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HK EXPERIENCE A VALUABLE LESSON - SIR EDWARD  
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THE HONG KONG EXPERIENCE CAN OFFER A NUMBER OF LESSONS WHICH COULD BE OF VALUE ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID THIS (MONDAY) EVENING.

ADDRESSING A DINNER GATHERING OF DELEGATES ATTENDING A SEMINAR ORGANISED BY THE CENTRE FOR STRATEGIC AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, SIR EDWARD SAID THE FIRST LESSON WAS THE SUCCESS OF THE HONG KONG COMMUNITY IN BUILDING UP ITS ECONOMY, AND A DISTINCTIVE LIFE-STYLE, AND A CONSTRUCTIVE AND CO-OPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH ITS MAINLAND NEIGHBOUR AND THE REST OF THE WORLD.

+THE SECOND IS PROVIDED BY THE AGREEMENT ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG,+ HE SAID. +THIS GIVES AN ENCOURAGING EXAMPLE OF HOW A COMPLEX INTERNATIONAL ISSUE WHICH RAISED IMPORTANT DEEPLY FELT POINTS OF PRINCIPLE ON BOTH SIDES CAN BE TACKLED AND SUCCESSFULLY RESOLVED.+

+IN A WORLD WHERE PROBLEMS AND NATIONS OFTEN PROVE SO INTRACTABLE AND INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES LEAD TO SUCH IMMENSE PROBLEMS AND SUFFERING, NOT ONLY FOR THOSE DIRECTLY CONCERNED BUT FOR THEIR NEIGHBOURS TOO, IT IS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT CAN BE ACHIEVED BY NEGOTIATION WHEN THERE IS A WILL TO SUCCEED AND A SHARED INTEREST IN SUCCESS.

+FINALLY, THERE IS THE LESSON THAT MUCH CAN BE DONE IF THE THINKING OF THOSE INVOLVED IS NOT TRAMELLED BY PRECEDENT AND THE CONVENTIONAL WISDOM OF THE PAST.

+THAT IS THE THOUGHT I WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE WITH YOU AS HONG KONG'S CONTRIBUTION TO YOUR DELIBERATIONS OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS,+ HE SAID.

SIR EDWARD OUTLINED THE KEY FEATURES OF THE AGREEMENT, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE ESSENTIALS OF HONG KONG'S LIFE-STYLE AND ECONOMIC SYSTEMS, AND SAID ITS CONCLUSION HAD ENGENDERED A NEW DEGREE OF CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG.

HE SAID THAT INVESTMENT IN PLANT AND MACHINERY PICKED UP, AND THE PROPERTY MARKET SHOWED SIGNS OF REVIVAL.

+EXPORTS TO CHINA HAVE CONTINUED TO GROW, AS HAVE RE-EXPORTS,+ HE ADDED.

+OVERALL GROWTH OF OUR GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT IN 1985 IS LIKELY TO BE A RESPECTABLE 4-1/2 PER CENT.

+THE LABOUR FORCE IS EFFECTIVELY FULLY EMPLOYED, AND OUR RATE OF INFLATION IS DOWN TO JUST OVER 3 PER CENT,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

/+AFTER THREE .....

+AFTER THREE DIFFICULT YEARS,+ HE ADDED, +CAUSED IN PART BY A DECLINE IN REVENUE FROM LAND SALES, WE ARE NOW ON TRACK FOR A RETURN TO A BALANCED BUDGET.+

SIR EDWARD SAID THAT THE RETURN OF CONFIDENCE HAD BEEN HELPED BY THE CLEAR COMMITMENT BY THE BRITISH AND CHINESE GOVERNMENTS TO THE FAITHFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT AND TO ENSURING A SMOOTH TRANSITION IN 1997.

HE SAID THAT THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP MADE AN ENCOURAGING START IN JULY IN DISCUSSING MATTERS SUCH AS HONG KONG'S CONTINUED PARTICIPATION AFTER 1997 IN THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE AND IN THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.

IT WOULD BE HOLDING ITS SECOND MEETING NEXT WEEK, SIR EDWARD TOLD THE GATHERING.

ELABORATING FURTHER ON THE SAME SUBJECT, HE SAID THAT THE LAND COMMISSION HAD MADE EXCELLENT PROGRESS IN ENSURING THAT LAND WOULD CONTINUE TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO MEET HONG KONG'S FUTURE DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS.

THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION ATTRACTED LITTLE ATTENTION ABROAD, BUT ANOTHER HISTORIC MILESTONE WAS REACHED A FEW MONTHS AGO WHEN LEASES TO LAND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WERE SOLD WITH TERMS NOT UP TO 1997 AS BEFORE BUT UP TO 2047 -- +FIRM AND SUBSTANTIAL PROOF OF THE INTENTIONS OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS TO HONOUR THE TERMS OF THE JOINT DECLARATION+.

THE GOVERNOR SAID THAT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, FOR ITS PART, HAD DEMONSTRATED ITS CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE BY MAINTAINING ITS AMBITIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES.

+PLANS ARE NOW WELL ADVANCED FOR LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT IN THE 1990'S AND BEYOND, INCLUDING MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS TO HONG KONG'S ROAD AND RAIL NETWORKS, PORT FACILITIES AND THE AIRPORT,+ HE SAID.

+OUR PLANS WILL ENSURE THAT THERE IS AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF LAND COMING ON STREAM TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR AMBITIOUS HOUSING PROGRAMMES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION,+ HE ADDED.

TURNING TO THE IMPROVEMENT IN TIES WITH CHINA, SIR EDWARD SAID HONG KONG WAS ALSO DEVELOPING A +TRULY SYMBIOTIC RELATIONSHIP WITH ITS MAINLAND NEIGHBOUR+.

HONG KONG NOW PLAYED AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE AMBITIOUS PROGRAMMES OF ECONOMIC MODERNISATION BEING PURSUED IN CHINA.

+THE TOTAL VOLUME OF DIRECT VISIBLE TRADE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE MAINLAND GREW FROM \$6.97 BILLION IN 1978 TO \$38.92 BILLION IN 1984.

+THE VALUE OF THE ENTREPOT TRADE GREW FROM \$8.873 BILLION TO \$56.181 BILLION DURING THE SAME PERIOD.+

SIR EDWARD SAID THAT HONG KONG HAD ALSO BEEN THE LARGEST SOURCE OF INVESTMENT IN THE SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES.

HE ADDED THAT LATEST REPORTS SUGGESTED THAT ABOUT 80-90 PER CENT OF OUTSIDE INVESTMENT IN THE SHENZHEN SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE HAD BEEN CONTRIBUTED BY INVESTORS FROM HONG KONG.

THE GOVERNOR SAID HONG KONG WAS ALSO A VALUABLE SOURCE OF SERVICES AND EXPERTISE, OF WHICH CHINA WAS MAKING EXTENSIVE USE IN ITS MODERNISATION PROGRAMME.

+IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, MANY CHINESE VISITORS HAVE COME TO HONG KONG TO ATTEND SEMINARS, TO DO BUSINESS AND TO STUDY HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING AND MANAGERIAL TECHNIQUES.

+HONG KONG'S EFFICIENT POST, TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AIR TRANSPORT AND BANKING FACILITIES, COMBINED WITH GEOGRAPHICAL PROXIMITY AND THE ABSENCE OF A SIGNIFICANT LANGUAGE BARRIER HAVE ALL MEANT THAT HONG KONG'S ATTRACTION AS A CONDUIT FOR CHINA'S ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD HAVE CONTINUED TO GROW, EVEN AS CHINA ESTABLISHES DIRECT LINKS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES,+ HE SAID.

WHILE ALL THIS GAVE GOOD GROUNDS FOR CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG, THERE WERE CLOUDS ON THE HORIZON WHICH HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE AGREEMENT NOR WITH HONG KONG'S RELATIONSHIP WITH ITS MAINLAND NEIGHBOUR.

+FOR A TRADING COMMUNITY LIKE HONG KONG OUR STRONGEST CONCERNS ARE RESTRAINTS ON TRADE,+ HE SAID.

+THE MOST IMMEDIATE DANGER AT THIS TIME IS THE RISING TIDE OF PROTECTIONIST SENTIMENT, PARTICULARLY IN THE UNITED STATES, WHICH REMAINS HONG KONG'S FOREMOST EXPORT MARKET, AND THE LARGEST SOURCE OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG.+

THE GOVERNOR SAID THAT HONG KONG VIEWED THIS TREND WITH SERIOUS CONCERN AS EXPORTS WERE THE LIFE BLOOD OF THE ECONOMY AND ANY MOVES TO CURTAIL THEM COULD HAVE FAR-REACHING AND DAMAGING CONSEQUENCES FOR ITS STABILITY AND PROSPERITY.

+HONG KONG IS ONE OF THE FEW PLACES WHICH PRACTICES FULLY THE FAIR TRADING AND FREE MARKET PRINCIPLES WHICH MANY WORLD LEADERS PREACH.

+OUR DOMESTIC MARKET IS COMPLETELY OPEN.

+OUR INDUSTRY SINKS OR SWIMS BY ITSELF,+ HE SAID.

SIR EDWARD SAID THAT WHILE HONG KONG RECOGNISED THE IMPORTANCE OF INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION TO ALLOW THE U.S. TO REDUCE ITS TRADE DEFICIT, IT WAS ALSO FAIR TO CLAIM THAT HONG KONG WAS DOING EVERYTHING IT COULD TO ACHIEVE THIS.

IN CONCLUDING SIR EDWARD SAID THAT HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC FUTURE DEPENDED ON THE INGENUITY AND ENERGY OF ITS PEOPLE.

HE SAID THAT APART FROM A FINE NATURAL HARBOUR AND A FAVOURABLE GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION THIS HAD BEEN HONG KONG'S ONLY RESOURCE: +EXPERIENCE SHOWS THAT IT MAY WELL PROVE TO BE A MORE DURABLE RESOURCE THAN EVEN THE RICHEST MINERAL DEPOSITS OR VAST TRACTS OF FERTILE LAND+.

+IT HAS ALREADY PRODUCED ONE OF THE MORE REMARKABLE POST-WAR SUCCESS STORIES, AND THERE IS EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE SUCCEEDING CHAPTERS WILL BE NO LESS REMARKABLE,+ HE SAID.

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GOVERNMENT MORE AWARE OF TRIAD ACTIVITIES -- CS  
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THE GOVERNMENT IS NOW MORE AWARE OF THE TRIAD PROBLEM AND THE NEED FOR SERIOUS MEASURES TO STAMP IT OUT, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OPENING THE 1985 INTERNATIONAL BOWLS CLASSIC AT THE KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB, SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT ALTHOUGH THE TRIAD PROBLEM WAS NOT GETTING OUT OF HAND, IT WAS A VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM.

+AND WE'VE GOT TO TAKE A VERY CAREFUL LOOK AT THE SITUATION TO SEE HOW WE, AS A COMMUNITY, ARE GOING TO DEAL WITH THIS SPECIAL PROBLEM,+ HE SAID.

ASKED HOW SERIOUS THE PROBLEM WAS, THE CHIEF SECRETARY POINTED OUT THAT +BY ITS VERY NATURE, IT'S INSIDIOUS+.

+IT ROTTS AWAY AT THE COMMUNITY AND COMMUNITY LIFE; IT'S A SECRET ACTIVITY; IT FEEDS ON EXTORTION; AND WE WANT TO ROOT IT OUT.

+BASICALLY, IT FEEDS ON THE FEAR OF THE COMMUNITY.+

IN REPLY TO ANOTHER QUESTION, SIR DAVID SAID THERE WERE NO INDICATIONS THAT TRIAD SOCIETIES HAD INFILTRATED SOME SECTORS OF THE GOVERNMENT.

+BUT AS MR ANNING HAD SAID HIMSELF, IT IS A SECRET ORGANISATION, AND THEREFORE IF IT DID EXIST, WE PROBABLY WOULDN'T KNOW ABOUT IT BECAUSE OF ITS SECRET NATURE.+

ASKED WHETHER THE WORKING GROUP ON GANGS SET UP BY THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE WOULD CARRY OUT AN IN-DEPTH REVIEW OF THE PROBLEM OR WHETHER IT WOULD LOOK MORE INTO SPECIFIC STRATEGIES, SIR DAVID SAID THE WORKING GROUP WAS REALLY TO GIVE ADVICE ON HOW TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM.

+SO IT IS REALLY DEALING WITH SPECIFICS,+ HE ADDED.

HE SAID THE WORKING GROUP'S REPORT WOULD HAVE TO GO TO THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, THEN THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, AND IF LEGISLATION WAS INVOLVED, IT WOULD ALSO GO TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

+AND THERE ARE A NUMBER OF OPTIONS, AS YOU HEARD THE OTHER DAY, WHICH WOULD ALSO BE PUT TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN A WORKING PAPER,+ HE SAID.

ASKED WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD SET UP A +CENTRAL BUREAU+ TO FIGHT THE TRIADS, SIR DAVID SAID:+WE MUST WAIT UNTIL WE HAVE THE WORKING PARTY'S REPORT, TO SEE WHAT SORT OF RESPONSE THE COMMUNITY SHOULD MAKE AND HOW WE NEED TO COPE WITH THIS PROBLEM.+

ASKED WHEN THE GOVERNMENT WOULD ANNOUNCE THE SUCCESSOR TO SIR JOHN BREMRIDGE AS FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR DAVID SAID, +AS SOON AS WE ARE READY TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT, WE WILL MAKE IT.+

+I COULDN'T SPECULATE AT ALL WHO IS GOING TO TAKE SIR JOHN BREMRIDGE'S PLACE. SIR JOHN HAS GOT TO INTRODUCE THE BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR. HE'S GOT A LOT OF WORK TO DO YET.+

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HK BOWLERS ON PAR WITH WORLD'S BEST - SIR DAVID  
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HONG KONG HAS UP TO A THOUSAND BOWLING ENTHUSIASTS AND IS BEGINNING TO BE ABLE TO COMPETE WITH THE WORLD'S BEST, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

+DESPITE OUR VERY CROWDED ENVIRONMENT, THIS HAS NOT HINDERED THE GROWTH OF BOWLING HERE, NOR THE PROVISION OF EXCELLENT PRIVATE AND PUBLIC GREENS,+ HE SAID.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL BOWLS CLASSIC 1985, SAID THAT BOWLING HAD QUITE A LONG HISTORY IN HONG KONG.

+THIS YEAR THE HONG KONG LAWN BOWLS ASSOCIATION IS CELEBRATING ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY, AND I AM TOLD THAT BOWLING GOES BACK TEN YEARS BEFORE THAT,+ HE SAID.

IN RECENT YEARS, BOWLING HAD DEVELOPED INTO ONE OF THE MAJOR SPORTS, AND THAT HONG KONG HAD BEGUN TO PRODUCE ITS OWN CROP OF WORLD CLASS BOWLERS, HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID SAID THE INTERNATIONAL BOWLS CLASSIC HAD GROWN TO BECOME ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL BOWLING CALENDAR, ATTRACTING TOP PLAYERS FROM THOSE COUNTRIES WHERE BOWLING WAS A MAJOR SPORT.

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+WE ARE VERY HONOURED THAT FOR THE THIRD YEAR IN SUCCESSION HONG KONG HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY HOST TO SUCH A MAJOR EVENT,+ HE SAID.

+OVER THE WEEKEND WE HAVE SEEN SOME MAGNIFICENT SINGLES MATCHES. THIS AFTERNOON IT IS THE TURN OF THE PAIRS, AND I AM SURE THE LEVEL OF COMPETITION WILL BE EQUALLY HIGH.

+MAY I WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY AND ENJOYABLE COMPETITION.

+AND MAY I SAY ESPECIALLY TO ALL OF OUR OVERSEAS VISITORS, THAT I HOPE YOU TAKE HOME WITH YOU NOT ONLY THE MEMORY OF AN INTERESTING AND EXCITING CONTEST, BUT ALSO SOME WARM MEMORIES AND IMPRESSIONS OF OUR DYNAMIC CITY,+ HE ADDED.

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#### SECOND JOINT LIAISON GROUP MEETING

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THE BRITISH MEMBERS OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP WILL LEAVE HONG KONG FOR PEKING ON NOVEMBER 25 TO ATTEND THE SECOND MEETING OF THE GROUP.

THEY WILL BE LED BY THE SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE DR DAVID WILSON, AND WILL INCLUDE MR ERIC HO, MR JOHN BOYD, MR ANTHONY GALSWORTHY AND MR PETER THOMSON.

THEY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR ALAN CARTER, LAW OFFICER (SPECIAL DUTIES), MR FRED BURROWS, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (GENERAL DUTIES), MR RICHARD HOARE, CHIEF INTERPRETER, MR Y.P. CHENG, AND SENIOR PERSONAL SECRETARY, MISS M. MCINTOSH.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE TWO UK-BASED MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH SIDE, DR WILSON AND MR GALSWORTHY, AND MR THOMSON FROM PEKING WILL ARRIVE IN HONG KONG ON NOVEMBER 21 FOR CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP WOULD MEET FROM NOVEMBER 26-29. A PRESS COMMUNIQUE WILL BE ISSUED AT THE END OF THE MEETING.

MR HO, MR BOYD AND THE OTHER HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON NOVEMBER 30.

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UPDATE ON AIR QUALITY IN HONG KONG  
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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) HAS REPORTED ON THE FIRST MEASUREMENTS OF ACID RAIN UNDERTAKEN IN HONG KONG. THIS FORM OF POLLUTION HAD BEEN SAMPLED DURING 1984-85 AT KWUN TONG, CENTRAL-WESTERN AND JUNK BAY.

INITIAL RESULTS FROM THIS WORK HAD DEMONSTRATED THAT THE TERRITORY'S RAINFALL COULD BE HIGHLY ACIDIC ON OCCASIONS. ACID RAIN APPEARED TO BE A TERRITORY-WIDE PROBLEM WHICH WAS RELATIVELY INDEPENDENT OF LOCALISED POLLUTANT EMISSIONS. IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT LONG-RANGE TRANSPORT OF POLLUTANTS FROM OUTSIDE THE TERRITORY MIGHT BE INVOLVED.

THE RESULTS OF ACID RAIN AND FINE PARTICULATE MEASUREMENTS ARE CONTAINED IN A MAJOR UPDATE REPORT ON THE AIR QUALITY SITUATION IN HONG KONG, RELEASED TODAY BY THE EPA.

THE REPORT PROVIDES AN IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS OF MEASUREMENTS DURING 1984-85 FROM THE EPA'S NETWORK OF ADVANCED POLLUTION MONITORING STATIONS.

DURING THE YEAR, A NEW MONITORING STATION WAS ESTABLISHED IN SHAM SHUI PO, BRINGING THE NUMBER OF SITES IN THE NETWORK TO SIX. EXISTING STATIONS AT KWUN TONG, TSIM SHA TSUI, CAUSEWAY BAY, CENTRAL-WESTERN AND JUNK BAY CONTINUED IN OPERATION.

THE GOVERNMENT'S AIR QUALITY MONITORING EFFORT PROVIDES COMPREHENSIVE DATA ON POLLUTION LEVELS IN AND AROUND URBAN CORE AREAS OF THE TERRITORY. THIS INFORMATION IS USED TO ASSESS POPULATION EXPOSURE AND POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF MAJOR AIR POLLUTANTS.

AIR QUALITY DATA PRODUCED BY THE EPA'S NETWORK OF MONITORING STATIONS ALSO PROVIDE A SOUND BASIS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AIR QUALITY CONTROL POLICY AND REGULATORY ACTION.

ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, CORRESPONDING SULPHATE AND NET ACIDITY DEPOSITION RATES FROM RAINFALL WERE ALSO HIGH.

IN VIEW OF THE POTENTIAL FOR HARMFUL EFFECTS ON THE ECOSYSTEM AND DAMAGE TO EXPOSED MAN-MADE SURFACES, MATERIALS AND BUILDINGS, ACID RAIN LEVELS IN HONG KONG WILL NEED TO BE KEPT UNDER CLOSE REVIEW IN THE FUTURE, THE REPORT NOTED.

ANOTHER FORM OF AIR POLLUTION MEASURED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HONG KONG WAS RESPIRABLE PARTICULATE MATTER. MEASUREMENTS SHOWED THAT FINE RESPIRABLE SIZE FRACTIONS, WHICH POSED THE GREATEST RISK TO HUMAN HEALTH, REPRESENTED AN UNUSUALLY HIGH PROPORTION (60-70 PER CENT) OF TOTAL PARTICULATES IN URBAN AREAS.

THE EPA'S LATEST AIR QUALITY REPORT ALSO SHOWED THAT AMBIENT CONCENTRATIONS OF SULPHUR DIOXIDE AND OXIDES OF NITROGEN WERE GENERALLY LOW THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

/IN FACT, .....

IN FACT, OVERALL CONCENTRATIONS OF SULPHUR DIOXIDE HAD DECLINED FROM 1983-84 LEVELS AT MOST LOCATIONS.

HOWEVER, MR JONATHAN BOWER, SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER IN THE EPA, ADVISED AGAINST COMPLACENCY IN THIS SITUATION, SINCE THE DECLINE APPEARED TO REFLECT CHANGED METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS DURING 1984-85, RATHER THAN A TERRITORY-WIDE REDUCTION IN POLLUTING EMISSIONS.

FURTHERMORE, RELATIVELY HIGH LEVELS OF THESE POLLUTANTS CONTINUED TO BE OBSERVED IN AND AROUND KWUN TONG, ALTHOUGH LEVELS IN 1984-85 WERE NOT AS SERIOUS AS DURING 1983-84. MR BOWER INDICATED THAT LEVELS OF SULPHUR AND NITROGEN OXIDES WERE ALSO LIKELY TO BE HIGH IN OTHER SIMILARLY INDUSTRIALISED AREAS OF HONG KONG.

INCREASING EMPHASIS HAD BEEN PLACED THIS YEAR UPON MEASUREMENT OF ATMOSPHERIC PARTICULATE LEVELS. ALTHOUGH A DROP IN OVERALL LEVELS WAS OBSERVED DURING 1984-85, SUSPENDED PARTICULATE CONCENTRATIONS REMAIN GENERALLY HIGH, MOST NOTABLY SO DURING THE DRY WINTER MONTHS.

JUNK BAY WAS THE ONLY MONITORING STATION WHERE, AGAINST THE GENERAL TREND, PARTICULATE LEVELS ROSE VERY SUBSTANTIALLY IN 1984-85. THE UNUSUALLY HIGH PARTICULATE LEVELS OBSERVED THIS YEAR RESULTED FROM EARTH-MOVING, SITE FORMATION AND CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY IN THIS RAPIDLY DEVELOPING AREA.

THE COMPREHENSIVE MONITORING PROGRAM CARRIED OUT BY THE EPA WOULD CONTINUE AND FURTHER REPORTS ON THE TERRITORY'S AIR QUALITY WOULD BE RELEASED IN THE FUTURE, THE REPORT SAID.

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#### QUARTERLY BUSINESS SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED

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FIRMS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR EXPERIENCED AN IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1985 COMPARED WITH THE SECOND QUARTER, ACCORDING TO SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

MANUFACTURING FIRMS EXPECT THE GENERAL BUSINESS SITUATION IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1985 TO REMAIN LARGELY SIMILAR TO THAT EXPERIENCED IN THE THIRD QUARTER.

CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS IN THE THIRD QUARTER WAS REPORTED BY CONSTRUCTION FIRMS AND A FURTHER UPTREND IN BUSINESS IS EXPECTED FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER.

AS FOR THE WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, FIRMS ON THE AVERAGE EXPERIENCED SOME IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS IN THE THIRD QUARTER AND THEY ARE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER.

ABOUT 1 000 FIRMS FROM VARIOUS INDUSTRIES AND BUSINESSES, FORMING A CROSS-SECTION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, PARTICIPATED IN THE SURVEY AND WERE ASKED ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS EXPERIENCE AND EXPECTATIONS.

WITHIN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, FIRMS IN THE FOOD, BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO, TEXTILES, PRINTING, PLASTICS AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS INDUSTRIES REPORTED IMPROVEMENTS IN THE BUSINESS SITUATION IN THE THIRD QUARTER OVER THE SECOND QUARTER. AS FOR THE OTHER INDUSTRIES, THE BUSINESS EXPERIENCED BY FIRMS IN THE THIRD QUARTER WAS LARGELY SIMILAR TO THAT IN THE SECOND QUARTER.

FIRMS IN THE WEARING APPAREL, TEXTILES AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS INDUSTRIES ARE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE BUSINESS SITUATION IN THE FOURTH QUARTER AND SOME IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS IS EXPECTED.

IN CONTRAST, FIRMS IN THE PLASTICS, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND ELECTRONICS INDUSTRIES ARE FAIRLY PESSIMISTIC ABOUT IMMEDIATE BUSINESS PROSPECTS. THEY EXPECT A DETERIORATION IN BUSINESS IN THE FOURTH QUARTER.

FIRMS IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR EXPERIENCED A CONTINUED UPTURN IN BUSINESS IN THE THIRD QUARTER AND FURTHER ADVANCEMENT IN BUSINESS IS PREDICTED FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER.

FIRMS IN THE WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES IN GENERAL EXPERIENCED AN IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS IN THE THIRD QUARTER AND A FAVOURABLE BUSINESS SITUATION FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER IS EXPECTED.

AS FOR RESTAURANTS, RESPONDING FIRMS REPORTED SOME IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS IN THE THIRD QUARTER AND A MAJORITY OF THEM IS LOOKING FORWARD TO FURTHER ADVANCE IN BUSINESS IN THE FOURTH QUARTER DUE MAINLY TO SEASONAL EFFECTS.

A FALL IN BUSINESS WAS EXPERIENCED BY FIRMS IN THE HOTELS BUSINESS IN THE THIRD QUARTER FOR SEASONAL REASONS AND AN IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS IS EXPECTED IN THE FOURTH QUARTER.

WITH REGARD TO OTHER SERVICES SECTOR, FIRMS IN TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION AND REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED SERVICES EXPERIENCED AN IMPROVED BUSINESS SITUATION IN THE THIRD QUARTER WHILE THE BUSINESS LEVEL FOR BANKS IN THE THIRD QUARTER WAS SIMILAR TO THAT IN THE SECOND QUARTER.

FIRMS ACROSS ALL BUSINESSES IN THE OTHER SERVICES SECTOR ARE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER.

THE SURVEY ALSO COVERED BUSINESS PROBLEMS FACED BY FIRMS.

INSUFFICIENT BUSINESS CONTRACTS, PRICE COMPETITION BOTH FROM FIRMS IN HONG KONG AND FROM OVERSEAS CONTINUED TO BE THE MAJOR PROBLEMS FOR THE MANUFACTURING AND CONSTRUCTION SECTORS IN THE THIRD QUARTER. THIS IS PARTICULARLY THE CASE FOR ELECTRONICS, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND PLASTICS INDUSTRIES. THESE PROBLEMS ARE EXPECTED TO REMAIN IN THE FOURTH QUARTER.

PRICE COMPETITION WAS GENERALLY CONSIDERED AS A PROMINENT PROBLEM IN THE THIRD QUARTER BY FIRMS IN THE WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR. THIS IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN SO IN THE FOURTH QUARTER.

INSUFFICIENT BUSINESS REMAINED THE MAJOR PROBLEM FOR RESTAURANTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER BUT ITS INTENSITY IS EXPECTED TO EASE IN THE FOURTH QUARTER. HIGH STAFF TURNOVER WAS ONCE AGAIN CITED AS A MAJOR PROBLEM IN THE THIRD QUARTER AND IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE SO IN THE FOURTH QUARTER THOUGH ITS INTENSITY HAD SHOWN SOME TENDENCY TO LEVEL OFF IN THE SECOND QUARTER.

INSUFFICIENT BUSINESS WAS QUOTED AS A MAJOR PROBLEM BY HOTELS IN THE THIRD QUARTER DUE TO SEASONAL EFFECTS BUT THE PROBLEM IS EXPECTED TO SUBSIDE IN THE FOURTH QUARTER.

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE SURVEY RESULTS, OBTAINED WITH A MINIMUM TIME LAG, WERE BASICALLY INTENDED TO PROVIDE ONE SOURCE OF REFERENCE FOR MAKING A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION OF HONG KONG.

IN THE SURVEY, PARTICIPATING FIRMS WERE ASKED TO INDICATE WHETHER, IN THEIR OPINION, THE GENERAL BUSINESS SITUATION AND LEVEL OF CAPACITY UTILISATION HAD IMPROVED, REMAINED THE SAME OR DETERIORATED IN THE QUARTER JUST ENDED AS COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER.

FOR THE FORTHCOMING QUARTER, THEY WERE ALSO ASKED TO INDICATE WHETHER THE SITUATION WILL IMPROVE, REMAIN THE SAME OR DETERIORATE.

THE BALANCE OF OPINIONS OF RESPONDENTS WERE TABULATED AND ANALYSED. THE SURVEY REPORT ALSO CONTAINS A SECTION ON BUSINESS PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED AND EXPECTED BY FIRMS IN DIFFERENT ECONOMIC SECTORS AND A BREAKDOWN OF VIEWS OF FIRMS BY SIZE GROUPS.

THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT IN A SURVEY OF THIS NATURE, THE RESULTS SHOULD BE INTERPRETED WITH CARE AS IT WAS DIFFICULT TO ESTABLISH PRECISELY THE EXTENT TO WHICH RESPONDENTS' PERCEPTION OF THE PAST AND THE FUTURE ACCORDS WITH THE UNDERLYING TRENDS.

COPIES OF THE REPORT, CONTAINING AN ANALYSIS OF THE SURVEY FINDINGS AND STATISTICAL TABLES, HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO FIRMS TAKING PART IN THE SURVEY AND TO OTHER BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY OBTAIN COPIES FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, AT \$3 PER COPY.

FURTHER DETAILS ON THE QUARTERLY BUSINESS SURVEY MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE NATIONAL INCOME BRANCH OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT 5-423401.

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U.S. GSP PROPOSALS MONITORED IN WASHINGTON  
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HONG KONG'S REPRESENTATIVES IN THE UNITED STATES ARE LOBBYING AGAINST POSSIBLE CHANGES RELATING TO THE RULES GOVERNING ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFICIARY STATUS UNDER ITS GENERALISED SCHEME OF PREFERENCES (GSP).

ACCORDING TO REPORTS, REPUBLICAN SENATORS ARE DRAFTING A TRADE BILL SEEKING AMONG OTHER THINGS TO EXCLUDE SOME DEVELOPING NATIONS FROM THE U.S. GSP.

+WE HAVE KNOWN ABOUT THIS ISSUE FOR SOME TIME,+ SAID DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD. +HONG KONG'S COMMISSIONER FOR COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS, BILL DORWARD, HIS STAFF AND OUR LOBBYISTS HAVE BEEN MEETING WITH KEY SENATORS AND THEIR AIDES TO EXPLAIN WHY HONG KONG CONTINUES TO NEED THE ASSISTANCE WHICH GSP OFFERS.

+NO FINAL VERSION OF THE BILL HAS YET BEEN PUBLISHED BUT WE UNDERSTAND THAT ONE IDEA WAS TO SET A LOW PER CAPITA GSP FIGURE WITH BENEFICIARIES EXCLUDED AS THEY REACHED IT. HOWEVER, IT SEEMS THIS IDEA IS BEING OVERTAKEN BY ANOTHER PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD SEEK SPECIFICALLY TO EXCLUDE THE MAIN BENEFICIARIES OF THE PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS. EITHER VERSION COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT HONG KONG.+

A SIMILAR MOVE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WAS DEFEATED IN OCTOBER 1984 WHEN CONGRESS DECIDED TO EXTEND THE GSP SCHEME FOR A FURTHER 10 YEARS.

MR MACLEOD SAID THAT A CLOSE WATCH WOULD BE KEPT ON DEVELOPMENTS.

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CHINESE VERSION OF REPORT READY  
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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE CHINESE VERSION OF THE BROADCASTING REVIEW BOARD REPORT IS NOW AVAILABLE AND THAT THE PUBLIC WOULD HAVE UNTIL THE END OF JANUARY TO COMMENT ON IT.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT COPIES OF THE CHINESE REPORT HAD BEEN SENT TO DISTRICT OFFICES AND LIBRARIES WHERE INTERESTED PARTIES COULD GO AND READ THEM IF THEY WISHED. FURTHER COPIES HAVE ALSO BEEN SENT TO DISTRICT BOARDS.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT ARE THOSE OF THE BOARD, AND ARE NOT GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS.

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THE ADMINISTRATION IS NOW STUDYING THE REPORT, AND FOLLOWING THE PERIOD OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION WOULD DRAW UP RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE BROADCASTING POLICIES TO BE ADOPTED AFTER THE EXPIRY OF THE COMMERCIAL TELEVISION AND RADIO LICENCES IN 1988 AND 1989 RESPECTIVELY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT HE HOPED THE PUBLIC WOULD CONTINUE TO COME FORWARD AND GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON THE REPORT. COMMENTS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY (BROADCASTING), ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION BRANCH, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES EAST WING, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

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PIPELINE TO BE STRUNG ALONG SEABED  
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A \$67.5 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE LAYING OF ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST-DIAMETER, PRESSURE, SUBMARINE, PIPELINES TO BE LAID ACROSS TOLO CHANNEL BETWEEN PLOVER COVE RESERVOIR AND SAI O WAS SIGNED TODAY (MONDAY).

THE 2 300-METRE-LONG, 2 000-MILLIMETRE-DIAMETER PIPELINE WILL BE BUILT AND LAID BY A JOINT VENTURE FORMED BY LEIGHTON CONTRACTORS PTY. LTD., AND LAND AND MARINE AND SALVAGE CONTRACTORS S.A. (PTY.) LTD.

IT WILL FORM PART OF THE PROJECT FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF INCREASED WATER SUPPLIES FROM CHINA.

THE ALL-WELDED, STEEL, PRESSURE, PIPE WILL BE ENCASED IN REINFORCED CONCRETE AND WILL BE INSTALLED BY THE BOTTOM-PULL METHOD. THIS MEANS THE PIPE SECTIONS WILL BE BUILT ON SHORE AND JOINED INTO STRINGS. AS THE STRINGS ARE PROGRESSIVELY JOINED TOGETHER WITH SPECIAL TIE-IN JOINTS THEY WILL BE PULLED INTO POSITION ON THE SEABED.

WORK WILL START ON THURSDAY AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY SEPTEMBER 1987.

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED BY THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR TOM TOMLINSON. SIGNING FOR THE CONTRACTORS WERE MR JOHN MCNAUGHT, GENERAL MANAGER AND MR JOHN HAMILTON, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF LEIGHTON'S AND MR BOB HARVEY, DIRECTOR OF LAND AND MARINE AND SALVAGE.

THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS, BINNIE AND PARTNERS (HONG KONG), HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DESIGN AND WILL SUPERVISE THE WORK ON BEHALF OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT.

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OTHER WORKS ALREADY CARRIED OUT UNDER THIS PROJECT, BUT UNDER SEPARATE CONTRACTS, ARE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TAI MEI TUK +B+ AND HARBOUR ISLAND PUMPING STATIONS AT PLOVER COVE RESERVOIR AND THE SAI O-PAK KONG TUNNEL.

RAW WATER STORED AT PLOVER COVE RESERVOIR WILL BE PUMPED FROM HARBOUR ISLAND PUMPING STATION VIA THE SUBMARINE PIPELINE AND THE TUNNEL TO PAK KONG, WHERE A WATER TREATMENT PLANT WILL SOON BE BUILT.

TREATED WATER WILL THEN BE SUPPLIED TO THE SAI KUNG AREA, JUNK BAY, THE EASTERN PART OF KOWLOON AND NORTHEASTERN PART OF HONG KONG ISLAND.

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HOUSEHOLD MOVE INTO PUBLIC ESTATES REVIEWED  
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THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS CONTAINS A SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE ENTITLED +ANALYSIS OF HOUSEHOLDS REHOUSED INTO PUBLIC RENTAL HOUSING AT THE TIME OF INTAKE+.

THIS REVIEW ARTICLE DESCRIBES BRIEFLY THE DIFFERENT GROUPS OF HOUSEHOLDS ELIGIBLE FOR PUBLIC RENTAL HOUSING, GIVES AN ACCOUNT OF THE SUPPLY OF RENTAL FLATS, AND ANALYSES THE CHARACTERISTICS OF HOUSEHOLDS REHOUSED INTO HOUSING AUTHORITY RENTAL ESTATES AT THE TIME OF INTAKE FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1973-74 TO 1983-84.

THE CHARACTERISTICS COVERED IN THE ANALYSIS INCLUDE HOUSEHOLD SIZE, HOUSEHOLD INCOME, THE PROPORTION OF RENT TO HOUSEHOLD INCOME, GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF +RECEPTION+ ESTATES AND AVERAGE WAITING TIME FOR THE ALLOCATION OF PUBLIC RENTAL HOUSING.

THE ARTICLE REVEALS THAT BEFORE 1979-80, THE ANNUAL PRODUCTION OF HOUSING AUTHORITY RENTAL FLATS WAS LESS THAN THAT OF PRIVATE FLATS, BUT SINCE THEN, THE TREND HAD BEEN REVERSED.

THE NUMBER OF PUBLIC RENTAL FLATS PRODUCED ANNUALLY ROSE STEADILY FROM 8 170 IN 1973-74 TO 14 130 IN 1978-79. IT THEN INCREASED RAPIDLY TO 29 760 IN 1979-80, AND THIS LEVEL OF PRODUCTION HAD BEEN MAINTAINED SINCE THEN.

BECAUSE MANY NEW RENTAL ESTATES WERE LOCATED IN THE NEW TOWNS IN RECENT YEARS, THE PROPORTIONS FOR HOUSEHOLDS REHOUSED INTO ESTATES ON HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON AND TSUEN WAN DECREASED WHILE THOSE FOR HOUSEHOLDS REHOUSED INTO ESTATES IN THE NEW TOWNS INCLUDING TUEN MUN, FANLING, TAI PO AND YUEN LONG INCREASED. CORRESPONDINGLY, THE WAITING TIME FOR REHOUSING WAS LONGER IN URBAN AREAS AND SHORTER IN THE RECENTLY DEVELOPED NEW TOWNS.

DURING 1983-84 THE AVERAGE TIME FOR +WAITING LIST APPLICANTS+ TO AWAIT THEIR TURN FOR THE ALLOCATION OF PUBLIC RENTAL FLATS IN THE DISTRICT PREFERRED WAS 10.5 YEARS FOR HONG KONG ISLAND AND 10 YEARS FOR KOWLOON.

THE CORRESPONDING WAITING TIME FOR TSUEN WAN, TUEN MUN, SHA TIN, AND FANLING, TAI PO AND YUEN LONG WERE 9, 4.5, 7 AND 5 YEARS RESPECTIVELY.

MORE DETAILED FINDINGS ARE INCLUDED IN THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF THE MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS, WHICH IS NOW ON SALE AT \$25 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE.

IT IS ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT ROOM 1904, KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 317 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

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#### WINNING ROAD SAFETY POSTER DESIGNS SELECTED

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THIRTEEN OUTSTANDING ENTRIES FOR THE ROAD SAFETY POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION WERE SELECTED TODAY (MONDAY) BY A PANEL OF FIVE ADJUDICATORS.

THEY WERE SELECTED FROM 541 ENTRIES SUBMITTED BY YOUTHS AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 25.

THE COMPETITION, ORGANISED BY THE ROAD SAFETY PUBLICITY COMMITTEE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST AND WEN WEI PO IN SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR, WAS AIMED AT INCREASING ROAD SAFETY CONSCIOUSNESS AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE.

THE FIRST PRIZE WENT TO CHAN CHI-WAH WHO WILL BE AWARDED WITH A CASH COUPON FOR \$1 500. THE SECOND AND THIRD PRIZE WINNERS WERE REBECCA MA AND LAI YU-HIN WHO WILL RECEIVE CASH COUPONS WORTH \$1 000 AND \$500.

THE TEN CONSOLATION PRIZE WINNERS, WHO WILL EACH RECEIVE A \$100 BOOK TOKEN, WERE CHEUNG CHUN-CHIU, TAM TAK-HO, LIANG WING-MAN, PATRICK LAU, FUNG KWOK-WAI, MAK HUNG-FAT, AU WING-WAH, CHAN SAU-MAN, CHAN KAM-FAI AND TSANG PING-FAI.

THE ADJUDICATORS WERE CHIEF INSPECTOR, ROAD SAFETY SECTION, ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, MISS MEAGE CHOY; TRANSPORT OFFICER, ROAD SAFETY AND STANDARDS DIVISION, MISS ESTHER CHAN; INSPECTOR OF ART AND CRAFT, CULTURAL CRAFTS CENTRE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MR LI KOK-LEUNG; MARKETING MANAGER, SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST, MR KENNETH PANG AND SENIOR INFORMATION OFFICER, CREATIVE SUB-DIVISION, INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR AGAY NG.

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+WE ARE PLEASED WITH THE RESPONSE TO THIS COMPETITION AND THE STANDARD IS SO HIGH THAT WE HAD QUITE A DIFFICULT TIME SELECTING THE WINNING ENTRIES,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PANEL SAID.

JUDGING WAS BASED ON HOW EFFECTIVELY ROAD SAFETY MESSAGES WERE CONVEYED THROUGH THE SLOGAN AND THE DESIGN, THE TECHNIQUES AND SKILLS INVOLVED IN PRODUCING THE POSTER AND THE OVERALL IMPRESSION THAT IT PRESENTED.

FULL DETAILS OF THE WINNERS WILL BE PUBLISHED AGAIN IN THE SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST AND WEN WEI PO ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 24) AND THEY WILL ALSO BE NOTIFIED IN WRITING INDIVIDUALLY.

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BEAUTY FOR SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS AUCTION  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD THE 100TH AUCTION OF LUCKY CAR REGISTRATION NUMBERS ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 23) AT 10 AM IN THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL.

TO MARK THE OCCASION, THE DEPARTMENT HAS INVITED MISS ASIA PACIFIC HONG KONG, MISS EVA LAI YIN-SAN, TO AUCTION A VERY SPECIAL NUMBER -- HK 3. MISS LAI WILL PRESENT THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITH THE NUMBER PLATE BEARING THE SPECIAL NUMBER.

THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR IAN MACPHERSON, WILL ALSO BE ATTENDING AND WILL PRESENT A PLAQUE TO MISS LAI AS A SOUVENIR IN APPRECIATION OF HER PARTICIPATION AT THE AUCTION.

IN ADDITION TO THE SPECIAL NUMBER HK 3, ANOTHER 35 LUCKY NUMBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDER. THEY ARE:

DG1885	BG 180	8328	DG 138	2398
DG 248	BU 11	DB 603	DD 99	DG8938
DF3393	DF8999	DG 368	DG 218	8138
DH 1	DG2699	CN3388	DG 328	DG 108
DG 228	DG 986	DG1088	BB7228	DF9526
DF8378	DD 33	DG2823	CK3388	DG 751
DF7888	DG1323	AC3386	DG 668	DD3399

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PAYMENT MUST BE IN CASH OR BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAMES OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION, HE ADDED.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL GO TO THE LOTTERIES FUND.

THE AMOUNT OF MONEY RAISED DURING THE PAST 99 AUCTIONS ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973 IS NEARLY \$35 MILLION, WITH THE REGISTRATION NUMBER 3 FETCHING THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$1 030 000.

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#### ELDERLY NOT OVERLOOKED IN YEAR OF YOUTH \* \* \* \*

IT IS GRATIFYING TO SEE THAT IN THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR CARE FOR THE ELDERLY HAD NOT BEEN OVERLOOKED, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE YAU MA TEI EYE-CARING CAMPAIGN FOR THE ELDERLY, MR WIGGHAM NOTED THAT THE ELDERLY IN THE DISTRICT WOULD BENEFIT CONSIDERABLY FROM THE PROGRAMME.

THE CAMPAIGN IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD AND THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, WITH SUPPORT FROM THE HONG KONG OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION AND LOCAL ELDERLY CENTRES.

+AS ONE OF THE ACTIVITIES IN THE FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY, THE CAMPAIGN NOT ONLY PROMOTES A GENERAL SPIRIT OF RESPECTING THE AGED, BUT ALSO EDUCATES THEM ON THE IMPORTANCE AND METHODS OF EYE CARE,+ MR WIGGHAM SAID.

DURING THE TWO-WEEK CAMPAIGN, WHICH STARTS TODAY UNTIL DECEMBER 2, THE ELDERLY IN THE DISTRICT WILL BE PROVIDED WITH FREE EYE TESTS AND FREE SPECTACLES WHEN NECESSARY. THEY WILL ALSO BE INTRODUCED TO OPHTHALMIC SERVICES CURRENTLY PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND CHARITABLE BODIES.

MR WIGGHAM COMMENDED THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS FOR THEIR CONTINUOUS EFFORTS IN PROMOTING CHARITABLE SERVICES IN HONG KONG AND THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD FOR ATTACHING GREAT IMPORTANCE TO LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES.

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NO LETUP IN PROSECUTION OF LITTERERS  
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THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT PROSECUTED A TOTAL OF 663 LITTER OFFENDERS IN THE NON-URBAN AREA LAST MONTH, RESULTING IN \$107 970 IN FINES COLLECTED.

THESE REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 51 PER CENT IN FINES AND 36 PER CENT IN OFFENDERS WHEN COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES OF \$71 450 IN FINES AND 487 PROSECUTED OFFENDERS IN SEPTEMBER.

AMONG THE LITTER OFFENDERS LAST MONTH, 466 PEOPLE WERE PROSECUTED FOR LITTER DUMPING, 109 FOR SPITTING AND 77 FOR UNAUTHORISED DISPOSAL OF TRADE WASTE.

THEY WERE ORDERED TO PAY FINES RANGING FROM \$50 TO \$650 IN VARIOUS ANTI-LITTER COURTS IN THE NON-URBAN AREA.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT TO PREVENT THE ENVIRONMENT BEING SPOILED BY INDISCRIMINATE LITTERING, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTINUE ITS ON-GOING EFFORTS TO PROSECUTE LITTERBUGS.

HE ADDED THAT THOSE WHO LITTER WERE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5 000 AND IMPRISONMENT OF SIX MONTHS.

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ADOLESCENT HEALTH EXHIBITION FOR SHA TIN  
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A SEVEN-DAY EXHIBITION ON ADOLESCENT HEALTH WILL BE HELD IN SHA TIN FROM SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 23) TO AROUSE AWARENESS AMONG YOUTHS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES OF THE IMPORTANCE OF HEALTHY LIFESTYLES.

ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, IT WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BETWEEN 11 AM AND 6 PM DAILY AT LEVEL 1 OF THE NEW TOWN PLAZA IN SHA TIN.

THE ADOLESCENT HEALTH EXHIBITION PROVIDES COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION ON SEX EDUCATION, MENTAL HEALTH AND PHYSICAL CHANGES DURING PUBERTY, THE IMPORTANCE OF NUTRITION AND EXERCISE, AS WELL AS THE EFFECTS OF SMOKING, ALCOHOL AND DRUGS ON HEALTH.

BESIDES LOOKING AT THE DISPLAYS, VISITORS WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN COMPUTER GAMES AND WRITE-UP COMPETITIONS. SOUVENIRS AND PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE WINNER OF THE BEST WRITE-UP EACH DAY.

FREE BOOK-MARKERS AND CALENDARS WILL ALSO BE DISTRIBUTED TO PARTICIPANTS DURING THE EXHIBITION PERIOD.

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WARNING AGAINST USE OF FOOD ADDITIVE  
NO LETUP IN CAUTION OF LITTERERS  
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THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY AGAIN WARNED OPERATORS OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS NOT TO USE BORIC ACID IN PRESERVING FOOD.

THIS FOLLOWED TWO COURT CASES IN WHICH THE OPERATORS OF TWO RESTAURANTS WERE FINED FOR USING THE BANNED PRESERVATIVE.

+BORIC ACID IS NOT A PERMITTED PRESERVATIVE SINCE IT IS AN IRRITANT TO THE STOMACH AND OTHER ORGANS,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT.

HE SAID THE OFFENCE CARRIES A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10 000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT.

+THE DEPARTMENT'S HEALTH INSPECTORS ARE REGULARLY TAKING FOOD SAMPLES FROM VARIOUS RESTAURANTS AND WALL STALLS FOR ANALYSIS TO ENSURE THAT BORIC ACID IS NOT CONTAINED IN FOOD FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION,+ HE ADDED.

IN ONE CASE, THE OPERATOR OF A RESTAURANT IN KWUN TONG WAS FINED \$750 AT KWUN TONG COURT FOR SELLING +DIM SUM+ CONTAINING BORIC ACID, PLUS \$228.80 COSTS.

IN THE OTHER CASE, THE LICENSEE OF A RESTAURANT IN ABERDEEN WAS FINED \$1 000 PLUS \$222.50 COSTS.

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OPEN DAY AT TRAINING INSTITUTE  
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THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE WILL BE HOLDING ITS FIRST OPEN DAY ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 23) TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT AND ITS STAFF TRAINING PROGRAMME.

THE INSTITUTE, AT 47 TUNG TAU WAN ROAD IN STANLEY, WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM.

VISITORS TO THE INSTITUTE MAY TOUR ITS MANY FACILITIES INCLUDING MOCK CELLS, AN INDOOR FIRING RANGE, A MUSEUM, A LIBRARY, A TRAINING COURT, A TRAINING NURSING WARD, A GYMNASIUM AND CLASSROOMS.

DEMONSTRATIONS ON PHYSICAL TRAINING, MULTIGYM EXERCISE, JUDO AND SELF-DEFENCE EXERCISE AS WELL AS FIRST AID WILL BE PRESENTED.

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PHOTOGRAPH AND VIDEO DISPLAYS WILL BE USED TO SHOW ACTIVITIES IN PRISONS, TRAINING CENTRES, DETENTION CENTRES, DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRES AND TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR CORRECTIONAL STAFF. SOME OF THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS MADE BY PRISONERS, STAFF UNIFORMS AND RANK INSIGNIA WILL ALSO BE ON DISPLAY.

THERE WILL ALSO BE PERFORMANCES BY THE CAPE COLLINSON BAND AND THE TAI TAM GIRLS' PIPERS AND PRECISION TEAM.

THOSE INTERESTED SHOULD CONTACT THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE ON 5-8138418 FOR ARRANGEMENT. SCHOOL GROUPS ARE ALSO WELCOME.

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BOARD TO DISCUSS ELDERLY PRIORITY SCHEME  
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A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES ON THE PROVISION OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE OFFICES AND THE ELDERLY PRIORITY SCHEME IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES WILL BE RAISED AND ANSWERED AT THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO EXPRESS VIEWS ON THE OPENING OF THE DISTRICT BOARD COMMITTEE MEETINGS TO THE PUBLIC AND THE ENDORSEMENT OF ERECTING NOTICE BOARDS AT FIVE LOCATIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE REVISED DB STANDING ORDERS AND PROGRESS REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 9.30 AM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE SIXTH FLOOR OF KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION.

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DETAILS OF ANTI-NARCOTICS FAIR  
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A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS FAIR WILL BE HELD AT 3.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE FAIR, ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE NARCOTICS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT AND THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS COMMITTEE, WILL BE HELD AT THE ARGYLE STREET PLAYGROUND THIS SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 24).

PRESENT AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KOWLOON CITY ANTI-NARCOTICS COMMITTEE, MR WONG WING-PIU; ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS DIANA TONG; KOWLOON CITY POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER, MR LI KA-KIN AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE NARCOTICS DIVISION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AT 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD.

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BORDER LINK CONTRACT  
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A \$260 MILLION CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A VEHICULAR BORDER LINK AT LOK MA CHAU AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD WILL BE SIGNED TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE CONTRACT SIGNING WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, NINTH FLOOR, EMPIRE CENTRE, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, AT 10.30 AM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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RECREATION, CULTURE SELECT COMMITTEE TO MEET  
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THE RECREATION AND CULTURE SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL WILL HOLD ITS MONTHLY MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

IT WILL DISCUSS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE 1986-87 DRAFT ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE RELATING TO RECREATION AND CULTURE ACTIVITIES IN THE NON-URBAN AREA.

OTHER ITEMS INCLUDE THE POLICY ON SPONSORSHIP OF RECREATION AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT'S INVOLVEMENT IN DISTRICT ARTS FESTIVALS IN 1985-86.

THE MEETING, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, WILL START AT 2.30 PM IN THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBER ON THE SECOND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK AND GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING WHICH IS CONDUCTED IN CANTONESE. SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED.

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JOINT YOUTH CHOIR CONCERT TO BE STAGED  
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THE FIRST EVER JOINT YOUTH CHOIR CONCERT AMONG FOUR DISTRICTS ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) EVENING.

THE 200-MEMBER YOUTH CHOIR FROM CENTRAL AND WESTERN, SOUTHERN, WAN CHAI AND EASTERN WILL PERFORM IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT YOUTH CHOIR ANNUAL CONCERT AT THE CITY HALL.

IT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS (CENTRAL AND WESTERN), AND IS SPONSORED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND URBAN COUNCIL.

THE PERFORMANCES AT THE ANNUAL CONCERT WILL INCLUDE MIX CAROL SINGING, FEMALE CHORUS, CHILDREN'S CHOIRS, TENOR SOLO, FLUTE PERFORMANCES, OPERATIC SINGING AND CAROLS.

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MORE THAN 30 PIECES OF WESTERN AND CHINESE SONGS AND OPERATIC SONGS WILL BE PERFORMED DURING THE CONCERT.

IT WILL START AT 8 PM IN THE CONCERT HALL OF CITY HALL. TICKETS AT \$10 AND \$5 ARE STILL AVAILABLE AT THE BOX OFFICE OF THE CITY HALL.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CONCERT WILL BE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM KAM-KWONG; THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS WINDY KWOK; AND THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR VINCENT KO.

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MEETING TO DISCUSS TRAM DEPOT  
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AT ITS REGULAR MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE PROPOSED TRAM DEPOT TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN SHAU KEI WAN.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE CHINA MOTOR BUS 1985-87 ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, AND A PROPOSAL TO WIDEN THE CURVE IN SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE'S CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE FIRST FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD.

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TAI PO WATER CUT  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TAI PO WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 PM ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 21) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES ALONG TAI PO ROAD FROM TING KOK ROAD TO TAI PO KAU, INCLUDING TAI PO MARKET, KAM SHAN TSUEN, PUN CHUNG, PUN CHUNG SAN TSUEN, MA WO, PAK KIU TSUEN, TO YUEN TUNG, YIU TSZ KIN AND LAI CHI SHAN.

TAI PO KCR STATION, KWONG FUK ESTATE, WANG FUK COURT, ISLAND HOUSE, WONG YI AU, MEI WOON SAN TSUEN, YIN TSZ LANE, TAI PO KAU, TAI PO KAU SAN WAI, LOOKOUT LANE, ST CHRISTOPHER'S HOME AND STRAFFORD HOUSE WILL ALSO BE AFFECTED.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE  
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 73.9 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 433.188 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 464.807 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 79.3 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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