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VISITING DELEGATION FROM HK NAMED

AS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED, MR XU JIATUN, DIRECTOR OF THE XINHUA NEWS AGENCY (HONG KONG BRANCH) WROTE TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, TO INVITE A VISITING DELEGATION OF PROMINENT PERSONALITIES FROM OFFICIAL CIRCLES IN HONG KONG TO TRAVEL TO PEKING AND TAKE PART IN THE CELEBRATIONS OF THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. THE INVITATION WAS ACCEPTED WITH PLEASURE.

FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS, THE COMPOSITION OF THE VISITING DELEGATION HAS BEEN DECIDED, AND IT IS AS FOLLOWS:

SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE	(CHIEF SECRETARY)
SIR SZE-YUEN CHUNG	(SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL)
MR R.H. LOBO	(SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL)
MR D. AKERS-JONES	(SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION)
MR M.G.R. SANDBERG	(UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL)
MR FRANCIS YUAN-HAO TIEN	(UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL)
MR WONG LAM	(UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL)
MR ERIC HO	(SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY)
DR HO KAM-FAI	(UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL)
MR ALLEN LEE PENG-FEI	(UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL)
MR HU FA-KUANG	(UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL)
MR WONG PO-YAN	(UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL)
MR DONALD LIAO POON-HUAI	(SECRETARY FOR HOUSING)
MR KEITH LAM HON-KEUNG	(UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL)

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MISS CHEUNG MAN-YEE

(DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES)

MR R.P. MARGOLIS

(DEPUTY POLITICAL ADVISER)

MISS VIVIEN FONG
(CHINESE LANGUAGE OFFICER)
A MEMBER OF THE UMELCO SECRETARIAT

(INTERPRETER)

THE PARTY WILL LEAVE HONG KONG FOR PEKING ON SEPTEMBER 29,
AND RETURN TO HONG KONG ON OCTOBER 3.

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MORE AMENITIES FOR RENNIE'S MILL

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A LARGE REST GARDEN WILL BE BUILT NEXT TO THE NEWLY-COMPLETED BASKETBALL COURT IN THE RENNIE'S MILL VILLAGE COTTAGE AREA, SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS CARRIE CHENG SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE BASKETBALL COURT, WHICH COST \$200 000, MISS CHENG SAID THE DISTRICT BOARD HAD ALWAYS TRIED TO IMPROVE THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT IN THE COTTAGE AREA, WHICH HAS MORE THAN 6 000 PEOPLE.

THE BOARD HAD APPROVED PLANS TO CONVERT A 470 SQUARE-METRE SITE NEXT TO THE BASKETBALL COURT INTO A REST GARDEN AT A COST OF ABOUT \$130 000 FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS FUND.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF RENNIE'S MILL HAD ALWAYS BEEN DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF THE PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS, SUCH AS THE HILLY TERRAIN AND STEEP SLOPES.

THERE WAS HARDLY ANY OPEN SPACE AND ACCESS TO THE AREA WAS SOMETIMES DIFFICULT.

+SINCE THE DISTRICT BOARD CAME INTO BEING, THERE HAS BEEN MUCH IMPROVEMENT TO THE WELFARE OF RESIDENTS,+ SHE SAID.

THE BOARD INTRODUCED MAXI-CAB SERVICES BETWEEN KWUN TONG AND RENNIE'S MILL, AND HAD HELPED OBTAIN HALF-FARE FOR STUDENTS IN SAI WAN HO FERRY SERVICES.

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IT ALSO ESTABLISHED FIRE WATCH TEAMS AND CONTRIBUTED TO THE SETTING UP OF A TELEVISION TRANSMISSION STATION. AND, IN ADDITION TO ORGANISING AND SPONSORING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, THE BOARD WAS ALSO INVOLVED IN LAUNCHING AN ANTI-AIR-POLLUTION CAMPAIGN IN THE AREA.

+THE SPIRIT OF MUTUAL CARE AND THE SENSE OF BELONGING ARE VERY EVIDENT AMONG THE PEOPLE IN RENNIE'S MILL.+

+THESE HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF 12 MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, RENNIE'S MILL SERVICE CENTRE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OF THE JUNK BAY MEDICAL RELIEF COUNCIL, AND SIX SCHOOLS AND RELIGIOUS BODIES.

+THE RECENT CHANGES AND IMPROVEMENTS IN RENNIE'S MILL HAVE BEEN THE RESULT OF CONCERTED EFFORTS OF BOTH THE DISTRICT BOARD AND RESIDENTS,+ SHE SAID.

ABOUT HALF OF THE 3 000 ELIGIBLE VOTERS IN RENNIE'S MILL HAD REGISTERED.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, MR LEE HOK-MING, AND AN ELECTED DB MEMBER, MR WONG KWOK-YEE, ALSO ATTENDED TODAY'S CEREMONY.

A BASKETBALL MATCH BETWEEN RESIDENTS AND STAFF OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE FOLLOWED THE CEREMONY.

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LANDS AND WORKS CHIEF TO GIVE TALKS IN US
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THE SPENDING OF \$16 MILLION A DAY ON BUILDING NEW TOWNS IS BUT ONE OF MANY PROOFS OF HONG KONG'S VITALITY.

THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, DR N.K. CHAN, WILL BE TELLING THIS TO AMERICAN AUDIENCES.

DR CHAN IS LEAVING TODAY (SATURDAY) FOR A THREE-WEEK TOUR OF THE US WHERE HE WILL BE MAKING A NUMBER OF SPEECHES.

HIS FIRST SPEECH, ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TOWNS IN HONG KONG, WILL BE MADE AT THE ANNUAL CONGRESS OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION IN PHILADELPHIA ON SEPTEMBER 17.

AT THE CONGRESS, WHICH WILL BE ATTENDED BY 7 000 PEOPLE, DR CHAN WILL HIGHLIGHT HONG KONG'S GROWTH FROM A +BARREN ROCK+ TO A THRIVING METROPOLIS OF 5.5 MILLION PEOPLE, AND WILL OUTLINE THE WORK BEING DONE IN EACH OF THE SIX NEW TOWNS.

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HE WILL BE MAKING HIS SECOND SPEECH ON OCTOBER 2 IN ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, WHERE HE WILL BE ATTENDING THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT OFFICIALS.

HIS TALK WILL BE ON HONG KONG'S HOUSING AND NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT.

DR. CHAN WILL FLY TO SAN FRANCISCO TO PRESENT TWO SPEECHES ON OCTOBER 3. HE WILL BE ADDRESSING THE ASIAN AMERICAN ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS AND THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, DISCUSSING PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS AND MAJOR PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG.

DR CHAN RETURNS TO HONG KONG ON OCTOBER 7.

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KOWLOON CITY RESIDENTS TO AIR VIEWS

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KOWLOON CITY RESIDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO VOICE THEIR VIEWS ON DISTRICT MATTERS AT AN OPEN FORUM AT 3 PM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) OPPOSITE THE OI MAN ESTATE COMMUNITY HALL.

THE DISTRICT FORUM IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE TO PROMOTE THE CURRENT VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT, DISTRICT IDENTITY, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND POLLUTION PROBLEMS WILL BE DISCUSSED.

SPEAKERS WILL BE THREE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, MR WU SHING-SHUEN, MR WONG WING-BIU AND MR NG SIU-PENG, AN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CLEMENT CHEUNG, AND THREE LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES.

RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE FORUM WHICH WILL BE RECORDED FOR BROADCAST ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 22) ON RTHK RADIO ONE.

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RENT OPPOSITION BY MINORITY GROUP NOT SURPRISING

IT HAS BEEN THE AUTHORITY'S POLICY TO USE THE SURPLUS FROM ITS COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES, AFTER CROSS-SUBSIDISING THE DOMESTIC DEFICIT, ON THE PUBLIC HOUSING CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME IN ORDER TO BENEFIT MORE NEEDY FAMILIES.

AND IT IS IMPROPER TO BREAK THE AUTHORITY'S NORMAL PRACTICE TO COMBINE ITS DOMESTIC AND NON-DOMESTIC ACCOUNTS.

A MEMBER OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, DR DENNY HUANG, SAID THIS TODAY WHEN COMMENTING ON THE RECENT RENT INCREASE ON 38 POST-1973 PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

+THE INCREASE IS REASONABLE AS IT COULD BE JUDGED FROM THE FACT THAT THE NEW RENTS WILL STILL REPRESENT ONLY 22 TO 38 PER CENT OF THE ESTATES' MARKET VALUE,+ DR HUANG SAID.

CALCULATED ON THE PRESENT RENT LEVELS, DR HUANG SAID, THE AUTHORITY'S DOMESTIC ESTATE WORKING ACCOUNT WOULD INCUR A DEFICIT OF \$176 MILLION THIS FINANCIAL YEAR AND THIS FIGURE WOULD GROW TO AS HIGH AS \$383 MILLION FOUR YEARS LATER.

+IT WILL BE ABSOLUTELY UNFAIR TO TAXPAYERS TO SHOULDER ALL THE DEFICITS FOR TENANTS IF PUBLIC HOUSING RENTS ARE NOT REASONABLY INCREASED TO COVER PART OF THE LOSS.+

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE REVISED RATES, EFFECTIVE FROM APRIL THIS YEAR, ACCOUNTED FOR THE SLIGHTLY HIGHER INCREASE IN THIS RENT REVISION.

ON THE OPPOSITION SET UP BY A SMALL GROUP OF PEOPLE, DR HUANG SAID IT WAS NOT SURPRISING AS NOBODY WOULD LIKE TO PAY MORE AND THE +ANTI-INCREASE+ MOVEMENT AFFORDED A VERY GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR SOCIAL ACTIVISTS TO GAIN MASS SUPPORT.

HE ADVISED PEOPLE INTERESTED IN SOCIAL AFFAIRS TO PLAY A MORE POSITIVE ROLE AT A TIME WHEN MAINTENANCE OF HONG KONG'S STABILITY AND PROSPERITY WAS HINGED.

+THEY SHOULD NOW BE MORE ENTHUSIASTIC TO PROMOTE THE LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM RATHER THAN TAKING ADVANTAGE OF HUMAN WEAKNESS ON CERTAIN SUBJECTS TO CREATE DISPUTES,+ HE SAID.

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SURVEY TO BE DISCUSSED
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A SECOND FORUM ON THE RESULTS OF A DISTRICT SURVEY IN MONG KOK WILL BE HELD AT THE MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE SURVEY, WHICH BEGAN IN MAY, IS AIMED AT PROMOTING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND COLLECTING VIEWS OF THE LOCAL PEOPLE.

GUEST SPEAKERS WILL BE THE SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER, MR SHUM CHUNG-YAU, MR YIM KWOK-ON OF THE HONG KONG PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION AND MR SUEN LEUNG-KWONG OF THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS.

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HK STUDENTS DO WELL IN ESSAYS
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SIX HONG KONG STUDENTS HAVE BEEN COMMENDED FOR THEIR ENTRIES IN THE 1983-84 ESSAY COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY BASED IN LONDON.

IN CLASS A -- 16 TO 19 AGE GROUP OF THE COMPETITION -- MISS EVA CHANG OF ST. MARY'S CANOSSIAN COLLEGE WAS +HIGHLY COMMENDED+, AND MISS JUDY CHUNG OF SACRED HEART CANOSSIAN COLLEGE WAS COMMENDED FOR THEIR ENTRIES.

IN CLASS B -- AGES 14 TO 16 -- MISS ELAINE CHEN OF ST. MARY'S CANOSSIAN COLLEGE WAS +HIGHLY COMMENDED+.

IN CLASS C -- UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE -- MISS ROSELINE TSUI YUEN TING, MISS NOELLE LEUNG AND MISS ELEANOR NG, ALL FROM SACRED HEART CANOSSIAN COLLEGE, WERE +HIGHLY COMMENDED+ FOR THEIR ENTRIES.

THE ESSAY COMPETITION IS HELD ANNUALLY BY THE SOCIETY, TO ENCOURAGE COMMONWEALTH STUDIES IN SCHOOLS.

IN EACH CLASS OF THE PRELIMINARY ROUND HELD LOCALLY, THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARDS BOOK PRIZES TO THE BEST THREE COMPETITORS.

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TEACHING FOOD HANDLERS ABOUT HYGIENE
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FORTY SUPERVISORY STAFF OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS IN TSUEN WAN ARE ATTENDING A COURSE ON THE BASICS OF FOOD HYGIENE.

ORGANISED BY THE HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE COURSE IS BEING HELD AT THE LECTURE ROOM OF THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL.

ITS PURPOSE IS TO RAISE THE STANDARD OF HYGIENE IN FOOD PREMISES, IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NTSD SAID.

THE COURSE DEALS WITH THE BASICS OF MICROBIOLOGY, HANDLING OF FOOD AND UTENSILS, AND FOOD BUSINESS LAWS.

AFTER THE COURSE, THE PARTICIPANTS WILL ATTEND A DISCUSSION FORUM WITH NTSD HEALTH INSPECTORS.

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PORTION OF JACKSON ROAD TO BE CLOSED
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GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CLOSE THE SECTION OF JACKSON ROAD BETWEEN DES VOEUX ROAD AND CHATER ROAD IN CENTRAL TO THROUGH TRAFFIC AND TO TREAT IT PRINCIPALLY AS A PEDESTRIAN ZONE.

THE CLOSED SECTION WILL, HOWEVER, CONTINUE TO SERVE AS A VEHICULAR ACCESS TO THE OLD SUPREME COURT BUILDING WHICH WILL BE CONVERTED TO HOUSE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND UMELCO OFFICES.

THE EXISTING BUS TERMINUS THERE WILL SOON BE RELOCATED TO MURRAY ROAD.

ACCESS TO THIS SECTION OF JACKSON ROAD HAS BEEN RESTRICTED TO BUSES SINCE COMPLETION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY'S CENTRAL STATION AND THE RECONSTRUCTION OF CHATER ROAD.

CLOSURE OF THIS ROAD SECTION TO THROUGH TRAFFIC WILL LINK TOGETHER TWO OF CENTRAL'S MAIN OPEN SPACES -- STATUE SQUARE AND CHATER GARDEN.

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THE PLAN AND SCHEME OF THE PROPOSED WORK 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;
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG NORTH, HARBOUR CENTRE, 12TH FLOOR, HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG; AND
- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, 222-224, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

ANYONE OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL CAN WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BEFORE NOVEMBER 13.

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YUEN LONG MARKET STALLS FOR LEASE
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NINETEEN STALLS AT THE NEWLY OPENED TAI KIU MARKET IN YUEN LONG, WILL BE PUT UP FOR AUCTION ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 17), AT THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL, STARTING AT 9.30 AM, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

TWELVE OF THE STALLS ARE FOR SALE OF FRESH MEAT, FIVE FOR POULTRY, ONE STALL IS FOR SIU MEI AND LO MEI AND ONE FOR ICE.

THE UPSET MONTHLY RENTAL RANGES FROM \$2 000 TO \$5 000.

THE LEASE IS FOR THREE YEARS, STARTING FROM OCTOBER 1.

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REFUSE COLLECTION

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A 280-SQUARE-METRE PERMANENT REFUSE COLLECTION POINT IS TO BE CONSTRUCTED BENEATH THE SECTION OF THE EAST KOWLOON WAY FLYOVER BETWEEN LOK SHAN ROAD AND SZE CHUEN STREET IN KOWLOON CITY.

IT WILL BE A SINGLE-STOREY REINFORCED CONCRETE STRUCTURE AND WILL REPLACE A TEMPORARY COLLECTION POINT IN THE VICINITY.

IT WILL BE OF STANDARD DESIGN, AND WILL INCLUDE A HANDCART WASHING BAY, STAFF TOILET, ROLL-CALL OFFICE AND A STOREROOM.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN NOVEMBER AND BE COMPLETED BY MAY NEXT YEAR.

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ROAD CLOSURE FOR MAINS WORK

FROM 9 AM ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 17) TO 9 AM ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 19), THE SECTION OF SHIP STREET SOUTH OF QUEEN'S ROAD EAST WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR WATER MAINS REPAIRING WORKS.

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