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SCREENING OF BOAT PEOPLE WIDELY ACCEPTED INTERNATIONALLY

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HONG KONG'S NEW SCREENING SYSTEM FOR VIETNAMESE ARRIVALS HAS WON WIDE INTERNATIONAL ACCEPTANCE AND UNDERSTANDING, AS IT HAS DONE LOCALLY, THE MINISTER OF STATE AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR HONG KONG, LORD GLENARTHUR, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER VISITING THE SHAM SHUI PO CLOSED CENTRE, LORD GLENARTHUR SAID HE HOPED THE NEW POLICY WOULD ALSO LEAD TO AN UNDERSTANDING AMONG THE VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES THAT IT DID NO GOOD TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO LEAVE THIS WAY, AS THOSE SCREENED OUT WOULD ULTIMATELY FACE REPATRIATION.

HE SAID INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS SHOULD NOW BE DIRECTED TO MAKING VIETNAM UNDERSTAND ITS FOLLY.

"IT IS A MOST APPALLING INDICTMENT OF A SYSTEM TO LOOK AT THE PEOPLE AND THE CONDITIONS THEY INEVITABLY FIND THEMSELVES IN HERE, AND THEN TO TALK TO THEM AND TO REALISE THAT UNDER VERY, VERY FEW CIRCUMSTANCES WILL THEY REALLY AGREE TO GO HOME," HE SAID.

"UNTIL THAT'S CHANGED, I FEAR THAT THINGS WILL NOT IMPROVE AS RAPIDLY AS WE ALL LIKE TO SEE THEM IMPROVE."

LORD GLENARTHUR SAID THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, HAD RAISED THE MATTER WITH THE VIETNAMESE FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER RECENTLY.

BRITAIN HAD ALSO SENT ITS AMBASSADOR TO HANOI TO THE VIETNAMESE FOREIGN MINISTRY TO EXPRESS SERIOUS MISGIVINGS ABOUT WHAT LED TO THIS SITUATION, AND ALSO TO EXPLAIN HONG KONG'S NEW POLICY.

HE SAID: "THE POINT IS THAT WE'VE GOT TO SEE THE CHANGE IN VIETNAM WHICH IS GOING TO MEAN THAT THESE PATHETIC CASES DON'T ARISE, THAT THE ECONOMY OF VIETNAM IS SORTED OUT IN SUCH A WAY, THAT THEY SEE THEIR FUTURE IN THEIR HOME.

"THIS IS BECAUSE IF THEY COME HERE AND THEY AREN'T TRUE REFUGEES, THEN THEIR FUTURE HERE IS GOING TO BE A VERY LONG AND INEVITABLY A MUCH SADDER ONE THAN IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IF THEY WERE TO HAVE THE RIGHT CONDITIONS AT HOME.

"THOSE CONDITIONS DON'T EXIST AT THE MOMENT. THAT'S PRECISELY WHY THE SORT OF CONVERSATIONS AND PRESSURES HAVE BEEN APPLIED AND WHY WE ARE SEEKING TO BRING THE WHOLE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO WORK ON THIS PARTICULAR PROBLEM."

LORD GLENARTHUR SAID THAT OVER THE YEARS, BRITAIN HAD TAKEN SOME 20,000 REFUGEES FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA.

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"WE'RE ABOUT THIRD OR FOURTH - IT VARIES - IN THE LEAGUE TABLE," HE SAID.

"THIS IS SOMETHING WHICH WAS RAISED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE WHEN HE WAS HERE AND AGAIN THIS IS SOMETHING WHICH WE HAVE TO LOOK AT IN THE ROUND WITH ALL THE OTHER WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN TRY AND MEET THIS PARTICULAR PROBLEM."

LORD GLENARTHUR ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE UNHCR AND ALL VOLUNTARY AGENCIES FOR THEIR WORK IN HELPING TO TACKLE THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEE PROBLEM.

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LORD GLENARTHUR VISITS BOAT PEOPLE DETENTION CENTRE AND CAMP
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THE MINISTER OF STATE AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR HONG KONG, LORD GLENARTHUR, ON THE SECOND DAY OF HIS VISIT, TOURED THE VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE DETENTION CENTRE AT HEI LING CHAU AND VISITED A REFUGEE CAMP AT SHAM SHUI PO THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON.

LORD AND LADY GLENARTHUR FLEW TO HEI LING CHAU BY HELICOPTER, ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR GEOFFREY BARNES; THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR CHAN WA-SHEK; AND THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR M.Y. LEUNG.

AT THE DETENTION CENTRE THEY WERE TOLD THAT THE SCREENING PROCESS FOR VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE BEGAN YESTERDAY -- TWO WEEKS AFTER THE NEW POLICY ON THE STATUS OF NEW ARRIVALS FROM VIETNAM WAS INTRODUCED TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE BOAT PEOPLE WERE ECONOMIC MIGRANTS OR GENUINE REFUGEES.

ALSO IN THE PARTY WERE THE REFUGEE CO-ORDINATOR, MR NIGEL FRENCH, AND THE CHARGE DE MISSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES, MR FAZLUL KARIM.

LORD GLENARTHUR WAS TOLD THAT THE CENTRE'S CAPACITY WAS 2,400, BUT ACCOMMODATION COULD BE STRETCHED TO 3,000 IF REQUIRED. THE CURRENT POPULATION IN THE CENTRE WAS ABOUT 1,000.

AT THE SHAM SHUI PO CLOSED CAMP, LORD GLENARTHUR WAS BRIEFED ON LIVING CONDITIONS, VARIOUS FACILITIES PROVIDED, AND THE INCREASED MANPOWER REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN AND SERVICE THE CAMP.

THE CAPACITY OF THE CAMP IS 4,500 BUT WHEN REFUGEES WERE MOVED THERE, THE FINAL COUNT TODAY WAS MORE THAN 5,000.

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EARLIER IN THE DAY, LORD GLENARTHUR MET WITH THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON; THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD; AND OTHER SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. HE ALSO ATTENDED A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

LORD AND LADY GLENARTHUR LATER ATTENDED A LUNCH WITH LOCAL BUSINESSMEN AT A CENTRAL RESTAURANT. THIS WAS HOSTED BY THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD.

LORD GLENARTHUR LATER VISITED THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL IN WAN CHAI AND MET COUNCIL MEMBERS. HE WAS BRIEFED ON TDC'S FUNCTION AND ACTIVITIES BY ITS CHAIRMAN, MISS LYDIA DUNN.

LORD GLENARTHUR WAS TOLD TDC LISTED MORE THAN 35,000 LOCAL MANUFACTURING COMPANIES, EXPORTERS AND IMPORTERS, AS WELL AS SOME 107,000 OVERSEAS BUYERS IN THE MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, WHILE THE TRADE ENQUIRY SECTION HANDLED ABOUT 16,000 ENQUIRIES WORLDWIDE EACH MONTH.

HE WAS ALSO BRIEFED ON THE FACILITIES OF THE TDC'S NEW \$2.3 BILLION HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE, WHICH WILL BE THE LARGEST IN ASIA WHEN COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER.

IN THE EVENING, LORD GLENARTHUR WILL MEET WITH OMELCO MEMBERS IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BUILDING, AND HE WILL BE JOINED BY LADY GLENARTHUR AND THE GOVERNOR AND LADY WILSON AT A DINNER HOSTED BY OMELCO MEMBERS.

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COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNUAL REPORT PUBLISHED

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UNLIKE RECENT YEARS, THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING DID NOT NEED TO CONCERT ACTION TO CONTROL OR TO ASSIST INSTITUTIONS FACING SOLVENCY DIFFICULTIES IN 1987, ACCORDING TO THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING PUBLISHED TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE REPORT NOTED THAT THERE WERE PROBLEMS ARISING FROM THE COLLAPSE OF STOCK MARKET PRICES IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR.

"BUT FOR MOST INSTITUTIONS THESE PROBLEMS WERE CONTAINED WITHIN THEIR INCOME. DURING THE YEAR, SUCH DIFFICULTIES AS THERE WERE DID NOT AFFECT DEPOSITORS," THE REPORT SAID.

THE REPORT, WHICH HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL, IS THE SECOND REPORT MADE UNDER THE BANKING ORDINANCE 1986. IT SURVEYS THE WORK OF THE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AND REVIEWS POLICY DEVELOPMENTS IN 1987.

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ALSO IN CONTRAST TO PREVIOUS YEARS, THE REPORT SAID, THE COMMISSIONER WAS NOT REQUIRED TO USE HIS PRINCIPAL SUPERVISORY POWERS OF CONTROL UNDER SECTION 52 OF THE ORDINANCE (CONTROL OVER AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS) OR POWERS UNDER SECTION 31(1) (ENFORCED REVOCATION OF REGISTRATION).

NO REPORT WAS MADE TO THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL, OR TO THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY CONCERNING THE REVOCATION OF AUTHORITY OF A LICENSED BANK OR DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY, THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING, MR TONY NICOLLE, STRESSED THAT THE ABSENCE OF THE USE OF FORMAL POWERS IN 1987 DID NOT HOWEVER INDICATE THAT THERE WAS AN ABSENCE OF EFFECTIVE SUPERVISION.

"A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS WERE MADE TO INSTITUTIONS ARISING FROM EXAMINATIONS, OR OTHERWISE. THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE FOLLOWED UP, AS NECESSARY, IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THEY WERE APPROPRIATELY IMPLEMENTED," HE SAID.

THE REPORT NOTED THAT THE CAPITAL ADEQUACY REQUIREMENT UNDER PART XVII OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE WAS TO COME INTO EFFECT IN SEPTEMBER 1988, TWO YEARS AFTER ENACTMENT.

SINCE SEPTEMBER 1986, AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS INCORPORATED IN HONG KONG HAVE REPORTED THEIR CAPITAL ADEQUACY RATIOS.

AS AT THE END OF 1987, THE GREAT MAJORITY OF INSTITUTIONS HAD A RATIO OVER THE STATUTORY MINIMUM OF FIVE PER CENT.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, MR NICOLLE NOTED THAT HE CONFIDENTLY EXPECTED ALL INSTITUTIONS TO BE ABOVE THE MINIMUM BY SEPTEMBER 1988.

THE REPORT NOTED THAT AS AT THE END OF DECEMBER 1987 AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS HAD EXPOSURES TO 42 COUNTRIES WITH REPAYMENT DIFFICULTIES. CLAIMS OUTSTANDING AMOUNTED TO \$33 BILLION, AND PROVISIONS AVERAGED 11 PER CENT FOR ALL BANKS AND DTCS.

MR NICOLLE SAID THAT IN THE LOCALLY INCORPORATED BANKING SECTOR, FOR WHICH HE HAD THE MAIN SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITY, SUCH EXPOSURES WERE RELATIVELY MODEST AND PROVISIONS WERE UP TO INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS, MUCH HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE LEVEL OF 11 PER CENT.

HE SAID HIS REPORT EMPHASISED THE IMPORTANCE OF A CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AND AUDITORS.

"A TOTAL OF 18 TRIPARTITE MEETINGS - MEETINGS BETWEEN AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS, THEIR AUDITORS, AND THE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE - WERE HELD DURING THE YEAR.

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"THESE MEETINGS WERE USUALLY INITIATED BY THE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, AND THE MOST FREQUENT SUBJECT DISCUSSED RELATED TO THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF PROVISIONS AGAINST DIMINUTION IN VALUE OF INSTITUTIONS' ASSETS," HE SAID.

THE REPORT ALSO NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE COMMISSIONER AND HIS STAFF TO MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH OVERSEAS BANKING SUPERVISORY AUTHORITIES, WITH REGARD BOTH TO THE AFFAIRS OF INDIVIDUAL INSTITUTIONS AND TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF POLICY.

ONE SECTION OF THE REPORT DISCUSSED THE STOCK MARKET COLLAPSE IN OCTOBER 1987, AND WHAT THE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE DID DURING THAT DIFFICULT TIME.

THE REPORT NOTED THAT BANKS IN FACT SHOWED A CONSIDERABLE SENSE OF COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY IN WHAT WERE FOR MOST UNPRECEDENTED CIRCUMSTANCES.

ALTHOUGH A NUMBER OF INSTITUTIONS WERE OVER-EXPOSED TO MARGIN CUSTOMERS, THE SUBSEQUENT PROBLEMS WERE ALL SUCCESSFULLY RESOLVED.

THE REPORT IN ONE OF ITS SEVEN ANNEXES PROVIDES A DESCRIPTION OF THE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE BANKING INDUSTRY IN 1987. IT NOTED THAT AT THE END OF 1987 THERE WERE 155 LICENSED BANKS; SIX NEW BANKING LICENCES WERE GRANTED DURING THE YEAR.

OF THE 155 BANKS, 120 WERE INCORPORATED OVERSEAS, REPRESENTING 25 OVERSEAS COUNTRIES, INCLUDING NEW ZEALAND AND NORWAY FOR THE FIRST TIME. THE NUMBER OF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES AMOUNTED TO 267.

THE REPORT NOTED THAT, DURING THE YEAR, GENERALLY LOW LEVEL OF INTEREST RATES AND THE BUOYANT ECONOMY BOOSTED LOAN DEMAND, AND THAT MOST INSTITUTIONS REPORTED GOOD RESULTS.

AT THE END OF 1987, MORE THAN 65,000 PERSONS WERE EMPLOYED IN THE BANKING SECTOR, AN INCREASE OF NEARLY 3,000 OR FIVE PER CENT OVER 1986.

THE REPORT ALSO DISCUSSED SOME SUPERVISORY ISSUES, INCLUDING THE THREE-TIER SYSTEM, CONSOLIDATED SUPERVISION, THE BASLE COMMITTEE CAPITAL ADEQUACY PROPOSALS, AND COUNTRY DEBT PROVISIONING.

COPIES OF THE REPORT ARE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE AT CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AT \$15 EACH.

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DTC REGISTRATION REVOKED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF B.A.I.I. (ASIA) LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 31(2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS TODAY (THURSDAY).

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TOUGH MEASURES AGAINST VICE PROPOSED

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THE GOVERNMENT IS SEEKING TO INTRODUCE MORE EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO CLAMP DOWN ON SIGNS ADVERTISING PROSTITUTION SERVICES AND TO CONTROL NUISANCES CAUSED BY VICE ESTABLISHMENTS.

THE MOVE HAS THE SUPPORT OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, WHICH HAS ADVISED THAT THE CRIMES ORDINANCE SHOULD BE AMENDED WITH A VIEW TO INTRODUCING TOUGHER MEASURES TO HELP ALLEVIATE THE PROBLEM OF NUISANCES ASSOCIATED WITH VICE ESTABLISHMENTS.

THE AMENDMENTS WILL BE PUBLISHED TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE FORM OF A WHITE BILL FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR EIGHT WEEKS.

THE BILL SEEKS TO MAKE IT AN OFFENCE TO PUBLICLY DISPLAY A SIGN ADVERTISING PROSTITUTION SERVICES. THE OFFENDER WILL BE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10,000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT.

THE BILL ALSO PROPOSES THAT THE MAXIMUM FINE FOR SOLICITING IN A PUBLIC PLACE FOR ANY IMMORAL PURPOSE BE INCREASED FROM \$1,000 TO \$10,000.

UNDER THE BILL, THE POLICE WILL HAVE POWER TO REMOVE ANY SIGN WHICH IS REASONABLY BELIEVED TO BE ADVERTISING PROSTITUTION ACTIVITIES, AND THE COURT MAY ORDER A CONVICTED OFFENDER TO PAY THE EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE REMOVAL AND IN CARRYING OUT REMEDIAL WORK TO THE BUILDING CONCERNED.

IF NO CONVICTION IS OBTAINED, THE GOVERNMENT WILL BEAR THE FULL COST.

THE BILL ALSO REQUIRES A MAGISTRATE TO ISSUE A SIX-MONTH CLOSURE ORDER IN RESPECT OF PREMISES WHERE TWO OFFENCES HAVE BEEN COMMITTED IN CONTRAVENTION OF CERTAIN VICE-RELATED PROVISIONS IN THE CRIMES ORDINANCE AND THE MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS ORDINANCE, RESULTING IN CONVICTIONS.

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THE ORDER WILL BE ISSUED IF A SECOND OFFENCE IS COMMITTED WITHIN 12 MONTHS FROM THE FIRST CONVICTION.

IN ORDER TO AVOID PENALISING INNOCENT LANDLORDS AS A RESULT OF THE CLOSURE ORDER, THE POLICE INTEND TO NOTIFY THE LANDLORD CONCERNED OF THE CONVICTION RELATING TO HIS PREMISES. THIS WILL ENABLE HIM TO TAKE ACTION TO PREVENT A FURTHER CONVICTION BEING OBTAINED AND THE PREMISES CLOSED.

AS THE CLOSURE ORDER BY ITSELF WOULD LEAD TO PREMISES BEING LEFT UNOCCUPIED, POSSIBLY RESULTING IN HARDSHIP FOR THE LANDLORDS, THE BILL ALLOWS THEM TO APPLY TO A MAGISTRATE FOR THE ORDER TO BE SUSPENDED.

THE MAGISTRATE MAY SUSPEND THE CLOSURE ORDER FOR TWO YEARS ON CONDITION THAT THE PREMISES ARE OCCUPIED AND USED FOR LEGITIMATE PURPOSES. HE MAY ALSO IMPOSE OTHER CONDITIONS THAT HE THINKS FIT, INCLUDING A REQUIREMENT OF SECURITY.

THE MAGISTRATE MAY REINSTATE THE CLOSURE ORDER IF ANY CONDITION IS BREACHED.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT MANY SECTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY HAVE EXPRESSED GRAVE CONCERN OVER THE NUISANCES CAUSED BY PROSTITUTION AND VICE ESTABLISHMENTS.

"THE PROPOSED MEASURES UNDERLINE THE GOVERNMENT'S AWARENESS OF THE WIDESPREAD CONCERN AND ITS DETERMINATION TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM."

HE SAID THE MEASURES, ON THE ONE HAND, PROVIDE AN ENFORCEABLE PACKAGE WHICH IS SIMPLE, STRAIGHT-FORWARD AND EASILY COMPREHENSIBLE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, AND, ON THE OTHER, WILL BE EFFECTIVE IN CONTROLLING THE PROLIFERATION OF BLATANT SIGNS ADVERTISING PROSTITUTION SERVICES AND ABATING THE NUISANCES ASSOCIATED WITH VICE ESTABLISHMENTS.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND LOCAL LEGAL ORGANISATIONS ARE WELCOME TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE PROVISIONS OF THE BILL.

THESE VIEWS MAY BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1. THE ADDRESS IS CNTA HEADQUARTERS, WORLD SHIPPING CENTRE, 7 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

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NEW SCHOOL OF PSYCHIATRIC NURSING OPENS
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A NEW SCHOOL OF PSYCHIATRIC NURSING AT THE CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, WAS TODAY (THURSDAY) OFFICIALLY OPENED BY DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR K.L. THONG.

THE NEW SCHOOL PREMISES IS PURPOSE-BUILT TO REPLACE THE OLD SCHOOL WITH BETTER AND MODERN TRAINING FACILITIES. IT HAS A TRAINING CAPACITY OF 430 WHICH IS 80 PER CENT UP ON THE CAPACITY OF THE OLD SCHOOL.

THE TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING WAS MORE THAN \$11 MILLION OF WHICH \$2 MILLION WAS DONATED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY THIS MORNING, DR THONG SAID THAT THE COMPLETION OF THE NEW SCHOOL MARKED ANOTHER MILESTONE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF PSYCHIATRIC NURSING EDUCATION IN HONG KONG.

HE SAID THE CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF PSYCHIATRIC NURSING, WHICH WAS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG, WAS ESTABLISHED IN DECEMBER, 1959.

IT HAS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN PRODUCING LOCAL PSYCHIATRIC NURSES FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE, AND ABOUT 900 REGISTERED AND 450 ENROLLED NURSES HAVE BEEN TRAINED SINCE ITS OPENING.

DR THONG POINTED OUT THAT IN A SOCIETY WHERE SERVICES FOR MENTAL HEALTH ARE ALWAYS IN DEMAND, ENCOURAGEMENT FOR MORE DOCTORS AND NURSES WORKING IN THE FIELD IS MOST NECESSARY.

HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE NEW SCHOOL WILL BE INSTRUMENTAL NOT ONLY IN INCREASING THE QUANTITY BUT ALSO IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF THE FUTURE PSYCHIATRIC NURSES IN HONG KONG.

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CS VISITS KWAI CHUNG FACTORIES
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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED TWO ELECTRONICS FACTORIES IN KWAI CHUNG TO FAMILIARISE HIMSELF WITH THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG'S ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR K. Y. YEUNG, SIR DAVID FIRST VISITED MITA INDUSTRIAL CO (HONG KONG) LTD AND WAS RECEIVED BY ITS SENIOR MANAGING DIRECTOR, MR M. NAKAO.

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ESTABLISHED IN 1979, THE COMPANY IS A SUBSIDIARY OF MITA INDUSTRIAL CO LTD OF JAPAN AND IS THE ONLY PHOTOCOPYING MACHINE MAKER IN HONG KONG. ITS MAJOR MARKETS INCLUDE THE U.S.A., CANADA AND EUROPE.

SIR DAVID LATER WENT TO MOTOROLA SEMICONDUCTORS HONG KONG LTD AND WAS BRIEFED ON THE COMPANY'S DEVELOPMENTS BY ITS CORPORATE VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER OF ASIA/PACIFIC SEMICONDUCTOR PRODUCTS DIVISION, MR C.D. TAM.

THE COMPANY WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1967 AS A SUBSIDIARY OF MOTOROLA INC OF THE U.S.A. IT PRODUCES SEMICONDUCTORS FOR THE LOCAL MARKET AND FOR EXPORT TO COUNTRIES IN THE FAR EAST, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.

THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY LAST YEAR ACCOUNTED FOR 21.5 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS, SECOND AFTER TEXTILES AND GARMENTS, AND EMPLOYED 106,835 WORKERS OR 12 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL MANUFACTURING WORKFORCE.

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YUEN LONG NEW TOWN FULLY DEVELOPED IN MID-1990'S

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR MICHAEL SUEN, WAS TOLD DURING A VISIT TO YUEN LONG TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE YUEN LONG NEW TOWN WILL BE FULLY DEVELOPED IN THE MID-1990'S.

BY THEN, THE NEW TOWN WILL HAVE A FULL RANGE OF GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND ITS POPULATION IS EXPECTED TO BE 150,000 COMPARED WITH THE PRESENT 90,000.

ON ARRIVAL AT THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE THIS MORNING, MR SUEN WAS MET BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALAN WONG, AND SENIOR STAFF OF THE OFFICE.

THE PARTY PROCEEDED TO THE ROOFTOP OF YUK PING HOUSE IN LONG PING ESTATE, WHERE THE REGIONAL SECRETARY WAS BRIEFED ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF YUEN LONG NEW TOWN AND THE YUEN LONG-TUEN MUN CORRIDOR.

THE PARTY THEN WENT TO WANG CHAU SERVICE RESERVOIR FOR A PANORAMIC VIEW OF TIN SHUI WAI WHERE ANOTHER NEW TOWN IS BEING DEVELOPED ON A SITE PREVIOUSLY OCCUPIED BY FISH PONDS.

MR SUEN WAS TOLD THAT SITE FORMATION WORKS FOR THE NEW TOWN BEGAN IN NOVEMBER 1987, WITH THE FIRST PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN 1991.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN WOULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETED IN THE MID-1990'S, PROVIDING HOMES FOR ABOUT 146,000 PEOPLE.

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LATER, MR SUEN WENT TO A VANTAGE POINT IN KAI TEI TO SEE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EASTERN EXTENSION OF THE YUEN LONG TOWN. HE WAS ALSO BRIEFED ON WORK ON THE TUEN MUN-YUEN LONG LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY THEN INSPECTED THE YUEN LONG NULLAH WHERE HE WAS TOLD ABOUT PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH POLLUTION OF THE NULLAH AND MEASURES TAKEN TO DEAL WITH THEM.

UNDER A GOVERNMENT PLAN, A \$48 MILLION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WOULD BE LAUNCHED TO REDUCE THE SMELL AND VISUAL NUISANCE. CONSTRUCTION WORK WOULD BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR AND BE DUE FOR COMPLETION IN 1991.

AFTER ATTENDING A LUNCH RECEPTION HOSTED BY YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, MR SUEN CONTINUED HIS VISIT AND DROVE TO LOK MA CHAU TO SEE PROGRESS ON TWO MAJOR ROAD PROJECTS - THE VEHICULAR BORDER LINK AND THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD.

THE FIRST PHASE OF THE VEHICULAR BORDER LINK, WHICH INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DUAL TWO-LANE HIGHWAY, SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THE YEAR. THE BORDER CROSSING WILL PROVIDE A THIRD ROAD LINK BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA.

MR SUEN THEN DROVE TO THE MAI PO MARSHES ALONG THE BORDER ROAD AND VISITED THE EDUCATION CENTRE OF THE WORLD WILD FUND FOR NATURE (HONG KONG).

ON THE WAY BACK TO THE YUEN LONG NEW TOWN, MR SUEN VISITED POK OI HOSPITAL AND WAS BRIEFED BY THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDANT ON THE HOSPITAL'S EXPANSION PROGRAMME.

BEFORE WINDING UP HIS VISIT, MR SUEN CALLED AT THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD CHAMBERS AND THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT TO INSPECT THE FACILITIES THERE.

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FARM PILOT SCHEME MAKES GOOD START

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A PILOT PROJECT UNDER THE GOVERNMENT'S AGRICULTURAL PRIORITY AREAS SCHEME, WHICH IS DESIGNED TO BRING FALLOW FARM LAND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES BACK TO CULTIVATION, HAS MADE AN ENCOURAGING START.

THE OWNERS OF FOUR LOTS OF AGRICULTURAL LAND IN CHEUNG PO, YUEN LONG HAVE PLEDGED THEIR FULL SUPPORT TO THE SCHEME BY MAKING THEIR LAND AVAILABLE ON RENT TO THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION FOR SUBSEQUENT SUB-LEASING TO INTERESTED FARMERS.

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THE TOTAL AREA OF THE FOUR LOTS IS ABOUT 8,056 SQUARE METRES.

THE TENANCY AGREEMENTS IN RESPECT OF THESE LOTS WILL BE SIGNED TOMORROW (FRIDAY) BY THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, AND THE LAND OWNERS CONCERNED AT THE PAT HEUNG VEGETABLE MARKETING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY OFFICE.

AT THE CEREMONY, DR LEE WILL ALSO PRESENT CHEQUES TO THE OWNERS FOR FIVE YEARS OF RENT FOR THEIR LAND.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TENANCY AGREEMENT SIGNING CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 9.30 AM TOMORROW.

TRANSPORT FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL LEAVE AFD HEADQUARTERS AT CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON AT 8.30 AM.

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GRADING OF BEACH WATER QUALITY

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED THE LATEST GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF ALL BATHING BEACHES IN HONG KONG.

THE PURPOSE OF THE GRADING SYSTEM IS TO INFORM SWIMMERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC REGULARLY ABOUT THE STATE OF BACTERIAL POLLUTION AT VARIOUS BEACHES.

THE GRADING IS BASED ON THE E. COLI DATA OBTAINED BY THE EPD IN ITS ROUTINE BEACH WATER QUALITY MONITORING PROGRAMME.

THE E. COLI DATA USED FOR GRADING ARE BASED ON THE MEDIAN VALUES OF THE MOST RECENT FIVE RESULTS, OBTAINED OVER A TWO AND A HALF MONTH PERIOD ACCORDING TO THE USUAL SAMPLING FREQUENCY.

THE GRADES FOR SOME BEACHES MAY FLUCTUATE. THIS REPRESENTS A NATURAL FLUCTUATION IN THE BACTERIAL QUALITY OF THE BEACHES IN MOST CASES, AS RAIN AND TIDES BRING MORE OR LESS POLLUTION TO THE SWIMMING AREAS.

NEVERTHELESS, THE GRADES GIVE A GOOD GENERAL PICTURE OF THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF BEACHES, AND FORM THE BEST AVAILABLE FORECAST OF BEACH WATER QUALITY IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

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THE SYSTEM FOR GRADING BEACH WATER QUALITY IS AS FOLLOWS:

"A" GRADE INDICATES THE MEDIAN E. COLI COUNT IS BETWEEN 0-99 PER 100 MILLILITRES, AND THE WATER QUALITY IS GOOD.

"B" GRADE INDICATES THE MEDIAN E. COLI COUNT IS BETWEEN 100-999 PER MILLILITRES, AND THE WATER QUALITY IS ACCEPTABLE.

"C" GRADE INDICATES THE MEDIAN E. COLI COUNT IS 1,000 OR MORE PER 100 MILLILITRES, AND THE WATER QUALITY IS POOR.

THE DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO CLOSE A BEACH TO SWIMMERS IS BASED ON A JUDGEMENT OF WHAT DEGREE OF POLLUTION IS ACCEPTABLE.

NORMALLY, A RECOMMENDATION ON CLOSURE WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED BY THE URBAN OR THE REGIONAL COUNCIL IF A "C" GRADING OCCURRED REPEATEDLY. SIMILARLY, A RECOMMENDATION TO REOPEN A CLOSED BEACH WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED IF A "B" GRADE OR BETTER WERE CONSISTENTLY OBTAINED.

AT PRESENT, FIVE BATHING BEACHES HAVE BEEN DECLARED UNSUITABLE FOR SWIMMING PURPOSES, BASED ON THE WATER QUALITY DURING PAST SEASONS.

THESE BEACHES ARE ANGLERS', CASTLE PEAK, SILVERMINE BAY, OLD CAFETERIA AND ROCKY BAY. THEY ARE POLLUTED BY FAECAL WASTES AND FAILED TO ACHIEVE CONSISTENTLY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION AND HONG KONG STANDARDS. THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED NOT TO SWIM IN THESE FIVE BEACHES, WHICH ARE IDENTIFIED BY AN "X" IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE.

THE GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF VARIOUS BEACHES IN HONG KONG AS AT TODAY AND TWO WEEKS AGO ARE LISTED BELOW :

BEACH -----	LAST GRADING ----- (AS AT 16.6.88)	PRESENT GRADING ----- (AS AT 30.6.88)
HONG KONG SOUTH -----		
BIG WAVE BAY	B	B
CHUNG HOM KOK	B	B
DEEP WATER BAY	A	A
HAIRPIN	B	A
MIDDLE BAY	C	C
REPULSE BAY	B	B

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SHEK O	B	B
SOUTH BAY	A	A
ST STEPHEN'S	A	A
TURTLE COVE	A	A
STANLEY MAIN	C	B
ROCKY BAY, SHEK O	X	X
TO TEI WAN*	A	A

ISLAND DISTRICT

CHEUNG SHA UPPER	A	A
CHEUNG SHA LOWER	B	B
DISCOVERY BAY*	A	A
HUNG SHING YEH	A	A
KWUN YAM WAN	A	A
TONG FUK	A	A
LO SO SHING	A	A
PUI O	B	B
SILVERMINE BAY	X	X
TUNG WAN, CHEUNG CHAU	A	A
TUNG O*	A	A

SAI KUNG DISTRICT

CAMPERS	A	A
CLEAR WATER BAY 1ST BEACH	A	A
CLEAR WATER BAY 2ND BEACH	A	A
HAP MUN BAY	A	A

KIU TSUI	A	A
PAK SHA CHAU	A	A
SILVERSTRAND	A	A
TRIO (HEBE HAVEN)	A	A

TSUEN WAN DISTRICT

ANGLERS'	X	X
APPROACH	B	B
CASAM	B	B
GEMINI	B	B
HOI MEI WAN	B	B
LIDO	B	B
TING KAU	C	C
TUNG WAN, MA WAN	A	A

TUEN MUN DISTRICT

OLD CAFETERIA	X	X
NEW CAFETERIA	A	A
CASTLE PEAK	X	X
KADOORIE BEACH	B	B
BUTTERFLY	A	A

NOTE: "X" THE BEACH HAS BEEN DECLARED UNSUITABLE FOR SWIMMING.
* NON-GAZETTED BEACHES.

THE FOLLOWING BEACHES HAVE CHANGED GRADING ON THIS OCCASION:
HAIRPIN, FROM "B" TO "A"; AND STANLEY MAIN, FROM "C" TO "B".

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THE CHANGES ARE WITHIN THE NORMAL RANGE OF FLUCTUATION OF THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF THESE TWO BEACHES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT MR PAUL HOLMES, THE EPD'S PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER (WATER POLICY), ON 3-7211044.

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DB COMMITTEE TO BE BRIEFED ON WATER QUALITY
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THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL LEARN OF PROGRESS REGARDING IMPROVEMENT OF WATER QUALITY IN KAI TAK NULLAH AND KOWLOON BAY TYPHOON SHELTER AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

A BRIEFING ON THE SUBJECT WILL BE GIVEN BY A SENIOR ENGINEER OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR C.H. YAU. HE AND A SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, MR PETER BALDWIN, WILL ANSWER QUESTIONS AT THE MEETING.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS A TRAFFIC NOISE IMPACT STUDY OF THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL AND APPROACHES PROJECT.

IN ADDITION, THEY WILL SELECT CO-OPTED MEMBERS FOR THE COMMITTEE.

ALSO ON THE AGENDA ARE PROGRESS REPORTS ON LOCAL WORKS PROJECTS AND MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, TUNG YAN STREET.

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OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH EXHIBITION OPENING IN YUEN LONG
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A FIVE-DAY EXHIBITION ON OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH WILL BEGIN AT THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL ON MONDAY (JULY 4).

THE EXHIBITION IS ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

IT AIMS AT ENHANCING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AS WELL AS INFORMING EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS OF VARIOUS OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH DISEASES, AND THE PREVENTIVE MEASURES THAT CAN BE TAKEN.

"IN PARTICULAR, WE WOULD LIKE TO ADVISE SCHOOL LEAVERS WHO INTEND TO TAKE UP JOBS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF HEALTH AT WORK, AND TO INTRODUCE TO EMPLOYERS THE METHODS OF MAINTAINING A HEALTHY WORKING ENVIRONMENT," A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE EXHIBITION WILL DESCRIBE NINE MOST COMMON DISEASES AND OCCUPATIONAL HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG.

THEY ARE ASBESTOSIS, SILICOSIS, OCCUPATIONAL DERMATITIS, DECOMPRESSION SICKNESS, LEAD POISONING, CHEMICAL GASES AND MIST, NON-IONISING RADIATION, AND SOLVENT VAPOURS.

OCCUPATIONAL HYGIENISTS AND MEDICAL STAFF FROM THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL BE ON HAND TO ANSWER ENQUIRIES FROM THE PUBLIC AND TO CARRY OUT BREATHING TESTS FOR VISITORS.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING WILL BE A LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR TAI CHIN-WAH; THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR HAROLD KWOK; YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WONG CHI-KWONG; OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH CONSULTANT OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, DR S.Y. CHAN; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, MR LEUNG SHUI-FAT.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 11 AM TO 8.30 PM DAILY UNTIL FRIDAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AT THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL, 4 TAI YUK ROAD, YUEN LONG, AT 3 PM ON MONDAY (JULY 4).

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1987 SHIPPING, PORT AND CARGO STATISTICS RELEASED

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IN 1987, 14,876 SHIPS WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 90.0 MILLION NET REGISTERED TONS (NRT) ARRIVED IN HONG KONG, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 1,116 (OR 8 PER CENT) IN NUMBER AND OF 7.6 MILLION NRT (OR 9 PER CENT) IN CAPACITY OVER 1986, ACCORDING TO THE HONG KONG SHIPPING STATISTICS REPORT PUBLISHED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CARGO DISCHARGED IN HONG KONG FROM INCOMING SHIPS (ESTIMATED FROM A SAMPLE OF MANIFEST CONSIGNMENTS) INCREASED BY 11 PER CENT.

WHEN ANALYSED BY SHIP TYPE, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE NUMBER OF CONTAINER VESSELS (+769), DRY BULK CARRIERS (+140) AND SEMI-CONTAINER VESSELS (+57), WHILE DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE NUMBER OF CONVENTIONAL CARGO VESSELS (-112) AND OIL TANKERS (-49).

INCREASES IN NUMBER WERE RECORDED FOR SHIPS REGISTERED IN CHINA (+419), PANAMA (+339), LIBERIA (+85) AND WEST GERMANY (+69), BUT DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR THOSE REGISTERED IN THE U.S.A. (-108) AND SOUTH KOREA (-40).

THE NUMBER OF SHIPS WITH A CAPACITY OF LESS THAN 10,000 DEADWEIGHT TONS INCREASED (+543).

IN 1987, THERE WERE 14,853 OUTGOING SHIPS WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 90.0 MILLION NRT, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 1,092 (OR 8 PER CENT) IN NUMBER AND OF 7.6 MILLION NRT (OR 9 PER CENT) IN CAPACITY OVER 1986.

THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CARGO LOADED ONTO OUTGOING SHIPS (ESTIMATED FROM A SAMPLE OF MANIFEST CONSIGNMENTS) ROSE BY 18 PER CENT. ABOUT 65 PER CENT OF THE DEPARTING SHIPS STAYED IN HONG KONG FOR LESS THAN TWO DAYS.

OF THE CARGO DISCHARGED FROM INCOMING SHIPS, 84 PER CENT IN TERMS OF TONNAGE WAS IMPORTS AND 16 PER CENT WAS TRANSHIPMENT CARGO. OF THE CARGO LOADED ONTO OUTGOING SHIPS, 56 PER CENT WAS EXPORTS (INCLUDING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS) AND 44 PER CENT WAS TRANSHIPMENT CARGO.

THE MAJOR COUNTRIES OF LOADING FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS IN TONNAGE TERMS WERE SINGAPORE (15 PER CENT), CHINA (13 PER CENT), JAPAN (13 PER CENT), AUSTRALIA (10 PER CENT), SOUTH AFRICA (10 PER CENT) AND TAIWAN (9 PER CENT).

THE MAJOR COUNTRIES OF DISCHARGE FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS WERE THE U.S.A. (21 PER CENT), TAIWAN (11 PER CENT), CHINA (9 PER CENT), JAPAN (7 PER CENT) AND SOUTH KOREA (6 PER CENT).

/TRANSHIPMENT CARGO

TRANSHIPMENT CARGO WAS MAINLY LOADED IN CHINA (30 PER CENT) AND THE U.S.A. (20 PER CENT); AND WAS MAINLY DISCHARGED IN CHINA (20 PER CENT) AND THE U.S.A. (12 PER CENT).

COMPARING 1987 WITH 1986, INCREASES IN TONNAGE WERE NOTED FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS FROM INDONESIA (+80 PER CENT), SOUTH KOREA (+37 PER CENT), WEST GERMANY (+23 PER CENT), CANADA (+23 PER CENT) AND CHINA (+21 PER CENT); BUT A DECREASE IN TONNAGE WAS NOTED FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS FROM THE U.S.A. (-11 PER CENT).

AS A WHOLE, THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF SEABORNE IMPORTS ROSE BY 9 PER CENT.

AMONG THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES, INCREASES IN CARGO TONNAGE WERE RECORDED FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS OF ORGANIC CHEMICALS (+46 PER CENT), CORK AND WOOD MANUFACTURES (EXCLUDING FURNITURES) (+43 PER CENT), CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED (+40 PER CENT) AND ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS (+38 PER CENT).

DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS OF INORGANIC CHEMICALS (-20 PER CENT) AND PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (-9 PER CENT).

COMPARING 1987 WITH 1986, THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF SEABORNE EXPORTS (DOMESTIC EXPORTS PLUS RE-EXPORTS) INCREASED BY 15 PER CENT.

INCREASES IN TONNAGE WERE RECORDED FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS TO THAILAND (+105 PER CENT), SOUTH KOREA (+90 PER CENT), JAPAN (+59 PER CENT), THE NETHERLANDS (+54 PER CENT), WEST GERMANY (+39 PER CENT), AUSTRALIA (+31 PER CENT) AND THE U.S.A. (+19 PER CENT).

A DECREASE WAS RECORDED FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS TO CHINA (-32 PER CENT).

AMONG THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES, INCREASES IN TONNAGE WERE NOTED FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS OF NON-FERROUS METALS (+91 PER CENT), MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED (+87 PER CENT), COTTON TEXTILES (+58 PER CENT) AND CLAY AND KAOLIN (+47 PER CENT).

DECREASES IN TONNAGE WERE NOTED FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS OF VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (-34 PER CENT) AND PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (-32 PER CENT).

OF THE CARGO DISCHARGED FROM INCOMING SHIPS, INCLUDING SEABORNE IMPORTS AND INWARD TRANSHIPMENT, 31 PER CENT IN TERMS OF TONNAGE WAS CONTAINERISED CARGO.

OF THAT LOADED ONTO OUTGOING SHIPS, INCLUDING SEABORNE EXPORTS AND OUTWARD TRANSHIPMENT, 76 PER CENT WAS CONTAINERISED CARGO.

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IN TERMS OF TONNAGE, CONTAINERISED CARGO ACCOUNTED FOR 26 PER CENT OF SEABORNE IMPORTS. IN PARTICULAR, CONTAINERISED CARGO ACCOUNTED FOR A LARGE PROPORTION OF SEABORNE IMPORTS FROM ITALY (99 PER CENT), FRANCE (97 PER CENT), THE NETHERLANDS (86 PER CENT), THE U.S.A. (82 PER CENT) AND THE UNITED KINGDOM (69 PER CENT).

THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CONTAINERISED SEABORNE IMPORTS IN 1987 ROSE BY 22 PER CENT OVER 1986.

AMONG THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES, CONTAINERISED CARGO ACCOUNTED FOR, IN TONNAGE TERMS, 94 PER CENT OF SEABORNE IMPORTS OF ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, 88 PER CENT OF TEXTILES OF MAN-MADE FIBRES, 84 PER CENT OF PAPER, PAPERBOARD AND ARTICLES OF PAPER PULP, OF PAPER OR OF PAPERBOARD AND 84 PER CENT OF CHEMICAL MATERIALS AND PRODUCTS, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED.

OF SEABORNE EXPORTS, CONTAINERISED CARGO ACCOUNTED FOR 72 PER CENT IN TERMS OF TONNAGE.

IN PARTICULAR, CONTAINERISED CARGO ACCOUNTED FOR ALMOST ALL OF THE SEABORNE EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE, THE U.S.A., WEST GERMANY, AUSTRALIA, CANADA AND THE NETHERLANDS.

THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CONTAINERISED SEABORNE EXPORTS IN 1987 ROSE BY 31 PER CENT OVER 1986.

THE SEABORNE EXPORTS OF SOME PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES WERE NEARLY ALL CONTAINERISED.

THESE INCLUDED COTTON GARMENTS; TOYS; GARMENTS OF MIXED MATERIALS OR OTHER MATERIALS, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED; FOOTWEAR; CANNED FOOD; PLASTIC MANUFACTURES, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED; COTTON TEXTILES AND TEXTILES OF MIXED MATERIALS OR OTHER MATERIALS, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED.

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

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

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

MORE DETAILS ON SHIPPING, PORT AND CARGO STATISTICS FOR 1987 ARE CONTAINED IN THE "HONG KONG SHIPPING STATISTICS REPORT" FOR 1987, WHICH IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT CENTRE, CENTRAL, AT \$29.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ON STATISTICS PROVIDED IN THE REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE SHIPPING STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 5-8234891.

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1988 SYP KICKS OFF AT QES TOMORROW

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ABOUT 2,000 YOUNG PEOPLE FROM YOUTH GROUPS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS WILL BE TREATED TO AN HOUR OF FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) EVENING TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE 1988 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A SWINGING SUMMER CONCERT JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME COMMITTEE, URBAN COUNCIL AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG.

THE EVENT WILL KICK OFF THIS YEAR'S \$20 MILLION SYP THAT WILL PROVIDE ABOUT 1.5 MILLION YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN MORE THAN 11,000 ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO ENABLE THEM TO SPEND THEIR SUMMER HOLIDAYS IN A MEANINGFUL WAY.

SOURCES OF THE FUNDS INCLUDE A MAJOR DONATION FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND ALLOCATIONS MADE BY VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, DISTRICT BOARDS AND DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS.

WITH THE CONTINUING THEME OF "SHARE THE FUN, SERVE THE COMMUNITY", THE SYP IS TARGETTED AT YOUNG PEOPLE BETWEEN SIX AND 25 YEARS OLD WITH THE AIM OF ENCOURAGING THEM TO HAVE AN ENJOYABLE AND MEANINGFUL SUMMER.

PROGRAMMES ORGANISED BY VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, DISTRICT BOARDS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES INCLUDE MUSIC CAMPS, FORESTRY CAMPS, COMMUNITY PROJECTS, LEADERSHIP TRAINING, AND MANY OTHER EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

ENQUIRIES ON THE DETAILS OF THIS YEAR'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CAN BE MADE AT ANY DISTRICT OFFICE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 1988 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME AT 8 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AND THE SWINGING SUMMER CONCERT THAT FOLLOWS.

ALSO PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR BOWEN LEUNG, WILL PRESENT SOUVENIRS TO THE CHAIRMEN OF 19 DISTRICT COMMITTEES ON SYP AT 7.30 PM AT THE SAME VENUE, WHICH IS ALSO OPEN TO THE PRESS.

PRESS MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO CHECK IN AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM BEFORE 7.15 PM.

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CARNIVAL TO LAUNCH SYP IN KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT
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KOWLOON CITY RESIDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY AN AFTERNOON OF FUN ON JULY 10 (SUNDAY) WHEN THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME OPENS WITH A CARNIVAL AT THE ARGYLE STREET PLAYGROUND.

THE EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD.

THE CARNIVAL WILL FEATURE GAMES STALLS, A COMPUTER GAME, A ROBOT, A SINGING COMPETITION, A CHILDREN TALENT SHOW AND FOLK DANCE GROUP PERFORMANCES.

FREE COUPONS FOR THE GAMES STALLS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE PUBLIC ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVE BASIS TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, ITS TWO SUB-OFFICES AND CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES IN THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT.

ABOUT 340 ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN ORGANISED BY LOCAL VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, ORGANISATIONS AND SCHOOLS, WITH THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS CONTRIBUTING \$360,000 TOWARDS THE COST.

ABOUT 40,000 PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 25 ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN THESE ACTIVITIES WHICH WILL BE HELD UNTIL THE END OF AUGUST.

THESE ACTIVITIES, CENTRED ON THE THEME OF 'SHARING THE FUN AND SERVING THE COMMUNITY', WILL INCLUDE CAMPINGS, OUTINGS, CARNIVALS, GAMES, SPORTS, TRAINING COURSES AND SUMMER CLASSES FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS.

COPIES OF A BOOKLET WITH DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE ACTIVITIES ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, ITS TWO SUB-OFFICES, ORGANISING AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY NEXT SUNDAY WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, MR PETER LEE; KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALEX FONG; DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MR NG KAI-KIN; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE, MR TANG PO-HONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME OPENING CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT 3.30 PM NEXT SUNDAY (JULY 10) AT THE ARGYLE STREET PLAYGROUND.

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MORE SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR KWAI TSING YOUNG PEOPLE

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THE KWAI TSING SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME DISTRICT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON SATURDAY (JULY 2) TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF ACTIVITIES ORGANISED FOR YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE DISTRICT DURING THE SUMMER VACATION.

MORE THAN 600 ACTIVITIES WILL BE ORGANISED THIS YEAR, REPRESENTING A 20 PER CENT INCREASE OVER THAT OF LAST YEAR.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MR SO HOI-PAN, ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OF KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, MISS JENNIFER MAK AND CHAIRMEN OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORKING GROUPS WILL BE PRESENT AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD BY THE KWAI TSING SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME DISTRICT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE AT 11 AM ON SATURDAY (JULY 2) AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM, 10/F, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING (NEXT TO KWAI HING MTR STATION), KWAI CHUNG.

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TUEN MUN RESIDENTS HELP TO IMPROVE ENVIRONMENT

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THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT WILL ORGANISE A CLEAN BEACH DAY AND TREE PLANTING DAY ON SATURDAY (JULY 2) IN THE BUTTERFLY BAY AREA TO GET THE CLEAN HONG KONG MESSAGE ACROSS TO RESIDENTS.

SPONSORED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD, THE ACTIVITIES ARE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ENVIRONMENT IMPROVEMENT AND DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, TUEN MUN DISTRICT CLEAN HONG KONG COMMITTEE AND THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB.

THE OBJECTIVE OF THE EVENTS IS TO PROMOTE THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN AND TO FOSTER A SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG RESIDENTS THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN DISTRICT SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES.

STUDENTS FROM 26 SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS WILL TAKE PART IN A "COLLECTION OF RUBBISH COMPETITION" AT BUTTERFLY BEACH. THE COMPETITION WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM.

A SHOW HOSTED BY TWO RTHK DISC JOCKEYS WILL BE HELD ON THE BEACH FROM 1 PM TO 4 PM. THE FREE PROGRAMME WILL EMBRACE MUSIC, A TALK SHOW AND CLEAN BEACH SLOGANS.

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MEANWHILE, 80 TREE SAPLINGS WILL BE PLANTED BY STUDENTS AND RESIDENTS AT THE OPEN SPACE BETWEEN THE BUTTERFLY ESTATE BUS TERMINUS AND MELODY GARDEN TO ENHANCE THE ENVIRONMENT.

AN OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 11 AM AT THE ABOVE VENUE. DURING THE CEREMONY, PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE WINNING SCHOOLS IN THE RUBBISH COLLECTING COMPETITION.

OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR LAU WONG-FAT; VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR MA NING-HEI; TUEN MUN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS M.K. NG; PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER, DR MICHAEL CHIU; CHIEF ARCHITECT (NT/NORTHWEST) OF THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, MR F. MINU; AND SENIOR INSPECTOR OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (COMUNITY YOUTH CLUB), MR C.B. LAU.

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE DAY'S ACTIVITIES WILL BE POSTPONED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT CLEAN BEACH DAY AND TREE PLANTING DAY WILL BE HELD AT 11 AM ON SATURDAY (JULY 2) AT THE OPEN SPACE BETWEEN BUTTERFLY ESTATE BUS TERMINUS AND MELODY GARDEN. YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO TAKE GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT TO THE VENUE ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 9.45 AM ON THAT DAY.

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TREE PLANTING TO MARK ENVIRONMENT DAY
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A "TREE-PLANTING DAY" WILL BE HELD IN YAU TSIM DISTRICT ON SATURDAY (JULY 2) TO COMMEMORATE THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 1988.

THE EVENT IS ORGANISED AS PART OF THE DISTRICT'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN TO AROUSE RESIDENTS' AWARENESS IN KEEPING THEIR SURROUNDINGS NEAT AND TIDY.

THE CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE AMENITY PLOT NEXT TO THE SPACE MUSEUM IN TSIM SHA TSUI.

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OFFICIATING WILL BE THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG; YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH; CHAIRMAN OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR GARY AHUJA; AND URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR PHILIP KWOK.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TREE-PLANTING DAY CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT THE AMENITY PLOT NEXT TO THE SPACE MUSEUM, TSIM SHA TSUI, AT 11 AM ON SATURDAY (JULY 2).

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YAU TSIM FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN STARTS ON SATURDAY

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THE ANNUAL FIGHT CRIME PUBLICITY DRIVE IN YAU TSIM DISTRICT WILL START ON SATURDAY (JULY 2).

ORGANISED BY THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, THE DRIVE WILL CONSIST OF A NUMBER OF PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING A "FIGHT CRIME WEEK", SEMINARS, A SINGING CONTEST WITH ANTI-TRIAD AS THE THEME AND AN INTER-SCHOOL QUIZ ON FIGHT CRIME KNOWLEDGE.

AS IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, THE COMMITTEE WILL PRESENT GOOD CITIZENS AWARDS TO HONOUR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE HELPED THE POLICE APPREHEND CULPRITS IN THE DISTRICT.

A CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE NEW WORLD PLAZA AT 2.30 PM ON SATURDAY (JULY 2) TO MARK THE LAUNCHING OF THE PUBLICITY DRIVE.

THE CEREMONY WILL BE FOLLOWED BY DANCE AND SINGING PERFORMANCES AND AN ANTI-TRIAD DRAMA TO BE STAGED BY THE FRINGE CLUB. AMONG THE PERFORMING ARTISTS WILL BE MARIA CORDERO AND THE "EQUATOR".

A SPECIALLY DECORATED BUS WILL LATER TOUR THE DISTRICT, WITH CARTOON CHARACTERS DISTRIBUTING FIGHT CRIME LEAFLETS TO THE PUBLIC.

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OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG; YAU MA TEI POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR IAN SEABOURNE; YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH, AND YAU TSIM DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR YANG TZE-KIANG.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE ANNUAL YAU TSIM DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME PUBLICITY DRIVE TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM ON SATURDAY (JULY 2) AT THE NEW WORLD PLAZA, TSIM SHA TSUI.

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WORKS BRIEFING FOR NORTH DB
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THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE ANNUAL WORKS PROGRAMME IN THE DISTRICT AT A SUPPLEMENTARY MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

BRIEFINGS WILL BE GIVEN BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, HOUSING DEPARTMENT, SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

TWO MEMBERS WILL PRESENT PAPERS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING.

ONE PAPER TOUCHES ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AREA COMMITTEES IN THE DISTRICT, AND THE OTHER RELATES TO THE APPLICATION OF THE ROADS (WORKS, USE AND COMPENSATION) ORDINANCE TO LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS AND MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS INVOLVING VILLAGE ACCESS.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE AN APPLICATION FROM THE SECOND NORTH DISTRICT FLOWER, BIRD, INSECT AND FISH SHOW ORGANISING COMMITTEE FOR GRANTS UNDER THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S DISTRICT FESTIVALS SUBSIDY SCHEME, AND A REPORT FROM THE NORTH DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD SUPPLEMENTARY MEETING TO BEGIN AT 9.30 AM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING.

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FIRING PRACTICE IN JULY

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON 18 DAYS NEXT MONTH.

THE PUBLIC IS WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES AND TIMES THAT FIRING PRACTICES WILL TAKE PLACE:

DATE	TIME
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JULY 1 (FRIDAY)	6 AM - 7.30 PM
JULY 2 (SATURDAY)	6 AM - 7.30 PM
JULY 4 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 5 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 6 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 7 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 8 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 11 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 12 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 13 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 14 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
JULY 15 (FRIDAY)	MIDNIGHT - 5 PM
JULY 18 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 20 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 21 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 22 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 25 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 27 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM

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CLOSURE OF UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS SOUGHT

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS TO SEEK THE CLOSURE OF UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS ON AP LEI CHAU SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS OR TO THE PUBLIC.

THEY ARE LOCATED ON THE FLAT ROOF ADJACENT TO FLAT 7, 3RD FLOOR, BLOCK B, AP LEI CHAU CENTRE.

THE CLOSURE IS PART OF AN EXERCISE TO ENFORCE AN ORDER ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE IN JULY 1985 REQUIRING THE DEMOLITION OF THESE UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS. HOWEVER, THE OWNER FAILED TO COMPLY WITH THE ORDER.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON AUGUST 10 WAS POSTED ON A CONSPICUOUS PART OF THE STRUCTURES TODAY (THURSDAY).

IT IS INTENDED THAT DEMOLITION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CLOSURE ORDER IS OBTAINED.

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