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PEOPLE URGED TO GIVE VIEWS TO ASSESSMENT OFFICE  
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HONG KONG PEOPLE WERE URGED TODAY BY THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, MR PETER TSAO, TO GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON THE DRAFT AGREEMENT TO THE ASSESSMENT OFFICE.

+NOW THAT WE HAVE COME SO FAR, NOW THAT WE HAVE BEFORE US THE FRAMEWORK OF A SYSTEM WHICH GUARANTEES SO MUCH OF WHAT WE WISH TO SEE PRESERVED, IT WOULD BE A BETRAYAL OF EVERYTHING THIS AGREEMENT HAS SET OUT TO ACHIEVE IF WE DID NOT ALL COLLECTIVELY CONTRIBUTE TO ITS REALISATION,+ HE SAID.

MR TSAO SAID THAT GIVING OUR VIEWS TO THE ASSESSMENT OFFICE WAS A VITAL STEP IN THAT PROCESS.

SPEAKING AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF VICTORIA, HE SAID THAT THE GOVERNOR, WHILE INTRODUCING THE DRAFT AGREEMENT IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, DID MORE THAN URGE EVERYONE IN HONG KONG TO READ IT.

+HE ALSO URGED US TO COME FORWARD WITH OUR VIEWS,+ MR TSAO SAID.

THE GOVERNOR SAID IT WAS VITAL THAT THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT SHOULD HAVE THE FULLEST POSSIBLE ACCOUNT OF THE VIEWS OF HONG KONG PEOPLE WHEN THE TIME CAME FOR PARLIAMENT TO CONSIDER THE MATTER AND TO DECIDE WHETHER THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE AUTHORISED TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT ON WHICH THE FUTURE WELL-BEING OF HONG KONG'S MORE THAN FIVE MILLION PEOPLE WILL DEPEND.

MR TSAO ALSO QUOTED THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, WHO HAD SAID THAT SAME DAY IN NEW YORK, THAT +MUCH OF THE IMPORTANCE -- AND INDEED MUCH OF THE ACHIEVEMENT -- OF THE AGREEMENT LIES IN ITS DETAIL AND MUCH OF THE DEBATE IN THE WEEKS TO COME -- ESPECIALLY IN HONG KONG -- WILL RIGHTLY FOCUS ON THE DETAILS.+

THE PROBLEM IS THAT NOT ALL THE OPINION WE ARE EACH INDIVIDUALLY REACHING ON THE BASIS OF THIS EXAMINATION ARE BEING REFERRED TO THE RIGHT QUARTERS, MR TSAO SAID.

+THIS PERHAPS ARISES, TO SOME EXTENT, FROM A MISUNDERSTANDING AS TO WHAT THE ASSESSMENT OFFICE EXPECTS TO RECEIVE FROM US. THE KEY WORD IS OPINION. THEY ARE NOT JUST LOOKING FOR A SIMPLE TICK OF APPROVAL,+ HE SAID.

QUOTING FROM THE SPEECH MADE BY SIR GEOFFREY HOWE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS LAST THURSDAY, THAT +IT WAS MADE QUITE CLEAR IN THE WHITE PAPER THAT THE DRAFT AGREEMENT ITSELF CANNOT BE AMENDED+, MR TSAO POINTED OUT THAT SIR GEOFFREY DID RECOGNISE THAT THIS AGREEMENT MIGHT NOT BE REGARDED AS COMPLETELY SATISFACTORY BY ALL ON ALL POINTS, AND THAT NO AGREEMENT COULD ACHIEVE THAT.

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MR TSAO REITERATED THE POINT THAT IF THERE WAS A NEED TO SUPPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT, OR TO AMPLIFY IT, OR TO CLARIFY IT, AND IF BOTH SIDES AGREED, THIS COULD NO DOUBT BE DONE WITH THE SAME GOOD SENSE AS THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAD EXERCISED IN DEALING WITH THE AGREEMENT ITSELF.

HE POINTED OUT THAT SIR GEOFFREY HAD ALSO SAID, +THE VIEWS EXPRESSED IN HONG KONG ON ALL PARTS OF IT WILL BE OF VALUE IN OUR CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CHINESE, PARTICULARLY IN THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP.

+I AM SURE THE HOUSE WOULD WISH ME TO URGE EVERYONE IN HONG KONG TO SUBMIT THEIR VIEWS ON ALL THESE ASPECTS TO THE ASSESSMENT OFFICE.+

MR TSAO SAID HE COULD NOT SUFFICIENTLY EMPHASISE THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUBSTANCE OF THOSE +CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS+ TO WHICH SIR GEOFFREY REFERRED.

+THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO GIVE EXPRESSION NOT ONLY TO OUR VIEWS ON THE GENERAL ACCEPTABILITY OF THE REPORT, BUT ALSO WHATEVER THOUGHTS WE MAY ENTERTAIN ON PARTICULAR ASPECTS, SO THAT WE CAN INDICATE WHAT IT IS WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE SPELT OUT IN GREATER DETAIL,+ HE SAID.

REFERRING TO THE LONG QUEUES OF PATIENT PEOPLE STANDING IN LINE FOR THEIR PERSONAL COPY OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT, OF WHICH 2.2 MILLION COPIES WERE DISTRIBUTED WITHIN THE FIRST 10 DAYS, MR TSAO SAID, +WE CAN SAFELY DEDUCE THAT THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN THIS PUBLICATION.+

HOWEVER, HE POINTED OUT THAT THE ASSESSMENT OFFICE HAD OVER 1 000 ASSESSABLE ITEMS ORIGINATING FROM ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS, REPRESENTING LESS THAN 0.05 PER CENT OF THE WHITE PAPER'S READERSHIP.

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#### INVESTMENT IN NEW TOWNS URGED \* \* \* \*

REMARKABLE PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN DEVELOPING THE NORTHWESTERN NEW TERRITORIES, THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY.

HE WAS SPEAKING AFTER OPENING A NEW BRANCH OF THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK IN YUEN LONG TODAY.

HE SAID THAT WHILE SHA TIN TENDED TO BE THE MOST VISITED OF THE NEW TOWNS, PERHAPS DUE TO ITS PROXIMITY TO THE URBAN AREA, THERE WAS NO DOUBT THAT YUEN LONG AND TUEN MUN WERE DEVELOPING RAPIDLY.

MR AKERS-JONES .....

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MR AKERS-JONES COMMENDED YUEN LONG AND TUEN MUN TO INVESTORS.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE URBAN AREA WERE EXCELLENT ALONG THE SIX-LANE TUEN MUN HIGHWAY, HE SAID.

+AND LINKS TO THE NORTH WILL BE IMPROVED BY THE HIGHWAY WHICH IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION LEADING TO FANLING, AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BORDER CROSSING AT LOK MA CHAU WILL LINK THE AREA WITH SHENZHEN AND GUANGZHOU.

+WORK ON THE NEW BORDER CROSSING SHOULD START BY THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR,+ HE SAID.

THE CONSTRUCTION BY THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION OF A 34-KILOMETRE LRT LINK BETWEEN TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG WILL FACILITATE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE WITHIN THE REGION.

MOREOVER, HE SAID THE DRAFT AGREEMENT ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG WITH ITS ASSURANCES ABOUT SECURITY OF LAND TENURE, PROVIDED AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR FURTHER PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT, PARTICULARLY IN RESPECT OF THE YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

+THERE ARE EXCELLENT ROAD LINKS TO THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER PORT AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND BANKING SUPPORT SERVICES MADE THE AREA IDEAL FOR INVESTMENT.

+THE COST OF RENTING FLATTED FACTORIES IN TUEN MUN IS LESS THAN HALF THAT IN KOWLOON,+ HE SAID.

THE AREA WAS WELL SERVED BY THE YUEN LONG STADIUM, AS WELL AS THE TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND AND YAN OI TONG COMMUNITY AND INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE IN TUEN MUN.

+IN ADDITION PROGRESS WILL BE MADE WITH THE YUEN LONG TOWN PARK.

+WORK ON THE TUEN MUN TOWN CENTRE AND THE NEW CULTURAL COMPLEX IS CONTINUING AND THESE SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN PHASES BETWEEN NEXT YEAR AND 1991, WITH THE FIRST PHASE OF THE CULTURAL COMPLEX OPENING IN EARLY 1986.

+AND TUEN MUN, LIKE SHA TIN IS DEVELOPING ITS OWN TOWN PARK,+ HE SAID.

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MANY GOOD TRADING YEARS AHEAD, E.P. HO SAYS  
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THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR E.P. HO, TOLD TRADERS TODAY THAT THEY COULD LOOK FORWARD TO MANY SUCCESSFUL TRADING YEARS, WITH THE GUARANTEES IN THE SINO-BRITISH AGREEMENT.

+THE GUARANTEES IN THE SINO-BRITISH AGREEMENT HAVE PROVIDED A FIRM BASIS FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE LEGAL AND FINANCIAL SYSTEMS, THE FREE MARKET ECONOMY, A DISTINCT POSITION WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL TRADING COMMUNITY AND A FREELY CONVERTIBLE CURRENCY ALL OF WHICH ARE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS WHICH CAN HELP HONG KONG MAINTAIN THE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT THAT HAS BEEN THE BASIS OF ITS PROSPERITY SINCE THE PACIFIC WAR,+ MR HO SAID.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 1984 HONG KONG TRADE FAIR CONSUMER PRODUCTS EXHIBITION, IN WHICH 150 LOCAL AND OVERSEAS EXHIBITORS ARE TAKING PART.

HE SAID THAT THE EXTENT OF OVERSEAS PARTICIPATION IN THE FAIR SERVED TO UNDERSCORE AGAIN HONG KONG'S IMPORTANCE AS A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIAL AND TRADING CENTRE.

DRAWING THE ATTENTION OF TRADERS TO THE USEFULNESS OF HONG KONG AS A GATEWAY TO THE POTENTIAL MARKET IN CHINA, MR HO SAID WITH ITS POPULATION OF ONE BILLION PEOPLE THE CHINESE MARKET HAS LONG BEEN THE FASCINATION OF MANY.

+CHINA NOW ACCOUNTS FOR SOME 20.3 PER CENT OF OUR TRADE, SECOND ONLY TO THE UNITED STATES. MANY MANUFACTURERS AND TRADERS WILL BE STRIVING HARD FOR A SHARE OF THE INCREASED BUSINESS WHICH CHINA HAS TO OFFER. AND FOR THEM, HONG KONG IS AN UNRIVALLED VANTAGE POINT FROM WHICH TO CONDUCT THEIR OPERATIONS.

+IN FACT THE REVIVAL OF OUR TRADITIONAL ROLE AS AN ENTREPOT HAS ALREADY MADE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS, AND RE-EXPORTS OF GOODS IN 1983 AMOUNTED TO MORE THAN \$56 BILLION, AN INCREASE OF 18 PER CENT OVER A FIVE YEAR PERIOD: TO AND FROM CHINA AS WELL AS ELSEWHERE IN THE REGION AND THE WIDER WORLD.+

ON THE LOCAL FRONT, MR HO STRESSED THAT DESPITE HONG KONG'S RELATIVELY SMALL SIZE, DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION IN HONG KONG WAS +A FACTOR TO BE RECKONED WITH+.

+ON A PER CAPITA BASIS, HONG KONG WAS THE LARGEST MARKET IN THE WORLD FOR FRENCH BRANDY; HONG KONG BOUGHT MORE PER CAPITA FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM THAN HER MOST IMPORTANT EUROPEAN COMMUNITY TRADING PARTNER, AND HONG KONG WAS THE UNITED STATES' LARGEST EXPORT MARKET FOR CIGARETTES AND ORANGES - AN UNLIKELY MIXTURE IN A UNIQUE LOCATION,+ HE SAID.

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PRESENTATION OF INSIGNIA

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INSIGNIA FOR 84 PEOPLE WERE PRESENTED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, AT A CEREMONY IN GOVERNMENT HOUSE THIS (MONDAY) EVENING.

THE RECIPIENTS WERE DECORATED BY THE QUEEN FOR SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF INSIGNIA RECIPIENTS:

CBE (COMMANDER OF THE ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE)

MR LEWIS MERVYN DAVIES

OBE (OFFICER ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE)

THE HONOURABLE MARIA TAM WAI-CHU

MR WONG WAN-TIN

MR WILLIAM TURNBULL

THE HONOURABLE CHAN KAM-CHUEN

MR GEORGE BRYAN O'RORKE

ISO (IMPERIAL SERVICE ORDER)

MR STEPHEN LAW CHI-KIN

MR PANG YUK-LING

MR CHIU SZE-HUNG

/MBE .....

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MBE (MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE)

MR HENRY AU KWONG-MAN  
MR MAXIMILIAN MA YUNG-KIT  
MR VINCENT WOO WING-FAI  
MR NG CHAN-LAM  
MR WONG PAK-KEUNG  
MR SIT DOK-SHUEN  
MR JOSEPH LIU HING-CHAI  
MR ROBERT WEI WEN-NAN  
MR CHAN YUM-TONG  
THE REV WONG TSOK

MBE (MIL) (MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE) (MILITARY)

MAJOR (QGO) LALBAHADUR RAI

QUEEN'S GALLANTRY MEDAL

MR CHIU SHING-CHOW (DECEASED)  
MR CHEUNG WAI-LEUNG  
MR LEUNG SIU-LIN

/BEM .....

BEM (BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL)

MR YIP KOK-YI  
MR TSANG WING-KIN  
MR CHAN WAI  
MR TONG KAI-MING  
MR YUEN KEE  
MR CHEONG KAM-CHUEN  
MR LEE CHEE  
MR YIP LO  
MR CHAN PING-CHEUNG  
MR CHAN PO-CHEONG

BEM (MIL) (BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL) (MILITARY DIVISION)

FLIGHT SERGEANT KAM CHUNG-KEUNG  
STAFF SERGEANT BRIAN CATHRINE  
COLOUR SERGEANT KENNETH J WALLWORK  
SERGEANT JAMES A C TURNER  
WARRANT OFFICER 2 LACHHIMIPARSAD GURUNG  
WARRANT OFFICER 2 WILLIAM G MCDONALD

ISM (IMPERIAL SERVICE MEDAL)

MR FUNG WING  
MR CHAN KAM-MAN

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QUEEN'S COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

MR CHIU KWOK-YIN

MR LI KEI-KIT

MR MA SHUI-LUN

MR YAN PING-KUEN

QPM (QUEEN'S POLICE MEDAL)

MR JOHN ALBERT THORPE

MR WILLIAM MCINTYRE ROSS

QFSM (QUEEN'S FIRE SERVICE MEDAL)

MR CHEUNG SHU-SHING

MR HARRY KENYON

CPM (COLONIAL POLICE MEDAL)

MR JAMES ARTHUR FINCH

MR ANTHONY JOSEPH MULLINS

MR WU CHI-MENG

MR MARTIN BROWN

MR CHEUNG SIK-HUNG

MR WONG PUI-TONG

MR CHENG KAM-HOI

MR POON CHI-MING

MR CHEUNG KWOK-KUI

MR LO TO-SANG

CPM (FIRE SERVICES) (COLONIAL POLICE MEDAL) (FIRE SERVICES)

MR FUNG KAR-WAH  
MR RAYMOND HORACE BRUCE  
MR CHOW WING-CHEONG  
MR CYRIL GEORGE PULLINGER  
MR PETER CHEUNG

BADGE OF HONOUR

MRS IRENE LEE TANG YEE-LING  
MR SIU MING, ALIAS SIU SIK-MING  
THE REV HAU PO-WOON  
MR LAU YUNG-FUK  
DR PANG HOK-TUEN  
MR LAI KAM-CHEUNG  
MR YIP HING-CHUNG  
MR JOSEPH LAW KWUN-WAI  
MR CHAN TAI-CHEONG  
MR CHOW FAT  
MR ANDREW WONG WANG-FAT  
MR CHENG HOK-YIN  
MR LAM WAI-KEUNG  
MR NG PING-TAK  
MR STEPHEN LEUNG HOK-NIN  
MR CHIN CHUN-LEUNG

ORDER OF ST JOHN

OFFICER (BROTHER) : DR GEORGE CHOA  
SERVING SISTER : MISS YU MEI-YEE  
SERVING BROTHER : MR SO WING-KIN  
MR WILLIAM HAR YING-SANG

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HK NOW MAJOR SHIP REGISTRATION CENTRE  
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HONG KONG IS NOW A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL SHIP REGISTRATION CENTRE FOLLOWING A PHENOMENAL GROWTH IN THE NUMBER OF OCEAN-GOING SHIPS REGISTERED HERE DURING RECENT YEARS.

BY THE END OF LAST YEAR, THERE WERE 760 SHIPS ON THE HONG KONG REGISTER, WITH A COMBINED GROSS TONNAGE OF 5.2 MILLION TONS, COMPARED WITH 508 SHIPS TOTALLING 1.3 MILLION TONS IN 1978.

MORE IMPORTANT, THERE HAD BEEN A GROWING NUMBER OF LARGER SHIPS REGISTERED HERE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

+IN 1978, THERE WERE 411 SHIPS UNDER 500 TONS ON THE REGISTER AND ONLY 97 SHIPS IN EXCESS OF THIS TONNAGE. NOW WE HAVE WELL OVER 200 SHIPS THAT ARE ABOVE 500 TONS, + HE SAID.

LAST YEAR, 98 SHIPS ON THE REGISTER WERE IN THE 20 000-PLUS TON RANGE, COMPARED WITH ONLY 24 IN 1978.

+LARGE SHIPS REGISTERED IN HONG KONG INCLUDE TANKERS, BULK CARRIERS AND CONTAINER SHIPS, MANY OF WHICH ARE MODERN PURPOSE-BUILT VESSELS, + HE POINTED OUT.

TO GIVE AN IDEA OF THE RAPID EXPANSION, HE SAID BEFORE 1978 THE MARINE DEPARTMENT HAD SURVEYED AN AVERAGE OF FOUR VESSELS A YEAR FOR REGISTRATION. TODAY, THAT ANNUAL AVERAGE COMES TO 37 AND IS STILL RISING.

THE GROWTH OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS HAD ACCELERATED, WITH A JUMP OF 400 PER CENT IN TOTAL TONNAGE FOR THE PERIOD.

+A SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN THE GROWING NUMBER OF SHIPS SWITCHING REGISTRY FROM OTHER COUNTRIES TO HONG KONG, + THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THERE WERE 13 SHIPS MAKING THIS SWITCH IN 1981 AND AGAIN IN 1982, AND 17 IN 1983. IN THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, THE NUMBER SOARED TO 34 AND THE UPTREND IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE.

SHIPS SEEKING HONG KONG REGISTRATION MUST MEET THE HIGH STANDARDS REQUIRED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MOST MATTERS CONNECTED WITH MERCHANT SHIPPING.

+ALL OCEAN-GOING VESSELS HAVE TO BE CERTIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS. THOROUGH SURVEYS ARE CARRIED OUT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE SHIPS ARE UP TO PAR BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT ISSUES THEM A CERTIFICATE.

/+WHILE SOME .....

+WHILE SOME OF THESE SURVEYS ARE UNDERTAKEN BY SUCH PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES AS LLOYDS, OTHERS MUST BE CONDUCTED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

MANY HONG KONG-REGISTERED SHIPS NEVER CALL AT THE TERRITORY. MARINE DEPARTMENT SURVEYORS HAVE TO TRAVEL OVERSEAS TO SURVEY THEM.

+IN RECENT YEARS THESE SURVEYORS HAVE VISITED MANY COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES, PUERTO RICO, SOUTH AFRICA AND THOSE IN NORTH WEST EUROPE,+ HE SAID.

+HOWEVER, THEIR MAIN WORK IS CARRIED OUT IN SOUTH KOREA AND JAPAN, EXAMINING SHIPS BEING BUILT AT THE MANY SHIPYARDS THERE,+ HE SAID.

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#### NEW SITE FOR VEHICLE SURRENDER

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL BE MOVING ITS VEHICLE SURRENDER CENTRE FROM KOWLOON BAY TO A NEW SITE IN THE TO KWA WAN RECLAMATION AREA AS FROM NEXT MONTH, FOLLOWING THE EXPIRY OF ITS PRESENT LEASE.

THE NEW 5 738 SQUARE METRE SITE AT CHI KIANG STREET IS ALMOST THREE TIMES AS BIG AS THE KOWLOON BAY CENTRE, AND CAN ACCOMMODATE 400 VEHICLES AT A TIME. IT WILL OPERATE FROM NOVEMBER 1.

THE KOWLOON BAY CENTRE WILL BE VACATED ON OCTOBER 31.

THE NEW CENTRE WILL OPEN FROM 10 AM TO 1 PM AND 2 PM TO 6 PM, MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS, EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO MAKE USE OF THE CENTRE TO DISPOSE OF UNWANTED VEHICLES SHOULD BRING ALONG THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

- \* A COMPLETED +APPLICATION TO SCRAP AND CANCEL THE REGISTRATION OF A VEHICLE+. THIS FORM CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE SURRENDER CENTRE OR AT ANY OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT LICENSING OFFICES.
- \* THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION DOCUMENT.
- \* THE IDENTITY CARD OR PASSPORT IN THE CASE OF A PRIVATE OWNER, OR A CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION IF THE VEHICLE OWNER IS A LIMITED COMPANY.

THE CENTRE WILL THEN ARRANGE FOR THE CRUSHING AND DEREGISTRATION OF THE VEHICLE.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE CENTRE CAN BE MADE ON 5-8933111.

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CLOSURE OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURE SOUGHT  
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY WILL BE SEEKING A COURT ORDER TODAY FOR CLOSURE OF THE GROUND FLOOR OF 139 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, HONG KONG, TO ENABLE DEMOLITION OF AN ILLEGAL STRUCTURE TO BE CARRIED OUT, WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS OR THE PUBLIC.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED THIS MORNING, THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID THAT AN ORDER HAD BEEN SERVED ON THE OWNER FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURE.

+THIS HAS NOT BEEN COMPLIED WITH AND IT IS NOW NECESSARY FOR THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT THE DEMOLITION WORK IN THE OWNER'S DEFAULT,+ HE SAID.

A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER IN HONG KONG VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 AM ON NOVEMBER 21, WAS POSTED TODAY.

THE DEMOLITION WORK WAS EXPECTED TO TAKE TWO TO THREE DAYS TO COMPLETE.

ON COMPLETION, A NOTICE OF EXPIRY OF THE CLOSURE ORDER WOULD BE ISSUED TO PERMIT THE PREMISES TO BE RE-OCCUPIED, HE SAID.

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OLD FOLK GET HOMES FROM PLAN  
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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, WILL OFFICIALLY OPEN THE GOVERNMENT'S HOUSING SCHEME FOR THE ELDERLY IN WAN CHAI TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE PEACOCK BANQUET ROOM, HOPEWELL CITY RESTAURANT, HOPEWELL CENTRE, 7TH FLOOR, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, AT 3.30 PM.

UNDER THIS SCHEME, THE GOVERNMENT HAD EARLIER THIS YEAR PURCHASED 23 FLATS IN SPRING GARDEN LANE, WAN CHAI TO HOUSE 115 ELDERLY PEOPLE. IN 1983, 80 FLATS WERE PURCHASED IN SHA TIN TO HOUSE 470 OLD PEOPLE.

AFTER THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE DIRECTOR AND GUESTS WILL PROCEED TO CHUN FAI BUILDING, AT 1-11 SPRING GARDEN LANE, TO TOUR THE FLATS AND TO VISIT SOME ELDERLY RESIDENTS WHO HAVE BENEFITED FROM THE SCHEME.

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YOUTH BAND FESTIVAL STARTS SUNDAY  
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THE 7TH HONG KONG YOUTH BAND FESTIVAL, AN ANNUAL EVENT ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR FROM NOVEMBER 4 TO 11.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MUSIC OFFICE SAID TODAY THAT ACTIVITIES WOULD BE HELD DURING THE FESTIVAL PERIOD IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE TERRITORY, TO STIMULATE LOCAL INTEREST IN BAND MUSIC AND TO RAISE THE STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE OF YOUNG LOCAL BAND PLAYERS.

THE TOYAMA TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL BAND FROM JAPAN, A GOLD-MEDAL WINNER OF THE ALL-JAPAN BAND COMPETITION, HAS BEEN INVITED TO PERFORM IN THE FESTIVAL.

THE 45-MEMBER BAND WILL ARRIVE HERE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

DURING THE EIGHT-DAY FESTIVAL PERIOD, CONCERTS, SEMINARS, COMPETITIONS AND WORKSHOPS WILL BE HELD BY THE 28 SCHOOL BANDS, INCLUDING THE JAPANESE GUEST BAND.

TO START OFF THE FESTIVAL, WINNERS OF LAST YEAR'S SYMPHONIC BAND WILL BE PERFORMING AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL.

ON NOVEMBER 6, THERE WILL BE A DISTRICT YOUTH BAND CONCERT, JOINTLY PRESENTED WITH THE CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (NT DIVISION), AT THE LUT SAU HALL IN YUEN LONG.

TO HIGHLIGHT THE FESTIVAL, THERE WILL BE A +FESTIVAL CONCERT+ AND A +GALA FINALE+.

THE FESTIVAL CONCERT, TO BE HELD AT ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL, WILL FEATURE PERFORMANCES BY THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND AND THE JAPANESE GUEST BAND. THE JAPANESE BAND HAS WON THE GOLDEN PRIZE IN THE ALL JAPAN CONTEST FOR SEVEN CONSECUTIVE YEARS, AND HAS GIVEN MANY PERFORMANCES IN KOREA, THE PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE, THAILAND AND CHINA.

THE GALA FINALE, TO BE HELD AT QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM AS A JOINT PRESENTATION WITH THE URBAN COUNCIL, WILL MARK THE CLOSE OF THE FESTIVAL.

TICKETS FOR THE TWO CONCERTS, AT \$5 EACH, ARE NOW ON SALE AT ALL MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE AND COMPUTERISED BOX OFFICES OF THE URBAN COUNCIL. ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE AT 5-741622.

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### SPORTS FESTIVAL DETAILS

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DETAILS OF THE SHAM SHUI PO SPORTS FESTIVAL, TO BEGIN ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 3), WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SYLVESTER TSE, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR CHOW KWAN-LIM, WILL ATTEND THE CONFERENCE AT 11 AM IN THE TAI PO ROOM, BASEMENT ONE, SHANGRI-LA HOTEL.

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### PUBLIC TOILET FOR YUEN LONG

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A PUBLIC TOILET WHICH WILL INCLUDE FACILITIES FOR DISABLED PERSONS, WILL BE BUILT IN YUEN LONG, NEW TERRITORIES.

IT WILL BE SITUATED IN HONG KING STREET, NEXT TO THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS TERMINUS.

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO START IN DECEMBER AND BE COMPLETED IN JUNE NEXT YEAR.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK ARE BEING INVITED, AND MUST BE ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN, PUBLIC WORKS TENDER BOARD. THEY MUST BE PLACED IN THE PUBLIC WORKS TENDER BOX IN THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE NOON ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16.

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### RESERVOIR FIGURES

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 82.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 481.835 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 575.585 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 98.2 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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FIRING PRACTICE IN NOVEMBER

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE FOR 26 DAYS IN NOVEMBER.

THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

FIRING WILL BE FROM 8 AM TO 5 PM ON THE FOLLOWING 20 DAYS:

NOVEMBER 2 (FRIDAY); NOVEMBER 3 (SATURDAY); NOVEMBER 5 (MONDAY);  
NOVEMBER 7 (WEDNESDAY); NOVEMBER 9 (FRIDAY); NOVEMBER 10  
(SATURDAY); NOVEMBER 13 (TUESDAY); NOVEMBER 14 (WEDNESDAY);  
NOVEMBER 15 (THURSDAY); NOVEMBER 16 (FRIDAY); NOVEMBER 17  
(SATURDAY); NOVEMBER 19 (MONDAY); NOVEMBER 20 (TUESDAY);  
NOVEMBER 21 (WEDNESDAY); NOVEMBER 22 (THURSDAY); NOVEMBER 23  
(FRIDAY); NOVEMBER 24 (SATURDAY); NOVEMBER 26 (MONDAY);  
NOVEMBER 27 (TUESDAY) AND NOVEMBER 28 (WEDNESDAY).

FOR THE OTHER SIX DAYS, FIRING WILL BE BETWEEN 8 AM AND 11 PM AS FOLLOWS:

NOVEMBER 1 (THURSDAY); NOVEMBER 6 (TUESDAY); NOVEMBER 8  
(THURSDAY); NOVEMBER 12 (MONDAY); NOVEMBER 29 (THURSDAY)  
AND NOVEMBER 30 (FRIDAY).

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NEW ROAD OPENS

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AN ELEVATED ROAD LINKING NGAU TAU KOK ROAD WITH SHEUNG YEE ROAD IN KOWLOON BAY WILL BE OPENED AT 9.30 AM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE 650-METRE-LONG ROAD FOR TWO-WAY TRAFFIC, IS EXPECTED TO FURTHER IMPROVE ACCESS TO THE DEVELOPING KOWLOON BAY AREA.

THE NEW ROAD STARTS IN NGAU TAU KOK ROAD NEAR ON SHIN ROAD AND SPANS KWUN TONG ROAD, THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION TRACKS AND DEPOT, TAI YIP STREET AND WAI YIP STREET BEFORE JOINING SHEUNG YEE ROAD.

FOR GREATER SAFETY FOR PEDESTRIANS CROSSING KWUN TONG ROAD, A NEW FOOTBRIDGE HAS ALSO BEEN PROVIDED NEAR BLOCK 1 OF THE LOWER NGAU TAU KOK ESTATE.

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PROHIBITED ZONE  
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FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 30), SHATIN PASS ROAD BETWEEN FUNG TAK ROAD AND LUNG CHEUNG ROAD WILL BE PROHIBITED TO ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES EXCEPT THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT.

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CAUSEWAY BAY TAPS OFF  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 1) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY LOCKHART ROAD, CANAL ROAD EAST, HENNESSY ROAD AND EAST POINT ROAD.

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