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BUSY DAY FOR VISITING MP'S

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THE VISITING CHAIRMAN OF THE BRITISH HONG KONG PARLIAMENTARY GROUP, SIR PETER BLAKER, AND CONSERVATIVE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, SIR PAUL BRYAN, HAD A BUSY DAY TODAY MEETING PEOPLE AND SEEING THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG.

THEY STARTED THE DAY WITH AN HOUR-LONG HELICOPTER TOUR, DURING WHICH THEY SAW MANY NEW BUILDINGS AND ROADS COMPLETED SINCE THEIR PREVIOUS VISIT TO THIS CITY LAST YEAR.

THE MP'S, TOGETHER WITH LADY BLAKER AND LADY BRYAN, THEN CALLED ON THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SECURITIES COMMISSION, MR ARCHIBALD ZIMMERN, AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES AND COMMODITIES TRADING, MR RAY ASTIN, AND WERE BRIEFED OF THE GENERAL SITUATION OF THE LOCAL STOCK MARKET.

THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A BRIEF VISIT TO THE KAM NGAN STOCK EXCHANGE DURING WHICH THE VISITORS SAW ACTUAL TRADING IN PROGRESS.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES AND COMMODITIES TRADING, MR DEREK MURPHY, THEY THEN TOURED THE STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONG KONG LIMITED AT THE NEWLY-COMPLETED EXCHANGE SQUARE.

THERE THEY WERE TOLD BY THE ACTING CHAIRMAN OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONG KONG LIMITED, DR RONALD LI, THAT AFTER NEXT FEBRUARY THERE WOULD BE ONE UNIFIED STOCK EXCHANGE OPERATING ON THE NEW TRADING FLOOR, AND THAT SECURITIES TRADING WOULD BECOME COMPUTER-ASSISTED.

AFTER THE TOUR, THE VISITORS ATTENDED A LUNCH HOSTED BY THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, WHICH WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY COMMUNITY LEADERS.

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MINISTER OF STATE ARRIVING ON SUNDAY

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THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, MR TIMOTHY RENTON, WILL ARRIVE IN HONG KONG ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 27) FOR A FIVE-DAY VISIT.

THIS WILL BE MR RENTON'S FIRST VISIT TO THE TERRITORY SINCE TAKING UP HIS APPOINTMENT IN SEPTEMBER AS MINISTER OF STATE WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HONG KONG.

MR RENTON IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE FROM LONDON ON FLIGHT CX 250, ETA 2.45 PM.

WHILE IN HONG KONG, MR RENTON WILL ATTEND THE INAUGURATION OF THE NEW LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BUILDING AND THE OPENING OF THE 1985/86 SESSION ON OCTOBER 30.

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HE WILL ALSO HAVE TALKS WITH THE GOVERNOR, SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES OF A WIDE CROSS-SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY.

ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 28), MR RENTON WILL MEET SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. HE WILL VISIT THE BOWRING CLOSED CENTRE AND KAI TAK TRANSIT CAMP FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN THE AFTERNOON BEFORE ATTENDING A RECEPTION AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 29) MORNING, MR RENTON WILL ATTEND A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. HE WILL THEN CALL ON THE BRITISH TRADE COMMISSION AND MEET THE SENIOR BRITISH TRADE COMMISSIONER, MR CHRISTIAN ADAMS.

IN THE AFTERNOON, MR RENTON WILL VISIT KWUN TONG DISTRICT TO LOOK AT DEVELOPMENTS THERE.

ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 30), MR RENTON WILL START WITH A FAMILIARISATION TOUR ON BOARD A HELICOPTER, TO BE FOLLOWED BY A VISIT TO TAI PO DISTRICT. HE WILL ATTEND THE OPENING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BUILDING AND THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN THE AFTERNOON, AND WILL HAVE DINNER WITH UMELCO MEMBERS THE SAME EVENING.

PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 31), MR RENTON WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE IN THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM AT 8.50 AM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOLLOWING ARE THE PRESS ARRANGEMENTS FOR COVERING MR RENTON'S ACTIVITIES IN HONG KONG:

1) AIRPORT ARRIVAL

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER THE ARRIVAL SHOULD ASSEMBLE IN THE AIRPORT PRESS ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING BY 1.45 PM ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 27).

2) VISIT TO BOWRING CLOSED CENTRE

MR RENTON WILL ARRIVE AT THE BOWRING CLOSED CENTRE FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN TUEN MUN AT 2.30 PM. PRESS TRANSPORT WILL LEAVE CGO CARPARK AT 12.30 PM ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 28).

/3) EXCO

3) EXCO MEETING

THERE WILL BE A FIXED PRESS POSITION AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE CGO FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN TO COVER MR RENTON'S ARRIVAL AT 9.30 AM ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 29) AND DEPARTURE AT ABOUT 11 AM.

4) VISIT TO BRITISH TRADE COMMISSION

A FIXED PRESS POSITION WILL BE SET UP OUTSIDE THE BANK OF AMERICA TOWER FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE OF MR RENTON'S ARRIVAL AT 11 AM ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 29) AND DEPARTURE.

5) VISIT TO KWUN TONG

PRESS TRANSPORT WILL LEAVE CGO CARPARK AT 1.30 PM ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 29). THOSE TRAVELLING ON THEIR OWN SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AT KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, TUNG YAN STREET, THIRD FLOOR, AT 2.15 PM.

6) VISIT TO TAI PO

PRESS TRANSPORT WILL LEAVE CGO CARPARK AT 8.30 AM ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 30). THOSE TRAVELLING ON THEIR OWN SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE ENTRANCE OF WANG YAN HOUSE, WANG FUK COURT IN TAI PO AT 9.45 AM.

7) INAUGURATION OF NEW LEGCO BUILDING

ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY WILL BE ANNOUNCED SEPARATELY.

8) UMELCO DINNER

THERE WILL BE FIXED POSITIONS OUTSIDE THE NEW LEGCO BUILDING FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE OF MR RENTON'S ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE EVENT SHOULD ASSEMBLE OUTSIDE THE NEW LEGCO BUILDING AT 8.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 30).

9) PRESS CONFERENCE

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER MR RENTON'S PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT 8.50 AM ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 31) IN THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL. A FULL TRANSCRIPT OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE, TOGETHER WITH A CHINESE TRANSLATION WILL BE ISSUED BY GIS.

10) DEPARTURE AT KAI TAK

MR RENTON WILL DEPART HONG KONG FOR SINGAPORE ON FLIGHT SQ1, ETD 10 AM, ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 31). MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING HIS DEPARTURE SHOULD ASSEMBLE IN THE AIRPORT PRESS ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING NOT LATER THEN 9.10 AM.

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SENIOR DIRECTORATE APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY A FURTHER SERIES OF SENIOR DIRECTORATE MOVEMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS -

MR STUART WILKINSON WILL LEAVE THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING ON NOVEMBER 30, 1985 ON COMPLETION OF HIS CURRENT AGREEMENT. HE HAS BEEN THE DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING SINCE APRIL 1982 AND PRIOR TO THAT WAS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING FROM NOVEMBER 1978;

MISS CHEUNG MAN-YEE WILL RETURN TO RTHK IN JANUARY 1986 TO TAKE OVER FROM MR WILKINSON AS DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING. SHE HAS BEEN ON SECONDMENT TO INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND HAS BEEN DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES SINCE JANUARY 1985;

MR JOHN CHAN CHO-CHAK WILL SUCCEED MISS CHEUNG AS DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES. MR CHAN HAS BEEN DEPUTY SECRETARY (GENERAL DUTIES) SINCE FEBRUARY 1984;

MR DONALD TSANG YAM-KUEN WILL TAKE OVER FROM MR CHAN AS DEPUTY SECRETARY (GENERAL DUTIES). MR TSANG HAS BEEN A DEPUTY DIRECTOR IN THE TRADE DEPARTMENT SINCE SEPTEMBER 1984;

MR PAUL WONG KAM-CHIU, THE PRESENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, WILL MOVE ACROSS TO TRADE DEPARTMENT TO TAKE MR TSANG'S PLACE;

MR CHAU

MR CHAU TAK-HAY, THE PRESENT DEPUTY SECRETARY (HEALTH AND WELFARE) WILL JOIN THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AS DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON). MR CHAU WILL REPLACE MR MAYER NG CHAK-LAM WHO HAS BEEN GIVEN PERMISSION TO RETIRE;

MR NIGEL SHIPMAN WILL BECOME DEPUTY SECRETARY (HEALTH AND WELFARE). HE IS AT PRESENT A PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

MR STUART WILKINSON, MBE, JP

AGED 57. APPOINTED AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, ON SECONDMENT FROM THE BRITISH BROADCASTING CORPORATION, IN NOVEMBER 1978. HE TOOK OVER AS DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING IN APRIL 1982.

MISS CHEUNG MAN-YEE

AGED 38. JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN MARCH 1972 AS A PROGRAMME OFFICER, AND WAS PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING IN JULY 1984. SINCE SEPTEMBER 1983 SHE HAS BEEN ON SECONDMENT TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, FIRST AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, THEN AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR, AND FINALLY AS DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES.

MR JOHN CHAN CHO-CHAK, OBE, JP

AGED 42. JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN JULY 1964, AND WAS PROMOTED TO BE AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE C IN AUGUST 1975. HE SUBSEQUENTLY LEFT GOVERNMENT IN 1978 TO WORK IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, REJOINED THE PUBLIC SERVICE IN 1980, AND WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B IN JULY 1983. HE SERVED IN A VARIETY OF POSTS, INCLUDING THOSE OF PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRADE, PRIOR TO HIS PRESENT APPOINTMENT AS DEPUTY SECRETARY (GENERAL DUTIES).

MR CHAU TAK-HAY, JP

AGED 42. JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN JULY 1967. HE HAS SERVED FOR THE MAJORITY OF HIS CAREER IN THE FORMER COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENTS, WHERE HE BECAME A DEPUTY COMMISSIONER IN JULY 1979. HE TRANSFERRED AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B IN JULY 1982 WHILE POSTED TO GENEVA AS COUNSELLOR (HONG KONG AFFAIRS). FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM GENEVA HE HAS BEEN DEPUTY SECRETARY (HEALTH AND WELFARE) SINCE MARCH 1984.

MR DONALD TSANG YAM-KUEN

AGED 41. JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN JANUARY 1967, AND WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B IN APRIL 1985. HE HAS EXPERIENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT AND CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION WHERE HE WAS DISTRICT OFFICER SHA TIN FROM 1982 TO 1984. HE HAS BEEN A DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRADE SINCE SEPTEMBER 1984.

MR MAYER NG CHAK-LAM, JP

AGED 46. JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN SEPTEMBER 1963 AND WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE C IN APRIL 1980. HE HAS HELD A WIDE VARIETY OF POSTS IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE, NOTABLY IN THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH AND IN THE FORMER HOME AFFAIRS BRANCH, IN ADDITION TO HIS LAST APPOINTMENT AS DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON).

MR NIGEL SHIPMAN

AGED 41. JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE AS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE C IN APRIL 1980 AFTER HAVING INITIALLY COME TO HONG KONG IN 1978 ON SECONDMENT FROM THE UK CIVIL SERVICE. HE HAS SERVED IN A VARIETY OF DEPARTMENTS AND BRANCHES, INCLUDING TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, SOCIAL SERVICES BRANCH, EDUCATION BRANCH, AND TRADE DEPARTMENT, AND HAS BEEN A PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE SINCE DECEMBER 1983.

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32 SITES ON SALES PROGRAMME

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FOLLOWING THE RECENT AGREEMENT BY THE LAND COMMISSION ON THE AMOUNT OF LAND TO BE RELEASED FOR SALE IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR, THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO OFFER 32 SITES IN THE URBAN AREA AND THE NEW TERRITORIES DURING THE SIX MONTHS TO MARCH 1986.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (FRIDAY), THE GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT, MR DUNCAN SCOTT-WILL, SAID THAT THE PROVISIONAL LAND SALES FORECAST COMPRISED A TOTAL OF 13.4 HECTARES.

IN ADDITION TO THE VALUABLE TSIM SHA TSUI SITE, AT THE JUNCTION OF CANTON ROAD AND PEKING ROAD, WHICH WAS SOLD YESTERDAY, THE PROGRAMME INCLUDES THE SITE OF THE FORMER GOVERNMENT QUARTERS AT THE ALBANY SITUATED IN THE MID-LEVELS.

A MOST ATTRACTIVE RESIDENTIAL SITE CLOSE TO THE BOTANICAL GARDENS, IT WAS CERTAIN TO ATTRACT KEEN INTEREST FROM DEVELOPERS, HE SAID.

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SITES TO BE OFFERED IN THE NEW TOWNS INCLUDE EIGHT IN YUEN LONG, FIVE IN TSUEN WAN, THREE EACH IN SHA TIN AND TUEN MUN, TWO IN TAI PO AND ONE EACH IN FANLING AND SAI KUNG.

TWO SITES IN THE URBAN AREA AND ONE IN TUEN MUN WILL BE SOLD BY TENDER WITH A REQUIREMENT THAT THE PURCHASER PROVIDES PUBLIC PARKING FACILITIES IN THE DEVELOPMENT.

TO REFLECT A MORE ACTIVE INTEREST IN SITES FOR INDUSTRIAL LAND, MR SCOTT-WILL SAID, NINE SITES WILL BE OFFERED FOR THIS PURPOSE INCLUDING SITES MADE AVAILABLE IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC APPLICATIONS.

THE LETTER B TENDER SALES PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE TWO SITES FOR COMMERCIAL-RESIDENTIAL REDEVELOPMENT IN SHA TIN AND HOI PA, TSUEN WAN. THESE SITES ARE EACH EXPECTED TO ATTRACT A NUMBER OF TENDERS FROM HOLDERS OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS (LETTER B).

IN LINE WITH GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO REDEEM THE OUTSTANDING LETTER B COMMITMENT, AUCTION AND CASH TENDER SALE OF SITES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR PAYMENT BY MONETISED LETTER B IN LIEU OF CASH.

MR SCOTT-WILL STRESSED THAT THE SALES PROGRAMME WAS PROVISIONAL AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE. SALE DETAILS WOULD BE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE AND MAJOR NEWSPAPERS IN THE USUAL WAY.

COPIES OF THE LAND SALES FORECAST MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE LANDS DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, MURRAY BUILDING, THIRD FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG OR AT ANY OF THE DISTRICT LAND OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY. PLANS SHOWING THE LOCATION OF THE VARIOUS LOTS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THESE OFFICES SHORTLY.

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TWO SITES OFFERED
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TWO LOTS OF GOVERNMENT LAND ARE TO BE PUT ON SALE BY THE LANDS DEPARTMENT AT AN AUCTION IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE ON NOVEMBER 19 AT 2.30 PM.

THE FIRST LOT, A 1 400-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT KA YIP STREET, CHAI WAN, IS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES (EXCLUDING OFFENSIVE TRADE).

THE DEVELOPER OF THE SITE IS REQUIRED TO FINISH NOT LESS THAN 10 000 SQUARE METRES OF THE GROSS FLOOR AREA ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1989.

THE SECOND LOT, AT WATERLOO ROAD, KOWLOON, IS RESTRICTED TO PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

UNDER THE SALE CONDITIONS, THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE NOT LESS THAN 4 400 SQUARE METRES OF THE GROSS FLOOR AREA ON THE 1 635-SQUARE-METRE SITE ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 1989.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND SALE PLANS INSPECTED AT, THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, SURVEY DIVISION, MURRAY BUILDING, FIFTH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF SHA TIN, TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN, TAI PO, NORTH, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS.

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LEATHER GOODS MANUFACTURERS URGED TO IMPROVE PRODUCTIVITY
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MANUFACTURERS OF LEATHER GOODS MUST CONTINUE TO FIND WAYS TO IMPROVE PRODUCTIVITY, UPGRADE PRODUCTS AND DIVERSIFY THEIR RANGES AND MARKETS SO AS TO MAINTAIN THE INDUSTRY'S GROWTH AND COMPETITIVENESS, THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR ERIC HO, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE HONG KONG LEATHER GOODS MANUFACTURERS TRADE CENTRE AND THE INAUGURATION OF THE HONG KONG LEATHER GOODS MANUFACTURERS TRADE ASSOCIATION LIMITED, MR HO SAID THAT LIKE OTHER SECTORS, THE LEATHER INDUSTRY HAD ITS SHARE OF DIFFICULTIES, STIFF COMPETITION FROM NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES, INCREASINGLY COMPETITIVE MARKET ENVIRONMENT AND GROWING PROTECTIONISM IN MAJOR MARKETS.

+HOWEVER, IT IS AN INDUSTRY WHICH HAS EXPERIENCED STEADY GROWTH OVER THE YEARS.+

IN 1984, HONG KONG EXPORTED OVER \$4.1 BILLION WORTH OF LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS, REPRESENTING A 48 PER CENT INCREASE OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

RE-EXPORTS ALSO GREW TO \$1.3 BILLION, A JUMP OF 68 PER CENT OVER 1983.

MR HO SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED BY ONE OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION, WHICH WAS THE PREVENTION OF TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENTS AND THE RESOLUTION OF COPYRIGHT PROBLEMS.

+THIS IS A LAUDABLE ACTIVITY WHICH WILL SERVE TO FURTHER ENHANCE HONG KONG'S ALREADY REPUTABLE TRADING IMAGE,+ HE SAID.

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PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER
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THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS GREW BY \$1 144 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER 1985 OVER SEPTEMBER 1984 TO REACH \$8 287 MILLION, WHILE THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS FELL BY \$1 434 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT TO \$10 980 MILLION, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES PUBLISHED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

TAKING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS DECLINED BY \$290 MILLION, OR 2 PER CENT, TO \$19 267 MILLION IN SEPTEMBER 1985. THE VALUE OF IMPORTS ALSO FELL, BY \$410 MILLION OR 2 PER CENT, TO \$18 177 MILLION.

IN CONSEQUENCE, A VISIBLE TRADE SURPLUS OF \$1 090 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 6 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED IN SEPTEMBER 1985, COMPARED WITH 5 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER 1984.

PUTTING THE MONTH'S TRADE FIGURES INTO CONTEXT, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS FOR THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1985 WAS \$173 595 MILLION, MADE UP OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF \$94 946 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS OF \$78 649 MILLION.

COMPARED WITH THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1984, THE VALUES OF TOTAL EXPORTS AND OF RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 8 PER CENT AND 34 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, WHILE THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS FELL BY 7 PER CENT. OVER THIS PERIOD THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW BY 4 PER CENT TO \$168 925 MILLION.

A VISIBLE TRADE SURPLUS, EQUIVALENT TO 2.8 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED FOR THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, COMPARED WITH A VISIBLE TRADE GAP (THAT IS, THE PROPORTION OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS NOT COVERED BY THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS) OF 1.6 PER CENT IN THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE CONTINUED DECLINE IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS (YEAR-ON-YEAR) WAS LARGELY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE RELATIVELY LOW GROWTH RATES OF THE ECONOMIES OF HONG KONG'S EXPORT MARKETS, IN PARTICULAR THE UNITED STATES, IN THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF 1985. RE-EXPORTS, ON THE OTHER HAND, CONTINUED TO RECORD SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE PRESENTS THE PROVISIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER 1985 -

TRADE FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER, 1985

MERCHANDISE:	DOMESTIC EXPORTS	:	\$10 980 MILLION
	RE-EXPORTS	:	\$ 8 287 MILLION
	TOTAL EXPORTS	:	\$19 267 MILLION

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IMPORTS : \$18 177 MILLION
 TRADE BALANCE : \$ 1 090 MILLION (IN SURPLUS)

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

<u>LATEST 3 MONTHS</u>	<u>JULY-SEPT 1985</u>	<u>JULY-SEPT 1984</u>	<u>INCREASE OR DECREASE</u>	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	34 539	39 248	- 4 709	-12.0
RE-EXPORTS	26 006	21 351	+ 4 655	+21.8
TOTAL EXPORTS	60 545	60 599	- 54	- 0.1
IMPORTS	56 153	57 517	- 1 364	- 2.4
TRADE BALANCE	+ 4 392	+ 3 082	+ 1 310	
<u>SAME MONTH LAST YEAR</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER 1985</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER 1984</u>	<u>INCREASE OR DECREASE</u>	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	10 980 (57.0%)	12 414 (63.5%)	- 1 434	-11.6
RE-EXPORTS	8 287	7 143	+ 1 144	+16.0
TOTAL EXPORTS	19 267	19 557	- 290	- 1.5
IMPORTS	18 177	18 587	- 410	- 2.2
TRADE BALANCE	+ 1 090	+ 970	+ 120	
<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER 1985</u>	<u>AUGUST 1985</u>	<u>INCREASE OR DECREASE</u>	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	10 980 (57.0%)	11 982 (57.6%)	- 1 002	- 8.4
RE-EXPORTS	8 287	8 807	- 520	- 5.9
TOTAL EXPORTS	19 267	20 789	- 1 522	- 7.3
IMPORTS	18 177	19 116	- 939	- 4.9
TRADE BALANCE	+ 1 090	+ 1 673	- 583	

CALENDAR YEAR TO-DATE	JAN - SEPT 1985	JAN - SEPT 1984	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	94 946 (54.7%)	101 889 (63.5%)	- 6 943	- 6.8
RE-EXPORTS	78 649	58 582	+20 067	+34.3
TOTAL EXPORTS	173 595	160 471	+13 124	+ 8.2
IMPORTS	168 925	163 072	+ 5 853	+ 3.6
TRADE BALANCE	+ 4 670	- 2 601	+ 7 271	
	OCT 1984 TO SEPT 1985	OCT 1983 TO SEPT 1984	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
LAST 12 MONTHS	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	130 994	133 659	- 2 665	- 2.0
RE-EXPORTS	103 571	76 261	+27 310	+35.8
TOTAL EXPORTS	234 565	209 920	+24 645	+11.7
IMPORTS	229 224	216 644	+12 580	+ 5.8
TRADE BALANCE	+ 5 341	- 6 724	+12 065	

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES * * *

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) ROSE BY 3.8 PER CENT AND THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) BY 3.9 PER CENT BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1984 AND SEPTEMBER 1985, ACCORDING TO FIGURES PUBLISHED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE CPI(A) AND CPI(B) FOR SEPTEMBER 1985 WERE 162.8 AND 162.4 RESPECTIVELY, OR 5.9 POINTS AND 6.1 POINTS RESPECTIVELY HIGHER THAN THOSE FOR SEPTEMBER 1984. COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1985 AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON IS AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, CPI(A) INCREASED BY 2.9 POINTS OR 1.8 PER CENT AND CPI(B), BY 2.3 POINTS OR 1.5 PER CENT.

THE AVERAGE CPI(A) AND AVERAGE CPI(B) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 1985, AT 158.6 AND 158.8 RESPECTIVELY, WERE 3.4 PER CENT AND 3.9 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGES FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 1984.

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DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 1985, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI(A) INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 0.4 PER CENT EACH MONTH AND THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI(B), AT 0.3 PER CENT.

DURING SEPTEMBER, RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES, SALT-WATER FISH, CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR, AND RENTALS OF PRIVATE AND PUBLIC DWELLINGS WERE HIGHER. ON THE OTHER HAND, RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH FRUIT WERE LOWER.

THE CPI(A) AND CPI(B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1979/80 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

THE CPI(A) REFERS TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$1 000 AND \$3 499 A MONTH, AND THE CPI(B) TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$3 500 AND \$6 499 A MONTH AT THAT TIME.

THE INDEXES FOR SEPTEMBER 1985 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY-SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES ARE GIVEN BELOW, TOGETHER WITH THOSE FOR AUGUST 1985 AND SEPTEMBER 1984.

(OCTOBER 1979 TO SEPTEMBER 1980 AVERAGE = 100)

SECTION	CPI(A)			CPI(B)		
	SEP 84	AUG 85	SEP 85	SEP 84	AUG 85	SEP 85
FOODSTUFFS	158.6	156.4	161.5	158.8	157.2	161.6
HOUSING	147.6	155.6	156.7	147.6	154.9	155.5
FUEL AND LIGHT	147.0	145.6	145.6	146.9	145.9	145.9
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	208.5	233.9	234.1	201.0	224.3	224.6
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	155.7	167.2	170.0	156.6	168.4	172.3
DURABLE GOODS	125.1	122.4	122.5	129.1	127.4	127.6
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	150.6	151.2	152.1	147.1	148.2	149.7
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	171.3	182.6	183.8	173.9	183.1	184.1
SERVICES	171.4	183.9	184.6	168.7	179.6	180.3
ALL ITEMS	156.9	159.9	162.8	156.3	160.1	162.4

COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1985, THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY 5.1 POINTS IN CPI(A) AND 4.4 POINTS IN CPI(B). THIS WAS MAINLY DUE TO INCREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES, SALT-WATER FISH AND LIVE POULTRY, AND IN THE AVERAGE CHARGE FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF FRESH FRUIT DECREASED. THE EFFECT OF MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS ON THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS WAS INSIGNIFICANT.

THE INDEX FOR HOUSING INCREASED BY 1.1 POINTS IN CPI(A) AND 0.6 POINT IN CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER RENTS FOR SOME PRIVATE DWELLINGS AND SOME HOUSING AUTHORITY GROUP A ESTATES.

HIGHER PRICES OF MEN'S AND WOMEN'S OUTERCLOTHING PUSHED UP THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR BY 2.8 POINTS IN CPI(A) AND 3.9 POINTS IN CPI(B).

THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS INCREASED BY 0.9 POINT IN CPI(A) AND 1.5 POINTS IN CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER PRICES OF JEWELLERY, TOILET REQUISITES AND COSMETICS.

THE INDEX FOR TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES INCREASED BY 1.2 POINTS IN CPI(A) AND 1.0 POINT IN CPI(B) BECAUSE OF HIGHER SCHOOL BUS AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUS FARES.

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES INCREASED BY 0.7 POINT IN BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER POSTAGE RATES AND HIGHER CHARGES FOR HOUSEHOLD SERVICES AND MEDICAL TREATMENT.

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER SECTIONS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

(FIGURES PRESENTED IN THIS PRESS RELEASE REFER TO CPI SERIES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. ALL PERCENTAGE CHANGES ARE DERIVED FROM CPI FIGURES TO TWO DECIMAL PLACES.)

DETAILS OF THESE PRICE MOVEMENTS ARE GIVEN IN THE +CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT+ FOR SEPTEMBER 1985, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$3 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG, OR FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, ROOM 1904, 19TH FLOOR, KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 317 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, BASKERVILLE HOUSE, DUDELL STREET, HONG KONG, FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAILINGS.

FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES, PLEASE CONTACT THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT TELEPHONE NO. 3-7216512.

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JENKINS BILL GETS INTO SENATE * * * *

A REVISED VERSION OF THE THURMOND-JENKINS BILL HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY ATTACHED TO THE BUDGET RECONCILIATION BILL IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE.

DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, EXPLAINED TODAY THAT THIS WAS PART OF A LEGISLATIVE MANOEUVRE BY THE BILL'S PROPONENTS.

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+THERE IS NO EASY WAY TO EXPLAIN THE COMPLICATED LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURES WHICH CAN BE USED IN THE PROGRESS OF A BILL THROUGH CONGRESS AND THE SENATE,+ SAID MR MACLEOD,+ IN BRIEF, WHAT HAS HAPPENED IS THIS:

+THE BUDGET RECONCILIATION BILL IS NOW BEFORE THE SENATE. SENATOR E.F. HOLLINGS YESTERDAY PROPOSED THAT THE AMENDED THURMOND BILL BE ATTACHED TO IT. A MOTION WAS THEN PUT FORWARD THAT SENATOR HOLLINGS' PROPOSAL BE PUT ASIDE. THIS WAS DEFEATED BY 55 VOTES TO 38.

+THEN A VOTE WAS TAKEN TO CONSIDER THE CONTENTS OF THE AMENDED THURMOND BILL AND THIS WAS CARRIED BY 54 VOTES TO 42. SENATOR HOLLINGS' PROPOSAL WAS THEREBY ACHIEVED. THE VOTING FIGURES ARE IMPORTANT, FOR IF THE PRESIDENT DECIDES TO VETO THE MAIN BILL AND ITS ATTACHMENT THEN A TWO THIRDS MAJORITY WOULD BE REQUIRED IN BOTH THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OVER-RIDE THIS VETO. TODAY'S VOTING INDICATES THAT IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE TWO-THIRDS REQUIREMENT COULD BE MET. THE VOTE IN THE HOUSE, ON OCTOBER 10, WHEN THE ORIGINAL JENKINS BILL WAS PASSED BY 262 VOTES TO 159 GAVE THE SAME MESSAGE.

+THE BUDGET RECONCILIATION BILL WITH THE AMENDED THURMOND BILL ATTACHED HAS NOT YET BEEN PASSED. THE SENATE IS EXPECTED TO RESUME DEBATE ON IT TODAY, U.S. TIME.

+THE JENKINS BILL STARTED IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE THURMOND BILL IN THE SENATE AS IDENTICAL MEASURES. THE HOUSE BILL WAS PASSED IN AN UNAMENDED FORM. IN THE SENATE, HOWEVER, THE BILL AS ATTACHED TO THE BUDGET RECONCILIATION BILL WAS AMENDED - MOST IMPORTANTLY TO SINGLE OUT I.E. HONG KONG, TAIWAN AND SOUTH KOREA FOR THE HARSHTEST TREATMENT.

+IF THE BUDGET RECONCILIATION BILL IS PASSED IN THE SENATE IT WILL DIFFER FROM THE VERSION PASSED BY CONGRESS. THE NEXT STAGE WOULD BE FOR WHAT IS KNOWN AS A +JOINT CONFERENCE+ TO BE HELD. THIS IS A GATHERING OF SENIOR CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS INVOLVED IN THE RELEVANT LEGISLATION TO RECONCILE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE LEGISLATION EMANATING FROM THE HOUSE AND THE SENATE AND TO PUT FORWARD A SINGLE BILL TO THE PRESIDENT FOR CONSIDERATION.

+VARIOUS THINGS COULD HAPPEN AT THE CONFERENCE STAGE,+ SAID MR MACLEOD. +THE HOLLINGS ATTACHMENT COULD BE DETACHED, COMPROMISES COULD BE MADE, OR IT COULD EMERGE UNSCATHED.

+CLEARLY THE POWERFUL OPPONENTS OF THE BILL, SOME OF WHOM WILL BE MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE, WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT THE BILL AT THIS AS AT EVERY OTHER STAGE.

+THE ADMINISTRATION REMAINS OPPOSED TO THE BILL AND IT IS ENCOURAGING TO NOTE IN YET ANOTHER VOTE THAT THE SUPPORTERS HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO MUSTER ENOUGH SUPPORT TO OVERRIDE ANY PRESIDENTIAL VETO.+

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APPOINTMENT TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED MR HELMUT SOHMEN TO BE A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FROM OCTOBER 30, 1985 UNTIL AUGUST 31, 1988.

MR SOHMEN, AGED 45, IS VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE WORLDWIDE SHIPPING AGENCY LTD. HE IS ALSO DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CENTRE AND CHAIRMAN OF THE LEGAL COMMITTEE OF THE HONG KONG SHIPOWNERS ASSOCIATION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT WITH MR SOHMEN'S APPOINTMENT ALL 22 PLACES FOR APPOINTED MEMBERS ON THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HAVE BEEN FILLED.

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CALL FOR HIGHER TESTING LABORATORY STANDARDS
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UNLESS TESTING LABORATORY STANDARDS ARE RAISED AND THEIR SERVICES ACCREDITED BY THE GOVERNMENT HONG KONG WOULD FIND IT INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO SELL ITS PRODUCTS OVERSEAS, THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR JOHN YAXLEY, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A LABORATORY MANAGEMENT AND ACCREDITATION SEMINAR JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CERTIFICATION LABORATORIES LIMITED, MR YAXLEY SAID IN RECENT YEARS MUCH MORE EMPHASIS HAD BEEN PLACED OVERSEAS ON THE QUALITY ASPECTS OF PRODUCTS AND CUSTOMERS HAVE BECOME MUCH MORE DISCRIMINATING.

+IN RESPONSE TO THIS TREND WE HAVE SEEN THE EMERGENCE WORLDWIDE OF QUALITY CERTIFICATION SERVICES, PROVIDING THE NECESSARY CONFIDENCE TO PURCHASERS THAT GOODS HAVE BEEN MANUFACTURED TO QUALITY STANDARDS.

+IN THE PAST, CONSUMERS OF OUR MANUFACTURED GOODS HAVE BEEN USING A VARIETY OF EXAMINING METHODS IN THEIR OWN COUNTRIES TO SATISFY THEMSELVES THAT OUR GOODS MET WITH THEIR SPECIFICATIONS.

+THIS HAS HAPPENED DESPITE THE FACT THAT QUALITY CHECKS ON THE GOODS HAD BEEN CONDUCTED HERE IN OUR OWN LABORATORIES AND TEST HOUSES.

+TO PUT IT BLUNTLY - THEY HAVE NOT ALWAYS TRUSTED OUR CHECKS OR ACCEPTED OUR TEST REPORTS. HONG KONG HAS NOT BEEN SINGLED OUT FOR THIS TREATMENT, INDEED, ALMOST EVERY EXPORTING COUNTRY IS EXPERIENCING SIMILAR TREATMENT, + MR YAXLEY SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IT HAD BEEN FELT FOR SOME TIME AT INTERNATIONAL TRADE MEETINGS THAT A MECHANISM SHOULD BE FOUND WHICH WOULD PREVENT UNDEMONSTRATED TESTING PROFICIENCY BEING USED AS A TECHNICAL BARRIER TO TRADE.

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THE INTERNATIONAL LABORATORY ACCREDITATION CONFERENCE (ILAC) WAS FORMED IN 1977 AND IS ACTIVELY SUPPORTED BY THE WORLD'S LEADING INDUSTRIAL NATIONS.

ILAC HAS PRODUCED CODES OF PRACTICE AND GUIDELINES WHICH HAVE UNIVERSAL APPLICATION AND COVER EVERY ASPECT OF THE OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF TESTING LABORATORIES.

A LABORATORY ACCREDITATION SCHEME EMBRACES THESE CODES OF PRACTICE AND IMPOSES THEM ON LABORATORIES SEEKING ACCREDITATION. AN APPROVED LABORATORY UNDER SUCH A SCHEME WILL FIND ITS TEST CERTIFICATES MORE READILY ACCEPTED ABROAD, THEREBY AVOIDING UNNECESSARY DUPLICATION OF TESTING IN THE IMPORTING COUNTRIES.

MR YAXLEY SAID: +IT IS NOW BECOMING INCREASINGLY CLEAR THAT COUNTRIES WITHOUT ANY ACCREDITATION SCHEMES MAY EVENTUALLY FIND THEMSELVES BEING DISCRIMINATED AGAINST.

+LOCALLY, ACCREDITED LABORATORIES WILL BE ABLE TO SHOW THE STAMP OF APPROVAL OF THE REGULATING AUTHORITY TO THIRD PARTIES SEEKING AN INDEPENDENT MEASURE OF RELIABILITY OF TEST RESULTS.

+THIS BECOMES VERY IMPORTANT IF TEST RESULTS ARE TO BE USED AS EVIDENCE IN LEGAL PROCEEDINGS OR CONTRACTUAL DISPUTES.

+IN THE PROCESS OF ASSESSMENT AND ACHIEVING ACCREDITATION, THE QUALITY STANDARDS OF A TESTING LABORATORY INVARIABLY IMPROVE, WITH CONSEQUENT ADVANTAGE IN THE MONITORING PROCESS FOR GOODS BEING PRODUCED AND EXPORTED,+ MR YAXLEY SAID.

AS FAR BACK AS 1979, THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNISED THIS INTERNATIONAL TREND IN QUALITY CERTIFICATION SERVICES. THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DIVERSIFICATION MADE A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENHANCE HONG KONG'S POSITION IN THIS FIELD.

THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE LATER REFINED TO MEET THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF INDUSTRY BY THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD.

TWO NEW SERVICES IN THE FIELD OF QUALITY CERTIFICATION WERE RECOMMENDED FOR HONG KONG. THEY INCLUDE FIRSTLY, A STANDARDS AND CALIBRATION LABORATORY, AND SECONDLY, A LABORATORY ACCREDITATION SCHEME.

MR YAXLEY SAID HE WAS VERY HAPPY THAT THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT HAS INTRODUCED BOTH THESE SERVICES DURING THE LAST 12 MONTHS.

THE STANDARDS AND CALIBRATION LABORATORY WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER 1984 AND THE LABORATORY ACCREDITATION SCHEME (HOKLAS) WAS LAUNCHED IN MAY OF THIS YEAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE TEXT OF MR YAXLEY'S SPEECH WILL BE BOXED FOR COLLECTION.

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DB MEMBERS LOOK AT URBAN COUNCIL FACILITIES
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MEMBERS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) VISITED THE SHOUSON HILL NURSERY AND THE ABERDEEN INDOOR GAMES HALL IN WONG CHUK HANG TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FACILITIES AND SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL.

AT THE SHOUSON HILL NURSERY THEY WERE BRIEFED BY THE CHIEF MANAGER (LEISURE SERVICES), MR PETER RULL, ON HOW PLANTS ARE PRODUCED AND LATER PLANTED TO BEAUTIFY HONG KONG.

THE NURSERY, WHICH PRODUCES ABOUT 50 000 TREES EACH YEAR, SUPPLIES THE VEGETATION USED FOR BEAUTIFYING THE ENVIRONMENT IN GARDENS, SITTING-OUT AREAS, PLAYGROUNDS, AND PARKS MANAGED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL. THE TREES, OF OVER 90 SPECIES, INCLUDE CONIFERS AND PALMS.

BOARD MEMBERS LATER VISITED THE ABERDEEN INDOOR GAMES HALL TO SEE THE VARIOUS TYPES OF FACILITIES PROVIDED.

THE GAMES HALL, WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 1 300 SQUARE METRES, CAN ACCOMMODATE TWO BASKETBALL OR TENNIS COURTS, EIGHT BADMINTON OR THREE VOLLEYBALL COURTS, AND HAS A STAND FOR 300 SPECTATORS.

WHEN REQUIRED, THE GAMES HALL CAN BE CONVERTED INTO A GYMNASIUM, OR BE USED FOR A VARIETY OF SPORTS SUCH AS BANDBALL WEIGHT LIFTING, JUDO, TRAMPOLINING, DANCING, FENCING, OR AS A THEATRE OF MEETING PLACE.

BOARD MEMBERS WERE TOLD THAT A NEW INDOOR GAMES HALL, TO BE BUILT IN CHAI WAN IN FUTURE, WOULD HAVE SIMILAR FACILITIES TO THAT OF THE ABERDEEN INDOOR GAMES HALL.

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CARNIVAL TO SPREAD ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE
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SOUTHERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ROAD SAFETY BY PARTICIPATING IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN WHICH OPENS WITH A CARNIVAL THIS SUNDAY (OCTOBER 27).

THE CARNIVAL IS PART OF A TWO-MONTH-LONG CAMPAIGN THAT FOCUSES ON NEGLIGENCE OF DRIVERS AND PEDESTRIANS, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE DANGERS OF JAYWALKING AMONG THE ELDERLY.

THE FUNCTION, TO BE HELD AT ABERDEEN SPORTS GROUND FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM, WILL FEATURE A VARIETY SHOW, PERFORMANCES BY FAMOUS LOCAL SINGERS, ACROBATIC PERFORMANCES, GAMES STALLS PUT UP BY THE SIX AREA COMMITTEES OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT AND A CUSHION TRAMPOLINE.

IN ADDITION, THE POLICE WILL PUT UP A MINIATURE +ROAD SAFETY TOWN+, COMPUTER GAMES ON ROAD SAFETY AND A ROAD SAFETY BUS.

A SPECIAL ATTRACTION WILL BE A ROAD SAFETY FAULT FINDING GAME COMPETITION. ANYONE WISHING TO TAKE PART IN THE COMPETITION CAN OBTAIN A FORM FROM THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND CLAIM A PRIZE AT THE ROAD SAFETY CARNIVAL.

DURING THE CAMPAIGN, THE POLICE WILL VISIT SCHOOLS TO CONDUCT TALKS AND TEACH STUDENTS HOW TO UTILISE ROAD CROSSING FACILITIES.

OFFICIATING AT SUNDAY'S OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR RAYMOND KWOK WAI-MING; SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDDIE CHAN; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR JASPER LAM; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER (WESTERN), MR DAVID DEPTFORD; POLICE SENIOR STAFF OFFICER (TRAFFIC) HONG KONG ISLAND, MR LIONEL LAM AND ROAD SAFETY PATROLS COMMISSIONER MR GECIL CHAN.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN OPENING AND CARNIVAL TO BE HELD AT 2 PM THIS SUNDAY (OCTOBER 27) AT THE ABERDEEN SPORTS GROUND.

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FIRE STATION OFFICIALLY OPENED

THE MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR FIRE STATION AND AMBULANCE DEPOT SERVING RESIDENTS IN THE EASTERN PART OF HONG KONG ISLAND WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR JOHN MARCH.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING, MR MARCH SAID THAT THE PRESENT POPULATION OF SAI WAN HO WAS ESTIMATED TO BE 100 000 BUT IT WOULD INCREASE TO OVER 120 000 WHEN THE KORNHILL DEVELOPMENT WAS COMPLETED.

HE ADDED THAT THERE WERE A NUMBER OF FIRE RISKS IN THE AREA POSED BY HIGH RISE INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND DOMESTIC BUILDINGS, MULTI-STOREY BASEMENTS, LARGE ATRIUM STYLE SHOPPING COMPLEXES, THEATRES, RESTAURANTS, SCHOOLS, HILLSIDE VILLAGES WITH ACCESSIBILITY PROBLEMS DUE TO DIFFICULT TERRAIN AND A FLOATING POPULATION.

+EVENTUALLY THE SERVICES HERE WILL PROVIDE THE FIRST LINE RESPONSE TO EMERGENCY INCIDENTS IN THE TUNNEL AND WILL ALSO PROVIDE SPEEDY ASSISTANCE IN THE EVENT OF LARGE SCALE EMERGENCIES FOR THE KWUN TONG AND YAU TONG AREAS.

+SIMILARLY, SUPPORT FOR SAI WAN HO WILL BE AVAILABLE VIA THIS TUNNEL FROM KOWLOON AS REQUIRED.

+THE TEN AMBULANCES STATIONED IN THIS DEPOT ARE UTILISED THROUGHOUT THE EASTERN DISTRICT AND NO DOUBT WILL EVENTUALLY PLAY A SIGNIFICANT PART IN ENSURING THE EFFICIENT OPERATION OF THE NEW 1 500 BED EASTERN DISTRICT HOSPITAL, + MR MARCH SAID.

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DISTRICT BOARD DECRIES ILLEGAL TAPPING

+ILLEGAL TAPPING OF ELECTRICITY COULD BE HAZARDOUS+ -- THIS IS THE KEY MESSAGE OF A PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD TO DISSUADE SUCH PRACTICES IN SQUATTER AREAS.

THE SPECIAL WORKING GROUP SET UP RECENTLY UNDER THE BOARD'S SQUATTER AREA COMMITTEE HAS DRAWN UP A PLAN FOR EDUCATIONAL AND PREVENTIVE MEASURES TO CURB ILLEGAL ELECTRICITY TAPPING.

WITH THE CO-OPERATION OF THE POLICE AND CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY, AND THE ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN THE AREAS, THE WORKING GROUP HAS PUT UP PUBLICITY BANNERS AND POSTERS IN THE SQUATTER AREAS, AND DISTRIBUTED WARNING LEAFLETS TO RESIDENTS THERE.

THE WORKING GROUP HAS PRODUCED A TAPE IN FOUR DIFFERENT DIALECTS, PUTONGHUA, CANTONESE, CHIU CHOW, AND HAKKA, THAT CARRIES THE +FIGHT AGAINST ILLEGAL TAPPING OF ELECTRICITY+ MESSAGE, WHICH IS BROADCAST THROUGH A MOBILE PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM IN TAI KOON NEW VILLAGE AND NGAU CHI WAN VILLAGE.

ON THE EVENINGS OF TOMORROW AND SUNDAY, A VARIETY SHOW, PROVIDING ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES AS WELL AS SLIDE SHOWS, WILL BE ORGANISED IN THESE TWO VILLAGES.

THERE WILL ALSO BE HOUSE-TO-HOUSE VISITS CARRIED OUT BY THE POLICE AND VOLUNTARY WORKERS.

+WE HOPE THAT THE ILLEGAL TAPPERS WILL REALISE THAT THEIR LIVES, AS WELL AS THOSE OF RESIDENTS IN THE VICINITY, ARE AT RISK AS ELECTRICITY LEAKAGE, ELECTRIC SHOCKS AND FIRE HAZARDS MAY EASILY RESULT FROM ILLEGAL TAPPING,+ CHAIRMAN OF THE SQUATTER AREA COMMITTEE, MRS LEE LO YUK-SIM, SAID.

+ELECTRICITY TAPPING IS NOT ONLY AGAINST THE LAW, IT ALSO IMPOSES REALISTIC DANGERS TO LIVES AND PROPERTY.

+VILLAGERS SHOULD APPLY FOR ELECTRICITY SUPPLY THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS,+ MRS LEE SAID.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE VARIETY SHOW TO PUBLICISE THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST ILLEGAL TAPPING IN SQUATTER AREAS TO BE HELD AT DIAMOND HILL FIREBREAK ON OCTOBER 26 AT 8.30 PM AND IN NGAU CHI WAN VILLAGE TEMPORARY BASKETBALL COURT ON OCTOBER 27 AT 8.30 PM.

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CYCLING COMPETITION AT VICTORIA PARK ON SUNDAY

SOME 70 CYCLISTS WILL DISPLAY SKILLS AND VIE FOR TITLES IN THE 1985/86 URBAN COUNCIL CYCLING CRITERIUM I AT THE VICTORIA PARK ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 27) AFTERNOON.

THE EVENT WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE COUNCIL AND THE HONG KONG CYCLING ASSOCIATION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL SAID TODAY PARTICIPANTS WOULD COMPETE IN FIVE RACES, NAMELY THE 8-KM JUNIOR AND LADIES', 8-KM SENIOR, 12-KM SENIOR, 8-KM STUDENTS' AND 24-KM OPEN RACES.

ADMISSION TO THE EVENT IS FREE.

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IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION STRESSED

FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT HELPS PEOPLE TO LEAD A HAPPY FAMILY LIFE AND PREVENT BREAKUPS, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS EVELYN DOE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO LAUNCH THIS YEAR'S FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN, SHE SAID OVER THE YEARS, BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY WELFARE SECTOR HAD ORGANISED ANNUAL CAMPAIGNS TO PROMOTE HARMONIOUS FAMILY LIFE.

+HONOUR YOUR PARENTS+ HAS BEEN CHOSEN AS THIS YEAR'S THEME, AND MRS DOE SAID IT WAS AIMED TO URGE THE YOUNGER GENERATION TO RECOGNISE AND TO APPRECIATE THEIR PARENTS' EFFORTS IN BRINGING THEM UP.

+WE HOPE THIS WOULD DIRECTLY HELP THE TWO GENERATIONS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND AND RESPECT EACH OTHER, AND INDIRECTLY TO PROMOTE IMPROVED RELATIONSHIP AMONG FAMILY MEMBERS, THUS LEADING TO A STABLE AND HARMONIOUS FAMILY,+ SHE SAID.

IN THE COMING MONTHS, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WILL BE CONDUCTING NUMEROUS ACTIVITIES AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS. THESE WOULD BE SUPPORTED CENTRALLY BY A TELEVISION FILM, RADIO MESSAGES AND POSTERS.

HIGHLIGHTING THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE A +FAMILY MONTH+ IN DECEMBER, FEATURING FAMILY PERFORMANCES, A FUN FAIR AND VARIETY SHOW IN THE VICTORIA PARK, AS WELL AS A SERIES OF TELEVISION AND RADIO PROGRAMMES TO PUBLICISE THE CAMPAIGN SLOGAN.

THE MONTH-LONG PROGRAMME IS JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

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AMENDMENT BILLS SEEK TO REMOVE DOUBT
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THE LAW WHICH EMPOWERS THE HIGH COURT TO APPOINT AN ARBITRATOR WHERE TWO OR MORE ARBITRATION PROCEEDINGS HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED IS EXPECTED TO BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THE EXTENT OF THE COURT'S POWER.

UNDER THE ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1985 PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY, THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE WILL BE AMENDED TO MAKE CLEAR THAT WHEN APPOINTING THE ARBITRATOR, THE COURT HAS POWER TO REMOVE ANY OF THOSE ARBITRATORS WHO WERE APPOINTED BEFORE THE PROCEEDINGS WERE CONSOLIDATED.

ALSO PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE IS THE MATRIMONIAL CAUSES (AMENDMENT) BILL. A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE MATRIMONIAL CAUSES RULES CONTAIN RULES OF PROCEDURE RELATING TO BOTH THE MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ORDINANCE AND THE MATRIMONIAL PROCEEDINGS AND PROPERTY ORDINANCE.

IN 1982 THE RULES WERE AMENDED BY THE MATRIMONIAL CAUSES (AMENDMENT) RULES 1982. THESE LATTER RULES, WHICH WERE MADE BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE, REFERRED ONLY TO HIS POWERS UNDER THE MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ORDINANCE AND DOUBT HAS ARISEN AS TO WHETHER THEY WERE ALSO MADE UNDER HIS POWERS UNDER THE MATRIMONIAL PROCEEDINGS AND PROPERTY ORDINANCE.

THE BILL SEEKS TO REMOVE THIS DOUBT.

THE ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1985 IS SCHEDULED FOR FIRST READING IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 20 AND THE MATRIMONIAL CAUSES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985 ON NOVEMBER 6.

ANYONE WISHING TO COMMENT ON THEIR PROVISIONS MAY WRITE TO UMELCO AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BUILDING IN JACKSON ROAD, OR TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

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MARTIAL ARTS CONTEST
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THE FINALS OF THE CHINESE MARTIAL ARTS SELF-ATTAINMENT AWARD, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH AND THE HONG KONG CHINESE MARTIAL ARTS ASSOCIATION, WILL BE HELD AT MACPHERSON STADIUM, MONG KOK, ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 27) AT 6 PM.

ABOUT 100 INDIVIDUALS AND NINE TEAMS WILL DEMONSTRATE THEIR SKILLS IN VARIOUS DISCIPLINES AND WILL BE PRESENTED WITH GOLD, SILVER AND BRONZE TROPHIES AFTER THE CONTEST.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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DATE SET FOR CHINESE MUSIC FESTIVAL
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THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH WILL PRESENT THE 1985 HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE MUSIC FESTIVAL FROM NOVEMBER 2 TO 10.

THE FESTIVAL, NOW IN ITS THIRD YEAR, IS AIMED AT RAISING THE STANDARD OF YOUNG MUSICIANS, AROUSING PUBLIC INTEREST IN CHINESE MUSIC AND ENCOURAGING THE SETTING UP OF MORE CHINESE ORCHESTRAS.

THE FESTIVAL WILL FEATURE A VARIETY OF INTERESTING ACTIVITIES INCLUDING A SERIES OF CONCERTS, MASTER CLASSES, SEMINARS AND LECTURE DEMONSTRATIONS.

RENOWNED MUSICIANS FROM CHINA, LOCAL CHINESE ORCHESTRAS AND THE MUSIC OFFICE'S OWN CHINESE ORCHESTRAS WILL PERFORM AT THE OPENING CONCERT ON NOVEMBER 3 AND THE FINALE ON NOVEMBER 10 AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL.

TICKETS FOR THE OPENING CONCERT AND THE FINALE AT \$5 EACH ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE.

THE OFFICE HOURS OF ALL THE MUSIC CENTRES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE SHA TIN AND YUEN LONG MUSIC CENTRES, WILL BE EXTENDED AS FOLLOWS:

MONDAY TO SATURDAY - FROM 9 AM TO 7 PM

SUNDAY - FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM

FOR ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CALL 0-428127.

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IMPERIAL SERVICE MEDALS FOR RSD STAFF
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TWO JUNIOR OFFICERS OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WHO TOGETHER HAVE WORKED IN THE GOVERNMENT FOR 68 YEARS, WERE AWARDED THE IMPERIAL SERVICE MEDALS.

THEY ARE FOREMAN, MR MAK CHI, AND SENIOR CULTURAL SERVICES ASSISTANT, MR CHUNG CHIU-DIN.

THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES, MR TONY HAMMOND, TODAY PRESENTED THEM WITH A LETTER FROM THE GOVERNOR ADVISING THEM OF THE QUEEN'S DECISION.

MR MAK, AGED 62, WHO HAS BEEN IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE FOR 38 YEARS, WILL RETIRE IN NOVEMBER. HE JOINED THE GOVERNMENT AS A SANITARY COOLIE IN 1946 AND WAS PROMOTED TO CHARGEMAN IN 1966. SIX YEARS LATER HE WAS PROMOTED TO FOREMAN.

MR CHUNG, AGED 59, HAS BEEN IN CIVIL SERVICE SINCE JANUARY 1956. HE STARTED HIS CAREER AS A SANITARY COOLIE. HE WAS PROMOTED TO OFFICE ATTENDANT IN 1962 AND THEN CHARGEMAN TWO YEARS LATER. HE WAS REGRADED TO SENIOR CULTURAL SERVICES ASSISTANT IN 1967.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1985

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COMMERCIAL PREMISES TO LET
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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS TO LET BY TENDER THE GROUND FLOOR AND COCKLOFT OF A BUILDING AT 570 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

THE PREMISES, MEASURING 99.8 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.

THE TENANCY IS FOR ONE YEAR, RENEWABLE MONTHLY.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON NOVEMBER 15.

THE TENDER FORM, NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SECTION OF THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE PREMISES WILL BE OPEN FOR VIEWING FROM 10.30 AM TO NOON ON OCTOBER 31 AND NOVEMBER 7.

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OBOE RECITAL BY JEREMY POLMEAR
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JEREMY POLMEAR FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM WILL GIVE AN OBOE RECITAL IN THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL ON NOVEMBER 3 (SUNDAY) AT 8 PM.

WITH DIANA AMBACHE AT THE PIANO, HE WILL PLAY MOZART'S +SONATA IN A, K12, FOR OBOE AND PIANO+, BEETHOVEN'S +PIANO SONATA IN C MINOR, OP. 13, 'PATHETIQUE'+, PASCULLI'S +OBOE CONCERTO ON THEMES FROM 'LA FAVORITA'+, HINDEMITH'S +SONATA FOR COR ANGLAIS AND PIANO+, CAWKWELL'S +SUITE OF CORNISH FOLK TUNES+ AS WELL AS BERNSTEIN AND CAWKWELL'S +FANTASIA ON 'WEST SIDE STORY' FOR ALTO SAXOPHONE AND PIANO+.

A GRADUATE IN SCIENCE FROM THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY, POLMEAR PLAYED THE OBOE FOR FOUR YEARS IN THE NATIONAL YOUTH ORCHESTRA OF GREAT BRITAIN.

IN 1974, INSPIRED BY THE 18TH CENTURY +HARMONY MUSIC+, HE FOUNDED THE WHISPERING WIND BAND AND PLAYED IN IT FOR SIX YEARS.

IN 1977, HE TEAMED UP WITH DIANA AMBACHE FOR A PERFORMING TOUR OF INDIA AND NEPAL. SINCE THEN, THEY HAVE GIVEN NUMEROUS WIDELY-ACCLAIMED PERFORMANCES IN EUROPE, AFRICA AND THE FAR EAST.

THE COMING PERFORMANCE WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

TICKETS AT \$12 ARE ON SALE AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL BOX OFFICE.

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TEACHERS ATTEND SEMINAR ON DRUG ABUSE

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SIXTY SECONDARY TEACHERS OF SOCIAL STUDIES, CIVIC, ETHICAL AND MORAL EDUCATION TODAY (FRIDAY) ATTENDED A SEMINAR ON DRUG ABUSE AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE.

THEY ALSO TOURED THE NARCOTICS BUREAU MUSEUM AT MAY HOUSE AND SAW VARIOUS DRUGS AND EQUIPMENT FOR MANUFACTURING DRUGS.

THE SEMINAR WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY AND THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE AIMS OF THE SEMINAR WERE TO ACQUAINT TEACHERS WITH THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE DRUG PROBLEM IN HONG KONG AND TO EXPLORE EFFECTIVE WAYS OF EDUCATING PUPILS ON THE PROBLEM OF DRUG ABUSE.

IT ALSO PROVIDED TEACHERS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON DRUG ABUSE, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

AT THE SEMINAR, THERE WERE TALKS ON THE ROLE OF TEACHERS IN DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION, THE POLICE'S ATTITUDE TO DRUG ABUSE, THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRES AND A MEDICAL TALK WITH EMPHASIS ON PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

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KENNEDY TOWN WATER CUT

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KENNEDY TOWN WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 28) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY SMITHFIELD, FORBES STREET, CADOGAN STREET, KENNEDY TOWN NEW PRAYA, CATCHICK STREET, HAU WO STREET, BELCHER'S STREET AND DAVIS STREET.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR BEACH KIOSKS

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THE URBAN COUNCIL IS INVITING SEPARATE TENDERS FOR THE OPERATION OF LIGHT REFRESHMENT KIOSKS AT FIVE OF ITS 12 BEACHES ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

THE KIOSKS ARE LOCATED AT STANLEY MAIN BEACH, TURTLE COVE BEACH, ST. STEPHEN'S BEACH, MIDDLE BAY BEACH AND CHUNG HOM KOK BEACH.

SUCCESSFUL TENDERERS WILL EACH BE AWARDED A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT STARTING FROM MARCH 1, 1986.

THE CURRENT RENTALS FOR KIOSKS ARE \$6 190 AT STANLEY MAIN, \$2 810 AT TURTLE COVE, \$7 080 AT ST. STEPHEN'S, \$8 880 AT MIDDLE BAY AND \$13 880 AT CHUNG HOM KOK.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE, 4TH FLOOR, 203 ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD, HONG KONG.

COMPLETED TENDER FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN DUPLICATE AND PLACE BY HAND IN THE TENDER BOX AT THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT RECEPTION COUNTER ON THE 12TH FLOOR OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), ICE HOUSE STREET, BEFORE 9 A.M. ON NOVEMBER 29, 1985. LATE TENDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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LUNG CHEUNG ROAD CLOSURE

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LUNG CHEUNG ROAD BETWEEN FUNG MO STREET AND NAM CHEONG STREET WILL BE CLOSED FROM 1.30 AM TO 5.30 AM ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 28) TO FACILITATE THE DEMOLITION OF A FOOTBRIDGE.

DURING THIS PERIOD, SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED.

THESE ARE:

- * TRAFFIC FROM NAM CHEONG STREET NORTHBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE CORNWALL STREET.
- * TRAFFIC FROM LUNG CHEUNG ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE NAM CHEONG STREET.
- * TRAFFIC FROM LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD SOUTHBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE WATERLOO ROAD.
- * TRAFFIC FROM FUNG MO STREET NORTHBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE FU MEI STREET.
- * TRAFFIC FROM LUNG CHEUNG ROAD WESTBOUND HEADING FOR LION ROCK TUNNEL AND KWAI CHUNG WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE FUNG MO STREET.

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FANLING POOL CLOSES FOR MAINTENANCE

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THE MAIN POOL OF THE FANLING SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX WILL BE CLOSED FROM NEXT MONDAY (OCTOBER 28) FOR ABOUT A MONTH UNTIL NOVEMBER 22.

THE CLOSURE IS TO FACILITATE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN AIR SUPPORT STRUCTURE WHICH WILL KEEP SWIMMERS FROM THE COLD, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

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DURING THE SAME PERIOD, OTHER POOLS IN THE COMPLEX WILL REMAIN OPEN EXCEPT FROM NOVEMBER 5 TO 8.

AFTER THE AIR SUPPORT STRUCTURE IS PUT UP, THE MAIN POOL WILL BE RE-OPENED ON NOVEMBER 23 WHEN HOT WATER WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE.

THE OTHER POOLS OF THE COMPLEX WILL THEN BE CLOSED FOR ANNUAL MAINTENANCE.

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PRESS BRIEFING
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THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, WILL GIVE A PRESS BRIEFING ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT OF THE THURMOND-JENKINS BILL IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TRADE DEPARTMENT, 15TH FLOOR, OCEAN CENTRE, TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON, AT 5 PM TODAY (FRIDAY).

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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