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EFFORTS AGAINST JENKINS BILL STEPPED UP
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HONG KONG IS TO STEP UP ITS EFFORTS AGAINST THE JENKINS BILL BY POSTING MR BILL DORWARD, COMMISSIONER FOR COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS, FROM NEW YORK TO WASHINGTON AND BY SENDING AN ADDITIONAL DIRECTORATE LEVEL OFFICER TO THE UNITED STATES CAPITAL.

THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE EXTRA FIRST SECRETARY POST PREVIOUSLY AGREED WHICH WILL BE FILLED NEXT MONTH.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (FRIDAY), THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR DONALD TSANG, SAID THAT THE DECISION TO EFFECT THESE POSTINGS FOLLOWED A REVIEW OF THE GOVERNMENT'S REPRESENTATION IN WASHINGTON.

HE SAID THAT THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS WOULD TAKE EFFECT QUICKLY.

+BILL DORWARD IS, OF COURSE, NO STRANGER TO WASHINGTON OR TO THIS ISSUE. IN THE PAST COUPLE OF WEEKS HE HAS SPENT A LOT OF TIME IN WASHINGTON, SO TO SOME EXTENT THE MOVE HAS ALREADY TAKEN PLACE. DESPITE THIS MOVE, HE WILL RETAIN HIS NEW YORK RESPONSIBILITIES.

+WE WILL ALSO BE SENDING MR P.C. LEUNG TO REPORT FOR DUTY IN WASHINGTON NEXT MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 9). MR LEUNG HAS A TRADE BACKGROUND AND FOR THREE YEARS, UNTIL LAST YEAR, WORKED ON OUR U.S. DESK. SO HE IS FAMILIAR WITH U.S. ISSUES AND WILL BE ABLE TO RELEASE OUR COUNSELLOR IN WASHINGTON, MR PETER LO, TO SPEND MORE TIME ON THE JENKINS BILL.

+THE EXTRA FIRST SECRETARY POST WILL BE FILLED BY MR ARTHUR HO, CURRENTLY OF THE TRADE DEPARTMENT. HE WILL DEPART FOR WASHINGTON IN OCTOBER.+

MR TSANG SAID THIS WAS ONE PROPOSAL WHICH HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AND ENDORSED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD IN ITS RECENT MEETINGS. HE ADDED THAT THE STANDING COMMITTEE IS CONSIDERING VARIOUS OTHER IDEAS ON HOW HONG KONG CAN FURTHER INTENSIFY ITS ACTIVITIES IN THE UNITED STATES BUT HE DECLINED TO ELABORATE AT THIS STAGE.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES ON TIMOTHY RENTON

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IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ENQUIRIES, THE FOLLOWING ARE BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES ON MR TIMOTHY RENTON, THE NEW MINISTER OF STATE AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE RESPONSIBLE FOR HONG KONG AFFAIRS:

MR (RONALD) TIMOTHY RENTON WAS BORN IN 1932. HE WAS EDUCATED AT ETON (KING'S SCHOLAR) AND WON A SCHOLARSHIP TO MAGDALEN COLLEGE, OXFORD WHERE HE TOOK A FIRST IN HISTORY.

HE IS MARRIED AND HAS FIVE CHILDREN.

UNTIL HIS MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENT IN SEPTEMBER 1984, HE WAS A DIRECTOR OF A MINING INVESTMENT COMPANY AND AN OIL EXPLORATION COMPANY.

MR RENTON HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE AND BANKING FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. HE WORKED IN CANADA FOR FIVE YEARS AND HAS VISITED MANY COUNTRIES IN THE MIDDLE AND FAR EAST AND EASTERN EUROPE.

HE HAS LECTURED ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE, AND AFTER TRAVELLING ROUND THE WORLD WROTE ARTICLES FOR THE STATIST AND FINANCIAL TIMES ON THE SUBJECT OF EXPORTING.

FROM 1964 TO 1967 HE WAS BRANCH CHAIRMAN OF NORTH KENSINGTON CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION, AND FROM 1969 TO 1972 SERVED AS VICE-CHAIRMAN OF LEWES CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. IN 1969-70 HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR RESEARCH UNIT OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY, WORKING ON THE NATIONALISED INDUSTRIES.

MR RENTON CONTESTED SHEFFIELD PARK AT THE 1970 GENERAL ELECTION AND REDUCED THE LABOUR MAJORITY BY MORE THAN 3 000.

HE WAS ELECTED FOR MID SUSSEX, A NEW SEAT, IN FEBRUARY 1974.

HE HAS SPECIALISED KNOWLEDGE OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE, PARTICULARLY OF EXPORTING, FINANCE AND STEEL.

FROM MAY 1979-MAY 1981 MR RENTON WAS PARLIAMENTARY PRIVATE SECRETARY TO MR JOHN BIFFEN MP, FIRST AT THE TREASURY, AND THEN REMAINED AS HIS PARLIAMENTARY PRIVATE SECRETARY WHEN MR BIFFEN WAS APPOINTED SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRADE.

FROM NOVEMBER 1981 UNTIL 1983 MR RENTON WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARLIAMENTARY EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE.

/MR RENTON

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MR RENTON IS A MEMBER OF THE APEX TRADE UNION AND WAS PRESIDENT OF THE CONSERVATIVE TRADE UNIONISTS FROM 1980 TO 1984.

IN FEBRUARY 1983 HE WAS APPOINTED PARLIAMENTARY PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER, SIR GEOFFREY HOWE. MR RENTON WENT WITH SIR GEOFFREY HOWE TO THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SECRETARY.

IN SEPTEMBER 1984 MR RENTON WAS APPOINTED UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE.

ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 5) HE WAS NAMED THE NEW MINISTER OF STATE AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE ON HONG KONG AFFAIRS.

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HONG KONG WEATHERS STORM TESS
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HONG KONG BEGAN RETURNING QUICKLY TO NORMAL, WITH RELATIVELY LIGHT CASUALTIES, AS STORM SIGNAL NO. 8 WAS LOWERED AT 6.10 AM TODAY.

BY THEN TYPHOON TESS HAD LANDED OVER WESTERN GUANGDONG ABOUT 110 NAUTICAL MILES WEST-SOUTHWEST OF HONG KONG.

THE NO. 8 HAD BEEN HOISTED SINCE 1.10 AM.

THOUGH SCHOOLS WERE CLOSED, MOST PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES ANNOUNCED SPEEDY RESUMPTION OF NORMAL SERVICES, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SOME YAU MA TEI FERRY SERVICES, AND MACAU AND CHINA FERRIES.

ON LAND, INCIDENTS WERE FEW. BUT THERE WERE SEVERAL REPORTS OF VESSELS GETTING INTO TROUBLE.

AND A ROYAL NAVAL PATROL CRAFT, HMS SWALLOW, IS NOW ON THE WAY TO THE LAST REPORTED POSITION OF THE CARGO SHIP +CARLINA+, TO MOUNT A RESCUE OPERATION, AND A FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE WAS STANDING BY TO TAKE OFF WHEN WEATHER PERMITS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE MARINE DEPARTMENT HAS PUT OUT AN ALERT FOR ALL VESSELS IN THE VICINITY TO LOOK OUT FOR THE 4 160 TON PANAMANIAN REGISTERED +CARLINA+.

THERE WERE OTHER REPORTS OF VESSELS DRAGGING ANCHOR, AND ONE HARBOUR COLLISION, THOUGH RESULTING IN MINOR DAMAGE.

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ON LAND, SIX HUTS IN O PUI LUNG VILLAGE, SHAU KEI WAN, WERE AFFECTED BY A MUDSLIP EARLIER IN THE MORNING. BUT NO ONE WAS INJURED AND IT WAS NOT NECESSARY TO EVACUATE THE 19 RESIDENTS.

AND MINOR FLOODING WAS REPORTED IN CHUK YUEN, YUEN LONG, AND +PAK WAI+ VILLAGE IN KAM TIN.

DURING THE STORM, 60 TYPHOON SHELTERS WERE OPENED IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS BY STAFF OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, AND 15 PEOPLE MOVED INTO THEM.

KAI TAK AIRPORT REMAINED OPEN THROUGHOUT, ALTHOUGH THERE WERE FIVE CANCELLATIONS OF FLIGHTS, AND 13 DELAYED ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

A MAN AND A WOMAN WERE SLIGHTLY INJURED AS A RESULT OF THE STORM. THEY WERE BOTH DISCHARGED AFTER TREATMENT.

THE STANDBY SIGNAL NO. 1 HAD BEEN HOISTED AT 9 AM ON WEDNESDAY, WHEN TESS WAS WITHIN 400 MILES OF HONG KONG, HAVING CROSSED LUZON OVERNIGHT.

AT 9.10 PM THE SAME DAY, THE STRONG WIND SIGNAL NO. 3 WAS HOISTED, INDICATING WIND SPEEDS OF 22 TO 33 KNOTS WERE EXPECTED. SEVERE TROPICAL STORM TESS WAS THEN CENTRED ABOUT 220 NAUTICAL MILES SOUTH-SOUTHEAST OF HONG KONG AND FORECAST TO MOVE WEST-NORTHWEST AT 12 KNOTS TOWARDS THE SOUTH CHINA COAST.

MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS NEAR THE CENTRE OF TESS WERE THEN ABOUT 50 KNOTS. THE CENTRE OF TESS WAS NEAR 19.2 DEGREES NORTH 116.2 DEGREES EAST AT THE TIME.

TESS INTENSIFIED INTO A TYPHOON WITH MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS OF ABOUT 65 KNOTS NEAR THE CENTRE, AT 10 AM ON THURSDAY.

THE NO. 8 SIGNAL WAS HOISTED AT 1.10 AM TODAY (FRIDAY), INDICATING WINDS OF 34 KNOTS OR MORE FROM THE SOUTHEAST, AND LOWERED AT 6.10 AM.

TESS BROUGHT WITH IT ABOUT 100 MM OF RAIN SINCE THE HOISTING OF THE NO. 1 SIGNAL ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

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HALF-YEARLY AIR MERCHANDISE TRADE STATISTICS RELEASED

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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE BY AIR FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 1985, VALUED AT \$45 920 MILLION, SHOWED A DECREASE OF SIX PER CENT OVER THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1984, ACCORDING TO SUMMARY TRADE STATISTICS ON AIRBORNE MERCHANDISE TRADE RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1985, 24 PER CENT OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS, 20 PER CENT OF IMPORTS AND 16 PER CENT OF RE-EXPORTS, ALL BY VALUE, WERE CARRIED BY AIR. IN TERMS OF WEIGHT, AIRBORNE IMPORTS AMOUNTED TO 92 380 TONNES, REPRESENTING 0.5 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL IMPORT TONNAGE, AND TOTAL AIRBORNE EXPORTS AMOUNTED TO 102 108 TONNES OR 1.2 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL EXPORT TONNAGE.

THE CHANGES IN AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR MARKET ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 1.

BY COMMODITY, DECREASES IN AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED MAINLY IN OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$1 532 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT); ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES (BY \$781 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT); WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$319 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT) AS WELL AS ELECTRIC POWER MACHINERY (BY \$240 MILLION OR 64 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN VALUE WERE RECORDED FOR AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF ORES AND CONCENTRATES OF PRECIOUS METALS AND WASTE, SCRAP AND SWEEPINGS OF PRECIOUS METALS (OTHER THAN OF GOLD) (BY \$42 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND APPARATUS (BY \$38 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT) AS WELL AS OPTICAL GOODS (BY \$12 MILLION OR 9 PER CENT).

FURTHER ANALYSIS OF COMMODITIES BY COUNTRY REVEALED DECREASES IN AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT TO THE U.S. (BY \$1 150 MILLION OR 49 PER CENT) AND TO THE UNITED KINGDOM (BY \$263 MILLION OR 70 PER CENT); ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (BY \$303 MILLION OR 38 PER CENT) AND TO JAPAN (BY \$164 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT); WATCHES AND CLOCKS TO SAUDI ARABIA (BY \$109 MILLION OR 75 PER CENT, AS WELL AS ELECTRIC POWER MACHINERY TO THE U.S. (BY \$163 MILLION OR 63 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF ORES AND CONCENTRATES OF PRECIOUS METALS AND WASTE, SCRAP AND SWEEPINGS OF PRECIOUS METALS (OTHER THAN OF GOLD) TO THE UNITED KINGDOM (BY \$65 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT) AND TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (BY \$31 MILLION OR 53 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND APPARATUS TO THE U.S. (BY \$11 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT) AS WELL AS OPTICAL GOODS TO INDIA (BY \$5 MILLION OR 71 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES

THE CHANGES IN AIRBORNE IMPORTS BY MAJOR SUPPLIER ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 2.

INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN AIRBORNE IMPORTS OF OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$735 MILLION OR 39 PER CENT); AIRCRAFT AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT AND PARTS THEREOF (BY \$552 MILLION OR 302 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$348 MILLION OR 53 PER CENT) AS WELL AS POWER GENERATING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$113 MILLION OR 59 PER CENT).

IN CONTRAST, DECREASES WERE NOTED IN IMPORTS OF THERMIONIC, COLD CATHODE AND PHOTO-CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, PHOTOCELLS, TRANSISTORS AND PARTS (BY \$958 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT); TANNED OR DRESSED FURSKINS (BY \$201 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT) AS WELL AS PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES (BY \$152 MILLION OR 7 PER CENT).

GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN AIRBORNE IMPORTS OF OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT FROM JAPAN (BY \$146 MILLION OR 54 PER CENT) AND THE U.S. (BY \$116 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT); AIRCRAFT AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT AND PARTS THEREOF FROM THE U.S. (BY \$500 MILLION OR 369 PER CENT) AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (BY \$20 MILLION OR 230 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT FROM SINGAPORE (BY \$152 MILLION OR 586 PER CENT) AS WELL AS POWER GENERATING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT FROM THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (BY \$44 MILLION OR 272 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN AIRBORNE IMPORTS OF THERMIONIC, COLD CATHODE AND PHOTO-CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, PHOTOCELLS, TRANSISTORS AND PARTS FROM THE U.S. (BY \$381 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT) AND FROM MALAYSIA WEST (BY \$181 MILLION OR 54 PER CENT); TANNED AND DRESSED FURSKINS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM (BY \$196 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT) AS WELL AS PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES FROM BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG (BY \$96 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR MARKET ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 3.

DECREASES IN VALUE OF AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR THERMIONIC, COLD CATHODE AND PHOTO-CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, PHOTOCELLS, TRANSISTORS AND PARTS (BY \$426 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT); WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$168 MILLION OR 13 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TEXTILES (BY \$43 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS OF AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES AND UNITS THEREOF (BY \$169 MILLION OR 98 PER CENT) AS WELL AS FISH (BY \$81 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT).

DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS OF THERMIONIC, COLD CATHODE AND PHOTO-CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, PHOTOCELLS, TRANSISTORS AND PARTS TO TAIWAN (BY \$219 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT) AND SINGAPORE (BY \$178 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT); WATCHES AND CLOCKS TO THE NETHERLANDS (BY \$95 MILLION OR 94 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TEXTILES TO TAIWAN (BY \$25 MILLION OR 76 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS OF AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES AND UNITS THEREOF TO CHINA (BY \$149 MILLION OR 146 PER CENT) AND THE U.S. (BY \$5 MILLION OR 57 PER CENT) AND FISH TO TAIWAN (BY \$57 MILLION OR 48 PER CENT).

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE COMPREHENSIVE JUNE ISSUE OF 'HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE' NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IN EARLY SEPTEMBER.

TABLE 1: AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR MARKETS

	JAN-JUNE 1985 (\$MN.)	JAN-JUNE 1984 (\$MN.)	DECREASE(-) (\$MN.)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
U.S.A.	7 751	9 107	-1 356	-15
F.R. OF GERMANY	1 057	1 485	- 428	-29
JAPAN	1 002	1 250	- 248	-20
UNITED KINGDOM	769	1 201	- 431	-36
CANADA	426	552	- 126	-23
NETHERLANDS	366	433	- 67	-15
SINGAPORE	333	400	- 66	-17
SWITZERLAND	306	411	- 105	-25
FRANCE	255	330	- 75	-23
AUSTRALIA	213	250	- 37	-15

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TABLE 2: AIRBORNE IMPORTS BY MAJOR SUPPLIERS

	JAN-JUNE 1985 (\$MN.)	JAN-JUNE 1984 (\$MN.)	INCREASE (+)/ DECREASE (-) (\$MN.)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
JAPAN	5 339	5 281	+ 58	+ 1
U.S.A.	5 275	4 887	+ 389	+ 8
UNITED KINGDOM	1 342	1 470	- 127	- 9
SWITZERLAND	1 126	1 167	- 42	- 4
F.R. OF GERMANY	1 112	767	+ 345	+45
TAIWAN	1 086	1 033	+ 53	+ 5
SINGAPORE	1 008	979	+ 29	+ 3
REP. OF KOREA	800	832	- 33	- 4
ITALY	758	640	+ 118	+19
FRANCE	628	614	+ 14	+ 2

TABLE 3: AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR MARKETS

	JAN-JUNE 1985 (\$MN.)	JAN-JUNE 1984 (\$MN.)	INCREASE (+)/ DECREASE (-) (\$MN.)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
U.S.A.	1 782	1 634	+ 147	+ 9
TAIWAN	1 136	1 360	- 225	-17
CHINA	1 086	551	+ 535	+97
JAPAN	821	830	- 9	- 1
SINGAPORE	753	1 042	- 288	-28
REP. OF KOREA	426	473	- 48	-10
SWITZERLAND	191	158	+ 34	+21
MALAYSIA WEST	182	197	- 15	- 8
INDIA	174	144	+ 30	+21
UNITED KINGDOM	171	237	- 67	-28

HOUSING GREEN PAPER FORUMS FOR SHAM SHUI PO

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TWO FORUMS WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 8) IN SHAM SHUI PO FOR RESIDENTS TO AIR THEIR VIEWS ON THE GREEN PAPER ON HOUSING SUBSIDY TO TENANTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING.

THE FORUMS, ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD'S AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON THE GREEN PAPER, ARE PART OF A COMPREHENSIVE CONSULTATION EXERCISE LAUNCHED BY THE BOARD TO COLLECT PUBLIC OPINION ON THE DOCUMENT.

IN SHAM SHUI PO EAST, THE FORUM WILL BE HELD AT 3 PM AT THE WONG TAI SHAN MEMORIAL SCHOOL AND THE FORUM FOR SHAM SHUI PO WEST WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE SAME TIME AT THE CHEUNG SHA WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE.

APART FROM BRIEFINGS BY HOUSING DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES, A LECTURER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, MR YEUNG SUM, WILL BE THE GUEST SPEAKER AT THE SHAM SHUI PO WEST FORUM, WHILE A LECTURER OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, MR STEPHEN TANG, WILL BE THE PANELIST IN THE SHAM SHUI PO EAST FORUM.

DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE PRESENT TO LISTEN TO PUBLIC COMMENTS.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP, MR FUNG KIN-KEE, SAID THAT THIS CONSULTATIVE EXERCISE ON THE GREEN PAPER WAS THE FIRST TO BE HELD ON A LARGE SCALE IN THE DISTRICT.

HE SAID QUESTIONNAIRES HAD BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO MORE THAN 46 000 HOUSEHOLDS IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.

+IN ADDITION, MAJOR LOCAL BODIES INCLUDING ALL AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS HAVE RECEIVED A SUMMARY NOTE ON THE CONTENTS OF THE GREEN PAPER AND INVITED TO PASS THEIR VIEWS TO THE DISTRICT BOARD,+ MR FUNG SAID.

+THROUGH THIS EXERCISE, WE WOULD HAVE VIRTUALLY CONTACTED ALL THOSE WHO ARE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GREEN PAPER'S PROPOSALS,+ HE SAID.

+WE HOPE THAT IT WOULD HELP US GRASP RESIDENTS' FEELING ON THE MATTER, WHICH WILL ENABLE THE DISTRICT BOARD TO MAKE AN IMPARTIAL JUDGEMENT AND AN UNEQUIVOCAL DECISION ON THIS ISSUE,+ MR FUNG ADDED.

RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO GIVE THEIR VIEWS IN WRITING TO THE DISTRICT BOARD THROUGH THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT AT 39 TONKIN STREET, SHAM SHUI PO.

/ALL SUBMISSIONS

ALL SUBMISSIONS AND SURVEY FINDINGS WILL BE COLLATED BY THE WORKING GROUP IN A REPORT AND PRESENTED TO THE DISTRICT BOARD AT ITS MEETING NEXT MONTH.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE SHAM SHUI PO FORUMS ON THE HOUSING GREEN PAPER ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 8). THE SHAM SHUI PO EAST FORUM WILL BE HELD AT 3 PM IN THE HALL OF WONG TAI SHAN MEMORIAL SCHOOL AT 250 NAM CHEONG STREET WHILE THE SHAM SHUI PO WEST FORUM, ALSO AT 3 PM, WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CHEUNG SHA WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 55 FAT TSEUNG STREET.

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ELECTION AGENTS APPOINTED
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APPOINTMENTS OF ELECTION AGENTS MADE BY CANDIDATES FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS LATER THIS MONTH ARE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT EACH CANDIDATE IS ALLOWED TO APPOINT A PERSON WHO IS OVER 21 YEARS OF AGE AS HIS ELECTION AGENT.

+AN ELECTION AGENT WILL HAVE AUTHORITY TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY AT THE ELECTION WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN DONE BY THE CANDIDATE IN PERSON AND, IN THE ABSENCE OF THE CANDIDATE, MAY TAKE ANY STEPS AND INCUR ANY EXPENDITURE ON BEHALF OF THE CANDIDATE IN RESPECT OF THE ELECTION.

+SUCH ACTS OF THE ELECTION AGENT SHALL BE AS EFFECTUAL AS IF THEY HAD BEEN DONE BY THE CANDIDATE IN PERSON,+ HE SAID.

AN ELECTION AGENT MAY ALSO RECEIVE ON BEHALF OF THE CANDIDATE ALL CLAIMS, NOTICES, WRITS, SUMMONSES AND OTHER DOCUMENTS. +THE ELECTION AGENT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT AIDE OF THE CANDIDATE AND, FOR THIS REASON, HIS APPOINTMENT IS PUBLISHED FOR GENERAL INFORMATION,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

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VOTER REGISTRATION TEAMS ON THE MOVE

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A BROADCAST VAN WILL TOUR PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND MAJOR RESIDENTIAL AREAS IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE SATURDAYS FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO URGE ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS TO REGISTER AS VOTERS FOR NEXT YEAR'S URBAN COUNCIL AND REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

A MOBILE REGISTRATION TEAM FROM THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL ACCOMPANY THE VAN TO DISTRIBUTE REGISTRATION FORMS AND HELP RESIDENTS SIGN UP.

THE TOUR WILL COVER PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AT WAH FU, TIN WAN, SHEK PAI WAN, AP LEI CHAU AND WONG CHUK HANG, AND OTHER MAJOR RESIDENTIAL AREAS AT YUE KWONG CHUEN AND YUE FAI COURT.

THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAS ALSO DRAWN UP A PROGRAMME TO VISIT MORE THAN 1 600 PRIVATE HOUSEHOLDS IN THE DISTRICT AND ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY COMMUNITY ORGANISERS HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED TO CONDUCT DOOR-TO-DOOR VISITS.

THESE TEAMS HAVE ALREADY VISITED A NUMBER OF PRIVATE BUILDINGS IN WONG CHUK HANG, STANLEY AND TIN WAN, AND WILL CONCENTRATE ON AP LEI CHAU MAIN STREET, ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD AND ABERDEEN OLD MAIN STREET OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

RESIDENTS ARE REMINDED THAT THE REGISTRATION TEAMS WILL CARRY GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARDS WHEN THEY MAKE THEIR CALLS.

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SHA TIN RESIDENTS LEARN ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH

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SHA TIN RESIDENTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF FINDING OUT MORE ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH AND FORMER MENTAL PATIENTS THROUGH A SERIES OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

A SPECIAL COURSE ON THE SUBJECT IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE BOARD'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND THE EXTRA MURAL DEPARTMENT OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE TWO-MONTH COURSE, LIMITED TO 40 PARTICIPANTS, ARE NOW BEING INVITED, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, DR FANNY CHEUNG SAID.

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DR CHEUNG, WHO ALSO HEADS THE COMMITTEE'S WORKING GROUP ON COMMUNITY PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION EDUCATION, SAID THE COURSE AIMS TO EDUCATE PARTICIPANTS ON PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION SERVICES.

+ON COMPLETING THE COURSE, PARTICIPANTS ARE EXPECTED TO CONTRIBUTE WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNED TO THE COMMUNITY BY TAKING PART IN VARIOUS RELATED ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE ORGANISED FOR THE NEEDY,+ SHE SAID.

+WE ALSO PLAN TO COMPILE A PUBLICATION WHICH WILL CONTAIN ARTICLES FROM FORMER MENTAL PATIENTS, THEIR FRIENDS, RELATIVES AND NEIGHBOURS,+ SHE ADDED.

THE CONTRIBUTORS CAN EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS, FEELINGS AND PERSONAL EXPERIENCES BY SENDING THEIR ARTICLES TO THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE SIXTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION.

OTHER PROJECTS BEING PLANNED INCLUDE EXHIBITIONS AND SEMINARS IN SCHOOLS, AND A TRAINING SCHEME FOR VOLUNTEERS IN THE DISTRICT.

A CONCERT WILL ALSO BE JOINTLY ORGANISED WITH RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG EARLY NEXT MONTH, TO DRIVE HOME THE MESSAGE OF CONCERN FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND TO URGE THE COMMUNITY TO BE MORE CARING TO THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

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FIGHT CRIME GROUP TOURS POLICE STATION
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NORTH DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE MEMBERS TODAY (FRIDAY) TOURED THE POLICE FRONTIER DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS IN FANLING TO SEE HOW THE STATION OPERATED.

THE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR GWYN LLOYD, BRIEFED MEMBERS ON THE OPERATION OF THE STATION AND THE PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING CRIME BY CITIZENS.

MR LLOYD SAID IT ONLY TOOK ABOUT 30 MINUTES TO COMPLETE A REPORT IN AN INCIDENT AND THAT CITIZENS SHOULD HELP THE POLICE TO FIGHT CRIME.

THE PARTY THEN VISITED THE FACILITIES OF THE STATION INCLUDING THE ARMOURY, THE DETENTION ROOM AND THE COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE.

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VALUATION APPOINTMENT

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE MORGAN GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY HAD BEEN APPOINTED TO CARRY OUT A VALUATION OF THE HANG LUNG BANK LIMITED, AND TO ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT ON THE FEASIBILITY, FORM AND TIMING OF A SALE OF THAT BANK.

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FIRST MEETING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE SELECT COMMITTEE

THE ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL WILL HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 10).

THE 13-MEMBER COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS A PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH STATUTORY CONTROL OVER BOTTLED WATER SOLD AS +MINERAL WATER+ AND THE USE OF RECTANGULAR PLASTIC CONTAINERS FOR REFUSE COLLECTION IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS.

THEY WILL ALSO EXAMINE A PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE A PUBLIC CEMETERY IN MUI WO ON LANTAU ISLAND.

THE MEETING, OPEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, WILL BE HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK AND GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN AT 2.30 PM.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING.

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NEW BANK GETS LICENCE
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A NEW BANK, FORMED BY MERGING TWO WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY BANKS OF THE ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND GROUP, HAS BEEN GRANTED A LICENCE TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN HONG KONG.

THE TWO SUBSIDIARY BANKS ARE THE WILLIAMS AND GLYN'S BANK AND THE ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND, A LICENSED BANK IN HONG KONG SINCE DECEMBER 1978.

WHEN THE NEW BANK, CALLED RBSG PLC, RECEIVES ITS LICENCE, THE EXISTING LICENCE GRANTED TO THE ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND WILL BE REVOKED. ONE CONDITION OF THE NEW LICENCE WILL BE A REQUIREMENT FOR THE ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND'S HONG KONG UNDERTAKINGS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO RBSG PLC.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT A ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND ORDINANCE 1985 WAS PASSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JULY 24, 1985 TO PROVIDE FOR THIS TRANSFER.

HOWEVER, SINCE THE BANKING ORDINANCE DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR THE TRANSFER OF BANKING LICENCES, A BANK IS REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR A FRESH LICENCE WHEN IT REORGANISES AND CHANGES ITS NAME, HE SAID.

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GOOD RESPONSE TO GRANT APPLICATION SCHEME
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THERE HAS BEEN ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE TO THE GRANT APPLICATION SCHEME (GAS) OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

A TOTAL OF 29 APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS WERE RECEIVED FROM 23 LOCAL PERFORMING ARTISTS AND ARTS ORGANISATIONS WHEN APPLICATION CLOSED ON AUGUST 31.

+THE APPLICANTS REPRESENT A BROAD CROSS-SECTION OF THE LOCAL PERFORMING ARTS MILIEU, WITH A FAIR SPREAD OF APPLICATIONS FROM EXPONENTS OF BOTH WESTERN AND TRADITIONAL CHINESE ART FORMS, WITH PARTICULAR INTEREST BEING SHOWN BY LOCAL THEATRE ORGANISATIONS AND MUSICIANS,+ HE SAID.

UNDER THE GAS 1985, THE FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION, SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE AWARDED A GRANT TO ALLOW THEM TO UNDERTAKE SPECIFIC PROJECTS OR TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT. UNDER CURRENT COUNCIL POLICY, CONSIDERATION WOULD BE GIVEN TO THOSE APPLICANTS WHO PRODUCE WORK OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARD.

GRANT APPLICATIONS WOULD BE ASSESSED BY THE COUNCIL OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, AND APPLICANTS COULD EXPECT RESULTS OF THE COUNCIL'S DELIBERATIONS BEFORE THE END OF NEXT MONTH, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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TRADE CERTIFICATION FEES REVISED

FEES FOR TRADE CERTIFICATION SERVICES WILL BE INCREASED AS FROM OCTOBER 1.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (FRIDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRADE DEPARTMENT SAID THE REVISION WAS NECESSARY TO COVER THE INCREASED ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS INVOLVED IN OPERATING THE CERTIFICATION SERVICES SINCE THE LAST INCREASE IN 1982.

+IT IS THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY THAT THE COST OF OPERATING THESE SERVICES SHOULD NOT BE SUBSIDISED BY PUBLIC FUNDS,+ HE ADDED.

FOLLOWING ARE THE NEW FEES FOR CERTIFICATE SERVICES:

<u>TYPE OF SERVICE</u>	<u>EXISTING FEE</u>	<u>REVISED FEE</u>
(A) APPLICATION FOR THE ISSUE OF A CERTIFICATE OF HONG KONG ORIGIN, COMMONWEALTH PREFERENCE CERTIFICATE, CERTIFICATE OF PROCESSING, GENERALISED PREFERENCE CERTIFICATE, ANY OTHER FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN OR ANY CERTIFICATE RELATING TO THE ORIGIN OF GOODS	\$35	\$45
(B) ISSUE OF A DELIVERY VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF DELIVERY OF STRATEGIC COMMODITIES INTO HONG KONG	\$30	\$40

FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING THE TRADE DEPARTMENT ON TEL. NOS. 3-7222475 OR 3-7222492 FOR CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN AND 3-7222504 FOR DELIVERY VERIFICATION CERTIFICATES.

THE IMPORT AND EXPORT (FEES) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1985 WERE PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE.

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WORKING UNDER ONE ROOF IN TUEN MUN
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ALL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICES IN TUEN MUN WILL SOON BE HOUSED UNDER ONE ROOF, FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING.

THE SEVEN-STOREY BUILDING IS PART OF THE TUEN MUN CIVIC AND CULTURAL COMPLEX WHICH ALSO COMPRISE AN AUDITORIUM, A MAGISTRACY, A POST OFFICE AND A BUS STATION.

+IT WILL BE MORE CONVENIENT FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS TO VISIT VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS BECAUSE IT IS MORE CENTRALISED AND EASILY ACCESSIBLE,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE SAID.

SIX GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICES HAVE ALREADY MOVED INTO THE NEW BUILDING LOCATED AT NO. 1 TUEN HI ROAD. THEY ARE THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE; LABOUR, EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTS, AND THE CIVIL AID SERVICES.

THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, THE REGISTRAR GENERAL AND THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT WILL MOVE IN BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER, WHILE THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT WILL MOVE INTO THE NEW ACCOMMODATIONS EARLY NEXT MONTH.

+TIDY-UP WORK IS BEING CARRIED OUT ON ACCESS ROADS TO THE NEW BUILDING, AS WELL AS PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES AND SUBWAYS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+DIRECTIONAL SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP AT SUITABLE LOCATIONS TO GUIDE VISITORS TO THE BUILDING,+ HE ADDED.

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IMMIGRATION STAFF ON EUROPE STUDY TOUR
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FOUR SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT WILL BE LEAVING ON A TWO-MONTH TOUR OF EUROPE NEXT WEEK TO STUDY IMMIGRATION PROCEDURES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE AND ITALY.

THE FOUR OFFICERS, MISS YOLANDA FUNG, MR NG WAI-LEUNG, MR LEUNG PING-KWAN AND MR LEE SEE-CHEUNG, WERE BRIEFED RECENTLY BY THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR ALAN CARTER, WHO TOLD THEM THAT HE ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO OFFICERS OF HIS DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHING CONTACTS WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE FOUR WILL VISIT BRANCHES OF THE HOME OFFICE CONCERNED WITH IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY MATTERS, AS WELL AS IMMIGRATION OFFICES AND PORTS DURING THEIR STAY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

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ROAD TO SERVE HUNG HOM DEVELOPMENT PLANNED
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THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO SERVE DEVELOPMENT SOUTH OF WINSLOW STREET IN HUNG HOM.

THE PROPOSAL WILL INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A ROAD TO THE SOUTH OF HUNG HOM BUS TERMINUS TO SERVE CHINA TRAVEL SERVICES GODOWN NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION TO THE NORTH OF KOWLOON RAILWAY STATION.

THE GROUND-LEVEL ROAD AT CHEONG WAN ROAD WILL BE WIDENED TO LINK WINSLOW STREET AND CHEONG HANG ROAD TO THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY FREIGHT YARD.

MODIFICATION WORK TO THE ROADS WILL ALSO BE CARRIED OUT WITHIN THE AREA BOUNDED BY WINSLOW STREET, THE KCR BOUNDARY AND HUNG HOM BUS TERMINUS.

THE PROJECT WILL IMPROVE TRAFFIC IN THE AREA AND FACILITATE FREIGHT MOVEMENT BETWEEN THE FREIGHT YARD AND THE NEARBY GODOWNS.

THE NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A PLAN SHOWING THE WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT:

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON WEST, YAU MA TEI MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND
- * KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, 141-143 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, FIRST FLOOR, KOWLOON.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL MUST BE SENT IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY NOVEMBER 5.

TABLE TENNIS COMPETITION FOR THE DEAF

APPLICATIONS ARE BEING INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE SIXTH TABLE TENNIS COMPETITION FOR THE DEAF TO BE HELD JOINTLY BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AND HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE DEAF AT THE KAI TAK EAST INDOOR GAMES HALL NEXT MONTH.

+THE EVENT HAS BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL IN PROMOTING THE SPORT AMONG THE DEAF SINCE IT WAS FIRST STARTED IN 1980,+ AN URBAN COUNCIL SPOKESMAN SAID.

COMPETITIONS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO MEN'S SINGLES, MEN'S DOUBLES, LADIES' SINGLES, LADIES' DOUBLES AND MIXED DOUBLES FOR THOSE AGED 16 OR ABOVE, BETWEEN 12 AND 15 AND UNDER 12.

THEY ARE ALSO OPEN TO TEAMS FROM ALL DEAF SCHOOLS AND ORGANISATIONS.

THE PRELIMINARIES AND THE SEMI-FINALS WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 13 AND THE FINALS ON OCTOBER 20. ADMISSION IS FREE.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS SEPTEMBER 24, 1985. ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE DEAF HEADQUARTERS, HONG KONG HOST LIONS CENTRE FOR THE DEAF AND LIONS KOWLOON CENTRE. FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED AT 5-480284.

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MARATHON CANOEING -- A TEST OF ENDURANCE

THE VICTORIA HARBOUR WILL TURN INTO A SPECTACULAR SCENE ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 8) WHEN SOME 200 CANOEISTS WILL CONTEND FOR THE HONG KONG OPEN MARATHON CANOEING CHAMPIONSHIP.

THE ANNUAL EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE HONG KONG CANOE UNION.

PARTICIPANTS WILL COMPETE ON A 32-KILOMETRE CRUISE, STARTING FROM HMS TAMAR TO REPULSE BAY, VIA CHAI WAN AND CAPE D'AGUILAR CHECK POINTS.

THE EVENT WILL START AT 9 A.M. AND IS EXPECTED TO FINISH AT ABOUT 4 P.M.

URBAN COUNCILLOR MR EDMUND CHOW WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO THE WINNERS AT REPULSE BAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE EVENT WHICH STARTS AT HMS TAMAR AT 9.00 A.M. ON SUNDAY. THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY IS EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE AT ABOUT 4 P.M. AT REPULSE BAY.

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HOURLY PARKING AVAILABLE AT LORRY PARK
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HOURLY PARKING WILL BE INTRODUCED AT THE NORTH POINT LORRY PARK FROM MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 9).

THE LORRY PARK, OPENED FOR USE ON JANUARY 1 THIS YEAR, HAS BEEN LIMITED TO USE BY MONTHLY PASS HOLDERS SO FAR.

THE HOURLY RATE FOR LORRY PARKING WILL BE \$1 WHILE THE FEE FOR A MONTHLY PASS WILL REMAIN AT \$200.

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NEW DATE FOR TESTS
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THE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION JOINT SELECTION BOARD ANNOUNCED THAT THE INTERVIEWS AND PRACTICAL TESTS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE TODAY (FRIDAY) AT GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGE OF EDUCATION HAVE BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO THE TROPICAL STORM TESS.

CANDIDATES ARE ADVISED THAT THE TESTS WILL NOW BE HELD AT THE RESPECTIVE COLLEGES ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 11).

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SHA TIN WATER CUT
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SHA TIN WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 9) FOR MAINS WORK.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY SHA TIN RACE COURSE, SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS, SEAVIEW VILLA, RED BRIDGE BUNGALOW, CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND MEI SHA FERRY PIER.

ON THE SAME DAY, SALT WATER SUPPLY TO THE WHOLE OF SAN PO KONG AREA WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9 PM TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

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