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NOTE TO EDITORS:

GOVERNOR RETURNS ON SATURDAY

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, IS DUE TO RETURN FROM PEKING ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, (BY FLIGHT CA 102, S.T.A. 1055 HOURS), AS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED.

A PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITY WILL BE ARRANGED FOR THE NEWS MEDIA TO COVER THE GOVERNOR'S RETURN. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO MAKE USE OF THIS FACILITY ARE ASKED TO ASSEMBLE IN THE PRESS ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE AIRPORT PASSENGER TERMINAL AT LEAST ONE HOUR BEFORE THE ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL.

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ACTING GOVERNOR VISITS CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT

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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, HAD A BUSY AFTERNOON IN MEETING OFFICERS OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT AND SEEING THEM AT WORK.

SIR PHILIP JOINED THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR DOUGLAS JORDAN, AND SENIOR OFFICERS AT THE SERVICE'S MESS IN RUMSEY STREET HEADQUARTERS FOR AN INFORMAL LUNCH.

A CUSTOMS LAUNCH THEN TOOK HIM TO A SHIP OFF THE HARBOUR, WHERE HE SPENT MORE THAN AN HOUR WATCHING OFFICERS CARRYING OUT SHIP RUMMAGING DUTIES, BEFORE HEADING FOR THE TAI LAM CHUNG TRAINING SCHOOL WITH MR JORDAN IN A HELICOPTER.

ON ARRIVAL HE WAS GREETED BY THE SCHOOL COMMANDANT, SUPERINTENDENT M.H. LO, AND WAS SHOWN AROUND THE SCHOOL FACILITIES AND THE MUSEUM WHICH DISPLAYED A VARIETY OF SMUGGLING DEVICES, NARCOTICS PARAPHERNALIA AND DISTILLING APPARATUS.

MR LO EXPLAINED TO SIR PHILIP THE TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR THE NEWLY RECRUITED INSPECTORS AND CUSTOMS OFFICERS, INCLUDING SHOOTING PRACTICE ON THE PISTOL RANGE, LIFE SAVING, UNARMED COMBAT AND FOOT DRILL.

PUNCH, A DRUG DETECTOR DOG, ALSO DEMONSTRATED TO SIR PHILIP ITS SKILL IN SEARCHING FOR DRUGS HIDDEN IN PARCELS.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR AUGUST 1982

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY PUBLISHED THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR AUGUST 1982. THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) AND CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) FOR AUGUST 1982 WERE 132 AND 131 RESPECTIVELY. COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING MONTH, C.P.I. (A) INCREASED BY ONE POINT OR 0.8 PER CENT BUT C.P.I. (B) REMAINED UNCHANGED. WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME MONTH OF THE PRECEDING YEAR, C.P.I. (A) INCREASED BY 11 POINTS OR 9.1 PER CENT AND C.P.I. (B) BY 11 POINTS OR 9.2 PER CENT.

DURING THE MONTH, FOOD PRICES, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF FRESH FRUITS AND CHARGES FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANT, ROSE. ON THE OTHER HAND, PRICES OF CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR WERE LOWER.

THE C.P.I. (A) AND C.P.I. (B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1979/80 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY. AT THAT TIME, THE C.P.I. (A) REFERRED TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$1 000 AND \$3 499 A MONTH AND THE C.P.I. (B) TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$3 500 AND \$6 499 A MONTH.

THE INDEXES FOR AUGUST 1982 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES ARE GIVEN BELOW, TOGETHER WITH THOSE FOR JULY 1982 AND AUGUST 1981.

(OCTOBER 1979 TO SEPTEMBER 1980 AVERAGE = 100)

SECTION	C.P.I.(A)			C.P.I.(B)		
	AUG 81	JULY 82	AUG 82	AUG 81	JULY 82	AUG 82
FOODSTUFFS	125	136	137	125	136	137
HOUSING	116	126	126	116	126	126
FUEL AND LIGHT	137	134	134	138	135	135
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	112	124	125	112	123	124
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	113	132	129	112	132	129
DURABLE GOODS	108	108	108	109	110	110
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	109	121	122	109	118	119
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	132	140	141	129	141	142
SERVICES	117	134	135	117	133	134
ALL ITEMS	121	131	132	120	131	131

THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY ONE POINT IN BOTH C.P.I. (A) AND C.P.I. (B). RISES WERE RECORDED IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH FRUITS AS A RESULT OF HIGHER PRICES FOR ORANGES AND WATER MELONS AND IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES DUE TO REDUCED SUPPLY. INCREASES WERE ALSO RECORDED IN THE AVERAGE CHARGES FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANT. THE EFFECT OF THE MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS ON THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS WAS INSIGNIFICANT.

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THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR DECREASED BY THREE POINTS IN BOTH C.P.I. (A) AND C.P.I. (B) AS A RESULT OF LOWER PRICES FOR MEN'S AND WOMEN'S OUTERCLOTHING.

HIGHER PRICES FOR JEWELLERY CAUSED THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS TO INCREASE BY ONE POINT IN BOTH C.P.I. (A) AND C.P.I. (B).

THE ONE-POINT INCREASE IN THE INDEX FOR TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES IN BOTH C.P.I. (A) AND C.P.I. (B) WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE HIGHER FARES OF FERRY AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUS.

THE INDEXES FOR SERVICES INCREASED BY ONE POINT IN BOTH C.P.I. (A) AND C.P.I. (B) OWING TO HIGHER RENT FOR BANK DEPOSIT BOXES AND HIGHER CHARGES FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT, DINNER PARTIES AND HAIRDRESSING, AS WELL AS HIGHER FEES CHARGED BY PRIVATE VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS.

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN THE OTHER SECTIONS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

DETAILS OF THESE PRICE MOVEMENTS ARE GIVEN IN THE +CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT+ FOR AUGUST 1982. BEGINNING WITH THIS AUGUST 1982 ISSUE, A CHINESE AND AN ENGLISH VERSION OF THE REPORT ARE SEPARATELY PUBLISHED. BOTH ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT \$3 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.

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REMINDER ON STATUTORY HOLIDAY

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A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1982 - THE DAY FOLLOWING THE CHINESE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL - IS ONE OF THE 10 STATUTORY HOLIDAYS APPOINTED UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING DOMESTIC SERVANTS, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR EARNINGS, AND ALL NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$7 500 A MONTH, ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THEY MUST ALSO BE PAID FOR THE DAY-OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO THE EMPLOYEE'S EARNINGS, OTHER THAN OVERTIME PAY, ON A NORMAL WORKING DAY. WHERE THE EARNINGS VARY FROM DAY TO DAY, HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE THE AVERAGE OF THE DAILY EARNINGS DURING A PERIOD OF 28 DAYS PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY. PAYMENT SHOULD BE MADE ON THE NORMAL PAY DAY.

IF AN EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO WORK ON A STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE SPOKESMAN CONTINUED, HE MUST BE GIVEN AN ALTERNATIVE DAY-OFF WITHIN 60 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER THAT DAY.

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IF THE ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY IS TO BE GRANTED BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYER MUST NOTIFY THE EMPLOYEE 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY. IN THE CASE WHERE AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY IS TO BE GIVEN AFTER STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYEE MUST BE NOTIFIED OF THE ARRANGEMENT AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFORE THE HOLIDAY.

IF BOTH THE EMPLOYER AND THE EMPLOYEE AGREE, ANY DAY WITHIN 30 DAYS OF A STATUTORY HOLIDAY OR ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY MAY BE TAKEN BY THE EMPLOYEE AS A SUBSTITUTED HOLIDAY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE TO THE NEAREST BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE. THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE: FOR KOWLOON EAST, 3-205638; KOWLOON WEST, 3-201652; KOWLOON SOUTH, 3-319454; KWUN TONG, 3-898520; TSUEN WAN, 0-422096; TUEN MUN, 0-818443; HONG KONG ISLAND (WEST), 5-268671 AND HONG KONG ISLAND (EAST), 5-282523.

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USD KOWLOON REGION SPLITS INTO TWO

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THE KOWLOON REGION OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS NOW BEEN SPLIT INTO KOWLOON EAST AND KOWLOON WEST ON A GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS.

THIS ARRANGEMENT FOLLOWS THE DECENTRALISATION OF THE DEPARTMENT AND IS AIMED AT IMPROVING THE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF THE URBAN COUNCIL'S GROWING FACILITIES AND SERVICES IN KOWLOON.

THE REGIONS ARE EACH HEADED BY AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES WHO WILL BE ASSISTED BY A SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT.

KOWLOON EAST LOOKS AFTER KWUN TONG, WONG TAI SIN AND KOWLOON CITY DISTRICTS WHILE KOWLOON WEST TAKES CARE OF YAU MA TEI, MONG KOK AND SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICTS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, SWIMMING POOLS, MARKETS AND OTHER FACILITIES AS WELL IN THE PROVISION OF SUCH SERVICES AS LICENSING, CLEANSING AND HYGIENE.

HOWEVER, CEMETERY AND CREMATION AND PEST CONTROL SERVICES WILL BE CENTRALISED UNDER KOWLOON EAST WHEREAS PROSECUTION AND HAWKER LICENSING WILL BE DEALT WITH ENTIRELY BY KOWLOON WEST FOR THE WHOLE OF KOWLOON REGION.

THE HEADQUARTERS FOR KOWLOON EAST IS AT 70-78, 2/F, AMOY PLAZA, NGAU TAU KOK ROAD (TELEPHONE NO. 3-7554123) AND THAT FOR KOWLOON WEST IS AT USD DEPOT, SAI YEE STREET (TELEPHONE NO. 3-963888).

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SUBSIDY FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

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YOUTH GROUPS PLANNING ANY INNOVATIVE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT CAN APPLY FOR GRANTS UNDER A SCHEME ADMINISTERED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

THE DEPARTMENT IS INVITING APPLICATIONS UNDER THE +OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH SCHEME+ WHICH ENCOURAGES YOUNG PEOPLE TO DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIALS IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID ANY GROUP WITH SEVEN OR MORE MEMBERS AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 25, WHICH IS SPONSORED BY A SCHOOL, YOUTH AGENCY OR BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS, CAN APPLY.

+GROUPS THAT HAVE NO SPONSORS MAY ALSO APPLY IF THEY HAVE THE APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICERS (CYOS),+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

APPLICATION FORMS AND RELEVANT INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM ANY CYO AND DETAILED PROJECT PROPOSALS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO HIM BY OCTOBER 15, 1982.

+EACH PROJECT WILL BE ASSESSED FOR ITS YOUTH INVOLVEMENT, COMMUNITY BENEFITS, FEASIBILITY AND OPTIMUM USE OF RESOURCES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE MAXIMUM GRANT FOR EACH APPROVED PROJECT IS \$3 500, AND THE CYOS WILL MAINTAIN CLOSE WORKING LIAISON WITH PARTICIPATING GROUPS.

IN 1981-82, MORE THAN \$181 000 WAS ALLOCATED FOR 105 PROJECTS, BRINGING TO OVER \$1 MILLION THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF SUBSIDIES GIVEN TO SOME 750 PROJECTS SINCE THE SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED IN 1974.

PREVIOUS PROJECTS INCLUDED SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY AND THE DISABLED, RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES, MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICES, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND WORKS PROJECTS CARRIED OUT BY 24 000 PARTICIPANTS BENEFITING MORE THAN ONE MILLION PEOPLE.

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CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN COMPETITION

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STUDENTS FROM SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN COMPETITION JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CULTURAL CRAFTS CENTRE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT SCHOOL NON-GRADUATE TEACHERS' UNION.

THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS, ONE FOR PRIMARY AND THE OTHER FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL PUPILS.

EACH STUDENT MAY SUBMIT A MAXIMUM OF THREE ENTRIES THROUGH THEIR HEADS OF SCHOOLS TO THE INSPECTOR (ART), EDUCATION DEPARTMENT NOT LATER THAN OCTOBER 22.

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THERE WILL BE ONE FIRST PRIZE AND 10 RUNNERS-UP FOR EACH DIVISION. THE WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY THE ORGANISER AT THE END OF OCTOBER.

THE MAXIMUM SIZE OF THE DESIGN IS 210 X 297 MM.

THERE WILL BE NO RESTRICTION TO THE THEME, COLOURS OR THE TECHNIQUES OF PRESENTATION AS LONG AS IT IS TWO-DIMENSIONAL.

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PASSING-OUT PARADE OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES RECRUITS

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THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A PASSING-OUT PARADE ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 25) MORNING AT THE PARADE GROUND OF ITS STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY.

THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR L.M. DAVIES, WILL TAKE THE SALUTE AND PRESENT SILVER WHISTLES TO TWO BEST RECRUITS.

ON PARADE WILL BE 28 OFFICERS AND 114 ASSISTANT OFFICERS WHO HAVE JUST COMPLETED SIX MONTHS' BASIC TRAINING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PASSING-OUT PARADE OF 142 CORRECTIONAL SERVICES OFFICERS TO BE HELD AT THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE, 47, TUNG TAU WAN ROAD, STANLEY AT 9.45 AM ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 25).

PRESS TRANSPORT WILL LEAVE THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS AT GUARDIAN HOUSE, 32, OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI AT 9 AM SHARP.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN SHEUNG WAN

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MORRISON STREET IN SHEUNG WAN BETWEEN QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL AND JERVOIS STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR SIX HOURS FROM 12.01 AM ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 26) FOR CABLE LAYING WORK.

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