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SIR PHILIP SEES NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT  
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SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, THE DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR, TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED JUNK BAY NEW TOWN AND SAI KUNG TO SEE HOW DEVELOPMENT IN THE TWO AREAS IS PROGRESSING.

THE VISIT MARKED THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, SET UP IN 1973 WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF BUILDING THE NEW TOWNS.

DEVELOPMENT SINCE THEN HAS RADICALLY CHANGED THE FACE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES. DURING THIS PERIOD, THE POPULATION OF THE NT HAS INCREASED FROM 680 000 TO 1.6 MILLION.

SIR PHILIP FIRST VISITED JUNK BAY WHERE WORK HAS NOW STARTED TO PROVIDE HOMES FOR 175 000 PEOPLE UNDER PHASE ONE OF THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT.

THERE HE VIEWED THE PROGRESS OF THREE CONTRACTS WORTH A TOTAL OF \$330 MILLION. HE WAS TOLD THAT FURTHER CONTRACTS, WITH A COMBINED VALUE OF \$520 MILLION, WILL BE LET IN THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR.

AMONG THE WORKS IN PROGRESS IS THE RECLAMATION OF 37 HECTARES OF LAND AS WELL AS THE FORMATION OF ANOTHER 13 HECTARES OF DEVELOPMENT PLATFORMS.

SITE FORMATION FOR THE FIRST PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE IS WELL IN HAND AND PILING WORK, TO BE CARRIED OUT BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, WILL BEGIN EARLY NEXT MONTH.

SIR PHILIP WAS TOLD THAT THE FIRST OF THE 11 000 RESIDENTS WERE EXPECTED TO MOVE INTO THEIR NEW HOMES IN 1986.

SIR PHILIP ALSO VIEWED DEVELOPMENT AT TUI MIN HOI, WHERE WORK IS PROGRESSING ON A RURAL HOUSING ESTATE FOR 1 500 PEOPLE, A SEWAGE PLANT AND SITES FOR LIGHT INDUSTRIES AND VILLAGE HOUSES.

LATER, HE VISITED SAI KUNG TOWN CENTRE WHERE HE WAS BRIEFED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHAN SUI-JEUNG, AND THE CHIEF ENGINEER, MR IAN MILLER.

MR CHAN SAID THAT IN THE PLANNING OF THE TOWN CENTRE, HIGH PRIORITY HAD BEEN ACCORDED TO RECREATION ACTIVITIES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE POPULATION WHICH IS EXPECTED TO RISE FROM THE PRESENT 15 000 TO 40 000 BY 1996.

RECLAMATION WORK IS PROCEEDING WELL TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL LAND FOR THE TOWN CENTRE.

ON THE RECLAIMED LAND WILL BE A TRANSPORT COMPLEX, A TOWN HALL, CLINIC, TWO 12-STOREY COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS, AND A SWIMMING POOL.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER THE VISITS, SIR PHILIP SAID A LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY STRETCHING INTO THE NEXT CENTURY IS EXPECTED TO BE LAID DOWN BY JUNE NEXT YEAR.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS NOW IN POSSESSION OF A SERIES OF VERY DETAILED SUB-REGIONAL STUDIES.

THESE STUDIES INCLUDE THE NORTHEASTERN NEW TERRITORIES, THE NORTHWESTERN NEW TERRITORIES, THE HARBOUR AREA, LANTAU, JUNK BAY AND SAI KUNG.

THEY WILL HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE LAND DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE, OF WHICH SIR PHILIP IS CHAIRMAN, SO THAT VARIOUS CONFLICTING CONSIDERATIONS BROUGHT OUT CAN BE RECONCILED.

ASKED HOW OPTIMISTIC HE WAS THAT STAGE TWO OF THE JUNK BAY DEVELOPMENT WOULD GO AHEAD, SIR PHILIP SAID THE LIKELIHOOD OF JUNK BAY PLAYING AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT WAS HIGH.

+WE HAVE COMMITTED OURSELVES TO A DESIGNED POPULATION OF 175 000 FOR JUNK BAY,+ HE SAID.

+WHAT ADDITIONAL ROLE IT WOULD PLAY IN THE LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT REMAINS TO BE SEEN.+

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ON THE REVIEW OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCED BY THE GOVERNOR YESTERDAY, SIR PHILIP SAID IT WAS TIME TO SEE WHETHER ANY IMPROVEMENT SHOULD BE MADE BASED ON EXPERIENCE OF THE 18 DISTRICT BOARDS.

THE REVIEW WILL INCLUDE THE ROLE OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS, THE METHOD OF MANNING THEM, THE METHOD OF SERVICING THEM VIA THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES AND SO ON, HE SAID.

+HAVING INTRODUCED A MEASURE OF REFORM, CLEARLY ONE WISHES TO ASSESS IT.

+ONE MUSTN'T BE COMPLACENT ABOUT THESE THINGS, AND ASSESSMENTS SHOULD BE A CONTINUING PROCESS,+ HE SAID.

ASKED WHETHER THE ROLE OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS WOULD BE MORE IMPORTANT AFTER THE REVIEW, SIR PHILIP SAID: +NO WAY WOULD ANY REVIEW, I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT, DOWNGRADE THE ROLE OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS.+

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#### AUGUST MONETARY STATISTICS PUBLISHED

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TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY INCREASED FAIRLY RAPIDLY DURING AUGUST, IT IS SHOWN IN MONETARY STATISTICS PUBLISHED TODAY.

HOWEVER, THE ENTIRE INCREASE IN THE BROADEST MEASURE, M3, CAME FROM THE FOREIGN CURRENCY COMPONENT, MUCH OF WHICH WAS DUE TO THE VALUATION EFFECT ARISING FROM THE DEPRECIATION OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR.

THERE WAS NO INCREASE IN HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS DURING THE MONTH BUT THERE WAS A SHIFT OF SUCH DEPOSITS FROM DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES TO BANKS. BY CONTRAST, FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY (EVEN AFTER ALLOWING FOR THE VALUATION EFFECT) WITH THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY SECTOR FURTHER INCREASING ITS SHARE OF SUCH DEPOSITS.

TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES INCREASED FURTHER, BUT AGAIN MUCH OF THE INCREASE CAME FROM THE FOREIGN CURRENCY COMPONENT, WHICH WAS SUBJECT TO THE VALUATION EFFECT. LOANS TO FINANCE HONG KONG'S VISIBLE TRADE WERE LITTLE CHANGED BUT OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG, WHICH ARE LARGELY DENOMINATED IN HONG KONG DOLLARS, REPORTED SOME INCREASE.

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HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY

HK DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY ON THE NARROWEST DEFINITION, HK\$M1, ROSE BY 3 PER CENT FOLLOWING A FALL OF 0.5 PER CENT IN JULY. AS REGARDS THE BROADER DEFINITIONS, HK\$M2 INCREASED BY 1.9 PER CENT WHILE HK\$M3 REMAINED UNCHANGED. THE CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES IN JULY WERE 2.7 PER CENT AND 2.8 PER CENT.

IN THE THREE MONTHS TO AUGUST, HK\$M1 GREW BY 3.9 PER CENT, HK\$M2 BY 6 PER CENT AND HK\$M3 BY 2.6 PER CENT. OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS, THE CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES WERE 13.5 PER CENT, 11.1 PER CENT AND 1.8 PER CENT. IF FOREIGN CURRENCY +SWAP+ DEPOSITS, WHICH SHOULD FOR MOST ANALYTICAL PURPOSES BE REGARDED AS HK\$ DEPOSITS, WERE INCLUDED IN THE HK\$ MONEY SUPPLY SERIES, IT IS LIKELY THAT THE BROADER MEASURES, HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3, WOULD EXHIBIT CONSIDERABLY STRONGER GROWTH OVER THE PAST YEAR.

TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY

TOTAL M1 DISPLAYED ITS USUAL VOLATILITY, RECORDING AN INCREASE OF 3.4 PER CENT IN AUGUST, FOLLOWING A DECREASE OF 4 PER CENT IN JULY. TOTAL M2 AND TOTAL M3 EXPERIENCED STEADY GROWTH. THE FORMER ROSE BY 3.1 PER CENT FOLLOWING A RISE OF 2.8 PER CENT IN JULY, WHILE THE LATTER GREW BY 2.9 PER CENT, THE SAME AS IN JULY.

IN THE THREE MONTHS TO AUGUST, TOTAL M1, M2 AND M3 INCREASED BY 5.1 PER CENT, 9 PER CENT AND 8 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS, THE CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES WERE 12.4 PER CENT, 33 PER CENT AND 25.5 PER CENT.

DEPOSITS

HK DOLLAR DEPOSITS FELL marginally BY 0.1 PER CENT IN AUGUST FOLLOWING A RISE, THE FIRST SINCE JANUARY, OF 2.9 PER CENT IN JULY. THERE WAS A RELATIVE SHIFT OF SUCH DEPOSITS FROM DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES TO BANKS. HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES FELL BY 10.1 PER CENT IN AUGUST BUT THOSE WITH BANKS INCREASED BY 2 PER CENT. IN THE THREE MONTHS TO AUGUST, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 2.7 PER CENT. OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS, THESE INCREASED BY ONLY 0.9 PER CENT.

FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS GREW BY 6.4 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH A RISE OF 3.4 PER CENT IN JULY. ADJUSTING FOR THE VALUATION EFFECT ARISING FROM THE DEPRECIATION OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR DURING THE MONTH, THE INCREASE IN AUGUST WAS ABOUT 2.5 PER CENT, WITH THE INCREASE OCCURRING MAINLY WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES. IN THE THREE MONTHS TO AUGUST, FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 15 PER CENT. OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS, THESE INCREASED BY 67.4 PER CENT. AS EXPLAINED BEFORE, THESE GROWTH RATES INCLUDE THE VALUATION EFFECT AND WOULD ALSO BE LESS RAPID IF SWAP DEPOSITS WERE EXCLUDED.

DEPOSITS HELD WITH REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES GREW BY 4.3 PER CENT. THIS WAS THE FIRST MONTHLY INCREASE SINCE NOVEMBER 1982.

#### LOANS AND ADVANCES

TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE BY 2.2 PER CENT IN AUGUST, FOLLOWING AN INCREASE OF 1.4 PER CENT IN JULY. IN THE THREE MONTHS TO AUGUST, THEY ROSE BY 4.4 PER CENT AND OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS BY 22.9 PER CENT. LOANS TO FINANCE HONG KONG'S VISIBLE TRADE GREW BY 0.4 PER CENT, LARGELY REFLECTING THE HIGHER HONG KONG DOLLAR VALUE OF THE FOREIGN CURRENCY LOANS OUTSTANDING, FOLLOWING THE 1 PER CENT DROP IN JULY. IN THE THREE MONTHS TO AUGUST, THEY FELL BY 0.9 PER CENT. OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG, HOWEVER, GREW BY 1.6 PER CENT, FOLLOWING A RISE OF 1.3 PER CENT IN JULY. AS THESE WERE LARGELY DENOMINATED IN HONG KONG DOLLARS, THE INCREASE IMPLIED SOME UNDERLYING INCREASE IN LENDING. IN THE THREE MONTHS TO AUGUST, THESE INCREASED BY 4 PER CENT.

#### FOREIGN CURRENCY POSITIONS

THE SPOT FOREIGN CURRENCY POSITION OF THE MONETARY SECTOR AT THE END OF AUGUST SHOWS NET LIABILITIES OF \$25 BILLION, COMPARED WITH \$25.4 BILLION AT THE END OF JULY. BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES HAD NET LIABILITIES OF \$17.1 BILLION AND \$7.9 BILLION RESPECTIVELY. STATISTICS COLLECTED (ON THE BASIS OF SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT DEFINITIONS) BY THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES SHOW THAT AT THE END OF AUGUST THE MONETARY SECTOR HAD NET SPOT LIABILITIES OF \$25.5 BILLION, WHICH WERE MORE THAN COVERED BY NET FORWARD FOREIGN CURRENCY ASSETS OF \$49.6 BILLION.

#### LIQUIDITY RATIOS

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO (AS DEFINED IN S.18 OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE) FOR ALL BANKS FELL marginally TO 48.5 PER CENT FROM 48.8 PER CENT IN JULY. THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO (AS DEFINED IN S.24A OF THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY ORDINANCE) FOR ALL DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE SUBSTANTIALLY TO 66.2 PER CENT FROM 62.9 PER CENT IN JULY.

#### NUMBERS OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

THE NUMBER OF REPORTING LICENSED BANKS INCREASED BY 1 TO 133. THE NUMBER OF LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES REMAINED UNCHANGED AT 29 AND THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES INCREASED BY 1 TO 320.

	August 1983	Earlier months (% change to August 1983)			HK\$mn
		July 1983	May 1983	August 1982	
<u>Money Supply</u>					
M1 - HK\$	27,351	26,560 (+3.0%)	26,317 (+ 3.9%)	24,095 (+13.5%)	
Foreign Currency	2,384	2,186 (+9.1%)	1,971 (+21.0%)	2,365 (+ 0.8%)	
Total	29,735	28,746 (+3.4%)	28,288 (+ 5.1%)	26,460 (+12.4%)	
M2 - HK\$	127,299	124,922 (+1.9%)	120,083 (+ 6.0%)	114,611 (+11.1%)	
Foreign Currency	116,876	111,915 (+4.4%)	103,992 (+12.4%)	68,986 (+69.4%)	
Total	244,176	236,837 (+3.1%)	224,075 (+ 9.0%)	183,597 (+33.0%)	
M3 - HK\$	149,229	149,235 ( = )	145,437 (+ 2.6%)	146,597 (+ 1.8%)	
Foreign Currency	139,415	131,211 (+6.3%)	121,894 (+14.4%)	83,311 (+67.3%)	
Total	288,643	280,446 (+2.9%)	267,330 (+ 8.0%)	229,908 (+25.5%)	
<u>Deposits</u>					
Demand deposits	17,811	16,948 (+5.1%)	16,724 (+ 6.5%)	16,226 (+ 9.8%)	
Savings deposit	71,487	70,652 (+1.2%)	68,172 (+ 4.9%)	61,652 (+16.0%)	
Time deposits with banks	138,051	132,453 (+4.2%)	122,368 (+12.8%)	91,822 (+50.3%)	
Time deposits with dtcs	43,220	42,484 (+1.7%)	42,082 (+ 2.7%)	45,125 (- 4.2%)	
All HK\$ deposits	134,954	135,043 (-0.1%)	131,375 (+ 2.7%)	133,793 (+ 0.9%)	
All foreign currency deposits	135,615	127,493 (+6.4%)	117,971 (+15.0%)	81,032 (+67.4%)	
Total	270,569	262,536 (+3.1%)	249,347 (+ 8.5%)	214,826 (+25.9%)	
<u>Loans and advances</u>					
To finance Hong Kong's visible trade	28,096	27,992 (+0.4%)	28,346 (- 0.9%)	24,956 (+12.6%)	
To finance merchandising trade not touching Hong Kong	2,630	2,730 (-3.7%)	2,633 (- 0.1%)	2,770 (- 5.1%)	
Other loans for use in Hong Kong	205,825	202,674 (+1.6%)	197,828 (+ 4.0%)	174,859 (+17.7%)	
Other loans for use outside Hong Kong	120,228	115,840 (+3.8%)	113,333 (+ 6.1%)	89,664 (+34.1%)	
Other loans where the place of use is not known	17,149	16,712 (+2.6%)	16,030 (+ 7.0%)	11,905 (+44.0%)	
All loans in HK\$	194,365	194,248 (+0.1%)	189,730 (+ 2.4%)	173,057 (+12.3%)	
All loans in foreign currencies	179,563	171,699 (+4.6%)	168,440 (+ 6.6%)	131,096 (+37.0%)	
Total	373,928	365,947 (+2.2%)	358,170 (+ 4.4%)	304,153 (+22.9%)	

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CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES INSPECTED

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THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR DAVID JEAFFRESON, VISITED THREE INSTITUTIONS OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) TO LOOK OVER VARIOUS FACILITIES AND THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR THOMAS GARNER, MR JEAFFRESON FIRST VISITED THE CAPE COLLINSON CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION ON HONG KONG ISLAND, WHERE HE SAW YOUNG OFFENDERS BEING GIVEN VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN VARIOUS TRADES, INCLUDING TAILORING, CARPENTRY, ELECTRICAL FITTING AND INSTALLATION.

THE CAPE COLLINSON CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION IS A TRAINING CENTRE FOR YOUNG MALE OFFENDERS BELOW 21 YEARS OF AGE, WHO HAVE TO ATTEND HALF-DAY OF SCHOOLING AND HALF-DAY OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

MR JEAFFRESON ALSO TOURED THE CLOSED CENTRE FOR REFUGEES NEXT TO THE INSTITUTION, WHERE HE SAW REFUGEES ATTENDING STUDY CLASSES. HE TALKED TO SOME OF THEM AT THE DORMITORY AND THE SICK BAY. THERE ARE AT PRESENT OVER SIX HUNDRED REFUGEES LIVING THERE.

MR JEAFFRESON THEN PROCEEDED TO THE TAI TAM GAP CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION TO LOOK AT THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMMES AND FACILITIES PROVIDED FOR THE YOUNG FEMALE OFFENDERS, WHICH INCLUDE LAUNDRY AND TAILORING WORKSHOPS, TYPING CLASS, BEAUTY SALOON AND A TRAINING RESTAURANT.

HE CONCLUDED HIS VISIT AT PHOENIX HOUSE IN KOWLOON, WHICH IS A HALF-WAY HOUSE OPENED RECENTLY FOR PEOPLE DISCHARGED FROM TRAINING AND DETENTION CENTRES. HE LOOKED OVER VARIOUS FACILITIES THERE, INCLUDING THE SITTING ROOM, DORMITORY, KITCHEN, LIBRARY AND SICK BAY.

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FIRST DISTRICT FESTIVAL FOR WONG TAI SIN RESIDENTS

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THE FIRST WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL, FEATURING 36 ITEMS OF RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, WILL BE HELD FROM SUNDAY (OCTOBER 9).

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMME OF THE TWO-MONTH FESTIVAL AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (THURSDAY), THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR ALBERT LI, DESCRIBED THE EVENT AS +MEANINGFUL+.

HE SAID WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT, WITH A POPULATION OF 500 000, WAS A BIG FAMILY, AND SUCH A BIG FAMILY +NEEDS A LITTLE EXTRA TO MAKE THEIR LIFE MORE PLEASANT, A LITTLE VARIETY TO BRIGHTEN THEIR DAY.+

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+THE MAIN THEME OF THE FESTIVAL IS 'WONG TAI SIN IS MY HOME'.

+ITS OBJECTIVES ARE TO ENHANCE INTEREST IN CULTURE, ART, SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, PROMOTE DISTRICT IDENTITY AND SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG LOCAL RESIDENTS, AND FOSTER THE SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY BUILDING THROUGH THE ORGANISATION OF AND PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAMME,+ HE SAID.

SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FESTIVAL INCLUDE PERFORMANCES BY THE URBAN COUNCIL'S HONG KONG CHINESE ORCHESTRA, THE HONG KONG DANCE COMPANY, THE WONG TAI SIN CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND THE CHOR FUNG MING OPERA TROUPE, WHILE THE RENOWNED PHOTOGRAPHER, WATER POON, WILL GIVE AN EXHIBITION OF HIS WORKS ON THE YELLOW RIVER.

IN ADDITION, THE FESTIVAL WILL INCLUDE THE DAILY PROGRAMME OF THE ASIAN ARTS FESTIVAL WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE MORSE PARK OPEN AIR THEATRE BETWEEN OCTOBER 19 AND NOVEMBER 3. THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF PHILHARMONIC AND CHORAL CONCERT, MODERN DANCE, PUPPET SHOW, DRAMA, ACROBATIC SHOW AND PERFORMANCE BY VISITING GROUPS.

THE FESTIVAL IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL, THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS COUNCIL, THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PHILIP CHOK, PRAISED THE DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL AND THE RECREATION AND SPORTS COUNCIL FOR THEIR CONTINUED EFFORTS IN THE PROMOTION AND ORGANISATION OF RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

HE SAID A TOTAL OF \$300 000 HAD BEEN ALLOCATED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD TO THE TWO COUNCILS FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR. OF THIS, \$150 000 WILL BE CONTRIBUTED TOWARDS ORGANISING THE FESTIVAL.

STARTING TOMORROW, FREE TICKETS FOR MOST OF THE EVENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS FROM THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

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PARENTS TOLD TO RETURN PRIMARY ONE FORMS

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TODAY REMINDED PARENTS WHO WANT TO APPLY FOR PRIMARY 1 PLACES FOR THEIR CHILDREN IN GOVERNMENT OR AIDED SCHOOLS IN SEPTEMBER 1984 THAT THEY MUST RETURN THEIR APPLICATION FORMS BY TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

PARENTS WHO WISH TO APPLY FOR A DISCRETIONARY PLACE IN A PARTICULAR GOVERNMENT OR AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL SHOULD RETURN THEIR COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS TO THAT SCHOOL DIRECT DURING SCHOOL HOURS.

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IF PARENTS DO NOT WISH TO APPLY FOR A DISCRETIONARY PLACE IN ANY PARTICULAR SCHOOL, THEY SHOULD RETURN THE COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM DURING OFFICE HOURS TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING COLLECTION CENTRES FOR CENTRAL ALLOCATION BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT :

- \* LUI KEE EDUCATION SERVICES CENTRE  
(269 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, 2/F., HONG KONG)
- \* EDUCATION DEPARTMENT KOWLOON SUB-OFFICE  
(405 NATHAN ROAD, 6/F., KOWLOON)
- \* EDUCATION DEPARTMENT MA TAU KOK SUB-OFFICE  
(1 MA TAU KOK ROAD, 1/F., KOWLOON)
- \* DISTRICT OFFICE, SHA TIN  
(2 TUNG LO WAN HILL ROAD, SHA TIN, N.T.)
- \* DISTRICT OFFICE, TAI PO  
(TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING,  
TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO, N.T.)
- \* DISTRICT OFFICE, TSUEN WAN  
(FOO WAH CENTRE, 2/F., 210 CASTLE PEAK ROAD,  
TSUEN WAN, N.T.)
- \* DISTRICT OFFICE, TUEN MUN  
(201 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TUEN MUN, N.T.)
- \* DISTRICT OFFICE, YUEN LONG  
(269 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG, N.T.)
- \* DISTRICT OFFICE, NORTH, FANLING SUB-OFFICE  
(JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING, N.T.)

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ANTI-DRUGS MESSAGE SPREAD THROUGH DRAMA

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AS PART OF THE TERRITORY-WIDE PREVENTIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMME, THREE EPISODES OF A TELEVISION DRAMA ENTITLED '+CROSSROAD+', HAVING AN ANTI-NARCOTICS THEME, WILL BE SHOWN ON TVB JADE AT 7.30 PM ON SUCCESSIVE SUNDAYS (OCTOBER 9, 16 AND 23).

THE DRAMA SERIES IS PRODUCED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG.

IN SPREADING THE ANTI-NARCOTICS MESSAGE, THE PRODUCERS USED DIFFERENT APPROACHES TO HIGHLIGHT THE DANGERS OF DRUGS.

THE FIRST STORY FEATURES AN INNOCENT TEENAGE BOY WHO FAILS TO RESIST MATERIAL TEMPTATION AND BECOMES A DRUG COURIER, AND EVENTUALLY A DRUG ADDICT. TO PAY FOR THE DRUGS, HE HAS TO COMMIT CRIME.

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THE SECOND STORY, +POCKET MONEY+ APPEALS TO PARENTS TO GIVE THEIR CHILDREN MORE LOVE AND CARE, INSTEAD OF MONEY. A YOUTH FROM A RICH BUT BROKEN FAMILY WITHOUT LOVE AND CARE TURNS TO DRUGS TO ESCAPE THE FRUSTRATION AND DISAPPOINTMENT OF FAMILY LIFE.

THE THIRD STORY DESCRIBES A PROSTITUTE'S TRAGIC LIFE. A POOR GIRL SELLS HERSELF TO BUY DRUGS. AS A RESULT, SHE LOSES HER HUSBAND, HER SON, HER MOTHER AND HER HEALTH. FINALLY SHE IS ARRESTED. SHE IS GIVEN TREATMENT, AND AFTER A HARD STRUGGLE, - AND REHABILITATION - SHE EVENTUALLY OVERCOMES THE DRUG HABIT.

COMMENTING ON THE SERIES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NARCOTICS DIVISION, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, SAID, +WE HOPE THROUGH THIS DRAMA SERIES, THE ANTI-NARCOTICS MESSAGE WILL GET THROUGH TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR PARENTS.+

PARENTS PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN COMMUNITY ACTION AGAINST DRUGS. THEY ARE IN THE BEST POSITION TO PROVIDE EMOTIONAL SUPPORT AND TO ENCOURAGE THEIR CHILDREN TO ENGAGE IN HEALTHY RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, HE ADDED.

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MORE YUEN LONG LAND BEING FORMED  
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A \$45.5 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE FORMATION OF ABOUT 19 HECTARES OF LAND IN YUEN LONG NEW TOWN WAS AWARDED TODAY BY THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO NISHIMATSU CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED.

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED THIS MORNING BY MR LEE SHING-SEE, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT BRANCH OF THE DEPARTMENT, AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMPANY.

MR LEE SAID THAT THE LAND FORMED WOULD BE FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY USES AND OPEN SPACE PURPOSES.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT WILL BE THE FORMATION OF THE YUEN LONG WEST TEMPORARY HOUSING SITE AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS AND DRAINAGE.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT 24 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES SURVEY UNDERWAY  
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS THIS MONTH CONDUCTING A SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL IN MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY.

THE SURVEY COVERS ABOUT 90 000 ESTABLISHMENTS DRAWN FROM VARIOUS SECTORS, INCLUDING THE DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES (WHOLESALE, RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS) AND SERVICES (TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION; FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES; COMMUNITY, SOCIAL AND PERSONAL SERVICES), WITH FULL ENUMERATION OF INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS (MINING AND QUARRYING, MANUFACTURING, ELECTRICITY AND GAS).

QUESTIONNAIRES HAVE BEEN MAILED TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND REMINDERS ARE NOW BEING SENT TO THOSE THAT HAVE NOT RESPONDED.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDER 1982 (LEGAL NOTICE NO.69 OF 1982, GAZETTED ON MARCH 5, 1982), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID, ESTABLISHMENTS RECEIVING QUESTIONNAIRES ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THEM TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD.

INFORMATION IS BEING SOUGHT ON THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED AND EXISTING VACANCIES ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1983 IN EACH ESTABLISHMENT. SOME 10 000 ESTABLISHMENTS HAVE BEEN SELECTED FROM THE SAMPLE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PAYROLL IN EACH OF THE THREE MONTHS DURING THE REFERENCE PERIOD OF JULY - SEPTEMBER 1983.

RESPONDENTS HAVING DIFFICULTY IN COMPLETING THE FORMS ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE AT THE FOLLOWING TELEPHONE NUMBERS (PRINTED AT THE BACK OF THE SURVEY FORMS) :-

5-436551            5-444301  
5-455661            5-455668

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LABOUR LAW COURSES ARRANGED  
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL RUN A SERIES OF EIGHT COURSES ON THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE IN NOVEMBER, WITH A VIEW TO STRENGTHENING LABOUR RELATIONS IN HONG KONG.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (THURSDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE COURSES WERE BEING ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION UNIT AND WERE OPEN TO EMPLOYERS, EMPLOYEES, MANAGEMENT STAFF AND TRADE UNION OFFICIALS.

ALL THE COURSES WOULD BE CONDUCTED IN THE PLAZA HOTEL, CAUSEWAY BAY, WITH THE FIRST TWO STARTING ON NOVEMBER 1.

THE COURSE FEE IS \$30 PER PERSON (INCLUDING TEA), AND THE DEADLINE FOR ENROLMENT IS NEXT WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 12).

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ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE COURSES CAN BE MADE BY CONTACTING MR EDDIE TANG AT 5-291002.

THE COURSES WILL FOCUS ON THE PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, INCLUDING CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT, SEVERANCE PAY, STATUTORY HOLIDAYS, PAID ANNUAL LEAVE, REST DAYS, SICKNESS ALLOWANCE AND MATERNITY PROTECTION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SOUVENIRS FOR EMPLOYERS  
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THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR RON BRIDGE, WILL PRESENT SOUVENIRS TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO 10 LOCAL EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE EMPLOYED THE LARGEST NUMBER OF DISABLED PEOPLE THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT'S SELECTIVE PLACEMENT SERVICE.

THE PRESENTATION WILL BE HELD IN THE BANQUET HALL, 27TH FLOOR, HOTEL PLAZA, CAUSEWAY BAY, AT 4 PM.

THE EMPLOYERS ARE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, HONG KONG SECURITY LTD., EWIG INTERNATIONAL (FAR EAST) LTD., ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE, FACTORY FOR THE BLIND, LAM SOON CO. LTD., SWANK INTERNATIONAL OPTICAL CO. LTD., UTOPIAN ELECTRONICS LTD., TURRY ELECTRONICS MFG., AND WARPICON GARMENT LTD.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESENTATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

ROAD SAFETY NIGHT BEING HELD  
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A ROAD SAFETY NIGHT, FEATURING FOUR HOURS OF GAMES AND COMPETITIONS, WILL BE HELD AT THE SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND IN TSUEN WAN STARTING AT 6 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE EVENT, SCHEDULED FOR LAST FRIDAY BUT WAS POSTPONED DUE TO THE BAD WEATHER, IS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE DISTRICT'S ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE POLICE.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ELAINE CHUNG; THE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR D.J. GALLOWAY; AND THE DIVISIONAL SUPERINTENDENT, TRAFFIC DIVISION/NEW TERRITORIES, MR RON CLIBBORN-DYER WILL OFFICIATE AT AN OPENING CEREMONY AT 8 PM.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE EVENT.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1983

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SEMINAR ON CLASS LIBRARIES  
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A SEMINAR ON CLASS LIBRARIES WILL BE HELD BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S LIBRARY SECTION FOR HEADS OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS TOWARDS THE END OF THIS MONTH.

THE SEMINAR AIMS AT ACQUAINTING PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADS WITH THE CLASS LIBRARY SCHEME IMPLEMENTED AT PRIMARY 5 AND 6 LEVELS IN ALL GOVERNMENT AND AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS SINCE SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

HEADS OF TWO PILOT SCHOOLS WILL BE INVITED TO GIVE TALKS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF CLASS LIBRARY SERVICE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE SCHOOLS.

THE SEMINAR WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 29 AT LA SALLE PRIMARY SCHOOL, 1D LA SALLE ROAD, KOWLOON.

OWING TO LIMITED ACCOMMODATION, ACCEPTANCE WILL BE ON A 'FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED' BASIS.

HEADS OF SCHOOLS WISHING TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR SHOULD SEND THEIR APPLICATIONS TO THE SENIOR INSPECTOR, LIBRARY SECTION, ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, 5/F., HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 15.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE AT THE LIBRARY SECTION AT 5-8392258.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SPORTS TRIALS CONTINUE  
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THE SECOND AND THIRD HEATS OF THE 1983 INTER-SCHOOL OLYMPIAD ORGANISED IN SUPPORT OF THE ANTI-SMOKING PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN, WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY (OCTOBER 8 AND 9) AT THE MONGKOK STADIUM.

MORE THAN 67 TEAMS FROM SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN KOWLOON WILL BE COMPETING FOR THE RIGHT TO ENTER THE GRAND FINAL WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE WAN CHAI SPORTS GROUND ON NOVEMBER 5.

REV FR. C.J. BARRETT, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG SCHOOL SPORTS ASSOCIATION, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS OF THE SATURDAY EVENT WHILE DR. S.M. KONG, MEMBER OF THE ANTI-SMOKING PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN STEERING COMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER OF THE HONG KONG HEART FOUNDATION, WILL PRESENT PRIZES ON SUNDAY.

BOTH HEATS WILL BEGIN AT 9 AM AND THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONIES WILL BE HELD AT 4 PM.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TWO EVENTS. GIS STAFF WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SWIMMING GALA  
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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S NINTH ANNUAL SWIMMING GALA WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 8) AT THE MORRISON HILL SWIMMING POOL IN OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI.

THERE WILL BE 25 EVENTS, INCLUDING SOME FOR FAMILIES OF STAFF.

THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR K.L. THONG, WILL PRESENT THE PRIZES.

THE SWIMMING GALA WILL START AT 1.30 PM, AND THE PRIZE PRESENTATION AT 5.30 PM.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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YUEN LONG SWIMMERS TO COMPETE  
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ABOUT 200 SWIMMING ENTHUSIASTS IN YUEN LONG WILL COMPETE IN THE DISTRICT'S FIRST SWIMMING GALA ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 8).

THE CONTESTANTS WILL TAKE PART IN 75 RACES, INCLUDING FREE STYLE, BACK STROKE, BREAST STROKE, BUTTERFLY AND RELAY.

THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE YUEN LONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE YUEN LONG RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE.

TROPHIES AND MEDALS WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNERS WHO REPRESENT YUEN LONG TO COMPETE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES INTER-DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA ON NOVEMBER 17 TO BE HELD IN SHA TIN.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JAMES WILSON, WILL PRESENT THE PRIZES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE FIRST YUEN LONG DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA TO BE HELD BETWEEN 1.30 PM AND 5.30 PM ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 8) AT THE YUEN LONG PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL.

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BOWEN DRIVE TRAFFIC CHANGE  
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FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 8), TRAFFIC ON BOWEN DRIVE WILL BE RE-ROUTED TWO-WAY FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS TO ALLOW FOR LANDSLIDE PREVENTIVE MEASURES AT KENNEDY ROAD BESIDE BOWEN SWITCHING STATION.

HOWEVER, ENTRY THROUGH THE SOUTHERN END WILL BE LIMITED TO VEHICLES AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE AUTHORITY.

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