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HK AIMS FOR WORLD SHIPPING ROLE  
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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR MICHAEL THOMAS, TODAY (MONDAY) PLEDGED HIS EFFORTS TO HELP MAKE HONG KONG A WORLD SHIPPING CENTRE WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE 1984 EXPOSHIP FAR EAST EXHIBITION HERE, MR THOMAS SAID THAT ALTHOUGH LOCALLY-BASED SHIPOWNERS CURRENTLY REGISTERED THEIR SHIPS UNDER MORE THAN 20 FLAGS, THEY PROBABLY CONTROLLED THE SECOND LARGEST MERCHANT FLEET IN THE WORLD AFTER JAPAN.

+IF SUITABLE LEGISLATIVE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE TO PROVIDE THEM WITH MODERN AND EFFICIENT FACILITIES FOR REGISTRATION, OPERATION AND CERTIFICATION, I CAN SEE A FUTURE FOR HONG KONG AS A SHIPPING CENTRE THAT WOULD DEMONSTRATE THE REALITY OF ITS CONTRIBUTION TO SEA TRANSPORT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

+WITH MY LIFETIME INVOLVEMENT IN MARITIME LEGAL AFFAIRS, AND MY PRESENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG LAWS, I GIVE MY FULL SUPPORT TO THESE ASPIRATIONS AND I SHALL TRY TO SEE THEM BROUGHT TO FRUITION WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS,+ MR THOMAS PLEDGED.

ON THIS TIME SCHEDULE, HE EXPLAINED, IT WOULD PROBABLY TAKE THAT LONG TO PROVIDE THE LEGISLATIVE, ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH HONG KONG COULD ESTABLISH AN INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION AND STANDING AS A SEPARATE REGISTER.

+THERE IS THEREFORE MUCH WORK TO BE DONE, BUT I WELCOME THE PLEDGE OF SUPPORT AND FULL COOPERATION THAT HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY GOVERNMENT FROM THE HONG KONG SHIPOWNERS ASSOCIATION,+ HE SAID.

WITH THESE POSSIBILITIES, HE SAID, IT WAS NOT SURPRISING THAT SO MANY EXHIBITORS HAD BEEN ATTRACTED TO THE EXHIBITION WITH ITS IMPRESSIVE DISPLAY OF ALL THAT IS AVAILABLE TO THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY.

HE TOLD HIS AUDIENCE THAT UNDER THE SINO-BRITISH DRAFT AGREEMENT, HONG KONG'S POSITION AS A MAJOR SHIPPING CENTRE WILL BE MAINTAINED.

THE SYSTEMS OF BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND SHIPPING REGULATION WILL CONTINUE. PRIVATE SHIPPING BUSINESSES AND SHIPPING-RELATED BUSINESS INCLUDING CONTAINER TERMINALS MAY CONTINUE TO OPERATE FREELY IN THE PROPOSED HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION.

MR THOMAS SAID HONG KONG WILL HAVE ITS OWN SHIPPING REGISTER AND WILL ISSUE CERTIFICATES IN THE NAME OF +HONG KONG, CHINA+, WHILE MERCHANT SHIPPING WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE FREE ACCESS TO THE PORTS OF HONG KONG.

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+FOR THOSE OF US IN GOVERNMENT, THESE ARRANGEMENTS PRESENT FORMIDABLE TASKS IN THE FUTURE, IF HONG KONG IS TO HAVE, INDEPENDENTLY OF UNITED KINGDOM LEGISLATION, ITS OWN LAWS GOVERNING MERCHANT SHIPPING.

+THE DRAFTING ON AN UP-TO-DATE CODE TO COVER THE OWNERSHIP AND REGISTRATION OF SHIPS IN HONG KONG, AND TO DEVISE AND ENFORCE STANDARDS OF CERTIFICATION FOR THEIR SEAWORTHINESS AND SAFE OPERATION PROVIDE A DAUNTING BUT CHALLENGING TASK,+ HE SAID.

HE REPORTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD BEGUN A DIALOGUE WITH THE HONG KONG SHIPOWNERS ASSOCIATION TO DEFINE THE SCOPE OF THE TASK AND THE BEST WAY FORWARD.

HE STRESSED HONG KONG HAD NO INTENTION OF BECOMING A FLAG OF CONVENIENCE AS THE SEVERAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS THAT DETERMINE PROPER STANDARDS ALREADY APPLY TO HONG KONG.

+I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE TO ENABLE HONG KONG TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FUTURE WORK OF THOSE INTERNATIONAL BODIES WHO CONTINUE TO MONITOR TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENTS THAT AFFECT SHIP CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION,+ HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT FOR HONG KONG, THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY A HIGH DEGREE OF AUTONOMY IN THE FIELD OF MERCHANT SHIPPING HELD OUT EXCITING PROSPECTS FOR LOCALLY-BASED SHIPOWNERS.

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FACTORS FOR HK'S SUCCESS PRESERVED  
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HONG KONG'S PROSPERITY AND STABILITY WOULD BE MAINTAINED NOW THAT THE FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO ITS ECONOMIC SUCCESS WOULD BE PRESERVED IN THEIR ESSENTIALS IN THE SINO-BRITISH AGREEMENT, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR JOHN BREMRIDGE, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE HONG KONG MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE, SIR JOHN SAID, +HONG KONG WILL CONTINUE TO BE AN EFFECTIVE AND PROFITABLE PLACE TO DO BUSINESS.+

HE SAID THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES A HIGH DEGREE OF AUTONOMY, PARTICULARLY IN THE ECONOMIC AND RELATED FIELDS, FOR THE FUTURE SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF HONG KONG.

IT CONTAINS DETAILED PROVISIONS TO ENSURE THE CONTINUATION OF HONG KONG'S UNIQUE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, LEGAL AND OTHER SYSTEMS FOR 50 YEARS AFTER 1997.

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IT WAS NATURAL THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SOME OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT SHOULD REQUIRE FURTHER WORK, HE SAID.

AS AN EXAMPLE, HE SAID ONE OF THE FIRST TASKS OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP WOULD BE TO CONSIDER ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY THE BRITISH AND CHINESE GOVERNMENTS TO ENSURE THE MAINTENANCE OF HONG KONG'S PARTICIPATION IN THE GATT, THE MFA AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.

+BUT THE AGREEMENT ITSELF IS A SUBSTANTIAL AND THOROUGH DOCUMENT WHICH COVERS A GREAT DEAL OF GROUND IN THE NECESSARY DETAIL,+ HE ADDED.

HE BELIEVED THAT THE AGREEMENT HAD REMOVED THE PALL OF ANXIETY AND UNCERTAINTY ABOUT THE FUTURE WHICH HAD HUNG OVER THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG IN THE PAST TWO YEARS.

+AS A RESULT, I ENVISAGE RENEWED CONFIDENCE IN MAKING PROFITABLE INVESTMENTS IN PROPERTY AS WELL AS IN PLANT AND MACHINERY,+ HE SAID.

HE PREDICTED THAT THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, LARGELY IN RESPONSE TO MARKET FORCES, WOULD MOVE PROGRESSIVELY INTO HIGHER QUALITY AND MORE SOPHISTICATED PRODUCTS INVOLVING MORE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY.

FOR THIS TO HAPPEN, HE SAID, NOT ONLY WOULD INVESTMENT IN THE MOST UP-TO-DATE PLANT AND MACHINERY BE REQUIRED, BUT CONTINUED EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF THE LABOUR FORCE AT ALL SKILL LEVELS WOULD BE ESSENTIAL.

HOWEVER, SIR JOHN STRESSED THAT FIRMS AND INDUSTRIES WOULD STILL HAVE TO STAND ON THEIR OWN FEET.

HE SAID, +PUBLIC FUNDS WILL NOT BE USED TO REVERSE THE CONSEQUENCES OF COMMERCIAL MISADJUSTMENTS OR MISFORTUNES, NOR WILL THEY BE USED DIRECTLY TO SUBSIDISE OR ASSIST PARTICULAR ECONOMIC SECTORS.+

THE PRESENT POLICY OF MINIMUM INTERVENTION IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR WOULD CONTINUE, BUT IT WAS THE GOVERNMENT'S JOB TO PROVIDE AN INFRASTRUCTURE BASE ON WHICH PRIVATE ENTERPRISE COULD CONTINUE TO FLOURISH, HE SAID.

ON THE RAPID AND SIGNIFICANT EXPANSION OF HONG KONG'S TRADING AND COMMERCIAL LINKS WITH CHINA IN RECENT YEARS, SIR JOHN BELIEVED THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE SCOPE FOR FURTHER LINKS AND COOPERATION, TO THE BENEFIT OF BOTH ECONOMIES.

+CHINA IS ALREADY THE THIRD LARGEST MARKET FOR OUR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, AND IS LIKELY SOON TO BECOME THE SECOND,+ HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT HONG KONG'S ROLE AS AN ENTREPOT FOR CHINA SHOULD ALSO STRENGTHEN FURTHER.

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+OUR UNPARALLELED TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE AND ESTABLISHED LINKS WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD WILL BE OF GREAT VALUE TO CHINA, WHICH IS EAGER TO EXPAND ITS EXTERNAL TRADE AND TO MODERNISE ITS ECONOMY,+ SIR JOHN EXPLAINED.

THE SERVICES SECTORS HERE WOULD EXPAND IN RESPONSE TO CHINA'S INCREASING NEEDS AND HONG KONG WOULD OFFER THE IDEAL ENVIRONMENT THROUGH WHICH OVERSEAS BUSINESSMEN COULD DEVELOP BUSINESS LINKS WITH CHINA, HE SAID.

ENVISAGING THAT HONG KONG WOULD CONTINUE TO GROW AS A REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS CENTRE, HE SAID, +IN THIS AREA, GOVERNMENT POLICY HAS BEEN TO MAINTAIN A STABLE AND ATTRACTIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR BUSINESS, INCLUDING THE OVERSIGHT OF MARKETS AND, AS REQUIRED, THE REGULATION OF THEIR ACTIVITIES IN THE INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC.+

WHILE THERE SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT REGULATION TO PROMOTE SOUND BUSINESS STANDARDS AND CONFIDENCE IN THE INSTITUTIONS, HE SAID BUREAUCRATIC BURDENS MUST BE AVOIDED.

EARLIER IN HIS SPEECH, SIR JOHN HAD BRIEFLY REVIEWED THE SIGNIFICANT SWINGS IN HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC STRUCTURE SINCE 1950 AS ITS ECONOMY HAD EVOLVED FROM AN ENTREPOT FOR CHINA TO ITS PRESENT STATUS OF A MANUFACTURING BASE AS WELL AS THE THIRD LARGEST FINANCIAL CENTRE IN THE WORLD.

HE SAID, +CHANGE IS ALWAYS INVIGORATING. NOWHERE IS MORE WIDE OPEN TO CHANGE THAN HONG KONG.+

HE POINTED OUT THE RESILIENCE OF THE ECONOMY, THE ADAPTABILITY OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG AND THE FLEXIBILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN A KEY TO THE TERRITORY'S SUCCESS.

HE EMPHASISED THAT AS HAD HAPPENED IN THE PAST, THERE WOULD BE CHANGES IN THE HONG KONG ECONOMY IN THE NEXT 13 YEARS AND BEYOND.

+THEY ARE ALL PART OF THE CONTINUING EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS. THERE WILL BE NO STAGNATION.

+THE SINO-BRITISH AGREEMENT ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG PROVIDES THE FUTURE HONG KONG ADMINISTRATION WITH A HIGH DEGREE OF AUTONOMY AND A SOUND FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH THE HONG KONG ECONOMY CAN DEVELOP IN THE FUTURE,+ HE SAID.

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GUANGDONG GOVERNOR TO VISIT HK  
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THE GOVERNOR OF GUANGDONG PROVINCE, MR LIANG LINGGUANG, WILL VISIT HONG KONG FROM DECEMBER 3-8, ON HIS WAY BACK TO GUANGZHOU FROM VISITS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND TO FRANCE.

A PROGRAMME OF VISITS IS BEING ARRANGED FOR MR LIANG WHICH WILL INCLUDE A MEETING WITH THE GOVERNOR.

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DINNER FOR XINHUA DIRECTOR  
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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE GAVE A DINNER AT VICTORIA HOUSE TONIGHT (MONDAY) IN HONOUR OF MR XU JIATUN, DIRECTOR OF XINHUA NEWS AGENCY (HONG KONG BRANCH).

THE DINNER WAS IN RETURN FOR THAT GIVEN ON SEPTEMBER 27 BY MR XU FOR THE VISITING DELEGATION FROM HONG KONG, LED BY SIR PHILIP, WHICH TOOK PART IN THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS OF THE FOUNDING OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

MR XU WAS ACCOMPANIED BY SOME OF HIS SENIOR COLLEAGUES. ALL MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG DELEGATION EXCEPT MR DAVID AKERS-JONES AND MR ALLEN LEE ALSO ATTENDED.

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NEW PERMIT TERMS FOR FREE FIGHT, KICK BOXING  
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A NEW SET OF PERMIT CONDITIONS FOR FREE FIGHT AND KICK BOXING HAS BEEN DRAWN UP.

THIS WILL BE IMPOSED ON ALL PERMITS ISSUED BY TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY FOR FREE FIGHT AND KICK BOXING EVENTS IN PUBLIC VENUES TO BE STAGED AFTER DECEMBER 31.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE NEW CONDITIONS WERE FORMULATED ON THE ADVICE OF A WORKING GROUP SET UP BY THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT, WHICH CONSISTED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY, ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND VARIOUS GOVERNING BODIES OF SPORT.

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THE PROPOSED SAFETY MEASURES ARE NO MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN THOSE WHICH WOULD APPLY TO ANY COMBAT SPORTS ORGANISED BY GOVERNING BODIES AND ARE MEANT TO ENSURE THAT THE CONTESTANTS ARE EVENLY MATCHED, PHYSICALLY FIT BY EXAMINATION AND THAT THE CONTESTS ARE CONDUCTED IN A SAFE MANNER.

A SIGNIFICANT NEW CONDITION IS TO MAKE THE PERMITTEE RESPONSIBLE FOR +TAKING ALL REASONABLE STEPS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF THE CONTESTANTS+.

FOR THE SAFETY OF THE CONTESTANTS, THE NEW PERMIT CONDITIONS REQUIRE THAT BEFORE THE BOUT CONTESTANTS MUST BE MEDICALLY EXAMINED AND CERTIFIED FIT BY A REGISTERED MEDICAL PRACTITIONER. IT WILL ALSO BE MANDATORY FOR CONTESTANTS TO WEAR GLOVES OF NOT LESS THAN EIGHT OUNCES (226.4 GRAMMES), HEAD GUARD, BODY GUARD, GROIN GUARD AND MOUTH GUARD. A REGISTERED MEDICAL PRACTITIONER SHALL BE PRESENT AT THE RINGSIDE THROUGHOUT THE CONTEST TO ATTEND TO ANY INJURIES WHICH MAY OCCUR AND, IF HE DEEMS IT NECESSARY, MAY TERMINATE THE CONTEST AT ANY TIME.

THE NEW CONDITIONS ALSO SPELL OUT THE WEIGHT DIFFERENCE OF THE CONTESTANTS - NOT MORE THAN FIVE KILOGRAMS. PERSONS UNDER 18 ARE PROHIBITED FROM TAKING PART IN THE CONTEST.

ANOTHER NEW CONDITION STIPULATES THAT EACH CONTEST SHALL CONSIST OF NOT MORE THAN FIVE ROUNDS, WITH EACH ROUND NOT LONGER THAN TWO MINUTES.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO SAID THAT THE PERMITTEE SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DUE OBSERVANCE OF ALL THE CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT. WHERE ANY CONDITION OF SUCH PERMIT IS CONTRAVENED, THE PERMITTEE SHALL BE GUILTY OF AN OFFENCE AND SHALL BE LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE OF \$10 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS.

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BOARD TO DISCUSS REGIONAL COUNCIL  
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TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION, ORGANISATION AND FUNCTION OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AT A SPECIAL MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) MORNING.

THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY (NEW TERRITORIES), MR PETER NG WILL ATTEND THE MEETING TO BRIEF BOARD MEMBERS ON THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

BOARD MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ACCESS ROAD FROM CASTLE PEAK ROAD TO THE TAN KWEI TSUEN BORROW AREA, TO ALLOW THE TRANSPORTATION OF FILLING MATERIALS TO A RECLAMATION SITE AT THE FERRY PIER IN SOUTH TUEN MUN.

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60 000 HAND INJURIES IN ONE YEAR  
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ABOUT 60 000 CASES OF HAND INJURIES ARE SEEN EACH YEAR AT THE ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS IN MAJOR HOSPITALS IN HONG KONG.

THIS WAS DISCLOSED TODAY BY DR K.L. THONG, DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, WHEN HE ADDRESSED THE FIRST CONGRESS OF THE HAND SECTION OF THE WESTERN PACIFIC ORTHOPAEDIC ASSOCIATION TODAY (MONDAY).

THE CONGRESS, WHICH DEALS WITH HAND INJURIES, IS BEING HELD IN HONG KONG FOR THREE DAYS FROM TODAY. IT HAS ATTRACTED OVER 200 DELEGATES FROM 17 COUNTRIES IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC REGION.

DR THONG SAID THAT 40 000 OF THE HAND CASES WERE RELATED TO WORK INJURIES.

THIS PROBLEM, HE FELT WAS +OF NO LESS IMPORTANCE AND GRAVITY IN MANY OTHER COUNTRIES+, ESPECIALLY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, ALTHOUGH THERE MIGHT BE REGIONAL DIFFERENCES IN THE PRESENTATION OF A SIMILAR CONDITION.

DR THONG SAID THAT HAND SURGERY HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN REGARDED AS A BRANCH OF ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY.

+WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF PLASTIC RE-CONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY, THIS SPECIALTY HAS COME TO THE FORE AND NO DOUBT MAY LAY CLAIM TO BEING A SPECIALTY OF ITS OWN,+ HE SAID.

WITH THE MODERN ADVANCES IN MEDICINE, THERE WAS NO DOUBT THAT THERE MUST BE A TREND IN BRINGING ABOUT MORE SPECIALISATION AND PROGRESSIVE UPGRADING OF STANDARDS, HE SAID.

HOWEVER, HE STRESSED THAT THIS TREND WOULD HAVE TO BE INTRODUCED IN A REALISTIC WAY WITHIN THE RESOURCES AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF EACH COUNTRY SO AS NOT TO JEOPARDISE THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES AS A WHOLE.

+THE FINANCIAL AND MANPOWER RESOURCES WITHIN ANY SERVICE CANNOT BE UNLIMITED,+ HE SAID.

DR THONG SAID THAT THE RIGHT BALANCE HAD TO BE MAINTAINED BETWEEN GENERALISATION AND SPECIALISATION, TO OBTAIN THE MAXIMUM BENEFIT FROM WHAT WAS AVAILABLE.

IN HONG KONG, HE SAID, A +VERY PRACTICAL AND REALISTIC APPROACH+ HAD BEEN ADOPTED IN THAT SPECIALISATION WAS ENCOURAGED WITHIN THE GENERAL SERVICE.

THUS, HE EXPLAINED, THERE WERE UROLOGISTS WITHIN A SURGICAL UNIT, CARDIOLOGISTS WITHIN A MEDICAL UNIT AND HAND SURGEONS CONTRIBUTING THEIR EXPERTISE AMONG ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEONS.

HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT LOCAL PROFESSIONALS WOULD BE MORE THAN ABLE TO MEET THE CHALLENGE OF THE FUTURE AND TO MAINTAIN THE BALANCE BETWEEN THE NEED TO FULFIL DEMAND IN BOTH QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF THE SERVICE.

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WESTERN WAN CHAI TO GET SEWAGE PLANT  
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A SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT TO SERVE A POPULATION OF 123 000 IN THE WESTERN PART OF WAN CHAI WILL BE BUILT.

THE PLANT, TO BE LOCATED NEAR THE JUNCTION OF FENWICK PIER STREET AND LUNG KING STREET ON THE WATERFRONT, IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE SCREENING FACILITIES THAT WOULD IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF WATER IN VICTORIA HARBOUR JUST OFF CENTRAL.

IT WILL INCLUDE AN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AND WORKSHOP, A TRANSFORMER HOUSE AND SWITCH ROOM, A SEWAGE PUMPING STATION, GRIT TRAPS AND SCREENING UNITS.

THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT.

WORK ON THE PLANT IS EXPECTED TO START IN JANUARY 1985 AND BE COMPLETED BY DECEMBER 1986.

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MARKET COMPLEX FOR LOCKHART ROAD  
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THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE LOCKHART ROAD MARKET COMPLEX IN WAN CHAI.

THE 12-STOREY BUILDING IS TO REPLACE THE FORMER MARKET LOCATED ON THE SAME SITE.

ITS FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT, A COOKED FOOD CENTRE WITH 20 STALLS, A LIBRARY, A COMPUTER CENTRE TO PROCESS BOOKINGS FOR CULTURAL EVENTS AND THREE FLOORS OF OFFICE SPACE.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A MULTI-PURPOSE INDOOR GAMES HALL FOR GYMNASTICS, BASKETBALL AND BADMINTON.

TWO SQUASH COURTS WILL BE PROVIDED TOGETHER WITH TWO GAMES ROOMS THAT CAN BE PARTITIONED FOR INDOOR ACTIVITIES SUCH AS BALLET, AEROBICS AND TABLE-TENNIS.

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO START IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR AND BE COMPLETED BY MAY 1986.

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NEW FILM TELLS ABOUT COUNTRY FIRE RISK

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GOVERNMENT WILL INTRODUCE A NEW PUBLICITY PACKAGE TO WARN THE PUBLIC OF THE HIGH RISK OF FIRE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE DURING THE DRY SEASON.

THE PACKAGE CONSISTS OF A 30-SECOND TV API (ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC INTEREST), A POSTER AND SUPPORTING RADIO ANNOUNCEMENTS.

THE FILM WILL START APPEARING ON TELEVISION TOMORROW (TUESDAY). IT WILL BE SUPPLEMENTED BY OTHER PUBLICITY COMPONENTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP SAID TODAY (MONDAY), +THIS NEW SET OF PUBLICITY MATERIALS IS INTRODUCED TO INJECT FRESH IMPETUS TO THE CAMPAIGN, AND TO REACTIVATE OUR APPEAL TO THE PUBLIC FOR EXTRA CARE IN PREVENTING THE OUTBREAK OF HILL FIRES.+

THE MESSAGE IN THE SHORT FILM, 'DON'T BURN YOUR COUNTRYSIDE', IS DRIVEN HOME BY A GIRL AND A BOY WHOSE HAPPY SONG ABOUT THE BEAUTY OF NATURE TURNS INTO TEARS AT THE SIGHT OF THE REMAINS OF A HILL FIRE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID, +BY DRAWING A SHARP CONTRAST BETWEEN THE LIVING AND THE DEAD, THE SINGING AND THE SOBBING, WE HOPE TO APPEAL TO THE VIEWERS' EMOTION AND IN TURN MAKE THEM A LITTLE MORE CAREFUL WHEN THEY VISIT THE COUNTRYSIDE.+

THE SAME APPROACH WILL BE ADOPTED IN THE RADIO API'S AND THE POSTER WHICH WILL BE DISPLAYED ON THE TRACK-SIDE OF MTR STATIONS.

ALMOST ALL HILL FIRES ARE CAUSED BY PEOPLE'S CARELESSNESS AND CAN BE AVOIDED IF THEY ARE A BIT MORE CAUTIOUS AND CO-OPERATIVE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE WARNED THAT ANYONE CAUSING A FIRE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE WAS LIABLE TO PROSECUTION, WHICH COULD LEAD TO HEAVY FINES AND IMPRISONMENT.

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MARKET STALLS FOR LEASE

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FOUR VACANT STALLS AT SHA TIN MARKET AND FOUR COOKED FOOD STALLS AT FO TAN EAST COOKED FOOD MARKET WILL BE PUT UP FOR LEASE BY AUCTION ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 16).

THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT LEK YUEN COMMUNITY HALL IN LEK YUEN ESTATE, SHA TIN, STARTING AT 10 AM, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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THREE OF THE STALLS AT SHA TIN MARKET ARE FOR SALE OF WET GOODS AND ONE IS FOR FISH. THE UPSET MONTHLY RENTAL RANGES FROM \$2 300 TO \$5 000.

THE MONTHLY RENTAL FOR A COOKED FOOD STALL AT FO TAN EAST COOKED FOOD MARKET IS \$3 000.

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MAY START BUSINESS ON DECEMBER 1, ON A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT.

FURTHER DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE HAWKERS AND MARKETS SECTION OF SHA TIN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON TELEPHONE 0-6065745.

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RICHLAND GARDENS BALLOT TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY  
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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY WILL HOLD A BALLOT ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 14) TO DECIDE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS FOR THE 4 272 RICHLAND GARDENS FLATS ON SALE UNDER PHASE VIB OF THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AUTHORITY SAID TODAY: +OF THE 20 112 APPLICATIONS REGISTERED, 16 299 ARE FROM WHITE FORM PRIVATE SECTOR APPLICANTS AND 3 813 FROM GREEN FORM APPLICANTS WHO ARE HOUSING AUTHORITY OR HOUSING SOCIETY TENANTS.+

+THOSE APPLICANTS WHO STILL HAVE NOT RECEIVED A RECEIPT SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THE HOME OWNERSHIP CENTRE AT OI MAN COMMERCIAL CENTRE OR TELEPHONE 3-7119147,+ HE ADDED.

THE BALLOT WILL BE THE HIGHLIGHT IN A TV PROGRAMME, 'WOMEN TODAY' OF TVB JADE, TO BE TELECAST ON WEDNESDAY AT 2.10 PM.

MR CHARLES SIN, CHAIRMAN OF THE AUTHORITY'S HOME OWNERSHIP COMMITTEE, AND DR PHILIP WONG, MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE BALLOT IN THE PRESENCE OF AN I.C.A.C. REPRESENTATIVE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE 4 272 FLATS AT RICHLAND GARDENS WOULD BE SOLD EQUALLY BETWEEN THE TWO CATEGORIES OF GREEN FORM AND WHITE FORM APPLICANTS.

A COMPUTER WILL BE USED TO DECIDE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS' PRIORITY IN THE SELECTION OF FLATS.

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+TENANTS OF MARK I/II ESTATE BLOCKS WILL, HOWEVER, BE GIVEN ABSOLUTELY PRIORITY OVER OTHER GREEN FORM APPLICANTS IN CHOOSING THE FLATS.

+THEREAFTER FLAT SELECTION WILL BE CARRIED OUT ON THE BASIS OF THREE GREEN FORM APPLICANTS ALTERNATING WITH ONE WHITE FORM APPLICANT UNTIL THE QUOTA ALLOCATION FOR GREEN FORM APPLICANTS IS FILLED.

+THIS IS TO ENCOURAGE MORE BETTER-OFF PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE TENANTS TO MOVE OUT OF THEIR LOW-RENT FLATS AND MAKE WAY FOR FAMILIES IN GREATER NEED OF SUBSIDISED HOMES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

RESULTS OF THE BALLOT WILL BE PUBLISHED ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 15) WHILE THE LISTS OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS AND THEIR ORDER OF PRIORITY WILL BE POSTED FROM THURSDAY AFTERNOON AT THE HOME OWNERSHIP CENTRE, ALL HOUSING AUTHORITY AND HOUSING SOCIETY ESTATE OFFICES AND DISTRICT OFFICES.

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#### WATER FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 80.1 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 469.745 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 568.920 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 97.1 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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#### SALT WATER MAINS WORK

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN AREAS OF TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 15) TO 10 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

IN TSUEN WAN, THE AREAS AFFECTED ARE BOUNDED BY THE EAST SIDE OF CHUNG ON STREET, MA TAU PA ROAD, YEUNG UK ROAD, TEXACO ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD, AS WELL AS TAI WO HAU ESTATE BLOCKS 1 TO 19.

IN KWAI CHUNG, THE AREA AFFECTED IS KWAI SHING (EAST AND WEST) ESTATES AND KWAI HOP STREET.

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