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GOVERNOR TO OPEN ESTATE HOMES DISPLAY  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A LARGE-SCALE EXHIBITION ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 24) WHICH FOCUSES ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF HONG KONG'S PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMME.

ENTITLED +BETTER HOMES IN ESTATES+, THE EXHIBITION IS AMONG THE MAJOR EVENTS OF THE HOUSING FESTIVAL ORGANISED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TO MARK THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL START AT 11 AM AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE WHERE SIR EDWARD WILL ADDRESS THE GATHERING AFTER A WELCOMING SPEECH BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR DONALD LIAO.

THE GOVERNOR WILL THEN PROCEED TO THE ENTRANCE OF THE CITY HALL EXHIBITION HALL FOR A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY ACCOMPANIED BY LADY YOUDE, MR LIAO, AND THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR DAVID FORD.

HE WILL TOUR THE EXHIBITION AND LATER INSPECT A MODEL FLAT PUT UP AS PART OF THE EXHIBITION AT THE EDINBURGH PLACE OUTSIDE THE CITY HALL.

FOLLOWING THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 2 PM TO 6 PM, AND WILL REMAIN OPEN DAILY BETWEEN 10 AM AND 6 PM FROM SUNDAY UNTIL DECEMBER 3.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:  
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COVERAGE IS INVITED. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE OPENING CEREMONY AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE ON SATURDAY SHOULD BE SEATED BEFORE 10.45 AM.

AFTER THE RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE EXHIBITION HALL, THERE WILL BE PRE-ARRANGED POSITIONS FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITIES INSIDE THE EXHIBITION.

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NEED FOR CHECK ON GAMBLING STRESSED  
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THE HUGE AMOUNTS WAGERED BY HONG KONG PEOPLE IN HORSE RACING BETTING EXPLAINS WHY THE GOVERNMENT REGARDS THE REGULATION OF GAMBLING AS SUCH AN IMPORTANT SOCIAL ISSUE.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS MR DENIS BRAY WHEN HE ADDRESSED THE PARI-MUTUEL CONVENTION DINNER OF THE JOCKEY CLUB TONIGHT (THURSDAY).

+IT WOULD BE VERY FOOLISH FOR ANY GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG TO TRY TO SUPPRESS ALL THIS ACTIVITY. ANY ATTEMPT TO DO SO WOULD ONLY LEAD TO THE WIDESPREAD RESURGENCE OF CLANDESTINE ILLEGAL GAMBLING, CORRUPTION, AND VIOLENCE.+

+I DO NOT SEE ANY LIKELIHOOD OF THIS IN THE SHORT TERM OR THE LONG TERM. BETTING ON HORSE RACES HAS BECOME PART OF THE LIFE STYLE OF HONG KONG. AND THE PRESERVATION OF OUR LIFE STYLE IS ONE THING WE ARE GUARANTEED IN THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN BRITAIN AND CHINA ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.+

MR BRAY RECALLED THAT BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT PASSED LEGISLATION IN 1973 TO ALLOW OFF COURSE BETTING CENTRES, THE COLOSSAL SCALE OF ILLEGAL OFF COURSE BETTING ON HORSE RACING AND ON DOG RACING IN MACAU AND THE ABUNDANCE OF ALL SORTS OF OTHER FORMS OF ILLEGAL GAMBLING - MAINLY TSE FA - WERE VERY DAMAGING TO SOCIETY.

+THE REFORM OF THE LAW WHICH INTRODUCED THE LEGAL OFF COURSE BETTING CENTRES COINCIDED WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TOUGH AND EFFECTIVE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION. AT THE SAME TIME WE INTRODUCED THE MARK SIX LOTTERIES.+

MR BRAY POINTED OUT THAT ONCE THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK HAD BEEN INTRODUCED THE GOVERNMENT STOOD BACK AND DEVOLVED THE DETAILED REGULATING OF BETTING ON HORSE RACING TO THE JOCKEY CLUB.

HE NOTED THAT THOUGH ILLEGAL GAMBLING HAD NOT BEEN WIPED OUT TOTALLY AS SHOWN BY POLICE OPERATION RESULTS, THE SCENE TODAY WAS FAR REMOVED FROM THAT OF TEN OR FIFTEEN YEARS AGO.

+THE DESTRUCTION OF THE MASSIVE ILLEGAL GAMBLING OPERATIONS AND WIDESPREAD CORRUPTION OF THE EARLY SEVENTIES HAS BROUGHT ABOUT A SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION. THIS TRANSFORMATION HAS BEEN ACHIEVED BY A PARTNERSHIP, A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE CLUB.

+TODAY THE LEGAL OFF COURSE BETTING CENTRES ARE OPEN AND ABOVE BOARD THOUGH NOT OSTENTATIOUS. I THINK IT IS PROBABLE THAT MORE PEOPLE USE THEM THAN DID THE OLD ILLEGAL OUTLETS BUT I ALSO BELIEVE THAT PEOPLE SET MORE REALISTIC LIMITS TO THEIR BETTING MAINLY BECAUSE THERE ARE NO CREDIT ARRANGEMENTS,+ MR BRAY CONCLUDED.

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WHITE PAPER ON GOVERNMENT AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC  
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO OBTAIN COPIES OF THE WHITE PAPER ON THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT MAY DO SO DURING OFFICE HOURS AT ANY OF THE DISTRICT OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

COPIES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT CONNAUGHT PLACE IN CENTRAL, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

A TOTAL OF 250 000 COPIES OF THE WHITE PAPER HAVE BEEN PRINTED FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE PUBLIC. OF THIS FIGURE, 150 000 ARE IN CHINESE AND 100 000 IN ENGLISH.

ORGANISATIONS WANTING LARGER NUMBERS SHOULD CONTACT MR ANTHONY KOU OF THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, AT TEL: 5-214371.

BY 6 PM TODAY 27 160 COPIES HAD BEEN DISTRIBUTED.

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QUARTERLY BUSINESS SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED  
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MANUFACTURERS EXPERIENCED CONTINUING IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1984, WHICH CONFORMS WITH THEIR EARLIER EXPECTATIONS, ACCORDING TO SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THEY ALSO EXPECT THE FAVOURABLE SITUATION TO CONTINUE IN THE FOURTH QUARTER.

HOWEVER, THE BUSINESS SITUATION OF FIRMS IN THE 'CONSTRUCTION' SECTOR WAS STILL UNFAVOURABLE. A DETERIORATION IN BUSINESS WAS REPORTED IN THE THIRD QUARTER, AND THIS TREND WAS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE IN THE FOURTH QUARTER, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

AS FOR THE 'WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS' SECTOR, FIRMS PARTICIPATING IN THE SURVEY REPORTED AN IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS IN THE THIRD QUARTER WHICH WAS LARGELY IN LINE WITH THEIR EXPECTATIONS IN THE LAST ROUND OF THE SURVEY. THE OUTLOOK FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER WAS PARTICULARLY GOOD AND SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS WAS EXPECTED.

ABOUT 970 FIRMS OF DIFFERENT SIZES FROM VARIOUS INDUSTRIES AND BUSINESSES, FORMING A CROSS-SECTION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY PARTICIPATED IN THE SURVEY, WHICH ENQUIRED ON BUSINESS EXPERIENCE AND EXPECTATIONS.

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DURING THE THIRD QUARTER, A GENERAL IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS WAS EXPERIENCED BY FIRMS IN ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES EXCEPT THE 'TEXTILES' INDUSTRY, FOR WHICH THE BUSINESS SITUATION REMAINED LARGELY STABLE.

IN THE 'FOOD, BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO', 'PLASTICS', 'ELECTRONICS' AND 'WATCHES AND CLOCKS' INDUSTRIES, RESPONDING FIRMS EXPERIENCED PARTICULARLY SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS AS COMPARED WITH THOSE IN OTHER MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

FIRMS IN THE OTHER MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES WHICH INCLUDE THE 'WEARING APPAREL', 'PRINTING', 'FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS' AND 'ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES' INDUSTRIES EXPERIENCED MODERATE IMPROVEMENTS IN BUSINESS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER.

AS REGARDS BUSINESS EXPECTATIONS FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER, FIRMS IN THE 'PRINTING', 'ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES' AND 'WATCHES AND CLOCKS' INDUSTRIES FORESEE A FURTHER IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS, WITH FIRMS IN THE 'PRINTING' INDUSTRY BEING PARTICULARLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

RESPONDENTS IN THE 'FOOD, BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO' AND 'PLASTICS' INDUSTRIES, HOWEVER, EXPECT A DECLINE IN BUSINESS.

FIRMS IN OTHER MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES EXPECT THE BUSINESS SITUATION TO REMAIN LARGELY STABLE FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER.

IN THE THIRD QUARTER, A MILD DECLINE IN BUSINESS WAS EXPERIENCED BY FIRMS IN THE HOTEL BUSINESS, BUT AN UPTURN IN BUSINESS IS FORESEEN IN THE FOURTH QUARTER DUE MAINLY TO SEASONAL FACTORS.

THE SURVEY ALSO COVERED BUSINESS PROBLEMS FACED BY DIFFERENT SECTORS.

FOR THE 'MANUFACTURING' SECTOR, THE PROMINENCE OF THE PROBLEM OF HIGH MATERIAL PRICES DECLINED CONSIDERABLY IN THE THIRD QUARTER, AS COMPARED WITH THE SECOND QUARTER. ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE WAS AN INCREASING PROPORTION OF MANUFACTURING FIRMS WITH SHORTAGE OF SKILLED LABOUR AS A MAIN PROBLEM.

AS REGARDS FIRMS IN THE 'CONSTRUCTION' SECTOR, INSUFFICIENT BUSINESS CONTRACTS AND PRICE COMPETITION FROM FIRMS IN HONG KONG CONTINUED TO BE THE MAIN PROBLEMS IN THE THIRD QUARTER, WITH LITTLE PROSPECT OF ANY EASING IN THE FOURTH QUARTER.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE INTENSITY OF THE PROBLEM OF HIGH INTEREST RATES, WHICH HAD AFFECTED FIRMS IN THE 'MANUFACTURING' AND 'CONSTRUCTION' SECTORS AND THE 'RESTAURANTS' BUSINESS IN THE SECOND QUARTER, EASED CONSIDERABLY IN THE THIRD QUARTER.

FOR THE NON-MANUFACTURING SECTOR, PRICE COMPETITION WAS STILL CONSIDERED AS THE PREDOMINANT PROBLEM BY FIRMS IN THE 'WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES', 'BUSINESS SERVICES', 'TRANSPORTATION' AND 'RESTAURANTS' BUSINESSES FOR THE THIRD AND FOURTH QUARTERS.

AS REGARDS FIRMS IN THE HOTEL BUSINESS, ALTHOUGH PRICE COMPETITION WAS ALSO A MAJOR PROBLEM IN THE THIRD QUARTER, THE PROMINENCE OF THIS PROBLEM IS EXPECTED TO DECLINE IN THE FOURTH QUARTER.

MOREOVER, INSUFFICIENT BUSINESS WAS THE MAJOR PROBLEM EXPERIENCED BY FIRMS IN THE 'RESTAURANTS' BUSINESS. HOWEVER, THIS PROBLEM IS EXPECTED TO EASE OFF IN THE FOURTH QUARTER.

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE SURVEY RESULTS, OBTAINED WITH A MINIMUM TIME LAG, WERE BASICALLY INTENDED TO PROVIDE ONE SOURCE OF REFERENCE FOR MAKING A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION OF HONG KONG. PARTICIPATING FIRMS HAD BEEN ASKED TO INDICATE WHETHER, IN THEIR OPINION, THE GENERAL BUSINESS SITUATION AND LEVEL OF CAPACITY UTILISATION HAD 'IMPROVED', 'REMAINED THE SAME' OR 'DETERIORATED' IN THE QUARTER JUST ENDED AS COMPARED WITH THE QUARTER BEFORE THAT.

FOR THE FORTHCOMING QUARTER, THEY HAD ALSO ASKED TO INDICATE WHETHER THE SITUATION WOULD 'IMPROVE', 'REMAIN THE SAME' OR 'DETERIORATE'.

THE BALANCE OF OPINIONS OF RESPONDENTS WERE TABULATED AND ANALYSED. THE SURVEY REPORT ALSO CONTAINS A SECTION ON BUSINESS PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED AND EXPECTED BY FIRMS IN DIFFERENT ECONOMIC SECTORS AND A BREAKDOWN OF VIEWS OF FIRMS BY SIZE GROUPS.

THE SPOKESMAN CAUTIONED THAT FOR A SURVEY OF THIS NATURE, THE RESULTS SHOULD BE INTERPRETED WITH CARE AS IT WAS DIFFICULT TO ESTABLISH PRECISELY THE EXTENT TO WHICH RESPONDENTS' PERCEPTION OF THE PAST AND THE FUTURE ACCORDED WITH THE UNDERLYING TRENDS.

THE REPORT, CONTAINING AN ANALYSIS OF THE SURVEY FINDINGS AND STATISTICAL TABLES, HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO FIRMS TAKING PART IN THE SURVEY AND TO OTHER BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS. IT MAY BE BOUGHT FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, AT \$3 .

FURTHER DETAILS ON THE QUARTERLY BUSINESS SURVEY MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE NATIONAL INCOME BRANCH OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT 5-423401.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR OCTOBER 1984  
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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) ROSE BY 3.4 PER CENT AND THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) BY 4.4 PER CENT BETWEEN OCTOBER 1983 AND OCTOBER 1984 ACCORDING TO FIGURES PUBLISHED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SPOKESMAN SAID, +THESE RATHER LOW RATES OF INCREASE LARGELY REFLECT THE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN CONSUMER PRICES IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR CONSEQUENT UPON THE SHARP DEPRECIATION OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR IN SEPTEMBER 1983.+

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) AND CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) FOR OCTOBER 1984 WERE 156.0 AND 156.2 RESPECTIVELY. COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING MONTH, CPI(A) DECREASED BY 0.9 POINT OR 0.6 PER CENT AND CPI(B), BY 0.1 POINT OR 0.1 PER CENT.

THE AVERAGE CPI(A) AND AVERAGE CPI(B) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER 1984, AT 153.8 AND 153.4 RESPECTIVELY, WERE 9.3 PER CENT AND 9.5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGES FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER 1983. DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED OCTOBER 1984, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI(A) WAS VIRTUALLY STATIONARY WHILE THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI(B) INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 0.1 PER CENT EACH MONTH.

DURING OCTOBER, FOOD PRICES, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF FRESH VEGETABLES, WERE LOWER. ON THE OTHER HAND, SCHOOL FEES, TEXTBOOK PRICES AND PRIVATE DWELLING RENTALS WENT UP.

THE CPI(A) AND CPI(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. THE CPI(A) REFERRED TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$1 000 AND \$3 499 A MONTH, AND THE CPI(B) TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$3 500 AND \$6 499 A MONTH AT THAT TIME.

THE INDEXES FOR OCTOBER 1984 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES ARE GIVEN BELOW, TOGETHER WITH THOSE FOR SEPTEMBER 1984 AND OCTOBER 1983.

(OCTOBER 1979 TO SEPTEMBER 1980 AVERAGE = 100)

SECTION	CPI(A)			CPI(B)		
	OCT. 83	SEP. 84	OCT. 84	OCT. 83	SEP. 84	OCT. 84
FOODSTUFFS	154.9	158.6	154.6	154.6	158.8	155.3
HOUSING	139.6	147.6	149.4	139.5	147.6	149.6
FUEL AND LIGHT	153.9	147.0	146.9	153.8	146.9	146.8

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ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	203.5	208.5	208.5	195.4	201.0	201.0
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	143.7	155.7	158.7	145.3	156.6	160.4
DURABLE GOODS	123.0	125.1	124.9	125.8	129.1	129.0
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	138.6	150.6	150.7	138.1	147.1	147.1
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	158.2	171.3	171.5	160.7	173.9	174.0
SERVICES	160.3	171.4	177.6	158.2	168.7	173.7
ALL ITEMS	150.9	156.9	156.0	149.7	156.3	156.2

COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1984, THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS DECREASED BY 4.0 POINTS IN CPI(A) AND 3.5 POINTS IN CPI(B). THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF FRESH VEGETABLES FELL AS A RESULT OF ADEQUATE SUPPLY. THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF LIVE POULTRY, SALT-WATER FISH AND FRESH-WATER FISH ALSO WENT DOWN. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF FRESH FRUIT ROSE SLIGHTLY. THE EFFECT OF MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS ON THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS WAS INSIGNIFICANT.

THE INDEX FOR HOUSING INCREASED BY 1.8 POINTS IN CPI(A) AND 2.0 POINTS IN CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF INCREASED RENTS FOR PRIVATE DWELLINGS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1984.

HIGHER PRICES OF OUTERCLOTHING PUSHED UP THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR BY 3.0 POINTS IN CPI(A) AND 3.8 POINTS IN CPI(B).

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES ROSE BY 6.2 POINTS IN CPI(A) AND 5.0 POINTS IN CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER SCHOOL FEES AND TEXTBOOK PRICES.

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER SECTIONS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

(FIGURES PRESENTED IN THIS PRESS RELEASE REFER TO CPI SERIES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. ALL PERCENTAGE CHANGES ARE DERIVED FROM CPI FIGURES TO 2 DECIMAL PLACES.)

DETAILS OF THESE PRICE MOVEMENTS ARE GIVEN IN THE +CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT+ FOR OCTOBER 1984, AVAILABLE AT \$3 A COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG, OR FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, ROOM 1904, 19TH FLOOR, KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 317 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES BASKERVILLE HOUSE, HONG KONG FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAILINGS. FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES, PLEASE CONTACT THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT TELEPHONE NO. 3-7216512.

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HUMAN FACTOR CITED AS MAIN CAUSE OF ROAD ACCIDENTS  
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ON AVERAGE, ONE PERSON DIES AND MORE THAN 60 PEOPLE ARE INJURED IN ROAD ACCIDENTS EVERYDAY IN HONG KONG, WITH THE HUMAN FACTOR AS THE GREATEST SINGLE CAUSE.

THIS WAS REVEALED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY MR YEUNG YU-CHEONG, SENIOR ENGINEER OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S ROAD SAFETY DIVISION.

ADDRESSING MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORT ADMINISTRATION ON TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS AND ROAD SAFETY, MR YEUNG SAID THE FATALITY RATE WAS ABOUT FOUR TIMES THAT OF HOMICIDE IN HONG KONG.

MR YEUNG SAID A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT WAS GENERALLY CAUSED BY FACTORS RELATING TO THE ROAD USER, THE ROAD ENVIRONMENT AND THE VEHICLE.

+IN NUMERICAL TERMS THE ROAD USER FACTOR OR THE HUMAN FACTOR HAS MORE THAN 10 TIMES THE EFFECT OF THE VEHICLE FACTOR AND MORE THAN THREE TIMES THE EFFECT OF THE ROAD ENVIRONMENT FACTOR IN ACCIDENT CAUSATION.

+THE ROAD ENVIRONMENT FACTOR HAS MORE THAN THREE TIMES THE EFFECT OF THE VEHICLE FACTOR,+ HE SAID.

MR YEUNG EXPLAINED THAT THE HUMAN FACTOR INVOLVED EITHER A LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OR BAD BEHAVIOUR ON THE PART OF THE ROAD USER.

TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS CAUSED BY THE HUMAN FACTOR, LONG-TERM, WELL-ORGANISED EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS ON ROAD SAFETY AND PROPER TRAINING COURSES FOR DRIVERS ARE NECESSARY. MOREOVER, ROAD SAFETY LAWS HAVE TO BE ENACTED TO DETER BAD DRIVING BEHAVIOUR AND POLICEMEN TRAINED TO ENFORCE THE LAWS.

ENGINEERING REMEDIES TO IMPROVE THE ROAD ENVIRONMENT ARE EASIER TO IMPLEMENT.

MR YEUNG SAID THE MEASURES INCLUDED THE INTRODUCTION OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEMES LIKE RE-ROUTING OF A ROAD; BANNING CERTAIN MOVEMENTS AT A JUNCTION; INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS AND PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FACILITIES; PROVISION OF TRAFFIC SIGNS, ROAD MARKINGS, GUARDRAILS AND SAFETY FENCES; AND PROVISION OF ANTI-SKID ROAD SURFACING.

ALTHOUGH THE ROAD TOLL HAS BEEN DECLINING SINCE 1982, THE GOVERNMENT SPARES NO EFFORT IN PREVENTING TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS THROUGH THE WORK OF THE ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL, A BODY COMPRISING VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS.

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S ROAD SAFETY DIVISION CONDUCTS STUDIES ON PREVIOUS ACCIDENTS AND MAKES SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS. SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1981, THE DIVISION HAS RECOMMENDED ABOUT 200 REMEDIAL MEASURES, OF WHICH OVER 100 HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED.

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TO ENSURE PROPER VEHICLE MAINTENANCE, THE GOVERNMENT HAS INTRODUCED LAWS REQUIRING VEHICLES SUCH AS TAXIS, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AND BUSES TO BE INSPECTED ANNUALLY.

MR YEUNG CALLED ON THE PUBLIC TO OBSERVE TRAFFIC LAWS AND EXERCISE ROAD SAFETY TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS.

+IT IS ONLY WITH THE DETERMINATION AND EFFORT OF THE WHOLE COMMUNITY THAT WE CAN HOPE TO WIN THIS BATTLE,+ HE SAID.

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HOUSING FOR FUTURE ON SHOW  
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VISITORS TO THE +BETTER HOMES IN ESTATES+ EXHIBITION, TO BE OPENED AT CITY HALL BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, THIS SATURDAY, WILL BE ABLE TO LOOK AT FUTURE SCHEMES OF PUBLIC HOUSING IN THE NEXT CENTURY.

TEN IMAGINATIVE DRAWINGS FEATURING NEW PUBLIC HOUSING PATTERNS FOR THE YEAR 2 001, WILL BE AMONG MANY OTHER EXHIBITS ON DISPLAY.

THEY WERE THE BEST ENTRIES TO A COMPETITION ENTITLED +PUBLIC HOUSING 2 001+ ORGANISED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AS ONE OF THE NUMEROUS ACTIVITIES OF THE HOUSING FESTIVAL '84.

SPONSORED BY THE BELGIAN BANK AND BRITISH AIRWAYS AND OPEN TO THIRD AND FIFTH-YEAR ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS FROM HONG KONG UNIVERSITY, THE COMPETITION WAS AIMED AT DRAWING OUT INNOVATIVE DESIGNS FOR PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.

+SINCE 1954, PUBLIC HOUSING HAS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG ITS ROLE IS NOT LIKELY TO DIMINISH IN FUTURE,+ SAID AN AUTHORITY SPOKESMAN TODAY.

THE COMPETITION WAS SEEN A USEFUL WAY OF OBTAINING FRESH IDEAS FROM ARCHITECTURAL STUDENTS.

+THE ENTRIES DO NOT MERELY CONSIDER THE INTERNAL LAYOUT OF INDIVIDUAL FLATS BUT ALSO THE BROADER CONCEPTS OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.

+SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS ARISING FROM THE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUALS AS WELL AS OF THE COMMUNITY HAVE ALSO BEEN CONSIDERED BY THE ARCHITECTS OF TO-MORROW IN THEIR DRAWINGS,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THE TEN WINNERS WERE SELECTED FROM 100 ENTRIES BY A PANEL OF JUDGES COMPRISING THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR DONALD LIAO ; PRESIDENT OF HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, MR ESWARD HO ; DEAN OF SCHOOL OF ARCHITECT, HKU, PROFESSOR K.C. LYE, AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BELGIAN BANK, MR S.K. WONG.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE WINNING ENTRIES WERE IMAGINATIVE AND THE CONCEPTS PUT FORWARD INTERESTING.

THE WINNING ENTRIES ARE: 1ST PRIZE - TIME COMMUNITY (BY PETER WAN); 2ND PRIZE - ACRO-HOUSING (GALLANT CHAN); 3RD PRIZE - FLOATING SATELLITES (TERRY LAM); SPECIAL AWARD - LOW DENSITY COMMUNITIES (LARRY HO); HONORARY MENTIONS: HIGH RISE OF NEIGHBOURHOODS (THERESA YIM), SUPERBLOCK, MULTI-LEVEL CITY, CITY GRID, AMALGAMATED SCHEME (TONY WONG), A TOTAL ENVIRONMENT (RANDY MOK), HARBOUR CITY (LAU KIN-SING), MIDDLE TOWER (CHAN MING-YEE) AND SELF-SUPPORTED NUCLEI (JACK LEE).

THE WINNER GAINS A TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIP VALUED AT \$10 000 AND THE FIRST RUNNER-UP, A TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIP WORTH \$8 000.

THE SECOND RUNNER-UP, THE WINNER OF THE SPECIAL AWARD AND EACH OF THE HONORARY MENTION WINNERS EACH RECEIVE A CAMERA AND A STATIONERY VOUCHER.

PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED ON DECEMBER 8 AT THE NEW WORLD CENTRE IN TSIM SHA TSUI WHERE THE +BETTER HOMES IN ESTATES+ EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD.

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#### INTELPOST NOW TO JAPAN

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THE INTELPOST (INTERNATIONAL ELECTRONIC POST) NETWORK FROM HONG KONG WILL BE EXTENDED TO JAPAN FROM TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 27), A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY.

INTELPOST ITEMS POSTED IN HONG KONG BEFORE 1 PM WILL BE DELIVERED THE SAME DAY IN ALL MAJOR CITIES AND TOWNS IN JAPAN. ITEMS FOR SUBURBAN AREAS IN JAPAN WILL BE DELIVERED ON THE NEXT WORKING DAY, HE SAID

+INTELPOST IS IDEAL FOR SENDING URGENT LETTERS, REPORTS, CHARTS, DRAWINGS, QUOTATIONS OR CONTRACTS NOT ONLY TO JAPAN BUT TO 17 OTHER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE USA.

+THE DOCUMENTS, WHICH ARE HANDLED WITH CARE AND CONFIDENTIALITY, ARE SCANNED, CONVERTED INTO HIGH SPEED ELECTRONIC IMPULSES AND TRANSMITTED DIRECT TO THE RECEIVING STATION IN THE DISTANT COUNTRY.

+INTELPOST IS A BIT LIKE TELEX WITH PICTURE. IT COMBINES THE TRANSMISSION SPEED OF TELEX WITH THE REPRODUCTIVE QUALITY OF A PHOTOCOPIER. DOCUMENTS EVEN IN JAPANESE CHARACTERS ARE FAITHFULLY REPRODUCED IN BLACK AND WHITE AND DELIVERED TO THE ADDRESSEE IN A MATTER OF HOURS,+ HE SAID.

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IN JAPAN, THE COPY SENT FROM HONG KONG IS ENVELOPED AND DELIVERED TO THE ADDRESSEE BY SPECIAL MESSENGER, OR ALTERNATIVELY MAY BE COLLECTED FROM A POST OFFICE.

THE CHARGE FOR THE SERVICE TO JAPAN WILL BE:

FOR THE FIRST SIDE OF AN A4 SHEET OF PAPER \$45

FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT A4 SIDE SENT TO  
THE SAME ADDRESSEE AT THE SAME TIME \$25

PEOPLE WISHING TO USE THE SERVICE SHOULD HAND OVER THEIR DOCUMENTS AT EITHER THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, CONNAUGHT PLACE, OR THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE AT 10 MIDDLE ROAD.

THOSE HAVING FACSIMILE MACHINES IN THEIR OFFICE CAN, BY ARRANGEMENT, TRANSMIT THEIR ITEMS DIRECT TO THE POST OFFICE INTELPOST TERMINAL IN THE GENERAL POST OFFICE FOR RETRANSMISSION OVERSEAS.

FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE INTELPOST REPRESENTATIVE ON TELEPHONE 5-2671148.

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TAI PO ANTI-CRIME DRIVE STARTS TOMORROW  
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THIS YEAR'S TAI PO DISTRICT CRIME PREVENTION CAMPAIGN WILL START TOMORROW (FRIDAY) WITH A TWO-DAY EXHIBITION ON SECURITY SYSTEMS AND CRIME PREVENTION.

THE CAMPAIGN WILL FOCUS ON THREE AREAS - CRIME IN RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, THEFT FROM PARKED VEHICLES AND BURGLARIES AND ROBBERIES IN COMMERCIAL PREMISES SUCH AS BANKS AND GOLDSMITHS' SHOPS.

THE EXHIBITION WILL DISPLAY SOPHISTICATED SECURITY EQUIPMENT PROVIDED BY MORE THAN 10 SECURITY FIRMS. CRIME PREVENTION PAMPHLETS WITH CARTOON ILLUSTRATIONS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO VISITORS.

BESIDES THE EXHIBITION, THE THREE-MONTH CAMPAIGN WILL INCLUDE TALKS ON CRIME PREVENTION AND JUVENILE DELINQUENCY BY SOCIAL WORKERS AND OFFICERS FROM THE CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU AND THE POLICE PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH - PAINTING, BOOKMARK DESIGN AND ESSAY COMPETITIONS - AND THREE VARIETY SHOWS.

A NEIGHBOURHOOD +KEEP-WATCH+ SCHEME, AIMED AT ENCOURAGING TENANTS TO REPORT CRIME IN THEIR BUILDING, WILL ALSO BE LAUNCHED.

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THE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE WILL COLLATE VIEWS OF DIFFERENT SOCIAL SECTORS ON THE LAW AND ORDER SITUATION AS WELL AS CRIME PROBLEMS IN THE DISTRICT THROUGH SEMINARS AND TALKS. THESE VIEWS WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

THE CAMPAIGN IS SPONSORED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD, AND IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE POLICE.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR THOMAS CHAN THE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR J.F. GREENE AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR DONALD YAP.

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YEAR OF THE OX GOLD COIN OFFERED  
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A LIMITED NUMBER OF \$1 000 GOLD COINS WILL BE ISSUED TO MARK THE COMING LUNAR NEW YEAR - THE YEAR OF THE OX.

THE PROOF COIN WILL COST \$3 300, AND THE BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED COIN \$2 200. THESE ARE THE PRICES AT WHICH THE COCKEREL, THE DOG, THE PIG AND THE RAT COINS WERE SOLD.

STRUCK IN 22 CARAT GOLD, EACH COIN MEASURES 28.4 MM IN DIAMETER, AND WEIGHS 15.976 GRAMMES. AND EACH WILL BE PACKAGED IN A PLASTIC SCREW TOP CAPSULE AND SUPPLIED WITH A PRESENTATION CASE AND DESCRIPTIVE BOOKLET.

APPLICATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM DECEMBER 6, AT ALL OFFICES OF THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION AND DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION. APPLICATIONS WILL CLOSE AT 12.30 PM ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1984.

PAYMENT MAY BE MADE AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, BY PERSONAL CHEQUE OR CASHIER'S ORDER, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

HOWEVER, APPLICATION WILL BE RESTRICTED TO RESIDENTS HOLDING HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS. IN THE EVENT OF OVER SUBSCRIPTION A BALLOT WILL BE HELD.

THE YEAR OF THE OX GOLD COIN IS THE TENTH IN A SERIES TO COMMEMORATE THE 12 LUNAR YEARS WHICH FALL IN THE WESTERN CALENDAR YEARS 1976 - 1987.

WORLD WIDE MINTAGE FOR EACH COIN IN THE SERIES IS LIMITED, AND THE YEAR OF THE OX COIN IS NO EXCEPTION. THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT 7 500 PROOF AND 10 500 UNCIRCULATED COINS HAVE BEEN SET ASIDE FOR HONG KONG RESIDENTS.

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PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE GOLD COINS ARE HELD IN A SPECIAL ACCOUNT, TO HELP FINANCE CAREFULLY SELECTED PROJECTS. THE MOST RECENT OF THESE PROJECTS WAS THE PURCHASE OF FLATS TO PROVIDE HOMES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS. SALE PROCEEDS HAVE ALSO BEEN USED TO FINANCE, IN PART, THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM AND THE SILVER JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE.

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED RESIDENTS TO APPLY EARLY.

COMPLETED FORMS, TOGETHER WITH CASHIER'S ORDER OR CROSSED CHEQUE DATED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 22, 1984 AND MADE PAYABLE TO +HONG KONG GOVERNMENT 1985 SPECIAL COIN ACCOUNT+, MUST REACH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING BRANCHES OF THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION BY 12.30 PM OF THAT DAY:

40-50 DES VOEUX ROAD WEST, HONG KONG  
 7 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG  
 500 HENNESSY ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG  
 1 HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG  
 306 KING'S ROAD, NORTH POINT, HONG KONG  
 82-84 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON  
 673 NATHAN ROAD, MONG KOK  
 1 YUE MAN SQUARE, KWUN TONG  
 455-457 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN  
 150 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG

THE YEAR OF THE OX BEGINS ON FEBRUARY 20, 1985 AND ENDS ON FEBRUARY 8, 1986. THE OX IS REGARDED AS THE BIRTHDAY ANIMAL FOR PEOPLE BORN BETWEEN THESE DATES AND FOR ANYONE BORN IN PREVIOUS YEARS OF THE OX:

1901-1902: FEBRUARY 19, 1901 TO FEBRUARY 7, 1902  
 1913-1914: FEBRUARY 6, 1913 TO JANUARY 25, 1914  
 1925-1926: JANUARY 24, 1925 TO FEBRUARY 12, 1926  
 1937-1938: FEBRUARY 11, 1937 TO JANUARY 30, 1938  
 1949-1950: JANUARY 29, 1949 TO FEBRUARY 16, 1950  
 1961-1962: FEBRUARY 15, 1961 TO FEBRUARY 4, 1962  
 1973-1974: FEBRUARY 3, 1973 TO JANUARY 22, 1974

GOLD COINS WITH A FACE VALUE OF \$1 000 WERE MADE LEGAL TENDER ON MAY 5, 1975.

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ENTERTAINMENT GALORE FOR DISTRICT FESTIVAL

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A VARIETY OF RECREATIONAL AND SPORT ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN ORGANISED FOR THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL NOW IN ITS SECOND WEEK.

THEY INCLUDE A PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION, BADMINTON TOURNAMENTS, SOCCER MATCHES, A CANTONESE OPERA SINGING CONTEST FOR BEGINNERS AND AN OPEN-AIR CONCERT.

THE EXHIBITION, FEATURING WORKS ON CHINA TOWNS BY PHOTOGRAPHER MR WATER POON, WILL BE HELD FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 23 AND 24) AT THE FUNG MING HALL OF WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE.

ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 24) AT 8 PM, THE FINAL FOR THE CANTONESE OPERA SINGING CONTEST WILL BE HELD IN THE LOK SIN TONG WONG CHUNG MING SECONDARY SCHOOL.

ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 25), A SERIES OF BADMINTON AND SOCCER TOURNAMENTS WILL BEGIN AT 8 AM AT THE MORSE PARK INDOOR GAMES HALL AND THE FOOTBALL PITCH.

IN THE AFTERNOON THE SAME DAY, A SOCCER EXHIBITION MATCH BETWEEN TWO FIRST DIVISION CLUBS, SOUTH CHINA AND HAPPY VALLEY, WILL BE HELD AT 3 PM AT FOOTBALL PITCH NO. 1 OF MORSE PARK.

IN THE EVENING, A GRAND FINALE WILL BE HELD AT THE TSZ WAN SHAN CENTRAL PLAYGROUND TO MARK THE CLOSING OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, THE NIGHT'S PROGRAMME WILL START AT 8 PM WITH SINGING BY LEADING LOCAL ARTISTES, TO BE FOLLOWED BY MODERN DANCES AND OPERA PERFORMANCES.

THE CLOSING EVENT WILL ALSO BE BROADCAST LATER, ON DECEMBER 1 AT 9.45 PM ON HKTVB JADE.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS FOR THE FINALE ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE WONG TAI SIN OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

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DB MEMBERS TO VISIT COMPLEX  
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WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL VISIT THE URBAN COUNCIL'S KO SHAN THEATRE AND ABERDEEN COMPLEX TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE VISIT IS TO GIVE MEMBERS AN IDEA OF SOME OF THE SIMILAR FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED IN THE NGAU CHI WAN URBAN COUNCIL COMPLEX NOW NEARING COMPLETION, AS WELL AS THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PRESENT OPEN-AIR THEATRE AT MORSE PARK.

LED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PHILIP CHOK, THE PARTY WILL TOUR THE KO SHAN THEATRE, BEFORE PROCEEDING TO THE ABERDEEN COMPLEX.

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NEW OFFICE OPENING  
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REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR ADOLF HSU, WILL OFFICIATE AT A RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO MARK THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE NEW SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE FORMER DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT IN NGAU TAU KOK, THE DISTRICT OFFICE IN SAN PO KONG AND THE BRANCH OFFICE IN SAI KUNG, HAD MOVED LAST WEEK INTO THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING IN SAI KUNG TOWN.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY ARE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS CARRIE CHENG, ALL THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, AND SEVERAL DISTRICT PERSONALITIES.

THE CEREMONY WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A LION DANCE AND A TEA RECEPTION.

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DELAYED MAIL FROM INDIA  
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A LARGE QUANTITY OF SURFACE MAIL FROM INDIA POSTMARKED AS EARLY AS FEBRUARY 1984 WAS RECEIVED IN HONG KONG ON NOVEMBER 17, A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY.

SPECIAL EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO DELIVER THESE DELAYED ITEMS TO THE ADDRESSEES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

+THE INDIAN POST OFFICE HAS BEEN ASKED TO EXPLAIN THE REASON FOR THE DELAY,+ HE SAID.

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RECREATION CAMPS FOR POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS

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POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN CAMPING ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD AT THE LADY MACLEHOSE HOLIDAY VILLAGE IN SAI KUNG.

TWO CAMPS ARE BEING ORGANISED FOR THEM BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT.

THE FIRST WILL START ON DECEMBER 16 AND THE SECOND ON FEBRUARY 9 NEXT YEAR, EACH LASTING FOR TWO DAYS.

THE VILLAGE OFFERS EXCELLENT FACILITIES FOR INDOOR AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES SUCH AS ROLLER-SKATING, CYCLING, ICE-SKATING, ARCHERY, CANOEING, TENNIS, BADMINTON AND SQUASH.

A TOTAL OF 200 STUDENTS WILL BE ACCOMMODATED. THE CAMP FEE IS \$16 WITH AN ADDITIONAL \$22 FOR MEALS.

STUDENTS WHO WISH TO JOIN THE FIRST CAMP ARE URGED TO APPLY NOW. THE APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR THE SECOND IS JANUARY 17.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE RSS HEAD OFFICE IN WING ON CENTRE AT CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL OR ITS 19 DISTRICT OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT 5-458511.

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YOUTH SINGING CONTEST FINAL

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THE GRAND FINAL OF THE KWUN TONG YOUTH SINGING CONTEST WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE KEI CHI MIDDLE SCHOOL ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 24) NIGHT.

TEN SOLOISTS AND FIVE SINGING GROUPS, SELECTED FROM MORE THAN 300 PARTICIPANTS IN THE PRELIMINARIES HELD LAST WEEK, WILL VIE FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIPS OF THEIR DIVISION.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD, THE CULTURE AND RECREATION PROMOTION ASSOCIATION, THE FOO YUE OFFICE OF ICAC AND THE MUSIC OFFICE, THE CONTEST AIMS TO FOSTER A HEALTHY ATTITUDE TO LIFE AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE.

FIVE LOCAL AREA COMMITTEES HAVE ALSO SUCCEEDED IN GETTING THEIR TEAMS THROUGH TO THE FINAL OF A SPECIAL INVITATION SECTION OF THE CONTEST.

THE FINAL WILL START AT 7 PM. FREE ADMISSION TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE AT THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICE, THE FOO YUE OFFICE OF ICAC, AND THE KWUN TONG MUSIC CENTRE OF THE MUSIC OFFICE.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-416315.

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SPECIAL SPORTS AWARDS  
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OUTSTANDING PARTICIPANTS OF THE SPORTS AWARD SCHEME FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED WILL RECEIVE PRIZES FROM THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR PATRICK WILLIAMSON AT A CEREMONY AT THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE, SHA TIN ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 24) MORNING.

THE SPORTS AWARD SCHEME IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE (RSS) OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY-HANDICAPPED, WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM NCR (HK) LIMITED.

THE SCHEME PROVIDED THREE MONTHS OF TRAINING IN SEVEN SPORTS ACTIVITIES - ATHLETICS, SWIMMING, HIKING, ORIENTEERING, DANCE, SOCCER AND BASKETBALL TO 120 MENTALLY HANDICAPPED YOUNGSTERS.

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ONE-DAY SYMPOSIUM  
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A ONE-DAY SYMPOSIUM ON LABOUR-MANAGEMENT COMMUNICATION, ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION UNIT OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE BALLROOM, SHERATON HOTEL.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR RON BRIDGE, WILL OPEN THE SYMPOSIUM AT 9 AM.

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VEHICLE RESTRICTION  
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VEHICLES EXCEEDING 5.5 TONNES GROSS WILL CONTINUE TO BE RESTRICTED FROM THE SECTION OF SECOND STREET BETWEEN WESTERN STREET AND POK FU LAM ROAD IN SAI YING PUN, WHILE ROAD WORK IS BEING CARRIED OUT.

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SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS FOR JUNK BAY  
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A \$60M SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS IS BEING BUILT AT SIU CHIK SHA, JUNK BAY, TO SERVE THE NEW TOWN'S TARGETED POPULATION OF 175 000.

THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT PROJECT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 300-METRE LONG, 2.5-METRE DIAMETER SEWER, A MAIN WORKS BUILDING, TWO PUMPING STATIONS, A GENERATOR HOUSE AND SUBSTATION, SCREENING EQUIPMENT AND ANCILLARY FACILITIES.

THE WORKS WILL BE ABLE TO TREAT 54 000 CUBIC METRES OF RAW SEWAGE DAILY AND DISCHARGE THE TREATED SEWAGE THROUGH A 3.4 KILOMETRE SUBMARINE OUTFALL INTO TATHONG CHANNEL.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO TAKE 30 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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ANTI-CRIME QUIZ FOR YOUTHS  
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SIXTEEN PRIMARY SCHOOLS FROM YAU MA TEI DISTRICT WILL TAKE PART IN THE CRIME PREVENTION QUIZ COMPETITION ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 24) AFTERNOON.

THE QUIZ IS PART OF THE CRIME PREVENTION CAMPAIGN ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE TO ENHANCE CRIME PREVENTION KNOWLEDGE AMONG CHILDREN.

THE COMPETITION WILL START AT 1.30 PM IN THE HENRY G. LEONG COMMUNITY CENTRE IN PUBLIC SQUARE STREET.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES  
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TO FACILITATE THE +HALF-MARATHON+ TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 24) AT TAI MEI TUK ROAD IN TAI PO, THE SECTION OF BRIDE'S POOL ROAD BETWEEN LUK KENG AND TAI MEI TUK WILL BE PROHIBITED TO ALL CYCLISTS BETWEEN 6 AM AND 10 AM, AND TO ALL MOTORISTS BETWEEN 7.55 AM AND 8.15 AM.

FROM THE SAME DAY, THE FLYOVER LINKING CHING CHEUNG ROAD WITH CASTLE PEAK ROAD IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 8 PM TO 6 AM DAILY FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS TO FACILITATE ROAD WORK.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA BUTTERFLY VALLEY ROAD, LAI CHI KOK ROAD, CHEUNG LAI STREET AND CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD.

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