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'DISCUSSION ON POLITICAL REFORMS USEFUL'

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THE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG IS A MATTER OF INTEREST AND AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON THE SUBJECT DURING THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP MEETING WAS QUITE USEFUL, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER ATTENDING THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING OF THE OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL, SIR DAVID SAID THE DISCUSSION OF POLITICAL REFORMS IN HONG KONG WAS NOT PRE-ARRANGED BEFORE THE SECOND JOINT LIAISON GROUP MEETING.

NOTING THAT THE AGENDA OF THE JLG WAS ALWAYS KEPT CONFIDENTIAL, HE SAID +EACH SIDE CAN RAISE MATTERS THAT IT WISHES TO. THAT'S THE PURPOSE OF THESE MEETINGS.

+SO IF THIS WAS RAISED, AND A DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE, THIS IS ENTIRELY UP TO THE MEMBERS OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP. THIS IS THE FUNCTION OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP,+ HE SAID.

ASKED WHETHER THE DISCUSSION OF POLITICAL REFORMS IN HONG KONG BY THE JLG REPRESENTED A CHANGE OF ATTITUDE ON THE BRITISH SIDE, SIR DAVID SAID: +NO, I THINK IF THERE WAS AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, IF INFORMATION IS ASKED FOR, AND INFORMATION IS GIVEN, THAT IS NOT A CHANGE OF ATTITUDE REALLY.+

SIR DAVID ADDED THAT THINGS LIKE THIS COULD BE RAISED FOR THE SAKE OF OBTAINING INFORMATION.

ASKED WHETHER THE CHINESE SIDE HAD EXPRESSED ANY OPINION ON POLITICAL REFORMS IN HONG KONG, SIR DAVID SAID HE COULD NOT GIVE THIS KIND OF DETAILS AS +WHAT GOES ON IN THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP IS A MATTER FOR THE CONFIDENCE OF BOTH SIDES.

+BUT AS I SAID, IF AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION TAKES PLACE I'M SURE IT IS USEFUL,+ HE ADDED.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE JLG MEETING, SIR DAVID SAID THE GROUP HAD ISSUED A STATEMENT IN WHICH IT WAS SAID THAT THEY HAD SATISFACTORY PROGRESS AND HAD SATISFACTORY TALKS ON A NUMBER OF SUBJECTS.

+WE MUST ACCEPT THAT THAT IS THE CASE, IN FACT. AND GRADUALLY AS THE WEEKS AND MONTHS GO BY, WE WILL LEARN MORE AND MORE ABOUT IT,+ HE SAID.

ON WHETHER DR DAVID WILSON WOULD PASS THROUGH HONG KONG ON HIS WAY BACK TO THE UK, SIR DAVID SAID HE WOULD GO STRAIGHT BACK.

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ON WHY THE WORDS +TRAVEL DOCUMENT+ RATHER THAN +PASSPORT+ WERE ISSUED IN THE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE JLG, SIR DAVID SAID HE HAD NOT ACTUALLY SEEN THE OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE BUT +OF COURSE THE JOINT DECLARATION TALKS OF TRAVEL DOCUMENTS+.

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ASKED TO CONFIRM A REPORT THAT MR JI PENGFEI WOULD BE COMING TO HONG KONG IN DECEMBER, SIR DAVID SAID THAT HE HAD HEARD OF THIS REPORT BUT HE COULD NOT CONFIRM IT AT THE PRESENT TIME.

+I CAN'T CONFIRM ANYTHING AT THE PRESENT TIME, I'M AFRAID. BUT I EXPECT AN ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE LATER,+ HE SAID.

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SECOND JLG MEETING 'SATISFACTORY'
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THE OUTCOME OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP IN PEKING HAS BEEN SATISFACTORY, A MEMBER OF THE BRITISH SIDE OF THE JLG, MR ERIC HO, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT ON HIS RETURN FROM PEKING, MR HO SAID THE FIRST TASK FOR HIM AND HIS COLLEAGUES NOW WAS TO MAKE AN EARLY REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE.

MR HO SAID THE WEATHER IN PEKING AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR WAS EXTREMELY GOOD +WITH BLUE AND SUNNY SKIES ALL THE TIME.+

+AND I THINK THIS COULD BE SAID TO BE A GOOD OMEN FOR OUR MEETING, AND I CAN CONFIRM THAT THE ATMOSPHERE AT THE MEETING THROUGHOUT WAS MOST FRIENDLY AND CO-OPERATIVE,+ HE ADDED.

RETURNING WITH MR HO WERE THE POLITICAL ADVISER, MR JOHN BOYD; THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR ALAN CARTER LAW OFFICER (SPECIAL DUTIES), MR FRED BURROWS; PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (GENERAL DUTIES), MR RICHARD HOARE; CHIEF INTERPRETER MR Y. P. CHENG; AND SENIOR PERSONAL SECRETARY, MISS M. MCINTOSH.

THE HEAD OF THE HONG KONG DEPARTMENT OF THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, MR ANTHONY GALSWORTHY, ALSO RETURNED WITH THE GROUP ON HIS WAY BACK TO THE UK.

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JI PENGFEI TO VISIT HK
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AT THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, MR JI PENGFEI, STATE COUNCILLOR, DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG AND MACAU AFFAIRS OFFICE OF THE STATE COUNCIL, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE ON THE BASIC LAW OF HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, WILL VISIT HONG KONG IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

MR JI WILL BE ACCOMPANIED, AMONG OTHERS, BY HIS WIFE, MADAM XU HANBING, AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG AND MACAU AFFAIRS OFFICE OF THE STATE COUNCIL AND SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE BASIC LAW DRAFTING COMMITTEE, MR LI HOU.

THEREAFTER, MR JI AND HIS PARTY WILL CONTINUE THEIR VISIT TO HONG KONG FOR SOME DAYS AT THE INVITATION OF THE FIVE HONG KONG VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE BASIC LAW DRAFTING COMMITTEE, MR T.K. ANN, SIR YUE-KONG PAO, MR XU JIATUN, MR FEI YIMING AND MR DAVID LI.

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LESS ACCIDENTS AN INDICATION OF PROGRESS
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THE REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS AND CASUALTIES IN RECENT YEARS IS AN INDICATION THAT REAL PROGRESS IS BEING MADE TOWARDS IMPROVING STANDARDS OF ROAD SAFETY, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE ROAD SAFETY PATROLS ANNUAL REVIEW, SIR EDWARD SAID THAT CREDIT FOR THIS WAS DUE TO THE ORGANISATIONS INVOLVED AS WELL AS TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG FOR EXERCISING GREATER CARE.

HOWEVER, HE SAID HE FELT THAT THE NUMBER AND SEVERITY OF ROAD ACCIDENTS WAS STILL TOO HIGH AND IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT OUR EFFORTS WERE NOT RELAXED.

SIR EDWARD ALSO POINTED OUT THAT MOTORCYCLISTS HAD LONG BEEN A CAUSE FOR PARTICULAR CONCERN, AS THE RATE OF FATAL AND SERIOUS INJURIES FOR MOTORCYCLISTS WAS THREE TIMES GREATER THAN THAT FOR DRIVERS OF OTHER TYPES OF VEHICLES.

+TO TRY TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION IN THE LONGER TERM, THE GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING A PROPOSAL THAT LEARNER MOTORCYCLISTS SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO UNDERGO A COURSE OF TRAINING AT AN OFF-STREET CENTRE BEFORE BEING ALLOWED TO RIDE A MOTORCYCLE ON A PUBLIC ROAD,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

TURNING TO THE COMPULSORY WEARING OF SEAT BELTS, SIR EDWARD SAID THE REQUIREMENT HAD LIVED UP TO EXPECTATIONS AS A SIMPLE AND EFFECTIVE METHOD OF REDUCING THE TOLL OF DEATHS AND INJURIES ON THE ROAD.

+TO INCREASE FURTHER THE SAFETY OF DRIVERS AND PASSENGERS IN VEHICLES, WE ARE CONSIDERING THE EXTENSION OF THE COMPULSORY WEARING OF SEAT BELTS TO THE FRONT SEATS OF TAXIS AND LIGHT BUSES; AND OF THE REQUIREMENT TO FIT SEAT BELTS IN THE FRONT SEATS TO ALL NEWLY REGISTERED GOODS VEHICLES,+ HE SAID.

PRAISING PATROL MEMBERS FOR THE IMPORTANT ROLE THEY PLAY IN ENHANCING ROAD SAFETY, SIR EDWARD SAID THE KEY TO GREATER SAFETY LAY MAINLY IN GREATER CARE BY EVERYONE AND THE PRESENCE OF PATROLS WAS THE REMINDER TO EVERYONE USING THE ROAD OF THE NEED FOR SUCH CARE.

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OUTWARD BOUND COURSES HELP DEVELOP YOUTHS
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AN OUTWARD BOUND TRAINING COURSE HELPS DEVELOP A YOUNG PERSON'S SELF-CONFIDENCE, INITIATIVE, PERSISTENCE, ABILITY TO WORK WITH OTHERS AND ALSO QUALITIES OF LEADERSHIP, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL'S NEW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN SAI KUNG, SIR DAVID SAID AN OUTWARD BOUND TRAINEE, WHETHER LEARNING TO HANDLE THE SCHOOL'S SAILING SHIP, THE '+JI FUNG+' OR TO NEGOTIATE AN UNINVITING ROCKFACE ON LAND, WAS COMING TO TERMS WITH HIMSELF AND HIS ABILITIES AND WAS BENEFITTING FROM AN EXPERIENCE THAT WOULD STAND HIM OR HER IN GOOD STEAD FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE.

+THE FACT IS THAT, IMPORTANT AS IT IS, ACADEMIC STUDY ALONE CANNOT FULLY EQUIP THE INDIVIDUAL FOR THE MANY TYPES OF CHALLENGE, BOTH PHYSICAL AND MENTAL, THAT HE OR SHE WILL MEET IN LIFE,+ HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THAT 100 DIFFERENT COURSES HAD BEEN CONDUCTED THIS YEAR FOR 2 700 OUTWARD BOUND TRAINEES -- 98 PER CENT OF THEM WERE CHINESE AND 75 PER CENT ARE ADULTS.

+POTENTIAL OUTWARD BOUND TRAINEES MAY BE FOUND IN THE OFFICE, THE FACTORY, IN SCHOOLS, IN THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE.

+THE GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN SENDING STAFF ON OUTWARD BOUND COURSES SINCE THE SCHOOL BEGAN AND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY REALISE THE BENEFITS THE COURSES CAN OFFER TO THEIR YOUNG MANAGERS, AND TO THEIR STAFF GENERALLY,+ HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID HE KNEW THE SCHOOL WOULD LIKE TO REACH A GREATER NUMBER OF PEOPLE.

+IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ENCOURAGE MORE OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY BOTH TO MAKE USE OF THE SCHOOL'S SERVICES AND TO RECOGNISE THE VALUE OF THE SCHOOL'S WORK THROUGH SPONSORSHIP.+

SIR DAVID SAID THE COST OF RUNNING THE COURSES WAS HIGH AND IN ORDER TO MAKE THE COURSES ACCESSIBLE TO THOSE WHO COULD BENEFIT MOST, THE SCHOOL HAD BEEN TURNING INCREASINGLY TO THE COMMERCIAL SECTOR AND TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR SPONSORSHIP FOR FURSARIES AND EQUIPMENT PURCHASES.

+I AM CONFIDENT THAT SUPPORT FOR THE SCHOOL WILL CONTINUE TO INCREASE IN THE FUTURE,+ HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THE NEW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING OPENED TODAY WAS IMPORTANT TO THE SCHOOL FOR STREAMLINING OPERATIONS BY IMPROVING COMMUNICATIONS AND EFFICIENCY.

+THIS NEW BUILDING WILL NOT ONLY MAKE IT EASIER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF TO WORK, BUT WILL ALSO CREATE ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR FACILITIES FOR THE TRAINEES AND WILL BE OF GREAT BENEFIT TO ALL THOSE EITHER WORKING OR ATTENDING COURSES AT THE SCHOOL,+ SIR DAVID SAID.

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HK OWES MUCH TO YOUNG COMMUNITY - CS

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HONG KONG IS A LIVELY COMMUNITY AND WE OWE A GREAT DEAL TO THE ENERGY AND IMAGINATION EXERCISED BY OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE TEN OUTSTANDING YOUNG PERSONS SELECTION AWARDS PRESENTATIONS CEREMONY 1985, SIR DAVID SAID THE AWARDS SCHEME GAVE RECOGNITION TO THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF DEDICATED YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN IN DIFFERENT FIELDS OF ENDEAVOUR.

SIR DAVID SAID THE EXPERTISE AND DEDICATION OF THESE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WOULD BE REMEMBERED BY THE COMMUNITY.

+THEIR GOOD WORK, BE THAT IN ARTS AND CULTURE, SOCIAL SERVICES OR PROFESSIONAL PURSUITS ARE ALREADY SHARED BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE IMPACT OF THESE INDIVIDUAL EFFORTS WILL MULTIPLY.

+WHAT IS MORE IMPORTANT IS THAT THEIR EXPERIENCE AND SUCCESS WILL INSPIRE OTHERS TO CONTINUE THEIR WORK TO DEVELOP A BETTER COMMUNITY,+ SIR DAVID SAID.

HE SAID THE PRESENTATIONS CEREMONY PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY IN STRENGTHENING THE BONDS BETWEEN OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS FROM DIFFERENT WALKS OF LIFE.

HE ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE HONG KONG JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR ORGANISING SUCH A MEANINGFUL ANNUAL EVENT, AND TO THE AWARDEES FOR THEIR RELENTLESS EFFORTS IN GIVING THEIR BEST TO THE COMMUNITY.

+I SINCERELY HOPE THAT THEY WILL KEEP UP WITH THEIR GOOD WORK AND CAPITALISE THEIR TALENTS TO THE FULL,+ SIR DAVID SAID.

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CAS SPIRIT VITAL TO HK'S SUCCESS

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THE SENSE OF COMMUNITY SPIRIT -- TO SERVE AND PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMUNITY -- WHICH CIVIL AID SERVICES RECRUITS DEVELOP THROUGH TRAINING, IS VITAL TO THE CONTINUING SUCCESS OF HONG KONG, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON), MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, SAID THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT THE 32ND PASSING-OUT PARADE OF THE CAS, MR WIGGHAM SAID THAT SINCE ITS FORMATION IN 1952, THE CAS HAD PLAYED A PROMINENT ROLE IN A WIDE VARIETY OF TASKS, RANGING FROM DISASTER AND EMERGENCY OPERATIONAL DUTIES, TO CROWD CONTROL AT PUBLIC EVENTS, AND IN RECENT YEARS, REFUGEE MANAGEMENT.

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AS EXAMPLES, HE SAID CAS WAS INVOLVED IN RESCUE WORK DURING RAINSTORMS AND TYPHOONS, PARTICULAR TYPHOON ELLEN IN 1983, RURAL AREA PATROL DUTY DURING DRY SEASON TO PREVENT FIRE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE AND MOUNTAIN RESCUE.

HE SAID CAS NOT ONLY HELPED IN RELIEVING PRESSURE ON HONG KONG'S FULLTIME EMERGENCY SERVICES, BUT ALSO MADE A GENUINE CONTRIBUTION TO COMMUNITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING THE COMMUNITY CHEST'S 'WALK FOR A MILLION', THE DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL AND THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS EARLIER THIS YEAR.

MR WIGGHAM LATER PRESENTED SPECIAL CERTIFICATES TO THE THREE MOST OUTSTANDING RECRUITS, CIVIL DEFENCE LONG SERVICE MEDALS TO 26 OFFICERS AND COMMISSIONER'S COMMENDATION CERTIFICATES TO FOUR MEMBERS.

OVER 240 RECRUITS, 168 OF THEM TOOK PART IN THE PARADE, WILL BE POSTED TO VARIOUS CAS UNITS ALL OVER THE TERRITORY.

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EEC STATES POSITION ON MFA, BILATERALS
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PROPOSALS IN A DRAFT NEGOTIATING MANDATE DRAWN UP BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF THE MULTIFIBRE ARRANGEMENT AND BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WERE DESCRIBED TODAY BY DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR JOSEPH WONG.

+IT MUST BE REMEMBERED THAT THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS HAVE STILL TO BE APPROVED BY MEMBER STATES AND THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE EEC,+ SAID MR WONG.

THE NEGOTIATING DIRECTIVE PROPOSED APPLIES TO BOTH THE MFA AND BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES AND IT SAYS RENEGOTIATING OF BOTH MUST BE CONDUCTED TOGETHER EVEN THOUGH THE LATTER EXPIRE FIVE MONTHS AFTER THE FORMER.

IT IS PROPOSED THAT ANY EXTENSION OF THE MFA SHOULD BE FOR A FOUR-YEAR MINIMUM.

+AMONG THE POINTS IN THE DRAFT ON THE MFA, ARE THE PROPOSAL THAT CERTAIN RESTRICTIVE CLAUSES BE DROPPED - INCLUDING THAT WHICH PERMITS THE REDUCTION OF THE EXPORT POSSIBILITIES OF DOMINANT SUPPLIERS IN CERTAIN PRODUCTS,+ SAID MR WONG.

+THE COMMISSION ALSO SUGGESTS THAT ALL SIGNATORIES TO THE MFA SHOULD MAKE A DETERMINED EFFORT TO OPEN UP THEIR MARKETS TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE ACCORDING TO THEIR LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT AND THEIR ECONOMIC POTENTIAL.+

ON BILATERAL AGREEMENTS THE COMMISSION PROPOSES GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN CONTROL MECHANISMS WITH SOME AGREEMENTS WITH SMALL SUPPLIERS BEING REPLACED BY A SIMPLE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS.

+THE DRAFT PROPOSES THAT THE PRESENT THEORETICAL PRODUCT COVER WOULD REMAIN THE SAME AS IN THE EXISTING AGREEMENTS,+ SAID MR WONG.

+BUT IT SAYS THAT IT SHOULD BE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS DOES NOT MEAN LIMITATION. ON THE CONTRARY, THE COMMISSION PROPOSES THAT CERTAIN PRESENT QUANTITATIVE LIMITS SHOULD BE DONE AWAY WITH FOR CATEGORIES WHERE THE QUANTITIES HAVE BEEN GREATLY UNDER-UTILISED BY THE COUNTRIES TO WHICH THEY WERE ACCORDED. IT ALSO ENVISAGES GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN THE BREAKDOWN BETWEEN THE MEMBER STATES.+

IT IS ALSO SUGGESTED THAT DIFFERENTIATION SHOULD BE MADE IN IMPORT GROWTH LEVELS BETWEEN COUNTRIES AND ACCORDING TO THE SENSITIVITY OF THE PRODUCTS THAT THE MECHANISM WHICH ALLOWS NEW QUANTITATIVE LIMITS TO BE ESTABLISHED DURING THE LIFE OF AN AGREEMENT BE MAINTAINED BUT LIBERALISED THAT RESTRICTIONS ON HAND-MADE PRODUCTS BE DROPPED AND THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATING SPECIFIC LEVELS FOR OUTWARD PROCESSING TRAFFIC WILL BE RETAINED BY INCLUDING THEM IN THE AGREEMENTS FOR ALL INVOLVED EXPORTING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING EASTERN COUNTRIES.

+THIS DRAFT WILL NOW BE CONSIDERED BY THE MEMBER STATES AND THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS - WITH A FINAL POSITION PROBABLY BEING DECIDED BY THE END OF THE YEAR,+ SAID MR WONG.

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HONG KONG WELCOMES GATT MOVE * * *

THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR PAUL WONG, TODAY (SATURDAY) WELCOMED THE DECISION BY THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE TO SET UP A PREPARATORY COMMITTEE TO PAVE THE WAY FOR A NEW ROUND OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE TALKS.

COMMENTING ON THE IMPLICATIONS FOR HONG KONG, MR WONG SAID: +THE MOVE TOWARDS A NEW ROUND IS SIGNIFICANT FOR HONG KONG, BECAUSE THE UNDERLYING OBJECTIVES OF LIBERALISING TRADE AND REINFORCING THE DISCIPLINES OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADING SYSTEM ARE OF COURSE FULLY SUPPORTED BY HONG KONG.

+ATTEMPTS TO MOVE IN THAT DIRECTION MAY WELL HELP TO HOLD BACK PROTECTIONIST PRESSURES IN THE UNITED STATES AND ELSEWHERE.+

MR WONG STRESSED HOWEVER THAT THE DECISION REACHED BY THE 90-MEMBER NATIONS OF GATT AT ITS ANNUAL MEETING WHICH ENDED ON THURSDAY ONLY COVERED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PREPARATORY COMMITTEE. THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT TO GO AHEAD WITH A NEW ROUND HAS TO BE TAKEN LATER IN THE LIGHT OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

A NEW ROUND, IF IT IS DECIDED TO BE HELD, WOULD ALSO BE SIGNIFICANT FOR HONG KONG BECAUSE OF ITS POSSIBLE EFFECTS ON A FIELD OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO IT - THE TEXTILES SECTOR.

+IT MAY WELL BE THAT THE TIMING OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE EXERCISE, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO END IN JULY, THE SAME TIME AS THE MFA NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE REACHING A CLIMAX, COULD BE HELPFUL TO HONG KONG.

+GIVEN THAT THE QUESTION OF LIBERALISATION, AND OTHER MATTERS OF INTEREST TO HONG KONG WILL BE KEY TOPICS AT THAT TIME, THIS MAY RESTRAIN THE MORE PROTECTIONIST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN THE MFA NEGOTIATIONS,+ MR WONG SAID.

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HK'S MANAGERIAL, PRODUCTION SKILLS OF SIGNIFICANT VALUE
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HONG KONG'S MANAGERIAL AND PRODUCTION SKILLS GENERALLY HAVE BEEN OF SIGNIFICANT VALUE IN THE SYMBIOTIC ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP WHICH NOW EXISTS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE MAINLAND, SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MR PIERS JACOBS SAID THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING.

HE POINTED OUT THAT WITH THE OPENING UP OF CHINA, HONG KONG HAD INCREASINGLY ASSUMED THE ROLE AS AN ACCESS POINT FOR CHINA, PARTICULARLY IN RELATION TO SERVICES AND TO TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER.

+ONLY BY KEEPING OUR SKILLS UP-TO-DATE WILL HONG KONG CONTINUE TO HAVE A USEFUL ROLE TO PLAY IN CHINA'S MODERNISATION PROGRAMME,+ HE SAID.

ADDRESSING THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT ALUMNI SOCIETY AND THE OVERSEAS GRADUATES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL BALL, MR JACOBS ADDED THAT HONG KONG'S POSITION AS AN INTERNATIONAL CITY AND A MAJOR FINANCIAL CENTRE RELIED HEAVILY ON THE SUPPORT AND INPUT OF MANY SKILLED AND TALENTED PEOPLE WHETHER THEY BE OUR OWN OR FROM OVERSEAS.

+AS YOU KNOW, HONG KONG HAS WELL ESTABLISHED LINKS NOT ONLY WITH THE INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY BUT ALSO WITH ACADEMIC ORGANISATIONS IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD.

+AND I BELIEVE THAT WE MUST CONTINUE TO FOSTER THIS INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER AND FLAVOUR OF HONG KONG.

+THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH THE JOINT DECLARATION ON OUR FUTURE AND WITH THE DESIRE OF EVERYONE TO SECURE THE CONTINUING PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

MR JACOBS SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR WAS STILL THE LARGEST IN TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT AND CONTRIBUTION TO THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT, THE PAST DECADE HAD SEEN A RAPID GROWTH IN THE SERVICES SECTORS, PARTICULARLY FINANCIAL AND RELATED BUSINESS SERVICES.

+THE EXPANSION OF THE FINANCIAL AND RELATED BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR HAS INCREASED THE DEMAND FOR PROFESSIONALS SUCH AS LAWYERS AND ACCOUNTANTS - AND THE DEMAND FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.

+WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO OUR POLICY ON HIGHER EDUCATION,+ HE SAID, ADDING THAT THE LONG-TERM TARGETS WERE BEING MET AND THE GOVERNMENT WOULD ENSURE THAT THE MANPOWER NEEDS WOULD NOT BE FRUSTRATED BY ANY LACK OF EDUCATED TRAINED PERSONNEL.

+WE SHALL ENSURE THAT THE FACILITIES AVAILABLE WILL MEET STUDENTS' REASONABLE ASPIRATIONS. WE BELIEVE THAT WHAT WE ARE DOING REPRESENTS A SOUND INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE AND IS ONE OF THE BEST LONG-TERM CONTRIBUTIONS THE GOVERNMENT CAN MAKE BOTH TO THE ECONOMY OF HONG KONG AND THE LIVING STANDARDS OF ITS PEOPLE,+ HE SAID.

EARLIER, MR JACOBS NOTED THAT THE HONG KONG ECONOMY HAD ACHIEVED A HIGH RATE OF GROWTH IN THE PAST 10 YEARS AND A MAJOR FACTOR CONTRIBUTING TO THIS GROWTH HAD BEEN THE VERSATILITY AND SKILL OF HONG KONG'S LABOUR FORCE.

+SKILLS CAN BE ACQUIRED THROUGH A COMBINATION OF EDUCATION, TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE.

+IT IS THUS IMPORTANT FOR EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO BE REVIEWED CONSTANTLY SO THAT THEY MEET THE NEEDS OF THE ECONOMY AND SUIT OUR CHANGING SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT,+ HE SAID.

THAT CHANGING SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT, HE SAID, WAS LINKED TO OUR ECONOMY WHICH IN ITS TURN HAD CONTINUED TO DIVERSIFY.

+TO MAINTAIN OUR EXPORT PERFORMANCE WE HAVE HAD TO MOVE UP-MARKET AND INTO THE PROVISION OF SERVICES, AS WELL AS GOODS.

+THIS TREND IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE IN THE YEARS AHEAD, AND TO SUSTAIN IT WE MUST BE SURE THAT OUR LABOUR FORCE HAS THE REQUISITE LEVEL OF SKILLS, AND ABILITY TO ABSORB AND TO USE TECHNOLOGY.

+WE CANNOT STAND STILL. CONSEQUENTLY, I BELIEVE THAT WE SHALL SEE AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING,+ HE SAID.

MR JACOBS SAID THE COMMUNITY HAD ALWAYS PLACED GREAT VALUE ON EDUCATION AND +DESPITE THE BUDGET DEFICIT OF THE PAST FEW YEARS, GOVERNMENT HAS NOT SOUGHT TO INHIBIT EXPANSION IN THE EDUCATION SECTOR.+

THIS YEAR, 17 PER CENT OF TOTAL PUBLIC EXPENDITURE IS BEING DEVOTED TO EDUCATION -- MORE THAN THE AMOUNT SPENT ON ANY OTHER SINGLE AREA OF GOVERNMENT ACTIVITY -- AND EXPENDITURE ON HIGHER EDUCATION ACCOUNTS FOR A SIGNIFICANT PROPORTION.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS CONTINUED TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO THE TWO UNIVERSITIES AND THE TWO POLYTECHNICS TO ENABLE THEM TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PLACES FOR STUDENTS LOCALLY, AND GRANTS ARE ALSO BEING PROVIDED TO THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE FOR RE-ORGANISING ITS ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE PRIOR TO COMMENCING DEGREE PROGRAMMES.

+THE GOVERNMENT ALSO INTENDS TO PROCEED WITH THE PLANNING OF A THIRD UNIVERSITY, THEREBY INCREASING THE NUMBER OF FIRST YEAR, FIRST DEGREE PLACES AVAILABLE TO OUR STUDENTS,+ HE SAID.

HE WENT ON TO ELABORATE ON THE ROLE OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL OF WHICH HE IS A MEMBER AND HIGHLIGHTED THE PHENOMENAL GROWTH IN GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON VOCATIONAL TRAINING OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS.

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INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN TUEN MUN ENCOURAGED * * * * *

AS ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING NEW TOWNS, TUEN MUN HAS DEVELOPED INTO A MAJOR INDUSTRIAL AREA IN HONG KONG WITH POTENTIAL TO BECOME EVEN BIGGER, ACCORDING TO A PAMPHLET, PUBLISHED BY THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD.

THE PAMPHLET SETS OUT VARIOUS ADVANTAGES FOR INVESTMENT IN THE DISTRICT AS AN INDUSTRIAL AREA.

AFTER THE WORLDWIDE ECONOMIC RECESSION IN THE EARLY 1980'S, INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN TUEN MUN WENT INTO HIGH GEAR AS MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS TURNED THE NEW TOWN INTO A MORE COMPETITIVE INDUSTRIAL AREA.

SINCE THE 70'S, MORE THAN 120 HECTARES OF LAND HAS BEEN DEVELOPED FOR INDUSTRIAL USE AND A FURTHER 100 HECTARES WILL BE PROVIDED BEFORE THE NEW TOWN IS FULLY DEVELOPED, ALL OF WHICH WILL GENERATE ENOUGH JOBS FOR LOCAL RESIDENT WORKERS.

TUEN MUN HAS CONSIDERABLE COST ADVANTAGES FOR THE INDUSTRIALIST WISHING TO SET UP A FACTORY, COMPARED WITH OTHER INDUSTRIAL AREAS OF HONG KONG.

BOTH SALE PRICES AND RENTS FOR FLATTED FACTORIES IN TUEN MUN ARE CONSIDERABLY CHEAPER. SALE PRICES RANGE BETWEEN \$1 600 AND \$2 100 PER SQUARE METRE WHILE RENTS FOR FLATTED FACTORIES RANGE FROM BETWEEN \$18 AND \$22 PER SQUARE METRE.

IN 1983, THE TOTAL INDUSTRIAL FLOORSPACE IN THE DISTRICT WAS ABOUT 880 000 SQUARE METRES, OF WHICH AROUND 35 PER CENT WAS VACANT. IN 1985, AVAILABLE FLOORSPACE REACHED 1 300 000 SQUARE METRES WITH A VACANCY RATE OF LESS THAN 15 PER CENT.

THE NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL COMPANIES IN TUEN MUN HAD INCREASED FROM JUST OVER 100 IN THE EARLY 80'S TO ALMOST 2 000 IN 1985.

AMONG THE MAIN TYPES OF INDUSTRIES, FACTORIES MANUFACTURING PLASTIC PRODUCTS SHOWED THE BIGGEST INCREASE IN NUMBERS, FOLLOWED BY FACTORIES MAKING ELECTRONIC GOODS, METAL WORK PRODUCTS AND TEXTILES.

AT PRESENT, TUEN MUN'S MANUFACTURING SECTOR EMPLOYS MORE THAN 30 000 WORKERS, OF WHICH 60 PER CENT ARE LOCAL RESIDENTS. THIS REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE FROM THE 1983 FIGURE OF 40 PER CENT, AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT MORE LOCAL RESIDENTS WILL CHOOSE TO WORK LOCALLY.

MEANWHILE, A LARGE-SCALE INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION, AIMED AT PROMOTING INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN TUEN MUN, WAS OPENED TODAY (SATURDAY) AT THE TUEN MUN PLAYGROUND AND WILL LAST UNTIL DECEMBER 3.

ORGANISED BY THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD, A TOTAL OF 17 FACTORIES REPRESENTING VARIOUS TYPES OF INDUSTRIES HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE NINE-DAY EXHIBITION.

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\$113 MILLION TO BE SPENT ON KWUN TONG
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THE URBAN COUNCIL WILL SPEND \$113 MILLION IN THE NEXT THREE YEARS ON IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN KWUN TONG, DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN MAK, SAID THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING.

+OF THIS, \$69 MILLION WILL BE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE KOWLOON BAY RECREATION GROUND,+ HE SAID.

+THE OTHER \$44 MILLION WILL BE SPENT ON BUILDING ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE AND MANAGEMENT FACILITIES, SUCH AS THE SHUI WO STREET MARKET COMPLEX AND THE LEI YUE MUN ROAD PUBLIC TOILET AND BATH-HOUSE.+

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 15TH OPEN DANCE CONTEST, MR MAK SAID THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE DISTRICT BOARD AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS FORMED THE BASIS OF AN INTEGRAL SYSTEM WHICH SUPERVISED VARIOUS DEVELOPMENTS THAT BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY.

MR MAK URGED THE CIVIC-MINDED TO CONSIDER STANDING AS CANDIDATES FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL ELECTION TO BE HELD NEXT MARCH, NOW THAT THE NOMINATION PERIOD -- JANUARY 3 TO 31 -- WAS NEAR.

THE DANCE CONTEST WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT CULTURE AND RECREATION PROMOTION ASSOCIATION AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE, CO-ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL, AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THIS YEAR 119 TEAMS HAVE JOINED THE CONTEST, AND A SERIES OF COMPETITIONS WILL LAST FOR FIVE DAYS STARTING TODAY.

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PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES TO GO FULLY METRIC
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THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY'S PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES WILL GO FULLY METRIC FROM JANUARY 1, 1986.

THE NEW UNITS TO BE INTRODUCED WILL BE THE KILOMETRE (KM) FOR DISTANCE, KILOMETRES PER HOUR FOR SPEED AND HECTOPASCALS (HPA) FOR ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE.

THEY WILL REPLACE THE OLD UNITS OF NAUTICAL MILES, KNOTS AND MILLIBARS RESPECTIVELY.

SPEAKING AT A NEWS CONFERENCE, DR H.K. LAM, ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (OPERATIONS AND SERVICES), ROYAL OBSERVATORY, SAID ALL FIGURES IN WEATHER BULLETINS FOR BROADCASTING AND FOR NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION WOULD BE EXPRESSED IN METRIC UNITS ONCE THE CHANGEOVER WAS EFFECTED.

DAILY WEATHER MAPS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS PREPARED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY WILL ALSO FOLLOW SUIT.

THE CONVERSION FACTORS OF THE NEW UNITS ARE:

DISTANCE	:	1 KILOMETRE = 0.54 NAUTICAL MILE
SPEED	:	1 KILOMETRE PER HOUR = 0.54 KNOT
ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE	:	1 HECTOPASCAL = 1 MILLIBAR

DR LAM SAID THE CHANGEOVER WILL COMPLETE THE CONVERSION OF THE PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES TO THE METRIC SYSTEM WHICH THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY STARTED SOME 20 YEARS AGO.

+THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY WAS ONE OF THE FIRST GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO INTRODUCE THE METRIC SYSTEM IN HONG KONG.

+THE CELSIUS SCALE WAS FIRST ADOPTED IN THE MID-60'S FOR TEMPERATURE READING AND THE MILLIMETRE WAS BROUGHT INTO USE FOR RAINFALL MEASUREMENT IN 1969,+ HE SAID.

DR LAM SAID THAT THE EFFECT OF THE CHANGEOVER WOULD BE MORE APPARENT TO THE PUBLIC DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS WHEN TROPICAL CYCLONE ADVISORY BULLETINS AND WARNINGS WOULD BE ISSUED IN METRIC UNITS.

+THE DISTANCE OF A TROPICAL CYCLONE FROM A REFERENCE PLACE WILL BE GIVEN IN KILOMETRES (KM), THE SPEED OF MOVEMENT OF THE CYCLONE WILL BE IN KILOMETRES PER HOUR (KM/H) AND WIND SPEEDS RECORDED AT LOCAL STATIONS WILL ALSO BE IN KILOMETRES PER HOUR.+

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HE CITED AS AN EXAMPLE THAT DURING THE HOISTING OF THE STAND-BY SIGNAL NO. 1, CONSIDERATION FOR HOISTING AND STAND-BY SIGNAL WOULD CHANGE FROM THE PRESENTLY USED CRITERION OF 400 NAUTICAL MILES TO 800 KILOMETRES.

DR LAM ADDED THAT THERE WOULD HOWEVER BE NO CHANGE IN THE UNITS USED IN THE WEATHER SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY TO SPECIALISED USER GROUPS SUCH AS THE AVIATION AND MARINE COMMUNITIES.

AN INFORMATION SHEET CONTAINING THE CHANGEOVER DETAILS HAS BEEN SPECIALLY PREPARED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE PUBLIC. FREE COPIES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY AT 134A NATHAN ROAD, AND AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES. THEY MAY ALSO BE OBTAINED BY SENDING A SELF-ADDRESSED AND STAMPED ENVELOPE TO THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

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ROYAL OBSERVATORY ALMANAC 1986 PUBLISHED
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THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY'S 1986 ALMANAC, WHICH ALSO CONTAINS USEFUL CLIMATOLOGICAL INFORMATION, HAS JUST BEEN PUBLISHED.

PRICED AT \$12 A COPY, IT IS AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, AND THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY HEADQUARTERS IN TSIM SHA TSUI.

THE HANDY BILINGUAL BOOKLET CONTAINS THE TRADITIONAL CHINESE CALENDAR AND TIMES OF DAILY SUNRISE, SUNSET, MOONRISE, MOONSET, HIGH AND LOW TIDES, ARRANGED ON A MONTH-BY-MONTH BASIS. THE TIMES OF MERIDIAN PASSAGE, RISING AND SETTING OF THE PLANETS ARE GRAPHICALLY ILLUSTRATED. DURATION OF TWILIGHT, DETAILS OF EQUINOXES, AND SOLSTICES AND ECLIPSES IN 1986, ARE ALSO PROVIDED.

CLIMATOLOGICAL INFORMATION ON HONG KONG (SUCH AS THE MEAN NUMBER OF DAYS WITH THUNDERSTORM AND FOG) FOR EACH MONTH OF THE YEAR ARE TABULATED TOGETHER WITH THE MEAN VALUES OF TEMPERATURE, RAINFALL, RELATIVE HUMIDITY, WIND AND OTHER PARAMETERS. WEATHER CONDITIONS OF MORE THAN 20 MAJOR CITIES ARE ALSO GIVEN.

INFORMATION RELATING TO THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY'S FULLY METRIC PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN 1986, AS WELL AS THE DATA ON HALLEY'S COMET ARE ALSO INCLUDED.

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BUS PARADE STRESSES FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION
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A BUS PARADE WAS HELD TODAY (SATURDAY) IN WAN CHAI TO PUBLICISE A FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION EXHIBITION SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND TO PROMOTE THE FIGHT AGAINST PORNOGRAPHIC ACTIVITIES.

SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY LAUNCHING THE BUS PARADE AT SOUTHERN PLAYGROUND, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM SAID: +THE THEME OF THE EXHIBITION IS TO ENHANCE PUBLIC AWARENESS, ESPECIALLY AMONG THE YOUNG, ON THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF PORNOGRAPHIC PUBLICATIONS, AND TO EDUCATE THEM ON VARIOUS ASPECTS ABOUT SEX SO THAT THEY WILL HAVE BETTER KNOWLEDGE AND CORRECT ATTITUDE ON THE SUBJECT.+

MRS LAM POINTED OUT THAT MANY YOUNG PEOPLE, NOT KNOWING THE RIGHT SOURCE TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT SEX, VERY OFTEN TURNED TO PORNOGRAPHIC PUBLICATIONS.

MRS LAM ALSO THANKED THE METHODIST CENTRE AND THE BAPTIST OI KWAN SOCIAL SERVICE FOR JOINTLY ORGANISING THE EXHIBITION WITH THE DISTRICT BOARD'S WORKING GROUP FOR THE CONCERN OF PORNOGRAPHIC ACTIVITIES IN WAN CHAI.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD IN THE LOBBY OF THE HENNESSY CENTRE, CAUSEWAY BAY, TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

IT WILL THEN BE DISPLAYED AT THE BAPTIST OI KWAN SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE ON DECEMBER 2 AND 3= THE METHODIST CENTRE ON DECEMBER 4 AND 5= AND THE FIRST FLOOR LOBBY OF TAI YAU BUILDING IN FLEMING ROAD ON DECEMBER 6 AND 7.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, THE ESPECIALLY DECORATED BUS TOURED WAN CHAI AND STOPPED AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS, WHERE VOLUNTEERS DISTRIBUTED PUBLICITY PAMPHLETS TO THE LOCAL RESIDENTS AND INVITED THEM TO SEE A MINI EXHIBITION ABOARD THE BUS.

GUESTS AT TODAY'S CEREMONY INCLUDED DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE, MR LO KAM-WAH AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP FOR THE CONCERN OF PORNOGRAPHIC ACTIVITIES IN WAN CHAI, MS JACQUELINE HA.

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FOCUS ON THE HAZARDS OF SMOKING
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A CIGARETTE WILL SHORTEN THE LIFE OF A SMOKER BY FIVE-AND-A-HALF MINUTES, ACCORDING TO RECENT STATISTICS.

EVERY CIGARETTE AND THE SMOKE IT PRODUCES CONTAIN ABOUT A THOUSAND DIFFERENT CHEMICALS, MOST OF WHICH ARE HAZARDOUS TO HEALTH.

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AMONG THESE CHEMICALS, THE THREE MAJOR HARMFUL SUBSTANCES ARE TAR, WHICH MAY CAUSE CANCER, NICOTINE, WHICH IS POISONOUS AND CARBON MONOXIDE WHICH POLLUTES THE BLOOD VESSELS AND THE HEART.

MEDICAL RESEARCHES PROVE THAT THE TAKING IN OF THESE CHEMICALS THROUGH THE INHALATION OF CIGARETTE SMOKE WILL GIVE RISE TO, EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, OVER 10 DISEASES WHICH CAN BE ROUGHLY CLASSIFIED INTO THREE CATEGORIES - CANCER, CARDIAC AND RESPIRATORY DISEASES.

ALL THESE INFORMATION AND FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE PRESENTED IN A 30-MINUTE DOCUMENTARY FILM PRODUCED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND SCREENED ON THE +COMMON SENSE+ PROGRAMME TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT 7 PM ON TVB JADE'S CHANNEL.

THE FILM IS AIMED AT GIVING THE PUBLIC A TRUE PICTURE ON THE HEALTH HAZARDS CAUSED BY SMOKING AND TO INTRODUCE WAYS OF GIVING IT UP.

THE FILM SHOWS PATIENTS SUFFERING FROM LUNG CANCER, THROAT CANCER, AND OTHER DISEASES RELATED TO THE HEART AND LUNGS REVEAL THAT SMOKING HAS RUINED THEIR BODIES AND THEIR LIVES.

IN ADDITION, GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS IN THE ANTI-SMOKING MOVEMENT WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED.

PRODUCTION COST OF THE FILM, WHICH IS ABOUT \$100 000, WAS SPONSORED BY THE MERRELL DOW PHARMACEUTICAL PACIFIC LIMITED.

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RESIDENTS URGED TO SUPPORT EACH OTHER
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WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICHOLAS YEK, TODAY (SATURDAY) CALLED ON RESIDENTS TO CO-OPERATE AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER IN FIGHTING CRIME BY FORMING NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UNITS IN THEIR BUILDINGS.

MR YEK WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE FIGHT CRIME VARIETY SHOW BY THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE THE CRIME PREVENTION MESSAGE IN THE DISTRICT.

THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE PREVENTION OF BURGLARIES, ROBBERIES, THEFT OF VEHICLES, AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME, MR YEK SAID.

FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE MEMBER AND URBAN COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, WHO ALSO SPOKE AT THE CEREMONY, SAID THAT CRIME PREVENTION COULD ONLY BE ACHIEVED THROUGH THE CO-OPERATION OF LOCAL BODIES IN THE DISTRICTS AND THAT POLICIES SET OUT BY THE CENTRAL FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE NEEDED THE SUPPORT OF THE DIFFERENT SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY.

THE VARIETY SHOW, HELD AT THE MORSE PARK OPEN-AIR THEATRE THIS EVENING, ATTRACTED MORE THAN 3 000 SPECTATORS.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE FUNCTION WAS WONG TAI SIN POLICE DEPUTY DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR CLIVE BUTLER, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR MICHAEL CHENG, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE FIGHT CRIME ACTIVITIES CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR ALBERT LI.

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CIVIC EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE TO OPEN

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A CIVIC EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE PROVIDING A CENTRAL REFERENCE, INFORMATION AND ADVICE SERVICE ON THE TEACHING OF CIVIC EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS WILL BE OPENED ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 2).

THE CIVIC EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE, RUN BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, ALSO CONTAINS EXHIBITIONS HIGHLIGHTING THE MAJOR ISSUES IN CONNECTION WITH SOCIAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS IN GENERAL AND WITH SCHOOL CIVIC EDUCATION IN PARTICULAR.

LOCATED AT THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE TEACHING CENTRE OF THE DEPARTMENT AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, THIRD FLOOR, NORTH POINT, THE CENTRE WILL BE OPENED TO ALL TEACHERS DAILY FROM MONDAY TO SATURDAY.

AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MRS RITA FAN, WILL PERFORM A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE CENTRE AT 3 PM ON MONDAY.

TEACHERS VISITING THE CENTRE WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE A WIDE RANGE OF SYLLABUS SUPPORT MATERIAL ILLUSTRATING THE CROSS-CURRICULAR APPROACH TO CIVIC EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS AND SIMPLE EQUIPMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ENABLE THEM TO MAKE COPIES OF SELECTED MATERIAL FOR USE WITH THEIR CLASSES.

THE EXHIBITS IN THE CENTRE FOCUS ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ORGANISATION AND STRUCTURE OF THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION AND SHOW THE WAY IN WHICH DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE LEGISLATURE AFFECT THE EVERYDAY LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY.

IN ADDITION, FACT SHEETS ON DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF LOCAL ADMINISTRATION WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO TEACHERS VISITING THE CENTRE.

THE CENTRE ALSO STOCKS A WIDE RANGE OF BOOKS AND MAGAZINES, VIDEO-TAPES, TRANSPARENCIES AND CATALOGUES.

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FACILITIES WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING CIVIC EDUCATION PROGRAMMES ON THE TELEVISION.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S CIVIC EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE AT ROOM 303-304, ADVISORY INSPECTORATE TEACHING CENTRE, 4 PAK FUK ROAD, THIRD FLOOR, NORTH POINT, AT 3 PM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 2).

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TECHNICAL INSTITUTE ANNEXE WINS AWARD

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THE ANNEXE FOR THE HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AT KWUN TONG HAS WON THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE ANNUAL AWARDS FOR 1985.

THE IN-HOUSE COMPETITION IS FOR THE BEST ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN BY A TEAM FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

JUDGES FOR THIS YEAR'S COMPETITION WERE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT, MR JOSE LEI, URBAN COUNCIL MEMBER, MR WALTER SULKE, MR IAN CAMPBELL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE AT THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY AND MR CHUNG WAH-NAN OF CHUNG WAH-NAN AND PARTNERS, CONSULTANT ARCHITECTS.

THE PANEL AGREED THAT THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE ANNEXE WAS OF WELL ARTICULATED CONTEMPORARY DESIGN WITH INTERESTING DETAILING AND COLOUR.

THE PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN CONSERVATION WENT TO THE CONVERSION OF THE OLD SUPREME COURT BUILDING INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BUILDING AND AN HONORARY MENTION TO THE AIRFIELD SURFACE DETECTION EQUIPMENT TOWER AT KAI TAK.

THERE WERE ALTOGETHER 13 ENTRIES IN THE COMPETITION AND INCLUDED THE MARRIED QUARTERS AT SEK KONG VILLAGE, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WONG NAI CHUNG RESERVOIR PARK, A TRADE TRAINING AND EDUCATION CENTRE AT PEROWNE BARRACKS, REPROVISIONING OF THE FOUNTAIN AND REFRESHMENT KIOSK AT THE BOTANICAL GARDENS, THE KAI TAK TRANSPORT TERMINUS, THE HARBOUR BUILDING, A PUBLIC TOILET AT THE NORTH POINT PASSENGER FERRY CONCOURSE, THE PUI CHING ROAD LIBRARY AND OPEN SPACE AT KOWLOON PARK DRIVE.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN STARTS
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THE CRIME PREVENTION MESSAGE WILL BE PROMOTED THROUGH A VARIETY OF EDUCATIONAL AND PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES DURING THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN WHICH LASTS UNTIL MID-JANUARY.

CHAIRMAN OF THE 1985 SOUTHERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR JOSEPH CHAN, SAID THE COMMITTEE HOPED TO ALERT RESIDENTS OF THE NEED TO PREVENT AND COMBAT CRIME, PROMOTE POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND INCREASE RESIDENTS' KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE WORK OF THE FORCE.

THE EMPHASIS OF THIS YEAR'S PUBLICITY DRIVE IS ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME AND DRUG ABUSE BY YOUTHS, WHILE LAST YEAR'S THEME OF +POLICE AND THE PEOPLE FIGHTING CRIME TOGETHER+ WILL BE FURTHER PROMOTED.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME IS AIMED AT ENHANCING RESIDENTS' AWARENESS OF THE NEED TO SUPPORT EACH OTHER IN PREVENTING CRIME BY FORMING SMALL GROUPS WITHIN THEIR BUILDING.

A SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT MORE THAN 1 000 HOUSEHOLDS FROM SOME 20 PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOUSING BLOCKS IN THE DISTRICT HAD INDICATED THEIR INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN THE SCHEME.

DURING THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD, POLICE OFFICERS WILL VISIT THE DISTRICT'S SIX AREA COMMITTEES TO GIVE TALKS AND SLIDE SHOWS ABOUT THE SCHEME.

THERE WILL BE TALKS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF CRIME PREVENTION AND DRUG ABUSE FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN AND VISITS TO POLICE INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL, THE POLICE CADET SCHOOL, THE POLICE COMMAND AND CONTROL CENTRE AND THE NARCOTICS BUREAU. A COLOURFULLY DECORATED CRIME PREVENTION BUS WILL ALSO MAKE VISITS TO SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT.

A CARNIVAL, SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 29 TO MARK THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE CAMPAIGN.

STORY-TELLING AND DRAWING COMPETITIONS WILL ALSO BE HELD TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF HOUSEHOLD SECURITY AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH. ENTRY FORMS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED DURING THE SEMINARS, SCHOOL TALKS AND VISITS.

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NEW CENTRE TO DEVELOP YOUTH POTENTIALS
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HONG-KONG'S MOST IMPORTANT ASSET LIES IN ITS HUMAN RESOURCES, PARTICULARLY IN ITS LARGE POPULATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE, MRS ANSON CHAN, DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CENTRE FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT LOCATED AT MOUNT PARKER ROAD IN QUARRY BAY, SHE SAID THIS NEW CENTRE OFFERED A NEW AND IMAGINATIVE APPROACH TO YOUTH DEVELOPMENT.

IT WOULD ALSO PLAY A MOST USEFUL ROLE IN HELPING INDIVIDUALS REALISE THEIR POTENTIAL AND DEVELOPING RESPONSIBLE LEADERS FOR TOMORROW, MRS CHAN SAID.

THE CENTRE FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WAS SET UP BY THE INSTITUTE FOR CULTURAL AFFAIRS (ICA) TO SERVE AS A BASE FOR PROGRAMME DELIVERY DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE LOCAL LEADERSHIP, AS WELL AS A BASE FOR RESEARCH.

MRS CHAN SAID: +ITS LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES, PARTICULARLY FOCUSING ON YOUNG ADULTS, ARE AVAILABLE TO BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS UPON REQUEST.

+THESE PROGRAMMES ARE DESIGNED TO COMPLEMENT ACADEMIC OR TECHNICAL TRAINING WITH A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY LEARNING APPROACH AND ARE TAILORED TO FIT THE PARTICULAR NEEDS OF THE ORGANISATION,+ SHE SAID.

COMMENTING ON YOUTH ACTIVITIES IN HONG KONG, SHE SAID:
+THE NUMBER AND RANGE OF ACTIVITIES WHICH CATER SPECIFICALLY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN RECENT YEARS AS PART OF A CONSCIOUS AND SOUND POLICY TO PROVIDE OUR YOUNGSTERS WITH THE ENVIRONMENT, STIMULUS AND EXPERIENCES NECESSARY TO RESPONSIBLE ADULTHOOD.+

YOUTH CENTRES HAD ALSO BEEN ESTABLISHED TO MEET NEEDS ON A LOCAL BASIS AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN TERMS OF LEADERSHIP QUALITIES AND A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY, CONCERN AND RESPECT FOR OTHERS.

THE ICA WAS FIRST STARTED IN NORTH AMERICA MORE THAN 30 YEARS AGO AND HAD PIONEERED AND DEVELOPED EDUCATIONAL METHODS, CURRICULUM DESIGN AND PARTICIPATORY PROBLEM-SOLVING TECHNIQUES.

IT BEGAN OPERATING IN HONG KONG IN 1967, AND ITS TRAINING AND PLANNING PROGRAMMES HAD DIRECTLY INVOLVED OVER 10 000 PEOPLE.

THE PREMISES OF THE CENTRE FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WAS PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT AT NOMINAL RENT, WHILE RENOVATION AND FURNISHING HAD BEEN MET BY DONATIONS FROM PATRONS AND DONORS.

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CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION

THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE WILL ORGANISE A MAJOR CAMPAIGN EARLY NEXT YEAR TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION, SAI KUNG ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR RAYMOND LI SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

HE SAID THE DISTRICT OFFICE PLANNED TO HOLD SEVERAL FUNCTIONS, SUCH AS A STUDY CAMP AND DEBATES, TO ENHANCE CIVIC AWARENESS AMONG YOUTHS IN THE DISTRICT.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF SAI KUNG YOUTH FESTIVAL AT CHENG CHIK CHEE SECONDARY SCHOOL, MR LI SAID THAT AS HONG KONG WAS NOW IN A TRANSITION PERIOD OF POLITICAL REFORMS, IT WAS IMPORTANT TO ENHANCE THE KNOWLEDGE AND INTEREST AMONG YOUTHS IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND POLITICS.

+TO EFFECTIVELY EDUCATE THE YOUNGER GENERATION IN THESE MATTERS WOULD REQUIRE THE SUPPORT, ASSISTANCE AND PARTICIPATION FROM LOCAL RESIDENTS AND ORGANISATIONS,+ HE ADDED.

THE YOUTH FESTIVAL IS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE 1985 SAI KUNG DISTRICT INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR PROGRAMME.

ACTIVITIES ORGANISED FOR THE FESTIVAL INCLUDE A YOUTH SEMINAR, A CHINESE SPEECH COMPETITION, AN ARTS EXHIBITION AND A VARIETY SHOW.

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STAMP PACK PUT ON SALE

A BEAUTIFULLY DESIGNED STAMP PACK FOR COLLECTORS WILL BE PUT OUT BY THE POST OFFICE ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 2).

IT WILL CONTAIN A FULL SET OF ALL SPECIAL STAMPS ISSUED IN 1985, INCLUDING HISTORICAL BUILDINGS, DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL, THE LIFE AND TIMES OF QUEEN ELIZABETH, THE QUEEN MOTHER, HONG KONG FLOWERS AND HONG KONG NEW BUILDINGS, A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

+THE DESIGN OF THE COVER PORTRAYS A STONE ENGRAVING FROM A TOMBSTONE DATING BACK TO THE TANG DYNASTY AND COMMEMORATES 1985 - THE YEAR OF THE OX,+ HE SAID.

+THIS ANNUAL STAMP PACK IS IDEAL AS A GIFT AS WELL AS FOR PERSONAL COLLECTION,+ HE ADDED.

THE PACK WILL BE PUT ON SALE AT \$48 EACH AT THE PHILATELIC COUNTERS LOCATED AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE AND BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, TSIM SHA TSUI, GRANVILLE ROAD, PEAK AND AIRPORT POST OFFICES.

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WARNING AGAINST ILLEGAL SLAUGHTERING
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VILLAGERS INVOLVED IN ILLEGAL SLAUGHTERING IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ARE WARNED TO STOP THE MALPRACTICE IMMEDIATELY, OR FACE PROSECUTION.

A REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ADVISED MEAT SHOP OPERATORS NOT TO BUY UNCERTIFIED PIG CARCASSES FOR SALE TO THE PUBLIC.

THE WARNING FOLLOWED A RECENT COURT CASE IN WHICH TWO VILLAGERS AT PAK SHEK WO, SAI KUNG, WERE EACH FINED \$1 000 FOR OPERATING UNLICENSED SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND ANOTHER \$500 FOR POSSESSING UNCERTIFIED MEAT.

HE POINTED OUT THAT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES ORDINANCE, THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR OPERATING AN UNLICENSED SLAUGHTERHOUSE WAS \$10 000 AND THAT FOR POSSESSION OF UNCERTIFIED MEAT WAS \$2 000.

TO SAFEGUARD PUBLIC HEALTH, THE SPOKESMAN CONTINUED, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD CARRY ON ITS ON-GOING EFFORTS TO PHASE OUT ILLEGAL SLAUGHTERING BY CONDUCTING SURPRISE RAIDS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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PLAN REVISED TO MAKE WAY FOR HOUSING
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THE LATEST VERSION OF THE TAI O LAYOUT PLAN, WHICH EMBRACES SEVERAL MAJOR REVISIONS, WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 2).

THE REVISED PLAN, PREPARED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, WAS MADE TO ACCOMMODATE THE EARLY CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROPOSED PHASE II OF LUNG TIN ESTATE IN RESPONSE TO THE RECENT REACTIVATION OF THE RURAL PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMME IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT.

ABOUT 3 800 PEOPLE CAN BE ACCOMMODATED IN THE ESTATE WHEN PHASE II IS FULLY DEVELOPED, IN ADDITION TO THE 1 300 PEOPLE ALREADY HOUSED IN PHASE I OF THE ESTATE.

IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE HOMES FOR PEOPLE AFFECTED BY FUTURE DEVELOPMENT CLEARANCES AND ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS FROM TAI O WHO ARE ON THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT'S GENERAL WAITING LIST.

ACCORDING TO THE PROPOSALS, TWO ADDITIONAL SITES, EAST AND WEST OF LUNG TIN ESTATE, WILL BE RESERVED AS SPECIAL RESIDENTIAL ZONES FOR HOUSING PROJECTS.

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THE SITES WERE ORIGINALLY EARMARKED FOR VILLAGE, INDUSTRIAL AND GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY (GIC) PURPOSES.

REPROVISION OF +VILLAGE+ AND +INDUSTRIAL+ LAND HAS BEEN MADE NORTH OF THE PROPOSED SPECIAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE, WHILE THE GIC SITE, ORIGINALLY EARMARKED FOR A HOME FOR THE ELDERLY, HAS BEEN DELETED AND A HOTEL-AND-SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY WITHIN THE EXISTING COMMERCIAL CENTRE OF LUNG TIN ESTATE PHASE I WILL BE PROVIDED INSTEAD.

AT THE DB MEETING, MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF INDUSTRIAL LAND ON PENG CHAU AND RECENT FERRY FARES RISE PROPOSAL.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 2 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, CENTRAL.

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FOOTBRIDGES PROPOSED FOR TUEN MUN
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THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO CONSTRUCT TWO COVERED FOOTBRIDGES ACROSS TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE CIVIC AND CULTURAL COMPLEX, TOWN CENTRE, TOWN PARK AND THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT STATION.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT IS THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RAMPED FOOTWAY FOR THE DISABLED TO ALLOW THEM TO MOVE BETWEEN THE TOWN PARK AND THE LIGHT RAILWAY TRANSIT STATION.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG= AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, TUEN MUN AND THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN, NEW TERRITORIES.

OBJECTIONS IN WRITING TO THE WORK OR THE USE, OR BOTH, MUST BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY JANUARY 28.

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WAN CHAI ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN STARTS
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A MONTH-LONG ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN WILL BE LAUNCHED IN WAN CHAI TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE SOUTHORN PLAYGROUND.

THE CAMPAIGN IS AIMED AT EDUCATING RESIDENTS ON THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AS ROAD USERS, AND TO PUBLICISE ROAD SAFETY MEASURES.

THE OPENING CEREMONY, WHICH STARTS AT 2.30 PM, WILL FEATURE A LION DANCE, A BAND PERFORMANCE, A MOTOR VEHICLES DISPLAY, AN EXHIBITION, A ROAD SAFETY TOWN AND GAMES STALLS.

A SPECIALLY DECORATED TRAM AND BUS WILL TOUR THE DISTRICT TO PUBLICISE THE ROAD SAFETY THEME THROUGHOUT THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD.

DURING THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF THE CAMPAIGN, PUBLICITY PAMPHLETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT TRAFFIC BLACK SPOTS AND POLICE OFFICERS WILL VISIT SCHOOLS TO GIVE ROAD SAFETY TALKS.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A TWO-WEEK ENFORCEMENT PERIOD DURING WHICH POLICE WILL TAKE ACTION AGAINST PEOPLE WHO HAVE BREACHED TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

THE CAMPAIGN IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA; THE POLICE DEPUTY DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR G.N. FRITH; CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, MRS PEGGY LAM; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN WORKING GROUP, MR ARTHUR CHAM.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN OPENING CEREMONY AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE SOUTHORN PLAYGROUND.

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MOBILE LIBRARY TO SUSPEND SERVICE FOR A WEEK
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THE SECOND MOBILE LIBRARY WHICH MAKES REGULAR STOPS AT THE EASTERN PART OF THE NON-URBAN AREAS EVERY WEEKDAY, WILL SUSPEND ITS SERVICE FOR A WEEK FROM TUESDAY (DECEMBER 3) TO THE FOLLOWING MONDAY (DECEMBER 9).

READERS ARE ADVISED TO MAKE USE OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES RUN BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT LOCATED IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS DURING THE WEEK WHEN THE MOBILE LIBRARY IS NOT IN OPERATION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE SUSPENSION OF SERVICE WAS TO FACILITATE ROUTINE INSPECTION AND SERVICING OF THE VEHICLE.

THE LIBRARY WILL, THEREFORE, NOT VISIT THE KWONG FUK ESTATE, TAI PO ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 3); SUN CHUI ESTATE, SHA TIN ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 4); TA KWU LING, NORTH DISTRICT ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 5); MEI LAM ESTATE, SHA TIN ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 6); TAI PO TSAI, SAI KUNG ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 7) AND SHA KWOK ESTATE, SHA TIN ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 9).

THE SERVICE BY THE OTHER MOBILE LIBRARY, WHICH VISITS THE WESTERN PART OF THE NON-URBAN AREAS, WILL NOT BE AFFECTED.

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FAMILY DAY AT FIRE STATION
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THE NEW TERRITORIES COMMAND OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A FAMILY DAY AT THE SHA TIN FIRE STATION TOMORROW (SUNDAY) FOR DISCIPLINED AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL OF THE COMMAND.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE A LONG-DISTANCE RUN BY DEPARTMENT STAFF AND A CARNIVAL FEATURING A PERFORMANCE BY THE SERVICE BAND, GAMES STALLS AND VARIETY SHOWS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE NT COMMAND RUN AND FAMILY DAY WHICH WILL START AT 10 AM. THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT NOON.

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LAND SPORTS SAFETY DAY TO START

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THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, MR GRAHAM BARNES, WILL OFFICIALLY OPEN THE 1985 LAND SPORTS SAFETY DAY AT THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION IN GASCOIGNE ROAD TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE DAY'S EVENT WILL START OFF WITH A SERIES OF ROLLER SKATING DEMONSTRATIONS FROM 9 AM IN THE COLLEGE PLAYGROUND.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 9.30 AM IN THE COLLEGE'S LECTURE THEATRE.

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RECORD ENTRIES FOR TAI PO REGATTA

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THE TAI PO REGATTA 1985, ATTRACTING A RECORD 143 ENTRIES SINCE IT BEGAN IN 1983, STARTED TODAY (SATURDAY) AT THE TAI MEI TUK WATER SPORTS CENTRE.

THE TWO-DAY EVENT, ORGANISED BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION, WAS LAUNCHED BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (LEISURE SERVICES), MR DAVID WEEKS, WHO FIRED THE STARTING GUN FOR THE RACES.

THE NUMBER OF COMPETITORS ENTERED IN EACH OF THE FIVE CLASSES OF RACE ARE 41 IN OTTER, 12 IN SUNFISH, FIVE IN +470+, 25 IN NOVICE AND 14 IN OPEN.

TROPHIES WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE TOP THREE WINNERS IN EACH CLASS TOMORROW AFTERNOON.

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ROAD CLOSURE IN YUEN LONG

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TO FACILITATE THE LAYING OF WATER MAINS, THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF WANG LOK STREET IN YUEN LONG FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH WANG LEE STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 320 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 3) FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS.

DURING THE PERIOD, TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE THE OUTER LANE OF THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF WANG LOK STREET.

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DECEMBER FIRING PRACTICE
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE
PEAK RANGE ON 21 DAYS IN DECEMBER.

THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED
FLAGS ARE HOISTED. THE DATES AND TIMES OF THE PRACTICE ARE:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
DECEMBER 2 (MONDAY)	8 AM - 11.30 PM
DECEMBER 3 (TUESDAY)	8 AM - 11.59 PM
DECEMBER 4 (WEDNESDAY)	12.01 AM - 11.30 PM
DECEMBER 5 (THURSDAY)	8 AM - 11.30 PM
DECEMBER 6 (FRIDAY)	8 AM - 11.30 PM
DECEMBER 7 (SATURDAY)	8 AM - 11.30 PM
DECEMBER 9 (MONDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 10 (TUESDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 11 (WEDNESDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 12 (THURSDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 13 (FRIDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 14 (SATURDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 16 (MONDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 17 (TUSEDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 18 (WEDNESDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 19 (THURSDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 20 (FRIDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 21 (SATURDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 23 (MONDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 27 (FRIDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 28 (SATURDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM

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