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RUMOURS ABOUT AMNESTY FOR II'S DISMISSED  
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THE RUMOUR MONGERS ARE AT IT AGAIN.

THIS TIME SNAKEHEADS ARE SPREADING RUMOURS THAT THERE WILL BE AN AMNESTY FOR ALL ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AFTER AN AGREEMENT IS REACHED ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

+THE RUMOURS MAY CHANGE, BUT THE REASON BEHIND THEM HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE SAME.

+IT IS SIMPLY FOR CHEATING GULLIBLE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS OF THEIR HARD-EARNED MONEY,+ A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

BUT THE RUMOURS HAVE LED TO AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ARRESTED WHILE TRYING TO SNEAK INTO HONG KONG.

LAST MONTH, 838 WERE ARRESTED BY SECURITY FORCES AT THE BORDER AND SO FAR THIS MONTH, SOME 800 HAVE BEEN CAUGHT.

+THIS BRINGS THE YEAR'S TOTAL NUMBER OF ARRESTS TO SOME 5 800, ALREADY WAY UP ON LAST YEAR'S 4 671,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

WHILE THE POLICE AND THE ARMED FORCES ARE MAINTAINING A HIGH DEGREE OF VIGILANCE AT THE BORDER, ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WHO MANAGE TO SLIP IN ARE FINDING IT MORE AND MORE DIFFICULT TO REMAIN UNDETECTED FOR LONG.

FOR A START, THEY HAVE NO HOPE OF GETTING A JOB BECAUSE EMPLOYERS KNOW THAT IT IS ILLEGAL TO EMPLOY ANYONE WITHOUT AN IDENTITY CARD.

AND RELATIVES ARE OFTEN RELUCTANT TO PUT THEM UP BECAUSE THEY KNOW THERE IS NO WAY THEY CAN LEAD A NORMAL LIFE HERE. THEY ALSO KNOW IT IS AN OFFENCE TO AID AND ABET AN ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT.

AN AVERAGE OF EIGHT SUCH ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ARE BEING FLUSHED OUT BY THE POLICE AND THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT EVERYDAY.

MOST ARE DETECTED DURING ROUTINE POLICE SEARCH-AND-STOP OPERATIONS. OTHERS ARE ARRESTED DURING SPECIAL RAIDS AND SOME SIMPLY GIVE THEMSELVES UP.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT ONCE AGAIN THAT NO MATTER WHAT THE SNAKEHEADS MAY SAY, HONG KONG'S IMMIGRATION POLICY WILL NOT CHANGE.

+THERE WILL BE NO AMNESTY AND ALL ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WILL BE SENT BACK,+ HE SAID.

+THOSE FOOLISH ENOUGH TO BELIEVE IN SUCH RUMOURS WILL ONLY END UP LOSING THEIR MONEY, AND PERHAPS THEIR LIVES.+

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RESIDENTS URGED TO SIGN UP AS VOTERS  
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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM KAM-KWONG, TODAY (SUNDAY) URGED RESIDENTS TO REGISTER AS VOTERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE NOW THAT ONLY ONE WEEK IS LEFT BEFORE THE REGISTRATION PERIOD ENDS ON OCTOBER 1 (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE DISTRICT'S SPORTS FESTIVAL AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT, MR LAM SAID EVERYONE SHOULD EXERCISE HIS CIVIC RIGHTS AND SIGN UP.

+THE DISTRICT BOARDS ARE A GOOD VENUE FOR PEOPLE TO VOICE THEIR OPINION ON LOCAL MATTERS SUCH AS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT, STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY RELATIONS, AND THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND FACILITIES,+ HE SAID.

AT TODAY'S FESTIVAL, THE DISTRICT OFFICE ALSO SET UP A TEMPORARY REGISTRATION COUNTER TO HELP PARTICIPANTS REGISTER.

MORE THAN 4 000 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE OPENING CEREMONY AND WERE TREATED TO A THREE-HOUR VARIETY SHOW WHICH FEATURED LION DANCES, BRASS BAND MUSIC, A KUNG FU DEMONSTRATION, TELE-MATCH GAMES, AS WELL AS CHINESE FOLK AND OTHER DANCES.

+WE HOPE THAT THROUGH THE FESTIVAL'S ACTIVITIES, RESIDENTS WILL BE MORE INTERESTED IN SPORTS AND PARTICIPATE IN THE DISTRICT'S RECREATION AND SPORTS PROGRAMMES,+ MR LAM SAID.

+A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES HAS BEEN PLANNED FOR THE THREE-WEEK FESTIVAL INCLUDING A SWIMMING GALA, AN ATHLETIC MEET, WIND SURFING, TELE-MATCH GAMES, VARIETY SHOWS, LAUNCH PICNICS, OUTINGS FOR THE ELDERLY, A DANCE NIGHT AND A SPORTS CARNIVAL,+ HE ADDED.

THE FESTIVAL IS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD WHICH CONTRIBUTED \$50 000 TOWARD THE TOTAL COST OF \$80 000 FOR STAGING THE EVENT.

IT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE, AND THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY WERE THE SENIOR RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICER, MR TAM PAK-HANG; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION, MR LEUNG SIK-WAH; THE ASSOCIATION VICE-CHAIRMAN, MR CHANNING SHUI AND MR LEUNG CHUNG-YIU; AND TWO DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, MR LIU LIT-FOR AND MR LEE TAT-YUE.

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APPLICATION FORMS FOR PRIMARY ONE PLACES AVAILABLE  
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PARENTS WHO WISH TO APPLY FOR A PRIMARY ONE PLACE IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR FOR THEIR CHILDREN IN SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR UNDER THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION SYSTEM CAN OBTAIN APPLICATION FORMS FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY) UNTIL OCTOBER 6, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT APPLICATION THIS YEAR FOR ADMISSION TO PRIMARY ONE IS OPEN TO ALL HONG KONG-BELONGING CHILDREN WHO WERE BORN ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1979 AND WHO ARE NOT STUDYING IN A PRIMARY SCHOOL.

HE SAID THAT PARENTS WHOSE CHILDREN ARE ATTENDING KINDERGARTENS CAN OBTAIN APPLICATION FORMS AND INFORMATION SHEETS FROM THE KINDERGARTENS.

FOR PARENTS WHOSE CHILDREN ARE NOT ATTENDING KINDERGARTENS, THE FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN DISTRICT OFFICES AND OFFICES OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED BETWEEN OCTOBER 8 AND 12 TO ONLY ONE GOVERNMENT OR AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL DIRECT IN WHICH THE PARENTS WISH TO APPLY FOR A DISCRETIONARY PLACE.

THIS SCHOOL MAY EITHER BE WITHIN OR OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT IN WHICH THE FAMILY LIVES.

BUT THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT PARENTS ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO SELECT A NEIGHBOURHOOD SCHOOL, TO REDUCE TRANSPORT PROBLEMS, AND TO TAKE THE POINTS SYSTEM INTO CONSIDERATION.

GENERALLY, THE POINTS SYSTEMS IS BASED ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE SCHOOL AND THE CHILD'S FAMILY AS WELL AS THE CHILD'S AGE.

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT ONLY ONE APPLICATION FORM CAN BE SUBMITTED IN RESPECT OF ANY ONE CHILD.

+IF PARENTS ARE FOUND TO HAVE APPLIED TO MORE THAN ONE GOVERNMENT OR AIDED SCHOOL, THEIR CHILD WILL AUTOMATICALLY FORFEIT ELIGIBILITY FOR A DISCRETIONARY PLACE,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REQUESTED PARENTS OF THOSE CHILDREN WHO CANNOT USE CHINESE AS THE LEARNING MEDIUM TO SEEK ADVICE FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION UNIT AT 269 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG, TEL. NO. 5-724383, BEFORE SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION FORM.

/EE SAID .....

HE SAID THAT SCHOOLS RECEIVING TOO FEW APPLICATIONS FOR DISCRETIONARY PLACES MIGHT NOT BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE PRIMARY ONE CLASSES. IN SUCH CASES, CHILDREN ALREADY ACCEPTED BY THESE SCHOOLS WILL HAVE TO BE RE-ALLOCATED TO SOME OTHER SCHOOLS WHICH HAVE VACANCIES.

IF PARENTS DO NOT WISH TO APPLY FOR A DISCRETIONARY PLACE IN ANY PARTICULAR SCHOOL, THEY SHOULD RETURN THE COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM BETWEEN OCTOBER 8 AND 12 TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING COLLECTING CENTRES FOR CENTRAL ALLOCATION BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT:

- \* LUI KEE EDUCATION SERVICES CENTRE,  
269 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, 2/F, HONG KONG.
- \* EDUCATION DEPARTMENT KOWLOON SUB-OFFICE,  
405 NATHAN ROAD, 6/F, KOWLOON.
- \* EDUCATION DEPARTMENT KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT EDUCATION  
OFFICE, TO KWA WAN MARKET AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 8/F,  
165 MA TAU WAI ROAD, TO KWA WAN, KOWLOON.
- \* SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, 6/F, KCR HOUSE, SHATIN STATION, N.T.
- \* TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING,  
TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO, N.T.
- \* TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, FOU WAH CENTRE,  
2/F, 210 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, N.T.
- \* TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, 1/F, TUEN MUN DISTRICT  
OFFICE BUILDING, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TUEN MUN, N.T.
- \* YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE, YUEN LONG DISTRICT  
OFFICE BUILDING, 269 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG, N.T.
- \* NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE FANLING SUB-OFFICE,  
JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING, N.T.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT PARENTS WHO WISH THEIR CHILDREN TO ATTEND PRIVATE PRIMARY SCHOOLS OR PRIMARY SCHOOLS OF THE ENGLISH SCHOOLS FOUNDATION SHOULD APPLY DIRECT TO THESE SCHOOLS AS IN THE PAST SINCE THEY ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION SYSTEM.

LATEST STATISTICS ON ORDERS-ON-HAND OUT  
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THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IN TERMS OF MONTHS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR DECLINED SLIGHTLY IN JULY 1984, COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

A MORE NOTABLE DECREASE WAS RECORDED IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY.

THE WEARING APPAREL AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC INDUSTRIES ALSO SHOWED SOME DECLINE, BUT THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS WERE STILL AT A RELATIVELY HIGH LEVEL.

COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH, EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR CONTINUED TO RISE, PARTICULARLY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY, AS MORE FACTORIES RECRUITED SUMMER WORKERS.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR DROPPED AS SOME CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS WERE COMPLETED.

IN THE SERVICES SECTOR, THE EMPLOYMENT LEVEL WAS UNCHANGED.

ALONG WITH THE INCREASES IN EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL IN ALMOST ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES ROSE.

HOWEVER, PER CAPITA EARNINGS DECLINED AS THE WAGE RATES FOR THE NEWLY RECRUITED WORKERS WERE COMPARATIVELY LOWER.

INCREASES IN PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS WERE RECORDED IN BOTH THE CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICES SECTORS, REPORTEDLY DUE TO PAYMENT OF MID-YEAR BONUSES AND SALARY REVISION.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS ARE SHOWN IN THE TABLES BELOW.

THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND THE 50 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICES SECTOR CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT IN MARCH 1983.

AS THE SAMPLE WAS NOT DRAWN ON A RANDOM BASIS, THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT RESULTS ON MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE MIGHT NOT REFLECT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE, ALTHOUGH THEY SHOULD GIVE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR JULY 1984 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE, AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, AT \$1.5 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION AT 3-7212579.

(A) ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>(% CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH)</u>			<u>ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) FOR JULY 1984</u>
	<u>MAY 1984</u>	<u>JUNE 1984</u>	<u>JULY 1984</u>	
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	1	1	- 2	5.05
TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	- 4	- 3	- 3	2.33
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	1	7	*	4.41
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	- 1	1	*	3.59
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	*	- 1	- 1	5.64
OTHERS	*	1	1	4.47
<u>ALL ABOVE INDUSTRIES</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>- 1</u>	<u>4.72</u>

(B) EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS

<u>INDUSTRY/SERVICES</u>	<u>PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED</u>			<u>PER CAPITA EARNINGS</u>			<u>PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR JULY 1984 HK\$</u>
	<u>(% CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH)</u>						
	<u>MAY 1984</u>	<u>JUNE 1984</u>	<u>JULY 1984</u>	<u>MAY 1984</u>	<u>JUNE 1984</u>	<u>JULY 1984</u>	
<u>MANUFACTURING</u>	2	5	2	3	- 3	- 2	2 612
FOOD AND DRINKS	1	1	2	2	3	- 1	3 576

/WEARING APPAREL, .....

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WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	*	2	1	5	*	- 1	2 337
TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	- 1	*	*	19	-11	- 4	2 765
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	9	15	12	2	- 8	- 3	2 303
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4	5	2	- 1	- 2	1	2 172
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	3	6	2	*	- 1	- 1	2 422
OTHERS	2	3	1	*	- 2	*	3 617
CONSTRUCTION**	1	2	- 2	3	- 2	5	4 120
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SERVICES	*	*	*	- 1	*	8	5 126
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BANKS	*	*	*	1	*	5	4 559
HOTELS	*	*	- 1	-10	- 1	1	3 171
PUBLIC UTILITIES	*	*	*	- 1	1	11	5 276
OTHERS	*	1	1	2	- 2	4	6 363

\* CHANGES WITHIN +0.5%

\*\* PERSONS ENGAGED COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS NOT INCLUDED.

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LEARNING MORE ABOUT NT  
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MORE THAN 800 SAI KUNG RESIDENTS SPENT TODAY (SUNDAY) TOURING THE NEW TERRITORIES TO SEE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE FAST-GROWING REGION, AND TAKING PART IN FUN AND GAMES.

THE ANNUAL FUN DAY, SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, WAS ORGANISED BY 22 MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN THE DISTRICT.

+UNLIKE OTHER N.T. DISTRICTS, SAI KUNG IS STILL VERY MUCH A RURAL AREA WITH ITS POPULATION SCATTERED IN DIFFERENT PLACES,+ SAID THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS CARRIE CHENG.

+A LARGE GATHERING LIKE TODAY'S OUTING IS VERY MEANINGFUL BECAUSE IT HELPS FOSTER BETTER UNDERSTANDING AMONG THE DIFFERENT GENERATIONS, AND CREATES A SENSE OF NEIGHBOURLINESS BETWEEN NEW-COMERS AND INDIGENOUS VILLAGERS IN THE DISTRICT,+ SHE ADDED.

THEY FIRST STOPPED AT SHA TIN FOR A TOUR OF THE NEW TOWN. AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY, WHILE THE RESIDENTS WERE ENJOYING VARIOUS GAMES, DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF WERE ON HAND TO HELP PARTICIPANTS REGISTER AS VOTERS.

THE PARTY ALSO TOURED TAI PO, SHEK KONG AND YUEN LONG BEFORE STOPPING OFF AT CHING CHUNG KOON, A TAOIST MONASTERY AT TUEN MUN.

THEY LATER VISITED BUTTERFLY ESTATE TO SEE THE LATEST TYPE OF PUBLIC HOUSING FLATS AND THE VARIOUS COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROVIDED THERE.

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NEW DESIGN FOR HOUSING BLOCKS  
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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, IN ITS EFFORTS TO IMPROVE BOTH ACCOMMODATION AND PROVISION STANDARDS OF PUBLIC HOUSING, HAS PRODUCED YET ANOTHER NEW STANDARD BLOCK DESIGN FOR RENTAL ESTATES.

KNOWN AS TRIDENT IV, THE NEW BLOCK DESIGN IS SMALLER THAN OTHER DESIGNS FOR HOUSING BLOCKS UNDER THE TRIDENT SERIES.

+IN FACT, IT IS ONE STEP BETTER THAN THE TRIDENT III,+ AN AUTHORITY SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

+IT HAS SIX FLATS PER WING OR 18 FLATS PER FLOOR AND ALLOWS A GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN THE MIXTURE OF FLAT SIZES.

+SINCE IT HAS LESS UNITS PER WING, IT PROVIDES A BETTER LEVEL OF PRIVACY WITHIN EACH FLOOR.+

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AS IN THE OTHER TRIDENT DESIGNS, THERE WILL BE SIX LIFTS, THUS PROVIDING BETTER SERVICE FOR TENANTS, HE SAID.

THE MULTI-ROOM CONCEPT IN THE DESIGN ALSO ENABLES ALL HABITABLE SPACES, SUCH AS BED AND LIVING ROOMS TO HAVE THE BEST FRONTAGE. ALL THE SERVICE AREAS, INCLUDING THOSE FOR DRYING CLOTHES, ARE KEPT TO THE RECESS AREA, SO AS TO KEEP A CLEAN AND UNINTERRUPTED FACADE.

THE NEW DESIGN ALSO PROVIDES CONCRETE SLAB APERTURES FOR AIR CONDITIONING UNITS.

THERE IS ALSO NO INTERNAL PARTITION WALL BETWEEN BEDROOMS AND THE LIVING AREA, ALLOWING TENANTS MORE FLEXIBILITY IN PARTITIONING THEIR OWN HOMES, THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT.

+EVEN THE SMALLEST UNIT CAN BE PARTITIONED INTO A SELF-CONTAINED FLAT, WITH ONE LIVING ROOM AND TWO BEDROOMS,+ HE SAID.

THE STANDARD HAS ALSO BEEN UPGRADED BY THE PROVISION OF SHOWER TRAYS IN THE SMALLER UNITS, AND PROPER BATH TUBS IN THE LARGER FLATS.

+IN FACT, THE STANDARD OF TOILET FACILITIES IS FAR BETTER THAN THAT PROVIDED IN THE EXISTING TRIDENT DESIGNS,+ HE SAID.

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#### FIRE PREVENTION ADVICE FOR GRAVE-SWEEPERS \* \* \* \* \*

GRAVE-SWEEPERS ARE URGED TO TAKE SPECIAL CARE AGAINST FIRE HAZARDS DURING THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL PERIOD NEXT MONTH.

+EVERY YEAR, HUNDREDS OF HILL FIRES BREAK OUT, DESTROYING TREES IN THE TENS OF THOUSANDS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

+THESE FIRES ARE MOSTLY CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE. WITH GREATER CARE, THE RISK OF HILL FIRES IN THE DRY SEASON CAN BE GREATLY REDUCED,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED THE PUBLIC TO BE PARTICULARLY CAREFUL WHEN THEY VISIT THE COUNTRYSIDE DURING THE FESTIVAL PERIOD.

GRAVE-SWEEPERS SHOULD OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING RULES:

- \* BEFORE LIGHTING UP WORSHIPPING ITEMS, MAKE SURE THE GRASS NEAR THE GRAVE SITE HAS BEEN REMOVED;
- \* BURN JOSS STICKS, CANDLES AND JOSS PAPERS IN METAL CONTAINERS;
- \* DON'T LEAVE BURNING ITEMS UNATTENDED;

/\* MAKE SURE .....

\* MAKE SURE ALL FIRES ARE EXTINGUISHED BEFORE LEAVING THE GRAVE SITE; AND

\* SOUND OUT AN ALARM AT THE FIRST SIGHT OF A HILL FIRE OR WHENEVER YOU SUSPECT A FIRE HAS BROKEN OUT.

+PICNICKERS, CAMPERS AND HIKERS SHOULD HANDLE CIGARETTE ENDS AND MATCHES WITH EXTREME CARE. IF THEY WANT TO BARBECUE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE, THEY MUST USE DESIGNATED PITS,+ HE ADDED.

+ANYONE WHO CAUSES A FIRE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE IS LIABLE TO PROSECUTION, WHICH MAY LEAD TO HEAVY FINES AND IMPRISONMENT,+ HE WARNED.

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### JOGGING SCHEME FOR TUEN MUN RESIDENTS

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TUEN MUN RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN A JOGGING SCHEME TO BE HELD IN THE DISTRICT NEXT MONTH (OCTOBER) UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF COACHES.

THE 10-WEEK SCHEME IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE (TUEN MUN OFFICE) OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT.

A SEMINAR ON THE PROPER JOGGING METHOD FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 29).

A JOGGING DEMONSTRATION WILL ALSO BE GIVEN AT THE SEMINAR.

THE PRACTICE WILL BE HELD AT TUEN MUN TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND BETWEEN 7 AM AND 8.30 AM, MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS, STARTING FROM OCTOBER 8.

COACHES WILL INSTRUCT INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANTS ON DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF JOGGING.

ON COMPLETION OF THE SCHEME, 200 PARTICIPANTS WHO SCORED THE HIGHEST ATTENDANCE RATE WILL BE AWARDED A T-SHIRT AS A SOUVENIR, AN NTSD SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SCHEME IS OPEN TO ANY TUEN MUN RESIDENTS ABOVE 12 YEARS OF AGE.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE TUEN MUN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, 'TOP COURT', TAK CHING COURT, TUEN MUN; THE RSS (TUEN MUN OFFICE), ROOM 012, THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING; AND THE OFFICE OF TUEN MUN TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE WITH THE TUEN MUN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON TELEPHONE 0-820800, EXT 421.

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SYMPOSIUM ON LABOUR-MANAGEMENT COMMUNICATION  
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL ORGANISE A SYMPOSIUM ON LABOUR-MANAGEMENT COMMUNICATION TO GIVE PARTICIPANTS A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION MECHANISMS.

THE SYMPOSIUM WILL BE RUN BY THE DEPARTMENT'S LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION UNIT AND IS DESIGNED FOR PERSONNEL MANAGERS AND OFFICERS OF SIZABLE ORGANISATIONS.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE SYMPOSIUM WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 23 (FRIDAY) AT THE SHERATON HONG KONG HOTEL, FROM 9 AM TO 4.30 PM.

EXPERIENCED PERSONNEL AND OPERATIONS MANAGERS WILL BE INVITED TO SPEAK ON DIFFERENT TOPICS, INCLUDING JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE, QUALITY CIRCLE, SUGGESTION SCHEME, HOUSE JOURNAL AND EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK.

EACH PARTICIPANT SHOULD PAY \$210, WHICH INCLUDES THE COST OF THE LUNCH AND TWO TEA SERVICES.

THOSE INTERESTED MAY CONTACT THE LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION UNIT ON 5-291709.

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ACTIVE YEAR FOR UC PROJECTS  
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IN THE LIGHT OF THE FINANCIAL STRINGENCY FACING THE URBAN COUNCIL, A FINE BALANCE WAS STRUCK BETWEEN PRUDENCE AND NECESSITY IN ALLOWING ITS CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME TO GROW AT A REASONABLE RATE DURING 1983-84.

NEVERTHELESS IT WAS AN ACTIVE YEAR IN PROJECT DEVELOPMENT, WITH THE COUNCIL ACHIEVING MANY OF THE COMMUNITY'S EXPECTATIONS OVER A WIDE RANGE OF FACILITIES, RANGING AT THE LOWER END FROM SUCH PUBLIC AMENITIES AS MARKETS AND REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS TO SPORTS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL FACILITIES AT THE OTHER END OF THE SCALE.

THIS WAS REVEALED IN THE 1984 UC ANNUAL REPORT WHICH PROVIDES A DETAILED AND GRAPHIC RECORD OF THE COUNCIL'S WORK FROM APRIL 1983 TO MARCH THIS YEAR.

AT YEAR'S END, OVER 40 MAJOR AND MINOR PROJECTS HAD BEEN COMPLETED WHILE 41 OTHERS WERE UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

/TOTAL EXPENDITURE .....

TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON CAPITAL WORKS WAS \$211.5 MILLION. CAPITAL WORKS EXPENDITURE PROJECTED FOR 1984-85 IS \$270 MILLION, A FURTHER INCREASE OF 27 PER CENT OVER 1983-84.

IN THE FIELD OF RECREATION AND SPORTS FACILITIES, NOTABLE COMPLETIONS WERE THE URBAN COUNCIL CENTENARY GARDEN, CAUSEWAY BAY SPORTS GROUND, JUNCTION ROAD PLAYGROUND, SHAM SHUI PO PARK STAGE I, CHATER GARDEN STAGE II AND THE SAU NGA ROAD RECREATIONAL GROUND.

OTHER MAJOR PROJECTS COMPLETED INCLUDED THE FLAGSTAFF HOUSE MUSEUM OF TEA-WARE, THE SAI WAN HO COMPLEX PHASE I, KOWLOON CITY TEMPORARY MARKET, CHAI WAN TEMPORARY MARKET AND THE TO KWA WAN MARKET AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES (A JOINT DEVELOPMENT WITH GOVERNMENT).

A NUMBER OF SMALLER PROJECTS SUCH AS SITTING-OUT AREAS, REST GARDENS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES WERE ALSO UNDERTAKEN DURING 1983-84.

MAJOR PROJECTS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION INCLUDE THE WANCHAI RECLAMATION RECREATION CENTRE STAGE II, SHAM SHUI PO SWIMMING POOL, NGAU CHI WAN COMPLEX, LOCKHART ROAD COMPLEX, NEW WESTERN COMPLEX AND THE PO ON COMPLEX.

OTHER IMPORTANT PROJECTS SCHEDULED TO START THIS YEAR INCLUDE THE TSIM SHA TSUI CULTURAL CENTRE, THE CHOI SAI WOO PARK, A SPORTS GROUND AT HAMMER HILL, AN INDOOR GAMES HALL AT BOUNDARY STREET SPORTS GROUND AND A LANDSCAPED PARK AND PLAYGROUND ON THE SITE OF THE FORMER KAI TAK AMUSEMENT PARK.

ALSO IN THE PIPELINE IS A SQUASH CENTRE AT VICTORIA BARRACKS ACCOMMODATING 17 COURTS AND A CENTRE EXHIBITION COURT WITH SEATING FOR SPECTATORS.

THERE ARE ALSO PLANS FOR A PLAYGROUND EACH AT SHEK KU LUNG ROAD AND HIU KWONG STREET, A FITNESS TRAIL AND SPORTS AND GAMES AREAS AS WELL AS AN EXTENSION TO THE CHINESE GARDEN AT KOWLOON PARK, A RECREATION GROUND AT KOWLOON BAY, A CENTRAL LIBRARY BUILDING AT PUI CHING ROAD IN HO MAN TIN, AND ONE URBAN COUNCIL COMPLEX EACH AT QUARRY BAY AND KOWLOON CITY.

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PHONE SERVICES FOR URBCO EVENTS  
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THE URBAN COUNCIL WILL INTRODUCE A TELEPHONE RESERVATION SERVICE FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY) FOR MOST OF ITS CULTURAL AND ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTATIONS.

PATRONS WISHING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE NEW SERVICE MAY DIAL 5-739595 AND EACH OF THEM MAY RESERVE UP TO SIX SEATS FOR A PERFORMANCE. THE TICKETS FOR THE BEST AVAILABLE SEATS AT THE TIME OF CALLING MAY BE COLLECTED UPON PAYMENT AT ANY OF THE BOX OFFICES AT THE CITY HALL, QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, SPACE MUSEUM AND HONG KONG COLISEUM.

ON CALLING, THE PATRON SHOULD TELL THE OPERATOR THE NAME, DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF THE EVENT, AND THE PRICE AND NUMBER OF TICKETS HE WANTS. HE SHOULD ALSO STATE HIS NAME, IDENTITY CARD NUMBER AND TELEPHONE NUMBER, WHICH HE OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE MUST REPEAT WHEN COLLECTING THE TICKETS. THE TICKETS MUST BE CLAIMED WITHIN THREE DAYS AFTER A RESERVATION IS MADE BUT ONE DAY BEFORE THE PERFORMANCE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE NEW SERVICE HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE BY THE COUNCIL'S COMPUTERISED TICKETING SYSTEM, KNOWN AS URBTIX, WHICH CAME INTO OPERATION IN APRIL THIS YEAR.

HE SAID THAT THE MAJOR ADVANTAGE OF URBTIX IS THAT THE BEST AVAILABLE SEATS FOR ANY PERFORMANCE ARE OFFERED AT ALL THE COMPUTERISED BOX OFFICES.

+PATRONS MAY THEREFORE SAVE MUCH TIME BY CALLING AT THE LESS BUSY BOX OFFICES SUCH AS THOSE AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM AND THE HONG KONG COLISEUM,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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ROUNDBOUT TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC  
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THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO CONSTRUCT A ROUNDBOUT AT THE JUNCTION OF SOUTH BAY ROAD AND SOUTH BAY CLOSE FOR USE AS A TEMPORARY BUS TURNING FACILITY.

NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED WORK, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE MID-1985, WAS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT FOR MANY YEARS, PUBLIC BUSES TERMINATING IN REPULSE BAY HAVE HAD TO MAKE ON-STREET THREE-POINT TURNS NEAR THE EXIT OF THE HOTEL.

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+THIS IS AN AWKWARD MANOEUVRE SINCE IT HOLDS UP TRAFFIC ON REPULSE BAY ROAD, PARTICULARLY DURING WEEKENDS IN THE SWIMMING SEASON,+ HE SAID.

+A BUS TERMINUS PROJECT WHICH AIMS TO PROVIDE BETTER PUBLIC TRANSPORT FACILITIES IN REPULSE BAY IS NOW BEING PLANNED AS A PERMANENT SOLUTION. MEANWHILE, TO ELIMINATE DISRUPTION TO THROUGH-TRAFFIC, A TEMPORARY BUS TURNING FACILITY IS URGENTLY REQUIRED.+

THE PLAN AND SCHEME OF THE PROPOSED WORK CAN BE SEEN AT:

- \* CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;
- \* DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG SOUTH, 12TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG; AND
- \* SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, ABERDEEN, HONG KONG.

ANYONE OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL MAY WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BEFORE NOVEMBER 20.

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ELECTRONIC TURNSTILE SYSTEM FOR STADIUM  
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THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF AN ELECTRONIC REGISTERED TURNSTILE SYSTEM AT HONG KONG STADIUM IN SO KON PO.

THE SYSTEM WILL CONSIST OF 30 TURNSTILES AND ELECTRONIC COUNTING EQUIPMENT. THE NUMBER OF PATRONS PASSING THROUGH EACH TURNSTILE WILL BE DISPLAYED ON A CONTROL PANEL LOCATED IN THE CONTROL ROOM.

INSTALLATION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT DURING THE STADIUM'S 1985 SUMMER MAINTENANCE PERIOD BETWEEN JUNE AND AUGUST AND THE SYSTEM WILL BE READY FOR USE WHEN THE 1985-86 SOCCER SEASON STARTS IN SEPTEMBER 1985.

TENDERS MUST BE ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN, CENTRAL TENDER BOARD, AND PLACED IN THE SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG BEFORE 12 NOON ON OCTOBER 26 (FRIDAY).

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TRAFFIC MEASURES  
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MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED THAT BOTH THE NORTH AND SOUTH BOUND CARRIAGEWAYS OF A SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 1 AM TO 5.30 AM ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 25) FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK.

THE SECTION IS BETWEEN LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD AND SHA TIN RURAL COMMITTEE ROAD.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC HEADING FOR TAI PO WILL BE RE-ROUTED VIA LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD AND TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD.

FROM THE SAME DAY, VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN FROM WOH CHAI STREET NORTHBOUND IN SHAM SHUI PO INTO NAM CHEONG STREET EASTBOUND.

THE SECTION OF WOH CHAI STREET BETWEEN PAK TIN STREET AND NAM CHEONG STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC.

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SOUVENIR KIOSKS FOR BIDDING  
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THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS TO OPERATE THREE SOUVENIR KIOSKS AT CASTLE PEAK BEACH IN TUEN MUN.

CASTLE PEAK BEACH HAD BECOME A FAVOURITE TOURIST SPOT OVER THE YEARS, AN NTSD SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN ADDITION, THE ROWING FACILITIES AND BARBECUE PITS THERE MADE IT A POPULAR HOLIDAY RESORT.

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MAY START BUSINESS ON JANUARY 1, 1985 ON A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT.

TENDER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE NTSD HEADQUARTERS, 3/F, SWIRE AND MACLAINE HOUSE (AUSTIN CENTRE), 19-23 AUSTIN AVENUE, KOWLOON, OR THE TUEN MUN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE, 1/F, 'TOP COURT', 60-70 TAK CHING COURT, TUEN MUN.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE PLACED IN THE TENDER BOX LOCATED AT THE NTSD HEADQUARTERS BEFORE 9 AM ON OCTOBER 12 (FRIDAY), THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE TUEN MUN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE AT 0-820800, EXT 301.

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