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HK OFFICIALS TO VISIT SHENZHEN

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AT THE INVITATION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR OF SHENZHEN, MR ZHEN XIPEI, THE POLITICAL ADVISER WILL LEAD A DELEGATION OF 12 HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO VISIT SHENZHEN TOMORROW AND ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 16 TO 17).

THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT IS TO REVIEW PROGRESS IN THE VARIOUS HONG KONG-SHENZHEN JOINT EXPERT WORKING GROUPS WHICH WERE ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN AGREEMENT IN APRIL 1982.

THE REVIEW MEETING WILL BE HELD TOMORROW AND IS THE LATEST IN A REGULAR SERIES OF SUCH MEETINGS, THE LAST OF WHICH WAS HELD IN MARCH 1985 IN HONG KONG.

OTHER OFFICIALS ATTENDING FROM HONG KONG INCLUDE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE VARIOUS WORKING GROUPS, AND OTHERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THEIR WORK OR HAVE A CLOSE INTEREST IN THE PROGRESS OF THE PROJECTS UNDER DEVELOPMENT AT THE BORDER.

IN ADDITION, THE HONG KONG DELEGATION WILL BE VISITING SITES CONNECTED WITH THE PROJECTS AND OTHER PLACES OF INTEREST IN SHENZHEN.

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MESSAGE MARKS INTELPOST LINK WITH GUANGZHOU

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THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR HUGH ARDLEY, SENT AN INAUGURAL MESSAGE TO THE POSTMASTER GENERAL OF GUANGZHOU POST OFFICE, MR QIAN DONGCHAI, THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING TO MARK THE INTRODUCTION OF INTELPOST SERVICE TO GUANGZHOU.

THIS BRINGS TO 34 THE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES IN THE INTELPOST NETWORK SERVED FROM HONG KONG.

A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THE INTRODUCTION COINCIDED WITH THE OPENING OF THE GUANGZHOU AUTUMN TRADE FAIR AND INTELPOST ITEMS POSTED IN HONG KONG BEFORE 2 PM COULD BE DELIVERED TO THE FAIR THE SAME AFTERNOON.

+AS INTELPOST CAN BE USED TO TRANSMIT CHINESE CHARACTERS. IT OFFERS SIGNIFICANT ADVANTAGES OVER TELEX,+ HE SAID.

INTELPOST ITEMS FOR DONGSHAN, LIWAN, YUEXIU AND HAIZHU DISTRICTS POSTED BEFORE 2 PM AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE ADDRESSEE ON THE SAME DAY, WHILE THOSE POSTED BEFORE 4 PM FOR TIANHE, FANGCUN AND HUANGPU DISTRICTS AND THE SUBURBS OF GUANGZHOU THE FOLLOWING WORKING DAY'S MORNING.

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CHARGES FOR THE SERVICE TO GUANGZHOU ARE:

- * \$35 FOR THE FIRST SIDE OF AN A4 SHEET OF PAPER
- * \$15 FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT A4 SIDE SENT TO THE SAME ADDRESSEE AT THE SAME TIME

PEOPLE WISHING TO USE THE SERVICE SHOULD HAND IN THEIR DOCUMENTS AT ANY OF THE 22 ACCEPTANCE OFFICES.

THOSE WITH FACSIMILE MACHINES IN THEIR OFFICES COULD MAKE USE INTELPOST TO RETRANSMIT MESSAGES TO OVERSEAS ADDRESSEES NOT HAVING FACSIMILE MACHINES. SPECIAL MESSENGERS WOULD DELIVER THE MESSAGE WITHIN HOURS.

CUSTOMERS REQUIRING MORE INFORMATION ON THE SERVICE SHOULD CALL THE INTELPOST MANAGER ON 5-2671148.

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GOVERNOR REITERATES SERIOUS CONCERN OVER ASSAULT INCIDENT
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, SAW THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD, MR LAU WONG-FAT, THIS AFTERNOON.

MR LAU CONVEYED TO THE GOVERNOR THE CONCERN OF HIS BOARD OVER THE INJURIES SUFFERED BY MR NG MING-YUM. HE ALSO INFORMED THE GOVERNOR OF THE CONCLUSIONS REACHED BY THE MEETING OF ALL THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMEN YESTERDAY EVENING.

THE GOVERNOR REITERATED TO MR LAU THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED OVER THIS INCIDENT. HE ASSURED HIM THAT THERE WOULD BE A FULL AND THOROUGH POLICE INVESTIGATION AND THAT EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO BRING THOSE RESPONSIBLE TO JUSTICE.

HE ALSO ASSURED MR LAU THAT THE GOVERNMENT FULLY SUPPORTED THE DISTRICT BOARDS AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES.

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PRESENTATION OF INSIGNIA
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INSIGNIA FOR 81 PEOPLE WERE PRESENTED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, AT A CEREMONY AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING.

SEVENTY-NINE RECIPIENTS WERE DECORATED BY THE QUEEN FOR SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC, WHILE TWO WERE AWARDED THE GOVERNOR'S COMMENDATION.

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF INSIGNIA RECIPIENTS:

CBE (COMMANDER OF THE ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE)

PROFESSOR HO HUNG-CHIU, OBE, JP
THE HON FRANCIS TIEN YUAN-HAO, OBE, JP

OBE (OFFICER ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE)

MR ALEXANDER PAUL A'COURT BERGNE
THE HON RONALD GEORGE BLACKER BRIDGE, JP
THE HON CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, MBE, JP
THE HON MRS SELINA CHOW LIANG SHUK-YEE, JP
MR NGAI SHIU-KIT, JP
MR JOHN RAWLING TODD, CVO, JP

MBE (MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE)

MR ARTHUR JOHN ABBAS
MR STANLEY KWAN SHIH-KUANG
MR NG SHUE-CHIU
MR TONG YUK-LIN

MBE (HONORARY) (HONORARY MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF THE
BRITISH EMPIRE)

MR LI YING

MBE (MILITARY) (MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE)
(MILITARY DIVISION)

MAJOR JOHN NELSON GUNSON

BEM (BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL)

MR CHEUNG SIU-PING

MR KAN PO

MR LEE CHEUNG-FAI

MR LEUNG CHUEN

MR LI CHUNG

MR LI HING

MRS LO NG PO-SAN

MR LO PAK-SUM
MR LOK HO-SUM
MISS AYSHA MOOSDEEN
MRS NG TSUI KIT-MING
MR SINN KWOK-BUN
MR YIM KWOK
MR YUEN KENG

BEM (MILITARY) (BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL) (MILITARY DIVISION)

SERGEANT HSU CHI-WEI
FLIGHT SERGEANT LAU FOOK-WING

ISM (IMPERIAL SERVICE MEDAL)

MR CHEUNG TAK-MING
MR TAM SHEUNG-CHI

QPM (QUEEN'S POLICE MEDAL)

MR BRIAN WEBSTER, CPM
MR ROBERT LEWIS JOHN MACDONALD, CPM

CPM (COLONIAL POLICE MEDAL)

(ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE)

MR JAMES SOUTER MAIN
MR IAN LAVIS GRIFFITHS
MR JAMES KENNETH EWAN
MR TIMOTHY ANTONY FITZPATRICK
MR ARTHUR WILLIAM HIGGINBOTTOM
MR LEE KWONG-YEE
MR IVAN CYRIL SCOTT
MR JOHN ANTHONY WILKINSON
MR STANLEY ERNEST DIRKIN

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MR CHUNG CHI-KIN
MR YEUNG CHI-KEUNG
MR NG KA-WING
(FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT)
MR LEE WANG-ON
MR TAI CHUN-LAU
MR HO SUM
MR LEUNG FOOK-SIN

BADGE OF HONOUR

MR CHAN KA-SI
MRS ENA CHAN YUEN YIN-HUNG
MR CHONG KAM-NING
MR CHOW CHUN-FAI
MR CHOY KAN-PUI
MR HO FOOK-CHU
DR KENNETH HO PUI-HUNG
THE REVEREND LEUNG SIN-SANG
MR MA CHI-KEUNG
MR NG CHING-YEE
MR SIU YUN-CHUNG
MRS SO CHOW YIM-PING
MR TSE HAY

GOVERNOR'S COMMENDATIONS

MR FONG KWONG-CHING
MR TSUI KAM-SHING

/ORDER OF

ORDER OF ST JOHN

OFFICER (BROTHER):

MR KWOK CHUN-LAM
MR LEUNG SHU-FAN
MR JOHN VANHAM GREEN MITCHELL

SERVING SISTER:

MISS JOSEPHINE AU YEUNG MEI-WAH
MRS CHIU HUNG SIU-PING
MISS KATHLEEN HO TSANG-YUE
MRS AW CHAN SAU-YUNG
MISS REBECCA LAU PIK-SAN
MISS WINNIE POON WAI-MAN

SERVING BROTHER:

MR HO PING-HUNG
MR CHU CHUN-LOONG
MR NG WAI-SHING
MR HO NEE-QUI
MR CHEUNG YEUNG
MR SO KWONG-HUNG
MR WOO MAN-KAI

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TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY
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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S OVERSEAS OFFICES HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION BRANCH TO THE TRADE AND INDUSTRY BRANCH.

THE TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY IS AIMED AT STREAMLINING CONTROL, AND IMPROVING CO-ORDINATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THESE OVERSEAS OFFICES.

/AT PRESENT,

AT PRESENT, THE GOVERNMENT HAS FIVE OVERSEAS OFFICES (LONDON, NEW YORK, WASHINGTON, BRUSSELS AND GENEVA) AND THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT FOUR OVERSEAS OFFICES (SAN FRANCISCO, TOKYO, LONDON AND STUTTGART).

A RECENT APPRAISAL OF THE WORK OF THE OVERSEAS OFFICES ESTABLISHED THAT, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE LONDON OFFICE, THE OVERSEAS OFFICES ARE NOW ALMOST WHOLLY OCCUPIED IN DEALING WITH HONG KONG'S COMMERCIAL RELATIONS, AND COMBATING GROWING PROTECTIONISM IN HONG KONG'S PRINCIPAL MARKETS. THE FOUR INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT OFFICES CONTINUE TO BE EXCLUSIVELY CONCERNED WITH THE PROMOTION OF INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT.

+THE ACTIVITIES OF THESE OFFICES ARE INTER-RELATED. IT IS THEREFORE CONSIDERED MORE APPROPRIATE FOR THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY TO ASSUME OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR HONG KONG'S PRESENCE OVERSEAS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THE ROLE OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN LONDON WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY THIS CHANGE AND THE COMMISSIONER WILL CONTINUE TO REPORT DIRECT TO THE CHIEF SECRETARY ON RELEVANT ISSUES.

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JUNE NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES PUBLISHED

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THE OVERALL NOMINAL WAGE INDEX FOR JUNE 1985, AT 126.7, INCREASED BY 6.6 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH JUNE 1984 AND BY 1.4 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH MARCH 1985, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS PUBLISHED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

A COMPARISON OF THE JUNE 1985 AND JUNE 1984 INDEXES SHOWS THAT THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED BY 6.6 PER CENT, FOR BOTH THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL, IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR AND PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR BY 5.4 PER CENT, FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR BY 9.9 PER CENT AND FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR BY 8.0 PER CENT.

A COMPARISON OF THE JUNE 1985 AND MARCH 1985 INDEXES SHOWS THAT THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED BY 1.7 PER CENT, FOR BOTH THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR AND THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR BY 3.0 PER CENT AND FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR BY 1.5 PER CENT, WHILE THAT FOR THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL, IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR DECREASED BY 0.2 PER CENT.

THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 1984 TO JUNE 1985 FOR SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 1. DETAILED BREAKDOWNS FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 2.

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THE OVERALL REAL WAGE INDEX, AT 100.4 IN JUNE 1985, WAS 3.8 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN JUNE 1984 AND 1.1 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN MARCH 1985.

FROM JUNE 1984 TO JUNE 1985, THE REAL WAGE INDEX FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED BY 3.7 PER CENT, FOR THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL, IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR BY 2.7 PER CENT, FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR BY 6.9 PER CENT, FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR BY 5.1 PER CENT AND FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR BY 2.6 PER CENT.

COMPARING JUNE 1985 WITH MARCH 1985, THE REAL WAGE INDEX FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED BY 1.3 PER CENT, FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR BY 2.6 PER CENT, FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR BY 2.7 PER CENT AND FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR BY 1.1 PER CENT, WHILE THAT FOR THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL, IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR DECREASED BY 0.4 PER CENT.

THE REAL WAGE INDEXES FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 1984 TO JUNE 1985 FOR SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 3.

THESE NOMINAL AND REAL WAGE INDEXES ARE DERIVED FROM THE SURVEY OF WAGES, SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS CONDUCTED EACH QUARTER BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT COVERING BOTH MANUAL AND NON-MANUAL WORKERS (EXCLUDING WORKERS AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL LEVELS) IN SELECTED INDUSTRIES IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL, IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR, THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR AND THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR.

SUCH INDEXES MEASURE CHANGES IN WAGE RATES BY HOLDING THE STRUCTURAL PATTERN OF THE LABOUR FORCE WITH RESPECT TO INDUSTRY, OCCUPATION, SEX AND MODE OF PAYMENT THE SAME AS THAT OF MARCH 1982, WHICH IS THE BASE PERIOD OF THE WAGE INDEXES.

WHILE THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX MEASURES CHANGES IN WAGE RATES IN MONEY TERMS, THE REAL WAGE INDEX, WHICH IS OBTAINED BY DEFLATING THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A), MEASURES CHANGES IN THE PURCHASING POWER OF WAGES (ALTHOUGH THE SAME DEFLATOR IS USED FOR EACH INDUSTRY TO DERIVE THE REAL WAGE INDEX FROM ITS NOMINAL COUNTERPART, THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE MOVEMENTS OF THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX AND THE REAL WAGE INDEX BETWEEN ANY TWO TIME PERIODS MAY VARY SLIGHTLY FROM INDUSTRY TO INDUSTRY DUE TO ROUNDING).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT DREW ATTENTION TO THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE WAGE INDEXES AND THE INDEXES OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED WHICH ARE ALSO PUBLISHED AT QUARTERLY INTERVALS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT WHILE WAGE RATES PROVIDE A MEASURE OF THE UNIT PRICE OF LABOUR, PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IS A MEASURE OF PER CAPITA EARNINGS.

WAGE RATES REPRESENT THE AMOUNT OF REMUNERATION FOR NORMAL HOURS OF WORK, AND ARE DEFINED TO INCLUDE BASIC WAGES AND SALARIES, COST-OF-LIVING ALLOWANCE, MEAL BENEFITS, COMMISSION AND TIPS, GOOD ATTENDANCE BONUS AND NIGHT SHIFT ALLOWANCE.

IN ADDITION, YEAR-END BONUS AND OTHER GUARANTEED AND REGULAR BONUSES AND ALLOWANCES THAT ARE PAID LESS FREQUENTLY THAN MONTHLY, ARE CONVERTED TO AN EQUIVALENT MONTHLY RATE WHEN COMPILING THE WAGE RATE INDEXES.

TOTAL PAYROLL, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS THE AMOUNT OF DIRECT CASH PAYMENTS THAT EMPLOYEES RECEIVED FROM EMPLOYERS. APART FROM THE ABOVE MENTIONED CASH RECEIPTS, IT ALSO INCLUDES OVERTIME PAY AND OTHER NON-GUARANTEED AND IRREGULAR BONUSES AND ALLOWANCES.

HENCE, STATISTICS ON PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED TEND TO BE SENSITIVE TO CHANGES IN THE NUMBER OF HOURS ACTUALLY WORKED, THE TIMING OF THE PAYMENT OF BONUSES AND BACK-PAY, AND THE COMPOSITION OF THE LABOUR FORCE.

AS A RESULT, MOVEMENTS IN WAGE RATES DO NOT NECESSARILY CONFORM WITH THOSE IN PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED.

THE SURVEY FINDINGS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE REPORT OF WAGES, SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS STATISTICS VOLUME I, JUNE 1985 WHICH WILL BE ON SALE SHORTLY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE.

VOLUME II ISSUE OF THE REPORT CONTAINING DETAILED OCCUPATIONAL STATISTICS, SUCH AS WAGE RATES, NUMBER OF NORMAL HOURS OF WORK AND NUMBER OF STANDARD WORKING DAYS IS EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IN EARLY NOVEMBER 1985.

FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE WAGE INDEXES, CONTACT THE WAGES AND LABOUR COSTS STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT TELEPHONE NOS. 5-455774 OR 5-416062.

TABLE 1: NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES BY SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS

SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS	INDEXES (MARCH 1982 = 100)				
	JUN. 1984	SEPT. 1984	DEC. 1984	MAR. 1985	JUN. 1985
MANUFACTURING	118.9	120.3	120.8	124.6	126.7
WHOLESALE-RETAIL, IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	113.8	115.6	117.1	120.2	120.0
TRANSPORT SERVICES	129.7	132.6	132.6	138.4	142.5

/BUSINESS SERVICES

BUSINESS SERVICES	120.3	120.4	121.1	126.1	129.9
PERSONAL SERVICES	116.1	116.1	116.8	120.6	122.4

ALL SECTORS ABOVE	118.8	120.4	121.1	124.9	126.7

TABLE 2: NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES FOR MAJOR INDUSTRIES
IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR

INDUSTRY	INDEXES (MARCH 1982 = 100)				
	JUN. 1984	SEPT. 1984	DEC. 1984	MAR. 1985	JUN. 1985
GARMENTS	114.7	115.4	116.5	119.5	120.6
GLOVES	124.7	130.2	131.1	133.9	135.7
HANDBAGS	114.6	115.6	116.3	119.0	121.4
COTTON SPINNING-WEAVING	120.0	120.3	120.5	125.5	128.4
KNITTING	123.4	123.7	124.0	126.7	130.1
BLEACHING AND DYEING	119.8	121.2	121.8	126.3	132.0
PRINTING	122.0	123.4	123.5	126.1	132.0
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	121.3	123.3	122.9	125.6	128.0
METAL PRODUCTS	120.1	121.1	123.3	125.8	128.3
ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	127.8	129.4	128.2	135.0	136.0
ELECTRONICS	120.9	123.9	124.1	127.7	130.0
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	123.5	124.6	124.6	130.3	132.6

MANUFACTURING	118.9	120.3	120.8	124.6	126.7

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TABLE 3: REAL WAGE INDEXES BY SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS

SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS	INDEXES (MARCH 1982 = 100)				
	JUN. 1984	SEPT. 1984	DEC. 1984	MAR. 1985	JUN. 1985
MANUFACTURING	96.8	97.1	97.7	99.1	100.4
WHOLESALE-RETAIL, IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	92.6	93.3	94.6	95.5	95.1
TRANSPORT SERVICES	105.6	107.0	107.2	110.0	112.9
BUSINESS SERVICES	98.0	97.2	97.9	100.3	103.0
PERSONAL SERVICES	94.5	93.7	94.5	95.9	97.0
ALL SECTORS ABOVE	96.7	97.2	97.9	99.3	100.4

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ANNUAL ECONOMIC SURVEYS FOR 1984

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TO PROVIDE STATISTICS ON THE OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE VARIOUS ECONOMIC SECTORS IN HONG KONG, THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT CONDUCTS ECONOMIC SURVEYS EACH YEAR COVERING SECTORS ON INDUSTRY; BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE; WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS; TRANSPORT AND RELATED SERVICES; STORAGE, COMMUNICATIONS, FINANCING, INSURANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES.

ABOUT 27 000 ESTABLISHMENTS ARE SELECTED AT RANDOM BY COMPUTER FROM SOME 200 000 ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

QUESTIONNAIRES ARE SENT TO SAMPLED ESTABLISHMENTS REQUESTING THEM TO SUPPLY DATA ON THE TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, FLOOR AREA, NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED, COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES, OPERATING EXPENSES AND BUSINESS TURNOVER.

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THE LATEST ROUND OF SUCH SURVEYS FOR THE REFERENCE YEAR 1984 COMMENCED IN APRIL - MAY 1985.

RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL ECONOMIC SURVEYS PROVIDE USEFUL REFERENCE MATERIALS TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR FOR INVESTMENT, MARKETING AND MANAGEMENT DECISIONS, AND TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR POLICY FORMULATION AND ECONOMIC ANALYSES.

FOR ESTABLISHMENTS WITH PLANS TO DIVERSIFY INTO OTHER ACTIVITIES OR TO EXPAND THEIR EXISTING ACTIVITIES, STATISTICS ON BUSINESS TURNOVER, OPERATING EXPENSES AND OPERATING SURPLUS IN VARIOUS INDUSTRIES-TRADES-SERVICES SHOULD BE USEFUL IN MAKING INVESTMENT OR MARKETING DECISIONS.

WHILE RATIOS OF SALES TO STOCKS, TO VARIOUS OPERATING EXPENSES AND TO OPERATING SURPLUS ARE USEFUL TO MANAGEMENT IN STREAMLINING THEIR OPERATING POLICIES WHICH MIGHT INCREASE THEIR PROFITS, STATISTICS ON EMPLOYMENT AND COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES IN VARIOUS INDUSTRIES AND TRADES HELP EMPLOYERS UNDERSTAND BETTER THE LABOUR SITUATION AND FORMULATE MORE EFFECTIVE EMPLOYMENT POLICIES TO STABILISE LABOUR MOBILITY.

ESTABLISHMENTS WITH RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT WORK BENEFIT FROM THE ANNUAL SURVEYS BY SAVING THEIR TIME AND RESOURCES IN COLLECTING THE DATA THEMSELVES, WHILE THOSE NOT MAKING USE OF THE STATISTICS ARE AFFECTED INDIRECTLY BY GOVERNMENT POLICIES OFTEN FORMULATED USING THE SURVEY RESULTS. SUPPLYING THE DEPARTMENT WITH ACCURATE AND UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION IS IN FACT HELPING DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY THE DEVELOPMENT OF ONE'S OWN BUSINESS.

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE STIPULATES THAT INFORMATION RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS CANNOT BE RELEASED TO OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND CANNOT BE USED AS EVIDENCE IN COURT EXCEPT FOR AN OFFENCE AGAINST THE SAID ORDINANCE.

RESPONDENTS MAY REST ASSURED THAT INFORMATION SUPPLIED WILL BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL, AND THAT ONLY AGGREGATE INFORMATION WHICH DOES NOT REVEAL DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE RELEASED. IN ADDITION, ALL COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES WILL EVENTUALLY BE DESTROYED AFTER DATA PROCESSING.

AS THE ANNUAL ECONOMIC SURVEYS ARE CONDUCTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDERS, MADE BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL UNDER SECTION 11 OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE, RESPONSE TO THE SURVEYS IS A LEGAL REQUIREMENT.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS APPEALS TO ESTABLISHMENTS WHICH HAVE RECEIVED THE QUESTIONNAIRES TO FULFIL THEIR SOCIAL AND LEGAL OBLIGATIONS BY PROMPTLY COMPLETING AND RETURNING THEM TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

IF ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES, RESPONDENTS CAN CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT BY TELEPHONE, THE NUMBERS OF WHICH ARE LISTED ON THE QUESTIONNAIRES. FIELD STAFF CARRYING GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARDS CAN VISIT ESTABLISHMENTS AND ASSIST IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES IF DESIRED.

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KWAI CHUNG, TSING YI DISTRICT COMMITTEE TO MEET
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THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL WILL MEET TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) FOR THE FIRST TIME TO EXAMINE THE WIDE RANGE OF FACILITIES AND SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN THE DISTRICT.

THE OPEN MEETING, TO START AT 2.30 PM, WILL ALSO DECIDE ON THE NAMING OF A PUBLIC LIBRARY.

IT WILL BE HELD AT THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBER, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STATION CARPARK AND GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE MEETING.

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BETTER PROSPECTS FOR BAPTIST COLLEGE GRADUATES
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN WORKING WITH THE BAPTIST COLLEGE ON ARRANGEMENTS TO IMPROVE THE CAREER PROSPECTS OF ITS HONOURS DIPLOMA HOLDERS WHO WISH TO JOIN THE TEACHING AND SOCIAL WORK PROFESSIONS, THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR DAVID FORD SAID TODAY.

HOLDERS OF HONOURS DIPLOMAS WITH ONE YEAR POST-QUALIFICATION EXPERIENCE WILL BE ABLE TO TEACH TECHNICAL SUBJECTS IN AIDED SCHOOLS FROM THIS YEAR, STARTING WITH A SALARY EQUIVALENT TO MASTER PAY SCALE POINT 17.

A SCHEME IS ALSO BEING WORKED OUT TO ENABLE SOME OF THOSE WHO HAVE HONOURS DIPLOMAS IN SOCIAL WORK TO JOIN THE GOVERNMENT AS PROFESSIONAL TRAINEES WITH AN HONORARIUM SOMEWHAT BELOW THE DEGREE STARTING SALARY.

IF THIS SCHEME IS APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATURE, IT WILL HELP THOSE WHO WISH TO PURSUE A CAREER IN SOCIAL WORK IN THE GOVERNMENT.

SPEAKING AT A CAREERS EXHIBITION JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE APPOINTMENT SERVICE OF THE COLLEGE AND THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH, MR FORD EXPLAINED THAT AT PRESENT THEY ENTER THE GOVERNMENT AS NON-DEGREE HOLDERS, AS SOCIAL WORK ASSISTANT, AT POINT 14 OF THE MASTER PAY SCALE.

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THIS IS BECAUSE THERE IS, IN PROFESSIONAL TERMS, NO FUNCTIONAL NEED FOR AN INTERMEDIATE GRADE BETWEEN SOCIAL WORK ASSISTANT AND ASSISTANT SOCIAL WORK OFFICER.

THE PROBLEM WILL DISAPPEAR IN A FEW YEARS' TIME WHEN THE BAPTIST COLLEGE PRODUCES ITS OWN SOCIAL WORK DEGREE GRADUATES, HE SAID.

HE NOTED THAT TEACHING AND SOCIAL WORK WERE THE TWO REMAINING AREAS IN WHICH BAPTIST STUDENTS FELT UNHAPPY OVER THE GOVERNMENT'S RECOGNITION OF THEIR QUALIFICATIONS.

+BAPTIST COLLEGE HONOURS DIPLOMAS ARE RECOGNISED BY THE GOVERNMENT AS AN ALTERNATIVE QUALIFICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT TO A WIDE RANGE OF CIVIL SERVICE JOBS,+ MR FORD SAID. IN ALL THERE ARE SOME 11 GRADES IN WHICH THE STATUS OF HONOURS DIPLOMATES IS RECOGNISED AND CANDIDATES ENTER AT ONE PAY POINT BELOW THAT OF UNIVERSITY DEGREE HOLDERS.

+SO TO SUGGEST THAT THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT RECOGNISE BAPTIST COLLEGE HONOURS DIPLOMAS FOR RECRUITMENT PURPOSES IS DEMONSTRABLY NOT TRUE,+ HE SAID.

MR FORD POINTED OUT THAT A STABLE, EFFICIENT AND DEDICATED CIVIL SERVICE WILL BE A KEY ELEMENT IN THE CONTINUING PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

+WE NEED THEREFORE HIGH CALIBRE, DEDICATED AND ENTHUSIASTIC PEOPLE TO JOIN US TO ENSURE THAT THIS AIM CAN BE ACHIEVED,+ HE SAID.

+ANYONE WHO HAS THE INTEREST OF HONG KONG AT HEART SHOULD CONSIDER CAREFULLY, WHEN CHOOSING A CAREER, HOW BEST HE OR SHE CAN MAKE A WORTHWHILE CONTRIBUTION TO THE FUTURE WELL-BEING OF OUR COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT SERVICE CERTAINLY OFFERS THAT OPPORTUNITY,+ HE ADDED.

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MORE COMMENTS ON PROPOSED WATER QUALITY REGULATIONS
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THE COMMISSIONER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DR STUART REED, SAID THERE HAD BEEN GOOD OVERALL RESPONSE TO THE FURTHER PERIOD OF CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT REGULATIONS AIMED AT BRINGING HONG KONG'S WATER POLLUTION UNDER CONTROL.

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG NORTHWEST TODAY (TUESDAY), HE SAID THAT MOST REPRESENTATIONS HAD COME FROM THOSE CONCERNED ABOUT THE DETERIORATION OF WATER QUALITY IN HONG KONG.

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THEY WERE ORGANISATIONS WITH AN INTEREST IN USING HONG KONG WATERS FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES AND INDIVIDUALS WHO SIMPLY DID NOT WISH TO FIND THEMSELVES LIVING NEXT TO A STRETCH OF WATER +STINKING LIKE AN OPEN SEWER+.

DR REED SAID THAT THE MAIN THRUST OF COMMENTS FROM THESE REPRESENTATIONS WAS THAT THE REGULATIONS WERE TOO LITTLE TOO LATE AND THAT THE CONCESSION TO INDUSTRY WHICH ALLOWED EXISTING PRODUCES OF LIQUID EFFLUENTS TO CONTINUE POLLUTING AND EVEN INCREASE EMISSIONS BY UP TO 30 PER CENT WAS SEEN AS BEING FAR TOO GREAT A CONCESSION TO INDUSTRY.

+ON THE OTHER HAND,+ HE SAID, +THERE HAVE BEEN VIGOROUS OBJECTIONS FROM INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATIONS WHO DO NOT WISH THEIR MEMBERS TO BE TROUBLED BY ADDITIONAL CONSTRAINTS ON THEIR OPERATIONS.+

DR REED SAID THAT THE REACTION OF THESE INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATIONS WAS QUITE UNDERSTANDABLE AND THEIR CONCERNS HAD BEEN TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

FROM HIS CONTACTS WITH INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIALISTS OVER MANY YEARS, HE SAID THERE WAS A GENUINE ACCEPTANCE THAT ACTION TO CONTROL WATER POLLUTION WAS NEEDED FOR THE GOOD OF HONG KONG BUT THAT EVERY CARE SHOULD BE MADE NOT TO PLACE ADDITIONAL BURDENS ON INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS.

+GIVEN THESE TWO COMPETING INTERESTS FOR THE USE OF THE WATERS AROUND HONG KONG, SOME SORT OF BALANCE HAS TO BE STRUCK,+ DR REED SAID.

+IN MY VIEW,+ HE SAID, +WE CAN LIVE WITH THE MAJOR CONCESSIONS THAT EXISTING INDUSTRY CAN CONTINUE POLLUTING PROVIDING WE ACT SOON. IF THERE ARE DELAYS THEN MUCH MORE SEVERE CONTROLS COULD BE NEEDED TO RECOVER FROM A QUITE UNSATISFACTORY SITUATION.+

DR REED EXPECTED THAT, HAVING CONTAINED THE SITUATION BY APPLICATION OF THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS, THERE WOULD THEN BE A SLOW BUT STEADY IMPROVEMENT AS EXISTING INDUSTRIES INSTALLED MODERN PLANT OR EXPANDED INTO NEW PREMISES.

+IT HAS BEEN NECESSARY TO COMPROMISE. I PERSONALLY WOULD HAVE PREFERRED MORE THOROUGH-GOING CONTROLS BUT I AM PERSUADED THAT TO APPLY RETROACTIVE CONTROLS TO EXISTING EMITTERS COULD HAVE CAUSED PROBLEMS FOR OUR INDUSTRY. THE PRESENT PROPOSALS ON THE OTHER HAND SHOULD HAVE LITTLE EFFECT ON EXISTING INDUSTRY.+

THE DRAFT WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REGULATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO BE STUDIED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL BEFORE THE END OF NEXT MONTH.

IF PASSED INTO LAW, THE REGULATIONS WOULD GIVE MUSCLE TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE ENACTED IN 1980.

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SHAM SHUI PO LAUNCHES FIGHT CRIME DRIVE

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THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN WILL BEGIN TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) WITH A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES TO ENCOURAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD VIGILANCE.

NOMINATIONS FOR A MODEL CITIZEN AWARD SCHEME, A MAJOR EVENT OF THE CAMPAIGN, WILL START TOMORROW AND LAST UNTIL NOVEMBER 15.

THE SCHEME AIMS AT REWARDING PEOPLE LIVING OR WORKING IN SHAM SHUI PO WHO HAVE HELPED PREVENT CRIME, ASSISTED THE POLICE OR MADE LONG-TERM CONTRIBUTIONS IN MAINTAINING PEACE IN THE COMMUNITY DURING THE PAST YEAR.

IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR EFFORTS, A COMMENDATION CERTIFICATE AND A CASH PRIZE OF \$500 WILL BE AWARDED TO EACH OF ABOUT 30 CITIZENS.

ON OCTOBER 24 (THURSDAY), A FIGHT CRIME TRAINING COURSE WILL BE HELD FOR CARETAKERS, WATCHMEN AND SECURITY PERSONNEL EMPLOYED IN THE DISTRICT'S FACTORY BUILDINGS AND MULTI-STOREY RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS.

IN DECEMBER, A YOUTH CAMP WILL BE ORGANISED TO INFORM YOUNGSTERS ABOUT THE WORK OF THE POLICE AND THE EXTENT OF CRIMINAL ELEMENTS IN SCHOOLS.

OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE CAMPAIGN INCLUDE A BOOKMARK DESIGN COMPETITION, AN EXHIBITION AND VARIETY SHOW, AND CRIME PREVENTION SEMINAR.

THE CURRENT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN IS A CONCERTED EFFORT OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND.

DETAILS OF THE CAMPAIGN'S ACTIVITIES CAN NOW BE OBTAINED AT THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

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UC REAFFIRMS SUPPORT FOR GENERAL DUTIES TEAMS

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THE URBAN COUNCIL TODAY REAFFIRMED ITS FULLEST SUPPORT FOR THE GENERAL DUTIES TEAMS OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, NOTING WITH REGRET THAT ITS MEMBERS HAVE INCREASINGLY COME UNDER ATTACK WHILE PERFORMING THEIR DUTIES IN THE STREETS OF URBAN HONG KONG.

THE COUNCIL ALSO EXPRESSED ITS FULLEST SYMPATHY TO THOSE GDT MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN INJURED RECENTLY IN GROWING INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN TSUEN WAN, WESTERN
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN TSUEN WAN FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 18) TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORK.

THESE ARE:

- * ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC WILL BE INTRODUCED IN FU YUNG STREET BETWEEN SHA TSUI ROAD AND HEUNG WO STREET.
- * ONE-WAY EASTBOUND TRAFFIC WILL BE INTRODUCED IN HEUNG WO STREET BETWEEN FU YUNG STREET AND HEUNG SHING STREET.
- * NO RIGHT-TURN WILL BE ALLOWED FROM SHA TSUI ROAD EASTBOUND INTO FU YUNG STREET, AS WELL AS FROM HEUNG SHING STREET INTO HEUNG WO STREET.

ON THE SAME DAY, THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF ROAD IN YUEN LONG WILL BE DESIGNATED 24-HOUR RESTRICTED ZONES:

- * THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE OF SAU FU STREET BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 70 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH TUNG LOK STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 80 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.
- * THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE OF SAU FU STREET BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 50 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH TUNG LOK STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 70 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONES, MOTOR VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS AND GOODS.

MEANWHILE, NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN WESTERN DISTRICT FROM 10 AM ON THE SAME DAY UPON PARTIAL COMPLETION OF THE SLOPE STABILISATION WORK.

THESE ARE:

- * THE EXISTING CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS ON THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF BELCHER'S STREET (BETWEEN SANDS STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 60 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH COLLINSON STREET) WILL BE LIFTED.
- * SAI CHEUNG STREET WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

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SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS FOR SAI KUNG

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THE DEVELOPMENT OF SAI KUNG TOOK A STEP FORWARD WITH THE SIGNING OF A CONTRACT FOR A \$60-MILLION SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT FOR THE AREA.

WORK BEGAN TODAY (TUESDAY) AFTER THE CONTRACT FOR THE PLANT WAS SIGNED BETWEEN THE CONTRACTORS, GAMMON (HK) LIMITED, AND THE JUNK BAY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT. CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE WILBUR SMITH AND ASSOCIATES.

THE PLANT, BEING BUILT ON RECLAIMED LAND, WILL TAKE 30 MONTHS TO COMPLETE. IT IS DESIGNED TO TREAT THE EFFLUENT FROM A PREDICTED POPULATION OF 42 000 BY 1996, AND FROM ABOUT THREE HECTARES OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT. IT WILL SERVE PAK KONG, SHA KOK MEI, TUI MIN HOI AND SAI KUNG TOWN.

INCLUDED IN THE PLANT WILL BE ELEVATED INLET WORKS, PRIMARY AND FINAL SEDIMENTATION TANKS, AERATION TANKS, SLUDGE DIGEST AND HOLDING TANKS, TWO PUMPING STATIONS, SUBMARINE OUTFALL AND ANCILLARY WORK.

TREATED EFFLUENT FROM THE PLANT WILL BE DISCHARGED INTO PORT SHELTER THROUGH A SUBMARINE OUTFALL.

TWO OTHER CONTRACTS ARE ALREADY UNDERWAY TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY SEWER RETICULATION TO CARRY SEWAGE TO THE TREATMENT PLANT.

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QUARTERLY STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS OF RSD

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THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S REVENUE FOR THE QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1935 WAS \$27.94 MILLION WHILE EXPENDITURE FOR THE SAME PERIOD WAS AT \$116.93 MILLION.

THIS WAS DISCLOSED AT A MEETING OF THE WAYS AND MEANS SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL TODAY (TUESDAY).

IN PRESENTING THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF THE YEAR, THE SENIOR TREASURY ACCOUNTANT, MRS MARIA YIP, SAID THAT, +EXPENDITURE UNDER THE DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES SUBHEADS AND THE CAPITAL ACCOUNT SUBHEADS IS HEALTHY AND IT IS NOT ENVISAGED THAT THE FINAL RESULT FOR THE WHOLE FINANCIAL YEAR WILL EXCEED THE TOTAL APPROVED PROVISION UNDER THESE TWO CATEGORIES.+

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RSD EXTENDS PRIVATISATION OF CLEANSING SERVICES SCHEME

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THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) AWARDED A CONTRACT TO A COMPANY TO UNDERTAKE THE CLEANSING SERVICES IN SHEK WU HUI IN THE NORTH DISTRICT FOR A YEAR FROM NOVEMBER 1.

IT WAS THE SECOND SUCH CONTRACT AWARDED IN TWO YEARS UNDER A PILOT SCHEME TO TEST WHETHER PRIVATE FIRMS CAN PROVIDE A CLEANSING SERVICE OF EQUALLY GOOD OR BETTER STANDARD TO THAT UNDERTAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT. THE FIRST ONE, WHICH WAS SIGNED LAST YEAR, WILL EXPIRE AT THE END OF THE MONTH.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE), MR LI TIN-MING, SAID THE DEPARTMENT WAS GENERALLY SATISFIED WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF THE FIRST PRIVATE CONTRACTOR.

THIS PRIVATISATION OF CLEANSING SERVICES RESULTED IN A SAVING IN LABOUR COST OF ABOUT 40 PER CENT, HE ADDED.

THE LATEST CONTRACT, VALUED AT JUST OVER \$690 000, WAS AWARDED TO WAI HONG CLEANSING AND PEST CONTROL SERVICE COMPANY.

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NO SALT WATER

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO THE WHOLE OF SAN PO KONG AREA WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 AM TO 10 PM ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 18) FOR MAINS WORK.

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CELLO MASTERCLASS ORGANISED

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THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH HAS ORGANISED A CELLO MASTERCLASS TO BE CONDUCTED BY MISS CELIA POND AT 5 PM ON OCTOBER 21 AT YAU MA TEI MUSIC CENTRE, 138 AUSTIN ROAD, SECOND FLOOR, GOLDEN GATE COMMERCIAL BUILDING, KOWLOON.

MISS POND BEGAN HER CELLO STUDIES AT THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC IN LONDON AND WAS AWARDED A WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP IN 1978. SHE IS PRINCIPAL CELLO OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY CHAMBER ORCHESTRA AND HAS PERFORMED NUMEROUS RECITALS THROUGHOUT EUROPE.

AT THE MASTERCLASS SHE WILL COACH FOUR CELLO STUDENTS TO PLAY THE INSTRUMENT AND INTERPRET THE PIECES.

THE MASTERCLASS IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. SEATS RESERVATION CAN BE MADE ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS AT 3-7226240.

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