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GOVERNMENT KEEPING UP BUILDING PROJECTS

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DESPITE THE DIFFICULT ECONOMIC CLIMATE, THERE WILL BE NO REDUCTION IN EXPENDITURE IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS ON GOVERNMENT BUILDING PROJECTS.

THIS WAS STATED BY MR JOSE LEI, DIRECTOR OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT, AT A LUNCHEON TALK TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG NORTHWEST TODAY.

MR LEI SAID THAT THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ABOUT 2 000 BUILDING PROJECTS WITHIN THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME, URBAN COUNCIL PROGRAMME, DEFENCE COST AGREEMENT AND FITTING-OUT OF LEASED PREMISES PROGRAMME AS WELL AS FOR WORKS OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS.

+THESE GENERATE, AS A RESULT, AT ANY ONE TIME ABOUT 750 CONTRACTS, ANOTHER 350 READY TO GO OUT TO TENDERS AND ABOUT 15 TERM CONTRACTS, THE MOST IMPORTANT OF WHICH ARE THE MAINTENANCE AND FITTING-OUT TERM CONTRACTS,+ HE SAID.

+THE MAINTENANCE BRANCH OF THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR TAKING CARE OF SOME 3 500 BUILDINGS FROM THE DAY THEY ARE HANDED OVER BY THE ARCHITECT, OR LEASED BY GOVERNMENT, TO THE DAY THEY ARE FINALLY DEMOLISHED TO BE REPLACED WITH NEW ONES.+

THEREFORE, HE SAID, THE BRANCH HAD TO HANDLE AN AVERAGE OF 170 000 INDIVIDUAL JOBS ANNUALLY. THIS YEAR ABOUT $197 MILLION WOULD BE SPENT ON MAINTENANCE AS WELL AS ALTERATION AND IMPROVEMENT WORKS.

ON THE SUBJECT OF GOVERNMENT ARCHITECTURE, MR LEI SAID THAT THE PRINCIPAL OBJECT OF GOVERNMENT ARCHITECTURE WAS TO PRODUCE FUNCTIONAL BUILDINGS AT A MINIMUM COST AND BUILDINGS THAT FUNCTIONED WITHOUT FRILLS.

THIS FUNCTIONAL AND ECONOMIC APPROACH, HE ADDED, DEMANDED STANDARDISATION FOR BUILDINGS SUCH AS SCHOOLS, POLICE STATIONS AND QUARTERS.

+THE ECONOMIC MASS PRODUCTION APPROACH TENDS TO INHIBIT EXCITING ARCHITECTURE,+ MR LEI SAID.

NEVERTHELESS, OCCASIONS DID ARISE WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL PROJECT PROVIDED SCOPE FOR IMAGINATIVE DESIGN, HE ADDED.

WHILE STRESSING THAT ANY ASSESSMENT OF GOVERNMENT ARCHITECTURE HAD TO BE BASED ON HOW BEST THE DESIGN SOLUTION MET THE CRITERIA WITHIN THE PARAMETERS IN THE GOVERNMENT CONTEXT, HE WAS OF THE OPINION THAT MORE SHOULD BE DONE TO ENCOURAGE ARCHITECTS IN HIS DEPARTMENT TO SEEK IMAGINATIVE SOLUTION TO DESIGN PROBLEMS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF FUNCTIONAL ECONOMIC APPROACH.

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MR LEI THEN TURNED TO PROBLEMS OF UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS, PARTICULARLY IN COMPLETED BUILDINGS, AND THE RAPID DETERIORATION OF STRUCTURES GENERALLY DUE TO LACK OF PROPER MAINTENANCE.

HE SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE PROBLEMS WITH A VIEW TO IDENTIFYING AREAS OF DEFICIENCY IN THE BUILDING LAW AND SYSTEM WITHIN WHICH CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT ARE CARRIED OUT.

+IT MAY WELL BE NECESSARY TO MAKE SUITABLE CHANGES TO COMBAT THESE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS,+ HE ADDED.

REFERRING TO INCIDENTS CAUSING DANGER DURING THE COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION, MR LEI SAID THAT OFTEN IT WAS THE RESULT OF A RISK TAKEN IN AN ATTEMPT TO SAVE TIME OR MONEY OR BOTH.

+IF SERIOUS OFFENCES ARE ESTABLISHED,+ HE SAID, +ACTION AGAINST THE GUILTY PARTY IS INSTIGATED BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE THROUGH THE COURTS WHICH COULD RESULT IN EITHER THE CONTRACTOR, ARCHITECT OR ENGINEER OR IN SOME CASES ALL RECEIVING PRISON TERMS, HEAVY FINES OR DEREGISTRATION.+

MR LEI SAID THAT THERE WERE ABOUT 40 CASES INVOLVING PROSECUTION OR DISCIPLINARY ACTION EACH YEAR.

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JUNE SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL AND ORDERS-ON-HAND

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THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) CONTINUED TO INCREASE IN JUNE 1983, ACCORDING TO MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED.

THIS IS REPORTED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, WHICH RELEASED STATISTICS FROM THE MONTHLY SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL AND ORDERS-ON-HAND FOR JUNE.

MORE ORDERS-ON-HAND WERE RECORDED FOR THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, PLASTIC PRODUCTS, ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS, AND WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRIES, WHILE A DECLINE WAS EXPERIENCED IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY AND THE +OTHERS+ CATEGORY OF THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR.

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THERE WAS A FAIRLY LARGE INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING MONTHS. EMPLOYMENT INCREASED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES DUE TO THE RECRUITMENT OF SUMMER WORKERS TO COPE WITH INCREASES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND.

INCREASES IN EMPLOYMENT WERE ALSO REPORTED BY SOFT DRINKS AND BEER MANUFACTURERS BECAUSE OF HEAVY DEMAND DURING THE SUMMER. IN THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES SURVEYED, EMPLOYMENT CONTINUED TO DECLINE.

PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS AND WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRIES ON ACCOUNT OF MORE OVERTIME WORK AND MORE COMMISSION FOR EMPLOYEES IN SEVERAL FACTORIES. WHILE PAYROLL INCREASED, PER CAPITA EARNINGS DECLINED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES BECAUSE OF THE LOWER WAGES PAID TO THE LESS SKILFUL STUDENT WORKERS EMPLOYED DURING THE SUMMER.

IN THE SERVICES SECTOR, PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED IN PUBLIC UTILITIES FOLLOWING THE PAYMENT OF GRATUITIES AND SALARY REVISIONS BY A FEW COMPANIES.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS ARE SHOWN IN THE ACCOMPANYING TABLE.

WHEN RELEASING THE SURVEY RESULTS, THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND THE 50 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICES SECTORS.

AS FROM JUNE THIS YEAR, THE PANEL FOR THIS SURVEY HAS BEEN UPDATED, AND THE SELECTION OF THE PANEL MEMBERS IS NOW BASED ON THEIR EMPLOYMENT IN MARCH 1983. HOWEVER, THE STATISTICS COMPILED FOR JUNE HAVE BEEN SUITABLY ADJUSTED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE CHANGE IN THE COMPOSITION OF THE PANEL SO THAT THE OLD SERIES AND NEW SERIES OF DATA ARE SMOOTHLY LINKED TO ENSURE COMPARABILITY.

AS THE SAMPLE WAS NOT DRAWN ON A RANDOM BASIS, THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT RESULTS ON MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE MIGHT NOT REFLECT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE, ALTHOUGH IT SHOULD GIVE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR JUNE 1983 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE, AT $1.5 PER COPY. ENQUIRIES ON THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (AT 3-7212832).

FOLLOWING ARE THE TABLES:

/A. ORDERS-ON-HAND .....

A. ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING

INDUSTRY	(% CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH) APR. 1983	MAY 1983	JUNE 1983	ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) FOR JUNE 1983
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	3	1	1	5.00
TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	1	2	-4	2.40
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	16	1	3	3.94
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	10	-1	7	2.92
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	4	2	4	5.19
OTHERS	2	1	-2	3.56
ALL ABOVE INDUSTRIES	4	1	3	4.32

B. EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY/ SERVICE	PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED (% CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH) APR. 1983	MAY 1983	JUNE 1983	PER CAPITA EARNINGS (% CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH) APR. 1983	MAY 1983	JUNE 1983	PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR JUNE 1983 (HK$)
MANUFACTURING	*	1	4	7	-5	-1	2 296
FOOD AND DRINKS	1	2	5	8	5	2	3 374
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	*	-1	1	*	1	2	2 074
TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	*	1	1	6	-4	1	2 315
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	-1	5	9	2	-1	-2	1 932
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	1	3	7	-1	*	-2	1 879

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ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	1	2	6	21	-17	-3	2 102
OTHERS	-1	1	1	2	1	*	3 158
CONSTRUCTION**	-3	-2	-2	5	*	-1	3 735
SERVICES	*	*	*	5	-3	1	4 213
BANKS	*	*	*	3	1	-1	3 866
HOTELS	*	-1	*	17	-14	4	2 828
PUBLIC UTILITIES	*	*	*	6	-5	4	4 155
OTHERS	1	*	1	3	-2	-4	5 853

* CHANGES WITHIN $\pm$ 0.5 %

** PERSONS ENGAGED COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY= SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS NOT INCLUDED.

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VISITORS IMPRESSED BY HOUSING QUALITY

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TWO VISITING MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT FROM BRITAIN WERE TODAY DEEPLY IMPRESSED WITH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S EFFORTS TO UPGRADE THE QUALITY OF ITS PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

+TENANTS HAVE UNDOUBTEDLY PROFITED BY THE RISING STANDARDS OF ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNS FOR THE ESTATES,+ SAID ONE OF THE MP'S, MR JACK DORMAND.

MR DORMAND AND MR JAMES CALLAGHAN, ACCOMPANIED BY SENIOR HOUSING OFFICIALS, WERE TOURING THE TAI YUEN RENTAL ESTATE AND THE HOME OWNERSHIP TING NGA COURT IN TAI PO LOOKING AT ITS VARIOUS FACILITIES.

+ALSO DESERVING FULL PRAISE IS THE ENTHUSIASM AND DEDICATION OF HOUSING STAFF TO PROVIDE FIRST-CLASS ESTATE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE TENANTS,+ MR DORMAND SAID.

MR CALLAGHAN, ON THE OTHER HAND, WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE ADEQUATE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES ON THE ESTATES WHICH HE SAID WERE OBVIOUSLY MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE TENANTS.

THE VISIT TO TAI PO FOLLOWED AN IN-DEPTH BRIEFING BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR FRED PANG YUK-LING, ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S PUBLIC HOUSING SINCE THE 1950'S.

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CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TESTING SERVICES STUDIED

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THE GOVERNMENT IS ACTIVELY CONSIDERING THE QUESTION OF VETTING AND ACCREDITATION OF LABORATORIES PROVIDING TESTING SERVICES FOR CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS.

THIS WAS DISCLOSED TONIGHT BY THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR CHAN NAI-KEONG, AT THE THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CERTIFICATION LABORATORIES.

HE SAID THAT THE IMPORTANCE OF QUALITY CONTROL WAS FULLY RECOGNISED AND THE FACILITIES FOR TESTING OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS USED IN GOVERNMENT CONSTRUCTION WORKS WERE BEING EXPANDED BY THE SETTING UP OF REGIONAL LABORATORIES.

+NOT ONLY IS IT VITAL TO ENSURE THAT THE QUALITY OF MATERIALS INCORPORATED INTO A STRUCTURE COMPLY WITH OUR SPECIFICATIONS BUT ALSO ECONOMIES OF DESIGN CAN BE ACHIEVED BY BEING ABLE TO PREDICT MORE ACCURATELY THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS COMPONENTS,+ HE SAID.

+WITH REGARD TO BUILDING CONSTRUCTION IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR IT WILL BE READILY APPRECIATED THAT AN ADEQUATE DEGREE OF GOVERNMENT CONTROL IS NECESSARY WHERE PUBLIC SAFETY IS INVOLVED.+

FOR THIS PURPOSE, HE ADDED, THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE MADE PROVISION FOR THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TO PRESCRIBE SPECIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS FOR BUILDING MATERIALS AND FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF SITE FORMATION WORKS.

+IN FURTHERANCE OF THIS, THE ACCURACY AND RELIABILITY OF TEST RESULTS OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, AS WELL AS SOILS AND ROCKS ARE OF VITAL IMPORTANCE AND THOSE RESPONSIBLE IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AS WELL AS BUILDING AUTHORITY MUST HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE IN THE TEST LABORATORY,+ MR CHAN SAID.

+WITH THIS IN VIEW, ACTIVE CONSIDERATION IS NOW BEING GIVEN BY THE RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS UNDER MY BRANCH ON THE QUESTION OF VETTING AND ACCREDITATION OF LABORATORIES PROVIDING SUCH SERVICE.+

IN THIS CONNECTION, MR CHAN SAID, HE WAS GLAD TO SEE THAT THE ASSOCIATION WAS ACTIVELY AND ENERGETICALLY PROMOTING THE QUALITY AND RELIABILITY OF TESTING AND CERTIFICATION SERVICES.

HE ASSURED THE ASSOCIATION THAT IT WOULD HAVE HIS FULL SUPPORT IN ITS ENDEAVOURS TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS.

MR CHAN THANKED THE ASSOCIATION FOR INVITING HIM TO BE AN ADVISER TO THE ASSOCIATION.

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NEW ROLE OF LIAISON OFFICERS OUTLINED

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THE ROLE OF LIAISON OFFICERS HAS TAKEN ON A NEW CONVICTION SINCE THE PUBLICATION OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION WHITE PAPER, WHICH ADVOCATES THE AIM TO OBTAIN LOCAL ADVICE AND PARTICIPATION ON ALL GOVERNMENT RELATED ISSUES.

AND TO MEET THIS CHALLENGE, THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE HAS UNDERGONE A THOROUGH REORGANISATION, THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN TSANG, SAID AT A DINNER GATHERING OF THE NEW TERRITORIES LIONS' CLUB THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING.

+TWO-THIRDS OF THE LIAISON OFFICERS' TOTAL STRENGTH WERE REDEPLOYED TO INTENSIFY HOUSEHOLD AND INSTITUTIONAL LIAISON WHILE THE REMAINING ONE-THIRD CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN A COGENT AND CREATIVE PROGRAMME OF ARTS AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES,+ HE SAID.

+THE IMPETUS OF THIS REDEPLOYMENT WAS TO ENABLE THE DISTRICT OFFICE TO GET CLOSE TO THE PULSE OF THE SILENT MAJORITY AND TO BECOME THE EYES AND EARS OF THE COMMUNITY.+

MR TSANG SAID THIS WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY ASSIGNING TWO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS, COMMONLY KNOWN AS LIAISON OFFICERS, TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOUR AREA CONSTITUENCIES IN SHA TIN.

ONE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FO TAN AND THE TOWN CENTRE AREAS AND THE OTHER FOR THE SIU LEK YUEN AND THE TIN SUM KUK AREAS.

THEY ARE INVOLVED IN THE SERVICING OF THE RESPECTIVE AREA COMMITTEES WHICH ACT AS THE CO-ORDINATING BODY OF AREA ACTIVITIES AND CAMPAIGNS.

THEY ALSO SUPERVISE A TEAM OF JUNIOR OFFICERS, THE ASSISTANT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS WHO ARE ASSIGNED GEOGRAPHICAL RESPONSIBILITIES. THESE INCLUDE BUILDING UP CONTACTS AND MAINTAINING CLOSE LIAISON WITH ALL THE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS AND AREAS ORGANISATIONS.

+AS THE GEOGRAPHICAL EXPERTS, THE ASSISTANT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS WILL PROVIDE REGULAR REPORTS ON THE STATE OF BEING OF THEIR AREAS,+ MR TSANG SAID.

+AT THE SAME TIME, THEY WILL TRANSMIT GRASSROOT INPUT THROUGH THE EXISTING CONSTRUCT TO THE ATTENTION OF VARIOUS POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS, SUCH AS THE AREA COMMITTEES, THE SEVEN DISTRICT BOARD COMMITTEES, THE DISTRICT BOARD ITSELF AND PERTINENT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.+

MR TSANG EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT IN PROPERLY DIRECTING THE FOCUS OF ITS LIAISON STAFF, THE DISTRICT OFFICE WOULD BE A STEP CLOSER IN BECOMING THE +EYES AND EARS+ OF THE COMMUNITY.

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JUNIOR POLICE CALL PRAISED FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

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THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR. ROY HENRY TODAY (TUESDAY) SAID 1981 AND 1982 WERE BIG YEARS FOR THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL.

SPEAKING AT A LUNCH PRECEDING THE JPC CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING, MR. HENRY SAID THIS WHEN HE REFERRED TO THE LAUNCHING OF THE FIRST FIGHT YOUTH CRIME CAMPAIGN AND GOVERNMENT'S DECISION THAT IT SHOULD BE SPEARHEADED BY JPC.

HE SAID THE CAMPAIGN TARGETED AT YOUTHS UNDER 16 WENT ON FOR TWO YEARS AND WAS ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL AND INNOVATIVE EVER INTRODUCED BY THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

HE SAID JUVENILE PROSECUTIONS BEGAN TO DROP WITHIN FOUR MONTHS OF THE LAUNCHING OF THE CAMPAIGN IN APRIL 1981 AND HAD CONTINUED TO DO SO EVER SINCE.

IN 1982, A TOTAL OF 2 846 JUVENILES WERE PROSECUTED, REPRESENTING A DROP OF 23 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH 1981.

IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR THAT DROP HAD GROWN TO 32 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1981.

THE MOST HEARTENING RESULT, HE SAID, HAD BEEN THE SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF JUVENILES PROSECUTED FOR SERIOUS CRIMES SUCH AS ROBBERY, BURGLARY, THEFT AND CRIMINAL DAMAGE.

''THOSE FIGURES DEMONSTRATE CLEARLY WHAT CAN BE ACHIEVED WHEN THE EFFORTS OF GOVERNMENT, POLICE AND THE COMMUNITY -- PARTICULARLY THE YOUNGER MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY -- GET TOGETHER AND TACKLE A SERIOUS PROBLEM WITH COMMITMENT, PROFESSIONALISM AND ENTHUSIASM.''

''THEY HAVE ALSO HIGHLIGHTED THE NEED TO EXTEND THE FIGHT YOUTH CRIME THEME TO OLDER TEENAGERS AND, THIS YEAR, THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE CONCENTRATED ON YOUNG BOYS AND MEN, AGED BETWEEN 14 AND 20 -- THE AGE GROUP FROM WHICH A THREAT TO LAW AND ORDER IS VASTLY DISPROPORTIONATE TO ITS NUMBER,'' HE SAID.

MR. HENRY WAS HAPPY TO SEE THAT THE 1983-84 CAMPAIGN, ONCE AGAIN, WOULD BE SPEARHEADED BY JPC, WITH THE HELP OF OTHER HONG KONG YOUTH ORGANISATIONS.

''WITH THE PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES WHICH HAVE BEEN PLANNED, THERE IS EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE IT WILL BE AS SUCCESSFUL AS THE JUVENILE CAMPAIGN,''HE SAID.

APART FROM PROMOTING THE FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN, JPC HAD ALSO ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY SERVICE.

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''DURING THE LAST YEAR, JPC RAISED OVER $700 000 FOR THE FESPIC OLYMPIC GAMES FOR THE DISABLED -- THE LARGEST SINGLE DONATION; OVER HALF A MILLION DOLLARS THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN FLAG DAYS FOR 13 VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS; $36 000 FOR THE COMMUNITY CHEST; 63 800 MILLIGRAMMES OF BLOOD FOR THE RED CROSS AND DONATED A NEW CUSTOM BUILT VAN TO THE ASSOCIATION FOR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED ATHLETES.''

ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF JPC, MR. HENRY SAID SINCE AUGUST LAST YEAR, JPC MEMBERSHIP HAD RISEN FROM 307 802 TO 347 405 AND JPC LEADERS FROM 5 601 TO 11 557.

THOSE JPC LEARDERS, ALL OVER THE AGE OF 17, WERE PLAYING A VITAL ROLE IN ORGANISING THE SOME 12 000 DIFFERENT JPC ACTIVITIES WHICH TOOK PLACE EACH YEAR.

''MOST POLICE FORCES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD FIND THEY CAN ATTRACT THE INTEREST OF THE YOUNG BUT LOSE THEM WHEN THEY REACH THEIR UPPER TEENAGE YEARS. HOW FORTUNATE WE ARE THAT THE REVERSE IS THE CASE IN HONG KONG,'' HE SAID.

MR. HENRY WAS ALSO PLEASED TO SEE THAT A TOTAL OF 294 JPC CLUBS HAD BEEN FORMED WITHIN SCHOOLS PARTICULARLY SECONDARY SCHOOLS. SUCH CLUBS WERE PLAYING A KEY ROLE IN COMBATTING ANY TRIAD INFLUENCE OR BULLY BOY TACTICS WHICH MIGHT BE GOING ON.

ON THE JPC CLUBHOUSES FRONT, HE SAID BY THE END OF 1984, JPC WOULD HAVE COMPLETED ITS OBJECTIVE OF HAVING A JPC CLUBHOUSE IN ALL 17 POLICE DISTRICTS.

MR. HENRY DISCLOSED THAT NEXT YEAR JPC WOULD CELEBRATE ITS TENTH BIRTHDAY. IT HAD ALREADY STARTED WORKING ON PLANS WHICH WOULD ENSURE THAT WOULD BE ONE OF THE LARGEST AND MOST COLOURFUL YOUTH CELEBRATION EVER TO BE HELD IN HONG KONG.

UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MRS. SOPHIA HO= DR. HO KAM FAI AND MR. CHARLES YEUNG ALSO ATTENDED THE LUNCHEON GATHERING TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT TO THE JPC MOVEMENT.

THE JPC CENTRAL COUNCIL COMPRISING A JPC REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH DISTRICT AND THE 17 POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICERS MEETS TWICE EVERY YEAR TO PROVIDE JPC MEMBERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO VOICE THEIR OWN AFFAIRS AND PUT FORWARD IDEAS WHICH HAVE BEEN RESEARCHED AND DEVELOPED FOR THE GOOD OF THE JPC SCHEME.

TODAY'S MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY CHIEF STAFF OFFICER OF POLICE PUBLIC RELATIONS, MR. DREW RENNIE.

CHIEF POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER, MR. LAI KWOK-LEUNG= ASSISTANT CHIEF POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER, MR. TSE CHAN-FAI AND CHIEF INSPECTOR, MR. BOB SULLIVAN WERE ALSO PRESENT.

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SURVEY WORK ON TRANSPORT INDUSTRY STARTING

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FIELD WORK ON THE FIRST MANPOWER SURVEY OF THE TRANSPORT AND PHYSICAL DISTRIBUTION INDUSTRY WILL START TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AND LAST UNTIL SEPTEMBER 14.

THE SURVEY, ARRANGED BY THE TRANSPORT AND PHYSICAL DISTRIBUTION INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, COVERS THE AIR AND SEA FREIGHT TRANSPORT, WAREHOUSING, CARGO HANDLING TERMINAL AND THE TRUCKING SECTORS.

+AS FAR AS THE TRUCKING SECTOR IS CONCERNED, THE SURVEY IS CONSIDERED TIMELY SINCE THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE WILL BE ENACTED NEXT AUGUST TO ENSURE SAFETY ON THE ROAD,+ THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRAINING BOARD, MR PATRICK TSAI SAID.

UNDER THE NEW ORDINANCE, TRUCKS WILL BE CLASSIFIED INTO FOUR CATEGORIES -- LIGHT VEHICLE, MEDIUM GOODS VEHICLE, HEAVY GOODS VEHICLE AND ARTICULATED VEHICLE, HE POINTED OUT.

DATA COLLECTED FROM THE SURVEY WOULD HELP TO ASCERTAIN THE TRAINING NEEDS OF TRUCK DRIVERS EMPLOYED IN THE TRUCKING BUSINESS, AND IN PARTICULAR, ARTICULATED VEHICLE DRIVERS.

+THE RECOVERY IN THE LOCAL IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADE HAS REVIVED THE ACTIVITIES OF THE AIR AND SEA FREIGHT TRANSPORT, WAREHOUSING AND CARGO HANDLING SECTORS AS WELL,+ MR TSAI SAID.

PROJECTION ON THE MANPOWER DEMAND AND SUPPLY RESULTING FROM THE ANTICIPATED GROWTH COULD BE MADE BASED ON THE INFORMATION COLLECTED FROM THE SURVEY, HE SAID.

OFFICERS OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT ABOUT 1 000 ESTABLISHMENTS DURING THE SURVEY TO COLLECT QUESTIONNAIRES AND ASSIST IN COMPLETING THEM IF REQUIRED.

MR TSAI GAVE ASSURANCE THAT THE DATA COLLECTED WOULD BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND PUBLISHED IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS. HE ALSO URGED EMPLOYERS OF THESE ESTABLISHMENTS TO COOPERATE FULLY BY PROVIDING ACCURATE INFORMATION.

ALSO ASSISTING IN THE SURVEY ARE THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT DATA PROCESSING AGENCY.

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TWO CROWN LAND LOTS SOLD

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TWO PIECES OF CROWN LAND WERE SOLD BY THE LANDS DEPARTMENT AT AN AUCTION HELD AT THE EXCELSIOR HOTEL THIS AFTERNOON.

THE FIRST SITE, A 725-METRE PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL LOT IN STANLEY, WAS SOLD TO WITHERS LIMITED FOR $1.6 MILLION, OR $2 206.29 PER SQUARE METRE.

THE OTHER LOT, WHICH IS ABOUT 3 834 SQUARE METRES, IN SHA TIN, IS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND GODOWN PURPOSES.

IT WAS SOLD TO VARONA CO. LTD. FOR $6 MILLION, OR $1 564.95 PER SQUARE METRE.

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MAIL DELAY EXAMINED

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT SURFACE MAIL RECEIVED BY THE POST OFFICE ON AUGUST 19 FROM AUSTRALIA WERE SUBJECTED TO CONSIDERABLE DELAY IN TRANSIT PRIOR TO THEIR DELIVERY BY THE SHIPPING COMPANY TO THE HONG KONG POST OFFICE.

+INVESTIGATIONS ARE BEING CONDUCTED TO FIND OUT THE CAUSE OF DELAY. ANY INCONVENIENCE CAUSED TO THE ADDRESSEES CONCERNED IS REGRETTED,+ HE SAID.

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CHESS COMPETITION FOR TSUEN WAN WORKERS

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A CHINESE CHESS COMPETITION FOR WORKERS IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE HELD IN EARLY OCTOBER.

SPONSORED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD'S INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE, THE FEDERATION OF INDUSTRIES IN TSUEN WAN, AND THE HONG KONG CHESS ASSOCIATION.

THE COMPETITION, FIRST LAUNCHED LAST YEAR, IS AIMED AT PROVIDING RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES FOR WORKERS IN THE DISTRICT AND AT PROMOTING THE ART OF CHINESE CHESS.

IT IS OPEN TO ALL FACTORY WORKERS IN THE DISTRICT.

ENTRY FORMS AND DETAILS OF THE COMPETITION ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL THE 11 PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRES IN THE DISTRICT.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD REACH THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF FOU WAH CENTRE BY SEPTEMBER 20.

THE COMPETITION WILL BE HELD EVERY MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND FRIDAY BETWEEN 7.30 PM AND 9.30 PM AT THE SHENG KUNG HUI LADY MACLEHOSE CENTRE IN WO YI HOP ROAD, KWAI CHUNG, STARTING FROM OCTOBER 2.

CASH PRIZES AND CUPS WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNERS.

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