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MAJOR SHIPPING POSITION WILL BE PRESERVED - SIR EDWARD

THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, TODAY (WEDNESDAY) EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT HONG KONG WITH ITS FINE HARBOUR AND MODERN PORT FACILITIES WOULD PRESERVE ITS POSITION AS A MAJOR SHIPPING CENTRE IN THE FUTURE.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE SEATRADE CONFERENCE, SIR EDWARD SAID SPECIFIC PROVISIONS HAD BEEN INCLUDED IN THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE EXISTING SYSTEMS OF SHIPPING MANAGEMENT AND REGULATION.

+THESE DETAILED ASSURANCES PROVIDE A SOUND FOUNDATION FOR THE CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG AS A FREE PORT AND AS AN INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING CENTRE,+ HE SAID.

HONG KONG, LOCATED AT THE HUB OF THE FAST-DEVELOPING ASIA-PACIFIC REGION, HAD NOT ONLY A FINE HARBOUR BUT ALSO MODERN PORT FACILITIES. ITS HIGHLY EFFICIENT SHIPPING SERVICE WAS IMPORTANT FOR HONG KONG SINCE 91 PER CENT OF ALL ITS CARGOES, BOTH IMPORTED AND EXPORTED, WERE CARRIED BY SEA.

+I THINK WE CAN TAKE PRIDE IN OUR PORT FACILITIES. THE CONTAINER TERMINAL AT KWAI CHUNG IS JUSTIFIABLY REGARDED AS A PRIME EXAMPLE OF MODERN FACILITIES BACKED UP BY ADVANCED MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

LAST YEAR, A TOTAL OF 1.84 MILLION TWENTY FOOT EQUIVALENT UNITS (TEU) WERE HANDLED IN HONG KONG WHICH ESTABLISHED HONG KONG AS THE WORLD'S THIRD LARGEST CONTAINER PORT. OF THESE, SOME 1.64 MILLION TEU'S WERE HANDLED AT KWAI CHUNG.

TO CATER FOR EXPECTED GROWTH OF CONTAINER THROUGHPUT INTO THE NEXT DECADE, A THREE-PHASE EXPANSION PROGRAMME HAD BEEN LAUNCHED AT KWAI CHUNG, HE SAID.

THE PROGRAMME INCLUDED RECLAMATION OF AN ADDITIONAL 25.5 HECTARES OF LAND AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A THREE-BERTH TERMINAL AND A FURTHER TWO TERMINALS, HE ADDED.

TO ENSURE THAT PORT FACILITIES OF ALL TYPES KEEP ABREAST OF DEMAND, SIR EDWARD SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONDUCTING A PORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY STUDY TO ASSESS REQUIREMENTS UP TO THE YEAR 2001 AND TO DETERMINE HOW ANY SHORTFALL IN FACILITIES COULD BEST BE MET.

FOR MANY YEARS, HONG KONG HAD HAD GOOD SHIP REPAIR FACILITIES, AND IT CONTINUED TO DEMONSTRATE ITS CAPABILITY AND POTENTIAL TO RESPOND TO THE DEMANDS OF A WIDE RANGE OF MARINE BASED ENDEAVOURS AND TO THE EXACTING DEMANDS OF THE OFF-SHORE DEVELOPMENT OF OIL RESOURCES, HE SAID.

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FREE HONG KONG PRESS ADDS TO CONFIDENCE, GOVERNOR SAYS
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THE EXISTENCE OF A FLOURISHING FREE PRESS, RADIO AND TELEVISION CONTRIBUTED TO THE CONFIDENCE WHICH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAS IN HONG KONG, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

+THIS FREEDOM HAS BEEN AN ESSENTIAL FEATURE OF THIS SOCIETY FOR YEARS AND ONE GREATLY VALUED BY ALL THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG,+ THE GOVERNOR SAID.

THE GOVERNOR WAS SPEAKING AT THE COMMONWEALTH BROADCASTING ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE, WHICH HE DECLARED OPEN TODAY.

SIR EDWARD SAID THAT ONE OF THE IMPORTANT PROVISIONS OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG WAS THE PRESERVATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS AFTER 1997, ENCOMPASSING THE FREEDOMS OF THE PRESS AND OF SPEECH.

THE GOVERNOR ALSO SAID THAT THE INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER OF HONG KONG AND ITS IMPORTANCE AS A FINANCIAL AND TRADING CENTRE OWED MUCH TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF EFFICIENT INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS AND THUS ATTRACTED MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES FROM MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD.

+THERE IS PROBABLY NO OTHER PLACE OF SIMILAR SIZE TO HONG KONG THAT CAN RIVAL THE RANGE AND INTENSITY OF MEDIA ACTIVITY HERE,+ HE SAID.

TO ENSURE THAT HONG KONG KEPT PACE WITH WORLD DEVELOPMENTS, A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF BROADCASTING HAD BEEN RECENTLY LAUNCHED, HE SAID.

THE REVIEW WOULD ASSESS THE LONG-TERM NEEDS FOR TELEVISION AND SOUND BROADCASTING, AND RECOMMEND A POLICY FOR THEIR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG. IT WOULD ALSO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, ASSESS THE GOVERNMENT'S OWN BROADCASTING SERVICES AND CONSIDER WHETHER RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG SHOULD CONTINUE IN ITS PRESENT FORM, OR BECOME AN INDEPENDENT CORPORATION, HE SAID.

IT WAS FITTING THAT THE COMMONWEALTH BROADCASTING CONFERENCE SHOULD BE HELD HERE AT THIS TIME, AS HONG KONG COULD LEARN FROM ITS PROCEEDINGS AND, HE THOUGHT, COULD ALSO OFFER USEFUL EXPERIENCE, SIR EDWARD SAID.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CONFERENCE, THE DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, MR STUART WILKINSON, TOLD THE DELEGATES THAT AS FAR AS BROADCASTING WAS CONCERNED, +HONG KONG HAD ENJOYED THE ADVANTAGES OF TWO SYSTEMS WITHIN ONE TERRITORY: ON THE ONE HAND, FIERCELY COMPETITIVE COMMERCIAL STATIONS: ON THE OTHER, RTHK, A GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT PAID FOR BY THE TAXPAYER.

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+WHAT HAS DEVELOPED IS A SYSTEM AND A COMBINATION OF OUTPUT WHICH, WHILE REMAINING IN SOME WAYS LESS THAN PERFECT, MANY LARGER COMMUNITIES MIGHT ENVY,+ HE SAID.

POLICY REQUIRED, HE SAID, THAT RTHK MAKE PROGRAMMES WHICH WERE NOT SIMPLY AUDIENCE-ATTRACTIVE, BUT WHICH HAD ALSO TO REFLECT ALL SHADES OF OPINION ON THE ISSUES OF THE DAY. IT FOLLOWED, HE SAID, THAT THE BASIC RTHK EDITORIAL INDEPENDENCE WAS, IN A SENSE, +THE GIFT NOT SO MUCH OF THE GOVERNMENT MACHINE WHICH PAYS OUR WAGES OF WHICH WE ARE PART, BUT OF THE COMMUNITY WE SERVE.+

+WE ARE WHAT THE PEOPLE WISH US TO BE,+ HE SAID.

RTHK HAD COME TO REPRESENT, THROUGH THE YEARS, ALONG WITH THE COMMERCIAL STATIONS AND AN UNFETTERED PRESS, IMPORTANT FREEDOMS NOW EMBODIED IN THE DRAFT AGREEMENT ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

MR GEORGE BAKO, PRESIDENT OF THE CBA, ALSO SPEAKING TODAY, SAID THAT THE CONFERENCE HAD BEEN PLANNED FOUR YEARS AGO, AND WAS BEING HELD AT A TIME BOTH, WHEN THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG AFTER 1997 WAS BEING DETERMINED AND +WHEN THE REORGANISATION OF BROADCASTING IN HONG KONG WAS ALSO A MATTER OF GREAT EXPECTATIONS.+

THE CBA, HE SAID, WAS MADE UP OF 55 MEMBERS WHO WERE CONCERNED SOLELY WITH THE RAMIFICATIONS OF PUBLIC SERVICE BROADCASTING, WHICH WAS SIMPLY +BROADCASTING AS ORGANISED BY THE STATE AS OPPOSED TO COMMERCIALLY OPERATED BROADCASTING, WHICH IS PRIVATELY OWNED FOR PRIVATE PROFIT.+

THE CONFERENCE, HE SAID, INTENDS TO HAVE A DETAILED LOOK AT THE FUTURE OF PUBLIC SERVICE BROADCASTING, SO AS TO AGREE ON A GENERAL STRATEGY AS TO HOW BROADCASTING WOULD BE BETTER ABLE AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO COPE IN A MULTI-LINGUAL SOCIETY, ASSIST THE DEVELOPED NATIONS TO REDISCOVER THEMSELVES, AND HELP IN THE UNDERSTANDING OF NATIONAL OBJECTIVES.

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SECRETARIAT TO BE RECAST
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THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT WILL HAVE TO BE RECAST IN RESPONSE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE SAID THIS (WEDNESDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS WHILE OFFICIATING AT THE SPEECH DAY OF ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE IN STANLEY, SIR PHILIP SAID THE RECASTING OF SCHEDULES AMONG CERTAIN SECRETARIES AND THE ORGANISATION OF THE AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS WOULD BE ANNOUNCED IN ONE EXERCISE TOWARDS THE END OF DECEMBER OR THEREABOUTS.

+THIS WILL TAKE EFFECT PROGRESSIVELY IN THE EARLY PART OF NEXT YEAR,+ HE SAID.

+WE WILL NOT BE CREATING ANY NEW POSTS, BUT SOME POSTS MAY BE RETITLED IN RESPONSE TO THEIR CHANGING SCHEDULES,+ HE ADDED.

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UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION STABLE
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THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION REMAINED LARGELY STABLE IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF THIS YEAR, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR JULY-SEPTEMBER 1984 WAS 3.5 PER CENT, WHICH WAS THE SAME AS THAT FOR THE PREVIOUS QUARTER APRIL-JUNE 1984. THE RATE FOR JULY-SEPTEMBER 1983 WAS 3.8 PER CENT.

THE DECREASE OF 0.3 PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE YEAR WAS NOT STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT, THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS SAID.

THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN THE QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 1984 WAS ESTIMATED TO BE 92 400, AS COMPARED WITH 91 900 FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 1984 AND 98 100 FOR THE SAME QUARTER OF LAST YEAR.

THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE FOR JULY-SEPTEMBER 1984 WAS 1.0 PER CENT, WHICH WAS ALSO THE SAME AS THAT FOR APRIL-JUNE 1984. THE RATE FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1983 WAS 1.6 PER CENT.

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THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS WAS 25 600 FOR THE QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 1984, WHICH WAS THE SAME AS THAT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 1984 BUT WAS MUCH LOWER THAN THE 39 900 FOR THE SAME QUARTER OF LAST YEAR.

THE DECREASES IN THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE AND IN THE NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS OVER THE YEAR WERE BOTH STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT, THAT IS, THEY WERE GREATER THAN MIGHT BE EXPECTED TO ARISE FROM SAMPLING ERROR, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

CONSISTENT WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION, PERSONS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS A WEEK WERE REGARDED AS UNDEREMPLOYED ONLY IF THEY WERE SEEKING MORE WORK OR WERE NOT SEEKING MORE WORK BECAUSE THEY BELIEVED MORE WORK WAS NOT AVAILABLE, HE EXPLAINED.

COMMENTING UPON THESE FIGURES, THE COMMISSIONER SAID THAT BECAUSE THE PROPORTION OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS (E.G. PEOPLE WHO HAD JUST LEFT SCHOOL) VARIED FROM MONTH TO MONTH, THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES WHICH HAD BEEN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED FOR THE VARIATION IN FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS SHOULD BE USED IN MAKING COMPARISONS OVER TIME.

HE SAID THAT BASED ON A SYSTEM OF MANUAL EXTRACTION OF INFORMATION FROM SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES FOR THE LATEST MONTH, PROVISIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES COVERING THE LATEST MOVING THREE-MONTH PERIOD COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHIN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE SURVEY. THE PROVISIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED) FOR AUGUST-OCTOBER 1984 WAS 4.1 PER CENT, AND THE PROVISIONAL UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 1.0 PER CENT. HOWEVER, IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE WILL BE LOWER AFTER SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT. THE UNADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR JULY-SEPTEMBER 1984 WAS 3.9 PER CENT.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE OBTAINED FROM A CONTINUOUS GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT. THIS SURVEY COVERS A QUARTERLY SAMPLE OF SOME 15 000 HOUSEHOLDS OR 55 000 PERSONS, SELECTED SCIENTIFICALLY TO REPRESENT THE LAND-BASED CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION IN HONG KONG. PERSONAL AND LABOUR FORCE DATA WERE OBTAINED IN THE SURVEY BY INTERVIEWING EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER IN THE HOUSEHOLD SAMPLED.

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS IS GIVEN IN THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY PUBLISHED FOUR TIMES A YEAR. THE NEXT REPORT COVERING THE QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 1984 SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE LATE IN DECEMBER 1984.

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HK SHOULD KEEP RICH VARIETY OF SCHOOLS
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IT WAS VITAL FOR HONG KONG'S FUTURE SOCIAL STABILITY AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY THAT ITS RICH VARIETY OF SCHOOLS SHOULD CONTINUE, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THESE SCHOOLS SHOULD CONTINUE TO EDUCATE CHILDREN IN THE MANY PHILOSOPHICAL TRADITIONS WHICH THRIVE AMICABLY SIDE BY SIDE IN HONG KONG, SIR PHILIP SAID AT THE SPEECH DAY OF ST STEPHEN'S COLLEGE AND THE OPENING OF ITS NEW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN STANLEY.

+IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT HONG KONG IS A NATURALLY ECUMENICAL PLACE AND, IF THIS IS SO, IT IS BECAUSE OF OUR TOLERANCE OF A WIDE SPECTRUM OF BELIEFS.

+IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THIS SPIRIT OF TOLERANCE IS PERPETUATED IN THE FUTURE AND THAT IT IS FOSTERED AND SUPPORTED BY OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM,+ HE STATED.

HE SAID IT WAS +A REASSURANCE TO US ALL AND TO THE GENERATIONS OF STAFF AND STUDENTS AND PARENTS WHO WILL COME AFTER US+, THAT THE DRAFT SINO-BRITISH AGREEMENT ENSURES THAT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OF ALL KINDS MAY RETAIN THEIR AUTONOMY.

+IN THIS CONTEXT, IT IS OF SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE TO SCHOOLS LIKE ST STEPHEN'S THAT PARTICULAR MENTION IS MADE IN THE AGREEMENT OF INSTITUTIONS 'RUN BY RELIGIOUS AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS',+ SIR PHILIP SAID.

HE FOUND IT MOST GRATIFYING TO SEE A SCHOOL EVOLVE AND GROW IN THE WAY ST STEPHEN'S HAD DONE.

OVER THE PAST 80 YEARS, IT HAD GROWN FROM VERY SMALL BEGINNINGS TO ONE OF HONG KONG'S BEST KNOWN AND MOST PRESTIGIOUS SCHOOLS, FROM AN ENROLMENT OF ONLY SIX STUDENTS TO TODAY'S 1 100.

ITS FACILITIES, BREADTH OF THE CURRICULUM AND RANGE OF EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES HAD EXPANDED BEYOND RECOGNITION, HE SAID.

+ALL THIS IS A REFLECTION OF OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM AS A WHOLE, WHICH IS IN A CONSTANT STATE OF EVOLUTION TO MEET HONG KONG'S CHANGING NEEDS AND CIRCUMSTANCES,+ HE ADDED.

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SECOND QUARTER INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX RELEASED
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THE INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1984, AT 130.5, WAS 14.5 POINTS OR 12.5 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE SAME QUARTER OF LAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARED WITH THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR, THERE WAS AN INCREASE OF 19.6 PER CENT. THIS IS PARTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE FACT THAT FIRST QUARTER HAD FEWER WORKING DAYS BECAUSE OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

INDUSTRIES WITH SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN PRODUCTION OVER THE SECOND QUARTER OF LAST YEAR INCLUDED FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, TOBACCO, PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS, PLASTIC PRODUCTS, TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT, CONSUMER ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS, BEVERAGES, RUBBER PRODUCTS, AND NEWSPAPER PRINTING.

HOWEVER, SEVERAL INDUSTRIES REPORTED DECLINES IN PRODUCTION OVER THE SAME PERIOD. THESE INCLUDED NON-ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, PROFESSIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT, PHOTOGRAPHIC AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS, NON-METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS, CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS, BASIC METALS, AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PARTS, ACCESSORIES AND MACHINERY.

A COMPARISON OF FIGURES FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF THIS YEAR WITH THOSE OF THE FIRST QUARTER, SHOWS A BIG DECLINE IN TOBACCO PRODUCTION, MAINLY DUE TO SEASONAL FACTORS. THE LEVEL OF PRODUCTION IN THE FIRST QUARTER TENDED TO BE HIGHER THAN IN THE SECOND QUARTER BECAUSE OF THE NEED TO MEET INCREASED PURCHASES BY LOCAL RESIDENTS DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR. WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME QUARTER LAST YEAR, HOWEVER, THE PRODUCTION OF THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1984 WAS UP BY 47.4 PER CENT.

TWO TABLES ON THE QUARTERLY INDEXES OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1984 WILL BE SENT BY FACSIMILE NETWORK AND BOXED SEPARATELY. ONE IS A SUMMARY TABLE FOR BROAD INDUSTRY GROUPS, WHILE THE OTHER GIVES MORE DETAILED INDUSTRY BREAKDOWNS.

MORE DETAILED INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND IN THE +REPORT ON THE QUARTERLY INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, SECOND QUARTER 1984+.

THE PUBLICATION IS ON SALE AT \$2 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE AT G/F, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, OR AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATION SALES COUNTER, KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 317 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL. REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION MAY ALSO BE ARRANGED.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH SECTION OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT TELEPHONE NUMBER 3-7224504.

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CIGARETTES WERE 'MOSTLY LOW TO MIDDLE TAR'
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TESTS ON 99 BRANDS OF CIGARETTES ON SALE IN HONG KONG SHOWED THAT MOST WERE OF +LOW TO MIDDLE TAR,+ OR +MIDDLE TAR,+ A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THIS WAS THE THIRD TIME THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD CARRIED OUT TESTS ON THE TAR AND NICOTINE YIELDS OF CIGARETTES, HE SAID.

+THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING OUT THESE PERIODICAL TESTS AND IN MAKING THEM KNOWN, IS TO PROVIDE ACCURATE INFORMATION TO SMOKERS ON WHAT THEY ARE INHALING, AND ALSO TO PROVIDE THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY WITH OFFICIAL TAR GROUP DESIGNATIONS FOR CIGARETTE BRANDS,+ HE SAID.

IN THE LATEST SERIES, 30 TESTS HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT OVER A SIX-MONTH PERIOD FROM FEBRUARY THIS YEAR. BASED ON THE FINDINGS, A TABLE REPRESENTING THE AVERAGE TAR AND NICOTINE YIELDS OF 99 BEST-SELLING CIGARETTES WAS COMPILED UNDER FIVE GROUPS RANGING FROM LOW TO HIGH TAR.

OUT OF THE 99 BRANDS OF CIGARETTES, 17 BRANDS WERE IN THE 'LOW TAR' GROUP, 38 BRANDS WERE IN THE 'LOW TO MIDDLE TAR' GROUP, 40 FELL UNDER THE 'MIDDLE TAR' GROUP AND THREE FITTED THE 'MIDDLE TO HIGH TAR' GROUP. ONLY ONE BRAND WAS LISTED AS 'HIGH TAR'.

A COMPARISON WAS MADE BETWEEN THE MANUFACTURERS' CLAIMS OF THE TAR GROUPS AND FINDINGS OF THE TESTS. IT WAS FOUND THAT FOR 23 OF THE 99 BRANDS LISTED IN THE TABLE, THE LABELLED CLAIMS DID NOT CORRESPOND TO THE RESPECTIVE REPORTED TAR GROUPS. SIX BRANDS WERE FOUND TO BE IN A HIGHER TAR GROUP THAN CLAIMED, WHILE 17 BRANDS WERE IN A LOWER TAR GROUP THAN CLAIMED.

ANALYSES ALSO REVEALED THAT WHILE A FEW BRANDS SHOWED A GRADUAL DECREASE, THE TAR AND NICOTINE CONTENTS OF MOST CIGARETTES WERE STABILISING.

THERE WAS EVIDENCE OF A CONTINUING MOVEMENT OF BRANDS INTO LOWER TAR GROUPS, WITH THE LOW AND LOW TO MIDDLE TAR GROUPS CONTAINING 55.6 PER CENT OF ALL BRANDS LISTED COMPARED TO 49 PER CENT IN MAY 1984. THE PROPORTION OF BRANDS IN THE MIDDLE, MIDDLE TO HIGH AND HIGH TAR GROUPS FELL TO 44.4 PER CENT COMPARED TO 51 PER CENT IN MAY 1984.

IT WAS ALSO OBSERVED THAT MOST NEW BRANDS PUT ON SALE BELONGED TO THE 'LOW TAR' OR 'LOW TO MIDDLE TAR' GROUPS. AMONG THE 19 NEW BRANDS, SEVEN WERE IN THE 'LOW TAR' GROUP, EIGHT IN THE 'LOW AND MIDDLE TAR' GROUP AND FOUR IN THE 'MIDDLE TAR' GROUP.

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HOUSING NEEDS OF ELDERLY UNDER STUDY

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WAS EXAMINING THE NEEDS OF ELDERLY PEOPLE FOR VARIOUS TYPES OF ACCOMMODATION, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, SAID TODAY AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ST JAMES SETTLEMENT.

HE SAID THE RANGE OF ACCOMMODATION INCLUDED HOSTELS, OLD AGE HOMES, CARE-AND-ATTENTION HOMES AND SHELTERED HOUSING IN PRIVATE DEVELOPMENTS SUCH AS THE TWO SCHEMES FUNDED FROM THE PROFITS OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR GOLD COIN SALES.

+WE NEED TO BE AS FLEXIBLE AS POSSIBLE,+ HE SAID.

+WE ARE ALSO EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF BUILDING COMPLEXES CONTAINING SEVERAL DIFFERENT KINDS OF ACCOMMODATION SO THAT PEOPLE DO NOT HAVE TO BE UPROOTED WHEN THEIR NEEDS CHANGE.+

THIS WAS IN LINE WITH THE GOVERNOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT IN HIS OPENING ADDRESS IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LAST MONTH THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD PREPARE A +STRATEGIC PLAN+ FOR MEETING SHORTFALLS IN ALL TYPES OF GROUP ACCOMMODATION FOR THE ELDERLY, HE SAID.

THE PROVISION OF SERVICES FOR OLDER CITIZENS WOULD BE ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE COMING YEARS.

+GREAT STRIDES HAVE BEEN MADE ALREADY BUT WE STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO TO MEET THE REQUIREMENT IN CERTAIN AREAS - SUCH AS CARE-AND-ATTENTION HOMES,+ HE SAID.

+WE DO RELY TO A CONSIDERABLE EXTENT ON THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO DEVELOP AND OPERATE MANY OF THESE SERVICES, ALTHOUGH THE GOVERNMENT HAS THE OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR SEEING THAT THE PLANS ARE FULFILLED AND THE NECESSARY FUNDS PROVIDED.+

REFERRING TO THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ON THE ELDERLY, MR CHAMBERS SAID THE 1979 WHITE PAPER ON SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY SET OUT THE OBJECTIVES OF PROMOTING THE WELL-BEING OF THE ELDERLY THROUGH CARE IN THE COMMUNITY AND BY THE COMMUNITY.

SERVICES SUCH AS COMMUNITY NURSING, HOME HELP, DAY CARE CENTRES AND SOCIAL CENTRES, PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE SCHEMES WERE DESIGNED TO HELP OLDER PEOPLE CONTINUE TO LIVE IN THE COMMUNITY FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE.

VARIOUS FORMS OF SUBSIDISED HOUSING WERE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR THOSE UNABLE TO FIND DECENT ACCOMMODATION IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR WITHIN THEIR MEANS, HE SAID.

INSTITUTIONAL CARE WAS FOR THOSE WHO COULD NOT LOOK AFTER THEMSELVES EVEN WITH THE SUPPORT SERVICES PROVIDED, HE ADDED.

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ON THE ELDERLY POPULATION, MR CHAMBERS NOTED THAT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE OVER 60 INCREASED BY 73 PER CENT BETWEEN 1971 AND 1981.

THE 1981 CENSUS REPORTED THAT THERE WERE 507 000 ELDERLY PEOPLE, REPRESENTING 10.2 PER CENT OF THE OVERALL POPULATION. IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT THE PROPORTION WOULD REACH 11.7 PER CENT BY MID-1987 AND 12.8 PER CENT BY 1992.

HE BELIEVED THIS DEVELOPMENT WOULD INEVITABLY CAUSE PROBLEMS, BUT SAID THAT THIS SHOULD NOT BE SEEN AS A +DISASTER+.

ELDERLY PEOPLE WHO WERE IN A REASONABLE STATE OF MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH, MR CHAMBERS SAID, COULD CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF COMMUNITY IN MANY WAYS.

+THE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE ACQUIRED OVER A LIFETIME CAN SURELY BE PUT TO GOOD USE,+ HE SAID.

RETIRED PEOPLE, ON THE OTHER HAND, COULD USE THEIR FREE TIME TO HELP FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS, TO RELIEVE LONELINESS AND ISOLATION BY PROVIDING MUTUAL COMPANIONSHIP AND SUPPORT.

MR CHAMBERS PRAISED ST JAMES SETTLEMENT FOR ITS INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE WELFARE OF THE ELDERLY.

+I KNOW THAT WE CAN COUNT ON YOUR CONTINUED HELP IN THE FUTURE,+ HE SAID.

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LUCKY NUMBERS DRAWN FOR 4 272 RICHLAND GARDENS FLATS
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A BALLOT WAS HELD TODAY TO DECIDE THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS FOR THE 4 272 FLATS AT RICHLAND GARDENS TO BE SOLD UNDER PHASE VIB OF THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME.

FOR THE 365 GREEN FORM APPLICANTS FROM THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S MARK 1/11 ESTATE TENANTS WHO WERE ALL SUCCESSFUL, THE ORDER OF THE NUMBERS DRAWN WERE 6, 5, 8, 9, 3, 0, 7, 2, 4 AND 1, REPRESENTING THE LAST DIGIT OF THEIR REGISTRATION NUMBERS. THE SUCCESSFUL NUMBERS DRAWN FOR THE OTHER 3 448 GREEN FORM APPLICANTS FROM HOUSING AUTHORITY AND HOUSING SOCIETY ESTATE TENANTS, ALSO REPRESENTING THE LAST DIGIT, WERE 6, 5, 8, 9 AND 3.

AS FOR THE 16 299 WHITE FORM PRIVATE SECTOR APPLICANTS, THEIR LUCKY NUMBERS REPRESENTING THE LAST TWO DIGITS WERE 31, 77, 09, 42, 23, 28, 99, 56, 07, 27, 84, 14 AND 37.

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IN ADDITION, A PROPORTION OF APPLICANTS WITH REGISTRATION NUMBERS ENDING IN 0 (GREEN FORM) AND 67 (WHITE FORM) WERE ALSO SUCCESSFUL.

THE REMAINDER OF THESE NUMBERS PLUS 7, 2, 4 AND 1 (GREEN FORM) AND 60, 91, 19, 98, 16, 58, 73, 72, 03, 13, 90, 18, 68, 36, 89, 54, 59, 10, 76, 86, 05, 47, 79, 94, 51, 22, 64, 57, 29, 20, 95, 33, 30, 01, 26, 06, 75, 82, 65, 96, 85, 48, 49, 81, 46, 70, 53, 52, 78, 38, 39, 25, 21, 87, 83, 12, 44, 17, 88, 93, 00, 34, 63, 15, 41, 45, 55, 66, 32, 35, 74, 43, 97, 02, 11, 69, 08, 50, 24, 04, 80, 71, 62, 61, 40 AND 92 (WHITE FORM) WILL FORM THE RESERVE LIST.

A COMBINED PRIORITY LIST OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS IN THE GREEN FORM AND WHITE FORM CATEGORIES WAS LATER PRODUCED BY COMPUTER AT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HEADQUARTERS.

PERFORMING THE BALLOT IN THE 'WOMEN TODAY' PROGRAMME OF HK-TV B WERE MR CHARLES C.C. SIN, CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S HOME OWNERSHIP COMMITTEE, AND DR PHILIP Y.H. WONG, MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE, AND THE DRAW WAS WITNESSED BY AN I.C.A.C. REPRESENTATIVE, MR CHAN TUNG-SHAN.

RESULTS OF THE BALLOT WILL BE PUBLISHED TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AND LISTS OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WITH THEIR ORDER OF PRIORITY WILL BE POSTED FROM TOMORROW AFTERNOON AT THE HOME OWNERSHIP CENTRE, ALL HOUSING AUTHORITY AND HOUSING SOCIETY ESTATE OFFICES, AND DISTRICT OFFICES.

A COMPLETE LIST OF SUCCESSFUL REGISTRATION NUMBERS WILL ALSO BE PUBLISHED IN GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ON NEXT FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 23).

RICHLAND GARDENS IN KOWLOON BAY WILL HAVE ALTOGETHER 5 904 FLATS ON 22 BLOCKS ON COMPLETION IN MID-1985. ITS FIRST 16 BLOCKS, NOW ON SALE, VARY IN GROSS AREAS BETWEEN 43.7 AND 57.9 SQUARE METRES WITH PRICES RANGING FROM \$188 300 TO \$337 000 EACH.

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BE TACTFUL, FAIR POLICE AUXILIARIES TOLD

POLICE OFFICERS MUST BE FAIR, TACTFUL AND PAINSTAKING IN DEALING WITH ALL MATTERS ARISING IN THE COURSE OF DUTY, THE AUXILIARY POLICE COMMANDANT, MR NYLON TS'O, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

ADDRESSING A PASSING-OUT PARADE OF 72 AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICERS AT THE WAN CHAI AUXILIARY POLICE HEADQUARTERS, MR TS'O SAID THEY SHOULD BE CALM AND POLITE AT ALL TIMES.

"THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE SUCCESS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING," MR TS'O SAID.

HE ALSO SAID THAT THE MAIN TASK OF THE AUXILIARY POLICE IS TO BUILD UP THE YOUNGER GENERATIONS OF THE FORCE IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THEIR PREDECESSORS NOT FOR GLORY OR FAME, BUT AS A MATTER OF DUTY OF A CITIZEN.

AND AS AUXILIARIES, THEY SHOULD STRENGTHEN THEMSELVES BY TAKING PART ACTIVELY IN THE TRAINING PROGRAMMES AND ABSORBING THE LECTURES DELIVERED BY EXPERIENCED REGULAR OFFICERS.

"YOU WILL THEN BE, WHEN THE TIME COMES, CAPABLE OF DISCHARGING EFFICIENTLY YOUR DUTIES SIDE BY SIDE WITH YOUR REGULAR COLLEAGUES," HE SAID.

MR TS'O ALSO PRESENTED AWARDS TO THE BEST ALL-ROUND RECRUITS MICHAEL BAMBERG, YUEN KWONG-KEUNG AND YAN HO-LIM, AND PRAISED THEM FOR THEIR GOOD PERFORMANCE AND DILIGENCE.

HE ALSO PRESENTED HIS OWN COMMENDATION TO A/SGT WONG MING-CHEUNG AND APCS CHAU KIN-CHUNG AND AU KWONG-FAT FOR DISPLAYING ALERTNESS, INITIATIVE AND PUBLIC SPIRIT, WHILE OFF-DUTY, ARRESTING CRIMINALS INVOLVED IN ROBBERY OR THEFT.

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MORE MICROWAVE LINKS FOR POLICE

THREE ADDITIONAL 24-CHANNEL TWO WAY MICROWAVE LINKS HAVE FURTHER ENHANCED FORCE TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN A \$2 MILLION COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH PROJECT RECENTLY CONCLUDED.

THE NEW LINKS FORM A VITAL PART OF THE BEAT RADIO AND OTHER FORCE COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS.

THE FORCE NETWORK NOW CONSISTS OF 12 LINKS INTERCONNECTING FORCE HEADQUARTERS AND REGIONAL COMMAND AND CONTROL CENTRES VIA A TOTAL OF NINE HILL-TOP REPEATER SITES. BY DETAILED PLANNING AND CAREFUL COORDINATION OF CHANGEOVERS ALL THE NEW SYSTEMS WERE INTRODUCED INTO SERVICE WITH NO INTERRUPTION EXCEEDING 10 MINUTES.

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MR RON HUNT, SENIOR STAFF OFFICER, PROJECT MANAGEMENT, IN COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH, SAID : "THE NEW LINKS ARE ENTIRELY UNDER COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH CONTROL AND SO ENSURE THAT SERVICES ARE MAINTAINED WITHOUT RELIANCE ON BURIED TELEPHONE CABLES WHICH CAN BE SUBJECT TO FAILURE IN TIMES OF HEAVY RAIN OR DURING CONSTRUCTION WORK."

MR HUNT SAID THE NEW SYSTEMS PROVIDED MORE FLEXIBILITY IN THE ROUTING OF CIRCUITS. ALL THE OLD SYSTEMS WOULD EVENTUALLY BE REPLACED, USING A NEW RADIO BAND MORE SUITABLE FOR THE PURPOSE.

FORCE COMMUNICATIONS SIGNALS ARE LOCATED AT POINTS ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE SYSTEM ALLOWS MORE CHANNELS TO BE INTRODUCED AND ALLOWS FOR ALTERNATIVE ROUTINGS OF COMMUNICATIONS.

A MESSAGE ORIGINATING FROM HONG KONG ISLAND REGIONAL COMMAND AND CONTROL CENTRE IS RELAYED TO KOWLOON RCCC IN A CRISS-CROSS PATTERN VIA LINE OF SIGHT POSTS AT MOUNT GOUGH, TATE'S CAIRN AND MOUNT PARKER.

WITH THE RCCCS ENCLOSED WITHIN CONCRETE BUILDINGS WHICH IN TURN FORM PART OF HONG KONG'S CONCRETE JUNGLE THE USE OF HILL-TOP SITES IS VITAL IN ABOVE GROUND TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

"A CONTINUING PROBLEM IS THE NEW BUILDINGS GOING UP WHICH CAN THREATEN INTERFERENCE WITH THE LINE OF SIGHT. WE HAVE AN ARRANGEMENT WITH POST OFFICE TELECOMMUNICATIONS WHEREBY WE CAN BE WARNED OF SITES BEING THREATENED IN THIS WAY SO WE CAN TAKE STEPS TO AVOID IT."

MR HUNT DESCRIBED THE SYSTEM AS "A HIGH QUALITY AND RELIABLE POINT TO POINT MICROWAVE NETWORK BEING CONTINUALLY DEVELOPED TO IMPROVE THE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES OF THE FORCE."

PROJECT ENGINEER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE HILL-TOP SITES IS MR MO CHI-KAN. HE SAID : "WE HAD EVERYTHING PREPARED FOR THE NEW LINKS TO COME INTO OPERATION BEFORE THE CHANGEVER. WE CHANGED THE CABLES WITH HARDLY ANY INTERRUPTION OF COMMUNICATION."

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SAI KUNG DB MEETS FRIDAY

SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS PROPOSALS TO CONTROL THE DISTRIBUTION OF OBJECTIONABLE PUBLICATIONS AT THEIR MEETING ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 16).

THE PROPOSALS, RECENTLY PUT FORWARD BY THE PUBLIC AND MAGISTRATES, INCLUDE THE RESTRICTION ON THE SALE OF OBJECTIONABLE PUBLICATIONS TO UNDER-AGED PEOPLE, THE RESTRICTION ON RETAIL OUTLETS, AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TRIBUNAL TO CONSIDER AND TO CLASSIFY SUCH MATERIALS.

THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES, MR PETER NG, WILL ALSO ATTEND THE MEETING TO LISTEN TO MEMBERS' VIEWS ON THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION, ORGANISATION AND FUNCTION OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE PROGRESS REPORTS OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES UNDER THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD AT 10 AM ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 16) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT, 2ND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, SAI KUNG TOWN.

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GOVERNOR'S COMMENDATION FOR MR LAM SHUI-SEE

A WHEELCHAIR-BOUND WORKSHOP MANAGER, MR LAM SHUI-SEE, WHO HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN PROMOTING REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR THE PAST DECADE, WAS TODAY AWARDED THE GOVERNOR'S COMMENDATION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE.

HE WAS PRESENTED WITH THE CERTIFICATE BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DENIS BRAY, AT A CEREMONY IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT.

MR LAM HAS CONTRIBUTED MUCH TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HONG KONG CONFEDERATION OF ASSOCIATIONS OF THE HANDICAPPED.

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HE WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AND ABLE BODIED CLUB (THE PRESENT PHAB ASSOCIATION) FROM 1974 TO 1976.

SINCE 1976, HE HAS BEEN DEVOTING A LOT OF HIS TIME TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF HANDICAPPED YOUTH. HE ALSO SERVED ON THE HOUSING SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE REHABILITATION DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE BETWEEN 1978 AND 1983.

IN 1981, MR LAM WAS SELECTED ONE OF THE TEN MOST OUTSTANDING DISABLED PERSONS IN THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLED PERSONS.

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MEDALS FOR FIRE OFFICERS

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, WILL PRESENT THE COLONIAL FIRE BRIGADES LONG SERVICES MEDALS AND CLASPS TO A TOTAL OF 109 OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

THE CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE SHEUNG WAN FIRE STATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WHICH WILL COMMENCE AT 3 PM. MEDIA WISHING TO COVER THE EVENT MUST ARRIVE AT SHEUNG WAN FIRE STATION AT 2.30 PM.

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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR SHORT-TERM TENANCIES OF TWO SITES.

THE FIRST SITE OF 1.5 HECTARES IS AT MOUNT PARKER ROAD, QUARRY BAY AND IS TO BE USED AS OPEN STORAGE SPACE.

THE TENANCY IS FOR TWO YEARS, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

THE OTHER SITE OF 5 500 SQUARE METRES IS AT THE JUNCTION OF CONTAINER PORT ROAD AND TSUEN WAN ROAD.

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IT SHOULD BE USED FOR PARKING GOODS VEHICLES AND CONTAINERS AND THE TENANCY IS FOR ONE YEAR, RENEWABLE MONTHLY THEREAFTER.

THE TENDER DEADLINE IS NOON ON NOVEMBER 30.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND PLANS INSPECTED AT, THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

- * LANDS DEPARTMENT, SURVEY DIVISION, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON;
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG NORTH, 12TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG FOR THE QUARRY BAY SITE; AND
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, TSUEN WAN, 10TH FLOOR, TSUEN WAN MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-280 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES FOR THE TSUEN WAN SITE.

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BOX CULVERTS FOR RECLAMATION * * * *

THREE SINGLE-CELL BOX CULVERTS WILL BE BUILT AT A COST OF ABOUT \$9 MILLION IN THE SECOND STAGE OF WORK ON THE WESTERN RECLAMATION.

MEASURING ABOUT 210 METRES EACH, THEY WILL REPLACE THE TEMPORARY CHANNELS WHICH WILL BE FILLED IN LATER.

WORK ON THE PROJECT AWARDED BY THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, IS EXPECTED TO START SOON AND TAKE 20 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE SECOND STAGE OF WESTERN RECLAMATION, WHICH HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETED, WILL MEASURE ABOUT 18 HECTARES.

THE LAND FORMED WILL BE FOR NEW ROADS, A FERRY CONCOURSE, A BUS TERMINUS, CARGO-HANDLING AREAS, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL USES, AN INDOOR GAMES HALL, LOCAL OPEN SPACE, A POLICE STATION AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY USES.

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DAMAGED DRAINS TO BE REPLACED
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THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$3.16-MILLION CONTRACT FOR REPLACING TWO DAMAGED DRAINS UNDER CASTLE PEAK ROAD NEAR TAI LAM CHUNG WITH A THREE-CELL BOX CULVERT.

THE CULVERT WILL DIVERT WATER FROM A NEARBY STREAM TO THE SEA.

THE CONTRACT ALSO COVERS THE WIDENING OF ABOUT 400 METRES OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI LAM CHUNG ROAD TO BROTHERS POINT AND THE PROVISION OF A TWO-METRE-WIDE FOOTPATH ON EACH SIDE.

WORK WILL START LATER THIS WEEK AND BE COMPLETED IN A YEAR'S TIME.

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KENNEDY TOWN MAINS WORK
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME AREAS IN KENNEDY TOWN WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 PM ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 17) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY NO. 41-111, 32-100 BELCHER'S STREET- NO. 2-34 CATCHICK STREET- NO. 1A-1M SANDS STREET- HOUSE NO. 10-30, 21-41 NORTH STREET- ROCK HILL STREET AND NO. 4-10, 12A-12K SMITHFIELD ROAD, INCLUDING LUEN FAT, LUEN ON, LUEN TAK AND LUEN HING APARTMENTS.

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