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GOVERNMENT HAS WORKED WELL -- BRAY

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THERE IS MUCH OF VALUE IN THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT WHICH HAS WORKED WELL FOR A LONG TIME, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DENIS BRAY, SAID THIS EVENING.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IN MOVING FORWARD, IT SHOULD BE WISE FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO BUILD ON THIS FOUNDATION TO CREATE GRADUALLY A SYSTEM WHICH RETAINS THE STRONG POINTS OF THE PRESENT BALANCE OF INTERESTS WHILE MOVING TO A SYSTEM WHICH CAN READILY BE SEEN AS MORE REPRESENTATIVE.

SPEAKING AT THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF KOWLOON ZONTA CLUB, MR BRAY CALLED ON THE PUBLIC TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE PROPOSALS IN THE GREEN PAPER TO BE PUBLISHED IN JUNE OR JULY ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT ALONG MORE REPRESENTATIVE LINES.

+THIS DOCUMENT WILL DEAL WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE COUNCILS AND WILL RAISE VERY IMPORTANT ISSUES ON HOW WE ARE GOVERNED,+ HE SAID.

TO ENHANCE THE PUBLIC'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE PRESENT SYSTEM, MR BRAY OUTLINED THE CHANGES OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS.

HE SAID THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HAD 15 UNOFFICIALS 10 YEARS AGO AND THE NUMBERS HAVE ALMOST DOUBLED TO 29 NOW.

+THE INCREASE, WHICH INVOLVED PERIODIC AMENDMENT OF THE ROYAL INSTRUCTIONS, TOOK PLACE GRADUALLY. THE BIGGEST INCREASE WAS IN 1976 WHEN UNOFFICIAL MEMBERSHIP WAS INCREASED FROM 15 TO 22,+ HE SAID.

MR BRAY STRESSED HOWEVER THAT THE COUNCIL HAS ALWAYS MAINTAINED A HIGH DEGREE OF CONTINUITY.

+IT IS BY HAVING A COUNCIL WHOSE MEMBERS CHANGE ONLY GRADUALLY OVER THE YEARS THAT A DEGREE OF CONSISTENCY CAN BE MAINTAINED,+ HE SAID.

IN HIS ANALYSIS OF THE COMPOSITION OF UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, HE SAID THE MORE READILY IDENTIFIABLE COMMUNITY GROUPS FROM WHICH APPOINTMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WERE THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE DISTRICT BOARDS.

FOR THE REMAINING MEMBERS, IT IS MUCH MORE DIFFICULT TO RECOGNISE WHAT ONE MIGHT CALL 'CONSTITUENCIES' FROM WHICH THEY COME, BUT IT IS NOT IMPOSSIBLE TO DO SO.

EXAMPLES HE CITED INCLUDED MISS JOYCE BENNETT, WHO COULD BE READILY IDENTIFIED WITH THE WORLD OF EDUCATION, DR HARRY FANG WHO IS A MEDICAL PRACTITIONER BUT IS ALSO A MAN SPEAKING FOR INTERESTS INVOLVED IN REHABILITATION.

/+THE DOCTORS .....

+THE DOCTORS ARE EASY ENOUGH TO IDENTIFY BECAUSE THEY ARE CALLED DOCTORS AND WE SEE DR HENRIETTA IP, BUT DR HO KAM FAI IS AN ACADEMIC SOCIAL WORK EXPERT NOT A MEDICAL DOCTOR.

+LAWYERS TOO CAN READILY BE IDENTIFIED: MR T.S. LO, MR PETER C. WONG, MR CHARLES YEUNG, MR JOHN SWAINE, MISS MARIA TAM,+ MR BRAY WENT ON.

STRESSING THAT HIS ANALYSIS IS NOT THE ONLY INTERPRETATION OF THE CONSTITUENCIES OF MEMBERS, MR BRAY SAID HE THOUGHT IT SHOWED US SOMETHING ABOUT THE WAY GOVERNORS HAVE GONE ABOUT CREATING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL UNDER OUR PRESENT SYSTEM.

+IN 1974 THE 15 UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS CAME FROM SOME 17 CONSTITUENCIES - AN AVERAGE OF 1.1 CONSTITUENCY PER MEMBER. TODAY'S 29 MEMBERS COME FROM SOME 39 CONSTITUENCIES AT AN AVERAGE OF 1.3 CONSTITUENCIES PER MEMBER.

+THE BALANCE IN THE CONSTITUENCIES HAS CHANGED OVER THE YEARS TOO. IN 1974 THE COMMERCE, FINANCE AND INDUSTRY CONSTITUENCIES ACCOUNTED FOR HALF THE CONSTITUENCIES REPRESENTED. TODAY THEY ACCOUNT FOR ABOUT ONE THIRD.

+THE ACADEMIC, SOCIAL WORK AND MEDICAL CONSTITUENCIES IN BOTH YEARS MAKE UP ABOUT ONE QUARTER. THE LAWYERS HAVE HELD THEIR OWN AT ONE TENTH OF THE CONSTITUENCIES. THE NEW ELEMENTS IN 1984 ARE THE NEW TERRITORIES AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, TRADE UNIONS, ACCOUNTANCY, ENGINEERING AND RELIGIOUS BODIES,+ MR BRAY SAID.

HE ASKED THE PUBLIC NOT TO READ TOO MUCH INTO THE DETAILS OF HIS OWN ANALYSIS BECAUSE ONLY THE TWO GOVERNORS WOULD KNOW AND THEY WERE THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE MADE THE SELECTION WHICH INVOLVED PERSONAL ASSESSMENT OF THE CAPACITY OF VARIOUS FIGURES IN THE CONSTITUENCIES TO SPEAK FOR THEIR FELLOWS.

NEVERTHELESS, MR BRAY NOTED THAT OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS, ONE COULD SEE A STEADY DEVELOPMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AS A BODY COMPOSED OF PEOPLE SELECTED TO BE SPOKESMEN OF MANY GROUPS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

IN A SMALL PLACE WHERE IT IS INTERESTS OR WORK OR PROFESSION THAT THROW PEOPLE TOGETHER RATHER THAN GEOGRAPHY ALONE THIS SYSTEM HAS WORKED WELL, HE SAID, ADDING THAT IT IS THE FOUNDATION ON WHICH A MORE REPRESENTATIVE SYSTEM MUST BE BUILT.

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GOVERNOR RETURNING TOMORROW

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WILL RETURN FROM PEKING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AFTER ATTENDING THE LATEST ROUND OF SINO-BRITISH TALKS ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

SIR EDWARD WILL BE TRAVELLING ON FLIGHT CA 103, ETA 1.25 PM.

A FACILITY HAS BEEN ARRANGED TO COVER SIR EDWARD'S ARRIVAL. MEDIA PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN ASSIGNED TO COVER THE EVENT SHOULD ASSEMBLE IN THE PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING BY 12.25 PM TOMORROW.

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BUSY DAY FOR DISTRICT CHIEF

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THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR IAN MACPHERSON, SPENT A BUSY DAY IN TAI PO AND NORTH DISTRICT TODAY (THURSDAY) ATTENDING LOCAL COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

IN THE MORNING, MR MACPHERSON WENT TO THE TAI WONG YEH TEMPLE IN YUEN CHAU TSAI TO PERFORM THE EYE-DOTTING CEREMONY FOR TWO NEW DRAGON BOATS. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR THOMAS CHAN.

THE CEREMONY BEGAN WITH THE OFFERING OF ROASTED PIGS, CHICKENS AND OTHER DELICACIES TO TAI WONG YEH - THE PATRON GOD OF FISHERMEN.

AFTER PRAYERS BY TWO VILLAGE ELDERS, MR MACPHERSON AND THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR JOHN RIDDELL-SWAN, DOTTED THE EYES OF THE TWO DRAGON BOATS.

THE NEW BOATS WERE THEN USED IN AN EXHIBITION RACE BY LAST YEAR'S WINNERS.

LATER, MR MACPHERSON CALLED ON THE TAI PO AND SAI KUNG NORTH RURAL COMMITTEES TO DISCUSS LOCAL PROBLEMS WITH THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

HE ALSO TOURED THE TAI PO MARKET TO LOOK AT TRADING ACTIVITIES THERE.

IN THE AFTERNOON, MR MACPHERSON, ACCOMPANIED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR IAN WOTHERSPOON, OPENED A NEW VILLAGE ROAD AT SIU HANG IN FANLING.

THE 3 000-METRE ROAD IS THE ONLY ACCESS TO SIU HANG TSUEN. PREVIOUSLY, VILLAGERS HAD TO PASS THROUGH THE GALLIPOLI LINES BEFORE THEY COULD REACH THE VILLAGE.

FUNDED BY THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH AT $450 000, THE ROAD HAS BEEN BUILT BY THE WORKS SECTION OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

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VALUERS TO LOOK INTO RATE OBJECTIONS
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LESS THAN TWO OUT OF EVERY 10 RATEPAYERS IN HONG KONG HAVE OBJECTED TO THE NEW RATE ASSESSMENTS, THE COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION, MR R.A. FRY, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

OF THE NEARLY 100 000 OBJECTIONS, 40 PER CENT WERE FOR PREMISES ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 30 PER CENT IN KOWLOON, 16 PER CENT IN NEW KOWLOON AND 14 PER CENT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR FRY SAID.

OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, PROFESSIONAL VALUERS WOULD BE LOOKING AT THESE OBJECTIONS AND, IN MANY CASES, WOULD BE INSPECTING THE PREMISES TO CHECK PARTICULARS AND MAKE FURTHER ENQUIRIES, MR FRY SAID, IN AN ADDRESS TO THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON.

EIGHTY PER CENT OF THE TOTAL OBJECTIONS CONCERNED DOMESTIC PREMISES AND THE REST NON-DOMESTIC PREMISES.

IT WOULD TAKE SOME TIME TO DEAL WITH THE LARGE NUMBER OF OBJECTIONS, AND NOT MANY NOTICES OF DECISION WERE LIKELY TO BE SENT OUT BEFORE JULY THIS YEAR, HE SAID.

+IF IT IS THOUGHT THAT THE RATEABLE VALUE IS TOO HIGH, THE VALUER WILL PREPARE A FRESH VALUATION FOR APPROVAL BY HIS DISTRICT VALUER,+ HE SAID.

FOLLOWING THE NOTICE OF DECISION, A RATEPAYER STILL HAS THE RIGHT OF APPEAL TO THE LANDS TRIBUNAL, HE POINTED OUT.

BUT MR FRY ADDED THAT FROM PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS, THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT WAS +REASONABLY SATISFIED THAT MOST OF THE NEW RATEABLE VALUES HAVE BEEN FAIRLY ASSESSED AND DO NOT WARRANT ALTERNATION.+

MR FRY REPORTED THERE WERE ABOUT 100 CASES WHERE RATEPAYERS HAD ASKED THEIR ASSESSMENTS TO BE INCREASED.

NEARLY ALL OF THESE WERE DUE TO THE INCORRECT COMPLETION OF FORMS BUT AT LEAST ONE MIGHT HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED BY THE LANDLORD ON THE MISTAKEN ASSUMPTION THAT IT WOULD AFFECT THE POSITION OF HIS PREMISES WITH REGARD TO RENT CONTROL.

+HOWEVER, AS HAS BEEN EXPLAINED ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS RECENTLY, THE RATEABLE VALUES EMPLOYED FOR THIS PURPOSE ARE THOSE IN THE OLD VALUATION LIST AS AT JUNE 10, 1983, SO THAT A CHANGE IN THE CURRENT RATEABLE VALUE WILL NOT AFFECT THE POSITION OF PROTECTED TENANTS,+ HE EXPLAINED.

+INTERESTINGLY, THE REASON IN THE OTHER FEW GENUINE CASES WHERE OWNERS PROPOSED INCREASES APPEARS TO BE THE FEAR THAT THEIR TENANTS MIGHT TRY TO USE THE NEW RATEABLE VALUES AS A BASIS FOR OBTAINING REDUCTIONS IN RENT,+ HE SAID.

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MR FRY STRESSED THAT IF THE RATING SYSTEM WAS TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE A SOUND INDIRECT TAX BASE, IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT RATEABLE VALUES WERE UPDATED PERIODICALLY.

HE SAID THAT PLANNING WOULD NOW PROCEED ON THE BASIS OF A THREE-YEAR CYCLE THOUGH IT MIGHT NOT BE POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE THIS FOR THE NEXT REVALUATION EXERCISE.

+THUS, I HOPE, RATEPAYERS WILL NOT IN FUTURE YEARS HAVE TO FACE THE VERY HIGH INCREASES IN RATEABLE VALUES EXPERIENCED ON THIS OCCASION,+ HE SAID.

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BOAT DWELLERS VISIT HOUSING DEPARTMENT

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A GROUP OF BOAT DWELLERS FROM THE YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER TODAY VISITED THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT WHICH SETS OUT FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION BROAD ASPECTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING ALLOCATION POLICIES.

THEY WERE CONCERNED THAT THE DOCUMENT DID NOT INCLUDE THE LONG-TERM REHOUSING OF BOAT DWELLERS SUCH AS THEMSELVES.

A HOUSING SPOKESMAN SAID THAT DURING THE CONSULTATION PERIOD, THE HOUSING AUTHORITY WAS KEEN TO RECEIVE PUBLIC OPINIONS ON ALL ASPECTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING ALLOCATION.

+THE BOAT DWELLERS' VIEWS WOULD BE REFLECTED TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR CONSIDERATION.

+IN FACT, THE QUESTION OF REHOUSING OF BOAT PEOPLE HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN RAISED IN TWO DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS.+

IN THE MEANTIME, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE LONGER-TERM SOLUTION TO THE YAU MA TEI BOAT PEOPLE'S HOUSING ISSUE WAS FOR THEM TO APPLY FOR PUBLIC HOUSING THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT'S WAITING LIST.

+THE SOONER THEY APPLY, THE QUICKER THEY WILL GET REHOUSED ON LAND.

+BOAT DWELLERS ARE ENTITLED TO REGISTER ON THE WAITING LIST AND MAKE THEIR WAY INTO PUBLIC HOUSING IN THE NORMAL WAY.+

IN FACT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID A ONCE-AND-FOR-ALL OFFER OF REHOUSING IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES WAS MADE IN 1972 TO ALL BOAT FAMILIES LIVING IN YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER.

+THIS OFFER WAS MADE TO 968 FAMILIES, BUT ONLY 355 FAMILIES ACCEPTED WHILE 413 FAMILIES EITHER REFUSED INTERVIEWS OR TOTALLY DISREGARDED THE REHOUSING OFFER.

/+ALL THESE .....

+ALL THESE 413 REMAINING FAMILIES WERE THEN URGED TO AT LEAST REGISTER ON THE WAITING LIST FOR HOUSING, IN PREPARATION FOR THEIR FUTURE REHOUSING ASHORE SHOULD THEY WANT IT.

+HAD THEY DONE SO, ALL WOULD HAVE BEEN REHOUSED IN PROPER FLATS BEFORE NOW.+

IN THE EVENT OF BOATS BEING IN IMMINENT DANGER OF SINKING OR HAVING SUNK, THE SPOKESMAN SAID YAU MA TEI BOAT PEOPLE WERE AWARE OF THE PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED.

+AFTER THEY HAVE MADE A REPORT, MARINE DEPARTMENT STAFF WILL CARRY OUT INSPECTIONS. IF THE BOATS ARE FOUND TO BE SINKING OR ARE IN IMMINENT DANGER OF SINKING, THE OCCUPANTS ARE REFERRED TO THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT WHICH WILL REHOUSE THEM ACCORDING TO THEIR ELIGIBILITY.+

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CONTRACT AWARDED FOR TAI PO ROAD PROJECT

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A $30.4 MILLION CONTRACT HAS BEEN AWARDED TO MITSUI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS AT TAI PO NEW TOWN.

THE WORK, WHICH WILL START SHORTLY, INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF 300 METRES OF DUAL CARRIAGEWAY AND A 250-METRE-LONG SINGLE ROAD TO FU SHIN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE, NOW BEING BUILT ON TAI PO RECLAMATION.

ALSO TO BE PROVIDED AT THE ESTATE, AS PART OF THE CONTRACT, ARE PEDESTRIAN ACCESS ROADS, A TEMPORARY BUS STATION, LANDSCAPING AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE SYSTEMS.

KWONG FUK ROAD BRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED AND EVENTUALLY DEMOLISHED WHEN A NEW PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE BRIDGE ACROSS THE LAM TSUEN RIVER IS COMPLETED.

THE PROJECT WILL INCLUDE THE REALIGNMENT OF THE LAM TSUEN RIVER. THERE WILL ALSO BE ALTERATIONS TO ROADS AT TAI PO MARKET AS PART OF THE TAI PO CENTRAL AREA TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME.

PLOVER COVE ROAD WILL BE EXTENDED AND TAI PO WHOLESALE FISH MARKET WILL MOVE TO A NEW SITE AT YIM TIN TSAI.

WORK WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF 1986.

THE CONTRACT WAS AWARDED BY THE TAI PO AND FANLING DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

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PARENTS TOLD TO APPLY EARLY FOR FEE HELP

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PARENTS NEEDING FEE ASSISTANCE FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING DAY NURSERIES OR KINDERGARTENS SHOULD APPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TODAY GAVE THIS ADVICE AND SAID THAT PARENTS ALREADY RECEIVING SUCH ASSISTANCE, AND WHO WISH TO CONTINUE TO DO SO AFTER SEPTEMBER 1, SHOULD ALSO APPLY EARLY.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNITS AND FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

A SPOKESMAN SAID THAT APPLICATIONS SHOULD PREFERABLY BE SUBMITTED THREE MONTHS BEFORE THE DATE OF ADMISSION AND APPLICANTS SHOULD APPLY TO THE FIELD UNIT NEAREST THEIR HOMES.

HE SAID THE FEE ASSISTANCE SCHEME FOR PRE-PRIMARY SERVICES, IN OPERATION SINCE 1982, WAS TO HELP PARENTS PAY THE FEES CHARGED IN DAY NURSERIES AND KINDERGARTENS.

FOR ASSESSMENT OF INCOME ELIGIBILITY, PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE SUCH INFORMATION AS THE TOTAL INCOME RECEIVED BY THE FAMILY, THE SIZE OF THE FAMILY AND THE RENT PAID.

THE RENT WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM THE TOTAL FAMILY INCOME, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSESSMENT.

APPLICANTS FOR FEE ASSISTANCE FOR DAY NURSERIES OR FULL-DAY KINDERGARTENS HAVE TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THEY ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE CARE FOR THEIR CHILD IN THE HOME DURING THE DAY.

+IN THIS REGARD, ASSISTANCE WILL BE GIVEN TO FAMILIES WHERE BOTH PARENTS HAVE TO WORK AND EACH IS EMPLOYED FOR NOT LESS THAN 104 HOURS A MONTH,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

CITING AN EXAMPLE, HE SAID THAT A FOUR-MEMBER FAMILY WITH A NET INCOME OF $1 400 A MONTH MAY RECEIVE MAXIMUM FEE ASSISTANCE WHILE A FAMILY OF SIMILAR SIZE WITH A NET INCOME OF ABOUT $2 500 A MONTH MAY QUALIFY FOR ASSISTANCE RANGING FROM $110 TO $260.

APPLICANTS WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND A BRIEF INTERVIEW TO WHICH THEY SHOULD BRING THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

* THE APPLICANT'S HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD AND THE ID CARD/ BIRTH CERTIFICATE NUMBERS OF OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS;

* TWO PHOTOGRAPHS OF EACH CHILD;

* THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE(S) OF THE CHILD/CHILDREN;

* EMPLOYERS' STATEMENTS CONFIRMING THE AMOUNT OF INCOME EARNED BY THE APPLICANT AND HIS FAMILY MEMBERS;

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* RECENT RENTAL RECEIPT;

* SCHOOL FEE RECEIPTS/LETTERS OF ACCEPTANCE FROM DAY NURSERY OR KINDERGARTEN IN WHICH THE CHILD IS ENROLLED OR PLACED ON THE WAITING LIST.

APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY LETTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF THE RESULT OF THE APPLICATION. SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE SHOWING THE AMOUNT OF FEE ASSISTANCE APPROVED.

THIS CERTIFICATE WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE SUPERVISOR OF THE CENTRE THE CHILD IS ATTENDING.

FEE ASSISTANCE WILL BE PAID DIRECTLY TO THE DAY NURSERY OR KINDERGARTEN CONCERNED AND NOT TO THE APPLICANT. REGULAR PAYMENTS WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE CENTRE CERTIFYING THE CONTINUED ATTENDANCE OF THE CHILD.

TO QUALIFY FOR FEE ASSISTANCE IN A DAY NURSERY, A CHILD MUST BE AT LEAST TWO YEARS AND LESS THAN SIX YEARS OF AGE. TO QUALIFY FOR FEE ASSISTANCE IN A KINDERGARTEN, A CHILD MUST BE AT LEAST THREE YEARS OLD.

ALL APPLICATIONS FOR FEE ASSISTANCE MUST BE MADE BY THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF THE CHILD, WHO MUST ALSO BE PREPARED TO ATTEND THE BRIEF INTERVIEW PERSONALLY.

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ELECTRONICS LEAD IN EXPORT UPSWING

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DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS NOTCHED UP THE LARGEST MONEY-TERM INCREASE IN THE FIRST QUARTER THIS YEAR OVER THE SIMILAR PERIOD IN 1983, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THEIR INCREASE AT $2 928 MILLION WAS FOLLOWED BY $2 233 MILLION FOR WEARING APPAREL, $1 887 MILLION FOR TEXTILES, $813 MILLION FOR PLASTIC PRODUCTS, $242 MILLION FOR PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT, AND $215 MILLION FOR METAL PRODUCTS.

THESE SIX INDUSTRY GROUPS MADE UP 87 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS.

WITH THEIR DOMESTIC EXPORTS MORE THAN DOUBLED FOR THE PERIOD, MINING AND QUARRYING, ELECTRICITY AND NON-METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS CHALKED UP THE LARGEST INCREASES IN PERCENTAGE TERMS.

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ON THE OTHER HAND, DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE DOWN 50 PER CENT OR $4 MILLION FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY; AND ONE PER CENT OR $200 000 FOR TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THIS SERIES OF STATISTICS HAD BEEN DERIVED BY RE-GROUPING ALL SIX-DIGIT COMMODITY EXPORT ITEMS UNDER THE PRESENT EXTERNAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM ACCORDING TO THE INDUSTRIES IN WHICH THESE ITEMS ARE NORMALLY PRODUCED.

SINCE ITS SCOPE IS CONFINED TO MERCHANDISE TRADE, TRANSACTIONS IN GOLD AND SPECIE ARE NOT INCLUDED.

THE CLASSIFICATION OF COMMODITY EXPORT ITEMS BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN IS STRUCTURED UPON THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION OF ALL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES (I.S.I.C.), AS DISTINCT FROM THE UNITED NATIONS STANDARD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION (S.I.T.C.) WHICH IS ADOPTED IN THE REGULAR TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS. THE SYSTEM OF RE-CLASSIFICATION BETWEEN THE I.S.I.C. AND S.I.T.C. HAS BEEN UPDATED STARTING FROM THE FIRST QUARTER 1984 SO AS TO REFLECT CHANGES IN THE I.S.I.C. AND S.I.T.C. IN RECENT YEARS. IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN COMPARABILITY BETWEEN THE 1983 AND 1984 FIGURES, THE DOMESTIC EXPORT STATISTICS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER 1983 HAVE ALSO BEEN RE-GROUPED ACCORDING TO THE NEW RE-CLASSIFICATION.

IN THE INTERPRETATION OF THE RE-CLASSIFIED FIGURES, THE OVERALL EXPORT VALUE OF AN EXPORTED COMMODITY REQUIRING SEVERAL INTERMEDIATE PROCESSING STAGES IS WHOLLY ALLOCATED TO THE INDUSTRY IN WHICH IT IS FINALLY PRODUCED, ALTHOUGH THE INDUSTRY IS NOT REALLY THE SOLE CONTRIBUTOR TO THE VALUE.

BESIDES, THE CLASSIFICATION OF AN EXPORTED COMMODITY TO A PARTICULAR INDUSTRY DOES NOT IMPLY THAT THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF THE COMMODITY IS ACTUALLY PRODUCED BY ESTABLISHMENTS OF THAT INDUSTRY, SINCE SOME MAY BE SECONDARY PRODUCTS PRODUCED BY ESTABLISHMENTS CLASSIFIED UNDER OTHER INDUSTRIES.

FURTHER INFORMATION OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS STATISTICS FOR MERCHANDISE RE-CLASSIFIED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (AT TEL. NO. 3-7224504).

A TABLE WITH STATISTICAL DETAILS FOR SELECTED INDUSTRIES IS BEING ISSUED BY FACSIMILE AND BOXED FOR COLLECTION.

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BIG MANAGEMENT SURVEY STARTS

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A MAJOR SURVEY ON THE TRAINING NEEDS OF MANAGEMENT STARTS TOMORROW.

THE SURVEY, WHICH WILL LAST FOR A MONTH, WILL COVER ABOUT 2 100 ESTABLISHMENTS SELECTED AT RANDOM FROM ALL SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY AND IT IS THE FIRST COMPREHENSIVE PROJECT UNDERTAKEN BY THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISORY TRAINING OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

+THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT PROJECT IN VIEW OF THE SCARCITY OF INFORMATION ABOUT MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISORY TRAINING IN HONG KONG,+ SAID A COMMITTEE SPOKESMAN.

INTERVIEWERS FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT THE ESTABLISHMENTS SELECTED TO HELP THEM COMPLETE A QUESTIONNAIRE. THIS WILL HELP ASSESS THE MANAGEMENT SITUATION AND WILL PROVIDE NAMES OF MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS.

ONCE THIS HAS BEEN DONE, SEVERAL MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS WILL BE SELECTED AT RANDOM AND WILL BE ASKED TO COMPLETE A FURTHER QUESTIONNAIRE INDICATING THEIR NEEDS FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND THE TYPES OF MANAGEMENT COURSE THEY HAVE ATTENDED OR ARE INTERESTED IN.

ALL INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE KEPT IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND DATA WILL BE RELEASED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES, WITHOUT REFERENCE TO FIRMS OR INDIVIDUALS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SURVEY WILL COLLECT PARTICULARS OF MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS RELATING TO AGE, EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, WORKING EXPERIENCE AND SPECIALISED MANAGEMENT FIELDS. ABOUT 8 000 MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS WILL BE INTERVIEWED.

+EMPLOYERS AND MANAGERS ARE REQUESTED TO CO-OPERATE BECAUSE THE SURVEY IS VITAL TO THE COMMITTEE IN FORMULATING RECOMMENDATIONS AND TAKING ACTION TO IMPROVE MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISORY TRAINING,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT DATA PROCESSING AGENCY WILL ASSIST WITH THE SURVEY.

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MORE SEMINARS FOR DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS

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SEMINARS ON GOVERNMENT MACHINERY ARE BEING ARRANGED FOR DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS FROM A NUMBER OF DISTRICTS AND NOT JUST ONLY ON A DISTRICT BASIS, THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR IAN MACPHERSON, SAID THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON.

HE BELIEVED THAT SUCH SEMINARS WERE A VALUABLE WAY OF IMPROVING KNOWLEDGE AND EFFECTIVENESS IN LOCAL ADMINISTRATION.

MR MACPHERSON WAS SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING OF A SEMINAR ON +GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY LEADERS+ FOR TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

THE SEMINAR, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND, WAS TO GIVE BOARD MEMBERS AN INSIGHT INTO THEIR ROLE AS COMMUNITY LEADERS AS WELL AS INTO GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE AND PROCEDURES.

+WE SHOULD HAVE SEMINARS OF THIS KIND NOT ONLY ON A DISTRICT BASIS, BUT ALSO WITH GROUPS OF BOARD MEMBERS FROM A NUMBER OF DISTRICTS PARTICIPATING TOGETHER,+ MR MACPHERSON SAID.

+I FEEL SURE YOU WILL AGREE THAT JOINT CONSIDERATION OF THE PRINCIPLES OF GOVERNMENT, THE WAY THE GOVERNMENT MACHINE WORKS, AND THE CASE STUDY APPROACH ARE OF USE NOT JUST TO NEWLY APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS, BUT ALSO TO EXPERIENCED PEOPLE SUCH AS YOURSELVES.

+I SOMETIMES THINK THAT WE EXPECT TOO MUCH OF OUR UNOFFICIAL COLLEAGUES AND THAT WE DO NOT DO ENOUGH TO BRIEF THEM ON THE WORK OF THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES THEY JOIN,+ HE SAID.

MR MACPHERSON SAID THE SUCCESS OF A SEMINAR OF THIS TYPE DEPENDED NOT SO MUCH ON THE ORGANISERS AS ON THE ENTHUSIASM OF THE PARTICIPANTS.

HE NOTED THE BOARD MEMBERS HAD TAKEN AN ACTIVE PART IN THE PAST TWO AFTERNOONS, PARTICULARLY IN THE DISCUSSION SESSIONS, AND HAD PUT FORWARD SOME FRANK AND STIMULATING OPINIONS ON THE GOVERNMENT MACHINERY AND ON THEIR ROLE AS COMMUNITY LEADERS.

+IT IS VERY ENCOURAGING TO NOTE THAT OTHER DISTRICTS HAVE ALREADY SHOWN A KEEN INTEREST IN EMULATING TSUEN WAN'S GOOD EXAMPLE.

+THIS IS PERHAPS A TRUE MEASURE OF THE SEMINAR'S SUCCESS AND OF THE SPIRIT AND VIGOUR OF OUR COMMUNITY LEADERS,+ HE SAID.

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CENTRE HELPS DISABLED YOUTH ACQUIRE SKILLS

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TWENTY-THREE-YEAR OLD, WHEELCHAIR-BOUND MR CHE POU-CHEN, HAS BECOME THE FIRST TRAINEE FROM THE KWUN TONG SKILLED CENTRE FOR THE DISABLED TO PASS THE PITMAN INTERMEDIATE TYPING EXAMINATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

HAVING OBTAINED HIS 35-WORD A-MINUTE TYPING SKILL, HE NOW LOOKS FORWARD SHORTLY TO COMPLETING A ONE-YEAR, FULL-TIME OFFICE MACHINE PRACTICE COURSE HE BEGAN LAST SEPTEMBER.

MR CHE HAS BEEN STRIVING HARD FOR THESE SKILLS, SO AS TO BE ABLE TO GET A CHANCE TO WORK IN AN OFFICE.

MEANWHILE, HE IS WORKING IN THE GENERAL OFFICE OF THE KWUN TONG CENTRE IN THE HOPE OF IMPROVING HIS COMPETENCE.

WHILE A TYPING SPEED OF 35WPM IS NOT REMARKABLE FOR AN ABLE-BODIED PERSON, IT IS QUITE AN ACHIEVEMENT FOR SOMEONE SUFFERING FROM PARALYSIS OF THE LOWER LIMBS, AN AFFLICTION WHICH AFFECTED HIS NORMAL CHILDHOOD SCHOOLING, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENTRE EXPLAINED.

HIS SKILL WAS ACQUIRED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, THROUGH HARD WORK AND A DETERMINATION TO SUCCEED AGAINST PHYSICAL ODDS. AND THROUGHOUT HIS PERIOD OF LEARNING AND TRAINING, MR CHE WAS HELPED AND CHEERED ALONG BY THE CENTRE STAFF.

+IT IS HOPED THAT MR CHE'S SUCCESS -- AND DETERMINATION -- WILL GIVE ENCOURAGEMENT TO OTHER DISABLED PERSONS TO ACQUIRE SKILLS THAT WILL ENABLE THEM ALSO TO LOOK FOR OFFICE WORK,+ HE SAID.

MR CHE HIMSELF SAID: +A PITMAN CERTIFICATE MEANS A LOT TO ME -- IT HAS GIVEN ME MORE CONFIDENCE, AND THE HOPE OF OBTAINING AN OFFICE JOB.+

MR CHE'S FURTHER TRAINING IN THE CENTRE HAS ENABLED HIM TO MANAGE MOST OF THE OFFICE DESK WORK, SUCH AS TYPING, FILING, LETTER WRITING, AND OPERATING THE PHOTOCOPYING MACHINE, AND CALCULATOR.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 240 FULL-TIME TRAINEES UNDERGOING VARIOUS LEVELS OF SKILLS TRAINING IN COMMERCIAL STUDIES, DRESSMAKING, ELECTRICAL WORK FABRICATIONS, AND OTHER COURSES AT THE CENTRE.

THE KWUN TONG SKILLED CENTRE FOR THE DISABLED, PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS THE WORLD REHABILITATION FUND DAY CENTRE, WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1968 AND HAS BEEN GROUPED UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT SINCE 1982.

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NEW TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTRE FOR CENTRAL

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COMPUTERISED TRAFFIC LIGHTS ARE EXPECTED TO OPERATE IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICTS BY LATE 1986, A GROUP OF DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WERE TOLD TODAY DURING A VISIT TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTRE IN NATHAN ROAD.

THE TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM, IN WHICH COMPUTERISED SIGNALS COPE AUTOMATICALLY WITH DAILY CHANGES IN THE TRAFFIC FLOW, NOW COVERS 220 JUNCTIONS THROUGHOUT THE KOWLOON PENINSULA AND 67 JUNCTIONS ON THE NORTH-EASTERN PART OF HONG KONG ISLAND.

MR R.G. SIMPSON, TRAFFIC CONTROL ENGINEER OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, SAID THAT A NEW CONTROL CENTRE WILL BE ESTABLISHED AT HARBOUR BUILDING IN CENTRAL TO FACILITATE THE SCHEME'S EXTENSION.

TRAFFIC CONDITIONS IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN ARE EXPECTED TO IMPROVE WHEN THE NEW FACILITIES BEGIN OPERATION, HE SAID.

THE VISITING GROUP COMPRISED SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD, HEADED BY THE COMMITTEE'S CHAIRMAN, MR VINCENT KO.

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ALL ABOUT SAFETY AT WORK

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH EXHIBITION AND THE SOUND-ON-SLIDE SHOW +SAFETY EXTRAVAGANZA+, WILL BE OPENED IN THE NEW WORLD PLAZA, NEW WORLD CENTRE IN TSIM SHA TSUI TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 3 PM.

PROFESSOR P.C. LEUNG, OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ORTHOPAEDIC AND TRAUMATIC SURGERY, CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, AND DR J.W. HAYES, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

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ATHLETES TO RACE AND WALK ON ISLAND CORRIDOR

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ABOUT 3 000 ATHLETES WILL TAKE PART IN A RACE AND A WALKATHON ALONG A SECTION OF THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

THE EVENT WILL START AT 2 PM AND WILL MARK THE COMPLETION OF THE CORRIDOR'S CAUSEWAY BAY TO TAI KOO SHING SECTION.

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IT WILL COMPRISE A THREE-KILOMETRE WALK FROM THE HING FAT STREET TO NORTH POINT ROAD SECTION AND BACK TO THE STARTING POINT, AND A FIVE-KILOMETRE RACE FROM THE SAME STARTING POINT TO THE HEALTHY STREET SECTION AND BACK.

THE TWO COMPETITIONS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SECTIONS FOR DIFFERENT AGE GROUP AS WELL AS A SECTION FOR TEAMS OF 20 MEMBERS.

MEMBERS OF THE 10 AREA COMMITTEES IN THE DISTRICT, THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND STAFF OF RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG WILL COMPETE ON A TEAM BASIS.

ABOUT $35 000 WILL BE SPENT ON THE EVENT, WITH $20 000 PROVIDED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD.

THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD, EASTERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION, THE POLICE, URBAN COUNCIL, EASTERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICE, AND THE AMATEUR ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION.

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MP TOURS SQUATTER AREA AND ESTATES

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A VISITING BRITISH MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT TODAY TOURED A MAJOR SQUATTER AREA IN CENTRAL KOWLOON AND MODERN PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

ACCOMPANIED BY SENIOR HOUSING OFFICIALS, MRS GWYNETH DUNWOODY WALKED THROUGH THE SQUATTER SETTLEMENT OF MA CHAI HANG LOOKING AT ITS LIVING ENVIRONMENT.

SHE THEN VISITED THE MODERN LUNG HANG ESTATE AND HOME OWNERSHIP SUI WO COURT IN SHA TIN WHERE SHE INSPECTED THE WIDE-RANGING FACILITIES FOR TENANTS AND VISITED A FAMILY.

EARLIER BEFORE THE TOUR, TOGETHER WITH BARONESS PHILLIPS, WHO IS A LABOUR MEMBER IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS, MRS DUNWOODY CALLED AT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HEADQUARTERS WHERE THEY HAD A DISCUSSION MEETING WITH THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR DAVID FORD, ON HONG KONG'S PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.

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$2M TO COOL TAI PO SCHOOL

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A $2 MILLION CONTRACT HAS BEEN AWARDED BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR AIR-CONDITIONING AND VENTILATION EQUIPMENT IN A SECONDARY SCHOOL BEING BUILT AT TAI PO.

THE SCHOOL, BEING BUILT ON A 9 261 SQUARE METRE SITE ON RECLAIMED LAND NEAR TAI PO OLD MARKET, WILL CONSIST OF A MAIN TEACHING BLOCK WITH 24 CLASSROOMS.

IT WILL HAVE A 40 METRE BY 20 METRE ASSEMBLY HALL, WHICH WILL INCLUDE REHEARSAL AND CHANGING ROOMS AND A STAGE FOR USE BY THE SCHOOL AND THE PUBLIC FOR CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.

IT WILL ALSO HAVE A BASKETBALL COURT.

FACILITIES FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS WILL BE HOUSED IN A SEPARATE BLOCK.

A PAVILION WILL ALSO BE BUILT, AND PUBLIC AREAS AROUND THE SCHOOL WILL BE LANDSCAPED.

BUILDING WORK STARTED IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR AND IS DUE TO BE COMPLETED IN THREE PHASES BY JUNE NEXT YEAR.

THE AIR-CONDITIONING AND VENTILATION EQUIPMENT CONTRACT WAS AWARDED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO HONG KONG L.P. GAS COMPANY LIMITED. INSTALLATION STARTED LAST WEEK AND WILL BE COMPLETED IN ONE YEAR.

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MODEL PEDESTRIANS TO BE CHOSEN

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A TOTAL OF 30 MODEL PEDESTRIANS WILL BE SELECTED AT SIX TRAFFIC BLACKSPOTS IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE EVENT IS PART OF A MONTH-LONG EASTERN DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN TO EDUCATE RESIDENTS, PARTICULARLY PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS, ON ROAD SAFETY.

CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S 10 AREA COMMITTEES, NINE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND FIVE POLICE OFFICERS WILL BE IN GROUPS AT THE SIX LOCATIONS TO MAKE THE SELECTIONS.

THE SIX LOCATIONS ARE:

* LAU SIN STREET BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND 11.30 AM;

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* JUNCTIONS OF LEE CHUNG STREET, CHAI WAN ROAD AND WAN TSUI ROAD AT 12 NOON;

* JUNCTION OF NORTH POINT ROAD AND NORTH VIEW STREET AT 2 PM;

* TIN CHIU STREET IN NORTH POINT AT 2.30 PM;

* HOI NING STREET IN SHAU KEI WAN AT 2.30 PM; AND

* JUNCTION OF YAU MAN STREET AND KING'S ROAD AT 4 PM.

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STAFF TO WORK AT NEW ADDRESS

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THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT TEAM AND CHINESE LANGUAGE OFFICERS OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE WILL OPERATE AT A NEW OFFICE FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE NEW OFFICE IS SITUATED ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF HIU KWONG COURT AT NOS. 26-38, HIU KWONG STREET IN SAU MAU PING.

THE WORKING HOURS WILL BE BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5.30 PM FROM MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS, AND BETWEEN 9 AM AND 12 NOON ON SATURDAYS. THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE 3-406351, 3-406913 AND 3-406208.

THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAS SUB-OFFICES IN LAM TIN, SAU MAU PING, NGAU TAU KOK, YAU TONG AND SHUN LEE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

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REFUSE COLLECTION POINT FOR KWUN TONG

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A $530 000 CONTRACT WAS SIGNED TODAY (THURSDAY) BETWEEN THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND HOP SHING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED FOR A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT AT YUET WAH STREET, KWUN TONG.

THE COLLECTION POINT WILL BE BUILT ON A 305-SQUARE-METRE SITE NEAR YUET WAH STREET PLAYGROUND AND WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING TEMPORARY REFUSE COLLECTION POINT IN THE VICINITY.

IT WILL BE A ONE-STOREY REINFORCED CONCRETE STRUCTURE CONSISTING OF A REFUSE COLLECTION AREA, HANDCART WASHING SPACES, TOILETS, ROLL-CALL ROOMS, OFFICES AND STOREROOMS.

THE PROJECT WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

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CROWN LAND FOR SALE BY TENDER

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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING CROWN LAND AT SHAM SHUI PO FOR SALE BY TENDER.

THE SITE, BETWEEN KWONG CHEUNG STREET AND FUK WA STREET, IS ABOUT 3 121 SQUARE METRES. IT IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES, EXCLUDING RESIDENTIAL, HOTEL OR GODOWN USE, BUT INCLUDING A MULTI-STOREY CARPARK.

THE DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS IS NOON ON JUNE 29.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT:

* THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, SURVEY DIVISION, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;

* DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND

* DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF SHA TIN, TAI PO, NORTH, YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN, TUEN MUN, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS.

THE TENDER PLAN CAN ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THE ABOVE LOCATIONS.

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A LANTAU ISLAND SITE IS TO BE OFFERED ON SHORT TERM TENANCY BY THE LANDS DEPARTMENT.

IT MEASURES ABOUT 1 970 SQUARE METRES AND IS AT MUI WO FERRY PIER ROAD.

IT IS FOR OPEN STORAGE OF GOODS, VEHICLES, CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS, BUT NOT VEHICLE REPAIRING.

THE INITIAL TENANCY IS FOR ONE YEAR, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR TENDERS IS JUNE 15.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM:

* DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, ISLANDS, INTERNATIONAL BUILDING, 4TH FLOOR, 141, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG;

* LANDS DEPARTMENT, SURVEY DIVISION, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND

* DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250, SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

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COMMENDATION FOR COOMBS

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THE MAN BEST KNOWN TO THE PUBLIC AS THE VOICE ANSWERING QUERIES ABOUT THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE ON THE RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND COMMERCIAL RADIO MORNING TALK SHOWS RECEIVED THE HIGHEST POLICE RECOGNITION TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

HE IS MR TERRY COOMBS, THE ASSISTANT CHIEF POLICE INFORMATION OFFICER OF THE POLICE PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH.

HE RECEIVED THE COMMISSIONER'S COMMENDATION FOR HIS PROFESSIONALISM, ABILITY AND LOYALTY OF AN EXCEPTIONALLY HIGH ORDER DURING HIS 10 YEARS WITH PPRB.

THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR ROY HENRY, MADE THE PRESENTATION WHEN HE VISITED THE PPRB TODAY.

MR COOMBS IS WELL-KNOWN NOT ONLY AS A VOICE ON THE RADIO BUT ALSO TO HUNDREDS OF OFFICERS AS THE MAN WHO GIVES LECTURES TO PROBATIONARY INSPECTORS, OFFICERS UNDER TRAINING AT THE DETECTIVE TRAINING WING AND THOSE ATTENDING COMMAND COURSES ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF PUBLIC RELATIONS AND THE WORK OF THE PPRB.

HE JOINED THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES IN MAY 1974 AFTER HAVING WORKED AS AN INFORMATION OFFICER WITH THE JOINT SERVICE PUBLIC RELATIONS STAFF.

''I WAS IMMEDIATELY POSTED TO THE FORCE AND SO FAR HAVE SERVED ALL MY GIS CAREER WITH THE POLICE,'' MR COOMBS SAID.

AS THE ASSISTANT CHIEF POLICE INFORMATION OFFICER, MR COOMBS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DAY-TO-DAY ADMINISTRATION OF THE INFORMATION BUREAU. HIS OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE PUBLICATIONS SUCH AS THE ANNUAL POLICE REVIEW AND THE FORCE NEWSPAPER, OFF BEAT, MONITORING THE ENGLISH NEWSPAPERS, RADIO TALK SHOWS AND DEALS WITH LETTERS AND ENQUIRIES BOTH HERE AND FROM ABROAD.

THROUGH HIS PROFESSIONALISM, ABILITY AND LOYALTY HE HAS ESTABLISHED, NOT ONLY FOR HIMSELF BUT ALSO THE FORCE A REPUTATION FOR TRUST AND RELIABILITY.

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TRANSPORT GUIDE

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SCHEDULES OF ALL PUBLIC TRANSPORT INCLUDING 'KAITO' FERRY SERVICES WILL BE PUBLISHED TOMORROW IN A SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT TO THE GAZETTE.

THE PUBLICATION WILL BE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT $10.

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LANDSCAPING FOR CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD

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A SECTION OF CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD BETWEEN HIRAM'S HIGHWAY AND HANG HAU ROAD IS TO BE LANDSCAPED.

THE WORK INVOLVES PLANTING TREES AND SHRUBS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ROAD.

THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AWARDED A $460 000 CONTRACT TODAY (THURSDAY) TO BLUET GARDEN TO CARRY OUT THE WORK WHICH WILL START NEXT MONTH AND BE COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER.

THE TWO-AND-A-HALF KILOMETRES LONG SECTION OF THE ROAD IS BEING WIDENED TO THE STANDARD 7.3 METRES, WITH FOOT-PATHS BEING ADDED ON EACH SIDE.

IT IS THE FINAL STAGE OF AN OVERALL SCHEME TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CONDITIONS IN CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD BETWEEN ANDERSON ROAD AND HANG HAU ROAD.

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WATER MAIN FOR SHEUNG SHUI

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A FRESH WATER MAIN WILL BE LAID ALONG MAN KAM TO ROAD AND JOCKEY CLUB ROAD IN SHEUNG SHUI.

THE WORK INVOLVES LAYING ABOUT 1 000 METRES OF MAIN WITH ITS DIAMETERS RANGING FROM 150 TO 1 200 MILLIMETRES.

IT WILL BE CONNECTED TO SHEUNG SHUI TREATMENT WORKS AND TABLE HILL SERVICE RESERVOIR, WHICH ARE NOW BEING BUILT, AND LINK UP WITH EXISTING MAINS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN AUGUST AND TAKE NINE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS BY JUNE 22.

SHEUNG SHUI TREATMENT WORKS AND TABLE HILL SERVICE RESERVOIR ARE PART OF A PROJECT TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF THE EXISTING WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM TO FANLING-SHEK WU HUI NEW TOWN AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THEY WILL BE READY BY EARLY NEXT YEAR.

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PLAYGROUND-BENEATH-THE-ROAD

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WORK ON BUILDING A SITTING-OUT AREA AND CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND UNDERNEATH THE NORTHERN APPROACH ROAD TO AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE, ABERDEEN, WILL START NEXT WEEK.

FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED WILL INCLUDE BENCHES, ARBOURS, PERGOLAS, PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND PLANTED AREAS.

THE PROJECT WILL TAKE FOUR MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE $608 000 BUILDING CONTRACT HAS BEEN AWARDED TO WRENKY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

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TAI KOO SHING ROAD TRAFFIC CHANGE

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FROM 8 PM ON SATURDAY (JUNE 2) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY, TAI KOO SHING ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH KING'S ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 70 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE CLOSED TO SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC FOR ROAD RESURFACING WORK.

HOWEVER, IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, WORK WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

DURING THE PERIOD, THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED:-

* VEHICLES LEAVING TAI KOO SHING FOR KING'S ROAD WESTBOUND SHOULD USE TAI KOO SHING ROAD AND WESTLANDS ROAD.

* ONLY FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT FROM WESTLANDS ROAD INTO KING'S ROAD EASTBOUND.

* VEHICLES LEAVING TAI KOO SHING FOR SHAU KEI WAN ROAD EASTBOUND SHOULD PROCEED VIA TAI KOO SHING ROAD, WESTLANDS ROAD, KING'S ROAD WESTBOUND, TONG CHONG STREET, HOI KWONG STREET, FINNIE STREET AND KING'S ROAD EASTBOUND.

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PLB RESTRICTED ZONE

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FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JUNE 2), THE SECTION OF KWEILIN STREET, BETWEEN HAI TAN STREET AND TUNG CHAU STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED A 24-HOUR PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE, ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS.

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