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NO CHANGE OF DECISION, BOAT WIVES TOLD
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THE 14 BOAT WIVES AT YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER ARE BEING TOLD THAT THE POINTS THEY MADE IN THEIR PETITION TO THE GOVERNOR YESTERDAY HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY CONSIDERED BUT THE CONCLUSION IS THAT THEY PROVIDE NO GOOD REASON TO REVERSE THE DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

REPLYING TODAY ON THE AUTHORITY OF THE GOVERNOR, THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR DAVID JEAFFRESON REITERATED THAT IF THE BOAT WIVES RETURN TO CHINA VOLUNTARILY, THE GOVERNMENT WILL ASK THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES TO GIVE THEM PRIORITY IN GRANTING ONE-WAY PERMITS FOR THEM TO RETURN TO HONG KONG.

BUT IF THEY NOW FAIL TO LEAVE IMMEDIATELY, THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION WILL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO MAKE REMOVAL ORDERS AGAINST THEM, MR JEAFFRESON SAID.

THE REPLY TO THE PETITION MADE ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNOR WAS SENT TO THE 14 BOAT WIVES THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

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U.S. RECOGNISES H.K.'S FAIR TRADE
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RECOGNITION BY THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, MR CLAYTON YEUTTER, OF HONG KONG'S FAIR TRADE PRACTICES WAS WELCOMED BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR DONALD TSANG, TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR YEUTTER SPOKE YESTERDAY BEFORE THE HOUSE TRADE SUB-COMMITTEE IN WASHINGTON ON U.S. TRADE POLICY TOWARDS THE PACIFIC RIM.

IN QUESTION AND ANSWER, MR YEUTTER SAID THAT HONG KONG HAD AN OPEN MARKET WITH NO TARIFF OR OTHER BARRIERS AND THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD NO CONTROVERSY IN TRADE MATTERS WITH THE TERRITORY. MR TSANG WELCOMED THIS STATEMENT.

+THE AUTHORITIES IN HONG KONG HAVE A GOOD RECORD OF ENFORCEMENT,+ SAID MR YEUTTER ON THE QUESTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PROTECTION. THE LEGAL SYSTEM IN THE TERRITORY, WHICH IS BASED ON THE BRITISH SYSTEM, PROVIDES A REASONABLE BASIS ON WHICH RIGHTS CAN BE PROTECTED, HE SAID.

MR YEUTTER SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS WILLING TO EXPLORE A VARIETY OF ROUTES TOWARDS TRADE LIBERALISATION WHICH WERE CONSISTENT WITH THE GATT.

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HE SAID: +THE UNITED STATES HAS SET ITS COURSE CLEARLY. WE SUPPORT A SIMULTANEOUS LIBERALISATION OF ALL THE ECONOMIES IN THE PACIFIC REGION, INCLUDING OUR OWN.+

ON TRADE POLICY OBJECTIVES IN ASIA, MR YEUTTER SAID THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IN THE RECENT ECONOMIC DYNAMISM OF THE PACIFIC REGION HAD BEEN THE OPEN AND EXPANDING U.S. ECONOMY.

+THE PHENOMENAL GROWTH OF THE ASIAN ECONOMIES COULD NOT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED WITHOUT THE VORACIOUS AMERICAN APPETITE FOR IMPORTS RESULTING FROM OUR UNPRECEDENTED ECONOMIC RECOVERY.

HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT THOSE WHO HAD BENEFITED SO SIGNIFICANTLY FROM THIS SITUATION HAD AN OBLIGATION TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CONTINUATION OF PACIFIC PROSPERITY.

+THE OBLIGATION OF THE PACIFIC COUNTRIES IS TO OPEN THEIR ECONOMIES TO FOREIGN PARTICIPATION,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THE PROPOSED TEXTILE APPAREL TRADE AND ENFORCEMENT ACT AND THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION OF IMPORT RELIEF FOR NON-RUBBER FOOTWEAR WERE CONSIDERED BY ASIAN COUNTRIES AS MAJOR IMPEDIMENTS TO THEIR ABILITY TO LIBERALISE THEIR OWN ECONOMIES FURTHER.

+POLITICALLY IT IS DIFFICULT TO PERSUADE THEIR OWN BUSINESS COMMUNITIES, LEGISLATURES AND PUBLIC THAT THEY SHOULD LIBERALISE THEIR ECONOMIES WHEN THE U.S. APPEARS TO BE INCREASINGLY PROTECTIONIST.

+ECONOMICALLY, IT IS DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO LIBERALISE IF THE PROSPECTS FOR THEIR FLAGSHIP EXPORT INDUSTRIES ARE UNCERTAIN.+

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DORWARD LOBBIES TOP CONGRESSMEN
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HONG KONG'S COMMISSIONER FOR COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS IN NEW YORK, MR WILLIAM DORWARD, MET WITH SOME OF THE MOST POWERFUL MEMBERS OF THE U.S. CONGRESS YESTERDAY (THURSDAY) TO LOBBY AGAINST THE JENKINS BILL, WHICH SEEKS TO PROTECT THE AMERICAN TEXTILE INDUSTRY BY RESTRICTING IMPORTS.

IN A SERIES OF CALLS ON CAPITOL HILL, HE HAD TALKS WITH THE SENATE MAJORITY LEADER, ROBERT DOLE, SENATOR BILL BRADLEY OF NEW JERSEY, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, DAN ROSTENKOWSKI.

/MR DORWARD

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MR DORWARD SAID HE MET WITH THE CONGRESSMEN +TO CONVEY TO THEM HONG KONG'S DEEP CONCERN OVER THE JENKINS BILL+.

+IT IS IN VIOLATION OF BOTH THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE (GATT) AND THE MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT (MFA), AS WELL AS AT LEAST A DOZEN BILATERAL AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED UNDER THE MFA,+ HE SAID.

MR DORWARD SAID HE POINTED OUT TO THE CONGRESSMEN THAT HONG KONG WAS A COMPLETELY OPEN MARKET FOR UNITED STATES GOODS, AS WELL AS THOSE FROM ANY OTHER COUNTRY, MEANING THE BILL WAS FUNDAMENTALLY UNFAIR TO THE TERRITORY.

+IN ADDITION, PASSAGE OF THE BILL WOULD NOT BODE WELL FOR NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING A NEW ROUND OF THE MFA.+

MR DORWARD, WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED DURING HIS TALKS BY HONG KONG'S COUNSELLOR IN WASHINGTON, MR PETER LO, AND THE TDC'S LOBBYIST, MR VERRICK FRENCH, SAID THE CONGRESSMEN NOTED HONG KONG'S ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE JENKINS BILL, BUT ALSO POINTED TO THE GROWING SUPPORT FOR IT.

AT THE LATEST COUNT, IT HAD 290 CO-SPONSORS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND 53 IN THE SENATE, THE HOUSE HAS 435 MEMBERS AND THE SENATE HAS 100.

SENATOR DOLE IS THE LEADER OF THE REPUBLICANS IN THE SENATE, AND HAS BEEN MENTIONED AS A CONTENDER FOR THE 1988 PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION, SENATOR BRADLEY IS A MEMBER OF THE INFLUENTIAL SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

AS CHAIRMAN OF THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, MR ROSTENKOWSKI IS ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. THE COMMITTEE HAS CONTROL OVER ALL LEGISLATION AFFECTING TAXATION AND OTHER GOVERNMENT REVENUE.

MR ROSTENKOWSKI WAS ONE OF THREE LEADING DEMOCRATS WHO INTRODUCED A BILL TO CONGRESS WHICH WOULD IMPOSE A 25 PER CENT DUTY ON GOODS FROM JAPAN AND THREE OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE LARGE TRADE SURPLUSES WITH THE UNITED STATES AND ARE ACCUSED OF MAINTAINING UNFAIR TRADE BARRIERS AGAINST U.S. GOODS. HONG KONG WOULD BE EXEMPT, BECAUSE ALTHOUGH IT HAS A LARGE SURPLUS, IT HAS NO TRADE RESTRICTIONS.

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DRAFT BILL TO COMBAT TAX AVOIDANCE

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A DRAFT BILL WHICH SEEKS TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE WITH MORE EFFECTIVE POWERS TO FIGHT TAX AVOIDANCE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY) FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION.

THE INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT)(NO. 4) BILL 1985 MAINLY LAYS DOWN THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ANTI-TAX AVOIDANCE AND TAX DEFERRAL PROPOSALS MADE BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY IN HIS BUDGET SPEECH IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IN VIEW OF THE LENGTH AND COMPLEXITY OF THE PROVISIONS, IT WAS FELT THAT THEY SHOULD BE PUBLISHED IN DRAFT FORM SO THAT PROFESSIONAL BODIES AND THE PUBLIC COULD COMMENT ON THEM BEFORE THE BILL'S INTRODUCTION INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

+AMENDMENTS CAN THEN BE MADE IF NECESSARY BEFORE THE BILL GOES THROUGH THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS,+ HE SAID.

TO ENABLE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TO HAVE MORE TIME TO STUDY THE BILL IN DETAIL, CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS SEPTEMBER 10, 1985.

EXPLAINING THE PROVISIONS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE BILL, IF ENACTED, WOULD GIVE EFFECT TO THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS MADE BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY IN HIS BUDGET SPEECH:

- (A) TO IMPROVE THE EXISTING GENERAL ANTI-AVOIDANCE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN SECTION 61 OF THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE WITH LEGISLATION WHICH WILL PROVIDE THE COMMISSIONER WITH MORE EFFECTIVE ANTI-AVOIDANCE POWERS;
- (B) TO LIMIT THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR TAX DEFERRAL THROUGH LEVERAGED LEASING ARRANGEMENTS FOR EQUIPMENT USED OFF-SHORE AND SO-CALLED 'SALE AND LEASE-BACK' DEVICES IN GENERAL;
- (C) TO NARROW THE SCOPE FOR MANIPULATION OF THE PROFITS TAX EXPENSE DEDUCTIONS PROVISIONS FOLLOWING A 1983 PRIVY COUNCIL DECISION; AND
- (D) TO INTRODUCE SOME RELATIVELY MINOR TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE.

REFERRING TO THE BACKGROUND OF THE PROPOSALS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT HAD, IN RECENT YEARS, SEEN INCREASING EVIDENCE OF TAX AVOIDANCE AND TAX DEFERRAL DEVICES BEING UNDERTAKEN BY TAX-PAYERS AT A CONSIDERABLE ANNUAL COST TO THE TREASURY.

/+THESE DEVICES

+THESE DEVICES INCLUDE THE USE OF LEVERAGED LEASING ARRANGEMENTS AND 'SALE AND LEASE-BACK' ARRANGEMENTS.

+THIS BILL THEREFORE SEEKS, INTER ALIA, TO INTRODUCE PROVISIONS TO DENY TAX-PAYERS DEPRECIATION ALLOWANCES IN RESPECT OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT LEASING SCHEMES. THE PROPOSALS ARE MEANT TO DISCOURAGE TAX AVOIDANCE AND TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSIONER WITH ADDITIONAL POWERS WHERE AVOIDANCE SCHEMES ARE DISCOVERED,+ HE SAID.

THE BACKGROUND TO ANOTHER KEY FEATURE OF THE BILL DATED BACK TO 1983 WHEN THE PRIVY COUNCIL HANDED DOWN A DECISION WHICH HAD THE EFFECT OF PERMITTING TAX-PAYERS TO CLAIM, AS EXPENSES DEDUCTIBLE FOR PROFITS TAX PURPOSES, CERTAIN ACCOUNTING PROVISIONS NOTWITHSTANDING THAT ACTUAL PAYMENT OF SUCH EXPENSES MAY NOT BE LEGALLY DUE FOR MANY YEARS AHEAD.

+IT IS THOUGHT THAT THIS DECISION HAS FAR-REACHING CONSEQUENCES AND HAS OPENED UP POSSIBILITIES FOR TAX ABUSE.

+ACCORDINGLY, IT IS PROPOSED TO AMEND THE LAW TO NARROW THE SCOPE FOR MANIPULATION,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE OPPORTUNITY WAS ALSO BEING TAKEN TO INTRODUCE CERTAIN REFINEMENTS TO THE BASIC LEGISLATION CONCERNING THE DEDUCTION OF INTEREST FOR PROFITS TAX PURPOSES.

+THESE REFINEMENTS WILL PERMIT THE ALLOWANCE OF INTEREST PAYABLE IN RESPECT OF PUBLICLY LISTED DEBENTURES (IRRESPECTIVE OF THE DATE OF LISTING) AND IN RESPECT OF MARKETABLE 'COMMERCIAL PAPER', SUCH AS FLOATING RATE NOTES AND CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSITS,+ HE SAID.

THE PROPOSED REFINEMENTS ARE A RESULT OF VARIOUS REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE ENACTMENT OF THE INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1984.

THE BILL ALSO CONTAINS A NUMBER OF TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS WHICH ARE IN GENERAL OF A MINOR NATURE.

IN A SEPARATE PRESS RELEASE TO BE ISSUED TODAY, UMELCO ANNOUNCED THE FORMATION OF AN AD HOC INLAND REVENUE REVIEW GROUP, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF HON Q.W. LEE, TO STUDY THE GENERAL ISSUE OF TAX AVOIDANCE AND TO CONSIDER THE BILL PUBLISHED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND VIEWS ON THE BILL MAY, THEREFORE, BE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE AD HOC GROUP AT THE UMELCO OFFICE, SWIRE HOUSE, 12/F, CHATER ROAD, CENTRAL, AND, IN ADDITION OR ALTERNATIVELY, TO THE DEPUTY FINANCIAL SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, 5/F, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, CENTRAL.

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UMELCO AD HOC INLAND REVENUE REVIEW GROUP
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UMELCO ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THE FORMATION OF AN AD HOC INLAND REVENUE REVIEW GROUP TO STUDY THE GENERAL ISSUE OF TAX AVOIDANCE AND TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT BILL PUBLISHED BY THE GOVERNMENT TODAY, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION ANY FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS THAT MAY BE FORWARDED BY THE PUBLIC.

THE GROUP WILL ALSO LOOK INTO THE FEARS AND RESERVATIONS EXPRESSED BY SOME SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY THAT THE CUMULATIVE EFFECTS OF RECENT AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING INLAND REVENUE LEGISLATION MIGHT HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON BUSINESS CONFIDENCE AND INVESTMENT INTEREST IN HONG KONG.

THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE GROUP ARE:-

HAVING REGARD TO HONG KONG'S LONG STANDING POLICY OF MAINTAINING A SIMPLE AND STABLE TAX ENVIRONMENT CONDUCTIVE TO INVESTMENT AND CONFIDENCE, THE AD HOC GROUP WILL:

- (1) EXAMINE THE INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1984 AND THE RELEVANT PRACTICE NOTE TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THEY CONFORM WITH THE DECLARED INTENTION AND SPIRIT OF THE ORDINANCE;
- (2) EXAMINE THE DRAFT BILL PUBLISHED ON FRIDAY, 19.7.85 (TODAY) ON ANTI-AVOIDANCE MEASURES;
- (3) EXAMINE THE CUMULATIVE EFFECTS OF RECENT AMENDMENTS TO THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE TO ASCERTAIN THEIR EFFECT ON THE ECONOMY AND BUSINESS CONFIDENCE;
- (4) CONSULT WIDELY AND RECEIVE FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC; AND
- (5) REPORT TO UMELCO BY 10TH SEPTEMBER.

MEMBERS OF THE GROUP COME FROM VARIOUS SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY, INCLUDING BANKING, INDUSTRY, BUSINESS, THE PROFESSIONS AND SOCIAL SERVICES. THEY ARE: HON Q.W. LEE, HON PETER POON, HON LI FOOK-WO, HON M.G.R. SANDBERG, HON ALLEN LEE, HON ANDREW SO, HON WONG PO-YAN, HON W.C.L. BROWN, HON K.C. CHAN, HON J.J. SWAINE, HON STEPHEN CHEONG, HON CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, HON MRS RITA FAN, DR HON KIM CHAM AND HON CARL TONG.

HON Q.W. LEE WILL SERVE AS CONVENER AND HON PETER POON AS DEPUTY CONVENER. THE GROUP WILL REPORT ITS CONCLUSIONS TO UMELCO ON SEPTEMBER 10.

THE AD HOC GROUP WELCOMES PUBLIC COMMENTS AND VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT. AS THE AD HOC GROUP WILL HAVE TO COMPLETE ITS REPORT BY SEPTEMBER 10, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO FORWARD THEIR REPRESENTATIONS TO THE UMELCO OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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ELECTION CONSTITUENCIES SET OUT
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TWO ORDERS DECLARING THE CONSTITUENCIES FOR ELECTIONS TO THE URBAN COUNCIL AND TO THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ARE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THEY ARE THE DECLARATION OF CONSTITUENCIES (URBAN COUNCIL) ORDER 1985 AND THE DECLARATION OF CONSTITUENCIES (REGIONAL COUNCIL) ORDER 1985.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE ORDER IS MERELY A REDECLARATION OF THE EXISTING CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES. IN OTHER WORDS, THERE WILL STILL BE TEN DISTRICTS WITH A TOTAL OF 15 CONSTITUENCIES.

IN THE CASE OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR WHICH NEW BOUNDARIES HAVE BEEN DRAWN UP, THERE WILL BE NINE DISTRICTS WITH 12 CONSTITUENCIES (IN BRACKETS) AS FOLLOWS:

ISLANDS (ISLANDS), KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI (KWAI CHUNG EAST, KWAI CHUNG WEST AND TSING YI), NORTH (NORTH), SAI KUNG (SAI KUNG), SHA TIN (SHA TIN EAST, SHA TIN WEST), TAI PO (TAI PO), TSUEN WAN (TSUEN WAN), TUEN MUN (TUEN MUN EAST, TUEN MUN WEST), YUEN LONG (YUEN LONG).

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT DETAILS OF THE DELINEATION OF THE CONSTITUENCY AREAS WERE OUTLINED ON MAPS IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRATION OFFICER.

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MORE POWER SOUGHT TO FREEZE ILL-GOTTEN GAINS
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THE HIGH COURT MAY HAVE WIDER POWERS IN FUTURE TO GRANT INJUNCTIONS TO FREEZE THE ILL-GOTTEN GAINS OF SUSPECTED CRIMINALS PUT IN BANK ACCOUNTS.

UNDER A SUPREME COURT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985 GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY), THE HIGH COURT MAY GRANT SUCH AN INJUNCTION ON APPLICATION BY THE POLICE AS A SEPARATE SUBSTANTIVE PROCEEDING. UNDER EXISTING LEGISLATION, AN APPLICATION FOR AN INJUNCTION AS AN ANCILLARY RELIEF HAS TO BE ADJUNCT TO AN ACTION ASSERTING A LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT.

THE BILL ONLY GIVES, AMONG OTHER APPLICANTS, THE POLICE A LEGAL STATUS TO MAKE THE APPLICATION AS LONG AS THEY CAN ESTABLISH A RELEVANT DEGREE OF INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE APPLICATION. THE HIGH COURT WILL STILL HAVE TO BE SATISFIED THAT THE GRANT OF AN INJUNCTION IS JUST AND CONVENIENT.

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT SIMILAR MEASURES WERE PROVIDED IN BRITAIN UNDER SUPREME COURT ACT 1981, AND THE PROPOSAL TO ADOPT THE RELEVANT PROVISION IN THE ACT WAS FIRST PUT FORWARD BY THE STANDING LIAISON COMMITTEE ON COMMERCIAL CRIME.

THE BILL ALSO EMPOWERS THE HIGH COURT TO GRANT A +MAREVA INJUNCTION+, WHICH PREVENTS THE REMOVAL OF ASSETS ABROAD BY A DEFENDANT, IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER HE IS DOMICILED, RESIDENT OR PRESENT IN HONG KONG.

CONSULTATIONS HAD BEEN CONDUCTED WITH THE LAW SOCIETY, THE BAR ASSOCIATION, THE LAW DEPARTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND THE JUDICIARY, WHO WERE ALL IN SUPPORT OF THE MEASURES TO WIDEN THE INJUNCTION AND TO PROVIDE A STATUTORY BASIS FOR MAREVA INJUNCTIONS, HE SAID.

THE BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JULY 24. ANYONE WHO WISHES TO COMMENT ON ITS PROVISIONS MAY WRITE TO UMEICO, AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, CHATER ROAD, OR TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, CENTRAL.

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\$100 000 MINIMUM DEPOSIT PROPOSED
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A BILL WILL SOON BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL INCREASING FROM \$50 000 TO \$100 000 THE MINIMUM AMOUNT A REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY CAN TAKE AS A DEPOSIT.

THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985 AMENDS THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ORDINANCE ALONG THE LINES EXPLAINED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 27 WHEN HE MOVED THE SECOND READING OF THE APPROPRIATION BILL 1985.

THE BILL, RECENTLY ENDORSED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY), STIPULATES THAT THE AMENDED SPECIFIED SUM WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE FROM MARCH 1 NEXT YEAR.

IT IS ALSO PROPOSED IN THE BILL THAT THE ORDINANCE BE AMENDED SO THAT DEPOSITS ALREADY IN PLACE WHEN THE NEW INCREASED SPECIFIED SUM TAKES EFFECT WOULD BE PERMITTED TO RUN TO MATURITY.

WHEN HE ADDRESSED THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL EARLIER THIS YEAR, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY SAID THAT THE OBJECT IN SETTING THE MINIMUM DEPOSIT AT \$50 000 IN 1976 WAS TO PROTECT THE SMALL DEPOSITOR BY +IN EFFECT, DEBARRING HIM FROM DEPOSITING WITH A DTC.+

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BUT, HE SAID, THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS MEASURE HAD BEEN ERODED BY THE PASSAGE OF TIME, AND THE LIMIT THEREFORE NEEDED TO BE INCREASED.

THE BILL WILL RECEIVE ITS FIRST READING ON JULY 24. PUBLIC COMMENTS MAY BE SENT TO UMELCO, AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, CHATER ROAD, OR TO THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, AT ADMIRALTY CENTRE, TOWER 11, 24TH FLOOR, HARCOURT ROAD, HONG KONG.

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MOVE TO CONTROL OPTOMETRY

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LEGISLATIVE CONTROL ON THE PRACTICE OF OPTOMETRY IN HONG KONG WILL SHORTLY BE INTRODUCED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

THIS IS ONE OF THE PROVISIONS OF A NEW BILL - THE SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL PROFESSIONS, MIDWIVES REGISTRATION AND NURSES REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985 - WHICH IS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY) FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION.

UNDER THE BILL, OPTOMETRISTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO REGISTER BEFORE THEY CAN PRACTISE IN HONG KONG. THIS MEANS THAT A PERSON WHO IS TRAINED IN THE PRACTICE OF TESTING VISION, PRESCRIBING OPTICAL APPLIANCES, FITTING OPTICAL APPLIANCES OR SUPPLYING OPTICAL APPLIANCES ON PRESCRIPTION HAS TO BE REGISTERED.

THE OPTOMETRY PROFESSION WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE SCHEDULE OF THE PRINCIPAL SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL PROFESSIONS ORDINANCE.

AT PRESENT THERE ARE FOUR PROFESSIONS LISTED IN THE SCHEDULE: MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIANS, RADIOGRAPHERS, PHYSIOTHERAPISTS AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS WHO ARE GOVERNED SEPARATELY BY FOUR STATUTORY BOARDS SET UP TO PROMOTE ADEQUATE STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE AND PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT AMONG MEMBERS OF THE PROFESSIONS AND TO CARRY OUT THE FUNCTIONS ASSIGNED TO THEM UNDER THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE.

IF THE BILL IS PASSED, A STATUTORY BOARD WILL ALSO BE SET UP FOR OPTOMETRISTS.

ONE OF THE AMENDMENTS IN THE BILL PROVIDES THAT IN CONDUCTING DISCIPLINARY INQUIRIES, THE BOARDS WILL BE EMPOWERED TO DETERMINE WHETHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC OR THE PRESS SHOULD BE ADMITTED OR NOT.

ANOTHER PROVISION WILL SIMPLIFY THE PROCEDURES FOR REGISTRATION UNDER THE SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL PROFESSIONS ORDINANCE, THE MIDWIVES REGISTRATION ORDINANCE AND THE NURSES REGISTRATION ORDINANCE.

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AT PRESENT THE THREE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCES REQUIRE THE BOARDS TO HOLD FORMAL INQUIRIES BEFORE ADMITTING ANY APPLICANTS TO THE REGISTER. THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT WILL PROVIDE THAT INQUIRIES WILL BE REQUIRED ONLY FOR THOSE CASES WHEN THE BOARDS PROPOSE TO DECLINE THE APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION.

THE AMENDED LEGISLATION WILL ALSO REQUIRE THAT AT LEAST ONE DIRECTOR OF THE COMPANY WHICH OPERATES ANY SERVICES RELATED TO THE FIVE SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL PROFESSIONS SHOULD BE PROFESSIONALLY QUALIFIED TO THE STANDARD REQUIRED FOR REGISTRATION TO PRACTISE THE PROFESSION CONCERNED.

IN ADDITION, THE BILL MAKES PROVISIONS FOR VARIOUS AMENDMENTS TO THE MISCELLANEOUS LICENCES ORDINANCE, THE MEDICAL CLINICS ORDINANCE AND THE MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS ORDINANCE IN RELATION TO THE PRACTICE BY PHYSIOTHERAPISTS. THESE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS ARE INTENDED TO COME INTO OPERATION WHEN REGULATIONS ARE DRAWN UP FOR THE REGISTRATION AND PRACTICE OF PHYSIOTHERAPISTS BY THE STATUTORY BOARD CONCERNED.

THE NEW BILL IS SCHEDULED TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JULY 24, 1985.

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MORE FLEXIBILITY FOR PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL PROPOSED

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A BILL TO ENABLE THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL TO CARRY OUT ITS FUNCTIONS WITH GREATER FLEXIBILITY WAS GAZETTED TODAY.

THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985 PROVIDES FOR THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL, MODIFIES THE FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK AND REMOVES REFERENCES TO THE PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE, THUS MAKING IT CLEAR THAT THE COUNCIL OPERATES AS A SINGLE ENTITY.

IT WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JULY 24.

THE BILL STEMS FROM A REVIEW UNDERTAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE COUNCIL IN THE LIGHT OF THE MORE ACTIVE APPROACH BEING TAKEN BY THE COUNCIL IN PROVIDING SUPPORT SERVICES TO INDUSTRY, AS RECOMMENDED IN THE REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DIVERSIFICATION.

IF THE BILL IS PASSED, SAID A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN, THE COUNCIL WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SUITABLE COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDING, FOR EXAMPLE, THE PATENTING OF INVENTIONS DEVELOPED BY IT AND THE RECEIVING OF ROYALTIES, AND TO PARTICIPATE IN JOINT VENTURES.

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BILL SEEKS TO CLARIFY GOODS VEHICLE LOAD LIMIT
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THE GOVERNMENT IS SEEKING TO CLARIFY THE LAW ON THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PASSENGERS ALLOWED ON GOODS VEHICLES AND THE MAXIMUM LOAD THEY ARE PERMITTED TO CARRY.

UNDER A ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2) BILL 1985 PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY, IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT TO ASSIGN OR DETERMINE A PERMITTED GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT TO A GOODS VEHICLE INDIVIDUALLY AS WAS THE CASE BEFORE THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE WAS REVISED IN AUGUST LAST YEAR.

FOLLOWING THE REVISION OF THE ORDINANCE, GOODS VEHICLES ARE NOW CLASSIFIED UNDER SEVERAL CATEGORIES ACCORDING TO WEIGHT AND A UNIFORM GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT IS PRESCRIBED FOR EACH CATEGORY OF VEHICLE.

IF THE AMENDMENT BILL IS APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, IT IS THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO INTRODUCE CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE ROAD TRAFFIC (REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF VEHICLES) REGULATIONS, THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TRAFFIC CONTROL) REGULATIONS AND THE ROAD TRAFFIC (CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES) REGULATIONS.

THESE FURTHER AMENDMENTS WILL DETAIL HOW THE COMMISSIONER MAY ASSIGN A PERMITTED GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT TO A VEHICLE AT THE TIME IT IS REGISTERED OR LICENSED, AND TO VALIDATE ALL ASSIGNMENTS ALREADY MADE FOLLOWING THE ENACTMENT OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE.

THE REGULATIONS WILL ALSO SPECIFY THE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS ON GOODS VEHICLES THAT MAY BE CARRIED BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 1989, WHEN A NEW PROVISION UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TRAFFIC CONTROL) REGULATIONS STIPULATING PROPERLY CONSTRUCTED SEATS AND A CONTROLLED NUMBER OF PASSENGERS COMES INTO EFFECT.

FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 1989, THE PASSENGER CARRYING CAPACITY OF GOODS VEHICLES WILL HAVE TO CONFORM STRICTLY TO THAT LAID DOWN IN THE REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS OF THE VEHICLES. BEFORE THEN, DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD, A LIGHT GOODS VEHICLE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO CARRY MORE THAN ONE PASSENGER IN ADDITION TO THE NUMBER SPECIFIED IN ITS REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS, SUBJECT TO A MAXIMUM OF FIVE PASSENGERS. A MEDIUM OR HEAVY GOODS VEHICLE WILL ONLY BE PERMITTED TO CARRY UP TO FIVE PASSENGERS SEATED OR UNSEATED.

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS WOULD REFLECT MORE SPECIFICALLY THE INTENTION OF THE NEW ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE AND ENHANCE ROAD SAFETY.

THE ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1985 WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JULY 24. PUBLIC COMMENTS MAY BE SENT TO UMELCO AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, CHATER ROAD, OR TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, AT ST JOHN'S BUILDING, 8TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

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MOVE TO IMPROVE LICENCE RENEWAL PROCEDURES
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A BILL WHICH SEEKS TO IMPROVE THE RENEWAL PROCEDURES FOR LICENCES, REGISTRATIONS AND PERMITS GRANTED UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES ORDINANCE IS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT AT PRESENT, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES, WHO ARE THE LICENSING AUTHORITY IN THE URBAN AREA AND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES RESPECTIVELY, HAVE TO INVALIDATE THE LICENCES, REGISTRATIONS OR PERMITS AND AT THE SAME TIME INVITE FRESH APPLICATIONS IF ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS ARE TO BE PRESCRIBED.

+THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT WILL EMPOWER THE LICENSING AUTHORITY TO DISPENSE WITH THIS FORMALITY AND SIMPLY CHANGE THE CONDITIONS WHEN THEY ARE DUE FOR RENEWAL,+ HE SAID.

+THE LICENSEE OR PERMITTEE WILL BE GIVEN WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE INTENDED CHANGES IN THE CONDITIONS AT LEAST 90 DAYS BEFORE THE LICENCE, REGISTRATION OR PERMIT EXPIRES,+ HE ADDED.

IN ORDER TO ALLOW MORE TIME FOR THE LODGING OF APPEAL AGAINST A DECISION BY THE AUTHORITY, THE BILL ALSO SEEKS TO EXTEND THE PERIOD FOR APPLICATION TO REVIEW A DECISION FROM THE PRESENT SEVEN DAYS TO 14 DAYS.

BOTH THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL HAVE BEEN CONSULTED AND SUPPORTED THESE AMENDMENTS, THE SPOKESMAN NOTED.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES (AMENDMENT)(NO. 3) BILL 1985 WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JULY 24. PUBLIC COMMENTS MAY BE SENT TO UMEICO, AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, CHATER ROAD OR TO THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, AT HARBOUR CENTRE, HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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OPENING OF 'ABILYMPIC'
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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE 2ND HONG KONG ABILYMPIC TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 10 AM, AT THE KESWICK HALL OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS COVERING THE EVENT SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE KESWICK HALL BY 9.40 AM.

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APPOINTMENT TO LONDON POST CONFIRMED
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IN ANOTHER OF ITS SERIES OF ANNOUNCEMENTS OF SENIOR DIRECTORATE APPOINTMENTS THE GOVERNMENT CONFIRMED TODAY THAT MR ALBERT LAM CHI-CHIU WILL SHORTLY TRANSFER TO THE LONDON OFFICE AS DEPUTY COMMISSIONER.

MR LAM HAS BEEN DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON) IN THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SINCE APRIL 1982, AND IS CURRENTLY ACTING SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

MR LAM IS EXPECTED TO LEAVE FOR LONDON IN MID-AUGUST AND WILL REPLACE MR STEUART WEBB-JOHNSON WHO HAS BEEN DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, LONDON OFFICE FOR THE PAST SEVEN YEARS. MR WEBB-JOHNSON WILL BE TAKING SOME HOLIDAY PRIOR TO RETURNING TO HONG KONG LATER IN THE YEAR.

MR MAYER NG CHAK-LAM HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON) IN MR LAM'S PLACE.

FOLLOWING ARE BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES ON THESE OFFICERS:

MR ALBERT LAM CHI-CHIU, JP (AGED 45) HAS SERVED IN A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT DIRECTORATE POSITIONS, INCLUDING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES (1974-78), PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE (1978-79), ASSISTANT SECRETARY-GENERAL, STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE (1979-81) AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS (1981-82) AND DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY (HK-KOWLOON) SINCE 1982. IN 1973-74 MR LAM ATTENDED THE FOREIGN SERVICE COURSE AT OXFORD UNIVERSITY AND IN 1983 HE UNDERTOOK FURTHER SENIOR MANAGEMENT TRAINING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM. HIS PRESENT RANK IS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B.

MR STEUART WEBB-JOHNSON (AGED 52) JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN 1956. IN THE EARLY PART OF HIS CAREER HE SERVED MAINLY AS AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN THE (THEN) COLONIAL SECRETARIAT (1957-70), AND AS A DISTRICT OFFICER IN THE NEW TERRITORIES (1961-67). HE WAS FIRST POSTED TO LONDON AS AN ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER IN THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN 1970. HIS CURRENT RANK IS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B.

MR MAYER NG CHAK-LAM, JP (AGED 46) HAS HELD A WIDE VARIETY OF POSTS IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE. IN RECENT YEARS HE HAS BEEN A PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY, FIRST IN CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH (1977-80) AND THEN IN HOME AFFAIRS BRANCH (1980-85). AND THEN DURING THE LATTER POSTING HE ACTED FOR PERIODS AS DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS. MR NG'S PRESENT RANK IS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE C.

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NEW MEMBER APPOINTED TO EDUCATION COMMISSION
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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT MR B.H. TISDALL, JP, HAS BEEN APPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION.

MR TISDALL, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF HONG KONG, WAS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM 1975 UNTIL THIS YEAR.

HE IS PRESIDENT OF THE LAW SOCIETY, AND AMONG OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICES HE IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DUCHESS OF KENT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.

MR TISDALL FILLS A VACANCY ON THE COMMISSION, FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION OF MRS BETSY LEE FOR PERSONAL REASONS.

WITH MR TISDALL'S APPOINTMENT, THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION, CHAIRED BY THE HON Q.W. LEE, RETURNS TO 14.

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IMPORTANCE OF CAREERS ADVICE STRESSED
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN STEPS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND FACILITIES TO PROMOTE CAREERS ADVICE AND GUIDANCE FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

THIS WAS DISCLOSED TODAY BY THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR DARWIN CHEN AND THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, AT THE OPENING OF A SEMINAR ON CAREERS EDUCATION.

THESE STEPS INCLUDED THE PROVISION OF COMPUTERISED OCCUPATIONAL INFORMATION, AND THE ADDITION OF CAREERS TEACHERS IN ALL GOVERNMENT AND AIDED SECTOR STANDARD-SIZED SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

MR CHEN TOLD A GATHERING OF ABOUT 100 CAREERS TEACHERS WHO ATTENDED THE SEMINAR ON CAREERS EDUCATION 1985 THAT THE THREE CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRES RUN BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE WOULD AGAIN BE EQUIPPED WITH MICRO-COMPUTERS THIS AUGUST TO DISSEMINATE COMPUTERISED CAREERS INFORMATION TO STUDENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE VISITING THE CENTRES.

THE SEMINAR WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CAREERS MASTERS AT THE INSTITUTE OF CHINESE STUDIES, CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

LAST YEAR, MR CHEN SAID, SOME 7 000 STUDENTS BENEFITED FROM THIS COMPUTER FACILITY.

/+THE OCCUPATIONAL

+THE OCCUPATIONAL INFORMATION, AVAILABLE INSTANTLY BOTH ON TELEVISION SCREEN AND IN THE FORM OF A COMPUTER PRINT-OUT, COVERS SOME 200 TYPES OF JOBS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR,+ HE SAID.

MR CHEN SAID THE DEPARTMENT WAS VERY CONSCIOUS OF THE NEED TO KEEP ITS WORK UNDER CONSTANT REVIEW TO MEET THE EVER-GROWING DEMANDS FOR ITS SERVICES.

IN SEPTEMBER, HE SAID, AS PART OF AN ON-GOING PROCESS TO BRING THE SERVICES OF THE 'YEAS' CLOSER TO THE NEEDS OF SCHOOLS, A NEW SERVICE WOULD BE LAUNCHED WHEREBY SOME OF THE SLIDE SERIES ON CAREERS WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR SHORT-TERM LOANS TO SCHOOLS AND INTERESTED ORGANISATIONS.

+WE ARE ALSO PLANNING TO PUBLISH MORE PAMPHLETS TO WIDEN THE RANGE OF CAREERS COVERED BY THESE INFORMATIVE PUBLICATIONS,+ MR CHEN ADDED.

HE SAID THE 'YEAS' ALSO ORGANISED A WORK ORIENTATION PROGRAMME IN MAY THIS YEAR WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY SOME 700 STUDENTS FROM 23 SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN SHA TIN, TAI PO AND THE NORTH DISTRICT.

FEEDBACK FROM THE PARTICIPANTS INDICATED THAT THE PROGRAMME HAD FULLY MET ITS OBJECTIVE OF INTRODUCING STUDENTS TO THE WORLD OF WORK BY VISITING THE ACTUAL WORKING ENVIRONMENT AND OBSERVING PEOPLE IN VARIOUS OCCUPATIONS AT WORK, MR CHEN SAID.

+IN VIEW OF THE FAVOURABLE RESPONSE OF SCHOOLS, WE ARE PLANNING NOT ONLY TO IMPROVE THE CONTENT BUT ALSO TO EXTEND THE COVERAGE OF THE PROGRAMME IN THE COMING SCHOOL YEAR,+ HE SAID.

MR CHEN POINTED OUT THAT CAREERS GUIDANCE WORK COULD ONLY SUCCEED WITH THE FULL CO-OPERATION AND SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY AND REQUIRED THE DETERMINED AND CONCERTED EFFORTS OF ALL QUARTERS - THE GOVERNMENT, SCHOOLS, YOUTH BODIES, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, PARENTS, EMPLOYERS AND ABOVE ALL, TEACHERS.

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, SAID ALL GOVERNMENT AND AIDED SECTOR STANDARD-SIZED SECONDARY SCHOOLS WOULD BE PROVIDED WITH ONE ADDITIONAL NON-GRADUATE TEACHER IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR AND A SECOND TEACHER IN SEPTEMBER 1986.

+IN FACT, THIS IMPLEMENTATION IS ONE YEAR AHEAD OF THE ORIGINAL PLAN. A PART OF THE SERVICES OF THESE NON-GRADUATE TEACHERS WITH THE THIRD GRADUATE TEACHER PROVIDED IN SEPTEMBER 1983 IS FOR PUPIL COUNSELLING AND GUIDANCE, INCLUDING CAREERS ADVICE,+ HE SAID.

MR LEUNG SAID FOR MANY YEARS NOW, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CAREERS MASTERS HAD BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE PREPARATION AND DISSEMINATION OF CAREERS INFORMATION AND RESOURCE MATERIALS TO STUDENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

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REGULAR EXHIBITIONS, CONVENTIONS, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS HAD ALSO BEEN ORGANISED, HE ADDED.

MR LEUNG RECALLED THAT IN ADDITION TO ANNUAL SEMINARS, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN 1983 JOINTLY ORGANISED A FORMAL TRAINING COURSE FOR CAREERS TEACHERS.

+THE PURPOSE OF THIS COURSE WAS TO PROVIDE SERVING TEACHERS WITH UP-TO-DATE KNOWLEDGE IN CAREERS EDUCATION AND GUIDANCE AND TO DEVELOP TECHNIQUES FOR CARRYING OUT CAREERS WORK IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS,+ HE SAID.

THE FIRST TWO COURSES HAD PROVED VERY POPULAR AND USEFUL AND THE THIRD COURSE WOULD START IN SEPTEMBER.

MR LEUNG SAID THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CAREERS MASTERS HAD CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE PROMOTION OF CAREERS GUIDANCE IN SCHOOLS.

+THE ASSOCIATION'S ENQUIRY SERVICE FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS AND THE PUBLIC, OPERATED BY CAREERS TEACHERS ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS, IS A GOOD EXAMPLE. TO MEET THE GROWING NEEDS, THIS SERVICE WILL BE EXPANDED FROM THE PRESENT THREE CENTRES TO FIVE IN SEPTEMBER 1985.+

HE SAID THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, JOINTLY WITH THE ASSOCIATION, WAS NOW USING THE COMPUTER IN CAREERS EDUCATION AND TWO MASTER DISKETTES ON THE OPPORTUNITIES OF FURTHER STUDIES IN HONG KONG WOULD SOON BE AVAILABLE TO ALL CAREERS TEACHERS.

MR LEUNG PAID TRIBUTE TO THE TRIPARTITE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CAREERS MASTERS.

+TOGETHER WE ARE DOING MUCH TO PROVIDE A VITAL SERVICE IN CAREERS EDUCATION AND YOUTH EMPLOYMENT FOR SCHOOLS,+ HE ADDED.

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MANPOWER FOR COMPUTERS IN DEMAND * * * *

THE GROWTH OF THE ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING INDUSTRY AND THE ENSURING INCREASING DEMAND FOR MANPOWER FOR COMPUTER INSTALLATIONS WILL CONTINUE FOR SOME YEARS TO COME, THE ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, MR HORACE KNIGHT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE REASON FOR THE RAPID AND CONTINUING EXPANSION IS BECAUSE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY HAS PERVADED EVERY FACET OF INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES, NOT TO MENTION THE HOME, SAID MR KNIGHT AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE COMPUTER SCIENCE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME OF THE CHU HAI COLLEGE.

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MR KNIGHT SAID THE GROWTH OF THE INDUSTRY IS REFLECTED BY THE \$2.1 BILLION EXPENDITURE ON COMPUTER HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE IN 1984, A TEN-FOLD INCREASE ON THE AMOUNT SPENT FIVE YEARS AGO.

+THE FINDINGS OF THE MANPOWER SURVEY CONDUCTED IN 1983 BY THE COMMITTEE ON ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING TRAINING OF THE COUNCIL INDICATED THAT THE EDP INDUSTRY WOULD NEED ON AVERAGE AN ADDITIONAL 800 TRAINED WORKERS EVERY YEAR IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE,+ HE SAID.

THE CONCOMITANT EFFECT OF THE GROWTH OF THE INDUSTRY IS THAT THERE WILL BE THE NEED FOR THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING SYSTEMS TO PRODUCE THE ADDITIONAL TRAINED MANPOWER REQUIRED.

ANOTHER OUTCOME OF THE GROWTH WOULD BE ENHANCED JOB AND ADVANCEMENT PROSPECTS FOR BOTH NEW ENTRANTS TO THE INDUSTRY AS WELL AS FOR EXISTING STAFF, MR KNIGHT ADDED.

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FIGHTING CRIME THE ACTIVITY WAY * * *

MANY ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN PLANNED FOR THE YAU MA TEI CRIME PREVENTION CAMPAIGN WHICH WILL BE LAUNCHED TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

SEMINARS, A VARIETY SHOW, LUCKY DRAWS AND VARIOUS COMPETITIONS WILL BE HELD THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT TO BRING HOME THE CRIME PREVENTION MESSAGE.

+THROUGH VARIOUS ACTIVITIES WE HOPE TO EMPHASISE, ESPECIALLY TO YOUTHS, THAT LAW AND ORDER ARE ESSENTIAL IN MAINTAINING STABILITY AND PROSPERITY IN THE COMMUNITY,+ SAID MRS ENA CHAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

A SEMINAR ON HOW TO IMPROVE SECURITY MEASURES WILL BE HELD ON JULY 25 (THURSDAY) FOR JEWELLERY AND GOLDSMITH SHOP OPERATORS AT THE HENRY G. LEONG COMMUNITY CENTRE. THOSE WISHING TO ATTEND SHOULD CALL 3-323791 FOR RESERVATIONS.

A COMPETITION ON THE BEST SECURITY MEASURES ADOPTED IN MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS WILL BE LAUNCHED NEXT MONTH AND LAST UNTIL DECEMBER.

A NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME WILL ALSO BE INTRODUCED NEXT MONTH TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE LIVING IN MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS TO FORM CLOSE-KNIT GROUPS AS A DETERRENT AGAINST CRIME.

A SCHOOL QUIZ COMPETITION AND A DAY CAMP WILL BE HELD IN OCTOBER FOR STUDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

REGULAR VISITS WILL ALSO BE ARRANGED FOR YOUTHS AND MEMBERS OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS CORPORATIONS, TO TOUR THE CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU AND THE NEW YAU MA TEI POLICE STATION.

AN OPENING CEREMONY TO LAUNCH THE CRIME PREVENTION CAMPAIGN WILL BE HELD AT THE HENRY G. LEONG COMMUNITY CENTRE IN PUBLIC SQUARE STREET TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 2 PM.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS SUSAN LOK AND THE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR B.W. MUNFORD.

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MORE APPLY TO START INSURANCE HERE
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THREE NEW COMPANIES WERE AUTHORISED TO CARRY ON INSURANCE BUSINESS IN HONG KONG IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR, THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, MR NOEL GLEESON, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

AND 14 OTHER APPLICATIONS WERE RECEIVED FOR THE SETTING UP OF NEW COMPANIES, MOSTLY FROM COMPANIES INCORPORATED OVERSEAS.

THESE FIGURES, MR GLEESON SAID, REFLECTED INCREASING OVERSEAS INTEREST IN HONG KONG'S INSURANCE MARKET.

AMONG THE REQUESTS RECEIVED WERE FIVE FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM, TWO FROM BERMUDA, TWO FROM THE PHILIPPINES, ONE FROM THE UNITED STATES, ONE FROM FRANCE AND ONE FROM THE ISLE OF MAN.

AS THE INSURANCE COMPANIES ORDINANCE PRESCRIBES STRICT REQUIREMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION, APPLICATIONS FROM NEW COMPANIES HAD TO BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED BEFORE THEY WERE AUTHORISED TO COMMENCE BUSINESS, MR GLEESON EXPLAINED.

FOUR EXISTING INSURANCE COMPANIES WERE AUTHORISED TO EXTEND THEIR CLASSES OF BUSINESS HERE.

MR GLEESON ALSO SAID THAT DURING THE PERIOD HE HAD EXERCISED HIS POWERS OF INTERVENTION ON TEN INSURANCE COMPANIES FOR THE BETTER PROTECTION OF POLICY HOLDERS.

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THESE INTERVENTIONARY ACTIONS INCLUDED CONDUCTING SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE COMPANIES' ACTIVITIES AND THEIR FINANCIAL POSITION AND REQUIRING THEM TO CEASE WRITING NEW INSURANCE BUSINESS, TO LIMIT THEIR PREMIUM INCOME AND TO DEPOSIT FUNDS IN THE NAME OF THE INSURANCE AUTHORITY.

AS AT JUNE 30, THERE WERE 286 AUTHORISED INSURANCE COMPANIES OPERATING IN HONG KONG.

OF THESE, 130 WERE INCORPORATED LOCALLY. THE REMAINING 156 COMPANIES CAME FROM 25 COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE UNITED KINGDOM (50), THE UNITED STATES (31), BERMUDA (TEN), JAPAN (EIGHT), SINGAPORE (SEVEN), SWITZERLAND (SEVEN), CANADA (SIX) AND FRANCE (FIVE).

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FINAL STAGE OF REDEVELOPMENT FOR ESTATE
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THE REDEVELOPMENT SCHEME FOR TAI HANG TUNG ESTATE IS ENTERING ITS FINAL STAGE AS BUILDING TENDERS ARE INVITED TODAY FOR ITS FIFTH PHASE.

+THREE 11-STOREY LINEAR BLOCKS WILL BE BUILT ON THE SITES OF FOUR MARK I BLOCKS TO PROVIDE 420 SELF-CONTAINED FLATS FOR 2 100 PEOPLE BY 1987,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

HE SAID WORKS WOULD ALSO COVER THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE, A COVERED WALKWAY AND ASSOCIATED EXTERNAL WORKS AND DRAINAGE.

+TAI HANG TUNG ESTATE HAS ALREADY TAKEN ON A FRESH LOOK WITH THE COMPLETION OF A NEW BLOCK AND THE CONVERSION OF THREE OLD BLOCKS UNDER THE INITIAL STAGES OF THE REDEVELOPMENT SCHEME.

+AT PRESENT, THREE OTHER MODERN DOMESTIC BLOCKS FOR 2 100 PEOPLE ARE BEING BUILT IN THE ESTATE.+

ALSO INVITED TODAY ARE PILING TENDERS FOR THREE MORE BLOCKS AT CHEUNG ON ESTATE WHICH IS THE SIXTH PUBLIC RENTAL HOUSING PROJECT ON TSING YI ISLAND.

+WORKS WILL INCLUDE PILING TO FOUNDATIONS FOR TWO 35-STOREY TRIDENT BLOCKS, A 21-STOREY SLAB BLOCK, A SECONDARY SCHOOL AND A CARPARK, PLUS ASSOCIATED COVERED WALKWAYS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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HE SAID THESE WOULD FORM PART OF THE SECOND PHASE OF THE NEW ESTATE.

+THE THREE DOMESTIC BLOCKS WILL HOUSE 9 400 PEOPLE IN 2 122 FLATS WHEN THEY ARE READY BY 1988.+

CHEUNG ON ESTATE IS BEING DEVELOPED IN TWO PHASES AND WILL PROVIDE HOMES FOR ALTOGETHER 32 000 PEOPLE IN 10 BLOCKS ON FULL COMPLETION BY LATE 1988.

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BOARD HELPS WORK FOR SQUATTERS
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SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR JASPER LAM, TODAY (FRIDAY) PLEDGED THAT THE BOARD WOULD CONTINUE TO PUSH FOR PROGRAMMES TO IMPROVE THE LIVING CONDITION OF PEOPLE IN SQUATTER AREAS.

THE BOARD HAD ALREADY INITIATED A NUMBER OF PROJECTS SUCH AS THE SQUATTER AREA STREET LIGHTING PROGRAMME, THE COMPREHENSIVE SQUATTER IMPROVEMENT SCHEME AND OTHER MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT WORKS DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS, MR LAM POINTED OUT.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT A SWITCHING-ON CEREMONY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTS AT KAU WAI, TAI SHUI HANG, TAI HAU WAN AND TIN WAN HILL VILLAGES. THE \$89 500 PROJECT WAS CARRIED OUT UNDER THE SQUATTER AREA STREET LIGHTING PROGRAMME.

+THE BOARD HAD ALSO ALLOCATED \$36 000 TO INSTALL LIGHTS AT THE UPPER KELLET BAY AND THE NORTHERN AP LEI CHAU SQUATTER AREAS THIS YEAR,+ MR LAM SAID.

SINCE THE STREET LIGHTING SCHEME WAS INITIATED THREE YEARS AGO, THE BOARD HAD ALLOCATED \$120 000 FOR THE INSTALLATION OF 58 STREET LIGHTS AT SEVEN SQUATTER AREAS, HE ADDED.

THE SQUATTER AREA STREET LIGHTING PROGRAMME WAS PIONEERED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD IN 1983 AS A COST-SHARING SCHEME, IN WHICH THE BOARD CONTRIBUTES 80 PER CENT OF THE COST AND LOCAL MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES THE REMAINING AMOUNT.

LOCAL RESIDENTS' ORGANISATIONS SHARE THE SUBSEQUENT MAINTENANCE AND ELECTRICITY CHARGES AND HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECURITY AGAINST ILLEGAL TAPPING OF ELECTRICITY.

/MR LAM

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MR LAM ADDED THAT THE BOARD HAD ALLOCATED \$600 000 FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS THIS FINANCIAL YEAR, OF WHICH \$45 000 WOULD BE USED TO CARRY OUT COMPREHENSIVE SQUATTER IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT HOK TSUI VILLAGE IN SHEK O, TAI HAU WAN VILLAGE IN BISNEY ROAD AND MARY NEW VILLAGE IN STANLEY.

+IN-DEPTH STUDIES WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THESE VILLAGES TO IDENTIFY THE NEEDS OF RESIDENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS WILL BE MADE TO BASIC FACILITIES SUCH AS ELECTRICITY AND WATER SUPPLIES, PUBLIC TOILETS, REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICES, DRAINAGE, POSTAL SERVICES, ACCESS AND AMENITIES,+ MR LAM SAID.

+THE BOARD ALSO CARRIES OUT MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS SUCH AS PAVING FOOTPATHS, CONSTRUCTING STAIRWAYS AND STANDPIPE PLATFORMS, AND BUILDING SITTING-OUT AREAS AND GUARD RAILINGS,+ HE ADDED.

PRIOR TO THE SWITCHING-ON CEREMONY, DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND OTHER GUESTS TOURED TIN WAN HILL VILLAGE TO SEE THE NEW STREET LIGHTS, AND INSPECT WORK BEING CARRIED OUT ON STREET LIGHTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AT TWO SQUATTER VILLAGES IN STANLEY AND AP LEI CHAU.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDDY CHAN, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, MADAM MAR YUET-HAR.

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DB MEMBERS LEARN ABOUT POLICE WORK * * * *

MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WENT TODAY TO LEARN ABOUT THE WORK AND OPERATION OF THE MONG KOK POLICE STATION.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS BRENDA FUNG, THEY WERE GREETED BY THE DISTRICT COMMANDER (MONG KOK), MR WONG TSAN-KWONG.

THEY WERE BRIEFED ON VARIOUS TOPICS, INCLUDING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND THE POLICE, DEPLOYMENT OF STAFF, AND CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT, AND THE PROBLEM OF VICE ESTABLISHMENTS.

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VIEWS EXCHANGED ON DISTRICT ISSUES

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WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS VISITED THE CHOI HUNG, CHOI WAN AND NGAU TSUEN AREA COMMITTEES THIS EVENING (FRIDAY) TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON DISTRICT ISSUES.

THE VISIT WAS THE FIRST OF MEETINGS ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE TO ENHANCE THE WORKING RELATIONSHIP AND COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE BOARD AND THE AREA COMMITTEES.

VIEWS ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING THE DISTRICT WERE DISCUSSED DURING THE MEETING.

WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR MICHAEL CHENG TAK-KIN, SAID THE VISIT WAS HELPFUL IN STRENGTHENING THE LINK BETWEEN THE DISTRICT BOARD AND AREA COMMITTEES.

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TECHNICAL SCHOOLS INVITE ENROLMENT

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THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL ARE NOW INVITING APPLICATIONS FROM STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED FORM 3 AND FORM 5 FOR ENTRY INTO THEIR FULL-TIME, PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE AND BLOCK-RELEASE COURSES FOR THE COMING ACADEMIC YEAR.

OVER 150 CRAFT AND TECHNICIAN COURSES WILL BE OFFERED AT MORRISON HILL, KWAI CHUNG, KWUN TONG, HAKING WONG AND LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

THE FIELDS OF STUDY INCLUDE HOTEL-KEEPING AND TOURISM STUDIES, COMMERCIAL STUDIES, CONSTRUCTION, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, GENERAL STUDIES, INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY, PRINTING, TEXTILE INDUSTRIES, CLOTHING INDUSTRIES, MARINE AND FABRICATION, DESIGN AND MOTOR VEHICLE ENGINEERING.

DETAILS OF THE COURSES ARE ADVERTISED IN MAJOR NEWSPAPERS TODAY. OTHER INFORMATION INCLUDING MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS CAN BE FOUND IN THE +GUIDE TO APPLICANTS+.

APPLICANTS ARE REMINDED TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY SATISFY THE MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS OF THE COURSES FOR WHICH THEY APPLY. THOSE APPLYING FOR PART-TIME, DAY-RELEASE AND BLOCK-RELEASE COURSES, HOWEVER HAVE TO BE SPONSORED BY THEIR EMPLOYERS.

APPLICATION FORMS AND GUIDE TO APPLICANTS MAY BE OBTAINED FREE FROM TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OR DISTRICT OFFICES. APPLICATION FORMS FOR PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE AND BLOCK-RELEASE COURSES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE APPRENTICESHIP SECTION OF THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE RELATED TECHNICAL INSTITUTES ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 19. CLASSES OF MOST COURSES WILL START IN MID-SEPTEMBER.

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FOOTWEAR LEVY FOR TRAINING STARTS AUGUST
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THE PRESENT RANGE OF TRAINING COURSES RUN BY THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY WILL BE EXTENDED TO CATER FOR WORKERS IN THE FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY.

THE NEW CRAFT COURSES IN FOOTWEAR ARE BEING ORGANISED AT THE REQUEST OF LOCAL FOOTWEAR MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATIONS AND HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY AND THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL. THE FIRST COURSES WILL START THIS AUTUMN.

TO PROVIDE FOR THE RUNNING EXPENSES OF THESE COURSES, THE LEVY ON THE F.O.B. VALUE OF CLOTHING ITEMS, COLLECTED TO FINANCE THE WORK OF THE TRAINING AUTHORITY, WILL BE EXTENDED TO COVER FOOTWEAR ITEMS AS FROM AUGUST 1 THIS YEAR.

DETAILS OF THE FOOTWEAR ITEMS SUBJECT TO THE LEVY AND A LIST OF THE OTHER CLOTHING ITEMS, REORGANISED TO REFLECT AMENDMENTS TO THE HONG KONG IMPORTS AND EXPORTS CLASSIFICATION LIST, ARE CONTAINED IN AN INDUSTRIAL TRAINING (CLOTHING INDUSTRY)(AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE) ORDER 1985 PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

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ORIENTATION FOR PROBATION WORK VOLUNTEERS
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NINETY VOLUNTEERS WILL BE ATTENDING AN ORIENTATION COURSE ON SUNDAY (JULY 21) IN CONNECTION WITH THE VOLUNTEER SCHEME FOR PROBATIONERS ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

THE COURSE IS DESIGNED TO GIVE THE VOLUNTEERS AN UNDERSTANDING OF PROBATION SERVICE BEFORE THEY TAKE UP A SIX-MONTH ASSIGNMENT TO HELP REHABILITATE PROBATIONERS.

THE REGIONAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (WEST KOWLOON), MR ALEXANDER FUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE EVENT TO BE HELD AT THE LADY TRENCH TRAINING CENTRE, 44 OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT 2 PM.

THREE SWD OFFICERS, INCLUDING A CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST, WILL BRIEF THE VOLUNTEERS ON THE WORK OF PROBATION OFFICERS, RESIDENTIAL AND AFTERCARE SERVICES FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS, AND PSYCHOLOGICAL APPROACH TO JUVENILE DELINQUENCY.

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MAKING OF FIREMEN
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PHYSICAL FITNESS, COURAGE, TACT, PATIENCE, AND AN ENQUIRING MIND WERE THE REQUIREMENTS OF A FIREMAN, A GROUP OF NEWLY-GRADUATED FIREMEN WERE TOLD TODAY BY THE ACTING CHIEF FIRE OFFICER OF HONG KONG FIRE COMMAND MR TAM YUK-FAN.

MR TAM WAS SPEAKING AT A PASSING-OUT OF 44 FIREMEN AND TEN OFFICERS AT FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL AT PAT HEUNG. THREE OFFICERS FROM BRUNEI, WHO HAD COMPLETED SIX MONTHS OF INTENSIVE TRAINING, WERE AMONG THE GRADUATES.

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YOUTH MUSIC CAMP OPENING
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THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 1985 HONG KONG YOUTH MUSIC CAMP WILL BE HELD AT THE PO LEUNG KUK PAK TAM CHUNG HOLIDAY CAMP IN SAI KUNG ON SUNDAY, JULY 21 AT 10 AM.

THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, MR GRAHAM BARNES AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL AND MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

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BRIDGE FOR LIGHT RAIL VEHICLES IN TUEN MUN
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THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PLANS TO CONSTRUCT A NEW BRIDGE AS PART OF THE PHASE I WORKS PROGRAMME OF THE PROPOSED LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT (LRT) SYSTEM IN TUEN MUN.

THE BRIDGE WILL BE NEAR THE EXISTING ROAD BRIDGE AT PUI TO ROAD, AND WILL ENABLE THE LRT VEHICLES TO CROSS THE NULLAH BETWEEN THE TUEN MUN TOWN PARK AND THE REST GARDEN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BRIDGE, AN EXISTING RIGHT OF WAY WOULD BE AFFECTED.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS IS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S ISSUE OF THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG- THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING, 201 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TUEN MUN, NEW TERRITORIES.

OBJECTIONS IN WRITING SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY SEPTEMBER 17.

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LANDING FACILITIES FOR LIGHT BEACON PLANNED
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GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CONSTRUCT LANDING FACILITIES FOR AN EXISTING LIGHT BEACON AT NGAI YING PAI, AN ISLAND SITUATED SOUTH-WEST OF TUNG LUNG CHAU IN THE TATHONG CHANNEL.

THE PROPOSED PROJECT WITHIN AN AREA OF 335 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED WILL FACILITATE THE UNLOADING OF EQUIPMENT AND ENHANCE THE SAFETY OF MAINTENANCE WORK.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED IS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S (FRIDAY) GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

OBJECTIONS OR CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION SHOULD REACH THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS BEFORE SEPTEMBER 19.

THE NOTICE TOGETHER WITH ITS RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS NEAR THE SITE. THE PLAN CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, SURVEY DIVISION, 5TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND AT THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 2ND FLOOR, MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG, NEW TERRITORIES.

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GOVERNMENT PROPERTY FOR RENT
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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS TO LET BY TENDER A PRE-WAR THREE-STOREY BUILDING AT 11 HONG LOK STREET, AND THE GROUND FLOOR OF 12 HONG LOK STREET IN MONG KOK.

THE 379-SQUARE-METRE PREMISES IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL, BUT EXCLUDING GODOWN, PURPOSES.

THE TENANCY IS FOR ONE YEAR, RENEWABLE MONTHLY, AND THE DEADLINE FOR TENDERS IS NOON ON AUGUST 9.

TENDER FORM, NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SECTION OF THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE PREMISES WILL BE OPEN FOR VIEWING FROM 10.30 AM TO NOON ON JULY 26 AND AUGUST 2.

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RECORD NUMBER OF UC PROJECTS TO BE LET
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A RECORD NUMBER OF URBAN COUNCIL CAPITAL WORKS CONTRACTS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE SIGNED BETWEEN NOW AND THE END OF NEXT MONTH.

ALTOGETHER, 15 CONTRACTS WORTH A TOTAL OF \$212 MILLION WILL BE AWARDED TO CONTRACTORS IN THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COUNCIL SAID TODAY THAT THESE PROJECTS WOULD PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE OF FACILITIES TO CATER FOR THE NEEDS OF BOTH THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE AND LOCAL RESIDENTS.

THE MAJOR ONES ARE THE WESTERN UC MARKET COMPLEX IN SHEUNG WAN, QUARRY BAY UC COMPLEX IN SAI WAN HO, SHUI WO STREET UC COMPLEX AND KOWLOON BAY RECREATION GROUND IN KWUN TONG, TO KWA WAN RECREATION GROUND IN KOWLOON CITY AND A MULTI-STOREY COLUMBARIUM AT DIAMOND HILL. PILING WORK FOR THESE PROJECTS HAS ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED AND THE CONTRACTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SUPERSTRUCTURE ARE TO BE LET SHORTLY.

MINOR WORK CONTRACTS INCLUDE:

- + KUT SHING STREET COOKED-FOOD CENTRE
- + COOKED-FOOD CENTRE/CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AT NAM LONG SHAN ROAD
- + PUBLIC TOILET/REFUSE COLLECTION POINT AT CROSS LANE
- + REFUSE COLLECTION POINT AT BATTERY STREET
- + REST GARDEN/CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AT THE JUNCTION OF ABERDEEN PRAYA ROAD AND SHEK PAI WAN ROAD
- + SITTING-OUT AREA NEAR ABERDEEN CENTRE
- + FEI TSUI ROAD SITTING-OUT AREA
- + AMENITY AREA AT STAR FERRY CONCOURSE
- + SITTING-OUT AREA AT BLUE POOL ROAD

/THE SPOKESMAN

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT DESPITE ITS SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT FINANCIAL OUTLOOK, THE URBAN COUNCIL IS STILL MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO MEET THE COMMUNITY'S ASPIRATIONS AS EXPRESSED THROUGH THE DISTRICT BOARDS.

MEANWHILE, HE SAID, SOME 30 OTHER MAJOR AND MINOR WORKS PROJECTS ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION INCLUDING THE TSIM SHA TSUI CULTURAL CENTRE WHICH IS A JOINT GOVERNMENT-UC PROJECT AND FOUR URBAN COUNCIL COMPLEXES AT LOCKHART ROAD, PO ON ROAD, NGAU CHI WAN AND KOWLOON CITY.

DUE TO THE LARGE NUMBER OF PROJECTS WHICH HAVE COME ON STREAM, THE COUNCIL'S TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS IS EXPECTED TO AMOUNT TO OVER \$500 MILLION.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN SAI YING PUN
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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SAI YING PUN WILL BE CHANGED FOR ABOUT FOUR WEEKS FROM 8 PM ON MONDAY (JULY 22) TO ALLOW ROAD WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT AT THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF DES VOEUX ROAD WEST BETWEEN WESTERN STREET AND EASTERN STREET.

THE TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED FOR EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON DES VOEUX ROAD WEST ARE:

DAILY BETWEEN 8 PM AND 11 PM

- * VEHICLES NOT EXCEEDING 10 TONNES GROSS WILL BE DIVERTED TO THE EASTBOUND TRAM LANE. IN ADDITION, THE EASTBOUND TRAM-ONLY LANE AT DES VOEUX ROAD WEST BETWEEN EASTERN STREET AND WILMER STREET WILL BE OPENED FOR THESE VEHICLES.
- * FRANCHISED BUSES AND VEHICLES EXCEEDING 10 TONNES GROSS WILL BE DIVERTED VIA WESTERN STREET, CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST AND EASTERN STREET.

DAILY BETWEEN 11 PM AND 6 AM OF THE FOLLOWING DAY

- * ALL EASTBOUND VEHICLES EXCEPT TRAMS WILL BE DIVERTED VIA WESTERN STREET, CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST AND EASTERN STREET.

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