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10-MONTH RAINFALL EXCEEDS ANNUAL RECORD

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ACCUMULATED RAINFALL IN THE FIRST TEN MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, AMOUNTING TO 3 151.7 MM, HAS ALREADY EXCEEDED THE ANNUAL RECORD OF 3 100.4 MM ESTABLISHED IN 1973, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY REPORTS.

AND LAST MONTH, THE RAINFALL WAS 35 PER CENT ABOVE NORMAL; IT WAS ALSO WARMER THAN USUAL AND THE MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 24.1 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS THE SECOND HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR ANY OCTOBER.

TAKEN SEPARATELY, RECORDS SET IN VARIOUS STATIONS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

- * HAPPY VALLEY RACE COURSE — 3 102.9 MM FOR THE FIRST TEN MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, COMPARED WITH THE ANNUAL RECORD OF 3 054.4 MM SET IN 1972,
- * WAGLAN ISLAND — 2 393.2 MM FOR THE FIRST TEN MONTHS OF THIS YEAR COMPARED WITH THE ANNUAL RECORD 2 150.3 MM SET IN 1959,
- * TAI LAM CHUNG RESERVOIR — 2 873.5 MM FOR THE FIRST TEN MONTHS OF THIS YEAR COMPARED WITH THE ANNUAL RECORD OF 2 574.6 MM SET IN 1957.

APART FROM SOME ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS IN THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 3, IT WAS GENERALLY FINE AND HOT FOR THE FIRST FOUR DAYS OF THE MONTH, WITH THE MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 31.8 DEGREES CELSIUS FOR THE MONTH RECORDED ON OCTOBER 3.

THUNDERSTORMS OCCURRED ON OCTOBER 5, BUT THE WEATHER IMPROVED RAPIDLY DURING THE NIGHT AS WINDS TURNED NORTHERLY.

BUT THE FINE WEATHER LASTED FOR LESS THAN 24 HOURS.

CLOUDS AND ISOLATED SHOWERS RETURNED ON THE FOLLOWING NIGHT AND PERSISTED INTO OCTOBER 7.

THE WEATHER WAS GENERALLY FINE FROM OCTOBER 8 TO 15.

WINDS TURNED NORTHERLY ON OCTOBER 14 AND FRESHENED ON OCTOBER 15 AS TYPHOON NANCY CAME WITHIN 400 NAUTICAL MILES OF HONG KONG. THE WEATHER WAS CLOUDY WITH SOME LIGHT SHOWERS FROM OCTOBER 16 TO 18.

A SURGE OF THE WINTER MONSOON ARRIVED DURING THE NIGHT OF OCTOBER 16 AS WINDS FRESHENED FROM THE EAST AND BECAME STRONG OFF-SHORE THE FOLLOWING MORNING.

THERE WAS A SHORT SPELL OF FINE WEATHER FROM THE NIGHT OF OCTOBER 18 TO THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 19 BEFORE CLOUDY WEATHER WITH OUTBREAKS OF RAIN SET IN AND LASTED UNTIL OCTOBER 27.

THERE WAS LESS THAN ONE HOUR OF BRIGHT SUNSHINE FROM OCTOBER 20 TO 27.

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SEVERAL HOURS OF STRONG NORTHEASTERLY WINDS WERE RECORDED AT WAGLAN ISLAND EARLY ON OCTOBER 22. ON THE SAME DAY, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY RECORDED A MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 21 DEGREES CELSIUS, WHICH WAS THE LOWEST OF THE MONTH.

ON OCTOBER 26 AND 27 OUTBREAKS OF HEAVY RAIN LED TO THE OCCURRENCE OF A MUDSLIP EARLY ON OCTOBER 27 AT THE SLOPE OF BLACKHEAD POINT IN TSIM SHA TSUI WHERE A SECTION OF CHATHAM ROAD WAS CLOSED.

THE WEATHER IMPROVED ON OCTOBER 28 AND, EXCEPT FOR SOME LIGHT RAIN PATCHES EARLY ON OCTOBER 29, REMAINED FINE FOR THE REST OF THE MONTH.

DURING THE MONTH FOUR TROPICAL CYCLONES, NAMELY, TYPHOON MAC, TYPHOON NANCY, A TROPICAL DEPRESSION AND TYPHOON OWEN FORMED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC.

TYPHOON NANCY WAS THE ONLY STORM FOR WHICH TROPICAL CYCLONE SIGNALS WERE DISPLAYED IN HONG KONG.

TYPHOON MAC FORMED ON OCTOBER 1 ABOUT 330 NAUTICAL MILES EAST OF GUAM, RECURVED SOUTH OF JAPAN AND PASSED ABOUT 195 NAUTICAL MILES SOUTHEAST OF TOKYO ON OCTOBER 9.

TYPHOON NANCY DEVELOPED AS A TROPICAL DEPRESSION ABOUT 240 NAUTICAL MILES NORTHWEST OF GUAM ON OCTOBER 11. IT MOVED WESTWARD, CROSSED NORTHERN LUZON DURING THE NIGHT OF OCTOBER 14 AND LANDED IN VIETNAM ON OCTOBER 18.

THE TROPICAL DEPRESSION FORMED OVER THE PACIFIC ABOUT 970 NAUTICAL MILES EAST-NORTHEAST OF MANILA ON OCTOBER 15 AND DISSIPATED OVER THE OCEAN ON OCTOBER 19.

TYPHOON OWEN FORMED OVER THE PACIFIC ABOUT 570 NAUTICAL MILES EAST OF GUAM ON OCTOBER 16 AND RECURVED EAST-SOUTHEAST OF OKINAWA ON OCTOBER 19.

THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON OCTOBER 3, 4 AND 5.

THE RED FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON OCTOBER 20, 21 AND 25 WHILE THE YELLOW DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON OCTOBER 2, 3, 9, 10 AND 31.

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

SUNSHINE	167.3 HOURS	: 42.6 HOURS BELOW NORMAL
RAINFALL	163.7 MM	: 42.5 MM ABOVE NORMAL
CLOUDINESS	58 PER CENT	: 6 PER CENT MORE THAN NORMAL
RELATIVE HUMIDITY	77 PER CENT	: 5 PER CENT HIGHER THAN NORMAL

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MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE	27.8 DEGREES CELSIUS	: 0.1 DEGREES CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN TEMPERATURE	25.8 DEGREES CELSIUS	: 0.8 DEGREES CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	24.1 DEGREES CELSIUS	: 1.4 DEGREES CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	21.3 DEGREES CELSIUS	: 2.0 DEGREES CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	131.0 MM	: 35.8 MM BELOW NORMAL

MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 31.8 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON OCTOBER 3.

MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 21.0 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON OCTOBER 22.

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IMPROVEMENTS TO TUEN MUN HIGHWAY

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ADDITIONAL WARNING AND HAZARD SIGNS AND SPEED LIMIT PANELS HAVE BEEN PUT UP AT STRATEGIC POINTS BETWEEN THE SHAM TSENG INTERCHANGE AND THE SIU LAM INTERCHANGE ON TUEN MUN HIGHWAY FOLLOWING A SERIOUS BUS ACCIDENT IN THE AREA LAST SUNDAY.

KMB DRIVERS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO BE PARTICULARLY CAUTIOUS WHEN DRIVING ALONG TUEN MUN ROAD AND TO KEEP TO THE INSIDE LANE WHEN THEY APPROACH THE INTERCHANGE. KMB INSPECTORS WILL BE DEPLOYED TO ENSURE THIS.

AT A MEETING THIS MORNING BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, KMB, TRAFFIC POLICE, HIGHWAYS OFFICE AND OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT MORE WARNING SPEED SIGNS SHOULD BE INSTALLED ALONG THE HIGHWAY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT EMPHASISED THAT TUEN MUN HIGHWAY WAS SATISFACTORILY DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED TO A VERY HIGH STANDARD.

HE POINTED OUT THAT MOST ACCIDENTS HAD OCCURRED AS A RESULT OF VEHICLES BEING DRIVEN AT EXCESSIVE SPEEDS.

THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE IS EXAMINING MEASURES TO FURTHER ENHANCE SAFETY ON THE HIGHWAY.

THE ROAD SAFETY DIVISION OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS ALSO RE-EXAMINING THE EDUCATIONAL ASPECTS OF SAFE DRIVING.

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT +THE KEY TO ROAD SAFETY IS BASICALLY IN THE HANDS OF THE ROAD USERS+ AND CALLED UPON ALL MOTORISTS USING THE TUEN MUN ROAD TO DRIVE WITH CARE AND TO OBSERVE THE SPEED LIMIT OF 40 MPH ALONG THE WHOLE OF THE CARRIAGEWAY, PARTICULARLY DURING BAD WEATHER.

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HONG KONG'S JANUARY - SEPTEMBER EXTERNAL TRADE
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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FOR JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 1982, VALUED AT \$197 176 MILLION, SHOWED AN INCREASE OF FOUR PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1981, ACCORDING TO FIGURES PROVIDED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY).

DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY FOUR PER CENT TO \$60 424 MILLION, IMPORTS BY FOUR PER CENT TO \$104 437 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS BY SEVEN PER CENT TO \$32 314 MILLION. DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER SHOWED AN INCREASE OF FIVE PER CENT.

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE TEN MAJOR OVERSEAS MARKETS WERE AS FOLLOWS:-

	JAN.-SEPT. 1982 (\$ MN)	JAN.-SEPT. 1981 (\$ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
U.S.A.	22 657	20 988	+1 669	+ 8
U.K.	5 140	5 493	- 353	- 6
F.R. OF GERMANY	5 043	5 133	- 90	- 2
CHINA	2 758	1 937	+ 821	+42
JAPAN	2 339	2 114	+ 225	+11
AUSTRALIA	2 095	1 878	+ 217	+12
CANADA	1 904	1 705	+ 199	+12
SINGAPORE	1 411	1 259	+ 152	+12
NETHERLANDS	1 197	1 159	+ 38	+ 3
FRANCE	1 084	1 034	+ 50	+ 5

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A. ROSE BY EIGHT PER CENT. SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS (BY \$902 MILLION OR 56%), CLOTHING (BY \$710 MILLION OR 9%) AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$286 MILLION OR 24%). DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$608 MILLION OR 35%) AS WELL AS TEXTILES (BY \$115 MILLION OR 21%).

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES INCREASED BY \$9 MILLION OR THREE PER CENT BUT THOSE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT DECLINED BY \$126 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT.

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MOST COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY DECLINED IN VALUE, INCLUDING TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$89 MILLION OR 21%) AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$38 MILLION OR 11%). NEVERTHELESS, DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES INCREASED BY \$29 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN THE DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$225 MILLION OR 78%) AND TEXTILES (BY \$224 MILLION OR 51%) AND IN THE DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN OF CLOTHING (BY \$206 MILLION OR 26%).

AN ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS IS PRESENTED BELOW:-

	<u>JAN.-SEPT. 1982</u> <u>(\$ MN)</u>	<u>JAN.-SEPT. 1981</u> <u>(\$ MN)</u>	<u>INCREASE/ DECREASE</u> <u>(\$ MN)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE</u>
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	21 077	20 351	+ 726	+ 4
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS)	11 686	9 521	+2 165	+23
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	5 608	5 824	- 216	- 4
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (MAINLY TRANSISTORS AND DIODES AND HOUSEHOLD TYPE APPLIANCES)	4 480	4 234	+ 246	+ 6
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	4 175	3 993	+ 182	+ 5
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	3 626	3 825	- 199	- 5

/THE CHANGES

THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM THE TEN MAJOR SOURCES ARE SUMMARISED AS FOLLOWS:-

	JAN.-SEPT. 1982 (\$ MN)	JAN.-SEPT. 1981 (\$ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
CHINA	23 709	20 952	+2 757	+13
JAPAN	22 961	23 505	- 544	- 2
U.S.A.	11 398	10 816	+ 581	+ 5
SINGAPORE	7 712	7 732	- 21	INSIGNIFICANT
TAIWAN	7 586	7 856	- 270	- 3
U.K.	5 018	4 477	+ 542	+12
REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA)	3 294	4 072	- 779	-19
F.R. OF GERMANY	2 505	2 485	+ 20	+ 1
SWITZERLAND	1 931	2 122	- 192	- 9
AUSTRALIA	1 715	1 492	+ 222	+15

LOCAL DEMAND FOR IMPORTED GOODS FROM CHINA REMAINED STRONG. INCREASES WERE RECORDED MAINLY IN CLOTHING (BY \$858 MILLION OR 34%), IRON AND STEEL (BY \$346 MILLION OR 107%), MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS (BY \$267 MILLION OR 44%) AND TEXTILES (BY \$79 MILLION OR 2%).

AS FOR IMPORTS FROM JAPAN, INCREASES WERE NOTED FOR TEXTILE FABRICS (BY \$150 MILLION OR 6%) AS WELL AS MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES, SPORTING GOODS AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND THE ACCESSORIES) (BY \$140 MILLION OR 13%). DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$401 MILLION OR 17%), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$294 MILLION OR 13%), ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$236 MILLION OR 10%) AND TEXTILE YARN (BY \$216 MILLION OR 31%).

INCREASES IN IMPORTS FROM THE U.S.A. WERE MOSTLY OF TOBACCO AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURES (BY \$166 MILLION OR 35%) AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$166 MILLION OR 16%). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN IMPORTS OF OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$184 MILLION OR 16%), ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$116 MILLION OR 19%) AND TEXTILES (BY \$67 MILLION OR 22%).

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INCREASES IN VALUE WERE REGISTERED IN IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$36 MILLION OR 12%) AND IN IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$286 MILLION OR 31%). IMPORTS OF TEXTILES FROM TAIWAN DECLINED BY \$480 MILLION OR 16%.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE ILLUSTRATES THE MORE IMPORTANT CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY COMMODITY SECTION:-

	JAN.-SEPT. 1982 (\$ MN)	JAN.-SEPT. 1981 (\$ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL (MAINLY TEXTILE PRODUCTS, DIAMONDS, IRON AND STEEL, AND PAPER)	29 275	29 402	- 127	INSIGNIFICANT
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	23 700	23 740	- 40	INSIGNIFICANT
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY WATCHES AND CLOCKS, ARTICLES OF APPAREL)	17 775	16 659	+1 116	+ 7
FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD	11 633	9 894	+1 739	+18
MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS	8 415	8 106	+ 309	+ 4
CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	6 986	6 586	+ 400	+ 6

INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A. (BY \$688 MILLION OR 20%), SAUDI ARABIA (BY \$284 MILLION OR 71%), REPUBLIC OF KOREA (BY \$218 MILLION OR 21%), CHINA (BY \$204 MILLION OR 4%), INDONESIA (BY \$190 MILLION OR 6%), SINGAPORE (BY \$188 MILLION OR 8%), TAIWAN (BY \$172 MILLION OR 10%), AND THE PHILIPPINES (BY \$171 MILLION OR 19%). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECLINES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE U.K. (BY \$269 MILLION OR 37%) AND NIGERIA (BY \$113 MILLION OR 15%).

MOST COMMODITIES RE-EXPORTED THROUGH HONG KONG EXHIBITED STRONG GROWTH, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING CLOTHING (BY \$607 MILLION OR 39%), MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND ACCESSORIES AND JEWELLERY) (BY \$330 MILLION OR 24%), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$266 MILLION OR 12%) AND NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$209 MILLION OR 58%). DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN THE RE-EXPORTS OF METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$314 MILLION OR 57%), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$250 MILLION OR 17%) AND TEXTILES (BY \$199 MILLION OR 4%).

THE SEPTEMBER 1982 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS - SUMMARY+ WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT HK\$5 PER COPY. A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, +HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE+, WITH A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN SEPTEMBER, WILL BE AVAILABLE IN EARLY DECEMBER AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT HK\$10 PER COPY. ENQUIRIES CONCERNING SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THESE REPORTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES AT BASKERVILLE HOUSE, HONG KONG (TEL. NO. 5-214375).

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SAFETY PLEA TO MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS

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MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS MUST ENSURE THAT SAFETY RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS ARE CAREFULLY OBSERVED, AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MR ANDREW SO SAID THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF AN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY SEMINAR FOR EMPLOYEES IN HONG KONG HELD AT THE CHINESE Y.M.C.A. IN WATERLOO ROAD, MR SO SAID THAT WORKERS MUST ALSO GIVE FULL SUPPORT BY STRICTLY OBSERVING SUCH RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS.

A SUPERVISOR SHOULD KNOW WHETHER OR NOT CERTAIN SAFETY MEASURES ARE EFFECTIVE AND THEREFORE HIS INFLUENCE CAN BE MOST DECISIVE, HE SAID.

HE TOLD THE SEMINAR THAT THE PREVENTION OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS AND THE PROMOTION OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY ARE THEREFORE A TRIPARTITE AFFAIR INVOLVING THE GOVERNMENT, EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES.

+WHILE GOVERNMENT ACTION IN ENACTING AND ENFORCING SAFETY LEGISLATION IS ESSENTIAL, THIS CANNOT ACHIEVE ITS PURPOSE OF MAKING THE WORKPLACE SAFE WITHOUT CONTRIBUTION FROM THE OTHER PARTIES CONCERNED.

+EMPLOYERS HAVE BOTH LEGAL AND MORAL RESPONSIBILITIES TO PROVIDE A SAFE AND HEALTHY WORKPLACE FOR THEIR WORKERS, AS WELL AS TO TAKE INITIATIVES AND SET THE PATTERN FOR SAFETY,+ HE NOTED.

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HE STRESSED THAT THE SEMINAR WAS AIMED AT CREATING SAFETY CONSCIOUSNESS AMONG THE PARTICIPANTS AND ALSO PROVIDING THEM WITH A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSING AND EXCHANGING VIEWS ON ISSUES PERTAINING TO WORK SAFETY.

APPEALING TO THEM TO HELP DISSEMINATE THE SAFETY MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY, MR SO NOTED: +FOR INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TO BE READILY ACCEPTABLE AS A WAY OF LIFE, AWARENESS OF ITS IMPORTANCE HAS TO BE AROUSED AND CARRIED ACROSS TO ALL CONCERNED.+

SAFETY PROFESSIONALS, ACADEMICS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICERS GAVE SPECIALIST TALKS ON VARIOUS TOPICS AT THE TWO-DAY SEMINARS ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD.

THE SEMINAR ALSO FEATURED TWO FILMS ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

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EDUCATIONAL AND CAREERS GUIDANCE TO BE FURTHER EXPANDED
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EDUCATIONAL AND CAREERS GUIDANCE PROVIDED TO STUDENTS BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL BE FURTHER EXPANDED WITHIN THE NEXT FEW YEARS, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE JOINT GRADUATION CEREMONY OF PO LEUNG KUK SECONDARY SCHOOLS AT THE CITY HALL, MR LEUNG SAID MANY SECONDARY SCHOOLS HAD REALISED THE IMPORTANCE OF CAREERS EDUCATION AND IN FACT, MORE THAN 80 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S SECONDARY SCHOOLS NOW HAVE APPOINTED CAREERS MASTERS AND MISTRESSES.

HE ADDED THAT MORE SCHOOLS WOULD BE APPOINTING CAREERS MASTERS AND MISTRESSES IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

IN ORDER TO PROVIDE BETTER SERVICE TO SECONDARY STUDENTS, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS FROM THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR EXPANDED ITS CAREERS EDUCATION SECTION.

ALSO ALL GOVERNMENT AND AIDED SECONDARY SCHOOLS CAN EMPLOY AN ADDITIONAL GRADUATE TEACHER FROM SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR TO ASSIST IN STUDENT COUNSELLING AND GUIDANCE, MR LEUNG SAID.

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WOULD JOINTLY ORGANISE A TRAINING COURSE FOR CAREERS MASTERS NEXT YEAR. THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WOULD ALSO PROVIDE THEM WITH MORE INFORMATION AND REFERENCE MATERIALS TO BETTER EQUIP THEM IN THEIR WORK.

MR LEUNG SAID OTHER PLANS IN THE PIPELINE INCLUDE INTEGRATING CAREERS EDUCATION INTO THE SECONDARY SCHOOL CURRICULUM AND THE SETTING UP OF TWO CAREERS EDUCATION CENTRES, ONE ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND THE OTHER IN KOWLOON. THESE WOULD PROVIDE STUDENTS, TEACHERS, PARENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THE NECESSARY INFORMATION AND ADVICE.

NOTING THAT EVERY STUDENT HAS HIS OWN POTENTIAL, SKILL, PERSONALITY AND INTEREST, MR LEUNG SAID ALL STUDENTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE A BETTER CHOICE BOTH IN FUTURE EDUCATION AND IN SELECTING A CAREER IF THEY RECEIVED PROPER COUNSELLING AND GUIDANCE FROM THEIR TEACHERS IN SCHOOL.

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ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORT THROUGH SPORTS
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THE SHAM SHUI PO ANTI-NARCOTICS COMMITTEE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, HAS ORGANISED AN ANTI-NARCOTICS ATHLETIC MEET TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 20 AND 21) AT THE MONG KOK STADIUM.

THE AIM IS TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN HEALTHY SPORTS ACTIVITIES AND TO KEEP AWAY FROM DRUGS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID.

MORE THAN 2 000 YOUTHS ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN THE EVENT WHICH WILL INCLUDE A 1 000-MAN GYMNASTIC DISPLAY BY STUDENTS FROM FIVE SCHOOLS.

MR PETER LEE, COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, WILL OFFICIALLY OPEN THE MEET AT 2.30 PM ON SATURDAY, AT THE MONG KOK STADIUM.

ALSO TAKING PART IN THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE MR STEPHEN IP, DISTRICT OFFICER (SHAM SHUI PO); MR S.L. LAW, HONORARY PRESIDENT OF SHAM SHUI PO ANTI-NARCOTICS COMMITTEE; MR GEORGE HSUEH, CHAIRMAN OF THE ATHLETIC MEET ORGANISING COMMITTEE; AND REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE SHAM SHUI PO ANTI-NARCOTICS ATHLETIC MEET AT MONG KOK STADIUM AT 2.30 PM ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 20).

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CAS CADETS HOLDING COMPETITION
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THE CIVIL AID SERVICES CADET CORPS WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL FOOTDRILL COMPETITION AT THE CAS KOWLOON TRAINING CENTRE IN ARGYLE STREET ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 21).

THE COMPETITION IS AIMED AT PROMOTING GREATER EFFICIENCY AND FOSTERING FRIENDSHIP AMONG THE UNITS.

SEVENTEEN TEAMS FROM HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL COMPETE IN THE EVENT AND THE CHAMPION TEAM WILL BE AWARDED THE +NORMAN LEUNG TROPHY+. THE FIRST AND SECOND RUNNERS-UP WILL RECEIVE PENNANTS.

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WARRANT OFFICER II OF THE HONG KONG MILITARY SERVICE, MR YIP WAI-KIT AND WARRANT OFFICER II OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS), MR CHARLES LEE WILL BE THE JUDGES.

CAS ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER, MR CHAN CHUN-YING, WILL PRESENT THE PRIZES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CAS CADET CORPS' FOOTDRILL COMPETITION TO BE HELD AT THE CAS KOWLOON TRAINING CENTRE AT 204 ARGYLE STREET, KOWLOON FROM 8.30 AM TO 1 PM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 21).

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WEEK-LONG HALF TRAIN FARES FOR ELDERLY
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FOR ONE WEEK FROM SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 21) PEOPLE WHO ARE 60 YEARS OF AGE AND ABOVE WILL BE CHARGED ONLY HALF FARE FOR TRAVEL ON BOTH DIESEL AND ELECTRIC TRAINS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY SAID TODAY.

THE SEVEN-DAY CONCESSION FOLLOWS AN APPEAL MADE BY THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, AND ALSO SHOWS THE CONCERN BY KCR FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE, IN SUPPORT OF THE FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY IN HONG KONG WHICH FALLS ON THE THIRD SUNDAY OF NOVEMBER EACH YEAR, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID GREATER SIGNIFICANCE IS BEING ATTACHED TO CONCERN FOR THE ELDERLY THIS YEAR AS A WORLD ASSEMBLY ON AGEING IS BEING CONVENED BY THE UNITED NATIONS IN VIENNA IN WHICH DISCUSSIONS ARE BEING HELD ABOUT THE GROWING POPULATION OF ELDERLY PEOPLE.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT THE CONCESSION WILL NOT COVER THE DIRECT THROUGH TRAIN SERVICE.

MEANWHILE, POSTERS HAVE BEEN PUT UP AT ALL RAILWAY STATIONS URGING PEOPLE TO BE MORE SOCIAL MINDED AND TO GIVE THEIR SEATS TO THE ELDERLY IN PUBLIC TRANSPORT, HE SAID.

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TWO PIECES OF CROWN LAND SOLD

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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) SOLD TWO PIECES OF CROWN LAND IN YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL AREA AT AN AUCTION HELD IN THE SHOUSON THEATRE OF THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE.

BOTH SITES ARE FOR INDUSTRIAL OR GODOWN PURPOSES.

THE FIRST SITE OF ABOUT 1 967 SQUARE METRES WAS SOLD TO BESTFOLK LIMITED FOR \$2 MILLION, OR \$1 016.78 PER SQUARE METRE.

THE SECOND LOT OF ABOUT 1 798 SQUARE METRES WAS SOLD TO ZANGWILL INVESTMENT LIMITED FOR \$1.8 MILLION, OR \$1 001.11 PER SQUARE METRE.

A THIRD SITE, WHICH IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING GODOWN) PURPOSES IN MUI WO ON LANTAU ISLAND, WAS WITHDRAWN BECAUSE THERE WERE NO BIDDERS.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CENTRAL

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EDINBURGH PLACE EAST OUTSIDE QUEEN'S PIER, IN CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 8.30 AM TO 6 PM ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 20 AND 21) FOR AN EXHIBITION.

THIS ARRANGEMENT WILL BE REPEATED THE FOLLOWING WEEKEND FOR THE SAME REASON.

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