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CHANGES TO TAX HOLD-OVER POLICY PROPOSED
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS PROPOSED TO MODIFY THE PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR PERMITTING PAYMENTS OF TAX TO BE HELD OVER PENDING THE RESULTS OF AN OBJECTION OR APPEAL.

DISCLOSING THIS TODAY, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE PROPOSAL, SPELT OUT IN THE INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1984 PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE, IS AIMED AT THWARTING ATTEMPTS TO USE THE OBJECTION OR APPEAL PROCEDURE AS A TAX DEFERRAL DEVICE.

THE AMOUNT OF TAX HELD OVER IN SUCH CASES WAS ENORMOUS, INCREASING FROM \$891 MILLION AS AT MARCH 31, 1981 TO \$2 984 MILLION AS AT MARCH 31, 1984, HE NOTED.

EXPLAINING THE BACKGROUND TO THE PROPOSAL, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE PROVIDES THAT TAX SHOULD BE PAID NOTWITHSTANDING ANY NOTICE OF OBJECTION OR APPEAL, UNLESS THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE ORDERS THAT PAYMENT OF TAX OR PART OF IT BE HELD OVER PENDING THE RESULT OF SUCH OBJECTION OR APPEAL.

HISTORICALLY, IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE PRACTICE OF THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT TO PERMIT HOLD-OVER OF SUCH TAX, UNLESS THE DISPUTE IS CONSIDERED TO BE FRIVOLOUS OR TO HAVE LITTLE MERIT OR IF THERE ARE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH MAY WITH DELAY AFFECT THE ULTIMATE COLLECTION OR RECOVERY OF THE TAX. THIS RATHER RELAXED PRACTICE IS NOW OPEN TO ABUSE.

+DURING THE PAST YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN TAKING A MUCH TOUGHER STANCE IN RELATION TO REQUESTS FOR TAX TO BE HELD OVER AND AS A RESULT THE TOTAL TAX HELD OVER AT MARCH 31, 1984 WAS ONLY FRACTIONALLY HIGHER THAN A YEAR EARLIER. NONETHELESS, THE SUMS STILL REMAIN VERY LARGE INDEED AND IT IS THEREFORE PROPOSED TO DISCONTINUE THE PRESENT GENEROUS HOLD-OVER POLICY,+ THE SPOKESMAN NOTED.

THE BILL, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, PROPOSES TO PERMIT THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE TO REQUIRE THE APPELLANT TAXPAYER TO PURCHASE TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES OF AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE TAX TO BE HELD-OVER.

IN THE EVENT OF A SUCCESSFUL OBJECTION OR APPEAL, THE TAXPAYER WOULD BE ENTITLED TO INTEREST ON THE CERTIFICATES- OTHERWISE THE CERTIFICATES WOULD BE USED IN SETTLEMENT OF THE TAX HELD OVER WITHOUT PAYMENT OF INTEREST.

IF THE PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTED, IT IS EXPECTED THAT IN MOST CASES, THE COMMISSIONER WILL ORDER HOLD-OVER OF TAX IN DISPUTE ONLY IF TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES ARE PURCHASED.

THE BILL IS SCHEDULED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JUNE 27 AND TO COMPLETE THE REMAINING LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURES ON JULY 11.

ANYONE WHO WISHES TO COMMENT ON THE PROVISIONS OF THE BILL MAY WRITE TO UMELCO AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, CHATER ROAD, CENTRAL, OR TO THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE AT WINDSOR HOUSE, 311 GLOUCESTER ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

PLAN TO REMOVE FOREIGN CURRENCY RESTRICTION

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THE LEGAL RESTRICTION ON USING FOREIGN CURRENCY NOTES IN TRANSACTIONS IN HONG KONG, BASED ON AN ORDINANCE ENACTED IN 1913, IS TO BE REMOVED UNDER A BILL PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE PROPOSAL WAS TO REPEAL THE FOREIGN NOTES (PROHIBITION OF CIRCULATION) ORDINANCE WHICH HAS BECOME OBSOLETE.

FOR EXAMPLE, ONE OF THE ORIGINAL REASONS FOR RESTRICTING THE CIRCULATION OF FOREIGN NOTES WAS TO AVOID COMPETITION WITH LOCAL NOTES WHICH WERE DISADVANTAGED BY STAMP DUTY REQUIREMENTS. THIS IS NO LONGER RELEVANT SINCE STAMP DUTY IS NO LONGER LEVIED ON THE NOTE ISSUE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ANOTHER ASPECT OF THE ORDINANCE WHICH HAS BECOME OUT-OF-DATE IS ITS REFERENCE TO +LICENSED MONEY-CHANGERS+ BECAUSE THE LICENSING REQUIREMENT CEASED WITH THE ENACTMENT OF THE MISCELLANEOUS LICENCES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE IN 1978.

+FURTHERMORE, IT IS COMMONPLACE NOWADAYS FOR BUSINESSES LIKE HOTELS AND TOUR OPERATORS TO ACCEPT PAYMENT IN FOREIGN NOTES- IT IS ANOMALOUS THAT THIS PRACTICE IS TECHNICALLY UNLAWFUL WHEREAS FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS IN TRAVELLERS CHEQUES ARE LAWFUL,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE ANOMALY WAS HIGHLIGHTED LAST SEPTEMBER WHEN SOME SHOPS ASKED FOR PAYMENT IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES BECAUSE OF FLUCTUATIONS IN THE HK DOLLAR EXCHANGE RATE. THE HK DOLLAR HAS SINCE REMAINED STABLE FOLLOWING ITS LINKAGE WITH THE US DOLLAR.

+THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT ENFORCE THE PROHIBITION SO THERE IS A CLEAR CASE FOR REPEAL,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE FOREIGN NOTES (PROHIBITION OF CIRCULATION) (REPEAL) BILL 1984 IS SCHEDULED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JUNE 27 FOR FIRST READING AND TO COMPLETE THE REMAINING LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURES ON JULY 11.

ANYONE WHO WISHES TO COMMENT ON THE BILL MAY WRITE TO UMELCO AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, CHATER ROAD, OR TO THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, AT ADMIRALTY CENTRE, TOWER 11, 24TH FLOOR, 18 HARCOURT ROAD, HONG KONG.

PUBLIC HELP SOUGHT FOR SETTING UP ARBITRATION CENTRE
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HONG KONG PEOPLE WERE URGED TODAY TO OFFER SUPPORT OF ABOUT \$2.8 MILLION FOR THE SETTING UP OF AN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CENTRE HERE.

THIS WOULD MEET A KNOWN DEMAND IN THE ASIAN REGION FOR SUCH A SERVICE, AND ALSO SHOW CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG'S LEGAL SYSTEM AND IN THE FUTURE, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CENTRE STEERING COMMITTEE, MR JUSTICE HUNTER, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING TO THE ROTARY CLUB AT LUNCH, MR JUSTICE HUNTER SAID THAT INQUIRIES SHOWED THAT HONG KONG NEEDED -- AND SHOULD HAVE -- SUCH A CENTRE. AND HE WAS SEEKING AT THIS STAGE ONLY A +COMMITMENT, NOT MONEY, + FROM THE PEOPLE.

THE \$2.8 MILLION BEING SOUGHT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO SEE THE CENTRE THROUGH THE FIRST THREE YEARS OF SERVICE -- TO FINANCE SETTING UP COSTS AND TO COVER +A VERY MODEST LEVEL OF RUNNING EXPENSES.+

HE SAID HE HAD WRITTEN TO SOME FIRMS AND INDIVIDUALS ABOUT THIS, AND HAD ALREADY RECEIVED SOME PLEDGES FROM THEM.

GIVING THE BACKGROUND TO HIS APPEAL, MR JUSTICE HUNTER SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN ENTRUSTED, IN JANUARY LAST YEAR, WITH THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF A STEERING COMMITTEE OF MEMBERS FROM DIFFERENT WALKS OF LIFE TO CONSIDER THE ESTABLISHMENT IN HONG KONG OF AN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CENTRE.

THE COMMITTEE HAD FOUND OVERWHELMING ARGUMENTS FAVOURING SUCH A CENTRE, AND, IN LOOKING INTO HOW IT SHOULD BE SET UP, RUN AND FINANCED, CONCLUDED THAT THE ONLY SOLUTION WOULD BE TO APPEAL DIRECTLY TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

THOUGH HIS APPEAL HAD GONE EXPRESSLY TO FIRMS AND INDIVIDUALS IN COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, FINANCE AND THE PROFESSIONS, IT WAS +IN TRUTH DIRECTED TO HONG KONG ITSELF,+ HE SAID.

ARBITRATION, HE SAID, WAS ROOTED IN AGREEMENT BETWEEN PEOPLE. IT WAS CHOSEN FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS, INCLUDING THE NEED FOR BUSINESS SECRECY (IN NOT BEING MADE PUBLIC THROUGH A COURT HEARING), AS WELL AS THE AVAILABILITY OF TECHNICAL EXPERTISE IN CERTAIN FIELDS, THEREBY SPEEDING UP THE PROCESS AND SAVING COSTS.

+I LIKE TO THINK THAT JUDGES AND LAWYERS ARE SUITABLE TO DECIDE MOST DISPUTES. BUT I ALSO RECOGNISE THAT IN SOME CASES, OTHERS ARE BETTER QUALIFIED,+ HE SAID.

OTHER FACTORS FAVOURING AN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CENTRE IN HONG KONG WERE THAT THIS CITY HAD THE ADVANTAGE OF BEING +THE HUB OF THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN WHEEL,+ AND HAD THE NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURE, THE TRANSPORT, ACCOMMODATION, AND COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT FACILITIES.

AND AN ARBITRATION SERVICE WOULD BE A PERFECT COMPLEMENT TO THE MANY BANKING, COMMERCIAL, SHIPPING AND TRADING SERVICES ALREADY OFFERED HERE.

IN ADDITION, HONG KONG WAS +PECULIARLY CAPABLE OF SATISFYING THE TWIN ESSENTIALS OF IMPARTIALITY AND UNDERSTANDING+ OFFERED THROUGH THE LEGAL SYSTEM WHICH WAS DERIVED FROM THE COMMON LAW SYSTEM SHARED WITH THE ENGLISH SPEAKING WORLD.

HE ALSO SAID THAT AN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CENTRE WOULD SERVE AS AN ADJUNCT TO THE EXISTING DOMESTIC ARBITRATION SYSTEM, WHICH HAD BEEN GAINING IN POPULARITY THROUGH THE REVISION OF THE ORDINANCE AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW RULES. THE RULES SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE HAD MADE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO ARBITRAL PRACTICE BY DRAFTING A COMPLETELY NEW SET OF RULES. THESE RULES WERE UNIQUE IN THIS FIELD AND SPELT OUT TO ARBITRATORS AND TO THE PARTIES ALL THE PROCEDURES OPEN TO THEM TO ACCELERATE AND SIMPLIFY THE PROCEDURES, AND LESSEN COSTS.

THIS PIONEERING WORK, HE SAID, HAD RECENTLY BEEN PRAISED AS SUCH BY THE TWO MOST EXPERIENCED ENGLISH JUDGES IN THIS FIELD, SIR JOHN DONALDSON, MASTER OF THE ROLLS, AND SIR MICHAEL KERR. THE WORK HAD BEEN DONE PRIMARILY FOR DOMESTIC ARBITRATION, BUT INTERNATIONAL PARTIES WERE FREE TO ADOPT THESE RULES OR TO BORROW FROM THEM IF THEY WISHED.

MR JUSTICE HUNTER STRESSED THAT SUCH AN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CENTRE COULD NOT BE ESTABLISHED WITHOUT PUBLIC FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

THE REQUEST FOR \$2.8 MILLION WAS MODEST. IN THE HONG KONG CONTEXT, AND HAVING REGARD TO THE CENTRE'S POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANCE, IT SHOULD BE WELL WITHIN THE CAPACITY OF THE PEOPLE TO RAISE, HE SAID.

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MAY CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES RELEASED

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) WAS 154.1 AND THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B), 153.9 FOR MAY 1984, ACCORDING TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY.

COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING MONTH, CPI(A) INCREASED BY 0.2 POINT OR 0.1 PER CENT, AND CPI(B), BY 0.4 POINT OR 0.3 PER CENT.

COMPARED WITH MAY 1983, CPI(A) ROSE BY 14.1 POINTS OR 10.1 PER CENT AND CPI(B), BY 14.2 POINTS OR 10.2 PER CENT.

FOR THE 12 MONTHS TO MAY 1984, THE AVERAGE CPI(A) WAS 149.1 AND THE AVERAGE CPI(B), 148.6, BOTH BEING 10.2 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGES FOR THE 12 MONTHS TO MAY 1983.

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DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD TO MAY 1984, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI(A) INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 0.4 PER CENT EACH MONTH AND THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI(B), AT 0.5 PER CENT.

IN MAY, RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH FRUITS, CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR WERE HIGHER. MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY FARES AND CHARGES FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS ALSO WENT UP. ON THE OTHER HAND, RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES DECREASED.

CPI(A) AND CPI(B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1979/80 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

CPI(A) REFERS TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$1 000 AND \$3 499 A MONTH, AND CPI(B) TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$3 500 AND \$6 499 A MONTH AT THAT TIME.

THE INDEXES FOR MAY 1984 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES ARE GIVEN BELOW, TOGETHER WITH THOSE FOR APRIL 1984 AND MAY 1983.

SECTION	(OCTOBER 1979 TO SEPTEMBER 1980 AVERAGE = 100)					
	CPI(A)			CPI(B)		
	MAY 83	APR. 84	MAY 84	MAY 83	APR. 84	MAY 84
FOODSTUFFS	141.0	155.0	154.8	141.6	155.4	155.4
HOUSING	135.3	143.6	143.7	134.6	143.9	144.0
FUEL AND LIGHT	140.4	148.8	148.7	140.9	148.5	148.4
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	185.5	208.0	208.0	179.0	200.6	200.7
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	141.1	154.6	156.4	142.6	155.9	157.8
DURABLE GOODS	109.8	125.4	125.8	112.9	129.1	129.5
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	130.8	149.3	150.1	130.0	146.5	147.1
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	153.8	168.5	169.5	156.0	170.5	171.4
SERVICES	148.0	165.8	166.8	146.1	164.3	165.1
ALL ITEMS	140.0	153.9	154.1	139.7	153.5	153.9

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COMPARED WITH APRIL 1984, THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS DECREASED BY 0.2 POINT IN CPI(A). THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF FRESH VEGETABLES DECLINED AS A RESULT OF ADEQUATE SUPPLY. THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF LIVE POULTRY ALSO FELL.

ON THE OTHER HAND, CHARGES FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH FRUITS AND FROZEN MEAT AND POULTRY WENT UP.

THE EFFECT OF MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS ON THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS WAS INSIGNIFICANT.

THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR ROSE BY 1.8 POINTS IN CPI(A) AND 1.9 POINTS IN CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER PRICES OF OUTERCLOTHING.

HIGHER PRICES OF MEDICINES AND PERIODICALS PUSHED UP THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS BY 0.8 POINT IN CPI(A) AND 0.6 POINT IN CPI(B).

THE INDEX FOR TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES INCREASED BY 1.0 POINT IN CPI(A) AND 0.9 POINT IN CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER MTR FARES.

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES WENT UP BY 1.0 POINT IN CPI(A) AND 0.8 POINT IN CPI(B), FOLLOWING HIGHER CHARGES AT GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS AND OUTPATIENT CLINICS.

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER SECTIONS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

FIGURES PRESENTED IN THIS PRESS RELEASE REFER TO CPI SERIES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. ALL PERCENTAGE CHANGES ARE DERIVED FROM CPI FIGURES TO TWO DECIMAL PLACES.

DETAILS OF THESE PRICE MOVEMENTS ARE GIVEN IN THE +CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT+ FOR MAY 1984, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$3 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG, OR FROM THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, HONG KONG FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAILINGS.

STARTING FROM THE MAY ISSUE, CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES ARE GIVEN TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE.

FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES, PLEASE CONTACT THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT TELEPHONE NO. 3-7216512.

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PRIMARY ONE ALLOCATIONS OUT TOMORROW

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THE CENTRAL ALLOCATION OF PRIMARY ONE PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR UNDER THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION SYSTEM WILL BE ANNOUNCED TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

PARENTS CONCERNED ARE REQUESTED TO GO BACK TO THE DISTRIBUTION-COLLECTION CENTRE IN THEIR DISTRICTS TOMORROW, OR ON JUNE 24, BETWEEN 9 AM AND 4 PM TO COLLECT THEIR ALLOCATION SLIPS CONTAINING THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE SCHOOLS IN WHICH THEIR CHILDREN HAVE BEEN PLACED.

THE ALLOCATION SLIP WILL DIRECT PARENTS TO THE SCHOOLS FOR COMPLETION OF REGISTRATION FORMALITIES, ON JUNE 27 OR 28.

PARENTS WHO FOR PERSONAL REASONS CANNOT REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN ON THESE TWO DAYS MUST CONTACT THE SCHOOL DIRECT, OR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION UNIT BEFOREHAND, FOR ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS. THE UNIT IS LOCATED AT LUI KEE EDUCATION SERVICES CENTRE AT 269 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, 2/F.

PARENTS WHO FAIL TO DO SO WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE GIVEN UP THE ALLOCATED PLACES.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT ALL PLACES ALLOCATED ARE FINAL AND NO RE-ALLOCATION IS POSSIBLE.

HOWEVER, PARENTS WHO HAVE MOVED TO ANOTHER DISTRICT AND HAVE GENUINE DIFFICULTY IN SENDING THEIR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL, CAN SEEK ASSISTANCE FROM THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION UNIT.

ANY PARENT WISHING TO MAKE FURTHER ENQUIRIES MAY CONTACT THE UNIT ON 5-724383 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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UK GROUP IMPRESSED BY HK QUALITY

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MEMBERS OF THE 20-MEMBER UNITED KINGDOM STUDY MISSION WHO HAD SPENT TWO DAYS IN HONG KONG WERE IMPRESSED BY THE COMMITMENT TO QUALITY AMONG LEADING HONG KONG COMPANIES, MR KEITH NEWTON, OF THE UK DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, SAID TODAY.

MR NEWTON SAID IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT MANY COMPANIES NO LONGER SAW PRICE NECESSARILY ACTING AS THE DECIDING FACTOR IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE -- GREATER SOPHISTICATION BOTH OF CUSTOMERS AND OF PRODUCTS MEANT THAT CONSISTENT AND SYSTEMATIC QUALITY TO THE HIGHEST STANDARDS WAS NOW BEING DEMANDED.

IN HONG KONG, HE SAID, THE NEW GOVERNMENT STANDARDS AND CALIBRATION LABORATORY WOULD BE OF GREAT HELP TO LOCAL FIRMS WISHING TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR QUALITY CAPABILITY.

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HE SAID THAT THE MISSION -- WHICH INCLUDED REPRESENTATIVES FROM U.K. INDUSTRY, TRADE UNIONS AND TELEVISION COMPANIES -- HAD BEEN EXTREMELY WELL RECEIVED IN HONG KONG AND THAT THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT HAD PUT TOGETHER +A MOST USEFUL PROGRAMME+.

THE MISSION HAD HAD MEETINGS WITH THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT AND REPRESENTATIVES OF INDUSTRIAL CONCERNS, AND HAD ALSO VISITED SEVERAL COMPANIES: SONCA INDUSTRIES, LTD., QUALIDUX INDUSTRIAL CO. LTD., LEVI STRAUSS (FAR EAST) LTD., AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES LTD.

IT LEFT TODAY (FRIDAY) FOR JAPAN.

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SECURITY FORCES USE LATEST RADIO SYSTEM

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SECURITY FORCES PATROLLING HONG KONG'S TERRITORIAL WATERS ARE NOW USING ONE OF THE MOST SOPHISTICATED RADIO SYSTEMS AVAILABLE TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN AIRCRAFT, VESSELS AND SHORE BASES.

THE JOINT MARITIME COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM, COSTING \$40 MILLION, WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR DAVID JEAFFRESON, AT A BRIEF CEREMONY AT MARINE POLICE REGIONAL HEAD-QUARTERS TODAY (FRIDAY).

OUTLINING THE FUNCTIONS OF THE NEW SYSTEM, A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID THE PROJECT MARKED A NEW ERA IN MARINE POLICE AND MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS IN THE TERRITORY.

"THE SYSTEM ENABLES JOINT POLICE-MILITARY OPERATIONS ON LAND, AT SEA AND IN THE AIR TO BE CO-ORDINATED," HE SAID.

THIS MEANS THAT POLICE LAUNCHES, THEIR SHORE BASES AND LAND PATROLS WILL NOT ONLY BE ABLE TO SPEAK TO THEIR OWN HEADQUARTERS BUT ALSO TO ROYAL NAVY VESSELS, ROYAL MARINES AND ARMY PATROLS, ROYAL AIR FORCE AND ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE AIRCRAFT AND ANY OTHER UNITS INVOLVED IN THE OPERATIONS.

THE SYSTEM COMPRISES TWO RADIO NETWORKS - A JOINT COMMAND NETWORK WHICH OPERATES TERRITORY-WIDE AND FIVE OTHER CHANNELS FOR INDIVIDUAL AREAS.

INSTRUCTIONS, GUIDANCE AND ANSWERS TO QUERIES ARE GIVEN VIA THE COMMAND NETWORK TO LOCAL COMMANDERS AT THE SCENES OF OPERATIONS.

"A UNIQUE FEATURE OF THIS NETWORK IS THAT IT IS CAPABLE OF PASSING DATA TEXT MESSAGES IN SUPPORT OF THE SPOKEN COMMAND. THIS ELIMINATES ANY CONFUSION OVER COMMANDS BEING GARBLED OVER A BAD SPEECH LINK AS THE DATA WILL ALSO BE SHOWN ON A FOUR-INCH SCREEN IN PRINT FORM.

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"IN ADDITION, THE COMPUTER-ASSISTED COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM WILL AUTOMATICALLY FIND OUT THE EXACT POSITION OF EACH VESSEL FOR THE REFERENCE OF OPERATIONAL COMMANDERS," HE SAID.

THE SECOND NETWORK, USED WITH THE COMMAND NETWORK, WILL NORMALLY BE CONTROLLED BY THE DIVISIONAL COMMANDER AT THE SCENE OF AN INCIDENT.

"THE NETWORK WILL BE USED BY LOCAL COMMANDERS TO CONTROL SMALLER UNITS SUCH AS THE SMALL BOATS UNIT AND ROYAL MARINE PATROLS AND PORTABLE TRANSCEIVERS ARE BEING PROVIDED TO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE."

THE SPOKESMAN RECALLED THAT THE PROJECT BEGAN IN 1980 WHEN A STEERING GROUP FOR THE PROJECT UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY WAS FORMED AND IMPLEMENTATION STARTED IN 1982, FOLLOWING THE APPROVAL OF FUNDS BY FINANCE COMMITTEE.

MEMBERS OF THE STEERING GROUP, INCLUDING THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR ROY HENRY, WERE PRESENT AT THIS MORNING'S OPENING CEREMONY.

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WAN CHAI OUTLINE ZONING PLAN AMENDED

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) AN AMENDMENT TO THE DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN FOR WAN CHAI.

IT INVOLVES ADJUSTING THE ALIGNMENT OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY AND AMENDING THE LOCATIONS OF TWO STATIONS.

WAN CHAI STATION HAS BEEN MOVED SLIGHTLY WESTWARDS, WHILE CAUSEWAY BAY STATION IS NOW RELOCATED EAST OF PERCIVAL STREET OUTSIDE THE WAN CHAI PLANNING AREA.

THE AMENDED PLAN CAN BE SEEN AT:

- * THE DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG;
- * TOWN PLANNING DIVISION, LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 4TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND
- * DISTRICT OFFICE (WAN CHAI), 201 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENT CAN OBJECT IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 4TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE JULY 12.

COPIES OF THE DRAFT AMENDMENT PLAN ARE ON SALE AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, AND THE KOWLOON MAP SALES SECTION, 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON, AT \$10 PER UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$60 PER COLOURED COPY.

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MOVING OFFICE
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THE TRADE AND INDUSTRY BRANCH WILL BE MOVING FROM OCEAN CENTRE TO THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (EAST WING), 6TH FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, CENTRAL, TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR E.P. HO WILL BE 5-951885 WHILE THE NUMBER OF THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (TRADE AND INDUSTRY), MR PETER KIANG WILL BE 5-95521.

THE PUBLIC RELATIONS AND INFORMATION SECTION AT OCEAN CENTRE WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE THE TRADE AND INDUSTRY BRANCH AS WELL AS THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENTS.

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NEW ROADS PLANNED FOR TUEN MUN
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GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO BUILD FOUR LOCAL ACCESS ROADS, TOTALLING 150 METRES IN LENGTH, IN THE NORTH-EASTERN PART OF TUEN MUN OPPOSITE THE DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING.

THE ROADS WILL BE TWO-WAY SINGLE CARRIAGEWAY ROADS TOGETHER WITH ALL ANCILLARY WORKS, INCLUDING FOOTPATHS AND DRAINAGE.

FOUR VEHICLE PARKING AREAS WILL ALSO BE CONSTRUCTED.

WHEN COMPLETED, THE NEW ROADS WILL SERVE A LOCAL VILLAGE RESITE AREA.

A SHORT SECTION OF AN EXISTING ROAD AND SOME FOOTPATHS IN THE AREA WILL NEED TO BE CLOSED, BUT PERMANENT ALTERNATIVES WILL EVENTUALLY BE PROVIDED. DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD, TEMPORARY ACCESS WILL BE MAINTAINED TO MINIMISE INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC.

A NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED WORK HAS APPEARED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

OBJECTIONS SHOULD BE IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BEFORE AUGUST 21.

A PLAN 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;
- * TUEN MUN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND
- * TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, BOTH AT THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TUEN MUN.

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JPC MEMBERS SING FOR BIG PRIZE
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THOUSANDS OF JUNIOR POLICE CALL MEMBERS WILL TUNE TO RTHK RADIO CHANNEL ONE WHICH WILL BROADCAST LIVE AT 8 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) THE GRAND FINAL OF THE VOICE OF JPC SINGING COMPETITION 1984 AT QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM.

TWENTY-SIX JPC MEMBERS FROM 17 DISTRICTS WILL BE CONTENDING FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE TERRITORY-WIDE SINGING COMPETITION. THE EVENT WILL BE THE CURTAIN RAISER OF A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES TO CELEBRATE THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF JPC.

IT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE POLICE AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND SPONSORED BY THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 345. THE COMPETITION IS AIMED AT PROVIDING OPPORTUNITY FOR GIFTED JPC MEMBERS TO SHOW THEIR SINGING TALENTS AS WELL AS PROMOTING MEANINGFUL RECREATIONAL PURSUITS AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE MR ROY HENRY, COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR STUART WILKINSON, DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING AND MR PHILIP LAI, GOVERNOR OF THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 345.

THE FINALISTS WILL SING BEFORE A PANEL OF 18 JUDGES INCLUDING WELL KNOWN SINGING AND FILM STARS AND TELEVISION ARTISTES. THEY ARE MR ADAM CHENG, MR MICHAEL KWAN, MR DANNY CHAN, MR KENNY BEE, MR KENT CHOI, MISS SHIRLEY YIP, MISS CHIN WAI-YEE, MISS CHONG CHING-YEE, MR HO KA-KING, MISS MAK TSUI-HAN, MISS REBECCA CHAN, MISS JOAN TONG, MISS MITCHELL YIM, MISS DEBBIE TSUI, MR LESLIE CHEUNG, MISS ANNA BELLE LOUIE, MR ALBERT AU AND MISS MIMI LAU.

THE YOUNG TIGERS AND MISS ANITA MUI WILL BE GUEST PERFORMERS AT TOMORROW'S EVENT.

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TWO AMENDMENT BILLS PUBLISHED
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TWO MINOR BILLS, MAKING AMENDMENTS FOLLOWING THE ENACTMENT OF THE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1984 WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

THEY ARE THE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2) BILL 1984 AND THE BANKRUPTCY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE FIRST BILL RE-INSTATES A SUBSECTION OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE, WHICH WAS REPEALED BY THE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE.

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THE SECOND BILL AMENDS THE BANKRUPTCY ORDINANCE TO BRING IT INTO LINE WITH THE WINDING-UP PROVISIONS OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE AS AMENDED BY THE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1984.

THE BILLS ARE TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JUNE 27, AND TO GO THROUGH THEIR FINAL READING ON JULY 11.

SUBJECT TO THE PASSING OF THE BILLS, THE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1984 WILL BE BROUGHT INTO EFFECT ON AUGUST 31, WHEN THE AMENDMENT BILLS WILL ALSO BE BROUGHT INTO EFFECT.

ANY COMMENT ON THE BILLS MAY BE DIRECTED TO UMEICO AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, CHATER ROAD, CENTRAL, OR TO THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES AT CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (EAST WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

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BOARD GROUP SEES PRISON WORK

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FOURTEEN MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD VISITED THREE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT INSTITUTIONS IN STANLEY TODAY (FRIDAY) TO SEE THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT.

THE PARTY, INCLUDING THE DISTRICT OFFICER (SOUTHERN), MR KWONG KI-CHI, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF STANLEY KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION, MR CHAN PING-KWAN, FIRST WENT TO THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE, AND SAW THE OFFICERS RECEIVING TRAINING AT VARIOUS MODERN FACILITIES.

THEY THEN WENT TO THE MAXIMUM SECURITY STANLEY PRISON AND THE ADJACENT TUNG TAU CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION.

WHILE TOURING THE FACILITIES INSIDE THE PRISONS, THEY LEARNED ABOUT THE CORRECTIONAL PROGRAMMES AND SAW PRISONERS AT WORK IN VARIOUS WORKSHOPS.

THEY ALSO HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR THOMAS GARNER, BEFORE ENDING THEIR HALF-DAY VISIT.

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DISTRICT BOARD TO COMMENT ON BROADCASTING REVIEW
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KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LOCAL BROADCASTING INDUSTRY AT THEIR MEETING ON MONDAY (JUNE 25) AFTERNOON.

THE BROADCASTING REVIEW BOARD IS COLLECTING VIEWS FROM THE DISTRICT BOARDS TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL ON THE BROADCASTING POLICIES TO BE ADOPTED WHEN THE EXISTING COMMERCIAL TELEVISION AND RADIO LICENCES EXPIRE IN 1988 AND 1989.

AT THE MEETING, BOARD MEMBERS WILL ALSO COMMENT ON THE URBAN COUNCIL'S EXISTING POLICY FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF HAWKERS AND SUGGEST WAYS TO IMPROVE IT.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE URBAN COUNCIL'S CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME FOR KWUN TONG, AND THE PROPOSED FACILITIES TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SHUI WO STREET UC COMPLEX.

A PROPOSAL TO RESTORE DEATH PENALTY IN HONG KONG, MADE BY A BOARD MEMBER, AND AN INFORMATION PAPER ON THE CONVERSION OF CROWN LAND LICENCES TO SHORT-TERM TENANCIES WILL BE TABLED FOR MEMBERS' DISCUSSION.

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THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR JOHN YAXLEY WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE CADTECH SEMINARS-EXHIBITION, ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE, AT 2.30 PM ON MONDAY (JUNE 25) AT 2/F, NINE DRAGONS BALLROOM, HYATT REGENCY, TSIM SHA TSUI.

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U.S. MAKES ANOTHER +CALL+
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THE TRADE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS MADE AN EXPORT AUTHORISATION (EA) CALL ON PART OF CATEGORY 659 (MAN-MADE FIBRE PULLOVER JACKET) AT 4 PM TODAY (FRIDAY).

THIS IS THE 14TH 'EA CALL' BY THE UNITED STATES SO FAR THIS YEAR.

PENDING CONSULTATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, THE DEPARTMENT HAS SUSPENDED THE ISSUE OF FURTHER EXPORT AUTHORISATION FOR THIS CATEGORY AS FROM 4 PM TODAY.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL, HOWEVER, AS USUAL CONTINUE TO APPROVE AND ISSUE EXPORT LICENCES FOR THIS CATEGORY AGAINST VALID EXPORT AUTHORISATIONS APPROVED PRIOR TO THE SUSPENSION.

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EVENING TRAINING COURSES FOR DISABLED
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THE KWUN TONG SKILLS CENTRE FOR THE DISABLED IS NOW INVITING APPLICATION FOR NINE PART-TIME EVENING TRAINING COURSES DUE TO START IN OCTOBER.

+DISABLED PERSONS AGED 15 OR ABOVE MAY APPLY FOR THESE COURSES ON GARMENT MAKING, COPY TYPEWRITING, ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION, ELECTRONIC REPAIR, GAS WELDING, ELECTRIC ARC WELDING, INDUSTRIAL LEATHERWORK, MACHINE OPERATION AND JOINERY,+ A CENTRE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THESE PROGRAMMES RANGE FROM SIX MONTHS TO TWO YEARS, AND PROVIDE PRACTICAL TRAINING AS WELL AS THEORETICAL STUDIES WITH AN AIM TO TRAIN DISABLED PERSONS FOR JOBS IN INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, HE ADDED.

UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT, THE CENTRE OFFERS FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT SERVICE FOR THE DISABLED.

DETAILS OF THE PART-TIME EVENING PROGRAMMES, INCLUDING ENTRY REQUIREMENTS, TUITION FEES, DURATION OF COURSES, WILL BE ADVERTISED IN TOMORROW'S NEWSPAPERS.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CENTRE AT 487 KWUN TONG ROAD. CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION IS JULY 23.

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TIN SHUI WAI DEVELOPMENT STARTS SOON
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THE FIRST CONTRACT IN CONNECTION WITH DEVELOPING TIN SHUI WAI INTO A NEW TOWN WILL START IN SEPTEMBER.

A 1 150-METRE LONG BOX CULVERT WILL BE CONSTRUCTED TO DIVERT THE TAI RIVER TO THE WESTERN PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT AREA TO ENABLE SITE FORMATION WORK TO GO AHEAD.

ALSO, THREE HECTARES OF LAND WILL BE FORMED UNDER THE CONTRACT FOR USE AS A WORKS AREA FOR FUTURE CONTRACTS.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT, WHICH WILL TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE, ARE BEING INVITED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

TIN SHUI WAI NEW TOWN WILL BE DEVELOPED TO PROVIDE HOMES FOR 135 000 PEOPLE BY THE EARLY 1990S.

THE MAIN SITE FORMATION CONTRACT WILL COMMENCE LATE IN 1985.

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURES TO BE PULLED DOWN
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FOURTEEN ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON THE SIDELANES AND BACKLANES OF NOS 77-87 MARBLE ROAD AND 483-497 KING'S ROAD IN NORTH POINT WILL BE PULLED DOWN ON TUESDAY (JUNE 26) MORNING.

THE STRUCTURES WERE USED FOR STORAGE, COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

THE OPERATION, CO-ORDINATED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, IS PART OF A SIX-MONTH CLEARANCE PROGRAMME TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE DISTRICT.

STAFF FROM THE HOUSING, LANDS AND URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENTS AND THE POLICE WILL TAKE PART IN THE OPERATION STARTING AT 10 AM.

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FUN DAY FOR ALL AT YAU MA TEI
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A FUN DAY FOR YOUNG AND OLD IN YAU MA TEI WILL BE HELD AT THE CHAN HING SOCIAL SERVICES CENTRE IN FUK TSUEN STREET STARTING AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE DAY'S PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE PERFORMANCES BY MEMBERS OF THE YAU MA TEI SCOUT ASSOCIATION AS WELL AS SOME OF THE OLD AND YOUNG PARTICIPANTS.

THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LIONS CLUB OF SOUTH KOWLOON AND THE YANG MING SHAN LIONS CLUB.

THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR ALBERT LAM, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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HOUSES FOR TAI PO VILLAGERS
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GOVERNMENT IS TO BUILD 44 STANDARD VILLAGE HOUSES AT TAI PO.

ELEVEN BLOCKS, EACH OF THREE STOREYS, WILL BE CONSTRUCTED ON A 3.69-HECTARE BORROW AREA, BETWEEN TO TSZ KIN AND SHEUNG WONG YI AU.

THEY ARE FOR RESIDENTS OF THREE VILLAGES - WUN YIU VILLAGE, TAI PO OLD MARKET AND NAM HANG VILLAGE - WHICH ARE REQUIRED FOR ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORK.

WORK ON BUILDING THE HOUSES IS EXPECTED TO START IN AUGUST AND BE COMPLETED IN ONE YEAR.

THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING CONTRACTORS TO TENDER FOR JULY 13.

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MORE TREES FOR YUEN LONG
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THE NTSD WILL BE PLANTING 20 000 TREES, SHRUBS, AND SEASONAL FLOWERS IN YUEN LONG THIS YEAR.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY BY MR TANG CHI-LEUNG, CHAIRMAN OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD, AT THE LAUNCHING OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT TREE PLANTING DAY IN THE WANG TOI SHAN PLAYGROUND, PAT HEUNG.

THE EVENT WAS ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

MR TANG SAID MANY TREES HAD RECENTLY BEEN DAMAGED BY VANDALISM IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, AND HE HOPED THAT THE TREE PLANTING EVENT TODAY WOULD HELP AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE NEED TO CARE ON PLANTS.

HE ALSO APPEALED TO THE PUBLIC NOT TO PICK THE PLANTS AT ROADSIDES BUT TO PLANT MORE TREES IN THEIR AREAS.

MR TANG LATER PLANTED A YOUNG TREE TO HIGHLIGHT THE EVENT. FIFTY SCHOOL CHILDREN HELPED WITH THE PLANTING TODAY.

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NO RIGHT TURN HERE
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FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JUNE 25), VEHICLES ON TONG BIN LANE SOUTHBOUND WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING RIGHT INTO WONG CHUK HANG ROAD WESTBOUND.

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CENTRAL TAPS OFF
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN CENTRAL WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (JUNE 25) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY ICE HOUSE STREET, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, JACKSON ROAD AND QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

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