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FIXED PENALTY FOR PARKING OFFENCES TO BE INCREASED

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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS APPROVED AN INCREASE IN THE FIXED PENALTY FINE FOR PARKING OFFENCES TO \$140 TO MAINTAIN ITS DETERRENT VALUE.

IF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AGREES WITH THE PROPOSAL, THE NEW FINE WILL BE INTRODUCED AFTER APRIL, 1983 WHEN THE REVISED TICKETS AND RELATED COMPUTER PROGRAMME ARE EXPECTED TO BE READY FOR USE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT ALTHOUGH THE EXISTING FINE OF \$70 WAS INTRODUCED IN JULY 1980 IT WAS CALCULATED HAVING REGARD TO PRICE LEVELS IN 1978.

IN 1978, SOME 983 000 PARKING TICKETS WERE ISSUED AND THE YEARLY FIGURE GREW BY 20 PER CENT IN 1979 BUT DROPPED TO 9 PER CENT IN 1980.

THE GROWTH RATE ROSE AGAIN LAST YEAR TO 27 PER CENT WHEN A TOTAL OF SOME 1 639 000 TICKETS WERE ISSUED, AND THE MOMENTUM CONTINUED INTO THIS YEAR, WITH SOME 835 000 TICKETS ISSUED IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS.

IT WOULD APPEAR THAT RAISING THE FINE, AS IN 1980, REDUCES THE INCIDENCE OF MOTORISTS CONTRAVENING THE PARKING REGULATIONS AND THE CURRENT HIGH FIGURE SHOWS THAT THE REGULATIONS ARE AGAIN BEING EXTENSIVELY IGNORED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE INCREASE IS INTENDED TO REDUCE THE GROWTH IN ILLEGAL PARKING, THE CONGESTION IT CAUSES, AND INCONVENIENCE TO OTHER ROAD USERS, HE SAID.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS DETERRENT MEASURE, THE GOVERNMENT IS EMBARKING ON A COMPREHENSIVE CAR PARK BUILDING PROGRAMME WHICH WILL GREATLY SPEED UP THE PROVISION OF OFF-STREET PARKING SPACES.

A TOTAL OF 88 SITES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY HAS BEEN RESERVED FOR MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK DEVELOPMENT AND THE FIRST EIGHT SITES HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE SIX-MONTH LAND SALES PROGRAMME UP TO THE END OF MARCH NEXT YEAR. THESE SITES COVER KWUN TONG, KOWLOON BAY, SHA TIN, TAI PO, TUEN MUN AND SAI KUNG.

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CNTA SECRETARY'S EVE-OF-POLL MESSAGE TO VOTERS
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THE SECRETARY FOR CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) HE BELIEVED THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WOULD SHOW THEIR CONCERN FOR THE ISSUES WHICH AFFECT THEIR DAILY LIVES BY TURNING OUT TO VOTE IN TOMORROW'S DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

HE DESCRIBED THE BOARDS AS AN EXTENSION OF THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE PEOPLE IN THE SPECIAL SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT BY CONSULTATION WHICH HAD BEEN EVOLVED IN HONG KONG.

+NOT GOVERNMENT BEHIND CLOSED DOORS, BUT A SYSTEM PECULIARLY ADAPTED TO OUR OWN CIRCUMSTANCES TO INVOLVE THE PEOPLE IN DECISIONS WHICH AFFECT THEIR DAILY LIVES,+ HE SAID.

+OVER 700 000 PEOPLE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE TOMORROW AND I BELIEVE THE ELECTIONS WILL CONFIRM OUR BELIEF THAT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE MANAGEMENT OF THEIR DISTRICTS, THE IMPROVEMENT OF THEIR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNITY FACILITIES, TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND ALL THE THINGS THAT AFFECT THEIR DAILY LIVES, AND WILL SHOW THEIR CONCERN, AND DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE, BY TURNING OUT TO VOTE.+

MR AKERS-JONES WAS SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE EVE OF THE ELECTIONS WHICH ARE TO BE HELD IN THE 10 DISTRICTS OF HONG KONG ISLAND AND KOWLOON.

A TOTAL OF 170 POLLING STATIONS WILL BE OPEN BETWEEN 7 AM AND 11 PM FOR THE 706 000 REGISTERED ELECTORS TO CAST THEIR VOTES FOR THE 227 CANDIDATES STANDING FOR THE 74 SEATS ON THE 10 DISTRICT BOARDS.

MR AKERS-JONES SAID THE ELECTIONS CAME AT THE END OF A 10-YEAR PERIOD IN WHICH HONG KONG HAD UNDERGONE A PERIOD OF DRAMATIC CHANGE.

+IT IS DIFFICULT TO RECALL THAT IT WAS ONLY 1971 THAT THE DRY RATIONS AND COOKED MEALS OF THE FIFTIES AND THE SIXTIES WERE REPLACED BY CASH PAYMENTS FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, THAT UNIVERSAL PRIMARY EDUCATION, AND NOW SECONDARY EDUCATION, HAS BEEN INTRODUCED.

+IT HAS BEEN A PERIOD IN WHICH WE HAVE MADE A CONCERTED ATTACK ON THE PROBLEMS OF HOUSING, CRIME, POLLUTION, CLEANLINESS AND THE ENVIRONMENT. DURING THIS TIME, TOO, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, AREA COMMITTEES, DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEES AND CLEAN HONG KONG COMMITTEES WERE FORMED.

+NOW, BUILDING ON THIS PLATFORM OF COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION HAS TAKEN SHAPE, AND NOW, AS A CULMINATION OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS, DISTRICT ELECTIONS ARE ABOUT TO BE HELD THROUGHOUT HONG KONG AND KOWLOON,+ HE SAID.

MR AKERS-JONES THANKED THE MEDIA FOR ALL THE SUPPORT IT HAD GIVEN IN THE RUN-UP TO THE ELECTIONS AND IN PUBLICISING THE CANDIDATES AND THEIR CAMPAIGNS.

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FILMS TO DEMONSTRATE ENGLISH TEACHING TECHNIQUES

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TWO ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING FILMS HAVE JUST BEEN PRODUCED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO DEMONSTRATE THE COMMUNICATIVE APPROACH AND SOME OF THE TEACHING TECHNIQUES RECOMMENDED IN THE REVISED ENGLISH SYLLABUSES FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

THE FILMS, ENTITLED +THREE CLASSROOMS+ AND +COMMUNICATE+, WILL BE SHOWN ON EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION ON OCTOBER 6 AT 9.40 AM AND OCTOBER 8 AT 2.40 PM RESPECTIVELY. BOTH FILMS LAST ABOUT 20 MINUTES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT A CIRCULAR HAD BEEN SENT OUT INVITING HEADS OF SCHOOLS TO MAKE SEPARATE ARRANGEMENTS TO ENABLE ALL ENGLISH TEACHERS TO SEE THE TWO FILMS.

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NEW ADDRESS FOR TV AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY

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THE TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY, INCLUDING THE OFFICE OF TELEVISION AUTHORITY AND FILM CENSORSHIP AUTHORITY, WILL BE MOVED FROM ROOMS 301-307, 1802 AND 2407-10 OF INTERNATIONAL BUILDING TO THE 9TH FLOOR OF CARRIAN CENTRE, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, HONG KONG ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 24).

ON THE DAY OF REMOVAL, THE RECEPTION COUNTER IN ROOM 301-307 WILL REMAIN OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR GENERAL ENQUIRIES ON FILM CENSORSHIP, TELEVISION MONITORING AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING.

FROM FRIDAY, THE AUTHORITY'S NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS WILL BE: 5-741215 (GENERAL ENQUIRIES), 5-741227 (TELEVISION MONITORING DIVISION), 5-742131 (FILM CENSORSHIP DIVISION), AND 5-743130 (LICENSING DIVISION).

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ENTRIES INVITED FOR SCHOOLS DANCE FESTIVAL
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STUDENTS FROM SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE 19TH SCHOOLS DANCE FESTIVAL TO BE HELD BETWEEN JANUARY 17 AND 29 NEXT YEAR.

THE FESTIVAL IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE HONG KONG SCHOOL SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

DANCE ITEMS WILL INCLUDE WESTERN FOLK OR NATIONAL DANCE, WESTERN DANCE DRAMA, CHINESE DANCE, CHINESE DANCE DRAMA, ORIENTAL DANCE AND CREATIVE DANCE.

ENTRIES WILL BE CLASSIFIED INTO A LOWER PRIMARY SECTION FOR STUDENTS FROM PRIMARY 1 TO 3; AN UPPER PRIMARY SECTION FOR STUDENTS FROM PRIMARY 4 TO 6; A SECONDARY SECTION; AND A SECTION FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN.

ON HONG KONG ISLAND, THE FESTIVAL WILL TAKE PLACE AT CLEMENTI MIDDLE SCHOOL IN FORTRESS HILL ROAD, NORTH POINT. IN KOWLOON, IT WILL BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG SZE YAP COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION WONG TAI SHAN MEMORIAL COLLEGE IN NAM CHEONG STREET; AND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE VENUE WILL BE AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL IN TAI HO ROAD.

EACH SCHOOL WILL HAVE TO PAY \$25 FOR TAKING PART IN ONE OR MORE DANCE ITEMS.

PRIZES WILL BE IN THE FORM OF AWARDS, INCLUDING HONOURS AWARDS, HIGHLY COMMENDED AWARDS AND COMMENDED AWARD CERTIFICATES, WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED TO SCHOOLS ACCORDING TO THE MARKS GAINED IN THE PERFORMANCES.

OVERALL CHALLENGE AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THREE SECONDARY AND THREE PRIMARY SCHOOLS WHICH HAVE THE OVERALL HIGHEST SCORES IN THE FESTIVAL; AND A CERTIFICATE WILL BE AWARDED TO EACH PERFORMING STUDENT OF A SCHOOL WHICH ACHIEVES A COMMENDED STANDARD OR ABOVE.

EACH PARTICIPATING SCHOOL WILL BE GIVEN A SOUVENIR PENNANT.

ENTRY FORMS AND FEES MUST BE FORWARDED TO THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (PHYSICAL EDUCATION) AND MARKED +ATTENTION MISS MABLE MAK+, PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 6/F, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON BEFORE NOVEMBER 20.

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URBAN CLEARWAY IN NORTH POINT
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IN NORTH POINT, THE SOUTHBOUND SECTION OF TONG SHUI ROAD BETWEEN JAVA ROAD AND MARBLE ROAD WILL BE USED AS AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 24).

WITHIN THE SECTION, VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS BETWEEN 7 AM AND 12 MIDNIGHT DAILY.

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TRAM ONLY LANE IN CAUSEWAY BAY
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FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 24), ONLY TRAMS WILL BE ALLOWED TO USE THE TRAFFIC LANE ON THE WESTBOUND TRAM TRACK OF YEE WO STREET IN CAUSEWAY BAY NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH JARDINE'S BAZAAR.

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AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR REGISTRATION NUMBERS ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 25) AT 10 AM IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, WAN CHAI.

A TOTAL OF 35 SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING. THEY ARE:

CW 813	CW 423	CW3329	CW2354	AW 3
CW 887	CW1308	CP1881	CV7667	CW 128
CW3182	CW4833	CW7701	AU9041	CT2222
CW1948	2112	CW 113	CW 636	CV8868
CW 425	CW 831	CR8833	CW3296	CR 5
CW 348	CW2218	CW 130	CW1838	CW 833
AJ9911	CW1138	CW2899	CW4455	CW 835

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY IN CASH OR 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.

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

THE COMING AUCTION WILL BE THE 79TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.