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CANDIDATES ELECTED TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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THIRTEEN CANDIDATES WERE ELECTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN THE ELECTIONS HELD TODAY (THURSDAY).

ANOTHER 13 CANDIDATES HAVE BEEN RETURNED UNCONTESTED.

OF THE 13 CONTESTED SEATS, NINE ARE IN THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE CONSTITUENCIES AND THE REMAINING FOUR IN FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES.

TWENTY-THREE CANDIDATES RUN FOR THE NINE CONTESTED ELECTORAL COLLEGE SEATS, AND 10 RUN FOR THE FOUR CONTESTED FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY SEATS.

THERE ARE 388 VOTERS IN THE CONTESTED ELECTORAL COLLEGE CONSTITUENCIES, AND 16,445 VOTERS IN THE CONTESTED FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES.

A TOTAL OF 378 VOTERS IN THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE CAST THEIR VOTE, REPRESENTING A TURNOUT RATE OF 97.4 PER CENT. IN THE FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES, 8,887 CAST THEIR VOTES, AND THE TURNOUT RATE IS 54.0 PER CENT.

OF THE 26 SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES, 17 ARE FORMER LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS.

RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

ELECTORAL COLLEGE CONSTITUENCIES

CONSTITUENCY	SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES
1. URBAN COUNCIL	MRS ELSIE TU (UNCONTESTED)
2. REGIONAL COUNCIL	MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG
3. HONG KONG ISLAND (EAST)	MR CHAN YING-LUN
4. HONG KONG ISLAND (WEST)	MRS SO CHAU YIM-PING
5. KWUN TONG	MR POON CHI-FAI
6. WONG TAI SIN	MR MICHAEL CHENG TAK-KIN
7. SOUTH KOWLOON	MR KINGSLEY SIT HO-YIN
8. KOWLOON CITY	DR DANIEL TSE (UNCONTESTED)

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| 9. SHAM SHUI PO             | MR CHUNG PUI-LAM (UNCONTESTED) |
| 10. NEW TERRITORIES (EAST)  | MR ANDREW WONG                 |
| 11. NEW TERRITORIES (SOUTH) | MR LAM WAI-KEUNG               |
| 12. NEW TERRITORIES (WEST)  | MR TAI CHIN-WAH                |

FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES

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| 1. COMMERCIAL I   | MR JAMES DAVID MCGREGOR  |
| 2. COMMERCIAL II  | MR HO SAI-CHU (UNCONTESTED)                                      |
| 3. INDUSTRIAL I   | MR STEPHEN CHEONG KAM-CHUEN<br>(UNCONTESTED)                     |
| 4. INDUSTRIAL II  | MR NGAI SHIU-KIT (UNCONTESTED)                                   |
| 5. FINANCE  | MR DAVID LI KWOK-PO<br>(UNCONTESTED)                             |
| 6. ACCOUNTANCY  | MR WONG HON-YUEN   |
| 7. LABOUR<br>(TWO SEATS)                                  | MR PANG CHUN-HOI (UNCONTESTED)<br>MR TAM YIU-CHUNG (UNCONTESTED) |
| 8. SOCIAL SERVICES  | MR HUI YIN-FAT (UNCONTESTED)                                     |
| 9. MEDICAL  | DR LEONG CHE-HUNG  |
| 10. HEALTH CARE   | MR RONALD CHOW MEI-TAK   |
| 11. TEACHING  | MR SZETO WAH (UNCONTESTED)                                       |
| 12. LEGAL   | MR MARTIN LEE CHU-MING<br>(UNCONTESTED)                          |
| 13. ENGINEERING,<br>ARCHITECTURAL<br>SURVEYING & PLANNING | MR CHENG HON-KWAN<br>(UNCONTESTED)                               |

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5,092 CAST VOTES IN FIRST EIGHT HOURS

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IN THE FIRST EIGHT HOURS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS, 5,092 VOTERS IN THE FOUR CONTESTED FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES TURNED OUT TO CAST THEIR BALLOTS, THE DEPUTY CHIEF SECRETARY, MR JOHN CHAN, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT A PRESS BRIEFING AT THE PRESS CENTRE, MR CHAN SAID THAT THE TURNOUT RATE IN THE FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES, AS AT 5 PM, WAS 30.9 PER CENT.

"THE CORRESPONDING FIGURE IN THE 1985 ELECTIONS IN OVERALL TERMS WAS 27.9 PER CENT SO, IN OVERALL TERMS, THE RATE THIS YEAR IS SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN IN 1985.

"I WOULD SAY, HOWEVER, THERE IS REALLY NO DIRECT COMPARISON BECAUSE THE 1988 AND 1985 ELECTIONS INVOLVED QUITE DIFFERENT CONSTITUENCIES AND QUITE DIFFERENT VOTERS," MR CHAN ADDED.

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ON THE PREFERENTIAL ELIMINATION SYSTEM, MR CHAN SAID WHAT HAD BEEN CHANGED WAS NOT THE VOTING SYSTEM BUT THE METHOD OF COUNTING THE VOTES.

THE CONSULTATION ON THE 1987 GREEN PAPER FOUND THAT THERE WAS MORE SUPPORT FOR THE PREFERENTIAL ELIMINATION SYSTEM THAN THE PREFERENTIAL ADDITION SYSTEM USED IN THE 1985 ELECTIONS.

COMMENTING ON THE ELECTION IN AN ELECTORAL COLLEGE OF A CANDIDATE WHO CHOSE NOT TO RUN IN HIS OWN CONSTITUENCY, MR CHAN SAID THE VERY FACT THAT THE VOTERS HAD ELECTED THIS PARTICULAR CANDIDATE SHOWED THAT THE VOTERS WERE CONFIDENT THAT HE COULD REPRESENT THEM.

"WHETHER THE VOTERS WILL CONSIDER THE CANDIDATES' ABILITY OR WHETHER THEY WILL TAKE OTHER FACTORS INTO CONSIDERATION IS ENTIRELY UP TO INDIVIDUAL VOTERS," HE ADDED.

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OFFICIALS REAPPOINTED TO LEGCO

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE GOVERNOR HAS REAPPOINTED THE SEVEN FORMER OFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR A FURTHER TERM FROM SEPTEMBER 23 THIS YEAR UNTIL THE NEXT DISSOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL. THE SEVEN OFFICIAL MEMBERS ARE:

MR DONALD P.H. LIAO, CBE, JP,  
SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

MR J.W. CHAMBERS, OBE, JP,  
SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE

MR G. BARNES, CBE, JP,  
SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS

MR R.G.B. BRIDGE, OBE, JP,  
SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER

MR MICHAEL LEUNG MAN-KIN, JP,  
SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT

MR G.T. BARNES, JP,  
SECRETARY FOR SECURITY

MR PETER TSAO KWANG-YUNG, CPM, JP,  
SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT WHEN DECIDING ON THE APPOINTMENTS, THE GOVERNOR HAD TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION THE LIKELY DISTRIBUTION OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BUSINESS AMONGST THE VARIOUS BRANCH SECRETARIES IN THE 1988-89 SESSION.

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CS: SOLVING BOAT PEOPLE PROBLEM AN INTERNATIONAL MATTER

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THE FOCUS OF ATTENTION ON THE VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE PROBLEM WILL GRADUALLY SHIFT FROM HONG KONG TO REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO FIND A POSITIVE WAY FORWARD IN THE MONTHS AHEAD, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

ADDRESSING A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG HARBOUR, SIR DAVID STRESSED THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY MUST FIND A LONG TERM SOLUTION TO THIS INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM.

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"IT NOW SEEMS LIKELY THAT THERE WILL BE AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INDO-CHINESE ASYLUM SEEKERS DURING THE SPRING OF NEXT YEAR.

"THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF WORK TO BE DONE IN PREPARING THE GROUND BUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S POLICY IS CLEARLY MOVING FORWARD IN STEP WITH THE UNHCR AND WITH THE DEVELOPING CONSENSUS OF OPINION IN THE REGION.

"BUT THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM STILL LIES IN VIETNAM AND WE LOOK TO THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT TO STEM THE FLOW OF THEIR PEOPLE TO OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE REGION," HE SAID.

ON THE RELAXATION PROGRAMME FOR REFUGEES BEING HOUSED IN CLOSED CENTRES, SIR DAVID SAID THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY HAD MADE IT CLEAR WHEN HE INTRODUCED THE SCREENING POLICY ON JUNE 15 THAT IT WAS THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO GRADUALLY IMPROVE CONDITIONS FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES WHO HAD ARRIVED IN HONG KONG BEFORE JUNE 16.

HE SAID THE STEP WAS NECESSARY FIRSTLY BECAUSE THE ONLY WAY IN WHICH THE GOVERNMENT COULD RELIEVE HONG KONG OF THE BURDEN OF THE 16,000 GENUINE REFUGEES WAS TO RESETTLE THEM.

"BY GRADUALLY ALLOWING THESE REFUGEES TO GO OUT TO WORK AND SO TO ACQUIRE SKILLS AND BECOME ECONOMICALLY INDEPENDENT, THEIR CHANCES OF FINDING RESETTLEMENT PLACES INCREASE ENORMOUSLY," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID A SECOND CONSIDERATION WAS THE FACT THAT MANY OF THE REFUGEES HAD BEEN LOCKED UP FOR THREE TO FOUR YEARS.

"THE CHILDREN HAVE HAD NO FORMAL SCHOOLING AND THE ADULTS NO OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE ANYTHING APPROACHING A NORMAL LIFE.

"HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS CLEARLY POINT TO THE NEED FOR A CHANGE."

A THIRD CONSIDERATION, SIR DAVID SAID, WAS THE FINANCIAL BURDEN ON THE COMMUNITY.

"THE MOVE TOWARDS BETTER CONDITIONS FOR THE REFUGEES HAS LED TO THE UNHCR ASSUMING FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE REFUGEE CAMPS.

"THE SAVINGS WILL BE IN THE ORDER OF \$150 MILLION A YEAR," HE SAID.

ON CRITICISMS BY SOME TUEN MUN RESIDENTS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW CAMP IN THE DISTRICT, SIR DAVID SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THEIR WORRIES BUT BELIEVED THEM TO BE ILL-FOUNDED BECAUSE THE RELAXATION PROGRAMME WOULD BE GRADUAL AND VERY CAREFULLY CONTROLLED.

"WE BELIEVE THE RELATIVELY SMALL NUMBERS OF PEOPLE LIKELY TO GO OUT TO WORK - 4,000 - CAN BE READILY ABSORBED BY THE VACANCIES WHICH ALREADY EXIST IN TUEN MUN.

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"THE POLICE ARE CONSCIOUS OF THE NEED TO KEEP A CAREFUL EYE ON THE SITUATION AND ARE REVIEWING THE POLICING REQUIREMENTS IN THE AREA AND BUILDING UP THEIR STRENGTH.

"THANKFULLY THE PROBLEM OF CHILDREN'S SCHOOLING IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING SETTLED," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID ADDED THAT MOST OF THE CRITICISM HAD BEEN ALONG THE LINES OF 'YES, WE AGREE YOU HAVE TO PROVIDE A NEW CAMP BUT PLEASE DON'T PUT IT IN OUR AREA'.

"THIS IS VERY UNDERSTANDABLE BUT IF WE ARE TO ENABLE THE REFUGEES TO GRADUALLY LIVE A MORE NORMAL LIFE WHILST WAITING FOR RESETTLEMENT, THEY MUST BE PART OF A COMMUNITY AND NOT ON SOME REMOTE ISLAND," HE SAID.

ON SUGGESTIONS THAT HONG KONG SHOULD ADOPT A 'TOUGHER' POLICY, THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID THE ONLY POLICY WHICH WAS TOUGHER THAN THE ONE HONG KONG HAD NOW ADOPTED WAS TO REFUSE TO ALLOW BOAT PEOPLE TO LAND - TO PUSH THEM OUT TO SEA.

"TO THOSE WHO SUGGEST THIS POLICY, I MUST SAY I CANNOT HELP WONDERING WHETHER THEY HAVE THOUGHT IT THROUGH," HE SAID.

"PUSHING OFF DOES NOT JUST INVOLVE PROVIDING FOOD AND WATER AND SENDING THEM ON THEIR WAY.

"BECAUSE IF THEY WERE TO REFUSE TO CONTINUE ON THEIR JOURNEY, IF THEY WERE TO SCUTTLE THEIR BOATS IN FULL VIEW OF POLICE OR IMMIGRATION LAUNCHES, THE TOUGH POLICY MUST ALSO INVOLVE LEAVING PEOPLE TO DROWN.

"I CANNOT BELIEVE THAT THINKING PEOPLE IN THIS COMMUNITY COULD EVER CONDONE THE OUTCOME OF SUCH A POLICY, WHICH COULD RESULT IN MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN BEING DELIBERATELY LEFT TO DROWN.

"CERTAINLY, WE IN THE GOVERNMENT COULD NEVER EVER BE PARTY TO SUCH A POLICY."

SIR DAVID NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE FRUSTRATION IN THE COMMUNITY OVER THE BOAT PEOPLE PROBLEM WAS STRONG AND UNDERSTANDABLE.

"IT IS A REFLECTION OF THE FACT THAT SINCE 1979, HONG KONG HAS KEPT ITS SIDE OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING REACHED AT GENEVA THAT WE WOULD PROVIDE FIRST ASYLUM FOR BOAT PEOPLE FROM VIETNAM.

"BUT SADLY, THE OTHER, EQUALLY CRUCIAL, HALF OF THE BARGAIN HAS FALLEN APART, IN THAT RESETTLEMENT COUNTRIES ARE SUFFERING FROM COMPASSION FATIGUE AND ARE NO LONGER WILLING TO PROVIDE PERMANENT HOMES FOR ALL VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE GIVEN TEMPORARY SHELTER BY THE COUNTRIES OF FIRST ASYLUM.

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"FACED WITH THIS REALITY, THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN THE LEAD IN TRYING TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THIS APPARENTLY INSOLUBLE PROBLEM."

SIR DAVID SAID THE KEY TO THIS SOLUTION WAS AN INTERNATIONAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE FACT THAT NOT ALL THE PEOPLE NOW LEAVING VIETNAM WERE REFUGEES - ACCORDING TO THE UNHCR DEFINITION, AND THAT THOSE WHO WERE NOT POLITICAL REFUGEES SHOULD GO BACK TO VIETNAM.

"AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IS ALSO AN ASSURANCE FROM THE VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES THAT THE REFUGEES WILL NOT IN ANY WAY BE ILL-TREATED ON THEIR RETURN."

HE SAID THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE UNDERSTANDING REACHED BETWEEN THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND THE UNHCR ON TUESDAY WAS THAT IT CONFIRMED UNHCR PARTICIPATION IN OUR PROCEDURES TO DETERMINE REFUGEE STATUS.

"THIS ASSOCIATES UNHCR CLOSELY WITH OUR NEW POLICY.

"WE NOW HAVE A SOLEMN UNDERTAKING THAT THE UNHCR WILL WORK WITH THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT TO HELP RESETTLE THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE SCREENED IN AS REFUGEES, AND ALSO WITH ARRANGEMENTS TO RETURN TO VIETNAM THOSE WHO ARE SCREENED OUT AS ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

"IT IS ALSO CLEAR THAT FOR REPATRIATION TO BE A VIABLE SOLUTION, THE UNHCR MUST BE INVOLVED AND THIS AGREEMENT PAVES THE WAY FOR UNHCR TO PLAY THIS ESSENTIAL ROLE."

SIR DAVID SAID HE BELIEVED THAT THIS ENDORSEMENT BY THE UNHCR OF OUR SCREENING PROCEDURE WOULD OPEN THE WAY TO FULL INTERNATIONAL ACCEPTANCE OF OUR NEW POLICY, AS DEMONSTRATED ALREADY BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S STATEMENT.

"OUR PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA ARE RECOGNISED AS BEING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNHCR GUIDELINES AND ESTABLISHED HUMANITARIAN INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE.

"THE UNHCR HAS ALSO NOW ACCEPTED MOST RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE MAINTENANCE COSTS OF ALL CATEGORIES OF ASYLUM SEEKERS.

"THE FINANCIAL BURDEN ON THE HONG KONG TAXPAYERS HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIAL. IN CAPITAL AND RECURRENT COSTS ALONE, WE HAVE EXPENDED ABOUT 1.6 BILLION HONG KONG DOLLARS SINCE 1979.

"UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS, UNHCR WILL PAY ALL THE RUNNING COSTS OF THE OPEN CAMPS AND WILL LAUNCH AN INTERNATIONAL APPEAL NEXT YEAR TO ENABLE THEM TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE CAPITAL COST OF THE NEW OPEN CAMP AT TUEN MUN," HE SAID.

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FOR VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE ARRIVING IN HONG KONG AFTER JUNE 16, SIR DAVID SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S CLEAR POLICY WAS TO SCREEN THEM ACCORDING TO INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED CRITERIA AND WITH UNHCR INVOLVEMENT; TO RESETTLE THOSE WHO WERE CLASSIFIED AS REFUGEES; AND TO SEND BACK TO VIETNAM THOSE WHO WERE NOT.

"IN THE MEANTIME, THOSE WHO ARE WAITING TO RETURN TO VIETNAM WILL BE TREATED HUMANELY.

"BUT AS FAR AS THIS GROUP IS CONCERNED, THERE CAN AND WILL BE NO CHANGE IN THEIR STATUS AS ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AND THEY WILL REMAIN CONFINED TO THEIR CAMPS UNTIL THEY CAN BE RETURNED HOME," HE SAID.

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ANNOUNCEMENT SHORTLY ON NEXT ROUND OF TALKS

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT AN ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE MADE IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS ON WHEN AND WHERE THE NEXT ROUND OF TALKS WOULD TAKE PLACE WITH THE HANOI GOVERNMENT ON THE REPATRIATION OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG HARBOUR, SIR DAVID SAID THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING WAS STILL BEING WORKED OUT AND THAT HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT HONG KONG WOULD CONTINUE TO MAKE GOOD PROGRESS IN THE TALKS.

"I CERTAINLY THINK WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE FURTHER PROGRESS. WE MADE GOOD PROGRESS THE LAST TIME," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID NOTED THERE WERE INDICATIONS THAT VIETNAM WAS PREPARED TO TAKE BACK SOME BOAT PEOPLE, BUT THE IMPORTANT QUESTION WAS THE FINALISATION OF ARRANGEMENTS AND HOW THESE ARRANGEMENTS WOULD WORK.

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION, SIR DAVID SAID IT WAS TEMPTING TO THINK THAT THE RECENT DECLINE IN ARRIVALS FROM VIETNAM WAS A REFLECTION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S RECENT POLICY ON VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE.

"BUT OF COURSE, THIS TRADITIONALLY IS THE TIME WHEN THE WIND CHANGES AND THE NUMBERS REDUCE.

"NEVERTHELESS, THE REDUCTION HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIAL, AROUND 20 A DAY NOW SO FAR IN SEPTEMBER.

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"THIS IS AN ENCOURAGING SIGN. I HOPE IT IS INDEED A SIGN THAT THE POLICY IS WORKING AND THAT VIETNAM IS TAKING STEPS TO STEM THE FLOW," SIR DAVID SAID.

"BUT I THINK WE SHALL HAVE TO WAIT TO SEE THE LONGER TERMS AND ITS IMPLICATIONS," HE ADDED.

ON THE QUESTION OF URGING BRITAIN AND OTHER RESETTLEMENT COUNTRIES TO TAKE MORE REFUGEES, SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNMENT KEPT IN REGULAR TOUCH WITH THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE AND THE SUBJECT WAS DISCUSSED REGULARLY WITH MINISTERS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

"I THINK ALL COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD FIND IT A VERY DIFFICULT PROBLEM AT THE MOMENT BECAUSE THERE IS NO END IN SIGHT FOR THE FLOW OF BOAT PEOPLE FROM VIETNAM," HE SAID.

"THEY SEE IT AS AN ENDLESS PROBLEM, AND PART OF OUR POLICY HAS BEEN VERY CLEARLY TO DRAW A DISCERNIBLE END TO THE PROBLEM.

"I THINK THAT IF WE ARE ABLE TO DO THAT AND TO CLEARLY DEMONSTRATE THAT THE NUMBER REQUIRING RESETTLEMENT IS LIMITED, THEN I BELIEVE THE ATTITUDE OF THE RESETTLEMENT COUNTRIES WILL CHANGE.

"THIS IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR POLICY AND WE'LL CERTAINLY KEEP PUSHING THAT VERY HARD," SIR DAVID SAID.

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FS LEAVES FOR IMF CONFERENCE  
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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, LEFT FOR WEST BERLIN THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING TO ATTEND THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND CONFERENCE AS A MEMBER OF THE UK DELEGATION.

THE IMF CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD FROM SEPTEMBER 27 TO 29.

ON HIS WAY BACK, MR JACOBS WILL STOP OVER IN FRANKFURT ON SEPTEMBER 29 AND GIVE A LUNCHEON TALK TO THE DEUTSCHE BANK. HE WILL ALSO VISIT OFFICES OF THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL IN FRANKFURT AND PARIS.

MR JACOBS WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON OCTOBER 5.

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U.S. BODY TOLD OF HK'S TRADE CONCERNS

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THE GROWING TENDENCY TO VIEW TRADE ISSUES IN BILATERAL TERMS AND CREATE TRADING BLOCS ARE A MATTER OF CONSIDERABLE CONCERN, THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, TOLD AMERICAN MANUFACTURERS IN WASHINGTON, DC, ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 21).

MR MACLEOD WAS ADDRESSING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MANUFACTURERS - ONE OF THE LARGEST AMERICAN TRADE ASSOCIATIONS, WITH OVER 13,000 CORPORATE MEMBERS.

IN HIS SPEECH, HE STRESSED THAT HONG KONG WAS COMMITTED TO FREE TRADE AND TO MULTILATERAL EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE WORLD TRADING SYSTEM.

MR MACLEOD SAID THE DEBATE ON THE RECENTLY PASSED OMNIBUS TRADE BILL TOOK A BILATERALIST APPROACH WHICH FLEW IN THE FACE OF THE ECONOMIC RATIONALE BEHIND THE POST-WAR TRADING SYSTEM.

THIS WAS THAT THE FREE FLOW OF TRADE AMONG NATIONS WOULD ULTIMATELY LEAD TO THE MOST EFFICIENT USE OF RESOURCES.

MR MACLEOD SAID HE UNDERSTOOD CONCERN OVER THE UNITED STATES' TWIN DEFICITS - BUT THESE SHOULD NOT BE LOOKED AT IN BILATERAL TERMS.

ANOTHER DISTURBING TREND WAS THE TENDENCY TO DIVIDE THE WORLD UP INTO REAL AND IMAGINED TRADING BLOCS. WHETHER OR NOT THESE BLOCS WERE CONSISTENT WITH THE GATT, THEY ERODED THE OPEN, MULTILATERAL, MOST-FAVOURLED-NATION APPROACH UNDERLYING IT.

ONE RESULT WAS THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF A 'BLOC' VIEW OF THE WORLD AND THE CREATION OF SUCH LABELS AS 'ASIAN NEWLY INDUSTRIALISED ECONOMIES' (NIE'S).

KOREA, TAIWAN, HONG KONG AND SINGAPORE WERE NOT IN FACT A CUSTOMS UNION OR A POLITICAL FEDERATION LINKED IN ANY WAY, AND TO ARTIFICIALLY GROUP THEM TOGETHER BY SUCH LABELLING WAS MISLEADING.

MR MACLEOD ALSO DEALT WITH THE CONTINUING DANGER OF PROTECTIONIST TEXTILE LEGISLATION IN THE U.S. AND THE NEED TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN THE URUGUAY ROUND OF GATT TALKS, IN WHICH ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES THE U.S. AND HONG KONG SHARED SIMILAR OBJECTIVES.

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VARIOUS ACTIVITIES TO MARK ANTI-DRUG WEEK IN OCTOBER

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AN ANTI-DRUG WEEK, DESIGNED TO DISSEMINATE ANTI-NARCOTICS MESSAGES THROUGH A MIXED AND BALANCED PUBLICITY PROGRAMME, WILL BE LAUNCHED IN THE THIRD WEEK OF OCTOBER.

IT WILL BE THE HIGHLIGHT OF THIS YEAR'S TERRITORY-WIDE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN).

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE WEEK AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (THURSDAY), A MEMBER OF THE ACAN, MR LEE JARK-PUI, SAID THE OBJECTIVE WAS TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF DRUG ABUSE, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR GARETH MULLOY, WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT AT THE CONFERENCE, ADDED THAT THE CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES WERE AIMED AT MAKING PARENTS MORE AWARE OF THE RISKS TO WHICH THEIR CHILDREN WERE EXPOSED.

THEY WERE ALSO AIMED AT GIVING THE YOUNGSTERS THEMSELVES A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE DANGERS THAT DRUGS POSED.

DURING THE WEEK FROM OCTOBER 16 TO 22, A WIDE RANGE OF RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES WILL BE ORGANISED.

THESE INCLUDE A FAMILY CAMP, EXHIBITIONS, TELEVISION FEATURES, A SEMINAR, VARIETY SHOW, AND A "RUN-THE-STAIRS" COMPETITION AND DRAMA COMPETITIONS.

ABOUT 150 FAMILIES WILL TAKE PART IN A FAMILY CAMP, AT THE LEI YUE MUN PARK HOLIDAY VILLAGE ON OCTOBER 15 AND 16. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PARENTS AND CHILDREN ATTENDING WILL BE ABOUT 440.

RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG (RTHK) AND SING PAO DAILY NEWS WILL WORK TOGETHER TO RECRUIT 440 CAMP PARTICIPANTS, COMPRISING 290 RESIDENTIAL CAMPERS AND 150 DAY CAMPERS. THE RECRUITMENT WILL BEGIN TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AND CLOSE ON SEPTEMBER 29.

DURING THE RECRUITMENT PERIOD, AN APPLICATION FORM, TOGETHER WITH DETAILS, WILL BE PUBLISHED IN SING PAO AND FIVE LEADING ENTERTAINMENT PERSONALITIES, MESSRS JACKIE CHAN, SAM HUI, ADAM CHENG AND SAMMO HUNG AND MISS DODO CHENG, WILL PLEDGE THEIR SUPPORT BY MAKING ANTI-NARCOTICS APPEALS ON RTHK RADIO 1.

IN FILLING IN THE APPLICATION FORMS, INTENDING PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO MATCH THE PERSONALITIES WITH THE CORRESPONDING ANTI-DRUG APPEAL MADE BY THEM ON THE RADIO.

A BALLOT TO DECIDE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL TAKE PLACE ON OCTOBER 4 AND RESULTS OF THE BALLOT WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON OCTOBER 6.

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AS PART OF THE ANTI-DRUG WEEK PROGRAMME, AN EXHIBITION FEATURING PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES ABUSE AND HONG KONG'S ANTI-DRUG EFFORTS WILL BE STAGED AT THE MTR'S MONG KOK STATION AND TSUEN WAN STATION FROM OCTOBER 17 TO 19 AND OCTOBER 20 TO 22 RESPECTIVELY.

TELEVISION FEATURES INCORPORATING ANTI-DRUG MESSAGES WILL BE PRODUCED AND TELECAST AS PART OF THE ENJOY YOURSELF TONIGHT SHOW ON THE TVB JADE CHANNEL ON OCTOBER 18.

TO TIE IN WITH THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL ON OCTOBER 19, THE ACAN YOUTH VOLUNTEER GROUP WILL ORGANISE A "RUN-THE-STAIRS" COMPETITION, COVERING AROUND 700 STEPS ON A STAIRWAY IN CLOUD VIEW ROAD, NORTH POINT.

A SEMINAR ON PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES ABUSE, PROVIDING ABOUT 400 SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, TEACHERS AND SOCIAL WORKERS WITH A FORUM TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT, WILL BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS IN WAN CHAI ON OCTOBER 20.

A REVISED TEACHING KIT WILL ALSO BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE PARTICIPANTS.

A THREE-HOUR ANTI-NARCOTICS VARIETY SHOW AT THE SHA TIN CENTRAL PARK, WHICH WILL BE THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN, WILL PROVIDE AN EVENING OF FUN AND MUSIC TO LOCAL RESIDENTS ON OCTOBER 21. IT WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE ON RTHK RADIO 1.

THE FINALS OF THE "ANTI-PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES DRAMA COMPETITION", JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE ACAN AND THE BAUHINIA JAYCEES, WILL BE HELD AT THE LOKE YEW HALL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG ON OCTOBER 22.

A TOTAL OF 28 ENTRIES, COMPRISING 19 FOR THE OPEN DIVISION AND NINE FOR THE SECONDARY SCHOOL DIVISION, HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.

PRE-WEEK PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES WILL BEGIN FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) BY MEANS OF POSTERS, LEAFLETS, THE NARCOTICS DIVISION'S MOBILE PUBLICITY UNIT, MASS MEDIA AND A RANGE OF RADIO PROMOTIONAL PROGRAMMES PRODUCED BY RTHK.

THE RADIO PROGRAMMES, TO BE BROADCAST ON RADIO 1, WILL INCLUDE A DOCUMENTARY DRAMA SERIES AND A MINI-DRAMA SERIES TARGETTED BOTH AT ADULTS AND YOUNGSTERS.

THREE FIVE-MINUTE PROGRAMMES WITH ANTI-DRUG THEMES WILL ALSO BE PRODUCED BY RTHK AND GO ON AIR AT PRIME TIME ON BOTH ATV AND TVB IN OCTOBER.

LEAFLETS INCORPORATING THE DETAILS OF THE ANTI-DRUG WEEK ACTIVITIES AND THE APPLICATION FORM FOR THE FAMILY CAMP WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND SUB-OFFICES AND AT THE NARCOTICS DIVISION, 23RD FLOOR, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

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IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF ACAN'S PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE, MR LEE URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO JOIN IN THESE ACTIVITIES.

THEY WOULD THUS BETTER ARM THEMSELVES WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT WOULD ENABLE THEM TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES FROM THE DANGERS THAT DRUGS POSED.

"NO CAMPAIGN AGAINST DRUG ABUSE CAN SUCCEED WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE AS A WHOLE," HE SAID. "AND REMEMBER THAT KNOWLEDGE IS STRENGTH."

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FIRST SWD HOSTEL FOR ELDERLY OPENS TOMORROW  
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A HOSTEL FOR THE ELDERLY, THE FIRST EVER OPERATED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HO'S CLANSMEN ASSOCIATION HOSTEL FOR THE ELDERLY, LOCATED IN SHEK YUK HOUSE IN CHUN SHEK ESTATE, SHA TIN, HAS A CAPACITY OF 160 PLACES.

IT PROVIDES SHELTERED COMMUNAL LIVING ACCOMMODATION FOR ELDERLY PERSONS WHO ARE CAPABLE OF SELF CARE.

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, AND DR HO TIM OF THE HO'S CLANSMEN ASSOCIATION WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HO'S CLANSMEN ASSOCIATION HOSTEL FOR THE ELDERLY WILL BE HELD AT THE CHUN SHEK COMMUNITY HALL, CHUN SHEK ESTATE, SHA TIN AT 3 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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YOUNG SEAMEN ARE NEEDED IN MERCHANT NAVY

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A SURVEY OF SEA-GOING PERSONNEL HAS FOUND THAT THERE ARE FEWER ACTIVE HONG KONG SEAMEN THAN TWO YEARS AGO AND THE MANPOWER IN THE MERCHANT NAVY IS AGEING WITH ABOUT TWO-THIRDS AGED MORE THAN 40.

IN A REPORT ON THE SURVEY, THE MERCHANT NAVY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL SAYS THE NUMBER OF ACTIVE SEAMEN HAS DROPPED BY 17.6 PER CENT PER ANNUM TO ABOUT 9,000 SINCE THE PREVIOUS SURVEY IN MARCH 1986.

THE BOARD GIVES THREE REASONS FOR THE DECLINE: THE DEPRESSED STATE OF THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY IN THE WAKE OF WORLDWIDE ECONOMIC RECESSION, MORE ATTRACTIVE JOBS AVAILABLE ON SHORE AND THE LOSS OF JOBS ON BOARD SHIPS OPERATING IN THE MIDDLE EAST WAR ZONE TO FILIPINO AND SOUTH KOREAN CREWMEN.

THE BOARD ALSO NOTES WITH CONCERN THE RISE IN THE MEAN AGE OF HONG KONG SEAFARERS WHICH REFLECTS THE GRADUAL AGEING OF THE MANPOWER IN THE MERCHANT NAVY.

THE SURVEY RECORDED THAT SOME 56 PER CENT OF THE 3,600 ACTIVE OFFICERS AND 82 PER CENT OF THE 5,400 ACTIVE RATINGS ARE OVER 40 YEARS OF AGE.

THE BOARD CONSIDERS THAT THERE WILL BE AN URGENT DEMAND FOR YOUNG NEW ENTRANTS TO JOIN THE MERCHANT NAVY, PARTICULARLY WHEN THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY IS RECOVERING.

NEVERTHELESS, MOST SHIPPING COMPANIES HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCING GREAT DIFFICULTIES IN RECRUITING JUNIOR DECK OFFICERS.

THE BOARD FORECASTS THAT THE MERCHANT NAVY WILL NEED AT LEAST 360 ADDITIONAL OFFICERS AND 640 RATINGS A YEAR UP TO 1990 TO MEET ITS MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS.

CONTAINING DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS AND STATISTICS OF THE MANPOWER SITUATION OF THE INDUSTRY, THE 1988 MANPOWER SURVEY REPORT ON THE MERCHANT NAVY IS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AT \$17.50 A COPY.

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LANTERN CARNIVAL FOR SHAM SHUI PO RESIDENTS  
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RESIDENTS IN THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT ARE BEING INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A LARGE-SCALE LANTERN CARNIVAL TO CELEBRATE THIS YEAR'S MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL.

THE EVENT WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 24) EVENING AT THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND.

APART FROM DEMONSTRATIONS OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE HANDICRAFTS, 16 GAMES STALLS WILL BE SET UP FOR RESIDENTS TO SHARE IN THE FESTIVAL SPIRIT.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE CARNIVAL WILL BE A VARIETY SHOW STARTING AT 8 PM AND FEATURING CHORAL SINGING, A CHINESE ORCHESTRAL PERFORMANCE AND CHINESE FOLK DANCE. POPULAR TV ARTISTES WILL ALSO BE PRESENT.

THE CARNIVAL IS ORGANISED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO ARTS ASSOCIATION, THE SHAM SHUI PO WELFARE ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION AND THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE CARNIVAL WILL BE THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR PAUL LEUNG, SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS JENNY CHOK, AND SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR TAI TUNG-NGOK.

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MID-AUTUMN CELEBRATION IN YUEN LONG  
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RESIDENTS OF YUEN LONG ARE BEING INVITED TO ATTEND A VARIETY SHOW TO BE HELD ON THE EVE OF THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL IN THE YUEN LONG JOCKEY CLUB TOWN SQUARE ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 24).

ORGANISED BY THE CULTURE COMMITTEE OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD, THE EVENT WILL FEATURE SINGING, A MAGIC SHOW AND AN ACROBATIC PERFORMANCE AS WELL AS A LANTERN DANCE AND A DEMONSTRATION OF MONGOLIAN WRESTLING.

FREE LANTERNS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE PUBLIC THROUGHOUT THE SHOW, WHICH WILL START AT 8 PM.

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THE OFFICIATING GUESTS AT THE EVENT WILL INCLUDE THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR TAI KUEN, DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALAN WONG, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE CULTURE COMMITTEE, MR CHOW YIU-WING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE VARIETY SHOW.

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ON LOK TSUEN INDUSTRIAL SURVEY ON AGENDA

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THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO REVIEW THE PROGRESS OF AN INDUSTRIAL SURVEY BEING CONDUCTED IN ON LOK TSUEN, FANLING.

THE SURVEY IS AIMED AT FINDING OUT PROBLEMS AS WELL AS JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AREA.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO NOTE PROGRESS CONCERNING A PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A MARINE FISH CULTURE ZONE AT SHAM CHUNG.

AT THE MEETING, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE WILL REPORT THE PROGRESS OF A REVIEW ON THE CONTROL ON THE USE OF BRIGHT LIGHTS FOR FISHING AT NIGHT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING ROUNDABOUT, FANLING TOMORROW (FRIDAY). THE MEETING WILL START AT 2.30 PM.

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OFFICE SPACE ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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MEMBERS OF KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD'S INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE WILL RAISE QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE MAXIMUM PERCENTAGE OF FLOOR AREA OF AN INDUSTRIAL BUILDING THAT CAN BE USED AS OFFICES AT A MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THEY WILL ALSO RAISE QUESTIONS ON THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S INVOLVEMENT IN DEMOLITION WORKS CONCERNING BUILDING STRUCTURES CONTAINING ASBESTOS.

ANOTHER MATTER ON THE AGENDA IS THE INFLUENCE OF A PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT NEAR TSING YI PIER AND ITS SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT ON THE LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT OF TSING YI.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD'S INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE TO BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, KWAI CHUNG.

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KOWLOON CITY DB COMMITTEE MEETS TOMORROW

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MEMBERS OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DISCUSS NEW PROCEDURES FOR PROCESSING COMPLAINTS CONCERNING TAXIS.

A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT WILL ATTEND THE MEETING TO HEAR THE VIEWS OF THE MEMBERS, AND TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

AT THE MEETING, OFFICERS FROM THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL INTRODUCE THE DRAFT 1989-1990 PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT. MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE PROGRAMME.

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OTHER AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THE TO KWA WAN AREA AND THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT THE SECTION OF WATERLOO ROAD BETWEEN PUI CHING ROAD AND HO MAN TIN STREET.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING TO BEGIN AT 2.15 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, TO KWA WAN.

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ISLANDS DB COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER FUND APPLICATIONS

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THE CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR HOLDING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

THIRTY-TWO APPLICATIONS WERE RECEIVED. A WORKING GROUP FORMED UNDER THE COMMITTEE HAS RECOMMENDED ACCEPTANCE OF 10 WHICH AMOUNT TO A TOTAL OF \$96,000, AND MEMBERS' ENDORSEMENT WILL BE SOUGHT AT THE MEETING.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE DATES FOR VISITS BY MEMBERS TO SEE CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES, AND REGIONAL COUNCIL'S DISTRICT FESTIVAL SUBSIDY SCHEME.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, 20TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, BEGINNING AT 2 PM.

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NEW POST OFFICE TO SERVE SHEUNG WAN

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A NEW POST OFFICE SERVING THE SHEUNG WAN AREA WILL BE OPENED AT 9 AM ON OCTOBER 3 (MONDAY), A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

LOCATED ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 159-161 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, THE OFFICE WILL REPLACE THE PRESENT SHEUNG WAN POST OFFICE IN WING LOK STREET WHICH WILL CLOSE FOR BUSINESS AT 1 PM ON OCTOBER 1.

THE OPENING HOURS OF THE NEW POST OFFICE WILL BE 9 AM TO 6 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND 9 AM TO 1 PM ON SATURDAYS. THE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 5-430385.

IN THE INTEREST OF PHILATELISTS, A HAND-BACK SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE NEW SHEUNG WAN POST OFFICE ON OCTOBER 3.

UNREGISTERED "FIRST DAY" COVERS PREPARED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, AND BEARING A LOCAL ADDRESS WILL BE ACCEPTED OVER THE COUNTER. THEY WILL BE IMPRESSED WITH THE NORMAL POST OFFICE DATESTAMP AND HANDED BACK TO THE PERSONS PRESENTING THEM.

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GRADING OF BEACH WATER QUALITY

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED THE LATEST GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF ALL BATHING BEACHES IN HONG KONG.

THE PURPOSE OF THE GRADING SYSTEM IS TO INFORM SWIMMERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT THE STATE OF BACTERIAL POLLUTION AT VARIOUS BEACHES.

THE GRADING IS BASED ON THE E. COLI DATA OBTAINED BY THE EPD IN ITS ROUTINE BEACH WATER QUALITY MONITORING PROGRAMME.

THE E. COLI DATA USED FOR GRADING ARE BASED ON THE MEDIAN VALUES OF THE MOST RECENT FIVE RESULTS, OBTAINED OVER A TWO AND A HALF MONTH PERIOD ACCORDING TO THE USUAL SAMPLING FREQUENCY.

THE GRADES FOR SOME BEACHES MAY FLUCTUATE. THIS REPRESENTS A NATURAL FLUCTUATION IN THE BACTERIAL QUALITY OF THE BEACHES IN MOST CASES, AS RAIN AND TIDES BRING MORE OR LESS POLLUTION TO THE SWIMMING AREAS.

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NEVERTHELESS, THE GRADES GIVE A GOOD GENERAL PICTURE OF THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF BEACHES, AND FORM THE BEST AVAILABLE FORECAST OF BEACH WATER QUALITY IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

THE SYSTEM FOR GRADING BEACH WATER QUALITY IS AS FOLLOWS:

'A' GRADE INDICATES THE MEDIAN E. COLI COUNT IS BETWEEN 0-99 PER 100 MILLILITRES, AND THE WATER QUALITY IS GOOD.

'B' GRADE INDICATES THE MEDIAN E. COLI COUNT IS BETWEEN 100-999 PER 100 MILLILITRES, AND THE WATER QUALITY IS ACCEPTABLE.

'C' GRADE INDICATES THE MEDIAN E. COLI COUNT IS 1,000 OR MORE PER 100 MILLILITRES, AND THE WATER QUALITY IS POOR.

THE DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO CLOSE A BEACH TO SWIMMERS IS BASED ON A JUDGEMENT OF WHAT DEGREE OF POLLUTION IS ACCEPTABLE.

NORMALLY, A RECOMMENDATION ON CLOSURE WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED BY THE URBAN OR THE REGIONAL COUNCIL IF A 'C' GRADING OCCURRED REPEATEDLY. SIMILARLY, A RECOMMENDATION TO REOPEN A CLOSED BEACH WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED IF A 'B' GRADE OR BETTER WERE CONSISTENTLY OBTAINED.

AT PRESENT, FIVE BATHING BEACHES HAVE BEEN DECLARED UNSUITABLE FOR SWIMMING PURPOSES, BASED ON THE WATER QUALITY DURING PAST SEASONS.

THESE BEACHES ARE ANGLERS', CASTLE PEAK, SILVERMINE BAY, OLD CAFETERIA AND ROCKY BAY. THEY ARE POLLUTED BY FAECAL WASTES AND FAILED TO ACHIEVE CONSISTENTLY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION AND HONG KONG STANDARDS. THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED NOT TO SWIM IN THESE FIVE BEACHES. THEY ARE IDENTIFIED BY AN 'X' IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE.

THE GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF VARIOUS BEACHES IN HONG KONG AS AT TODAY AND TWO WEEKS AGO ARE LISTED BELOW :

BEACH -----	LAST GRADING ----- (AS AT 8.9.88)	PRESENT GRADING ----- (AS AT 22.9.88)
HONG KONG SOUTH -----		
BIG WAVE BAY	A	A
CHUNG HOM KOK	A	A
DEEP WATER BAY	B	B
HAIRPIN	A	A
MIDDLE BAY	C	C

/REPULSE BAY .....

REPULSE BAY	C	C
SHEK O	B	B
SOUTH BAY	B	B
ST. STEPHEN'S	A	A
TURTLE COVE	A	A
STANLEY MAIN	A	A
ROCKY BAY	X	X
TO TEI WAN*	A	A

## ISLANDS DISTRICT

CHEUNG SHA UPPER	A	A
CHEUNG SHA LOWER	B	B
DISCOVERY BAY*	A	A
HUNG SHING YEH	A	A
KWUN YAM WAN	A	A
TONG FUK	B	B
LO SO SHING	A	A
PUI O	B	A
SILVERMINE BAY	X	X
TUNG WAN, CHEUNG CHAU	B	B
TUNG O*	A	A

## SAI KUNG DISTRICT

CAMPERS	A	A
CLEAR WATER BAY 1ST BEACH	B	B
CLEAR WATER BAY 2ND BEACH	B	B

HAP MUN BAY	A	A
KIU TSUI	A	A
PAK SHA CHAU	A	A
SILVERSTRAND	C	C
TRIO (HEBEHAVEN)	B	B

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ANGLERS'	X	X
APPROACH	B	B
CASAM	B	B
GEMINI	B	B
HOI MEI WAN	B	B
LIDO	B	B
TING KAU	C	C
TUNG WAN, MA WAN	A	A

TUEN MUN DISTRICT  
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OLD CAFETERIA	X	X
NEW CAFETERIA	B	C
CASTLE PEAK	X	X
KADOORIE	B	C
BUTTERFLY	B	C

NOTE: 'X' THE BEACH HAS BEEN DECLARED UNSUITABLE FOR SWIMMING.  
\* NON-GAZETTED BEACHES.

THE FOLLOWING BEACHES HAVE CHANGED GRADING ON THIS OCCASION:

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THE CHANGE IS WITHIN THE NORMAL RANGE OF FLUCTUATION OF THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF THE BEACH.

NEW CAFETERIA, KADOORIE AND BUTTERFLY, FROM 'B' TO 'C'.

THESE BEACHES WERE AFFECTED BY DISCHARGES FROM TUEN MUN NULLAH. THE USUAL GRADING FOR THESE BEACHES IN THIS BATHING SEASON HAS BEEN EITHER 'A' OR 'B'.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT DR CATHERINE LAM, ACTING PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER (WATER POLICY) OF EPD, ON 3-7211044.

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC, TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS IN NT  
FOR MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT SPECIAL TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES DURING THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL.

DETAILS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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GOLDEN HILL ROAD LEADING TO KOWLOON RESERVOIR WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 6 PM TO MIDNIGHT ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 24). ON SEPTEMBER 25 AND 26, THE ROAD WILL CONTINUE TO BE CLOSED AS ON NORMAL PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

ON SEPTEMBER 25 AND 26, SERVICE ON KMB ROUTE NO. 85K, ON JOURNEYS TO HENG ON, WILL BE EXTENDED TO OPERATE UNTIL 1 AM THE NEXT MORNING. BUSES HEADING FOR SHA TIN KCR STATION WILL RUN UNTIL 12.30 AM THE NEXT DAY.

THE OPERATING HOURS OF GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES NO. 60K (SHA TIN KCR STATION TO FO TAN COTTAGE AREA) AND 61M (LEK YUEN/WO CHE TO KOWLOON TONG MTR STATION) WILL ALSO BE EXTENDED ON SEPTEMBER 25, TO UNTIL 1 AM AND 3 AM THE NEXT MORNING RESPECTIVELY.

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ON SEPTEMBER 25, SERVICE ON GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE NO. 82 (TSUEN WAN SHIU WO STREET TO SHING MUN RESERVOIR) WILL OPERATE UNTIL 2 AM THE NEXT MORNING. A HIGHER FARE OF \$2 WILL BE CHARGED ON THE EXTENDED SERVICES.

SAI KUNG  
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THE SECTION OF CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH THE SLIP ROAD TO TAI WAN TAU WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 8 PM ON SEPTEMBER 25 TO 6 AM THE NEXT MORNING.

THE OPERATING HOURS OF KMB ROUTE NO. 93R (PAK TAM CHUNG TO CHOI HUNG) WILL BE EXTENDED ON SEPTEMBER 25 TO MIDNIGHT, WITH A FREQUENCY OF 10 TO 20 MINUTES.

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BUS DIVERSIONS IN WONG TAI SIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT ROUTEINGS OF A NUMBER OF BUS ROUTES WILL BE DIVERTED FOR A FEW HOURS FROM 11 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS AT THE JUNCTION OF SHEUNG FUNG STREET AND FUNG TAK ROAD IN WONG TAI SIN.

THE DIVERSIONS WILL BE IN FORCE UNTIL THE LAST BUSES ARE DISPATCHED ON THE ROUTES.

DETAILS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- \* KMB ROUTES NO. 2F AND 5C WILL BE DIVERTED VIA YUK WAH STREET, TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD AND PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD AFTER LEAVING TSZ WAN SHAN (SOUTH) BUS TERMINUS.
- \* KMB ROUTES NO. 3A, 3B AND 15A WILL HAVE TO OPERATE VIA TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD AND PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD ON THEIR JOURNEYS FROM TSZ WAN SHAN.
- \* THE EXISTING BUS STOPS IN YUK WAH STREET, SHEUNG FUNG STREET AND FUNG TAK ROAD OBSERVED BY THE ABOVE ROUTES WILL BE SUSPENDED TEMPORARILY.

TEMPORARY BUS STOPS FOR THESE BUS ROUTES WILL BE PROVIDED ON TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD AND PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD, TOGETHER WITH THOSE FOR ROUTE NO. 3C.

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FRESH WATER CUT IN YUEN LONG

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN YUEN LONG WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 10 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO 8 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR WATER WORKS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT HUNG SHUI KIU MAIN ROAD, HUNG UK TSUEN, TIN HA ROAD AND HUNG SHEK ROAD.

PREMISES ALONG PING HA ROAD AND THOSE AT LAU FAU SHAN WILL ALSO EXPERIENCE WEAK WATER PRESSURE.

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