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COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE OF BROADCASTING AUTHORITY APPOINTED

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THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY TODAY (WEDNESDAY) APPOINTED A COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE TO RECEIVE AND HANDLE COMPLAINTS FROM THE PUBLIC CONCERNING THE BROADCASTING INDUSTRY.

AT ITS FIRST MEETING SINCE IT CAME INTO BEING ON SEPTEMBER 1 THIS YEAR, THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY APPOINTED MR LO KING-MAN, MR IRA KAYE, MRS PAMELA CHAN, MRS MABEL CHOW AND THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

THE COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE MAY CO-OPT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHERE NECESSARY TO ASSIST IN THE DISCHARGE OF ITS RESPONSIBILITIES.

ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO FINDS THAT A TELEVISION LICENSEE IS IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE TELEVISION ORDINANCE, THE TERMS OR CONDITIONS OF A LICENCE OR A CODE OF PRACTICE, CAN LODGE A COMPLAINT WITH THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY.

THE AUTHORITY WILL HAVE TO REFER THE COMPLAINT TO THE COMMITTEE FOR INVESTIGATION UNLESS THE COMPLAINT IS FOUND BY THE AUTHORITY TO BE TRIVIAL OR FRIVOLOUS.

THREE REGIONAL PANELS WERE ESTABLISHED TO MAINTAIN CLOSE LIAISON WITH THE COMMUNITY ON THE QUALITY OF TELEVISION PROGRAMMES. THE HONG KONG ISLAND PANEL WILL BE CHAIRED BY DR STAN CHEUNG, THE KOWLOON PANEL WILL BE CHAIRED BY MR STEPHEN CHENG WHILE THE NEW TERRITORIES PANEL BY DR FANNY CHEUNG.

THE AUTHORITY ALSO AGREED ON ITS PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 1987 TO MARCH 31, 1988.

THE MAIN TASKS INCLUDE THE DRAWING UP OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NEW LICENCES OF TVB AND ATV WHICH ARE DUE TO EXPIRE IN DECEMBER 1988, THE REVIEW OF THE CODES OF PRACTICE IN RESPECT OF PROGRAMME STANDARDS, ADVERTISING STANDARDS AND TECHNICAL STANDARDS, THE COMMISSIONING OF A BROADCASTING SURVEY AND THE APPOINTMENT OF ANY ADVISORY COMMITTEE WHERE NECESSARY.

THE AUTHORITY WAS ALSO BRIEFED ON THE BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON TELEVISION BROADCASTING AND THE EXISTING CONTROL PROCEDURES OVER THE TELEVISION INDUSTRY.

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GOVERNOR TO VISIT LONDON

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL VISIT LONDON FROM OCTOBER 26 TO 28 FOLLOWING HIS VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES.

WHILE IN LONDON, HE WILL ATTEND THE ANNUAL DINNER OF THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 27. THE GOVERNOR LAST VISITED LONDON IN JULY.

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GOVERNOR SEES SOUTHERN DISTRICT FROM DIFFERENT ANGLES

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, AND LADY WILSON TODAY (WEDNESDAY) TOURED SOUTHERN DISTRICT BY AIR, LAND AND SEA.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BRIAN CHAU, AND SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SIMON LORD, SIR DAVID AND LADY WILSON BEGAN THEIR TOUR WITH A HELICOPTER FLIGHT FOR A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE PROMINENT FEATURES OF THE LARGEST OF THE URBAN DISTRICTS, INCLUDING NEW DEVELOPMENTS SUCH AS TELEGRAPH BAY RECLAMATION AND THE SITE OF THE PLANNED WAH KWEI PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE AT KELLETT BAY.

LANDING AT THE WONG CHUK HANG SPORTS GROUND, THE GOVERNOR AND LADY WILSON WERE GREETED BY SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR JASPER LAM.

THE PARTY THEN WALKED TO THE WONG CHUK HANG INDUSTRIAL AREA WHERE THEY VISITED THE NEW ISLAND PRINTING FACTORY AND WERE SHOWN THE LATEST TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES IN THE PRINTING TRADE.

SIR DAVID, LADY WILSON AND THEIR SONS WERE THEN DRIVEN TO SHUM WAN ROAD PIER WHERE THEY BOARDED A SAMPAN FOR A TOUR OF THE ABERDEEN HARBOUR. DURING THE TRIP, THE GOVERNOR LEARNT OF THE WORKINGS OF HONG KONG'S LARGEST FISHING PORT FROM MARINE OFFICER, MR M.K. CHAN.

HE WAS ALSO BRIEFED ON THE LARGE CLEARANCE, REHOUSING AND RECLAMATION PROJECT ON THE NORTHERN SHORE OF AP LEI CHAU.

THE SITE, WHICH HAS AROUND 6,000 SQUATTERS AND BOAT DWELLERS AND MORE THAN 200 SMALL SHIPYARDS AND WORKSHOPS, WILL BE CLEARED IN TWO PHASES TO MAKE WAY FOR 8.5 HECTARES OF RECLAMATION TO BE USED FOR COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS. MOST OF THE SQUATTERS AND BOAT DWELLERS ARE BEING REHOUSED IN LEI TUNG ESTATE ON AP LEI CHAU.

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THE GOVERNOR AND LADY WILSON ENDED THEIR HARBOUR TOUR WITH A VISIT TO A TRAWLER AND A DWELLING BOAT WHOSE OCCUPANTS WERE ABOUT TO MOVE TO LEI TUNG.

THE PARTY LANDED AT AP LEI CHAU AND WERE DRIVEN TO LEI TUNG ESTATE WHERE THEY WERE MET BY SENIOR HOUSING MANAGER, MR H.C. CHAN, WHO TOOK THEM TO AN UPPER FLOOR OF TUNG CHEONG HOUSE FOR A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THIS PARTIALLY COMPLETED PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT.

ARCHITECT, MR STUART HALL, TOLD SIR DAVID THAT THE PROJECT WOULD PROVIDE 9,500 RENTAL AND HOME OWNERSHIP FLATS WITH WIDE-RANGING FACILITIES FOR SOME 37,000 PEOPLE WHEN FULLY COMPLETED IN MID-1988. SO FAR, AROUND 11,000 PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY MOVED IN.

LATER, SIR DAVID AND LADY WILSON VISITED A FAMILY OF SIX IN THEIR NEW FLAT AND THEN TOOK A WALK THROUGH THE MARKET AND COOKED FOOD CENTRE.

AT THE END OF THE TOUR, SIR DAVID AND LADY WILSON ATTENDED A TEA PARTY IN THE LEI TUNG COMMUNITY HALL AND MET MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, AREA COMMITTEES AND DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AS WELL AS OTHER LOCAL PERSONALITIES.

THE GOVERNOR AND LADY WILSON WERE ACCOMPANIED ON THE VISIT BY THEIR TWO SONS, PETER AND ANDREW.

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COMMUNITY BUILDING 'GOING ON QUICKLY'

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT IT WAS INTERESTING TO SEE HOW QUICKLY COMMUNITY BUILDING WAS GOING ON IN THE TERRITORY.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER TOURING THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT, SIR DAVID SAID THIS WAS SOMETHING WHICH THE GOVERNMENT HAD DEVOTED A GREAT DEAL OF ATTENTION, AND THAT HE WAS VERY PLEASED TO LEARN FROM THE LEE FAMILY WHICH HE VISITED AT LEI TUNG ESTATE THAT MR LEE WAS ALREADY SETTING UP A MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE IN HIS OWN BUILDING.

SIR DAVID ALSO SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE REHOUSING OF PEOPLE WHO HAD BEEN LIVING ON BOATS IN THE ABERDEEN HARBOUR.

"THE PROGRAMME IS GOING VERY WELL AND I THINK IT IS VERY SATISFYING FOR THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN LIVING ON BOATS TO BE MOVING INTO BETTER ACCOMMODATION ON LAND," HE ADDED.

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NEW RATING AREA SPECIFIED

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AN ORDER EXTENDING RATING COVERAGE TO COVER ALL AREAS WITHIN THE TERRITORY WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 11).

THIS FOLLOWED A GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL DECISION YESTERDAY (TUESDAY) TO SPECIFY A NEW RATING AREA, WHICH INCLUDES ALL THOSE PORTIONS OF THE URBAN COUNCIL AREA AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AREA THAT WERE NOT INCLUDED IN ANY SPECIFIED AREAS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE RATING (AREAS OF HONG KONG) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 1987.

COMMENTING ON THE ORDER, A RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE NEW RATING AREA COVERS MAINLY THE NORTHERN AND EASTERN PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES AND A VERY SMALL PART OF THE URBAN COUNCIL AREA. ALL AREAS WITHIN THE TERRITORY WILL NOW BE ASSESSABLE TO RATES.

HE SAID THAT IT IS INTENDED THAT TENEMENTS WITHIN THE NEW SPECIFIED AREA WILL BE ASSESSED TO RATES IN PHASES AND ON THE SAME BASIS AS CURRENTLY APPLICABLE IN EXISTING AREAS. RATES THERE WILL BE EFFECTIVE FROM APRIL 1, 1988.

HE ADDED THAT EXEMPTION FROM RATES FOR TRADITIONAL VILLAGE TYPE HOUSES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, AS APPLIED TO THE EXISTING AREAS, WILL ALSO APPLY IN THE NEW RATING AREA.

ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT AT 26TH FLOOR, HENNESSY CENTRE, 500 HENNESSY ROAD, HONG KONG, TELEPHONE 5-8957888 OR AT APPROPRIATE DISTRICT OFFICES.

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JACOBS CONTINUES FACTORY VISIT

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, TODAY (WEDNESDAY) VISITED AN INDUSTRIAL DESIGN AND PRODUCT INNOVATION SERVICE COMPANY AND A METALS FACTORY.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, AND THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR TONY EASON, MR JACOBS FIRST VISITED THE HONG KONG DESIGN INNOVATION COMPANY LIMITED (HKDIC) IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST AND WAS RECEIVED BY ITS CHAIRMAN, MR CHRISTOPHER CHENG, AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MR DOUGLAS TOMKIN.

AFTER TOURING THE OFFICE, MR JACOBS SAW A SLIDE MODEL PRESENTATION AND WAS BRIEFED ON THE COMPANY'S OUTLOOK BY ITS SENIOR STAFF.

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ESTABLISHED IN MARCH 1986, THE HKDIC IS A GOVERNMENT-BACKED COMPANY SET UP TO PROVIDE AN INDUSTRIAL DESIGN AND PRODUCT INNOVATION SERVICES TO HONG KONG INDUSTRY. IT ASSISTS SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED FIRMS BY PROVIDING RELEVANT FACILITIES TO THEM AT AFFORDABLE PRICES SO THAT THEY CAN BE COMPETITIVE IN THE WORLD MARKET. IT HAS SO FAR COMPLETED ABOUT 60 PROJECTS IN PRODUCT DESIGN FOR TOYS, ELECTRONICS PRODUCTS AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY LATER PROCEEDED TO ALPHA METALS LIMITED IN KWUN TONG AND WAS RECEIVED AND LED ON A PLANT TOUR BY ITS MARKETING DIRECTOR, MR K.L. NG, AND MANUFACTURING DIRECTOR, MR CLIVE IP.

BEING A SUBSIDIARY OF ALPHA METALS INC. OF THE USA, ALPHA METALS LIMITED WAS SET UP IN AUGUST 1970 TO MANUFACTURE SOLDER PRODUCTS AND CHEMICALS FOR THE LOCAL AND SOUTH EAST ASIAN MARKETS.

THE COMPANY OPENED A SURFACE MOUNT TECHNOLOGY CENTRE IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL SUPPORT SERVICES SUCH AS TRAINING PROGRAMME AND PROCESS DEMONSTRATION, TO LOCAL ELECTRONIC MANUFACTURERS ON SURFACE MOUNT TECHNOLOGY.

SOLDER IS AN ALLOY USED MAINLY FOR ELECTRICAL/ ELECTRONIC CONNECTIONS. IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR THERE WERE EIGHT ESTABLISHMENTS EMPLOYING 119 WORKERS IN THE MANUFACTURE OF SOLDER METAL. ITS EXPORT VALUE REACHED \$12.2 MILLION IN 1986, AN INCREASE OF 18.4 PER CENT OVER 1985.

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FOUR GOVERNMENT SITES TO LET

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FOUR GOVERNMENT SITES, TWO IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND TWO ON HONG KONG ISLAND, ARE BEING LET ON SHORT TERM TENANCIES BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT.

ONE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SITES, AT PING CHE, FANLING, MEASURES 2,886 SQUARE METRES AND IS FOR OPEN STORAGE, CONCRETE BATCHING, CAR DISMANTLING OR FOR USE AS AN ASPHALT PLANT.

THE TENANCY IS THREE YEARS, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

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THE OTHER IS AT THE JUNCTION OF ON LAI AND ON KWAN STREETS, SHA TIN, AND MEASURES 2,200 SQUARE METRES. IT IS FOR THE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY, BUT EXCLUDING TRAILERS AND ANY HEAVY VEHICLES HAVING AN UNLADEN WEIGHT EXCEEDING TWO TONS.

THE TENANT CAN ALSO USE IT FOR PAINT SPRAYING OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

THE TENANCY IS ONE YEAR, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

ONE OF THE SITES ON HONG KONG ISLAND IS ON CHAI WAN ROAD. IT IS FOR STORING GOODS, PRIVATE MOTOR CARS AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES.

THE TENANCY OF THE 1,330-SQUARE-METRE SITE IS TWO YEARS, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

THE OTHER, MEASURING 1,830 SQUARE METRES, IS AT SAI WAN HO RECLAMATION, SHAU KEI WAN. IT IS FOR STORING GOODS, BUT EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES.

ACCORDING TO THE TENANCY TERM, IT CAN ALSO BE USED AS A PUBLIC, FEE-PAYING CARPARK.

THE TENANCY IS THREE YEARS, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS ON ALL FOUR SITES IS NOON ON SEPTEMBER 25.

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NETHERLANDS TRADE MISSION TO VISIT CONTAINER PORT AND FACTORY

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SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, DIRECTORS AND HIGH-RANKING REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS MAJOR COMPANIES FROM THE NETHERLANDS WILL VISIT HONG KONG'S CONTAINER PORT AND A FACTORY IN KWAI CHUNG TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

THE 20-MEMBER DUTCH TRADE MISSION WILL VISIT TERMINAL ONE OF THE CONTAINER PORT AND ATTEND BRIEFINGS BY THE MODERN TERMINALS LIMITED, ONE OF THE THREE COMPANIES OPERATING AT THE CONTAINER PORT.

THE VISIT WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE CONCERNED PARTIES OF THE WORLD'S FIRST TWO LARGEST CONTAINER PORTS, AT ROTTERDAM IN THE NETHERLANDS AND KWAI CHUNG IN HONG KONG, TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE IN CONTAINER PORT DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION.

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THE TRADE MISSION WILL THEN VISIT MILO'S KNITWEAR FACTORY WHICH HAS BEEN SET UP FOR 15 YEARS AND HAS A MAJOR EXPORT MARKET IN THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY.

ACCOMPANYING THE VISIT WILL BE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN COAK, AND THE DUTCH CONSUL-GENERAL IN HONG KONG, MR E.M. MICHIELS VAN KESSENICH.

THEY WILL BOARD THE LAUNCH "TIN HAU" AT THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 2.15 PM TOMORROW (THURSDAY) FOR THE CONTAINER PORT AND THEN DEPART BY COACH TO MILO'S KNITWEAR FACTORY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE VISIT OF THE NETHERLANDS TRADE MISSION TO THE CONTAINER PORT AND THE MILO'S KNITWEAR FACTORY TOMORROW (THURSDAY). PRESS REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT 2 PM AT THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT TSIM SHA TSUI (NEAR STAR FERRY PIER). KWAI TSING DISTRICT INFORMATION OFFICER, MISS DIANA KAM, WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE MEDIA.

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ADVICE AGAINST TAMPERING WITH PARKING METERS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THAT THE TAMPERING OF PARKING METERS IS AN OFFENCE PUNISHABLE BY A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5,000 AND THREE MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT ON CONVICTION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT TODAY (WEDNESDAY) SAID THAT A 36-YEAR-OLD MAN WAS FINED \$750 BY THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY LAST FRIDAY AFTER HE WAS FOUND INTERFERING WITH A PARKING METER ON JAFFE ROAD IN CAUSEWAY BAY.

THE MAN, WHO PARKED HIS CAR AT A METERED PARKING SPACE NEAR PRESIDENT THEATRE ON THURSDAY EVENING, WAS CAUGHT BY POLICE OFFICERS WHO SAW HIM TAMPER WITH THE PARKING METER. HE PLEADED GUILTY IN COURT.

"THE DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED OVER THE INCREASING NUMBER OF DAMAGED PARKING METERS CAUSED BY ILLEGAL INTERFERENCE. ON JAFFE ROAD ALONE, A TOTAL OF 80 PARKING METERS HAVE BEEN DAMAGED OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"IF A PARKING METER IS OUT OF ORDER, MOTORISTS SHOULD MAKE A REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT'S METER COMPLAINT UNIT AT 5-298611 IMMEDIATELY, GIVING DETAILS OF THE DEFECTIVE METER'S EXACT LOCATION, METER NUMBER AND THE REGISTRATION NUMBER OF THEIR VEHICLES," HE URGED.

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STAGGERED RELEASE OF STAFF SUGGESTED WITH THE APPROACH OF TYPHOON

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WITH THE APPROACH OF TYPHOON GERALD, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (WEDNESDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF RELEASING THEIR STAFF IN PHASES IF AND WHEN THE NO. 8 SIGNAL WAS RAISED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT ONLY WITH THE CO-OPERATION OF EMPLOYERS COULD THE TRANSPORT PROBLEMS CAUSED BY THE LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE RETURNING HOME ALMOST AT THE SAME TIME BE REDUCED.

HE SAID GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WOULD BE RELEASING THEIR STAFF IN PHASES WHEN THE HOISTING OF A NO. 8 SIGNAL WAS IMMINENT. HE URGED THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO TAKE SIMILAR STEPS WITH THEIR STAFF.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT WHEN THE DIRECTOR OF ROYAL OBSERVATORY WAS REASONABLY CERTAIN THAT A NO. 8 SIGNAL WOULD BE HOISTED WITHIN THE NEXT TWO HOURS, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD ISSUE AN ANNOUNCEMENT ADVISING DEPARTMENT HEADS AND EMPLOYERS TO RELEASE THEIR STAFF IN STAGES.

THIS SHOULD START WITH STAFF WHO HAD TO CATCH AN OUTLYING FERRY, FOLLOWING A BROADCAST ANNOUNCEMENT THAT FERRY SERVICES WOULD SOON BE SUSPENDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE SECOND GROUP TO BE RELEASED SHOULD BE THOSE WHO HAVE TO MAKE A LONG AND DIFFICULT JOURNEY HOME.

HE SAID THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO DEFINE A LONG AND DIFFICULT JOURNEY, BUT NOTED THAT PEOPLE WHO WORK IN CENTRAL AND LIVE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, OR VICE VERSA, SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THIS CATEGORY.

WHEN THE NO. 8 SIGNAL WAS HOISTED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID EMPLOYERS SHOULD RELEASE THOSE WHO HAD TO TAKE MORE THAN ONE TRIP OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO GO HOME.

"THEY SHOULD ALSO RELEASE AT THIS TIME PEOPLE WHO HAVE STRONG OR PRESSING PERSONAL REASONS TO RETURN HOME, E.G. MOTHERS WHO HAVE TO LOOK AFTER THEIR CHILDREN."

"THE LAST GROUP OF PEOPLE TO BE RELEASED SHOULD BE THOSE WHO LIVE NEAR TO THEIR PLACE OF WORK," HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN ASSURED COMMUTERS THAT MAJOR TRANSPORT OPERATORS WOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN THREE TO SIX HOURS AFTER THE NO. 8 SIGNAL HAD BEEN HOISTED.

HE SAID THE VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF STAFF TO BE RELEASED IN PHASES WERE ONLY GENERAL GUIDELINES AND THAT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT HEADS AND EMPLOYERS WOULD HAVE TO DECIDE ON THEIR OWN PRIORITIES ACCORDING TO CIRCUMSTANCES.

GOOD PROSPECTS FOR MACHINE SHOP AND METAL WORKING INDUSTRY

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THE MACHINE SHOP AND METAL WORKING INDUSTRY WILL GROW AGAIN WITH THE IMPROVED EXPORT PERFORMANCE OF HONG KONG SINCE 1986, ACCORDING TO A SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE MACHINE SHOP AND METAL WORKING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

THE TRAINING BOARD FEELS IF THE INDUSTRY IS TO REMAIN COMPETITIVE AND VIABLE, IT MUST CONTINUE TO UPGRADE ITS MANUFACTURING TECHNIQUES AND FACILITIES AND TO INVEST IN MANPOWER TRAINING.

THE SURVEY REVEALED THAT THE NUMBER OF APPRENTICES/TRAINEES IN THE INDUSTRY HAD GROWN SUBSTANTIALLY FROM 2,507 IN 1984 TO 3,468 IN 1986.

THE TRAINING BOARD NOTED THAT THIS INCREASE IS INDICATIVE OF THE INDUSTRY'S ANTICIPATED DEMAND FOR PROPERLY TRAINED WORKERS AS MORE ADVANCED AND SOPHISTICATED PRODUCTION PROCESS AND MACHINERY ARE BEING USED TO ACHIEVE HIGHER PRODUCTIVITY.

IT WAS REVEALED THAT THE TECHNICAL MANPOWER OF THE INDUSTRY CONTINUED TO DECREASE AND DROPPED FROM 97,184 IN 1984 TO 94,654 IN 1986.

OF THE THREE MOST PROSPEROUS BRANCHES AMONG THE INDUSTRY, WORKFORCE IN THE MACHINERY BRANCH CONTINUE TO PROSPER WHILE THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS MANUFACTURING BRANCH AND THE MECHANICAL CLOCKS AND WATCHES MANUFACTURING BRANCH CONTINUE TO DECLINE.

THE DECLINE OF THE INDUSTRY'S WORKFORCE AT A DECREASING RATE OF 9.97 PER CENT PER ANNUM BETWEEN 1982 AND 1984 AND 1.3 PER CENT BETWEEN 1984 AND 1986, HOWEVER, INDICATED THAT THE CONSOLIDATION PROCESS HAS REACHED ITS FINAL STAGE, THE TRAINING BOARD OBSERVED.

BASED ON THE SURVEY FINDINGS, THE TRAINING BOARD ESTIMATED THAT THE INDUSTRY WOULD REQUIRE AN ADDITIONAL 80 TECHNOLOGISTS, 450 TECHNICIANS AND 3,500 CRAFTSMEN ANNUALLY BETWEEN 1987 AND 1992.

THE REPORT, PUBLISHED IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, ALSO CONTAINS DETAILED STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON MANPOWER SITUATION OF THE INDUSTRY, AND IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION SALES CENTRE, AT \$18 A COPY.

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RARE MARINE MAMMALS TO BE PRESERVED

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MARINE BIOLOGISTS IN THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT ARE PRESERVING THE REMAINS OF TWO RARE VISITORS TO HONG KONG WATERS - A PYGMY SPERM WHALE AND A GREY DOLPHIN - WHICH WERE FOUND STRANDED IN SHALLOW WATER IN TAI TAM BAY AND TAI PO HOI RESPECTIVELY IN JUNE LAST YEAR.

THEY WERE THE FIRST OF THESE ENDANGERED SPECIES EVER VISITED HONG KONG DESPITE THE FACT THAT THERE HAVE BEEN, SINCE 1973, FOUR SIGHTINGS OF WHALES AND 46 SIGHTINGS OF DOLPHINS IN LOCAL WATERS.

THE PYGMY SPERM WHALE WAS A 2.16 METRE MALE, WEIGHING SOME 200 KG WHILE THE GREY DOLPHIN, ALSO MALE WITH SIMILAR WEIGHT, WAS 2.6 METRES LONG.

IN VIEW OF THEIR HIGH EDUCATIONAL VALUE, THE DEPARTMENT DECIDED TO TURN THEM INTO SKELETON SPECIMENS BY MEANS OF BURYING THE CARCASSES AT THE DEPARTMENT'S KAT O FISHERIES SUB-STATION.

THE SKELETONS WILL BE UNEARTHED ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 11). CONDUCTING THE OPERATION WILL BE THE FISHERIES RESEARCH OFFICER, DR PAUL MAK, AND THE CONSERVATION OFFICER, MR RICHARD CHAN.

A VISIT WILL BE ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE UNEARTHING OF THE MAMMALS AT THE KAT O FISHERIES SUB-STATION ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 11) MORNING.

TRANSPORT FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL LEAVE AFD HEADQUARTERS, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393, CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON AT 9 AM FOR WONG SHEK PIER IN THE SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK FROM WHERE A LAUNCH WILL TAKE THE PRESS PARTY TO KAT O.

IN VIEW OF THE CAPACITY OF THE LAUNCH, IT IS NECESSARY TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS TO NOT MORE THAN 30. INTERESTED MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO TELEPHONE THE AFD INFORMATION UNIT AT 3-7332176 BEFORE 5 PM TOMORROW (THURSDAY) FOR ALLOTMENT OF SPACE WHICH WILL BE ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

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URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS ON HONG KONG ISLAND

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MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO WATCH OUT FOR A SERIES OF URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS ON HONG KONG ISLAND TO BE INTRODUCED FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 12). DETAILS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

* IN CENTRAL, THE EXISTING 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION ON A FIVE-METRE STRETCH OF THEATRE LANE NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE EXTENDED FOR ABOUT FIVE METRES NORTHWARDS.

* THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 35 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH WELLINGTON STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 85 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE MADE A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY. THIS MEASURE WILL LAST FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS TO FACILITATE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORK.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EXISTING 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION ON THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH WELLINGTON STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 50 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE LIFTED.

* IN HAPPY VALLEY, THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF KING KWONG STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH SHAN KWONG ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 80 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION, AND 15-METRE STRETCH OF THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF SHAN KWONG ROAD SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH KING KWONG STREET WILL BECOME PEAK-HOUR (I.E. 7 AM TO 10 AM AND 4 PM TO 7 PM) DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS.

* IN ABERDEEN, WAH LAM PATH NORTHBOUND FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH WAH FU ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE MADE PEAK-HOUR DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY.

* SECTIONS OF ISLAND ROAD AND REPULSE BAY ROAD IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT WILL ALSO BECOME URBAN CLEARWAYS OPERATING ROUND THE CLOCK. THEY ARE: THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF ISLAND ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH REPULSE BAY ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 75 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION, AND REPULSE BAY ROAD NORTHBOUND FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH ISLAND ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 15 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1987

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NO RIGHT TURN ON TSUI PING ROAD

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THE RIGHT TURN MOVEMENT FROM TSUI PING ROAD ON TO KWUN TONG ROAD WILL BE PROHIBITED BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5 AM DAILY FROM SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 12) TO SEPTEMBER 15 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING.

MOTORISTS ON TSUI PING ROAD HEADING FOR KWUN TONG ROAD WESTBOUND ARE ADVISED TO DIVERT VIA HIP WO STREET.

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RESTRICTED ZONE IN KWAI CHUNG

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FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 11), THE NEW ACCESS ROAD IN KWAI CHUNG BETWEEN ITS JUNCTIONS WITH NEW CONTAINER PORT ROAD AND CHING CHEUNG ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE DESIGNATED A 24-HOUR RESTRICTED ZONE.

NO VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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