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## SIR EDWARD OFF TO PEKING

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, LEFT FOR PEKING THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON TO CONTINUE THE SECOND PHASE OF THE SINO-BRITISH TALKS ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

HE WAS SEEN OFF AT THE AIRPORT BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR SZE-YUEN CHUNG, THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR ROGER LOBO, AND TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE XINHUA NEWS AGENCY (HONG KONG BRANCH), MR TAN GAN, VICE-CHIEF EDITOR, AND MR JI SHAOXIANG, FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECRETARY.

ACCOMPANYING THE GOVERNOR TO PEKING WERE THE POLITICAL ADVISER, MR ROBIN MCLAREN, AND THE GOVERNMENT CHIEF INTERPRETER, MR Y.P. CHENG.

SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE HAS BEEN APPOINTED DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR DURING SIR EDWARD'S ABSENCE.

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## HIGHEST RAINFALL FOR FIRST SIX MONTHS

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ACCUMULATED RAINFALL FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR IS THE HIGHEST IN HONG KONG FOR THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD SINCE 1889, ACCORDING TO THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY'S MONTHLY WEATHER REPORT PUBLISHED TODAY.

AT 1 734.7 MM, THE TOTAL RAINFALL IS 75 PER CENT ABOVE NORMAL.

JUNE WAS HOTTER AND LESS HUMID THAN USUAL, WITH THE MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 27.0 DEGREES CELSIUS BEING THE HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR THE MONTH, THE REPORT SAYS.

THE RELATIVE HUMIDITY OF 79 PER CENT IS THE SECOND LOWEST FOR JUNE.

TOTAL RAINFALL OF THE MONTH, MEASURING 445.8 MM, WAS SLIGHTLY ABOVE THE NORMAL FIGURE.

ABOUT THREE QUARTERS OF THIS TOTAL WERE RECORDED ON JUNE 17, MAKING IT THE SECOND HIGHEST DAILY RAINFALL FOR JUNE.

THE MONTH STARTED WITH FINE WEATHER ON JUNE 1. FRESHENING SOUTH-WESTERLY WINDS BROUGHT CLOUDY WEATHER AND ISOLATED SHOWERS THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE WEATHER DETERIORATED FURTHER ON JUNE 3 AS A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE WITH ASSOCIATED SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS MOVED CLOSE TO HONG KONG FROM THE NORTH. THE TROUGH PASSED THROUGH HONG KONG SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT AND THE WEATHER IMPROVED. WINDS TURNED EASTERLY IN THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 4 WHEN TRACES OF RAIN WERE RECORDED.

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FROM JUNE 5 TO 7, THE WEATHER WAS FINE. CLOUDY CONDITIONS RETURNED ON JUNE 8, WITH OCCASIONAL SHOWERS DURING THE NIGHT. THE WEATHER REMAINED SHOWERY ON JUNE 9 AND 10.

FINE WEATHER SET IN ON JUNE 11 AND CONTINUED UNTIL JUNE 14. THERE WERE A FEW ISOLATED SHOWERS ON JUNE 15 AND THE WEATHER BECAME INCREASINGLY UNSETTLED WITH SCATTERED SHOWERS ON JUNE 16.

A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE MOVED SOUTHWARDS TO SOUTH CHINA ON JUNE 17, RESULTING IN FREQUENT HEAVY SHOWERS AND WIDESPREAD THUNDERSTORMS IN HONG KONG.

THE DOWNPOUR WAS HEAVIEST DURING THE FIVE HOURS BETWEEN 5 AM AND 10 AM WHEN 274.4 MM OF RAIN WERE RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

THIS FIVE-HOURLY RAINFALL WAS THE SECOND HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR JUNE AND THE FOURTH HIGHEST FOR ANY MONTH.

THE MAP SHOWING RAINFALL FOR 24 HOURS ENDING AT 3 PM ON JUNE 17 REVEALED THAT RAIN WAS HEAVIEST ON HONG KONG ISLAND WHERE AMOUNTS EXCEEDING 400 MM WERE RECORDED.

THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 393 REPORTS OF FLOODING AND 134 REPORTS OF LANDSLIPS. THE MAJORITY, 261 CASES OF FLOODING AND 92 LANDSLIPS, OCCURRED ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

DURING THE DELUGE A MAN WAS KILLED, 12 OTHERS INJURED AND MORE THAN 600 MADE HOMELESS. THE MAN WAS CARRIED AWAY BY FLOOD WATER AT SOUTH BAY CLOSE ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND WAS LATER FOUND DEAD.

THE MOST SERIOUS FLOODING OCCURRED IN THE EASTERN AND SOUTHERN DISTRICTS OF HONG KONG ISLAND AND THE EASTERN PART OF KOWLOON WHERE FLOOD WATER OF OVER ONE METRE WAS REPORTED IN MANY PLACES. TWENTY-TWO HECTARES OF FARMLAND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WERE INUNDATED.

THE MOST SERIOUS LANDSLIP OCCURRED IN THE MORNING AT PEAK ROAD NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH MAGAZINE GAP ROAD AND COOMBE ROAD WHERE A SECTION OF THE ROAD SLID DOWN THE SLOPE. THE LANDSLIP CUT OFF WATER, ELECTRICITY AND GAS SUPPLY AS WELL AS TELEPHONE LINKS TO THE PEAK.

ANOTHER SERIOUS LANDSLIP OCCURRED IN THE EVENING AT TIN WAN HILL ROAD IN ABERDEEN WHERE ABOUT 50 TONNES OF MUD SLID DOWN THE HILLSIDE, BURYING SIX MOTOR VEHICLES, BUT NO ONE WAS HURT.

FOLLOWING THE DOWNPOUR, RESERVOIRS IN HONG KONG BECAME ABOUT 90 PER CENT FULL. EIGHT BUILDINGS WERE THREATENED BY LANDSLIPS ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND WERE CLOSED BY THE AUTHORITIES.

THERE WERE OCCASIONAL LIGHT SHOWERS ON JUNE 18 AS THE TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE GRADUALLY MOVED NORTHWARDS AWAY FROM HONG KONG. DURING THE FOLLOWING TWO DAYS, THE WEATHER REMAINED CLOUDY WITH SCATTERED SHOWERS. SUNNY PERIODS DEVELOPED ON JUNE 21 AND 22 BUT THERE WERE ALSO SOME ISOLATED SHOWERS.

/FROM JUNE 23 .....

FROM JUNE 23 TO 25, A RIDGE OF HIGH PRESSURE COVERED THE SOUTH CHINA COAST, RESULTING IN FINE AND SUNNY WEATHER IN HONG KONG. A MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 32.8 DEGREES CELSIUS, THE HIGHEST TEMPERATURE OF THE MONTH, WAS RECORDED ON JUNE 24.

APART FROM OCCASIONAL LIGHT SHOWERS, THE WEATHER CONTINUED FINE FOR THE REST OF THE MONTH.

THE FIRST TROPICAL CYCLONE THIS YEAR FORMED AS A TROPICAL DEPRESSION OVER THE SOUTH CHINA SEA NEAR NANSHA ON JUNE 24. IT INTENSIFIED INTO A TROPICAL STORM LATER AND WAS NAMED SARAH. IT EVENTUALLY DISSIPATED OVER VIETNAM ON JUNE 26 ABOUT 150 NAUTICAL MILES NORTHWEST OF DANANG.

DURING THE MONTH, TWO AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER.

THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON JUNE 3, 16, 17 AND 19 WHILE A FLOOD WARNING AND A LANDSLIP WARNING WERE IN EFFECT ON JUNE 17.

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

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|--------------------------|----------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| SUNSHINE                 | 214.3 HOURS          | : | 55.1 HOURS ABOVE NORMAL          |
| RAINFALL                 | 445.8 MM             | : | 14.0 MM ABOVE NORMAL             |
| CLOUDINESS               | 70 PER CENT          | : | 5 PER CENT LESS THAN NORMAL      |
| RELATIVE HUMIDITY        | 79 PER CENT          | : | 5 PER CENT LOWER THAN NORMAL     |
| MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE | 30.7 DEGREES CELSIUS | : | 0.3 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL  |
| MEAN TEMPERATURE         | 28.6 DEGREES CELSIUS | : | 0.9 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL  |
| MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE | 27.0 DEGREES CELSIUS | : | 1.4 DEGREES CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL |
| MEAN DEW POINT           | 24.6 DEGREES CELSIUS | : | 0.1 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL  |
| TOTAL EVAPORATION        | 155.5 MM             | : | 3.0 MM ABOVE NORMAL              |

MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 32.8 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON JUNE 24.

MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 24.0 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON JUNE 5.

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NEW I.D. CARD SCHEME MAKES GOOD PROGRESS

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ABOUT 58 PER CENT OF AN ESTIMATED TOTAL OF 62 000 MEN BORN IN 1962 HAS COME FORWARD FOR THEIR NEW IDENTITY CARDS SINCE THE THIRD PHASE OF THE NEW I.D. CARD SCHEME STARTED TWO WEEKS AGO.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT BETWEEN JULY 11 AND 9.30 PM LAST FRIDAY, 36 000 APPLICATIONS HAD BEEN RECEIVED, REPRESENTING AN AVERAGE TURN-UP RATE OF 3 270 PER WORKING DAY.

+THE LATEST FIGURE IS INDEED AN ENCOURAGING SIGN OF SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION FROM THE PUBLIC,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE URGED THE REMAINING 42 PER CENT TO HAND IN THEIR APPLICATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

+UNLIKE THE LAST TWO PHASES, THE CURRENT PHASE GIVES THE TARGET GROUP ONLY FOUR WEEKS TO EXCHANGE THEIR OLD IDENTITY CARDS FOR NEW ONES,+ THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT.

+IN FACT, THERE ARE ONLY 12 WORKING DAYS LEFT BEFORE THE DEADLINE OF AUGUST 6.

+THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET APPLIED SHOULD DO SO NOW. FAILURE TO OBTAIN A NEW IDENTITY CARD WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD MAY LEAD TO PROSECUTION,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED APPLICANTS TO BRING ALONG THEIR OLD IDENTITY CARDS WHEN THEY REPORT TO ANY OF THE EIGHT ISSUE OFFICES IN HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+THESE OFFICES ARE OPEN BETWEEN 8 AM AND 9.30 PM FROM MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS SO THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE BUSY IN THE DAYTIME CAN GO THERE IN THE EVENING OR AT WEEKENDS,+ HE SAID.

PEOPLE IN THIS AGE GROUP WHO ARE AWAY FROM HONG KONG DURING THIS PERIOD MUST APPLY WITHIN 30 DAYS UPON THEIR RETURN, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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REMINDER ON TYPHOON ARRANGEMENTS

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EMPLOYERS WERE ADVISED TODAY (SUNDAY) TO REACH PRIOR UNDERSTANDING WITH THEIR EMPLOYEES ON WORKING ARRANGEMENTS ON THE APPROACH OF OR DURING A TROPICAL STORM.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID THE AGREEMENT SHOULD INCLUDE RULES FOR WORK, RELEASE FROM WORK, THE METHOD OF CALCULATING WAGES TO BE PAID UNDER VARIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES.

/+ALTHOUGH .....

+ALTHOUGH THE LAW DOES NOT LAY DOWN ANY PARTICULAR PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW, IT IS BASICALLY A MATTER OF DECISION BETWEEN EACH EMPLOYER AND HIS EMPLOYEES, WITH THE NATURE OF EMPLOYMENT AND THE INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEE'S PLACE OF RESIDENCE, AVAILABILITY OF TRANSPORT AND OTHER FACTORS, TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT CONFUSION, OR EVEN DISPUTES, COULD ARISE IF THERE WAS A LACK OF PRIOR UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES AS TO WHAT TO DO DURING A TYPHOON.

HE SAID THAT ONE IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION ON SUCH OCCASIONS WAS THE EMPLOYEES' SAFETY, BOTH AT THE PLACE OF WORK AND DURING THE JOURNEY TO AND FROM HOME.

+FOR EXAMPLE, EMPLOYERS SHOULD SEND THEIR EMPLOYEES HOME WHEN TYPHOON SIGNAL NUMBER EIGHT OR HIGHER IS HOISTED, OR WHEN PUBLIC TRANSPORT IS ABOUT TO STOP.

+OF COURSE, EMPLOYEES WHO ARE REQUIRED TO PERFORM ESSENTIAL AND EMERGENCY DUTIES DURING A TYPHOON WILL BE EXCEPTIONS,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID EMPLOYERS COULD ALWAYS APPROACH THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR ADVICE WHEN DRAFTING OR PREPARING AGREEMENTS CONCERNING TYPHOON ARRANGEMENTS.

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ALL DISTRICTS TO RUN MEET-THE-PUBLIC SESSIONS  
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THE +MEET-THE-PUBLIC+ SCHEME WILL BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED IN ALL THE 18 DISTRICTS WHEN THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS START MEETING LOCAL RESIDENTS TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON DISTRICT AFFAIRS.

A DISTRICT BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT MEMBERS HAD BEEN MAKING THEIR OWN ARRANGEMENTS TO MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACTS WITH THE RESIDENTS, USING SUCH VENUES AS THEIR OWN OFFICES OR THE RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICES.

+THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT, WHICH HAS BEEN MOVED TO A MORE SPACIOUS OFFICE RECENTLY, CAN NOW PROVIDE INTERVIEW ROOMS AS WELL AS SUPPORTING STAFF FOR MEMBERS,+ HE SAID.

+THIS WILL PROVIDE MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS TO HEAR SUGGESTIONS OR COMPLAINTS FROM RESIDENTS ON LOCAL MATTERS.+

UNDER THE SCHEME, BOARD MEMBERS WILL TAKE TURNS TO MEET RESIDENTS FROM 10 AM TO 12 NOON ON MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS, AND FROM 6 PM TO 8 PM ON TUESDAYS AT THE SECRETARIAT'S NEW OFFICE ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE IN KWONG FUK ROAD.

APPOINTMENTS CAN BE MADE IN WRITING, IN PERSON, OR BY TELEPHONE DURING OFFICE HOURS WITH THE BOARD SECRETARIAT. ITS TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 0-6584018 OR 0-6585018.

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PES STAFF HANDLE 280 000 TENANCY ENQUIRIES  
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SOME 280 000 ENQUIRIES ON TENANCY MATTERS WERE MADE AT THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION'S 61 PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE (PES) CENTRES DURING THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR.

THIS REPRESENTED 6.9 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL FOUR MILLION ENQUIRIES HANDLED BY THE PES STAFF.

THE MORE COMMON PROBLEMS COVERED WERE RENT INCREASES, RECOVERY OF PREMISES, REFUSAL TO ACCEPT RENT, TENANCY AGREEMENTS AND RENT ARREARS.

A CNTA SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT LANDLORDS OR TENANTS WHO WERE IN DOUBT OF THEIR STATUTORY RIGHTS OR OBLIGATIONS COULD ALWAYS SEEK ADVICE FROM THE PES STAFF.

+ IF FURTHER ACTIONS ARE REQUIRED, THE STAFF WILL ARRANGE FOR THE ENQUIRER TO MEET RENT OFFICERS STATIONED AT SELECTED DISTRICT OFFICES, + HE SAID.

A RENT OFFICER SCHEME, RUN BY THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT, WAS LAUNCHED IN APRIL 1978.

UNDER THE SCHEME, RENT OFFICERS ARE PRESENT AT SPECIFIED DISTRICT OFFICES ON FIXED DAYS EACH WEEK TO DISCUSS WITH THE PUBLIC THEIR TENANCY PROBLEMS.

THEY ALSO ADVISE ON TENANCY MATTERS RELATED TO THE VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE LANDLORD AND TENANT (CONSOLIDATION) ORDINANCE, THE DEMOLISHED BUILDING (RE-DEVELOPMENT OF SITES) ORDINANCE, AND OTHER LAWS CONCERNING LANDLORD AND TENANT RELATIONSHIP.

DURING THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR, THE RENT OFFICERS DEALT WITH 13 000 ENQUIRIES -- A 3.5 PER CENT INCREASE OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT THEY COULD APPROACH ANY OF THE 61 PES CENTRES OR CONTACT THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT FOR ADVICE ON ANY RENTAL PROBLEMS.

OTHER SERVICES AVAILABLE AT THE PES CENTRES INCLUDE THE ADMINISTERING OF STATUTORY DECLARATIONS, ANSWERING ENQUIRIES ON GOVERNMENT SERVICES, DISTRIBUTION OF FORMS AND INFORMATION PAMPHLETS, AND FREE LEGAL ADVICE.

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WELFARE PREMISES RESERVED FOR NURSERIES

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MORE THAN 2 400 SQUARE METRES OF PREMISES ARE BEING RESERVED FOR THE SETTING UP OF NURSERIES.

VOLUNTARY AGENCIES ARE BEING INVITED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE PREMISES, WHICH ARE LOCATED IN FIVE HOUSING ESTATES AND ONE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME DUE FOR COMPLETION OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

THESE ESTATES WILL PROVIDE HOMES FOR SOME 160 000 PEOPLE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY), +TO BE IN LINE WITH THE FIVE YEAR PLAN ON SOCIAL WELFARE DEVELOPMENT AND TO ENABLE MORE REALISTIC PLANNING, ONLY THOSE PREMISES WHICH WILL BE COMPLETED BEFORE JULY 1988 ARE INCLUDED.+

A LIST OF THE PREMISES HAS BEEN SENT TO VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

THE PREMISES, RANGING IN AREA FROM 320 TO 550 SQUARE METRES, WILL BE IN ESTATES PLANNED FOR SHA TIN, JUNK BAY, TUEN MUN, TAI PO AND TSING YI.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT APPLICATIONS FOR THE PREMISES SHOULD REACH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE, 19TH FLOOR, 280 GLOUCESTER ROAD, BY SEPTEMBER 8, 1983.

HE URGED INTERESTED AGENCIES TO APPLY AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS FOR WELFARE PREMISES, HE SAID, WERE NOT AUTOMATICALLY ENTITLED TO SUBVENTIONS OR LOTTERIES FUND GRANTS.

+SEPARATE APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE MADE IN DUE COURSE AND EACH CASE WILL BE CONSIDERED ON ITS MERITS,+ HE ADDED.

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CHANGE IN SHIPBUILDING MANPOWER STRUCTURE

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THE SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP-REPAIR INDUSTRY'S TECHNICAL MANPOWER STRUCTURE HAS CHANGED WITH THE EMERGING NEED FOR HIGH-GRADE WELDERS AND METALLURGICAL TECHNICIANS.

THIS CHANGE IS AMONG THE FINDINGS CONTAINED IN THE INDUSTRY'S 1982 MANPOWER SURVEY REPORT JUST PUBLISHED.

ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THE CHANGE WAS DUE TO THE SECURING OF CONTRACTS RELATED TO THE OFF-SHORE OIL INDUSTRY.

THE SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED IN SEPTEMBER 1982 BY THE SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP-REPAIR INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

IT COVERED ALL SHIPYARDS, BOATYARDS, SHIPPING FIRMS, SHIP SURVEYOR AND CONSULTANT FIRMS AND ESTABLISHMENTS ENGAGED IN MARINE ENGINEERING AND ELECTRICAL WORKS.

ALTHOUGH THE RECOVERY OF SEA TRANSPORTATION WAS DELAYED BY GLOBAL RECESSION, AN UPTURN OF THE INDUSTRY WOULD BE LIKELY IF IT COULD OBTAIN A LARGER SHARE OF WORK IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA OFF-SHORE OIL EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES, THE REPORT SAYS.

DURING THE SURVEY PERIOD, THERE WERE 10 739 WORKERS EMPLOYED IN THE INDUSTRY, AN INCREASE OF TWO PER CENT OVER 1980.

THE REPORT SAYS THAT ON THE BASIS OF ITS MANPOWER TREND, THE INDUSTRY WILL NEED TO RECRUIT AN ADDITIONAL 240 CRAFTSMEN, 60 TECHNICIANS AND 22 TECHNOLOGISTS A YEAR BETWEEN 1983 AND 1987.

THE REPORT, WHICH ALSO CONTAINS STATISTICAL ANALYSES OF THE INDUSTRY'S MANPOWER, IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AT \$14.50 A COPY.

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#### FOOTBRIDGE TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

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THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PLANS TO CONSTRUCT A FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS POK FU LAM ROAD NEXT TO HONG KONG UNIVERSITY.

THE FOOTBRIDGE WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING SIGNAL-CONTROLLED CROSSING TO FURTHER IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY.

A NOTICE ABOUT THE PROPOSAL IS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROJECT CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING MAIN ENTRANCE; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (HONG KONG NORTH), HARBOUR CENTRE, 12TH FLOOR, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG; AND THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, 222-224 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

ANY OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL MUST BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY SEPTEMBER 20, 1983.

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#### HORTICULTURE COURSES FOR KWAI CHUNG AND NORTH DISTRICT

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COURSES ON HORTICULTURE WILL BE OFFERED FREE OF CHARGE IN KWAI CHUNG AND NORTH DISTRICT.

/THE LECTURES .....

THE LECTURES WILL FOCUS ON SOIL KNOWLEDGE, FERTILISING, PROPAGATION OF INDOOR PLANTS, DETECTION OF PLANT DISEASES, WATERING AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE OF PLANTS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

IN KWAI CHUNG, THE COURSE WILL BE HELD AT THE OSMAN RAMJU SADICK MEMORIAL GAMES HALL ON EIGHT CONSECUTIVE SATURDAY MORNINGS, STARTING ON JULY 30.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE GAMES HALL AND AT THE KWAI CHUNG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE, FOURTH FLOOR, SHING WAH BUILDING, 31 SHING FONG STREET, KWAI CHUNG.

IN THE NORTH DISTRICT, THE COURSE WILL BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON FIVE SATURDAY MORNINGS BETWEEN AUGUST 6 AND SEPTEMBER 3.

ENTRY FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE FANLING RECREATION GROUND, FANLING NEW TOWN PUBLIC SQUASH COURTS AND THE NORTH URBAN SERVICES OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, GARAGE NO. 1, TAI YUEN ESTATE, TAI PO.

APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

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#### ROAD CLOSURE PROPOSED

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO CLOSE PERMANENTLY PARTS OF AN UNNAMED ACCESS ROAD AND FOOTWAY LEADING FROM THE JUNCTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND CHING CHEUNG ROAD TO THE O PUI SHAN BOYS' HOME.

THE PROPOSED CLOSURE IS TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ELECTRICITY SUBSTATION AT THE JUNCTION.

THE DEVELOPER OF THE ELECTRICITY SUBSTATION SITE WILL BE REQUIRED TO CONSTRUCT AN ALTERNATIVE ROAD.

DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW ROAD AND FOOTWAY, VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC WILL BE MAINTAINED.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSAL IS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROJECT CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING MAIN ENTRANCE; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (KOWLOON WEST), KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD; AND THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, 2ND FLOOR, FOU WAH CENTRE, 210 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN; AND THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, KWAI CHUNG SUB-DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS (FORMERLY KNOWN AS TOWN MANAGEMENT OFFICE, KWAI CHUNG), KWAI KING BUILDING, 31 KWONG FAI CIRCUIT, KWAI CHUNG.

ANY OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL MUST BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY SEPTEMBER 20, 1983.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN SAI YING PUN

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN SAI YING PUN FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (JULY 26) TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE AREA.

UNDER THE NEW MEASURES, TRAFFIC ON EASTERN STREET BETWEEN QUEEN'S ROAD WEST AND FIRST STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

TRAFFIC ON FIRST STREET BETWEEN EASTERN STREET AND WESTERN STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.

IN ADDITION, A NUMBER OF ROADS WILL BE DESIGNATED AS URBAN CLEARWAYS, WHERE VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS FROM 5 PM TO 8 PM DAILY.

THEY ARE :

- \* QUEEN'S ROAD WEST FROM 30 METRES EAST OF WILMER STREET TO 20 METRES WEST OF POK FU LAM ROAD,
- \* CENTRE STREET NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,
- \* EASTERN STREET NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,
- \* WESTERN STREET FROM 30 METRES NORTH OF QUEEN'S ROAD WEST TO FIRST STREET,
- \* POK FU LAM ROAD BETWEEN FIRST STREET AND QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, AND
- \* FIRST STREET NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH EASTERN STREET.

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WATER CUT IN KWAI CHUNG

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 PM ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 27) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY HING SHING ROAD, KO FONG STREET, WING FONG ROAD, SHING FONG STREET AND HING FONG ROAD, INCLUDING BLOCKS 9, 10 AND 11 OF KWAI FONG ESTATE.

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