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VISIT BY LORD CARRINGTON  
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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, LORD CARRINGTON, WILL VISIT HONG KONG FROM SEPTEMBER 26 TO 29.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT LORD CARRINGTON WOULD COME HERE AFTER HIS CUSTOMARY VISIT TO NEW YORK FOR THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY. AFTER HONG KONG, LORD CARRINGTON WILL BE VISITING JAPAN AND CHINA.

DURING HIS STAY HERE, HE WILL HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GOVERNOR AND A PROGRAMME OF VISITS AND MEETINGS WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS AND UNOFFICIALS IN HONG KONG IS BEING PREPARED.

WHILE IN TOKYO LORD CARRINGTON WILL HAVE MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIONS WITH THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER AND IN CHINA HE WILL MEET CHINESE LEADERS TO DISCUSS CURRENT INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND BILATERAL ISSUES.

LORD CARRINGTON WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY LADY CARRINGTON. THEY WILL ARRIVE IN HONG KONG ON THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 26 (FRIDAY) AND WILL DEPART THE FOLLOWING MONDAY MORNING.

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GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTES MORE TO PROVIDENT FUND SCHEMES  
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EMPLOYEES OF SUBVENTED ORGANISATIONS WILL RECEIVE IMPROVED LONG TERM BENEFITS FOLLOWING A GOVERNMENT DECISION TO INCREASE SUBSIDIES TOWARDS PROVIDENT FUND SCHEMES.

AT THE MOMENT, THE MAXIMUM LEVEL OF AN EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION TO A PROVIDENT FUND SCHEME RECOGNISED FOR SUBSIDY PURPOSES IS FIVE PER CENT OF AN EMPLOYEE'S SALARY.

THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION, WHICH IS MET BY THE GOVERNMENT, IS MATCHED BY A FIVE PER CENT CONTRIBUTION BY THE EMPLOYEE HIMSELF.

FOLLOWING A REVIEW BY THE GOVERNMENT, IT WAS CONCLUDED THAT THE SUBSIDY OF FIVE PER CENT DID NOT PROVIDE A SUFFICIENT LEVEL OF BENEFIT ON RETIREMENT.

IT WAS ALSO FELT THAT THE FLAT RATE OF SUBSIDY PROVIDED LITTLE INCENTIVE TO AN EMPLOYEE TO WORK UP TO RETIREMENT AGE, GIVEN THAT HE COULD RECOVER ALL ACCUMULATED BENEFITS AT ANY TIME AFTER COMPLETING 10 YEARS' SERVICE.

IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE LONG SERVICE BY EMPLOYEES OF SUBVENTED SCHOOLS AND MEDICAL AND SOCIAL WELFARE INSTITUTIONS, THE GOVERNMENT HAS DEVISED A NEW FORMULA FOR INCREASING THE LEVEL OF ITS SUPPORT TO THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE SCHEMES.

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WITH RETROSPECTIVE EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 1 THIS YEAR, THE CONTRIBUTION WILL BE FIVE PER CENT OF AN EMPLOYEE'S SALARY FOR THE FIRST 10 YEARS OF SERVICE, 10 PER CENT FOR THE NEXT 11 TO 15 YEARS AND 15 PER CENT FOR 16 YEARS AND MORE.

THE ADDITIONAL COST OF THE NEW SUBSIDIES IS ESTIMATED TO BE \$18.8 MILLION IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST BY THE BOARDS OF THE GRANT SCHOOLS PROVIDENT FUND AND THE SUBSIDIZED SCHOOLS PROVIDENT FUND, THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO DECIDED TO UNDERWRITE A GUARANTEED FIVE PER CENT ANNUAL DIVIDEND TO CONTRIBUTORS.

THE PROPOSAL WAS ACCEPTED ON THE GROUNDS THAT MEMBERSHIP OF EITHER OF THE TWO STATUTORY SCHEMES IS COMPULSORY FOR AIDED SCHOOL TEACHERS, WHO ARE EFFECTIVELY DEBARRED FROM JOINING OTHER SCHEMES IN THE COMMERCIAL SECTOR WHICH USUALLY OFFER A GUARANTEED DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT.

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#### APRIL-JUNE TRADE STATISTICS BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN \* \* \* \* \*

THE FIVE MOST IMPORTANT INDUSTRY GROUPS IN TERMS OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF THIS YEAR WERE WEARING APPAREL, ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES, TEXTILES, PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT, AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS.

THEY TOGETHER ACCOUNTED FOR 80 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF SUCH EXPORTS, ACCORDING TO EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS ANALYSED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN FOR THE QUARTER RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY.

THIS SERIES OF STATISTICS IS DERIVED BY RE-GROUPING ALL SIX-DIGIT COMMODITY ITEMS UNDER THE PRESENT EXTERNAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM, ACCORDING TO THE INDUSTRIES IN WHICH THESE COMMODITY ITEMS ARE NORMALLY PRODUCED.

THE LARGEST INCREASES IN ABSOLUTE TERMS OVER THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1979 OCCURRED IN ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (\$896 MILLION), WEARING APPAREL (\$680 MILLION), TEXTILES (\$624 MILLION), PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT (\$558 MILLION), AND METAL PRODUCTS (\$404 MILLION).

PERCENTAGE INCREASES IN VALUE OVER THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1979 WERE HIGHEST IN THE CASE OF PETROLEUM AND COAL PRODUCTS (125%)= AGRICULTURAL, LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTION (118%)= TOBACCO (80%)= MINING AND QUARRYING (74%)= NON-METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS (63%)= NON-ELECTRICAL MACHINERY (62%)= AND ELECTRICITY (60%).

ON THE OTHER HAND, PERCENTAGE DECREASES IN VALUE WERE RECORDED FOR FOOD (-12%), AND OCEAN AND COASTAL FISHING (-10%).

FOR IMPORTS, PRODUCTS OF THE TEXTILES, ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES, CHEMICALS, METALS, PETROLEUM AND COAL, FOOD, AND PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT INDUSTRIES TOGETHER TOOK UP 64 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL VALUE IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1980.

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INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS OVER THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1979 WERE LARGEST IN THE CASE OF TEXTILES (\$1 147 MILLION), ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (\$904 MILLION), PETROLEUM AND COAL PRODUCTS (\$804 MILLION), METAL PRODUCTS (\$733 MILLION), AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT (\$690 MILLION).

IN PERCENTAGE TERMS, THE HIGHEST INCREASES WERE FOUND IN TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT (91%), PETROLEUM AND COAL PRODUCTS (69%), FOOTWEAR (60%), WEARING APPAREL (50%), AND METAL PRODUCTS (49%).

PERCENTAGE DECREASES IN VALUE WERE RECORDED FOR MINING AND QUARRYING PRODUCTS (-46%), AND LEATHER PRODUCTS (-6%).

FURTHER DETAILS OF EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS RECLASSIFIED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, TEL 5-274203.

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## SPEEDPOST TO MORE CITIES IN CHINA

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THE POST OFFICE SPEEDPOST NETWORK TO CHINA WILL BE FURTHER EXTENDED TO INCLUDE SHANGHAI, FUZHOU, TIANJIN, AND SHENZHEN FROM MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 15).

THIS SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE BOTH ON +CONTRACT+ AND +ON DEMAND+. CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE ARE THE SAME AS THOSE FOR BEIJING AND GUANGZHOU.

THE CHARGES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	UP TO 500 G	EACH ADDITIONAL 500 G
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CONTRACT	\$ 40	\$ 5
ON DEMAND	\$ 50	\$ 5

SPEEDPOST ITEMS ACCEPTED BEFORE 10 AM FOR SHANGHAI AND TIANJIN WILL BE DELIVERED THE NEXT WORKING DAY.

ITEMS FOR FUZHOU ARE CONVEYED VIA SHANGHAI. AS FLIGHTS FROM SHANGHAI TO FUZHOU ARE ONLY AVAILABLE ON MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY, ITEMS ACCEPTED ON MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY BEFORE 10 AM WILL BE DELIVERED THE NEXT AFTERNOON BUT ITEMS POSTED ON OTHER DAYS WILL BE DELIVERED ON THE THIRD DAY.

ITEMS ACCEPTED BEFORE 6 PM FOR SHENZHEN WILL BE DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING MORNING.

THOSE WHO WISH TO HAVE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE AND THE PRICE STRUCTURE CAN CONTACT THE POST OFFICE ENQUIRY BUREAU ON 5-2671222 OR THE POSTAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE ON 5-2671108.

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NEW PLAYGROUND FOR YAU MA TEI

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YAU MA TEI WILL HAVE A NEW PLAYGROUND EARLY NEXT YEAR.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT TO GIVE ADDITIONAL RECREATION FACILITIES TO THE LOCAL RESIDENTS.

THE PLAYGROUND, OCCUPYING SOME 4 650 SQUARE METRES, WILL BE SITUATED AT THE JUNCTION OF SAIGON STREET AND CANTON ROAD.

THERE WILL BE A MINI-SOCCER PITCH, A BASKETBALL COURT, A CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA AND A REST GARDEN.

WORK WILL START NEXT MONTH AND BE COMPLETED IN FEBRUARY.

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CARNIVAL TO PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY AT TAI O

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A CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD AT TAI O, LANTAU, ON SEPTEMBER 21 (SUNDAY) TO PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY LOCALLY.

TAI O HAS BEEN RELATIVELY FREE OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID, BUT WITH NEW ROADS BEING BUILT AND THE POPULATION INCREASING THE TIME WAS RIPE TO REMIND THE TOWN'S PEOPLE OF THE NEED TO TAKE CARE WHEN WALKING OR DRIVING.

THE CARNIVAL WILL INCLUDE GAMES PUT UP BY THE LOCAL RURAL COMMITTEE, VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND SCHOOLS WHICH WILL EMPHASISE ROAD SAFETY.

THE HONG KONG ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION WILL DEMONSTRATE TECHNIQUES AND SAFETY PRECAUTIONS IN BICYCLE RIDING. IT WILL ALSO PRESENT A REMOTE-CONTROL MODEL CAR SHOW.

PAMPHLETS AND BALLOONS WITH ROAD SAFETY MESSAGES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL VISITORS.

WINNING ENTRIES IN DRAWING, WRITING AND POSTER-DESIGN COMPETITIONS HELD RECENTLY AS PART OF THE ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN WILL BE PUT ON DISPLAY. ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICKY LO, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS.

THE CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD AT THE BUDDHIST FAT HO MEMORIAL COLLEGE PLAYGROUND STARTING AT 2 PM.

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ACAN ENCOURAGEMENT TO AMATEUR SPORTSMEN  
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THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) WILL FOR THE FIRST TIME SPONSOR THE OPEN AMATEUR ATHLETIC MEET THIS YEAR TO BE HELD IN THE WAN CHAI SPORTS GROUND FROM 9 AM THIS SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 14).

THE CHAIRMAN OF ACAN'S PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE, MR KARL STUMPF, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS.

MORE THAN 1 000 SPORTSMEN ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN THIS HONG KONG AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (HKAAA) OPEN ATHLETIC MEET, WHICH IS REGARDED BY THE SPORTS CIRCLE AS ONE OF HONG KONG'S MOST IMPORTANT SPORTING EVENTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR ACAN SAID TODAY THAT THE ACTION COMMITTEE ALSO SEES THIS ATHLETIC MEET, ORGANISED BY THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC CLUB, AS AN IMPORTANT EVENT BECAUSE IT PROVIDES YOUNG PEOPLE WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND THEIR LEISURE TIME MORE MEANINGFULLY.

+THE ACAN BELIEVES THAT THE MORE RECREATIONAL AND SPORT ACTIVITIES ARE PROVIDED TO OUR YOUTHS, THE LESS THEY WILL BE EXPOSED TO THE RISK OF TAKING DRUGS,+ HE SAID.

+IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT ACAN VIGOROUSLY PROMOTES 'HEALTHY ALTERNATIVES', SUCH AS SPORTS, IN ITS CAMPAIGNS AND DISTRICT FUNCTIONS.+

THE PROGRAMME OF THE SPORTS MEET WILL INCLUDE FIELD AND TRACK EVENTS, 100-METRE RUN, 5 000-METRE RUN, 110-METRE HURDLES, RELAY, 1 500-METRE STÉEPLE CHASE, HIGH JUMP, LONG JUMP, TRIPLE JUMP, DISCUS, JAVELIN, SHOT PUT AND POLE VAULT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE HONG KONG AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OPEN ATHLETIC MEET, SPONSORED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, AT WAN CHAI SPORTS GROUND FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM THIS SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 14).

THE CHAIRMAN OF ACAN'S PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE, MR KARL STUMPF, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS AT 3.30 PM.

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TRAMS STOP EARLIER ON SATURDAY NIGHT

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TRAM SERVICES WEST OF WAN CHAI WILL BE SUSPENDED AT ABOUT 11.30 PM ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 13) DUE TO TRACK REALIGNMENT WORK IN CENTRAL DISTRICT.

THIS WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT OVERNIGHT ON THE WESTBOUND TRAM TRACKS ON DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL BETWEEN DOUGLAS STREET AND ICE HOUSE STREET.

THE LAST WESTBOUND TRAMS WILL DEPART FROM THEIR TERMINI AT TIMES BETWEEN 10.30 PM AND 10.53 PM.

THOSE ON EASTBOUND ROUTES WILL LEAVE THEIR TERMINI AT TIMES BETWEEN 11.04 PM AND 11.20 PM.

THE TRAM SERVICE BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN AND HAPPY VALLEY WILL NOT BE AFFECTED AND WILL OPERATE AT A HIGHER FREQUENCY OF EVERY FOUR MINUTES AFTER 10.35 PM FROM SHAU KEI WAN.

IN ADDITION, A SPECIAL SERVICE WILL OPERATE EVERY FIVE MINUTES AFTER 10.35 PM BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN AND WAN CHAI CHURCH (JOHNSTON ROAD).

NORMAL TRAM SERVICES WILL RESUME ON SUNDAY MORNING AT 6.30 AM.

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