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DRAFT ACCORD PROVISIONS BINDING, AG SAYS
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THE GOVERNMENTS OF BRITAIN AND CHINA HAVE DRAWN UP WHAT IS CLEARLY AN AGREEMENT, AND ALL ITS PROVISIONS -- THE CONTENTS OF THE JOINT DECLARATION AND THE SPECIFIC AND DETAILED CONTENTS OF THE ANNEXES AS WELL -- ARE BINDING UPON THEM, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR MICHAEL THOMAS SAID TODAY.

+THAT IS SIMPLY WHAT THE TEXT ACTUALLY SAYS, AND IT HAS BEEN EXPRESSED ELOQUENTLY BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT,+ MR THOMAS SAID.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WAS SPEAKING TO THE OUTSTANDING YOUNG PERSONS' ASSOCIATION, AT THE MANDARIN HOTEL, ON THE DRAFT AGREEMENT ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG, PAYING PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO ITS FORM AND LEGAL EFFECT.

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF HIS SPEECH:

+I AM SURE THAT BY NOW YOU WILL ALL HAVE READ THE WHITE PAPER OR AT LEAST THE TEXT OF THE JOINT DECLARATION AND ITS ANNEXES THAT WERE PUBLISHED ON WEDNESDAY EVENING. MANY PEOPLE HAVE TOLD ME HOW PLEASED THEY WERE WITH THE AMOUNT OF DETAIL IT CONTAINED -- MUCH MORE THAN THEY HAD EXPECTED -- OTHERS HAVE SAID HOW CLEARLY ITS PROVISIONS ARE SET OUT. I HOPE THAT IN READING THOSE PARTS THAT PARTICULARLY AFFECT YOU, WHETHER LAWYERS, BUSINESSMEN, TEACHERS OR MANUFACTURERS, YOU WILL HAVE FOUND THE SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS SPELT OUT FOR THE PRESERVATION OF HONG KONG'S SYSTEMS EXPLICIT AND CONVINCING. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS ON BOTH SIDES AND THOSE ADVISING THEM HAVE WORKED LONG AND HARD TO PUT TOGETHER A COHERENT AND SUBSTANTIAL PACKAGE.

+ALTHOUGH AS A LAWYER I HAVE A PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THOSE SECTIONS DEALING WITH CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS, THE LAW AND THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM, I DO NOT WANT TO TALK ABOUT THAT ASPECT OF THE TEXT TODAY, BUT RATHER ABOUT THE FORM IN WHICH THE SUBSTANCE IS CONTAINED, AND THE LEGAL EFFECT OF THIS HISTORIC INITIALLING CEREMONY IN PEKING LAST WEDNESDAY MORNING.

+SOME PEOPLE HAVE ASKED 'WHY IS IT ONLY A JOINT DECLARATION?' 'OUGHT IT NOT TO HAVE BEEN CALLED A TREATY?' LAWYERS ARE VERY FAMILIAR WITH THE IDEA THAT THE STATUS AND EFFECT OF A TRANSACTION BETWEEN ANY TWO PARTIES IS DETERMINED BY ITS CONTENT, NOT BY ITS TITLE. ANY EXCHANGE OF PROMISES THAT IS INTENDED TO BE LEGALLY BINDING CAN GIVE RISE TO LEGAL OBLIGATIONS, WHATEVER THE FORM OF WORDS IN WHICH THE PROMISE IS MADE. I CAN PROMISE TO PAY, AGREE TO PAY, UNDERTAKE TO PAY, I CAN DECLARE THAT I WILL PAY. NO LAWYER WOULD MAKE ANY DISTINCTION BETWEEN THEM. SO IT DOES NOT MATTER IN LAW THAT THE NEGOTIATORS FOR THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE CHOSEN TO EXPRESS THEIR AGREEMENT IN THE FORM OF A JOINT DECLARATION CONTAINING A SERIES OF DECLARATIONS BY ONE OR OTHER OR BOTH GOVERNMENTS. THE COVER OF THE WHITE PAPER CALLS IT A +DRAFT AGREEMENT+. BUT THE PARTIES THEMSELVES HAVE AGREED TO USE THE FORMAT OF A JOINT DECLARATION IN WHICH TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES.

/+THE WORD

+THE WORD 'TREATY' IS OFTEN USED TO COVER INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS, AND IN THE PAST IT HAS BEEN USED FREQUENTLY. BUT THERE HAVE BEEN MANY TREATIES CALLED 'CONVENTIONS', 'DECLARATIONS', 'CHARTERS', 'PACTS', 'PROTOCOLS', 'AGREEMENTS' AND 'EXCHANGES OF NOTES'. THE PARTICULAR TITLE IS NOT IMPORTANT. THE IMPORTANT FEATURE COMMON TO ALL THESE TITLES IS THAT THE PARTIES TO THEM HAVE CREATED BINDING OBLIGATIONS UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW.

+SOME MAY ASK - 'IS THIS PARTICULAR JOINT DECLARATION BINDING ON THE TWO GOVERNMENTS?' THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE READ THE TEXT WILL HAVE SEEN THAT IT IS, BECAUSE THE TEXT MAKES THAT CLEAR. THESE ARE NOT PARALLEL DECLARATIONS THAT STAND APART FROM EACH OTHER. THEY ARE LINKED TOGETHER TO FORM AN ACCORD AND THEY ARE EXPRESSED IN LANGUAGE THAT SHOWS THAT THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE THE COMMON INTENTION TO BE BOUND BY THEM.

+NEAR THE BEGINNING OF THE JOINT DECLARATION, THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AGREE TO MAKE THE DECLARATIONS AS SET OUT IN THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS. HAVING MADE THEIR RESPECTIVE DECLARATIONS SOMETIMES THE ONE GOVERNMENT, SOMETIMES THE OTHER GOVERNMENT, SOMETIMES BOTH GOVERNMENTS TOGETHER, THEY THEN CONCLUDE IN PARAGRAPH 7 WITH THE IMPORTANT WORDS:

'THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AGREE TO IMPLEMENT THE PRECEDING DECLARATIONS AND THE ANNEXES TO THIS JOINT DECLARATION'.

+THE KEY PHRASE TO NOTE HERE IS 'AGREE TO IMPLEMENT', SINCE BY THAT PHRASE THE PARTIES ENTER INTO A COMMITMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS OF THE JOINT DECLARATION ITSELF, AND THE PROVISIONS OF THE MORE DETAILED ANNEXES. THE PARTIES HAVE CREATED AN AGREEMENT; AND THEY HAVE GONE BEYOND A MERE 'AGREEMENT TO DECLARE' (AS RECITED IN THE PREAMBLE TO THE JOINT DECLARATION) BY STATING IN TERMS THAT THEY AGREE TO IMPLEMENT THE JOINT DECLARATION AND ITS ANNEXES.

+IT IS THE LANGUAGE OF A LEGAL OBLIGATION, A MUTUAL COMMITMENT, ONE TO THE OTHER, THAT THEY WILL CARRY OUT INTENTIONS THEY HAVE EXPRESSED, NOT ONLY IN THE JOINT DECLARATION, BUT IN THE MORE DETAILED PROVISIONS OF THE ANNEXES AS WELL. AND IN THE FINAL PARAGRAPH 8 OF THE JOINT DECLARATION, THAT IS UNDERLINED BY THE WORDS - 'THIS JOINT DECLARATION AND ITS ANNEXES SHALL BE EQUALLY BINDING'.

+SO THE EFFECT IS THAT THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE DRAWN UP WHAT IS CLEARLY AN AGREEMENT AND THAT ALL ITS PROVISIONS, THE CONTENTS OF THE JOINT DECLARATION AND THE SPECIFIC AND DETAILED CONTENTS OF THE ANNEXES AS WELL, ARE BINDING UPON THEM. THAT IS SIMPLY WHAT THE TEXT ACTUALLY SAYS, AND IT HAS ALSO BEEN EXPRESSED ELOQUENTLY BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

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+IT IS A BINDING INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT AND, AS THE AGREEMENT ITSELF SAYS, BINDING IN ALL ITS PARTS, INCLUDING THE ANNEXES. IT IS A BINDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN TWO SOVEREIGN STATES, THE HIGHEST KIND OF COMMITMENT THEY CAN GIVE TO EACH OTHER IN THAT RESPECT, AND MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, IT IS A BINDING INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT BUILT ON THE FOUNDATION OF COMMON INTEREST. WE WANT THIS TO SUCCEED, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WANTS THIS TO SUCCEED. THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG, OF COURSE, WANT IT TO SUCCEED, AND THAT IS THE CEMENT, THE FOUNDATION OF GOODWILL, WHICH UNDERPINS AND SUSTAINS THIS BINDING INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT.+

+SOME HAVE POINTED OUT TO ME THAT IN CERTAIN PARAGRAPHS, THE TEXT OF THE ENGLISH VERSION IS NOT EXACTLY THE SAME AS THE TEXT OF THE CHINESE VERSION. 'WHICH TEXT PREVAILS?' THEY HAVE ASKED.

+THE JOINT DECLARATION ITSELF PROVIDES THAT BOTH TEXTS ARE EQUALLY AUTHENTIC. SO NEITHER PREVAILS OVER THE OTHER. BUT THIS IS A COMMON ENOUGH PROBLEM IN INTERNATIONAL LAW. INDEED IT CAN ARISE IN NATIONAL LAW AS WELL. IN SWITZERLAND FOR EXAMPLE, WHERE I AM TOLD STATUTES ARE WRITTEN IN THREE DIFFERENT LANGUAGES. WHERE THERE IS A PROBLEM OF INTERPRETATION, THE APPROACH IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES IS TO DISCOVER THE ESSENTIAL INTENTION FROM THE TWO TEXTS THAT ARE AVAILABLE. IF ONE IS CLEAR AND THE OTHER IS VAGUE OR IMPRECISE, THAT IS EASY. IF BOTH TEXTS ARE CLEAR BUT DIFFERENT FROM ONE ANOTHER, THEN THE MEANING WHICH CARRIES THE ESSENTIAL INTENTION IS TO BE SOUGHT.

+YOU WILL APPRECIATE THAT THESE NEGOTIATIONS WERE CARRIED OUT BOTH IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE. AND THE NEGOTIATORS WERE ALSO TRYING TO SECURE THEIR OWN PREFERRED WORDING. SO EACH PHRASE, EACH SENTENCE, WAS SETTLED AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION OF ITS MEANING IN BOTH LANGUAGES. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES OF LANGUAGE WILL BE FOUND, BUT GIVEN THE COMPLEXITY OF THE TASK OF THE NEGOTIATORS, IT WOULD NOT BE SURPRISING IF THERE WERE OCCASIONALLY DIFFERENT SHADES OF MEANING. BUT I BELIEVE THAT IS UNLIKELY TO OBSCURE THE ESSENTIAL INTENTIONS OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS.

+STILL ON THE QUESTION OF FORM. SOME COMMENTATORS HAVE ASKED WHY THERE WAS AN EXCHANGE OF MEMORANDA DEALING WITH THE USE OF BRITISH PASSPORTS AFTER 1997.

+WHY WERE THESE PROVISIONS NOT IN THE ANNEXES?+ +ARE THEY SOMEHOW LESS BINDING?+

/+IT SEEMS

+IT SEEMS TO ME QUITE NATURAL THAT THIS TOPIC SHOULD NOT BE IN THE ANNEXES. THE JOINT DECLARATION AND THE ANNEXES ESSENTIALLY DEAL WITH HONG KONG, ITS FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS, THE BASIC LAW AND WHAT IT WILL STIPULATE FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF HONG KONG, THEIR SYSTEMS AND WAY OF LIFE. THE LAST PART OF ANNEX 1 DEALS WITH THE RIGHTS OF THOSE IN HONG KONG TO LIVE THERE (THE RIGHT OF ABODE), TO HOLD TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND IDENTITY CARDS AND TO TRAVEL OUT OF HONG KONG. THESE MUST ALL BE COVERED BY THE BASIC LAW AND SECURED BY THE LAWS OF THE HONG KONG SAR.

+BUT THE EXCHANGE OF MEMORANDA DEALS WITH SOMETHING DIFFERENT -- WHAT STATUS CERTAIN PERSONS LIVING IN THE HONG KONG SAR WILL ENJOY WHEN THEY ARE TRAVELLING ABROAD, AND WHAT TRAVEL DOCUMENTS THEY MAY USE AFTER 1997. IN DEALING WITH THE CONSEQUENCES OF 1997 AS THEY AFFECT BDTCS, THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE COME TO A PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENT. THE MEMORANDA ARE FORMAL DECLARATIONS OF POLICY BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS OF HOW FORMER BDTCS MAY BE PERMITTED TO ENJOY A NEW STATUS AND TO USE BRITISH PASSPORTS AND BRITISH CONSULAR SERVICES AND PROTECTION, WHEN ABROAD. THESE DECLARATIONS OF POLICY DERIVE THEIR SIGNIFICANCE FROM THEIR CONNECTION WITH THE MAIN JOINT DECLARATION AND FROM THE FACT THAT EACH SIDE HAD SEEN AND DISCUSSED THEM BEFORE THEY WERE INITIALLED.

+FINALLY LET ME SAY SOMETHING ABOUT THE FUTURE AND THE LEGAL EFFECT OF THE JOINT DECLARATION THAT WAS INITIALLED LAST WEDNESDAY. THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT FROM THE WAY IN WHICH THIS TEXT HAS EMERGED AFTER LONG CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS, THAT IT ALREADY REPRESENTS IN POLITICAL TERMS A FIRM COMMITMENT BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS FOR THE FUTURE. BUT AT THIS STAGE WE HAVE A DRAFT AGREEMENT, INITIALLED BY THE NEGOTIATORS AND SUBMITTED TO THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS. THE FUTURE PROGRAMME LOOKS LIKE THIS. THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG ARE NOW ASKED BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS UPON IT AND TO DECIDE WHETHER IT IS ACCEPTABLE TO THEM. IN THE LIGHT OF THEIR VIEWS, AS REPORTED BY THE ASSESSMENT OFFICE, PARLIAMENT WILL DEBATE THE JOINT DECLARATION IN DECEMBER. IF IT IS APPROVED BY PARLIAMENT, THEN THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL PROCEED TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT BY THE END OF THE YEAR. THIS WILL COMPLETE THE PROCESS OF REACHING FINAL AGREEMENT.

+BUT EVEN THEN, AS PARAGRAPH 8 OF THE JOINT DECLARATION MAKES CLEAR, IT WILL BE SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION, IT WILL ENTER INTO FORCE ON THE DATE THAT INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION ARE EXCHANGED, AND THAT DATE WILL NOT BE LATER THAN JUNE 30, 1985. THIS KIND OF PROVISION IS TYPICAL OF THE LANGUAGE OF BINDING INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS. IT DETERMINES PRECISELY WHEN THE DECLARATION ENTERS INTO FORCE AND THAT IS MADE TO DEPEND UPON RATIFICATION, WHICH IS A FORMAL ACT WHEREBY A SOVEREIGN STATE THROUGH ITS EXECUTIVE UNDERTAKES.

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+OBLIGATIONS OF AN INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER. ONE REASON FOR THE INTERVAL BETWEEN SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION IS THE NEED FOR PARLIAMENT TO PASS LEGISLATION DEALING WITH THE TRANSFER OF SOVEREIGNTY. THE FORM THAT THIS LEGISLATION WILL TAKE HAS NOT YET BEEN DECIDED BUT IT IS LIKELY TO COVER THOSE CHANGES IN THE LAW THAT WILL BE NECESSARY WITH THE CESSATION OF BRITISH JURISDICTION IN 1997.

+THESE THEN ARE SOME OF THE QUESTIONS YOU MAY BE ASKING ABOUT THE FORM AND EFFECT OF THIS HISTORIC DOCUMENT. THE HEART OF IT LIES IN THE DETAILED PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE ANNEXES IN PARTICULAR, WHICH DEMONSTRATE CONVINCINGLY HOW THE CONCEPT OF ONE STATE, TWO SYSTEMS, WILL BE CARRIED INTO EFFECT IN ORDER TO GIVE HONG KONG CONTINUED STABILITY AND PROSPERITY.

+THOSE MATTERS ON WHICH I HAVE COMMENTED TODAY PROVIDE THE GUARANTEES AND ASSURANCES THAT THESE PROVISIONS WILL BE CARRIED INTO EFFECT BECAUSE THE TWO GOVERNMENTS COULD NOT HAVE DONE MORE TO BIND THEMSELVES TO IMPLEMENT THOSE PROVISIONS THAN BY ENTERING INTO A SOLEMN AGREEMENT WHICH WILL ENJOY A HIGH STATUS UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW.+

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DELEGATION LEAVING FOR PEKING
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THE VISITING DELEGATION OF PROMINENT PERSONALITIES FROM OFFICIAL CIRCLES IN HONG KONG, HEADED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, WILL LEAVE FOR PEKING TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO TAKE PART IN THE CELEBRATIONS OF THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION ARE: SIR SZE-YUEN CHUNG, MR ROGER LOBO, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, MR MICHAEL SANDBERG, MR FRANCIS YUAN-HAO TIEN, MR WONG LAM, MR ERIC HO, DR HO KAM-FAI, MR ALLEN LEE PENG-FEI, MR HU FA-KUANG, MR WONG PO-YAN, MR DONALD LIAO POON-HUAI, MR KEITH LAM HON-KEUNG, MISS CHEUNG MAN-YEE AND MR RICHARD MARGOLIS.

THE PARTY WILL BE TRAVELLING ON FLIGHT CA 102, ETD 12.30 PM.

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WHITE PAPER: 1.25M COPIES TAKEN UP

BECAUSE OF CONTINUING HEAVY DEMAND FOR THE WHITE PAPER ON HONG KONG'S FUTURE, THE INITIAL PRINT RUN OF 1.25 MILLION COPIES WAS ALL BUT DEPLETED BY THIS AFTERNOON, WITH ONLY A FEW THOUSAND COPIES OF THE CHINESE AND ENGLISH VERSIONS AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS STORE AT NORTH POINT.

CONSEQUENTLY, APPLICANTS WHO TURNED UP THERE FOR BULK SUPPLIES WERE ASKED TO ACCEPT REDUCED QUANTITIES AND TO RETURN LATER FOR FURTHER SUPPLIES ONCE THE GOVERNMENT PRINTER COULD COMPLETED THE REPRINT WHICH IS NOW IN PROGRESS.

A FURTHER 550 000 ENGLISH AND 300 000 COPIES IN CHINESE ARE NOW BEING PRINTED.

AT THE VARIOUS DISTRIBUTION CENTRES CATERING TO INDIVIDUAL DEMAND THE PRESSURE EASED SLIGHTLY TODAY, WITH FEWER AND SHORTER QUEUES THAN WERE APPARENT YESTERDAY.

HOWEVER, THE LARGER DISTRICT OFFICES, WHERE THE DEMAND WAS GREATEST, CONTINUED TO EXPERIENCE DIFFICULTIES WITH THEIR LINES OF SUPPLY, AND SOME HAD RUN OUT OF COPIES BY THIS AFTERNOON.

THERE WERE PARTICULAR DIFFICULTIES WITH THE ENGLISH VERSION, FOR WHICH DEMAND EXCEEDED ALL EXPECTATION.

COPIES ALSO RAN OUT AT THOSE POST OFFICES WHICH WERE ADDED TO THE LIST OF DISTRIBUTION OUTLETS TODAY. A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POSTMASTER GENERAL SAID TODAY THAT NOT ALL POST OFFICES WERE CARRYING STOCKS OF THE WHITE PAPER. DETAILS OF THOSE WHICH WERE COULD BE OBTAINED BY RINGING THE GIS HOTLINE 5-250025.

ALSO ADDED TO THE LIST OF OUTLETS TODAY WERE HOUSING ESTATE OFFICES AND POLICE STATIONS.

THE GIS DISTRIBUTION COUNTER ON THE FOURTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, WILL REMAIN OPEN TODAY UNTIL 9 PM.

ALL OTHER CENTRES WILL BE DISTRIBUTING COPIES DURING NORMAL OFFICES HOURS FROM NOW ON EXCEPT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT CONNAUGHT PLACE, WHICH REMAINS OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 6 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AND ON SUNDAY.

THE NORTH POINT PUBLICATIONS STORE WILL OBSERVE THE SAME EXTENDED HOURS OF OPENING OVER THE WEEKEND.

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MP'S TOUR TUEN MUN
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TWO MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, SIR ANTHONY KERSHAW AND SIR PAUL BRYAN, WERE TODAY (FRIDAY) SHOWN VARIOUS ASPECTS AND DEVELOPMENTS OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

ACCOMPANIED BY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR RICKY FUNG, THE TWO MP'S WERE TAKEN TO THE ROOF OF OI HEI HOUSE IN YAU OI ESTATE WHERE THEY HAD A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE NEW TOWN.

LATER THEY VISITED TUEN CHI WAI AND SAN HUI VILLAGE RESITE AREA WHERE THEY MET WITH THE VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES.

THEY ALSO VISITED A FISHERMAN'S HOME AND TOURED THE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX IN BUTTERFLY ESTATE.

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HK STILL FIGHTING U.S. TEXTILE RULE
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HONG KONG WOULD CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO HAVE THE UNITED STATES' AUGUST 3 IMPORT REGULATIONS RESCINDED, THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD SAID TODAY.

COMMENTING ON THE MEETING OF THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, HE SAID: +WE DISCUSSED LATEST DEVELOPMENTS, AND THE LIKELY SCENARIO ON THIS ISSUE OVER THE NEXT SIX WEEKS OR SO.

+NATURALLY I CANNOT GO INTO ANY DETAIL ON OUR STRATEGY, BUT THERE ARE SOME POINTS WHICH CAN BE MADE. MOST IMPORTANTLY, THERE IS NO WEAKENING IN OUR RESOLVE TO CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS, BOTH IN PUBLIC AND IN PRIVATE, TO HAVE THESE REGULATIONS WITHDRAWN.

+OUR INDUSTRY IS PUT INTO A VERY DIFFICULT POSITION BY THE REQUIREMENT FOR UNNECESSARILY DETAILED - AND COMMERCIALY CONFIDENTIAL - INFORMATION. AND SOME SECTORS ARE PARTICULARLY AFFECTED BY THE CHANGES IN ORIGIN RULES; THE FIGURES RELEASED RECENTLY BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF KNITWEAR ASSOCIATIONS ILLUSTRATE THIS DRAMATICALLY,+ HE SAID.

MR MACLEOD ALSO SAID THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY BE UNWISE TO RESUME BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS TOO SOON. IT WAS NECESSARY TO KEEP IN MIND THE LIKELY PACE OF EVENTS IN THE U.S.

ALTHOUGH OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION WAS STILL AWAITED, INDICATIONS WERE THAT THE PERIOD FOR COMMENTS ON THE REGULATIONS WOULD BE EXTENDED TO THE END OF OCTOBER. JUDGEMENTS ON THE COURT CASES WERE STILL AWAITED AND THERE WAS ALSO THE ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 6. HENCE EARLY DECISIONS BY THE U.S. ON CHANGING OR WITHDRAWING THE REGULATIONS WERE UNLIKELY, HE SAID.

/+MOREOVER, WE

+MOREOVER, WE MUST GIVE TIME FOR OTHER PRESSURES TO HAVE THEIR EFFECT. FOR EXAMPLE, OTHER COUNTRIES ARE HAVING, OR PLAN TO HAVE, BILATERAL TALKS WITH THE U.S., THE ISSUE WILL BE RAISED BOTH IN THE GATT COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 2-3. AND IN THE TEXTILE COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 17 AND 22. AND DOMESTIC PRESSURE GROUPS CONTINUE TO EXPRESS THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE REGULATIONS.

+BEARING IN MIND ALL THESE ASPECTS, WHILE WE SHALL CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS IN THE USA AND, IN THE MULTILATERAL ARENA IN GENEVA, BARRING ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS IT WOULD SEE BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS BEING RESUMED SOME TIME AFTER THE TEXTILE COMMITTEE MEETING, PROBABLY IN LATE OCTOBER OR EARLY NOVEMBER,+ MR MACLEOD SAID.

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40 000 FLATS A YEAR FROM 1985
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ANNUAL PUBLIC HOUSING PRODUCTION WILL BE INCREASED TO 40 000 FLATS FROM 1985 AND IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE TO INCREASE IN THE FOLLOWING FIVE YEARS, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOUSING (CONSTRUCTION), MR FRED PANG YUK-LING, SAID TODAY.

WHEN OFFICIATING AT A TRAINING-APPRENTICE GRADUATION CEREMONY ORGANISED BY HSIN CHONG CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, MR PANG ALSO SAID: +IN THE COMING YEARS, WHILE MORE NEW HOUSING PROJECTS WILL BE BUILT, EFFORT WILL ALSO BE MADE TO SPEED UP THE REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE REMAINING OLDER RESETTLEMENT BLOCKS.+

HE SAID THE HIGH LEVEL OF PUBLIC HOUSING PRODUCTION WOULD BE MAINTAINED FOR FOUR CONSECUTIVE YEARS, THE ANNUAL PRODUCTION TARGET OF 35 000 FLATS HAD BEEN ACHIEVED.

+ALSO, THE QUALITY OF PUBLIC HOUSING HAS BEEN GREATLY IMPROVED TO MEET TENANTS' RISING ASPIRATIONS.

+BETTER OVERALL LAYOUT OF ESTATES AND INTERIOR DESIGN OF FLATS COUPLED WITH ADEQUATE BUILDING SERVICES SYSTEMS, COMMUNITY AND SHOPPING FACILITIES AS WELL AS LANDSCAPING ON ESTATES, HAVE PROVIDED EXTREMELY GOOD LIVING ENVIRONMENT FOR TENANTS.+

AS THE SCOPE OF THE BUILDING CONTRACTS WAS BECOMING MORE EXTENSIVE AND SOPHISTICATED, MR PANG SAID, PROVISION OF ADVANCED BUILDING TECHNIQUE AND HIGH STANDARD MANAGEMENT SERVICE ON SITE WAS, ACCORDINGLY, VERY IMPORTANT.

+TO MEET THIS NEED, THE GOVERNMENT HAS STEPPED UP INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION AND HAS SET UP DEPARTMENTS TO CO-ORDINATE AND ORGANISE VARIOUS TECHNICAL TRAINING COURSES FOR THE WORKING FORCE.

PRIVATE CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES WERE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO RUN SUCH TRAINING COURSES FOR THE BUILDING INDUSTRY,+ HE SAID.

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TOUGH ACTION AGAINST PIRACY CONTINUES

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HONG KONG WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE TOUGH ACTION AGAINST COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT TO PROTECT THE INTEREST OF THE RECORDING INDUSTRY AND THE TERRITORY'S TRADING INTEGRITY.

THE ASSURANCE WAS GIVEN BY THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR E.P. HO, TODAY (FRIDAY) AT THE OPENING OF THE SIXTH INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF PHONOGRAM AND VIDEOGRAM PRODUCERS (IFPI) ASIA - PACIFIC REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO IFPI FOR THE COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE IT HAS GIVEN TO THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE, MR HO POINTED OUT THAT SOUND RECORDING PIRACY HAD BEEN REDUCED FROM NEARLY 100 PER CENT OF THE MARKET IN THE EARLY SEVENTIES, TO LESS THAN 10 PER CENT TODAY.

+WHILE WE CONTINUE TO MONITOR CLOSELY THE SOUND RECORDING MARKET TO ENSURE THAT THE PREVIOUS PROBLEM IS CONTAINED, WE HAVE TENDED MORE LATELY TO CONCENTRATE MUCH OF OUR EFFORTS AGAINST VIDEO PIRACY WHICH IS PROVING TO BE THE MAJOR COPYRIGHT PROBLEM OF THE EIGHTIES. IN THIS, I KNOW WE CAN CONTINUE TO COUNT ON THE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE OF IFPI TO OUR MUTUAL BENEFIT,+ MR HO SAID.

HE SAID THAT THERE WERE A NUMBER OF DIFFERENCES LOCALLY IN THE PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF PIRATE VIDEO CASSETTES COMPARED WITH THE MAKING AND MARKETING OF PIRATE AUDIO CASSETTES.

+SUCH DIFFERENCES REQUIRE A FRESH APPROACH IN THE METHODS USED BY THE CUSTOMS COPYRIGHT DIVISION. HAPPILY OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ARE READILY ADAPTABLE AS WELL AS INGENIOUS IN THE METHODS THEY ADOPT. THEIR SUCCESSES BOTH IN THE HINTERLAND AND AT THE ENTRY POINTS INDICATE THAT THEY ARE COPING WELL WITH ANY NEW PROBLEMS AS THEY ARISE.

+AS SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, I AM PARTICULARLY CONCERNED AS TO HONG KONG'S TRADING IMAGE. THOSE ELSEWHERE WHO LOOK WITH ENVY AT THE SUCCESS OF HONG KONG AS A TRADING ENTITY ARE QUICK TO EXAGGERATE AND PUBLICISE THE MISDEMEANOURS OF THAT MINISCULE PROPORTION OF OUR TRADING COMMUNITY WHO ENDANGER THE TRADING REPUTATION OF THE VAST MAJORITY OF HONEST HONG KONG BUSINESSMEN.

+THIS IS WHY THE SUCCESS WE HAVE HAD IN COUNTERING COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT AS IT CONCERNS YOUR INDUSTRY HAS AN IMPORTANCE FOR HONG KONG WELL BEYOND THE ACHIEVEMENTS AS SUCH, IMPORTANT TO US THOUGH THESE ARE,+ MR HO SAID.

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TEACHERS' VITAL ROLE STRESSED
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TEACHERS HAD A VITAL ROLE TO PLAY IN THE RUN UP TO 1997, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE SAID AT THE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY DINNER OF THE HONG KONG TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION TONIGHT.

+NOT ONLY WILL TEACHERS HAVE TO SET EXAMPLES OF LEADERSHIP AND INSPIRATION, BUT THEY WILL HAVE TO TRAIN THEIR PUPILS TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY WHICH WILL GUARANTEE THE STABILITY AND PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG BEFORE AND AFTER 1997,+ HE SAID.

THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HKTA WAS A PARTICULARLY PROPITIOUS OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND TEACHERS OF THE GREAT ROLE THEY HAD TO PLAY, HE SAID.

+IT IS FITTING THAT THE ANNIVERSARY OF THIS OLDEST AND MOST RESPECTED ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONALS IN EDUCATION SHOULD FALL IN THE MOST MOMENTOUS WEEK IN HONG KONG HISTORY,+ MR HAYE SAID.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, HE DISCLOSED, HAD ENDORSED A DEPARTMENTAL STRATEGY FOR THE PROMOTION OF GREATER CIVIC AND POLITICAL AWARENESS IN SCHOOLS.

+THIS IS AN ACTIVE AND DYNAMIC EXTENSION OF WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING FOR A VERY LONG TIME IN CIVICS AND SOCIAL STUDIES THROUGHOUT PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS,+ HE SAID.

HONG KONG CHILDREN TODAY WERE VERY MUCH MORE CONCERNED WITH THEIR PLACE IN SOCIETY AND THE WORLD, BEING IMPRESSIVELY READY TO GO FORWARD AS LEADERS TO WHOM THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG COULD SAFELY BE ENTRUSTED.

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EMPLOYERS REMINDED ABOUT HOLIDAY
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EMPLOYERS WERE REMINDED TODAY BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT THAT THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL WHICH FALLS ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 3) IS ONE OF 11 STATUTORY HOLIDAYS.

A SPOKESMAN SAID UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, ALL MANU-EMPLOYEES AND THOSE NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$8 500 A MONTH ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY AND MUST BE PAID FOR THE DAY-OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO AN EMPLOYEE'S EARNINGS ON A NORMAL WORKING DAY AND SHOULD INCLUDE BASIC WAGES AS WELL AS ALLOWANCES THAT CAN BE EXPRESSED IN MONEY TERMS, SUCH AS MEALS AND COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCES.

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WHERE THE EARNINGS VARY FROM DAY TO DAY, HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE THE AVERAGE DAILY EARNINGS DURING THE PERIOD OF 28 DAYS PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY.

AN EMPLOYEE WHO IS REQUIRED TO WORK ON A STATUTORY HOLIDAY MUST BE GIVEN AN ALTERNATIVE DAY-OFF WITHIN 60 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER THAT DAY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE TO THE NEAREST BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE.

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HK AMBULANCE SERVICE +SECOND TO NONE+
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THE FACILITIES AND EFFICIENCY OF THE AMBULANCE SERVICE IN HONG KONG ARE SECOND TO NONE, THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER, MR LAM LOK-BUN, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CHEUNG SHA WAN AMBULANCE DEPOT, MR LAM SAID THAT WITH THE ADVANCE OF MEDICINE, AMBULANCE TECHNIQUES HAD ALSO BEEN IMPROVED.

AMBULANCE SERVICE RECRUITS MUST UNDERGO INTENSIVE TRAINING AND PASS EXAMINATIONS BEFORE THEIR POSTING TO AMBULANCE DEPOTS OR STATIONS, HE POINTED OUT.

WITH A POPULATION OF ABOUT HALF A MILLION, CHEUNG SHA WAN IS ONE OF THE MOST DENSELY POPULATED DISTRICTS IN HONG KONG, MR LAM SAID.

THE CHEUNG SHA WAN AMBULANCE DEPOT HAS BEEN IN OPERATION FOR A YEAR DURING WHICH IT HAS RESPONDED TO ABOUT 18 000 CALLS INVOLVING MORE THAN 22 000 PATIENTS.

AT PRESENT THE DEPOT HAS 10 AMBULANCES AND 100 STAFF.

THE AMBULANCE COMMAND OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS A TOTAL OF 1 700 STAFF AND 198 AMBULANCES SPREAD IN 17 AMBULANCE DEPOTS.

LAST YEAR THE AMBULANCE COMMAND RESPONDED TO ABOUT 350 000 CALLS AND HANDLED OVER 410 000 PATIENTS.

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DON'T CAUSE FIRES, COUNTRY VISITORS TOLD

PEOPLE VISITING THE COUNTRYSIDE WERE TODAY URGED TO TAKE CARE NOT TO CAUSE FIRES.

THE APPEAL WAS MADE BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, IN A SPEECH LAUNCHING THE 1984-85 COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PREVENTION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN AT TAI LAM COUNTRY PARK.

THE APPALLING DESTRUCTION CAUSED BY FIRE MUST BE BORNE IN MIND BY ALL WHO VISIT THE COUNTRYSIDE, HE SAID.

EVERYBODY, HE SAID, MUST TAKE PRECAUTIONS TO AVOID SETTING FIRE TO VEGETATION, DESTROYING WILDLIFE AND RECREATIONAL AMENITIES AND DEFACING THE LANDSCAPE.

THE ANNUAL AVERAGE NUMBER OF HILL FIRES IN THE PAST 10 YEARS WAS AROUND 500. BUT LAST YEAR 1 316 FIRES AFFECTING MORE THAN 220 000 TREES, WERE REPORTED.

ABOUT 50 PER CENT OF THESE FIRES OCCURRED DURING THE WEEKENDS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, DEMONSTRATING A LINK WITH THE VISITORS, HE SAID.

LAST DECEMBER FOUR COUNTRY PARKS AND ONE NATURE RESERVE HAD TO BE CLOSED FOR NEARLY EIGHT WEEKS BECAUSE OF THE HIGH RISK OF HILL FIRES, DR LEE RECALLED.

THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, TOGETHER WITH THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE CIVIL AID SERVICES, HAD BEEN CONSTANTLY IMPROVING AND STRENGTHENING THEIR CAPABILITY TO DEAL WITH FIRES IN THE COUNTRYSIDE.

HOWEVER, NO MATTER WHAT MEASURES THE GOVERNMENT MAY TAKE, THE FINAL SOLUTION MUST DEPEND ON THE CO-OPERATION AND GOOD SENSE OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, DR LEE SAID.

WITH THIS IN MIND, THE COUNTRY PARKS BOARD, THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, TOGETHER WITH THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES ORGANISED THE 'CLEAN AND GREEN' CAMPAIGN, TO ENABLE PEOPLE TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE ECOLOGY AND CONSERVATION ASPECTS OF THE COUNTRYSIDE, HE SAID.

THE CAMPAIGN, WHICH BEGAN IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR AND TOOK THE FORM OF A COMPETITION OVER FIVE STAGES, OFFICIALLY ENDED TODAY, WITH 10 FINALISTS TAKING PART IN THE LAST STAGE OF THE COMPETITION HELD SHORTLY BEFORE THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY.

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THE FINAL STAGE COMPRISED ORIENTEERING COMPETITIONS, IDENTIFICATION OF VARIOUS PLANT SPECIES, MAKING OF A FIRE BEATER AND FILLING UP A KNAPSACK PUMP.

DR LEE LATER PRESENTED THE GRAND PRIZE, A CAMPING TRIP TO AUSTRALIA AND RETURN AIR TICKET, TO THE WINNER OF THE COMPETITION.

THERE WAS ALSO A DEMONSTRATION OF +WATER BOMBING+ OPERATIONS BY A HELICOPTER.

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ISLANDERS URGED TO REGISTER AS VOTERS

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RESIDENTS IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT SHOULD REGISTER AS VOTERS IMMEDIATELY IF THEY WANT TO VOTE IN NEXT YEAR'S ELECTIONS, AS THE DEADLINE FOR THE REGISTRATION PERIOD IS ONLY A FEW DAYS AWAY, DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM YAP, SAID TONIGHT (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT A SINGING COMPETITION TO MARK THE INAUGURATION OF THE CHEUNG CHAU SINGING CHILDREN'S GROUP, MR YAP SAID ISLANDERS SHOULD EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE AND PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTIONS BECAUSE DISTRICT BOARDS PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

+THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY REGISTERED SHOULD VOTE IN THE ELECTIONS, AND SINCE A VOTE IS A VOICE, COLLECTIVELY THESE VOICES WOULD BECOME THE STRENGTH IN THE COMMUNITY TO GET THINGS DONE,+ HE SAID.

MR YAP POINTED OUT THAT THE DISTRICT BOARD HAD BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN PROMOTING RECREATION AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES. IT HAD CARRIED OUT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTED MUCH TO THE GENERAL AFFAIRS OF THE DISTRICT.

SIX PRIMARY SCHOOLS ON CHEUNG CHAU TOOK PART IN TONIGHT'S COMPETITION WHICH WAS AIMED AT FOSTERING BETTER RELATIONS BETWEEN SCHOOLS ON THE ISLAND.

VOTER REGISTRATION WAS THE MAIN THEME OF THE SINGING CONTEST.

MR YAP SAID THROUGH THE COMPETITION, IT WAS HOPED THAT THE VOTER REGISTRATION MESSAGE WOULD BE PASSED TO OTHER SCHOOLS IN THE ISLAND DISTRICT AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE.

IN THE PAST FOUR YEARS, THE CHEUNG CHAU SINGING CHILDREN'S GROUP HAS GROWN FROM A FEW DOZEN MEMBERS TO MORE THAN 60 THIS YEAR, A DANCE GROUP WITH 60 MEMBERS WAS SET UP TO PROMOTE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES ON THE ISLAND.

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NEW FEATURE FOR ROAD SAFETY DRIVE
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THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN TO BE SAFER CYCLISTS OR SAFER MOTORCYCLISTS AT THE 1984 ROAD SAFETY DAY TO BE HELD IN VICTORIA PARK THIS SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 30).

TWO TRAINING CIRCUITS - ONE FOR CYCLISTS AND ONE FOR MOTORCYCLISTS - WILL BE SET UP IN THE PARK AS A NEW FEATURE OF THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME.

THE ROAD SAFETY DAY IS AN ANNUAL EVENT ORGANISED BY THE ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL'S PUBLICITY COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF THE ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN. IT IS SUPPORTED BY VARIOUS PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS.

MR R.H. ANNING, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE (OPERATIONS) AND CHAIRMAN OF THE ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

THE MOTORCYCLING TRAINING CIRCUIT JOINTLY RUN BY THE POLICE AND THE BRITISH FORCES WILL INCLUDE DEMONSTRATIONS OF BASIC DRIVING SKILLS, AND A CONDENSED FORM OF THE U.K. PART I MOTORCYCLE DRIVING TEST.

MOTORCYCLISTS WISHING TO ASSESS THEIR DRIVING COMPETENCE AND MANOEUVRING SKILLS ARE WELCOME TO TAKE PART IN THE TEST. THEY MUST BRING ALONG THEIR FULL DRIVING LICENCE.

+THE MOTORCYCLING TRAINING CIRCUIT IS INTRODUCED IN HONG KONG FOR THE FIRST TIME TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF OFF-STREET TRAINING,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ROAD SAFETY PUBLICITY COMMITTEE SAID.

+THE ACCIDENT RATE OF MOTORCYCLES IN TERMS OF EXPOSURE IS THREE TIMES THAT OF PRIVATE CARS,+ HE SAID.

+FIFTY-FOUR PER CENT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MOTORCYCLISTS KILLED ON THE ROAD LAST YEAR INVOLVED LEARNER DRIVERS,+ HE ADDED.

+IT IS HOPED THAT THE TRAINING CIRCUIT WILL HELP CHANGE THE MOTORCYCLISTS' DRIVING HABITS, IMPROVE THEIR SAFETY STANDARDS, AND THEREBY REDUCE THE ACCIDENT TOLL ON THE ROAD,+ HE SAID.

THE CYCLING TRAINING CIRCUIT, TO BE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE POLICE AND THE HONG KONG CYCLING ASSOCIATION, WILL BE SET UP IN THE FORM OF A MINIATURE TOWN, COMPLETE WITH TRAFFIC LIGHTS, TRAFFIC SIGNS AND A BRIDGE.

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IT WILL BE A TEST OF THE PARTICIPANTS' PROFICIENCY AS WELL AS THEIR SAFETY KNOWLEDGE.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE TWO TRAINING CIRCUITS WILL BE AWARDED CERTIFICATES AND SOUVENIRS FOR THEIR ATTEMPTS.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ROAD SAFETY DAY WILL INCLUDE A CAVALCADE OF ROAD SAFETY MESSAGES, A SYMBOLIC DISPLAY BY 220 ROAD SAFETY PATROL MEMBERS OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CASUALTIES AND FATALITIES IN ROAD ACCIDENTS LAST YEAR, AND A ROAD SAFETY DANCE COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB.

BESIDES STATIC DISPLAYS AND FILM SHOWS ON ROAD SAFETY, THERE WILL BE DEMONSTRATIONS AND GAMES FOR THE SPECTATORS.

THESE INCLUDE A COMPUTER QUIZ ON THE ROAD SAFETY BUS, A SEAT BELT CONVINCER, A COMPUTER GAMES DISPLAY BY ST GEORGES SCHOOL, AN EYE-TEST GAME AND STALL GAMES.

THE COMPUTER ON THE ROAD SAFETY BUS WAS DONATED BY THE GILMAN OFFICE MACHINES TO THE ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL IN JULY THIS YEAR.

THE EVENT WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, FREE OF CHARGE, BETWEEN 11 AM AND 5 PM ON SUNDAY.

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CLOSURE OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES SOUGHT * * * * *

THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY (FRIDAY) DECLARED THAT ROOF OVER THE FIFTH FLOOR OF 38 AND 39 KENNEDY TOWN NEW PRAYA, HONG KONG BE CLOSED TO ENABLE DEMOLITION OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES TO BE CARRIED OUT, WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS OR THE PUBLIC.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED THIS MORNING THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID THAT ORDERS HAD BEEN SERVED TO THE OWNERS FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES.

+THESE HAD NOT BEEN COMPLIED WITH AND IT WAS NOW NECESSARY FOR THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT THE DEMOLITION WORK IN THE OWNERS' DEFAULT,+ HE SAID.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS IN HONG KONG VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 AM, OCTOBER 26, 1984 WERE POSTED TODAY.

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TWO NEW ROADS TO MTR PROJECT PLANNED
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GOVERNMENT PLANS TO FORM AND CONSTRUCT TWO NEW ROADS LEADING TO THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION'S DEVELOPMENT AT PAK CHAI WAN.

OTHER RELATED WORKS WILL INCLUDE INTERNAL ESTATE ROADS, A TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE INCORPORATING A BUS BAY, MAXI-CAB BAYS AND A LINK ROAD TO THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR.

THE ROAD WORKS ARE REQUIRED FOR ACCESS TO THE MTRC'S SITE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE HENG FA CHUEN DEVELOPMENT.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE DEVELOPMENT WILL BE NON-INDUSTRIAL, COMPRISING NOT MORE THAN 7 480 FLATS.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE WORKS IS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSALS MUST BE SENT IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS AT MURRAY BUILDING, 20TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG BY NOVEMBER 27.

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DB MEMBERS SEE STANLEY PRISON
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THIRTY-FOUR DISTRICT BOARD AND FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE MEMBERS FROM THE CENTRAL, WESTERN AND WAN CHAI DISTRICT TODAY VISITED STANLEY PRISON TO LOOK AT THE FACILITIES AND PROGRAMMES FOR PRISONERS.

LED BY THEIR DISTRICT OFFICER MR LAM KAM-KWONG, THE GROUP SAW THE PRISON AND ITS COMPREHENSIVE WORKSHOPS, WHERE TRAFFIC SIGNS, UNIFORM SHOES, GOVERNMENT ENVELOPES, FURNITURE AND UNIFORMS ARE MADE.

THEY ALSO SAW PRISONERS ATTENDING TELEVISION AND RADIO REPAIR CLASSES, AND NOTED THE REMARKABLE RESULTS SOME PRISONERS OBTAINED AT THE CITY AND GUILDS OF LONDON TELECOMMUNICATION TECHNICIANS EXAMINATIONS.

THE VISITORS LATER HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR THOMAS GARNER.

THEY THEN PRESENTED A BANNER TO MR GARNER IN APPRECIATION OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S GOOD WORK.

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NEW CHAIRMAN FOR CONSUMER COUNCIL
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MR GALLANT HO YIU-TAI, WHOSE TERM OF OFFICE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSUMER COUNCIL EXPIRES ON OCTOBER 6, 1984, WILL BE SUCCEEDED BY THE HONOURABLE MRS SELINA CHOW LIANG SHUK-YEE, IT WAS GAZETTED TODAY.

MR HO JOINED THE COUNCIL IN 1975, ONE YEAR AFTER ITS INCEPTION, AND HAS BEEN THE CHAIRMAN SINCE 1980.

DURING HIS NINE YEARS OF SERVICE, HE MADE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION OF CONSUMER PROTECTION AND EDUCATION IN HONG KONG.

UNDER MR HO'S CHAIRMANSHIP, THE COUNCIL PAID PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO CONSUMER LEGISLATION IN FIELDS SUCH AS TRAVEL AGENTS, HIRE PURCHASE, THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS ORDINANCE AND THE SALE OF FLATS.

A CAMPAIGN ON CONSUMER RIGHTS WAS SUCCESSFULLY ORGANISED EARLIER THIS YEAR.

MR HO WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE AS MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL UNTIL APRIL NEXT YEAR.

MRS SELINA CHOW, CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF THE CONSUMER COUNCIL, HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS CHAIRMAN ON THE COUNCIL FOR TWO YEARS FROM OCTOBER 7, 1984.

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SEMINAR ON MONG KOK LIFE
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THE LAST OF THREE SEMINARS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF COMMUNITY LIFE IN MONG KOK WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY.

SPEAKERS AT THE SEMINAR, ENTITLED 'COMMUNITY IN PERSPECTIVE', INCLUDE A LECTURER FROM THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY, MR WONG WANG-FAT, A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR ANDREW SO KWOK-WING, DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, KAIFONG LEADERS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

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SHADE FOR OUTPATIENTS
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OUTPATIENTS QUEUING UP FOR MEDICAL CONSULTATIONS OUTSIDE THE ANNE BLACK HEALTH CENTRE IN NORTH POINT CAN NOW ENJOY SHADE AND SHELTER.

THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD HAS ERECTED A CANOPY OUTSIDE THE CLINIC AT A COST OF ABOUT \$40 000.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THE PROJECT HAD BEEN PROPOSED TO THE BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE BY TWO BOARD MEMBERS, MR WONG CHUN-WAI AND MR YUE HUI-KWONG.

+THE PROJECT IS JUST ONE OF MANY EXAMPLES OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS CARRIED OUT BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THEY INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF PAVILIONS AND RAIN SHELTERS, IMPROVEMENT TO SQUATTER VILLAGES, AND CLEARING LANES AND STREET OBSTRUCTIONS,+ HE SAID.

THE CANOPY, MEASURING 23.7 METRES IN LENGTH AND 2.3 METRES IN WIDTH WAS BUILT BY THE URBAN AREA DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION.

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FESTIVAL TRAFFIC PLAN FOR HONG KONG ISLAND
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON HONG KONG ISLAND FOR THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL.

UNDER THE ARRANGEMENTS, ROAD CLOSURES AND REROUTING WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CHAI WAN BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM DAILY ON SEPTEMBER 30, OCTOBER 3 AND OCTOBER 7. THEY ARE:

- * CAPE COLLINSON ROAD EAST OF LIN SHING ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.
- * THE SLIP ROAD LEADING TO THE GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE AND THE CREMATORIUM FROM CAPE COLLINSON ROAD, ALONG WITH THE SLIP ROAD LEADING TO CHAI WAN CHINESE PERMANENT CEMETERY, WILL BE CLOSED.
- * CAPE COLLINSON ROAD BETWEEN LIN SHING ROAD AND SHEK O ROAD WILL BECOME ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.
- * LIN SHING ROAD BETWEEN WAN TSUI ROAD AND CAPE COLLINSON ROAD WILL BECOME ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.
- * WAN TSUI ROAD WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY CLOCKWISE.
- * WAH HA STREET WILL BECOME ONE-WAY EASTBOUND.

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DURING THE SAME PERIOD, CAPE COLLINSON ROAD MAY BE CLOSED WITHOUT NOTICE, DEPENDING ON TRAFFIC CONDITIONS.

NO PARKING WILL BE PERMITTED ALONG CAPE COLLINSON ROAD, LIN SHING ROAD, WAH HA STREET AND THE SECTION OF SHEK O ROAD BETWEEN CAPE COLLINSON TRAINING CENTRE AND TAI TAM ROAD.

OTHER TRAFFIC MEASURES WILL BE IN FORCE IN POK FU LAM, ABERDEEN AND THE PEAK AREA BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM ON OCTOBER 3.

IN POK FU LAM, CONSORT RISE WILL BECOME ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

IN ABERDEEN, PEEL RISE FROM ABERDEEN RESERVOIR ROAD TO THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF ABERDEEN CEMETERY, TOGETHER WITH THE SLIP ROAD FROM SHEK PAI WAN ROAD LEADING TO ABERDEEN CHINESE CEMETERY, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IMPLEMENTED IN THE PEAK AREA INCLUDE:

- * MT. AUSTIN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC, EXCEPT FOR LOCAL ACCESS.
- * PEAK ROAD OUTSIDE THE UPPER PEAK TRAM TERMINUS CAR PARK AND THE ACCESS ROAD WITHIN THE CAR PARK WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY CLOCKWISE.
- * ALL PARKING SPACES AT PEAK GARDEN WILL BE SUSPENDED.
- * ALL PARKING SPACES OUTSIDE THE UPPER PEAK TRAM TERMINUS WILL BE SUSPENDED.

BUS SERVICES WILL BE STRENGTHENED FOR THE FESTIVAL. ON OCTOBER 3, CMB WILL OPERATE ADDITIONAL SERVICES:

- * ROUTE 57 FROM CENTRAL TO THE CHINESE CHRISTIAN CEMETERY BETWEEN 7 AM AND 5.52 PM AT A FREQUENCY OF EVERY SEVEN TO EIGHT MINUTES.

- * ROUTE 15B FROM CAUSEWAY BAY TO THE PEAK BETWEEN 7.30 AM AND 8.10 PM AT A FREQUENCY OF EVERY 20 MINUTES.

ROUTE 15M FROM ADMIRALTY MTR STATION (EAST) TO THE PEAK BETWEEN 8 AM AND 7.12 PM AT A FREQUENCY OF ABOUT EVERY 20 MINUTES.

ON SEPTEMBER 30, OCTOBER 3 AND OCTOBER 7, SPECIAL CMB ROUTE 89 FROM SHAU KEI WAN TO CHAI WAN CEMETERY WILL OPERATE BETWEEN 7 AM AND 6 PM AT A FREQUENCY OF EVERY FIVE MINUTES.

BUSES ON CMB ROUTES 80, 81, 81M, 82, 83, 83A, 84, 780 AND CROSS HARBOUR ROUTE 106 WILL BE DIVERTED BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM DAILY ON SEPTEMBER 30, OCTOBER 3 AND OCTOBER 7 TO AVOID THE CLOSED ROADS AND CONGESTED AREAS.

CONGESTION IS EXPECTED ON APPROACH ROADS TO CEMETERIES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

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WORK STARTS SOON ON PUMPING STATION
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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING AND BUILDING WORKS FOR THE FIRST STAGE OF THE MA ON SHAN PUMPING STATION.

THE CONTRACT INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE STOREY SEWAGE PUMPING STATION AT MA ON SHAN, ABOUT 2.7 KILOMETRES OF PRESSURE PIPELINE BETWEEN MA ON SHAN AND THE SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS, A PIPE BRIDGE ACROSS THE SHING MUN RIVER, AND ASSOCIATED ROADS AND OTHER WORKS.

THE PIPE BRIDGE WILL INCLUDE A FOOTPATH AND CYCLEWAY FORMING AN IMPORTANT LINK IN THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM CONNECTING SHA TIN, MA ON SHAN AND TAI PO.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT SAID THE FIRST STAGE WILL PROVIDE PUMPING FACILITIES FOR CONVEYING SEWAGE FLOWS FROM THE NEW DEVELOPMENT AT MA ON SHAN, OF 150 000 POPULATION, TO THE SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS.

THE CONTRACT WAS PART OF THE ONGOING COMMITMENT TO CONTROL POLLUTION IN THE NEW TOWNS, HE SAID..

WORK IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN DECEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT 23 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

WATSON HAWKSLEY ASIA, CONSULTING ENGINEERS ON THIS PROJECT FOR THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, WILL SUPERVISE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT.

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200 TAKING PART IN SWIM GALA
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ABOUT 200 ATHLETES WILL COMPETE IN THE NINTH ISLANDS DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 30) IN THE PAO YUE KWONG SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX IN SHUM WAN ROAD, ABERDEEN.

THE ANNUAL EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD, RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE AND THE ISLANDS DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

THERE WILL BE 33 EVENTS IN THE PROGRAMME WHICH INCLUDE FREE STYLE, BREAST STROKE, BACK AND BUTTERFLY STROKES. TWO 4 BY 50 METRES RELAY RACES WILL ALSO BE HELD.

THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM YAP; SENIOR RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICER, MR MARCUS LEE; VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE NT HEUNG YEE KUK, MR TSANG LIN; AND THE HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION, MR YOUNG WING-YAU; WILL OFFICIATE AT A PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY.

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GAMES FOR YOUTHS
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A THREE-MONTH LONG PROJECT TO ENCOURAGE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED YOUTHS TO TAKE UP SPORTS AND DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL WILL BE LAUNCHED TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE SPORTS AWARD SCHEME FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY-HANDICAPPED.

MRS JANE AKERS-JONES, CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF THE HONG KONG GIRL GUIDE ASSOCIATION, WILL LAUNCH THE PROJECT AT THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE IN SHA TIN AT 10 AM TOMORROW.

THE OPENING WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A +GAME DAY+ FEATURING GAMES AND GAMES STALLS, FOR THE YOUTHS.

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FOUR HUNDRED SWIMMERS WILL BE TAKING PART IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA IN THE VICTORIA PARK SWIMMING POOL TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE GALA, WHICH FEATURES MORE THAN 50 EVENTS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO SECTIONS FOR MEN AND WOMEN, AND SOME INTO AGE GROUPS.

THE GALA IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD, RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICE, AND THE EASTERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION.

ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, DR SIMON VICKERS, RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICER, MR HEUNG LEUNG-HO; TWO DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS MR CHOI WING-ON AND MR LAM TAK-ON, AND THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION, MR KENNETH TING WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 1.30 PM.

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