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DISTRICT BOARDS WILL BE CONSULTED ON MAJOR ISSUES, GOVERNOR SAYS  
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THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO CONSULT DISTRICT BOARDS ON MAJOR ISSUES AFFECTING THE WELL-BEING OF RESIDENTS, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY.

SIR EDWARD WAS SPEAKING DURING A VISIT THIS AFTERNOON TO THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD — THE FIRST BOARD MEETING SINCE THE URBAN DISTRICT ELECTIONS LAST MONTH.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE DISTRICT BOARDS HAD IN THE PAST BEEN CONSULTED ON SUCH TERRITORY-WIDE ISSUES AS THE JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES ALLOCATION SYSTEM, THE LAW ON HOLIDAYS FOR WORKERS, HELICOPTER LANDING SITES, THE FILM CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM AND LEGISLATION ON WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

+THEY WILL CONTINUE TO BE SO CONSULTED IN FUTURE,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

GIVING AN EXAMPLE OF THIS CONSULTATION PROCESS, THE GOVERNOR SAID THE TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY PROPOSED SETTING UP A NUMBER OF DISTRICT-BASED TELEVISION HOME-VIEWING GROUPS AND ADVISORY PANELS TO ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT IN GAUGING PUBLIC ATTITUDES TOWARDS TELEVISION PROGRAMMES AND ADVERTISING STANDARDS.

HE WAS GLAD TO SEE IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT THAT, IN LINE WITH HIS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SPEECH, THE GOVERNMENT HAD GIVEN DUE WEIGHT TO THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT WHEN DECISIONS WERE TAKEN.

+THE BOARD'S ADVICE HAS BEEN ACCEPTED, AND HAS BEEN OR IS BEING IMPLEMENTED AS REGARDS PASSENGER SHELTERS, THE DROPPING OF THE RETURN TOLL CHARGE FOR TAXIS USING THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL, THE PROVISION OF SHELTERS AT BUS STOPS AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN THE TYPHOON SHELTER.

+SOMETIMES THERE WILL BE GOOD REASONS WHY THE GOVERNMENT CANNOT MEET THE BOARD'S VIEWS. IN SUCH CASES THE REASONS MUST BE EXPLAINED TO THE BOARDS.

+I UNDERSTAND, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT YOU HAVE BEEN MADE AWARE OF THE REASONS WHY THE GOVERNMENT CANNOT RESPOND QUICKLY TO YOUR REQUEST TO PROVIDE MORE SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES IN THE DISTRICT ITSELF (THOUGH THERE IS NO LACK OF SPACES IN THE ADJOINING CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICTS),+ THE GOVERNOR SAID.

APART FROM ADVISING GOVERNMENT ON LOCAL PROBLEMS, DISTRICT BOARDS WERE ALSO EXPECTED TO REFLECT PUBLIC OPINION ON MAJOR ISSUES AFFECTING THE WELL-BEING OF RESIDENTS, SIR EDWARD SAID.

/THE GOVERNOR .....

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THE GOVERNOR CONGRATULATED THE MEMBERS ON THE SUCCESS OF THE RECENT DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS, POINTING OUT THAT IN THE 10 URBAN DISTRICTS NEARLY 250 000 PEOPLE CAST THEIR VOTES.

THIS REFLECTED GROWING INTEREST IN THE COMMUNITY DISTRICT MOVEMENT, HE SAID.

HE CALLED ON ALL BOARD MEMBERS +TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO LIAISE CLOSELY WITH THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITIES, TO FIND OUT WHAT THEY WANT AND TO REFLECT THEIR FEELINGS, ASPIRATIONS AND NEEDS, FAITHFULLY AND FORCEFULLY+.

HE NOTED THAT THIS YEAR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD HAD DEVISED WAYS OF IMPROVING CONTACT BETWEEN MEMBERS AND THE PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING +MEET THE PUBLIC+ SESSIONS, CONSTITUENCY-BASED VISITS, SEMINARS AND SPECIALISED GROUPS, AND A SUGGESTION POST SCHEME.

THESE CONTACTS LED TO BOARD MEMBERS PUTTING FORWARD VIEWS ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES, INCLUDING THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES, PASSENGER SHELTERS AT BUS STOPS -- ISSUES WHICH DIRECTLY AFFECT THE DAILY LIVES OF THE RESIDENTS.

SIR EDWARD SPENT ABOUT 20 MINUTES DISCUSSING DISTRICT MATTERS WITH THE BOARD MEMBERS BEFORE LEAVING TO VISIT SEVERAL PARTS OF THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING THE AP LEI CHAU HOUSING ESTATE FROM WHERE HE TOOK A BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN ABERDEEN.

THE GOVERNOR THEN WENT ON TO INSPECT FACILITIES AT TWO BOATYARDS AT PO CHONG WAN.

THE GOVERNOR WAS ACCOMPANIED DURING THE VISIT BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON), MR GRAHAM BARNES.

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JULY SURVEY OF RETAIL SALES  
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THE VALUE OF RETAIL SALES FOR THE RETAIL TRADE SECTOR IN JULY 1982 WAS ESTIMATED TO BE \$4 141 MILLION, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL SURVEY RESULTS PREPARED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

AT 122, THE OVERALL RETAIL SALES VALUE INDEX FOR JULY 1982 INCREASED BY 2 POINTS OR 2 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH JUNE 1982 AND BY 3 POINTS OR 3 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH JULY 1981. THE OVERALL RETAIL SALES VOLUME INDEX FOR JULY 1982 WAS 101, BEING 1 POINT OR 1 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THAT FOR JUNE 1982 AND 5 POINTS OR 5 PER CENT LOWER THAN THAT FOR JULY 1981.

COMPARED WITH JUNE 1982, THE RETAIL SALES VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES FOR MOST MAJOR TRADE GROUPS AND SELECTED TRADES REMAINED RELATIVELY STABLE. WHILE RETAIL SALES OF DEPARTMENT STORES AND SUPERMARKETS BOTH INCREASED BY 5 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS, THOSE OF CONSUMER DURABLES ROSE BY 4 PER CENT. THE CORRESPONDING INCREASES IN THESE TRADES IN VOLUME TERMS (NAMELY, DEPARTMENT STORES, SUPERMARKETS AND CONSUMER DURABLES) WERE 6 PER CENT, 2 PER CENT AND 4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES, ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASED BY 3 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS AND 4 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS AND THOSE OF FUELS DECREASED BY 2 PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

COMPARED WITH JULY 1981, THE RETAIL SALES OF FUELS AND SUPERMARKETS BOTH INCREASED BY 20 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS AND 11 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS AND THOSE OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS INCREASED BY 18 PER CENT AND 5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION OF 35 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS AND 48 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS. THE VOLUME OF RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES AND CONSUMER GOODS ALSO DECREASED BY 10 PER CENT AND 7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

TABLES 1 AND 2 (ATTACHED) PRESENT THE REVISED FIGURES FOR JUNE AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURES FOR JULY 1982 ON THE TOTAL RETAIL SALES, AND ON THE RETAIL SALES VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES BY SELECTED TRADES AND MAJOR TRADE GROUPS. THE AVERAGE MONTHLY RETAIL SALES IN 1980 ARE TAKEN AS 100. COMPARISONS OF THE JULY RESULTS WITH THOSE OF THE PRECEDING MONTH AND OF THE CORRESPONDING MONTH IN 1981 ARE ALSO GIVEN. ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, TEL. NO. 3-7216024.

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Table 1 : Value indexes of retail sales for  
June and July 1982

(Monthly average of 1980 = 100)

<u>Item</u>	<u>June</u> <u>1982</u>	<u>July</u> <u>1982</u>	<u>July 1982</u> <u>compared with</u> <u>June 1982</u>		<u>July 1982</u> <u>compared with</u> <u>July 1981</u>	
	(Revised figures)	(Provisional figures)	Points	%	Points	%
Total retail sales (HK\$ million)	4 089	4 141				
Retail sales value indexes :						
(I) <u>for all retail trades</u>	120	122	+ 2	+ 2	+ 3	+ 3
(II) <u>by major trade groups</u>						
Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco	127	130	+ 3	+ 2	+ 9	+ 7
Fuels	150	147	- 3	- 2	+ 25	+ 20
Clothing, footwear and allied products	127	127	same	same	+ 19	+ 18
Consumer goods	116	117	+ 1	+ 1	same	same
Consumer durables	111	115	+ 4	+ 4	- 6	- 5
(III) <u>by selected trades</u>						
Motor vehicles	64	62	- 2	- 3	- 34	- 35
Department stores	101	106	+ 5	+ 5	+ 10	+ 10
Supermarkets	168	177	+ 9	+ 5	+ 30	+ 20

Table 2 : Volume indexes of retail sales for  
June and July 1982

(Monthly average of 1980 = 100)

<u>Item</u>	<u>June 1982</u>  (Revised figures)	<u>July 1982</u>  (Provisional figures)	<u>July 1982 compared with June 1982</u>		<u>July 1982 compared with July 1981</u>	
			Points	%	Points	%
<b>Retail sales volume indexes :</b>						
(I) <u>for all retail trades</u>	100	101	+ 1	+ 1	- 5	- 5
(II) <u>by major trade groups</u>						
Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco	98	99	+ 1	+ 1	- 1	- 1
Fuels	116	114	- 2	- 2	+ 11	+ 11
Clothing, footwear and allied products	99	100	+ 1	+ 1	+ 5	+ 5
Consumer goods	101	101	same	same	- 8	- 7
Consumer durables	96	100	+ 4	+ 4	- 11	- 10
(III) <u>by selected trades</u>						
Motor vehicles	47	45	- 2	- 4	- 41	- 48
Department stores	87	92	+ 5	+ 6	+ 2	+ 2
Supermarkets	133	136	+ 3	+ 2	+ 13	+ 11

NEW SAFETY REGULATIONS EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1

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TWO SETS OF REGULATIONS DESIGNED TO PROTECT WORKERS' HEARING AND TO ENSURE THE SAFE USE OF ELECTRICITY IN INDUSTRY WILL COME INTO FORCE ON DECEMBER 1 THIS YEAR.

THIS WAS DISCLOSED BY ACTING ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR YIU YAN-NANG, WHEN HE OUTLINED THE RECENT DEVELOPMENT IN THE PROMOTION OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG NORTHWEST TODAY (TUESDAY).

ONE SET OF THE REGULATIONS, HE SAID, REQUIRES PROPRIETORS OF INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS TO PROVIDE EAR PROTECTORS TO WORKERS EXPOSED TO EXCESSIVE NOISE, AND TO MAINTAIN THEIR PLANTS PROPERLY SO AS TO REDUCE NOISE. IT ALSO REQUIRES WORKERS TO WEAR PROTECTORS PROVIDED FOR THEM.

A CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE PROTECTION OF HEARING IN INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS HAS ALSO BEEN PRODUCED TO COMPLEMENT THE REGULATIONS, AND WILL SERVE AS A TECHNICAL GUIDE TO INDUSTRY FOR HEARING PROTECTION AND NOISE CONTROL IN THE WORKPLACE.

THE OTHER SET OF REGULATIONS PROVIDES FOR THE SAFE USE OF ELECTRICITY IN INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS, AND THE MAIN PROVISIONS INCLUDE PROPER CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, AND PROTECTION OF SWITCHES, SWITCHBOARDS, CONDUCTORS, ELECTRICAL MOTORS AND ELECTRICAL APPARATUS.

COPIES OF GUIDES TO THE REGULATIONS ARE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE AT ALL OFFICES OF THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE.

TO COMPLEMENT THE ENACTMENT OF SAFETY REGULATIONS, MR YIU POINTED OUT, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAD LAUNCHED A PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

THE CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES HAD BECOME MORE COMPREHENSIVE, IMAGINATIVE AND SOPHISTICATED IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, INVOLVING VERY EXTENSIVE PARTICIPATION BY EMPLOYERS, WORKERS, THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND THE MASS MEDIA, HE SAID.

ONE OF THE SUCCESSFUL ACTIVITIES WAS THE +SAFETY EXTRAVAGANZA+ WHICH IS BEING RE-STAGED IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF HONG KONG FOLLOWING ITS SUCCESSFUL DEBUT AT HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC EARLY THIS YEAR.

ANOTHER POPULAR ITEM WAS THE SECOND SAFETY AT WORK TELEVISION PROGRAMME WHICH WILL BE SCREENED ON HK-TV8 NEXT MONTH.

THE PROGRAMME, CONSISTING OF 13 EPISODES, WILL DRAW PARTICIPATION BY 27 TEAMS OF WORKERS FROM THE MANUFACTURING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES, AND WILL INVOLVE HOME VIEWERS THROUGH A QUIZ COMPETITION.

FOR THE FIRST TIME ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 22), HK-TV8'S +ENJOY YOURSELF TONIGHT+ PROGRAMME WILL BE DEDICATED ENTIRELY TO PROMOTING INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

MR YIU SAID THAT UNTIL PEOPLE VOLUNTARILY ADOPTED SAFETY MEASURES, SAFETY REGULATIONS REMAINED THE MOST IMPORTANT INSTRUMENT IN BRINGING ABOUT A SAFE WORKING ENVIRONMENT.

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STAMP RUSH EXPECTED  
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A SPECIAL STAMP ISSUE WITH THE THEME '3RD FAR EAST AND SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES FOR THE DISABLED (FESPIC GAMES 1982)' WILL BE PUT ON SALE ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 20), THE POSTMASTER GENERAL ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY).

AS A BIG RUSH IS EXPECTED, SPECIAL COUNTERS WILL BE SET ASIDE FOR PEOPLE WISHING TO TRANSACT NORMAL POSTAL BUSINESS AT THE FOLLOWING POST OFFICES:

ON HONG KONG ISLAND

GENERAL POST OFFICE; BEACONSFIELD HOUSE; CAUSEWAY BAY; HENNESSY ROAD; MORRISON HILL; NORTH POINT; QUEEN'S ROAD AND SHEUNG WAN.

IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES

KOWLOON CENTRAL; CHEUNG SHA WAN; GILLIES AVENUE; KOWLOON CITY; KWUN TONG; MONG KOK; SHAM SHUI PO; TSIM SHA TSUI AND TSUEN WAN.

MANY MORE STAFF WILL BE PUT ON DUTY, BUT AS LONG QUEUES OF PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE URGED BY THE SPOKESMAN TO SHOW TOLERANCE AND, IF POSSIBLE, TO TRANSACT THEIR NORMAL POSTAL BUSINESS ON THE NEXT DAY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMME FOR ELDERLY  
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A HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMME FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE -- AGED 60 AND ABOVE -- WILL BE HELD FROM NOVEMBER 8 TO 11 AS A PART OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

THE PROGRAMME CONSISTS OF AN EXHIBITION ON DISEASE PREVENTION AND A SLIDE SHOW, TOGETHER WITH THE PROVISION OF FREE PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS INCLUDING MEASUREMENT OF BLOOD PRESSURE, BLOOD AND URINE TESTS AND WEIGHT CHECKS.

WHERE NECESSARY, COUNSELLING AND REFERRAL FOR FREE DETAILED EXAMINATION WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE SAID.

IT WILL BE HELD AT THE WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY CENTRE IN LOWER WONG TAI SIN FROM 10 AM TO 12.30 PM AND 2 PM TO 4.30 PM EACH DAY.

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RESIDENTS AGED 60 OR ABOVE IN UPPER WONG TAI SIN, LOWER WONG TAI SIN, FUNG WONG VILLAGE AND SAN PO KONG ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THIS PROGRAMME.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES OF THE ABOVE AREAS OR THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE IN SAN PO KONG.

THE PROGRAMME IS SPONSORED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE AREA COMMITTEES OF THE WONG TAI SIN SOUTH SUB-DISTRICT AND JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY HEALTH PROMOTION ASSOCIATION. THE YWCA WILL ALSO ASSIST IN THE PROGRAMME.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE PROGRAMME MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE AT 3-222261, EXTENSION 371.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMME FOR THE ELDERLY WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY CENTRE IN LOWER WONG TAI SIN FROM NOVEMBER 8 TO 11, FROM 10 AM TO 12.30 PM AND 2 PM TO 4.30 PM EACH DAY.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD  
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CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD BETWEEN HIRAM'S HIGHWAY AND HANG HAU ROAD WILL BE REDUCED TO ONE LANE FOR TWO-WAY TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 21) FOR ROAD WORKS, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY).

THIS ARRANGEMENT WILL LAST FOR ABOUT A YEAR, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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EFFORT TO IMPROVE ACCESS FOR DISABLED  
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AN EXHIBITION SHOWING EFFORTS MADE TO IMPROVE ACCESS FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE IN SHA TIN WILL OPEN TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO AROUSE THE COMMUNITY'S CONCERN FOR THE WELFARE OF THIS GROUP.

TO COINCIDE WITH THE 3RD FAR EAST AND SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES (FESPIC) TO BE HELD LATER THIS MONTH, THE WEEK-LONG EXHIBITION IS BEING STAGED IN THE LOBBY OF THE SHA TIN KCR STATION AND WILL BE REPEATED FOR 11 MORE DAYS IN THE WO CHE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX FROM OCTOBER 28.

ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT ACCESS COMMITTEE, THE EXHIBITION WILL FEATURE DISPLAYS OF PHOTOGRAPHS, POSTER DESIGNS AND INFORMATION ON FESPIC. ADMISSION IS FREE.

THE ACCESS COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY MR MAK MING-CHEONG, WAS FORMED LAST YEAR MAINLY TO IMPROVE ACCESS FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED TO PUBLIC PLACES IN THE DISTRICT, AS A FIRST STEP TO INTEGRATE THE HANDICAPPED WITH THE COMMUNITY.

+THERE ARE MORE THAN 160 PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE IN SHA TIN. THEY NEED LOVE AND CARE. IN THE PAST SIX MONTHS, INTENSIVE RE-CONSTRUCTION WORK HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT SO THAT MOST OF THE PUBLIC PLACES ARE NOW EASILY ACCESSIBLE,+ MR MAK SAID.

HE ALSO URGED THE PUBLIC TO FORWARD SUGGESTIONS ON IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ACCESS PROBLEM TO THE COMMITTEE, BY WRITING TO THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD, SAU CHUEN HOUSE, LEK YUEN ESTATE, SHA TIN.

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MARINE DEPARTMENT HOLIDAY HOURS  
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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT ITS PORT COMMUNICATION CENTRE, MACAU FERRY TERMINAL AND TSUEN WAN PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA WILL REMAIN OPEN ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 25), WHICH IS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

THE PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREAS IN WAN CHAI, YAU MA TEI, KWUN TONG, WESTERN DISTRICT AND RAMBLER CHANNEL WILL BE OPEN FROM 7 AM TO 11 PM WHILE THE VICTORIA MARINE OFFICE WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 11 AM.

ALL OTHER OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE CLOSED ON THAT DAY.

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OUTSTANDING DISABLED STUDENTS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS  
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TEN OUTSTANDING DISABLED STUDENTS WERE TODAY (TUESDAY) PRESENTED WITH THE SHELL/ISLAND JAYCEES SCHOLARSHIP FOR THEIR ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE AND CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY.

SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY HELD AT SHELL HOUSE, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, SAID THE AWARD RECIPIENTS HAD SERVED THE PUBLIC PARTICULARLY WELL, +AND PERHAPS BETTER THAN MOST BECAUSE THEIR HANDICAPS HAVE GIVEN THEM SPECIAL INSIGHT INTO THE NEEDS OF THE LESS FORTUNATE+.

+I FIND IT SIGNIFICANT THAT MANY OF OUR HANDICAPPED STUDENTS HAVE GONE OUT OF THEIR WAY TO HELP THE AGED,+ HE SAID.

THE DIRECTOR ALSO PRAISED THE RETIRING MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE SHELL OIL COMPANY, HONG KONG, MR SAM OSMOND, WHO WAS SO DEEPLY IMPRESSED BY THE FUN AND JOY OF THE DISABLED AND ABLE-BODIED IN THE +TALENTS UNLIMITED+ GAMES CONTEST IN THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLED PERSONS THAT HE DECIDED TO DOUBLE THE AMOUNT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP DONATION FROM HIS COMPANY FROM \$50 000 TO \$100 000.

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JAPANESE VISIT STANLEY PRISON  
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THE JAPANESE PROSECUTOR GENERAL, MR Y. YASUHARA, AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE JAPANESE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, MR AKIO HARADA, TODAY (TUESDAY) VISITED STANLEY PRISON TO SEE THE FACILITIES PROVIDED THERE.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR CHAN WA-SHEK, THEY TOURED THE PRISON'S CELLS AND ITS HOSPITAL AND ALSO SAW PRISONERS AT WORK IN THEIR WORKSHOPS, WHERE SILK-SCREENING, SHOE-MAKING, PRINTING AND BOOK-BINDING, AND TELEVISION AND RADIO REPAIRS ARE CARRIED OUT.

ALSO VISITING HONG KONG IS DR H. YAMAMOTO, WHO HEADS THE ANTI-NARCOTICS DIVISION IN HIS COUNTRY. DR YAMAMOTO VISITED HEI LING CHAU DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRE TODAY TO LOOK OVER THE COMPULSORY PLACEMENT PROGRAMME FOR DRUG ADDICTS ADMINISTERED BY THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED ON THE VISIT BY THE ACTING DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR GARTH HYDES.

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WATER CUTS IN SHA TIN  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN AREAS IN SHA TIN WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 22) FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE DISTRICT AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY THE NORTH ENTRANCE OF LION ROCK TUNNEL AND THE SOUTHERN PART OF SHING MUN RIVER, AS WELL AS SAN TIN WAI ESTATE, SHA TIN TAU TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, JAT MIN CHUEN, YUE SHING COURT, SHA KOK ESTATE, FUI YIU HA, SHA TIN WAI, TO SHEK, CHAP WAI KON AND NGAU PEI SHA.

ALSO AFFECTED WILL BE SIU LEK YUEN, BELAIR GARDEN, CITY ONE, YUEN CHAU KOK, WONG UK, LUK SHEA, SAM YIK APIARY, YUEN CHAU KOK TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, SHA TIN WAI TEMPORARY INDUSTRIAL AREA, AND SHA TIN TEACHING HOSPITAL.

ON THE SAME DAY, FRESH WATER SUPPLY WILL ALSO BE TURNED OFF AT SHA TIN TAU TSUEN AND TSANG TAI UK FOR TEN HOURS FROM 9 AM TO 7 PM, FOR SIMILAR WORK.

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## SUPPLEMENT

ADDRESS BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR  
TO THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING  
ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1982

Mr Chairman, Mr Barnes, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am very pleased to be here this afternoon to open this meeting of the Southern District Board. It is the first meeting of a District Board in the urban areas where Elected Members have joined Appointed Members, Urban Councillors and Government officials on the Board.

The Southern District, on whose management you have been elected or appointed to advise has its own distinctive features. It contains one of the oldest village settlements in Hong Kong. It is the biggest supplier of fresh fish in Hong Kong; and it has some of the most popular beaches in the Territory. It has a fast developing housing sector. Each of the main towns and settlements, Pok Fu Lam, Aberdeen, the Bays, Stanley and Shek O is unique in its own way, and each will require a different approach.

But first let me congratulate you and all those concerned on the success of the recent District Board elections. In the ten urban districts, nearly a quarter-of-a million people cast their votes for District Board representatives of their choice. I am very pleased with this result. It owes much to the hard work of the candidates; and reflects growing interest in the community in District Management.

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As I said in my speech to the Legislative Council on 6th October, the matters with which District Boards deal have a direct bearing on the daily lives of the people in the district and it is important that their voice should be heard. This in turn makes it necessary for all Board Members to make every effort to liaise closely with their local communities, to find out what they want and to reflect their feelings, aspirations and needs, faithfully and forcefully.

I understand that this year the Southern District Board has devised a number of ways of improving contact between members and the people in the district. These include members' "meet the public" sessions, constituency-based visits, seminars with specialised groups, and a Suggestion by Post scheme. These contacts have led to Board Members putting forward their views on such issues as the need for additional secondary school places, passenger shelters at bus stops, safe passage for pedestrians across the Aberdeen Main Road, community facilities for the waterborne residents of the Typhoon Shelter, and the wish for taxis not to charge the return toll fare for the Aberdeen Tunnel - all of them issues which directly affect the daily lives of the residents of the District.

In my Legislative Council speech, I said that the Government would give due weight to views expressed by people in the district when decisions are being taken. I am glad to see that this is happening in the Southern District. The Board's advice has been accepted, and has been or is being implemented as regards passenger shelters, the dropping of the return toll charge for taxis using the Aberdeen Tunnel, the provision of shelters at bus stops and the improvement of community facilities in the typhoon shelter. Sometimes there will be good reasons why the Government cannot meet the Board's views. In such cases the reasons

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must be explained to the Boards. I understand, for example, that you have been made aware of the reasons why the Government cannot respond quickly to your request to provide more secondary school places in the district itself (though there is no lack of spaces in the adjoining Central and Western Districts).

Apart from advising Government on local problems, District Boards are also expected to reflect public opinion on major issues affecting the well-being of residents. District Boards have in the past been consulted on such territory-wide issues as the Junior Secondary School Places Allocation System, the law on holidays for workers, helicopter landing sites, the film classification system and legislation on Weights and Measures. They will continue to be so consulted in future. As an example of this, you may be interested to hear that the Television and Entertainment Licensing Authority proposes to set up a number of district-based television home viewing groups and Advisory Panels to assist the Government in gauging public attitudes towards television programmes and advertising standards.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to meet you today. After the meeting, I will have the opportunity to visit several parts of your district, including Aberdeen, Ap Lei Chau and Po Chong Wan, and I look forward to seeing for myself the rapid development which has taken place during the last few years. Before I leave, I would like to hear what you think people in the Southern District want and how you think you can assist them. It will be valuable to me to hear your views at first hand : and I hope you will be forthright in expressing them.