AND MANAGEMENT OF SERVICES SO THAT CLIENTS' PROBLEMS CAN BE PROMPTLY SOLVED," HE SAID.

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ELDERLY PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN PROVIDING WELFARE SERVICE

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SENIOR RESIDENTS ARE AN IMPORTANT ASSET IN THE PROVISION OF WELFARE SERVICES, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR ALFRED CHUI, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT A SEMINAR ON VOLUNTEER SERVICE FOR THE ELDERLY ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AT THE CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE IN WAN CHAI.

MR CHUI NOTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES HAD ALWAYS ATTACHED IMPORTANCE TO THE WELFARE OF THE ELDERLY.

"EXISTING SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY INCLUDE VARIOUS DAY SERVICES, RESIDENTIAL CARE, HOME HELP, COMPASSIONATE REHOUSING AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE," HE SAID.

ALTHOUGH THE PUBLIC MIGHT HAVE THE MISCONCEPTION THAT ELDERLY PEOPLE WERE JUST SERVICE CONSUMERS, MR CHUI POINTED OUT THAT THEY HAD ACTUALLY BEEN TAKING AN ACTIVE ROLE IN PROVIDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AND VOLUNTARY WORK OVER THE YEARS.

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HE CALLED ON THE ELDERLY VOLUNTEERS TO MAINTAIN BOTH THEIR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH AND KEEP UP THEIR CONTACT WITH THE COMMUNITY SO THAT THEY COULD ENJOY A RICH AND MEANINGFUL OLD AGE.

HE ALSO COMMENDED THESE SENIOR WORKERS FOR THEIR EFFORTS, WHICH HAD HELPED TO PROMOTE THE CONCEPT OF CARE IN THE COMMUNITY, ENABLING MANY PEOPLE IN NEED TO CONTINUE TO BE CARED FOR IN THE COMMUNITY.

ABOUT 200 ELDERLY VOLUNTEERS ATTENDED THE SEMINAR, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND AIMED AT IMPROVING THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS OF ELDERLY VOLUNTEERS AND AT PROVIDING A VENUE FOR MUTUAL EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE ON VOLUNTEER WORK.

THERE WERE A FILM SHOW, TALKS AND OPEN DISCUSSION DURING THE SEMINAR.

THE PANEL OF SPEAKERS INCLUDED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ST JAMES' SETTLEMENT, MRS GRACE WAN; LECTURER OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, DR LAM MONG-CHAU; AND AN ELDERLY VOLUNTEER WORKER, MADAM CHAN YUK.

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STUDENTS CAREERS QUIZ TO START ON MONDAY

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A RECORD NUMBER OF SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL PART TAKE IN THE EIGHTH CAREERS QUIZ ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT NEXT WEEK.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT MORE THAN 124,500 FORM 3 TO FORM 5 STUDENTS FROM 252 SCHOOLS WILL BE COMPETING IN THIS TERRITORY-WIDE EVENT WHICH STARTS ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 2).

"THIS COMPARES WITH ABOUT 115,000 STUDENTS FROM 250 SCHOOLS TAKING PART IN THE EVENT LAST YEAR," A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE WEEK-LONG QUIZ AIMS TO AROUSE THE AWARENESS OF STUDENTS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF CHOOSING A CAREER, AS WELL AS TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO MAKE RESEARCH INTO CAREERS AND FURTHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES.

PARTICIPATING STUDENTS WILL HAVE TO ANSWER A QUESTIONNAIRE CONTAINING 50 MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS.

"THESE QUESTIONS RELATE TO CAREERS INFORMATION, TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING, FURTHER STUDIES AND GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT LEGISLATION IN HONG KONG," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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"AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, THE THREE SCHOOLS WITH THE HIGHEST AVERAGE MARKS IN EACH FORM WILL BE PRESENTED WITH TROPHIES.

"IN ADDITION, THE FOUR STUDENTS SCORING THE HIGHEST MARKS IN EACH FORM WILL EACH BE AWARDED A CAMERA, WHILE ANOTHER 30 HIGH-SCORING STUDENTS FROM EACH FORM WILL EACH GET A SOLAR POWERED CALCULATOR."

ALL ANSWERS AND RESULTS WILL BE PROCESSED BY THE GOVERNMENT DATA PROCESSING AGENCY.

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SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT TO GRANT TEMPORARY PASSPORT
EXTENSIONS TO BE SUSPENDED

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THE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT INTRODUCED EARLIER TO GRANT TEMPORARY EXTENSIONS TO EXPIRING AND EXPIRED BRITISH HONG KONG PASSPORTS TO FACILITATE URGENT TRAVEL WILL BE SUSPENDED AS FROM MONDAY (OCTOBER 2), THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THIS WAS BECAUSE THE DEMAND FOR PASSPORT SERVICE HAD RETURNED TO A MORE MANAGEABLE LEVEL.

"MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO REQUIRE PASSPORTS FOR URGENT TRAVEL CAN NOW APPROACH THE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS (PASSPORT) SECTION ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT 61 MODY ROAD, KOWLOON, WITH THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE IN ORDER THAT WE WOULD RENDER SUITABLE ASSISTANCE," HE SAID.

WITH EFFECT FROM THE SAME DATE, THE SHA TIN OFFICE ON THE SECOND FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN, WILL RE-INTRODUCE THE SERVICE TO ISSUE HONG KONG RE-ENTRY PERMITS.

REFERRING TO RECENT PRESS REPORTS ABOUT THE REQUIREMENT OF CARRYING IDENTITY CARDS BY RESIDENTS IN CHINA, THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED TRAVELLERS TO CARRY THEIR PROOF OF IDENTITY WHILE TRAVELLING IN CHINA.

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PLEA TO KEEP ABERDEEN TYPHOON SHELTER CLEAN

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POLLUTION IN THE ABERDEEN TYPHOON SHELTER WILL BE ALLEVIATED AND A GOOD DEAL OF PUBLIC MONEY SAVED IF LITTERING FROM BOATS CAN BE PREVENTED.

THIS WAS STATED BY A MARINE OFFICIAL AT A SEMINAR ON "HOW TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM OF FLOATING REFUSE", HELD RECENTLY BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF FISHERMEN'S GROUPS BASED IN ABERDEEN.

THE SEMINAR WAS AMONG ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN WITH THE AIM OF AROUSING THE BOAT POPULATION'S AWARENESS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

THE MARINE OFFICER, MR C.K. YEUNG, EXPLAINED THAT THE TYPHOON SHELTER HAD BECOME ONE OF THE MOST POLLUTED WATER REGIONS IN THE TERRITORY, WITH AN AVERAGE OF THREE TONNES OF FLOATING REFUSE BEING DEALT WITH DAILY.

IT COST THE GOVERNMENT AROUND \$1,000 FOR SCAVENGING ONE TONNE OF FLOATING REFUSE, WHICH COMPRISED MAINLY TIMBER ITEMS, PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND FOAM ITEMS, SUCH AS FISH CONTAINERS AND LUNCH BOXES.

LITTERING BY THE BOAT POPULATION ACCOUNTED FOR A SIGNIFICANT PART OF THE FLOATING REFUSE.

"IF THE BOAT-DWELLERS STOP LITTERING FROM THEIR BOATS, NOT ONLY WILL POLLUTION IN THE TYPHOON SHELTER BE MUCH ALLEVIATED, BUT ALSO A GOOD DEAL OF GOVERNMENT MONEY INCURRED IN SCAVENGING OPERATIONS CAN BE SAVED," MR YEUNG SAID.

HE URGED THE BOAT POPULATION TO MAKE USE OF THE DAILY REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT TO PROPERLY DISPOSE OF THEIR REFUSE.

MR YEUNG ALSO APPEALED TO FISHERMEN LANDING CATCHES AT THE ABERDEEN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET NOT TO DUMP REFUSE, ESPECIALLY DAMAGED FOAM FISH CONTAINERS. HE POINTED OUT THAT A SPECIAL REFUSE COLLECTION POINT HAD BEEN SET UP THERE FOR THEIR USE.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE SEMINAR, THE DISTRICT HYGIENE SUPERINTENDENT (SOUTHERN) OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR S.K. LAW, WARNED PROPRIETORS AND WORKERS OF BOATYARDS IN THE AREA AGAINST DISCARDING REFUSE, ESPECIALLY TIMBER ITEMS, INTO THE TYPHOON SHELTER.

HE SAID A NEW LAW DEALING WITH THIS PARTICULAR KIND OF OFFENCE HAD ALREADY COME INTO EFFECT AND HIS DEPARTMENT WOULD LAUNCH A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES TO FURTHER PUBLICISE THE LAW SHORTLY.

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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, MR TSE KIT-TO, SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT POLLUTION IN THE TYPHOON SHELTER, AND HE NOTED THAT AN INTER-DEPARTMENTAL WORKING GROUP HAD BEEN SET UP TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM.

HE HOPED THAT THE SEMINAR WOULD HELP DRIVE HOME THE KEEP CLEAN MESSAGE, AND THAT THE BOAT POPULATION WOULD DO THEIR PART IN KEEPING THE TYPHOON SHELTER CLEAN.

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PLUMBERS TO BE REGISTERED UNDER NEW SYSTEM

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A NEW SYSTEM OF REGISTRATION FOR LICENSED PLUMBERS WILL COME INTO EFFECT TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WATER AUTHORITY SAID UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENT, ANY PERSON WHO POSSESSES A CERTIFICATE IN PLUMBING AND PIPE FITTING COURSE ISSUED BY THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL WILL BE EXEMPTED FROM EXAMINATION.

THOSE WHO HOLD OTHER EQUIVALENT CERTIFICATES PLUS A CERTIFICATE IN PLUMBING SERVICES (HONG KONG) COURSE ISSUED BY THE COUNCIL MAY ALSO BE GRANTED A PLUMBER'S LICENCE ON APPLICATION.

AT PRESENT, ALL APPLICANTS WHO WISH TO OBTAIN A PLUMBER'S LICENCE MUST PASS AN EXAMINATION ORGANISED BY THE AUTHORITY.

A TOTAL OF 702 APPLICATIONS WERE RECEIVED LAST YEAR. FORTY-NINE OF THESE APPLICANTS HAVE QUALIFIED.

DETAILS OF THE NEW REGISTRATION SYSTEM CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION DIVISION OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT AT LEIGHTON CENTRE, 12TH FLOOR, 77 LEIGHTON ROAD, HONG KONG.

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ROAD CLOSURE IN HUNG HOM

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE ACCESS RAMP LEADING FROM HONG CHONG ROAD IN HUNG HOM TO THE KCR KOWLOON STATION PODIUM WILL BE CLOSED DAILY FROM 8 PM TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING MORNING FROM MONDAY (OCTOBER 2) UNTIL 6 AM ON OCTOBER 7.

THE CLOSURE IS TO FACILITATE REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE JOINTS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS HEADING FOR KCR KOWLOON STATION PODIUM ARE ADVISED TO USE CHEONG WAN ROAD.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN POK FU LAM

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 8 AM TO 8 PM DAILY ON OCTOBER 2 (MONDAY) AND 3 IN POK FU LAM TO FACILITATE ROAD RESURFACING WORK.

THE SLIPROAD LEADING FROM POK FU LAM ROAD NORTHBOUND TO POK FU LAM INTERCHANGE WIL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

VEHICLES ON POK FU LAM ROAD NORTHBOUND HEADING FOR POK FU LAM GARDENS WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CHI FU INTERCHANGE.

AT THE SAME TIME, VEHICLES OVER THREE TONNES GROSS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER POK FU LAM ROAD SERVICE ROAD NORTH OF POK FU LAM INTERCHANGE FROM POK FU LAM ROAD NORTHBOUND.

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