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GREEN LIGHT FOR HK PRESENCE AT EXPO '86

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MORE THAN 100 DESIGNERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD WERE INVITED TO PUT FORWARD IDEAS FOR THE HONG KONG PAVILION AT EXPO '86 IN VANCOUVER NEXT YEAR.

IN ALL 41 OF THEM MET THE TIGHT DEADLINE AND THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE HAVE NOW SHORTLISTED THREE DESIGNERS WHO HAVE BEEN ASKED TO SUBMIT DETAILED PRESENTATIONS.

BY THE MIDDLE OF NEXT MONTH THE COMMITTEE WILL MAKE THE FINAL SELECTION AND A MAJOR PUBLICITY DRIVE WILL BE LAUNCHED TO ENSURE THE QUALITY OF EXHIBIT IS THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE.

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TODAY (TUESDAY) FORMALLY APPROVED HONG KONG'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PRESTIGIOUS INTERNATIONAL EVENT AND THE CANADIAN ORGANISERS HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED.

THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR ADOLF HSU, SAID AFTER THE MEETING: +WE WILL DEFINITELY BE IN VANCOUVER IN MAY.+

THE EXPO ORGANISERS HAVE RESERVED A PRIME SITE FOR HONG KONG IN THE EXPOSITION GROUNDS BORDERING FALSE CREEK, LOCATED ALONGSIDE VANCOUVER'S CHINATOWN WHOSE COMMUNITY RETAIN STRONG CULTURAL AND FAMILY LINKS WITH HONG KONG.

MR HSU SAID THAT CONFIRMATION OF HONG KONG'S PARTICIPATION IN EXPO '86, WHICH RUNS FROM MAY 2 TO OCTOBER 13, WOULD BE WELCOMED IN HONG KONG AND IN VANCOUVER, WHERE A COMMITTEE FROM THE RESIDENT CHINESE COMMUNITY IS ALREADY BUSY ORGANISING DRAGON BOAT RACES IN FALSE CREEK ITSELF. THESE RACES PROMISE TO BECOME ONE OF EXPO'S MANY ATTRACTIONS.

MR HSU SAID THAT HONG KONG'S MAJOR BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS HAD ALREADY INDICATED THEIR SUPPORT FOR A HONG KONG PRESENCE AT EXPO, AS A +VISIBLE EXPRESSION OF CONFIDENCE IN BOTH ITS PAST ACHIEVEMENT AND FUTURE POTENTIAL.+

THIS WAS APPARENT IN THE COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE WHICH HE CHAIRS TO CO-ORDINATE HONG KONG'S PARTICIPATION. IN ADDITION TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S REPRESENTATIVES, THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE INCLUDED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION, CABLE AND WIRELESS, THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, SWIRE PACIFIC LTD AND SING TAO NEWSPAPERS LTD.

COLLECTIVELY THESE PARTNERS IN THE PROJECT HAVE CONTRIBUTED A FUND OF $10.5 MILLION, WHICH WILL ENABLE THE COMMITTEE TO RENT THE PAVILION STRUCTURE AND MOUNT ITS EXHIBITION.

HOWEVER, MR HSU POINTED OUT THAT THERE WAS STILL SCOPE FOR OTHER SPONSORS TO JOIN IN AND ADD THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE VENTURE.

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+THE MORE SUPPORT WE GET THE GREATER THE IMPACT WE CAN ACHIEVE,+ HE STRESSED.

+WE HAVE RAISED EXPECTATIONS IN VANCOUVER THAT HONG KONG IS GOING TO PUT ON A SHOW THAT WILL PROVE ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF EXPO. CERTAINLY THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF GOODWILL WE CAN COUNT UPON FROM THE WORLD COMMUNITY REPRESENTED THERE - AND ESPECIALLY NOW THAT THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN BRITAIN AND CHINA HAS WON UNIVERSAL ADMIRATION FOR ITS BOLD SOLUTIONS TO THE FUTURE QUESTION.

+WE HAVE WORLD OPINION IN OUR FAVOUR, SO ALL EYES WILL BE UPON US TO SEE HOW CONFIDENTLY WE ARE PREPARED TO STATE OUR OWN CONVICTIONS IN THE GUARANTEES WE HAVE SECURED. EXPO '86 GIVES US THE IDEAL OPPORTUNITY TO DO JUST THAT.+

THE THEME OF EXPO '86 IS +WORLD IN MOTION - WORLD IN TOUCH+, WHICH MR HSU DESCRIBED AS HIGHLY APPLICABLE TO HONG KONG'S PRE-EMINENT POSITION AT THE CENTRE OF THE FAR EAST REGION, AND ESPECIALLY APPLICABLE TO ITS ROLE AS THE WORLD'S THIRD MOST IMPORTANT FINANCIAL CENTRE.

RELATED THEMES FOR THE HONG KONG PAVILION WILL BE COMMUNICATIONS, TRANSPORT AND TRADE.

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FIRST MEETING OF LAND AND BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NEWLY-FORMED LAND AND BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LBAC) WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE COMMITTEE, SET UP ON JUNE 1, HAS REPLACED THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LAND SUPPLY (SCLS) AND THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BDAC).

THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF LBAC ARE:

(A) TO KEEP UNDER REVIEW THE NEEDS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS FOR LAND AND THE PLANNED PROVISIONS, TAKE UP AND UTILISATION OF LAND;

(B) TO CONSIDER THE ADEQUACY OF LAND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES IN THE LIGHT OF (A);

(C) TO MONITOR AND ASSESS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES IN RELATION TO PLANNING, LAND, BUILDINGS AND THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY;

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(D) TO ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT ON ANY OF THE MATTERS REFERRED TO IN (A), (B) AND (C).

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LBAC IS MR W.C.L. BROWN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PRESS AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA MEMBERS WILL BE ALLOWED INTO THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, EAST WING, AT THE END OF THE MEETING TO TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS AND INTERVIEW MR BROWN.

YOU ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT THE LOBBY OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, MAIN WING, AT 3.30 PM.

GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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BASIC OFF-STREET TRAINING FOR MOTORCYCLISTS PROPOSED

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THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TODAY (TUESDAY) ENDORSED A RECOMMENDATION TO REQUIRE LEARNER MOTORCYCLISTS TO UNDERGO BASIC OFF-STREET TRAINING BEFORE THEY ARE ALLOWED TO RIDE ON THE ROAD.

THIS MEASURE IS EXPECTED TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY RECORD OF MOTORCYCLISTS WHO HAVE CONSISTENTLY BEEN THE WORST OF ALL CLASSES OF DRIVERS. LAST YEAR, THE ACCIDENT RATE OF MOTORCYCLES PER MILLION KILOMETRES WAS ABOUT THREE TIMES HIGHER THAN THAT OF PRIVATE CARS.

OF THOSE MOTORCYCLISTS INVOLVED IN ACCIDENTS, 78 PER CENT WERE KILLED OR INJURED COMPARED TO 25 PER CENT FOR CAR DRIVERS.

SINCE IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR INSTRUCTORS TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE ON-ROAD SUPERVISION, ANY PERSON AGED 18 YEARS OR OVER COULD HIRE OR BUY A MOTORCYCLE AND RIDE IT ON A ROAD WITHOUT TRAINING OR SUPERVISION ONCE THEY HAD OBTAINED A PROVISIONAL DRIVING LICENCE.

UNDER THE PROPOSAL STUDIED BY THE TAC TODAY, LEARNER MOTORCYCLISTS WOULD BE TESTED ON BASIC HANDLING SKILLS AT AN OFF-STREET TRAINING CENTRE AND TESTED AGAIN ON-ROAD BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT BEFORE THEY COULD OBTAIN A FULL LICENCE.

THE ISSUE OF PROVISIONAL DRIVING LICENCES WOULD DEPEND ON THE PRODUCTION OF A CERTIFICATE CONFIRMING THAT THE APPLICANT HAD PASSED A TEST AT AN OFF-STREET TRAINING CENTRE.

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TAC MEMBERS AGREED THAT THE PROPOSAL, SUPPORTED BY THE ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL, BE RECOMMENDED FOR IMPLEMENTATION WHEN THERE WERE ADEQUATE OFF-STREET TRAINING FACILITIES.

THE HONG KONG SCHOOL OF MOTORING RECENTLY STARTED TO PROVIDE MOTORCYCLE TRAINING AT ITS TRAINING CENTRE AT WONG CHUK HANG. ANOTHER SITE AT SHA TIN WILL BE PUT OUT TO TENDER SHORTLY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW OFF-STREET TRAINING CENTRE. WHEN THIS IS COMPLETED, LEGISLATION WILL BE DRAFTED FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

AT TODAY'S MEETING MEMBERS ALSO DISCUSSED THE FOURTH PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TAC WORKING GROUP ON CMB MAINTENANCE.

IT WAS NOTED THAT CMB HAD NOW ENGAGED A CONSULTANT TO UNDERTAKE AN ORGANISATION AND METHOD STUDY OF ITS ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT AND THAT THE BUS COMPANY HAD MADE CONSIDERABLE EFFORT TO STEP UP ITS STAFF TRAINING PROGRAMMES WHICH WOULD HELP IMPROVE SUPERVISION AND STRENGTHEN MIDDLE MANAGEMENT.

MEMBERS, HOWEVER, EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE PROGRESS REPORT HAD REVEALED AREAS WHERE DECISIONS BY THE CMB MANAGEMENT TO COMPLY WITH THE WORKING GROUP'S RECOMMENDATIONS WERE NOT EFFECTIVELY TRANSLATED INTO ACTION BY STAFF AT THE OPERATIONAL LEVEL.

THIS MIGHT BE THE RESULT OF ORGANISATIONAL WEAKNESS AND UNCLEAR LINE OF COMMUNICATION. MEMBERS HOPED CMB'S CONSULTANT WOULD LOOK CLOSELY INTO THIS AND COME UP WITH PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION.

MEANWHILE, CMB STILL REPORTED DIFFICULTIES IN RECRUITING AN EXPERIENCED AND QUALIFIED ENGINEER TO HEAD ITS ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT AND THE SEARCH FOR A SUITABLE RECRUIT MIGHT TAKE A FEW MONTHS.

CMB CONTINUED TO IMPROVE ON THE SAFETY ASPECTS OF ITS BUSES. FLAWS FOUND ON CMB BUSES DURING SPOT CHECKS HAD DROPPED TO AN AVERAGE OF 0.8 SAFETY DEFECT PER BUS IN JUNE, COMPARED WITH AN AVERAGE OF ONE SAFETY DEFECT PER BUS IN MAY AND THREE IN JANUARY.

AT THE MEETING TODAY, MEMBERS ALSO NOTED A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE CONTRACT HIRE CAR SCHEME WHICH SHOWED A CONTINUED DROP IN THE NUMBER OF PERMITS AND HIRE CAR OPERATIONS, MOSTLY IN THE PRIVATE HIRE CAR AND SCHOOL HIRE CAR CATEGORIES.

ALSO DISCUSSED TODAY WAS AN APPLICATION BY THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY LIMITED TO CURTAIL ITS HOVERFERRY SERVICE ON THE TSUEN WAN-NORTH POINT ROUTE. MEMBERS AGREED THAT IN VIEW OF LOW PATRONAGE AND REASONABLE ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF TRANSPORT, THE SERVICE FREQUENCY OF THE TSUEN WAN TO CENTRAL SECTION OF THE ROUTE SHOULD BE REDUCED AND THE SERVICE ON THE REMAINING SECTION BETWEEN CENTRAL AND NORTH POINT SUSPENDED TEMPORARILY.

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE OPERATION OF THIS ROUTE AND WOULD RECOMMEND PERMANENT ARRANGEMENTS AT A LATER DATE.

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ANOTHER CASE OF ADULTERATED WINE FOUND

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ANOTHER BRAND OF AUSTRIAN WINE HAS BEEN FOUND TO CONTAIN DIETHYLENE GLYCOL, THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING.

THE NAME OF THE WINE IS TROCKENBEERENAUSLESE MULLERTHURGAU 1979.

THIS BRINGS TO 11 THE NUMBER OF AUSTRIAN WINES FOUND TO CONTAIN THE TOXIC CHEMICAL.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE SAMPLE WAS PRESENTED TO THE CUSTOMS FOR TEST BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC LAST SATURDAY, AND CUSTOMS OFFICERS ARE NOW TRYING TO LOCATE THE MAN TO ESTABLISH HOW MANY BOTTLES OF THIS WINE HAD BEEN IMPORTED INTO HONG KONG.

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PROVISIONAL RC MEMBERS VISIT TUEN MUN

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MEMBERS OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL, LED BY THE CHAIRMAN, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, TODAY COMPLETED THEIR SERIES OF COURTESY CALLS ON DISTRICT BOARDS IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS WITH A VISIT TO THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD.

DURING THE VISIT, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND BOARD EXCHANGED VIEWS ON RODENT CONTROL, REFUSE COLLECTION, POLLUTION OF BEACHES AND THE PROVISION OF SPORTS FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

MR CHEUNG SAID THAT DURING THE PAST MONTH OR SO THE COUNCIL HAD COLLECTED A LOT OF OPINIONS EXPRESSED BY MEMBERS OF DIFFERENT DISTRICT BOARDS.

HE ADDED THAT THE COUNCIL WOULD CAREFULLY CONSIDER THE VIEWS EXPRESSED AND WOULD DO WHAT IT COULD TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS.

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KOWLOON CITY DB MEETS TOMORROW

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KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE REVISED DISTRICT BOARD STANDING ORDERS AND THE FINANCIAL LIMIT OF EXPENDITURE OF BOARD FUNDS AT TOMORROW'S (WEDNESDAY) MEETING.

THEY WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE PROPOSED ROAD LINK BETWEEN NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK ROADS, THE ELEVATED VEHICULAR LINK BETWEEN EAST AND WEST KOWLOON TONG, AND FOOTBRIDGES ACROSS WATERLOO ROAD AT DERBY AND DURHAM ROADS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSIONS ON THE NEED TO TIGHTEN CONTROLS OF BANKING INSTITUTIONS, THE CENTRAL PROVIDENT FUNDS SCHEME, AMUSEMENT GAMES CENTRES AND WHETHER CHILDREN SHOULD BE COUNTED AS PASSENGERS IF THEY DO NOT OCCUPY SEATS ON PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT 2.15 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE ON FIRST FLOOR, MORNING JOY BUILDING, 141-143 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, TO KWA WAN, KOWLOON.

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TRAINING SEMINAR FOR FARMERS

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THIRTY FARMERS FROM VARIOUS FARMING COMMUNITIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL GET AN INSIGHT INTO NEW METHODS OF PEST CONTROL AND FRUIT TREE CULTIVATION WHEN THEY ATTEND A HALF-DAY SEMINAR ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE SEMINAR, TO BE HELD AT THE DEPARTMENT'S TAI LUNG FARM IN SHEUNG SHUI, FORMS PART OF A REGULAR PROGRAMME OF TRAINING TO PROVIDE FARMERS WITH TECHNICAL ADVICE ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF CROP PRODUCTION AND PROTECTION.

AT THE SEMINAR, FARMERS WILL BE INTRODUCED TO THE INTEGRATED CONTROL OF COMMON PESTS AND DISEASES OF LOCAL FRUIT TREES BY THE SAFE USE OF PESTICIDES AND INSECT TRAPS.

THEY WILL ALSO BE TOLD OF THE PROPER CULTURAL AND MANAGEMENT PRACTICE TO ADOPT TO REDUCE FRUIT DAMAGE.

THE FARMERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE EFFECTIVE WAYS OF GROWING SUCH FRUITS AS CITRUS, LONGAN, LYCHEE AND WAMPEI. THEY WILL BE TAUGHT MODERN ORCHARD MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES TO ENSURE THE GREATEST YIELD POSSIBLE.

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AS PART OF THE PROGRAMME, FARMERS WILL ALSO BE TAKEN TO AN EXPERIMENTAL ORCHARD IN THE FARM TO SEE MODERN FRUIT TREE PROPAGATION AND MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES.

IN ADDITION TO TRAINING, THE DEPARTMENT'S LIAISON STAFF REGULARLY VISIT FARMERS TO OFFER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE AND TO HELP SOLVE THEIR FARMING PROBLEMS.

LAST YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT CONDUCTED A TOTAL OF 119 SUCH ACTIVITIES FOR 1 300 FARMERS.

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DEATH SENTENCES COMMUTED

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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCES PASSED ON LEUNG CHEUK-FAN AND KWONG CHOI-HING ON JULY 6, 1983 AND JANUARY 20, 1983 RESPECTIVELY SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

IT WAS ALSO DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON HO AH-FUN ON JULY 6, 1984 SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO 15 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT.

LEUNG WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF TANG KWOK-WAH ON MAY 6, 1982.

KWONG WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF KWAN WING-YEE ON MAY 23, 1982.

HO WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF YEN AH-YING ON MARCH 26, 1984.

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USD BEACH STAFF HAVE MAMMOTH CLEAN-UP TASK

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URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT BEACH CLEANSING STAFF COLLECTED MORE THAN 5 380 BASKETS OF RUBBISH WEIGHING SOME 80 700 KILOGRAMS FROM VARIOUS BEACHES ON THE HONG KONG ISLAND DURING THE LONG WEEKEND HOLIDAY WHICH ENDED YESTERDAY.

OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF RUBBISH, SOME 1 500 BASKETS -- OR 500 BASKETS PER DAY -- WERE TAKEN AWAY FROM REPULSE BAY, ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR BEACHES ON THE ISLAND, DURING THE HOLIDAY. ON A WEEKDAY, SOME 150 BASKETS OF RUBBISH ARE COLLECTED FROM THE BEACH.

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MEANWHILE, THE DEPARTMENT'S ANTI-LITTER PATROLS SERVED 35 SUMMONSES ON LITTERBUGS AT SEVERAL BEACHES, INCLUDING STANLEY MAIN, REPULSE BAY, DEEP WATER AND SHEK O BEACHES.

+THE LARGE AMOUNT OF RUBBISH COLLECTED AND THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF SUMMONSES DOES NOT MEAN THAT OUR BEACHES ARE DIRTIER,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT.

+IN FACT, ALL OUR BEACHES ON HONG KONG ISLAND ARE NOW TAKING ON A MUCH CLEANER LOOK AS A RESULT OF THE HARD WORK OF OUR BEACH CLEANSING STAFF, PARTICULARLY OVER THE WEEKENDS AND DURING PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.+

HE STRESSED THAT ANTI-LITTER AND ANTI-NOISE PATROLS WOULD BE STRENGTHENED DURING WEEKENDS AND ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS THROUGHOUT THE SWIMMING SEASON TO ENSURE THE BEACHES ARE KEPT CLEAN AND RELATIVELY QUIET.

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SHARP RISE IN NUMBER OF TRADING PROSECUTIONS

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THE TRADING STANDARDS INVESTIGATION BUREAU OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT HANDLED 673 PROSECUTIONS IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR, AN INCREASE OF 55 PER CENT OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1984.

OF THESE, 133 WERE COMPANIES AND 540 WERE INDIVIDUALS. COMPARED ON THE SAME BASIS, TOTAL FINES IMPOSED FOR THE PERIOD INCREASED FROM $2.6 MILLION TO $4.3 MILLION.

TEN OF THE DEFENDANTS, PROSECUTED UNDER THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS ORDINANCE, WERE GIVEN SENTENCES RANGING FROM ONE MONTH TO 18 MONTHS IN PRISON. SIX OF THESE WERE HAWKERS CHARGED WITH POSSESSION FOR SALE T-SHIRTS BEARING FALSE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS OR FORGED TRADE MARKS.

OF THE 673 CASES, 402 WERE CONNECTED WITH FALSE TRADE DESCRIPTION OR FORGED TRADE MARK OFFENCES. CASES OF ORIGIN FRAUD CAME NEXT WITH 168, FOLLOWED BY TEXTILES LICENSING 65, IMPORT-EXPORT DECLARATION 29 AND NINE MISCELLANEOUS CASES.

DURING THE PERIOD, THE TOTAL VALUE OF GOODS FORFEITED TO THE CROWN, ALL UNDER THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS ORDINANCE, WAS APPROXIMATELY $3.8 MILLION.

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THAI JUDGES VISIT CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION

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A GROUP OF THAI JUDGES TODAY (TUESDAY) VISITED THE PIK UK CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION TO LEARN OF CORRECTIONAL PROGRAMMES IN HONG KONG AND FACILITIES PROVIDED FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS.

COMPRISING 15 MEMBERS, THE GROUP IS CURRENTLY UNDER A SEMINAR PROGRAMME HELD BY THAILAND'S MINISTRY OF JUSTICE TO STUDY JUVENILE COURTS AND CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN OTHER COUNTRIES. EARLIER, THEY HAD VISITED SOUTH KOREA AND JAPAN.

AT PIK UK, THE GROUP WAS TOLD THAT THE MAXIMUM SECURITY INSTITUTION OPERATED AS A RECEPTION CENTRE, TRAINING CENTRE AND PRISON FOR YOUNG MALE OFFENDERS UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE AS WELL AS THOSE UNDER 25 YEARS OF AGE REMANDED BY THE COURTS FOR A SUITABILITY ASSESSMENT FOR A DETENTION CENTRE.

THEY SAW INMATES ATTENDING EDUCATIONAL CLASSES AND OTHERS RECEIVING VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN VARIOUS TRADES.

MEANWHILE, ANOTHER GROUP OF THAI JUDGES VISITED THE WESTERN MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING. BOTH GROUPS WILL LEAVE FOR BANGKOK THIS EVENING.

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35 TO BE PRESENTED RESCUE STAR

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THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR JOHN RIDDELL-SWAN, WILL PRESENT THE RESCUE STAR TO 12 GOVERNMENT LIFE GUARDS AND 23 PUBLIC-SPIRITED CITIZENS, INCLUDING FOUR FISHERMEN, AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT THE HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB IN SOUTH BAY ROAD, REPULSE BAY.

THE RESCUE STAR IS AWARDED TO THOSE WHO RESCUE OTHERS IN DISTRESS AT SEA OR WHILE SWIMMING AT PUBLIC BEACHES AND SWIMMING POOLS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESENTATION AT 2 PM.

AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT INFORMATION OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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NEW SEWERS FOR SAI KUNG

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THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A $16.5 MILLION CONTRACT TO BUILD SEWERS AS PART OF THE SAI KUNG DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

THE CONTRACT CALLS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF 3 800 METRES OF SEWERS, WITH A MAXIMUM 750 MM DIAMETER, FROM SHA KOK MEI, PAK KONG AND SAI KUNG TOWN TO THE PROPOSED SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT AT TUI MIN HOI.

THE CONTRACT ALSO CALLS FOR THE BUILDING OF THREE PUMPING STATIONS AND RISING MAINS AND A SUBMARINE SEWER WHICH WILL CROSS SAI KUNG HOI.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN AUGUST AND BE COMPLETED IN 16 MONTHS.

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IMPROVING WATER SUPPLIES

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT WILL LAY ABOUT 5 000 METRES OF FRESH WATER MAINS ALONG SHA TAU KOK ROAD BETWEEN HUNG LENG IN SHEUNG SHUI AND SHA TAU KOK.

THE MAINS, WITH DIAMETERS RANGING FROM 150 MM TO 600 MM, ARE TO BE LAID IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE'S IMPROVEMENT WORK TO SHA TAU KOK ROAD.

THEY ARE PART OF THE PROJECT TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF THE EXISTING WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM TO SURROUNDING VILLAGES IN SHEUNG SHUI AND SHA TAU KOK.

TENDERS ARE INVITED FOR THE WORK, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO START IN OCTOBER AND BE COMPLETED IN 15 MONTHS.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (TUESDAY) STOOD AT 60.2 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 353.073 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 470.352 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 80.2 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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URBAN CLEARWAY AT HENNESSY ROAD

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HENNESSY ROAD WESTBOUND FROM HOUSE NO. 20 TO ITS JUNCTION WITH QUEEN'S ROAD EAST WILL BE MADE AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY FROM 4 PM ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 2).

WITHIN THE ROAD SECTION, NO VEHICLE OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WOULD BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS DURING THE PERIODS.

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