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GOVERNOR RECEIVES KEY TO SAN FRANCISCO  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WAS PRESENTED WITH THE KEY TO SAN FRANCISCO TWO HOURS AFTER HIS ARRIVAL FROM HONG KONG ON CATHAY PACIFIC'S INAUGURAL FLIGHT TO THE CITY.

PRESENTING THE KEY, MAYOR DIANNE FEINSTEIN DECLARED THE START OF HONG KONG WEEK AND DREW ATTENTION TO THE MANY CLOSE LINKS BETWEEN THE TWO CITIES ON EITHER SIDE OF THE ECONOMICALLY EXPANDING PACIFIC RIM.

WHILE NOTING SAN FRANCISCO'S HEALTHY EMPLOYMENT RATE, SHE SAID THE STRENGTH OF HONG KONG'S ECONOMY WAS REFLECTED IN ITS VIRTUAL FULL EMPLOYMENT.

SHE LOOKED FORWARD TO DEVELOPING EVEN WIDER TRADE TIES IN THE FUTURE.

IN THANKING THE MAYOR FOR HER WARM WELCOME, SIR EDWARD ALSO TALKED OF THE INCREASING BUSINESS, COMMERCIAL AND CULTURAL TIES WHICH ENRICHED EACH CITY'S ECONOMIES AS WELL AS THE LIVES OF THE CITIZENS.

+THE WATERS OF THE PACIFIC, AND THE AIRSPACE ABOVE IT, SERVE NOT TO DIVIDE US, BUT TO PROVIDE BETTER COMMUNICATION BETWEEN US,+ HE SAID.

ALSO TAKING PART IN THE CEREMONY IN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE AT CITY HALL WAS THE CHAIRMAN OF CATHAY PACIFIC, MR MICHAEL MILES, WHO PRESENTED A TICKET TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY ASSOCIATION, MR BRAYTON WILBUR, AS SPONSORSHIP OF THE ORCHESTRA'S 1988 TOUR OF SIX CITIES IN THE FAR EAST, INCLUDING HONG KONG.

SIR EDWARD AND LADY YOUDE LATER ATTENDED A LUNCH HOSTED BY MR WILBUR AND MAYOR FEINSTEIN WHO PRESENTED HIM WITH A REDWOOD MODEL OF A HARBOUR SEAL COMMON TO THE SHORES OF THE BAY.

GUESTS WERE ENTERTAINED BY A LION DANCE AND MUSIC PLAYED BY THE HONG KONG POLICE BAND AND SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.

ACCOMPANYING THE GOVERNOR ON THE INAUGURAL FLIGHT WERE MR AND MRS MILES, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONGKONG BANK, SIR MICHAEL SANDBERG AND LADY SANDBERG, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, MISS LYDIA DUNN.

HONG KONG WEEK, WHICH WILL BE LAUNCHED IN UNION SQUARE BY THE GOVERNOR AND THE MAYOR THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING, IS BEING CO-SPONSORED BY CATHAY PACIFIC, THE HONGKONG BANK, THE TDC AND THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION, OF WHICH MR MILES IS ALSO CHAIRMAN.

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SHIPPING REPORT FOR 1985 RELEASED

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LAST YEAR, 13 076 SHIPS WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 76.6 MILLION NRT (NET REGISTERED TONS) ARRIVED IN HONG KONG, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 12 PER CENT IN NUMBER AND OF 11 PER CENT IN CAPACITY OVER 1984, ACCORDING TO THE 1985 ANNUAL REPORT ON +HONG KONG SHIPPING STATISTICS+ PUBLISHED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

DURING THE YEAR, THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CARGO DISCHARGED IN HONG KONG FROM INCOMING SHIPS (ESTIMATED FROM SAMPLED MANIFEST CONSIGNMENTS) INCREASED BY 12 PER CENT. WHEN ANALYSED BY SHIP TYPE, NOTABLE INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE NUMBER OF CONTAINER VESSELS (+676), DRY BULK CARRIERS (+218), ROLL-ON/ROLL-OFF VESSELS (+163) AND SEMI-CONTAINER VESSELS (+114), WHILE THE NUMBER OF OIL TANKERS DECLINED (-97).

INCREASES IN NUMBER WERE NOTED FOR SHIPS REGISTERED IN CHINA (+473), PANAMA (+436), THE PHILIPPINES (+130) AND TAIWAN (+85); BUT A DECREASE WAS RECORDED FOR SINGAPOREAN SHIPS (-72). THE NUMBER OF SHIPS WITH A CAPACITY OF LESS THAN 10 000 DWT INCREASED (+1 070).

LAST YEAR, THERE WERE 13 047 OUTGOING SHIPS, WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 76.6 MILLION NRT, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 1 331 (OR 11 PER CENT) IN NUMBER AND OF 11 PER CENT IN CAPACITY OVER 1984. THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CARGO LOADED IN HONG KONG ONTO OUTGOING SHIPS (ESTIMATED FROM SAMPLED MANIFEST CONSIGNMENTS) ROSE BY 13 PER CENT. ABOUT 67 PER CENT OF THE DEPARTING SHIPS STAYED IN HONG KONG FOR LESS THAN TWO DAYS.

OF THE CARGO DISCHARGED FROM INCOMING SHIPS, 86 PER CENT IN TERMS OF TONNAGE REPRESENTED IMPORTS AND 14 PER CENT TRANSHIPMENT CARGO. OF THE CARGO LOADED ONTO OUTGOING SHIPS, 57 PER CENT WAS EXPORTS (INCLUDING RE-EXPORTS) AND 43 PER CENT WAS TRANSHIPMENT CARGO.

THE MAJOR COUNTRIES OF LOADING FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS IN TONNAGE TERMS WERE JAPAN (18 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (15 PER CENT), THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (11 PER CENT), CHINA (10 PER CENT) AND TAIWAN (10 PER CENT), WHILE THE MAJOR COUNTRIES OF DISCHARGE FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS WERE THE U.S. (20 PER CENT), CHINA (19 PER CENT), TAIWAN (13 PER CENT) AND JAPAN (6 PER CENT).

TRANSHIPMENT CARGO WAS MAINLY LOADED IN THE U.S. (29 PER CENT) AND CHINA (26 PER CENT); AND WAS MAINLY DISCHARGED IN CHINA (24 PER CENT) AND THE U.S. (14 PER CENT).

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COMPARING 1985 WITH 1984, INCREASES IN TONNAGE WERE NOTED FOR IMPORTS FROM CANADA (+94 PER CENT), THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (+56 PER CENT) AND SOUTH KOREA (+53 PER CENT) BUT A DECLINE WAS RECORDED FOR IMPORTS FROM CHINA (-17 PER CENT).

AS A WHOLE, THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 9 PER CENT. AMONG THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES, INCREASES IN CARGO TONNAGE WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORTS OF INORGANIC CHEMICALS (+96 PER CENT), LOGS AND TIMBER (+43 PER CENT), COAL, COKE AND BRIQUETTES (+36 PER CENT), IRON AND STEEL (+25 PER CENT) AND CEMENT AND CEMENT CLINKER (+23 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE NOTED FOR THE IMPORTS OF CEREALS AND CEREAL PREPARATIONS (-8 PER CENT) AND PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (-8 PER CENT).

DURING 1985, THE TONNAGE OF TOTAL SEABORNE EXPORTS (DOMESTIC EXPORTS PLUS RE-EXPORTS) INCREASED BY 7 PER CENT. INCREASES IN TONNAGE WERE RECORDED FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS TO CHINA (+83 PER CENT), MACAU (+27 PER CENT) AND JAPAN (+7 PER CENT); BUT DECREASES WERE NOTED FOR EXPORTS TO INDONESIA (-32 PER CENT) AND AUSTRALIA (-19 PER CENT).

AMONG THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES, INCREASES WERE NOTED FOR EXPORTS OF INORGANIC CHEMICALS (+212 PER CENT), GARMENTS OF MIXED MATERIALS OR OTHER MATERIALS, N.E.S. (+78 PER CENT), IRON AND STEEL (+37 PER CENT) AND CEMENT AND CEMENT CLINKERS (+26 PER CENT). HOWEVER, THE EXPORTS OF PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS DECLINED (-21 PER CENT).

SHIPPING STATISTICS ARE COMPILED PRIMARILY FROM GENERAL DECLARATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE MARINE DEPARTMENT BY SHIPOWNERS OR AUTHORISED SHIPPING AGENTS AND COVER ALL OCEAN-GOING VESSELS ENTERING AND LEAVING HONG KONG, EXCLUDING YACHTS AND PLEASURE CRAFT.

PORT AND CARGO STATISTICS ARE COMPILED FROM OCEAN CARGO MANIFESTS SUPPLIED BY SHIPPING COMPANIES OR AGENTS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

BECAUSE OF RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS, A SAMPLE OF ALL CONSIGNMENTS LISTED IN THE MANIFESTS IS USED FOR COMPILING THE STATISTICS. THE SAMPLING METHOD IS DESCRIBED IN THE EXPLANATORY NOTES OF THE REPORT.

MORE DETAILS ON SHIPPING, PORT AND CARGO STATISTICS FOR 1985 ARE CONTAINED IN THE 'HONG KONG SHIPPING STATISTICS' REPORT FOR 1985, ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AT \$19 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE SHIPPING STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, AT 5-452701 AND 5-455422.

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QUOTA TRANSFER RULES TEMPORARILY RELAXED  
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A TRADE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED A TEMPORARY RELAXATION OF QUOTA TRANSFER RULES WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT.

THE DEPARTMENT FEELS THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MODIFIED AND EXTENDED U.S.-HK TEXTILE AGREEMENT IN THE MIDDLE OF A TEXTILE YEAR MAY PRESENT ADJUSTMENT DIFFICULTIES TO THE TRADE.

TO FACILITATE THE SETTLING DOWN PROCESS THE DEPARTMENT, ON THE ADVICE OF THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD, HAS INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING TEMPORARY MEASURES FOR APPLICATION IN 1986 ONLY:

- \* IN RESPECT OF NEW NON-MFA QUOTA CATEGORIES FOR THE U.S. MARKET, TO PLACE A LIMIT OF 50 PER CENT ON TEMPORARY TRANSFERS ON A CATEGORY BASIS; AND
- \* IN RESPECT OF MFA QUOTA CATEGORIES, TO RELAX THAT PART OF EXISTING RULES REGARDING THE LIMIT OF TEMPORARY TRANSFERS BY REVISING THE EXISTING 35 PER CENT TO 50 PER CENT.

WHILE THE RELAXATION OF THE TEMPORARY TRANSFER LIMIT IS PRIMARILY RELEVANT TO THE U.S. MARKET, THE DEPARTMENT HAS DECIDED TO APPLY IT TO ALL MARKETS, IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE UNIFORMITY OF QUOTA TRANSFER RULES.

ALL OTHER PARTS OF THE QUOTA TRANSFER RULES WHICH ARE CURRENTLY IN FORCE WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED AND CONTINUE IN FORCE.

THESE TEMPORARY MEASURES ARE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE REVIEW OF QUOTA TRANSFER RULES WHICH, AS HAS ALREADY BEEN ANNOUNCED BY THE DEPARTMENT, WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1986 TO DETERMINE WHETHER EXISTING RULES SHOULD CONTINUE, OR BE REVISED, IN 1987 ONWARDS.

A NOTICE TO EXPORTERS WILL BE ISSUED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO EXPLAIN THE TEMPORARY MEASURES IN GREATER DETAIL TO THE TRADE.

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NEW CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS FOR EPCOM  
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THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED DR DAVID J. JOHNS AS CHAIRMAN AND 15 OTHER PROMINENT MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY AS MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EPCOM) FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS FROM JULY 1 THIS YEAR.

DR JOHNS, DIRECTOR OF THE CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG, TAKES OVER FROM MR H.M.G. FORSGATE AS CHAIRMAN OF EPCOM. HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE SINCE JULY 1, 1984 AND IS A MEMBER OF THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL AND THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

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IN ANNOUNCING THE APPOINTMENT OF DR JOHNS, THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR N.C.L. SHIPMAN, PRAISED MR FORSGATE FOR HIS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN HONG KONG. MR FORSGATE HAD SERVED ON EPCOM AND ITS FORERUNNERS SINCE 1974 AND HAD BEEN EPCOM'S CHAIRMAN SINCE 1981.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS DR HENRIETTA IP AND DR DANIEL TSE, WHO HAVE BEEN SERVING ON THE COMMITTEE, WERE JOINED BY THEIR LEGCO COUNTERPARTS, MR H.K. CHENG AND PROFESSOR C.K. POON, FROM JULY 1 THIS YEAR.

OTHER MEMBERS WHO CONTINUE TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE ARE PROFESSOR BRIAN MORTON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, MR S.L. WAN OF THE CONSERVANCY ASSOCIATION, DR K.W. FUNG, SAFETY OFFICER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, AND DR ALBERT C. P. CHEUNG, WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER.

THREE MEMBERS HAVE BEEN REAPPOINTED ON THE NOMINATION OF THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES AND THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION. THEY ARE MR S.H. SUNG, DR PHILIP LAI AND MR STAN H.Y. FUNG RESPECTIVELY.

FOUR NEW MEMBERS JOINING EPCOM ARE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER AND URBAN COUNCILLOR DR RONALD LEUNG, REGIONAL COUNCILLOR DR H.T. PANG, SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER AND REGIONAL COUNCILLOR MR K.W. LAU, AND A CONSULTING ENGINEER, MR ANTHONY VAIL.

THE SECRETARY OF EPCOM IS THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE (POLLUTION). GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN PERMANENT ATTENDANCE AT THE COMMITTEE'S MEETINGS ARE THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE AND THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

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FINAL PHASE OF ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR PLANNED  
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THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO GO AHEAD WITH BUILDING PART OF THE FINAL SECTION OF THE MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START EARLY NEXT YEAR ON AN 800-METRE-LONG SECTION OF DUAL, TWO-LANE DISTRIBUTOR ROAD AT GROUND LEVEL BETWEEN PAK CHAI WAN AND THE INTERCHANGE AT WING TAI ROAD.

THE 'STRETCH OF ROAD WOULD EVENTUALLY JOIN UP WITH FURTHER SECTIONS OF THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR RUNNING WESTWARDS TO SHAU KEI WAN AND EASTWARDS TO CHAI WAN. THESE ARE EITHER UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR WORK IS DUE TO START ON THEM EARLY NEXT YEAR.

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BESIDES THE ROAD, THE PROJECT WOULD INCLUDE LIGHTING, EMERGENCY TELEPHONES AND TRAFFIC AIDS, SIMILAR TO THOSE ALREADY INSTALLED ON THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR.

IT WOULD ALSO INCLUDE EXTENSIVE LANDSCAPING AND DRAINAGE WORKS.

THE WORK WOULD TAKE TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE.

SITE FORMATION WORK IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR STARTED 10 YEARS AGO AND THE FIRST STAGE, COSTING \$485 MILLION, WAS OPENED IN JUNE, 1984. THE SECOND STAGE WAS BUILT IN TWO PHASES AT A TOTAL COST OF \$260 MILLION AND WAS OPENED A YEAR AGO.

THE THIRD AND FINAL STAGE IS DUE FOR COMPLETION IN THE LATE 1980'S.

OBJECTIONS TO THE LATEST PROPOSED PROJECT SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT BY SEPTEMBER 9.

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CODE FOR PRIVATE HOMES FOR ELDERLY TO ENSURE STANDARDS  
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A CODE OF PRACTICE FOR PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC) AT A MEETING THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING.

THE AIM OF THE CODE IS TO PROVIDE OPERATORS OF THESE HOMES WITH SOME GUIDANCE ON THE BASIC REQUIREMENTS TO MAINTAIN A MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE LEVEL OF SERVICE.

THE MEETING WAS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT THE CODE OF PRACTICE MUST BE PRACTICABLE, AND THAT THERE SHOULD BE ADEQUATE PROVISIONS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND HEALTH OF RESIDENTS.

THE COMMITTEE FELT THE CODE OF PRACTICE ISSUED FOR VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE WOULD BE A GOOD FIRST STEP IN SECURING ADEQUATE STANDARDS OF CARE. A REVIEW WOULD BE CARRIED OUT AFTER A YEAR TO DETERMINE WHETHER STRONGER MEASURES ARE REQUIRED.

THE CODE WILL BE PUBLISHED IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH AT A LATER DATE, AND COPIES WILL BE SENT TO ALL IDENTIFIED OPERATORS OF PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY AND THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY.

STAFF FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE WITH THEIR LIAISON VISITS TO THE HOMES AND TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN TO THE OPERATORS THE DETAILS OF THE CODE.

THE SWAC ALSO ACCEPTED A PROPOSAL TO RECOVER SURPLUSES ACCUMULATED IN WELFARE AGENCIES' SUBVENTION RESERVE ACCOUNTS UP TO AND INCLUDING 1984-85 WHICH AMOUNTED TO OVER \$38 MILLION.

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SWAC CONSIDERED THAT THIS SUM SHALL BE SPENT ON IMPROVING CURRENT STANDARDS OF SERVICES, BUT IN VIEW OF THE RECURRENT IMPLICATIONS ON THE ONE-LINE VOTE, EXPENDITURE SHOULD BE SPREAD OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

THE MEETING ALSO DECIDED TO FORM A SUB-COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE PRIORITIES IN ALLOCATING THE FUNDS.

THE SUBVENTIONS AND LOTTERIES FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL BE CONSULTED ON INDIVIDUAL ALLOCATIONS TO AGENCIES.

SWAC ALSO CONSIDERED THE CONCERN EXPRESSED BY THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE AND THE SOCIAL WORKERS GENERAL UNION OVER THE EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS OF SOCIAL WORK GRADUATES. THE COMMITTEE NOTED THAT ESTIMATED DEMAND IN 1986-87 IS LIKELY TO BE 200 AGAINST AN ESTIMATED SUPPLY OF 143, AFTER TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THOSE GRADUATES WHO JOINED OTHER PROFESSIONS, AND WASTAGE FIGURES.

ON THIS BASIS, SOCIAL WORK GRADUATES SHOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING EMPLOYMENT IN THE PROFESSION. THE COMMITTEE NOTED THAT THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL OFFER APPOINTMENTS TO SUITABLE SOCIAL WORK GRADUATES IN THE FIRST INSTANCE.

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FORD LOOKS OVER POST OFFICE OPERATIONS  
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THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR DAVID FORD, VISITED THE POST OFFICE THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING TO HAVE A FIRST-HAND LOOK AT THE OPERATION OF THE DEPARTMENT AND TALK TO ITS STAFF.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR HUGH ARDLEY, MR FORD FIRST TOURED THE GENERAL POST OFFICE COUNTERS AND THE PHILATELIC CENTRE AT CONNAUGHT PLACE.

THE NEW PHILATELIC CENTRE, LOCATED ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE WITH ATTRACTIVE DISPLAY FACILITIES, WAS OPENED IN JANUARY THIS YEAR TO IMPROVE THE SERVICE TO PHILATELISTS.

SINCE THE OPENING OF THE CENTRE, ITS PHILATELIC SALES HAVE GONE UP BY 100 PER CENT TO AN AVERAGE OF \$10 000 A DAY.

MR FORD THEN CROSSED THE HARBOUR TO THE INTERNATIONAL MAIL CENTRE AT HUNG HOM, THE LARGEST MAIL HANDLING OFFICE IN HONG KONG.

WITH A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF 13 660 SQUARE METRES, THE CENTRE HANDLES ALL MAIL ITEMS POSTED IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES, OUTWARD AIR AND SURFACE MAIL, AND INCOMING AND OUTGOING SURFACE PARCELS.

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IT HAS A STAFF OF OVER 750 AND HANDLES ABOUT 600 000 POSTED ITEMS EACH DAY.

MR FORD THEN RETURNED TO THE GENERAL POST OFFICE FOR A MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM SEVEN STAFF UNIONS OF THE POST OFFICE.

BEFORE WINDING UP HIS VISIT, MR FORD TOURED THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS BRANCH AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, WHERE HE SAW THE FREQUENCY ALLOCATION COMPUTER SYSTEMS AND TELEVISION MONITORING EQUIPMENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN DURING THE VISIT WILL BE SENT BY FACSIMILE NETWORK LATER TODAY.

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CYC TO SHOW THE FLAG AT EXPO  
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TEN OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB (CYC) MEMBERS WERE TODAY (FRIDAY) ASKED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, TO PROMOTE THE SPIRIT AND WORK OF THE CYC SCHEME ON BEHALF OF THEIR 170 000 FELLOW MEMBERS WHEN THEY VISIT THE EXPO '86 IN VANCOUVER.

MR LEUNG WAS SPEAKING AFTER PRESENTING A FLAG TO THE LEADER OF THE CYC DELEGATION AT A CEREMONY HELD AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS.

THE TEAM, COMPRISING FIVE GIRLS AND FIVE BOYS, WILL LEAVE FOR CANADA ON SUNDAY (JULY 13) TO TAKE PART IN THE HONG KONG DAY CELEBRATIONS AT EXPO ON JULY 18. THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WILL BE GUEST OF HONOUR AT THESE CELEBRATIONS.

MR LEUNG TOLD MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION THEY SHOULD TAKE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO BROADEN THEIR GENERAL OUTLOOK AND TO LEARN FROM THE COMMUNITY SERVICE THAT WAS UNDERTAKEN IN CANADA.

ON THEIR RETURN, THEY SHOULD SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE WITH THEIR FELLOW MEMBERS.

THE TOUR WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY THE CYC MERIT AWARD SCHEME WHICH AIMS AT BUILDING UP A STRONG COMMUNITY SPIRIT THROUGH THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES ORGANISED FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN.

MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION WERE SELECTED FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO COMMUNITY SERVICE THIS YEAR.

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THEY ARE: LEUNG YUN-PONG OF BUDDHIST SIN TAK COLLEGE IN KWAI CHUNG, WONG MAN-CHING OF NT HEUNG YEE KUK YUEN LONG DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL, LAU LAI-LIN OF HO TUNG TECHNICAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS IN WAN CHAI, CHAN FUNG OF TSUEN WAN PUBLIC HO CHUEN YIU MEMORIAL COLLEGE, LEE TSUI-CHU OF LOK SIN TONG WONG CHUNG MING SECONDARY SCHOOL IN WONG TAI SIN, CHAN WAI-LIN OF LUTHERAN MIDDLE SCHOOL IN YAU MA TEI, LAM YIU-CHUNG OF CARMEL PAK U SECONDARY SCHOOL IN TAI PO, YU YEE-WAH OF HONG KONG TRUE LIGHT COLLEGE IN CENTRAL, TAM KAI-HUNG OF ST JOSEPH'S ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL IN KWUN TONG, AND HO WAI-YIP OF SUNG TSUN MIDDLE SCHOOL IN SAI KUNG.

A CYC ASSISTANT INSPECTOR IN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MR PAUL CHAN, WILL ACCOMPANY THE DELEGATION.

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NEW MEMBER APPOINTED TO TUEN MUN DB  
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A LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADER, MR WONG SHU, HAS BEEN APPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD, FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 1986 TO MARCH 31, 1988, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR WONG, AGED 51, FILLS THE SEAT MADE VACANT BY THE RESIGNATION FROM THE BOARD OF APPOINTED MEMBER MR YAU HON-TIM.

AN ENTREPRENEUR IN THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY IN TUEN MUN, MR WONG IS A FOUNDER MEMBER OF BOTH THE TUEN MUN FENCING ASSOCIATION AND THE TUEN MUN CHILDREN'S CHOIR. HE IS ALSO INVOLVED IN THE PROMOTION OF SPORTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.

HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF TUEN MUN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE SINCE 1980 AND IS AT PRESENT VICE-CHAIRMAN OF YAN OI TONG BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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ADDITIONAL DEGREE COURSES INTRODUCED  
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HONG KONG STUDENTS STARTING THEIR DEGREE STUDIES IN THE 1986-87 ACADEMIC YEAR WOULD HAVE MORE COURSES TO CHOOSE FROM, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE IS REFERRING TO THE RECENT APPROVAL BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL FOR THE FOLLOWING DEGREE COURSES TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE COMING ACADEMIC YEAR:

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<u>INSTITUTION</u>	<u>DEGREE COURSE</u>
HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS) IN BUSINESS STUDIES
CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS) IN BUSINESS STUDIES
HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE/ BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONS) IN COMBINED SCIENCES AND BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

FOR THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, THE BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS) IN BUSINESS STUDIES DEGREE COURSE IS AN ADDITION TO THE 11 DEGREE PROGRAMMES THE INSTITUTION IS OFFERING. AS FOR THE CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG AND FOR THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE, THIS WILL BE THE FIRST TIME THEY WILL BE OFFERING COURSES AT THE DEGREE LEVEL.

THE BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS) IN BUSINESS STUDIES DEGREE COURSE AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC WILL BE A THREE-YEAR FULL TIME COURSE. THE ONE AT THE CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG WILL BE OFFERED BOTH AS A THREE-YEAR FULL-TIME COURSE AND AS A SIX-YEAR PART-TIME EVENING COURSE.

THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE/BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONS) IN COMBINED SCIENCES AND THE BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK WILL BOTH BE OFFERED BY THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE AS THREE-YEAR FULL-TIME COURSES.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF DEGREE COURSES AT THE CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG AND THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE THERE WILL BE FIVE DEGREE AWARDING INSTITUTIONS IN HONG KONG.

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PRESSING NEED FOR CIVIC EDUCATION  
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THERE IS A PRESSING NEED FOR PROMOTING CIVIC EDUCATION AMONG YOUNGSTERS IN HONG KONG SO THAT THEY CAN HAVE A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND DEVOTE THEMSELVES TO SERVING IT, THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN HO, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE SECOND GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE SAI KUNG CENTRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL, MR HO SAID HONG KONG WAS NOW AT A STAGE OF POLITICAL REFORM.

+THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION CAN ENABLE YOUNG PEOPLE IN HONG KONG TO UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF CIVIC RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.+

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HE SAID THE SAI KUNG CENTRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL HAD DONE A LOT IN CULTIVATING STUDENTS' CIVIC AWARENESS AND SOCIAL CONCERNS.

+IT HAS DECIDED TO SET UP A CIVIC EDUCATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE TO HELP PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION AMONG STUDENTS.

+APART FROM THIS, THE SCHOOL ALSO ENCOURAGES STUDENTS TO TAKE PART IN VARIOUS KINDS OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES AND COMPETITIONS SO THAT THEY CAN DEVELOP A GOOD HABIT IN LIFE AND NOT GO ASTRAY EASILY,+ HE SAID.

THE SAI KUNG CENTRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL, COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER 1984, COMBINES EIGHT RURAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN SAI KUNG AND IS THE FIRST GOVERNMENT-AIDED CENTRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL BUILT IN THE RURAL AREAS OF HONG KONG.

THE SCHOOL AIMS TO PROVIDE A SUITABLE ENVIRONMENT AND BETTER FACILITIES FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS LIVING IN THE AREAS.

+HOWEVER, AS A PIONEER SCHOOL OF ITS KIND, IT STILL HAS TO FACE AND OVERCOME A LOT OF DIFFICULTIES,+ MR HO SAID.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE ABOUT 300 STUDENTS STUDYING IN THE SCHOOL. THE EXAMINATION RESULTS LAST YEAR WERE SATISFACTORY WITH 65 PER CENT OF STUDENTS ALLOCATED FORM ONE PLACES IN GOVERNMENT-AIDED SCHOOLS.

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MANGAGEMENT CONTROL OF UNION BANK  
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FOLLOWING THE ACQUISITION OF A MAJORITY INTERST IN THE UNION BANK OF HONG KONG LIMITED (UNION BANK) BY MODERN CONCEPTS LIMITED, IN WHICH CHINA MERCHANTS STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY LIMITED HAS A 68 PER CENT INTEREST AND SEARCH INTERNATIONAL LIMITED A 32 PER CENT INTEREST, AND THE APPOINTMENT BY MODERN CONCEPTS LIMITED OF NEW DIRECTORS TO THE BOARD OF UNION BANK, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY IS OF THE OPINION THAT IT IS NO LONGER NECESSARY FOR JARDINE FLEMING AND COMPANY LIMITED (JARDINE FLEMING) TO REMAIN IN CONTROL OF AND CARRY ON THE BUSINESS OF UNION BANK.

ACCORDINGLY, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY HAS PURSUANT TO SECTION 17(1) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE RETURNED THE MANAGEMENT CONTROL OF UNION BANK TO ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH EFFECT FROM SUNDAY (JULY) 13.

SINCE THE ACQUISITION OF A MAJORITY INTEREST BY MODERN CONCEPTS LIMITED, THE BANK'S LIQUIDITY HAS SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED. SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL LINES OF CREDIT HAVE ALSO BEEN MADE AVAILABLE BY THE BANK OF CHINA AND OTHER MAJOR INTERNATIONAL BANKS.

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ACCORDINGLY, THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING IS SATISFIED THAT THE LINE OF CREDIT FROM THE EXCHANGE FUND OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, WHICH WAS UTILISED ONLY ON THE FIRST FEW DAYS AFTER THE TAKEOVER OF THE MANAGEMENT BY JARDINE FLEMING IN MARCH THIS YEAR, IS NO LONGER NECESSARY AND ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD ALSO BE WITHDRAWN WITH EFFECT FROM JULY 13.

THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING HAS EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION TO JARDINE FLEMING FOR ITS SERVICES FROM MARCH 27, 1986 WHEN IT ASSUMED CONTROL OF UNION BANK UNDER HIS DIRECTION.

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FURTHER ACTION ON FINANCE FIRM  
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THE REGISTRATION OF THAI MERCANTILE DEVELOPMENT FINANCE LIMITED WAS SUSPENDED ON JUNE 26, 1986. THERE IS NOW NO AUTHORISED SIGNATORY LEFT IN HONG KONG TO MANAGE THE COMPANY. THE NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE HAS NOT TURNED UP TO THE OFFICE AS PROMISED.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY HAD ALREADY APPOINTED MR Y.K. CHOI TO INSPECT THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY UNDER SECTION 38(2) OF THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ORDINANCE.

ON RECEIPT OF HIS REPORT AND AS A MEASURE TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THE DEPOSITORS AND CREDITORS OF THE COMPANY, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY HAS PETITIONED TO THE HIGH COURT FOR THE WINDING UP OF THE THAI MERCANTILE DEVELOPMENT FINANCE LIMITED. THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER WAS APPOINTED AS THE PROVISIONAL LIQUIDATOR TODAY.

THE PETITION FOR THE WINDING UP OF THAI MERCANTILE DEVELOPMENT FINANCE LIMITED WILL BE HEARD ON SEPTEMBER 15, 1986.

ANY QUERIES REGARDING THE POSITION OF THAI MERCANTILE DEVELOPMENT FINANCE LIMITED SHOULD BE MADE TO THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER'S OFFICE AT 11TH FLOOR, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY CENTRAL, AT 5-8622448.

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MORAL EDUCATION A RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL  
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MORAL EDUCATION IS EVERYBODY'S RESPONSIBILITY AND IT IS IMPORTANT FOR SCHOOLS TO PLAY A ROLE IN PROMOTING IT IN CLASSROOM, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY OF POOL TO MIDDLE SCHOOL, HELD AT BAPTIST CHURCH, MR LEUNG SAID GOOD PERSONAL CONDUCT WAS ONE OF THE VITAL FACTORS IN BUILDING A MEANINGFUL LIFE, A HARMONIOUS AND HAPPY FAMILY AND A PROSPEROUS AND STABLE SOCIETY.

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IN THIS CONNECTION, MR LEUNG ADVISED THE GRADUATES TO MAKE USE OF EVERY PRACTICAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP A PROPER ATTITUDE TOWARDS LIFE AND THE RIGHT SETS OF VALUES.

MR LEUNG ALSO SAID THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPARED NO EFFORT TO PROMOTE MORAL EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS.

INCENTIVE AND ASSISTANCE HAD BEEN GIVEN TO SCHOOLS DURING THE LAST FIVE YEARS. THE ASSISTANCE INCLUDED PUBLICATION OF GENERAL GUIDELINES ON MORAL EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS AND SETTING UP A RELIGIOUS AND ETHICAL EDUCATION SECTION IN THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE TO CO-ORDINATE MORAL EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS.

ON CURRICULUM, MR LEUNG SAID THREE SEPERATE ISSUES OF MORAL EDUCATION REFERENCE MATERIALS WERE PUBLISHED AND DISTRIBUTED TO SCHOOLS.

THE FOURTH AND FIFTH ISSUES OF THE MATERIALS WOULD BE AVAILABLE SOME TIME IN AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER, HE ADDED.

TO PROMOTE TEACHING STANDARD, SEMINARS AND COURSES ON MORAL EDUCATION, RUN BY THE UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS, WERE ORGANISED FOR TEACHERS FROM TIME TO TIME, MR LEUNG SAID.

IN ADDITION, A NUMBER OF MORAL EDUCATION TEACHING AIDS AND MORAL EDUCATION VISUAL PROJECTS PROVIDED BY VARIOUS SCHOOLS WERE NOW ON DISPLAY AT THE RELIGIOUS AND ETHICAL EDUCATION RESOURCES CENTRE FOR EASY REFERENCE FOR TEACHERS.

MR LEUNG ALSO SAID THE RELIGIOUS AND ETHICAL EDUCATION SECTION WOULD HOLD AN EXHIBITION ON MORAL EDUCATION AT HO MAN TIN GOVERNMENT MIDDLE SCHOOL HALL, IN PERTH STREET, BETWEEN JULY 16 AND 18.

THE THEME OF THE EXHIBITION WOULD BE THE +THE QUALITIES OF A GOOD CITIZEN+. SCHOOL CHILDREN AND TEACHERS WERE WELCOME TO VISIT IT.

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VARIETY SHOW TO LAUNCH SHAM SHUI PO SYP  
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THE 1986 SHAM SHUI PO SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WHICH WILL OPEN ON SUNDAY (JULY 13) WITH A VARIETY SHOW AT THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND, WILL FEATURE POP SINGERS, ACROBATICS, SCHOOL BAND AND DANCING PERFORMANCES.

THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME THIS YEAR INCLUDED 210 ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY 49 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AT \$195 000 DONATED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE OFFICIATED BY SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SYLVESTER TSE, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHENG PO-HONG, DISTRICT BOARD COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR FAN KAM-PING, DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR PANG KIU-SAN, DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MISS CHAN JOY-YIN, SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER, MR LIU CHO-TIM, AND RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICER, MR YIP SHEK-KONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME AT 4 PM ON SUNDAY AT THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND.

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TAX RELIEF FOR DONATIONS  
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THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE PROVIDES, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN LIMITATIONS, TAX RELIEF TO PERSONS WHO DONATE MONEY TO ANY PUBLIC CHARITABLE INSTITUTION OR TRUST WHICH IS EXEMPT UNDER SECTION 88 OF THE ORDINANCE.

A REVISED LIST OF CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS AND TRUSTS WHICH HAVE, AS AT MAY 31, BEEN RECOGNISED AS EXEMPT FROM TAX UNDER SECTION 88 OF THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE, IS INCLUDED IN A SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE NEW LIST SUPERSEDES ALL PREVIOUS ONES.

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RIGHT-TURN BAN IN SHA TIN STREET  
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FROM 2 PM ON MONDAY (JULY 14), VEHICLES TRAVELLING ON THE ESTATE ROAD IN SHA KOK ESTATE IN SHA TIN WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING RIGHT ON TO WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF SHA KOK STREET.

THE MOVE IS DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IN THE AREA.

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