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SIR EDWARD TO STAY ON AT LEAST UNTIL 1988

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) HE WOULD REMAIN AS GOVERNOR AT LEAST UNTIL THE END OF 1988.

+SINCE SOME OF YOU HAVE BEEN ASKING ABOUT IT IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS, AND IT'S JUST ABOUT MY FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF ARRIVAL IN HONG KONG, I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO KNOW THAT I AM AUTHORISED TO TELL YOU THAT I EXPECT TO REMAIN AS GOVERNOR AT LEAST UNTIL THE END OF 1988,+ HE TOLD REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT ON HIS RETURN FROM LONDON.

+THAT WILL MEAN I WILL CERTAINLY BE HERE FOR THE ELECTIONS IN THAT YEAR.+

SIR EDWARD SAID DURING HIS FIVE DAYS IN LONDON, HE HAD A SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH MINISTERS AND SENIOR OFFICIALS AND DISCUSSED WITH THEM THE PRESENT STATE OF AFFAIRS IN HONG KONG.

THESE INCLUDED THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JOINT DECLARATION, THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE NEXT JOINT LIAISON GROUP MEETING, VIETNAMESE REFUGEES, NATIONALITY AND A SERIES OF OTHER SUBJECTS.

ON THE NATIONALITY ISSUE, SIR EDWARD SAID HE WAS ENCOURAGED, AS OTHERS WERE, BY THE FURTHER ASSURANCE GIVEN BY LORD GLENARTHUR.

+I THINK IN RESPONSE TO THE CONSISTENT AND STEADY REPRESENTATIONS FROM HONG KONG, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAVE GONE A LONG WAY TOWARDS MEETING THE WISHES EXPRESSED BY LEGCO AND OTHERS,+ HE SAID.

SIR EDWARD SAID HE ALSO TALKED ABOUT TRADE MATTERS +WHICH ARE SO IMPORTANT TO HONG KONG+.

HE SAID HE WENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND TALKED TO OFFICIALS THERE ABOUT THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WERE ALREADY IN PROGRESS ON THE MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT.

HE ALSO TOLD THEM OF THE IMPORTANCE WHICH HONG KONG ATTACHED TO FURTHER LIBERALISATION OF THE MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT AND TO PARTICULAR REGARD BEING GIVEN TO TERRITORIES SUCH AS HONG KONG WHICH HAVE OPEN MARKETS.

SIR EDWARD SAID HE ALSO WENT TO BUCKINGHAM PALACE AND TALKED TO OFFICIALS THERE ABOUT THE QUEEN'S VISIT. HE NOTED THAT PLANS CONCERNING THE VISIT WERE GOING WELL.

ASKED WHY HE HAD TO EXTEND HIS STAY IN LONDON, SIR EDWARD SAID IT WAS SIMPLY BECAUSE OF THE NUMBER OF SUBJECTS HE HAD TO DEAL WITH, AND THE FACT THAT A NUMBER OF MINISTERS AND OFFICIALS WERE RATHER TIED UP AT THE END OF LAST WEEK ON PARLIAMENTARY AND OTHER COMMITMENTS.

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+WE COULDN'T GET IT FINISHED IN THE THREE DAYS I ALLOTTED. IT WAS QUITE A SHORT VISIT. SO IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT WE GOT RIGHT THROUGH THE LIST I STAYED ON AN EXTRA WORKING DAY,+ HE SAID.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE TALKS BETWEEN CHINA AIRLINES AND CIVIL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION OF CHINA OFFICIALS ON THE STRANDED CAL CARGO PLANE AND ITS CREW, SIR EDWARD SAID THE TALKS WERE NOT REALLY FOR HIM, +AND THAT HAD NO CONNECTION WHATSOEVER WITH MY STAYING ON+.

ON HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH BRITISH OFFICIALS ON VIETNAMESE REFUGEES, SIR EDWARD SAID WHAT HE MADE CLEAR TO LONDON WAS THE IMPORTANCE WHICH HONG KONG ATTACHED TO THE CONTINUING OFF-TAKE OF REFUGEES.

+THE INITIATIVE WHICH WAS SET IN MOTION SOME TIME AGO ISN'T GOING TOO BADLY. BUT OF COURSE WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR IS A STEADY OFF-TAKE SO THAT THE NUMBERS IN HONG KONG CONTINUE TO FALL,+ HE SAID.

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ON WHO WOULD BECOME THE NEXT GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG, SIR EDWARD SAID IT WAS A BIT TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT THAT.

SIR EDWARD WAS MET AT THE AIRPORT BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR S.Y. CHUNG, AND THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MISS LYDIA DUNN.

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APPROVAL SOUGHT FOR HK COMMITMENT TO ADB

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL BE ASKED TO APPROVE A SUM OF \$16.6 MILLION AS HONG KONG'S COMMITMENT TO THE PAID-IN PORTION OF THE THIRD GENERAL CAPITAL INCREASE OF THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THIS SUM WILL FORM PART OF A TOTAL FINANCIAL COMMITMENT OF \$331.8 MILLION, WHICH WILL ALSO BE PUT BEFORE THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL TOMORROW, ARISING FROM A SUBSCRIPTION BY HONG KONG TO THE BANK'S THIRD GENERAL CAPITAL INCREASE.

THE REMAINING FINANCIAL COMMITMENT, AMOUNTING TO \$315.2 MILLION, WILL BE A CONTINGENT LIABILITY OF THE CALLABLE SHARES WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO CALL ONLY AS AND WHEN REQUIRED BY ADB TO MEET ITS FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS.

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ADB'S THIRD GENERAL CAPITAL INCREASE, WHICH THE BANK APPROVED IN APRIL 1983, IS AIMED AT SUSTAINING ITS DEVELOPMENT LENDING ACTIVITIES FROM 1983-1987.

SUBSCRIPTION TO THE GENERAL CAPITAL INCREASE IS ESSENTIAL IF HONG KONG IS TO FULFIL ITS ROLE AS A MEMBER OF THE BANK.

OTHER ITEMS ON TOMORROW'S AGENDA INCLUDE:

- * MORE FUNDS FOR A REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT FOR THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE;
- * INCREASES IN TEXTBOOKS AND STATIONERY GRANTS FOR ELIGIBLE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS;
- * AN INCREASE IN GOVERNMENT'S CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS AN EXTENSION TO THE PATHOLOGY BUILDING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG;
- * A GRANT TO THE HONG KONG FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY FOR REPROVISIONING AND EXPANDING ITS HOME HELP SERVICE;
- * FUNDS FOR A CARE AND ATTENTION HOME IN HA TSUEN, YUEN LONG;
- * FUNDS FOR HONG KONG'S SUBSCRIPTION TO THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE;
- * FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT;
- * A BLOCK CAPITAL GRANT FOR FITTING OUT 54 WELFARE PROJECTS IN VARIOUS PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES;
- * EX-GRATIA REFUND OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS PENSION SCHEME TO TWO OFFICERS; AND
- * PROPOSED HIGHER LIMITS OF OVER-COMMITMENT FOR FIVE CAPITAL ACCOUNT BLOCK VOTES.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO APPROVE VARIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT SUB-COMMITTEE.

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MARCH ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL FIGURES OUT
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THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) IN THE 200 LARGEST FIRMS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED IN MARCH COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH, ACCORDING TO RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

INCREASES IN THE LEVEL OF ORDERS-ON-HAND WERE GENERALLY REPORTED BY MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES. THE SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE REPORTED BY THE MANUFACTURERS OF PLASTIC PRODUCTS, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, WEARING APPAREL, AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS.

THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR AS A WHOLE WAS STABLE WHEN COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS MONTH. INCREASES IN EMPLOYMENT WERE RECORDED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES WHILE A DECLINE WAS REPORTED BY THE MANUFACTURERS OF WEARING APPAREL.

DECREASES IN PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS WERE REPORTED BY MOST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES DUE TO THE PAYMENT OF YEAR-END BONUSES AND DOUBLE PAY BY SOME FIRMS IN FEBRUARY.

HOWEVER, THE FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRY REPORTED INCREASES IN BOTH PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS AS A FEW FIRMS REVISED THE SALARIES OF THEIR EMPLOYEES IN MARCH.

IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, THE NUMBER OF OPERATIVES DECLINED SLIGHTLY AS SOME PROJECTS WERE COMPLETED. BUT EMPLOYMENT IN THE SERVICES SECTORS REMAINED STABLE.

THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR AND MOST SERVICES SECTORS RECORDED DECLINES IN BOTH PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS DUE TO THE PAYMENT OF BONUSES AND DOUBLE PAY BY SOME FIRMS IN FEBRUARY. NO CHANGE WAS REPORTED BY BANKS.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS ARE SHOWN IN THE TABLES BELOW.

THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND THE 50 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICES SECTORS, CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT IN MARCH 1983.

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AS THE SAMPLE WAS NOT DRAWN ON A RANDOM BASIS, THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT RESULTS ON MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE MIGHT NOT REFLECT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE, ALTHOUGH THEY SHOULD GIVE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR MARCH 1986 IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, AT \$1.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT AT 3-7212854.

(A) ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| INDUSTRY | (% CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH) | | | ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) FOR MARCH 1986 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| | JAN. 1986 | FEB. 1986 | MAR. 1986 | |
| WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4.62 |
| TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL | -1 | * | 1 | 2.47 |
| PLASTIC PRODUCTS | 2 | * | 4 | 4.03 |
| FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS | -1 | 6 | 4 | 3.47 |
| ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS | * | 4 | 3 | 5.22 |
| OTHERS | * | * | * | 4.40 |
| <u>ALL ABOVE INDUSTRIES</u> | <u>*</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>4.38</u> |

/(B) EMPLOYMENT

(B) EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS

| INDUSTRY/SERVICES | PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED | | | PER CAPITA EARNINGS | | | PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR MARCH 1986 HK\$ |
|--|---|--------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| | (% CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH) | | | | | | |
| | JAN. 1986 | FEB. 1986 | MAR. 1986 | JAN. 1986 | FEB. 1986 | MAR. 1986 | |
| MANUFACTURING | * | -1 | * | 39 | -28 | -5 | 3 162 |
| FOOD AND DRINKS | * | * | * | 49 | -42 | 2 | 3 645 |
| WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR | -2 | -2 | -2 | 30 | -28 | 1 | 2 654 |
| TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL | * | -1 | * | 42 | -34 | -2 | 3 358 |
| PLASTIC PRODUCTS | * | -3 | 2 | 72 | -29 | -7 | 3 105 |
| FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS | * | -3 | 1 | 22 | -7 | -23 | 2 765 |
| ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS | 1 | -1 | * | 46 | -32 | -4 | 2 925 |
| OTHERS | * | -1 | * | 30 | -20 | -9 | 4 298 |
| CONSTRUCTION** | -1 | -2 | -1 | 17 | 2 | -18 | 4 498 |
| SERVICES | -1 | * | * | 20 | -34 | -2 | 5 676 |
| BANKS | * | * | * | -7 | -35 | * | 5 122 |
| HOTELS | -1 | -2 | * | 99 | -58 | -7 | 3 910 |
| PUBLIC UTILITIES | -1 | * | * | 38 | -38 | -1 | 5 496 |
| OTHERS | * | * | * | 3 | -16 | -3 | 7 450 |

* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5 PER CENT

** PERSONS ENGAGED COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS NOT INCLUDED.

ONE BILL, NINE QUESTIONS FOR LEGCO

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL BE DEALING WITH ONE BILL AND NINE QUESTIONS RAISED BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE DRUG ADDICTS TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986, TO BE INTRODUCED BY THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE HON JAMES FINDLAY, WILL BE READ A SECOND TIME PRIOR TO ADJOURNMENT.

THE NINE QUESTIONS BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL DEAL WITH VARIOUS MATTERS INCLUDING THE EXCESSIVE MEDIA PUBLICITY TO SUSPECTED AIDS CARRIERS, PROBLEM OF SOFT DRUGS, PHASED REDUCTION OF BOUGHT PLACES FROM PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND DOUBLE TAXATION ON PROFITS AND REMUNERATION FOR CHINA TRADE.

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\$1 MILLION FOR KWAI CHUNG ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT

THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WILL SPEND \$1 MILLION THIS YEAR TO PROMOTE A BETTER LIVING ENVIRONMENT IN THE DISTRICT, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR CHOW SUM, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE MONEY WILL BE SPENT ON MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, POLLUTION SURVEYS, TREE PLANTING, GRASS-CUTTING AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE CLEAN HONG KONG AND HOME SAFETY CAMPAIGNS.

SPEAKING AT THE UNVEILING OF A +WELCOME TO TSING YI+ SIGNBOARD AT THE KWAI CHUNG END OF THE TSING YI BRIDGE, MR CHOW SAID ONE OF THE TASKS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD WAS TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT.

+IN THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR, THE ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ALLOCATED \$530 000 FOR THE COMPLETION OF 19 MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.+

+SUCH PROJECTS INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF RAIN SHELTERS, FLOWER BEDS, SITTING-OUT AREAS, FOOTSTEPS AND SO ON. THEY HAVE NOT ONLY IMPROVED THE ENVIRONMENT, BUT HAVE ALSO MADE IT MORE CONVENIENT FOR RESIDENTS IN THE AREA,+ HE SAID.

MR CHOW SAID THE \$72 000 +WELCOME TO TSING YI+ SIGNBOARD WAS A SIGNIFICANT PROJECT BECAUSE IT ADDED A TOUCH OF COLOUR TO TSING YI AS WELL AS GIVING PEOPLE OF TSING YI A SENSE OF PRIDE. THE LOGO OF THE DISTRICT BOARD ON THE SIGNBOARD ALSO SYMBOLISED THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE BOARD AND THE ISLAND.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN COAK, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HO TUNG-CHING, AND CHAIRMAN OF TSING YI RURAL COMMITTEE, MR CHAN TIN-SUNG.

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FUJIAN TEAM SEES IMMIGRATION WORK
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A FOUR-MEMBER DELEGATION FROM THE FUJIAN PROVINCIAL FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICE TODAY (TUESDAY) VISITED THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT FOR A FIRST HAND LOOK AT THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT.

THIS WAS PART OF A THREE-DAY PROGRAMME OF VISITS TO VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND PLACES OF INTEREST.

THE DELEGATION, LED BY DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE PROVINCIAL FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICE, MR YU GUANGLU, MET THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR LEUNG MING-YIN, WHEN THEY ARRIVED AT THE IMMIGRATION HEADQUARTERS AT MODY ROAD THIS MORNING.

FOLLOWING THIS, THEY WERE BRIEFED BY A PRINCIPAL IMMIGRATION OFFICER ON THE NEW TRAVEL-RECORD AND IMMIGRATION CONTROL ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM TO BE INTRODUCED BY EARLY NEXT YEAR.

THEY THEN TOURED THE TRAFFIC INDEX SECTION AND THE COMPUTER OPERATION SECTION WHERE THEY SHOWED MUCH INTEREST IN THE SYSTEM.

IN THE AFTERNOON, THE DELEGATION VISITED THE DEPARTMENT'S AIRPORT SUB-DIVISION AND THE TAI KOK TSUI CONTROL POINT.

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SUMMARY OF PUBLIC OPINION ON BRB REPORT
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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) PUBLISHED A SUMMARY OF PUBLIC VIEWS GATHERED DURING SEVERAL MONTHS OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE BROADCASTING REVIEW BOARD REPORT.

THE SUMMARY NOTES THAT DURING THE CONSULTATION PERIOD THE GOVERNMENT RECEIVED ALMOST 1 000 SUBMISSIONS FROM THE PUBLIC, WHILE THE BRB REPORT WAS ALSO THE SUBJECT OF OVER 100 ARTICLES IN THE PRESS AND WAS DISCUSSED BY MOST DISTRICT BOARDS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE PUBLIC DURING THE CONSULTATION PERIOD WOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WHEN THE NEW BROADCASTING POLICIES WERE DRAWN UP.

THE SUMMARY, WHICH IS PUBLISHED IN BOTH CHINESE AND ENGLISH VERSIONS, IS AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AT \$6 PER COPY.

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APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR WELFARE SERVICE PREMISES
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS RESERVED 23 PREMISES IN NEW PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND PRIVATE DEVELOPMENTS FOR THE OPERATION OF NURSERIES AND SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY.

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS INVITING WELFARE AGENCIES TO APPLY FOR SUCH PREMISES WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.

THE WELFARE PREMISES WILL BE LOCATED IN 10 PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND 10 PRIVATE DEVELOPMENTS PLANNED FOR VARIOUS DISTRICTS.

WHEN COMPLETED, 16 OF THESE PREMISES WILL BE USED AS NURSERIES AND THE REMAINING SEVEN AS SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY.

A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF WELFARE PREMISES HAS BEEN SENT TO WELFARE AGENCIES FOR THEIR INFORMATION.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN CALLED ON INTERESTED AGENCIES TO APPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD REACH THE DEPARTMENT AT WORLD TRADE CENTRE, 19TH FLOOR, 280 GLOUCESTER ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, BY JUNE 30.

+SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS DO NOT AUTOMATICALLY IMPLY THAT RECURRENT SUBVENTIONS OR A CAPITAL GRANT FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND WILL BE FORTHCOMING.

+SEPARATE APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE MADE IN DUE COURSE AND EACH CASE WILL BE CONSIDERED ON ITS OWN MERITS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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HAWAII VENUE FOR TEXTILES TALKS
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THE HONG KONG-U.S. TEXTILES TALKS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON JUNE 16 WILL TAKE PLACE IN HAWAII AND ARE EXPECTED TO LAST ABOUT THREE DAYS, A TRADE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE HONG KONG TEAM WILL BE LED BY THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD.

THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD, CHAIRED BY THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR E.P. HO, WILL ACCOMPANY THE NEGOTIATING TEAM.

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THIS WILL BE THE SECOND ROUND OF TALKS HELD AT THE UNITED STATES' REQUEST CONCERNING HONG KONG'S EXPORTS OF TEXTILES TO THAT COUNTRY.

THE FIRST ROUND TOOK PLACE IN HONG KONG ON MARCH 19-20.

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SEAWALL TO BE BUILT IN HUNG HOM BAY
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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT HAS GRANTED A LICENCE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SEAWALL AT HUNG HOM BAY AS PART OF THE REDEVELOPMENT OF WHAMPOA DOCKYARD.

THE AREA AFFECTED WILL BE 11 000 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND AND SEABED.

A NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT HAS BEEN POSTED ON BOARDS NEAR THE SITE AND THE PLAN CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY OFFICE, FIFTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, AND THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, 141-143, KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, FIRST FLOOR, KOWLOON.

ANYONE WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED SHOULD WRITE TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS WITHIN ONE MONTH.

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MEET THE MEDIA
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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR JOHN BREMRIDGE, AND THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY (DESIGNATE), MR PIERS JACOBS, WILL MEET THE MEDIA ON THURSDAY (MAY 22) AT 2.30 PM IN THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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OPEN DAY AT SKILLS CENTRE FOR DISABLED

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EMPLOYERS, REHABILITATION WORKERS AND THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE OPEN DAY OF THE KWUN TONG SKILLS CENTRE FOR THE DISABLED ON THURSDAY (MAY 22).

THE CENTRE'S DISABLED TRAINEES HAVE MADE MORE THAN 2 000 PRODUCTS, RANGING FROM SWEATERS, LEATHER GOODS, TEAK FURNITURE AND ELECTRICAL ACCESSORIES WHICH WILL BE ON DISPLAY AND ALSO FOR SALE.

VISITORS CAN ALSO LEARN HOW THE DISABLED RECEIVE VOCATIONAL TRAINING WHICH IS GEARED TO FUTURE EMPLOYMENT.

MANAGED BY THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT, THE CENTRE OFFERS 320 FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME TRAINING PLACES IN GARMENT-MAKING, OFFICE MACHINE PRACTICE, ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION, PRINTING, CARPENTRY AND SO ON.

THE OPEN DAY WILL BE FROM 9.30 AM TO NOON AND 1.30 PM TO 4 PM AT THE KWUN TONG SKILLS CENTRE FOR THE DISABLED AT 487 KWUN TONG ROAD, KOWLOON.

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LUNCHTIME CONCERTS IN TSUEN WAN

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A SERIES OF LUNCHTIME CONCERTS WILL BE HELD AT THE TSUEN WAN MUSIC CENTRE EVERY FRIDAY STARTING THIS WEEK UNTIL JUNE 6.

THE CONCERTS, BEGINNING AT 1.15 PM, ARE ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH WITH THE AIM OF PROMOTING RESIDENTS' INTEREST IN CHINESE MUSIC.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MUSIC OFFICE SAID THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT SUCH LUNCHTIME CONCERTS HAVE BEEN HELD IN TSUEN WAN AND MORE WILL BE ORGANISED IF THE RESPONSE IS FAVOURABLE.

PART-TIME INSTRUCTORS AND PERFORMERS OF THE OFFICE WILL SHOW THEIR SKILLS AT THE CONCERTS DURING WHICH VARIOUS MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND REPERTOIRES WILL BE INTRODUCED.

ADMISSION IS FREE. FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON 0-428127.

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MAIL TO FINLAND RESUMES

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AIRMAIL, AIR PARCEL AND SPEEDPOST SERVICES TO FINLAND, WHICH HAD BEEN SUSPENDED SINCE APRIL 1, RESUMED TODAY (TUESDAY), A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SUSPENSION HAD BEEN DUE TO A STRIKE AFFECTING AIRMAIL OPERATIONS IN FINLAND.

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE RESTRICTION

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NO VEHICLE OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE RUMSEY STREET PUBLIC TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE 24 HOURS DAILY FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (MAY 23).

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GOODS VEHICLE PROHIBITION

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A SECTION OF CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED PROHIBITED ZONE FOR GOODS VEHICLES WITH EFFECT FROM 9 AM ON SUNDAY (JUNE 1), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

THE SAI KUNG-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD, BETWEEN ANDERSON ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 200 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH HIRAM'S HIGHWAY, WILL BE MADE A GOODS VEHICLE PROHIBITED ZONE FROM 9 AM TO 2 PM ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

MEANWHILE, THE KOWLOON-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY ON THE SAME SECTION OF CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED A PROHIBITED ZONE FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

NO GOODS VEHICLES OTHER THAN THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE PROHIBITED AREAS.

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