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HONG KONG IS CHOLERA FREE  
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HONG KONG WAS TODAY (TUESDAY) DECLARED CHOLERA FREE -  
17 DAYS AFTER THE TERRITORY BECAME AN INFECTED AREA.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND  
HEALTH SERVICES, DR S.H. LEE, WHO IS ALSO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE ON THE CONTROL OF CHOLERA.

HE EXPLAINED THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WHO INTERNATIONAL  
HEALTH REGULATION, HONG KONG WAS DECLARED CHOLERA FREE AS MORE  
THAN 10 DAYS HAD LAPSED SINCE THE LAST CHOLERA CASE WAS ISOLATED  
AND THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF THE SPREAD OF THE DISEASE FROM  
PRIMARY CASES.

THE LAST CHOLERA PATIENT WAS ISOLATED ON AUGUST 6.

SINCE HONG KONG WAS DECLARED CHOLERA INFECTED ON AUGUST 2,  
A TOTAL OF 22 CONFIRMED CASES WERE REPORTED AND ALL HAD BEEN  
DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL.

DR LEE STRESSED THAT ALTHOUGH HONG KONG IS NOW FREE FROM  
CHOLERA, THE PUBLIC SHOULD NOT RELAX THEIR GUARD AGAINST THE  
DISEASE.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED TO MAINTAIN THEIR EFFORTS  
IN KEEPING THEIR FOOD AND ENVIRONMENT CLEAN AND IN PRACTISING  
STRICT PERSONAL HYGIENE.

+AS CHOLERA IS ENDEMIC IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD, A RECURRENCE  
OF THE DISEASE IS EXPECTED FROM TIME TO TIME. THEREFORE, THERE  
IS A NEED TO MAINTAIN CLOSE VIGILANCE ON THE DISEASE AND TO  
MAINTAIN PREVENTIVE MEASURES,+ SAID DR LEE.

MEANWHILE, THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH, THE URBAN SERVICES,  
REGIONAL SERVICES AND HOUSING DEPARTMENTS WILL CONTINUE WITH FOOD  
AND ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEILLANCE, INCLUDING THE INSPECTION OF FOOD  
PREMISES, THE CRACKDOWN ON ILLEGAL FOOD VENDORS AND THE  
EXAMINATION OF FOOD AND WATER SAMPLES.

THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO MAINTAIN ITS  
SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME ON THE DISEASE.

IN ADDITION, DR LEE DISCLOSED THAT A PUBLIC AWARENESS  
CAMPAIGN, CO-ORDINATED BY THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES,  
ON PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST CHOLERA WILL ALSO BE LAUNCHED.

THESE EFFORTS WILL INCLUDE SEMINARS AND TALKS TO FACTORY  
WORKERS, TEACHERS AND STUDENTS, STRATEGIC DISPLAY OF POSTERS,  
WIDE CIRCULATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF PAMPHLETS AND LEAFLETS  
EMPHASISING THE IMPORTANCE OF FOOD HYGIENE, AND THE REGULAR  
BROADCASTING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS OF PUBLIC INTEREST ON TELEVISION  
AND THE RADIO.

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IN THE MEANTIME, CHOLERA INOCULATION WILL CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL THIS FRIDAY (AUGUST 22) AT THE EIGHT GOVERNMENT VACCINATION CENTRES.

AFTER THAT, PEOPLE WHO INTEND TO TRAVEL TO CHOLERA EPIDEMIC COUNTRIES OR TO COUNTRIES WHICH REQUIRE CERTIFICATES CAN CONTINUE TO GO TO THE TWO PORT HEALTH OFFICES AT CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND AT CENTRE POINT IN GLOUCESTER ROAD FOR INOCULATION.

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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 SECOND QUARTER OF 1986 COMPARED TO THE FIRST QUARTER, ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

MANUFACTURERS ALSO GENERALLY LOOK FORWARD TO A FURTHER IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS IN THE THIRD QUARTER.

FIRMS IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR EXPERIENCED A CONTINUOUS UPTREND IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1986 AND EXPECT THE BUSINESS SITUATION TO REMAIN FAVOURABLE DURING THE THIRD QUARTER.

IN GENERAL, A STABLE BUSINESS SITUATION WAS REPORTED BY FIRMS IN THE +WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS+ SECTOR IN THE SECOND QUARTER, ALTHOUGH THE EXPERIENCE OF DIFFERENT TRADES VARIED. A MILD IMPROVEMENT IN THE BUSINESS SITUATION IN THE THIRD QUARTER IS EXPECTED.

FIRMS IN THE +OTHER SERVICES+ SECTOR, INCLUDING BANKING, THE +TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION+ AND THE +REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED SERVICES+ BUSINESS, ACHIEVED SOME IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS SITUATION IN THE SECOND QUARTER AND THEY ARE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK FOR THE THIRD QUARTER, PARTICULARLY FOR BANKS.

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

IN THE SECOND QUARTER, RESPONDING FIRMS ACROSS ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES EXPERIENCED AN IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS, PARTICULARLY IN THE CASES OF THE +PLASTICS+, +FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS+ AND +ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES+ INDUSTRIES.

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REGARDING THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK FOR THE THIRD QUARTER, RESPONDING FIRMS ACROSS ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES DISPLAY GENERAL OPTIMISM.

FIRMS IN THE +WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES+ REPORTED A STABLE LEVEL OF BUSINESS IN THE SECOND QUARTER. RESTAURANTS EXPERIENCED A DETERIORATION IN BUSINESS WHILE MOST HOTELS EXPERIENCED IMPROVEMENTS IN THE SECOND QUARTER, MAINLY DUE TO SEASONAL FACTORS.

FIRMS IN THE +WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES+ AND RESTAURANTS BUSINESSES EXPECT A BETTER BUSINESS SITUATION IN THE THIRD QUARTER COMPARED TO THE SECOND QUARTER, WHILE FIRMS IN THE HOTELS TRADE GENERALLY EXPECT SOME DETERIORATION IN BUSINESS.

THE SURVEY ALSO COVERED BUSINESS PROBLEMS FACED BY FIRMS.

FOR THE SECOND QUARTER, OVER ONE-THIRD OF THE RESPONDENTS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INDICATED HIGH MATERIAL PRICES, PRICE COMPETITION BOTH FROM FIRMS IN HONG KONG AND FROM FIRMS OVERSEAS AS SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE PROBLEM OF INSUFFICIENT BUSINESS ORDERS HAD EASED OFF TO SOME EXTENT IN THE SECOND QUARTER.

FOR THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, THE PROBLEMS OF INSUFFICIENT BUSINESS CONTRACTS, HIGH MATERIAL PRICES AND PRICE COMPETITION BOTH FROM FIRMS IN HONG KONG AND FROM FIRMS OVERSEAS CONTINUED TO BE REGARDED AS MAJOR PROBLEMS BOTH FOR THE SECOND AND THIRD QUARTERS. IN ADDITION, THERE WAS AN INCREASE IN THE PROPORTION OF CONSTRUCTION FIRMS INDICATING EXCHANGE RATE FLUCTUATIONS AS A SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM.

AS FOR THE +WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES+ BUSINESS, FIRMS CONSIDERED INSUFFICIENT BUSINESS, PRICE COMPETITION AND EXCHANGE RATE FLUCTUATIONS AS SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS BOTH IN THE SECOND AND THIRD QUARTERS.

THE MAJOR PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED BY RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS WERE INSUFFICIENT BUSINESS, PRICE COMPETITION, HIGH STAFF COST AND HIGH STAFF TURNOVER IN THE SECOND QUARTER. THE PROBLEMS ARE EXPECTED TO PERSIST IN THE THIRD QUARTER.

ALL TRADES ACROSS THE +OTHER SERVICES+ SECTOR CONSIDERED PRICE COMPETITION AS A PREDOMINANT PROBLEM IN THE SECOND AND THIRD QUARTERS. THE PROBLEM OF HIGH STAFF TURNOVER WAS ENCOUNTERED BY BANKS AND FIRMS IN THE +REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED SERVICES+ BUSINESS. MOREOVER, THE LATTER FIRMS FACED THE ADDITIONAL PROBLEM OF HIGH STAFF COSTS IN THE SECOND QUARTER.

NEVERTHELESS, THE INTENSITY OF THE PROBLEM OF INSUFFICIENT BUSINESS SEEMS TO HAVE EASED OFF FOR BANKS AND FIRMS IN THE +TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION+ BUSINESS.

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.

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IN THE SURVEY, PARTICIPATING FIRMS WERE ASKED TO INDICATE WHETHER, IN THEIR OPINION, THE GENERAL BUSINESS SITUATION AND LEVEL OF CAPACITY UTILIZATION 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 OF 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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INTEREST ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES REVISED  
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THE NEW ANNUAL RATE OF INTEREST WILL NOW BE 3.36 PER CENT (TAX FREE) AS AGAINST THE CURRENT RATE OF 4.08 PER CENT (TAX FREE).

NOTICE OF THIS WAS PUBLISHED IN AN EXTRAORDINARY ISSUE OF THE GAZETTE PUBLISHED ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 16).

INTEREST ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES IS CALCULATED IN MONTHLY STEPS AND THE NEW RATE WILL BE \$0.28 PER MONTH PER \$100. INTEREST WILL BE CREDITED AS BEFORE IN RESPECT OF COMPLETE MONTHS BETWEEN PURCHASE AND SURRENDER IN PAYMENT OF TAX, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT SAID.

INTEREST IS ONLY CREDITED WHEN CERTIFICATES ARE USED TO PAY TAX AND NO INTEREST IS DUE WHERE THE PRINCIPAL VALUE OF A CERTIFICATE IS REPAID BY A CHEQUE.

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THE NEW RATE WILL APPLY TO ALL CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER AUGUST 19, 1986.

CERTIFICATES WHICH WERE ISSUED BEFORE AUGUST 19, 1986 WILL CONTINUE TO EARN INTEREST AS FOLLOWS:

- 7.56% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER NOVEMBER 28, 1984 AND BEFORE DECEMBER 28, 1984;
- 7.08% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 28, 1984 AND BEFORE JANUARY 16, 1985;
- 6.60% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 16, 1985 AND BEFORE JANUARY 30, 1985;
- 5.52% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 30, 1985 AND BEFORE APRIL 3, 1985;
- 5.04% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER APRIL 3, 1985 AND BEFORE APRIL 24, 1985;
- 4.56% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER APRIL 24, 1985 AND BEFORE MAY 22, 1985;
- 4.08% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER MAY 22, 1985 AND BEFORE JUNE 27, 1985;
- 3.60% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JUNE 27, 1985 AND BEFORE JULY 17, 1985;
- 3.36% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JULY 17, 1985 AND BEFORE JULY 23, 1985;
- 2.76% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JULY 23, 1985 AND BEFORE SEPTEMBER 4, 1985;
- 3.36% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER SEPTEMBER 4, 1985 AND BEFORE APRIL 3, 1986;
- 4.32% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER APRIL 3, 1986 AND BEFORE MAY 14, 1986; AND
- 4.08% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER MAY 14, 1986 AND BEFORE AUGUST 19, 1986,

BUT ALWAYS SUBJECT TO THE GENERAL RULE THAT INTEREST CEASES TO ACCRUE AFTER 36 COMPLETE MONTHS WITHOUT SURRENDER FOR PAYMENT OF TAX.

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EXAMPLE: \$1 000 CERTIFICATES PURCHASED ON AUGUST 20, 1986,  
SEPTEMBER 20, 1986 AND OCTOBER 20, 1986 RESPECTIVELY,  
SURRENDER IN PAYMENT OF TAX DUE ON NOVEMBER 19, 1986  
WILL HAVE INTEREST CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS -

ON \$1 000, AUGUST 20, 1986 TO NOVEMBER 19, 1986 3 COMPLETE MONTHS AT \$2.80 PER MONTH	= 8.40
ON \$1 000, SEPTEMBER 20, 1986 TO NOVEMBER 19, 1986 2 COMPLETE MONTHS AT \$2.80 PER MONTH	= 5.60
ON \$1 000, OCTOBER 20, 1986 TO NOVEMBER 19, 1986 1 COMPLETE MONTH AT \$2.80 PER MONTH	= 2.80
	<u>-----</u> \$16.80 <u>-----</u>

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FOCUS ON PEDESTRIAN PROBLEM SPOTS  
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THE 1985 ACTION PROGRAMME REVIEW ON PEDESTRIAN PROBLEM SPOTS  
WAS SUBMITTED TO THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY BOARD FOR INFORMATION AT ITS  
MEETING TODAY (TUESDAY).

TAC MEMBERS NOTED THAT FURTHER PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN THE  
PROVISION OF PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES AND IN THE REMEDIAL MEASURES  
UNDERTAKEN AT PEDESTRIAN PROBLEM SPOTS.

THE ANNUAL REVIEW, AS ADVISED BY THE STANDING CONFERENCE ON  
ROAD USE, HAS TAKEN ON A NEW FORMAT WITH A WIDENED SCOPE TO  
INCLUDE TRAFFIC ENGINEERING ASPECTS IN ADDITION TO THE AREA  
INVOLVING THE WORK OF THE ROAD SAFETY AND STANDARD DIVISION OF THE  
TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

THE REVIEW HAS ALSO BEEN SPLIT INTO INDIVIDUAL REPORTS  
COVERING EACH DISTRICT BOARD AREAS. COPIES OF THE INDIVIDUAL REPORTS  
HAVE BEEN SENT TO RESPECTIVE DISTRICT BOARDS FOR INFORMATION.

THE TRANSPORT COMPLAINT UNIT'S QUARTERLY REPORT FOR APRIL 1  
TO JUNE 30, 1986, WAS ALSO TABLED AT THE MEETING.

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CLOSURE ORDER ON ILLEGAL STRUCTURES SOUGHT  
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MORE THAN A YEAR AFTER ISSUING A DEMOLITION ORDER, THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS TO SEEK COURT HELP IN CLOSING ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON THE ROOF OF A BUILDING IN KOWLOON.

THE AUTHORITY IS TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER AT KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT ON SEPTEMBER 30 FOR THE STRUCTURES ON THE MAIN ROOF OVER 46-48, FUK LO TSUEN ROAD, KOWLOON CITY, WHICH IT INSTRUCTED OCCUPIERS TO DEMOLISH IN JULY LAST YEAR.

IT POSTED A NOTICE OF ITS INTENTION TO DO SO ON A CONSPICUOUS PART OF THE STRUCTURES TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE BUILDING AUTHORITY REQUIRES THE COURT ORDER SO THAT DEMOLITION CAN TAKE PLACE WITHOUT DANGER TO OCCUPANTS OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. WORK ON DEMOLISHING THE STRUCTURES WILL START IMMEDIATELY THE CLOSURE ORDER HAS BEEN MADE.

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ENROLMENT OPEN FOR ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY SEMINAR  
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THE SYMPOSIUM ON LABOUR RELATIONS FOR THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION UNIT OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS STILL OPEN FOR ENROLMENT.

THE ONE-DAY EVENT WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 9.

IT AIMS TO PROVIDE A FORUM FOR EMPLOYERS, MANAGERS AND TRADE UNIONISTS IN THE INDUSTRY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON ENLIGHTENED MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE AND TO DISCUSS WAYS ON IMPROVING LABOUR RELATIONS.

A MEMBER OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD, DR LUI MING-WAH, WILL ADDRESS THE OPENING CEREMONY. OTHER GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE SENIOR CONSULTANT ON PUBLIC RELATIONS OF HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL, MR ANDY NG; VICE-CHAIRMAN OF HONG KONG AND KOWLOON ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY EMPLOYEES' GENERAL UNION, MISS LI FUNG-YING; GROUP PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION MANAGER OF ASTEC INTERNATIONAL LTD, MRS ESTHER HO; AND PERSONNEL MANAGER OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES LTD, MR PETER CHEUNG.

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED INCLUDE PROBLEMS CONFRONTING ELECTRONICS WORKERS, AND THE DEVELOPMENT TRENDS, LABOUR RELATIONS AND PROVIDENT FUND SCHEMES IN THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY.

THOSE WISHING TO ATTEND ARE URGED TO CONTACT THE LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION UNIT ON 5-8523511 BY AUGUST 29.

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SEMINAR TO PROMOTE INVESTMENT IN YUEN LONG  
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BUSINESSMEN AND EXECUTIVES OF LARGE CORPORATIONS WHO ARE EYEING INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN YUEN LONG ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A SEMINAR TO BE HELD IN THE FAIRVIEW PARK COUNTRY CLUB FROM 10 AM TO 2 PM ON SEPTEMBER 5.

ENTITLED +MAKE YOUR INVESTMENT IN YUEN LONG A SUCCESS+, THE SEMINAR IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE FAIRVIEW PARK COUNTRY CLUB TO PROVIDE POTENTIAL INVESTORS TO THE DISTRICT WITH AN OVERALL PICTURE OF INVESTMENT CLIMATE.

IT WAS ALSO ORGANISED IN THE LIGHT OF THE GROWING ATTRACTION OF YUEN LONG TO INVESTORS WHICH WAS PROMPTED BY THE MANY MASSIVE PUBLIC DEVELOPMENTS TAKING PLACE IN THE DISTRICT SUCH AS THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM, THE TIN SHUI WAI NEW TOWN AND THE YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

SPEAKERS AT THE SEMINAR WILL BE THE FORMER YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JAMES WILSON, YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, DR TANG SIU-TONG, AND SENIOR OFFICER OF BARCLAYS BANK, MR ADOLPHUS WAN.

TOPICS WILL INCLUDE +HOW IS YUEN LONG A GOOD PLACE FOR INVESTMENT+, +AREAS OF POTENTIAL INVESTMENT IN YUEN LONG+, AND +RUNNING AN EFFECTIVE BUSINESS+.

THOSE INTERESTED IN THE SEMINAR CAN CONTACT MISS MAGGIE SO OF THE FAIRVIEW PARK COUNTRY CLUB (TEL. 0-716333) OR MR THOMAS CHOW OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE (TEL. 0-792261).

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HUNG SHUI KIU TO BECOME DISTRICT CENTRE  
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MEMBERS OF THE TOWN PLANNING AND AREA DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE REVISED HUNG SHUI KIU LAYOUT PLAN AT A MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON.

UNDER THE GOVERNMENT'S BASE STRATEGY STUDY, HUNG SHUI KIU WAS DESIGNATED AS A DISTRICT CENTRE IN THE YUEN LONG-TUEN MUN CORRIDOR AREA WHICH WOULD BECOME A FOCUS OF NEW DEVELOPMENT.

INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSALS WOULD BE A SYSTEM OF NEW ROADS TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO DIFFERENT PARTS OF HUNG SHUI KIU FROM CASTLE PEAK ROAD, MAKING IT A PUBLIC TRANSPORT CENTRE WITH AN LRT STOP AND A TRANSPORT TERMINUS FOR BUSES, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AND TAXIS.

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ALSO, NEW SHOPPING AND COMMERCIAL FACILITIES WOULD BE PROVIDED ON THE NORTHERN SIDE OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD AROUND THE FUTURE TOWN SQUARE.

AT TOMORROW'S MEETING, MEMBERS WOULD ALSO DISCUSS THE KAM TIN LAYOUT PLAN AND THE ROAD NETWORK IN TIN SHUI WAI NEW TOWN AND LINKS TO OTHER MAIN ROADS IN YUEN LONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TOWN PLANNING AND AREA DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD AT 3 PM TOMORROW IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD CHAMBERS, 13TH FLOOR, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING, ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 22, HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO 10 AM ON SEPTEMBER 5.

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BOARD TO DISCUSS DAYA BAY POWER PLANT  
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MEMBERS OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 21) TO DISCUSS VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE DAYA BAY NUCLEAR POWER PLANT.

A PAPER CONTAINING VIEWS ON THE PROS AND CONS OF THE PLANT WILL ALSO BE TABLED FOR DISCUSSION.

IN ADDITION, MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN MAN KAM TO ROAD AND SUGGEST WAYS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM.

OTHER ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH INCLUDE THE CAUSE AND WAYS TO PREVENT THE OUTBREAK OF FIRES IN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS IN THE DISTRICT- REPORTS FROM FIVE OF THE BOARD'S COMMITTEES, THE NORTH DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AS WELL AS A REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 21) AT 9.30 AM AT THE NORTH DISTRICT CONFERENCE ROOM, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING. SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE.

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INSPECTION OF PROBLEM BUILDINGS  
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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN COMMITTEE, MR W.M. SULKE, WILL LEAD A TEAM OF URBAN COUNCIL MEMBERS ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 21) TO TWO MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS WHERE NUMEROUS HYGIENE COMPLAINTS HAD BEEN RECEIVED.

THE OTHER COUNCILLORS ARE MR TONG KAM-BIU, DR RONALD LEUNG, AND MR WONG MAN-CHIU. THE TEAM WILL RECOMMEND WAYS TO IMPROVE THE STATE OF CLEANLINESS OF THE BUILDINGS IN KOWLOON.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE VISITS. THE COUNCILLORS WILL ARRIVE AT CHUNG MEI BUILDING IN TAI KOK TSUI AT 9.15 AM AND AT NO. 1-41, KIM SHIN LANE, CHEUNG SHA WAN, AT 10.30 AM. TRANSPORT FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE UC CHAMBERS, EDINBURGH PLACE, AT 8.45 AM.

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YAU YAT TSUEN, TAI KOK TSUI TRAFFIC CHANGES  
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TSEUK KIU STREET IN YAU YAT TSUEN WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY WESTBOUND TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC TO IMPROVE THE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IN THE AREA STARTING 10 AM ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 22).

MEANWHILE, TUNG CHAU STREET IN TAI KOK TSUI BETWEEN TONG MEI ROAD AND WALNUT STREET WILL BE CLOSED FROM MIDNIGHT TO 6 AM ON AUGUST 22 AND 23 FOR INSTALLING EQUIPMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS ON TONG MEI ROAD HEADING FOR TUNG CHAU STREET NORTHBOUND SHOULD USE PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST, SYCAMORE STREET AND TAI KOK TSUI ROAD.

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CENTRAL, CAUSEWAY BAY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS  
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VEHICLES ON GILMAN STREET IN CENTRAL AT ITS JUNCTION WITH PIER ROAD WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM U-TURNING INTO GILMAN STREET SOUTHBOUND FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 22) EXCEPT ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

VEHICLES SHOULD MAKE THE U-TURN AT THE ROUNDABOUT AT THE EASTERN END OF PIER ROAD.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE SECTION OF CLEVELAND STREET IN CAUSEWAY BAY BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH KINGSTON STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 25 METRES NORTH WILL BE DESIGNATED A RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE, NO VEHICLE OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS AND GOODS.

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