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GOLDEN TRIANGLE HARVESTS PLACE GREATER BURDEN
ON DRUG FIGHTERS

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THE BUMPER HARVESTS IN +THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE+ COUPLED WITH THE LOSS OF ITS MARKETS IN THE WEST HAD INCREASED PRESSURE ON HONG KONG IN THE FIGHT AGAINST NARCOTICS PROBLEMS, THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR DOUGLAS JORDAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

ADDRESSING A LUNCH MEETING OF THE LIONS CLUB OF BEACON HILL, MR JORDAN SAID, +UNTIL RECENT YEARS, THE OPIUM OF THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE WAS THE SOURCE OF THE GREATER PART OF THE WORLD'S HEROIN.

+THE TRIBAL AREA STRADDLING THE PAKISTAN AFGHAN BORDER KNOWN AS THE GOLDEN CRESCENT WAS MORE CONCERNED WITH THE WORLD DEMAND FOR GOOD QUALITY HASHISH.+

BUT HE ADDED THAT FROM 1979 THE GOLDEN CRESCENT OPERATORS ENTERED THE HEROIN MARKET ON A MUCH LARGER SCALE THAN BEFORE.

+TODAY THE TRAFFIC HAS TO A LARGE DEGREE POLARIZED. THE GOLDEN CRESCENT SUPPLIES THE WEST, THAT IS COUNTRIES PREVIOUSLY OUTLETS FOR PART AT LEAST OF THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE SUPPLIES WHILE THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE'S MARKETS ARE LARGELY IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC BASIN.

+SUCH POLARIZATION HAS PLACED A LARGE BURDEN ON THIS PART OF THE WORLD. WE ARE ALMOST THE SOLE POTENTIAL MARKET FOR THE BULK OF THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE SUPPLIES. THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE HAS NOW HAD TWO SUCCESSIVE GOOD OPIUM HARVESTS, EACH ABOUT 600/700 METRIC TONS, COMPARED WITH PREVIOUS HARVESTS OF ONLY ONE THIRD THE SIZE,+ HE ADDED.

IN HONG KONG THE 1981 BUMPER CROP SENT WHOLESALE PRICES TUMBLING FROM OVER \$12 000 PER 100 GRAMS TO \$6 400 FOR NO. 3 HEROIN.

+PRICES ARE NOT ONLY AFFECTED BY SUPPLY BUT THEY ARE A REASONABLY RELIABLE INDICATOR OF AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLIES. AT THE TURN OF THE YEAR WHOLESALE PRICES WERE STILL DROPPING AND IN THE REGION OF \$5 300 PER 100 GRAMS NO DOUBT IN ANTICIPATION OF THE 1982 BUMPER CROP WHICH WAS HARVESTED IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY.

+DRAMATIC SEIZURES PROBABLY ACCOUNTED FOR AN EQUALLY DRAMATIC RISE IN PRICES EARLIER THIS YEAR BUT NOW THE PRICE IS DOWN TO ABOUT \$3 400 PER 100 GRAMS,+ HE REMARKED.

TURNING TO HONG KONG'S TRACK RECORD IN SUPPRESSING NARCOTICS, MR JORDAN SAID, +IN THE EARLY 70'S HONG KONG WAS A HEROIN MANUFACTURING CENTRE WITH WORLD-WIDE POTENTIAL MARKETS. MORPHINE BASE MADE FROM OPIUM IN THAILAND WAS SMUGGLED HERE, AT TIMES IN SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITIES BY THAI TRAWLERS.

+CONVERSION OF MORPHINE TO HEROIN TOOK PLACE BY AN ACETYLATION PROCESS IN HONG KONG LABORATORIES IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES TO PROVIDE FOR OUR THEN 100 000 ADDICTS AND TO MAKE FOR A LUCRATIVE EXPORT TRADE.+

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BUT THINGS WERE CHANGING IN HONG KONG, HE NOTED.

THE CUSTOMS SERVICE BY A TOP LEVEL POLICY DECISION WAS GIVEN FULL RANGING RESPONSIBILITIES EQUIVALENT TO THOSE OF THE POLICE, AND THE POLICE THEMSELVES SMASHED MAJOR SYNDICATES IN 1973/74 INVOLVED IN THE THAI TRAWLER TRAFFIC.

ACETIC ACID USED IN THE CONVERSION OF MORPHINE TO HEROIN LARGELY IN HONG KONG BECAME CONTROLLED AND THE ORGANISATION OF HONG KONG'S HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMME AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR REHABILITATION OF DRUG ADDICTS WAS GREATLY IMPROVED AND EXPANDED.

THE THAI AUTHORITIES DEVELOPED A NEW POLICY OF INCREASED INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN FIGHTING THE MENACE WHICH GREATLY HELPED HONG KONG, HE SAID.

HOWEVER, IT DID NOT TAKE LONG BEFORE TRAFFICKERS IN THAILAND CHANGED THEIR MANUFACTURING PROCESSES TO PRODUCE ANOTHER INTERMEDIATE - HEROIN BASE, MR JORDAN SAID.

HEROIN BASE, RATHER THAN MORPHINE, WAS EXPORTED, AND THE CONVERSION OF THE BASE TO HEROIN IS A SIMPLE PROCESS BY USE OF HYDROCHLORIC ACID AND OTHER SMALL QUANTITIES OF READILY AVAILABLE MATERIALS, MR JORDAN EXPLAINED.

THE CONTROL HONG KONG HAD PLACED ON ACETIC ACID WAS OF NO AVAIL.

HEROIN BASE CONVERTS TO THREE TIMES ITS WEIGHT AS HEROIN AND THE PROCESS CAN BE CARRIED OUT IN A SMALL LABORATORY, HE POINTED OUT.

AN ILLUSTRATION OF HOW THE NEW METHODS CHANGED THE SCENE IS INDICATED BY A COMPARISON OF AGGREGATE SEIZURES OF HEROIN AND MORPHINE OVER A PERIOD.

+IN 1977 CUSTOMS SEIZED 98.1 KG OF MORPHINE, IN 1980 ONLY TWO KILOS AND IN 1981 ONLY A FEW GRAMS. BY CONTRAST IN 1977 WE SEIZED 15 KILOS OF HEROIN BASE AND IN 1981, 84 KILOS,+ MR JORDAN SAID.

TO THESE FIGURES MUST BE ADDED SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITIES OF HEROIN MANUFACTURED ENTIRELY IN THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE AND SMUGGLED INTO HONG KONG.

+BUT HEROIN BASE IS THE THING OF THE MOMENT,+ HE STRESSED.

+HONG KONG'S SUCCESS IN ANTI-NARCOTICS WORK HAS INCLUDED BRINGING REGISTERED ADDICT POPULATION DOWN TO 40 000 - 50 000. WE NO LONGER EXPORT HEROIN AS IN THE EARLY SEVENTIES AND OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT SUCCESSES ARE HELD IN HIGH INTERNATIONAL REGARD,+ MR JORDAN SAID.

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THIS YEAR, THE CUSTOMS SERVICE HAS SEIZED NEARLY 178 KILOS OF HEROIN BASE, 91 KILOS IN TWO CASES ALONE, AN AMOUNT WHICH IN ITSELF EXCEEDS THE TOTAL OF 84 KILOS SEIZED LAST YEAR. ADDITIONALLY THE SERVICE HAS SEIZED NEARLY 20 KILOS OF HEROIN NO. 3.

+THE VERY SIZE OF THESE SEIZURES PUSHED THE PRICE OF HEROIN UP TO \$10 000 PER 100 GRAMS IN FEBRUARY AND EVEN HIGHER IN MID-MARCH, AN INDICATION OF THE DAMAGE GOOD LAW ENFORCEMENT CAN DO IN THIS SORRY SCENE. BUT WHILE WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY SUCH SUCCESSES WE ARE MINDFUL OF THE RECENT BUMPER CROP AND OF THE DANGERS WHICH CONTINUE AHEAD,+ MR JORDAN CONCLUDED.

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MONEY SUPPLY AND FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR JULY 1982

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THE MONEY SUPPLY AND FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR JULY 1982 ARE PUBLISHED TODAY. CERTAIN STRUCTURAL FACTORS CONTINUED TO AFFECT THE FIGURES. THUS THERE WAS A FURTHER SHIFT OF DEPOSITS FROM DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES TO BANKS, CAUSING M2 TO GROW FASTER THAN M3; AND FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS AGAIN EXPANDED BY MORE THAN HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS, CAUSING TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY ON THE BROADER DEFINITIONS (M2 AND M3) TO GROW FASTER THAN ITS HONG KONG DOLLAR-DENOMINATED COMPONENT.

THE ACCOMPANYING TABLE WHICH IS BEING TRANSMITTED BY FACSIMILE NETWORK AND ALSO BOXED SEPARATELY, SETS OUT THE DETAILED FIGURES FOR JULY 1982, AND FOR EARLIER MONTHS, FROM THE STATISTICS COLLECTED UNDER THE MONETARY STATISTICS ORDINANCE.

HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY

THE HK\$ MONEY SUPPLY, ON THE NARROWEST DEFINITION, M1, FELL BY 1.2 PER CENT IN JULY, AFTER RISING BY 1.4 PER CENT IN JUNE. PARTLY REFLECTING THE CONTINUING SHIFT OF DEPOSITS FROM DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES TO BANKS, HK\$ M2 GREW BY 1.3 PER CENT IN JULY WHILE HK\$ M3 WAS VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED. THESE FIGURES COMPARE WITH A GROWTH OF 2.1 PER CENT IN HK\$ M2 AND A FALL OF 1 PER CENT IN HK\$ M3 IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS HK\$ M1 AND M3 FELL BY 1.4 PER CENT AND 2.3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, WHILE HK\$ M2 GREW BY 4.2 PER CENT. OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS TO JULY, HK\$ M1, M2 AND M3 ROSE BY 4.4 PER CENT, 19.6 PER CENT AND 5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

TOTAL (ALL CURRENCIES) MONEY SUPPLY

TOTAL M1 FELL BY 0.2 PER CENT IN JULY FOLLOWING AN INCREASE OF 1.7 PER CENT IN JUNE. TOTAL M2 GREW BY 5.1 PER CENT, AFTER RISING BY 7.6 PER CENT IN JUNE, AND TOTAL M3 ROSE BY 3.9 PER CENT, AFTER AN INCREASE OF 3.5 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

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IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS M1 ROSE BY 1.4 PER CENT, M2 BY 19.8 PER CENT AND M3 BY 10.9 PER CENT. OVER THE TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD THESE THREE AGGREGATES ROSE BY 9.9 PER CENT, 64.5 PER CENT AND 37.1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG

LOANS AND ADVANCES OUTSTANDING BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES FOR USE IN HONG KONG GREW IN JULY BY 1.3 PER CENT, AFTER RISING BY 2.4 PER CENT IN JUNE. OVER THREE MONTHS THE INCREASE WAS 5.5 PER CENT, AND OVER TWELVE MONTHS 39.6 PER CENT.

WITHIN THE TOTAL, LOANS BY BANKS ROSE IN JULY BY 0.6 PER CENT AND THOSE BY DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES BY 3.3 PER CENT, FOLLOWING INCREASES OF 2.5 PER CENT AND 2.2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

FOREIGN CURRENCY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

THERE WERE INCREASES IN JULY OF \$16.6BN., TO \$485.6BN., IN THE SPOT FOREIGN CURRENCY LIABILITIES OF THE MONETARY SECTOR AND OF \$13.1BN., TO \$470.8BN., IN THE SPOT FOREIGN CURRENCY ASSETS. THUS, THE SECTOR AS A WHOLE HAD NET FOREIGN CURRENCY LIABILITIES AT THE END OF JULY OF \$14.8BN. : WITHIN THIS, BANKS HAD NET LIABILITIES OF \$6.7BN., AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES HAD NET LIABILITIES OF \$8.2BN.

BALANCE SHEET RATIOS

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO (AS DEFINED IN S. 18 OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE) FOR ALL BANKS IN HONG KONG FELL IN JULY TO 47.9 PER CENT FROM 48.7 PER CENT IN JUNE. THE RATIO OF THEIR LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG TO THEIR DEPOSITS FELL AGAIN, TO 78.6 PER CENT AT THE END OF JULY FROM 82.2 PER CENT AT THE END OF JUNE, PARTLY REFLECTING THE CONTINUING BRISK EXPANSION OF DEPOSITS WITH BANKS DURING THE MONTH.

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO (AS DEFINED IN S. 24A OF THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ORDINANCE) FOR ALL DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE TO 54.2 PER CENT IN JULY FROM 53.4 PER CENT IN JUNE. THE RATIO OF THEIR LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG TO THE R DEPOSITS ROSE FURTHER TO 99.1 PER CENT AT THE END OF JULY FROM 95.2 PER CENT AT THE END OF JUNE, PARTLY REFLECTING THE CONTINUED DECLINE IN THEIR DEPOSITS.

NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

THE NUMBER OF REPORTING BANKS ROSE BY ONE IN JULY TO 124. THE NUMBER OF LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES INCREASED BY ONE TO 15 AND THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE BY ONE TO 345.

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Monetary Statistics - New Series : End of July, 1982

HK\$ Mn

Money Supply	July, 1982	Figures for	June, 1982	April 1982	July, 1981
		Earlier Months (% change)			
M1 - Total	25,933		25,993 (-0.2%)	25,563 (+1.4%)	23,596 (+9.9%)
HK\$	23,710		24,000 (-1.2%)	24,058 (-1.4%)	22,702 (+4.4%)
M2 - Total	172,628		164,189 (+5.1%)	144,103 (+19.8%)	104,937 (+64.5%)
HK\$	107,293		105,876 (+1.3%)	103,004 (+4.2%)	89,706 (+19.6%)
M3 Total	220,943		212,748 (+3.9%)	199,156 (+10.9%)	161,201 (+37.1%)
HK\$	142,351		142,282 (=)	145,676 (-2.3%)	135,518 (+5.0%)
<u>Banks' Balance Sheets</u>					
Deposits	158,634		150,802 (+5.2%)	130,419 (+21.6%)	94,430 (+68.0%)
Negotiable certificates of deposit outstanding	7,812		7,355 (+6.2%)	7,231 (+8.0%)	3,192 (+144.7%)
Loans and advances :					
For use in Hong Kong	124,695		123,974 (+0.6%)	118,500 (+5.2%)	90,147 (+38.3%)
For use outside Hong Kong	35,014		34,328 (+2.0%)	32,416 (+8.0%)	32,175 (+8.8%)
Domestic loan/Deposit Ratio	78.6%		82.2%	90.9%	95.5%
Average Liquidity Ratio	47.9%		48.7%	48.5%	49.8%
<u>Deposit-taking Companies' Balance Sheets</u>					
Deposits	47,086		47,455 (-0.8%)	54,329 (-13.3%)	55,767 (-15.6%)
Negotiable certificates of deposit outstanding	1,646		1,554 (+5.9%)	1,088 (+51.3%)	823 (+100.0%)
Loans and advances :					
For use in Hong Kong	46,644		45,168 (+3.3%)	43,844 (+6.4%)	37,547 (+43.3%)
For use outside Hong Kong	49,546		48,255 (+2.7%)	46,456 (+6.7%)	37,336 (+32.7%)
Domestic loan/Deposit Ratio	99.1%		95.2%	80.7%	58.4%
Average Liquidity Ratio	54.2%		53.4%	49.4%	44.4%

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CONTRACT FOR ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR
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THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) AWARDED A MAJOR CONTRACT FOR THE FINAL PART OF THE SECOND STAGE OF THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR TO HENRY BOOT INTERNATIONAL LTD.

THE CONTRACT, VALUED AT \$64 MILLION, WAS FORMALLY SIGNED BY MR NG TECK-SHENG, ACTING PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT HIGHWAY ENGINEER, AND MR DAVID MYLES, DIRECTOR OF HENRY BOOT INTERNATIONAL LTD.

MR NG SAID THAT WORK ON THE CONTRACT WOULD START THIS MONTH AND BE COMPLETED IN 1984.

THE CONTRACT COVERS THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 700-METRE LONG DUAL THREE-LANE HIGHWAY AT GROUND LEVEL BETWEEN QUARRY BAY AND TAIKOO SHING ON QUARRY BAY RECLAMATION.

+THE NEW SECTION WILL CONNECT WITH THE INITIAL PART OF THE SECOND STAGE OF THE CORRIDOR ALREADY UNDER CONSTRUCTION BETWEEN HEALTHY STREET AND QUARRY BAY, AND WILL BE CONTINUED EASTWARDS TO MEET THE FUTURE EXTENSION OF THE CORRIDOR AT SAI WAN HO RECLAMATION,+ HE SAID.

THE CONTRACT ALSO INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN INTERCHANGE AT TAIKOO SHING CONNECTING THE HIGHWAY WITH THE ESTATE ROADS WITHIN THAT DEVELOPMENT.

+WITH THE COMPLETION OF BOTH STAGES I AND II OF THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR IN 1984, A FOUR-KILOMETRE LONG DUAL THREE-LANE CARRIAGEWAY WILL BE PROVIDED BETWEEN CAUSEWAY BAY AND TAIKOO SHING WITH A POTENTIAL CAPACITY OF 10 000 VEHICLES PER HOUR, WHICH NEARLY TREBLES THAT OF KING'S ROAD,+ MR NG ADDED.

MEANWHILE, CONSTRUCTION WORK NOW UNDER WAY ON THE REMAINING SECTION OF STAGE II FROM TAIKOO SHING TO SHAU KEI WAN IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN 1985.

THIS SECTION WAS COMMISSIONED ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT BY THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION IN ASSOCIATION WITH THEIR CONSTRUCTION WORK OF THE SHAU KEI WAN STATION, HE SAID.

MR NG ALSO DISCLOSED THAT STAGE III OF THE CORRIDOR EXTENDING THE HIGHWAY FROM SHAU KEI WAN TO CHAI WAN WAS BEING PLANNED FOR COMPLETION IN THE LATE EIGHTIES.

THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR FROM CAUSEWAY BAY TO TAIKOO SHING WAS DESIGNED BY MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA WHICH WILL ALSO SUPERVISE CONSTRUCTION FOR THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

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DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED
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THE GOVERNOR, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON POON WING-HUNG ON SEPTEMBER 19, 1979, SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO 20 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT.

POON WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF LEUNG KIT-YING IN A FLAT IN TSIM SHA TSUI ON APRIL 4, 1979.

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TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD PUBLISHES FIRST ANNUAL REPORT
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THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD IN THE ADMINISTRATION, DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICING OF THE NEW TOWN WAS REVIEWED IN THE BOARD'S FIRST ANNUAL REPORT PUBLISHED TODAY.

THE 164-PAGE REPORT COVERS THE WORK OF THE BOARD IN THE PAST YEARS WHEN IT WAS KNOWN AS THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, AND ITS PREDECESSOR, THE TSUEN WAN RECREATION AND AMENITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE WHICH WAS FORMED IN MARCH 1976.

PRINTED IN CHINESE, THE REPORT SHOWS THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE BOARD HAS ASSOCIATED ITSELF WITH THE WORK OF THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE REPORT, WHICH WAS TABLED IN TODAY'S DISTRICT BOARD MEETING, ALSO LISTS THE WIDE RANGE OF WORK DONE BY THESE DEPARTMENTS AND THEIR SERVICES TO LOCAL RESIDENTS.

THE FORMER BOARD CHAIRMAN, DR JAMES HAYES, SAID IN A MESSAGE THAT HE WAS PROUD OF THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE FORMATIVE PERIOD OF THE BOARD AND OF THE WELL-MOTIVATED WORK-TEAM OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WHICH HAD LIAISED CLOSELY TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE NEW TOWN.

+THIS RANGE OF SERVICES, WHICH ARE BEING CONTINUALLY IMPROVED IN EXTENT AND QUALITY, IS ENCOURAGING FOR US ALL, BUT IN OTHER RESPECTS THEIR EXTENT HELPS TO EMPHASISE THE NEED FOR INCREASED CO-OPERATION AND CO-ORDINATION OF EFFORTS BY ALL CONCERNED,+ HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT IT WAS THE BOARD'S ONEROUS TASK TO MONITOR PROGRESS AND PERFORMANCE, ASSIST AND GUIDE THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE SERVICE DEPARTMENTS IN THE INTERESTS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

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HIS VIEWS WERE SHARED BY THE PRESENT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, WHO SAID THE BOARD'S CONTRIBUTION WOULD CONTINUE TO BE INVALUABLE IN GUIDING THE PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT OF TSUEN WAN AND FURTHERING THE WELL-BEING OF ITS CITIZENS.

THE REPORT IS ILLUSTRATED WITH MAPS, CHARTS AND COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS SELECTED FROM A RECENT COMPETITION AND SHOWING THE SOCIAL ASPECTS OF THE NEW TOWN.

ONE THOUSAND COPIES HAVE BEEN PRINTED, AT A COST OF \$30 000 FROM THE BOARD, AND WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

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SAFETY PRECAUTIONS FOR STUDENTS ON OUTINGS

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE HAVE JOINTLY DRAWN UP A SIMPLE REPORTING PROCEDURE TO HELP SCHOOLS ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THEIR STUDENTS DURING OUTINGS.

UNDER THE PROCEDURE, SCHOOL AUTHORITIES SHOULD WRITE TO THE POLICE DIVISIONAL COMMANDER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE AREA TO BE VISITED AT LEAST ONE WEEK BEFORE THE OUTING, GIVING HIM SUCH DETAILS AS THE DATE, TIME AND LOCALITY FOR THE FIELD TRIP.

SCHOOL AUTHORITIES SHOULD ALSO ENSURE THAT THE LEADER OF THE OUTING WILL REPORT TO THE DUTY OFFICER OF THE LOCAL POLICE STATION UPON COMPLETION OF THE VISIT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT REMINDED HEADS OF SCHOOLS THAT ANY OUTING SHOULD BE SUPERVISED BY AN EXPERIENCED AND RESPONSIBLE PERSON.

+THIS IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT WHEN VISITS TO SQUATTER AREAS AND RESETTLEMENT AREAS ARE MADE OR WHEN CONTACT WITH HAWKERS IS INVOLVED,+ HE ADDED.

PUPILS GOING ON FIELD TRIPS SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO REPORT THEIR RETURN IMMEDIATELY TO THEIR SUPERVISOR OR THE SUB-DIVISION CONCERNED, IF THEY RETURN INDEPENDENTLY OF THE MAIN GROUP.

+WHILE A KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH TRIPS BY THE POLICE IS AN IMPORTANT SAFETY PRECAUTION, THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SAFETY OF PUPILS ON FIELD TRIPS AND OUTINGS MUST BE WITH THE SCHOOLS THEMSELVES, IN THAT THEY MUST PROVIDE COMPETENT LEADERS AND PROPERLY BRIEF THE PUPILS,+ THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED.

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OVER A MILLION NOTES FOR ETV PROGRAMME

WITH THE START OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR A MAJOR OPERATION IS UNDER WAY TO SUPPLY STUDY MATERIAL FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS RECEIVING HONG KONG'S EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION SERVICE.

ABOUT 1.3 MILLION COPIES OF NOTES FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED FOR USE IN SOME 700 PRIMARY AND 400 SECONDARY SCHOOLS WHERE ETV PROGRAMMES ARE WATCHED BY AN ESTIMATED 610 000 CHILDREN EACH SCHOOL DAY.

FOR BULK SUPPLIES TO SCHOOLS AND BOOKSHOPS, THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES HAS SET UP A TEMPORARY SALES CENTRE AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE CENTRE AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, TANNER HILL, NORTH POINT.

INDIVIDUAL COPIES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

THIS IS THE SECOND BI-ANNUAL SALE OF ETV NOTES THIS YEAR. IT WILL BE ON UNTIL SEPTEMBER 18.

NOTES ON FOUR SUBJECTS - CHINESE, ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS AND SOCIAL STUDIES - ARE BEING SOLD FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS OF PRIMARY 3 TO 6 CLASSES.

FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS, TEACHERS' NOTES ARE ON SALE FOR FIVE SUBJECTS - CHINESE, ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS, SOCIAL STUDIES AND SCIENCE - FOR FORMS 1 TO 3.

SUPPLEMENTARY NOTES ON CHINESE FOR FORM 1 TEACHERS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE.

THE ETV NOTES HAVE BEEN COMPILED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND PRINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT PRINTER.

THE PROGRAMMES ARE PRODUCED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG.

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URBAN CLEARWAY IN CAUSEWAY BAY

THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TUNG LO WAN ROAD NEAR ITS WESTERN JUNCTION WITH CAUSEWAY ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED AS AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 10 AM THIS FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 10).

VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP WITHIN THE SECTION FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY.

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WATER CUTS ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND LANTAU
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME AREAS ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND LANTAU WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVERAL HOURS THIS WEEK FOR WORK ON THE SUPPLY SYSTEM.

ON SEPTEMBER 9 (THURSDAY), THE AREA BOUNDED BY QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, TAI PING SHAN STREET, SQUARE STREET, HOLLYWOOD ROAD, ABERDEEN STREET AND WELLINGTON STREET ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL HAVE ITS FRESH WATER SUPPLY SUSPENDED FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

ON SEPTEMBER 10 (FRIDAY), ALL PREMISES IN MUI WO AREA ON LANTAU ISLAND WILL HAVE THEIR FRESH WATER SUPPLY TURNED OFF FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM.

ON SEPTEMBER 11 (SATURDAY), FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO ALL PREMISES ALONG KA WAI MAN ROAD AND VICTORIA ROAD IN KENNEDY TOWN, INCLUDING SAI WAN ESTATE, WILL BE CUT OFF FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 PM TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF MARSH ROAD
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MARSH ROAD BETWEEN LOCKHART ROAD AND JAFFE ROAD IN WAN CHAI WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 7 AM ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 8) UNTIL 7 PM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 10) FOR ROAD WORKS.

ANOTHER SECTION BETWEEN JAFFE ROAD AND GLOUCESTER ROAD WILL ALSO BE CLOSED FROM 7 AM ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 11) UNTIL 7 PM ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 13), DURING WHICH JAFFE ROAD BETWEEN CANAL ROAD WEST AND TONNOCHY ROAD WILL BE TEMPORARILY REROUTED ONE WAY WESTBOUND.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN SHA TIN
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THE KOWLOON-BOUND SECTION OF SHA KOK STREET BETWEEN SHA TIN WAI ROAD AND THE ACCESS ROAD TO SHA KOK ESTATE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 1 AM ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 9) FOR THE LAYING OF DRAINAGE PIPES.

THE ARRANGEMENT WILL LAST FOR FOUR DAYS, WHEN THE NEW TERRITORIES-BOUND LANE WILL BE TEMPORARILY RE-ROUTED TWO WAYS.

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