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HK'S INVISIBLE TRADE CONSISTENTLY IN SURPLUS
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HONG KONG'S INVISIBLE TRADE ACCOUNT HAD CONSISTENTLY BEEN IN SURPLUS, AND CONTRIBUTED TO OFFSETTING ON AVERAGE ABOUT THREE-QUARTERS OF THE DEFICIT ON ITS VISIBLE TRADE ACCOUNT DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS, THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY.

IN 1984, AS A RESULT OF THE RAPID GROWTH IN HONG KONG'S VISIBLE TRADE, A SURPLUS OF HK\$11.6 BILLION WAS RECORDED ON THE COMBINED VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE TRADE ACCOUNT, THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1977, HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE BRITISH INVISIBLE EXPORTS COUNCIL SEMINAR, SIR DAVID TOLD MEMBERS THAT DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS, HONG KONG'S EXPORTS OF SERVICE GREW RAPIDLY, FROM HK\$19 BILLION IN 1979 TO HK\$44 BILLION IN 1984, REPRESENTING AN AVERAGE ANNUAL GROWTH RATE OF 18 PER CENT.

OVER THIS PERIOD, HE SAID, IMPORTS OF SERVICES ALSO GREW, FROM HK\$12 BILLION TO HK\$29 BILLION, OR BY 20 PER CENT A YEAR.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF SERVICES TOGETHER AMOUNTED TO 30 PER CENT OF THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT IN 1984.

SIR DAVID SAID ALSO THAT HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY AND EXPORT TRADE HAD PROVIDED A FIRM BASIS FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PROSPERITY.

MORE RECENTLY, HE SAID, THERE HAD BEEN A PARTIAL SHIFT IN EMPHASIS FROM DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO RE-EXPORTS, PARTICULARLY TO MAINLAND CHINA.

+THIS HAS PROVIDED HONG KONG WITH AN IMPORTANT NEW DIMENSION TO OUR ECONOMY AND AN ADDITIONAL STABILITY,+ HE SAID.

AND OVER THE YEARS HONG KONG'S PROSPERING INTERNATIONAL TRADE HAD SPURRED THE DEMAND FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES SUCH AS COMMUNICATIONS, TRANSPORTATION, BANKING AND INSURANCE.

+IN CONSEQUENCE, SITUATED AS IT IS MID-WAY BETWEEN THE TIME ZONES OF THE WORLD, WITH EXCELLENT SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS, FREEDOM FROM UNNECESSARY BUREAUCRATIC RESTRICTIONS, A READY SUPPLY OF SOME OF THE FINEST AND MOST UP-TO-DATE OFFICE BUILDINGS IN THE WORLD, HONG KONG HAS EVOLVED INTO A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE,+ HE SAID.

THIS, IN TURN, WAS A REFLECTION OF THE ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT AND ENTERPRISE WHICH WAS SUCH A STRIKING CHARACTERISTIC OF HONG KONG, HE SAID.

WHILE BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE UNITED KINGDOM ON THE INVISIBLE TRADE FRONT HAD BEEN ACTIVE, THERE WAS STILL +CONSIDERABLE SCOPE FOR FURTHER EXPANSION+.

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+I THUS WELCOME THE CITY OF LONDON, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE BRITISH INVISIBLE EXPORTS COUNCIL AND LED BY THE EARL OF LIMERICK, TO COME TO HONG KONG TO PROMOTE THESE SERVICES AND TO EXPLAIN THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS TAKING PLACE IN THE CITY OF LONDON,+ HE SAID.

HONG KONG, SITUATED AS IT IS ON THE COAST OF CHINA, IN THE MIDST OF ABOUT A THIRD OF THE POPULATION ON THE WORLD= IN A REGION THAT IS DEVELOPING MORE RAPIDLY THAN ANY OTHER, OFFERED IMMENSE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE BRITISH INVISIBLE EXPORTS INDUSTRIES.

THIS SEMINAR, HE SAID, PROVIDED A USEFUL OCCASION TO EXAMINE THESE OPPORTUNITIES IN DETAIL.

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BASIC LAW NOT DB AGENDA ITEM
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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) HE DID NOT EXPECT DISCUSSION OF THE BASIC LAW TO BE AN AGENDA ITEM OF DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS BECAUSE THE BASIC LAW DRAFTING COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AND THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE WAS GOING TO BE ESTABLISHED IN HONG KONG.

SIR DAVID WAS REPLYING TO QUESTIONS FROM REPORTERS AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE BRITISH INVISIBLE EXPORTS COUNCIL SEMINAR AT THE REGENT HOTEL.

+DISTRICT BOARDS IN HONG KONG ARE ENTITLED BY THEIR TERMS OF REFERENCE, OF COURSE, TO DISCUSS ANYTHING WHICH THEY THINK IS AFFECTING THE LIVES OF THE CITIZENS OF HONG KONG.+

BUT THE BASIC LAW DRAFTING COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT, AND A CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE WOULD ALSO BE ESTABLISHED IN HONG KONG, HE SAID.

+SO WHETHER OR NOT DISTRICT BOARDS WILL DISCUSS MATTERS AFFECTING THE BASIC LAW I COULDN'T SAY.+

ASKED WHETHER DISTRICT BOARDS SHOULD FORM PART OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE, THE ACTING GOVERNOR SAID,+ THIS IS ENTIRELY A MATTER FOR THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT AND FOR THE BASIC LAW DRAFTING COMMITTEE AND ITS REPRESENTATIVES IN HONG KONG, WHO, I BELIEVE, HAD BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF COMPOSING THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE.+

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ON THE JENKINS BILL, SIR DAVID SAID HE HOPED THE PRESENT TIDE OF OPINION AGAINST THE BILL WOULD EVENTUALLY OVERWHELM IT AND THAT IT WOULD NOT BE PASSED INTO LAW.

THE BILL, IF PASSED, WOULD AFFECT HONG KONG'S EXPORT VERY SEVERELY, HE SAID.

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ASKED WHETHER HE EXPECTED THE UK GOVERNMENT TO DO SOMETHING FOR HONG KONG OVER THE BILL, THE ACTING GOVERNOR SAID IT WAS BASICALLY HONG KONG'S PROBLEM.

+I THINK IT IS BASICALLY A QUESTION FOR HONG KONG AND FOR EXPORTERS IN HONG KONG TO THE UNITED STATES, AND FOR OUR OWN TRADE DEPARTMENT,+ HE SAID.

IN REPLY TO ANOTHER QUESTION, SIR DAVID SAID CRITICISMS THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS NOT HELPING INDUSTRY TO PROMOTE HIGH TECHNOLOGY WERE UNJUSTIFIED.

ONE MUST LOOK AT THE WORKINGS AND THE ADVICE OF BODIES SUCH AS THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD, THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL, AND THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, HE SAID.

+MANY, MANY ORGANISATIONS ARE AT WORK IN VARIOUS WAYS UPGRADING OUR TECHNOLOGY AND OUR TRADING AND COMMERCIAL INTERESTS,+ HE ADDED.

ASKED WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT WOULD +BEND THE RULE+ ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS FOR THE 14 +BOAT BRIDES+ WHO HAVE BEEN ASKED TO RETURN TO CHINA, SIR DAVID SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THEY WERE GOING TO UMELCO TODAY AND THE GOVERNMENT MUST WAIT UNTIL UMELCO HAS HAD TIME TO LISTEN TO WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY AND PASS ON WHATEVER ADVICE THEY WISH TO GIVE.

HE ADDED THAT THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY HAD GIVEN A VERY DETAILED RESPONSE TO A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BOAT BRIDES IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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'REPATRIATED ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ACCEPTED BACK IN CHINA'
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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (FRIDAY) REITERATED THAT THERE WAS NO GROUND TO BELIEVE THAT ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT BOAT WIVES WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED BY THEIR ORIGINAL COMMUNITIES IN CHINA.

AS WAS EXPLAINED BY THE ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR JOHN YEUNG ON JULY 4, IT HAS BEEN THE LONG STANDING PRACTICE OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT TO REPATRIATE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS TO CHINA, SOME OF WHOM MIGHT HAVE BEEN HERE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS.

THEY HAVE ALL BEEN ACCEPTED BACK READILY AND AS A MATTER OF FACT, SIX BOAT WIVES WHO VIOLATED THEIR CONDITIONS OF REMAINING IN HONG KONG WATERS HAVE BEEN REPATRIATED EARLIER THIS YEAR AND WERE READILY ACCEPTED BACK.

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IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL THIS WEEK, THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY ALSO POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS NOT TRUE THE 14 WIVES IN YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER COULD NOT BE ACCEPTED BACK INTO THEIR COMMUNITIES.

+THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA IS THAT ONLY THOSE HOLDING ONE WAY PERMITS CAN BE CONSIDERED FOR SETTLEMENT IN HONG KONG. THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THOSE NOT HOLDING ONE WAY PERMITS WILL HAVE THEIR HOUSEHOLD REGISTRATION IN CHINA CANCELLED. EVEN IF SOME MAY HAVE DELIBERATELY CANCELLED THEIR OWN REGISTRATION IN CHINA, THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM FOR THEM TO RE-REGISTER WHEN THEY RETURN TO CHINA,+ MR JEAFFRESON SAID.

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HONG KONG'S MAN IN U.S. FIGHTS JENKINS BILL
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HONG KONG'S COMMISSIONER FOR COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS IN THE UNITED STATES, MR BILL DORWARD, MET YESTERDAY (THURSDAY) WITH SENATORS AND LEGISLATIVE AIDES ON CAPITAL BILL TO LOBBY AGAINST THE PROTECTIONIST JENKINS BILL NOW BEFORE CONGRESS.

MR DORWARD SAID THE JENKINS BILL HAD BEEN PRESENTED AS MERELY ENFORCING EXISTING U.S. AGREEMENTS, BOTH BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL, BUT IT WAS IN FACT THE OPPOSITE. HE SAID ITS PROPOSALS WERE IN CLEAR AND UNDENIABLE CONTRAVENTION OF THE GATT, THE MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT (MFA), AND AT LEAST 12 BILATERAL AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED UNDER THE MFA.

THE EXCLUSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND CANADA FROM THE BILL'S PROVISIONS WAS BOTH ILLEGAL AND ILLOGICAL, HE SAID.

+ILLEGAL UNDER WORLD TRADE LAW; ILLOGICAL IN THAT EUROPE AND CANADA PROVIDED THE MAIN SOURCE OF GROWTH IN U.S. TEXTILE AND APPAREL IMPORTS IN 1984.+

MR DORWARD SAID THAT WHILE MUCH HAD BEEN MADE OF THE ARGUMENT THAT THE COUNTRIES AFFECTED BY THE BILL DID NOT OFFER RECIPROCAL ADVANTAGES TO THE U.S. IN THEIR OWN MARKETS, HONG KONG COULD POINT WITH CONFIDENCE TO ITS OWN POLICIES AS THEY AFFECTED THE U.S. AND ALL ITS TRADING PARTNERS.

+HONG KONG OFFERS THE UNITED STATES ARGUABLY THE MOST UNTRAMMELED EXPORT MARKET OF ANY SUBSTANTIAL SIZE IN THE WORLD. AT A TIME WHEN THE 'TILTED PLAYING FIELD' CONCEPT IS GETTING MASSIVE ATTENTION, IT IS FAIR TO REMIND THAT HERE IS ONE PLACE WHERE IT IS EITHER SCRUPULOUSLY LEVEL OR TILTED THE OTHER WAY,+ HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THERE ARE NO TARIFFS, QUOTAS OR OTHER NON-TARIFF BARRIERS ON IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. OR ANYWHERE ELSE, NOR ARE THERE INHIBITIONS ON TRADE IN SERVICES. BY CONTRAST, ABOUT 40 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S EXPORTS TO THE U.S. ARE SUBJECT TO QUOTA AND ONLY ABOUT 16 PER CENT BENEFIT FROM THE GSP.

+ANY WORSENING OF THAT POSITION WOULD STRAIN CREDIBILITY IN FREQUENTLY REPEATED U.S. ADMINISTRATION CLAIMS THAT ITS ATTITUDE TO TRADING PARTNERS WILL BE CONDITIONED BY THEIR TREATMENT OF U.S. TRADE,+ HE SAID.

MR DORWARD ALSO POINTED TO THE WIDE RANGE OF AMERICAN INTERESTS IN HONG KONG, AS WELL AS THE STRONG LINKS BETWEEN THE TWO.

+OUR CONCERN IS THAT, IN THE HEAT OF SEEKING URGENT SOLUTIONS TO THESE PROBLEMS, THE U.S. SHOULD NOT TAKE SWEEPING MEASURES WHICH WOULD BE UNWARRANTED, INEFFECTUAL AND INIMICAL TO THE INTERESTS OF VALUABLE TRADING PARTNERS LIKE HONG KONG= AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, DAMAGING TO THE WHOLE FABRIC OF WORLD TRADE.+

HE SAID THAT IT MUST BE STRESSED THAT WHILE HIS REMARKS RELATED TO THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE BILL PASSING INTO LAW, THEY WOULD EQUALLY APPLY IF THE POLITICAL LEVERAGE WHICH CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE BILL OFFERED WERE TO BE TRANSLATED INTO ADMINISTRATION POLICY EVEN IN THE ABSENCE OF LEGISLATION.

MR DORWARD, WHO IS COMMISSIONER FOR HONG KONG COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS BASED IN NEW YORK, MET SENATORS BINGAMAN OF NEW MEXICO AND BOREN OF OKLAHOMA. HE ALSO HAD TALKS WITH AIDES TO SENATORS DANFORTH OF MISSOURI, HECHT OF NEVADA AND RUDMAN OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, AND WITH TWO STAFF MEMBERS OF THE POWERFUL HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE.

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED DURING HIS TALKS BY HONG KONG'S COUNSELLOR IN WASHINGTON, MR PETER LO, AND THE TDC'S LOBBYIST IN THE CAPITAL, MR VERRICK FRENCH.

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JOINT HK-CHINA YOUTH EFFORT URGED * * *

THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, TODAY (FRIDAY) STRESSED THE NEED FOR +BETTER MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, CLOSER CO-OPERATION AND COMMUNICATION IN FURTHER DEVELOPING THE SYMBIOTIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA.+

MR LIAO WAS SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF A BUSINESS ORIENTATION PROGRAMME JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN HONG KONG AND THE HONG KONG PEI HUA EDUCATION FOUNDATION. THE PROGRAMME WAS DESIGNED TO GIVE STUDENTS FROM CHINA AND HONG KONG A DETAILED PICTURE OF HOW THE HONG KONG BUSINESS WORLD OPERATES.

HONG KONG'S YOUNG PEOPLE, HE SAID, +SHOULD BE EQUIPPED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE HUMAN, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL FACTORS PREVAILING IN HONG KONG, AS WELL AS IN CHINA, IN ORDER TO FULLY ASSESS THE POSITION WHICH HONG KONG IS MOVING INTO.+

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BUT IT WAS ALSO IMPORTANT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN CHINA +TO UNDERSTAND THE SYSTEMS OPERATING IN HONG KONG IN ORDER TO APPRECIATE THE REASONS AND THE FACTORS BEHIND ITS SUCCESS.+

TWENTY-FIVE STUDENTS FROM ZHONGSHAN IN CANTON AND UNIVERSITIES IN HONG KONG HAD TAKEN PART IN THE PROGRAMME OVER THE PAST 12 DAYS, STUDYING AND ATTENDING SEMINARS ON A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS SUCH AS FINANCE, COMMUNICATIONS, TRADE DEVELOPMENT, TEXTILES, TOURISM, SHIPPING, PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS.

MR LIAO SAID HONG KONG HAD A REPUTATION FOR ITS RESILIENCE IN CHALLENGING TIMES, RESPONSIVENESS TO CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES, AND RESOURCEFULNESS IN FINDING SOLUTIONS TO ITS MANY PROBLEMS.

+HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC SUCCESS RESTS UPON ITS FREE-ENTERPRISE SYSTEM, THE INNOVATIVE AND HARDWORKING POPULATION, AND A STABLE LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE FRAMEWORK WHICH IS CONDUCIVE TO ECONOMIC GROWTH AND PROSPERITY,+ HE SAID.

COMPARING THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT TO THAT OF A MAJOR COMPANY, MR LIAO SAID THE ADMINISTRATION WAS ACCOUNTABLE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND THE PUBLIC WHOSE INTERESTS IT SERVED, IN THE SAME WAY A COMPANY WAS ANSWERABLE TO ITS SHAREHOLDERS AND THE CUSTOMERS IT SERVED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE INDEPENDENT BODIES, SUCH AS THE ICAC AND THE AUDIT DEPARTMENT, TO SAFEGUARD THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE AND TO PUT RIGHT ANY WRONG-DOINGS.

TURNING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG, MR LIAO SAID THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME MANIFESTED THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THE GOVERNMENT ATTACHED TO PUBLIC OPINIONS.

+THE DISTRICT BOARDS HAVE NOW BEEN FUNCTIONING FOR OVER FOUR YEARS, AND HAVE PROVED THEIR WORTH.+

+THEY HAVE BECOME AN IMPORTANT STRAND IN THE POLITICAL FABRIC OF HONG KONG.+

HE SAID HONG KONG HAD MOVED INTO A NEW PHASE IN ITS HISTORY WITH THE RATIFICATION OF THE SINO-BRITISH AGREEMENT WHICH HAD SET A CLEAR FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH THE TERRITORY WAS TO CONTINUE ITS DEVELOPMENT WITH A SENSE OF DIRECTION AND PURPOSE.

+THERE WILL OF COURSE BE CHANGES DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD LEADING UP TO 1997, AND TO COPE WITH THESE CHANGES, HONG KONG IS DEVELOPING REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT AT THREE LEVELS,+ MR LIAO SAID.

THESE INCLUDE THE STRENGTHENING OF THE REPRESENTATIVE STATUS OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS, ESTABLISHING THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, AND INTRODUCING INDIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL, AS WELL AS THE FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES REPRESENTING LOCAL INTEREST AND THE MAJOR ECONOMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY, WOULD ELECT 24 REPRESENTATIVES TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THESE CHANGES IN POLITICAL STRUCTURE HAD BEEN INTRODUCED TO BETTER SERVE THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG IN THE COMING YEARS, HE SAID.

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MAYOR BRIEFED ON HK'S EXPO '86 PLANS
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THE MAYOR OF VANCOUVER, MR MICHAEL HARCOURT, WAS BRIEFED TODAY (FRIDAY) ON HONG KONG'S PLANS TO PARTICIPATE IN EXPO '86, WHICH WILL BE HOSTED BY HIS CITY FROM MAY 2 TO OCTOBER 13 NEXT YEAR.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE SENIOR CANADIAN TRADE COMMISSIONER, MR JOHN TRELEAVEN, MR HARCOURT MET WITH THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR HONG KONG'S PARTICIPATION IN EXPO '86 AND WITH ITS CHAIRMAN, MR PETER TSAO, SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION.

ALSO PRESENT WAS THE PRESIDENT OF THE CANADIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN HONG KONG, MR JOHN HENDERSON, AND THE VICE PRESIDENT, MR PETER TULLOCH.

MR TSAO ASSURED THE VISITORS THAT HONG KONG VIEWED EXPO '86 AS AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW ITSELF TO THE REST OF THE WORLD AS THE REGIONAL CENTRE OF THE FAR EAST, WITH A FUTURE SECURED WELL INTO THE NEXT CENTURY.

THE EXPOSITION IS EXPECTED TO ATTRACT SOME 14 MILLION VISITORS, AND THE ROSTER OF PARTICIPANTS NUMBERS MORE THAN 30 NATIONS, INCLUDING BRITAIN, THE UNITED STATES, CHINA, THE SOVIET UNION, JAPAN, FRANCE, GERMANY AND AUSTRALIA.

THIS WILL BE ONLY THE SECOND TIME THAT HONG KONG HAS TAKEN PART IN AN INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION. THE LAST WAS EXPO '70, HELD IN OSAKA, JAPAN.

MR TSAO REMINDED MR HARCOURT OF THE CLOSE LINKS WHICH HONG KONG HAD ESTABLISHED WITH VANCOUVER, EXTENDING BACK OVER MORE THAN A CENTURY.

MR HARCOURT SAID THAT HONG KONG WAS HELD IN GREAT AFFECTION BY THE PEOPLE OF CANADA AND BY CITIZENS OF VANCOUVER IN PARTICULAR, WHO WERE LOOKING FORWARD TO HONG KONG'S PARTICIPATION.

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HONG KONG'S DECISION TO ENTER EXPO '86 IS INFLUENCED BY THE FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS:

- * THE VENUE, TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE KEY POSITION OF VANCOUVER ON THE WESTERN SEABOARD OF THE NORTH AMERICAN CONTINENT, ITS CLOSE LINKS WITH HONG KONG AND ITS COMMON INTEREST IN THE FAST DEVELOPING PACIFIC REGION.
- * THE THEME OF THE EXPOSITION, WHICH IS CONCERNED WITH TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS= TWO OF THE PRINCIPAL FACTORS ACCOUNTING FOR HONG KONG'S PREDOMINANT ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND FINANCE.
- * THE TIMING OF THE EVENT, WHICH COINCIDES WITH RENEWED CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG FOLLOWING UPON THE JOINT DECLARATION BETWEEN BRITAIN AND CHINA AND THEIR MUTUAL DETERMINATION TO ENSURE ITS CONTINUED PROSPERITY.

REPRESENTED ON THE HONG KONG EXPO '86 CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE ARE THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION, HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, CABLE AND WIRELESS LIMITED, THE SWIRE GROUP AND THE SING TAO NEWSPAPER GROUP.

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GREAT CHANCE FOR VISIBILITY IN EXPO '86
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HONG KONG WILL HAVE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR GREATER VISIBILITY AT THE RIGHT TIME BY TAKING PART IN EXPO '86 IN VANCOUVER - +JUST WHEN WE NEED IT+ - THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, MR PETER MOSS, SAID TODAY.

+MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT, HONG KONG WILL BE IN EXPO NEXT YEAR,+ HE TOLD MEMBERS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON NORTH AT LUNCH TODAY.

+ONE IMPORTANT MESSAGE WE WANT TO CONVEY TO THE WORLD IS THAT WHEN THE EARTH SPINS ON ITS AXIS, AND WHEN LONDON, AND THEN NEW YORK, HAVE SERVED THEIR SHIFTS AS WORLD MONEY MARKETS AND CLOSED DOWN FOR THE NIGHT, THE SUN IS SHINING HERE ON HONG KONG, AND WE'RE THE ONES IN CHARGE,+ MR MOSS SAID.

+MANY HAVE ALREADY GOT THAT MESSAGE. OTHERS HAVE STILL TO LEARN IT,+ HE SAID.

TIMING WAS ONE OF THE THREE REASONS WHICH MADE EXPO '86, WHICH WILL BE HELD BETWEEN MAY 2 AND OCTOBER 13, ESPECIALLY ATTRACTIVE TO HONG KONG.

THE OTHER REASONS WERE THE VENUE AND THE THEME, MR MOSS SAID.

+FOR EXPO '86 WILL BE STAGED IN VANCOUVER, A CITY SO POPULATED WITH OUR EMIGRANTS THAT - IF MY CANADIAN FRIENDS WILL PERMIT ME A SLIGHT EXAGGERATION - IT IS ALMOST A SATELLITE OF HONG KONG.

+AT ANY RATE, THE LINKS BETWEEN OUR TWO CITIES GO BACK A LONG WAY AND HAVE GAINED STRENGTH IN THEIR MATURITY,+ HE SAID.

WITH REGARD TO THE EXPO THEME OF +WORLD IN MOTION - WORLD IN TOUCH+, HE SAID IT WAS ONE THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN COINED WITH SPECIFIC APPLICATION TO HONG KONG.

+FOR WHO COULD BE MOVING IN A MORE RESOLUTE AND DETERMINED FASHION? AND WHO COULD BE MORE IN TOUCH?+, MR MOSS ASKED.

TWENTY-TWO REPLIES HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE 105 DESIGNERS WRITTEN TO, BOTH LOCALLY AND OVERSEAS, INVITING THEM TO PUT FORWARD THEIR BIDS FOR DESIGNING THE PAVILION. AND THREE WOULD BE ASKED TO MAKE DETAILED PRESENTATIONS OF THEIR PROPOSALS.

MR MOSS SAID THAT IT WAS HOPED THAT THE DESIGN WOULD BE APPROVED BY THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE WHICH IS PLANNING HONG KONG'S PARTICIPATION IN EXPO '86, BY THE MIDDLE OF NEXT MONTH.

+THE BUDGET WE ARE WORKING TO, STANDS AT THE MOMENT, AT \$10.3 MILLION, CONTRIBUTED BY THE MAIN SPONSORS TO THE PROJECT, ALL OF WHOM ARE REPRESENTED ON THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE.+

THOSE PARTNERS ARE THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE TOURIST ASSOCIATION, THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, THE SWIRE GROUP, CABLE AND WIRELESS, AND THE SING TAO NEWSPAPER GROUP, HE SAID.

+WITH THE FUNDS WE HAVE ALREADY, WE CAN BUILD, STAFF AND RUN A PAVILION THAT WILL PUT OVER HONG KONG'S MESSAGE AT EXPO '86. ANY ADDITIONAL MONEY WE CAN RAISE WILL SERVE AS ICING ON THE CAKE. FOR, AS WITH ANY OTHER VENTURE, THE MORE WE INVEST, THE BETTER THE END RESULT,+ MR MOSS SAID.

EARLIER TODAY, HE AND FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE HAD MET WITH THE MAYOR OF VANCOUVER, MR MICHAEL HARCOURT.

+OUR CHAIRMAN, THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR PETER TSAO ASSURED MR HARCOURT THAT HONG KONG WAS COMMITTED TO THIS EXPOSITION AND DETERMINED TO MAKE THE MOST OF THE OPPORTUNITY IT AFFORDS US,+ HE SAID.

MR HARCOURT HAD MADE IT +ABUNDANTLY CLEAR+ THAT HONG KONG WOULD BE GIVEN AN ESPECIALLY WARM WELCOME IN VANCOUVER, AND THAT CITIZENS THERE FELT THEY HAD A PARTICULAR AFFINITY WITH HONG KONG.

+SO, MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT, HONG KONG WILL BE IN EXPO NEXT YEAR, AND WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT WE WILL BE ATTRACTING OUR FAIR SHARE OR ATTENTION DESPITE THE SCOPE AND THE QUALITY OF THE RIVAL ATTRACTIONS,+ MR MOSS SAID.

THIRTY NATIONS WILL BE TAKING PART IN EXPO '86, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO DRAW SOME 14 MILLION VISITORS.

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SPECIAL VISITOR FOR SPECIAL EVENT
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THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, MR GRAHAM BARNES, TODAY (FRIDAY) ATTENDED A SPECIAL EVENT IN THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME TO SEE HOW YOUNG PEOPLE SPEND THEIR SUMMER VACATION MEANINGFULLY.

HE VISITED THE WATER CARNIVAL FOR THE SEVERE GRADE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED ORGANISED BY THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH AND THE HONG KONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED IN THE LADY MACLEHOSE POKFULAM CENTRE.

ON ARRIVAL THIS MORNING, MR BARNES WAS MET BY THE CHIEF RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICER OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH, MR RAYMOND CHAN, AND THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE HONG KONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED, MRS POLLY LAI.

TODAY'S WATER CARNIVAL INVOLVED COMPETITIONS BETWEEN 65 ABLE-BODIED YOUTHS AND 65 MENTALLY HANDICAPPED YOUNG PEOPLE FROM NINE SCHOOLS AND ORGANISATIONS.

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE CARNIVAL WERE TO PROVIDE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED AND TO BUILD THEIR CONFIDENCE THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN WATER SPORTS. IT ALSO PROVIDED A CHANCE FOR THE ABLE-BODIED YOUTHS TO UNDERSTAND AND HELP THE HANDICAPPED.

ACTIVITIES IN THE CARNIVAL INCLUDED VARIOUS TYPES OF WATER SPORTS, THE HIGHLIGHTS OF WHICH WERE A +TREASURE BOAT+ WATER GAME FOR THE JUNIOR SECTION AND A +TAKE AND THROW+ FOR THE SENIOR SECTION.

MR BARNES SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO SEE BOTH HANDICAPPED YOUNG PEOPLE AND ABLE-BODIED YOUTHS ENJOYING THEMSELVES AND BENEFITTING FROM THE FUNCTION.

THE WATER CARNIVAL WAS ONE OF THE 10 000 ACTIVITIES ORGANISED THIS YEAR UNDER THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME, WHICH HAD ADOPTED THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR'S THEME OF +DEVELOPMENT, PARTICIPATION AND PEACE+.

TODAY'S VISIT WAS THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF TOURS ORGANISED FOR SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND UMELCO MEMBERS TO GET IN-DEPTH KNOWLEDGE OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

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STOCK EXCHANGE MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA CHANGE PROPOSED
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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) PUBLISHED TWO BILLS WHICH, IF PASSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, WILL RESULT IN CHANGES IN THE MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE AND CRITERIA OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONG KONG LIMITED (+THE UNIFIED EXCHANGE+), AND IN THE REGISTRATION OF DEALERS IN SECURITIES.

UNDER A STOCK EXCHANGES UNIFICATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985, CORPORATIONS WILL BE ALLOWED TO BE CORPORATE MEMBERS OF THE UNIFIED EXCHANGE. HOWEVER THEY WILL HAVE TO BE INCORPORATED IN HONG KONG, OF GOOD FINANCIAL STANDING AND INTEGRITY AND REGISTERED AS A DEALER UNDER THE SECURITIES ORDINANCE.

IN ADDITION, THEY WILL HAVE TO CARRY ON THE BUSINESS OF DEALING IN SECURITIES AND THOSE ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE NORMALLY ANCILLIARY TO A STOCKBROKING BUSINESS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT AT PRESENT ONLY INDIVIDUALS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXCHANGE.

ANOTHER MAJOR CHANGE, PROPOSED TO THE MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA, IS TO REMOVE THE EXISTING DISQUALIFICATION FROM MEMBERSHIP OF DIRECTORS OR EMPLOYEES OF LICENSED BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES, SOLICITORS AND PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS.

IN ADDITION, THE EXISTING REQUIREMENT ON THE EXCHANGE COMPANY TO PROHIBIT A MEMBER FROM ENTERING INTO PARTNERSHIP WITH ANY PERSON WHO IS NOT A MEMBER WILL BE DELETED.

+INSTEAD, THE BILL SPECIFIES THAT THE EXCHANGE COMPANY SHALL ALTER ITS CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE ANY MEMBER WHO INTENDS TO TRADE IN PARTNERSHIP TO NOTIFY THE EXCHANGE WHEN THE MEMBER'S APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A DEALING PARTNERSHIP IS MADE TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

THE BILL ALSO RENDERS VOID ANY DEED OF TRUST ARRANGEMENTS CREATING THIRD PARTY CONTROL. HOWEVER THIS DOES NOT AFFECT NORMAL INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BY CLIENTS OF A STOCKBROKER, AND TRANSACTIONS UNDERTAKEN IN THE ORDINARY COURSE OF STOCKBROKING BUSINESS, PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS, OR AGREEMENTS UNDER WHICH THE MEMBER ACTS AS AN AGENT FOR FOREIGN BROKERS.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT AMENDMENT RELATES TO THE FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS ON MEMBERS. THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT FROM THE DAY THE UNIFIED EXCHANGE BEGINS OPERATION, INDIVIDUAL AND CORPORATE MEMBERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE AND AT ALL TIMES MAINTAIN IN THE BUSINESS A NET CAPITAL OF NOT LESS THAN HK\$1 MILLION AND HK\$5 MILLION RESPECTIVELY.

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+FOR DEALING PARTNERSHIPS, THE REQUIREMENT WILL BE CALCULATED ACCORDING TO THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF MEMBERS IN THE PARTNERSHIP. IN ADDITION, THEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN AT ALL TIMES IN THE BUSINESS A LIQUIDITY MARGIN OF NOT LESS THAN 10 PER CENT OF THE MINIMUM NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THESE FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS, SPECIFIED UNDER A SECURITIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985, WOULD BE EXTENDED TO ALL REGISTERED DEALERS, WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE MEMBERS OF THE UNIFIED EXCHANGE.

THE EXCHANGE COMPANY WILL HAVE A STATUTORY DUTY TO ENSURE THAT ITS MEMBERS COMPLY WITH THE FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS AND MAY MAKE RULES TO FULFIL THIS DUTY.

THE BILL ALSO PROVIDES FOR THE EXCHANGE COMPANY TO ALTER ITS CONSTITUTION TO AVOID CONFLICT WITH THE NEW MEMBERSHIP PROVISIONS AND TO PROVIDE FOR TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.

THE SECURITIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985, ALSO PUBLISHED TODAY FOLLOWING ENDORSEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, ARISES FROM RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE SECURITIES COMMISSION TO CHANGE THE POLICY ON THE REGISTRATION OF DEALERS IN SECURITIES.

PART 3 OF THE BILL ALSO CONTAINS CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE SECURITIES ORDINANCE AS A RESULT OF INCORPORATING THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE EXISTING STOCK EXCHANGES UNIFICATION ORDINANCE.

+THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS EARLIER DECIDED THAT THERE SHOULD BE THREE TYPES OF TRADING ENTITY IN THE UNIFIED EXCHANGE, NAMELY INDIVIDUAL DEALERS, CORPORATE DEALERS AND DEALING PARTNERSHIPS, AND THAT EACH TRADING ENTITY MUST COMPLY WITH A MINIMUM NET CAPITAL AND A LIQUIDITY MARGIN REQUIREMENT.

+GIVEN THIS DECISION, THE COMMISSION HAS RECOMMENDED THAT ALL THREE TRADING ENTITIES SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO REGISTER AND BE SUBJECT TO NEW REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE PRE-REQUISITES FOR AN INDIVIDUAL TO REGISTER AS A DEALER ARE THAT HE MUST BE OF GOOD CHARACTER AND INTEGRITY, HAVE NOT LESS THAN THREE YEARS EXPERIENCE IN DEALING IN SECURITIES IN HONG KONG OR ON ANY OVERSEAS STOCK MARKET RECOGNISED BY THE COMMISSION, OR HAVE PASSED ANY PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATION APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION.

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR REGISTRATION AS A DEALER, A CORPORATION MUST BE A REGISTERED COMPANY OR AN OVERSEAS COMPANY COMPLYING WITH THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE. ALL ITS DEALING DIRECTORS MUST BE REGISTERED DEALERS, WHO WILL ONLY BE PERMITTED TO CARRY ON BUSINESS ON BEHALF OF THE CORPORATION.

A PARTNERSHIP WHICH CARRIES ON A BUSINESS OF DEALING IN SECURITIES MUST REGISTER AS A DEALING PARTNERSHIP. EVERY PARTNER IN A PARTNERSHIP AND EVERY GENERAL PARTNER IN A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP IS REQUIRED TO BE A REGISTERED DEALER AND CAN ONLY DEAL IN SECURITIES ON BEHALF OF THE PARTNERSHIP.

LIMITED PARTNERS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO REGISTER AS DEALERS THOUGH DETAILS OF THE PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE DISCLOSED IN THE APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION.

INDIVIDUALS, CORPORATIONS AND DEALING PARTNERSHIPS WILL ALL HAVE TO COMPLY WITH THEIR FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS ON THE COMMENCEMENT OF OPERATION OF THE UNIFIED EXCHANGE.

+THESE NEW REGISTRATION CRITERIA ARE DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY AND STANDARD OF DEALERS IN SECURITIES IN HONG KONG. THEY SHOULD IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THE STOCKBROKING BUSINESS IN HONG KONG AND PROVIDE THE NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR HONG KONG AS AN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE. IN THE END THEY WILL AFFORD GREATER PROTECTION TO THE INVESTING PUBLIC,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE NEW REGISTRATION CRITERIA WOULD COME INTO FORCE AS SOON AS THE SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION ON REGISTRATION MATTERS WAS MADE.

THE TWO BILLS WILL RECEIVE THEIR FIRST READING ON JULY 24. ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISHES TO COMMENT ON THEIR PROVISIONS CAN WRITE TO UMEICO, AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, CHATER ROAD, OR TO THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

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COMMITTEES WILL HELP MONITOR VIEWS
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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, SAID THAT A NETWORK OF DISTRICT COMMITTEES TO BE SET UP BY THE COUNCIL WILL BE ABLE TO HELP IT MONITOR DIRECTLY THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS AND ASSESS THEIR NEEDS AND RESPOND QUICKLY TO THEIR LEGITIMATE GRIEVANCES.

ADDRESSING A ROTARY CLUB MEETING, MR CHEUNG SAID THESE LOCALLY ORIENTATED COMMITTEES WILL HELP THE COUNCIL AND ITS EXECUTIVE ARM, THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, FACE UP TO THE CHALLENGE PRESENTED BY THE ON-GOING URBANISATION AND WIDESPREAD NATURE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES TOWNSHIPS - OFTEN EACH WITH ITS DISTINCT CHARACTERISTICS, NEEDS AND PROBLEMS.

EACH DISTRICT COMMITTEE WILL BE MADE UP OF COUNCIL MEMBERS, DISTRICT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES AND MEMBERS OF LEADING LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS.

+MOST WILL AGREE THAT THE GEOGRAPHICALLY SCATTERED CONCENTRATIONS OF POPULATION MAKE IT EXTREMELY DESIRABLE THAT DECISIONS ON THE PROVISION OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH STRONG LOCAL AND DISTRICT LEVEL INPUTS,+ MR CHEUNG SAID.

MR CHEUNG SAID THAT THE COUNCIL COMPOSITION AND COMMITTEE STRUCTURE WILL ENSURE THAT THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE FUTURE REGIONAL COUNCIL WILL BENEFIT FROM A MORE CONSTITUTIONAL, ORGANISATIONAL AND FUNCTIONAL LINK WITH THE DISTRICT BOARDS, THE HEUNG YEE KUK AND OTHER LEADING LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

+IT ALSO GUARANTEES THAT NO GROUP OF PEOPLE WILL BE WITHOUT A REPRESENTATIVE TO REFLECT THEIR VIEWS TO THE COUNCIL ON THE WIDE RANGE OF BASIC SERVICES AND FACILITIES TO WHICH THEY ARE ENTITLED,+ MR CHEUNG ADDED.

+AT THIS POINT IN OUR CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT INDEED TO DEVISE A BETTER WAY THAT GIVES THE LOCAL PEOPLE A CLOSER INVOLVEMENT AND GREATER INFLUENCE IN THE AFFAIRS OF GOVERNMENT,+ HE SAID.

ON THE COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP ITSELF, MR CHEUNG NOTED THAT THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL COMPRISES 24 MEMBERS. NINE OF THEM ARE ELECTED BY EACH OF THE NINE DISTRICT BOARDS IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS, WHILE THE CHAIRMAN AND THE TWO VICE CHAIRMEN OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK ARE EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS. THE REMAINING 12 ARE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

THE ELECTED ELEMENT, HOWEVER, WILL BE INCREASED BY 12 IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL NEXT YEAR WHEN THE TOTAL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP WILL REACH ITS FULL STRENGTH OF 36 MEMBERS. +THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT IN OUR CONSTITUTIONAL EVOLUTION AS WE PROGRESS TOWARDS A MORE REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT,+ MR CHEUNG SAID.

REITERATING HIS COMMITMENT TO THIS DEMOCRATISATION PROCESS, HE DESCRIBED IT AS ONE WAY TO MAINTAIN HONG KONG'S POLITICAL AND SOCIAL STABILITY.

MR CHEUNG SAID, +TRUE DEMOCRACY IS GOVERNMENT BY THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE AND OF THE PEOPLE. BECAUSE IT IS ONLY THROUGH THE DIRECT INPUT OF DIRECTLY ELECTED MEMBERS, AS WELL AS THOSE INDIRECTLY ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES VIA THE DISTRICT BOARDS AND HEUNG YEE KUK, AND APPOINTMENTS OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE WELL-KNOWN FOR THEIR PUBLIC SERVICE, THAT THE MAN IN THE STREET CAN EXPECT TO RECEIVE THE BEST POSSIBLE SERVICE FROM THE COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF MANY SERVICES THAT AFFECT THEIR DAILY LIVES.

+THE PRESENT SET-UP OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL BRINGS US THAT MUCH CLOSER TOWARDS THIS IDEAL, AT LEAST IN SO FAR AS THE RESIDENTS IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS ARE CONCERNED. BECAUSE UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THE COUNCIL, THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL BE AS RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE AS ITS RESOURCES WOULD ALLOW WITH REGARD TO THE PROVISION OF A WIDE RANGE OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND FACILITIES,+ MR CHEUNG SAID.

THE WORK OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, COVERING ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE, PUBLIC HEALTH AND RECREATION AND CULTURAL FACILITIES AND SERVICES, WAS SO WIDE THAT THE QUALITY OF ITS SERVICES HAD A DIRECT BEARING ON THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF PEOPLE IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS, HE SAID.

WHILE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL IS A GIANT STEP FORWARD IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG, THIS MOMENTUM CANNOT BE MAINTAINED WITHOUT THE ACTIVE SUPPORT OF THE MAN IN THE STREET AND VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS, HE URGED.

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BILLS AIM TO SIMPLIFY OBJECTIONS, CLAIMS
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS GAZETTED THREE NEW BILLS AIMED AT SIMPLIFYING OBJECTIONS AND CLAIMS PROCEDURES WHEN LAND IS RESUMED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

KNOWN AS THE FORESHORE AND SEA-BED (RECLAMATIONS AND RELATED PROVISIONS) BILL 1985, THE CROWN LANDS RESUMPTION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985 AND THE LAND ACQUISITION (POSSESSORY TITLE)(AMENDMENT) BILL 1985, THEY ARE EXPECTED TO BE TABLED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JULY 24.

THE FIRST BILL IS INTENDED TO REPLACE THE FORESHORES AND SEA-BED ORDINANCE OF 1901 AND THE PUBLIC RECLAMATIONS AND WORKS ORDINANCE OF 1956.

BOTH ORDINANCES SERVE THE SAME BASIC PURPOSE - TO ENABLE CROWN FORESHORE AND SEA-BED TO BE RECLAIMED OR USED AND TO EXTINGUISH ALL RELEVANT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE RIGHTS.

THEY ALSO ENABLE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO STATE OBJECTIONS AND TO MAKE CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION.

THE NEW BILL CONSOLIDATES THE TWO OLDER ORDINANCES AND ALLOWS THE PROCEDURES FOR CLAIMS AND COMPENSATION TO BE REVISED IN LINE WITH THE ROADS (WORKS, USE AND COMPENSATION) ORDINANCE.

THE CROWN LANDS RESUMPTION ORDINANCE AND THE LAND ACQUISITION (POSSESSORY TITLE) ORDINANCE IS AMENDED TO SPECIFY THAT INTEREST BE PAID ON COMPENSATION CLAIMS FOR THE TIME BETWEEN LIABILITY ARISING AND ACTUAL PAYMENT BEING MADE.

THE AMENDED BILLS ALSO PROVIDE FOR THE RECOVERY OF ANY EXCESS PAYMENT AND INTEREST ACCRUED ON IT.

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FOUR NEW MEMBERS FOR EDUCATION BOARD
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FOLLOWING THE RETIREMENT OF FOUR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AT THE END OF LAST MONTH, THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THE APPOINTMENT OF FOUR NEW MEMBERS.

THE NEW APPOINTEES ARE MRS KATHERINE CHAU MA PUI-KIN, PRINCIPAL OF YING WA GIRLS' SCHOOL, DR JOHN CHEN, PRESIDENT OF LINGNAN COLLEGE, MR DAVID CHEUNG, PRINCIPAL OF CARMEL ENGLISH COLLEGE, AND MISS MARION FANG SUM-SUK, PRINCIPAL OF THE JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTRE.

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OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD HAVE ALL BEEN REAPPOINTED. THEY ARE MR PETER WONG (CHAIRMAN), THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (VICE-CHAIRMAN), MR CHAN YING-LUN, MR CHARLES CHEUNG WAI-BUN, MRS MABLE CHOW, PROF B.L. COOKE, MRS RITA FAN, THE REV JOSEPH FOLEY, MR TIMOTHY HA, MRS PEGGY LAM, MRS ELEANOR LING, MR TAM MAN-KWAN, PROF CHO-YEE TO, AND THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER.

THE APPOINTMENT WILL BE FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR, EXPIRING JUNE 30, 1986.

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'WIDER USE OF CHINESE PARAMOUNT AND ESSENTIAL'
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AN IMPROVEMENT OF LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY AND A WIDER USE OF CHINESE WERE PARAMOUNT AND ESSENTIAL TO KEEP ABREAST OF THE CHANGING TIME, UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR PETER WONG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

ADDRESSING GRADUATES OF THE GRANTHAM, NORTHCOTE AND SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGES OF EDUCATION AT A JOINT GRADUATION CEREMONY, MR WONG SAID THE EDUCATION COMMISSION IN ITS DELIBERATIONS WAS VITALLY CONCERNED WITH THE ISSUE OF THE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION IN SCHOOLS AS WAS THE HONG KONG COMMUNITY.

FROM AN EDUCATION POINT OF VIEW, MR WONG SAID, AN INADEQUATE COMMAND OF LANGUAGE HAMPERED LEARNING.

+FROM A WIDER ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL PERSPECTIVE, CHINESE IS LIKELY TO ASSUME GREATER SIGNIFICANCE WHILE ENGLISH WILL STILL BE ESSENTIAL AS AN INTERNATIONAL MEANS OF COMMUNICATION IN COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY,+ MR WONG SAID.

BEING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND A MEMBER OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION, MR WONG SAID THE COMMISSION WAS FIRMLY CONVINCED THAT BILINGUALISM WAS ESSENTIAL FOR HONG KONG TO RETAIN ITS POSITION AS A LEADING INTERNATIONAL CENTRE OF FINANCE, TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

NOTING THE TRADITIONAL DISTINCTION THAT ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOLS USED ENGLISH AS THE LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION AND CHINESE MIDDLE SCHOOLS USED CHINESE, MR WONG SAID THIS HAD BECOME BLURRED WITH THE EXPANSION OF UNIVERSAL JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION.

+BOTH LANGUAGES ARE, IN FACT, BEING USED IN VARYING DEGREES IN BOTH TYPES OF SCHOOLS,+ HE CONTINUED.

+IT SEEMS LIKELY TO ME THAT RESEARCH BEING CONDUCTED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL REVEAL THAT CHINESE CHILDREN WILL BENEFIT MUCH MORE FROM THEIR EDUCATION IF THEY ARE TAUGHT THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF CHINESE.+

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+IF THE RESEARCH FINDINGS DO SO INDICATE, THEN INDIVIDUAL SECONDARY SCHOOL AUTHORITIES WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO ADOPT CHINESE AS THE MEDIUM OF TEACHING AND THOSE SCHOOLS WHICH USE CHINESE AS THE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION WILL BE GIVEN ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO STRENGTHEN THE TEACHING OF ENGLISH TO AVERT ANY SUBSEQUENTIAL DROP IN THE STANDARD OF ENGLISH DUE TO REDUCED EXPOSURE.

+THIS WILL BE ACHIEVED BY THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL ENGLISH TEACHERS IN THE SCHOOLS AND OTHER RESOURCES,+ MR WONG SAID.

+ACCORDINGLY TEACHER PREPARATION FOR NEW AND SERVING TEACHERS WILL NEED TO BE MODIFIED TO PREPARE FOR A WIDER USE OF CHINESE IN THE CLASSROOM.

+THIS WILL MEAN A STRENGTHENING OF COLLEGE STUDENTS' PROFICIENCY IN CHINESE AND THE GREATER USE OF CHINESE AS THE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION IN THE COLLEGES, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME ENSURING THAT COLLEGE GRADUATES ARE EQUALLY COMPETENT IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE.

+I UNDERSTAND THAT STEPS IN THIS DIRECTION ARE ALREADY BEING TAKEN WITHIN THE COLLEGES,+ MR WONG SAID.

ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING A FURTHER COLLEGE OF EDUCATION BY THE EDUCATION COMMISSION, MR WONG SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD ENDORSED THE PROPOSAL.

+THIS WILL GIVE THE COLLEGES MUCH BREATHING SPACE AND ENABLE THEM TO CATER FOR FURTHER PROJECTED EXPANSION WITHOUT HAVING TO RELY HEAVILY ON LEASED AND BORROWED ACCOMMODATION AS THEY ARE DOING NOW,+ SAID MR WONG.

IT WILL ALSO ENABLE THE TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE TO OCCUPY ACCOMMODATION SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR ITS USE AND ULTIMATELY ALLOW FOR THE SEPARATION OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMMES.

+IN OTHER WORDS, THE FOURTH COLLEGE WILL FACILITATE QUALITATIVE ADVANCES IN TEACHER EDUCATION AND ALSO ALLOW FOR THE EXPANSION OF IN-SERVICE TRAINING AND REFRESHER COURSES FOR TEACHERS,+ HE SAID.

MRS WONG LATER PRESENTED CERTIFICATES AND PRIZES TO THE 953 GRADUATES WHO HAVE COMPLETED THEIR TWO-YEAR AND THREE-YEAR FULL-TIME PRE-SERVICE TRAINING AT THE COLLEGES.

EARLIER, THE PRINCIPAL OF NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, MR HO SIU-LUN, SAID STUDENT ENROLMENT IN THE THREE COLLEGES LAST OCTOBER REACHED A RECORD 2 481 FULL-TIME STUDENTS WHEN HE PRESENTED THE REPORT ON BEHALF OF THE PRINCIPALS OF THE COLLEGES.

+COMPARED WITH 2 255 AT THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1983, THIS REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 10 PER CENT,+ MR HO SAID.

TAKING THE CHAIR AT THE CEREMONY WAS THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG.

CONCESSIONARY FERRY FARES FOR DISABLED PROPOSED
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AN AMENDMENT ORDER WHICH SEEKS TO ENABLE THE HONGKONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY (HYF) TO IMPLEMENT ITS CONCESSIONARY FARE SCHEME FOR THE DISABLED WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT HYF HAD OFFERED TO INTRODUCE CONCESSIONARY FARES FOR THE HANDICAPPED ON ITS CROSS-HARBOUR ROUTES IN 1983 WITH EFFECT FROM JANUARY 1, 1984. HOWEVER, THE CONCESSIONARY FARES HAD BEEN HELD IN ABEYANCE IN THE ABSENCE OF A DEFINITION FOR THE TERM +HANDICAPPED+.

+THE DEFINITION IS NOW CLEARLY SPELT OUT IN THE FERRY SERVICES (HONGKONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED) (DETERMINATION OF FARES)(AMENDMENT) ORDER 1985,+ HE EXPLAINED.

THE AMENDMENT ORDER WILL TAKE EFFECT FROM OCTOBER 1 THIS YEAR. IT DEFINES +HANDICAPPED+ AS A PERSON WHO IS AGED 12 YEARS OR OVER= WHO IS RECEIVING OR IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FROM SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT A DISABILITY ALLOWANCE BECAUSE OF SEVERE PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABLEMENT AS CERTIFIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES AND WHO IS THE HOLDER OF A VALID HANDICAPPED PERSON'S TRAVEL CARD ISSUED BY HYF.

+DISABLED PERSONS UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE ARE ALREADY CATERED FOR IN THE CONCESSIONARY FARE SCHEME FOR CHILDREN,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT SOME 42 000 HANDICAPPED PERSONS WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO TRAVEL AT CONCESSIONARY CHILD FARE ON THE ORDINARY CLASS OF 12 CROSS-HARBOUR PASSENGER FERRY ROUTES. FIVE OF THESE ROUTES, HOWEVER, WILL NOT BE SUITABLE FOR WHEELCHAIR USERS BECAUSE OF LIMITATIONS IN PIER FACILITIES.

THE HANDICAPPED PERSON'S TRAVEL CARDS WILL BE ISSUED BY THE FERRY COMPANY FREE OF CHARGE, VALID FOR ONE YEAR AND RENEWABLE.

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HK-CHINA WEATHER STATION SET UP
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A TEAM OF SEVEN OFFICERS FROM THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY, HONG KONG, AND THE GUANGDONG METEOROLOGICAL BUREAU, PRC HAS INSTALLED AN AUTOMATIC WEATHER STATION AT HUANGMAO ZHOU, WHICH IS A SMALL UNINHABITED ISLAND OFF THE PEARL RIVER ESTUARY ABOUT 50 KM TO THE SOUTH-SOUTHWEST OF HONG KONG.

THE SETTING UP OF THE STATION FOLLOWED AN AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY AND THE GUANGDONG METEOROLOGICAL BUREAU IN FEBRUARY LAST YEAR, WHICH AIMED AT OBTAINING METEOROLOGICAL DATA FROM AN OFFSHORE LOCATION FOR MONITORING SEVERE WEATHER SYSTEMS APPROACHING THE SOUTH CHINA COASTAL AREAS.

THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED THE EQUIPMENT FOR THE STATION WHILE THE GUANGDONG METEOROLOGICAL BUREAU PROVIDED THE SITE AND CARRIED OUT THE NECESSARY CIVIL WORKS, INCLUDING A HELICOPTER LANDING PAD.

THE AUTOMATIC WEATHER STATION AT HUANGMAO ZHOU IS EQUIPPED WITH FIVE SENSORS TO MEASURE THE WIND DIRECTION, WIND SPEED, AIR TEMPERATURE, ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE AND RAINFALL.

THE OUTPUTS FROM THE SENSORS ARE SAMPLED BY A MICROPROCESSOR WHICH PERFORMS THE NECESSARY CALCULATIONS AND TRANSMITS THE PROCESSED DATA EVERY HALF AN HOUR BY UHF RADIO TO A RECEIVING STATION AT STANLEY FROM WHICH THE DATA ARE RELAYED TO THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY HEADQUARTERS BY DEDICATED TELEPHONE LINES.

AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY HEADQUARTERS, THE DATA ARE DISPLAYED IN THE CENTRAL FORECASTING OFFICE AND ARCHIVED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY'S MAIN COMPUTER SYSTEM, WHICH ALSO RE-TRANSMITS THE DATA TO THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE GUANGDONG METEOROLOGICAL BUREAU IN GUANGZHOU AND THE STATE METEOROLOGICAL ADMINISTRATION IN BEIJING VIA THE EXISTING METEOROLOGICAL TELECOMMUNICATION LINK.

THE AUTOMATIC WEATHER STATION IS POWERED BY SOLAR ENERGY AND IS THE FIRST SOLAR-POWERED STATION DESIGNED AND INSTALLED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

THE INSTALLATION TEAM CONSISTED OF THREE OFFICERS FROM THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY AND FOUR OFFICERS FROM THE GUANGDONG METEOROLOGICAL BUREAU. THEY FLEW FROM ZHUHAI TO HUANGMAO ZHOU BY HELICOPTER ON THE MORNING OF JULY 10 AND COMPLETED THE INSTALLATION OF THE STATION ON THE FOLLOWING MORNING. A SIMPLE OPENING CEREMONY WAS PERFORMED ON THE ISLAND IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE STATION WAS PUT INTO OPERATION.

THE AUTOMATIC WEATHER STATION WILL PROVIDE USEFUL DATA TO THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY FOR MONITORING TROPICAL CYCLONES AND OTHER SEVERE WEATHER SYSTEMS APPROACHING HONG KONG FROM THE SOUTH.

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RSD POLICY ON MARKET STALL RENTALS ENDORSED

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MEMBERS OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL TODAY (FRIDAY) ENDORSED THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S POLICY GOVERNING RENTS FOR PUBLIC MARKET STALLS IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS.

THE COUNCIL ALSO AGREED TO DEVISE A NEW FORMULA GOVERNING THE SIZE OF RENT INCREASES SO THAT IN NORMAL CASES PUBLIC SUBSIDY IS KEPT TO A MINIMUM, BUT SPECIAL CONSIDERATION IS GIVEN IN HARDSHIP CASES.

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EXPLAINING THE DEPARTMENT'S PRESENT POSITION ON THE ISSUE, THE ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES (HEADQUARTERS), MR PETER CHEUNG, SAID ALL STALLS IN PUBLIC MARKETS IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS ARE LET OUT BY AUCTION, WITH AN UPSET PRICE DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT HAVING REFERENCE TO THE CURRENT MARKET RATE (CMR) OF THE STALLS AS ASSESSED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION.

MR CHEUNG SAID THAT IN OPEN AUCTIONS, THE UPSET PRICE IS NORMALLY SET AT 100 PER CENT OF THE CMR. IN RESTRICTED AUCTIONS, WHICH ARE HELD PURSUANT TO A RESITING EXERCISE OF HAWKERS OR DISPLACED MARKET LESSEES, THE UPSET PRICE IS REDUCED.

+INITIAL MARKET LEASES NORMALLY ARE FOR THREE YEARS. ON THE EXPIRY OF THE LEASE, THE OPERATOR OF THE STALL IS GIVEN THE OPTION TO RENEW HIS CONTRACT FOR ANOTHER THREE YEARS. THE NEW RENT ON SUCH AN OCCASION IS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT HAVING REGARD TO THE UPDATED CMR AND THE POLICY OBJECTIVE OF EVENTUALLY CHARGING ALL MARKET STALL HOLDERS A COMMERCIAL RENT,+ MR CHEUNG ADDED.

IN NORMAL CASES, THE DEPARTMENT'S PRACTICE IS TO SET THE NEW RENT AT 100 PER CENT OF THE CMR. BUT IN THE CASE OF STALLS OBTAINED THROUGH A RESTRICTED AUCTION, A CONCESSION IS MADE THAT THE RENT INCREASE IN ANY ONE YEAR IS NOT TO EXCEED 100 PER CENT AND THAT THE REVISED RENT WILL NOT EXCEED 50 PER CENT OF THE CMR IN THE FIRST YEAR OF THE NEW CONTRACT, 75 PER CENT IN THE SECOND, AND 100 PER CENT IN THE THIRD.

ON A RELATED SUBJECT, THE COUNCIL DECIDED TO SET THE UPSET PRICES FOR COOKED FOOD STALLS AT THE NEW MUI WO COOKED FOOD MARKET, WHICH WILL BE READY FOR OCCUPATION IN OCTOBER, AT 50 PER CENT OF CMR (RANGING FROM \$1 250 TO \$1 650) AND THAT FOR MINI STALLS AT 45 PER CENT (\$337.50).

BRIEFING THE COUNCIL, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE), MR LI TIN-MING, SAID THE MARKET CONSISTS OF 16 COOKED FOOD STALLS AND FOUR MINI STALLS. IT IS INTENDED TO ACCOMMODATE SIX STATIC COOKED FOOD HAWKERS NOW OPERATING IN STRUCTURES ON A PIECE OF CROWN LAND NEAR THE MUI WO FERRY PIER AND 26 MOBILE HAWKERS TRADING IN THE VICINITY.

WHEN THE MARKET IS READY FOR OPERATION, THE STALLS WILL BE LET BY RESTRICTED AUCTION TO THE HAWKERS IN THE AREA. SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WILL BE OFFERED A THREE-YEAR TENANCY AGREEMENT WITH A FLAT MONTHLY RENTAL THROUGHOUT THE TENANCY PERIOD.

THE COUNCIL DECIDED TO SET THE UPSET PRICES OF THE STALLS BELOW THE CMR IN ORDER TO ALLEVIATE THE HARDSHIP OF THE HAWKERS AT THE RESITING STAGE, A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THIS SCHEDULE OF RENTALS WAS ARRIVED AT AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE VARIOUS FACTORS AND WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE FACT THAT BUSINESS IN THIS NEW COOKED FOOD MARKET IS SEASONAL AND DEPENDS MAINLY ON PICNICKERS DURING WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE DATE OF THE RESITING EXERCISE WILL BE DETERMINED AS SOON AS THE NEW MARKET IS COMPLETED AND HANDED OVER TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR MANAGEMENT. ELIGIBLE BIDDERS WILL BE INFORMED OF THE DETAILS OF THE RESITING ARRANGEMENTS IN DUE COURSE.

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FREE QUOTA SCHEME FOR TEXTILES TO CANADA ANNOUNCED
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THE TRADE DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT THE FREE QUOTA EXPORT AUTHORISATION SCHEME III FOR EXPORT OF RESTRAINED TEXTILES TO CANADA WILL BE OPERATED FROM JULY 15.

DETAILS OF THE SCHEME ARE CONTAINED IN A NOTICE TO EXPORTERS ISSUED ON JULY 9. COPIES OF THE NOTICE ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM CANADA SECTION OF THE TRADE DEPARTMENT, 15/F, OCEAN CENTRE, CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

QUANTITIES OF QUOTAS OPEN TO APPLICATION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>ITEM NO.</u>	<u>QUANTITIES AVAILABLE</u>
1	12 000 PC (PIECES)
2	41 000 PC
2A	33 000 PC
2B	4 000 PC
3	76 000 PC
4	304 000 PC
4A	9 000 PC
5	208 000 PC
6	378 000 PC
6A	10 000 PC
7A	14 000 PC
8	8 000 PC
9	56 000 PC
9A	25 000 PC
10	92 000 PC
11	97 000 PC
12	46 000 PC
14	23 000 PC
16A	33 000 DOZEN PAIRS
16C	18 000 PC
16E	10 000 KG
17C	202 000 SQ METRES

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STRINGENT MEASURES FOR +TOLERATED+ SLAUGHTERHOUSES
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THE OPERATION OF UNLICENSED SLAUGHTERHOUSES IN CERTAIN PARTS OF THE NON-URBAN AREAS IS BEING TOLERATED BECAUSE OF A LACK OF CONVENIENT ALTERNATIVE FACILITIES, THE ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES (HEADQUARTERS), MR PETER CHEUNG, TOLD THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL TODAY.

EXPLAINING THE DEPARTMENT'S POLICY ON THE LICENSING OF SLAUGHTERHOUSES, HE SAID THESE ESTABLISHMENTS WERE REGULARLY CHECKED BY HEALTH INSPECTOR TO ENSURE THAT THEY MET THE BASIC REQUIREMENTS IN RESPECT OF HYGIENE STANDARDS.

MR CHEUNG SAID IN THE MORE RURAL PARTS OF THE TERRITORY - ESPECIALLY SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS DISTRICTS - UNLICENSED PRIVATE SLAUGHTERING ON A SMALL SCALE WAS STILL PRACTISED.

IN GENERAL, HE SAID, TOLERATED SLAUGHTERHOUSES WERE SMALL IN SIZE, OPERATED ON A LIMITED SCALE WITH ACTIVITIES CONFINED TO THE EARLY HOURS OF THE DAY ONLY.

ON AVERAGE, THE DAILY KILL WAS BELOW THREE PIGS - MOSTLY FROM LOCAL SOURCES, HE ADDED.

MR CHEUNG SAID THERE WERE 34 SUCH TOLERATED SLAUGHTERHOUSES UNSUITABLE FOR LICENSING AS THEY DID NOT MEET REQUIREMENTS.

+AS THESE ESTABLISHMENTS ARE SCATTERED AND OPERATING DURING VERY INCONVENIENT HOURS AND IRREGULARLY, THE PROVISION OF REGULAR MEAT INSPECTION AT THESE PLACES IS DIFFICULT,+ HE SAID.

+EVEN IF REGULAR INSPECTIONS COVERING ALL THESE ESTABLISHMENTS COULD BE WORKED OUT, THE COST IN TERMS OF STAFF TIME WOULD BE EXCEEDINGLY HIGH AND THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT THE MEAT INSPECTION SERVICE WOULD BE MADE USE OF.

+HOWEVER, IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC HEALTH, DISTRICT HEALTH INSPECTORS PAY MONTHLY VISITS TO THESE ESTABLISHMENTS TO ENSURE THAT THE BASIC STANDARD OF HYGIENE IS MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES.

+IN ADDITION, HEALTH INSPECTORS MAKE REGULAR VISITS TO MARKETS AND FRESH PROVISION SHOPS TO MAKE SURE THAT THE MEAT AND OFFAL ON SALE ARE WHOLESOME. IN THE RARE CASE THAT MEAT OR OFFAL OF DUBIOUS QUALITY ARE DETECTED, THE MARKET STALLHOLDER OR SHOP OPERATOR IS REQUIRED TO SURRENDER THEM FOR DESTRUCTION,+ HE SAID.

MR CHEUNG SAID IT WAS GOVERNMENT INTENTION TO PHASE OUT TOLERATED UNLICENSED SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

PLANS WERE IN HAND TO INTRODUCE TWO ABATTOIRS-SLAUGHTERHOUSES IN SAI KUNG AND CHEUNG CHAU IN 1988-89. TWO OTHER SMALL ABATTOIRS-SLAUGHTERHOUSES -- ON PENG CHAU AND ONE AT MUI WO -- WERE IN THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME BUT CONSTRUCTION DATES WERE UNCERTAIN.

/MR CHEUNG

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MR CHEUNG SAID THERE WERE THREE LICENSED PRIVATE SLAUGHTERHOUSES — ONE IN KWAI CHUNG, ONE IN TAI PO AND THE OTHER IN YUEN LONG. WITHIN THE AREAS SERVED BY THESE SLAUGHTERHOUSES, ILLEGAL SLAUGHTERING WAS PROHIBITED.

ANY PERSON FOUND OPERATING AN ILLEGAL SLAUGHTERHOUSE OR TO BE IN POSSESSION OF CARCASSES NOT CARRYING THE OFFICIAL MEAT INSPECTION STAMP FACES PROSECUTION.

IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, A TOTAL OF 23 PRE-DAWN RAIDS ON ILLEGAL SLAUGHTERHOUSES WERE CONDUCTED AND EIGHT PERSONS WERE SUCCESSFULLY PROSECUTED, WITH FINES RANGING FROM \$1 000 TO \$3 500.

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RSD WORKS PROJECTS OUTLINED
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ABOUT 430 CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS, INCLUDING PARKS, SWIMMING POOLS, CULTURE COMPLEXES AND MARKETS, ARE BEING PLANNED FOR OR BUILT IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$4 000 MILLION DURING THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES (HEADQUARTERS), MR PETER CHEUNG, TODAY WHEN HE BRIEFED MEMBERS OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL ON THE NUMBER OF CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS IN THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME FALLING WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

MAJOR PROJECTS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED THIS YEAR INCLUDE THE SHA TIN CENTRAL PARK (\$50 MILLION), THE TUEN MUN SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX (\$38.7 MILLION) AND THE TUEN MUN TOWN PARK PHASE I (\$46.5 MILLION).

OTHER MAJOR PROJECTS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION INCLUDE THE SHA TIN CULTURAL COMPLEX AND LIBRARY AND THE TUEN MUN CIVIC AND CULTURAL COMPLEX PHASE I - AUDITORIUM, EACH COSTING OVER \$137 MILLION.

THE RSD IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING A WIDE RANGE OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS AND FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF SUPPORTING FACILITIES.

MR CHEUNG SAID WHILE THE PLANNING OF THESE FACILITIES IS INITIATED BY THE DEPARTMENT, THE PHYSICAL CONSTRUCTION OF SUCH FACILITIES IS BEING HANDLED BY SPECIALIST DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT.

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL WERE ALSO INFORMED OF THE PROCEDURE FOR INCLUDING A PROJECT INTO THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME AND HOW PROJECTS ARE CATEGORISED.

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DRAFT CHAI WAN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN AMENDED

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED A NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN FOR CHAI WAN.

THE ANNOTATION FOR HENG FA CHUEN DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN AMENDED FROM +MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY DEPOT, COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY FACILITIES+ TO +MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT AREA+.

THE SITE TO THE SOUTH OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY DEPOT HAS BEEN REZONED FROM +INDUSTRIAL+ TO +GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY+ USE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID THAT THE SITE WAS RESERVED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

ANOTHER AMENDMENT INVOLVES THE REZONING OF THE AREA TO THE SOUTH OF WING TAI ROAD FROM +COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL+, +GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY+ AND +OPEN SPACE+ TO +RESIDENTIAL (GROUP B)+.

THIS WILL FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PROPOSED PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE FOR 10 000 PEOPLE.

THE AREA IMMEDIATELY TO THE WEST OF THE PROPOSED HOUSING ESTATE HAS BEEN REZONED FROM +GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY+ SITE TO +OPEN SPACE+.

BESIDES, THE USE OF THE AREA TO THE WEST OF THE CHAI WAN MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATION HAS BEEN REZONED FROM +INDUSTRIAL+ TO +GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY+ AND +OPEN SPACE+.

+THE GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY SITE IS FOR THE PRESERVATION OF AN EXISTING HISTORICAL HAKKA BUILDING AT KUT SHING STREET AS A FOLK MUSEUM, WHILE THE AREA SURROUNDING THE MUSEUM IS ZONED TO 'OPEN SPACE' TO ENHANCE ITS ENVIRONMENT AND PROVIDED RECREATIONAL OUTLETS FOR FACTORY WORKERS IN THE AREA,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ANOTHER MAJOR AMENDMENT CONCERNS THE RE-ALIGNMENT OF THE CHAI WAN SECTION OF THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR WHICH HAS BEEN ADJUSTED AND SHIFTED EASTWARD.

THE ROAD NETWORK LEADING TO THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR NEAR WING TAI ROAD HAS ALSO BEEN REVISED.

THE AMENDED PLAN CAN BE INSPECTED AT THE TOWN PLANNING DIVISION, LANDS DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG; AND EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, 880-886 KING'S ROAD, GROUND FLOOR, NORTH POINT, HONG KONG.

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COPIES OF THE DRAFT PLAN ARE AVAILABLE AT THE MAP AND PLAN SALES SECTION, SURVEY DIVISION, LANDS DEPARTMENT, FIFTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND KOWLOON MAP AND PLAN SALES SECTION, 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON AT \$10 FOR UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$60 FOR COLOURED ONE.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENTS MAY SUBMIT HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY OF TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O LANDS DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG BY AUGUST 1.

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TAX RELIEF FOR DONATIONS
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THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE PROVIDES, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN LIMITATIONS, TAX RELIEF TO PERSONS WHO DONATE MONEY TO ANY PUBLIC CHARITABLE INSTITUTION OR TRUST WHICH IS EXEMPT UNDER SECTION 88 OF THE ORDINANCE.

A REVISED LIST OF CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS AND TRUSTS WHICH HAVE, AS AT MAY 31, BEEN RECOGNISED AS EXEMPT FROM TAX UNDER SECTION 88 OF THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE, IS INCLUDED IN SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT NO. 4 OF THE GAZETTE TODAY.

THIS REVISED LIST SUPERSEDES ALL PREVIOUS LISTS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED.

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MORE RECLAMATION PLANNED FOR TSUEN WAN
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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO CONSTRUCT AN 840-METRE SEAWALL AND TO RECLAIM AN AREA OF ABOUT 8.41 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED SOUTHWEST OF CHAI WAN KOK IN TSUEN WAN.

THE LAND FORMED BEHIND THE SEAWALL WILL BE USED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS AND OPEN SPACE.

THE NOTICE AND ITS RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE OFF CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND THE PROPOSAL IS PUBLISHED IN GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PLAN IS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, SURVEY DIVISION, FIFTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, FOU WAH CENTRE, 210 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL AND/OR CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION SHOULD BE FORWARDED IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS BY SEPTEMBER 12.

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MODERN HOMES FOR 28 000 COMING UP IN SHA TIN
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ANOTHER MODERN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE IS TO RISE IN SHA TIN, PROVIDING HOMES FOR 28 000 PEOPLE BY 1989.

KWONG YUEN ESTATE, THE 11TH PUBLIC RENTAL HOUSING PROJECT IN THE NEW TOWN, WILL BE DEVELOPED IN TWO PHASES ON A 12.5-HECTARE SITE IN THE SIU LEK YUEN VALLEY.

+TENDERS WILL BE INVITED SHORTLY FOR THE FIRST PHASE OF THE NEW PROJECT,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TODAY.

HE SAID WORKS WOULD INCLUDE PILING TO FOUNDATIONS AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF FOUR 35-STOREY TRIDENT BLOCKS, A PRIMARY SCHOOL, A COMMUNITY HALL, AS WELL AS RELATED ROADS AND EXTERNAL WORKS.

+THE FOUR RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS WILL ACCOMMODATE 13 500 PEOPLE IN 2 832 SELF-CONTAINED FLATS WHEN THEY ARE READY BY 1988.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THESE BLOCKS WOULD BE BUILT BY USING TIME-SAVING SEMI-MECHANISED CONSTRUCTION METHOD.

+WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR.+

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MUSEUM PROJECT GETS GREEN LIGHT
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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, HAD ENDORSED THE COUNCIL'S PROPOSALS FOR THE PHASED DEVELOPMENT OF A COMBINED PROJECT FOR A PERMANENT MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

THE DECISION WAS HAILED BY MEMBERS OF THE MUSEUMS SELECT COMMITTEE AT THEIR MEETING EARLIER TODAY.

MR CHEONG-LEEN SAID THE FIRST PHASE OF THE PROJECT, TO BE BUILT IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, WAS ESTIMATED TO COST \$150 MILLION. THIS INITIAL PHASE WOULD COMPRISE THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

IN A LETTER TO THE URBAN COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, THE GOVERNOR SAID HE RECOGNISED THE VALUE AND RELEVANCE OF SUCH MUSEUM FACILITIES TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

MR CHEONG-LEEN SAID THE COUNCIL WELCOMED THE GOVERNOR'S SUPPORT.

THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS PHASED DEVELOPMENT WOULD NOW BE FURTHER STUDIED WITH A VIEW TO PROCEEDING WITH PLANS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND COMMISSIONING OF THE MUSEUM.

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HONG KONG ISLAND TRAFFIC CHANGE
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IN CONNECTION WITH THE INSTALLATION OF COMPUTERISED TRAFFIC CONTROL EQUIPMENT, A COUPLE OF TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CENTRAL FOR FOUR CONSECUTIVE EVENINGS FROM MONDAY (JULY 15).

THE MEASURES, TO BE IN FORCE FROM 7.30 PM TO 7 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- * DOUGLAS STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.
- * BUSES ON CMB ROUTES 81M, 90M AND 781 HEADING FOR CENTRAL WILL TERMINATE AT THE LAY-BY ON CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL (WESTBOUND) IN FRONT OF HOUSE NO. 13 TO 23.
- * OTHER VEHICLES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE LAY-BY ON THIS ROAD SECTION.

IN CAUSEWAY BAY, INNER GLOUCESTER ROAD BETWEEN HOUSE NO. 256 AND 257 WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE EVENINGS FROM MONDAY (JULY 15), BETWEEN 8 PM AND 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE ROAD WORK.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES ON INNER GLOUCESTER ROAD HEADING FOR PERCIVAL STREET WILL BE DIVERTED TO GLOUCESTER ROAD.

IN ABERDEEN, THE DOWN RAMP LEADING FROM AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE ROAD NORTHBOUND TO THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THE COASTAL ROAD ALONG ABERDEEN RECLAMATION WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS TO FACILITATE RECONSTRUCTION WORK.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS WILL HAVE TO CONTINUE ALONG AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE ROAD UNTIL THEY REACH THE JUNCTION WITH THE NORTHERN CARRIAGEWAY OF THE COASTAL ROAD WHERE THEY WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT TO PROCEED TO WONG CHUK HANG OR TURN RIGHT TO ABERDEEN.

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WEEKEND OF FUN FOR THOUSANDS OF YOUTHS
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IT WILL BE A WEEKEND OF FUN AND GAMES FOR THOUSANDS OF YOUNGSTERS WHEN A NUMBER OF SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMMES ARE LAUNCHED IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS ON SUNDAY (JULY 14).

VARIETY SHOWS, CARNIVALS, COMPETITIONS, TREE-PLANTING AND FILM SHOWS -- ALL DESIGNED FOR YOUTHS AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 25, WILL BE HELD IN FIVE DISTRICTS IN THE URBAN AREA AND ONE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR'S THEME OF +PARTICIPATION, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE+ NEARLY ALL ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN ORGANISED WITH THE AIM OF ENCOURAGING YOUNG PEOPLE TO CONTRIBUTE THEIR TIME AND ENERGY TOWARD SERVING THEIR COMMUNITY, AND ALSO TO ENJOY THEIR SUMMER HOLIDAYS IN A MEANINGFUL WAY.

IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT, A VARIETY SHOW WILL BE HELD AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT FEATURING PERFORMANCES BY WELL-KNOWN TELEVISION ARTISTS, LION DANCES, BAND MUSIC AND OTHER ENTERTAINMENT.

KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT HAS ORGANISED AN ENTERTAINING PROGRAMME FEATURING BALLET BY 150 CHILDREN FROM THE YWCA, MAGIC SHOW, CHORAL SINGING, A TAEKWANDO DEMONSTRATION AND OTHER ACTIVITIES.

HIGHLIGHTS AT THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT PROGRAMME INCLUDE A CREATIVE CONTEST BY ABOUT 300 YOUTHS, AND PERFORMANCES BY THE HONG KONG BUDDHIST NICHIREN SHOSUN (DRUM AND FIFE) TEAM AND THE SHAM SHUI PO CHILDREN'S CHOIR.

AT WONG TAI SIN, NUMEROUS EVENTS HAVE BEEN ORGANISED THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT SUCH AS A CARNIVAL, TELEGAMES FOR CHILDREN, A BOOK EXHIBITION, A FUN FAIR AND A TABLE-TENNIS COMPETITION. A FOLK DANCE WILL PRECEDE THE OPENING CEREMONY AT THE WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE.

ORGANISERS IN KWUN TONG DISTRICT HAVE PLANNED A SPECIAL FAMILY FILM SHOW AT THE COSMOS THEATRE AND A TREE-PLANTING EXERCISE BY MORE THAN 100 SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AT THE TSUI PING ROAD PLAYGROUND.

IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE NORTH DISTRICT SYP, RESIDENTS AND VISITORS CAN ENJOY VARIOUS GAMES STALLS AT A CARNIVAL IN THE PLAYGROUND OF CHEUNG WAH ESTATE IN FANLING.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONIES AND EVENTS OF THE ABOVE DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMMES.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE TIME, VENUE AND OFFICIATING GUESTS OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMMES:

CENTRAL AND WESTERN, 2 PM AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT, CENTRAL. OFFICIATING GUESTS INCLUDE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM KAM-KWONG, ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KIM SALKELD, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR VINCENT KO, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S SYP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR WU CHOR-NAM.

/KOWLOON CITY,

KOWLOON CITY, 4 TO 6 PM AT THE KO SHAN ROAD PARK IN HUNG HOM.
OFFICIATING GUESTS: ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER (KOWLOON CITY WEST),
MS DIANA TONG, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S SYP CO-ORDINATING
COMMITTEE, MR TANG TAI-CHUEN.

SHAM SHUI PO, 10 AM TO 1 PM AT THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND.
OFFICIATING GUESTS: DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SYLVESTER TSE, AND THE
CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT SYP WORKING GROUP, MR C.K. LIU.

WONG TAI SIN, 8 PM AT THE FUNG MING HALL OF THE WONG TAI SIN
TEMPLE (OPENING CEREMONY). OFFICIATING GUESTS: DISTRICT OFFICER,
MR PHILIP CHOK, REGIONAL OFFICER (KOWLOON EAST) OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE
DEPARTMENT, MR KWOK KA-CHI, AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHENG
TAK-KIN,

ALSO IN WONG TAI SIN, A CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD AT THE LOK FO
SHOPPING CENTRE PODIUM BETWEEN 2.30 AND 4.30 PM. A FUN FAIR AT
THE TSZ WAN SHAN CENTRAL PLAYGROUND BETWEEN 9.30 AND 11.30 AM.
A TELEGAME FOR CHILDREN AT THE SHEK FU LUNG ROAD PLAYGROUND BETWEEN
2.30 AND 4.30 PM. A YOUTH BOOK EXHIBITION AT THE CHOI HUNG CENTRE
AND A TABLE-TENNIS TOURNAMENT AT THE KAI TAK EAST INDOOR GAMES HALL
IN SAN PO KONG. BOTH EVENTS ARE HELD THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

KWUN TONG, 11 AM TREE-PLANTING EXERCISE AT THE TSUI PING ROAD
PLAYGROUND.

NORTH DISTRICT, 4 PM AT THE CENTRAL PLAYGROUND OF CHEUNG WAH
ESTATE IN FANLING, OFFICIATING GUESTS: ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER,
MR PETER TAM, AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR RAYMOND PANG.

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SEMINAR TO INTRODUCE SPORTS FACILITIES

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SOME 80 TEACHERS IN YUEN LONG TODAY (FRIDAY) ATTENDED A
SEMINAR ON EXISTING RECREATION AND AMENITY FACILITIES IN THE
DISTRICT.

THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT LEISURE MANAGER, MR LAM TIN-KEE, WHO
OFFICIATED AT THE SEMINAR, SAID THE MAIN PURPOSE WAS TO BRIEF
THE TEACHERS ON THE BOOKING PROCEDURE OF ALL SPORTS FACILITIES
UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE RSD AND TO ENABLE THEM TO BETTER
PLAN THEIR PROGRAMMES FOR THE STUDENTS.

THE SEMINAR WAS ORGANISED BY THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE
OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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ISLANDS SWIMMING GALA ON SUNDAY
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ABOUT 120 ATHLETES WILL COMPETE IN THE TENTH ISLANDS DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY (JULY 14) AT THE KENNEDY TOWN SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX IN SMITHFIELD ROAD.

THE ANNUAL EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD, THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE ISLANDS DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

THERE WILL BE 21 EVENTS IN THE PROGRAMME WHICH INCLUDE FREE STYLE, BREASTSTROKE AND BUTTERFLY. TWO 4 BY 50 METRES RELAY RACES WILL ALSO BE HELD.

WINNERS OF THE RACES WILL BE SELECTED TO TAKE PART IN THE FIRST NEW TERRITORIES INTER-DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA, TO BE HELD LATER THIS YEAR IN THE NORTH DISTRICT, NEW TERRITORIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ISLANDS DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA WHICH STARTS AT 1 PM ON SUNDAY (JULY 14) AT THE KENNEDY TOWN SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX IN SMITHFIELD ROAD, WESTERN. THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM YAP AND OTHER LOCAL DIGNITARIES WILL OFFICIATE AT A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT 4 PM.

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SURVEY ON YOUTH PROBLEMS IN KWUN TONG PLANNED
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THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION WILL UNDERTAKE A SURVEY ON YOUTH PROBLEMS IN KWUN TONG BY THE END OF THIS YEAR, DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN MAK, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

+A SENIOR STATISTICIAN OF THE COMMUNITY INFORMATION DIVISION IN CNTA AND THE WORKING GROUP ON PROBLEM YOUTH UNDER THE DISTRICT BOARD ARE WORKING ON THE METHODS FOR CARRYING OUT THE SURVEY AS WELL AS THE CONTENTS OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE,+ HE SAID.

MR MAK WAS SPEAKING AT THE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SCOUTS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, KWUN TONG DISTRICT.

HE SAID: +ONCE THE QUESTIONNAIRE IS FINALISED, THE SURVEY WILL BE FARMED OUT TO A PRIVATE RESEARCH COMPANY.+

/THE SURVEY,

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THE SURVEY, TO BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN OCTOBER AND DECEMBER AT A COST OF ABOUT \$50 000, IS AIMED AT COLLECTING INFORMATION THROUGH SCIENTIFIC METHODS ON THE BEHAVIOUR, THINKING AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THE +PROBLEM YOUTH+ IN THE DISTRICT.

+THE FINDINGS WILL PROVIDE VALUABLE BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR THE WORKING GROUP TO EXPLORE WAYS OF DEALING WITH THE PROBLEM,+ MR MAK SAID.

THE WORKING GROUP WAS FORMED IN MARCH 1984 UNDER THE DISTRICT BOARD TO ANALYSE THE CAUSES FOR THE YOUTH PROBLEM IN KWUN TONG AND TO RECOMMEND SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS.

DURING LAST YEAR, THE WORKING GROUP INVITED A SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER, A SOCIAL FIELD TEAM LEADER, A PROBATION OFFICER AND OTHER YOUTH WORKERS TO SHARE THEIR WORKING EXPERIENCES.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE SCOUT MOVEMENT FOR PROVIDING HEALTHY LEISURE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, MR MAK ALSO CALLED ON PARENTS TO ENCOURAGE THEIR CHILDREN TO JOIN THE SCOUTS OR SIMILAR ORGANISATIONS.

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THAI OFFICIALS VISIT TAI LAM PRISONS * * * *

A GROUP OF 33 SENIOR OFFICIALS FROM THAILAND'S DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION TODAY (FRIDAY) VISITED TWO PRISONS IN TAI LAM TO HAVE A LOOK AT THE CORRECTIONAL PROGRAMMES ADMINISTERED BY THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN HONG KONG.

THE DELEGATION, LED BY DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL, DR CHAU PATTANACHAREON, IS IN HONG KONG ON A STUDY VISIT. MOST MEMBERS ARE PARTICIPANTS OF A CORRECTIONAL ADMINISTRATOR COURSE CONDUCTED BY THE THAI GOVERNMENT.

THEY FIRST WENT TO THE TAI LAM CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, A MINIMUM SECURITY PRISON, WHERE THEY SAW PRISONERS WORKING AT VARIOUS WORKSHOPS. THE GROUP WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE PRISON'S PRECAST CONCRETE WORKSHOP, WHICH PRODUCES KERB STONES, CABLE DUCT TILES AND PAVING SLABS FOR THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE GROUP THEN VISITED THE ADJACENT TAI LAM CENTRE FOR WOMEN, WHICH HOUSES ADULT FEMALE OFFENDERS AND IS DIVIDED INTO THREE SECTIONS: THE REMAND, THE PRISON AND THE DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRE SECTIONS.

EARLIER IN THE DAY, THE DELEGATION MET WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR CHAN WA-SHEK.

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PLANTING DAY FOR KWUN TONG

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THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE KWUN TONG SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE ARE JOINTLY ORGANISING A PLANTING DAY ON SUNDAY (JULY 14).

URBAN COUNCILLOR MR STEPHEN LAU AND A NUMBER OF KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL OFFICIATE AT THE EVENT WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE KWUN TONG RECREATION GROUND.

MORE THAN 200 STUDENTS FROM VARIOUS SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT WILL PLANT SOME 50 TREES AND 200 SHRUBS AT THE VENUE.

A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN SAID THE AIM OF THE PLANTING DAY IS TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNGSTERS TO PARTICIPATE IN A MEANINGFUL ACTIVITY IN THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

IT IS HOPED THAT THROUGH THEIR PARTICIPATION IN TREE PLANTING THEY WILL GAIN AN APPRECIATION OF THE BEAUTY OF NATURE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF A GREEN ENVIRONMENT, HE ADDED.

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HEALTH EDUCATION EXHIBITION FOR EASTERN

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A TWO-DAY HEALTH EDUCATION EXHIBITION, STARTING TOMORROW (SATURDAY), WILL BE HELD AT THE TAIKOO SHING CITY PLAZA.

ORGANISED BY A WORKING GROUP ON MEDICAL SERVICES UNDER THE EASTERN BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE, THE EXHIBITION IS AIMED AT ENHANCING RESIDENTS' KNOWLEDGE ON HEALTH AND TO SPREAD THE MESSAGE THAT PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN CURE.

THE EXHIBITION, SPONSORED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD, WILL FEATURE DRAWINGS, CHARTS AND INFORMATION MATERIAL ON THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS WHICH ARE VITAL FOR GOOD HEALTH, SUCH AS HOUSEHOLD HYGIENE, EXERCISE, PROPER FOOD, COMMON DISEASES, AND CARE FOR MENTAL PATIENTS.

ADMISSION IS FREE AND THE EXHIBITION, PRODUCED BY THE CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, WILL CLOSE AT 4 PM ON SUNDAY (JULY 14).

A LEAFLET PUBLISHED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD ON +GOOD HEALTH ORIGINATES IN THE FAMILY+ WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE EXHIBITION.

AN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VINCENT LEUNG, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE, MR LEE KWONG-LAM, AND THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE HEALTH EDUCATION EXHIBITION ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MRS LAU MA LAI-WAH, WILL OFFICIATE AT AN OPENING CEREMONY.

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