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SIR PHILIP VISITS E AND M SERVICES
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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, TODAY VISITED THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

ARRIVING AT THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS IN CAROLINE HILL ROAD, SIR PHILIP WAS MET BY THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES, MR GRAHAM OSBORNE.

SIR PHILIP WAS THEN BRIEFED ON THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT DURING WHICH HE MET THE ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR, MR M.J. HUTTON; THE GOVERNMENT ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEER (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT), MR MIAO CHI; THE ACTING GOVERNMENT ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEER (WORKS AND SERVICES), MR ARTHUR OLIVIER AND THE DEPARTMENTAL SECRETARY, MR IAN YOUNG.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY THEN TOURED THE DEPARTMENT'S CAROLINE HILL COMPLEX AND VISITED THE DRAWING OFFICE, MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL PLANT SECTIONS, THE VEHICLE WORKSHOPS, THE APPRENTICE TRAINING SCHOOL AND OTHER SECTIONS WHERE HE WAS SHOWN SOME ASPECTS OF THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT AND DURING WHICH HE MET AND SPOKE TO A NUMBER OF THE STAFF.

FOLLOWING THE TOUR SIR PHILIP HAD A DISCUSSION WITH SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT. DURING HIS TWO AND A HALF HOURS VISIT THE CHIEF SECRETARY SHOWED KEEN INTEREST IN THE DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT.

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GOVERNOR'S PRESS OFFICER
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MR Y.P. CHENG, THE GOVERNMENT CHIEF INTERPRETER, AND MR PETER TSAO, DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, WILL TRAVEL WITH THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, TO PEKING NEXT WEEK. MR TSAO WILL SERVE AS THE GOVERNOR'S PERSONAL PRESS OFFICER.

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NEW APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED
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THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED DR KIM Y.S. CHAM AND DR VICTOR K.K. FUNG AS MEMBERS OF THE STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE WITH EFFECT FROM JULY 1, 1983. THE APPOINTMENT IS FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS.

DR CHAM IS AN APPOINTED MEMBER OF THE URBAN COUNCIL AND WAS RECENTLY ELECTED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE HONG KONG COMMODITY EXCHANGE LTD. DR FUNG IS THE GROUP MANAGING DIRECTOR OF LI AND FUNG LTD AND IS SERVING ON A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT BOARDS INCLUDING THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

IT IS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT MR JOHN L. SOONG, OBE HAS RETIRED FROM THE STANDING COMMISSION ON JULY 1, 1983 AFTER SERVING AS A MEMBER SINCE JANUARY 1979.

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NEW TEST SYSTEM WON'T LOWER STANDARD

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THE ADOPTION OF A MORE +COMMON SENSE+ APPROACH TO DRIVING LICENCE ROAD TESTS WILL NOT LEAD TO ANY LOWERING OF STANDARDS, THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR COLIN PRISTON, SAID TODAY.

AT PRESENT, TESTING IS CARRIED OUT BY USING A CHECKLIST OF FAULTS. ONCE A CERTAIN TOTAL IS PASSED THE CANDIDATE IS AUTOMATICALLY FAILED.

THIS SYSTEM IS +A LITTLE TOO RIGID+, HE SAID.

+A PERSON MIGHT BE A SAFE DRIVER BUT THE 'TICK SYSTEM' MEANT THAT THERE WAS NO ROOM FOR ANY LEEWAY TO TAKE A COMMON SENSE DECISION TO GIVE HIM, OR HER A LICENCE.+

A TRIAL TEST SYSTEM TO RUN FOR THREE MONTHS FROM JULY 15 WILL ONLY FAIL A CANDIDATE IF SERIOUS FAULTS ARE INDICATED. OTHER MISTAKES WILL STILL BE LISTED AND TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN THE PASS-FAIL DECISION.

+THE REQUIRED STANDARD WILL CERTAINLY NOT BE LOWERED,+ SAID MR PRISTON. +THERE IS NO SUGGESTION THAT PEOPLE WILL HAVE THINGS ANY EASIER DURING THE TESTS. WE ARE JUST ATTEMPTING TO REMOVE SOME OF THE RIGIDITY IN ASSESSMENTS.+

IT IS HOPED THAT THE PROPORTION OF CANDIDATES WHO PASS THEIR DRIVING TEST WILL INCREASE FROM THE PRESENT 15 PER CENT TO A RATIO CLOSER TO THE LEVEL IN OTHER NATIONS AROUND THE WORLD.

CANDIDATES WILL NOW BE TOLD SHORTLY AFTER THEY HAVE COMPLETED THEIR TEST WHETHER OR NOT THEY HAVE FAILED INSTEAD OF HAVING TO WAIT ABOUT 10 DAYS TO BE NOTIFIED BY POST.

THE DEPARTMENT DEFINES A SERIOUS FAULT IN A TEST AS ONE WHICH INVOLVES EITHER IMMEDIATE OR POTENTIAL DANGER ON THE ROAD AND/OR MANOEUVRES THAT ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.

MINOR FAULTS ARE MISTAKES SUCH AS FAILURE TO SELECT CORRECT GEAR FIRST TIME.

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\$68M RECLAMATION CONTRACT SIGNED

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THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AWARDED A \$68-MILLION CIVIL ENGINEERING CONTRACT TO UNIVERSAL DOCKYARD LTD TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED BY MR ANTHONY FUNG, ACTING GOVERNMENT CIVIL ENGINEER AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMPANY.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 1 230-METRE SEAWALL AND THE RECLAMATION OF ABOUT 16 HECTARES OF LAND OFF THE NORTHERN SHORE OF STONECUTTERS ISLAND.

THE RECLAIMED LAND WILL BE USED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PROPOSED SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS WHICH IS TO SERVE THE NORTH WESTERN PART OF KOWLOON.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT WILL TAKE ABOUT FOUR YEARS TO COMPLETE.

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OWNERS REMINDED ABOUT VEHICLE EXAMINATION

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT REMINDED GOODS VEHICLE OWNERS TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT ALL GOODS VEHICLES MANUFACTURED IN 1972 AND 1973, WITH LICENCES THAT EXPIRE ON OR AFTER JUNE 30, THIS YEAR WILL BE REQUIRED TO UNDERGO EXAMINATION.

VEHICLES MANUFACTURED BEFORE 1972 WHICH HAD UNDERGONE INSPECTION PREVIOUSLY WERE EXEMPTED FROM EXAMINATION FROM JULY 1, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE KOWLOON BAY VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE AT 2 CHEUNG YIP STREET IS NOW ACCEPTING EXAMINATION APPOINTMENTS FROM VEHICLE OWNERS.

APPOINTMENT FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM ALL LICENSING OFFICES AND VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRES OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT. ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON 3-7597505.

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EMPLOYMENT SURVEY UNDERWAY
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS NOW CONDUCTING A SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL IN MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY.

THE SURVEY COVERS ABOUT 137 000 ESTABLISHMENTS DRAWN FROM VARIOUS SECTORS, INCLUDING THE INDUSTRIAL AND THE SERVICES SECTORS, WITH FULL ENUMERATION OF ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE WHOLESALE, RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS.

QUESTIONNAIRES WERE MAILED LAST MONTH TO INDIVIDUAL BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS AND REMINDERS ARE NOW BEING SENT TO ESTABLISHMENTS THAT HAVE NOT RESPONDED TO THE INITIAL QUESTIONNAIRES.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDER 1982 (LEGAL NOTICE NO. 69 OF 1982, GAZETTED ON MARCH 5, 1982), ESTABLISHMENTS RECEIVING QUESTIONNAIRES ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THEM TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED.

INFORMATION IS BEING SOUGHT ON THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED AND EXISTING VACANCIES ON JUNE 30, 1983 IN EACH ESTABLISHMENT.

SOME 10 000 ESTABLISHMENTS HAVE BEEN SELECTED FROM THE SAMPLE AND WILL BE ASKED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PAYROLL IN EACH OF THE THREE MONTHS DURING THE REFERENCE PERIOD OF APRIL - JUNE 1983.

ESTABLISHMENTS ENGAGED IN THE WHOLESALE, RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE MAJOR KIND OF BUSINESS ACTIVITIES DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS.

SHOULD RESPONDENTS FIND DIFFICULTIES IN COMPLETING THE FORMS, THEY ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE AT THE FOLLOWING TELEPHONE NUMBERS (PRINTED AT THE BACK OF THE SURVEY FORMS) :-

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JOGGING PATH FOR TSUEN WAN
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A JOGGING PATH IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE OPENED WITH FANFARE ON SATURDAY (JULY 9) MORNING.

THE FU YUNG PATH IS A CIRCULAR ROUTE OF MORE THAN ONE KILOMETRE, CONNECTING MUDDY TRACKS AROUND THE FU YUNG SHAN AREA. IT WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR THE RESIDENTS.

THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR ALAN SCOTT, WHO IS PRESIDENT OF THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION; THE DISTRICT OFFICER (TSUEN WAN), MISS ELAINE CHUNG AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE, MR CHAU HOW-CHEN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 10 AM.

ALSO PRESENT WILL BE THE FIRST AND SECOND RUNNERS-UP AND MISS FRIENDSHIP OF THE MISS HONG KONG CONTEST, MR VITALITY AND MISS VITALITY, AND OTHER TELEVISION PERSONALITIES.

THE JOGGING PATH RUNS ALONG A NUMBER OF SCENIC SPOTS AND OFFERS, ALONG MOST OF THE WAY, A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE NEW TOWN.

BUILT AT A COST OF \$160 000 AND FUNDED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE PATH TOOK FOUR MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

PRIOR TO THE OPENING CEREMONY, A JOGGING COMPETITION WILL BE HELD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE FU YUNG PATH AT 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JULY 9) AT THE ROTARY PAVILION ON FU YUNG SHAN, TSUEN WAN.

TWO GOVERNMENT VEHICLES WILL LEAVE THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE IN FOU WAH CENTRE, 210 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, AT 9.15 AM, TAKING PRESS MEMBERS TO THE ROTARY PAVILION.

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AMBULANCE CALLS HIT NEW PEAK
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THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY) RESPONDED TO A RECORD NUMBER OF 1 002 AMBULANCE CALLS RECEIVED IN A 24-HOUR PERIOD.

+THIS REPRESENTED AN AVERAGE OF ABOUT 42 CALLS RECEIVED EVERY HOUR BY THE DEPARTMENT,+ A SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

THE PREVIOUS RECORD OF 978 CALLS WAS SET IN FEBRUARY 28 THIS YEAR AT THE FIRE SERVICES COMMUNICATION CENTRE, HE SAID.

THE NUMBER OF AMBULANCE CALLS HAS BEEN INCREASING STEADILY IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

+IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR, THE AMBULANCE COMMAND RESPONDED TO 148 037 CALLS, COMPARED WITH 134 355 DURING THE SIMILAR PERIOD IN 1982, AN INCREASE OF APPROXIMATELY 10.4 PER CENT.+

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SHORT-TERM LAND TENANCY AVAILABLE
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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS NOW INVITING TENDERS FOR A SHORT-TERM TENANCY OF A SITE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE SITE AT FUNG YAU STREET, YUEN LONG, IS FOR A FEE-PAYING PUBLIC CAR PARK. IT HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 2 238 SQUARE METRES.

THE TENANCY FOR THE SITE IS FOR TWO YEARS, AND QUARTERLY THEREAFTER.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS IS NOON ON JULY 22.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND TENDER PLAN INSPECTED AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, SURVEY DIVISION, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON WEST, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON; AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, YUEN LONG, YUEN LONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICE, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG, NEW TERRITORIES.

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RESIDENTS' POTTERY ON DISPLAY
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A THREE-WEEK POTTERY EXHIBITION, FEATURING MORE THAN 50 ITEMS MADE BY RESIDENTS IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT, WILL BE HELD FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE EXHIBITS WILL INCLUDE WORKS BY LOCAL PROFESSIONAL AND AMATEUR ARTISTS AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS.

ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE EXHIBITION IS AIMED AT PROMOTING FINE ARTS IN THE DISTRICT.

IT WILL BE OPEN DAILY FROM 10 AM TO 8 PM AT THE EXHIBITION HALL OF THE NEW ABERDEEN MARKET COMPLEX.

ADMISSION IS FREE.

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BUILDING CONSIDERED DANGEROUS
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY DECLARED A SINGLE STOREY BUILDING, NO. 50 LOK LO HA, SHA TIN TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION AND A SIMILAR BUILDING NO. 49 LOK LO HA LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED THIS MORNING THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID THAT THESE SINGLE STOREY BUILDINGS, CONSTRUCTED WITH LOAD-BEARING WALLS AND TIMBER ROOF WERE INSPECTED FOLLOWING A COMPLAINT OF PARTIAL COLLAPSE OF THE ROOF OF NO. 50.

+IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THERE IS A SERIOUS RISK OF COLLAPSE.

+NO. 49 WHICH SHARES A COMMON WALL WITH NO. 50 WOULD NOT SAFELY WITHSTAND THE DEMOLITION OF NO. 50.

+IT IS, THEREFORE, NECESSARY TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH THESE BUILDINGS,+ HE SAID.

ACCORDINGLY NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS IN NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT COURT, TSUEN WAN, AT 9.30 AM ON AUGUST 4, 1983 WERE POSTED TODAY.

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MODEL PEDESTRIANS AND DRIVERS CHOSEN

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TWENTY-SIX CIVIC-MINDED RESIDENTS IN WONG TAI SIN HAVE BEEN SELECTED AS MODEL PEDESTRIANS AND DRIVERS FOR EXERCISING GREAT CARE ON THE ROADS.

THE SELECTIONS WERE PART OF THE DISTRICT'S THREE-MONTH ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN WHICH STARTED IN EARLY JUNE.

FUNDED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AT \$30 000, THE CAMPAIGN IS TO DRIVE HOME THE MESSAGE THAT +ROAD ACCIDENTS WRECK LIVES+ AND TO EDUCATE THE RESIDENTS TO BE MORE CAREFUL ON THE ROADS.

AN ORGANISING COMMITTEE, COMPRISING MEMBERS FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE POLICE, HAD BEEN FORMED TO PLAN THE EDUCATIONAL AND PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES ON ROAD SAFETY.

A CROSS-WORD PUZZLE, A SLOGAN COMPETITION AND A PHOTO CONTEST HAVE SINCE BEEN HELD IN THE DISTRICT. AND IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS, THERE WILL BE MOBILE FILM SHOWS IN TSZ WAN SHAN AND MORSE PARK, AND ROAD SAFETY EXHIBITIONS AT THE WONG TAI SIN AND CHOI HUNG MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATIONS.

OTHER PROGRAMMES WILL INCLUDE A MOBILE ROAD SAFETY TOWN TO BE STAGED AT THE CHOI WAN ESTATE PODIUM FOR EIGHT DAYS STARTING JULY 10, AND FOR ANOTHER TWO WEEKS AT THE CHOI HUNG ESTATE BEGINNING AUGUST 7.

CAPTAIN SAFETY WILL POSE FOR A DRAWING COMPETITION AT MORSE PARK ON JULY 17. THE EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT YOUTH RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE.

ON SUNDAY (JULY 10), A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY, TO BE FOLLOWED BY A TWO-HOUR VARIETY SHOW JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND A LOCAL TELEVISION STATION, WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM IN THE CHOI WAN ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PHILIP CHOK, THE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR KEITH TIDEY, AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MRS PAULINE NG, WILL ATTEND THE CEREMONY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AND THE VARIETY SHOW OF THE WONG TAI SIN ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN AT 2.30 PM ON SUNDAY (JULY 10) IN THE CHOI WAN ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

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SEMINAR FOR CHEMISTRY TEACHERS
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MORE THAN 300 CHEMISTRY TEACHERS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL TAKE PART IN A TWO-DAY SEMINAR ON FUELS, PETROLEUM REFINING AND COMBUSTION OF FUELS AT KEI CHI MIDDLE SCHOOL ON SATURDAY AND NEXT SATURDAY.

JOINTLY ORGAINSED BY THE HONG KONG CHEMICAL SOCIETY AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE SEMINAR IS TO INTRODUCE TO TEACHERS THE SOURCES OF FUELS, THE NEW TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES IN PETROLEUM REFINING, THE IMPORTANCE OF FUELS IN DAILY LIFE AND THE POLLUTION PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE USE OF FUELS.

THE SEMINAR WILL INCLUDE ILLUSTRATED TALKS, DISCUSSION SESSIONS AND PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATIONS.

KEI CHI MIDDLE SCHOOL IS SITUATED AT 20 SHUI NING STREET, KWUN TONG, KOWLOON.

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NEW PHONE NUMBER FOR HOSPITAL
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A NEW TELEPHONE EXCHANGE - NO. 3-7102111 - WILL COME INTO OPERATION AT QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL FROM SATURDAY (JULY 9).

IN-COMING CALLS THROUGH THE OLD NUMBER - 3-840111 - WILL, MEANWHILE, STILL BE RECEIVED, A MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE OLD AND NEW TELEPHONE EXCHANGES WILL BE OPERATING SIMULTANEOUSLY ONLY UNTIL AUGUST 9, WHEN THE NEW PABX SYSTEM WILL BECOME FULLY OPERATIONAL AT THE HOSPITAL.

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STREET SWEEPING - FOR CHARITY
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'SWEEPING FOR GOLD' -- A FUND-RAISING CLEAN-UP OPERATION -- WILL BE LAUNCHED IN WAN CHAI ON SATURDAY (JULY 9) MORNING.

STARTING AT 9 AM, MORE THAN 200 STUDENTS FROM THE HONG KONG WAH YAN COLLEGE WILL CLEAN SIX ENVIRONMENTAL BLACKSPOTS IN THE DISTRICT. FOR EACH BAG OF RUBBISH COLLECTED, A SUM OF MONEY WILL BE DONATED BY LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS.

THE MONEY RAISED WILL BE DONATED TO THE COMMUNITY CHEST OF HONG KONG.

/THE FUND-RAISING

THE FUND-RAISING OPERATION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE, HONG KONG WAH YAN COLLEGE, THE DISTRICT CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE AND THE WAN CHAI URBAN SERVICES OFFICE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER THE EVENT SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT 9 AM ON SATURDAY (JULY 9) AT THE SOUTHOBN PLAYGROUND.

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YOUTH CHOIR TO GIVE FIRST CONCERT

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A YOUTH CHOIR HAS BEEN FORMED IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN TO PROMOTE YOUNG PEOPLE'S INTEREST IN MUSIC AND TO DEVELOP THEIR MUSICAL TALENTS WITH PROPER TRAINING.

FORMED IN JANUARY THIS YEAR, THE 53-MEMBER CHOIR WILL GIVE ITS FIRST CONCERT AT 8 PM ON THURSDAY (JULY 14) AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL.

THE CONCERT WILL FEATURE A MIXED CHORUS, GIRLS CHORUS, BOYS CHORUS, GIRLS ENSEMBLE, MEZZO SOPRANO SOLO, VIOLIN SOLO AND BRASS ENSEMBLE.

THE CONDUCTORS WILL BE MISS JANE YUNG, MISS VIVIAN CHIH, MR YUEN BUN-KEUNG AND MR RICHARD TSANG. THE SOPRANO SOLO WILL BE BY MISS LEE BING, THE VIOLIN SOLO BY MR KWAN LAP HOK AND AT THE PIANO WILL BE MISS CHAE MAN-WA.

TICKETS AT \$5, \$10 AND \$15 ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE CITY HALL BOX OFFICE.

A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THEY WERE PLANNING TO EXPAND THE CHOIR TO 100 MEMBERS AND THAT MORE TRAINING COURSES AND SEMINARS WOULD BE ORGANISED.

+IT IS HOPED THAT THE CHOIR WILL PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN FUTURE DISTRICT FUNCTIONS AND TERRITORY-WIDE EVENTS,+ HE SAID.

THE CHOIR IS BEING FINANCED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND IS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS.

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SUPPLEMENT

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GOVERNOR MEETS PRESS ON RETURN FROM LONDON TALKS

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE GIVEN BY H.E. THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, ON HIS RETURN FROM LONDON, JULY 7, 1983, AT THE VIP PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, KAI TAK AIRPORT, HONG KONG.

H.E.: GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I THINK YOU ALL KNOW THE MAIN LINES OF WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING AND FOR THOSE WHO DON'T PERHAPS I SHOULD RECAP THAT WE HAVE JUST SPENT A FEW DAYS IN LONDON. I WENT A DAY EARLY IN ORDER TO SEE MINISTERS AND I SAW THE FOREIGN SECRETARY AND MR LUCE ON FRIDAY; THEN MY UNOFFICIAL COLLEAGUES CAME AND WE SPENT SOME TIME OVER THE WEEKEND IN PREPARATION FOR MEETINGS WHICH WE ALL HAD WITH THE FOREIGN SECRETARY AND WITH THE PRIME MINISTER ON MONDAY.

THEN ON TUESDAY, WE HAD SOME QUITE LONG DISCUSSIONS WITH MR LUCE AFTER LUNCH, AND IN THE EVENING WE GAVE A RECEPTION ON WHICH I AND THE UNOFFICIALS WERE ABLE TO MEET QUITE A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, QUITE A NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT CAME ALONG AND MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION, AND OTHER MINISTERS AND FORMER MINISTERS WHO HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH HONG KONG, OR WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN HONG KONG. SO IN QUITE A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SEE THE NEW MINISTERS IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE, THE PRIME MINISTER AND QUITE A CROSS-SECTION OF PEOPLE FROM PARLIAMENT AND BUSINESS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN HONG KONG. I THINK YOU WILL ALL HAVE SEEN THE ANNOUNCEMENT WHICH WAS MADE AT THE END OF OUR TALKS AND SO I NEEDN'T REPEAT THAT TO YOU, AND I THINK ALL I NEED DO AT THIS STAGE IS SAY WHO WOULD LIKE TO ASK A QUESTION?

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QUESTION: COULD YOU SAY WHETHER THE ISSUE OF SOVEREIGNTY HAS BEEN RESOLVED BECAUSE HERE IN HONG KONG WE HAVE VARIOUS SPECULATIONS IN THE PRESS THAT BRITAIN IS QUITE WILLING TO GIVE UP SOVEREIGNTY, BUT AFTER YOUR TALKS WITH MRS THATCHER, COULD YOU TELL US WHAT EXACTLY IS HAPPENING ON THAT ISSUE?

H.E.: WELL, I THINK PERHAPS I HAD BETTER MAKE QUITE A GENERAL STATEMENT AT THE BEGINNING, WHICH IS, I KNOW OF ALL THIS SPECULATION WHICH IS GOING ON IN THE PRESS AND THE SPECULATION ABOUT POSITIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN TAKEN UP AND WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN TAKEN UP, BUT WE HAVE SAID, AND I REPEAT AGAIN, THAT THE TALKS ARE CONFIDENTIAL AND WE ARE NOT GOING TO COMMENT ON INDIVIDUAL PRESS STORIES. THE GENERAL SPECULATION IS NOT AN ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF THE POSITION, AND THE REASON I MAKE THIS STATEMENT THIS MORNING IS THAT AS YOU ALL KNOW, I SHALL BE GOING TO PEKING NEXT WEEK AND I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THAT WILL LEAD TO ANOTHER WIDE SERIES OF STORIES ABOUT POSITIONS AND WHAT IS HAPPENING. NOW, IT IS NOT GOING TO BE POSSIBLE IF WE ARE GOING TO CONDUCT CONFIDENTIAL TALKS, TO COMMENT ON INDIVIDUAL ISSUES.

QUESTION: HOW WILL THE SECOND ROUND OF TALKS DIFFER FROM THE PREVIOUS ONE?

H.E.: WELL, I THINK THE PHRASE WHICH THE FOREIGN OFFICE USED IN DESCRIBING THEM THE OTHER DAY WAS +A NEW AND MORE DETAILED PHASE+, BUT AS I SAID IN MY TALK ON TELEVISION AT THE END OF MAY, WE HAVE NOT DISTINGUISHED SUBSTANTIVELY BETWEEN THE VARIOUS STAGES OF THE TALKS. I THINK THE ONE WAY IN WHICH IT IS GOING TO DIFFER IS THAT I SHALL BE THERE ON TUESDAY, WHEREAS I HAVEN'T BEEN THERE BEFORE.

QUESTION: CAN YOU TELL US WHY YOU'RE GOING TO PEKING, AND WHOM YOU WILL BE REPRESENTING THERE?

H.E.: I CAN CERTAINLY TELL YOU WHY I'M GOING TO PEKING, IT WAS IN THE ANNOUNCEMENT IF YOU READ IT. I'M GOING TO PEKING TO TAKE PART IN THE TALKS, AND WHAT I SHALL BE DOING THERE IS THIS: I THINK THE CONTRIBUTION I CAN MAKE TO THE TALKS IS FAIRLY CLEAR. I HAVE A VERY DIRECT EXPERIENCE OF HOW HONG KONG WORKS, I HAVE A VERY DIRECT KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT PEOPLE IN HONG KONG ARE SAYING THEY WANT, AND I THINK I CAN ALSO SAY WITHOUT UNDUE MODESTY THAT I HAVE BEEN IN THE DIPLOMATIC BUSINESS FOR THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AND IN REGULAR CONTACT WITH HONG KONG FOR A PERIOD SLIGHTLY LONGER THAN THAT, SO I THINK THAT IS THE CONTRIBUTION WHICH I CAN MAKE TO THE PEKING TALKS.

QUESTIONS: CAN YOU SUM UP THE SORT OF VIEWS, THE UNOFFICIALS' VIEWS, WHICH HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE PRIME MINISTER AS THE SORT OF GENERAL FEELINGS OF THE PEOPLE IN HONG KONG? WHAT SORT OF FUTURE DO THEY WANT?

H.E.: WELL, WHEN WE WENT TO SEE THE PRIME MINISTER, ALTHOUGH I CAN'T SAY OF COURSE, IN DETAIL THE CONTENT OF OUR TALKS WITH HER, I THINK WHAT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WANT HAS BEEN VERY CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED AND AGAIN, I HAVE REFERRED TO IT ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS. WHAT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG ARE SAYING I THINK FAIRLY CLEARLY, IS THAT THEY ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THEIR LIFESTYLE, TO THEIR FREEDOM TO COME AND GO AND I THINK I SAID IN A PREVIOUS STATEMENT +TO DO THEIR OWN THING+ AND THEY ARE LOOKING FOR CONTINUITY, AND THOSE WERE THE VIEWS WE REPRESENTED TO MINISTERS IN LONDON. THE OTHER THING WAS, THERE WAS OF COURSE THE QUESTION OF THE STATE OF CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG AND I THINK WE WERE ABLE TO TELL THEM THAT PEOPLE IN HONG KONG ARE LOOKING FOR PROGRESS IN THE TALKS, AND THAT THEY HAVE TAKEN SOME ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE FACT THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAVE INVITED TO COME TO LONDON THIS DELEGATION OF UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS, AND DURING THAT VISIT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT MADE CLEAR VERY STRONGLY THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THEY ATTACH TO TAKING THE ADVICE OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, AND IT IS A FAIRLY DRAMATIC EVENT I THINK, THAT ALL THE UNOFFICIALS OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SHOULD GO TO LONDON FOR THAT PURPOSE. BUT THE SECOND THING IS, I THINK PEOPLE IN HONG KONG HAVE TAKEN SOME ENCOURAGEMENT THAT THE SECOND PHASE OF THE TALKS WILL NOW BEGIN IN PEKING AND WE REPRESENTED THAT TO PEOPLE IN LONDON.

QUESTION: DO YOU FEEL SIR, THAT THE DELEGATION YOU TOOK WAS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG?

H.E.: +YES+ IS THE SHORT ANSWER TO THAT, AND PERHAPS I MIGHT ELABORATE A LITTLE BIT ON IT. I THINK THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IS REPRESENTATIVE BOTH BECAUSE OF ITS COMPOSITION AND THE PEOPLE WHO ARE IN IT, AND BECAUSE IT TAKES WITH IT NOT ONLY ITS OWN VIEWS BUT THE VIEWS OF A VERY WIDE RANGE OF PEOPLE IN HONG KONG. I THINK YOU ALL KNOW THAT BEFORE WE LEFT LAST WEEK, THERE WAS A LONG DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND MYSELF, AND ALL THE OTHER UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. AND BEFORE THAT MEETING TOOK PLACE, THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAD ALL HAD WIDE CONTACTS IN HONG KONG AT ALL LEVELS - DISTRICT BOARDS, URBAN COUNCIL, THEIR OWN PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND SO ON, SO YOU ARE DEALING WITH PEOPLE WHO HAVE A WIDE KNOWLEDGE OF HONG KONG, WHO HAVE A WIDE RANGE OF CONTACTS IN HONG KONG AND WHO ARE FULLY COMPETENT TO REPRESENT THOSE VIEWS TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

QUESTION: IF CHINA WERE TO TAKE BACK HER SOVEREIGNTY OVER HONG KONG FOR ONE DAY, SAY FOR EXAMPLE, HOW MANY MORE YEARS AT LEAST YOU WOULD THINK THAT HONG KONG SHOULD BE UNDER THE BRITISH FLAG IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE PROSPERITY AND STABILITY OF HONG KONG?

H.E.: I THINK YOU'RE SPECULATING WAY DOWN THE LINE, IF I MAY SAY SO. (LAUGHTER)

QUESTION: THE STOCK MARKET HAS RESPONDED VERY POSITIVELY TO THE NEWS OF THE TALKS RESTARTING= WOULD YOU SAY THAT THIS MOOD, SOME HAVE DESCRIBED IT AS +EUPHORIA+, IS WELL FOUNDED?

H.E.: I CERTAINLY WOULDN'T CALL IT EUPHORIA: I THINK IT IS INDEED AN ENCOURAGING DEVELOPMENT. YOU SAY THEY HAVE RESTARTED, THAT'S NOT WHAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID, THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID THAT THE SECOND PHASE WOULD BEGIN.

QUESTION: YOU ARE GOING TO STAY IN PEKING A FEW MORE DAYS BEFORE AND AFTER THE TALKS IN PEKING, OR WHAT?

H.E.: NO, I'M GOING TO PEKING THIS TIME FOR THE TALKS AND THEN I SHALL COME BACK DIRECTLY AFTER THE TALKS, BUT THAT IS OF COURSE ONLY THE BEGINNING PHASE AND IT'S ONLY THE FIRST IN A NUMBER OF VISITS WHICH I EXPECT TO MAKE.

QUESTION: BUT ARE YOU GOING TO STAY FOR A FEW MORE DAYS?

H.E.: THIS TIME, NO. I WOULDN'T MIND A HOLIDAY, I MUST ADMIT. (LAUGHTER)

QUESTION: DO YOU THINK THAT THE BRITISH DELEGATION WILL REPRESENT THE INTERESTS AND WILL OF THE HONG KONG PEOPLE IN THE TALKS, AND DO YOU THINK THERE ARE CONFLICTS BETWEEN THE WILL OF THE HONG KONG PEOPLE AND THE WILL OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT?

H.E.: NO, I THINK WHAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT MADE QUITE CLEAR IS THAT WHAT THEY ARE LOOKING FOR AND THE PHRASE WILL BE FAMILIAR TO ALL OF YOU, THEY ARE LOOKING FOR A SETTLEMENT WHICH IS ACCEPTABLE NOT ONLY TO BRITAIN AND CHINA, BUT TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG, SO I SEE NO CONFLICT BETWEEN THE AIMS OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

QUESTION: SIR, WHO REPRESENTS THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG IN THESE TALKS, YOU DIDN'T ANSWER MY QUESTION WHEN I SAID +WHO DO YOU REPRESENT+?

H.E.: I REPRESENT - I AM THE GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG.

QUESTION: DO YOU REPRESENT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG?

H.E.: INDEED I REPRESENT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG, WHO ELSE WOULD I REPRESENT?

QUESTION: CHINA SAYS THAT IT DOESN'T WANT.....

H.E.: I DON'T THINK WE CAN HAVE A DEBATE PETER, I THINK WE'LL HAVE SOME QUESTIONS.

QUESTION: GOVERNOR, DID THE EXCO DELEGATION ALSO OFFER OTHER SUGGESTIONS IN ADDITION TO THE OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE HERE?

H.E.: SORRY - ?

QUESTION: DID THE DELEGATION ALSO OFFER OTHER SUGGESTIONS IN BRITAIN IN ADDITION TO WHAT THEY HAVE DONE, I MEAN WHAT THEY HAVE OR YOU HAVE JUST SAID ABOUT THEIR REPRESENTING THE PEOPLE'S VIEWS HERE?

H.E.: NO, THE PURPOSE OF THEIR VISIT WAS TO REPRESENT TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT THE VIEWS OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

QUESTION: CAN YOU TELL ME WHETHER YOU SEE A LARGER ROLE FOR EXCO IN FUTURE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE HONG KONG PEOPLE?

H.E.: I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY QUESTION OF THE PEOPLE IN EXCO LOSING TOUCH WITH THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG. THE ONE THING ABOUT HONG KONG IS THAT IT IS NOT A VERY LARGE PLACE, AND THEY ARE IN TOUCH WITH A VERY WIDE - AT LEAST, THE WHOLE OF EXCO IS IN TOUCH WITH A VERY WIDE RANGE OF PEOPLE ALL THE TIME, SO I SEE NO PROSPECT --

QUESTION: DO YOU SEE A BIGGER ROLE OF EXCO IN FUTURE?

H.E.: NO, I THINK THE ROLE WHICH THEY ARE ALREADY PLAYING IS A VERY CLOSE ONE AND THERE IS A CLOSE AND CONTINUING CONSULTATION. WE HAVE ALREADY REACHED THAT STAGE.

QUESTION: THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID A NUMBER OF MONTHS AGO, THAT ANY STATEMENTS ON THE DETAILS OF THE TALKS BETWEEN BRITAIN AND CHINA AND YOURSELF WOULD BE MADE IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. WHEN CAN THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG LOOK FORWARD TO SOME SORT OF STATEMENT FROM YOURSELF OR THE CHIEF SECRETARY IN LEGCO ON DETAILS OF THE TALKS?

H.E.: WELL, WE HAVEN'T YET REACHED THAT POINT. I THINK ALL THAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR, THE ONLY STATEMENT THAT HAS BEEN MADE IS THE OPENING OF THE NEW AND SECOND PHASE, SO WE HAVEN'T YET REACHED THAT POINT AND I WOULDN'T WANT TO SPECULATE ON WHEN WE WOULD.

QUESTION: HOW LONG WILL THE SECOND ROUND OF TALKS LAST AND AT THE END OF THE TALKS WILL THERE BE ANY ANNOUNCEMENT MADE?

H.E.: I CAN'T PREDICT THAT AT THE PRESENT MOMENT, WE'RE ONLY JUST STARTING THEM ON TUESDAY, SO I THINK IT WOULD BE FOOLISH OF ME TO PREDICT HOW LONG THE NEXT PHASE WOULD LAST.

QUESTION: THE TALKS ARE ONLY FOR ONE DAY, RIGHT?

H.E.: NO, NO, IT ISN'T ONLY A ONE-DAY EVENT, THAT IS THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW PHASE AND I WOULD EXPECT TO BE GOING FROM TIME TO TIME.

QUESTION: IS THE PROBLEM OF FINDING AN ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION AS DIFFICULT AS IT EVER WAS SIR EDWARD, OR DO BOTH SIDES NOW HAVE A MUCH BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF EACH OTHER'S POSITION?

H.E.: I THINK THAT DURING THE FIRST PHASE EACH SIDE HAS ACHIEVED A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF EACH OTHER'S POSITION.

QUESTION: DO YOU KNOW WHETHER MRS THATCHER MAY LATER THIS YEAR VISIT BEIJING AND WHEN, AND WHETHER RICHARD LUCE WILL BE JOINING THE TALKS?

H.E.: I'M NOT EXPECTING A VISIT BY THE PRIME MINISTER TO PEKING. RICHARD LUCE SAID IN HIS MESSAGE TO US THAT HE WAS HOPING TO COME EARLY AND WE'VE HAD A TALK WITH HIM ABOUT WHEN HE MIGHT COME, AND I THINK HE'LL BE WITH US PROBABLY IN THE EARLY AUTUMN.

QUESTION: IT IS SAID THAT YOU ARE GOING TO MEET WITH XU JIATUN BEFORE LEAVING FOR PEKING, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU WILL BE TALKING WITH HIM ABOUT AT THAT TIME?

H.E.: WELL, SINCE I'M LEAVING ON MONDAY THERE ISN'T VERY MUCH TIME. WE MIGHT GET IN A COURTESY CALL, BUT I WOULDN'T EXPECT TO HAVE A SUBSTANTIVE MEETING BEFORE I GO, BUT I WOULD OF COURSE BE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING HIM AT SOME LATER STAGE AFTER I GET BACK FROM PEKING.