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HIGH U.S. MEDIA INTEREST IN HK, GIS CHIEF FINDS
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INTEREST IN HONG KONG AND KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT IS GOING ON HERE IS AT A VERY HIGH LEVEL AMONG AMERICAN JOURNALISTS, ACCORDING TO THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, MISS CHEUNG MAN-YEE.

MISS CHEUNG WAS SPEAKING IN NEW YORK, AT THE HALFWAY POINT OF A MONTH-LONG TOUR TO STUDY THE MEDIA IN THE UNITED STATES, WHICH IS TAKING HER INTO NEWSROOMS ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

+IT IS VERY ENCOURAGING THAT THE UNITED STATES MEDIA IS INTERESTED IN HEARING ABOUT THE RENEWED CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG,+ MISS CHEUNG SAID.

SHE HAS VISITED SOME OF THE LEADING NEWSPAPERS AND BROADCASTING NETWORKS IN THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING THE NEW YORK TIMES, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, THE BALTIMORE SUN, AND THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY IN NEW YORK.

MISS CHEUNG HAS HAD MANY INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG DURING HER MEETINGS WITH JOURNALISTS, AS WELL AS OTHERS INVOLVED IN THE NEWSPAPER PUBLISHING AND BROADCASTING INDUSTRIES.

ONE POINT SHE HAS BEEN EMPHASISING IS THE BROAD GUARANTEE OF PRESS FREEDOM IN THE AGREEMENT ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND THE RIGHT TO PUBLISH IT IS OF PRIME CONCERN TO AMERICAN JOURNALISTS.

MISS CHEUNG SAID THAT ONE FEATURE OF U.S. NEWS OPERATIONS WHICH HONG KONG COULD MATCH IS IN HIGH TECHNOLOGY.

+HONG KONG IS NOT FAR BEHIND THE UNITED STATES IN THE USE OF COMPUTERS AND OTHER TECHNOLOGY IN NEWSROOMS,+ SHE SAID.

SHE ADDED THAT HONG KONG WAS ALSO WELL ADVANCED IN THE BROADCASTING FIELD, PARTICULARLY IN THE USE OF SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY.

BROADCASTING IS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO MISS CHEUNG, WHO WORKED FOR MANY YEARS IN TELEVISION AS A PRESENTER AND PRODUCER.

SHE HAS MADE A CLOSE STUDY DURING HER TOUR OF THE OPERATION AND CONTROLS OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC), WHICH OVERSEES BROADCASTING IN THE UNITED STATES.

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+THE FCC ONLY REGISTERS RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS, AND DOESN'T TRY TO CENSOR THEM,+ MISS CHEUNG SAID. HOWEVER, SHE ADDED THAT THIS DID NOT MEAN BROADCASTING WAS TOTALLY UNCONTROLLED, AS STATIONS WERE ALSO REQUIRED TO ADHERE TO THE +FAIRNESS DOCTRINE+, BY WHICH THEY MUST PRESENT BOTH SIDES OF AN ISSUE IN AN UNBIASED WAY.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF HER TOUR SO FAR HAS BEEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO SIT IN ON A WHITE HOUSE PRESS BRIEFING.

+I WAS VERY LUCKY TO BE VISITING AT A TIME WHEN THE PRESIDENT AND THE WHITE HOUSE WERE AT THE CENTRE OF THE NEWS,+ SHE SAID. HER VISIT COINCIDED WITH THE CONTROVERSY SURROUNDING PRESIDENT REAGAN'S VISIT TO A GERMAN WAR CEMETERY, WHICH HAS BEEN WIDELY CRITICISED AS INAPPROPRIATE BY MANY GROUPS IN THE UNITED STATES.

MISS CHEUNG HAS ALSO BEEN INTERVIEWED BY A WIDE RANGE OF PUBLICATIONS AND RADIO STATIONS, INCLUDING THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER AND A NATIONALLY BROADCAST NEWS PROGRAMME, +ALL THINGS CONSIDERED+.

MISS CHEUNG WILL BE IN THE UNITED STATES FOR ANOTHER TWO WEEKS, VISITING NEW ORLEANS AND SAN FRANCISCO, AMONG OTHER CITIES.

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TRADE, INDUSTRY CHIEF LEAVES FOR MFA TALKS

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THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR E.P. HO, LEFT HONG KONG LAST (SATURDAY) NIGHT ON A TOUR OF EUROPEAN CAPITALS TO HAVE AN INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH SENIOR TRADE AND OTHER OFFICIALS ON THE FUTURE OF THE MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT (MFA), WHICH IS DUE TO EXPIRE ON JULY 31, 1986.

HIS FIRST STOP IS ROME WHERE HE WILL HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY, MR ALTISSIMO AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS.

FROM ROME HE WILL GO TO LONDON FOR MEETINGS WITH MR PAUL CHANNON, MINISTER FOR TRADE, SIR WILLIAM HARDING, DEPUTY UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, SIR PETER BLAKER, CHAIRMAN OF THE ANGLO-HONG KONG PARLIAMENTARY GROUP, AND SOME OTHER MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT.

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BETWEEN MAY 12 AND 20, MR HO WILL BE IN EUROPE, SPENDING A FEW DAYS EACH IN BRUSSELS, BONN, PARIS, AND THE HAGUE FOR MEETINGS WITH SENIOR TRADE OFFICIALS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE MFA AND TO EXPRESS HONG KONG'S CONCERN OVER GROWING PROTECTIONISM IN WORLD TRADE, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THE OPPORTUNITY WILL ALSO BE TAKEN TO DISCUSS BILATERAL ISSUE OF COMMON INTEREST,+ HE SAID.

MR HO'S EUROPEAN TOUR FOLLOWS THE RECENT MEETING ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES AND CLOTHING IN MEXICO CITY OF 21 DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES. HONG KONG WAS REPRESENTED AT THIS MEETING BY THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD. THE MEETING WAS MAINLY ASSIGNED TO COORDINATE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' VIEWS ON THE FUTURE OF THE MFA.

DURING MR HO'S ABSENCE, MR JOHN YAXLEY, DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, WILL ACT AS SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY IN ADDITION TO HIS NORMAL DUTIES.

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YOUTH CIVIC EFFORT URGED * * *

SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN HO, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES WOULD HELP ACHIEVE THE AIM OF SELF-DEVELOPMENT.

+IT WILL ALSO ENHANCE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT SOCIETY AND POLITICS, WHICH WILL GIVE YOUNG PEOPLE AN IDEA ON HOW TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY IN FUTURE,+ HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT TODAY'S YOUTH DELEGATE DAY, WHICH MARKS THE OPENING OF THE SAI KUNG YOUTH DELEGATE SCHEME, MR HO SAID:
+TAKING PART IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES CAN BE VERY CHALLENGING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.+

+THE FACT THAT ABOUT 12 PER CENT OF THE CANDIDATES IN DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS WERE AGED BETWEEN 21 AND 30, ILLUSTRATES THE INCREASING ROLE OF YOUNG PEOPLE,+ HE ADDED.

+I HOPE EACH OF THE 10 000 YOUTHS IN THE 15 TO 25 YEAR OLD AGED GROUP IN SAI KUNG WILL ADOPT AN ACTIVE ATTITUDE AND WORK FOR THE PROSPERITY OF THE DISTRICT,+ HE SAID.

MR HO SAID HONG KONG'S REPUTATION AS A FAST DEVELOPING INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL CENTRE, HAS BEEN THE RESULT OF WISDOM AND STRENGTH OF THE PEOPLE, BOTH YOUNG AND OLD.

+HOWEVER, THE FUTURE PROSPERITY AND STABILITY OF HONG KONG WILL BE IN THE HANDS OF A NEW GENERATION OF PEOPLE WHO NEED TO BE FULL OF VITALITY, EUTHUSIAM, IDEALS AND NEW TALENTS,+ HE SAID.

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HK POLICE SHOW SCORES WELL IN EDINBURGH
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THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE DISPLAY, TO BE PERFORMED AT THIS YEAR'S EDINBURGH TATTOO, HAS SCORED FULL MARKS WITH THE SHOW'S PRODUCER.

"I'M VERY IMPRESSED," SAID AN ENTHUSIASTIC COLONEL LESLIE DOW, FOLLOWING A FULL DRESS REHEARSAL AT THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL THIS WEEK.

"I THINK THE HONG KONG POLICE DISPLAY WILL BE THE MOST UNUSUAL ITEM IN THIS YEAR'S TATTOO. IT IS A VERY COLOURFUL DISPLAY AND THE BAND WILL BE PLAYING SOME GOOD, POPULAR MUSIC.

"I KNOW THEY WILL GO DOWN EXTREMELY WELL WITH THE AUDIENCE IN EDINBURGH."

THE HONG KONG CONTINGENT WILL LEAVE FOR THE U.K. ON JULY 27.

COLONEL DOW, WHO IS ON A LIGHTNING VISIT TO PREVIEW THE PERFORMANCE AND FINALISE LAST-MINUTE DETAILS, HAS BEEN THE PRODUCER OF THE ANNUAL TATTOO SINCE 1976 AND WELL REMEMBERS THE LAST APPEARANCE BY THE HONG KONG POLICE BAND AT EDINBURGH, IN 1978.

TAKING PART THIS TIME WILL BE THE POLICE SILVER AND PIPE BANDS, A TEAM OF WOMEN POLICE RIBBON DANCERS AND A TEAM OF PEAKING LION DANCERS.

ABOUT 70 PER CENT OF THE GROUP PERFORMED AT EDINBURGH ON THE LAST OCCASION AND, ACCORDING TO THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC, MR COLIN WOOD: "THEY HAD AN ABSOLUTELY SPLENDID TIME AND CAN'T WAIT TO GET BACK TO SCOTLAND."

MR WOOD SAID IT WAS A PARTICULAR HONOUR FOR AN OVERSEAS DISPLAY TO BE INVITED BACK TO PERFORM AT THE TATTOO -- ESPECIALLY SO SOON AFTER THEIR LAST APPEARANCE -- BECAUSE PREPARATIONS FOR EACH TATTOO ARE UNDERWAY MANY YEARS IN ADVANCE. IT TOOK FIVE YEARS TO GET HONG KONG TO EDINBURGH THE FIRST TIME, AND THREE YEARS THIS TIME.

"I'VE ALREADY BEEN LOOKING INTO SEVERAL ITEMS FOR 1990," ADDED COLONEL DOW.

DURING THEIR STAY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE HONG KONG CONTINGENT WILL GIVE 31 PERFORMANCES AT THE TATTOO, WITH ADDITIONAL APPEARANCES SCHEDULED FOR CRIEFF, FALKIRK, CARLISLE, GLASGOW, AT A CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN EDINBURGH, AND AT THE POLICE STAFF COLLEGE AT BRAMSHILL.

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THE PERFORMERS HAVE BEEN TOLD TO EXPECT TO WORK HARD, ESPECIALLY DURING THE REHEARSAL PERIOD, WHICH IS INTENSE. AFTER THAT, THEY WILL BE PERFORMING EACH NIGHT BEFORE MANY THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, WITH TWO SHOWS ON SATURDAYS.

COLONEL DOW SAID THAT STANDS AROUND THE ESPLANADE IN FRONT OF EDINBURGH CASTLE CAN TAKE 9 000 PEOPLE AND, LAST YEAR, THE ORGANISERS FILLED AN AVERAGE OF EIGHT SEATS OUT OF 10.

THE HONG KONG PERFORMERS HAVE ALSO BEEN TOLD TO EXPECT TO GET WET. THE TATTOO IS NEVER CALLED OFF ON ACCOUNT OF RAIN -- ALTHOUGH ONCE, SOME YEARS BACK, IT WAS NEARLY POSTPONED DUE TO FOG.

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CONFISCATED HAWKER GOODS USED FOR A GOOD CAUSE
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IT IS A LITTLE KNOWN FACT THAT CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS BENEFIT CONSIDERABLY FROM THE OPERATIONS AGAINST ILLEGAL HAWKERS CARRIED OUT BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S GENERAL DUTIES TEAMS (GDTS).

+DURING GDT RAIDS AGAINST ILLEGAL HAWKERS, THE HAWKERS' GOODS ARE CONFISCATED AS A DETERRENT MEASURE AGAINST ILLEGAL HAWKING,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

+THESE SEIZED COMMODITIES RANGE FROM FRESH FOODSTUFFS AND OTHER DAILY NECESSITIES TO HABERDASHERY, CLOTHING, CROCKERY AND TRANSISTOR RADIOS.

+IN GENERAL, CONFISCATED COMMODITIES ARE USED AS PROSECUTION EVIDENCE WHEN THE HAWKERS APPEAR IN COURT. HOWEVER, IF THE SEIZED GOODS COMPRISE FRESH FOODSTUFFS SUCH AS FRUIT, VEGETABLES, MEAT OR FISH, THEY WILL BECOME BAD BY THE TIME THEY ARE PRODUCED IN COURT.

+THUS, IN ORDER NOT TO WASTE THEM, ALL THESE PERISHABLE FOODSTUFFS ARE DONATED TO VARIOUS CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS AFTER HAVING BEEN CLEARED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S HEALTH INSPECTORS AS FIT FOR CONSUMPTION.

+THE DEPARTMENT EVEN TRANSPORTS THESE GOODS TO THE CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS AS SOON AS THEY ARE CERTIFIED AS BEING SAFE.+

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT SEIZED FLOWERS WERE ALSO SENT TO CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS TO PREVENT THEIR GOING TO WASTE.

LAST YEAR SOME 16 000 KILOGRAMS OF FRUIT, 85 000 KILOGRAMS OF VEGETABLES, 12 000 KILOGRAMS OF FISH AND SEA FOOD, 11 000 EGGS AND OTHER FOODSTUFFS, AS WELL AS 4 000 BUNDLES OF FLOWERS WERE DONATED TO VARIOUS CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS.

AMONG THE MANY CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS BENEFITTING FROM THE SCHEME ARE HOMES FOR THE AGED AND ORPHANAGES.

IF OTHER CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE CONFISCATED GOODS, THEY ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT'S HAWKERS AND MARKETS SECTION AT 5-95360.

AS FOR OTHER SEIZED ITEMS WITH A SALEABLE VALUE, THEY WERE SENT TO THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TO BE AUCTIONED, WITH THE PROCEEDS GOING TO THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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APPEALS AGAINST TENANCY TERMINATION DISMISSED

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TWO PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS HAVE FAILED IN THEIR ATTEMPTS TO HOLD ON TO THEIR ESTATE FLATS DESPITE HAVING MOVED INTO SELF-OWNED ACCOMMODATION.

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S APPEALS COMMITTEE, WHICH IS WHOLLY MADE UP OF UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS, HAS DISMISSED THEIR APPEALS AGAINST TERMINATION OF TENANCY.

A THIRD APPEAL WAS UPHELD ON COMPASSIONATE GROUNDS AFTER THE APPELLANT HAD TAKEN HEED OF THE COMMITTEE'S ADVICE TO RESUME REGULAR OCCUPATION OF THE ESTATE FLAT.

+THE DECISION TO DISMISS THE TWO APPEALS WAS MADE ON THE GROUND THAT THE TWO ESTATE FLATS HAD NOT BEEN PROPERLY OCCUPIED IN BREACH OF TENANCY CONDITIONS, + A HOUSING SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

HE SAID THIS HAD COME TO LIGHT FOLLOWING CHECKS MADE BY ESTATE STAFF ON THE TWO FLATS, BOTH IN WANG TAU HOM ESTATE.

+THE HOUSE CHECKS INCLUDED SOME MADE AT NIGHT AND AT DAWN. ON ALL OCCASIONS, NO ONE WAS ENCOUNTERED AND ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION HAD REMAINED LOW FOR A LONG TIME.

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+SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATIONS SHOW THE TWO FAMILIES HAVE MOVED INTO SELF-OWNED PROPERTIES, ONE IN TAI KOK TSUI AND THE OTHER IN TO KWA WAN.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE APPEALS COMMITTEE WAS SATISFIED THAT TERMINATION OF TENANCY WOULD NOT CAUSE HARDSHIP TO THE APPELLANTS AS THEY WERE ALREADY LIVING IN PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION.

THE THIRD CASE INVOLVED A TWO-MEMBER FAMILY FROM LOWER WONG TAI SIN ESTATE WHO WAS SERVED A NOTICE-TO-QUIT LAST JULY FOR IMPROPER OCCUPATION OF THE FLAT.

THE TENANT APPEALED IN THE FOLLOWING MONTH, CLAIMING THAT BECAUSE SHE WAS A CLEANSING WORKER WITH A RESTAURANT AND HER HUSBAND A WATCHMAN ON NIGHT SHIFTS, THEY HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO RETURN HOME EARLY AT NIGHT.

AS A RESULT, THEY WERE THEN GIVEN ON COMPASSIONATE GROUND A THREE-MONTH PERIOD DURING WHICH THE OCCUPANCY POSITION WAS PUT UNDER CLOSE OBSERVATION.

AT A RECENT REVIEW OF THE CASE, IT WAS DECIDED TO WITHDRAW THE NOTICE-TO-QUIT AFTER THE FAMILY WAS FOUND TO HAVE TAKEN HEED OF THE APPEALS COMMITTEE'S ADVICE TO RESUME REGULAR OCCUPATION OF THE ESTATE FLAT.

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DB MEMBERS VISIT MTR ISLAND LINE STATIONS * * *

ABOUT 20 MEMBERS OF THE NEW EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD TODAY (SUNDAY) VISITED A NUMBER OF STATIONS ALONG THE MTR ISLAND LINE TO LOOK OVER THE FACILITIES AND OPERATION.

THE TOUR STARTED AT THE CHAI WAN STATION, AN OVERHEAD STATION AND THE EASTERN TERMINAL POINT OF THE ISLAND LINE. THE NEXT STOP WAS AT THE UNDERGROUND STATION IN SHAU KEI WAN, LOCATED BENEATH THE ALDRICH BAY RECLAMATION.

BOARD MEMBERS WERE TOLD THAT ALL THE STATIONS ALONG THE ISLAND LINE FROM ADMIRALTY TO CHAI WAN WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON MAY 30, WHILE THE STATIONS FROM ADMIRALTY TO SHEUNG WAN WILL BE OPEN SOMETIME NEXT YEAR. NINE OF THE 14 STATIONS ON THE MTR ISLAND LINE ARE LOCATED IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, AND THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LUI HAU-TUEN, ALSO JOINED THE TOUR, WHICH WAS THE FIRST PART OF AN ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS, TO GET TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE DISTRICT'S INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES.

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NEW TUNNELLING METHOD REDUCES TRAFFIC DISRUPTION
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A JAPANESE METHOD OF CONSTRUCTING SUBWAYS WITH MINIMUM DISRUPTION OF PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR TRAFFIC IS BEING EMPLOYED IN HONG KONG.

KNOWN AS THE +PIPE-ROOF+ METHOD, IT IS BEING USED FOR WORK ON TWO SUBWAYS UNDER CHATHAM ROAD NORTH AND THE ADJOINING SLIP ROAD.

THIS +SHIELD TUNNELLING METHOD+ IS WIDELY USED IN THAT COUNTRY AND INVOLVES DRIVING STEEL PIPES HORIZONTALLY INTO THE GROUND, ALONG THE PERIPHERY OF THE TUNNEL OR SUBWAY, WITH THE PIPES BEING MECHANICALLY INTERLOCKED, SENIOR ENGINEERS MR Y.C. WONG AND MR V.J. MANSFIELD, OF THE RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED.

THE METHOD IS GAINING POPULARITY OVERSEAS, WITH HONG KONG AND SINGAPORE BEING THE FIRST TWO OTHER ASIAN TERRITORIES TO ADOPT IT.

IT WAS FIRST USED IN HONG KONG BY A JAPANESE CONTRACTOR FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AN 18-METRE-LONG PEDESTRIAN SUBWAY UNDER A RAILWAY EMBANKMENT IN TAI WAI, SHA TIN, IN 1982.

THE PRESENT JOB INVOLVES CONSTRUCTION OF TWO PEDESTRIAN SUBWAYS -- ONE 38 METRES AND THE OTHER 42 METRES LONG -- AT CHATHAM ROAD, KOWLOON. IT IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND UNDER A CARRIAGEWAY IN HONG KONG.

EXPLAINING FURTHER THE METHOD, MR WONG SAID THAT ONCE THE +SHIELD+ HAS BEEN FORMED, WORK CAN THEN PROCEED ON THE EXCAVATION OF THE TUNNEL OR SUBWAY, WITH STEEL FRAMES BEING PLACED TO SUPPORT THE +PIPE SHIELD+. CONSEQUENTLY, THERE IS MINIMAL DISRUPTION OF TRAFFIC AND UTILITY SERVICES, AND LITTLE DANGER OF SUBSIDENCE.

THE TRADITIONAL +CUT AND COVER+ METHOD OF SUBWAY CONSTRUCTION, WHICH INVOLVES EXCAVATING FROM THE SURFACE IN STAGES, IS NOT PRACTICABLE IN THE CASE OF THE CHATHAM ROAD NORTH AND SLIP ROAD PROJECT, BECAUSE OF THE SERIOUS DISRUPTION THAT IT WOULD CAUSE TO THE HEAVY TRAFFIC THERE.

+THE GREATEST VALUE OF THE 'PIPE-ROOF' METHOD IS THAT IT CAUSES THE LEAST INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC,+ MR WONG SAID.

HE SAID THIS TUNNELLING TECHNIQUE CAN ALSO BE EXTENDED TO MEET OTHER DEMANDS IN OVERCOMING SIMILAR ENGINEERING PROBLEMS IN URBAN AREAS FOR A WIDE RANGE OF APPLICATIONS SUCH AS THE INSTALLATION OF UTILITY SERVICES SUCH AS CABLES FOR THE ELECTRICITY AND TELEPHONE SUPPLY AND PIPES FOR WATER, GAS AND SEWERAGE.

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THE METHOD, HOWEVER, HAS ITS LIMITATIONS. IT CANNOT BE USED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF LONG OR CURVED TUNNELS, AND IS NOT CONSIDERED SUITABLE FOR SITES OBSTRUCTED BY THE PRESENCE OF LARGE QUANTITIES OF HARD MATERIAL SUCH AS ROCK AND BOULDERS.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TWO SUBWAYS AT CHATHAM ROAD NORTH IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED THIS SUMMER, AFTER 11 MONTHS OF WORK.

THE TWO REPLACEMENT SUBWAYS ARE REQUIRED TO ALLOW THE DIVERSION OF THE EXISTING FOOTPATH WHICH RUNS PARALLEL TO THE RAILWAY CONNECTING HUNG HOM WITH OI MAN, SO THAT AN ADDITIONAL SHUNTING LINE CAN BE PROVIDED FOR K.C.R.C.

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CAS MEMBERS PRACTISE EMERGENCY OPERATION
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OVER 300 CAS MEMBERS TOOK PART IN THE CIVIL AID SERVICES NEW TERRITORIES REGIONAL EXERCISE HELD IN TUEN MUN TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE EXERCISE - A RAINSTORM AND LANDSLIP EMERGENCY OPERATION - WAS HELD SIMULTANEOUSLY AT SO KWUN WAT AND YUEN TUN CAMP, FROM 9.45 AM TO 6 PM.

THE PURPOSE IS TO TEST THE EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFICIENCY OF CAS INCIDENT CONTROL, MOBILISATION AND DEPLOYMENT OF MANPOWER AND RESOURCES AS WELL AS CASUALTY HANDLING.

DURING THE NINE-HOUR LONG EXERCISE, MEMBERS FROM THE FOUR CAS DISTRICTS IN N.T. WERE INTENSIVELY INVOLVED IN TREATING CASUALTIES, EXTRICATING TRAPPED PERSONS AND EVACUATING VICTIMS FROM A DISASTER SITE TO A CASUALTY CLEARING POINT.

CAS MEMBERS HAD DEMONSTRATED HIGH EFFICIENCY AND SKILL DURING RAINSTORM EMERGENCIES IN THE PAST BY EVACUATING PEOPLE FROM DANGEROUS AREAS, LOOKING AFTER HOMELESS PEOPLE IN TEMPORARY SHELTERS, CARRYING OUT HEAVY RESCUE DUTIES AND DIGGING DAY AND NIGHT TO RECOVER TRAPPED PERSONS.

THE CAS TACTICAL FORCE UNIT, CONSISTING OF 400 VOLUNTEERS, IS ABLE TO RESPOND TO EMERGENCY WITHIN ONE HOUR OF CALL.

AT THE YUEN TUN CAMP, TRAINING PROGRAMMES ALSO TOOK PLACE. CAS INSTRUCTORS CARRIED OUT FIRST AID PRACTICE FOR ADVANCED INSTRUCTORS, VOLUNTEERS PERFORMED WORK CAMP PROJECTS AND CADETS PRACTISED CAMP CRAFT AND COUNTRY PARK CONSERVATION STUDIES AND ROPE INITIATIVE COURSE EXERCISES.

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INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CHIEF TO RETIRE
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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE, MR VIC MILLER WILL RETIRE ON EXPIRY OF HIS CURRENT CONTRACT ON MAY 31.

MR MILLER WAS APPOINTED CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE H.K. INDUSTRIAL ESTATES PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY WHEN IT WAS FORMED IN 1976 AND SUBSEQUENTLY OF THE CORPORATION WHEN IT WAS ESTABLISHED IN MARCH 1977. DURING MR MILLER'S FOUR TERMS OF SERVICE, HE HAS MADE AN INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TWO INDUSTRIAL ESTATES AT TAI PO AND YUEN LONG. ABOUT 90 PER CENT OF THE DEVELOPMENT WORKS OF THE TWO ESTATES HAVE NOW BEEN COMPLETED.

IT WAS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT MR GEOFFREY WHITTAKER, AT PRESENT WITH THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT HAS BEEN SECONDED TO THE CORPORATION AS ITS GENERAL MANAGER. THE CORPORATION WILL REMAIN AN INDEPENDENT STATUTORY BODY GOVERNED BY ITS OWN BOARD.

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NEW OFFICE FOR IMPORT, EXPORT FORM SALES
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FROM JUNE 1, THE TRADE DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE OVER THE RESPONSIBILITY FROM THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT FOR THE SALE OF TRADE DEPARTMENT'S IMPORT AND EXPORT LICENSING FORMS, EXCEPT THE CUSTOMS DECLARATION FORMS.

THIS MEANS THAT FROM THAT DATE, NO TRADE DEPARTMENT FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT'S COLLECTION OFFICES AT THE GROUND FLOOR, OCEAN CENTRE, TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON; AND THE FIRST FLOOR, ASIAN HOUSE, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG, A TRADE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

THESE FORMS WILL BE ON SALE AT EITHER THE TRADE DEPARTMENT'S NEW FORM-SELLING AND COLLECTION OFFICE AT ROOM 822, 8TH FLOOR, OCEAN CENTRE, TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON; THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.

APART FROM SELLING FORMS, THE TRADE DEPARTMENT'S NEW OFFICE WILL ALSO COLLECT MISCELLANEOUS FEES AND CHARGES.

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POLICE WARN ABOUT USED CAR DEALS
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GETTING A POST-DATED CHEQUE DOES NOT MEAN A PROSPECTIVE CAR SELLER WILL GET FULL MONEY FOR VALUE.

NOR WILL A BUYER FIND PAYING BY INSTALMENT A BARGAIN.

THESE ARE BUT A FEW OF THE PITFALLS THAT AWAIT THE UNWARY CUSTOMER IF HE FALLS INTO THE HANDS OF UNSCRUPULOUS USED CAR DEALERS.

POLICE TODAY (SUNDAY) ISSUED THIS ADVICE FOLLOWING TWO SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTIONS AGAINST USED CAR DEALERS LAST MONTH.

+OBVIOUSLY, PEOPLE INTENDING TO BUY OR SELL CARS SHOULD GO TO REPUTABLE COMPANIES OR TO THOSE RECOMMENDED BY FRIENDS AND RELATIVES, + WOMAN INSPECTOR PEGGY NG WHO INVESTIGATED ONE OF THE CASES REPORTED AT TSZ WAN SHAN, SAID.

IF THEY CHOOSE OTHERWISE, INSP NG SAID, THEN THEY SHOULD TAKE PRECAUTIONS.

THOSE INTENDING TO SELL CARS SHOULD BRING ONE OR TWO FRIENDS WITH THEM SO THAT THEY CAN BE WITNESSES IN CASE THE INCIDENT GOES TO COURT.

+IF THE DEALER OFFERS A POST-DATED CHEQUE DON'T ACCEPT IT, + INSP NG SAID.

FIRST OF ALL, SHE EXPLAINED, THE CHEQUE WOULD ACT AS AN ENTICEMENT FOR THE SELLER TO COMPLETE THE FORMALITIES WITHOUT BOTHERING TO EXERCISE COMMONSENSE.

SHE SAID THAT PEOPLE HAD ADMITTED THAT AFTER TAKING THE CHEQUE THEY WOULD IMMEDIATELY SIGN THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP, A SALES AGREEMENT AND HAND OVER THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION TO THE CAR DEALERS.

+COMMONSENSE SHOULD PREVAIL. THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER TO BE COMPLETED AT THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT. SIGNING THE SALES AGREEMENT WITHOUT READING THE CONDITIONS IS A FOLLISH ACT, + SHE SAID.

+ANOTHER PITFALL IS THE FACT THAT MANY PEOPLE SIGNED AGREEMENTS AND LEFT IT AT THAT. THEY SHOULD HAVE DEMANDED A COPY, + SHE SAID.

AND BECAUSE THE SELLERS DID NOT FOLLOW THIS PARTICULAR PRECAUTION THEY FOUND THEMSELVES LIABLE TO VARIOUS CONDITIONS, INCLUDING PAYING FROM 50 TO 100 PER CENT COMMISSION, WHICH WERE ADDED TO THE AGREEMENT AFTER IT WAS SIGNED.

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BUT THEIR TROUBLE WAS NOT OVER YET.

THEY WOULD FIND THAT THE POST-DATED CHEQUE HAD BEEN STOPPED AND ON ASKING WOULD DISCOVER THAT CERTAIN AMOUNTS HAD TO BE DEDUCTED - FOR INSTANCE FOR NON-PAYMENT OF FIXED PENALTY TICKETS AND FOR REPAIRS TO THE VEHICLE, A +CONDITION+ WHICH HAD BEEN ADDED TO THE AGREEMENT.

THE RESULT WOULD BE THE CAR SELLER HAVING TO ACCEPT A MUCH LOWER PRICE FOR HIS VEHICLE.

PEOPLE INTENDING TO BUY CARS ALSO HAVE TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS,

UNSCUPULOUS CAR DEALERS HAD BEEN KNOWN TO OFFER THE SAME CAR TO SEVERAL BUYERS AT THE SAME TIME.

+THE BAIT WOULD BE THE OFFER OF INSTALMENT PAYMENTS - IT IS HARD TO RESIST AN OFFER OF HAVING A CAR FOR \$1 200 A MONTH. BUT THIS WILL ALL TURN OUT INTO A NIGHTMARE OF PAYING EXTRA FOR UNPAID FIXED PENALTY TICKETS, REPAIRS AND HANDLING CHARGES,+ INSP NG SAID.

IF THE BUYERS INSISTED ON PAYING A LUMP SUM, THE DEALERS USUALLY WOULD IMMEDIATELY DEMAND COMMISSION - AGAIN ADDED TO THE AGREEMENT WHICH HAD BEEN SIGNED EARLIER.

+IF THE BUYERS CONTINUE TO INSIST ON CLOSING THE DEAL THE TRUMP CARD WOULD BE TO INFORM THEM THAT THEY HAD PASSED THE TIME LIMIT - AGAIN INCLUDED WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE BUYERS - SET OUT IN THE AGREEMENT,+ SHE SAID.

UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BUY OR SELL THEIR MOTOR VEHICLES SHOULD BE CAREFUL WHEN THEY CHOOSE USED CAR DEALERS.

+GO TO THE REPUTABLE DEALERS OR TO THOSE RECOMMENDED BY FRIENDS AND RELATIVES WHO HAVE HAD SUCCESSFULLY DEALT WITH THEM IN THE PAST,+ INSP NG SAID.

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ENTRIES SOUGHT FOR TSUEN WAN SWIMMING GALA
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SWIMMING ENTHUSIASTS IN TSUEN WAN, KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICTS ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THEIR DISTRICT-WIDE OPEN SWIMMING COMPETITION TO BE HELD NEXT MONTH (JUNE).

THE SWIMMING GALA, THE SEVENTH ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT SPORTS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION FOR THE DISTRICTS, WILL BE HELD AT THE KWAI SHING SWIMMING POOL ON JUNE 9 (SUNDAY) BETWEEN 1 PM AND 6 PM.

THE ANNUAL EVENT IS AIMED AT PROMOTING THE SPORT AMONG LOCAL RESIDENTS AS WELL AS UPGRADING THEIR STANDARD, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RSD.

WINNERS OF THE COMPETITION WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO REPRESENT THEIR DISTRICTS IN FUTURE NEW TERRITORIES SWIMMING COMPETITIONS.

THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO MALE AND FEMALE SECTIONS AND ALL RESIDENTS IN TSUEN WAN, KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICTS ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE.

ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING PLACES :

- * TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE RSD;
- * KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE RSD;
- * TSUEN WAN DISTRICT SPORTS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION;
- * KWAI SHING SWIMMING POOL;
- * NORTH KWAI CHUNG JOCKEY CLUB PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL AND
- * ALL SUB-OFFICES OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE.

COMPLETED ENTRY FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE RSD TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF FAR EAST BANK BUILDING, 135 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, BEFORE MAY 23 (THURSDAY).

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE BY TELEPHONING 0-442648.

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SEMINARS ON ECOLOGICAL METHODS FOR TEACHERS

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TWO SEMINARS ON ECOLOGICAL METHODS AND TECHNIQUES WILL BE ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S FIELD STUDIES CENTRE FOR BIOLOGY TEACHERS ON JUNE 15 AND 17.

THE AIMS OF THE SEMINARS ARE TO ACQUAINT TEACHERS WITH THE ECOLOGICAL METHODS AND TECHNIQUES USED IN FIELD STUDIES, TO FAMILIARIZE TEACHERS WITH THE RESOURCES AND FACILITIES OF THE FIELD STUDY CENTRE, AND TO ASSIST TEACHERS IN THEIR TEACHING OF THE TOPIC +HONG KONG ROCKY SHORE ECOLOGY+.

LECTURERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED SCIENCE, HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, HAVE BEEN INVITED AS GUEST SPEAKERS.

ENROLMENT FOR EACH SEMINAR IS LIMITED TO 40. ACCEPTANCE WILL BE ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

HEADS OF SCHOOLS WHO WISH TO NOMINATE THEIR BIOLOGY TEACHERS TO THE SEMINARS ARE REQUESTED TO SEND THEIR NOMINATION FORMS TO THE INSPECTOR, FIELD STUDIES CENTRE, SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE, PAK KONG, SAI KUNG, NEW TERRITORIES, ON OR BEFORE MAY 15.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED THROUGH THEIR HEADS BEFORE MAY 24.

ENQUIRIES ON THE SEMINAR CAN BE MADE AT THE FIELD STUDIES CENTRE ON 3-2814009.

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TENDERS SOUGHT FOR WATERMANS WORK

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE LAYING OF FRESH-WATER MAINS AT SHA TIN AND SHAU KEI WAN.

UNDER THE SHA TIN WATER SUPPLY PROJECT STAGE II, THE PROPOSED TRUNK MAIN WILL ENABLE THE SUPPLY OF FRESH WATER FROM SHA TIN TREATMENT WORKS TO AH KUNG KOK FRESH WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR WHICH WAS BUILT TO MEET INCREASED WATER REQUIREMENTS IN THE EASTERN AREAS.

WORK INVOLVES THE LAYING OF ABOUT 1 800 METRES OF 600 MILLIMETRE DIAMETER MILD STEEL WATERMAIN FROM THE END OF SHA TIN WAI ROAD NEAR SIU LEK YUEN TO AH KUNG KOK OPPOSITE TO THE RACE COURSE. IT WILL PASS THROUGH ON MUK STREET, ON YIU STREET, ON SUM STREET AND TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD.

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AT SHAU KEI WAN, THE LAYING OF APPROXIMATELY 710 METRES OF 900 MILLIMETRE DIAMETER AND 60 METRES OF 150 MILLIMETRE DIAMETER FRESH WATER MAINS IS ENVISAGED ALONG THE RE-ALIGNED KING'S ROAD AND THE INTERNAL ROADS OF KORNHILL DEVELOPMENT.

THIS WORK IS PART OF THE SCHEME TO IMPROVE THE FRESH WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM IN QUARRY BAY, SAI WAN HO AND SHAU KEI WAN AREAS.

BOTH WORKS ARE SCHEDULED TO START IN JULY THIS YEAR. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE SHA TIN PROJECT WILL BE COMPLETED IN NINE MONTHS WHILE THE OTHER IN SIX MONTHS.

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ROAD WORKS TO PROVIDE BETTER SAFETY

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TWO SECTIONS OF LAM KAM ROAD IN THE NEW TERRITORIES - BETWEEN PAK NGAU SHEK AND CHAI KEK AND BETWEEN NAM SHEUNG TIN AND KADOORIE FARM - ARE TO BE IMPROVED TO PROVIDE BETTER ROAD SAFETY FOR RESIDENTS IN THE AREA.

IMPROVEMENT WORKS WILL INVOLVE THE WIDENING OF ABOUT 900 METRES OF EXISTING NARROW CARRIAGEWAY TO 6.75 METRES WIDE WITH PROVISION FOR A 1.6-METRE-WIDE FOOTPATH ON ONE SIDE.

IT WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF RETAINING WALLS, THE TRIMMING OF ROADSIDE SLOPES AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE WORKS.

THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT, CONSTRUCTION OF WHICH IS EXPECTED TO START IN AUGUST THIS YEAR AND TAKE ABOUT 16 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN MA TAU KOK WILL BE TURNED OFF BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 8) FOR MAINS WORK.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY KOWLOON CITY ROAD, MOK CHEONG STREET, TO KWA WAN ROAD AND MA TAU KOK ROAD, INCLUDING 3-19 MOK CHEONG STREET AND MA TAU KOK QUARANTINE DEPOT.

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