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BILL PROPOSES TIGHTER CONTROL ON POISON SALES
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TIGHTER CONTROL ON THE SALE OF POISONS AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS AT RETAIL OUTLETS WILL SHORTLY BE INTRODUCED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

PROPOSALS FOR TIGHTENING THE CONTROL OF DRUGS ARE CONTAINED IN THE PHARMACY AND POISONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

UNDER THE PROPOSED NEW LAW, THE CONTROL OF THE RETAIL SALE OF POISONS AND DRUGS WILL INCLUDE +SUPPLY WITHOUT PAYMENT+. THIS PROVISION WILL REMOVE A LOOPHOLE IN THE EXISTING LEGISLATION WHICH ONLY COVERS SUPPLY WITH PAYMENT.

THE BILL ALSO SEEKS TO REDEFINE THE WORD +DISPENSE+ IN THE MAIN ORDINANCE TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE WORD MEANS THE SUPPLY OF A MEDICINE OR POISON ON AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PRESCRIPTION AND THE COMPOUNDING OR MIXING OF SUBSTANCES, INCLUDING POISONS AND THE SUPPLYING OF SUCH SUBSTANCES.

ARRANGEMENTS PROHIBITING THE DISPENSING OF MEDICINE BY LISTED SELLERS OF POISONS WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION.

ALTHOUGH THE EXISTING LEGISLATION PROHIBITS LISTED SELLERS OF POISONS FROM SELLING PART I POISONS, IT DOES NOT PROHIBIT THEM FROM DISPENSING PRESCRIPTIONS. THIS SITUATION IS UNSATISFACTORY AS LISTED SELLERS, WHO ARE NOT REQUIRED BY LAW TO ENGAGE A REGISTERED PHARMACIST, ARE NOT COMPETENT TO DISPENSE PRESCRIPTIONS.

ANOTHER PROPOSAL OF THE BILL PROVIDES FOR TIGHTER CONTROL ON THE APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION OF PREMISES OF AUTHORISED SELLERS. UNDER THE EXISTING LAW, THE PHARMACY AND POISONS BOARD HAS NO AUTHORITY TO REJECT AN APPLICATION FOR THE REGISTRATION OF PREMISES AS LONG AS IT IS USED FOR THE SALE OF POISONS AND THE SALE IS CONDUCTED OR SUPERVISED BY A REGISTERED PHARMACIST.

THE AMENDING LEGISLATION WILL EMPOWER THE PHARMACY AND POISONS BOARD TO ACCEPT OR TO REFUSE AN APPLICATION TO REGISTER AS +AUTHORISED SELLER OF POISONS+ OR TO IMPOSE SUCH CONDITIONS AS IT THINKS FIT.

IN ADDITION, THE BILL WILL PROVIDE FOR A LOGO IN A PRESCRIBED FORM TO BE DISPLAYED ONLY BY AUTHORISED SELLERS OF POISONS.

OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE BILL WILL EFFECT CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OF THE PHARMACY AND POISONS BOARD AND THE COMMITTEE OF EXAMINERS. THESE WILL STRENGTHEN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD BY INCLUDING A PHARMACOLOGIST FROM EACH OF THE TWO UNIVERSITIES AS WELL AS TO ENABLE A PHARMACOLOGIST FROM EITHER UNIVERSITY TO BE APPOINTED TO THE COMMITTEE.

THE BILL IS SCHEDULED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR ITS FIRST READING ON JULY 16.

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ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR VISITS BY MACAU RESIDENTS
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EX-CHINA RESIDENTS OF MACAU WHO HAVE LIVED IN MACAU FOR MORE THAN SEVEN YEARS WILL BE ALLOWED TO VISIT HONG KONG UNDER NEW ARRANGEMENTS TO BE INTRODUCED FROM AUGUST 1, 1986.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM RESIDENTS OF MACAU WHOSE MACAU IDENTITY CARDS WERE ISSUED AFTER JANUARY 14, 1979 AND WHO CAN SHOW THAT THEY HAVE BEEN LIVING IN MACAU FOR AT LEAST SEVEN YEARS AT THE DATE OF APPLICATION.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT LOCAL SPONSORS MAY FROM TODAY OBTAIN APPLICATION FORMS FROM ANY PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

THESE FORMS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM ANY IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT BRANCH OFFICE OR REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE, EXCEPT THE OFFICES AT THE NEW RODNEY BLOCK, QUEENSWAY. THE FORMS MAY ALSO BE OBTAINED BY WRITING TO THE INFORMATION OFFICE OF IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT 61 MODY ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS FOR VISITS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED FROM AUGUST 1, 1986 BY MAIL TO THE MACAU VISIT PERMIT OFFICE, NEW RODNEY BLOCK, SECOND FLOOR, 99 QUEENSWAY.

ONCE A VISIT PERMIT IS ISSUED, THE APPLICANT WILL BE ABLE TO PAY ONE VISIT OF UP TO 14 DAYS. FURTHER VISITS WILL BE ALLOWED ONCE EVERY SIX MONTHS. PERMIT HOLDERS, HOWEVER, MUST RETURN TO MACAU AT THE END OF THEIR TWO WEEKS' VISIT AND EXTENSIONS OF STAY WILL NOT BE PERMITTED. ANY VISITORS WHO DELIBERATELY OVERSTAY WILL NOT NORMALLY BE ELIGIBLE FOR FURTHER VISITS.

THE DEPARTMENT ALSO ANNOUNCED AN ENTRY SCHEME FOR MACAU RESIDENTS. UNDER THE SCHEME, WHICH WILL ALSO BE INTRODUCED FROM AUGUST 1, 1986, A LIMITED NUMBER OF EX-CHINA RESIDENTS OF MACAU WHO ARE MARRIED TO HONG KONG RESIDENTS (TOGETHER WITH THEIR CHILDREN) MAY APPLY TO JOIN THEIR HUSBANDS IN HONG KONG. IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM THOSE WHOSE MACAU IDENTITY CARDS WERE ISSUED BETWEEN JANUARY 15 AND FEBRUARY 28, 1979 (BOTH DATES INCLUSIVE), BUT OTHERS WILL BE INVITED TO APPLY LATER.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR ENTRY MAY BE OBTAINED FROM ANY PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, AND FROM ANY IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT BRANCH OFFICE OR REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE, EXCEPT THE OFFICES AT THE NEW RODNEY BLOCK, QUEENSWAY.

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THE FORMS MAY ALSO BE OBTAINED BY WRITING TO THE INFORMATION OFFICE OF IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, 61 MODY ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED FROM AUGUST 1, 1986 BY THE SPONSORS IN PERSON TO THE ENTRY VISA SECTION OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, 61 MODY ROAD, THIRD FLOOR, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO MAKE ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE VISIT OR THE ENTRY SCHEME MAY TELEPHONE THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION OFFICE ON 3-7333126.

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MONETARY STATISTICS FOR MAY 1986

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HONG KONG DOLLAR DEMAND DEPOSITS FELL IN MAY AFTER THE UNUSUAL INCREASE IN APRIL, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS PUBLISHED BY THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH TODAY. HONG KONG DOLLAR SAVINGS DEPOSITS AND TIME DEPOSITS, HOWEVER, INCREASED. DEPOSITS IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES ALSO CONTINUED TO GROW.

THE FALL IN HONG KONG DOLLAR DEMAND DEPOSITS RESULTED IN A DECREASE IN HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY AND TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY ON ALL DEFINITIONS.

LOANS AND ADVANCES FELL IN MAY, AGAIN DUE TO THE UNUSUAL INCREASE IN LOANS DENOMINATED IN HONG KONG DOLLARS IN APRIL. LOANS TO FINANCE THE VISIBLE TRADE OF HONG KONG ALSO FELL AFTER INCREASING RAPIDLY IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

A STATISTICAL TABLE, WHICH SETS OUT SUMMARY FIGURES FOR MAY 1986 AND COMPARISONS WITH EARLIER MONTHS, WILL BE SENT BY FACSIMILE NETWORK.

DEPOSITS

TOTAL HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS FELL IN MAY AS DEMAND DEPOSITS FELL BACK FROM THE UNUSUALLY HIGH LEVEL CAUSED BY THE CATHAY PACIFIC ISSUE AT THE END OF APRIL, OFFSETTING THE INCREASE IN HONG KONG DOLLAR SAVINGS AND TIME DEPOSITS OF 5.5 PER CENT AND 0.4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY DURING THE MONTH.

AT OVER HK\$218 BILLION, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS AT THE END OF MAY WERE ABOUT THE SAME AS THAT AT THE END OF FEBRUARY AND 7.4 PER CENT HIGHER THAN A YEAR AGO.

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TAKING ACCOUNT OF SWAP DEPOSITS, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS TOTALLED HK\$249 BILLION AT THE END OF MAY. GROWTH DURING THE THREE MONTHS TO MAY WAS 1.6 PER CENT AND DURING THE 12 MONTHS TO MAY WAS 8.9 PER CENT.

FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS TOTALLED AN EQUIVALENT OF HK\$267 BILLION AT THE END OF MAY, OR HK\$237 BILLION EXCLUDING SWAP DEPOSITS. THERE WAS AN INCREASE IN MAY OF 2 PER CENT.

IN THE THREE MONTHS TO MAY FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS GREW BY 4.6 PER CENT AND OVER THE 12 MONTHS BY 37.8 PER CENT. EXCLUDING SWAP DEPOSITS THE CORRESPONDING INCREASES WERE 3.3 PER CENT AND 40.3 PER CENT.

FOREIGN CURRENCY SWAP DEPOSITS CONTINUED TO INCREASE, BY 2.3 PER CENT AFTER AN INCREASE OF 10.8 PER CENT IN APRIL.

IN THE THREE MONTHS TO MAY, DEPOSITS (ALL CURRENCIES) WITH BANKS ROSE BY 4.9 PER CENT WHILE THOSE WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES FELL BY 8.8 PER CENT. OVER THE 12 MONTHS, THE GROWTH RATES WERE 25.8 PER CENT FOR BANKS AND 6.5 PER CENT FOR DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES.

HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY

HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY ON ALL DEFINITIONS FELL, DUE TO THE UNUSUAL INCREASE IN THESE AGGREGATES IN APRIL. IN THE THREE MONTHS TO MAY, HOWEVER, HK\$M2 GREW BY 1.7 PER CENT WHILE HK\$M1 AND HK\$M3 FELL BY 0.8 PER CENT AND 0.5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

AFTER ADJUSTING FOR SWAP DEPOSITS, BOTH HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3 INCREASED IN THE THREE MONTHS TO MAY, BY 3.4 PER CENT AND 1.1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY

TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY FELL ON ALL DEFINITIONS, AGAIN REFLECTING THE UNUSUAL INCREASE IN APRIL. OVER THE THREE MONTHS TO MAY, TOTAL M2 AND TOTAL M3 INCREASED BY 4.3 PER CENT AND 2.1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY WHILE TOTAL M1 FELL BY 2 PER CENT.

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LOANS AND ADVANCES

LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES FELL IN MAY, AGAIN DUE TO THE UNUSUAL INCREASE IN LOANS IN APRIL. IN THE THREE MONTHS TO MAY, HOWEVER, THESE LOANS GREW BY 3 PER CENT. OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS, THE GROWTH RATE WAS 7.7 PER CENT.

IN THE THREE MONTHS TO MAY, LOANS DENOMINATED IN HONG KONG DOLLARS GREW BY 2.4 PER CENT WHILE LOANS DENOMINATED IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES GREW BY 3.6 PER CENT.

WITHIN THE TOTAL, LOANS TO FINANCE THE VISIBLE TRADE OF HONG KONG FELL BY 1.7 PER CENT AFTER INCREASING BY 2.4 PER CENT IN MARCH AND 5.6 PER CENT IN APRIL. OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG ALSO FELL AS LOANS TO APPLICANTS FOR CATHAY PACIFIC SHARES WERE REPAID.

IN THE THREE MONTHS TO MAY, HOWEVER, LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG GREW BY 1.4 PER CENT. OVER THE LAST 12 MONTHS, THEY GREW BY 7.2 PER CENT.

LIQUIDITY RATIOS

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO (AS DEFINED IN S. 18 OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE) FOR ALL BANKS INCREASED TO 54.3 PER CENT IN MAY FROM 52.9 PER CENT IN APRIL. THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO FOR ALL DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES (AS DEFINED IN S. 24A OF THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ORDINANCE) INCREASED TO 41.6 PER CENT IN MAY FROM 40.2 PER CENT IN APRIL.

NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

THE NUMBER OF REPORTING LICENSED BANKS INCREASED BY 1 TO 150. THE NUMBER OF LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES REMAINED UNCHANGED AT 36. THE NUMBER OF REPORTING REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES DECREASED BY 2 TO 269.

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(HK\$mn)

	<u>May 1986</u>	<u>Earlier months</u> (% change to May 1986)		
		<u>Apr 1986</u>	<u>Feb 1986</u>	<u>May 1985</u>
<u>Money Supply</u>				
M1 - HK\$	42,341	92,189 (-54.1%)	42,690 (-0.8%)	36,792 (+15.1%)
Foreign currency	3,820	3,917 (-2.5%)	4,433 (-13.8%)	3,547 (+7.7%)
Total	46,161	96,106 (-52.0%)	47,123 (-2.0%)	40,339 (+14.4%)
M2 - HK\$	204,831	248,716 (-17.6%)	201,422 (+1.7%)	182,463 (+12.3%)
Foreign currency	226,471	220,781 (+2.6%)	211,938 (+6.9%)	161,617 (+40.1%)
Total	431,301	469,497 (-8.1%)	413,360 (+4.3%)	344,080 (+25.3%)
M3 - HK\$	240,273	285,463 (-15.8%)	241,476 (-0.5%)	219,926 (+9.3%)
Foreign currency	272,797	267,663 (+1.9%)	261,279 (+4.4%)	200,218 (+36.2%)
Total	513,069	553,126 (-7.2%)	502,755 (+2.1%)	420,144 (+22.1%)
<u>Deposits</u>				
Demand deposits	28,627	78,759 (-63.7%)	28,509 (+0.4%)	25,599 (+11.8%)
Savings deposits	103,156	97,017 (+6.3%)	100,976 (+2.2%)	88,034 (+17.2%)
Time deposits with banks	275,791	269,981 (+2.2%)	259,234 (+6.4%)	210,270 (+31.2%)
Time deposits with dtcs	78,078	79,853 (-2.2%)	85,626 (-8.8%)	73,306 (+6.5%)
All HK\$ deposits	218,168	263,466 (-17.2%)	218,574 (-0.2%)	203,057 (+7.4%)
All foreign currency deposits	267,484	262,144 (+2.0%)	255,770 (+4.6%)	194,151 (+37.8%)
Total	485,651	525,610 (-7.6%)	474,344 (+2.4%)	397,208 (+22.3%)
<u>Loans and advances</u>				
To finance Hong Kong's visible trade	33,107	33,664 (-1.7%)	31,131 (+6.3%)	32,525 (+1.8%)
To finance merchandising trade not touching Hong Kong	4,842	4,865 (-0.5%)	4,732 (+2.3%)	4,391 (+10.3%)
Other loans for use in Hong Kong	244,021	279,002 (-12.5%)	240,740 (+1.4%)	227,667 (+7.2%)
Other loans for use outside Hong Kong	158,942	160,076 (-0.7%)	152,196 (+4.4%)	148,041 (+7.4%)
Other loans where the place of use is not known	25,049	24,327 (+3.0%)	23,619 (+6.1%)	19,941 (+25.6%)
All loans in HK\$	231,054	267,413 (-13.6%)	225,712 (+2.4%)	217,306 (+6.3%)
All loans in foreign currencies	234,908	234,521 (+0.2%)	226,705 (+3.6%)	215,258 (+9.1%)
Total	465,962	501,934 (-7.2%)	452,417 (+3.0%)	432,564 (+7.7%)

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U.S. BANK'S LICENCE REVOKED

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CROCKER NATIONAL BANK'S (CNB) REQUEST FOR REVOCATION OF ITS BANKING LICENCE HAS BEEN GRANTED ON THE GROUND THAT IT HAS CEASED TO TRANSACT BANKING BUSINESS IN HONG KONG. A NOTICE TO THIS EFFECT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT UNDER THE BANKING ORDINANCE, THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL MAY REVOKE A BANKING LICENCE IF HE IS SATISFIED THAT THE HOLDER OF THE LICENCE HAS CEASED TO TRANSACT BANKING BUSINESS IN HONG KONG.

INCORPORATED IN THE UNITED STATES, CNB WAS LICENSED TO CONDUCT BANKING BUSINESS HERE IN SEPTEMBER 1978 AND COMMENCED OPERATION IN APRIL 1979.

IT BECAME A WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF MIDLAND BANK PLC IN MAY 1985 AND ITS HONG KONG BUSINESS, TOGETHER WITH ALL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, WERE TRANSFERRED TO THE LATTER IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR.

WITH THIS REVOCATION, THE NUMBER OF LICENSED BANKS IN HONG KONG NOW STANDS AT 151.

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MORE SHELTERED EMPLOYMENT FOR DISABLED PLANNED

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AN ADDITIONAL 2 960 PLACES IN SHELTERED WORKSHOPS WILL BECOME AVAILABLE IN 1990-91 FOR DISABLED PERSONS WHO CANNOT OBTAIN OPEN EMPLOYMENT BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OR SEVERITY OF THEIR DISABILITY, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ANSON CHAN, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND END-OF-SCHOOL-TERM CEREMONY OF THE SPASTICS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, SHE SAID THAT 460 SUCH PLACES WERE PLANNED FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

AT PRESENT SHELTERED WORKSHOPS AND FACTORIES FOR THE DISABLED WERE RUN BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND WELFARE AGENCIES AND PROVIDED 2 530 PLACES.

IN ADDITION, WORK ACTIVITY CENTRES PROVIDED TRAINING IN DAILY LIVING SKILLS AND SIMPLE WORK ACTIVITIES FOR MODERATELY AND SEVERELY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED ADULTS UNABLE TO BENEFIT FROM VOCATIONAL TRAINING OR SHELTERED WORK.

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+THERE ARE AT PRESENT 730 WORK ACTIVITY PLACES PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

+THIS FISCAL YEAR, 290 ADDITIONAL WORK ACTIVITY PLACES WILL BE PROVIDED. BY 1990-91, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF WORK ACTIVITY PLACES WILL BE INCREASED TO 2 060,+ SHE SAID.

HOWEVER, MRS CHAN ADDED THAT DISABLED PERSONS MIGHT HAVE TO WAIT FOR SOME TIME BEFORE FINDING OPEN EMPLOYMENT OR GAINING ADMISSION TO SHELTERED WORKSHOPS AND WORK ACTIVITY CENTRES.

SHE SAID THAT THE DEPARTMENT APPRECIATED THE WORRIES OF PARENTS IN THIS RESPECT AND OF WAYS TO INCREASE EXISTING CAPACITIES TO ENSURE THAT THEY DID NOT LOSE THOSE SKILLS WHICH THEY HAD ACQUIRED AT SCHOOL.

MRS CHAN ALSO SUGGESTED THAT PARENTS SHOULD ENCOURAGE THEIR DISABLED CHILDREN TO MAKE USE OF ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES PROVIDED BY SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL CENTRES DESIGNED FOR DISABLED.

THERE WERE AT PRESENT 23 SUCH CENTRES OFFERING ORGANISED SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS SPORTS TRAINING.

MRS CHAN SAID THAT FOR THE DISABLED, THE TRANSITION FROM SCHOOL TO WORK WAS DIFFICULT AND THAT THEY WOULD NEED ASSISTANCE IF THEY WERE TO MOVE A LESS RESTRICTIVE AND MORE INDEPENDENT LIFE.

ONE IMPORTANT AVENUE OF ASSISTANCE WAS VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION WHICH INCLUDED VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE AND ASSESSMENT, VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND PLACEMENT SERVICES.

VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE IN SPECIAL SCHOOLS WAS USUALLY CARRIED OUT BY SOCIAL WORKERS, WHILE VOCATIONAL ASSESSMENT WAS PROVIDED AT THE KWUN TONG SKILLS CENTRE FOR THE DISABLED OPERATED BY THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT.

MRS CHAN URGED PARENTS WITH DISABLED CHILDREN TO ADOPT A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS LIFE INSTEAD OF FEELING GRIEF OR GUILT.

+DO NOT DEPRIVE YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER OF THE JOYS OF HUMAN RELATIONSHIP -- LIKE A SIMPLE TRIP TO THE BEACH OR TO THE PARK -- BECAUSE OF THE IGNORANT PREJUDICE OF A FEW PEOPLE,+ SHE SAID.

PARENTS COULD APPROACH THE DEPARTMENT'S FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES FOR ADVICE AND INFORMATION. THERE WERE EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAMMES WHICH BEGAN TRAINING MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN FROM BIRTH, AND SPECIAL CHILD CARE CENTRES TO LOOK AFTER THE MORE SERIOUSLY PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN.

MRS CHAN EXPRESSED HER GRATITUDE TO THE SPASTICS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG FOR PROVIDING A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES FOR THE SEVERELY DISABLED INCLUDING RUNNING SPECIAL CHILD CARE CENTRES, SPECIAL SCHOOLS, SHELTERED WORKSHOPS AND RESIDENTIAL SERVICES.

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RATEPAYERS REMINDED TO PAY THIRD QUARTER RATES
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RATEPAYERS ARE REMINDED THAT RATES FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1986 MUST BE PAID BY 4 PM ON JULY 31.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TREASURY SAID TODAY THAT LATE PAYMENTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO A FIVE PER CENT SURCHARGE AND A FURTHER SURCHARGE OF 10 PER CENT ON ACCOUNTS STILL OUTSTANDING SIX MONTHS AFTER THE DUE DATE.

HE SAID RATEPAYERS SHOULD HAVE BY NOW RECEIVED DEMAND NOTES.

THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED DEMAND NOTES SHOULD APPLY FOR A COPY AT THE TREASURY RATES SECTION, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), NINTH FLOOR, 11 ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG- THE YAU MA TEI SUB-TREASURY, FOURTH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON- OR THE KOWLOON CITY SUB-TREASURY, MAN SANG COMMERCIAL BUILDING, FIRST FLOOR, 348-352 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD (CORNER OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AND JUNCTION ROAD), KOWLOON.

NON-RECEIPT OF THE DEMAND NOTE DOES NOT ALTER THE REQUIREMENT THAT RATES MUST BE PAID BEFORE THE DUE DATE, HE POINTED OUT.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT RATES ARE PAYABLE ON VACANT PREMISES BUT ARE REFUNDABLE UNDER CONDITIONS SPECIFIED IN THE RATING ORDINANCE.

HOWEVER, THERE WILL BE NO REFUND IN THE CASE OF A VACANT TENEMENT LAST USED OR INTENDED TO BE USED WHOLLY OR PRIMARILY FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES OR FOR THE PARKING OF VEHICLES, UNLESS IT IS VACANT BY REASON OF AN ORDER OF THE GOVERNMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO POINTED OUT THAT RATEPAYERS WHO HAD SUBMITTED A VALID DIRECT DEBIT AUTHORISATION SHOULD NOTE THAT PAYMENT SHOULD BE MADE BY POST OR IN PERSON AS STIPULATED IN THE DEMAND NOTE UNLESS THE WORDING +PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY AUTOPAY+ WAS SHOWN IN THE NOTE.

IN THIS CASE THEIR PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY DIRECT DEBIT TO THEIR BANK ACCOUNTS ON JULY 31, 1986.

IN THIS CONNECTION, RATEPAYERS SHOULD ENSURE THAT THEIR ACCOUNTS CONTAIN THE NECESSARY FUNDS ON THAT DATE.

TO AVOID QUEUEING, RATEPAYERS ARE URGED TO PAY BY CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER SENT BY POST OR BY EARLY PERSONAL ATTENDANCE AT ANY OF THE OFFICES LISTED ON THE BACK OF THE DEMAND NOTE.

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1984-85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY REPORT OUT
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A DETAILED REPORT ON THE 1984-85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY, ENTITLED +REPORT ON THE HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY 1984-85+, WAS RECENTLY PUBLISHED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED JOINTLY BY THE DEPARTMENT AND THE HAN SENG BANK DURING THE PERIOD BETWEEN OCTOBER 1984 AND SEPTEMBER 1985

RESULTS OF THE SURVEY WERE USED IN DETERMINING THE WEIGHTING SYSTEM OF THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES WHICH HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED SINCE APRIL 1986.

THE REPORT CONTAINS A COMPREHENSIVE ACCOUNT OF THE SURVEY'S OBJECTIVE, ITS DESIGN AND METHODOLOGY, AND ITS MAJOR FINDINGS. INCLUDED IN THE REPORT ARE THREE CHARTS AND 13 TABLES SHOWING THE VARIATION OF AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE PATTERNS BY DIFFERENT HOUSEHOLD AND HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS. THIS INFORMATION PROVIDES VALUABLE INSIGHT INTO THE CONSUMPTION PATTERNS OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG.

THE REPORT IS ON SALE AT \$25 A COPY, AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATION SALES COUNTER, 19TH FLOOR, KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 317 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT AT TELEPHONE: 3-7216558.

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BROADER CURRICULA TO MEET STUDENTS' NEEDS
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS BROADENING SCHOOL CURRICULA TO INCLUDE MORE NEW SUBJECTS AT ORDINARY LEVEL TO MEET THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS OF DIFFERENT APTITUDES AND LEARNING INTERESTS, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE JOINT GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - HONG KONG SYNOD'S SECONDARY SCHOOLS, MR LEUNG SAID THE EXPANSION OF CURRICULA WAS IN LINE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION IN THE 1978 WHITE PAPER ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF SENIOR SECONDARY AND TERTIARY EDUCATION.

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THIS WAS THAT STUDENTS AT FORMS 4 - 5 LEVEL SHOULD SELECT ONE PRACTICAL OR TECHNICAL SUBJECT, SUCH AS ART AND DESIGN, POTTERY, DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY, HOME ECONOMICS, NEEDLEWORK-DRESSING OR COMMERCIAL STUDIES.

OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, A NUMBER OF NEW SUBJECTS AT ORDINARY LEVEL HAD BEEN INTRODUCED IN THE CURRICULA. THESE INCLUDED ENGINEERING SCIENCE, HUMAN BIOLOGY, COMPUTER STUDIES AND SOCIAL STUDIES, MR LEUNG SAID.

TWO MORE NEW SUBJECTS WERE INTRODUCED RECENTLY -- ACCOMMODATION AND CATERING SERVICES, FASHION AND CLOTHING -- TO SUIT STUDENTS OF DIFFERENT APTITUDES AND ABILITIES.

TO FURTHER CATER FOR THE NEEDS OF PUPILS, MORE NEW SUBJECTS AT NON-ORDINARY LEVEL WOULD BE INTRODUCED. THEY WOULD INCLUDE BASIC MATHEMATICS, ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES, INTEGRATED SCIENCE AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION.

BASED ON THE BROADER CURRICULA PUPILS COULD SELECT SUBJECTS AT ORDINARY AND NON-ORDINARY LEVELS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR APTITUDE AND ABILITY.

THOSE WHO HAD ATTAINED GOOD ACADEMIC RESULTS COULD FURTHER THEIR STUDIES ACCORDING TO THEIR CHOICES WHILE THOSE WHO DID NOT DO SO WELL WOULD BE BETTER PREPARED TO ENTER INTO SOCIETY TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT, MR LEUNG ADDED.

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MORE LAND FOR TAI PO DEVELOPMENT
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THE GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO FORM ABOUT 20 HECTARES OF LAND AND BUILD A NUMBER OF ROADS IN THE WAN TAU TONG, PAK KIU, TO YUEN TUNG AND MA WO AREAS ADJACENT TO TAI PO MARKET KCR STATION.

THE LAND FORMED WILL BE USED FOR A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE, A PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME DEVELOPMENT, COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS, A MEDICAL CENTRE, A SPORTS HALL, SCHOOLS AND LOCAL OPEN SPACE.

A DISTRIBUTOR ROAD OF 1.2 KILOMETRES, FIVE LOCAL ROADS TOTALLING 1.5 KILOMETRES AND TWO SLIP ROADS - EACH MEASURING 300 METRES, AND LINKING TO THE NEW TERRITORIES TRUNK ROAD NEAR LAI CHI SHAN - WILL BE BUILT TO SERVE THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS.

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ALSO, TWO ROAD BRIDGES AND TWO FOOTBRIDGES ARE TO BE PROVIDED ACROSS THE TAI PO RIVER CHANNEL.

THE PROJECT INCLUDES CONSTRUCTION OF A TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE COMPRISING A BUS TERMINUS, A MAXICAB TERMINUS AND A TAXI RANK ON A SITE ADJOINING THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF TAI PO MARKET KCR STATION.

FOUR SUBWAYS FOR PEDESTRIANS AS WELL AS CYCLISTS WILL BE BUILT NEAR THE INTERCHANGE.

OTHER WORKS WILL INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF STORM WATER DRAINS AND SEWERAGE SYSTEMS.

TEMPORARY ROADS AND FOOTPATHS WILL BE PROVIDED TO MINIMISE INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC DURING CONSTRUCTION.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GAZETTE.

WRITTEN OBJECTIONS MUST BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT BY SEPTEMBER 2.

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PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER SHING MUN RIVER

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$23.4 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTI-SPAN PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER THE SHING MUN RIVER IN SHA TIN.

THE BRIDGE, MORE THAN 200 METRES LONG AND ABOUT FOUR METRES WIDE, WILL PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE CULTURAL COMPLEX AND THE TOWN CENTRE FROM TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD.

THE CONTRACT, AWARDED TO KIN SHING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, ALSO INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE LINKING THE NEW TOWN PLAZA WITH THE CULTURAL COMPLEX.

OTHER WORKS COMPRISE LANDSCAPING OF OPEN SPACE NEAR TSANG TAI UK AND AROUND THE CULTURAL COMPLEX, AND THE PROVISION OF A FOOTPATH AND CYCLETRACK, AS WELL AS A DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

WORK ON THE SCHEME IS DUE TO BEGIN SOON AND BE COMPLETED IN 18 MONTHS.

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SEMINAR ON YOUTHS, PORNOGRAPHIC PUBLICATIONS
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A SEMINAR ON YOUTHS AND PORNOGRAPHIC PUBLICATIONS, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD AND THE BAPTIST OI KWAN SOCIAL SERVICE, WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON.

AT THE SEMINAR, RESULTS OF A RECENT SURVEY ON THE READING HABITS OF YOUTHS IN WAN CHAI WILL ALSO BE REVEALED.

THE SURVEY WAS COMMISSIONED BY THE WORKING GROUP FOR THE CONCERN OF PORNOGRAPHIC ACTIVITIES IN WAN CHAI UNDER THE DISTRICT BOARD AND CONDUCTED BY THE BAPTIST OI KWAN SOCIAL SERVICE TO FIND OUT THE READING HABITS OF JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THE DISTRICT PARTICULARLY IN RELATION TO THE READING OF PORNOGRAPHIC PUBLICATIONS.

APART FROM PRESENTING THE FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY, THE SEMINAR IS AIMED AT AROUSING PUBLIC CONCERN ABOUT THE EFFECTS OF SUCH PUBLICATIONS ON LOWER FORM STUDENTS.

SPEAKERS AT THE SEMINAR INCLUDE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, MRS PEGGY LAM, A SOCIAL WORK LECTURER OF THE BAPTIST COLLEGE, MISS IRENE WONG, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BAPTIST OI KWAN SOCIAL SERVICE, MR LEE TAK-YAN, AND THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MISS MARGARET FONG.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR TO BE HELD AT THE LILY VALE COFFEE HOUSE OF THE BAPTIST OI KWAN SOCIAL SERVICE AT 36 OI KWAN ROAD FROM 2 PM TOMORROW.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR TOMORROW AT 2 PM.

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HISTORICAL SURVEY OF KAM TIN, PAT HEUNG

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THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH IS BEGINNING ITS NINTH SURVEY OF RURAL AND HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

A MSB SPOKESMAN SAID THE SURVEY IS INTENDED TO DOCUMENT THE HISTORY OF VILLAGES AND TO RECORD VILLAGE HOUSES AND SIGNIFICANT HISTORICAL BUILDINGS, SUCH AS TEMPLES AND ANCESTRAL HALLS, WHICH ARE DISAPPEARING BECAUSE OF RAPID URBANISATION.

+THIS YEAR'S SURVEY WILL COVER KAM TIN AND PAT HEUNG WHICH ARE AMONG THE MOST HISTORICAL AREAS IN THE TERRITORY, DATING BACK AS EARLY AS THE 11TH CENTURY,+ HE SAID.

EIGHT HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURAL STUDENTS FROM THE TWO UNIVERSITIES ARE BEING EMPLOYED FOR TWO MONTHS TO CONDUCT THE SURVEY. THEY WILL SUBMIT A FULL REPORT COMPLETE WITH ILLUSTRATIONS, ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS AND PLANS.

THE SURVEY IS SUPPORTED BY THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND LOCAL VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES, WHO WILL MAKE THEMSELVES AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWS IN THE COURSE OF THE SURVEY.

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CARNIVAL LAUNCHES SOUTHERN YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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A CARNIVAL ON SUNDAY (JULY 6) AFTERNOON AT WAH HONG SQUARE IN WAH FU ESTATE WILL LAUNCH THE TWO-MONTH-LONG SOUTHERN DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

THE OPENING CEREMONY IS ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE AND THE CARNIVAL BY THE SALVATION ARMY WAH FU CORPS.

THE CARNIVAL, TO BE HELD FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM, WILL INCLUDE GAME STALLS, VARIETY SHOW, LION DANCE, PHOTOGRAPHIC SERVICES FOR THE FAMILY, COCKERY DEMONSTRATION, MURAL PAINTING, AND COMPETITIONS ON PHYSICAL FITNESS AND ON KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE DISTRICT'S FACILITIES AND SERVICES.

MORE THAN 140 ITEMS OF SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL, RECREATIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, CENTRED ON THE THEME +CARING FOR YOUR COMMUNITY AND GETTING TO KNOW IT BETTER+, WILL BE STAGED IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT THIS SUMMER WITH A \$154 000 SPONSORSHIP FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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ACTIVITIES, WHICH INCLUDE OUTDOOR EVENTS, SEMINARS, FORUMS, COMPETITIONS, RECREATIONAL AND TRAINING CAMPS, CARNIVALS, VARIETY SHOWS, PERFORMANCE, FILM SHOWS AND EXHIBITIONS, WILL CATER FOR THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN, STUDENTS AND YOUNG WORKERS UP TO THE AGE OF 25.

+WE HOPE THESE ACTIVITIES WILL HELP THEM DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL, BETTER UNDERSTAND HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS AND ENHANCE THEIR SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY TO THE COMMUNITY,+ THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR PAUL YOUNG SAID.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR PAUL YOUNG AND MR YUNG CHEK-CHOW= SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR JASPER LAM= ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS ANGELA TSANG= DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICER, MR LO KWAN-HUNG= YOUTH AND COMMUNITY OFFICER, MRS TANG CHU TSUI-HAR= RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER, MR HO MING-CHEONG= CULTURAL AND ENTERTAINMENT MANAGER (HONG KONG), MR DANIEL CHUNG= AND THE POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER (WESTERN), MR MAK KWOK-KUEN.

WINNERS OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES AWARD SCHEME WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED WITH PRIZES. THE WINNERS, WHOSE AGES RANGE FROM 10 TO 82 YEARS OLD, WERE CHOSEN FOR THEIR ENTHUSIASM AND ACHIEVEMENT IN RENDERING VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY SERVICES TO THE NEEDY IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AND CARNIVAL AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY IN WAH HONG SQUARE, WAH FU ESTATE.

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TAI PO SUMMER PROGRAMME STARTS WITH RISING BALLOON
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THE OPENING OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WILL BE MARKED BY THE ASCENT OF A HOT-AIR BALLOON FROM THE TAI PO PLAYGROUND TOMORROW (SATURDAY) EVENING.

THE HOT-AIR BALLOON, CARRYING THIS YEAR'S THEME, +CARE FOR THE COMMUNITY, GET TO KNOW IT BETTER+ ON A BANNER, WILL RISE TO A HEIGHT OF 40 FEET FROM THE GROUND.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A VARIETY SHOW FEATURING A NUMBER OF PERFORMANCES BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION'S CHILDREN CHOIR, THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL AND OTHER LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

/THE PROGRAMME

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THE PROGRAMME THIS YEAR WILL OFFER MORE THAN 220 EVENTS TO YOUNGSTERS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE PROGRAMME INCLUDING RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, TRAINING COURSES AND A CARNIVAL TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION, IS BEING ORGANISED WITH A FUND OF \$240 000, HALF OF WHICH WAS SPONSORED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND THE DISTRICT BOARD.

OFFICIATING AT TOMORROW'S CEREMONY WILL BE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ANISSA WONG, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR STEPHEN WONG, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR HO YUNG-SANG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AND THE VARIETY SHOW OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME AT 8 PM TOMORROW AT THE TAI PO PLAYGROUND AT HEUNG SZE WUI STREET.

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PUPPET SHOW FOR CENTRAL-WESTERN RESIDENTS

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CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO A FREE CANTONESE ROD PUPPET SHOW ON SUNDAY (JULY 6) AFTERNOON.

THE SHOW IS THE SECOND IN A SERIES OF FUNCTIONS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE AND THE URBAN COUNCIL TO PROVIDE MORE ENTERTAINMENT FOR RESIDENTS.

THE FIRST EVENT WAS A VARIETY SHOW STAGED TWO WEEKS AGO AT THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE WHICH ATTRACTED MORE THAN 500 RESIDENTS.

ON SUNDAY, THE ONE-AND-A-HALF-HOUR SHOW TO BE PERFORMED BY THE HONG KONG FEI PANG ROD PUPPET GROUP IS EXPECTED TO ATTRACT MORE PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY CHILDREN.

RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO WATCH THE SHOW AT 3 PM IN THE MAIN HALL OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE, WESTERN STREET, SAI YING PUN.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE AND THE KENNEDY TOWN SUB-OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

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WAN CHAI YOUTH PROGRAMME STARTS TOMORROW
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MORE THAN 130 ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN ORGANISED FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN WAN CHAI UNDER THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WHICH BEGINS TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL CONSIST OF AN EXHIBITION ON +THE LIFE OF THE DEAF+ ORGANISED BY THE ST JAMES' SETTLEMENT AT THE HENNESSY ROAD PLAYGROUND AND A TRAM PARADE ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S SYP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR STEPHEN WONG, MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, MR KWOK KA-MING, AND THE SUPERVISOR-IN-CHARGE OF ST JAMES' SETTLEMENT, MISS KAY LAI, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME AT HENNESSY ROAD PLAYGROUND (NEXT TO C.C. WU BUILDING AT 308 HENNESSY ROAD) AT 5 PM TOMORROW.

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GYM, JUDO DISPLAY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

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A DEMONSTRATION OF JUDO AND GYMNASTICS WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) MORNING AT THE OSMAN RAMJU SADICK MEMORIAL GAMES HALL FOR YOUNG RESIDENTS IN KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI.

THE EVENT HAS BEEN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE NEWLY-FORMED KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION, THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE.

THE AIM IS TO PROMOTE A SERIES OF TRAINING COURSES ON JUDO, GYMNASTICS AND RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

THE TRAINING COURSES WILL START LATER THIS MONTH AT THE TAI WO HAU COMMUNITY CENTRE AND THE CHEUNG CHING COMMUNITY CENTRE.

/THE MANAGER

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THE MANAGER OF THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE, MR HOWARD WELLS, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE DEMONSTRATION TOMORROW.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE JUDO AND GYM DEMONSTRATION AT 11 AM TOMORROW AT THE OSMAN RAMJU SADICK MEMORIAL GAMES HALL IN HING FONG ROAD.

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PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY
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THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, WILL OFFICIATE AT A PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY OF THE 10TH HONG KONG SPECIAL OLYMPICS SWIMMING GALA TO BE HELD AT DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL, ARGYLE STREET, AT 12.30 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

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YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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ROAD WORKS AT LION ROCK TUNNEL APPROACHES
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VARIOUS LANES ON THE SHA TIN APPROACHES TO THE SOUTHBOUND TUBE OF THE LION ROCK TUNNEL WILL BE CLOSED FROM 8 PM ON THURSDAY (JULY 10) FOR ROAD RESURFACING.

THE WORK, WHICH WILL TAKE ABOUT TWO MONTHS TO COMPLETE, WILL BE CARRIED OUT BETWEEN 8 PM AND 6 AM DAILY TO MINIMISE DISRUPTION TO TRAFFIC.

WORK WILL ONLY BE CARRIED OUT IN THE VICINITY OF THE TOLL BOOTHS AND THE TUNNEL PORTAL WHILE LANES INSIDE THE TUNNEL WILL NOT BE AFFECTED.

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AS TRAFFIC CONGESTION IS EXPECTED, MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO MAKE FULL USE OF TAI PO ROAD AS AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE. TEMPORARY ADVANCE WARNING SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

MEANWHILE, THE KOWLOON-BOUND BUS STOP ON LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD NEAR THE TOLL BOOTHS WILL BE SUSPENDED BETWEEN 8 PM AND 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY WITH EFFECT FROM JULY 24 FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS.

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WONG TAI SIN TRAFFIC CHANGES
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN WONG TAI SIN FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JULY 7) TO FACILITATE THE REDEVELOPMENT OF TUNG TAU ESTATE.

THESE ARE:

- * TUNG WOR ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC;
- * TUNG LUNG ROAD BETWEEN TUNG WOR ROAD AND LOK SIN ROAD WILL BE CONVERTED FROM TWO-WAY TRAFFIC TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND ;
AND
- * MOTORISTS ON LOK SIN ROAD AND CHOI HUNG ROAD HEADING FOR EASTBOUND TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD SHOULD USE TUNG KWONG ROAD, TUNG FAT ROAD AND TUNG LUNG ROAD.

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