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GROWTH MOMENTUM TO CONTINUE THROUGH 1990'S
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THE GOVERNMENT IS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO MAINTAINING THE MOMENTUM OF HONG KONG'S DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE 1990'S, THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR NICKY CHAN, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

MR CHAN WAS BRIEFING THE PRESS ON THE INITIAL RESULTS OF A LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY BASED ON THE FINDINGS OF FIVE SUB-REGIONAL STUDIES AND OTHER INVESTIGATIONS UNDERTAKEN OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS.

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS BEEN FULLY BRIEFED ON THE FINDINGS AND HAS ACCEPTED THEM AS A BASIS FOR FURTHER ACTION.

MR CHAN SAID MANY OF THE TERRITORY'S CURRENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES WOULD REACH FULFILMENT EARLY IN THE NEXT DECADE, AND GOVERNMENT HAD TO TAKE +A LONG HARD LOOK+ AT THE PATTERN OF DEVELOPMENT UP TO THE BEGINNING OF THE 21ST CENTURY.

IT WAS NO GOOD WAITING UNTIL 1989 TO START PLANNING FOR THE 1990'S, HE SAID.

THE STUDIES ASSUMED THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE AIRPORT AT KAI TAK FOR AS LONG AS PRACTICABLE, BUT, SHOULD A DECISION BE MADE AT SOME TIME TO RELOCATE IT, THE PLANS LEFT OPEN OPTIONS TO DEVELOP IN OTHER DIRECTIONS.

MR CHAN SAID THE AIM OF THE VARIOUS STUDIES WAS TO PRODUCE A STRATEGY FOR LAND USE AND TRANSPORT FOR THE 1990'S, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT POPULATION GROWTH TO AROUND 7.1 MILLION BY 2001.

THE INTENTION WOULD BE TO PROVIDE THE HIGHEST QUALITY ENVIRONMENT POSSIBLE. VERY CAREFUL CONSIDERATION HAD BEEN GIVEN IN EACH OF THE FIVE SUB-REGIONAL STUDIES TO ENVIRONMENTAL AND OTHER FACTORS AND IN IDENTIFYING SUITABLE AREAS FOR FUTURE URBAN GROWTH.

COMPUTER PROGRAMMES HAD BEEN USED TO PROCESS LARGE AMOUNTS OF DATA. ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES WERE PRODUCED ASSUMING A RANGE OF OBJECTIVES TO ACHIEVE THE BEST VALUE FOR MONEY.

TWO MAIN GROWTH PATTERNS HAD EMERGED, ASSUMING THAT THE AIRPORT STAYED WHERE IT WAS.

EACH GROWTH PATTERN WOULD ACCOMMODATE ABOUT 0.9 MILLION PEOPLE IN NEW DEVELOPMENT AREAS, PROVIDING FOR TOTAL POPULATION OF 7.1 MILLION.

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ONE OF THE PATTERNS WHICH MINIMISED PUBLIC SECTOR CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT COSTS RESULTED IN NEW DEVELOPMENT BEING CONCENTRATED IN THE TIN SHUI WAI-DEEP BAY AREA FOR AN ADDITIONAL 478 000 PEOPLE AND ON MAJOR RECLAMATIONS IN THE WESTERN HARBOUR FOR 294 000 PEOPLE.

OTHER DEVELOPMENT WOULD OCCUR AT POK FU LAM FOR 75 000 PEOPLE AND AT PHASE 2 OF MA ON SHAN FOR 26 000 PEOPLE.

THE SECOND PATTERN, WHICH TOOK GREATER ACCOUNT OF COSTS AND BENEFITS ASSOCIATED WITH TRANSPORT, WOULD CONCENTRATE GROWTH IN THE WESTERN HARBOUR AT GREEN ISLAND-POK FU LAM FOR 268 000 PEOPLE AND BETWEEN YAU MA TEI-STONECUTTERS ISLAND FOR 605 000 PEOPLE.

THE CAPITAL COSTS OF THE TWO PATTERNS OVER THE DECADE WOULD BE ROUGHLY EQUAL AT \$220 BILLION AT 1982 PRICES.

THE STUDY REPORT STRESSED THAT THERE WERE MANY COMMON COMPONENTS IN THE TWO GROWTH PATTERNS, ESPECIALLY IN RESPECT OF RECLAMATIONS AT YAU MA TEI AND GREEN ISLAND WHICH, TOGETHER, COULD ACCOMMODATE 310 000 PEOPLE.

ALSO, FURTHER RECLAMATIONS COMMON TO BOTH PATTERNS WOULD BE AT WAN CHAI AND HUNG HOM BAY, FOR ABOUT 90 000 PEOPLE.

FOR TRANSPORT, THERE WERE ALSO MANY COMMON COMPONENTS IN RESPECT OF TRUNK HIGHWAYS AND PASSENGER RAIL SYSTEMS. HOWEVER, THE TIMING AND ALIGNMENT OF SOME OF THESE WOULD REQUIRE MORE DETAILED CONSIDERATION.

THERE WERE FURTHER COMMON COMPONENTS RELATING TO KEY INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED BY 2001 TO SUPPORT THE ECONOMIC GROWTH OF HONG KONG. THESE INCLUDED:

- * RECLAMATION OFF CENTRAL TO ALLOW FOR THE LONG-TERM EXPANSION OF MAJOR INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES;
- * RECLAMATION OF HUNG HOM BAY FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY TERMINAL, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF PRIVATE HOUSING, COMMERCIAL FACILITIES AND OTHER USES;
- * FURTHER EXPANSION OF THE CONTAINER PORT FOR WHICH INITIAL WORKS WERE ALREADY IN PROGRESS; AND
- * POSSIBLY A BREAKWATER AND LAND FOR PORT-RELATED FACILITIES BETWEEN PENG CHAU AND KAU YI CHAU, ENABLING WESTERN EXPANSION OF THE PORT.

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THE SCALE OF PUBLIC SECTOR EXPENDITURE REQUIRED FOR THOSE AREAS PLANNED TO BE DEVELOPED FOR URBAN USE BY 1991 (BASE GROWTH) AND THOSE AREAS FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE 1990'S (STRATEGIC GROWTH) WOULD BE WITHIN REASONABLE BOUNDS RELATIVE TO ASSUMED GROWTH IN THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT, PROVIDED THAT EXPENDITURES WERE EVENLY SPREAD.

THE REPORT OUTLINED VARIOUS BROAD CONCLUSIONS WHICH WERE:

BASE GROWTH:-

- * ASSUMING AT LEAST A 1981 LEVEL OF TRANSPORT SERVICE, GREATER EMPHASIS WOULD HAVE TO BE PLACED ON IMPROVING AND EXTENDING TRUNK HIGHWAYS AND RAIL SYSTEMS;
- * THE PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMME COULD BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE TO TAKE THE LEAD IN SHAPING LONG-TERM GROWTH PATTERNS, BUT THE BALANCE BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOUSING SECTORS SHOULD BE KEPT UNDER REVIEW, RECOGNISING THE ABILITY OF PRIVATE DEVELOPERS TO MAKE AN EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTION UNDER FAVOURABLE MARKET CONDITIONS;
- * ASSUMPTIONS MADE ABOUT THE DISTRIBUTION OF JOBS HAD A MAJOR EFFECT ON THE SIZE OF TRAVEL DEMAND AND, THUS, ON TRANSPORT SERVICES REQUIRED. FURTHER CONSIDERATION MAY NEED TO BE GIVEN TO POSSIBLE MEANS OF BRINGING ABOUT THE SORT OF DISTRIBUTION ENVISAGED, PARTICULARLY FOR JOBS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY; AND
- * FURTHER CONSIDERATION NEEDED TO BE GIVEN TO POSSIBLE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN KEY FACILITIES WHICH SUPPORTED THE ECONOMY.

STRATEGIC GROWTH:-

- * THE EXTENT TO WHICH THERE WERE COMMON COMPONENTS BETWEEN THE TWO LONG-TERM GROWTH PATTERNS JUSTIFIED FURTHER PLANNING ON THE BASIS THAT INITIAL STRATEGIC GROWTH SHOULD TAKE PLACE AROUND THE HARBOUR. THIS WOULD KEEP OPEN DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS FOR THE NEXT CENTURY WHICH WERE LIKELY TO REQUIRE FURTHER CONSIDERATION IN THE LIGHT OF CHANGING CONDITIONS; AND
- * IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, NO EARLY DECISION ON THE LOCATION OR CONSTRUCTION OF A REPLACEMENT AIRPORT WAS REQUIRED AND, THEREFORE, STRATEGIC PLANNING SHOULD FOCUS INITIALLY ON THE COMMON COMPONENTS OF A KAI TAK-RETAINED SCENARIO.

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THE REPORT RECOMMENDED THAT FURTHER ACTION SHOULD PROCEED ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

- * THE MOMENTUM OF BASE GROWTH DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING ASSOCIATED TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE, SHOULD BE MAINTAINED;
- * STRATEGIC GROWTH SHOULD FOCUS INITIALLY ON THOSE COMPONENTS COMMON TO BOTH GROWTH PATTERNS FOR THE KAI TAK-RETAINED SCENARIO. IMPORTANT PROJECTS WOULD INCLUDE RECLAMATIONS AT WEST KOWLOON, HUNG HOM BAY, GREEN ISLAND AND CENTRAL/WANCHAI, TOGETHER WITH ADDITIONAL CROSS HARBOUR ROAD AND RAIL LINKS; AND
- * REQUIREMENTS FOR KEY FACILITIES ASSUMED AS BEING 'LIKELY TO BE NEEDED IN THE 1990'S SHOULD BE FULLY INVESTIGATED, PARTICULARLY FOR PORT DEVELOPMENT IN RESPECT OF WHICH STUDIES HAD JUST COMMENCED.

THE REPORT SAID THE NEXT STEP WOULD BE TO CARRY OUT DETAILED FEASIBILITY STUDIES AS A BASIS FOR INCLUDING ITEMS IN THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME.

HAVING ACCEPTED THE 'COMMON COMPONENTS' APPROACH TO INITIAL STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT, FURTHER EVALUATION OF LONGER TERM OPTIONS NEED NOT BE PURSUED IMMEDIATELY. HOWEVER, IT MAY BE APPROPRIATE LATER FOR SOME OF THE PRINCIPAL ASSUMPTIONS TO BE FURTHER EXAMINED, SUCH AS THE LEVEL OF TRANSPORT SERVICES REQUIRED IN THE NEXT DECADE.

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GOVERNOR LEAVING FOR LONDON
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WILL LEAVE FOR LONDON TOMORROW (TUESDAY) FOR FURTHER CONSULTATION WITH MINISTERS ON THE PROGRESS OF THE TALKS ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

SIR EDWARD WILL BE TRAVELLING ON FLIGHT BA 20, ETD 9 PM.

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MULTI-CHANNELS TO KEEP PUBLIC INFORMED
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THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORT IN KEEPING THE PUBLIC INFORMED INVOLVES CIVIL SERVANTS AT ALL LEVELS ALL THE TIME, THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR IAN MACPHERSON, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE NT ROTARY CLUB THIS EVENING, MR MACPHERSON LISTED 16 COMMONLY USED CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PUBLIC.

THESE CHANNELS INCLUDE THE UMELCO OFFICE, URBAN COUNCIL WARDS, DISTRICT BOARDS AND GOVERNMENT ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES AS WELL AS THE CASUAL +RING-IN+ PROGRAMMES ON THE RADIO. THEY RANGE FROM PERSONAL CONTACTS BY DISTRICT OFFICERS TO SCIENTIFIC OPINION POLLS AND ATTITUDE SURVEYS.

+AMONG THESE, NO LESS THAN 11 ARE TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION CHANNELS. THE AMOUNT OF INFORMATION THAT THE GOVERNMENT MUST PROVIDE THROUGH THESE CHANNELS IS VERY GREAT INDEED,+ MR MACPHERSON SAID.

TAKING THE EXAMPLE OF UMELCO, MR MACPHERSON POINTED OUT THAT ON ALL IMPORTANT ISSUES, THE GOVERNOR HAS TO SEEK THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WHICH IS FULLY BRIEFED BY THE GOVERNMENT ON THE PROPOSALS AND ON THE LIKELY PUBLIC REACTION AND PUBLICITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PROPOSALS. SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ALSO ATTEND THE COUNCIL IN PERSON TO ELABORATE ON THE INFORMATION AND TO ANSWER QUERIES.

+WHERE LEGISLATION IS REQUIRED, A BILL WILL BE DRAFTED FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. THE PURPOSE OF IT IS GIVEN IN THE EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM ATTACHED TO THE BILL, WHICH IS ELABORATED ON BY THE OFFICIAL WHO INTRODUCES IT. DURING DEBATE IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNMENT MAY HAVE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES RAISED BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS.

+THE NEED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION DOES NOT STOP ON THE BILL BECOMING LAW. THE PUBLIC WILL WANT TO KNOW THE DETAILS NOT ONLY AT THE MOMENT THE LAW IS BROUGHT INTO OPERATION BUT ALSO AT ANY TIME WHEN THE LAW IS LIKELY TO AFFECT THEM PERSONALLY AND THEY WOULD LIKE THE INFORMATION TO BE EASILY ACCESSIBLE. LAST YEAR, THERE WERE OVER FOUR MILLION PEOPLE ASKING FOR INFORMATION ON VARYING SUBJECTS AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY COUNTERS OF DISTRICT OFFICES,+ HE SAID.

IF PUBLIC FUNDS HAVE TO BE VOTED FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LAW IN QUESTION, THE NATURE AND LEVEL OF EXPENDITURE WILL HAVE TO BE JUSTIFIED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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+THAT IS NOT THE END OF THE STORY. VERY OFTEN THE GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON HOW IT IS GETTING ON WITH IMPLEMENTING THE LAW EITHER IN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS RAISED BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OR AT THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE. OR, LESS FORMALLY, TO GROUPS OF UMELCO MEMBERS HAVING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS SUBJECT,+ MR MACPHERSON SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT AT ALL STAGES, OFFICERS OF THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES HAVE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO KEEP THE GENERAL PUBLIC INFORMED.

BETWEEN NOVEMBER 1983 AND APRIL 1984, ABOUT 7 500 PRESS RELEASES AND NEWS ITEMS WERE ISSUED AND 150 MEDIA BRIEFINGS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS WERE UNDERTAKEN BY OFFICIALS. THERE ARE PRESS UNITS IN 23 DEPARTMENTS AND OVER 36 000 PRESS QUERIES ARE HANDLED EACH MONTH.

ALSO, RTHK HELPS TO KEEP THE PUBLIC INFORMED THROUGH ITS TV AND RADIO PROGRAMMES AND THE POPULAR DAILY ACCESS PROGRAMME REQUIRES INPUT FROM MANY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, HE ADDED.

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SEMINAR ON VENTURE CAPITAL * * * *

A ONE-DAY SEMINAR ON +VENTURE CAPITAL -- FINANCING FOR GROWTH OF TECHNOLOGY INTENSE INDUSTRIES+ WILL BE CONDUCTED ON FRIDAY (JULY 6) AT THE FURAMA HOTEL.

ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE, THE SEMINAR, WILL BE CHAIRED BY MR ALLEN LEE, CHAIRMAN OF THE PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL.

THE MAIN SPEAKER AT THE SEMINAR WILL BE MR PETER BROOKE, CHAIRMAN OF T.A. ASSOCIATES, ONE OF THE LARGEST VENTURE CAPITAL COMPANIES IN THE UNITED STATES. MR BROOKE WILL SPEAK ON +VENTURE CAPITAL - THE U.S. SCENE AND WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN EUROPE AND THE FAR EAST+.

THE OTHER SPEAKERS WILL BE MR R. CABSTAIRS, MANAGER OF THE CHARTERED BANK, MR R. FELL, COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES AND DR D.F. TAYLOR, TECHNICAL DIRECTOR OF THE PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE.

ABOUT 60 GUESTS, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD, REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE BANKING AND FINANCIAL SECTORS, AS WELL AS INDUSTRIALISTS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR.

THE SEMINAR FOLLOWS CONSIDERATION OF THE PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE'S RECENT STUDY OF THE ELECTRONIC INDUSTRY, BY THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP APPOINTED BY THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD.

DURING THE SEMINAR, VIEWS WILL BE OBTAINED ON WHETHER VENTURE CAPITAL IS A CONCEPT WHICH MERITS FURTHER CONSIDERATION IN HONG KONG.

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AWARDS FOR ANTI-SMOKING SUPPORTERS
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TWENTY PUBLIC-SPIRITED CITIZENS AND ORGANISATIONS WILL BE PRESENTED WITH ANTI-SMOKING AWARDS AT THE OPENING OF A THREE-DAY ANTI-SMOKING HEALTH EDUCATION EXHIBITION AT THE OCEAN TERMINAL MAIN CONCOURSE NEXT MONDAY (JULY 9).

THE AWARDS, IN THE FORM OF CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION, WILL BE THE FIRST TO BE PRESENTED TO INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN.

AMONG THE RECIPIENTS WILL BE HONG KONG'S TOP ATHLETES, A DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, AND WELL-KNOWN FIGURES IN THE MASS MEDIA, AS WELL AS HOTELS, A RESTAURANT, AND MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS.

OFFICIATING AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR DR HARRY S.Y. FANG; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE 1983/84 ANTI-SMOKING PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN STEERING COMMITTEE, MR GEOFFREY BARNES; AND HEADS OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS THAT WERE INVOLVED IN THE CAMPAIGN.

THE EXHIBITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE AND THE CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUING EFFORTS AGAINST SMOKING.

IT WILL FEATURE A WIDE RANGE OF DISPLAY MATERIALS, GRAPHS AND CHARTS SHOWING THE HEALTH HAZARDS OF SMOKING.

THERE WILL ALSO BE DEMONSTRATIONS, SLIDE PRESENTATIONS AND A HEALTH ADVICE COUNTER PROVIDING ANTI-SMOKING INFORMATION AND COUNSELLING ON HOW TO GIVE UP SMOKING.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN FROM NOON ON JULY 9 UNTIL JULY 11. THE OPENING HOURS FROM JULY 10 ONWARDS ARE FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM.

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1982 INDUSTRIAL SURVEY REPORT OUT
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MAJOR FINDINGS FROM A SURVEY OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IN 1982, CONDUCTED FROM APRIL 1983 TO EARLY 1984, ARE CONTAINED IN A REPORT NOW ON SALE.

THE STATISTICAL REPORT, ENTITLED +1982 SURVEY OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION+ HAS BEEN PREPARED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SURVEY COVERED ESSENTIALLY THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, INCLUDING ESTABLISHMENTS ENGAGED IN MINING AND QUARRYING, AND IN THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY, GAS AND WATER WERE ALSO COVERED.

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THE REPORT CONTAINS STATISTICS SHOWING THE STRUCTURAL AND OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS OF VARIOUS INDUSTRIES.

+BESIDES BEING USED BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR POLICY MAKING, THE STATISTICS ARE USED BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR FOR DECISION MAKING, ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND MARKET RESEARCH.

+THEY CAN BE USED FOR ASSESSING INDUSTRIAL PERFORMANCE, IDENTIFYING STRUCTURAL CHANGES AND DRAWING INTER-INDUSTRY COMPARISONS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

PREVIOUS PUBLICATIONS IN THE SAME SERIES INCLUDE THE REPORT ON THE SURVEY OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION FOR 1973 AND REPORTS ON ANNUAL SURVEYS FROM 1976 TO 1981.

THE REPORT FOR THE 1982 SURVEY IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AT \$9 A COPY.

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AIR PARCELS TO LEBANON HALTED
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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT DUE TO THE PREVAILING SITUATION IN LEBANON, WHICH IS AFFECTING THE POSTAL OPERATIONS IN THAT COUNTRY, AIR PARCEL AND AIRMAIL SMALL PACKET SERVICES FROM HONG KONG TO LEBANON HAVE BEEN TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED.

THE ONLY SERVICE NOW OPERATING TO LEBANON IS THE FIRST CLASS AIR LETTER SERVICE.

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INSTRUCTORS' COURSE TO PROMOTE TENNET
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THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, AND THE HONG KONG TENNET ASSOCIATION ARE JOINTLY ORGANISING A TRAINING COURSE FOR TENNET COACHES IN AUGUST.

APPLICANTS MUST BE 21 YEARS OF AGE OR ABOVE AND MUST HAVE EXPERIENCE IN PLAYING TENNET.

+THE AIM IS TO PROMOTE THE SPORT BY TRAINING MORE COACHES,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RSS.

CERTIFICATES WILL BE GIVEN TO PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE ATTENDED THE CLASSES REGULARLY AND HAVE PASSED AN EXAMINATION.

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CLASSES WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS FROM AUGUST 5 TO 27 AT LAI CHI KOK PARK INDOOR GAMES HALL.

THE COURSE WILL BE LIMITED TO 30 PERSONS AND THE FEE IS \$20.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE RSS HEAD OFFICE, 11/F WING ON CENTRE, CENTRAL OR ITS 19 DISTRICT OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

FURTHER DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED BY CALLING TELEPHONE 5-458511.

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LANTERN COMPETITIONS FOR ALL
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RESIDENTS, WORKERS AND STUDENTS IN KOWLOON CITY ARE BEING INVITED TO ENTER TWO LANTERN COMPETITIONS ORGANISED AS PART OF A MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL CELEBRATION PROGRAMME TO BE HELD IN THE DISTRICT IN SEPTEMBER.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA, SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT BOTH COMPETITIONS ARE AIMED AT STIMULATING INTEREST IN THE TRADITIONS OF THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL AND ARTS AND CRAFTS, AND AT ENCOURAGING TEAMWORK THROUGH BUILDING LANTERNS.

+UNLIKE LAST YEAR, WHEN BOTH COMPETITIONS WERE OPEN TO STUDENTS ONLY, THIS YEAR WE WELCOME PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS TO TAKE PART+, HE SAID.

+FURTHERMORE, THERE WILL BE NO RESTRICTION ON THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES BEING SUBMITTED+.

FOR THE GIANT LANTERN COMPETITION, PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE TO SUBMIT SKETCH DESIGNS BY JULY 14.

TWENTY FIVE OF THE BEST AND MOST PRACTICAL DESIGNS WILL BE CHOSEN BY A PANEL OF JUDGES, AND THE SUCCESSFUL ENTRANTS WILL BE OFFERED A REIMBURSEMENT GRANT OF UP TO \$600 EACH TO BUILD THEIR LANTERNS.

THE TOTAL LENGTH OF THE THREE DIMENSIONS OF THE LANTERN SHOULD NOT BE LESS THAN FOUR METRES, AND ANY TYPE OF MATERIALS COULD BE USED.

THE SMALL LANTERN COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS - FOR ENTRANTS BELOW THE AGE OF 14, AND FOR THOSE WHO ARE 14 AND ABOVE.

CONTESTANTS WILL HAVE ONLY TO BRING ALONG THEIR LANTERNS, THE TOTAL LENGTH OF WHICH SHOULD NOT EXCEED ONE METRE, TO THE DISTRICT'S MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL LANTERN CARNIVAL.

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THE CARNIVAL, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL, WILL BE HELD AT THE ARGYLE STREET PLAYGROUND ON SEPTEMBER 9.

JUDGING OF THE TWO LANTERN COMPETITIONS WILL BE HELD AT 3 PM. A TWO-HOUR VARIETY SHOW AND PRESENTATION OF PRIZES TO OWNERS OF THE BEST THREE GIANT AND 20 SMALL LANTERNS WILL START AT 8 PM.

THE DISTRICT BOARD HAS CONTRIBUTED \$20 000 TOWARDS THE TOTAL COST OF \$49 000 FOR THE CARNIVAL.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE TWO COMPETITIONS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS BRANCH OFFICES IN HUNG HOM AND HO MAN TIN.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO MISS PHILLIS CHAN AT 3-7110171 EXT. 51.

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UNDERSTANDING THE HANDICAPPED

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A THREE-DAY COURSE ON +UNDERSTANDING AND HELPING THE HANDICAPPED+, FOR TEACHERS IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS, WILL BE HELD FROM JULY 16 TO 18.

THE COURSE WILL BE IN CANTONESE AND WILL PROVIDE BASIC KNOWLEDGE IN IDENTIFYING AND HELPING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS IN ORDINARY SCHOOLS.

MEANWHILE, COPIES OF A PAMPHLET ENTITLED +UNDERSTANDING THE HANDICAPPED (A GUIDE FOR TEACHERS)+ HAVE BEEN SENT TO ALL SCHOOLS FOR THE REFERENCE OF TEACHERS.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE PAMPHLET SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE SPECIAL EDUCATION SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, SECOND FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG; OR PERTH STREET SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CENTRE, 6 PERTH STREET, KOWLOON.

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MORE CAREERS CENTRES PLANNED

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FIVE MORE CENTRES WILL BE SET UP BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS TO PROVIDE YOUNG PEOPLE AND STUDENTS WITH INFORMATION ON CAREERS AND FURTHER STUDIES.

THIS WAS DISCLOSED TODAY BY THE ACTING DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR DAVID LIN, AT THE OPENING OF A FURTHER STUDIES AND CAREERS GUIDANCE PROJECT IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

THESE CENTRES WILL BE SPREAD OUT IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS AND WILL BE IN ADDITION TO THE THREE CENTRES ALREADY BEEN SET UP ON HONG KONG ISLAND, IN KOWLOON AND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

MR LIN SAID THAT ONE NEW CENTRE WILL BE IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT, AND WILL CATER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN AND SOUTHERN DISTRICTS.

THE MONTH-LONG FURTHER STUDIES AND CAREERS GUIDANCE PROJECT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, THE ABERDEEN KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION AND THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE, AND IS SPONSORED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD.

SEVERAL ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN ORGANISED, IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROJECT, INCLUDING A CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRE AND A MINI EXHIBITION BY THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE AT THE COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTRE OF THE ABERDEEN KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION, CAREERS FORUMS AND MOCK JOB INTERVIEWS, AN OUTING TO TAI PO AND WESTERN NEW TERRITORIES, AND A FREE HANDBOOK ON FURTHER STUDIES.

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ANTI-MOSQUITO CAMPAIGN IN CENTRAL

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THE SECOND PHASE OF THE CENTRAL DISTRICT'S ANTI-MOSQUITO CAMPAIGN THIS YEAR WAS LAUNCHED TODAY (MONDAY).

THE TEN-DAY DRIVE WILL CONCENTRATE ON BUILDINGS FROM THE MID-LEVELS TO CENTRAL.

HEALTH STAFF WILL BE GOING FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE INSPECTING ROOF TOPS, WATER STORAGE TANKS AND CONSTRUCTION SITES TO IDENTIFY AND TO ELIMINATE ALL POSSIBLE MOSQUITO BREEDING GROUNDS.

+THEY WILL ALSO DISTRIBUTE LEAFLETS AND POSTERS TO RESIDENTS ADVISING THEM ON VARIOUS WAYS TO PREVENT MOSQUITOES FROM BREEDING,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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+AS THE WEATHER IS GETTING MORE HUMID THESE DAYS, CONTRACTORS OF BUILDING SITES ARE ESPECIALLY REMINDED OF THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT NO STAGNANT WATER IS ACCUMULATED IN THE WORK AREAS.

+THEY SHOULD INSTRUCT SITE WORKERS TO SPRAY AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK A LAYER OF LIGHT DIESEL OIL ON THE SURFACE OF WATER STORED IN TANKS.

+UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES ORDINANCE, IT IS AN OFFENCE TO ALLOW MOSQUITO BREEDING ON PREMISES. UPON CONVICTION, AN OFFENDER IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10 000, + HE SAID.

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PRIMARY MATHS SYLLABUS TO BE SHOWN
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A THREE-DAY EXHIBITION AND SIX HALF-DAY SEMINARS ON THE NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL MATHEMATICS SYLLABUS WILL BE ORGANISED NEXT MONTH FOR SCHOOL HEADS AND TEACHERS.

THE EXHIBITION AND SEMINARS WILL BE HELD FROM AUGUST 21 TO 23 AT GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, GASCOIGNE ROAD, KOWLOON.

FOR SPACE REASONS, THE SEMINARS WILL BE LIMITED TO SCHOOL HEADS AND CONVENERs OF MATHEMATICS SUBJECT IN SCHOOLS.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE MADE TO THE MATHEMATICS SECTION, ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG, BEFORE JULY 10.

ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE MATHEMATICS SECTION ON 5-8392488.

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SHAU KEI WAN ROAD TO HAVE FOOTBRIDGE
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THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING TO BUILD A 30-METRE-LONG COVERED FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS SHAU KEI WAN ROAD AT THE JUNCTION OF SHING ON AND TAI ON STREETS.

IT WILL BE 2.75 METRES WIDE AND CONNECTED AT BOTH ENDS BY STAIRCASES.

AT PRESENT, THERE IS PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR CONFLICT AT THIS JUNCTION AND THE SITUATION WILL WORSEN WHEN THE ISLAND LINE OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION STARTS OPERATION AND THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR EXTENDS TO SAI WAN HO IN MID-1985.

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CONSTRUCTION OF THE BRIDGE WILL START TOWARDS THE END OF THIS YEAR AND BE READY IN TIME FOR THE ISLAND LINE OPENING.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A PLAN CAN BE SEEN AT:

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING MAIN ENTRANCE;
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG NORTH, 12TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG; AND
- * EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, 884-886, KING'S ROAD GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD BE IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BEFORE AUGUST 28.

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HOS FLAT APPLICATIONS CLOSE TOMORROW
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APPLICATIONS FOR THE 6 616 FLATS OF HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME PHASE VIA WILL CLOSE AT 7 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TODAY STRESSED THAT THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO APPLY FOR PHASE VIA FLATS MUST SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS TO THE HOME OWNERSHIP CENTRE BEFORE 7 PM TOMORROW.

HE ALSO SAID THAT HOME-SEEKERS SHOULD SUBMIT THE APPLICATION FORMS IN PERSON, IF POSSIBLE, SO AS TO FACILITATE CHECKING BY HOUSING STAFF.

THE HOME OWNERSHIP CENTRE WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 7 PM TOMORROW TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS. POSTAL APPLICATIONS WILL ALSO BE ACCEPTED PROVIDED THE POSTMARK SHOWS THEY ARE MAILED ON OR BEFORE JULY 3.

SO FAR, ABOUT 15 000 APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND MORE ARE EXPECTED TO COME IN.

A PUBLIC BALLOT WILL BE HELD LATER THIS MONTH TO DECIDE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS.

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LIFE-SAVING COURSE FOR YOUTHS
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YOUNG PEOPLE ABOVE THE AGE OF 14 AND ABLE TO SWIM 200 METRES ARE INVITED TO JOIN A LIFE-SAVING COURSE TO START LATE THIS MONTH AT THE KWAI SHING PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL.

THE COURSE IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE (KWAI CHUNG OFFICE) OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT.

THE 20-SESSION COURSE WILL START ON JULY 27 AND BE HELD ON MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY EVENINGS BETWEEN 6.30 PM AND 8 PM.

IT WILL LEAD TO AN EXAMINATION FOR THE ROYAL LIFE-SAVING SOCIETY BRONZE MEDALLION.

PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO PEOPLE WHO LIVE, WORK OR STUDY IN KWAI CHUNG OR TSING YI ISLAND, A NTSD SPOKESMAN SAID.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE COURSE ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OSMAN RAMJU SADICK MEMORIAL GAMES HALL, THE KWAI SHING SWIMMING POOL, THE KWAI CHUNG SPORTS GROUND AND THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE (KWAI CHUNG OFFICE) OF RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AT NO. 76-77 ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF KWAI SING CENTRE, 412 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

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TAXI STAND WORK
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FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 4), USE OF THE TAXI STAND IN LUEN SHING STREET, LUEN WO HUI, FANLING WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR ABOUT FOUR MONTHS FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK.

DURING THIS PERIOD, A NEW TAXI STAND WILL BE SET UP AT WO LUNG STREET.

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WONG CHUK HANG TRAFFIC
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FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 4), THE SLIP ROAD OFF WONG CHUK HANG ROAD, OUTSIDE WONG CHUK HANG TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE FOR ROAD WORKS.

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WATER STORAGE
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 79.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 467.975 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 519.433 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 88.6 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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SALT WATER TAPS OFF
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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN SHUM SHUI PO WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR EIGHT HOURS - FROM 8 AM TO 4 PM - ON THURSDAY (JULY 5) TO FACILITATE ROUTINE CLEANING OF THE BEACON HILL HIGH LEVEL SALT WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE ALONG THE NORTHERN SECTION LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, BETWEEN NAM CHEONG STREET AND LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD, INCLUDING LUNG CHEUNG ROAD LOOKOUT.

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