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RELEASE OF ARMY LAND TO HK GOVERNMENT

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AT THE REQUEST OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND HONG KONG GOVERNMENTS HAVE AGREED THAT LYEMUN BARRACKS (72 ACRES), SHAM SHUI PO CAMP (12 ACRES), BOWRING CAMP IN NEW TERRITORIES (17 ACRES) AND TUDOR COURT IN KOWLOON (1 ACRE) WILL BE RELEASED BY THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AS SOON AS THE REPROVISIONING OF ESSENTIAL FACILITIES ELSEWHERE HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

THE UNITS OF HM FORCES WHICH CURRENTLY OCCUPY THE AREAS TO BE RELEASED WILL BE RELOCATED IN AREAS ALREADY OCCUPIED BY THE GARRISON.

THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WILL MEET THE ESTIMATED COST (HK\$158 MILLION) OF THE ESSENTIAL REPROVISION, AND WILL ALSO MEET THE COST (HK\$58 MILLION) OF A NUMBER OF CAPITAL WORKS FOR THE GARRISON WHICH ARE ADDITIONAL TO THOSE PROVIDED FOR BY THE DEFENCE COSTS AGREEMENT WHICH CAME INTO FORCE ON APRIL 1, 1976.

THE EFFECT OF THESE ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE TO CONCENTRATE THE GARRISON'S FACILITIES AND IMPROVE ITS OPERATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EFFICIENCY, AND TO RELEASE LAND IN THE URBAN AREAS TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

IT IS HOPED THAT THE SITE AT LYEMUN WILL BE USED FOR A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE AND FOR THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME. THE LAND AT SHAM SHUI PO WILL ALLOW A NUMBER OF IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE IN THE TOWN PLANNING OF THE AREA.

THIS FURTHER AGREEMENT DOES NOT AFFECT THE EXISTING DEFENCE COSTS AGREEMENT.

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SIR DENYS REDEDICATES VICTORIA ROAD MEMORIAL

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A TIME CAPSULE SIMILAR TO THE ONE UNEARTHED LAST SEPTEMBER DURING THE DISMANTLING OF THE VICTORIA ROAD MEMORIAL WAS PLACED IN THE PLINTH OF THE MEMORIAL WHEN IT WAS REDEDICATED TODAY BY THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DENYS ROBERTS.

THE CEREMONY, BEFORE AN AUDIENCE OF INVITED GUESTS, MARKED THE END OF QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS IN HONG KONG.

IN A SPECIAL MESSAGE INCLUDED IN THE NEW CAPSULE THE QUEEN SAID:

+I WAS MOST INTERESTED TO LEARN OF THE DISCOVERY OF THE TIME CAPSULE IN THE QUEEN VICTORIA DIAMOND JUBILEE MEMORIAL OF 1897.

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+THE ERECTION OF THE MEMORIAL ON A NEW SITE AND THE PLAN TO PLACE A NEW CAPSULE IN IT IS AN IMAGINATIVE CEREMONY TO MARK THE END OF SILVER JUBILEE YEAR IN HONG KONG.

+IT GIVES ME MUCH PLEASURE TO SEND MY WARM GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES TO THE PRESENT AND FUTURE RESIDENTS OF HONG KONG.+

IN ADDITION TO THE CONTENTS OF THE ORIGINAL CONTAINER THE NEW CAPSULE INCLUDED COPIES OF THE SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST AND WAH KIU YAT PAO, A COPY OF THE QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE SOUVENIR PROGRAMME, HONG KONG'S QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE COMMEMORATIVE STAMP ISSUE WITH COVER, A FULL SET OF CURRENT HONG KONG COINS, A 1977 HONG KONG STREET GUIDE AND PHOTOGRAPHS AND A MAP SHOWING THE MEMORIAL IN ITS ORIGINAL LOCATION ALONG WITH A DESCRIPTION OF ITS HISTORY.

THE CONTENTS OF THE CAPSULE FIRST PLACED IN THE MEMORIAL TO MARK QUEEN VICTORIA'S DIAMOND JUBILEE WERE ON DISPLAY AT THE MUSEUM OF HISTORY, STAR HOUSE, KOWLOON UNTIL LAST TUESDAY (DECEMBER 20).

THEY INCLUDED CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH OR CHINESE LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS AND COINS OF THE PERIOD.

IN A SHORT CEREMONY OF REDEDICATION OF THE MEMORIAL AT THE JUNCTION OF MOUNT DAVIS ROAD AND VICTORIA ROAD SIR DENYS SAID:

+IT SEEMED APPROPRIATE TO REPLACE THE TIME CAPSULE AND I THEREFORE DECIDED THAT A NEW AND LARGER CAPSULE CONTAINING BOTH THE ORIGINAL CONTENTS AND ITEMS RELATED TO 1977 AND TO THE SILVER JUBILEE OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II SHOULD BE CONSTRUCTED.+

SIR DENYS PAID TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO HAD HELPED PRESERVED THE CONTENTS OF THE ORIGINAL CONTAINER AS WELL AS MAKING A NEW CAPSULE AND COLLECTING AND PREPARING THE PRESENT DAY OBJECTS TO BE PLACED INSIDE.

SPECIAL THANKS WENT TO THE CURATOR OF THE MUSEUM OF HISTORY, MR. BRIAN PEACOCK, PROFESSOR DOUGLAS PAYNE AND PROFESSOR ANTONY REYNOLDS OF HONG KONG UNIVERSITY AND TO THE GOVERNMENT ARCHIVIST MR. IAN DIAMOND WHO PREPARED THE DESCRIPTION OF THE HISTORY AND DISCOVERY OF THE ORIGINAL TIME CAPSULE.

EXPERTS SAY THE ARGON GAS FILLED CAPSULE COULD LAST 10,000 YEARS.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF SIR DENYS' SPEECH DELIVERED AT THE REDEDICATION CEREMONY:

+THE VICTORIA ROAD MEMORIAL WAS ERECTED AT ITS ORIGINAL SITE AT THE EASTERN END OF VICTORIA ROAD IN 1897, TO MARK QUEEN VICTORIA'S DIAMOND JUBILEE. THE PURPOSE OF THIS BRIEF CEREMONY IS TO REDEDICATE THE MEMORIAL AT ITS NEW SITE HERE, AT THE JUNCTION OF VICTORIA ROAD AND MOUNT DAVIS ROAD. IT WILL ALSO MARK THE END OF HONG KONG'S CELEBRATIONS IN HONOUR OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II'S SILVER JUBILEE.

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+WHEN THE MEMORIAL WAS BUILT IN 1897, A TIME CAPSULE WAS INSERTED IN THE PLINTH CONTAINING NEWSPAPERS AND COINS OF THE PERIOD. THIS CAPSULE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN REPLACED IN 1903, SINCE WHEN IT REMAINED UNDISTURBED TILL 16 SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, WHEN THE MEMORIAL WAS DISMANTLED FOR REMOVAL TO THIS SITE.

+IT SEEMED APPROPRIATE TO REPLACE THE TIME CAPSULE, AND I THEREFORE DECIDED THAT A NEW AND LARGER CAPSULE, CONTAINING BOTH THE ORIGINAL CONTENTS, AND ITEMS RELATED TO 1977 AND TO THE SILVER JUBILEE OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II, SHOULD BE CONSTRUCTED.

+THIS TASK HAS BEEN UNDERTAKEN BY MR. BRIAN PEACOCK, CURATOR OF THE MUSEUM OF HISTORY, WITH THE ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE OF PROFESSOR DOUGLAS PAYNE AND PROFESSOR ANTONY REYNOLDS OF HONG KONG UNIVERSITY.

+THE CONTENTS OF THE ORIGINAL CAPSULE, WHICH AFFORD A FASCINATING GLIMPSE OF HONG KONG'S PAST, HAVE BEEN ON DISPLAY FOR THE PAST TWO WEEKS IN THE MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE URBAN COUNCIL FOR MAKING THESE FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR THE PURPOSE.

+WE HAVE ADDED TO THE ORIGINAL CONTENTS COPIES OF AN ENGLISH AND CHINESE NEWSPAPER OF TODAY'S DATE, A SET OF CURRENT HONG KONG COINS, A FIRST-DAY COVER OF THE HONG KONG SILVER JUBILEE COMMEMORATIVE STAMP ISSUE, THE SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAMME AND A 1977 HONG KONG STREET GUIDE (WHICH IS, PERHAPS, A SOMEWHAT EPHEMERAL ITEM). THERE IS ALSO A DESCRIPTION OF THE HISTORY, AND OF THE DISCOVERY, OF THE TIME CAPSULE, PREPARED BY MR. IAN DIAMOND, THE GOVERNMENT ARCHIVIST.

+IN ADDITION, HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II HAS GRACIOUSLY SENT US A MESSAGE TO MARK THIS OCCASION. A COPY OF ITS TEXT HAS BEEN INSERTED IN THE CAPSULE. THE QUEEN'S MESSAGE IS AS FOLLOWS:

'I WAS MOST INTERESTED TO LEARN OF THE DISCOVERY OF THE TIME CAPSULE IN THE QUEEN VICTORIA DIAMOND JUBILEE MEMORIAL OF 1897. THE ERECTION OF THE MEMORIAL ON A NEW SITE AND THE PLAN TO PLACE A NEW CAPSULE IN IT IS AN IMAGINATIVE CEREMONY TO MARK THE END OF SILVER JUBILEE YEAR IN HONG KONG.

'IT GIVES ME MUCH PLEASURE TO SEND MY WARM GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES TO THE PRESENT AND FUTURE RESIDENTS OF HONG KONG.'

+IT NOW GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE IN INSERTING THE CAPSULE IN THE MONUMENT AND REDEDICATING THE MEMORIAL TO THE DIAMOND JUBILEE OF QUEEN VICTORIA AND THE SILVER JUBILEE OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II.+

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LABOUR FORCE SURVEY
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THERE WERE 80,000 UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN HONG KONG IN SEPTEMBER, ACCORDING TO A SAMPLE LABOUR FORCE SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IN THAT MONTH.

THIS REPRESENTED 4.1 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL LABOUR FORCE IN HONG KONG.

THESE FIGURES COMPARED WITH 88,000 OR 4.6 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER 1976 AND 86,000 OR 4.5 PER CENT IN MARCH 1977.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS EXPLAINED TODAY THAT IN THE SURVEY THE PEOPLE TAKEN TO BE UNEMPLOYED WERE THOSE AGED BETWEEN 14-64 AND WERE NOT IN EMPLOYMENT, OR THOSE HAD WORKED FOR LESS THAN 15 HOURS IN THE SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE SURVEY DATE, BUT WERE LOOKING FOR WORK.

THE COMMISSIONER POINTED OUT THAT THE DEFINITION OF +UNEMPLOYMENT+ VARIED IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES.

IN HONG KONG, HE SAID, +UNEMPLOYED+ INCLUDED PEOPLE WHO HAD JUST LEFT SCHOOL AND WHO REALLY HAD NOT HAD MUCH OF A CHANCE TO PICK UP A JOB= WHO HAD JUST TAKEN UP WORK= WHO HAD TEMPORARILY BEEN LAID OFF WORK= WHO WERE AVAILABLE FOR WORK, BUT WHO WERE NOT ACTUALLY LOOKING FOR WORK BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT THAT THERE WAS NONE TO BE HAD.

IN THIS CONNECTION, THE COMMISSIONER SAID THAT THE JULY 1977 FIGURE FOR THE UNITED STATES WAS 6.9 PER CENT.

+ADJUSTING, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, THE LATEST HONG KONG FIGURE TO THE U.S.A. BASIS, THE UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION IN HONG KONG WAS REPRESENTED BY A FIGURE OF 3.2 PER CENT,+ HE SAID.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, THE COMMISSIONER SAID THAT OWING TO SAMPLING FLUCTUATIONS, THE DIFFERENCE OF 0.4 PERCENTAGE POINT BETWEEN MARCH AND SEPTEMBER DID NOT PROVIDE A SUFFICIENT INDICATION THAT THERE WAS ANY ACTUAL CHANGE IN THE LEVEL OF UNEMPLOYMENT OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS.

THE COMMISSIONER SAID THAT SIMILAR INFORMATION ON UNEMPLOYMENT WOULD BE AVAILABLE AT REGULAR SIX-MONTHLY INTERVALS. THE NEXT LABOUR FORCE SURVEY WOULD BE HELD IN MARCH NEXT YEAR.

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LOWER COST OF LIVING IN NOVEMBER
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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX(A) FOR LAST MONTH (NOVEMBER) WAS 118, DOWN BY TWO POINTS, AND INDEX(B) WAS 119, DOWN BY ONE POINT COMPARED WITH THOSE IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFF DECREASED BY THREE POINTS IN C.P.I.(A) AND BY TWO POINTS IN C.P.I.(B).

DUE TO INCREASED SUPPLY, THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF FRESH VEGETABLES DECLINED. ON THE OTHER HAND, RISES WERE RECORDED IN THE RETAIL AVERAGE PRICE OF SALT-WATER FISH DESPITE STABLE SUPPLY, AND OF FRESH-WATER FISH DUE TO IRREGULAR SUPPLIES.

AS SOME RESTAURANTS AND EATING-PLACES RAISED THEIR PRICES, THE AVERAGE PRICE OF MEALS BOUGHT AWAY FROM HOME ROSE. MOVEMENTS IN RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR WENT UP BY THREE POINTS IN BOTH C.P.I.(A) AND C.P.I.(B). THIS WAS DUE TO HIGHER PRICES FOR SOME OUTERCLOTHING ITEMS AS SOME SHOPS STOPPED THEIR DISCOUNT SALES DURING THE MONTH.

A RISE OF ONE POINT WAS RECORDED IN THE INDEX FOR HOUSING IN C.P.I.(B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER CHARGES FOR HOUSING MAINTENANCE.

HIGHER PRICES FOR MEDICINES AND JEWELLERY PUSHED THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS UP BY ONE POINT IN C.P.I.(B).

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER COMMODITY SECTIONS AND SERVICES WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

THE C.P.I.(A) IS BASED ON WEIGHTS DERIVED FROM THE EXPENDITURE OF HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$400-\$1,499 A MONTH AND C.P.I.(B) BETWEEN \$1,500-\$2,999 A MONTH IN THE HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY, 1973/74.

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THE SECTION INDEXES FOR NOVEMBER 1977 COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH AND THE CORRESPONDING MONTH IN 1976 ARE INDICATED BELOW :-

SECTION	C.P.I.(A)			C.P.I.(B)		
	NOV. 76	OCT. 77	NOV. 77	NOV. 76	OCT. 77	NOV. 77
FOODSTUFFS	109	116	113	110	116	114
HOUSING	117	126	126	117	125	126
FUEL AND LIGHT	132	136	136	131	135	135
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO	131	137	137	128	133	133
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	100	100	103	100	99	102
DURABLE GOODS	107	110	110	105	107	107
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	122	125	125	119	121	122
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	113	116	116	118	121	121
SERVICES	126	133	133	126	133	133
ALL-ITEMS	113	120	118	114	120	119

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EMPLOYERS REMINDED OF WORKERS' HOLIDAY

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT JANUARY 1 IS ONE OF THE 10 STATUTORY HOLIDAYS APPOINTED UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

THE HOLIDAY WHICH FALLS ON A SUNDAY NEXT YEAR IS LIKELY ALSO TO BE A REST DAY FOR MANY EMPLOYEES COVERED BY THE ORDINANCE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID: +IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, AN EMPLOYER MUST GRANT HIS EMPLOYEES ANOTHER REST DAY BECAUSE THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE STIPULATES THAT A REST DAY SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO ANY STATUTORY HOLIDAY.+

HE EMPHASISED THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE APPLIED TO ALL EMPLOYEES WHEREVER THEY MAY WORK.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE, ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES WITHOUT DISTINCTION, INCLUDING DOMESTIC SERVANTS, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR EARNINGS AND ALL NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$2,000 A MONTH, ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY. THEY MUST ALSO BE PAID FOR THE DAY OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THEIR EMPLOYERS FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IF THE EMPLOYER REQUIRES AN EMPLOYEE TO WORK ON THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST GIVE HIM AT LEAST 48 HOURS' NOTICE, AND HE MUST GIVE THE EMPLOYEE AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IF THE EMPLOYER INTENDS TO GIVE HIS EMPLOYEE AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST NOTIFY HIM 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE BEFORE GIVING HIM THE ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY. AND IF AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY IS TO BE GIVEN AFTER THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYER MUST INFORM HIS EMPLOYEE OF THE ARRANGEMENT AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

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

COMPLAINTS OR ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE TO THE NEAREST BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE: FOR KOWLOON EAST 3-205638= KOWLOON WEST 3-201652= KWUN TONG 3-898520= TSUEN WAN 12-422096= TUEN MUN 12-818443 EXT. 82 AND HONG KONG ISLAND 5-282523 EXT. 60.

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DEADLINE DRAWS NEAR FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON POST-FORM 3 REPORT
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THE DEADLINE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE REPORT OF THE WORKING PARTY ON SELECTION AND ALLOCATION FOR POST-FORM 3 EDUCATION IS DRAWING NEAR, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT REMINDED TODAY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID WHEN THE REPORT WAS PUBLISHED ON NOVEMBER 9, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY, HAD INVITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE REPORT TO BE SENT TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BY DECEMBER 31.

MR. TOPLEY HAD SAID ON PUBLISHING THE REPORT THAT THE COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS MADE BY THE WORKING PARTY WERE MOST RELEVANT TO THOSE OF THE GREEN PAPER ON SENIOR SECONDARY AND TERTIARY EDUCATION PUBLISHED AT THE SAME TIME.

THE 26-MEMBER WORKING PARTY, CHAIRED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. COLVYN HAYE, CONSISTED OF HEADS AND TEACHERS OF SCHOOLS OF ALL KINDS AND OFFICERS OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

ANYONE WHO WISHES TO COMMENT ON THE REPORT AND HAS NOT DONE SO, IS INVITED TO WRITE TO:

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION,
ATTENTION: SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER (PLANNING),
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,
LEE GARDENS, 3RD FLOOR,
HYSAN AVENUE,
HONG KONG.

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APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR GRANTS FROM MUSIC FUND
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THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR, MR. GORDON SIU, TODAY INVITED MUSIC ORGANISATIONS, GROUPS AND SCHOOLS TO APPLY FOR GRANTS FROM A FUND SET UP WITH DONATIONS FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FUND IS AIMED AT DEVELOPING MUSICAL SKILLS AND INTEREST AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE IN HONG KONG. THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB IS PROVIDING THREE SUCCESSIVE ANNUAL GRANTS OF \$600,000 TO PROVIDE WORKING CAPITAL AND WILL LATER PROVIDE A FURTHER \$10 MILLION TO ESTABLISH A TRUST FUND.

REQUESTS FOR AN ALLOCATION WILL BE CONSIDERED ON THE BASIS OF COVERAGE AND EXTENT OF THE BENEFIT OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT IN RELATION TO THE SUM REQUIRED, MR. SIU SAID.

APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS WILL BE PROCESSED BY THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE AND CONSIDERED BY A VETTING COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, WHO IS THE CUSTODIAN OF THE FUND.

DETAILS OF THE CRITERIA FOR GRANTS AND APPLICATION FORMS (MA/8) ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE ON THE NINTH FLOOR, HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG.

APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE BEFORE JANUARY 31, 1978. TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE AT 5-283257.

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ROUTE CHANGE FOR CROSS HARBOUR BUS 103
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE CROSS HARBOUR BUS ROUTE NO. 103 BETWEEN LOK FU AND POKFIELD ROAD HAS BEEN ALTERED IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE JOURNEY TIME.

THE ROUTE WILL NOW RUN VIA HENNESSY ROAD, QUEENSWAY, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, ICE HOUSE STREET AND CHATER ROAD ON JOURNEYS TO POKFIELD ROAD.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE RE-ROUTING IS TEMPORARY AND WOULD BE IN EFFECT FOR NOT MORE THAN 12 MONTHS.

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