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MINISTER LEAVES AFTER HONG KONG VISIT

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THE MINISTER OF STATE AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, LORD GLENARTHUR, LEFT FOR MANILA THIS (SUNDAY) MORNING AFTER A FOUR-DAY VISIT TO HONG KONG.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT, HE SAID HOW MUCH HE HAD ENJOYED HIS VISIT, AND "I'VE BEEN ABLE TO TALK TO SO MANY PEOPLE AND THAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT THING".

LORD GLENARTHUR SAID THAT HE LOOKED FORWARD TO COMING BACK TO HONG KONG IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE.

THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WHO SAW HIM OFF AT THE AIRPORT, SAID HE WAS PARTICULARLY HAPPY THAT LORD GLENARTHUR HAD CHOSEN HONG KONG AS THE FIRST PLACE TO VISIT.

"I THINK THAT SHOWS WHAT IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHES TO HONG KONG," SIR DAVID SAID, ADDING THAT HE WAS DELIGHTED THAT LORD GLENARTHUR HAD MET SO MANY PEOPLE WHILE HE WAS HERE.

ALSO SEEING OFF THE MINISTER WERE THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID FORD, THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR S.Y. CHUNG, THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MISS LYDIA DUNN, AND THE SENIOR BRITISH TRADE COMMISSIONER, MR REG HOLLOWAY.

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HK OVERSEAS CONSULTANTS ON HOME BASE VISIT

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POTENTIAL INVESTORS OVERSEAS WILL BENEFIT FROM A RECENT FAMILIARISATION VISIT TO HOME BASE BY TWO OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT'S OVERSEAS CONSULTANTS.

MRS LYLE CONLEY AND MR MICHAEL BOWLES, THE DEPARTMENT'S OVERSEAS CONSULTANTS STATIONED RESPECTIVELY IN SAN FRANCISCO AND BRUSSELS, SPENT A WEEK-LONG PROGRAMME HERE THIS MONTH TO UPDATE THEIR LOCAL KNOWLEDGE AND FIND OUT MORE ABOUT EVER-CHANGING NEW TECHNOLOGIES, SO THAT THEY MAY BETTER ADVISE INVESTORS OF THE INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES HERE.

THE CONSULTANTS VISITED FACTORIES, GOVERNMENT-BACKED ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL, THE HONG KONG DESIGN INNOVATION COMPANY LTD AND THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION. THEY ALSO DISCUSSED CURRENT INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT TRENDS WITH OFFICIALS OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT AND CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE.

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KEEPING IN TOUCH BY RETURNING REGULARLY IS ESSENTIAL IF THE EFFORTS OF THE OVERSEAS CONSULTANTS TO ATTRACT INWARD INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT ARE TO CONTINUE TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

"PRIMARILY OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO PROVIDE IN-DEPTH ADVISORY SERVICE TO COMPANIES PLANNING TO EXPAND THEIR OPERATION OVERSEAS - IN LICENSING, TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND JOINT VENTURES," SAID MRS CONLEY, NOTING THAT THE WORK OF THE OVERSEAS CONSULTANTS INVOLVES AN ACTIVE MARKETING APPROACH AND SALES FUNCTION.

"WE SPEND A LOT OF WORK ON DIRECT MAIL. WE CONDUCT FOUR TO SIX MAJOR CAMPAIGNS EACH YEAR, TARGETTED AT INDUSTRIAL GROUPS TO INFORM THEM OF OPPORTUNITIES IN HONG KONG," SHE ADDED.

MRS CONLEY SAID THAT TO CARRY OUT HER WORK SHE TRIED TO BE AS VISIBLE AS POSSIBLE, SPEAKING AT A LARGE NUMBER OF SEMINARS, AND ATTENDING INDUSTRIAL AND TRADE SHOWS.

"WE ALSO WORK CLOSELY WITH CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND TRADE ORGANISATIONS AS WELL AS SERVICE COMPANIES SUCH AS BANKING, LEGAL AND ACCOUNTING FIRMS WHERE POTENTIAL CLIENTS WILL GO FOR ADVICE. IT ALSO INVOLVES A BIT OF LOBBYING." SHE ADDED.

TO STIMULATE OVERSEAS INTEREST IN INWARD INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT, ESPECIALLY IN EQUIPMENT, MANAGEMENT AND TECHNICAL SYSTEMS AND TO IMPROVE INDUSTRIAL EFFICIENCY, THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT OPENED FOUR OVERSEAS OFFICES IN 1982 IN TOKYO, LONDON, STUTTGART AND SAN FRANCISCO; AND ANOTHER IN NEW YORK IN 1985. THE STUTTGART OFFICE WAS MOVED TO THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OFFICE IN BRUSSELS IN APRIL.

MRS CONLEY SAID THAT THE MAJORITY OF HER WORK WAS CARRIED OUT ON A PROJECT BY PROJECT BASIS.

DEPENDING ON THE SIZE OF THE COMPANY AND THE INDUSTRY, MOST COMPANIES SHE HAS SPOKEN TO ARE AWARE OF THE REGION BUT DO NOT HAVE A COMPREHENSIVE KNOWLEDGE OF HONG KONG.

MRS CONLEY SAID THAT HER EFFORTS WERE TO APPROACH CLIENTS ACTIVELY AND TO BRIEF THEM ON WHAT HONG KONG CAN PROVIDE.

"WE HELP ADVISE ON ASPECTS SUCH AS RAW MATERIALS, THE MANPOWER SITUATION, AND LEVEL OF SKILLS FOR THEIR PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES, AS WELL AS INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT," SHE SAID.

A LOT OF HER WORK INVOLVES TARGETTING AND RESEARCH. POTENTIAL INVESTORS WILL BE CONTACTED AT AN EARLY STAGE SO THAT THEY WILL GIVE HONG KONG SERIOUS CONSIDERATION WHEN THERE IS SCOPE FOR EXPANSION OVERSEAS.

MRS CONLEY SEES IT AS A LONG TERM JOB IN THE SENSE THAT SHE MAY WORK WITH A COMPANY FOR OVER TWO YEARS BEFORE IT DECIDES TO SET UP AN OVERSEAS OFFICE HERE.

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HOWEVER, IT IS NOT A LONE BATTLE FOR HER. BACK IN HONG KONG, THE ONE STOP UNIT OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT PROVIDES ON THE SPOT ADVICE TO HELP OVERSEAS INVESTORS UTILISE FULLY THEIR TIME ONCE THEY GET HERE. SITE SELECTION TEAMS ALSO HELP IN FINDING POSSIBLE MANUFACTURING BASES.

IN HER LINE OF WORK, MRS CONLEY HAS ALSO HELPED SOME U.S. COMPANIES SET UP SALES, MARKETING AND PROCUREMENT OFFICES IN HONG KONG. THIS USUALLY HAPPENED WHEN IT WAS CLEAR THAT THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY OF THE FIRM'S SETTING UP A MANUFACTURING BASE HERE.

"THIS 'WALK BEFORE YOU RUN' APPROACH IS CONSIDERED WORTHWHILE BY MANY COMPANIES. THEY SET UP PURCHASING OFFICES, FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH HONG KONG AND THEN GO INTO SUB-CONTRACTING, JOINT VENTURES AND MANUFACTURING," SAID MRS CONLEY, NOTING THAT THIS HAPPENS VERY OFTEN IN THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY.

MRS CONLEY SAID THAT THE INWARD INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME AIMS TO ATTRACT NEW TECHNOLOGIES TO UPGRADE HONG KONG'S CAPABILITIES AND INDUSTRIES.

SAN FRANCISCO WAS CHOSEN FOR THE FIRST OVERSEAS OFFICE IN THE STATES BECAUSE OF ITS PROXIMITY TO SILICON VALLEY.

AT FIRST, MRS CONLEY FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO TACKLE THE U.S. MARKET BECAUSE OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL SITUATION BUT THE SITUATION WAS IMPROVED WITH THE OPENING OF THE NEW YORK INDUSTRIAL OFFICE. THE RE-LOCATION OF THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE TO LARGER PREMISES WITH BETTER FACILITIES IN THE SAME BUILDING AS THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OFFICE, IN JULY LAST YEAR, HAS ALSO HELPED.

MRS CONLEY NOTED THAT COMPETITION FOR INWARD INVESTMENT IS VERY STIFF, BOTH FROM OTHER SOUTH EAST ASIAN COUNTRIES AND EVEN FROM OTHER STATES OF THE USA.

HONG KONG HAS ITS OWN STRONG SELLING POINTS AND BEING AT CHINA'S DOOR HAS MADE IT EVEN MORE ATTRACTIVE.

"THE CHINA MARKET IS A LONG TERM OBJECTIVE FOR MANY COMPANIES, AND HONG KONG ALLOWS MANUFACTURERS TO BALANCE THEIR LONG AND SHORT TERM NEEDS," SHE SAID.

MRS CONLEY DOES NOT FIND 1997 A STUMBLING BLOCK IN HER INWARD INVESTMENT PROMOTION WORK.

MOST COMPANIES FELT LESS NERVOUS ABOUT IT AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT, SHE SAID. THEY HAVE SEEN CHINA INVESTING IN HONG KONG AND VICE VERSA, AND HAVE WITNESSED THE TWO-WAY EXCHANGE OF MANUFACTURING ACTIVITIES.

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THE INVESTMENT CLIMATE IN THE STATES IS FAIRLY HEALTHY, SAID MRS CONLEY. IT HAS EXPERIENCED DIFFERENT UPS AND DOWNS OVER THE PAST YEARS. SHE ADDED THAT ELECTRONICS IS BEGINNING TO PICK UP AGAIN AND THE MEDICAL SUPPLIES INDUSTRY HAS ALSO STARTED TO BOOM.

"SOUTH EAST ASIA HAS BECOME A SIGNIFICANT DEMAND FACTOR FOR THIS SECTOR," SHE ADDED.

MRS CONLEY IS CONFIDENT THAT HER RECENT FAMILIARISATION VISIT WILL HELP ENSURE THAT SHE CONTINUES TO BE EFFECTIVE AND THAT HER ADVICE TO POTENTIAL INVESTORS IS USEFUL AND ACCURATE.

"WE ARE GROWING IN SCOPE, CONTINUOUSLY UPGRADING AND REFINING THE SERVICES THAT WE CAN PROVIDE," SHE SAID.

MRS CONLEY WAS RECRUITED IN THE STATES WHEN THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT OPENED THE SAN FRANCISCO INDUSTRIAL OFFICE IN 1982. SHE HAS A LOCAL BACKGROUND IN TRADING AND BANKING AND SPEAKS FLUENT CANTONESE AND MANDARIN.

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JULY ORDERS-ON-HAND,  
EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL FIGURES RELEASED  
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THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND REPORTED BY THE 200 LARGEST FIRMS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN JULY THIS YEAR REMAINED AT ABOUT THE SAME LEVEL AS IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH, BUT INCREASED MODERATELY OVER JULY 1986, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (SUNDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND, MEASURED IN TERMS OF NUMBER OF MONTHS, REFERS TO THE POSITION AS AT THE END OF THE REFERENCE MONTH.

COMPARING JULY 1987 WITH JUNE 1987, ORDERS IN THE WEARING APPAREL AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES INCREASED SLIGHTLY. THESE WERE, HOWEVER, OFFSET BY DECLINES IN ORDERS IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

COMPARING JULY 1987 WITH THE SAME MONTH IN 1986, THE VOLUME OF ORDERS IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY DROPPED WHILE THAT IN MOST OF THE OTHER INDUSTRIES SURVEYED INCREASED, WITH THE LARGEST INCREASES RECORDED IN THE TEXTILES AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN JULY 1987 INCREASED WHEN COMPARED WITH JUNE 1987, BUT WAS AT ABOUT THE SAME LEVEL AS IN JULY 1986.

MOST OF THE INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, IN PARTICULAR THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES, RECORDED SOME INCREASES IN EMPLOYMENT OVER JUNE 1987, PARTLY BECAUSE OF THE RECRUITMENT OF SUMMER WORKERS. THERE WAS, HOWEVER, A DECLINE IN EMPLOYMENT IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRY.

COMPARED WITH JULY 1986, EMPLOYMENT IN THE WEARING APPAREL, PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES DROPPED, WHILE THAT IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS, TEXTILES AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES INCREASED.

BOTH PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED IN JULY 1987 OVER THOSE IN JUNE 1987 AND JULY 1986.

COMPARING THE PAYROLL IN JULY 1987 WITH THAT IN JUNE 1987, MOST INDUSTRIES SURVEYED RECORDED SOME INCREASES, PARTICULARLY IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY SHOWED A DECLINE IN PAYROLL.

PER CAPITA EARNINGS ALSO INCREASED IN MOST INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, EXCEPT FOR THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY IN WHICH A DECLINE WAS RECORDED, AND THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY IN WHICH PER CAPITA EARNINGS REMAINED ABOUT THE SAME AS IN JUNE 1987.

COMPARING JULY 1987 WITH JULY 1986, SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN PAYROLL AND IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS WERE RECORDED IN MOST INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, PARTICULARLY IN THE TEXTILES, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES. HOWEVER, PAYROLL IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY DROPPED SLIGHTLY DESPITE A MODERATE INCREASE IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS.

IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, EMPLOYMENT IN JULY 1987 WAS AT ABOUT THE SAME LEVEL AS IN JUNE 1987, BUT PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED. ON THE OTHER HAND, EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS ALL INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY WHEN COMPARED WITH JULY 1986.

IN THE SERVICES SECTORS, THE OVERALL EMPLOYMENT IN JULY 1987 WAS ABOUT THE SAME AS IN JUNE 1987, BUT PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS GENERALLY INCREASED OVER THE SAME PERIOD.

IN PARTICULAR, SOME OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES ISSUED BONUSES AND SOME MADE SALARY REVISIONS IN THE MONTH CAUSING SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN PAYROLL AND IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS OVER THOSE IN THE PRECEDING MONTH.

COMPARED WITH JULY 1986, THE OVERALL EMPLOYMENT IN THE SERVICES SECTORS RECORDED A MODERATE INCREASE, WHILE PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY. THE LARGEST INCREASES IN PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS WERE RECORDED IN BANKS AND HOTELS.

THE SURVEY COVERED THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND THE 50 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICES SECTORS, CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZES IN SEPTEMBER 1986.

AS THE SAMPLE WAS NOT DRAWN ON A RANDOM BASIS, THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT THE MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE INDICATED BY THE SURVEY MIGHT NOT REFLECT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE. NEVERTHELESS, THESE RESULTS ARE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE 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 JULY 1987 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, 19/F, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT \$1.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT 5-8234820.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS ARE SHOWN IN TABLES 1 AND 2 BELOW.

TABLE 1: ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	ORDERS-ON-HAND		
	FOR JULY 1987 (MONTHS)	JUN. 87 (%)	INCREASE OVER JUL. 86 (%)
ALL INDUSTRIES	4.49	*	2
WEARING APPAREL	5.00	1	3
TEXTILES	2.84	*	7
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	3.33	-6	-2
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4.49	-1	9
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5.08	1	1
OTHERS	4.32	*	-1

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TABLE 2: EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY/ SERVICES	PERSONS ENGAGED AT THE END OF JULY 1987		PER CAPITA EARNINGS		
	INCREASE OVER		IN JULY 87	INCREASE OVER	
	JUN. 87	JUL. 86		JUN. 87	JUL. 86
	(%)	(%)	(HK\$)	(%)	(%)
MANUFACTURING	3	*	3,640	1	12
FOOD AND DRINKS	-2	1	4,548	8	10
WEARING APPAREL	1	-6	3,273	3	12
TEXTILES	1	3	3,856	-5	12
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	9	-4	3,069	*	3
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	2	-5	3,532	2	21
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5	3	3,383	1	15
OTHERS	1	*	4,781	2	11
CONSTRUCTION <sup>#</sup>	*	9	5,231	4	11
SERVICES	*	3	6,497	4	9
BANKS	1	5	5,890	-3	10
HOTELS	1	*	3,968	*	15
PUBLIC UTILITIES	*	*	6,862	10	9
OTHERS	1	6	7,303	3	7

\* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

# PERSONS ENGAGED COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

NOTE: UNLIKE "ORDERS-ON-HAND" AND "PER CAPITA EARNINGS" WHICH ARE AVERAGE FIGURES, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE FIRMS SURVEYED IS NOT MEANINGFUL INFORMATION ON ITS OWN (BECAUSE THIS IS A PANEL SURVEY) AND IS THEREFORE NOT SHOWN.

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PROSPECTS FOR CHEMICAL PROCESS INDUSTRIES TO BE EXAMINED

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A TOP OFFICIAL IN CHINA'S CHEMICAL INDUSTRY WILL SPEAK AT A MAJOR CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER WITH THE BACKING OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT.

THE CONFERENCE "PROSPECTS FOR HONG KONG'S CHEMICAL PROCESS INDUSTRIES IN THE CHANGING ENVIRONMENT" IS BEING JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG CHEMICAL SOCIETY. IT WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN NOVEMBER 11 AND 12 AT THE HOTEL VICTORIA.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR IAN HOWARD, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT MR ZHANG QINHAN, DEPUTY CHIEF ENGINEER IN THE MINISTRY OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY OF THE CHINESE STATE COUNCIL, WOULD PRESENT A KEYNOTE SPEECH ON THE POSSIBLE IMPACT OF THE CHANGING POLITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF HONG KONG ON THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY. MR ZHANG WOULD SUBSEQUENTLY PARTICIPATE IN GROUP DISCUSSIONS.

OTHER SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE PRESIDENT OF POLYTECH LABORATORIES OF THE UNITED STATES, MR KENNETH CRAVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE CHINESE PETROLEUM CORPORATION IN TAIWAN, MR FRANK CHEN, AND OTHER LEADERS IN THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY.

MR HOWARD EXPLAINED THAT THERE WERE 793 ESTABLISHMENTS IN HONG KONG PRODUCING CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS. LAST YEAR THE TERRITORY IMPORTED \$21,227 MILLION WORTH OF CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, EXPORTS WERE WORTH \$1,502 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS \$10,254 MILLION, GIVING A DEFICIT IN TOTAL TRADE OF \$9,471 MILLION.

"THE CHEMICAL PROCESSING INDUSTRY CAN BE A STRONG ELEMENT IN ENSURING THE FUTURE PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG," SAID MR HOWARD. "LIKE ANY SECTOR OF INDUSTRY, HOWEVER, THERE ARE CHALLENGES TO BE FACED AND THIS CONFERENCE WILL BE AN IMPORTANT FORUM AT WHICH THESE CAN BE CONSIDERED."

REGISTRATIONS FOR THE TWO-DAY CONFERENCE ARE VERY ENCOURAGING, HE SAID, AND ALL MAJOR CHEMICAL COMPANIES AND ORGANISATIONS IN HONG KONG WILL BE REPRESENTED.

THE CONFERENCE WILL INCLUDE FOUR WORKSHOPS: ON THE CHANGING ENVIRONMENT, THE OPPORTUNITY, RESOURCES AND LIMITATIONS, AND DIRECTION AND STRATEGY.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AND THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, WILL SPEAK AT THE CLOSING SESSION.

FURTHER DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT ON 5-286136.

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FIFTY BUILDING PLANS APPROVED IN JULY

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THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE APPROVED 50 PLANS IN JULY, BRINGING THE TOTAL FOR THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF THE YEAR TO 367.

AMONG THE PLANS IS FURTHER MAJOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE RED HILL DISTRICT ON HONG KONG ISLAND WHERE 154 BLOCKS OF THREE, FOUR AND SIX-STOREY RESIDENCES ARE TO BE BUILT AT PAK PAT SHAN ROAD.

ALSO APPROVED WERE 22 APARTMENT AND APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS, 14 OF WHICH ARE ON HONG KONG ISLAND. ONE OF THESE IS A DEVELOPMENT AT 12 MAY ROAD, OF TWO APARTMENT BLOCKS OF 30 AND 35 STOREYS. A 32-STOREY APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL BLOCK IS TO BE BUILT ON A SITE AT LOCKHART, JAFFE AND STEWART ROADS. THIS DEVELOPMENT WILL INCLUDE A CINEMA. A CINEMA WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED IN A NEARBY DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMERCIAL BLOCK OF 26 STOREYS AT GLOUCESTER, STEWART AND JAFFE ROADS.

A SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT IS TO BE BUILT AT THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER PORT EXTENSION FOR HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL TERMINALS LIMITED.

OF THE APPROVALS, 23 WERE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, NINE IN KOWLOON AND 18 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

CONSENT WAS GIVEN FOR WORK TO COMMENCE ON 41 PROJECTS WITH A TOTAL USABLE FLOOR AREA OF ABOUT 241,000 SQUARE METRES, OF WHICH ABOUT 100,000 SQUARE METRES WAS DOMESTIC. SIXTEEN OF THE CONSENTS WERE FOR APARTMENT OR APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL PROJECTS.

THE COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS \$883.53 MILLION, BRINGING THE TOTAL FOR THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF THE YEAR TO \$5.44 BILLION.

THE NUMBER OF OCCUPATION PERMITS ISSUED BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE IN JULY WAS 35, OF WHICH 10 WERE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, FOUR IN KOWLOON AND 21 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

A TOTAL OF 33 DEMOLITION ORDERS AFFECTING 61 BUILDINGS WERE ISSUED.

THE CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION RECEIVED 546 COMPLAINTS, CARRIED OUT 971 INSPECTIONS AND ISSUED 135 REMOVAL ORDERS, OF WHICH 73 RELATED TO ILLEGAL ROOFTOP STRUCTURES. SEVEN CLOSURE ORDERS WERE OBTAINED.

THE DANGEROUS BUILDINGS SECTION INSPECTED 370 BUILDINGS, OBTAINING 14 CLOSURE ORDERS, OF WHICH TWO WERE EMERGENCY CASES.

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CALL FOR CONCERN ON MENTAL HEALTH

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR REHABILITATION, MR FRANCIS HO, TODAY (SUNDAY) EMPHASISED THE NEED FOR SUPPORT AND CONCERN ON THE PART OF THE COMMUNITY IN PROMOTING AND MAINTAINING MENTAL HEALTH.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EASTERN/WAN CHAI DISTRICT MENTAL HEALTH PROMOTION PROGRAMMES 1987/88 AT THE CENTRAL PARK OF CITY GARDEN IN NORTH POINT, MR HO SAID IT WAS OFTEN THE CASE THAT THE FAMILY MEMBERS, FRIENDS OR COLLEAGUES WERE THE FIRST TO DETECT A PERSON TO BE IN A STATE OF MENTAL DISTURBANCE AND IN NEED OF CARE RATHER THAN DOCTORS OR SOCIAL WORKERS.

"BY DETECTING EXTRAORDINARY SYMPTOMS OR 'WARNING SIGNALS' AND BY TAKING PROMPT AND APPROPRIATE ACTIONS, MISHAPS COULD BE GREATLY REDUCED OR EVEN AVOIDED," HE SAID.

MR HO URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO TALK TO AND ASSIST WHEREVER PRACTICABLE THOSE AROUND THEM WHO APPEARED TO BE EMOTIONALLY UNSTABLE OR ACTING STRANGELY.

"IF THE PROBLEM IS FOUND TO BE SERIOUS, THEN ALERT THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES IMMEDIATELY FOR EARLY AND TIMELY INTERVENTION," HE SAID.

REFERRING TO THE PREVENTIVE ASPECT OF MENTAL HEALTH, HE SAID THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE SHOULD STRENGTHEN THEIR FUNDAMENTAL KNOWLEDGE ON MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL ILLNESS AND MAINTAIN A HEALTHY MENTAL STATE TO FACE STRESS.

"IT IS ALSO NECESSARY TO SYMPATHISE WITH AND TO ACCEPT THE MENTAL PATIENTS," HE ADDED.

"WITH THE OPENING OF THE EASTERN/WAN CHAI DISTRICT MENTAL HEALTH PROMOTION PROGRAMMES, IT IS HOPED THAT THE PUBLIC, PARTICULARLY YOUNG PEOPLE, CAN TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN PROMOTING MENTAL HEALTH," HE SAID.

FOUR MAJOR PROGRAMMES AND 24 OTHER FRINGE EVENTS INCLUDING SEMINARS, TALKS, EXHIBITIONS, EDUCATIONAL CAMPS, POSTER DESIGNS, AND SLOGAN AND DRAMA COMPETITIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE NEXT FIVE MONTHS FOR VARIOUS TARGET GROUPS SUCH AS PARENTS, STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND THE ELDERLY.

AFTER THE OPENING CEREMONY, A CITYBUS WITH YOUTH VOLUNTEERS ON BOARD, TOURED ROUND WAN CHAI AND EASTERN DISTRICTS TO SPREAD THE MESSAGE OF MENTAL HEALTH.

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THE PROMOTION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN/ WAN CHAI DISTRICT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION AND THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG HARBOUR AND SPONSORED BY THE EASTERN AND WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARDS.

THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE WAS FORMED EARLY LAST YEAR AND ITS MEMBERS INCLUDE EASTERN AND WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND 14 OTHER VOLUNTARY AGENCIES. IT AIMS AT PROMOTING AT DISTRICT LEVEL MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION, ENHANCING RESIDENTS' UNDERSTANDING OF MENTAL ILLNESS, THE MENTAL CONDITIONS AND THE NEEDS OF MENTAL PATIENTS AND DISCHARGED MENTAL PATIENTS AS WELL AS ENCOURAGING THEM TO TAKE PART IN REHABILITATION WORK.

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EMPLOYERS URGED TO TAKE ON MORE DISABLED WORKERS

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A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (SUNDAY) APPEALED TO EMPLOYERS TO KEEP AN OPEN MIND ON THE WORKING ABILITY THAT MOST DISABLED PERSONS STILL POSSESS.

HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THERE WAS A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYERS PROVIDING EMPLOYMENT FOR DISABLED WORKERS IN RECENT YEARS, THERE WERE STILL MANY WHO BELIEVED THAT DISABLED PERSONS WERE ONLY CAPABLE OF DOING MENIAL JOBS.

"THIS IS SIMPLY NOT TRUE ANY MORE," HE SAID. "THE ADVANCES IN RECENT YEARS IN THE VARIOUS REHABILITATION DISCIPLINES HAVE ALL HELPED TO WIDEN THE RANGE OF OCCUPATIONS WHICH DISABLED PERSONS ARE CAPABLE OF TAKING UP.

"FURTHERMORE, TECHNICAL AIDS HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED TO HELP DISABLED PERSONS IN DOING PARTICULAR JOBS AND SUCH DEVICES HAVE OPENED UP MANY NEW OPPORTUNITIES."

HE SAID THE VITAL NEED, THEREFORE, WAS TO GIVE THE DISABLED PERSONS A FAIR CHANCE TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR WORKING ABILITIES.

THE SELECTIVE PLACEMENT DIVISION (SPD) OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, SET UP IN JULY 1980, OFFERS FREE ASSISTANCE TO PHYSICALLY DISABLED, MENTALLY RETARDED AND EX-MENTALLY ILL PERSONS SEEKING OPEN EMPLOYMENT.

SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT AND UP TO THE END OF LAST YEAR, THE DIVISION RECORDED MORE THAN 11,000 REGISTRATIONS AND PLACED SOME 4,500 DISABLED PERSONS IN EMPLOYMENT, MOSTLY IN THE MANUFACTURING AND SERVICE SECTORS AS WELL AS IN CLERICAL AND RELATED JOBS.

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"IN FACT, OVER THE PAST SEVEN YEARS THE DIVISION HAS BROUGHT MANY SATISFIED EMPLOYERS AND DISABLED EMPLOYEES TOGETHER," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"MANY EMPLOYERS HAVE BEEN TAKING ON DISABLED EMPLOYEES REGULARLY THROUGH THE DIVISION AFTER A SUCCESSFUL FIRST PLACEMENT BECAUSE THEY RECOGNISED THAT THE ABILITIES OF MANY DISABLED PERSONS FAR OUT-WEIGHED THEIR DISABILITIES."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE COMMUNITY BY THESE EMPLOYERS, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ORGANISES ANNUALLY A PRESENTATION OF SOUVENIRS TO THE 10 LOCAL EMPLOYERS FOR EMPLOYING THE LARGEST NUMBER OF DISABLED PEOPLE DURING THE YEAR.

THE PRESENTATION THIS YEAR WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 25) WHEN AN EMPLOYER AND A DISABLED WORKER WILL EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS AND EXPERIENCE ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF DISABLED PERSONS.

THE SPOKESMAN CALLED ON THOSE EMPLOYERS WHO WISH TO EMPLOY DISABLED PERSONS TO CONTACT SPD.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT TELEPHONES 5-291974, 3-7554835 AND 0-4988444.

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#### CHARITY WALK LAUNCHES 'WE CARE' ACTIVITIES

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CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT'S 'WE CARE' ACTIVITIES, A TWO-MONTH LONG COMMUNITY PROJECT, WAS LAUNCHED THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON WITH A CHARITY WALK TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE TUNG WAH HOSPITAL TO DEVELOP RENAL SERVICES.

MORE THAN 2,000 PEOPLE TOOK PART IN THE WALK TO SHOW THAT THEY 'CARE' FOR THE COMMUNITY IN A SUBSTANTIVE WAY.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE 'WE CARE' ACTIVITIES, REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, SAID THE PROJECT HAD MEANINGFULLY COMBINED THE ELEMENTS OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND CHARITY.

MR CHAU PRAISED THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, ONE OF THE ORGANISERS, FOR THEIR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE PROJECT.

"THE DISTRICT BOARD HAS ALSO ALLOCATED \$100,000 TO ORGANISE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE PROJECT," HE SAID.

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HE ALSO THANKED THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS (DACA) FOR ORGANISING CULTURAL PROGRAMMES AND ADDING COLOUR TO THE WHOLE PROJECT.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WERE THE PROJECT'S CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR SAMMY POONE; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR VINCENT KO; CHAIRMAN OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, MRS THERESA LAU, AND CHAIRMAN OF DACA, MR WU CHOR-NAM.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE OCCASION WERE MISS HONG KONG PAGEANT'S FIRST AND SECOND RUNNERS UP, MISS ELIZABETH LEE AND MISS WING LAM AND MISS POPULARITY, MISS BETSY CHEUNG.

PARTICIPANTS STARTED THE WALKATHON FROM THE KING GEORGE V MEMORIAL PARK IN SAI YING PUN AND FINISHED IN THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT. THEY WALKED THROUGH HOSPITAL ROAD, EASTERN ROAD, CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL ELEVATED WALKWAY AND ICE HOUSE STREET, COVERING 2.5 KILOMETRES.

THE 'WE CARE' ACTIVITIES, RANGING FROM LUNCHTIME CONCERTS, CULTURAL PERFORMANCE, MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL LANTERN CARNIVALS, SEMINAR, FEAST FOR THE ELDERLY TO CIVIC EDUCATION VARIETY SHOW, WILL BE HELD AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE DISTRICT BETWEEN SEPTEMBER AND NOVEMBER.

THE PROJECT WILL CLOSE WITH A GRAND CARNIVAL ON DECEMBER 6 AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT.

LEAFLETS CONTAINING DETAILS OF THE ACTIVITIES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES OR THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE ON WESTERN STREET.

PUBLIC ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE PROGRAMMES OF 'WE CARE' ACTIVITIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-8523002 OR 5-8170196.

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COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICE

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THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE DRAFT 1988-89 PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE DISTRICT AT A MEETING ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 22).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO COMMENT ON TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSAL OF DESIGNATING SOME ON-STREET PARKING SPACES IN THE INDUSTRIAL AREA OF CHAI WAN TO COPE WITH THE HIGH DEMAND.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE FREQUENCY OF MINIBUS SERVICE FROM CHAI WAN TO STANLEY, A PROPOSAL TO RELOCATE THE BUS-STOP AT FORTRESS HILL ROAD AND A SURVEY ON THE TRANSPORT NEEDS IN HENG FA CHUEN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 22) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, 1ST FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD.

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FIGHT CRIME POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION

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A FIGHT CRIME POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE RESIDENTS' AWARENESS IN CRIME PREVENTION AND PARTICIPATION IN THE FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN.

THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO OPEN AND SECONDARY SCHOOL GROUPS. ENTRIES MUST BE 30 BY 40 CM OR 38 BY 53 CM, WITH THEMES OF HOME SECURITY, FIGHT AGAINST TRIAD ACTIVITIES OR FIGHT CRIME.

ENTRY FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, COMMUNITY HALLS AND VARIOUS VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

ENTRIES WILL CLOSE ON OCTOBER 15. WINNERS WILL BE PRESENTED PRIZES AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT THE NEW TOWN PLAZA IN DECEMBER. FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 0-6048078 EXT. 331.

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AREA COMMITTEE SIX-A-SIDE FOOTBALL MATCH

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THE FINALS OF A SIX-A-SIDE FOOTBALL COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE KENNEDY TOWN AND MOUNT DAVIS AREA COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD AT THE KENNEDY TOWN TEMPORARY SOCCER PITCH FROM 9.30 AM TO 11.30 AM ON SEPTEMBER 27 (SUNDAY).

THE COMPETITION IS AIMED AT STRENGTHENING TIES AMONG VARIOUS LOCAL ORGANISATIONS IN THE AREA, APART FROM PROMOTING FOOTBALL AS A SPORT.

PARTICIPATING IN THE COMPETITION ARE EIGHT ORGANISATIONS, REPRESENTING THE CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY, THE WESTERN DISTRICT LICENSED HAWKERS FRIENDLY ASSOCIATION, KENNEDY TOWN KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION, Y.W.C.A., RESIDENT ORGANISATION, CHARITY BODY, VEGETABLE WHOLESALE MERCHANTS AND TUNG PO ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE SOCCER PITCH IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FINALS. CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE AREA COMMITTEE, MR YANG YOI-KWAN AND MR CHAN KOK-HIN WILL PRESENT TROPHIES TO THE WINNERS.

RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO WATCH THE MATCH TO BE HELD AT THE TEMPORARY SOCCER PITCH NEAR THE BUS TERMINUS AT SAI NING STREET. ADMISSION IS FREE.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-8170196.

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TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME TO BE DISCUSSED

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THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO DISCUSS THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE DISTRICT.

ALSO ON THE AGENDA WILL BE AN INFORMATION PAPER ON TRAFFIC SITUATION IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY FERRY STREET, PUBLIC SQUARE STREET, NATHAN ROAD, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST AND TONG MEI ROAD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, 490 NATHAN ROAD.

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PRESS CONFERENCE ON GREEN PAPER SURVEY

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A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE THE FINDINGS OF AN OPINION SURVEY ON THE GREEN PAPER IN WAN CHAI WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE SURVEY WAS COMMISSIONED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD AND CONDUCTED BY A PRIVATE RESEARCH FIRM IN AUGUST.

CHAIRING THE CONFERENCE WILL BE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM AND CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE REVIEW OF POLITICAL SYSTEM, MR CHUNG YEE-ON.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT 5.30 PM TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE, 8TH FLOOR, TUNG WAH MANSION, 201 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI. THE CONFERENCE WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CHINESE.

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DISTRICT BOARD HOTLINE SERVICE

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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD WILL START A PILOT SCHEME TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO SET UP A TELEPHONE RECORDING SERVICE TO COLLECT VIEWS, ENQUIRIES AND COMPLAINTS ON ENVIRONMENTAL, TRAFFIC AND COMMUNITY PROBLEMS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE HOTLINE 3-7113731 IS TO SUPPLEMENT THE EXISTING DISTRICT BOARD MEET-THE-PUBLIC SCHEME HELD BETWEEN 8 PM AND 10 PM EVERY THURSDAY.

THE HOTLINE RECORDING SERVICE SCHEME, FROM 6 PM TO 10 PM BETWEEN MONDAY AND FRIDAY (EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS), WILL BE REVIEWED AFTER A SIX-MONTH TRIAL.

CALLERS ARE REQUESTED TO LEAVE THEIR NAMES, TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES BEFORE GIVING THEIR VIEWS, ENQUIRIES OR COMPLAINTS ABOUT LOCAL PROBLEMS. THEY CAN ALSO REQUEST TO HAVE AN APPOINTMENT TO MEET DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS TO DISCUSS THEIR PROBLEMS.

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STAFF FROM THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT WILL LISTEN TO THE TAPE AND CATEGORISE THE PHONE CALLS FOR APPROPRIATE FOLLOW UP ACTION.

THE DISTRICT BOARD MEET-THE-PUBLIC SCHEME, WHICH BEGAN IN 1983, HAS PROVED TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN HELPING RESIDENTS SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS.

IN 1986, THE SCHEME HANDLED 155 CASES. AMONG THESE, 100 WERE SOLVED, 50 WERE NOT ACCEDDED TO AND FIVE ARE STILL IN PROGRESS.

THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD HAS URGED LOCAL RESIDENTS TO SUPPORT THE SCHEME AND MAKE USE OF THE HOTLINE RECORDING SERVICE.

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ANTI-PICKPOCKET DRIVE IN MONG KOK

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A MONTH-LONG PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN ORGANISED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE IS BEING LAUNCHED TO COMBAT PICKPOCKET ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

THE CAMPAIGN IS BEING LAUNCHED BECAUSE OF THE INCREASE IN PICKPOCKET INCIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT, PARTICULARLY IN CROWDED SHOPPING AND TOURIST AREAS.

A POSTER HAS BEEN SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO URGE RESIDENTS TO GUARD AGAINST CRIMINALS.

THE POSTERS ARE PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED AT BUS STOPS IN BUSY AREAS IN THE DISTRICT TO REMIND PASSENGERS TO TAKE GOOD CARE OF THEIR BELONGINGS AND VALUABLES.

IN ADDITION, BANNERS HAVE BEEN PUT UP IN BUSY STREETS AND POSTERS MOUNTED ON BUILDING WALLS TO PUBLICISE THE MESSAGE.

THE COMMITTEE ALSO MOBILISED MEMBERS OF THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL AND THE BOY SCOUTS TO HELP DISTRIBUTE 10,000 BOOKMARKS, BEARING THE 'BEWARE OF PICKPOCKETS' WORDINGS, TO THE RESIDENTS.

"IT IS HOPED THIS EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY DRIVE CAN HELP REMIND RESIDENTS TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS AND GUARD AGAINST UNNECESSARY PROPERTY LOSS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID.

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COMMITTEE TO CO-ORDINATE FESTIVE EVENTS

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A SPECTACULAR FESTIVAL FEATURING VARIOUS SPORTING EVENTS WILL BE HELD IN KWUN TONG FROM NOVEMBER 8 TO 22.

THE KWUN TONG SPORTS FESTIVAL 87' AIMS TO PROMOTE AND PROVIDE VARIOUS TYPES OF SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS AND TO FOSTER A SENSE OF DISTRICT BELONGING AMONG THEM.

AN ORGANISING COMMITTEE COMPRISING MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES AND PROMINENT FIGURES OF THE DISTRICT WAS RECENTLY FORMED TO CO-ORDINATE THE EVENT.

FOUR SUB-COMMITTEES WERE ALSO APPOINTED TO TAKE CHARGE OF CEREMONIES, PUBLICITY, COMPETITIONS AND FINANCE.

ACTIVITIES DURING THE FESTIVAL INCLUDE TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS, BALL GAMES, ROLLER-SKATING FUN DAY, SPORTS CAMP, ROUND THE DISTRICT RACE AND DISCO NIGHT CRUISE.

IN ADDITION, SOME SPECIAL SPORTS EVENTS CATERING FOR THE NEEDS OF THE HANDICAPPED AND THE ELDERLIES WILL BE STAGED.

THE FESTIVAL, TO BE STAGED WITH AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$500,000 IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE KWUN TONG SPORTS PROMOTION ASSOCIATION.

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PENG CHAU LOCAL OPEN SPACE

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A LOCAL OPEN SPACE IS TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON A 5,000 SQUARE METRE SITE IN PENG CHAU TOWN CENTRE.

IT WILL PROVIDE BOTH ACTIVE AND PASSIVE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, INCLUDING BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL COURTS, A CHINESE PAVILION, A ROLLER SKATING RINK AND A CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA.

HARD AND SOFT LANDSCAPING WORKS WILL ALSO BE CARRIED OUT.

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN DECEMBER AND BE COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING THEM IS NOON ON OCTOBER 9.

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IN-SERVICE COURSES FOR TECHNICAL AND COMMERCIAL TEACHERS

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THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE IS TO ORGANISE A NUMBER OF SHORT COURSES FOR TEACHERS OF TECHNICAL AND COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS BETWEEN NEXT MONTH AND JANUARY NEXT YEAR.

THE COURSES ARE:

- \* TEACHING OF GRAPHICAL CONVENTIONS OF CONSTRUCTION DRAWING AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC DRAWING;
- \* AN INTRODUCTORY COURSE TO THE TEACHING OF SHORTHAND IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS;
- \* ADVANCED COURSE OF SURFACE TREATMENT AND FINISHES OF WOOD AND METAL;
- \* BENDING OF TIMBER AND USAGE OF ADHESIVES;
- \* BASIC ENAMELLING;
- \* AN INTRODUCTORY COURSE TO THE TEACHING OF COMMERCE IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS;
- \* TEACHING OF DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY (METAL BIAS) PROJECT WORK IN SENIOR FORMS; AND
- \* TEACHING OF DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY (WOOD BIAS) PROJECT WORK IN SENIOR FORMS.

THE DURATION OF THE COURSES RANGES FROM TWO MEETINGS OF TWO HOURS EACH TO 12 MEETINGS OF THREE HOURS EACH.

TEACHERS WISHING TO ATTEND THE COURSES ARE ADVISED TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE PRINCIPAL OF THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE THROUGH THEIR SCHOOL HEADS BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30.

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SEAWALL TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT AP LEI CHAU

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A SEAWALL AND STORMWATER DRAINS ARE TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT AP LEI CHAU AS PART OF A RECLAMATION PROJECT.

THE WORKS WILL INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF A 520-METRE-LONG CONCRETE VERTICAL SEAWALL AND 290 METRES OF STORMWATER DRAINS.

ON COMPLETION, FILLING WORK FOR THE RECLAMATION ON THE NORTHERN SHORE OF AP LEI CHAU WILL PROCEED.

ABOUT 3.4 HECTARES OF LAND WILL BE FORMED FOR COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES, GOVERNMENT USE, OPEN SPACES AND ROADS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR AND TAKES ABOUT TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE.

THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT WHICH SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY NOON ON OCTOBER 9.

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GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY REPORT PUBLISHED

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THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY FOR APRIL - JUNE 1987 IS NOW AVAILABLE.

IT CONTAINS STATISTICS ON EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOR THE QUARTER.

IT ALSO CONTAINS DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF MEMBERS OF THE LABOUR FORCE, INCLUDING THEIR AGE AND SEX STRUCTURE, EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, ACTIVITY STATUS, OCCUPATION, INDUSTRY, HOURS WORKED PER WEEK, MONTHLY EMPLOYMENT EARNINGS AS WELL AS REASON FOR UNEMPLOYMENT AND DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOR THE UNEMPLOYED.

COPIES OF THE REPORT CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING.

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SCHOOL VAN OWNERS REMINDED OF NEW RULES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED OWNERS OF SCHOOL PRIVATE LIGHT BUSES THAT FROM NOVEMBER 1 THIS YEAR, THEIR VEHICLES WILL HAVE TO CARRY A CONTINUOUS, HORIZONTAL YELLOW STRIPE WHICH GOES ROUND THE VEHICLE BODY AS WELL AS DISPLAY A "CHILDREN" WARNING SIGN ON THE REAR.

THE NEW REQUIREMENTS ARE STIPULATED IN THE ROAD TRAFFIC (CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1987 PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ON JULY 24.

"THE NEW REQUIREMENTS WILL ENABLE OTHER ROAD USERS, IN PARTICULAR MOTORISTS, TO IDENTIFY SCHOOL BUSES MORE EASILY AND PROMPT THEM TO EXERCISE EXTRA CAUTION IN VIEW OF THE LIKELY PRESENCE OF YOUNG CHILDREN IN THE VICINITY OF THESE VEHICLES," A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

AT PRESENT, SCHOOL PRIVATE LIGHT BUSES ARE ALREADY REQUIRED BY LAW TO CARRY ON BOTH THE NEAR AND OFF SIDES OF THEIR BODIES THE WORDS "SCHOOL PRIVATE LIGHT BUS" IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE. THE ENGLISH AND CHINESE CHARACTERS MUST BE AT LEAST 150 MM IN HEIGHT AND MUST APPEAR ON A YELLOW BACKGROUND.

HOWEVER, THERE IS NO MARKING OR SIGN TO ENABLE THESE BUSES TO BE IDENTIFIED FROM THE FRONT OR REAR.

"THIS UNDESIRABLE SITUATION IS RECTIFIED BY THE AMENDMENT REGULATIONS WHICH STATE THAT THE YELLOW BACKGROUND SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO FORM A CONTINUOUS, HORIZONTAL BAND OF A UNIFORM WIDTH OF NOT LESS THAN 200 MM ALL ROUND THE VEHICLE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

REGARDING THE "CHILDREN" WARNING SIGN TO BE DISPLAYED ON THE REAR OF THE VEHICLE, HE POINTED OUT THAT THE DESIGN, COLOUR, AND DIMENSIONS OF THE SIGN ARE SPECIFIED IN THE THIRTEENTH SCHEDULE TO THE REGULATIONS.

"THIS WARNING SIGN SHOULD BE SHOWN AGAINST THE YELLOW STRIPE ON THE REAR OF THE VEHICLE. IT MUST NOT BE PLACED ON THE REAR WINDSCREEN AS THIS MAY INTERFERE WITH THE DRIVER'S VISION THROUGH THE REAR MIRROR," HE STRESSED.

ENQUIRIES ON THE NEW REQUIREMENTS CAN BE MADE AT 5-200933.

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TRAFFIC PLAN ON HONG KONG ISLAND FOR RACE DAYS  
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN HAPPY VALLEY ON RACE DAYS THROUGHOUT THE 1987/88 RACING SEASON. THE FIRST MEETING IN HAPPY VALLEY WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 23) NIGHT.

THE ARRANGEMENTS, UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED, WILL BE IMPLEMENTED UNTIL CROWDS HAVE DISPERSED AFTER THE RACE MEETINGS.

REROUTEING AND ROAD CLOSURES  
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THE FOLLOWING MEASURES WILL COME INTO EFFECT TWO HOURS BEFORE THE START OF THE FIRST RACE:

- \* MORRISON HILL ROAD BETWEEN QUEEN'S ROAD EAST AND LEIGHTON ROAD WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND, AND THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY BETWEEN WAN CHAI ROAD AND LEIGHTON ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES. ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES ENTERING FROM WAN CHAI ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED TO HENNESSY ROAD VIA TIN LOK LANE.
- \* LEIGHTON ROAD BETWEEN MORRISON HILL ROAD AND WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY EASTBOUND.
- \* BROADWOOD ROAD BETWEEN WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD AND LINK ROAD WILL BECOME ONE-WAY EASTBOUND. HOWEVER, BETWEEN THE END OF THE FIRST RACE AND ONE HOUR BEFORE THE LAST RACE, VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO TRAVEL DOWNHILL ALONG BROADWOOD ROAD TO WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD.
- \* SHAN KWONG ROAD BETWEEN KING KWONG STREET AND VILLAGE ROAD WILL BECOME ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.
- \* VILLAGE ROAD BETWEEN SHAN KWONG ROAD AND WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD WILL BECOME ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND. ON COMPLETION OF THE LAST RACE, ALL TRAFFIC ON VILLAGE ROAD WILL BE HELD SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD AND WILL BE RELEASED WHEN THE MAJORITY OF PUNTERS LEAVING THE RACE COURSE HAVE CLEARED WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD.
- \* WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD BETWEEN VILLAGE ROAD AND QUEEN'S ROAD EAST WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.

IN ADDITION, THE UP RAMP ON WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD OUTSIDE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB (RHKJC) LEADING TO ABERDEEN TUNNEL WILL BE CLOSED AND TRAFFIC HEADING FOR ABERDEEN TUNNEL WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE CANAL ROAD FLYOVER.

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ONE HOUR BEFORE THE FINAL RACE, THE DOWN RAMP FROM ABERDEEN TUNNEL LEADING TO WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES.

AFTER THE LAST RACE, WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD BETWEEN SING WOO ROAD AND MORRISON HILL ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC IF NECESSARY. ON COMPLETION OF THE LAST RACE AND AFTER THE MAJORITY OF PUNTERS HAVE CLEARED THE RACE COURSE, WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD WILL BE REOPENED AND REVERTED TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC.

- \* SPORTS ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT THOSE REQUIRING ACCESS TO THE RHKJC CLUBHOUSE, THE ROYAL HONG KONG DEFENCE FORCE AND HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB. SUCH VEHICLES WILL ENTER SPORTS ROAD FROM THE WEST END.

ONE HOUR BEFORE THE FINAL RACE, TRAFFIC FLOW ON SPORTS ROAD WILL BE REVERSED AND THE WHOLE ROAD WILL REMAIN CLOSED TO ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES.

- \* OI KWAN ROAD, EXCEPT ITS SECTION BETWEEN WING CHEUNG STREET AND TANG SHIU KIN HOSPITAL, WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY ANTI-CLOCKWISE.

- \* CANAL ROAD AND CANAL ROAD FLYOVER:

- (I) TRAFFIC FROM CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL HEADING FOR QUEEN'S ROAD EAST WILL USE THE DOWN RAMP LEADING TO MORRISON HILL ROAD AND TURN RIGHT AT THE JUNCTION OF SPORTS ROAD, MORRISON HILL ROAD AND QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.
- (II) TRAFFIC HEADING FOR THE JOCKEY CLUB SHOULD USE THE CANAL ROAD EAST RAMP, TURN LEFT INTO LEIGHTON ROAD AND WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD.
- (III) TRAFFIC FROM QUEEN'S ROAD EAST OR WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD HEADING FOR CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL, CENTRAL AND NORTH POINT WILL USE THE UP RAMP AT THE JUNCTION OF QUEEN'S ROAD EAST WITH MORRISON HILL ROAD.
- (IV) TRAFFIC FROM QUEEN'S ROAD EAST HEADING FOR WAN CHAI AND HAPPY VALLEY WILL TURN LEFT INTO MORRISON HILL ROAD.
- (V) TRAFFIC FROM ABERDEEN TUNNEL WILL BE PERMITTED TO USE THE DOWN RAMP INTO WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD UNTIL ONE HOUR BEFORE THE LAST RACE, BUT WILL BE RESTRICTED TO TURN LEFT INTO QUEEN'S ROAD EAST. HOWEVER, FRANCHISED BUSES AND GREEN MINIBUSES ARE NOT UNDER THE RESTRICTION.

(VI) 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE LAST RACE, THE SOUTHBOUND DOWN RAMP TO QUEEN'S ROAD EAST WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC UNLESS AUTHORISED BY THE POLICE. SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC FOR QUEEN'S ROAD EAST WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE FIRST DOWN RAMP TO CANAL ROAD EAST AND THEN VIA LEIGHTON ROAD AND WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD TO QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

- \* BLUE POOL ROAD NORTHBOUND BETWEEN VENTRIS ROAD AND WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.
- \* EXCEPT DURING THE PERIOD BETWEEN THE END OF THE FIRST RACE AND ONE HOUR BEFORE THE FINAL RACE, NO VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT FROM VENTRIS ROAD INTO BROADWOOD ROAD WESTBOUND.

MEANWHILE, THE FOLLOWING MEASURES WILL COME INTO EFFECT ABOUT 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE LAST RACE UNTIL THE PUNTERS HAVE DISPERSED AFTER THE RACE MEETINGS:

- \* THE JUNCTION OF QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD AND MORRISON HILL ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC, AND EASTBOUND VEHICLES ON QUEEN'S ROAD EAST WILL BE DIVERTED TO TURN LEFT INTO MORRISON HILL ROAD VIA THE SLIP ROAD.
- \* YIU WAH STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.
- \* MATHESON STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC AND THE ACCESS TO AND FROM THE LEIGHTON CENTRE CAR PARK WILL BE SUSPENDED. VEHICLES LEAVING THE CAR PARK WILL BE ALLOWED UNDER POLICE CONTROL AND DIRECTED VIA MATHESON STREET AND SHARP STREET EAST TO CANAL ROAD EAST.

#### LEARNER DRIVERS PROHIBITIONS

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THE FOLLOWING MOVEMENTS BY LEARNER DRIVERS WILL BE BANNED ON DAY MEETINGS BETWEEN 11 AM AND 4.30 PM AND BETWEEN 7.30 PM AND 11 PM WHEN EVENING MEETINGS ARE HELD:

- \* LEFT-TURNING FROM CAROLINE HILL ROAD OUTSIDE PO LEUNG KUK INTO LEIGHTON ROAD;
- \* ENTERING SHAN KWONG ROAD BETWEEN YICK YAM STREET AND WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD;
- \* ENTERING VILLAGE ROAD BETWEEN ITS UPPER AND LOWER JUNCTIONS WITH SHAN KWONG ROAD;
- \* ENTERING PERCIVAL STREET BETWEEN HENNESSY ROAD AND LEIGHTON ROAD;

/\* ENTERING CANAL .....

- \* ENTERING CANAL ROAD EAST;
- \* ENTERING SERVICE ROADS LEADING TO CANAL ROAD FLYOVER FROM EASTBOUND AND WESTBOUND GLOUCESTER ROAD.

PARKING

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PARKING SPACES ON WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD, SPORTS ROAD, YIU WAH STREET, AND SECTIONS OF VILLAGE ROAD AND OI KWAN ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 AM TO 7 PM FOR DAY MEETINGS AND BETWEEN 5 PM AND MIDNIGHT FOR EVENING MEETINGS.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

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TWO HOURS PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE FIRST RACE, CMB ROUTE 1M WILL OPERATE BETWEEN ADMIRALTY MTR STATION (WEST) AND HAPPY VALLEY AT A FREQUENCY OF 15 MINUTES.

THE BUS STOP OPPOSITE THE RHKJC MAIN ENTRANCE WILL BE SUSPENDED ONE HOUR PRIOR TO THE FIRST RACE AND WILL BE REINSTATED 15 MINUTES AFTER THE FIRST RACE HAS BEEN CONCLUDED. HOWEVER, 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE LAST RACE, THE BUS STOP WILL AGAIN BE SUSPENDED UNTIL NORMAL TRAFFIC FLOW IS RESUMED.

ROUTEINGS OF CMB ROUTES 5B, 10, 38, 42, 72, 75, 76, 90, 92, 97, 260 AND CROSS HARBOUR ROUTES 101, 107, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 116 AND 170, AS WELL AS GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES 4, 6, 7, 25, 25A, 28, 28A AND 35M WILL BE DIVERTED TO AVOID THE RE-ROUTED ROADS.

AS FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES (PLBS), THEY WILL BE BANNED FROM ENTERING HAU TAK LANE, CHEUNG WOO LANE, AND THE SECTION OF WAN CHAI ROAD BETWEEN TIN LOK LANE AND BOWRINGTON STREET TWO HOURS BEFORE THE START OF THE FIRST RACE. ALSO FROM 4.30 PM IN THE CASE OF DAY RACING AND 9.30 PM IN THE EVENT OF EVENING RACING, NO PLB WILL BE ALLOWED TO PROCEED ALONG THE SECTION OF WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD BETWEEN BLUE POOL ROAD AND VILLAGE ROAD.

PLBS PROCEEDING SOUTH ON WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED SOUTH ALONG BLUE POOL ROAD AND THOSE WISHING TO PICK UP PUNTERS WILL BE DIRECTED INTO THE TEMPORARY PLB STAND ON VILLAGE ROAD VIA SHING WOO ROAD.

MOREOVER, ONE HOUR BEFORE THE LAST RACE AND UNTIL THE RESUMPTION OF NORMAL TRAFFIC FLOW, ALL EMPTY TAXIS WILL BE BANNED FROM ENTERING WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD BETWEEN BLUE POOL ROAD AND VILLAGE ROAD, SHAN KWONG ROAD BETWEEN VILLAGE ROAD AND WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD AND EASTBOUND QUEEN'S ROAD EAST BETWEEN STUBBS ROAD AND MORRISON HILL ROAD.