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GOVERNOR GOING TO PEKING

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, CONFIRMED THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING THAT HE WILL BE JOINING THE PRIME MINISTER, MRS MARGARET THATCHER, ON HER VISIT TO PEKING LATER THIS MONTH.

SIR EDWARD ANNOUNCED THIS WHEN ASKED BY NEWSMEN AT THE AIRPORT ON HIS RETURN WITH FOUR UMELCO MEMBERS FROM LONDON.

SIR EDWARD: THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING TO WELCOME US BACK. WE HAD A VERY GOOD TRIP TO LONDON AND I THINK I CAN SAY THAT IT IS A VERY ENCOURAGING TRIP. WE SAW NOT ONLY THE PRIME MINISTER BUT WE SAW THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND WE SAW LORD BELSTEAD AND AFTER THAT WE MET WITH QUITE A FEW OTHER PEOPLE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN HONG KONG AND ALL OF THEM WERE VERY KEENLY INTERESTED IN WHAT WE HAD TO SAY, IN PARTICULAR WHAT THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS HAD TO SAY. I THINK YOU KNOW THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S OBJECTIVE WAS TO HEAR AT FIRST HAND THE VIEWS OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG ON THE FUTURE, AND FROM THE STATEMENT WHICH WAS ISSUED BY NO. 10 DOWNING STREET AFTER OUR TALK WITH THE PRIME MINISTER SHE SAID THAT SHE HAD ASSURED THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS THAT IN HER DISCUSSIONS IN PEKING SHE WOULD FULLY REPRESENT THE VIEWS AND THE INTERESTS OF PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

SO I THINK ALL IN ALL IT WAS TO US A VERY SUCCESSFUL AND VERY ENCOURAGING TRIP.

REPORTER: SIR EDWARD, CAN YOU NOW TELL US WHETHER YOU WOULD BE AMONG MRS THATCHER'S TEAM?

SIR EDWARD: YES, I SHALL BE JOINING THE PRIME MINISTER IN PEKING.

REPORTER: AND WHAT ABOUT LORD MACLEHOSE ?

SIR EDWARD: I HAVEN'T ANY NEWS TO YOU EXCEPT ME. WHOEVER IS GOING TO PEKING OTHER THAN MYSELF I MUST LEAVE TO NO. 10 TO ANNOUNCE.

REPORTER: THERE HAVE BEEN PERSISTENT REPORTS THAT CHINA HAS RECENTLY INFORMED LONDON THAT IT WILL REGAIN THE SOVEREIGNTY OF HONG KONG.....

SIR EDWARD: WE WERE NOT THERE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT MIGHT HAVE SAID TO LONDON. WE WERE THERE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WANTED TO SAY. SO I THINK PERHAPS IT'S JUST AS WELL WE SHOULD CONFINE THE QUESTIONS TO THAT.

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REPORTER: COULD YOU TELL US A LITTLE BIT WHAT WAS, PERHAPS, THE SORT OF VIEWS PUT FORWARD BY YOURSELF AND UNOFFICIALS TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

SIR EDWARD: SIR S.Y. YOU DID MUCH OF THE TALKING....

SIR S.Y. CHUNG:

I THINK WE WERE ABLE TO CONVEY A VERY FULL AND COMPREHENSIVE ACCOUNT OF ALL THE VIEWS AND WISHES THAT WE HAVE SEEN IN THE NEWSPAPERS IN HONG KONG - THE PRESS, THE MEDIA - THROUGH CORRESPONDENCE WRITTEN TO US, PETITIONS MADE TO UMELCO AND STATEMENTS MADE BY A LARGE NUMBER OF ORGANISATIONS IN HONG KONG, AND OF COURSE A NUMBER OF MAJOR OPINION SURVEYS CARRIED OUT IN HONG KONG RECENTLY.

WE WERE ABLE TO REFLECT ALL THE VIEWS AND WISHES AND WE WERE GIVEN A VERY GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT.

REPORTER: CAN YOU SINGLE OUT ONE PARTICULAR VERY DEFINITE POINT OF VIEW OF THE HONG KONG PUBLIC THAT YOU HAVE CONVEYED TO THE UK GOVERNMENT?

SIR EDWARD: PERHAPS I SHOULD SAY THAT I DON'T THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA WHEN YOU HAVE A SUBJECT AS IMPORTANT AS THIS ONE TO TRY TO GO IN FOR SIMPLIFIED PHRASES. I THINK AS SIR S.Y. HAS SAID, THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR VIEWS IN A VERY WIDE RANGE OF PUBLICATIONS, OPINION POLLS AND ALL THAT KIND OF THING AND WHAT THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS DID, AND I CAN CERTAINLY GIVE YOU AN ASSURANCE OF THAT BECAUSE I WAS THERE TO HEAR THEM, WHAT THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS DID WAS TO GIVE A FAITHFUL AND VERY COMPREHENSIVE ACCOUNT OF ALL THOSE VIEWS. AND I DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL GIVEN THE STATE WE ARE IN TO TRY AND SUM THEM UP IN A FEW SIMPLE PHRASES.

REPORTER: DO YOU BELIEVE YOU CHANGED ANY OF MRS THATCHER'S IDEAS ON THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG OR DO YOU FIND YOURSELF MORE OR LESS IN AGREEMENT ON THE POINTS YOU COVERED?

SIR EDWARD: I THINK YOU WOULD HAVE TO ASK MRS THATCHER THAT QUESTION WHEN SHE COMES HERE. BUT I DO KNOW THAT IT WOULD BE VERY OBVIOUS TO YOU IF SHE LISTENED VERY KEENLY TO WHAT WAS BEING SAID TO HER BECAUSE WE WERE THERE FOR A TOTAL OF TWO HOURS AND ALTHOUGH WE WERE IN PART ENJOYING AN EXCELLENT LUNCH WE WERE ALSO TALKING THROUGHOUT THE LUNCH. SO WAIT A COUPLE OF WEEKS AND TRY THE QUESTION AGAIN.

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REPORTER: WAS THERE ANYTHING IN PARTICULAR THAT SHE WAS INTERESTED TO KNOW ABOUT HONG KONG?

SIR EDWARD: I WOULDN'T SINGLE OUT A PARTICULAR SUBJECT. I THINK AS YOU KNOW SHE'S BEEN HERE BEFORE SO SHE HAS QUITE A KNOWLEDGE OF HONG KONG ALREADY, AND A GREAT INTEREST IN IT, AND I THINK SHE WAS REALLY SEEKING FOR A VERY WIDE RANGING TALK ABOUT HONG KONG, ABOUT THE CLIMATE OF OPINION HERE, ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG SINCE SHE WAS HERE AND THE VIEWS OF THE PEOPLE ON THE FUTURE.

REPORTER: DO YOU THINK THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAVE ALREADY HAD A STAND ON THE QUESTION OF THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG?

SIR EDWARD: I THINK THAT THE OBJECT OF OUR VISIT WAS, AND THE REASON WE WERE INVITED, WAS THAT WE COULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE PREPARATIONS WHICH WERE BEING MADE FOR THAT VISIT AND OBVIOUSLY THEY WERE MUCH CONCERNED TO HEAR THE VIEWS OF THE PEOPLE HERE BEFORE THEY DO COME TO CONCLUSIONS.

REPORTER: WHAT DO YOU EXPECT WILL COME OUT OF MRS THATCHER'S TRIP TO PEKING?

SIR EDWARD: I THINK I'VE SAID IT SO OFTEN BUT PERHAPS IT WOULD BEAR REPETITION THAT I'M VERY CONFIDENT ABOUT THE FUTURE, BUT I'VE ALWAYS SAID I DO NOT EXPECT IT ALL TO BE SETTLED IN ONE GO; BUT HER VISIT WILL BE A VERY IMPORTANT EVENT AND I DO EXPECT PROGRESS STEP BY STEP.

REPORTER: DO YOU THINK HONG KONG CAN MAINTAIN ITS FINANCIAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL CONFIDENCE IF THERE IS NOT A CLEAR-CUT STATEMENT?

SIR EDWARD: WELL, I THINK HONG KONG IS ABLE TO MAINTAIN ITS FINANCIAL AND GENERAL CONFIDENCE, AND I WOULD EXPECT THAT TO CONTINUE.

REPORTER: DO YOU KNOW WHOM MRS THATCHER WILL BE MEETING IN PEKING?

SIR EDWARD: I THINK HER PROGRAMME WILL BE FOR NO. 10 (DOWNING STREET) TO ANNOUNCE RATHER THAN FOR US.

REPORTER: SIR, ARE YOU GOING TO PEKING BY YOURSELF STARTING FROM HONG KONG OR ARE YOU GOING BACK TO UK FIRST?

SIR EDWARD: MY PLAN AT THE MOMENT IS TO START FROM HONG KONG.

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CHANCE FOR PEOPLE TO SHOW CONCERN
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A SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL TODAY (FRIDAY) SAID SEPTEMBER 23 -- POLLING DAY FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS -- WOULD OFFER A +GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY+ FOR PEOPLE TO SHOW THEIR CONCERN IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

SPEAKING AT A LUNCH MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON NORTH, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY (ADMINISTRATION) OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR HAIDER BARMA, SAID VOTING IN THE ELECTIONS WAS AN ASPECT OF +COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION+ WHICH WOULD ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT PUBLIC OPINION WHEN FORMULATING MEANINGFUL AND EFFECTIVE POLICIES.

MR BARMA EMPHASISED THE +VERY IMPORTANT AND SIGNIFICANT AVENUE+ OF TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC OR INDIVIDUALS COULD AND SHOULD CONTRIBUTE BY VOICING THEIR OPINIONS ABOUT TOPICAL ISSUES OR OTHER MATTERS WHICH WERE OF CONCERN TO THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE.

+IT IS ONLY THROUGH SUCH FEEDBACK THAT THE GOVERNMENT CAN TAKE INTO ACCOUNT PUBLIC OPINION AND COMMENT IN DETERMINING MEANINGFUL AND EFFECTIVE POLICIES,+ HE SAID.

+THE VERY FACT THAT HONG KONG DOES NOT HAVE AN ELECTED GOVERNMENT MAKES IT ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO BE RESPONSIVE TO PUBLIC OPINION. INDEED, IT IS A TWO-WAY PROCESS, INVOLVING BOTH THE PEOPLE AND THE GOVERNMENT.+

MR BARMA SAID THERE WERE MANY CHANNELS THROUGH WHICH THE PEOPLE COULD VOICE THEIR OPINIONS, THE LATEST AND THE MOST IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT BEING THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME WITH DISTRICT BOARDS WHICH ENABLED PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE TO HAVE A DIRECT SAY IN LOCAL OR DISTRICT AFFAIRS.

+AS AND WHEN NECESSARY, OUR DISTRICT STAFF CAN SOUND OUT LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND DISTRICT BOARDS ON CURRENT ISSUES, LOCAL PROBLEMS OR POLICY PROPOSALS.

+IN TURN, THE COMMENTS AND VIEWS EXPRESSED ARE THEN CHANNELLED BACK TO THE AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SO THAT THESE CAN BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BEFORE POLICY IS FORMULATED OR ACTION TAKEN,+ HE ADDED.

HE SAID THE CNTA WAS A FRONTLINE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT AND ONE OF ITS KEY RESPONSIBILITIES WAS TO MONITOR PUBLIC OPINION.

FIELD STAFF IN THE 18 DISTRICT OFFICES - EIGHT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES REGION AND 10 IN THE CITY REGION - WERE IN DIRECT DAY-TO-DAY CONTACT WITH PEOPLE WHO LIVED AND WORKED IN THEIR DISTRICTS, WHILE PUBLIC ENQUIRY COUNTERS PROVIDED A FOCAL CONTACT POINT FOR ENQUIRIES AND COMPLAINTS.

+LAST FINANCIAL YEAR THEY DEALT WITH OVER 10 MILLION ENQUIRIES - THIS ENABLED US TO GAUGE WHAT SORT OF SERVICES ARE REQUIRED AND WHAT THE MOST TYPICAL TYPE OF COMPLAINT IS.

+THROUGH OUR CONTACT WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, WE CAN PURSUE FOLLOW-UP ACTION AND ALSO COLLATE VIEWS WE HAVE OBTAINED,+ HE SAID.

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PUBLIC INVITED TO KOWLOON CITY DB MEETING

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TEN SEATS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ATTEND THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD (KCDB) TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 16), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD ANNOUNCED TODAY.

INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD CONTACT THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD AT 3-7110171 BEFORE TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 14), HE SAID.

DURING THE MEETING, THERE WILL BE A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY IN CONNECTION WITH A DESIGN COMPETITION, ORGANISED BY THE BOARD IN JUNE THIS YEAR, TO FIND A LOGO WHICH WILL +BEST REPRESENT THE KCDB AND REFLECT THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DISTRICT+, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SIXTH KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (KOWLOON CITY), MORNING JOY BUILDING, 141-143 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, KOWLOON AT 2.15 PM ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 16).

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PLAN TO TURN SHAM TSENG INTO TOWN CENTRE

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A CONSULTANCY STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY TO DEVELOP SHAM TSENG, ONE OF THE RURAL AREAS IN TSUEN WAN, INTO A SMALL TOWN CENTRE IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY NEXT AUTUMN, THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ELAINE CHUNG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

AT A MEETING WITH THE SHAM TSENG VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES, MISS CHUNG SAID THE PROPOSED \$450-MILLION DEVELOPMENT PLAN WOULD INCLUDE A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE FOR 26 000 PEOPLE, ASSOCIATED COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND A PARK ALONG THE COASTAL REGION.

+OUR EARLIER PLAN WAS OF A SMALLER SCALE, INCLUDING A RURAL PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE FOR 2 000 PEOPLE,+ SHE SAID.

+BUT WE HAVE DECIDED TO EXPAND OUR SCOPE OF STUDY TO COVER SOME 47 HECTARES OF LAND, MOSTLY FROM RECLAMATION, FOR DEVELOPMENT. WHEN COMPLETED, SHAM TSENG'S POPULATION WILL BE INCREASED FROM THE PRESENT 6 000 TO 50 000.+

SHE ASSURED THE VILLAGERS THAT THEY WOULD BE CONSULTED ON THE PROJECT BEFORE ANY DECISION WAS MADE.

ON TRANSPORTATION, MISS CHUNG SAID A NEW MAXICAB ROUTE, SERVICING TSING LUNG TAU, SHAM TSENG AND THE TSUEN WAN MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATION WOULD BE INTRODUCED EARLY NEXT YEAR TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW.

OTHER TOPICS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING INCLUDED TEMPORARY MEASURES TO IMPROVE FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO THE AREA, MORE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, A SECOND VILLAGE EXTENSION AREA AND ROAD MAINTENANCE WORK.

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DEALING WITH THE 'PRESSURE OF POLLUTION IN HONG KONG'

THE PRESSURE OF POLLUTION OF HONG KONG'S ENVIRONMENT WILL CONTINUE IN THE FUTURE AND THE GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN MEASURES TO DEAL WITH THAT, DR MICHAEL CHIU, A SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER TOLD MEMBERS OF THE KWUN TONG ROTARY CLUB OVER DINNER TONIGHT.

+WHILE THE POPULATION MAY GROW AND THE ECONOMY MAY EXPAND, THE CAPACITY OF THE ENVIRONMENT TO ABSORB THE INCREASING VOLUME OF WASTE AND POLLUTING EMISSIONS GENERATED BY SUCH ACTIVITIES REMAINS FIXED,+ DR CHIU WARNED.

BUT HE EXPLAINED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD RECOGNISED THIS FOR SOME YEARS NOW, AND, IN 1976 SET UP THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION UNIT +TO DEAL WITH VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING WATER, AIR, AND WASTE MANAGEMENT, AS WELL AS NOISE.+ IT THEN EXPANDED THE UNIT IN 1980 INTO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, WHICH HAS SINCE GROWN INTO AN ESTABLISHMENT OF OVER 100 PERSONS, ABOUT 50 PER CENT OF WHOM ARE PROFESSIONALS.

DR CHIU SAID THAT WHILE THE AVERAGE PERSON GENERALLY THOUGHT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN TERMS OF +GREEN TREES AND BLUE WATERS+, THE ESSENCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IS TO PROTECT MAN HIMSELF, BESIDES THE NATURAL RESOURCES.

IN HIS TALK ON 'WATER POLLUTION CONTROL MANAGEMENT IN HONG KONG', DR CHIU POINTED OUT THAT IN THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, EFFORT HAD BEEN SHENT IN DEALING WITH ANUMBER OF AREAS IN TERMS OF WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT.

THE PURPOSE OF ANY CONTROL LEGISLATION SHOULD AIM AT PREVENTING POLLUTION, RATHER THAN ONLY PROVIDING PENAL SANCTIONS, HE SAID.

REFERRING TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE ENACTED IN JULY 1980, DR CHIU SAID IT PROVIDES FOR THE DESIGNATION OF WATER CONTROL ZONES, THE DECLARATION OF WATER QUALITY OBJECTIVES AND THE REGISTRATION OF EXISTING EMITTERS AND THE LICENSING OF NEW EMITTERS IN THE CONTROL ZONES.

TOLO HARBOUR WAS DESIGNATED THE FIRST WATER CONTROL ZONE IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR, HE SAID.

+IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY FOR THIS ZONE HAS BEEN AGREED AND DETAILED REGULATION FOR THE NEXT STAGE OF IMPLEMENTATION IS IN DRAFT,+ DR CHIU SAID.

HE EXPLAINED THAT WATER QUALITY OBJECTIVES ARE DESIGNED TO BE SUFFICIENT TO PRESERVE THE BENEFICIAL USES OF DIFFERENT WATER BODIES.

/DR CHIU FURTHER

DR CHIU FURTHER SAID THAT SOME \$3.5 BILLION WORTH OF SEWAGE DISPOSAL FACILITIES WERE EITHER BEING PLANNED, DESIGNED OR WERE ALREADY UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

IN ADDITION, HE SAID, MONITORING WORK WAS BEING UNDERTAKEN CONSTANTLY TO PROVIDE AN OBJECTIVE BASIS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF POLICY, TO CHECK THE EFFECTIVENESS OF POLICIES THAT HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED AND TO PROVIDE A DATA BASE AGAINST WHICH EMISSIONS FROM NEW DEVELOPMENTS MAY BE ASSESSED.

DR CHIU SAID THAT TO SAFEGUARD THE ENVIRONMENT, DEVELOPERS OF LARGE PROJECTS ARE REQUESTED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO SUBMIT +ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTS+.

+THESE REPORTS ARE SUBJECT TO SCRUTINY BY ALL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, WHEN NECESSARY, AND ALSO BY EPCOM. ANY CHANGE REQUIRED IS NEGOTIATED WITH THE COMPANY CONCERNED. AGREEMENTS REACHED WILL PROVIDE A BASIS FOR CONDITIONS OF THE LICENCES.+

+THE CONTROL MEASURES ARE BASED ON THE GENUINE NEED TO PROTECT THE BENEFICIAL USE OF THE WATER BODY,+ HE SAID.

GIVING SOME EXAMPLES OF THIS, DR CHIU SAID THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY SPENT \$250 MILLION — OR SEVEN PER CENT OF THE TOTAL PROJECT COST — ON MITIGATING THE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECT OF THE NEW POWER STATION ON LAMMA ISLAND.

CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY HAD ALSO SUBMITTED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS — EIA — WHICH INCLUDED THE ASPECTS OF EFFLUENT DISCHARGE, COOLING WATER DISCHARGE AND COAL STORAGE IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED POWER STATION IN TAP SHEK KOK.

AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY HAD CARRIED OUT A JUNK BAY NEW TOWN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY WHICH WILL BE FINALISED ABOUT THE END OF THIS YEAR.

+PROVIDED THE AGREEMENTS REACHED IN THE 'EIA' ARE PROPERLY IMPLEMENTED, THERE SHOULD BE FEW ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS WITH THE VARIOUS DEVELOPMENTS,+ HE SAID.

+PLANNING,+ DR CHIU SAID, +IS THE KEY TO A SATISFACTORY ENVIRONMENT.+

AND, HE SAID, THE EFFORT SPENT BY THE GOVERNMENT IS ONLY PART OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ENDEAVOUR, FOR ITS SUCCESS STILL REQUIRES +A LOT OF INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTION+.

+THIS WOULD IMPLY MORE CONSIDERATION TOWARDS ONE'S NEIGHBOURS, CIVIC PRIDE AND RESPECT FOR NATURE,+ DR CHIU CONCLUDED.

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GOVERNMENT TO BURN \$50 MILLION WORTH OF SEIZED NARCOTIC DRUGS
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ABOUT \$50 MILLION WORTH OF NARCOTIC DRUGS SEIZED BY THE POLICE AND THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE WILL BE DESTROYED AT THE KENNEDY TOWN INCINERATOR NEXT MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 13).

THE DRUGS, TOTALLING 156 KG, INCLUDE NO. 3 HEROIN AND HEROIN BASE, RAW AND PREPARED OPIUM, AND MORPHINE. IN ADDITION, ABOUT 16 LITRES OF ACETIC ANHYDRIDE AND SOME 1 000 SMOKING AND INJECTION EQUIPMENT WILL BE DESTROYED.

AT THE SAME TIME, SOME 80 000 CONFIDENTIAL RECORDS OF THE CENTRAL REGISTRY OF DRUG ABUSERS (CRDA) OBTAINED FROM APRIL 1972 TO AUGUST 1976 WILL BE DESTROYED. THE RECORDS WERE RETURNED BY REPORTING AGENCIES.

IN 1981, THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PASSED INTO LAW A BILL TO PROVIDE STATUTORY PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDS REGARDING THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS ON DRUG ABUSERS KEPT BY THE CRDA AND ITS REPORTING AGENCIES. SUCH PROTECTION IS CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE THE CONTINUED CONFIDENCE OF THE REPORTING SOURCES AND AGENCIES, AND OF THE ADDICTS THEMSELVES, IN THE INTEGRITY OF THE CENTRAL REGISTRY.

SIR ALBERT RODRIGUES, CHAIRMAN OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN), WILL DELIVER A SPEECH ON THE OCCASION.

OTHER GUESTS WILL INCLUDE THE HON MARIA TAM, LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR AND UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF ACAN; SISTER AQUINAS, CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE AID AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG ABUSERS; DR K.L. THONG, DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES; MR PETER MOOR, ACTING COMMISSIONER OF POLICE; MR DOUGLAS JORDAN, COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE; AND MR PETER LEE, COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT AT THE KENNEDY TOWN INCINERATOR NEXT MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 13) AT 12.30 PM. TWO GOVERNMENT VANS FOR THE PRESS WILL LEAVE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES CAR PARK, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, AT 11.20 AM SHARP. PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE INCINERATOR NOT LATER THAN 12 NOON.

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INDUSTRIAL SAFETY SEMINAR FOR SENIOR MANAGEMENT

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EMPLOYERS WERE URGED TODAY (FRIDAY) TO SEND THEIR MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL TO ATTEND AN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY SEMINAR TO BE HELD NEXT WEEK.

THE PLEA WAS MADE BY MR NICOLAS YEUNG, CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE ONE-DAY SEMINAR, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD IN THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS THIS AFTERNOON.

THE SEMINAR IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD WITH A VIEW TO MAKING THE PARTICIPANTS MORE AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFETY AT WORK.

THE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD IN SHANGRI-LA HOTEL NEXT FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 17), WITH DR T.K. ANN, THE HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES, OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

SAFETY PROFESSIONALS, ACADEMICS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICERS HAD BEEN INVITED TO GIVE SPECIALIST TALKS ON VARIOUS TOPICS AT THE SEMINAR, MR YEUNG SAID.

MR NG TAT-LUN, DIVISIONAL MANAGER OF SONCA INDUSTRIES LTD., WILL SPEAK ON +EMPLOYEES' ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY+; MR DAVID Y.H. WONG, A SAFETY ENGINEER, ON +SAFE USE OF ELECTRICITY+; MR PETER K.N. CHEN OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG ON +SAFETY MANAGEMENT AS PART OF THE MANAGEMENT FUNCTION+, AND MR FREDERICK T.H. MAK OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC ON +NOISE AS A HAZARD IN INDUSTRY+.

THE GOVERNMENT SPEAKERS ARE MR CHAN SHIU-LAP, CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MR FUNG KAI-PING, OCCUPATIONAL HYGIENIST OF THE DEPARTMENT, AND MR CHOW WING-CHEONG, DIVISIONAL OFFICER OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT. THEY WILL SPEAK ON SAFETY REGULATIONS, OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND HYGIENE AND FIRE PREVENTION.

THE SEMINAR WILL ALSO FEATURE A FILM ON MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY IN TAKING SAFETY MEASURES AND A MINI-EXHIBITION OF SAFETY EQUIPMENT.

THE REGISTRATION FEE FOR THE SEMINAR IS \$200 PER PERSON.

RESERVATIONS MAY BE MADE WITH THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ON 3-688111, EXT. 326 OR AT THE HOTEL AT 8.45 AM ON THE DAY OF THE SEMINAR.

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SHUN LEE ESTATE CLINIC OPENS ON MONDAY

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RESIDENTS OF EAST KOWLOON WILL BENEFIT FROM MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED WHEN THE NEW GOVERNMENT CLINIC AT THE SHUN LEE ESTATE OPENS TO THE PUBLIC ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 13).

THE SHUN LEE GOVERNMENT CLINIC, LOCATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF LEE FOO HOUSE IN THE ESTATE, WILL PROVIDE GENERAL OUTPATIENT SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC AND, WHEN FULLY OPERATIONAL IN A FEW MONTHS' TIME, WILL ALSO OFFER FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT THE EXISTING MEDICAL FACILITIES IN KWUN TONG DISTRICT WOULD BE STRENGTHENED WITH THE OPENING OF THE NEW CLINIC.

THE GENERAL OUTPATIENT DEPARTMENT OF THE CLINIC, WHICH OCCUPIES 300 SQUARE METRES AND CONSISTS OF THREE CONSULTATION ROOMS, WILL BE OPEN FIVE-AND-A-HALF DAYS A WEEK.

THE FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES CENTRE, TO BE SET UP AT THE CLINIC, WILL PROVIDE A NUMBER OF SERVICES, INCLUDING MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH, COMPREHENSIVE OBSERVATION SCHEMES AND FAMILY PLANNING.

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ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORKS

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THE TAI PO AND FANLING DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR ROADS AND DRAINAGE WORKS IN TAI PO NEW TOWN.

THE PROJECT FORMS PART OF THE CONTINUING PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN.

THE CONTRACT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HIGHWAY BRIDGE ACROSS THE TAI PO RIVER CHANNEL TO SERVE THE NEW KWONG FUK HOUSING ESTATE.

ALSO INCLUDED WILL BE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THREE FOOTBRIDGES ACROSS THE TAI PO RIVER CHANNEL AND ASSOCIATED ROADS AND DRAINAGE WORKS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN NOVEMBER AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 30 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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TAI PO SITE FOR SALE
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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING A SITE IN TAI PO FOR SALE BY TENDER.

THE SITE, MEASURING ABOUT 1.346 HECTARES, IS INTENDED FOR DEVELOPMENT UNDER THE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME OR THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME.

THE DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS IS OCTOBER 29.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES, AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND TENDER PLANS INSPECTED AT, THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (KOWLOON WEST), KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON; AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF SHA TIN, TAI PO, NORTH, YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS.

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'COLOURED BOAT' OPEN COMPETITION
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THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CHEUNG CHAU 'COLOURED BOAT' ASSOCIATION AND LIU CHONG HING BANK LIMITED WILL HOLD A 'COLOURED BOAT' OPEN COMPETITION AT TUNG WAN, CHEUNG CHAU ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 12).

OVER 100 TEAMS COMPRISING MORE THAN 1 000 PARTICIPANTS WILL TAKE PART IN THE EVENT STARTING AT 10 AM.

THERE WILL BE NINE DIVISIONS AND THE FINALS WILL BE HELD AT 4.20 PM.

THOSE PARTICIPATING WILL INCLUDE TEAMS FROM LANDS OFFICE (ISLANDS), NT SERVICES DEPARTMENT, NT SEA SCOUT GROUP, THE LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION (CHEUNG CHAU), JARDINE MATHESON LTD. AND CHARTERED BANK LTD.

THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, THE HONOURABLE D.C. BRAY WILL OFFICIATE AT THE PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT. FERRY TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED, AND A GOVERNMENT LAUNCH, THE CECIL CLEMENTI, WILL LEAVE THE GOVERNMENT PIER, NEAR RUMSEY STREET CAR PARK AT 2 PM FOR CHEUNG CHAU.

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+FIGHT CRIME+ SHOW IN SHA TIN

THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES AND THE FO TAN AREA COMMITTEE WILL STAGE A +FIGHT CRIME+ STREET THEATRE SHOW AT SUI WO COURT IN SHA TIN AT 8 PM ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 12).

SINGERS, DANCERS, MAGICIANS AND ACROBATS WILL TAKE PART IN THE SHOW WHICH IS INTENDED TO DRIVE HOME THE +FIGHT CRIME+ MESSAGES.

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RESTORING A 100-YEAR-OLD SHEUNG YIU VILLAGE

WORK WILL BEGIN SHORTLY ON PHASE TWO OF A PROJECT TO RESTORE THE 100-YEAR-OLD SHEUNG YIU VILLAGE IN THE SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK AND TO TURN IT INTO A MUSEUM OF RURAL ARTS AND CRAFTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT TENDERS WERE BEING INVITED FOR THE WORK.

+THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER WILL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE DOWN ALL UNSTABLE ROOFS AND WALLS OF NINE VILLAGE HOUSES AND REBUILD THEM USING SALVAGE MATERIALS SO AS TO MAINTAIN THE ORIGINAL APPEARANCE OF THE BUILDINGS,+ HE SAID.

ONE SECTION FORMERLY USED BY THE VILLAGERS AS A LIVESTOCK PEN WILL NEED TO BE REBUILT COMPLETELY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT PHASE I OF THE PROJECT, INVOLVING THE REPAIR OF THE DILAPIDATED GATE TOWER, WAS COMPLETED IN MARCH.

THE COST OF PHASE TWO WORK WILL BE MET BY A GENEROUS DONATION FROM THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS.

THE PROJECT FORMS PART OF THE PROGRAMME OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TO PRESERVE BUILDINGS OF HISTORIC AND CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE EDUCATION AND ENJOYMENT OF VISITORS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN NOVEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT THREE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN CENTRAL

KAU U FONG IN CENTRAL, FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH GOUGH STREET TO A POINT 50 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH ABERDEEN STREET, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 7 PM AND 10.30 PM ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 12) TO ALLOW FOR A DISTRICT BOARD CAMPAIGN.

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