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STATEMENT BY SIR GEOFFREY HOWE
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THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS GIVEN BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS LAST (THURSDAY) NIGHT (HONG KONG TIME).

HONG KONG AGREEMENT

+I WILL, WITH PERMISSION, MR SPEAKER, MAKE A STATEMENT ON DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE RECESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE BRITISH AND CHINESE GOVERNMENTS ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

+DURING MY DISCUSSIONS IN PEKING WITH CHINESE LEADERS IN LATE JULY, I WAS ABLE TO RESOLVE MOST OF THE MAJOR ISSUES OUTSTANDING IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. I GAVE A PROGRESS REPORT IN A STATEMENT IN HONG KONG ON AUGUST 1: COPIES OF THAT STATEMENT WERE PLACED IN THE LIBRARY OF THE HOUSE ON THE SAME DAY.

+NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUED ON THE REMAINING UNRESOLVED ISSUES AND WERE BROUGHT TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION ON SEPTEMBER 22. AS A RESULT, A DRAFT AGREEMENT, CONSISTING OF A JOINT DECLARATION AND THREE ANNEXES, WAS INITIALLED ON SEPTEMBER 26 BY THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN PEKING AND THE CHINESE VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MR ZHOU NAN. IT WAS PUBLISHED ON THE SAME DAY IN A WHITE PAPER IN LONDON AND HONG KONG AND LAID BEFORE THE HOUSE.

+I SHOULD LIKE TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE HOUSE TO THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT FEATURES OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT:

- * IT CONSTITUTES A FORMAL INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT, LEGALLY BINDING IN ALL ITS PARTS. THIS IS THE HIGHEST FORM OF COMMITMENT THAT CAN BE GIVEN BY ONE SOVEREIGN STATE TO ANOTHER;
- * IT DEALS IN CONSIDERABLE DETAIL WITH CHINESE POLICIES TOWARDS HONG KONG AFTER 1997, AND THUS PROVIDES A FRAMEWORK IN WHICH THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG CAN PLAN AND WORK FOR A SECURE AND PROSPEROUS FUTURE;
- * IT THUS PROVIDES FOR HONG KONG'S DISTINCTIVE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS, FREEDOMS AND LIFESTYLE TO CONTINUE UNCHANGED;
- * IT MAKES CLEAR THAT THE POLICIES WHICH IT SPELLS OUT FOR HONG KONG WILL BE STIPULATED IN A BASIC LAW TO BE PASSED BY THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, AND WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED FOR 50 YEARS AFTER 1997.

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+IT IS NOW FOR THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG TO GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON THE DRAFT AGREEMENT. THE HOUSE HAS ALREADY BEEN INFORMED OF THE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE TO ENABLE THEM TO DO SO. OVER TWO MILLION COPIES OF THE WHITE PAPER HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED IN THE TERRITORY.

+I AM VERY GLAD TO BE ABLE TO TELL THE HOUSE THAT THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF HONG KONG HAS FELT ABLE TO RECOMMEND THE DRAFT AGREEMENT TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG - IN THE WORDS OF THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER - 'IN GOOD CONSCIENCE'.

+THE HOUSE WILL ALSO WISH TO KNOW THAT AT THE CONCLUSION OF THEIR DEBATE LAST WEEK, THE HONG KONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL GAVE THE DRAFT AGREEMENT THEIR OVERWHELMING SUPPORT AND SIMILARLY COMMENDED IT TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

+BEYOND THAT I HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED BY THE FAVOURABLE REACTIONS WHICH HAVE COME FROM MANY OTHER PUBLIC BODIES AND INDIVIDUALS IN HONG KONG AND BY THE WIDE INTERNATIONAL WELCOME IT HAS RECEIVED.

+THE HOUSE IN DUE COURSE WISH TO KNOW THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE DRAFT AGREEMENT AS A WHOLE IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG. IT WAS MADE QUITE CLEAR IN THE WHITE PAPER THAT THE DRAFT AGREEMENT ITSELF CANNOT BE AMENDED. BUT THE VIEWS EXPRESSED IN HONG KONG ON ALL PARTS OF IT WILL BE OF VALUE IN OUR CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CHINESE, PARTICULARLY IN THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP. I AM SURE THE HOUSE WOULD WISH ME TO URGE EVERYONE IN HONG KONG TO SUBMIT THEIR VIEWS ON ALL THESE ASPECTS TO THE ASSESSMENT OFFICE.

+THE REPORT OF THE ASSESSMENT OFFICE TOGETHER WITH THAT OF THE MONITORING TEAM, WILL BE PUBLISHED AT ABOUT THE END OF NOVEMBER. THE HOUSE WILL OF COURSE ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THESE REPORTS WHEN IT DEBATES THE DRAFT AGREEMENT, AND I KNOW THAT MR RT HON FRIENDS, THE LEADERS OF THE HOUSE, WILL BE SEEKING TO GIVE THE HOUSE AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO DEBATE THE MATTER AFTER THE PUBLICATION OF THESE REPORTS.

+IT WOULD NOT BE RIGHT TO ANTICIPATE THAT DEBATE, BUT THE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE QUITE CLEAR ITS OWN VIEW THAT THE DRAFT AGREEMENT PROVIDES THE ASSURANCES WHICH ARE NECESSARY IF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG ARE TO FACE THE FUTURE WITH CONFIDENCE. IN THE WORDS OF THE WHITE PAPER: 'HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT BELIEVE THAT THE AGREEMENT IS A GOOD ONE. THEY STRONGLY COMMEND IT TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG AND TO PARLIAMENT.+'

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HK-CHINA FERRY TERMINAL SITE OFFERED
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THE HONG KONG-CHINA FERRY TERMINAL SITE IN CANTON ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI, WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY CASH TENDER.

A LANDS DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY DESCRIBED THE SITE, ALSO KNOWN AS KOWLOON INLAND LOT 10743, AS +MOST VALUABLE+, AND SAID CONSIDERABLE INTEREST WAS EXPECTED FROM MAJOR DEVELOPERS.

THE 2.44-HECTARE-SITE, INCLUDING 9 000 SQUARE METRES OF SEABED, ON WHICH THERE IS AN AIRPORT HEIGHT RESTRICTION OF 60.96 METRES, IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT WHICH MAY INCLUDE A HOTEL.

THE PURCHASER WILL BE REQUIRED TO BUILD FOR THE GOVERNMENT A FERRY TERMINAL, INCLUDING A PIER, FOR THE HONG KONG-CHINA VESSEL PASSENGER SERVICES, HE SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT WILL PAY THE PURCHASER THE COST FOR CONSTRUCTING THE TERMINAL, IN STAGES, ACCORDING TO THE WORK COMPLETED. THE TOTAL AMOUNT WILL NOT EXCEED \$207.5 MILLION, HE SAID.

THE PURCHASER WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO FULFIL A BUILDING COVENANT BY COMPLETING DEVELOPMENT OF AT LEAST 41 000 SQUARE METRES IN GROSS FLOOR AREA ABOVE THE PODIUM BY THE END OF 1989.

TENDERS MUST BE PLACED IN THE 'GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX' IN CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (EAST WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, BEFORE NOON ON DECEMBER 21.

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PRIVATE FORESHORE LEASE GRANT PLANNED
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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO GRANT BY PRIVATE TREATY A LEASE ON ABOUT 655 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED TO THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY LIMITED.

THE LEASE AREA IS FOR 21 YEARS, AND WILL BE AN EXTENSION TO KOWLOON PERMANENT PIER NO. 6 IN CANTON ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.

THE LESSEE WILL BE PERMITTED TO CONSTRUCT WITHIN THE AREA ADDITIONAL SPACE AT THE ROOF AND PRAYA LEVELS FOR THE PROPOSED MULTI-PURPOSE RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS COMPLEX TO BE BUILT ON THE PIER.

THE COMPLEX WILL PROVIDE SPORTS FACILITIES MAINLY FOR THE RESIDENTS OF HARBOUR CITY.

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HOWEVER, THESE FACILITIES WILL ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO APPROVED SPORTS CLUBS ON WEEKDAY MORNINGS THROUGH THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

A PLAN CAN BE SEEN AT:

- * NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE;
- * LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY DIVISION, 5TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE/KOWLOON WEST, 10TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

ALL OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL AND CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS WITHIN TWO MONTHS.

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ACCESS FOR THE DISABLED TO BUILDINGS
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ALL FUTURE FACTORY AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS MUST HAVE ACCESS FACILITIES FOR THE DISABLED.

THE GOVERNOR, ON THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS APPROVED THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE MANDATORY PROVISIONS OF THE REVISED CODE OF PRACTICE ON ACCESS TO BUILDINGS BY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE INTO NEW REGULATIONS OF THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE.

THEY ARE:

- * BUILDING (PLANNING) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1984
- * BUILDING (ADMINISTRATION) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) REGULATIONS 1984
- * BUILDING (CONSTRUCTION) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1984
- * BUILDING (LIFTS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1984, AND
- * BUILDING (STANDARDS OF SANITARY FITMENTS, PLUMBING, DRAINAGE WORKS AND LATRINES) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1984.

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THESE NEW REGULATIONS, CONTAINING OBLIGATORY DESIGN REQUIREMENTS FOR BUILDINGS, WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON AUGUST 1 NEXT YEAR.

HE EXPLAINED THAT FROM THAT DATE, BUILDINGS FOR WHICH PLANS WERE SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL, OR FOR WHICH PERMISSION WAS SOUGHT TO COMMENCE WORKS, WOULD HAVE TO COMPLY WITH THE NEW REGULATIONS.

PLANS APPROVED BEFORE AUGUST 1, 1985, WHICH DID NOT COMPLY WOULD HAVE TO BE AMENDED TO COMPLY IF CONSENT TO COMMENCE WORKS WAS NOT SOUGHT BEFORE THAT DATE, HE SAID.

THE REGULATIONS WILL APPLY TO ALL TYPES OF BUILDINGS, EXCEPT PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS. WHILE COMPLIANCE IS GENERALLY TO BE LIMITED TO THE PUBLIC AREAS FOR BUILDINGS WITH PARTICULAR FUNCTIONS, SUCH AS CONCERT HALLS, CINEMAS AND HOTELS, ADDITIONAL SPECIAL FACILITIES MUST ALSO BE PROVIDED, HE SAID.

SCHOOLS NEED ONLY COMPLY IF THEY PROVIDE EDUCATION FOR DISABLED PERSONS.

A CODE OF PRACTICE ON DESIGN REQUIREMENTS FOR HANDICAPPED PEOPLE, WHICH WAS ONLY ADVISORY, WAS ISSUED IN JUNE 1976 TO ALL AUTHORISED PERSONS, REGISTERED STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS, INTERESTED GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, AND THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, FOR DISTRIBUTION.

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND AUTHORISED PERSONS WERE REQUESTED TO FOLLOW THE CODE AND TO INCORPORATE FACILITIES IN THEIR BUILDINGS WHERE PRACTICABLE.

IN FEBRUARY 1978, HAVING EXPERIENCED DIFFICULTY PARTICULARLY IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN ACHIEVING VOLUNTARY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CODE, THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS RECOMMENDED THAT COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE SHOULD BE MADE OBLIGATORY AFTER IMPROVEMENTS HAD BEEN CONSIDERED.

SUBSEQUENTLY, A REVIEW COMMITTEE WAS SET UP BY THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT TO REVIEW THE CODE AND LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING IT MANDATORY.

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IDB'S DECISIONS ON ELECTRONICS REPORT
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ON THE ADVICE OF THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD GIVEN AT ITS MEETING TODAY (FRIDAY), IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT TWO OF THE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT BY THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE ON THE HONG KONG ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE AND THE PRECISION METAL-WORKING INSTITUTE SHOULD NOT BE PURSUED, AT LEAST NOT AT THIS TIME.

THE BOARD FELT THAT ALL EXISTING ORGANISATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS, SUCH AS THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE AND THE TERTIARY EDUCATION BODIES WHICH CURRENTLY PROVIDE SEPARATE SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY INCLUDING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO CO-ORDINATE THEIR ACTIVITIES IN FUTURE.

ANNOUNCING THIS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE WILL NOW BE ASKED TO EXAMINE HOW ITS EXISTING SERVICES COULD BE AUGMENTED IN ORDER TO PROVIDE IN WHOLE OR IN PART THE LEVEL OF SUPPORT SERVICES WHICH THE CENTRE HAD ENVISAGED WOULD HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY THE ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE AND THE PRECISION METAL-WORKING INSTITUTE.

A UNIFIED APPROACH CONCEPT IN RESPECT OF NOT ONLY THE ELECTRONICS PROPOSALS BUT ALSO IN THE FIELDS OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE METAL-WORKING INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER ARE CURRENTLY BEING CONSIDERED BY THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE, HE SAID. IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE ROLE WHICH CAN BE PLAYED BY THE TERTIARY EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS.

AS IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SEPARATE INSTITUTIONS SHOULD NOT BE PURSUED AT THIS TIME, THE PROPOSAL IN RESPECT OF THE FUNDING OF THESE INSTITUTIONS, I.E. A LEVY ON THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY OF 0.03 PER CENT ON EXPORTS, IS NOT BEING CONSIDERED. IT WAS IN ANY CASE QUITE CLEAR THAT THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY WAS GENERALLY OPPOSED TO THIS METHOD OF FUNDING WHICH WOULD ONLY HAVE RAISED ABOUT \$7 MILLION AGAINST A REQUIREMENT OF ABOUT \$40 MILLION.

THE BOARD'S ADVICE FOLLOWED CONSULTATIONS WITH THE MAJOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY ORGANISATIONS ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE'S REPORT ON THE HONG KONG ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY AND ON THE REPORT OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP WHICH WAS SET UP TO EXAMINE THE CENTRE'S REPORT.

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WORK TO START ON BBC STATION SITE
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EIGHT LOTS IN TSANG TSUI, TUEN MUN ARE TO BE RESUMED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RELAY STATION FOR THE BRITISH BROADCASTING CORPORATION (BBC).

THE TOTAL AREA OF LAND TO BE RESUMED IS 16 800 SQUARE METRES, COMPRISING 16 500 SQUARE METRES OF AGRICULTURAL AND 300 SQUARE METRES OF BUILDING LAND.

THE SITE IS CHOSEN FOR THE PURPOSE BECAUSE IT MEETS THE TECHNICAL CRITERIA BEST, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LANDS DEPARTMENT.

THE STATION WILL IMPROVE THE RECEPTION OF THE BBC'S OVERSEAS BROADCASTS IN THE FAR EAST.

RESUMPTION IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR TO ALLOW SITE FORMATION WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT.

THE STATION WILL TAKE 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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WOMEN REMINDED ABOUT IDENTITY CARDS
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WOMEN BORN IN 1953 AND 1954 WILL BE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS WHEN THE 16TH PHASE OF THE NEW I.D. CARD ISSUE SCHEME BEGINS ON NOVEMBER 5, THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

+DURING THE FOUR WEEKS ENDING DECEMBER 1, MORE THAN 88 000 APPLICATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THESE TWO AGE GROUPS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE EIGHT NEW I.D. CARD ISSUE OFFICES WILL BE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM DAILY, EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

MEANWHILE, WOMEN BORN IN 1955 AND 1956 ARE REMINDED THAT THERE ARE ONLY SEVEN WORKING DAYS LEFT TO RENEW THEIR I.D. CARDS. THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET DONE SO SHOULD CALL AT ANY OF THE ISSUE OFFICES WITHOUT DELAY.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THERE WILL BE NO AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

+ONCE DETECTED, THEY WILL BE REPATRIATED,+ HE SAID.

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NEW KCR BOARD MEMBER NAMED

MR ALFRED TSO SHIU-WAI, A MEMBER OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO THE BOARD OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION.

THE APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE IS FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS FROM NOVEMBER 1.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD IS MR H M G FORSGATE, AND THE OTHER MEMBERS ARE MR CHAN KAM-CHUEN, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, MISS LYDIA DUNN, MR J A RICHARDSON, MR DAVID K P LI, THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT AND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE CORPORATION.

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MP'S TO MEET PRESS

TWO CONSERVATIVE MP'S, MR ROBERT HARVEY AND MR NEVILLE TROTTER, WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 11 AM IN THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, 5TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL.

THEY WILL LEAVE HONG KONG ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 28).

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BUS TERMINUS AT MARBLE ROAD

IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SITUATION OF A BUS TERMINUS AT MARBLE ROAD, NORTH POINT NEAR WHICH AN ACCIDENT OCCURRED IN AUGUST 1984, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE BUS TERMINUS FOR ROUTE 112 WAS A TEMPORARY ONE.

THE TERMINUS WILL REVERT TO ITS ORIGINAL SITE IN PAK FUK ROAD WHEN MTR CONSTRUCTION WORK IS COMPLETED IN MID-1985.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT BEFORE THE DECISION TO TERMINATE ROUTE 112 AT THE MARBLE ROAD SITE, A BUS TEST RUN WAS CONDUCTED ALONG THE ROUTE TO ENSURE THAT THE ROADS ON WHICH BUSES WOULD TRAVEL ARE SUITABLE FOR BUS OPERATION.

+THE PARTIES ATTENDING THE TEST RUN INCLUDED REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE BUS COMPANIES AND CONCERNED GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS. THIS IS A STANDARD PROCEDURE FOR NEW AND REVISED BUS SERVICES+.

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MORE HOUSING PLANNED FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE

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THE GOVERNMENT WAS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO EXPANDING ACCOMMODATION FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE TO MEET AN INCREASING DEMAND, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

AN ADDITIONAL 854 SUBSIDISED RESIDENTIAL PLACES FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE WERE BEING PLANNED FOR THIS FINANCIAL YEAR. THIS WAS A 13 PER CENT INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR'S 6 700 PLACES, HE SAID.

+MORE PROJECTS ARE IN THE PIPELINE AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE GAP BETWEEN DEMAND AND SUPPLY CAN BE SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS,+ MR CHAMBERS SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE RE-NAMING CEREMONY OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS' TAI YUEN HOSTEL FOR THE ELDERLY IN TAI PO, HE SAID THIS AREA OF SERVICE INCLUDED SHELTERED HOUSING, HOSTELS, CARE-AND-ATTENTION HOMES AND INFIRMARIES.

BUT TO MEET THESE NEEDS, THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS ALONE WERE NOT SUFFICIENT, SINCE IT RELIED TO A CONSIDERABLE EXTENT ON THE CO-OPERATION OF THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR.

THE HOSTEL, WHICH STARTED OPERATION LAST DECEMBER, WAS RENAMED AFTER MADAM HUI LAI-KUEN, WHO HAD DONATED \$500 000 TO THE TUNG WAH DEVELOPMENT FUND.

IT PROVIDES RESIDENTIAL AND MEAL SERVICE FOR 109 ELDERLY PEOPLE.

OVER \$757 000 HAD BEEN ALLOCATED FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND TO MEET THE CAPITAL COST, AND GOVERNMENT SUBVENTION TOTALLING MORE THAN \$524 000 HAD BEEN GRANTED TO COVER THE CURRENT YEAR'S EXPENDITURE.

MR CHAMBERS THANKED MADAM HUI FOR HER DONATION, AND THE TUNG WAH GROUP FOR ITS CONTINUING EFFORTS TO PROVIDE WELFARE SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY.

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NEED FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK SAFETY STRESSED

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THERE WERE 14 CASES OF FATAL ACCIDENTS IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, COMPARED WITH THE 28 FATALITIES FOR THE SIMILAR PERIOD LAST YEAR.

THIS WAS SAID TODAY BY MR TAM YIU-CHUNG, VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS, AT THE OPENING OF THE HALF-DAY SEMINAR FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY.

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IT WAS ALSO ENCOURAGING TO NOTE THAT THE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR WAS 6 618, AS AGAINST LAST YEAR'S FIGURE OF 6 711.

+THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, DUE TO THE NATURE OF ITS WORK, HAS ALWAYS BEEN CONSIDERED THE MOST HAZARDOUS INDUSTRY WITH THE HIGHEST ACCIDENT FIGURES AMONG MAJOR INDUSTRIES IN HONG KONG,+ MR TAM SAID.

IN ADDITION TO THE HUMAN LOSS AND SUFFERING, THESE SERIOUS ACCIDENTS HAD CAUSED A BIG AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION TO BE PAID.

HE WELCOMED THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, WHICH CAME INTO EFFECT IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR, WITH THE AIM OF PROTECTING WORKERS WORKING AT HEIGHTS.

MR TAM STRESSED THE NEED FOR EMPLOYERS, EMPLOYEES AND THE GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER FOR GREATER WORK SAFETY.

THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY SAFETY SEMINAR, HELD AT THE CHINESE YMCA, WAS ORGANISED BY THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD.

TALKS ON SAFE WORKING AT HEIGHTS, BAMBOO SCAFFOLDINGS AND SAFETY BELTS AND NETS WERE ALSO GIVEN AT THE SEMINAR BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EXPERTS FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

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LIBRARY FOR MONG KOK DISTRICT
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A COMPREHENSIVE LIBRARY, WITH A FLOOR AREA OF 1 400 SQUARE METRES, WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE FA YUEN STREET URBAN COUNCIL COMPLEX SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN THREE YEARS' TIME, REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM SAID TONIGHT (FRIDAY).

+TWO MORE URBAN COUNCIL COMPLEXES AT SAI YEE STREET AND TAI KOK TSUI WILL PROVIDE MORE CULTURAL AND SPORTS FACILITIES WHEN THEY ARE COMPLETED IN 1989 AND 1990 RESPECTIVELY,+ MR WIGGHAM SAID.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT CULTURAL AND SPORTS FESTIVAL.

PLANS ARE ALSO IN HAND TO BUILD AN ADDITIONAL GAMES HALL NEXT TO THE EXISTING BOUNDARY STREET INDOOR GAMES HALL IN 1986.

+IN A BUILT-UP DISTRICT LIKE MONG KOK, WHICH IS THE SMALLEST BUT YET THE SECOND MOST DENSELY POPULATED DISTRICT IN HONG KONG, THE PROVISION OF CULTURAL AND SPORTS FACILITIES IS SOMETIMES SEEN AS SOME FORM OF LUXURY,+ MR WIGGHAM SAID.

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+HOWEVER, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS OF THE DISTRICT HAVE, OVER THE YEARS, TAKEN NOTE OF THE PROBLEMS AND CONTRIBUTED POSITIVELY IN MEETING SOME OF THE DEMANDS OF THE RESIDENTS,+ HE ADDED.

SOME OF THE NOTABLE EXAMPLES INCLUDE THE MONG KOK STADIUM, MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND AND INDOOR STADIUM, BOUNDARY STREET INDOOR GAMES HALL, CHAN HING SCHOOL SERVICES CENTRE AND THE MONG KOK PUBLIC LIBRARY. IN ADDITION, FOUR PLAYGROUNDS AND 15 REST GARDENS AND SITTING-OUT AREAS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED IN THE DISTRICT.

+RECENTLY, A MULTI-PURPOSE CULTURAL AND SPORTS CENTRE, THE LIM POR YEN CENTRE WAS COMPLETED WITH THE HELP OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND THE MONG KOK DISTRICT CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION,+ MR WIGGHAM SAID.

HE SAID THE MONG KOK CULTURAL AND SPORTS FESTIVAL IS AIMED AT PROMOTING CULTURAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO USE THE MANY FACILITIES AVAILABLE.

+THIS FESTIVAL, BEING THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN THE DISTRICT, DEMONSTRATES YET AGAIN THE GOOD CO-OPERATION OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IN REALISING THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY AND POOLING THEIR RESOURCES TO MEET THE NEEDS,+ HE SAID.

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WORK LIKE OLYMPIC ATHLETES, NEW FIREMEN TOLD
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RECRUIT FIREMEN WERE TOLD TODAY TO RESPOND TO FIRE INCIDENTS WITH ALL THEIR MIGHT, +IN THE WAY THAT ATHLETES WOULD PERFORM IN THE OLYMPICS+.

THEY WERE ALSO URGED BY THE ACTING CHIEF FIRE OFFICER OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR LI KWOK-CHO, TO TREAT EACH INCIDENT AS A CHALLENGE TO THEIR PERSONAL SKILLS.

+TO YOU AS GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, BENEFITS DO NOT MEAN REWARDS IN MONETARY TERMS, NOR IN MANY CASES, RECOGNITION OR APPRECIATION OF YOUR WORK IN SAVING LIVES OR PROTECTING PROPERTY,+ THEY HEARD MR LI SAY.

THE REAL BENEFIT, THEY WERE TOLD, CAME FROM WITHIN THEIR HEARTS -- THE FEELING OF SATISFACTION AND ACHIEVEMENT, KNOWING THAT THEY, AS HUMAN BEINGS HAD BEEN ABLE TO HELP OTHERS.

FIREMEN HAD CONTINUOUSLY TO UPDATE THEIR KNOWLEDGE +TO COPE WITH THE EVERY INCREASING FIRE HAZARDS,+ AND TO WORK AS MEMBERS OF A TEAM, THEY WERE TOLD BY MR LI.

THE OCCASION WAS THE PASSING OUT PARADE OF THREE SQUADS OF FIREMEN AT THE FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL AT PAT HEUNG, TODAY.

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SUNDAY FORUM AT SHA TIN

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RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG'S DISTRICT FORUM WILL BE HELD IN SHA TIN ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 28) AT 3 PM AT LUNG HANG ESTATE IN TAI WAI.

PANELISTS INCLUDE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, MR WAI HON-LEUNG, MRS CHAN LO YIN-BING, AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS, MR CHAN SZE-BUN, MR CHAN HON-YING, MR ANTHONY WONG, MR CHAN KAM-CHEUNG AND THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM WOON-KWONG.

THEY WILL DISCUSS PROBLEMS INVOLVING TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT, SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND THE FUNCTION OF DISTRICT BOARD.

THE FORUM IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND RTHK.

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BADMINTON SCHEME, ARCHERY SEMINAR OFFERED

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A BADMINTON AWARD SCHEME AND AN ARCHERY SEMINAR HAVE BEEN ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE (RSS) OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT.

UNDER THE BADMINTON AWARD SCHEME, BRONZE MEDAL TRAINING COURSES ARE BEING OFFERED TO YOUNG PEOPLE ABOVE 11 YEARS OF AGE.

THE SCHEME, ORGANISED BY THE RSS WITH THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE AND THE HONG KONG BADMINTON ASSOCIATION, ENABLES THE YOUTHS TO TAKE AN EXAMINATION, INITIALLY, FOR THE BRONZE MEDAL. THE YOUTHS CAN THEN LATER ATTAIN THE SILVER AND GOLD MEDALS BY TAKING FURTHER TESTS.

FOR THE PRESENT, EIGHT BRONZE MEDAL COURSES WILL BE HELD TWICE A WEEK AT VARIOUS INDOOR GAMES HALLS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR, AND TWO OTHER COURSES WILL BE HELD AT THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE, SHA TIN, ON SUNDAYS.

EACH COURSE WILL CONSIST OF 10 SESSIONS.

THE FIRST COURSE WILL START ON NOVEMBER 19, AND THE LAST ONE ON DECEMBER 19.

ENROLMENT IS LIMITED TO 32 PERSONS EACH COURSE AND THE COURSE FEE IS \$20.

THE ARCHERY SEMINAR, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE, AND THE HONG KONG ARCHERY ASSOCIATION, WILL BE HELD AT THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE ON DECEMBER 2 (SUNDAY).

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LECTURES WILL BE GIVEN BY EXPERIENCED COACHES AND VETERAN ARCHERS, AND THERE WILL BE GROUP DISCUSSIONS AND PRACTICAL SESSIONS.

ENROLMENT IS LIMITED TO 90 PERSONS WHO MUST HAVE EXPERIENCE IN THE SPORT AND WHO MUST BE AT LEAST 16 YEARS OF AGE.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE BADMINTON COURSES CLOSE ON NOVEMBER 5 AND FOR THE ARCHERY SEMINAR ON NOVEMBER 6.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE HEAD OFFICE OF RSS ON THE 11TH FLOOR OF WING ON CENTRE, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT 5-458511.

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PEDESTRIAN SUBWAY FOR JORDAN ROAD
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THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PLANS TO CONSTRUCT A PEDESTRIAN SUBWAY SYSTEM AT THE JUNCTION OF JORDAN ROAD AND FERRY STREET IN YAU MA TEI.

THE WORK COMPRISES THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO PEDESTRIAN SUBWAYS RUNNING ACROSS FERRY STREET AND JORDAN ROAD AT THE JUNCTION OF JORDAN ROAD AND FERRY STREET.

ON COMPLETION OF THE NEW SUBWAYS, WHICH WILL PROVIDE GRADE SEPARATED FACILITIES FOR PEDESTRIANS CROSSING JORDAN ROAD AND FERRY STREET, THE EXISTING TEMPORARY STEEL FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS FERRY STREET WILL BE DEMOLISHED.

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO START IN JULY 1985 AND BE COMPLETED BY OCTOBER 1986.

A NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED WORK IS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE UNDER THE ROADS (WORKS, USE AND COMPENSATION) ORDINANCE.

PLANS CAN BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;
- * KOWLOON (WEST) DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND
- * DISTRICT OFFICE (YAU MA TEI), 490-492 NATHAN ROAD, HOP FAT COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND, 2ND - 5TH FLOORS, KOWLOON.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED WORK SHOULD REACH THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS IN WRITING NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 25.

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SUMMER AQUATIC COURSES END
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PARTICIPANTS OF TRAINING COURSES AND WINNERS OF VARIOUS COMPETITIONS OFFERED BY THE 1984 SUMMER AQUATIC PROGRAMME RECEIVED CERTIFICATES AND TROPHIES AT A CEREMONY AT THE VICTORIA PARK SWIMMING POOL TONIGHT (OCTOBER 26).

THE AQUATIC PROGRAMME, WHICH STARTED IN 1978, IS AN ANNUAL JOINT PROJECT OF THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

THE AQUATIC EVENTS INCLUDED SWIMMING, SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING, LIFE-SAVING, DIVING AND SNORKELLING.

THIS YEAR, ABOUT 2 000 PEOPLE TOOK PART IN 58 TRAINING COURSES ORGANISED UNDER THE PROGRAMME.

THE CHIEF RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER OF THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE, MR RAYMOND CHAN AND URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR AUGUSTINE CHUNG WERE AMONG THE OFFICIATING GUESTS.

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CHILDREN'S BOOKS ON SHOW
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AN EXHIBITION OF CHILDREN'S BOOKS WILL BE HELD AT PUI CHING MIDDLE SCHOOL AT WATERLOO ROAD, KOWLOON, ON NOVEMBER 10 AND 11.

IT IS ORGANISED BY THE LIBRARY SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AND IS DESIGNED TO ACQUAINT PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND PUPILS WITH A SELECTION OF BOOKS CONSIDERED SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN AND AVAILABLE IN THE MARKET.

+TE CHERS SHOULD FIND THIS EXHIBITION HELPFUL IN BUILDING UP A BAL NCED AND ATTRACTIVE STOCK FOR THEIR CLASS LIBRARIES IN ORDER TO MOTIVATE PUPILS TO READ FOR ENJOYMENT,+ HE SAID.

THE MAJORITY OF BOOKS ON DISPLAY WILL BE IN CHINESE, TOGETHER WITH A SMALL SELECTION OF BOOKS IN ENGLISH.

SCHOOL HEADS, TEACHERS AND STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO VISIT THE EXHIBITION WHICH WILL BE OPEN FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM ON BOTH DAYS.

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FRESH, SALT WATER MAINS WORKS

FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN WAN CHAI AND TUEN MUN WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVERAL HOURS ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 29) FOR WATER WORKS.

IN WAN CHAI, THE SUPPLY WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY MONMOUTH PATH, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, QUEENSWAY, HENNESSY ROAD AND ANTON STREET, INCLUDING RODNEY BLOCK.

IN TUEN MUN, THE SUPPLY WILL BE CUT OFF FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM. AFFECTED ARE PREMISES BOUNDED BY THE SECTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD FROM CHUNG UK TSUEN TO FU TEI ROUNDABOUT, INCLUDING NAI WAI, LAM TEI, TO YUEN WAI, TUEN TSZ WAI, SAN HING TSUEN, FU TEI AND WONG FUNG LENG.

AND IN HO MAN TIN SALT WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR NINE HOURS FROM 8 AM TO 5 PM ON THE SAME DAY FOR WATER WORKS.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE WITHIN THE AREA OF HO MAN TIN AND KING'S PARK, INCLUDING KING GEORGE V COLLEGE, HO MAN TIN ESTATE, OI MAN ESTATE AND VALLEY ROAD ESTATE.

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FIRING PRACTICE WARNING

FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON THREE DAYS NEXT WEEK.

THE PRACTICE TAKES PLACE FROM 8 AM TO 5 PM ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 29), AND FROM 8 AM TO 11 PM ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 30) AND WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 31).

THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

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