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SIR PHILIP TO OPEN SHA TIN SPORTS GROUND
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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, WILL OFFICIALLY OPEN THE NEWLY COMPLETED SHA TIN SPORTS GROUND AT 3 PM ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 10).

THE SHA TIN SPORTS GROUND COMPLETES THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ON AN 8.2-HECTARE STRIP OF LAND ON THE WATERFRONT OF THE NORTHERN BANK OF SHING MUN RIVER. THE FACILITIES WILL ENABLE THE RESIDENTS TO SWIM, PLAY TENNIS, SQUASH, FOOTBALL, MINI-SOCCER, BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL AND TO TAKE PART IN ATHLETIC EVENTS.

THE FACILITIES ARE LOCATED ACROSS THE WAY FROM TWO LARGE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES - LEK YUEN AND WO CHE AT THE HEART OF THE NEW TOWN.

THE NEW SPORTS GROUND ITSELF COVERS 3.2 HECTARES, AND COSTS ABOUT \$2.5 MILLION, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

DESIGNED AND BUILT BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, THE SPORTS GROUND HAS BEEN HANDED OVER TO THE NTSD FOR MANAGEMENT.

THE MAIN FEATURE OF THE SPORTS GROUND IS A FULL-SIZE SOCCER FIELD, WITH GRASS CHOSEN TO STAND UP TO HEAVY USE.

AUTOMATIC IRRIGATION EQUIPMENT AND A SPECIALLY DESIGNED DRAINAGE SYSTEM HAVE BEEN INSTALLED THERE TO HELP MAINTAIN THE QUALITY OF THE TURF.

SURROUNDING THE SOCCER PITCH IS A 400-METRE ALL-WEATHER ATHLETIC TRACK WITH EIGHT LANES. A FULL RANGE OF FACILITIES FOR SHOT PUTTING, DISCUS AND JAVELIN THROWING, HIGH JUMPING, POLE VAULTING AND LONG AND TRIPLE JUMPING ARE ALSO PROVIDED.

FLOODLIGHTING HAS ALSO BEEN INSTALLED.

THERE IS A COVERED SPECTATOR STAND FOR 3 000 PEOPLE, AS WELL AS AN OFFICE BUILDING, TOILETS AND CHANGING ROOMS WITH HOT AND COLD WATER SHOWERS.

SIR PHILIP WILL PERFORM THE OPENING CEREMONY ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 10) AT 3 PM.

WITH SIR PHILIP AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR GRAHAM BARNES AND THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR JOHN HEYWOOD.

/ALSO PRESENT

ALSO PRESENT WILL BE THE DISTRICT OFFICER OF SHA TIN, MR DONALD TSANG, THE CHAIRMAN OF RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE OF SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD, MR NG CHAN-LAM, THE CHAIRMAN OF SHA TIN RURAL COMMITTEE, MR WAI HON-LEUNG, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF SHA TIN SPORTS ASSOCIATION, MR LAU HON-KIT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING BY THE ACTING GOVERNOR, OF THE SHA TIN SPORTS GROUND AT 3 PM ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 10).

A COACH WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 2 PM ON TUESDAY. INFORMATION OFFICERS OF THE NTSD WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE PRESS.

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WATER CONTRACTS WORTH \$310M AWARDED IN 1983
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FORTY-SEVEN CONTRACTS VALUED AT NEARLY \$310 MILLION WERE AWARDED BY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT LAST YEAR TO IMPROVE HONG KONG'S WATER SUPPLY.

THEY INCLUDED:

- A \$56.8-MILLION CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF YAU KOM TAU TREATMENT WORKS STAGE I;
- A \$17.4-MILLION CONTRACT FOR A SERVICE RESERVOIR AT TABLE HILL, SHEUNG SHUI;
- A \$9-MILLION CONTRACT FOR BUILDING A SERVICE RESERVOIR AT NORTH POINT, AND
- A \$6-MILLION CONTRACT FOR A PUMPING STATION AND MAIN LAYING WORK AT SHEUNG SHUI.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID SEVEN NEW PROJECTS ESTIMATED TO COST \$158 MILLION WERE GIVEN THE GO-AHEAD IN 1983-84.

AMONG THEM WERE STAGE I OF THE JUNK BAY WATER SUPPLY SCHEME, WATER SUPPLY TO SOUTH LANTAO, AND STAGE I OF THE PAK KONG TREATMENT WORKS AND WATER TRANSFER FACILITIES.

ALTOGETHER EIGHT CONTRACTS TOTALLING \$33.64 MILLION WERE AWARDED DURING THE YEAR IN CONNECTION WITH THESE NEW PROJECTS.

A NUMBER OF MAJOR WATERWORKS SCHEMES WERE ALSO COMPLETED DURING THE YEAR, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT WAS THE LAMMA ISLAND SCHEME, INAUGURATED IN OCTOBER.

THIS \$47 MILLION PROJECT COMPRISED TWO SUBMARINE MAINS RUNNING FROM SANDY BAY AND WAH FU ON HONG KONG ISLAND TO LAMMA ISLAND, HE SAID.

WATER WAS DRAWN FROM THE MOUNT DAVIS SERVICE RESERVOIR SYSTEM VIA THE TWO SUBMARINE MAINS TO TWO SERVICE RESERVOIRS ON THE ISLAND.

AS A RESULT, FILTERED SUPPLY WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO 15 OF THE ISLAND'S 19 VILLAGES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID ANOTHER PROJECT COMPLETED DURING THE YEAR WAS A THIRD CROSS-HARBOUR PIPELINE.

THE NEW TWIN 1 000 MILLIMETRE DIAMETER SUBMARINE MAIN RUNS FROM TSIM SHA TSUI TO WAN CHAI WATERFRONT AND HAS BOOSTED TRANSFER CAPACITY FROM KOWLOON TO HONG KONG ISLAND BY 180 000 CUBIC METRES PER DAY, GIVING A COMBINED DAILY CAPACITY OF MORE THAN 500 000 CUBIC METRES.

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE COMING YEAR, THE SPOKESMAN SAID FURTHER CONTRACTS AMOUNTING TO \$100 MILLION ON NEW PROJECTS WHICH HAD STARTED THIS YEAR WOULD BE AWARDED.

MEANWHILE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, PROJECTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECEPTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ADDITIONAL WATER SUPPLY FROM CHINA WERE PROGRESSING SMOOTHLY.

THE ENTIRE SCHEME, TO BE COMPLETED IN THREE STAGES, WOULD RAISE SUPPLY FROM CHINA TO 620 MILLION CUBIC METRES A YEAR OVER A 12-YEAR PERIOD UNTIL 1994, HE SAID.

WORK ON STAGE 1 COMPRISED 12 MAJOR CONTRACTS WORTH \$724.5 MILLION, FIVE OF WHICH WERE COMPLETED DURING THE YEAR.

TWO CONTRACTS WERE COMPLETED IN PREVIOUS YEARS AND ONLY FIVE CONTRACTS REMAIN OUTSTANDING IN STAGE 1.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THESE INCLUDE A LARGE DIAMETER AQUEDUCT SYSTEM FROM MUK WU TO TAI LAM CHUNG COSTING OVER \$220 MILLION. WHEN COMPLETED IT WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL CAPACITY OF 910 000 CUBIC METRES PER DAY TO THE WESTERN REGION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ANOTHER MAJOR CONTRACT FOR STAGE 1 WAS IN CONNECTION WITH CONSTRUCTION OF A 5 200-METRE LONG TUNNEL OF 2.5 METRES DIAMETER FROM TSING TAM TO YAU KOM TAU, AS WELL AS SITE FORMATION WORK FOR YAU KOM TAU TREATMENT WORKS.

THE TUNNEL BREAKTHROUGH WAS ACHIEVED IN NOVEMBER AND WORK ON CONCRETE LINING OF THE TUNNEL HAS STARTED. THE \$105 MILLION CONTRACT WILL BE COMPLETED IN 1984.

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IN ADDITION, WORK ON STAGE II OF THE CHINA WATER SUPPLY SCHEME IS ALSO SCHEDULED TO START THIS YEAR, FOR COMPLETION IN 1987.

STAGE II OF THE PROJECT IS ESTIMATED TO COST \$725 MILLION. A \$21.6-MILLION CONTRACT HAS ALREADY BEEN AWARDED IN 1983 FOR THE LAYING OF A PIPELINE FROM SHEUNG SHUI TO TAU PASS.

OTHER MAJOR WORKS WILL INVOLVE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW PUMPING STATIONS AT PLOVER COVE AND AN AQUEDUCT BETWEEN PLOVER COVE RESERVOIR AND PAK KONG. ALSO AN AQUEDUCT WILL BE CONSTRUCTED FROM TAI PO TAU TO NGAU TAM MEI.

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OCTOBER RETAIL SALES VALUE INDEX UP

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THE VALUE OF RETAIL SALES FOR THE RETAIL TRADE SECTOR IN OCTOBER 1983 WAS ESTIMATED TO BE \$5 084 MILLION, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL SURVEY RESULTS ISSUED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

AT 150, THE OVERALL RETAIL SALES VALUE INDEX INCREASED BY SIX POINTS OR FOUR PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1983, AND BY 20 POINTS OR 15 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1982.

THE OVERALL RETAIL SALES VOLUME INDEX, AT 107, WAS ONE POINT OR ONE PER CENT HIGHER THAN THAT FOR SEPTEMBER 1983, AND TWO POINTS OR TWO PER CENT HIGHER THAN THAT FOR OCTOBER 1982.

COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1983, RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS INCREASED BY 21 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS AND 19 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS, WHILE THOSE OF OTHER CONSUMER GOODS ROSE BY EIGHT PER CENT AND FIVE PER CENT, AND FUELS BY EIGHT PER CENT AND TWO PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES REMAINED UNCHANGED IN VALUE TERMS, BUT DECLINED BY SIX PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS. THE VALUE AND VOLUME OF RETAIL SALES OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO DECREASED BY SEVEN PER CENT AND 10 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1982, RETAIL SALES OF FUELS ROSE BY 23 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS, THOSE OF CONSUMER DURABLES BY 19 PER CENT, OTHER CONSUMER GOODS BY 16 PER CENT, FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO BY 13 PER CENT, AND CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS BY FIVE PER CENT. IN VOLUME TERMS, FUELS AND CONSUMER DURABLES EACH INCREASED BY FOUR PER CENT AND OTHER CONSUMER GOODS BY THREE PER CENT. THE VOLUME OF RETAIL SALES OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO, AND CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS EACH WENT DOWN BY TWO PER CENT.

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ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, DEPARTMENT STORE SALES INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1983. SUPERMARKETS, ON THE OTHER HAND, RECORDED SUBSTANTIAL DECREASES IN BOTH THE VALUE AND THE VOLUME OF SALES. MOTOR VEHICLES ALSO RECORDED LARGE DECREASES IN SALES VALUE AND VOLUME. WHEN COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1982, SUPERMARKET SALES INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN VALUE TERMS BUT TO A LESSER EXTENT IN VOLUME TERMS. DEPARTMENT STORES SHOWED A LARGE INCREASE IN SALES VALUE BUT ONLY A SLIGHT RISE IN SALES VOLUME. RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES DROPPED IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER 1983 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURES FOR OCTOBER 1983 OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES. TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS AND SELECTED TRADES (WHICH FORM PART OF THE RELEVANT MAJOR TRADE GROUPS), WITH AVERAGE MONTHLY RETAIL SALES IN 1980 TAKEN AS 100. COMPARISONS OF THE OCTOBER RESULTS WITH THOSE OF THE PRECEDING MONTH AND THE CORRESPONDING MONTH IN 1982 ARE ALSO GIVEN. ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, TEL. NO.: 3-7216024.

TABLE 1 : TOTAL RETAIL SALES

TOTAL RETAIL SALES FOR OCTOBER 1983 (PROVISIONAL FIGURE) =	HK\$5 084 MILLION
FOR SEPTEMBER 1983 (REVISED FIGURE) =	HK\$4 892 MILLION

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 1983

(MONTHLY AVERAGE OF 1980 = 100)

ITEM	INDEX OF RETAIL SALES	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	OCTOBER 1983		OCTOBER 1983	
		1983	1983	COMPARED WITH	COMPARED WITH	SEPTEMBER 1983	OCTOBER 1982
		(REVISED FIGURES)	(PROVISIONAL FIGURES)	POINTS	%	POINTS	%
(A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES	VALUE	144	150	6	4	20	15
	VOLUME	106	107	1	1	2	2

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MAJOR
TRADE
GROUPSFOODSTUFFS,
ALCOHOLIC
DRINKS AND
TOBACCOVALUE
VOLUME160
108149
97-11
-11-7
-1017
-213
-2

FUELS

VALUE
VOLUME184
123198
12514
28
237
523
4CLOTHING,
FOOTWEAR
AND
ALLIED
PRODUCTSVALUE
VOLUME131
97158
11527
1821
197
-25
-2CONSUMER
DURABLESVALUE
VOLUME126
102126
96SAME
-6SAME
-620
419
4OTHER
CONSUMER
GOODSVALUE
VOLUME142
108154
11312
58
521
316
3(C) BY
SELECTED
TRADESSUPER-
MARKETSVALUE
VOLUME269
183229
147-40
-36-15
-2049
927
7MOTOR
VEHICLESVALUE
VOLUME65
4359
38-6
-5-9
-12-5
-9-8
-19DEPART-
MENT
STORESVALUE
VOLUME120
91146
10726
1622
1820
316
3

- NOTES : 1. +FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO+ INCLUDES
+SUPERMARKETS+
2. +CONSUMER DURABLES+ INCLUDES +MOTOR VEHICLES+
3. +OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ INCLUDES +DEPARTMENT STORES+

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ANTI-RAT DRIVE STEPPED UP
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MORE THAN 60 000 RATS WERE EXTERMINATED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS.

AND A MONTH-LONG ANTI-RAT EXERCISE IS NOW UNDERWAY, COINCIDING WITH THE YEAR-END CLEAN-UP IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NTSD SAID TODAY.

IT IS AIMED AT REDUCING RODENT INFESTATION SO AS TO PROVIDE A MORE PLEASANT LIVING ENVIRONMENT FOR THE RESIDENTS AND TO PROTECT THEIR HEALTH AGAINST DISEASES WHICH MAY BE TRANSMITTED THROUGH RATS, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

LAST YEAR, NTSD CARRIED OUT SOME 1 800 BLOCK DISINFESTATION OR HOLE-BAITING JOBS IN THE WAR AGAINST RATS THROUGHOUT THE NEW TOWNS AND RURAL AREAS.

RATS NOT ONLY CARRY DISEASES AND CAUSE FOOD POISONING, BUT ALSO DAMAGE GOODS AND PROPERTIES, HE SAID.

NTSD OFFICERS ARE NOW INSPECTING ALL POSSIBLE RODENT BREEDING PLACES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, IN THE EFFORT TO REDUCE THE MENACE.

TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE RAT PROBLEM, POSTERS, PAMPHLETS AND LETTERS ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED TO THE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, MANAGEMENT OFFICES OF MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS, FOOD ESTABLISHMENT OPERATORS AND HOUSEHOLDERS.

WHILE IT IS RECOGNISED THAT THE RAT MENACE CANNOT BE ELIMINATED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, MEASURES CAN BE TAKEN TO REDUCE THE PROBLEM.

THE BEST METHOD TO STOP THEM FROM BREEDING IS TO KEEP ALL FOOD IN RAT-PROOF CONTAINERS AND LEAVE NO REFUSE AROUND.

IT IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT NOT TO ALLOW RATS TO MAKE HOMES IN HOLES IN FLOORS, DUCTS FOR PIPES OR WIRING IN FLOORS OR WALLS, VENTILATION OPENINGS, YARDS AND GARDENS, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

+A BUILDING THAT IS CLEAN AND WELL MAINTAINED KEEPS THE RATS AWAY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ENCOUNTER RAT NUISANCE ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICE IN THEIR DISTRICT FOR ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE.

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PROJECT SPREADS HEALTH EDUCATION AMONG SCHOOLS
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SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A HEALTH EDUCATION PROJECT COMPETITION JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

IT IS HOPED THAT TEACHERS WILL TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF PUPILS TO MATTERS RELATED TO PERSONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, FOOD HYGIENE, MENTAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANISERS SAID, AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS MAY FEATURE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING THEMES IN THEIR PROJECTS:

- * MOSQUITO PREVENTION AND YOUR HEALTH ;
- * MENTAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING ; AND
- * FOOD SAFETY AND YOUR HEALTH.

APART FROM A SUBSIDY OF \$200 PROVIDED FOR EACH PARTICIPATING SCHOOL FOR PURCHASE OF ART MATERIALS, PRIZE RANGING FROM \$700 TO \$1 800 AND TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FIRST FIVE WINNING SCHOOLS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE 10 MERIT PRIZES OF \$500 EACH, PROVIDED THAT THERE ARE SUFFICIENT ENTRIES AND THAT THE JUDGES ARE OF THE OPINION THAT THE STANDARD OF THE PROJECT IS SUFFICIENTLY HIGH TO MERIT THE AWARD. A SPECIAL PRIZE FOR THE +BEST ARTWORK DESIGN+ WILL ALSO BE AWARDED IN THE FORM OF A TROPHY.

SCHOOLS WISHING TO TAKE PART IN THIS COMPETITION SHOULD SEND IN THEIR ENTRY FORMS TO THE INSPECTOR, SOCIAL STUDIES AND HEALTH EDUCATION SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, 5/F, HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG BEFORE FEBRUARY 16.

THEIR PROJECT DISPLAY SHOULD BE PUT UP IN THEIR SCHOOL BETWEEN MARCH 1 AND 9 FOR ADJUDICATION.

A JOINT EXHIBITION OF THE PRIZE-WINNING PROJECTS WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY HALL EXHIBITION HALL FROM MARCH 29 TO APRIL 1.

TEACHERS OR SCHOOL HEADS WHO HAVE ANY QUERIES CAN CONTACT THE INSPECTOR (SOCIAL STUDIES AND HEALTH EDUCATION) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON 5-8392497 OR THE HEALTH INSPECTOR (HEALTH EDUCATION) OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT ON 5-729361 EXT. 35.

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SEAT BELT SIGNS PUT UP

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A NUMBER OF SPECIAL SEAT BELT SIGNS HAVE RECENTLY APPEARED AT THE EXITS OF GOVERNMENT CARPARKS.

THE SIGNS HAVE BEEN PUT UP TO REMIND DRIVERS TO WEAR SEAT BELTS.

THE NEWLY DESIGNED SIGN IS DISTINGUISHED BY A SYMBOLIC WHITE SEAT BELT ON A BLUE BACKGROUND, WITH A RED ARROW POINTING AT THE BUCKLE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY COMMITTEE POINTED OUT THAT THE SIGN WHICH CLEARLY CONVEYS THE MESSAGE TO WEAR THE SEAT BELT WAS SO DESIGNED THAT IT COULD BE EASILY RECOGNISED AND UNDERSTOOD BY DRIVERS.

HE SAID, +THE SHAPE AND COLOUR ARE MODELLED ON THE RECTANGULAR ROAD SIGNS USED IN HONG KONG WHICH ARE USUALLY OF AN INFORMATIVE NATURE.+

+THE SIGN IS PRODUCED IN REFLECTIVE MATERIALS SPONSORED BY THE 3M FAR EAST CO. LTD. AS A COMMUNITY SERVICE, SO THAT IT WILL BE VISIBLE EVEN IN DARK CORNERS OF THE CARPARKS,+ HE ADDED.

OVER 800 SEAT BELT SIGNS HAVE BEEN PRODUCED AND WILL BE ERECTED DURING THE COMING WEEKS AT GOVERNMENT PREMISES WITH PARKING FACILITIES, INCLUDING HOUSING ESTATES, POLICE STATIONS, PARKS, STADIA AND HOSPITALS.

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ROAD SAFETY ALERT IN KOWLOON CITY

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PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, THE MAIN THEME OF LARGE SCALE ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGNS DURING THE YEAR, IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IN A DENSELY POPULATED DISTRICT LIKE KOWLOON CITY, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GORDON JONES, SAID THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE DISTRICT'S ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN, HE NOTED THAT THERE WERE 8 477 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN KOWLOON LAST YEAR AND THAT 1 829 OF THEM OCCURRED IN KOWLOON CITY, CAUSING 20 DEATHS.

+I THINK THAT THESE FIGURES SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES,+ HE SAID.

+THE GOVERNMENT IS CERTAINLY VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE LARGE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS AND WILL DO ALL IT CAN TO REDUCE THESE FIGURES.+

MR JONES SAID ROAD SAFETY WILL CONTINUE TO BE ONE OF THE MAIN CONSIDERATIONS WHEN TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT MATTERS ARE DISCUSSED AT DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS.

IN ADDITION, THE POLICE WILL INCREASE THEIR EFFORTS OVER THE COMING YEAR BOTH THROUGH EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT TO HELP REDUCE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT, HE ADDED.

TODAY'S OPENING FEATURED A DEMONSTRATION BY POLICE DOGS ON PROPER PEDESTRIAN PRACTICES, AN EXHIBITION OF ACCIDENT PHOTOGRAPHS, DEMONSTRATIONS OF THE SEAT BELT CONVINCER, VISION TEST VEHICLE AND REACTION TEST MACHINE. PERFORMANCES WERE ALSO ORGANISED BY THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL, CAPTAIN SAFETY AND GURKHA FIELD FORCE.

OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THE TWO-WEEK CAMPAIGN WHICH IS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD WILL INCLUDE A ROAD SAFETY DAY, SELECTION OF MODEL PEDESTRIANS AND A SLOGAN CONTEST.

+I HOPE THAT THE PUBLICITY GIVEN DURING THE CAMPAIGN WILL ALERT RESIDENTS TO THE NEED TO BE CAREFUL AT ALL THE TIMES ON THE ROADS,+ MR JONES SAID.

+WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY IN GENERAL THE CAMPAIGN WILL DO MUCH TO SPREAD THE ROAD MESSAGE IN THE DISTRICT.+

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CLEAN-UP DRIVE STARTS IN SQUATTER AREAS

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A MASSIVE CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN LAUNCHED IN SIX SQUATTER AREAS AT WONG TAI SIN TO IMPROVE THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT FOR MORE THAN 30 000 RESIDENTS THERE.

ABOUT 120 LOCAL VOLUNTEERS, ASSISTED BY URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S CLEANING STAFF, STARTED THE CAMPAIGN TODAY (SUNDAY) BY CLEANING THE ALLEYS AND PUBLIC AREAS IN TAI HOM VILLAGE.

OFFICIATING AT AN OPENING CEREMONY, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PHILIP CHOK, SAID THIS YEAR'S CLEAN-UP MESSAGE WAS MAINLY DIRECTED AT SQUATTER RESIDENTS TO AROUSE THEIR AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANLINESS.

+BECAUSE OF THE SPECIAL CONDITION AND RECENT POPULATION GROWTH IN SQUATTER AREAS, THERE IS A STRONG NEED TO STEP UP PUBLICITY EFFORTS TO EDUCATE RESIDENTS ON THE PROPER WAYS TO DISPOSE OF REFUSE AND JUNKS, TO MAINTAIN THE STANDARD OF HYGIENE AND CLEANLINESS THERE,+ HE ADDED.

IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS AND PUBLICITY DRIVES WILL BE LAUNCHED IN THE SIX SQUATTER AREAS: TAI HOM, HA YUEN LING, MAN KUK, NGAU CHI WAN, TAI KOON AND HEUNG YEUNG VILLAGES.

RESIDENTS ARE ADVISED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISPOSE OF THEIR UNWANTED HOUSEHOLD ITEMS SUCH AS OLD FURNITURE AND OTHER JUNKS.

LATER THIS MONTH, THERE WILL ALSO BE A PRIVATE BUILDING CLEANLINESS COMPETITION AND A YEAR-END CLEAN-UP IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AS PART OF THE WONG TAI SIN CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN WHICH IS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE.

TENDERS SOUGHT FOR KIOSKS

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE OPERATION OF LIGHT REFRESHMENTS KIOSKS AT RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT SAI KUNG TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND, PAK SHA CHAU BEACH, CAMPER'S BEACH AND KIU TSUI BEACH IN SAI KUNG.

THE CONTRACTS FOR THE KIOSKS AT PAK SHA CHAU BEACH AND CAMPER'S BEACH INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF CHANGING FACILITIES, WHILE THE CONTRACT AT KIU TSUI BEACH INCLUDES THE ERECTION OF TENTS FOR HIRE TO THE PUBLIC AND PROVISION OF CHANGING FACILITIES.

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MAY START BUSINESS ON APRIL 1, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

TENDER FORMS FOR THE FOUR CONTRACTS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE SAI KUNG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON FIRST FLOOR, 69 MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG, AND THE COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BEFORE FEBRUARY 10 (FRIDAY).

INTERESTED PARTIES MAY ALSO CONTACT THE SAI KUNG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON TELEPHONE 3-2813707 FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

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FISHERFOLK TO BE ALERTED AGAINST CRIME

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A PUBLICITY DRIVE, AIMED AT ALERTING FISHING FAMILIES ABOUT THE NEED FOR CRIME PREVENTION IN THE ABERDEEN TYPHOON SHELTER, WILL BE LAUNCHED DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR PERIOD.

THERE IS A SPECIAL NEED FOR SUCH A CAMPAIGN AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR BECAUSE ALL FISHING BOATS WILL STAY IN THE TYPHOON SHELTER TO CELEBRATE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR, SAID THE SOUTHERN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDWARD YAU.

+SIMILAR EXERCISE HELD IN PREVIOUS YEARS IN THE TYPHOON SHELTER WERE CONSIDERED USEFUL AND BY THE FISHERMEN AND ALL PARTIES CONCERNED FELT THAT IT SHOULD BE CONTINUED THIS YEAR,+ HE ADDED.

THE ANNUAL EVENT IS A JOINT EFFORT OF LOCAL FISHERMEN ORGANISATIONS, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND POLICE.

LAUNCHES WILL BE TOURING ABERDEEN HARBOUR TO BROADCAST CRIME PREVENTION MESSAGES AND PUBLICITY POSTERS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL FISHING OR DWELLING BOATS IN THE TYPHOON SHELTER.

A SEMINAR WILL ALSO BE ORGANISED FOR OFFICIALS FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO BRIEF FISHERMEN ON CRIME PREVENTION MEASURES AND DIFFERENT GOVERNMENT SERVICES AVAILABLE TO HELP THEM.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 1984

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LRS SETS UP BRANCH OFFICE

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THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS SET UP A BRANCH OFFICE IN KWAI CHUNG TO SERVE THE AREAS OF KAU WAH KENG, HA KWAI CHUNG, TSING CHAU, THE CONTAINER TERMINAL, KWAI CHUNG, KWAI FONG, KWAI HING, KWAI SHING, SHEK LEI AND SHEK YAM.

SITUATED ON THE 6TH FLOOR OF KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, THE OFFICE WILL START OPERATION TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ENQUIRIES IS 0-234496.

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TRAFFIC BAN TO BE LIFTED

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FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 10), THE EXISTING BUS-ONLY LANE ON SHAU KEI WAN ROAD EASTBOUND BETWEEN TAI HONG STREET AND TAI ON STREET WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR ABOUT THREE AND A HALF MONTHS TO FACILITATE TRAM TRACK WORK.

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