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VERY FEW WANT DIRECT ELECTIONS IN 1985, GOVERNOR SAYS
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VERY FEW PEOPLE HAD SUGGESTED THAT THEY WANTED DIRECT ELECTIONS IN 1985, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE YUNG FUNG SHEE MEMORIAL CENTRE IN KWUN TONG, SIR EDWARD SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WHAT THE PUBLIC SAID THEY WANTED TO DO BEFORE PUBLISHING THE WHITE PAPER ON THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG.

+WHAT WE HAVE SAID IS THAT THERE WILL BE A REVIEW IN 1987, WHICH IS BEFORE THE ELECTIONS IN 1988, THAT DIRECT ELECTIONS CAN BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THAT REVIEW, AND EVERYBODY NOW HAS TWO OR THREE YEARS IN WHICH THEY CAN DISCUSS THIS. - HE SAID.

+IT IS NOT A SIMPLE QUESTION -- DIRECT ELECTIONS -- IT HAS A NUMBER OF FACETS, AND SO THERE WILL BE A TIME IN WHICH PEOPLE CAN DISCUSS IT, CONSIDER IT. IT WILL BE CONSIDERED IN THE 1987 REVIEW, AND THEN A DECISION WILL BE TAKEN.+

ON HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO LONDON, THE GOVERNOR SAID, HIS MOST IMPORTANT DUTY WAS UNDOUBTEDLY TO TALK TO MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AND BE AVAILABLE TO THEM IF THEY HAVE ANY QUESTIONS THEY WANTED TO ASK ABOUT THE REACTION TO THE AGREEMENT IN HONG KONG, AND ON MATTERS WHICH WERE STILL OF CONCERN TO PEOPLE IN HONG KONG.

+THE FIRST OBJECT OF THE VISIT IS UNDOUBTEDLY THE DEBATE AND BEING AVAILABLE FOR MP'S IF THEY WANT TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS,+ HE SAID.

SIR EDWARD SAID HE WOULD BE WITH UMELCO FOR PART OF THE VISIT AND ON SOME OF THEIR ENGAGEMENTS.

+BUT I WILL ALSO BE DOING SOME NORMAL HONG KONG BUSINESS WITH THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE AND OTHERS.+ HE SAID.

+IT MIGHT SURPRISE YOU THAT I DO QUITE A LOT OF NORMAL HONG KONG BUSINESS APART FROM THE FUTURE,+ HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THERE WOULD BE EVERY OPPORTUNITY FOR UMELCO MEMBERS TO MEET PEOPLE LIKE THE ANGLO-HONG KONG PARLIAMENTARY GROUP WHILE IN LONDON.

+AND I AM SURE THEY WILL BE HAVING A NUMBER OF DISCUSSIONS WITH INDIVIDUAL GROUPS OF MP'S.

+AND THEN WE ARE GOING TO GIVE A RECEPTION WHILE WE ARE THERE, AND TO THAT WE WILL INVITE A LOT OF MP'S WHO HAVE BEEN HERE, AND A NUMBER OF OTHERS WHO HAVE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN THE HONG KONG QUESTION, WHICH IS NOW RATHER MORE THAN THERE WAS ABOUT A YEAR OR TWO AGO,+ HE SAID.

/SIR EDWARD

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SIR EDWARD TOLD REPORTERS THAT HE EXPECTED TO GO TO LONDON OVERNIGHT ON FRIDAY NIGHT.

+BUT WE STILL HAVEN'T GOT A DEFINITE DATE FOR THE PEKING TRIP. BUT I WILL BE GOING TO PEKING,+ HE SAID.

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ON WHEN THE JOINT DECLARATION WOULD BE SIGNED, SIR EDWARD SAID NO ANNOUNCEMENT HAD BEEN MADE YET.

ASKED WHETHER THERE WERE ANY PROBLEMS IN AGREEING ON THE DATE, HE SAID THERE WERE NO PROBLEMS.

+BUT WHEN YOU HAVE AN ARRANGEMENT LIKE THIS KIND, YOU HAVE TO GET A NUMBER OF PEOPLE'S DIARIES TOGETHER. BUT THERE IS NO PROBLEM ABOUT IT,+ HE SAID.

ASKED WHETHER MRS MARGARET THATCHER WOULD BE COMING TO HONG KONG AFTER SIGNING THE AGREEMENT, HE SAID, +YOU WILL HAVE TO WAIT FOR HER OFFICE TO ANNOUNCE IT.+

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GOVT AIMS AT MEDICAL SERVICES FOR ALL
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THE GOVERNMENT AIMED AT MAKING MEDICAL SERVICES AND FACILITIES +REASONABLY ACCESSIBLE TO ALL CENTRES OF POPULATION,+ THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE YUNG FUNG SHEE MEMORIAL CENTRE IN KWUN TONG THIS AFTERNOON, THE GOVERNOR SAID ALSO THAT MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES HAD BEEN EXPANDED ON THIS BASIS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE NEW TOWNS.

THE SAME APPROACH HAD BEEN ADOPTED IN THE URBAN AREAS, AND A HEALTH CENTRE AND A POLYCLINIC HAD BEEN PLANNED FOR THE PEOPLE OF KWUN TONG, THE GOVERNOR SAID.

THE YUNG FUNG SHEE MEMORIAL CENTRE TODAY REPRESENTED THE COMPLETION OF THE FIRST STAGE OF THIS PLAN, SIR EDWARD SAID.

WHEN THE SECOND STAGE - A POLYCLINIC - IS COMPLETED IN 1986, A RANGE OF SPECIALIST OUTPATIENT SERVICES WILL BE WITHIN EASY REACH OF THE RESIDENTS.

THE CENTRE, HE SAID, HAD CERTAIN SPECIAL FEATURES. APART FROM OFFERING A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES OF A HEALTH CENTRE, THIS CENTRE PROVIDED ACCOMMODATION FOR A GERIATRIC DAY HOSPITAL AND A PSYCHIATRIC DAY CENTRE, EACH WITH 40 PLACES.

DAY HOSPITALS ENABLED PATIENTS TO SPEND A PART OF THE DAY UNDER TREATMENT AND TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES IN THE EVENING, THUS AVOIDING THE EFFECTS OF A PROLONGED STAY IN AN INSTITUTION.

/+THIS SHOULD

+THIS SHOULD SPEED UP THE PATIENT'S RECOVERY AND EARLY RE-INTEGRATION IN THE COMMUNITY.

+DAY HOSPITALS ALSO HELP TO RELIEVE THE PRESSURE ON OUR CONVENTIONAL HOSPITALS, WHICH ARE ALREADY UNDER CONSIDERABLE STRAIN AS A RESULT OF OUR POPULATION GROWTH IN RECENT YEARS,+ HE SAID.

THIS CENTRE WOULD CONSIDERABLY INCREASE THE PRESENT 297 PSYCHIATRIC AND 80 GERIATRIC DAY HOSPITAL PLACES IN HONG KONG.

AND THERE WERE PLANS TO PROVIDE A FURTHER 305 PSYCHIATRIC AND 300 GERIATRIC DAY PLACES BY THE END OF 1993.

THE GOVERNOR PAID TRIBUTE TO THE YUNG FAMILY. HE SAID THE IMPRESSIVE CENTRE COSTING ABOUT \$70 MILLION TO BUILD, HAD BEEN FUNDED ENTIRELY BY A BEQUEST OF THE LATE MADAM YUNG FUNG SHEE. +IT IS THUS PROPER THAT THE CENTRE SHOULD BE NAMED AFTER HER AS A TOKEN OF APPRECIATION OF HER GENEROSITY AND PUBLIC SPIRIT,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

THE NEW HEALTH CENTRE PROVIDES A COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF SERVICES COMPRISING A PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY, FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES, CHEST AND SOCIAL HYGIENE CLINICS, RADIODIAGNOSTIC, PHYSIOTHERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DEPARTMENTS, A REGIONAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT AND PSYCHIATRIC AND GERIATRIC DAY HOSPITALS.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR K.L. THONG, SAID THAT THE OPENING OF THE HEALTH CENTRE REPRESENTED ANOTHER MILESTONE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES IN THE KOWLOON REGION.

+THE RAPID GROWTH OF THE HONG KONG POPULATION, PARTICULARLY IN KOWLOON REGION, HAD OVER THE YEARS IMPOSED A HEAVY STRAIN ON THE MEDICAL SERVICES,+ DR THONG SAID.

+THUS, TO MEET THIS UNRELENTING POPULATION PRESSURE, IT IS NECESSARY TO CONTINUE TO UPGRADE OUR EXISTING FACILITIES AND TO DEVELOP OUR MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES AS FAR AS POSSIBLE WITHIN THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO US.+

HE ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE LATE MADAM YUNG FUNG SHEE, A WELL-KNOWN PHILANTHROPIST, FOR HER GENEROSITY.

IN HIS ADDRESS, MR P.A.L. VINE, CHAIRMAN OF THE CHARTERED BANK HONG KONG TRUSTEE LTD. - THE EXECUTORS AND TRUSTEES OF THE ESTATE OF MADAM YUNG, GAVE A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF HOW THE FUNDS FOR THE CENTRE HAD BUILT UP FROM THE ORIGINAL DONATION OF ABOUT \$3 MILLION TO \$80 MILLION THROUGH YEARS OF PRUDENT INVESTMENTS BY THE TRUSTEES.

THE HEALTH CENTRE WAS ESTIMATED TO COST A LITTLE UNDER \$70 MILLION.

IT WAS EXPECTED THAT THERE WOULD BE A SURPLUS OF AROUND \$10 MILLION WHICH WOULD BE CARRIED FORWARD TO A SIMILAR PROJECT.

CONTINUED GROWTH WITH LOWER INFLATION

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DOMESTIC EXPORTS CONTINUED TO EXPAND RAPIDLY IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1984, BY 33 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS OR ABOUT 17 PER CENT IN REAL TERMS COMPARED WITH EXPORTS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1983, ACCORDING TO THE THIRD QUARTER ECONOMIC REPORT 1984 PUBLISHED TODAY BY THE GOVERNMENT.

DOMESTIC DEMAND IMPROVED MODERATELY, AS SHOWN BY THE INCREASES IN REAL TERMS IN RETAINED IMPORTS OF CAPITAL GOODS AND OF CONSUMER GOODS. THE CONTINUED ECONOMIC GROWTH WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A SLOWING DOWN IN THE RATE OF INFLATION.

THE RATE OF INFLATION (AS MEASURED BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A)) HAD SLOWED DOWN FROM A YEAR-ON-YEAR RATE OF 12.4 PER CENT IN JANUARY 1984 TO 7.1 PER CENT BY SEPTEMBER.

THE QUARTERLY INFLATION RATES EXHIBITED A SIMILAR DOWNWARD TREND.

ON A YEAR-ON-YEAR BASIS, THE RATE OF INFLATION AVERAGED 8.6 PER CENT IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1984, COMPARED WITH 10.8 PER CENT IN THE FIRST QUARTER AND 9.4 PER CENT IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF THE YEAR. THIS DECELERATION LARGELY REFLECTED THE STABILITY OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR IN TERMS OF THE U.S. DOLLAR UNDER THE LINKED EXCHANGE RATE SYSTEM. BECAUSE OF THE GLOBAL STRENGTH OF THE U.S. DOLLAR, THE HONG KONG DOLLAR HAS APPRECIATED AGAINST THE CURRENCIES OF MANY SUPPLIERS SINCE OCTOBER 1983.

ON THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION, THE REPORT NOTES THAT AFTER THE CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1984, THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION REMAINED LARGELY STABLE IN THE THIRD QUARTER. WITH THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 3.5 PER CENT AND THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE AT 1.0 PER CENT, THE LABOUR FORCE WAS EFFECTIVELY FULLY EMPLOYED DURING THE QUARTER.

THE REPORT ASSESSES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1984, USING AVAILABLE STATISTICS. IT ALSO UPDATES THE ANALYSIS OF THE ECONOMY IN THE HALF-YEARLY ECONOMIC REPORT 1984 PUBLISHED IN AUGUST. APART FROM GIVING AN OVERALL VIEW, THE REPORT ALSO CONTAINS INDIVIDUAL CHAPTERS ON THE EXTERNAL SECTOR, THE FINANCIAL SECTOR, THE LABOUR SECTOR, ACTIVITY IN SELECTED SECTORS AND PRICES.

ON THE EXTERNAL SECTOR, THE REPORT SAYS THAT DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE UNITED KINGDOM, CHINA AND JAPAN CONTINUED TO GROW IN REAL TERMS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1984 OVER THE SAME QUARTER LAST YEAR, REFLECTING THE IMPROVED IMPORT DEMAND IN THESE MAJOR MARKETS. MOREOVER, THE DEPRECIATION OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR AGAINST THE U.S. DOLLAR AND THE YEN BETWEEN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1984 AND THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR HAS HELPED TO MAINTAIN THE COMPETITIVENESS OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN.

IMPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ALSO GREW RAPIDLY IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1984 COMPARED WITH THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1983. IMPORTS GREW BY ABOUT 12 PER CENT IN REAL TERMS, AND RE-EXPORTS BY ALMOST 27 PER CENT.

THE REPORT OBSERVES THAT OVER THIS PERIOD RETAINED IMPORTS OF CAPITAL GOODS GREW BY ABOUT 23 PER CENT IN REAL TERMS, SUGGESTING THAT THE UPTREND IN INVESTMENT EXPENDITURE SINCE THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1983 HAS LARGELY BEEN SUSTAINED. THE INCREASE WAS CONCENTRATED IN RETAINED IMPORTS OF INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT.

THE REPORT FURTHER POINTS OUT THAT THE GROWTH RATE OF THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS (DOMESTIC EXPORTS PLUS RE-EXPORTS), AT 37 PER CENT, WAS MUCH FASTER THAN THAT OF IMPORTS, AT 26 PER CENT. A VISIBLE TRADE SURPLUS, WHICH WAS EQUIVALENT TO 5 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS THUS RECORDED IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF THIS YEAR, COMPARED WITH A VISIBLE TRADE GAP OF 4 PER CENT IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1983. THIS IS THE FIRST QUARTERLY TRADE SURPLUS RECORDED IN SEVEN YEARS.

ON THE FINANCIAL SECTOR, THE REPORT NOTES THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS.

- * FIRST, THE HONG KONG DOLLAR CONTINUED TO HOLD RELATIVELY STEADY AGAINST THE U.S. DOLLAR THROUGHOUT THE THIRD QUARTER, NOTWITHSTANDING THE STRENGTH OF THE LATTER INTERNATIONALLY.
- * SECOND, WITH RELATIVELY ATTRACTIVE HONG KONG DOLLAR INTEREST RATES AND IMPROVED POLITICAL SENTIMENT, THE SWITCH FROM HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS TO FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS, WHICH WAS EVIDENT DURING THE SECOND QUARTER OF THIS YEAR, CAME TO A HALT IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER.
- * THIRD, DURING THE THIRD QUARTER ADMINISTERED INTEREST RATES WERE ADJUSTED UPWARDS ON ONE OCCASION AND THEN DOWNWARDS ON TWO OCCASIONS, WITH THE CONSEQUENCE THAT AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER THEY WERE LITTLE CHANGED FROM THE LEVELS PREVAILING AT THE END OF DECEMBER 1983.
- * FOURTH, THE MONEY SUPPLY, ON ALL DEFINITIONS, INCREASED MODERATELY DURING THE THIRD QUARTER, AS DID TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES.

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ON THE LABOUR SECTOR, THE REPORT OBSERVES THAT THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AND THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF THIS YEAR, AT 3.5 PER CENT AND 1.0 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, WERE THE SAME AS IN THE SECOND QUARTER. THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR WERE 4.0 PER CENT AND 1.5 PER CENT. DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 1984, EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED. EMPLOYMENT IN THE TERTIARY SERVICES SECTORS, PARTICULARLY IN RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS, ALSO ROSE. EMPLOYMENT ON BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES, HOWEVER, DECLINED FURTHER DURING THE SAME PERIOD.

THE REPORT FURTHER SAYS THAT EARNINGS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, IN TERMS OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED, INCREASED BOTH IN MONEY TERMS AND IN REAL TERMS DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 1984, AS DID THOSE IN THE TERTIARY SERVICES SECTORS. EARNINGS IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, ON THE OTHER HAND, FELL IN REAL TERMS, ALTHOUGH THERE WAS A SMALL INCREASE IN MONEY TERMS.

THE REPORT ALSO POINTS OUT THAT THE INDEX OF MANUFACTURING OUTPUT INCREASED BY 19.2 PER CENT IN THE FIRST QUARTER AND 12.5 PER CENT IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1984, COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1983. MANUFACTURING ACTIVITY CONTINUED TO EXPAND IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1984, ALTHOUGH AT A SLOWER PACE THAN IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR, AS SHOWN BY THE FIGURES ON DOMESTIC EXPORTS, RETAINED IMPORTS OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES, OUTWARD CARGO MOVEMENTS BY SEA AND BY AIR, AND THE QUANTITY OF ELECTRICITY CONSUMED BY THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR.

ALTHOUGH NO DIRECT MEASURE OF PRODUCTIVITY GROWTH IS POSSIBLE, THE REPORT SAYS THAT THE HIGH LEVEL OF MANUFACTURING ACTIVITY AND MANUFACTURING EXPORTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1984 WAS ALMOST CERTAINLY ACCOMPANIED BY A FURTHER IMPROVEMENT IN LABOUR PRODUCTIVITY, MEASURED IN TERMS OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS PER PERSON ENGAGED IN MANUFACTURING. SUCH AN IMPROVEMENT WAS DUE IN PART TO ADDITIONAL OVERTIME WORK.

ON THE PROPERTY SECTOR, THE REPORT NOTES THAT THE SUPPLY OF NEW PRIVATE SECTOR PROPERTY, IN TERMS OF TOTAL USABLE FLOOR AREA OF ALL BUILDINGS COMPLETED, FELL BY 55 PER CENT IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1984 COMPARED WITH THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1983. NEVERTHELESS, THE TAKE-UP OF MOST TYPES OF PROPERTY APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN FAVOURABLE. IT SEEMED THAT PRICES AND RENTALS OF RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY REMAINED LARGELY STABLE DURING THE THIRD QUARTER OF THIS YEAR. HOWEVER, THOSE OF SHOPS AND OFFICES GENERALLY DECLINED FURTHER. REFLECTING SOME IMPROVEMENT IN THE BUILDING INTENTIONS OF DEVELOPERS IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, THE TOTAL USABLE FLOOR AREA ON BUILDING PLANS WITH CONSENT TO COMMENCE WORK WAS 20 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF LAST YEAR. THE INCREASE WAS MAINLY CONCENTRATED IN THE RESIDENTIAL SECTOR.

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ON PRICES, THE REPORT COMMENTS THAT THE RELATIVE STRENGTH OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR UNDER THE LINKED EXCHANGE RATE SYSTEM, COUPLED WITH THE RELATIVE BALANCE BETWEEN THE AGGREGATE SUPPLY AND THE AGGREGATE DEMAND FOR DOMESTIC RESOURCES AND THE RELATIVELY MODEST RATE OF INFLATION IN HONG KONG'S MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS, HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO A NOTICEABLE DECELERATION IN THE RATE OF INFLATION DURING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1984. THIS DECELERATION WAS IN LINE WITH THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S EARLIER PREDICTIONS.

THE THIRD QUARTER ECONOMIC REPORT 1984 WILL SOON BE ON SALE AT \$10 A COPY.

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GOVT GRANTS \$1.2M FOR ARBITRATION CENTRE

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT IT IS MAKING AVAILABLE A GRANT OF \$1.2 MILLION TO ASSIST IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PROPOSED HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CENTRE. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY APPROVED THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSAL TO SUPPORT THE CENTRE.

A SPOKESMAN SAID THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNISED THAT THE SETTING UP OF THE CENTRE WAS A VITAL STEP IN THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG AS THE COMMERCIAL CENTRE OF THE SOUTH EAST ASIAN REGION. HONG KONG'S INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE AS A FINANCIAL, COMMERCIAL AND TRADING CENTRE AND THE AUTHORITY OF ITS LEGAL TRADITIONS BASED ON ENGLISH LAW WOULD ENABLE IT TO BECOME A LEADING CENTRE FOR THE CONDUCT OF COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION, DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL.

WELCOMING THE ANNOUNCEMENT, MR JUSTICE HUNTER, CHAIRMAN OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE FORMED TWO YEARS AGO ON THE INITIATIVE OF THE PREVIOUS ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR JOHN GRIFFITHS, QC, THANKED THE GOVERNMENT FOR ITS SUPPORT. HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE'S PUBLIC APPEAL FOR FUNDS GAVE EVERY EXPECTATION THAT THE TARGET OF \$2.8 MILLION WOULD SOON BE REACHED. COMPANIES, FIRMS AND INDIVIDUALS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR HAD RESPONDED GENEROUSLY IN CONTRIBUTING SO FAR \$1.4 MILLION.

+NOW IS THE TIME TO DEMONSTRATE TO CHINA AND THE REST OF THE WORLD THE PRACTICAL VALUE OF HONG KONG'S LEGAL SYSTEM. WE SHALL TAKE THAT OPPORTUNITY. I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CENTRE WILL BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1985,+ HE SAID.

THE MONEY NOW BEING RAISED, HE SAID, WOULD BE USED TO MODERNISE THE PREMISES IN THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY BUILDING IN ARBUTHNOT ROAD MADE AVAILABLE BY THE GOVERNMENT AT A NOMINAL RENT, AND TO MEET THE RUNNING COSTS OF THE CENTRE FOR THE FIRST THREE YEARS OF OPERATION.

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+BY THE END OF THAT TIME WE EXPECT THE CENTRE WILL BE SELF-SUPPORTING.+

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THEIR CONSIDERABLE EXPENDITURE OF TIME AND EFFORT IN REALISING THE PROJECT AND TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR MICHAEL THOMAS QC, FOR HIS UNFLAGGING SUPPORT, MR JUSTICE HUNTER SAID IT HAD BEEN PARTICULARLY PLEASING TO SEE THEIR EFFORTS REWARDED BY POSITIVE RESPONSES FROM LEADING ENTERPRISES OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, IN ADDITION TO THOSE FROM MANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS, FIRMS, COMPANIES AND ORGANISATIONS IN HONG KONG.

+WE HOPE NOW THAT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE WILL ENCOURAGE MORE COMPANIES AND FIRMS DOING BUSINESS IN AND OUT OF HONG KONG TO COME FORWARD AND LEND THEIR SUPPORT.+

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YOUTH DEVELOPMENT VITAL TO SOCIETY
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YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AFFECTED THE WELL-BEING OF A COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY IN A FAST DEVELOPING SOCIETY SUCH AS HONG KONG, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (DESIGNATE), SAID THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

OFFICIATING AT THE 4TH COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB (CYC) ANNUAL PARADE AT QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, MR LEUNG SAID THERE WAS AN OBLIGATION TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE EQUIP THEMSELVES ADEQUATELY TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF LIFE.

+THE BEST WAY TO ACHIEVE THIS IS TO SHOW THEM MEANS OF ACQUIRING THE TECHNIQUES AND COMMON SENSE NEEDED TO TACKLE PROBLEMS,+ HE SAID.

MR LEUNG SAID THE CYC ORGANISED ACTIVITIES THAT MATCHED WITH THE GENERAL AIMS OF EDUCATION.

+BY JOINING THE CYC AND PARTICIPATING IN ITS SERVICES, A YOUTH CAN DEVELOP NOT ONLY A SOUND PERSONALITY AND STRONG SENSE OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, BUT ALSO ACQUIRE A GREATER UNDERSTANDING AND CONCERN FOR THE COMMUNITY,+ HE ADDED.

THE CYC CENTRAL COMMITTEE HAS SET UP A CYC SENIOR MEMBERS SERVICE GROUP.

THESE MEMBERS HAD BEEN CHOSEN BY THE CYC CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO TAKE PART IN THE CYC OVERSEAS TOURS IN THE PAST YEARS.

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+AFTER COMPLETING THEIR STUDIES THEY WOULD START SERVING IN THE COMMUNITY WITH THE SAME ZEAL SO THAT THE CYC SPIRIT WOULD CONTINUE TO FLOURISH,+ MR LEUNG SAID.

THE UNITED NATIONS HAVE DESIGNATED 1985 TO BE THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR AND ITS THEME IS +DEVELOPMENT, PARTICIPATION AND PEACE+.

+I HOPE THIS SIGNIFICANT YEAR WILL BRING ABOUT IN HONG KONG DEEPER CONCERN AND INVOLVEMENT IN THE WELFARE OF YOUTH.+

YOUNG PEOPLE ARE FRANK, SINCERE, ENTHUSIASTIC AND ENERGETIC BUT THEIR LACK OF EXPERIENCE IN LIFE MIGHT RENDER THEM VULNERABLE TO SOCIAL EVILS.

+CYC, THROUGH ITS ACTIVITIES BLESSED WITH UNFAILING SUPPORT FROM HEADS OF SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS, SETS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT CAN BE DONE TOWARDS THE HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT OF THE YOUTH,+ MR LEUNG SAID.

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TRUST IS KEY TO LABOUR RELATIONS
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MUTUAL TRUST IS THE KEY TO A BETTER AND MORE PRODUCTIVE LABOUR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONSHIP, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR RON BRIDGE SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE ONE-DAY SYMPOSIUM ON LABOUR-MANAGEMENT COMMUNICATION ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION UNIT OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AT THE SHERATON HOTEL, MR BRIDGE SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT MANAGEMENT SHOULD TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO EXPLAIN TO EMPLOYEES ITS POLICIES.

MANAGEMENT SHOULD ALSO TRY TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE JOBS MEANT TO EACH AND EVERY EMPLOYEE AND TO SOLICIT THEIR OPINIONS, HE SAID.

MR BRIDGE SAID THE ACTIVE RESPONSE TO THE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION UNIT SHOWED THAT BOTH MANAGEMENT AND LABOUR WERE KEEN TO IMPROVE THEIR RELATIONS.

MORE THAN 200 PARTICIPANTS ATTENDED THE SYMPOSIUM WHICH FEATURED TALKS BY EXPERIENCED PERSONNEL AND OPERATIONS MANAGERS FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID BECAUSE OF THE TREMENDOUS RESPONSE TO THE SYMPOSIUM, MORE SUCH SEMINARS AND TRAINING COURSES WOULD BE HELD IN THE FUTURE.

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GOVERNOR PAYS TRIBUTE TO FIRE SERVICES

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HONG KONG'S FIRE SERVICES WERE WIDELY KNOWN AND RESPECTED FOR THEIR PROFESSIONALISM AND EFFICIENCY IN THE ARDUOUS AND DEMANDING JOB OF FIRE-FIGHTING IN HIGH-RISE HONG KONG, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

AND THIS HIGH CALIBRE OF THE SERVICE WAS AMPLY DEMONSTRATED IN THE NO. 5 ALARM FIRE AT THE BLUE BOX FACTORY BUILDING IN TIN WAN IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

SPEAKING TONIGHT AT THE SENIOR OFFICERS' MESS DINNER OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, SIR EDWARD SAID HE RECOGNISED THE IMMENSE TASK WITH WHICH THE SERVICES WERE FACED.

+YOU CAN BE PROUD OF THE SKILL, PERSEVERANCE AND COURAGE WHICH YOUR FIREMEN SHOWED IN FIGHTING NOT ONLY THAT BLAZE, BUT THE MANY OTHERS WHICH FACE YOU ALMOST EVERY DAY,+ HE SAID.

THE AMBULANCE SERVICE, AS PART OF THE FIRE SERVICES, ALSO HAD AN IMPORTANT ROLE, HE SAID.

IN THE FIRST 10 MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, THE AMBULANCE SERVICE HAD ANSWERED NEARLY 900 CALLS A DAY AND CARRIED SOME 350 000 PATIENTS.

+THESE ARE RECORD FIGURES- THEY REFLECT THE HIGH LEVEL OF DEMAND ON THE SERVICE AND ITS READY RESPONSE TO HUMAN NEED,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

A NEW HEADQUARTERS BUILDING FOR THE FIRE SERVICES IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN EARLY 1986.

BY THEN, HE SAID, THE FIRE SERVICES HEADQUARTERS, THE AMBULANCE COMMAND, THE FIRE PROTECTION BUREAU AND THE COMMUNICATION CENTRE WOULD BE BROUGHT UNDER THE SAME ROOF.

+I AM SURE THIS WILL FURTHER ENHANCE EFFICIENCY,+ HE SAID.

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HK FIREMEN GET MACAU AWARD
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THE HONG KONG FIRE SERVICES HAS BEEN HONOURED WITH THE GOLD DISTINGUISHED FIRE SERVICES MEDAL BY THE LEAGUE OF PORTUGUESE FIREMEN.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE COMMANDER OF THE MACAU FIRE BRIGADE, MR ROGERIO FRANCISCO DE ASSIS.

MR ASSIS SAID THAT THE AWARD WAS IN RECOGNITION OF SERVICES GIVEN BY THE HONG KONG FIRE SERVICES TO THE MACAU FIRE SERVICES.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE PASSING-OUT PARADE OF A GROUP OF PROBATIONARY FIRE OFFICERS AT THE FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL AT PAT HEUNG, NEW TERRITORIES.

AND TO FOSTER CLOSER TIES, AN INTERPORT MINI-SPORTS COMPETITION WOULD BE HELD ON AN ANNUAL BASIS BETWEEN THE TWO SERVICES.

+THE FIRE SERVICES OF MACAU AND HONG KONG HAVE ALWAYS BEEN HELPFUL TO EACH OTHER, BUT IT SHOULD BE SAID THAT THIS FRIENDSHIP HAS INCREASED OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS,+ MR ASSIS SAID.

+WE ARE PLANNING TO HOLD A MINI-SPORTS COMPETITION EVERY YEAR BETWEEN OUR TWO SERVICES, ALTERNATING BETWEEN HONG KONG AND MACAU,+ HE SAID.

MR ASSIS PRAISED HIS HONG KONG COUNTERPARTS FOR THEIR HIGH STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONALISM AND SERVICES.

LATER, MR ASSIS PRESENTED THE BEST RECRUIT AWARD TO PROBATIONARY STATION OFFICER CHEUNG WAI-LIM.

A FIRE DRILL AND RESCUE DEMONSTRATION WAS ALSO STAGED BY THE NEWLY GRADUATED OFFICERS.

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TRAVEL GROWTH ADDS TO IMMIGRATION WORK
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THE BIG GROWTH IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE TRAVELLING TO AND FROM HONG KONG IN THE PAST TEN YEARS -- FROM 9.5 MILLION TO 29 MILLION -- REFLECTED THE INCREASING POPULARITY OF HONG KONG AS A TOURIST CENTRE AND THE FAST GROWTH OF ITS ECONOMY, THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR H.M.G. FORSGATE, SAID TODAY.

THESE FIGURES ALSO SHOWED THE BIG TASK THAT FACED IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, HE TOLD A GROUP OF 80 ASSISTANT IMMIGRATION OFFICERS AND IMMIGRATION ASSISTANTS, AT A PASSING OUT PARADE TODAY.

/MR FORSGATE

MR FORSGATE TOLD THE NEW OFFICERS THAT THEY WOULD BE WORKING UNDER INCREASINGLY HEAVY PRESSURE, SOMETIMES IN UNPLEASANT CONDITIONS, AND THAT THEIR EFFORTS MIGHT NOT ALWAYS BE APPRECIATED BY THE PUBLIC.

+BUT REMEMBER,+ HE SAID, +FROM NOW ON, THE IMMIGRATION SERVICE WILL BE JUDGED BY YOUR INDIVIDUAL STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE.+

THIS WAS A HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY, BUT IT WAS A CHALLENGE WHICH HE KNEW THEY WOULD RESPOND TO WITH ENTHUSIASM AND DILIGENCE.

THEY HAD A DUTY TO CONTAIN LEGAL AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION AND TO CONTRIBUTE TO INTERNAL SECURITY AND LAW AND ORDER BY KEEPING UNDESIRABLE PEOPLE OUT OF HONG KONG, HE SAID.

ON THE OTHER HAND, HE ADDED, THEY HAD TO FACILITATE TOURISTS AND BUSINESS VISITORS, AND PROVIDE IMPORTANT SERVICES TO HONG KONG RESIDENTS.

HE TOLD THEM ALSO THAT +A SMILE OF WELCOME TO TOURISTS AND RETURNING RESIDENTS ALIKE WOULD DO LOTS FOR HONG KONG'S IMAGE,+ AND THAT THEY SHOULD BE +COURTEOUS AT ALL TIMES, AND FAIR TO EVERYBODY, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR BACKGROUND.+

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TAI PO PLAZA SALES CONTINUE
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TAI PO PLAZA, THE FIRST PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME PROJECT IN THE TAI PO NEW TOWN, WILL BE OPEN AGAIN ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 25) FOR VIEWING BY PROSPECTIVE HOME-OWNERS.

+THREE TYPES OF SAMPLE FLATS ON YEE FOO HOUSE IN THE ESTATE WILL BE OPEN FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TODAY.

HE SAID A NUMBER OF TWO-BEDROOM FLATS FACING THE PROPOSED TOWN SQUARE WITH GROSS AREAS BETWEEN 41.3 AND 53.1 SQUARE METRES WERE STILL AVAILABLE FOR SELECTION BY HOME-SEEKERS.

+THEY ARE PRICED FROM \$159 900 TO \$221 700 EACH,+ HE SAID.

FLAT BUYERS HAVE ONLY TO PAY TEN PER CENT OF THE PURCHASE PRICE AFTER SELECTING THEIR FLATS AT THE HOME OWNERSHIP CENTRE IN HO MAN TIN, WITH THE BALANCE TO BE PAID AFTER THE FLATS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID MORTGAGE FACILITIES FOR UP TO 90 PER CENT OF THE PURCHASE PRICE COULD BE OBTAINED FROM A NUMBER OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS WITH REPAYMENT UP TO 15 YEARS.

+APART FROM A FULL RANGE OF COMMERCIAL AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED IN ITS COMMERCIAL CENTRE, THE ESTATE WILL ALSO HAVE A ONE-HECTARE PODIUM WHICH IS BEING TURNED INTO A LANDSCAPED GARDEN WITH MODERN RECREATIONAL AND PLAY FACILITIES.

+A BUS TERMINUS HAS ALSO BEEN COMPLETED AT ITS DOORSTEP AND WILL BE PUT INTO OPERATION SHORTLY.+

WITH A TOTAL OF 1 408 FLATS ON FIVE BLOCKS, TAI PO PLAZA WILL BE READY FOR OCCUPATION BY THE END OF THE YEAR:

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WALK TO HELP HOUSE ELDERLY FOLK

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HOUSING AUTHORITY MEMBERS, URBAN COUNCILLORS, DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS WILL TURN OUT IN FORCE ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 25) MORNING TO SUPPORT THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT'S +CHARITY WALK FOR THE ELDERLY+.

A MAJOR EVENT OF THE +HOUSING FESTIVAL '84+ AIMED AT RAISING FUNDS IN AID OF HOSTELS FOR THE ELDERLY AT PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, THE WALK WILL BE HELD SIMULTANEOUSLY AT 9 AM ON SUNDAY AT SIX ESTATES AND A HOME OWNERSHIP COURT IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES AND ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

THEY ARE ON TING ESTATE, TUEN MUN; POK HONG ESTATE, SHA TIN; KWAI SHING ESTATE, TSUEN WAN; OI MAN ESTATE, KOWLOON CENTRAL; SHUN CHI COURT, KOWLOON EAST; WAN TSUI, HONG KONG EAST; AND WAH FU, HONG KONG WEST.

RESIDENTS AT THE SHEUNG SHUI TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA WILL ALSO BE JOINING IN THE +HOUSING FESTIVAL '84+ CELEBRATIONS.

STARTING AT 2.30 PM THAT DAY, THEY WILL BE TREATED TO A TWO-HOUR PROGRAMME OF A MAGIC AND VARIETY SHOW, FOLK AND LION DANCES AS WELL AS MARTIAL ART AND CYCLING DEMONSTRATIONS, ORGANISED BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT'S TEMPORARY HOUSING DIVISION.

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOUSING (OPERATIONS), MR H.H.T. BARMA, WILL DECLARE THE FESTIVE EVENT OPEN AT 2.30 PM BY PERFORMING THE TRADITIONAL CHINESE LION EYE-DOTTING CEREMONY.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY PRESENTATION OF SOUVENIRS BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HOUSING (TEMPORARY HOUSING), MR W.W. KWAN, TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THREE KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS WHICH HAVE SPONSORED THE PROGRAMME AND TO THOSE WHO HAVE OFFERED ASSISTANCE FOR THE EVENT.

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I.D. CARD SCHEME IN PHASE 17

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WOMEN BORN IN 1951 AND 1952 MUST APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS BETWEEN DECEMBER 3 AND JANUARY 5, 1985, THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THERE ARE 92 000 PEOPLE IN THESE TWO AGE GROUPS, AND DEPARTMENT EXPECTS TO RECEIVE ABOUT 3 000 APPLICATIONS A DAY DURING THE FIVE-WEEK PERIOD. THE SCHEME WILL BE IN ITS 17TH PHASE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID, +THOSE PLANNING TO SPEND THEIR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS OUTSIDE HONG KONG ARE ADVISED TO APPLY EITHER BEFORE THEIR DEPARTURE OR WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THEIR RETURN.+

THE BUSINESS HOURS OF THE EIGHT ISSUE OFFICES ARE FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY.

MEANWHILE, WOMEN BORN IN 1953 AND 1954 WHO HAVE NOT YET APPLIED FOR NEW CARDS ARE REMINDED TO DO SO NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED AGAIN THAT NO AMNESTY WOULD BE GRANTED TO ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

+THEY WILL BE REPATRIATED IMMEDIATELY ONCE THEY ARE DETECTED,+ HE SAID.

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ALL-OUT EFFORTS TO PREVENT SQUATTER FIRES

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A TWO-MONTH FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN WILL BE LAUNCHED TOMORROW (SATURDAY) FOR SQUATTERS AT HILLSIDE VILLAGES IN EASTERN DISTRICT.

THE CAMPAIGN, ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, WILL INCLUDE SEMINARS, VISITS TO FIRE STATIONS AND REFRESHER COURSES FOR FIRE WATCH TEAMS.

A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID ALL-OUT EFFORTS WERE NECESSARY TO HELP PREVENT HILL AND SQUATTER FIRES DURING THE DRY SEASON.

+IT IS HOPED THAT THROUGH THE CAMPAIGN, HILLSIDE VILLAGERS WILL LEARN MORE ABOUT FIRE PREVENTION PRECAUTIONS AND EXERCISE SPECIAL CARE AND VIGILANCE.

+PARTICULAR EMPHASIS WILL BE PLACED ON THE 13 VILLAGES IN SHAU KEI WAN WHICH HAVE A TOTAL POPULATION OF ABOUT 30 000 PEOPLE,+ HE SAID.

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POSTERS AND BANNERS WITH FIRE PREVENTION MESSAGES WILL BE MOUNTED AT VANTAGE POINTS IN THE SQUATTER AREAS.

REFRESHER COURSES FOR FIRE WATCH TEAMS IN THE VILLAGES WILL BE HELD ON FOUR CONSECUTIVE SUNDAYS FROM NOVEMBER 25 AT THE SHAU KEI WAN FIRE STATION.

THE COURSES WILL BE REPEATED ON FOUR OTHER CONSECUTIVE SUNDAYS, STARTING ON DECEMBER 23.

OFFICERS FROM THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD FIRE PREVENTION SEMINARS AT VARIOUS MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE OFFICES.

IN ADDITION, COPIES OF A FIRE PREVENTION HANDBOOK PRINTED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE WILL BE DISTRIBUTED.

AN OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 2 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE REST GARDEN IN TSIN SHUI MA TAU VILLAGE IN SHAU KEI WAN. THERE WILL ALSO BE AN EXHIBITION ON THE WORK AND SERVICES OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

AN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, DR SIMON VICKERS, AND THE DIVISIONAL COMMANDER (EASTERN) OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR HENRY S. TANG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

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PRISONERS GET TOP EXAM MARKS
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EIGHT PRISONERS IN STANLEY PRISON WHO ATTAINED DISTINCTIONS IN ALL THE PAPERS THEY SAT IN THE CITY AND GUILDS OF LONDON INSTITUTE TELECOMMUNICATION TECHNICIANS EXAMINATIONS WERE TODAY PRESENTED WITH CERTIFICATES BY THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR THOMAS GARNER.

THEY HAD SAT 24 PAPERS IN THE SECOND YEAR EXAMINATIONS HELD LAST JUNE, WHICH CONSISTED OF PRACTICAL MATHEMATICS, ENGINEERING SCIENCE AND ELEMENTARY TELECOMMUNICATION PRACTICE, HE SAID.

+EVERY PAPER CARRIES A DISTINCTION WHICH PROBABLY CREATES SOMETHING OF A RECORD LOCALLY, IF NOT INTERNATIONALLY, FOR THIS LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT IN A GROUP,+ MR GARNER SAID AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY HELD IN STANLEY PRISON.

HE SAID THEIR ACHIEVEMENT WAS A TRIBUTE TO THEIR INTEREST AND DEDICATION TO LEARNING.

+IT AGAIN HIGHLIGHTS THAT A GOOD CORRECTIONAL SERVICE CAN ACHIEVE RESULTS,+ HE SAID.

/HE CONGRATULATED

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HE CONGRATULATED THE SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF OF STANLEY PRISON, PARTICULARLY THE TEACHERS AND INSTRUCTORS, AND SAID THEY SHARED IN THE CREDIT FOR THIS ACHIEVEMENT.

THE RECIPIENTS, AGED BETWEEN 22 AND 30, ARE SERVING SENTENCES RANGING FROM 5 TO 14 YEARS AND ARE ALL DUE FOR DISCHARGE WITHIN THE NEXT 24 MONTHS.

THEY HAD ALSO EARNED REMARKABLE RESULTS - 21 DISTINCTIONS AND THREE CREDITS - IN THE FIRST YEAR EXAMINATIONS HELD LAST DECEMBER.

MR GARNER ALSO SAID THAT DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS, A TOTAL OF 152 CANDIDATES FROM DIFFERENT INSTITUTIONS HAD SAT VARIOUS EXAMINATIONS AND HAD ACHIEVED A PASS RATE OF OVER 90 PER CENT.

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SEMINAR TO FIGHT CRIME
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A CRIME PREVENTION SEMINAR FOR CARETAKERS AND WATCHMEN IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICTS WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) EVENING AT THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE.

THE ANNUAL SEMINAR IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND THE MULTI-STOREY BUILDING OWNERS ASSOCIATIONS OF BOTH DISTRICTS.

THE SEMINAR WILL START WITH A 30-MINUTE FILM SHOW ON METHODS OF CRIME PREVENTION. OFFICERS FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WILL THEN GIVE TALKS ON THE SUBJECT.

MEMBERS OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS CORPORATIONS AND BUILDING OWNERS ASSOCIATIONS HAVE ALSO BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR.

GUEST SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE THE POLICE REGIONAL CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER, CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU, (HONG KONG ISLAND), MR C.N. IP; THE FIRE STATION OFFICER OF THE FIRE PROTECTION BUREAU, MR LEUNG KWONG-SAK; THE CHIEF BUILDING SURVEYOR OF THE BUILDING ORDINANCE OFFICE, MR PATRICK AU; AND A MEMBER OF THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR MA CHING-YUK.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN CRIME PREVENTION SEMINAR WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 8 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE, ROOM 203, 105 THIRD STREET, WESTERN DISTRICT.

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SPEEDPOST GOES TO NORWAY, UAE
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SPEEDPOST SERVICE WILL BE EXTENDED TO NORWAY AND THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES FROM MONDAY (NOVEMBER 26), A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THERE WILL THEN BE 27 COUNTRIES INCLUDED IN THE SPEEDPOST NETWORK OF 300 MAJOR CITIES SERVED FROM HONG KONG, HE SAID.

SPEEDPOST ITEMS WOULD BE ACCEPTED FOR TRANSMISSION TO ALL AREAS IN NORWAY AND THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES.

ITEMS POSTED IN HONG KONG WOULD BE DELIVERED TO THE ADDRESSEES IN OSLO AND ALL AREAS IN THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES ON THE NEXT WORKING DAY.

ONLY +ON DEMAND+ SERVICE IS AVAILABLE AT PRESENT.

THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT LIMIT PER ITEM IS 15 KG AND THE POSTAGE RATES WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

	<u>NORWAY</u>	<u>UNITED ARAB EMIRATES</u>
ITEMS WEIGHING UNDER 250 G	\$75	\$62
ITEMS WEIGHING BETWEEN 250 G AND 500 G	\$90	\$74
EACH SUBSEQUENT ADDITIONAL 500 G	\$21	\$14

+THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE IS A FAST AND RELIABLE MEANS FOR FORWARDING BUSINESS DOCUMENTS, SAMPLES AND MERCHANDISE OVERSEAS.

+CUSTOMERS REQUIRING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE SHOULD CONTACT THE POSTAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES ON 5-2671108,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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SAI KUNG OFFICE OFFICIALLY OPENED

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR ADOLF HSU TODAY (FRIDAY) OFFICIALLY OPENED THE NEW PREMISES OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE BOARD SECRETARIAT, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE BRANCH OFFICE PREVIOUSLY OPERATED FROM DIFFERENT AREAS OF KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES, BUT ALL THREE MOVED ON NOVEMBER 13 INTO THE NEW PREMISES ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING IN SAI KUNG TOWN.

SPEAKING AT THE RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY TO MARK THE OFFICIAL OPENING, MR HSU SAID RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT WOULD NO LONGER HAVE TO TRAVEL TO DIFFERENT PLACES TO MEET DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS OR DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF.

+THERE WILL CONTINUE TO BE CLOSE CONTACTS BETWEEN STAFF, BOARD MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC,+ HE SAID.

+I BELIEVE THAT THE FINE TRADITION OF ACTIVE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS WOULD BE CONTINUED FOR THE PROSPERITY AND STABILITY OF SAI KUNG,+ MR HSU SAID.

EARLIER IN THE DAY, MR HSU VISITED THE LOK YUK PRIMARY SCHOOL AT WO MEI, WHICH IS ONE OF EIGHT RURAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS RECENTLY INCORPORATED INTO THE SAI KUNG CENTRALISED PRIMARY SCHOOL.

HE ALSO VISITED THE CENTRALISED PRIMARY SCHOOL AT HO CHUNG TO LOOK INTO THE SCHOOL'S OPERATION, SUCH AS TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS TO BRING CHILDREN TO THE SCHOOL, AND THE ORGANISATION OF THE SCHOOL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

MR HSU ALSO SAW WORK ON SEVERAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING THE SOON-TO-BE-COMPLETED RURAL PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE IN TUI MIN HOI, THE SAI KUNG TOWN HALL AND SAI KUNG MARKET, THE NEWLY RENOVATED SAI KUNG ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND, AND THE SITES FOR THE SAI KUNG CLINIC AND THE BUS TERMINUS.

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PENG CHAU WATER SUPPLY TO BE IMPROVED
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PLANS HAVE BEEN DRAWN UP FOR LAYING A 1 700-METRE LONG SUBMARINE PIPELINE WITHIN THE LIMITS OF ABOUT 5.1 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED BETWEEN PENG CHAU ISLAND AND CHAU KUNG ISLAND.

THE PROPOSED PIPELINE, OF 300-MILLIMETRE DIAMETER, WILL REPLACE THE PRESENT PIPELINE BEING USED TO BRING FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO PENG CHAU, BUT WHICH IS CONSIDERED TOO SMALL FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF PENG CHAU.

THE SUPPLY WILL BE DRAWN FROM AN EXISTING 760-MILLIMETRE DIAMETER MAIN SUBMARINE PIPELINE WHICH LIES TO THE NORTH OF CHAU KUNG ISLAND AND CARRIES WATER FROM SILVERMINE BAY CLEAR WATER TANK TO HONG KONG ISLAND.

THE PIPE LAYING WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN JULY 1985 AND TAKE ABOUT ONE YEAR TO COMPLETE.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE UNDER THE PUBLIC RECLAMATIONS AND WORKS ORDINANCE.

PLANS CAN BE SEEN AT:

- * NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE;
- * LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY DIVISION, 5TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE/KOWLOON WEST, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND
- * ISLAND DISTRICT OFFICE, SINCERE BUILDING, 16TH FLOOR, 173 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

OBJECTIONS TO THIS PROPOSAL AND CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION SHOULD REACH THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS WITHIN TWO MONTHS.

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SPORTS MEET FOR ISLANDERS

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MORE THAN 300 ATHLETES WILL COMPETE IN ABOUT 50 FIELD-AND-TRACK EVENTS IN THE SEVENTH ISLANDS DISTRICT ATHLETIC MEET ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 25), STARTING AT 10 AM IN THE SHA TIN SPORTS GROUND ON YUEN WO ROAD.

THE COMPETITIONS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SECTIONS COVERING SIX DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS.

IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE TWO NEW SECTIONS THIS YEAR FOR BOYS AND GIRLS BETWEEN 11 AND 12, WITH THE AIM OF ENCOURAGING MORE YOUNGSTERS IN ISLANDS DISTRICT TO PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS ACTIVITIES.

SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEET IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION, THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM YAP; RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER, MR ALBERT THUMB; HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SPORTS ASSOCIATION, MR YOUNG WING-YAU; VICE PRESIDENT OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK, MR TSANG LIN; AND DISTRICT AMENITY OFFICER, MR P.S. NG, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS AT A CEREMONY AT 4 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEVENTH ISLANDS DISTRICT ATHLETIC MEET TO BE HELD AT 10 AM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 25) AT THE SHA TIN SPORTS GROUND ON YUEN WO ROAD AND THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY AT 4 PM.

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SPREADING THE FIRE PREVENTION MESSAGE

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A FIRE PREVENTION DAY WILL BE HELD IN SHAM SHUI PO ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 25) AS PART OF A TERRITORY-WIDE FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN.

THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD AND GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES.

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CHIEF FIRE OFFICER, KOWLOON FIRE COMMAND, MR M. KINGDOM, AND SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SYLVESTER TSE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

A SPECTACULAR FIRE DRILL AND EXERCISE WILL THEN BE STAGED BY THE FIRE SERVICES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT WHICH WILL START AT 10.45 AM AT THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND IN CHEUNG SHA WAN.

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DANCERS TO PERFORM

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ORIENTAL AND WESTERN DANCES WILL BE PERFORMED BY SIXTEEN FAMOUS DANCE TROUPES AT TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 25) EVENING.

THE DANCE PERFORMANCE EVENING IS JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG DANCE FEDERATION.

PERFORMING GROUPS WILL INCLUDE THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE CHINESE DANCE TROUPE, THE HONG KONG DANCE COMPANY, THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS DANCE TEAM AND THE HONG KONG ACADEMY OF BALLET.

MR YEUNG PO-KWAN, UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, WILL PRESENT SOUVENIRS TO THE DANCERS DURING THE INTERMISSION OF THE PERFORMANCE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PERFORMANCE STARTING FROM 7.30 PM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 25) AT TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL. PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE REMINDED TO BRING TELEPHOTO LENSES.

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'ORIENTEERING' CATCHES ON HERE

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AN +ORIENTEERING TRIM COURSE+ SET UP BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT IN POK FU LAM COUNTRY PARK WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

MR HOWARD YOUNG, PATRON OF THE ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG AND AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE COUNTRY PARKS BOARD, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

THOUGH NEW HERE, ORIENTEERING IS FAST BECOMING A POPULAR SPORT WITH LOCAL PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY YOUNGSTERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE POK FU LAM COUNTRY PARK NEAR POK FU LAM RESERVOIR ROAD AT 2.30 PM.

A 14-SEATER VAN WILL BE PROVIDED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS. IT WILL LEAVE THE OPEN CAR PARK BY THE SIDE OF THE CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393 CANTON ROAD AT 1 PM SHARP. INFORMATION OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE PRESS.

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CHILDREN TO CLEAN UP COUNTRY PARK

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ABOUT 80 CHILDREN WILL TAKE PART IN A DRAWING COMPETITION AND WILL HELP CLEAN UP TWISK COUNTRY PARK TOMORROW (SATURDAY) MORNING AS PART OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN.

THE DRAWING COMPETITION WILL START AT 10 AM AND WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE CLEAN-UP EXERCISE.

THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT CLEAN HONG KONG COMMITTEE HAS ALSO ORGANISED OTHER ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS THE CLEANING OF BUILDINGS AND RURAL AREAS, AND A TREE PLANTING EXERCISE AS PART OF ITS PROMOTIONAL DRIVE TO INSTIL THE IMPORTANCE OF CLEANLINESS IN THE DISTRICT.

/THE ASSISTANT

THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALLEN WONG WILL ALSO TAKE PART IN THE CLEAN-UP EXERCISE AT TWISK COUNTRY PARK AND WILL BE PRESENTING PRIZES TO WINNERS OF THE DRAWING COMPETITION AT 12 NOON.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CLEAN-UP EXERCISE AT TWISK COUNTRY PARK. A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE WILL LEAVE THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE, YUEN LONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, 269 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, AT 10.30 AM TO TAKE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO THE PARK.

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CJ TO OPEN BOYS HOME
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THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, WILL OPEN THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S PUI CHI BOYS' HOME IN QUARRY BAY AT 11 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE NEW HOME IS LOCATED AT 986 KING'S ROAD, NEAR MT. PARKER ROAD.

IT WAS CONVERTED FROM A JUNIOR ENGLISH SCHOOL, AND PROVIDES RESIDENTIAL TRAINING FOR UP TO 60 OFFENDERS BETWEEN THE AGES OF SEVEN AND 13. IT IS THE SIXTH RESIDENTIAL TRAINING INSTITUTION FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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SEMINAR FOR SPORTS INSTRUCTORS
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A SEMINAR FOR PART-TIME SPORTS INSTRUCTORS WILL BE HELD BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT.

IT WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SPORTS INSTRUCTORS, PARTICULARLY THOSE EMPLOYED BY THE DEPARTMENT, TO UNDERSTAND THEIR WORK BETTER, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

THE SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE A RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER, WHO WILL TALK ABOUT THE PREVENTION OF SPORT INJURIES, AND AN AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES TRAINING OFFICER WHO WILL TALK ON THE FIRST-AID FOR SUCH INJURIES.

SPORTS INSTRUCTORS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE HOLIDAY INN (HARBOUR VIEW) ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 25).

THE HALF-DAY SEMINAR WILL BEGIN AT 9 AM AND IS EXPECTED TO CONCLUDE BEFORE NOON.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT 5-458511.

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STREET ALTERATIONS FOR MTR ISLAND LINE
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A NUMBER OF STREET ALTERATIONS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THE CAUSEWAY BAY AREA AND NOTICES TO THIS EFFECT ARE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF THE VENTILATION SHAFT FOR THE MTR CAUSEWAY BAY STATION, THE CARRIAGEWAY OF LEE GARDEN ROAD WILL BE REINSTATED TO A MINIMUM WIDTH OF 5.5 METRES WITH THE EASTERN FOOTPATH MAINTAINED AT ITS ORIGINAL WIDTH.

MTR CHILLERS TO SERVE CAUSEWAY BAY (WEST) STATION CONCOURSE WILL BE TEMPORARILY LOCATED ON STEEL PLATFORMS ABOVE THE FOOTPATHS IN LOCKHART ROAD (SOUTH SIDE ONLY) AND PERCIVAL STREET (EAST SIDE ONLY). A MINIMUM FOOTPATH WIDTH OF 2.5 METRES WILL BE PROVIDED UNDER THE PLATFORMS. LOCKHART ROAD WILL BE REINSTATED TO A MINIMUM WIDTH OF 8.5 METRES.

MTR CHILLERS TO SERVE TIN HAU STATION CONCOURSE WILL BE TEMPORARILY LOCATED IN PART OF THE CARPARK ADJACENT TO HING FAT STREET OPPOSITE THE CAUSEWAY BAY MAGISTRACY BUILDING.

THE EFFECTIVE DATES FOR THE STREET ALTERATIONS AND CARPARK CLOSURE WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

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DETAILS OF THE ALTERATIONS AND CLOSURE ARE SHOWN ON PLANS NOS MT/G/296, MT/G/297 AND MT/G/298.

COPIES OF THE PLANS AND THE GAZETTE NOTICES AUTHORISING THE CLOSURE AND ALTERATIONS MAY BE INSPECTED BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND 4.30 PM ON ANY DAY OTHER THAN SATURDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AT THE ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) AT CGO WEST WING OR THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, SURVEY DIVISION IN MURRAY BUILDING, COTTON TREE DRIVE.

ADDITIONALLY, THE PLAN ON THE CARPARK CLOSURE (NO. MT/G/297) AND THE RELEVANT GAZETTE NOTICE ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE (EASTERN) AT 884-886 KING'S ROAD.

THE PLANS FOR THE STREET ALTERATIONS (NOS. MT/G/296 AND MT/G/298) AND THE CORRESPONDING GAZETTE NOTICES MAY ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE (WAN CHAI) AT 201 HENNESSY ROAD.

CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION IN RESPECT OF THE CLOSURE AND ALTERATIONS MUST BE MADE IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT AND MUST REACH HIS OFFICE WITHIN ONE YEAR AFTER THE AFFECTED PORTION OF THE CARPARK OR THE AFFECTED ROADS ARE REINSTATED.

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ROAD SECTIONS TO BE WIDENED

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THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO WIDEN TWO SECTIONS OF LAM KAM ROAD TO 6.75 METRES AND CONSTRUCT FOOTPATHS TO IMPROVE SAFETY FOR PEDESTRIANS.

THE FIRST SECTION IS BETWEEN PAK NGAU SHEK AND CHAI KEK AND THE SECOND SECTION IS BETWEEN NAM SHEUNG TIN AND KADOORIE FARM.

A 1.6 METRE WIDE FOOTPATH WILL BE CONSTRUCTED ON ONE SIDE OF EACH SECTION.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE UNDER THE ROADS (WORKS, USE AND COMPENSATION) ORDINANCE.

PLANS CAN BE SEEN AT:

- * THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;
- * THE TAI PO DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO MARKET, NEW TERRITORIES;

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- * THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO MARKET, NEW TERRITORIES;
- * THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, YUEN LONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICE, 269 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG, NEW TERRITORIES; AND
- * THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE, 269 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG, NEW TERRITORIES.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD BE SENT IN WRITING TO SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY JANUARY 22, 1985.

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KWAI CHUNG MAINS WORK

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO SOME AREAS IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 26) TO 4 PM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE EAST SIDE OF CHUNG ON STREET, BOUNDED BY MA TAU PA STREET, TEXACO ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD, BLOCK 1 TO 19 TAI WO HAU ESTATE, KWAI CHUNG ESTATE AND KWAI HOP STREET.

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TRAFFIC CHANGE FOR FEAST

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 3 PM TO 4.30 PM AND FROM 8 PM TO 9.30 PM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 25) TO FACILITATE THE CELEBRATION OF FEAST OF CHRIST OF THE KING 1984 AT THE HONG KONG COLISEUM.

ONE HOUR PRIOR TO EACH OF THE ABOVE TWO PERIODS, TAXIS WILL BE PERMITTED TO SET DOWN PASSENGERS AT THE LAYBY ON THE NORTHSIDE OF THE HONG KONG COLISEUM.

ADDITIONAL CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL BUSES WILL BE OPERATED TO PICK UP PARTICIPANTS AT THE BUS STOPS OUTSIDE THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL ON KOWLOON SIDE AFTER THE EVENTS.

FERRY SERVICES FROM WAN CHAI TO HUNG HOM AND FROM EDINBURGH PLACE TO HUNG HOM WILL ALSO OPERATE AT STRENGTHENED FREQUENCIES.

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CENTRAL, WESTERN TRAFFIC CHANGES
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THE BAN ON VEHICLES EXCEEDING 5.5 TONNES GROSS AT WATER STREET BETWEEN QUEEN'S ROAD WEST AND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST IN WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BE LIFTED FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 25), FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF ROAD WORK.

ALSO ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 25), EDINBURGH PLACE EAST IN CENTRAL BETWEEN THE EASTERN END OF URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND QUEEN'S PIER WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 8 AM TO 7 PM, TO ALLOW A CHARITY FAIR TO BE HELD.

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LAMBETH WALK NOT TO CLOSE
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PLANS ANNOUNCED EARLIER TO CLOSE LAMBETH WALK IN CENTRAL FROM 7.45 AM TO NOON ON NOVEMBER 25 AND DECEMBER 2 HAVE NOW BEEN CANCELLED.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE TERMINUS FOR MAXICAB ROUTE 32 IN LAMBETH WALK WOULD NOT BE RESITED DURING THE PERIODS.

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BRIEF ROAD CLOSURE
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THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TAI HO ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED TO GENERAL TRAFFIC BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND 10 AM, ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 25) DUE TO THE HOLDING OF THE SIXTH TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL.

THE SECTION OF SAM TUNG UK ROAD AND SHING MUN ROAD NEAR THE SHING MUN RESERVOIR WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND MAXICABS, BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND 12.30 PM.

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