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NOT SURPRISING THAT PEOPLE SHOULD WANT TO COMMEMORATE
PEKING EVENTS: GOVERNOR
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IT WAS NOT AT ALL SURPRISING THAT PEOPLE IN HONG KONG SHOULD WANT TO COMMEMORATE THE TRAGIC EVENTS THAT HAPPENED IN PEKING LAST YEAR, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER ATTENDING A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR DAVID SAID: "WHAT I WAS STRUCK BY WAS, APART FROM THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO TURNED OUT, THE FACT THAT IT WAS A VERY ORDERLY, LAW-ABIDING DEMONSTRATION.

"AND THAT IS IN THE BEST TRADITION OF HONG KONG. THAT IS WHAT HONG KONG IS ALL ABOUT: THAT IF PEOPLE HAVE VIEWS, THEY CAN EXPRESS THEM, PROVIDING THAT THEY STICK WITHIN THE LAW," HE SAID.

"ONE OTHER POINT IS, OF COURSE, PEOPLE WANT TO COMMEMORATE THE EVENTS OF LAST YEAR. IT'S ALSO VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE, AS A COMMUNITY SHOULD BE DEVOTING OUR EFFORTS TO BUILDING UP AND STRENGTHENING OUR OWN COMMUNITY. THAT IS SOMETHING OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO HONG KONG," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID HE HOPED THAT PEOPLE IN CHINA WOULD UNDERSTAND THE WAY IN WHICH WE IN HONG KONG OPERATED, ADDING: "THAT IS, THAT PEOPLE HAVE THE FREEDOM TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS, PROVIDING THAT THEY STAY WITHIN THE LAW, AND I WOULD HOPE THAT LEADERS AND OTHER PEOPLE IN CHINA WOULD UNDERSTAND THE WAY WE DO THINGS IN HONG KONG."

ASKED IF HE HAD BEEN TOLD THAT HONG KONG STUDENT, YAO YONGZHAN, WOULD SOON BE RELEASED BY THE SHANGHAI AUTHORITIES, THE GOVERNOR SAID HE HAD SEEN THAT REPORTED IN THE PRESS.

"WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE BRITISH CONSUL-GENERAL IN SHANGHAI. WE HAVEN'T HAD ANY CONFIRMATION OF THAT FACT," HE ADDED.

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GOVT ENCOURAGES PARTICIPATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
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THE GOVERNMENT IS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE INDUSTRY AND INDIVIDUALS ALIKE TO WORK TOGETHER TO PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 1990 WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY AT THE ZOOLOGICAL AND BOTANICAL GARDENS, SIR DAVID SAID MANY DEMANDS WERE PLACED ON OUR ENVIRONMENT BY THE PRESSURES OF BUSINESS, INDUSTRY, POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT.

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"THAT IS WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT THAT WE SHOULD BE FIRMLY COMMITTED TO A FULL PROGRAMME OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS. WE NEED PARTICULARLY TO DEAL WITH AIR AND NOISE POLLUTION, AND WITH WASTE, AND TO FIND BETTER WAYS OF HANDLING SEWAGE DISPOSAL," HE SAID.

"WE ALSO NEED TO THINK AHEAD BY MAKING SURE THAT, WHEN WE ARE PLANNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TERRITORY, THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS ARE TAKEN FULLY INTO ACCOUNT AT AN EARLY STAGE. PREVENTION IS, AFTER ALL, BETTER THAN CURE," HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID SAID ALL OF US WERE INCREASINGLY AWARE OF THE NEED TO PROTECT AND IMPROVE OUR ENVIRONMENT AND THE INDUSTRY, GOVERNMENT AND INDIVIDUALS MUST WORK TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL OF A CLEAN AND HEALTHY HONG KONG.

"THIS IS NOT SOMETHING FOR OTHER PEOPLE TO DO: IT IS SOMETHING FOR EACH ONE OF US TO DO OURSELVES. THAT IS THE MESSAGE THAT GOES OUT FROM TODAY'S EVENT: 'ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION STARTS WITH ME'," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT ALL OVER THE WORLD TODAY, EVENTS WOULD BE TAKING PLACE TO REMIND PEOPLE OF THE NEED TO CARE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT.

"THIS SHOWS HOW IMPORTANT OUR ENVIRONMENT HAS BECOME TO PEOPLE ALL ROUND THE WORLD. MAYBE THE WORLD, AND WE OURSELVES, HAVE BEEN LATE IN WAKING UP TO THE SERIOUSNESS OF THESE PROBLEMS -- BUT FAR FAR BETTER LATE THAN NEVER," HE SAID.

AT THE CEREMONY, SIR DAVID BURIED A TIME CAPSULE WHICH CONTAINED DETAILS OF MANY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS THAT REMAINED TO BE TACKLED IN HONG KONG.

"IT WILL BE UNCOVERED IN 1995. LET IT BE OUR JOINT RESOLVE THAT, WHEN THAT HAPPENS, THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS LISTED IN THE CAPSULE WILL, IN THEIR TURN, HAVE BEEN BURIED IN THE HISTORY BOOKS," SIR DAVID SAID.

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FREE-MARKET AND OPEN ECONOMY HELPS BUSINESSES
PREPARE FOR UNCERTAINTIES

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HONG KONG'S FREE-MARKET AND OPEN ECONOMY HAS HELPED BUSINESSES PREPARE THEMSELVES FOR UNCERTAINTIES AHEAD AND TO MAKE THE BEST OF THEM, OMELCO MEMBER, DR DANIEL TSE, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE 46TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (ESCAP) IN BANGKOK, DR TSE SAID ECONOMIES IN THE ASIA AND PACIFIC REGION SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO RESTRUCTURE THEMSELVES WITH AS LITTLE INTERFERENCE AS POSSIBLE FROM GOVERNMENTS.

BUT HE ADDED THAT BY THIS HE DID NOT MEAN THAT GOVERNMENTS HAD NO ROLE TO PLAY.

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"INDEED, TO PERMIT THE ECONOMIES TO RESTRUCTURE SUCCESSFULLY, GOVERNMENTS NEED TO ESTABLISH THE RIGHT ENVIRONMENT BY REDUCING BARRIERS TO TRADE, ALLOWING THE FREE FLOW OF CAPITAL, KEEPING TAXATION LOW, REDUCING RED TAPE TO A MINIMUM AND CONCENTRATING ON PROVIDING THE NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURE," HE SAID.

"IF THIS IS DONE WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF A HEALTHY MULTILATERAL TRADING FRAMEWORK THE HONG KONG EXPERIENCE SUGGESTS THAT THE DEVELOPING ECONOMIES OF THE ASIA AND PACIFIC REGION WILL RESTRUCTURE THEMSELVES AND WILL BE GIVEN A BETTER CHANCE TO FLOURISH THAN UNDER ANY OTHER REGIME SO FAR DESIGNED BY MAN."

DR TSE SAID HONG KONG HAD HAD TO UNDERGO GREAT STRUCTURAL CHANGES OVER THE LAST 45 YEARS FROM ENTREPOT, TO MANUFACTURING, TO SERVICE AND TRADING CENTRE.

"MANY BUSINESSES FAILED IN THE PROCESS; MANY PEOPLE HAD TO FIND NEW JOBS.

"BUT THE BUSINESSES WHICH SURVIVED HAVE LEARNT HOW TO ADAPT QUICKLY, HOW TO TURN A THREAT INTO AN OPPORTUNITY, HOW TO REMAIN COMPETITIVE IN A RAPIDLY CHANGING ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT," HE SAID.

THE THRUSTING, AGGRESSIVE, COMPETITIVE HONG KONG OF THE 1960'S COULD SUCCEED BECAUSE THE POST-SECOND WORLD WAR MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM ESTABLISHED UNDER THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE (GATT) PROVIDED THE RIGHT ENVIRONMENT.

TARIFF BARRIERS WERE DRAMATICALLY REDUCED IN SUCCESSIVE GATT ROUNDS OF NEGOTIATIONS AND A FRAMEWORK FOR DISPUTE SETTLEMENT WAS ESTABLISHED WHICH HELPED AVOID THE TRADE WARS THAT COULD BE SO DAMAGING TO THE SMALL PLAYERS LIKE HONG KONG, HE SAID.

"WE CAME TO VALUE THESE MULTILATERAL DISCIPLINES AND TO SEE THAT ONLY BY WORKING CLOSELY WITH ONE'S TRADING PARTNERS AND BY WORKING TO A COMMONLY AGREED SET OF INTERNATIONAL TRADING RULES COULD HONG KONG'S LONG-TERM ECONOMIC GROWTH BE ASSURED."

DR TSE SAID HONG KONG HAD PLAYED AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE GATT ON A DE FACTO BASIS FOR MANY YEARS.

IN APRIL, 1986, HONG KONG FINALLY BECAME A SEPARATE MEMBER OF THE GATT AND HAS SINCE BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE CURRENT URUGUAY ROUND OF MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

"WE HAVE LEARNT THAT PLACING LONG-TERM MULTILATERAL GOALS ABOVE SHORT-TERM SECTORAL INTERESTS IS NOT ALWAYS EASY.

"BUT WE REMAIN ABSOLUTELY CONVINCED THAT IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT FOR OUR MUTUAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THAT THE MULTILATERAL SYSTEM SHOULD PROSPER.

"THE MARKETS OF THE WORLD MUST BE OPENED EVER-WIDER TO THE PRODUCTS OF THIS INCREASINGLY PRODUCTIVE REGION," HE SAID.

DR TSE IS LEADING A HONG KONG DELEGATION TO THE 46TH ESCAP PLENARY SESSION WHICH WILL END ON JUNE 13. OTHER MEMBERS INCLUDE THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE, MR T.H. CHAU, AS THE DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE; THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS, MR FRED HO, AND AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR PATRICK NIP, BOTH AS ALTERNATES.

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NEW RULES TO CURB SMUGGLING OF TV SETS, VIDEO CASSETTE RECORDERS

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS DRAWN UP NEW REGULATIONS TO SUPPRESS THE ILLEGAL EXPORT OF TELEVISION SETS AND VIDEO CASSETTE RECORDERS TO CHINA BY SPEEDBOAT.

THE EXPORT (TELEVISION SETS AND VIDEO CASSETTE RECORDERS) REGULATIONS 1990, WHICH WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON FRIDAY (JUNE 8), PRESCRIBE THAT TELEVISION SETS AND VIDEO CASSETTE RECORDERS ARE PROHIBITED FROM EXPORT TO ANY COUNTRY BY ANY VESSEL OF LESS THAN 250 TONS NET REGISTER EXCEPT WITH A LICENCE ISSUED UNDER THE IMPORT AND EXPORT ORDINANCE.

THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR K.S. TONG, SAID THE NEW REGULATIONS WOULD NOT AFFECT LEGITIMATE TRADE.

"THE REGULATIONS ARE INTENDED TO CURB SMUGGLING OF TELEVISION SETS AND VIDEO CASSETTE RECORDERS TO CHINA BY HIGH-POWERED SPEEDBOATS," HE SAID.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO EXPORT TELEVISION SETS OR VIDEO CASSETTE RECORDERS BY A VESSEL UNDER 250 TONS NET REGISTER SHOULD APPLY FOR A LICENCE FROM THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

HONG KONG PERMIT OFFICE

2/F, HARBOUR BUILDING
38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL
HONG KONG

KOWLOON PERMIT OFFICE

10/F, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES
393 CANTON ROAD
KOWLOON

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE PURCHASED FROM THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

TRADE DEPARTMENT

ROOM 822A, 8/F
OCEAN CENTRE
CANTON ROAD
KOWLOON

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR K.S. TONG, WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER MEDIA ENQUIRIES ON THE SUBJECT AT THE CUSTOMS OFFICERS' MESS, 9/F, RUMSEY STREET MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, CENTRAL, AT 4 PM TODAY (TUESDAY).

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WINDING-UP OF HK BRANCH OF INSURANCE COMPANY

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THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, MR NOEL GLEESON, IN HIS CAPACITY AS INSURANCE AUTHORITY, TODAY (TUESDAY) PRESENTED A PETITION TO THE HIGH COURT FOR THE WINDING-UP OF THE HONG KONG BRANCH OF NATIONAL EMPLOYERS' MUTUAL GENERAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION LIMITED.

HE SAID PETITIONS FOR THE WINDING-UP OF THE COMPANY HAD BEEN PRESENTED AND PROVISIONAL LIQUIDATORS HAD BEEN APPOINTED EARLIER IN LONDON. THIS HAD PRECIPITATED HIS PETITION FOR THE WINDING-UP OF THE HONG KONG BRANCH.

THE COMPANY, WHICH WAS INCORPORATED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM IN 1914, HAD ESTABLISHED A BRANCH IN HONG KONG IN 1965 AND HAD OTHER BRANCHES IN AUSTRALIA, SINGAPORE AND BRUNEI.

THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS PROVISIONAL LIQUIDATOR, AND JULY 30, 1990 HAS BEEN FIXED BY THE COURT AS THE DATE FOR THE HEARING OF THE PETITION.

THE COMPANY WAS ENGAGED MAINLY IN MOTOR VEHICLE AND EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION INSURANCE BUSINESS IN HONG KONG, WITH ABOUT 12,000 POLICY HOLDERS.

MR GLEESON SAID HIS APPOINTMENT AS PROVISIONAL LIQUIDATOR IN HONG KONG WOULD "RING-FENCE" THE HONG KONG ASSETS OF THE BRANCH TO MEET THE HONG KONG LIABILITIES, AND THAT THE PETITION WAS THEREFORE NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THE HONG KONG POLICY HOLDERS.

AS INSURANCE AUTHORITY HE HAD ALREADY TAKEN INTO HIS CUSTODY THE MAJOR PORTION OF THE HONG KONG ASSETS OF THE COMPANY, WHICH WERE CONSIDERABLE, AND HE BELIEVED THAT THESE ASSETS, COUPLED WITH THE GUARANTEE FUND OPERATED BY THE MOTOR INSURERS' BUREAU, WOULD PROVIDE A HIGH LEVEL OF SECURITY TO THE HONG KONG POLICY HOLDERS AND PERSONS WITH INSURANCE CLAIMS AGAINST THE COMPANY.

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IN ANOTHER STATEMENT, MR GLEESON, IN HIS CAPACITY AS OFFICIAL RECEIVER, INDICATED THAT PRIOR TO THE PETITIONS BEING PRESENTED IN LONDON THE COMPANY HAD ALREADY ENTERED INTO NEGOTIATIONS FOR ITS HONG KONG BUSINESS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER INSURER.

AS PROVISIONAL LIQUIDATOR OF THE HONG KONG BRANCH, HE WOULD NOW TAKE POSSESSION OF, COLLECT AND PROTECT THE ASSETS OF THE BRANCH WITH A VIEW, IF POSSIBLE, TO FINALISING THE TRANSFER.

SUCH A TRANSFER, IF IT TOOK PLACE, WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF POLICY HOLDERS WHO COULD THEN CONTINUE WITH THE NEW INSURER WITHOUT ANY LOSS AND WITHOUT HAVING TO CLAIM ANYTHING IN THE WINDING-UP OF THE BRANCH.

POLICY HOLDERS AND OTHER CREDITORS OF THE COMPANY WHO HAVE ANY QUERIES REGARDING THEIR POLICY OR POSITION IN THIS WINDING-UP SHOULD CONTACT THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT (OFFICIAL RECEIVER) AT TELEPHONE NUMBERS 867 2426 (ENGLISH) OR 867 2478 (CHINESE) DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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TRANSFER OF LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES GOING AHEAD SMOOTHLY

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THE TRANSFER OF LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES FROM GRAND UNION LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY AND HANG LUNG LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY TO DAH SING LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY IS GOING AHEAD SMOOTHLY, THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, MR NOEL GLEESON, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

HE WAS REFERRING TO THE TAKE-OVER OF THE LIFE INSURANCE BUSINESSES OF GRAND UNION LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY AND HANG LUNG LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY BY DAH SING LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

DURING THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF THE ONE-MONTH TIME LIMIT ALMOST 50 PER CENT OF THE POLICY HOLDERS HAD ALREADY SWITCHED TO DAH SING LIFE.

HE HOPED THAT, IN THEIR OWN INTERESTS, THE REMAINDER OF THE POLICY HOLDERS WOULD SWITCH TO DAH SING DURING THE NEXT TWO WEEKS OR SO.

THE LIQUIDATION OF GRAND UNION AND HANG LUNG LIFE WAS GOING AHEAD BUT IT WAS LIKELY THAT THIS WOULD BE A LENGTHY PROCESS, MR GLEESON SAID.

THE INSURANCE POLICIES OF THOSE WHO REMAINED WITH THESE TWO COMPANIES WOULD HAVE TO BE CANCELLED, AND PRESENT INDICATIONS WERE THAT POLICY HOLDERS WHO REMAINED WITH GRAND UNION AND HANG LUNG LIFE WOULD HAVE LITTLE, IF ANYTHING, TO GET AT THE END, HE SAID.

MR GLEESON SAID HE HAD WRITTEN TO ALL THE POLICY HOLDERS EXPLAINING THE POSITION TO THEM. IT WAS ENTIRELY A MATTER FOR THEM NOW TO DECIDE WHAT THEY SHOULD DO.

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NEW DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR AFD ANNOUNCED

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MR HAROLD KWOK WAI-HONG WILL OFFICIALLY REPLACE MR TONY BENNETT AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

MR KWOK'S PREVIOUS POSTING WAS DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR.

HE WILL ASSIST THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES TO OVERSEE THE OVERALL ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION AND THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION.

MR TONY BENNETT WILL PROCEED ON VACATION LEAVE BEFORE TAKING UP A NEW POST IN JULY.

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19,404 CHILDREN ALLOCATED PRIMARY 1 PLACES

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SEVENTY-ONE PER CENT (19,404) OUT OF 27,333 CHILDREN HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED PRIMARY 1 PLACES IN SCHOOLS OF THEIR PARENTS' FIRST THREE CHOICES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID THIS TODAY (TUESDAY) IN ANNOUNCING THAT RESULTS OF THE CENTRAL ALLOCATION OF PRIMARY 1 PLACES WILL BE RELEASED ON SATURDAY (JUNE 9).

HE SAID PARENTS SHOULD RETURN TO THEIR OWN DISTRIBUTION-COLLECTION CENTRE ON SATURDAY (JUNE 9) OR SUNDAY (JUNE 10) BETWEEN 9 AM AND 4 PM TO COLLECT AN "ALLOCATION SLIP" WHICH WILL SHOW THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE SCHOOL TO WHICH THEIR CHILD HAS BEEN ALLOCATED, TOGETHER WITH THE DATES FOR REGISTRATION AND SOME GUIDANCE NOTES.

THEY SHOULD THEN COMPLETE REGISTRATION FORMALITIES ON JUNE 13 OR 14.

REGISTRATION HOURS FOR AM SCHOOLS ARE BETWEEN 9 AM AND 12 NOON; AND FOR PM SCHOOLS, BETWEEN 2 PM AND 5 PM. FOR WHOLE-DAY SCHOOLS, THE REGISTRATION HOURS ARE FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON AND FROM 2 PM TO 4 PM.

"IN THE EVENT THE PARENTS WHO ARE FOR SOME PERSONAL REASONS CANNOT REGISTER THEIR CHILD WITH THE SCHOOL TO WHICH HE OR SHE IS ALLOCATED, THEY MUST CONTACT THE SCHOOL DIRECT OR THE PRIMARY 1 ADMISSION UNIT OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BEFOREHAND FOR ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"IF PARENTS FAILED TO REGISTER THEIR CHILD, THEY WOULD BE DEEMED TO HAVE GIVEN UP THE ALLOCATION.

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"UPON REGISTRATION, THE ALLOCATION SLIP SHOULD BE SURRENDERED TO THE SCHOOL AND PARENTS MUST NOTE THAT ALL PLACES ALLOCATED ARE FINAL AND NO RE-ALLOCATION IS POSSIBLE," HE ADDED.

IN CASE THE PARENTS HAVE SPECIAL DIFFICULTIES SUCH AS HAVING MOVED TO ANOTHER DISTRICT RESULTING IN THE SCHOOL BEING TOO FAR AWAY FROM THEIR NEW HOME, THEY ARE ADVISED TO PERSONALLY CALL AT THE PRIMARY 1 ADMISSION UNIT AT 269 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, SECOND FLOOR, WAN CHAI, TO SEEK ASSISTANCE.

THEY SHOULD BRING ALONG SUPPORTING DOCUMENTARY PROOF SUCH AS RENTAL RECEIPTS, RATES DEMAND NOTES, WATER BILLS, OR ELECTRICITY BILLS BEARING THE NAME OF THE PARENT OR THE GUARDIAN OF THE CHILD.

"IF THEIR REQUEST IS JUSTIFIED, THE PRIMARY 1 ADMISSION UNIT WOULD TRY THEIR BEST TO FIND ANOTHER PLACE FOR THEIR CHILD AT A SCHOOL NEARER TO THEIR NEW HOME," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"SHOULD PARENTS FIND IT NECESSARY TO CHANGE SCHOOL AFTER REGISTRATION, THEY ARE ADVISED TO OBTAIN ASSURANCE OF ACCEPTANCE FROM ANOTHER SCHOOL BEFORE THEY RETRIEVE THE ALLOCATION SLIP FROM THE ORIGINAL SCHOOL BECAUSE RETRIEVAL OF THE SLIP MEANS CANCELLATION OF THE PLACE."

PARENTS OF ALL CHILDREN WHO HAVE SECURED A DISCRETIONARY PLACE AND HAVE ALREADY REGISTERED WITH A SCHOOL EARLIER LAST YEAR NEED NOT REPEAT REGISTRATION FORMALITIES.

PARENTS WISHING TO MAKE FURTHER ENQUIRIES MAY CONTACT THE PRIMARY E ADMISSION UNIT ON TEL. 572 4383 DURING OFFICE HOURS STARTING THIS SATURDAY (JUNE 9).

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1990 FOOD HYGIENE CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

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PEOPLE IN THE FOOD TRADE ARE TODAY (TUESDAY) URGED TO PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO FOOD HYGIENE IN THE SUMMER MONTHS WHEN GASTRO-INTESTINAL DISEASES ARE PREVALENT.

THE APPEAL CAME FROM URBAN COUNCILLOR DR RONALD LEUNG AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 1990 FOOD HYGIENE CAMPAIGN WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY GUESTS FROM THE FOOD TRADE.

DR LEUNG POINTED OUT THAT JUST AS THE CAMPAIGN'S THEME "CLEAN PLACE, SAFE FOOD", FOOD HYGIENE AND ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE ARE CLOSELY RELATED.

"AN UNHYGIENIC ENVIRONMENT WOULD LEAD TO FOOD CONTAMINATION AND MIGHT SPREAD FOOD POISONING AND OTHER GASTRO-INTESTINAL DISEASES," HE SAID.

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BY ADOPTING SOME SIMPLE MEASURES, SUCH AS FREQUENT AND REGULAR CLEANING OF PREMISES, KITCHENS AND STOVES, AND PROPER HANDLING OF RUBBISH AND FOOD REMNANTS, THE SANITARY CONDITION OF FOOD PREMISES COULD BE IMPROVED AND THE RISK OF FOOD POISONING REDUCED.

DR LEUNG HOPED THAT THROUGH GOOD HOUSEKEEPING, THE HEALTH OF THE PUBLIC COULD BE SAFEGUARDED.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, REGIONAL COUNCILLOR DR PANG HOK-TUEN SAID A TOTAL OF 763 PEOPLE HAD FALLEN ILL IN 188 CASES OF FOOD POISONING AT FOOD PREMISES AND AT HOMES LAST YEAR.

HE STRESSED THAT FOOD POISONING COULD BE PREVENTED IF SOME SIMPLE BUT BASIC PRINCIPLES IN FOOD HYGIENE WERE OBSERVED IN THE COURSE OF FOOD HANDLING.

THE TWO SIMPLE BUT OFTEN NEGLECTED FOOD HYGIENE RULES ARE: TO COOK FOOD, ESPECIALLY SHELLFISH, THOROUGHLY BEFORE CONSUMPTION; AND NOT TO STORE FOOD AT ROOM TEMPERATURE FOR TOO LONG.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, THE THREE-MONTH FOOD HYGIENE CAMPAIGN AIMS TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS ON GOOD FOOD AND PERSONAL HYGIENE PRACTICE SO AS TO MINIMISE THE CHANCES OF FOOD-BORNE DISEASES.

DURING THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD, A TOTAL OF 25 FOOD HYGIENE SEMINARS WILL BE CONDUCTED FOR PEOPLE IN THE FOOD TRADE, INCLUDING LICENSEES AND STAFF OF LICENSED FOOD PREMISES, COOKED FOOD STALLS AND CANTEENS AT CONVENIENTLY-LOCATED VENUES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

THE SEMINARS, WHICH WILL BE EDUCATIONAL IN NATURE, WILL EACH COMPRISE A TALK, A SLIDE SHOW AND A FILM ON FOOD HYGIENE, FOLLOWED BY AN OPEN DISCUSSION.

PRINTED EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO SUPPLEMENT THE TALK.

AT THE END OF THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD, EACH PARTICIPANT WILL BE AWARDED A CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE.

FOUR OTHER FOOD HYGIENE SEMINARS WILL ALSO BE ORGANISED WITH THE SUPPORT FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS, WHO WILL IN TURN CONVEY THE MESSAGES TO THEIR STUDENTS.

A FOOD HYGIENE EDUCATION KIT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO SCHOOLS IN THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR.

TO DRIVE HOME THE FOOD HYGIENE MESSAGE, A 24-HOUR HEALTH EDUCATION HOTLINE (723 0013) WILL BE SET UP TO ANSWER ENQUIRIES ON FOOD HYGIENE MATTERS AND A BROADCASTING VAN WILL BE DEPLOYED TO STEP UP PUBLICITY AT VARIOUS STRATEGIC LOCALITIES.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WAS THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH (HYGIENE), DR MOHAMMED BIN ALI.

REGISTRATION FORMS FOR OVERSEAS UK ELECTORS AVAILABLE

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FORMS AND EXPLANATORY LEAFLETS FOR REGISTRATION AS AN OVERSEAS ELECTOR IN THE UK PARLIAMENTARY AND EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE HONG KONG IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY).

"BRITISH CITIZENS LIVING IN HONG KONG MAY CONTACT THE INFORMATION OFFICE OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AT SECOND FLOOR, 7 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI BY WRITING OR IN PERSON TO OBTAIN THE FORMS AND EXPLANATORY LEAFLETS," HE SAID.

UNDER THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT OF 1989, IMPORTANT CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE IN WHO CAN VOTE IN THE UK PARLIAMENTARY AND EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS. THE QUALIFYING PERIOD FOR THE RIGHT TO VOTE FOR PEOPLE LIVING ABROAD HAS BEEN EXTENDED FROM FIVE TO 20 YEARS.

THIS MEANS THAT IF A BRITISH CITIZEN LEFT THE UK AS LONG AGO AS OCTOBER 1970, HE CAN STILL VOTE. HE IS NO LONGER REQUIRED TO DECLARE AN INTENTION TO RETURN TO THE UK AND THE VOTE WILL BE CAST IN THE CONSTITUENCY IN WHICH HE OR HIS FAMILY WERE REGISTERED BEFORE LEAVING THE UK.

PEOPLE WHO LEFT THE UK BEFORE THEY WERE OLD ENOUGH TO BE INCLUDED ON THE ELECTORAL REGISTER MAY REGISTER AS OVERSEAS ELECTORS.

"IN ORDER TO QUALIFY, POTENTIAL ELECTORS WILL HAVE TO FILL IN AN APPLICATION FORM AND RETURN IT DIRECT TO THEIR ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICE BY OCTOBER 10 THIS YEAR (SEPTEMBER 15 IF THEY WERE PREVIOUSLY RESIDENT IN NORTHERN IRELAND)," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ALSO APPEALED TO BRITISH CITIZENS FOR ASSISTANCE IN INFORMING ANYONE THEY KNOW LIVING ABROAD ABOUT THIS.

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ACTION AGAINST ILLEGAL DISPLAY OF BILLS AND POSTERS

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A TOTAL OF 30 SUMMONSES WERE ISSUED LAST WEEKEND DURING A TERRITORY-WIDE BLITZ ON THE ILLEGAL DISPLAY OF BILLS AND POSTERS.

"BILLS AND POSTERS ARE OFTEN DISPLAYED ILLEGALLY AT PRIVATE OR PUBLIC PLACES OVER WEEKENDS, HOLIDAYS AND AFTER OFFICE HOURS, AFFECTING THE OVERALL TIDINESS AND CLEANLINESS OF THE CITY," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

TO COMBAT THE SITUATION, BLITZ OPERATIONS ARE MOUNTED BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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"WE HOPE THAT THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY ADVERTISING COMPANIES, WILL EXERCISE SELF-DISCIPLINE IN HANDLING THEIR OUTDOOR PUBLICITY POSTERS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"PERSONS WHO DISPLAY BILLS AND POSTERS IN PRIVATE PLACES WITHOUT OWNERS' CONSENT OR AT PUBLIC PLACES WITHOUT AUTHORISATION ARE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5,000," HE POINTED OUT.

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REMINDER ON FLAG DAY APPLICATION DEADLINE
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A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (TUESDAY) REMINDED ORGANISATIONS WISHING TO HOLD FUND-RAISING FLAG DAYS IN 1991 TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE SATURDAY (JUNE 9).

"THE COMPLETED APPLICATION, TOGETHER WITH A COPY OF THE ORGANISATION'S LATEST ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF AUDITED ACCOUNTS, MUST REACH THE DEPARTMENT ON OR BEFORE THAT DAY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE APPLICANTS MUST BE BONA FIDE NON-PROFIT-MAKING ORGANISATIONS REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 88 OF THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE.

ALL APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE SUBVENTIONS AND LOTTERIES FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MERITS OF THE SERVICE OR SPECIAL PROJECTS FOR WHICH FUND-RAISING THROUGH A FLAG DAY WAS PROPOSED, THE APPLICANT ORGANISATION'S FINANCIAL NEEDS, AND THE ORGANISATION'S ABILITY TO EXECUTE SUCH FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES.

"EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH A FLAG DAY SHOULD NOT EXCEED 10 PER CENT OF THE GROSS RECEIPTS, AND SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS MUST OBSERVE THE CONDITIONS FOR HOLDING FLAG DAYS LAID DOWN BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE," HE ADDED.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 576 5922.

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HOSPITAL DIRECTORS CALL ON DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE
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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR M.D. CARTLAND, TODAY (TUESDAY) COMMENDED THE POK OI HOSPITAL FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION TO SOCIAL SERVICES.

DURING A COURTESY VISIT TO THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HOSPITAL, MR TANG YING-YIP, SAID THE HOSPITAL WOULD ACTIVELY DEVELOP ITS SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY AND CHILDREN IN VIEW OF THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES AND THE GROWTH IN POPULATION.

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"IN ADDITION, WE WILL STEP UP OUR MEDICAL SERVICES TO COPE WITH THE NEEDS OF THE SOCIETY," HE ADDED.

MR CARTLAND SAID THE DEPARTMENT WOULD GIVE ITS FULL CO-OPERATION TO HELP THE HOSPITAL ACHIEVE ITS TARGETS.

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AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS ON SATURDAY (JUNE 9) AT 10 AM AT THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL.

A TOTAL OF 40 SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING. THEY ARE:

EE2888	EH323	EF388	EF6618
EF802	AU2829	EF1233	AW2112
DB319	EF3893	EF198	EE8038
EH4	EF238	AW222	EH747
EE9238	EE8088	EE6366	EF8990
EF189	2877	EF32	EF8555
1952	BB192	EE8898	CC350
EF618	EF3228	DH900	EE8358
EF3033	EE8003	EE9283	EE3872
AB338	CR88	EF832	EE9333

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION MUST BE PRODUCED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE AUCTION IF THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK IS TO BE REGISTERED UNDER THE NAME OF A BODY CORPORATE.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL AS USUAL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE COMING AUCTION WILL BE THE 151ST ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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ONE EXTRA LANE OPENED AT LEI YUE MUN ROAD
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT AN EXTRA LANE ON THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF LEI YUE MUN ROAD HAS BEEN OPENED TO TRAFFIC SINCE 3 PM THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON FOLLOWING URGENT ROAD REPAIR WORKS IN THE AREA.

AS A RESULT, TWO OF THE FOUR LANES ON THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY ARE NOW OPEN TO TRAFFIC FOLLOWING THE WATER MAINS BURST THAT OCCURRED LAST WEEK.

REPAIR WORKS ON THE OTHER TWO LANES ARE BEING CARRIED OUT.

TWO-WAY TRAFFIC IS ALSO RESUMING ON TSUI PING ROAD AND KMB BUSES OPERATING THERE HAVE RESUMED THEIR ORIGINAL ROUTEING.

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WATER CUT IN SHEUNG SHUI
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SHEUNG SHUI WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 10 PM ON THURSDAY (JUNE 7) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT CERTAIN VILLAGES ALONG MAN KAM TO ROAD, INCLUDING SHEUNG SHUI TREATMENT WORKS, HUNG KIU SAN TSUEN, SHA LING, LO WU RAILWAY STATION, LIU POK TSUEN, SAN UK LING, MUK WU TSUEN, MUK WU NGA YIU AND CHUEN YIU.

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