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DEBATE ON MOTION OF THANKS
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A TWO-DAY DEBATE ON THE MOTION OF THANKS FOR THE GOVERNOR'S POLICY ADDRESS WILL BEGIN IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE CHIEF SECRETARY, THE HON SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, WILL MOVE THE MOTION.

TWENTY-SIX UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL BE SPEAKING ON THE MOTION, TOMORROW AND ON THURSDAY.

STARTING OFF THE DEBATE TOMORROW WILL BE DR THE HON HARRY FANG.

HE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE HON FRANCIS TIEN, THE HON ALEX WU, THE HON S.L. CHEN, THE HON LYDIA DUNN, THE HON PETER C. WONG, THE HON WONG LAM, DR THE HON HO KAM-FAI, THE HON ALLEN LEE, THE HON ANDREW SO, THE HON F.K. HU, THE HON WONG PO-YAN, THE HON W.C.L. BROWN, AND THE HON STEPHEN CHEONG.

ON THURSDAY, 12 OTHER UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL SPEAK ON THE MOTION.

THEY ARE THE HON CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, THE HON MARIA TAM, DR THE HON HENRIETTA IP, THE HON CHAN YING-LUN, THE HON RITA FAN, THE HON PAULINE NG, THE HON PETER POON, THE HON P.K. YEUNG, THE HON KIM CHAM, THE HON KEITH LAM, THE HON CARL TONG AND THE HON ROGER LOBO.

THE PROCEEDINGS WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE ON RTHK RADIO ONE CHINESE SERVICE AND RADIO THREE ENGLISH SERVICE.

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GOOD HEALTH VITAL TO PROSPERITY - AKERS-JONES
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THE GOOD HEALTH OF PEOPLE IS INSTRUMENTAL TO THE PROSPERITY AND STABILITY OF A COMMUNITY, THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE NEW PREMISES OF THE SHAM SHUI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION AT LAI KOK ESTATE, HE SAID THAT ONLY HEALTHY CITIZENS COULD FACE THE CHALLENGE OF TIME.

+PARTICIPATION IN VARIOUS SPORT ACTIVITIES AND COMPETITIONS WILL HELP IMPROVE OUR PHYSICAL HEALTH AS WELL AS CONFIDENCE AND, AT THE SAME TIME, FOSTER A TEAM SPIRIT AND RECOGNISE THE IMPORTANCE OF OBSERVING RULES,+ HE SAID.

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HE SAID THAT IN LINE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, A GROUP OF ENTHUSIASTS HAD ESTABLISHED THE PRESENT SHAM SHUI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION IN 1982, TO ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT IN ORGANISING SPORT AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND TO PROMOTE LOCAL INTEREST IN RECREATIONAL AFFAIRS.

THE ASSOCIATION SELECTED ATHLETES TO REPRESENT THE DISTRICT AND TAKE PART IN OPEN COMPETITIONS, THEREBY ENHANCING THE COHESION OF PEOPLE, HE SAID.

MR AKERS-JONES PRAISED THE ASSOCIATION FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION.

+NOW THAT THE ASSOCIATION HAS GOT A PERMANENT BASE, I LOOK FORWARD TO AN EVEN BETTER SERVICE IN THE COURSE OF COMMUNITY BUILDING,+ HE SAID.

THE NEW PREMISES, LOCATED AT S12-13 LAI FU HOUSE OF LAI KOK ESTATE, WILL PROVIDE TRAINING CLASSES FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS.

OTHER GUESTS AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SYLVESTER TSE, AND THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR DICKEN YUNG.

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GATT GROUP KEEPS WATCH ON U.S. RULES * * * *

THE GATT'S TEXTILES COMMITTEE CONCLUDED ITS MEETING IN GENEVA YESTERDAY (MONDAY), AFTER ADOPTING A REPORT CONTAINING AMONG OTHER THINGS, CRITICISMS OF THE NEW AMERICAN COUNTRY OF ORIGIN RULES.

THE REPORT NOTED THAT MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE HAD REITERATED THE POSITIONS TAKEN DURING THE MEETING OF THE TEXTILES COMMITTEE ON SEPTEMBER 4 AND 5 AND THE OCTOBER 2 MEETING OF THE GATT COUNCIL. THESE POSITIONS INCLUDED APPEALS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM ALL SIDES DIRECTED TO THE AMERICAN DELEGATION WITH RESPECT TO THE OVERALL CHARACTER OF THE MEASURES TAKEN AND WITH RESPECT TO SOME OF THEIR SPECIFIC ASPECTS.

THE REPORT WILL NOW BE REFERRED TO WASHINGTON BY THE AMERICAN DELEGATION.

THE ORIGIN RULES ISSUE WILL CONTINUE TO BE REVIEWED BY THE TEXTILES COMMITTEE.

DURING THE MEETING, HONG KONG'S DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD POINTED TO THE UNCERTAINTY ARISING FROM THE REGULATIONS WHICH WERE COMPLEX AND AMBIGUOUS. AS A RESULT OF THIS UNCERTAINTY, ORDERS HAD BEEN HELD UP OR CANCELLED.

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ALTHOUGH THE REGULATIONS HAD BEEN EXPLAINED AS CLARIFYING OR CODIFYING EXISTING ORIGIN RULES, SUBSEQUENT EXPLANATIONS HAD MADE IT CLEAR THAT THEY ALSO ACTUALLY CHANGED SOME OF THE RULES.

THIS HELPED TO UNDERLINE ONE OF THE FUNDAMENTAL TO OBJECTIONS TO THE REGULATIONS, I.E. THAT GOODS WHICH HAD HITHERTO BEEN ACCEPTED AS ORIGINATING IN A COUNTRY AND HENCE ABLE TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES UNDER ITS QUOTA, WOULD NO LONGER BE ABLE TO DO SO, MR MACLEOD SAID.

MOREOVER, THE DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS WERE TIME-CONSUMING, DIFFICULT TO COMPLY WITH, AND INVOLVED THE DISCLOSURE OF COMMERCIAL SENSITIVE INFORMATION.

IN THE TEXTILES SECTOR, WHERE TRADE WAS GOVERNED BY THE FRAMEWORK OF THE GATT, THE MFA AND THE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS, IT WAS CLEAR THAT RULES OF ORIGIN COULD NOT BE UNILATERALLY CHANGED AS A PROTECTIVE MEASURE BY ONE PARTY, SO SUBSTANTIALLY CHANGING THE FRAMEWORK OF RULES GOVERNING THE TEXTILES TRADE, AND IN SOME CASES RESULTING IN SUBSTANTIAL TRADE LOSS BY OTHER PARTIES.

+ACCORDINGLY, IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE ONLY SATISFACTORY SOLUTION WAS FOR THESE REGULATIONS TO BE RESCINDED,+ MR MACLEOD SAID.

IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT, A TRADE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN IN HONG KONG ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT MR MACLEOD AND HIS DEPUTY, MR DONALD TSANG, WOULD GO TO WASHINGTON FROM GENEVA TO RESUME BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES ON OCTOBER 29 AND 30.

THIS WAS ANOTHER STEP BY HONG KONG TO PRESS FOR THE RULES TO BE WITHDRAWN, HE SAID.

AFTER THE TALKS IN WASHINGTON, MR MACLEOD AND MR TSANG WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG.

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LADY YOUDE PRAISES 'DEDICATED WORKERS'
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PEOPLE WHOSE WORK IS CARING FOR THE ELDERLY AND INFIRM WERE PRAISED TODAY BY LADY YOUDE, WIFE OF THE GOVERNOR, FOR THEIR PATIENCE AND DEDICATION.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE AGED'S BRADBURY AND QUAN CHUEN HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY, LADY YOUDE SAID, +LOOKING AFTER THE ELDERLY AND INFIRM IS NOT ALWAYS AN EASY TASK.+

THE NEW BUILDINGS OF THE SOCIETY NOW HOUSE THE LARGEST CARE AND ATTENTION HOMES IN HONG KONG, SHE SAID.

+THE TWO NEW HOMES WILL PROVIDE PERSONAL CARE AND A LIMITED AMOUNT OF NURSING CARE FOR 392 RESIDENTS, THUS ALMOST DOUBLING THE NUMBER OF PLACES PROVIDED FOR THIS MUCH-NEEDED SERVICE,+ SHE SAID.

+I AM SURE THAT THE RESIDENTS WILL FIND A SERENE AND COMFORTABLE HOME HERE, AND THAT THE SOCIETY'S SKILLED AND DEVOTED STAFF WILL DO AN EXCELLENT JOB IN CARING FOR THEM.+

LADY YOUDE THANKED THE BRADBURY CHARITABLE TRUST AND THE LATE MR QUAN CHUEN FOR THEIR +EXTREMELY GENEROUS DONATIONS+.

+WE ARE ALSO GRATEFUL FOR THE SUBSTANTIAL GRANT FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND,+ SHE SAID.

WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE SOCIETY'S NEW HOMES, THERE ARE NOW EIGHT SUCH HOMES PROVIDING RESIDENTIAL PLACES FOR 880 INFIRM ELDERLY PEOPLE, SHE SAID.

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ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMP FOR FAMILIES * * * * *

PARENTS OF SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMP.

THE TWO-DAY CAMP, ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN), WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 24 AND 25 (SATURDAY AND SUNDAY) IN THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE. IT IS THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES INVOLVING PARENTS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG ABUSE.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE A DRUG EDUCATION TALK CONDUCTED BY STAFF OF THE NARCOTICS DIVISION, GROUP DISCUSSIONS, SLIDE AND FILM SHOWS, AND GAMES WITH AN ANTI-NARCOTICS THEME.

THE CAMP, WHICH IS FREE OF CHARGE, IS LIMITED TO 140 PARTICIPANTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NARCOTICS DIVISION SAID APPLICATIONS WOULD BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

EACH FAMILY MAY APPLY FOR NOT MORE THAN FOUR OF ITS MEMBERS, AND ACCOMPANYING CHILDREN SHOULD PREFERABLY BE AT LEAST EIGHT YEARS OF AGE.

/APPLICATION FORMS

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APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES (MACS) OF HOUSING ESTATES IN SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE NARCOTICS DIVISION, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, UNITED CENTRE, 31ST FLOOR, 95 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG BY NOVEMBER 10, 1984.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE INFORMED IN WRITING.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE WITH THE NARCOTICS DIVISION AT 5-295140.

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STUDENTS TO GIVE CONCERT

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THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD AN +N.T. STUDENTS' CONCERT+ ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 28) AT 3 PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL OF THE PUI YING COLLEGE AT WO CHE, SHA TIN.

MR WONG PO-MING, CHAIRMAN OF THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE FUNCTION.

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A-LEVEL EXAM APPLICATIONS EXPLAINED

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SCHOOLS WISHING TO ENTER CANDIDATES FOR THE HONG KONG ADVANCED LEVEL EXAMINATION IN 1986 FOR THE FIRST TIME MUST APPLY TO THE SECRETARY OF THE HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 1 THIS YEAR.

THE SAME PROCEDURE APPLIES TO SCHOOLS WISHING TO ENTER CANDIDATES FOR THE FIRST TIME FOR CERTAIN PRACTICAL SUBJECTS SUCH AS BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY OR PHYSICS.

THE HANDBOOK OF REGULATIONS AND SYLLABUSES FOR THE 1986 EXAMINATION IS NOW ON SALE AT THE PUBLICATIONS UNIT, HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY, 17 TSEUK LUK STREET, SAN PO KONG, KOWLOON AND THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE WITH THE EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY AT 3-7240030.

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FUN WAY TO BETTER HEALTH
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ALL FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO SHARE THE FUN AT A FAMILY CARNIVAL AT THE VICTORIA PARK ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 28), BETWEEN 2 PM AND 5 PM.

THE AIM OF THE +HEALTHY FAMILY CARNIVAL+, ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, IS TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FAMILY AS A UNIT IN MAINTAINING HEALTH AND PREVENTING DISEASES.

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR (HEALTH SERVICES AND PLANNING) OF THE DEPARTMENT, DR LEE SHIU-HUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

THERE WILL BE GAMES STALLS, A PUPPET SHOW, VIDEO AND SLIDE SHOWS, A MAGIC SHOW AND ACROBATIC PERFORMANCES, AT THE CARNIVAL.

MUSIC WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES SCOTTISH PIPE BAND AND THE CHILDREN'S MARCHING BAND OF THE MUSIC OFFICE.

A FEATURE AT THE CARNIVAL WILL BE A COMPETITION FOR THE +FAMILY WITH THE HEALTHIEST TEETH COMPETITION+, OPEN TO ALL PRESENT.

THERE WILL ALSO BE AN EXHIBITION WHICH WILL DEAL, AMONG OTHER THINGS, WITH THE PREVENTION AND EARLY TREATMENT OF COMMON DISEASES, AND SPECIAL HEALTH CARE AT HOME.

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RETAILING COURSE FOR STAFF
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A COURSE IN THE FUNDAMENTALS OF RETAILING SALESMANSHIP IS BEING OFFERED BY THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE.

IT WILL BE HELD FROM NOVEMBER 5 TO NOVEMBER 21, WITH THE AIM OF BROADENING PROFESSIONAL PERSPECTIVES AND UPGRADING THE QUALITY OF LOCAL PEOPLE SERVING IN THE BUSINESS.

THE COURSE WILL CONSIST OF SIX LECTURES OF TWO-AND-A-HALF HOURS EACH, AND WILL BE HELD ON MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS, STARTING FROM NOVEMBER 5.

THE FEE IS \$400, BUT A \$200 SUBSIDY WILL BE PAID BY THE VTC TO PARTICIPANTS WHO ATTEND 80 PER CENT OF THE COURSE, AND PASS THE FINAL EXAMINATION.

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ENROLMENT IS LIMITED TO 40 PERSONS.

THE COURSE IS BEING HELD AT THE REQUEST OF THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES ON THE COURSE CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD MR H. HUNG ON 5-8932341 EXT. 261 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

AIR CONDITIONING STARTS ON SPORTS COMPLEX

A SPORTS AND RECREATION COMPLEX FOR POLICE OFFICERS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN CAUSEWAY BAY, WILL BE FULLY AIR-CONDITIONED.

THE COMPLEX, BEING CONSTRUCTED ON A ONE-HECTARE SITE NEXT TO THE CAUSEWAY BAY PORTAL OF THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL, WILL BE FOR USE BY OFFICERS OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE, THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY POLICE AND THEIR CIVILIAN COUNTERPARTS.

FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE A COVERED AND HEATED SWIMMING POOL, A MULTI-PURPOSE INDOOR GAMES HALL, FOUR SQUASH COURTS, A BOWLING ALLEY, A GYMNASIUM WITH FITNESS ROOMS, CHANGING ROOMS, A LOUNGE AND BAR AND DINING ROOMS.

A \$3.89 MILLION CONTRACT WAS AWARDED BY THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOR THE WORK, WHICH STARTED LAST WEEK AND WILL BE COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR.

FACE LIFT FOR YUEN LONG

EXTENSIVE WORK ON LANDSCAPING FOOTPATHS, VERGES AND OPEN SPACES WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN YUEN LONG FROM NEXT WEEK FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE PROVISION OF PLANTER BEDS AND PLANTING OF TREES AND SHRUBS OF VARIOUS SPECIES WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED IN THE \$2.2 MILLION CONTRACT, WHICH WILL TAKE 10 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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FRESH WATER WORKS
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN PAT HEUNG WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9 PM ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 26) TO 7 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY KAM TIN ROAD FROM SHEK KONG CAMP TO PAT HEUNG POLICE STATION, INCLUDING WANG TOI SHAN AND LO UK TSUEN NEAR LAM KAM ROAD.

FAN KAM ROAD FROM PAT HEUNG POLICE STATION TO PAT HEUNG FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT TRAINING SCHOOL WILL ALSO BE AFFECTED.

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MORE PARKING METERS FOR CHAI WAN
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THIRTY-TWO PARKING METERS WILL BE INSTALLED IN CHAI WAN TOMORROW (OCTOBER 24).

THE NEW METERS IN SUN YIP STREET, ON YIP STREET AND FUNG YIP STREET WILL OPERATE FROM 8 AM ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 25).

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RESTRICTED ZONE
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THE EASTERN KERBSIDE OF CANTON ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED A RESTRICTED ZONE FROM THURSDAY (OCTOBER 25), BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM DAILY.

IT IS BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH HAIPHONG ROAD, AND A POINT ABOUT 52 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE, ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS OR LOADING OR UNLOADING GOODS.

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CARRIAGEWAY CLOSURE
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THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR SEVEN DAYS FROM WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 24) TO FACILITATE THE LAYING OF AN ANTI-SKID SURFACE.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES SHOULD PROCEED ON GROUND LEVEL ROADS.

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