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'CLEARANCE DEFINITELY GOING AHEAD'

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THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JAMES WILSON, TODAY URGED VILLAGERS INVOLVED IN THE SECOND PHASE OF THE TIN SHUI WAI CLEARANCE TO TAKE UP REHOUSING AND EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE OFFERS WHICH HAVE ALL BEEN ARRANGED.

HE EMPHASISED THAT THE CLEARANCE WOULD DEFINITELY GO AHEAD AT THE END OF THE MONTH, ON OCTOBER 31, AND NOT IN DECEMBER AS REPORTED IN SOME NEWSPAPERS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE HAD AGREED TO MAKE SITES AVAILABLE AT SHA CHAU LEI FOR THE INDIGENOUS VILLAGERS INVOLVED IN THE CLEARANCE TO BUILD THEIR ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME SMALL HOUSES GRANTED UNDER THE NEW TERRITORIES SMALL HOUSE POLICY.

THE INDIGENOUS VILLAGERS HAD BEEN ASKED TO PROVIDE THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE THEIR IDEAL LAYOUT FOR THE HOUSES FOR CONSTRUCTION, BUT THE OFFICE HAD SO FAR RECEIVED NO RESPONSE.

THE OFFICE ALSO CONFIRMED THAT THEY NEITHER RECEIVED ANY FORMAL APPLICATION FOR THESE GRANTS ALTHOUGH APPLICATION FORMS WERE PASSED TO THE TIN SHUI WAI VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES FOR DISTRIBUTION ON SEPTEMBER 12.

+SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS FOR SMALL HOUSES WILL ALSO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A RENTAL ALLOWANCE TO HELP THEM WITH TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION. EACH FAMILY WILL BE OFFERED UP TO \$1 400 PER MONTH FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LONGER THAN 18 MONTHS,+ MR WILSON SAID.

ALSO, THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE HAD ALLOCATED A SITE ON CROWN LAND FOR OTHER AFFECTED VILLAGERS TO BUILD NEW HOMES UNDER AN ANNUAL LICENCE. HOWEVER, NO WORK HAD YET STARTED ON CONSTRUCTION OF THESE HOUSES. THE DISTRICT OFFICER URGED THE AFFECTED VILLAGERS TO COLLECT THEIR LICENCES AND START WORK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

+FOR THE ANNUAL LICENSEES, EACH WILL GET A ONCE-FOR-ALL REHABILITATION ALLOWANCE OF \$11 300.

+THE EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES ARE ALL READY FOR COLLECTION AT THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE VILLAGERS ARE ADVISED TO PICK UP THE CHEQUES NOW.+

ONE OF THE AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND VILLAGERS IS THE QUESTION OF TREES AND WELLS PLANTED OR DUG AROUND FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR, WELL AFTER THE CLEARANCE WAS ANNOUNCED AND THUS THESE ITEMS DID NOT QUALIFY FOR EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES.

MR WILSON ADDED THAT CONSTRUCTION OF MASSIVE DRAINAGE CULVERT AND WORK ON THE DIVERSION OF THE TAI RIVER WOULD START IN THE FIRST WEEK OF NEXT MONTH.

THIS IS THE FIRST MAIN CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR WORK IN THE TIN SHUI WAI DEVELOPMENT ZONE.

+ON COMPLETION OF THE WORK, MUCH OF THE LONG-EXISTING PROBLEM OF FLOODING IN PING SHAN AND HA TSUEN WILL BE SOLVED. THIS WILL ALSO MAKE WAY FOR THE MAIN FORMATION OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TIN SHUI WAI DEVELOPMENT,+ HE SAID.

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LEGCO MEETS TOMORROW

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THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL BE DEALING WITH NINE BILLS, AND EIGHT QUESTIONS RAISED BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS, DURING ITS FIRST REGULAR MEETING OF THE NEW SESSION TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY), FOLLOWING THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS LAST WEEK.

IT WILL ALSO BE DEALING WITH A STATEMENT BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY CONCERNING CHANGES TO THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE APPROVED DURING THE FINAL QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, AND TWO MOTIONS BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, SEEKING APPROVAL OF THE CRIMINAL APPEAL (AMENDMENT) RULES 1984 AND THE MAGISTRATE (FORMS) (AMENDMENT) RULES 1984, MADE BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE IN AUGUST.

THE NINE BILLS DUE FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS ARE:

- * SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (1983-84) BILL 1984, TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR;
- * CHARTERED BANK (CHANGE OF NAME) BILL 1984, TO AMEND REFERENCES TO THE BANK IN VARIOUS ORDINANCES CONSEQUENT TO A CHANGE OF NAME;
- * CIVIL LIABILITY (CONTRIBUTION) BILL 1984, TO WIDEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH A PERSON WHO SHARES LIABILITY WITH ANOTHER PERSON IS OBLIGED TO CONTRIBUTE A SHARE OF THE DAMAGES;
- * COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDERS BILL 1984, TO INTRODUCE A PILOT PROJECT TO ASSESS THE SUITABILITY OF A COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDER SCHEME FOR OFFENDERS;
- * PRIVATE BILLS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984, TO AMEND THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE, WITH REGARD TO FEES PAYABLE TO GOVERNMENT;
- * PUBLIC BUS SERVICES (AMENDMENT) (NO.2) BILL 1984, TO REPEAL A SECTION OF THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE, DEALING WITH THE MANUFACTURING ORIGIN OF BUSES;
- * DENTISTS REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984, TO AMEND THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE TO GIVE DUE RECOGNITION TO THE ROLE OF THE NEW FACULTY OF DENTISTRY IN THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG;
- * SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE BOARD INCORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984, TO AMEND THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE, WITH REGARD TO APPOINTMENTS, AND THE
- * DEMOLISHED BUILDINGS (RE-DEVELOPMENT OF SITES) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984, TO UPDATE THE WORDING OF THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE.

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AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER'S BILL, STANDARD CHARTERED ASIA LIMITED BILL 1984, WILL ALSO BE MOVED AND READ A SECOND TIME AT TOMORROW'S MEETING.

THE EIGHT QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS DEAL WITH SUCH MATTERS AS REPRESENTATIONS TO THE ASSESSMENT OFFICE, THE POLICY REGARDING THE RIGHT OF ABODE, AND THE USE OF ROADS BY HEAVY LORRIES AND OVER-SIZED VEHICLES.

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FUNCTIONS OF HALF-WAY HOUSES EXPLAINED * * * *

HALF-WAY HOUSES WERE FOR EX-MENTAL PATIENTS +THE FIRST STEPPING-STONE OR BRIDGE BACK TO FULL INTEGRATION INTO A NORMAL WORKING AND SOCIAL LIFE+, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, SAID TONIGHT (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT A DINNER MEETING OF THE LIONS CLUB OF KOWLOON CENTRAL, HE SAID: +INCREASINGLY HALF-WAY HOUSES ARE REFERRED TO AS 'THERAPEUTIC' COMMUNITIES AND I THINK THAT THIS TERM IS MOST HELPFUL TO AN UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR FUNCTION.+

ALTHOUGH EX-MENTAL PATIENTS WERE NO LONGER ILL, HE SAID, THEY STILL NEEDED THERAPY TO HELP THEM TO RE-ESTABLISH THEIR SELF-CONFIDENCE, INDEPENDENCE AND ENTHUSIASM FOR LIFE.

THIS THERAPY WAS PROVIDED IN A NUMBER OF WAYS: THROUGH INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP COUNSELLING BY STAFF IN THE HALF-WAY HOUSE, BY HELPING THE EX-PATIENT TO FIND AND SETTLE INTO A SUITABLE JOB, AND BY HELPING HIM TO BECOME AT EASE IN THE NORMAL TASKS OF DAILY LIVING.

MR CHAMBERS SAID THAT AT THE CRITICAL STAGE WHEN AN EX-MENTAL PATIENT RETURNED HOME FROM HOSPITAL AND NEEDED TO REGAIN SELF-CONFIDENCE, IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT HE SHOULD RECEIVE EMOTIONAL SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO FACE LIFE SQUARELY ONCE AGAIN.

+IDEALLY, DISCHARGED MENTAL PATIENTS SHOULD RECEIVE THIS SUPPORT FROM THOSE NEAREST AND DEAREST TO THEM.

+UNFORTUNATELY, THIS IS NOT ALWAYS POSSIBLE; EITHER BECAUSE A RETURN TO THEIR OWN HOMES COULD WELL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE EXPOSURE TO THE STRESS AND UNHAPPINESS WHICH CAUSED THE MENTAL BREAKDOWN IN THE FIRST PLACE; OR BECAUSE THERE ARE NO FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ARE ABLE OR WILLING TO HELP,+ HE SAID.

THIS WAS WHERE THE HALF-WAY HOUSE PLAYED SUCH AN IMPORTANT ROLE, HE ADDED.

IT PROVIDED SHELTER, REGULAR MEALS AND THE SECURITY OF AN ORDERED LIVING ENVIRONMENT.

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IT ALSO CREATED A COMMUNITY IN WHICH THE EX-MENTAL PATIENT COULD SLOWLY FIND HIS FEET AND WAS SURROUNDED BY UNDERSTANDING AND SYMPATHETIC PEOPLE.

MR CHAMBERS SAID IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT JUST OVER 1 000 HALF-WAY HOUSE PLACES WERE NEEDED IN HONG KONG.

BUT HE ADDED THAT AS WITH SO MANY ESTIMATES OF DEMAND FOR REHABILITATION SERVICES, THIS FIGURE HAD TO BE KEPT UNDER REGULAR REVIEW.

HE SAID IT WAS THE JOB OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, TO TRY TO INCREASE THE PRESENT CAPACITY OF 250 HALF-WAY HOUSE PLACES TO THE TARGET OF 1 040 PLACES BEFORE THE END OF THE DECADE.

+IN ORDER TO DO THIS, WE HAVE MADE A GREAT EFFORT TO FIND SUITABLE ACCOMMODATION TO ESTABLISH HALF-WAY HOUSES,+ HE SAID.

+AS WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF MOST SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES, WE RELY HEAVILY ON THE PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMME TO PRODUCE GOOD QUALITY, EASILY ACCESSIBLE ACCOMMODATION WHICH CAN BE CONVERTED FOR WELFARE USE QUICKLY OR ECONOMICALLY.

+IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR US TO DO THIS, BECAUSE MORE THAN 40 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION OF HONG KONG LIVE IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES,+ HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT NOT ALL HALF-WAY HOUSES WOULD BE LOCATED IN PUBLIC HOUSING. SOME WOULD BE IN LEASED PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION AND ABOUT HALF OF THE PLANNED PLACES WOULD BE IN PURPOSE-DESIGNED BUILDINGS.

+NEVERTHELESS,+ MR CHAMBERS SAID, +I CANNOT STRESS TOO STRONGLY THAT WE SHALL NOT BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE THE PLANNED EXPANSION OF THIS SERVICE WITHOUT SITING QUITE A NUMBER OF HALF-WAY HOUSES IN HOUSING ESTATES.+

REFERRING TO INCREASING OPPOSITION IN RECENT MONTHS TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HALF-WAY HOUSES IN SOME PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, HE SAID ONE COULD UNDERSTAND WHY PEOPLE LIVING IN THESE ESTATES WERE UNEASY ABOUT HAVING FORMER MENTAL PATIENTS IN THEIR MIDST.

+SOMETIMES THEY DO APPEAR TO BEHAVE RATHER STRANGELY AND THERE HAVE OF COURSE BEEN TRAGIC INCIDENTS INVOLVING SUCH PEOPLE - ALTHOUGH I WOULD POINT OUT THAT THE GREAT MAJORITY OF VIOLENT CRIMES ARE COMMITTED BY PEOPLE WHO HAVE NO HISTORY OF MENTAL ILLNESS,+ HE SAID.

THE FIRST HALF-WAY HOUSE WAS OPENED BY THE NEW LIFE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION IN 1964 AND EIGHT OTHERS HAD SINCE BEEN SET UP.

/+SO FAR,

+SO FAR, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE,+ HE SAID, +THERE HAS BEEN NO INCIDENT IN WHICH THE RESIDENTS IN THESE HALF-WAY HOUSES HAVE HARMED THEIR NEIGHBOURS IN ANY WAY.+

+IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES,+ HE ADDED, +IT IS NEVER POSSIBLE TO GIVE AN ABSOLUTE GUARANTEE THAT NOTHING UNTOWARD WILL EVER HAPPEN, BUT THE FACT THAT NOTHING HAS HAPPENED IN TWENTY YEARS IS VERY REASSURING.+

MR CHAMBERS SAID THAT SOMETIMES IT SEEMED AS THOUGH PEOPLE WERE SAYING +YES, THE GOVERNMENT MUST DO SOMETHING MORE TO HELP THE MENTALLY ILL - AS LONG AS THEY DON'T DO IT CLOSE TO WHERE WE LIVE.+

+THIS MAY BE UNDERSTANDABLE,+ HE SAID, +BUT TO PURSUE THIS ATTITUDE TO ITS LOGICAL CONCLUSION WOULD MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO PROVIDE THE REHABILITATION SERVICE THAT DISCHARGED MENTAL PATIENTS NEED.+

+FURTHERMORE, MENTAL ILLNESS IS NOT ALWAYS SOMETHING WHICH HAPPENS TO SOMEONE ELSE; WE CAN NEVER BE SURE THAT OUR OWN FAMILY AND FRIENDS MAY NOT NEED THIS SERVICE AT SOME TIME.

+SO MENTAL ILLNESS IS NOT JUST SOMEONE ELSE'S PROBLEMS- IN A CARING COMMUNITY IT SHOULD BE EVERYONE'S PROBLEM,+ HE SAID.

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JUNE EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES, PAYROLL
STATISTICS RELEASED
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THERE WERE 922 400 PEOPLE EMPLOYED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN JUNE THIS YEAR, UP 2.1 PER CENT OVER THE SAME MONTH OF 1983, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR EMPLOYED 548 600 PEOPLE, A 5.4 PER CENT INCREASE OVER JUNE 1983.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR, AT 167 300, WAS UP 2.5 PER CENT.

BUT EMPLOYMENT IN BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES DECLINED BY 9.9 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH THE JUNE 1983 FIGURE.

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A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE STATISTICS FOR MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY IN JUNE 1984 WERE DERIVED FROM THE SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL CONDUCTED EVERY QUARTER BY THE DEPARTMENT, COVERING THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR.

A SEPARATE EMPLOYMENT SURVEY COVERS BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES. THE OVERALL FIGURES BY MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS, TOGETHER WITH A COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR JUNE 1983 AND MARCH 1984, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	PERSONS ENGAGED (EMPLOYMENT) IN			PERCENTAGE CHANGE *	
	JUNE 83	MAR. 84	JUNE 84	JUNE 84 ON JUNE 83	JUNE 84 ON MAR. 84
MANUFACTURING	903 400	869 300	922 400	+2.1	+6.1
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION (MANUAL WORKERS ON SITES ONLY)	74 400	71 600	67 000	-9.9	-6.4
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	520 400	533 100	548 600	+5.4	+2.9
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	163 300	165 000	167 300	+2.5	+1.4

* BASED ON UNROUNDED EMPLOYMENT FIGURES.

RELATIVE TO MARCH 1984, EMPLOYMENT INCREASED BY 6.1 PER CENT FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, BY 2.9 PER CENT FOR THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND BY 1.4 PER CENT FOR THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR. HOWEVER, EMPLOYMENT IN BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES DECREASED BY 6.4 PER CENT.

THE SURVEY ALSO PROVIDED VACANCY STATISTICS FOR THESE MAJOR SECTORS, OTHER THAN FOR BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION. THE OVERALL FIGURES BY MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS, TOGETHER WITH A COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR JUNE 1983 AND MARCH 1984, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES IN			PERCENTAGE CHANGE *	
	JUNE 83	MAR. 84	JUNE 84	JUNE 84 ON JUNE 83	JUNE 84 ON MAR. 84
MANUFACTURING	32 940	49 060	39 420	+19.7	-19.6
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	4 010	6 580	5 540	+38.1	-15.9
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	1 940	2 500	2 140	+10.2	-14.5

* BASED ON UNROUNDED VACANCY FIGURES.

COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH IN 1983, INCREASES OF 19.7 PER CENT, 38.1 PER CENT AND 10.2 PER CENT IN THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES WERE RECORDED IN JUNE 1984 FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR RESPECTIVELY.

RELATIVE TO MARCH 1984, DECREASES OF 19.6 PER CENT, 15.9 PER CENT AND 14.5 PER CENT IN THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES WERE REGISTERED FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR RESPECTIVELY.

ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE SURVEY ARE STATISTICS ON MONTHLY PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR. QUARTERLY TOTALS FOR EACH OF THESE SECTORS ARE SHOWN IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE:-

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SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	TOTAL QUARTERLY PAYROLL IN		% CHANGE *
	2ND QTR. 1983	2ND QTR. 1984	2ND QTR. 1984 ON 2ND QTR. 1983
	HK\$ MN	HK\$ MN	
MANUFACTURING	5 613	6 752	+20.3
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	3 542	4 186	+18.2
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	1 905	2 240	+17.6

* BASED ON UNROUNDED PAYROLL FIGURES.

RELATIVE TO THE SAME QUARTER A YEAR AGO, PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN THE ABOVE THREE SECTORS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1984 INCREASED BY 20.3 PER CENT, 18.2 PER CENT AND 17.6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

AFTER ADJUSTMENT FOR VARIATIONS IN TOTAL PAYROLL OUTLAYS ARISING FROM CHANGES IN THE LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT, A NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IS OBTAINED. TO ALLOW FOR THE EFFECTS OF PRICE CHANGES, THE NOMINAL INDEX IS DEFLATED BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) TO GIVE THE REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED. VALUES OF THESE TWO INDICES ARE GIVEN IN THE TABLES BELOW:-

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED (JUNE 1980 = 100)		% CHANGE
	JUNE 83	JUNE 84	JUNE 84 ON JUNE 83
MANUFACTURING	150.4	175.8	+16.9
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	152.5	168.9	+10.8
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	155.1	179.1	+15.5

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SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED (JUNE 1980 = 100)		% CHANGE
	JUNE 83	JUNE 84	JUNE 84 ON JUNE 83
MANUFACTURING	107.4	114.5	+6.6
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	108.9	110.0	+1.0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	110.8	116.7	+5.3

COMPARED WITH JUNE 1983, INCREASES OF 16.9 PER CENT, 10.8 PER CENT AND 15.5 PER CENT WERE REGISTERED IN THE NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR RESPECTIVELY. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED SHOWED INCREASES OF 6.6 PER CENT, 1.0 PER CENT AND 5.3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE ABOVE SECTORS.

EMPLOYMENT FIGURES FOR SELECTED INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIES WITHIN THE FOUR SECTORS ARE GIVEN IN THE FOLLOWING TABLES:-

I. MANUFACTURING SECTOR

INDUSTRY GROUP	EMPLOYMENT IN X		PERCENTAGE CHANGE *
	MAR. 84	JUNE 84	JUNE 84 ON MAR. 84
WEARING APPAREL (EXCLUDING KNITWEAR FROM YARN)	257 600	262 400	+ 1.9
TEXTILES (INCLUDING KNITWEAR FROM YARN)	112 000	115 700	+ 3.3

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ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES, INCLUDING ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	129 900	147 800	+13.8
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	88 300	101 000	+14.4
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	67 800	70 900	+ 4.6

⌘ CONCURRENT WITH THE SEPTEMBER 1982 ROUND OF THE SURVEY, AN INDUSTRY UPDATING EXERCISE WAS PERFORMED. RESULTS OF THIS EXERCISE HAVE BEEN USED TO UPDATE INFORMATION ON BUSINESS ACTIVITIES OF EACH AND EVERY ESTABLISHMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR (I.E. ISIC MAJOR DIVISION 3) AS FROM THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1983. STATISTICS SINCE THIS QUARTER ANALYSED BY INDUSTRY ARE, THEREFORE, NOT STRICTLY COMPARABLE WITH THOSE IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTERS. IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT THE FIGURES FOR JUNE 1983 ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE TABLE.

* BASED ON UNROUNDED FIGURES.

II. BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SECTOR
(MANUAL WORKERS ON SITES ONLY)

<u>CONTRACTING PARTY</u>	<u>EMPLOYMENT IN</u>			<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE *</u>	
	<u>JUNE 83</u>	<u>MAR. 84</u>	<u>JUNE 84</u>	<u>JUNE 84 ON JUNE 83</u>	<u>JUNE 84 ON MAR. 84</u>
HOUSING DEPARTMENT	16 500	13 200	11 600	-29.7	-12.0
OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT ⌘	17 800	18 500	16 600	- 6.5	-10.4
RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION ⌘⌘	6 000	6 000	5 100	-15.8	-15.9
PRIVATE SECTOR ⌘⌘⌘	34 100	33 800	33 700	- 1.0	- 0.3

⌘ ALL SITES UNDER THE CHARGE OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT; ALSO INCLUDING KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION SITES NOT REGISTERED WITH THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE, FOR WHICH CONSTRUCTION WORK WAS COMMITTED, CONTRACTED OR STARTED BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 1983.

/⌘⌘ CONSTRUCTION SITES

XX CONSTRUCTION SITES CONTRACTED OUT BY MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION AND KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION THAT ARE NOT REGISTERED WITH BUILDING ORDINANCE OFFICE. IN THE CASE OF KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION SITES, ONLY THOSE CONTRACTED OUT AFTER FEBRUARY 1, 1983 ARE INCLUDED. THOSE CONTRACTED OUT BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 1983 ARE INCLUDED UNDER OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT.

XXX INCLUDING THOSE SUPER-STRUCTURES ON SITES ABOVE THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATIONS OR THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY STATIONS WHICH WERE REGISTERED WITH THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE, E.G. THOSE REAL-ESTATE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS DEVELOPED JOINTLY WITH PRIVATE DEVELOPERS.

* BASED ON UNROUNDED FIGURES.

III. WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT
AND EXPORT TRADES, AND
RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR

INDUSTRY GROUP	EMPLOYMENT IN			PERCENTAGE CHANGE *	
	JUNE 83	MAR. 84	JUNE 84	JUNE 84 ON JUNE 83	JUNE 84 ON MAR. 84
WHOLESALE TRADE	58 000	60 400	62 200	+7.2	+3.0
RETAIL TRADE	163 000	163 500	165 300	+1.4	+1.1
IMPORT/EXPORT BUSINESS	136 000	142 900	148 600	+9.2	+3.9
RESTAURANTS, CAFES AND BARS	141 000	143 900	150 000	+6.4	+4.2
HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES	22 300	22 400	22 600	+1.2	+0.9

* BASED ON UNROUNDED FIGURES.

/IV. FINANCE, INSURANCE,

IV. FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE
AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR

<u>INDUSTRY GROUP</u>	<u>EMPLOYMENT IN</u>			<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE *</u>	
	<u>JUNE 83</u>	<u>MAR. 84</u>	<u>JUNE 84</u>	<u>JUNE 84 ON JUNE 83</u>	<u>JUNE 84 ON MAR. 84</u>
MONETARY INSTITUTIONS INCLUDING BANKS	51 100	52 100	50 900	-0.4	-2.2
REAL ESTATE COMPANIES	27 500	27 500	28 300	+3.1	+2.8
OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS	23 900	23 800	24 100	+1.1	+1.5
ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING FIRMS	6 600	6 600	7 300	+9.5	+9.5
ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	10 200	9 700	9 400	-7.7	-2.7

* BASED ON UNROUNDED EMPLOYMENT FIGURES.

FURTHER DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS OF
THE DEPARTMENT'S EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS STATISTICS SECTION:
MR NG KUNG-TAK (5-434185), MR LO WING-LEUNG (5-434185), MR CHOI
FUN-TAI (5-455668), OR MR CHIU FOOK-CHING (5-446720).

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EMPLOYERS OF DISABLED TO BE THANKED
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THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR RON BRIDGE, WILL PRESENT SOUVENIRS ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 12) TO 10 LOCAL EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE EMPLOYED MOST DISABLED PEOPLE THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT'S SELECTIVE PLACEMENT SERVICE.

THE CEREMONY WILL BE HELD IN THE BANQUET ROOM, 27TH FLOOR, HOTEL PLAZA, CAUSEWAY BAY, AT 4 PM.

THE EMPLOYERS ARE AUDIOTRONICS LTD., HONG KONG SECURITY LTD., DURABLE ELECTRICAL METAL FTY. LTD., WILSON PARKING (H.K.) PTY. LTD., HUNG NIEN ELECTRONICS LTD., URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, EASTERN TIME LTD., MILLIE'S HANDBAGS AND SHOES FTY. LTD., SECURITY ALLIANCE LTD., AND NATIONAL ELECTRONICS AND WATCH CO. LTD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY.

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GRANTS OFFERED FOR YOUTH PROJECTS
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YOUTH GROUPS PLANNING ANY INNOVATIVE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS MAY APPLY FOR GRANTS FOR THEIR WORK FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT UNDER ITS +OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH SCHEME+.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS AND DETAILS OF PROJECTS SHOULD REACH THE DEPARTMENT'S YOUTH AND COMMUNITY OFFICES BY MONDAY (OCTOBER 15).

EACH PARTICIPATING GROUP SHOULD AT LEAST COMPRISE SEVEN MEMBERS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 15 AND 25 AND SHOULD BE SPONSORED BY EITHER A SCHOOL, A YOUTH AGENCY OR A BUSINESS ORGANISATION, HE SAID.

GROUPS WITHOUT SPONSORS MAY STILL APPLY IF THEY ARE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

AN APPROVED PROJECT MAY BE GIVEN A SUBSIDY OF UP TO \$4 000.

APPLICATION FORMS AND EXPLANATORY LEAFLETS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY OFFICES.

OVER \$215 000 HAS BEEN GRANTED TO 86 PROJECTS, IN WHICH NEARLY 2 500 YOUNG PEOPLE TOOK PART THIS YEAR.

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SITTING-OUT AREA FOR CHEUNG CHAU
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AN 850-SQUARE-METRE LOCAL OPEN SPACE WHICH WILL BE USED AS A SITTING-OUT AREA IS TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN FRONT OF PAK TAI TEMPLE ON CHEUNG CHAU.

THE AREA ALREADY HAS A MINI-SOCCER PITCH, AND THE LOCAL OPEN SPACE WILL BE BUILT NEXT TO IT.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED THE \$890 000 CONTRACT TO TAI DOU BUILDING CONTRACTOR FOR THE PROJECT, WHICH INCLUDES LANDSCAPING THE SITTING-OUT AREA AND BUILDING A PAVILION, A CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA AND AN ELECTRICITY METER ROOM.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE WORK, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO TAKE FIVE MONTHS, IS THE PROVISION OF LIGHTING AND COURT-MARKINGS FOR THE MINI-SOCCER PITCH.

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SLOPE WORK CONTRACT AWARDED
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SLOPE REMEDIAL WORKS COSTING \$26.7 MILLION WILL SOON BE CARRIED OUT AT LAI YIU ESTATE.

THE WORK IS EXPECTED TO TAKE 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE. IT WILL INCLUDE IMPROVEMENTS TO DRAINAGE, AND IS INTENDED TO BRING THE SLOPES UP TO CURRENT GEOTECHNICAL STANDARDS.

LANDSCAPING WORK WILL ALSO BE CARRIED OUT TO ENHANCE THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT WITHIN THE ESTATE AREA.

SIMILAR WORK WILL BE UNDERTAKEN IN THE NEARBY LAI KING TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA.

A CONTRACT FOR THE WORK HAS BEEN AWARDED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO ENPACK (HONG KONG) LIMITED.

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TAKING A CLOSER LOOK AT 'TELA' WORK
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MEMBERS OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE WENT TODAY (TUESDAY) TO SEE HOW THE TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY (TELA) CARRIES OUT ITS WORK.

DURING THE TWO-HOUR VISIT, THEY WERE BRIEFED BY TELA STAFF ABOUT THE AIM, CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES OF FILM AND TELEVISION CENSORSHIP. THEY ALSO LEARNED HOW OBJECTIONABLE SCENES ARE CUT FROM FILMS, AND HOW TV PROGRAMMES AND ADVERTISEMENTS ARE EXAMINED.

DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS CARRIE CHENG SAID THE VISIT WAS DESIGNED TO ENABLE MEMBERS TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORK OF VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS AND THEIR TERMS OF REFERENCE IN DEALING WITH A PARTICULAR SUBJECT.

+THROUGH SUCH VISITS, MEMBERS WILL BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO MAP OUT THEIR PLANS PROPERLY IN THE FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN AT THE LOCAL LEVEL,+ SHE SAID.

THE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN HOLDING REGULAR MEETINGS WITH VARIOUS LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, LIKE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS CORPORATIONS TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEMS OF DEALING WITH SERIOUS CRIME, SUCH AS ROBBERIES AND BURGLARIES.

A SEMINAR ENTITLED +COMMUNITY AGAINST CRIME+ WILL BE HELD NEXT MONTH TO ENCOURAGE MASS COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN BEATING CRIME IN THE DISTRICT.

+EVENTS DESIGNED FOR YOUTH PARTICIPATION HAVE ALSO BEEN ORGANISED AS YOUTH CRIME CONTINUES TO BE A MAJOR CONCERN AMONG COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND SCHOOL PRINCIPALS,+ MISS CHENG SAID.

THESE INCLUDE A +FIGHT YOUTH CRIME CAMP+ AND A +FIGHT CRIME BOOKMARK COMPETITION+, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE DISTRICT'S CAMPAIGN IS A FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL TO BE HELD AT THE TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND IN JANUARY.

THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD AND THE CITY AND N.T. ADMINISTRATION HAVE SPENT ABOUT \$52 000 ON THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN.

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