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DECISION ON GARRISON EXPLAINED

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING REITERATED THAT THE +VERY STABLE+ SITUATION HERE HAD ENABLED HONG KONG TO TAKE WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT THE DECISION TO REDUCE THE GARRISON.

+IT IS EXACTLY AS WHAT WAS DESCRIBED IN THE PRESS RELEASE YESTERDAY THAT THE SITUATION IN HONG KONG, EVERYBODY AGREES, IS NOW VERY STABLE; THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION SITUATION IS VERY MUCH BETTER.

+AND THESE CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE ENABLED US TO TAKE WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT THE DECISION ON THE REDUCTION OF THE GARRISON,+ HE SAID.

SIR EDWARD WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OPENING AN ARBITRATION SEMINAR.

ASKED ABOUT PLANS TO INTRODUCE AN INTERNAL SECURITY FORCE, FOLLOWING THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE GURKHA BATTALION, SIR EDWARD SAID ALL SUCH MATTERS WOULD REQUIRE VERY CAREFUL CONSIDERATION.

+NO DECISION HAS YET BEEN TAKEN ON THESE MATTERS. THIS STILL REMAINS THE POSITION,+ HE SAID.

IN REPLY TO ANOTHER QUESTION ON ANY FURTHER REDUCTION OF THE GARRISON AFTER 1987, SIR EDWARD SAID THAT TOO REQUIRED CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AND NO DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN AT THIS TIME.

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HK WELL PLACED FOR ARBITRATION CENTRE - SIR EDWARD

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WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CENTRE, HONG KONG WAS WELL PLACED TO BECOME, IF IT WAS NOT ALREADY, A CENTRE FOR THE HEARING OF ARBITRATIONS, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

THIS WAS SIGNIFICANT, HE SAID, BECAUSE HONG KONG HAD BECOME A LEADING REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL CENTRE IN THE PAST TWO DECADES.

AND, HONG KONG'S ECONOMY WAS INTERNATIONALLY ORIENTED AND ITS ECONOMIC WELL-BEING DEPENDED ON ITS OVERSEAS LINKS, HE SAID.

SIR EDWARD WAS SPEAKING TO DELEGATES AT A SEMINAR ORGANISED BY THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF ARBITRATORS AND THE INTERNATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION.

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POINTING OUT THAT A NEW INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CENTRE HAD RECENTLY BEEN ESTABLISHED IN HONG KONG, SIR EDWARD SAID THAT IT WAS PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE THAT THE SEMINAR WAS BEING HELD HERE AT THIS TIME.

HE SAID IT MIGHT SEEM +A TRIFLE CHURLISH+ TO SUGGEST THAT FULL ADVANTAGE BE TAKEN OF THE NEW FACILITIES, AND ADDED: +HOWEVER, HUMAN NATURE BEING WHAT IT IS, DISPUTES WILL, FROM TIME TO TIME, INEVITABLY ARISE AND THERE MUST BE ACCEPTABLE WAYS OF SOLVING THEM.+

RECOGNISING, SIR EDWARD SAID, THAT HE WAS TALKING TO MANY LAWYERS, WHO LIKED TO HEAR AUTHORITY CITED FOR STATEMENTS MADE, SIR EDWARD THEN QUOTED SIR WILLIAM HOLDSWORTH, WHO IN HIS HISTORY OF ENGLISH LAW, HAD NOTED THAT:

+EARLY ROMAN AND ENGLISH LAW RETAIN TRACES OF THE TIME WHEN THE NATURAL WAY OF SETTLING DISPUTES WAS SELF-HELP, AND RECOURSE TO A COURT DEPENDED ON THE CONSENT OF THE PARTIES;+

+THE PRACTICE OF ARBITRATION, THEREFORE, COMES, SO TO SPEAK, NATURALLY TO PRIMITIVE BODIES OF LAW; AND AFTER COURTS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE AND A RECOURSE TO THEM HAS BECOME THE NATURAL METHOD OF SETTLING DISPUTES, THE PRACTICE CONTINUES BECAUSE THE PARTIES TO A DISPUTE WISH TO SETTLE THEM WITH LESS FORMALITY AND EXPENSE THAN IS INVOLVED IN A RECOURSE TO THE COURTS.+

SPEAKING +VERY MUCH AS A LAYMAN+, SIR EDWARD SAID THAT NOTHING BUT GOOD COULD COME FROM THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND REFINEMENT OF THE ARBITRATION PROCESS AND OFFERING A FURTHER VENUE OF ARBITRATION TO THOSE WHO WISHED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT.

IT WAS IN THIS SPIRIT THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CENTRE HERE HAD BEEN PROMOTED BY LEGAL AND COMMERCIAL INTERESTS IN HONG KONG.

IT WAS THE RESULT OF MUCH HARD WORK BY MR JUSTICE HUNTER, THE MEMBERS OF THE STEERING GROUP, AND MANY OTHERS, HE SAID.

THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, SIR EDWARD SAID, HAD ALSO ENCOURAGED THE PROJECT.

+THE PRIVATE SECTOR HAS RAISED THE MAJOR PART OF THE FUNDS FOR THE CENTRE; THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAS ASSISTED BY MAKING AVAILABLE, ON TERMS WHICH INCLUDE CONSIDERABLE FINANCIAL SUPPORT, THE TOP FLOOR OF THE OLD CENTRAL MAGISTRACY,+ HE SAID.

SIR EDWARD WELCOMED ALL THOSE WHO ATTENDED THE SEMINAR AND WISHED THEM WELL IN THEIR DELIBERATIONS.

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TAI PO CENTRE - A FOCAL POINT
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THE NEW TAI PO CIVIC CENTRE WILL PROVIDE A MEETING PLACE FOR RESIDENTS AND ALSO SERVE AS A FOCAL POINT FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE ARTS, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID WHEN OFFICIALLY OPENING THE CENTRE TONIGHT.

SIR DAVID SAID THE CENTRE, WHICH HAS AN 880-SEAT AUDITORIUM, +WILL HELP MAINTAIN THE SPIRITUAL AS DISTINCT FROM THE MATERIAL WELL-BEING OF TAI PO RESIDENTS.+

HE NOTED THAT NEXT YEAR, TWO MORE TOWN HALLS WOULD BE COMPLETED IN SHA TIN AND TUEN MUN AND BY THEN, MODERN, WELL-EQUIPPED HALLS WOULD BE ACCESSIBLE TO ALMOST ALL RESIDENTS THROUGHOUT THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AREA.

+DISTRICT ARTS COMMITTEES, DISTRICT BOARDS AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL WORKING TOGETHER WILL ENSURE THAT LOCAL PEOPLE ARE DEEPLY INVOLVED IN THE MANAGEMENT AND USE OF THESE FACILITIES AND WILL ENSURE THAT THEY ARE WELL USED. THESE CONSCIOUS AND CONCERTED EFFORTS HAVE LED TO GREATER PARTICIPATION IN THE ARTS AND FOR A GROWING DEMAND FOR PUBLIC PERFORMANCES,+ SIR DAVID ADDED.

EARLIER, IN HIS WELCOMING SPEECH, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, SAID THE TAI PO CIVIC CENTRE WAS EQUIPPED WITH FACILITIES TO CATER FOR A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES.

+THE AUDITORIUM CAN BE USED FOR ALL KINDS OF MUSIC, DANCE AND THEATRICAL PERFORMANCES AS WELL AS MEETINGS AND SCHOOL FUNCTIONS, WHILE THE REHEARSAL ROOM IS AN IDEAL PLACE FOR DANCE TRAINING AND OTHER INTEREST GROUP ACTIVITIES,+ HE SAID.

+SINCE MID-AUGUST, A VARIETY OF COMMISSIONING PROGRAMMES HAVE ALREADY BEEN STAGED HERE AND THESE HAVE BEEN VERY WELL RECEIVED.+

MR CHEUNG SAID THAT A BALANCED PROGRAMME OF THE PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTED BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT OR JOINTLY WITH ARTS ORGANISATIONS HAD BEEN PLANNED FOR THE MONTHS TO FOLLOW.

HE STRESSED, HOWEVER, MUCH OF THE INITIATIVE IN CULTURAL ACTIVITIES HAD TO COME FROM THE COMMUNITY ITSELF.

MR CHEUNG APPEALED TO ALL COMMUNITY LEADERS, THE DISTRICT BOARD AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS TO SUPPORT THEIR OWN CIVIC CENTRE AND USE ITS FACILITIES.

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'LINKED RATE TO STAY' - SIR JOHN STRESSES

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR JOHN BREMRIDGE, THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING REITERATED THAT THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO INTENTION WHATSOEVER OF CHANGING OR ABANDONING THE LINKED EXCHANGE RATE OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR WITH THE U.S. DOLLAR.

SIR JOHN SAID THAT SOME MEDIA REPORTS HAD SUGGESTED THAT HE WAS HAVING A CHANGE OF MIND ABOUT THE LINK IN VIEW OF THE DECLINING VALUE OF THE U.S. DOLLAR.

+THERE IS SIMPLY NO TRUTH IN THE SUGGESTION,+ SIR JOHN SAID, +THE LINK IS TO STAY.+

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'VOICE OF PUBLIC IN LEGCO'

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THE VOICE OF THE PUBLIC CAN NOW BE REFLECTED MORE EFFECTIVELY IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOLLOWING THURSDAY'S HISTORIC ELECTIONS, YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE 10 DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED TO LEGCO REPRESENT ALL LEVELS OF THE PUBLIC, AND NOW THE VOICE OF THE MAN IN THE STREET CAN BE HEARD IN THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF THE GOVERNMENT MACHINERY.

+THIS IS THE TURNING POINT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT AND A GOOD PREPARATION FOR THE FUTURE,+ MR CHENG SAID.

+ALL WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE SHOULD SUPPORT THE DISTRICT BOARDS AND EXERCISE THEIR RIGHTS BY REGISTERING AS ELECTORS,+ HE ADDED.

MR CHENG WAS SPEAKING AT THE WATER CARNIVAL ORGANISED BY THE YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

HE COMPLIMENTED ASSOCIATION MEMBERS FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN SUPPORTING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES WHICH PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PEOPLE TO COME TOGETHER AND TO DEVELOP A GREATER FEELING OF NEIGHBOURLINESS.

+TO ENHANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD PROVIDE ADEQUATE PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE DISTRICT. YOUR ASSOCIATION WILL BE PLEASED TO KNOW THAT UNDER THE URBAN COUNCIL'S CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME, CONSTRUCTION OF A GAMES HALL AND A SWIMMING POOL, BOTH INDOORS, IS SCHEDULED TO START NEXT YEAR,+ MR CHENG SAID.

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THE WATER CARNIVAL IS AN ANNUAL EVENT OF THE ASSOCIATION AND AIMS AT ENCOURAGING ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS AMONG YAU MA TEI RESIDENTS AND TO SEEK TALENTED SWIMMERS FOR FUTURE OPEN SWIMMING COMPETITIONS.

MORE THAN 500 CONTESTANTS TOOK PART IN VARIOUS EVENTS INCLUDING FREE STYLE, BREAST STROKE, BUTTERFLY STROKE AND RELAY RACES.

AN INVITATION RELAY RACE AMONG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, ASSOCIATION MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WAS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE DAY'S EVENT.

URBAN COUNCILLOR DR DENNY HUANG AND THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH, WERE ALSO THERE TO PRESENT PRIZES.

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KEEP IN TOUCH, NEW LEGCO MEN TOLD

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KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN MAK, TODAY (SATURDAY) URGED THE NEWLY ELECTED LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD CONSTITUENCIES TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH DISTRICT AFFAIRS.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE KWUN TONG MID-AUTUMN LANTERN CARNIVAL. +THE RESPONSIBILITY BEFORE THEM IS TO REFLECT THE VIEWS OF THE DISTRICTS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND BRING BACK RELEVANT LEGCO MATTERS TO THE DISTRICTS,+ HE SAID.

MR MAK ALSO REMINDED RESIDENTS THAT THE CURRENT VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE WOULD END ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 1), AND URGED THOSE WHO HAD NOT REGISTERED TO DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

SO FAR, MORE THAN 10 000 KWUN TONG RESIDENTS HAVE SIGNED UP DURING THE CURRENT EXERCISE.

THE MID-AUTUMN LANTERN CARNIVAL WAS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT CULTURE AND RECREATION PROMOTION ASSOCIATION AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

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17 GARAGES TO GET TESTING OKAY

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING TO DESIGNATE 17 PRIVATE GARAGES AS CAR TESTING CENTRES LATER IN THE YEAR AS A MAJOR STEP IN ITS PLAN TO HIVE OFF THE EXAMINATION OF PRIVATE CARS TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE AMENDED IN JULY, ONLY GARAGES DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNMENT AS CAR TESTING CENTRES WILL BE AUTHORISED TO CARRY OUT INSPECTIONS ON PRIVATE CARS AND ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF ROAD WORTHINESS FOR ANY CAR WHICH HAS PASSED THE TEST SO THAT THE CAR OWNER CAN RELICENSE HIS VEHICLE.

THE LEGISLATION ALSO REQUIRES PRIVATE CARS OVER SIX YEARS OLD TO UNDERGO ANNUAL INSPECTIONS BEFORE RELICENSING.

THE DEPARTMENT INVITED PRIVATE GARAGES TO APPLY FOR DESIGNATION AS CAR TESTING CENTRES AT THE END OF LAST MONTH AND 28 APPLICATIONS WERE RECEIVED.

HAVING EVALUATED THE APPLICATIONS AND INSPECTED THE APPLICANTS' PREMISES, THE DEPARTMENT SELECTED 17 OF THE GARAGES TO BECOME CAR TESTING CENTRES. FINAL APPROVAL WOULD BE GIVEN WHEN THE GARAGES' STAFF HAD UNDERGONE TRAINING AT A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THOSE UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS COULD STILL APPLY TO JOIN THE SCHEME NEXT YEAR.

+THE NAMES OF SUCCESSFUL GARAGES WILL BE ANNOUNCED WHEN THE DESIGNATION IS OFFICIAL,+ HE EXPLAINED, STRESSING THAT THE CAR TESTING CENTRES WOULD HAVE TO COMPLY WITH A CODE OF PRACTICE SETTING OUT THE DETAILED PROCEDURES FOR CAR INSPECTIONS.

THE ANNUAL EXAMINATION OF CARS OVER SIX YEARS OLD COULD MEAN ABOUT 60 000 INSPECTIONS UNDERTAKEN BY THE CAR TESTING CENTRES NEXT YEAR AND THE EXAMINATION FEE WOULD BE FIXED AT $160.

THE DEPARTMENT EXPECTED TO IMPLEMENT THE CAR INSPECTION SCHEME BY THE END OF THE YEAR, THE SPOKESMAN CONCLUDED.

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11 MORE DAYS FOR NEW I.D. CARDS

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MEN BORN IN 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927 AND 1928 WERE REMINDED TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THEY SHOULD APPLY FOR NEW I.D. CARDS BY OCTOBER 12.

+SINCE MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 30) IS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY, THERE ARE ONLY 11 WORKING DAYS LEFT BEFORE THE END OF THIS PHASE,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

IN THE PAST THREE WEEKS, THE EIGHT NEW I.D. CARD ISSUE OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT HAD RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 78 099 APPLICATIONS.

THE SPOKESMAN ESTIMATED THAT 42 801 MEN HAD NOT YET APPLIED.

HE ADVISED THE MEN TO APPLY FOR THE NEW CARDS WITHOUT DELAY.

+THEY MAY TELEPHONE THE OFFICE OF THEIR CHOICE TO OBTAIN AN APPOINTMENT BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY, AND BETWEEN 9 AM AND 12 NOON ON SATURDAY,+ HE SAID.

APPLICANTS WOULD HAVE TO PROVIDE SUCH PERSONAL PARTICULARS AS NAME, I.D. CARD NUMBER AND YEAR OF BIRTH TO COMPLETE THE BOOKING PROCEDURE, HE SAID.

THE ADDRESSES OF THE ISSUE OFFICES AND THEIR TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR BOOKING APPOINTMENT ARE:

HONG KONG	: BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI.	5-747070
EAST KOWLOON	: VAMOY GARDEN PLAZA, 2ND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD.	3-7553679
WEST KOWLOON	: CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 2ND FLOOR, 393 CANTON ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI	3-7232442
TSUEN WAN	: EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, 29-37 TSUEN FU STREET.	0-4981259
SHA TIN	: SHA TIN CENTRE, PODIUM FLOOR, 2-16 WANG POK STREET.	0-6059130
YUEN LONG	: HOP YICK CENTRE, 2ND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK ROAD.	0-793291
TUEN MUN	: CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, CHI LOK FA YUEN.	0-862562
SHEUNG SHUI	: TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR, 82-84 SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI.	0-927155

THE OFFICES ARE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM DAILY, EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

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LADY YOUDE AT PLAYGROUPS FAIR

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LADY YOUDE THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING SHARED IN THE FUN AT A FAIR ORGANISED BY THE PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUPS ASSOCIATION (HONG KONG) AT THE VICTORIA BARRACKS.

AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING, LADY YOUDE, ACCOMPANIED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION'S HONG KONG BRANCH, MRS HEATHER JONES, TOURED SOME OF THE STALLS AND GAMES CORNERS.

THE ASSOCIATION WAS SET UP HERE IN APRIL, 1979. IT IS A VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION TO HELP PARENTS UNDERSTAND AND PROVIDE FOR THE NEEDS OF THEIR YOUNG CHILDREN.

LADY YOUDE IS THE PATRON OF THE HONG KONG BRANCH.

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UC DELEGATION OFF TO NORTH AMERICA

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A FIVE-MEMBER URBAN COUNCIL DELEGATION HEADED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, LEFT HONG KONG TODAY FOR A TWO-WEEK WORKING VISIT TO CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

THE FIRST STOP WILL BE VANCOUVER WHERE MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION WILL TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROMOTE HONG KONG, TO LOOK AT MUNICIPAL FACILITIES THERE -- INCLUDING THE EXPO '86 SITE -- AND TO RENEW CULTURAL AND OTHER LINKS WITH THE CANADIAN PEOPLE, AS WELL AS FORMER HONG KONG RESIDENTS WHO HAVE EMIGRATED TO CANADA.

THE URBAN COUNCIL PARTY WILL ALSO VISIT TORONTO AND SAN FRANCISCO, TWO OTHER CITIES WITH A SIGNIFICANT POPULATION FROM HONG KONG, WHERE THEY WILL STUDY MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND PROMOTE CULTURAL EXCHANGES AND TIES OF FRIENDSHIP.

MEMBERS OF THE GROUP COMPRISE URBAN COUNCILLORS MESSRS AUGUSTINE CHUNG, JOSEPH CHAN AND TONG KAM-BIU, AS WELL AS THE SECRETARY OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR ROY SPENCER.

THE GROUP WILL BE LINKING UP WITH ANOTHER FIVE-MEMBER MUSEUM DELEGATION WHO ARE ALSO VISITING NORTH AMERICA AT THE SAME TIME IN CONNECTION WITH THE PLANNING OF THE PERMANENT MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

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MEMBERS OF THE MUSEUM DELEGATION ARE URBAN COUNCILLORS MESSRS LAWRENCE FUNG, WALTER SULKE AND PAO PING-WING, AS WELL AS THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI KAM, AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (MUSEUMS AND LIBRARIES), MR RANDOLPH O'HARA.

DURING THEIR VISIT THERE, THE MUSEUM DELEGATION WILL TOUR THE MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY IN VANCOUVER, THE ONTARIO SCIENCE CENTRE IN TORONTO, AS WELL AS THE EXPLORATORIUM MUSEUM AND THE ASIAN ART MUSEUM IN SAN FRANCISCO.

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WELFARE SERVICES NOT AFFECTED BY ESTATE WORK

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SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICE FRIENDLY CENTRE IN LEI CHENG UK ESTATE HAD NOT BEEN AFFECTED BY THE ESTATE REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME BECAUSE THEY HAD BEEN REPROVISIONED IN THE NEW BLOCKS, MRS ANSON CHAN, DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SHE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE FRIENDLY CENTRE TOGETHER WITH ITS OUTREACHING TEAM OFFICE AND CHILD CARE CENTRE WHICH HAVE ALL BEEN REHOUSED IN NEW PREMISES.

THE LEI CHENG UK FRIENDLY CENTRE WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1960. ITS SUBVENTED SERVICES CATERING TO RESIDENTS IN THE ESTATE AND THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT INCLUDE A CHILD AND YOUTH CENTRE, AN OUTREACHING TEAM, A NEIGHBOURHOOD LEVEL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND A CHILD CARE CENTRE.

THE HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICE HAS BEEN GRANTED $2 MILLION FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND FOR FITTING OUT THE PREMISES AND FOR NEW FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT.

FITTING OUT WORK WAS CARRIED OUT BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND WAS THEREFORE COMPLETED IN TIME FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

+THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS ACTIVELY PROMOTING SIMILAR FITTING OUT ARRANGEMENTS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE WELFARE FACILITIES FOR TENANTS OF NEW ESTATES AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

+WE HAVE ENTRUSTED 25 FITTING OUT PROJECTS FOR WELFARE AGENCIES IN HOUSING ESTATES TO THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT SO THAT THESE SERVICES CAN COMMENCE OPERATION AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE STAGE TO MEET THE URGENT NEEDS OF THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS,+ MRS CHAN SAID.

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SWIMMING SAFETY REMINDER FOR SCHOOLS

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TODAY ADVISED SCHOOL AUTHORITIES TO EXERCISE CARE WHEN HOLDING SWIMMING GALAS.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN URGED SCHOOL OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR DRAWING UP THE PROGRAMMES TO SATISFY THEMSELVES BEFOREHAND THAT STUDENTS TAKING-PART HAD SUFFICIENT SKILL FOR THE EVENTS THEY ENTERED.

+PARENTS SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT STUDENTS' PARTICIPATION IN SWIMMING EVENTS IS VOLUNTARY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

WHEN HIRING A PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL, SCHOOL OFFICIALS SHOULD DISCUSS SAFETY MEASURES WITH THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF THE POOL AND THE POOL DUTY-OFFICER THREE WORKING DAYS BEFORE THE EVENT.

IN ADDITION, A COPY OF THE PROGRAMME SHOULD BE SENT TO THE RELEVANT DISTRICT AMENITIES OFFICER OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT OR THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE HOLDING OF THE GALA AT THE SWIMMING POOL.

AND, A COPY OF THE PROGRAMME SHOULD ALSO BE SENT TO THE RELEVANT DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICER FOR COMMENTS AT LEAST A MONTH BEFORE THE SWIMMING GALA.

FOR ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT THE INSPECTOR OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AT 3-884111 EXT. 277.

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POSTER DESIGNS TO PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY

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PEOPLE BETWEEN 15 AND 25 ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION TO PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ROAD SAFETY PUBLICITY COMMITTEE SAID TODAY THAT THE DESIGNS SHOULD EMPHASISE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, GOOD DRIVING BEHAVIOUR AND CYCLING SAFETY.

THE COMPETITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ROAD SAFETY PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST AND WEN WEI PO IN SUPPORT OF INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR.

ENTRY FORMS WILL BE PUBLISHED REGULARLY IN SCMP AND WEN WEI PO, AND ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE OCTOBER 31.

REFERENCE MATERIAL ON ROAD SAFETY IS AVAILABLE AT THE MARKETING SECTION OF THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, 2/F, BASKERVILLE HOUSE, NO. 22 ICE HOUSE STREET, CENTRAL.

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THE ENTRIES CAN ADOPT ANY METHOD OF PRESENTATION, BUT THEY MUST BE OF A2 SIZE (420 X 594 MM) AND MUST BEAR ON THE BACK THE NAME, AGE, I.D. CARD NUMBER, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE PARTICIPANT.

ENTRIES SHOULD BE SENT TO THE PROMOTIONS SUB-DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, 13/F, UNITED CENTRE, QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG, BEFORE OCTOBER 31. THERE IS NO LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF DESIGNS SUBMITTED BY ANY ONE PARTICIPANT.

THE WINNER WILL BE AWARDED A $1 500 CASH COUPON, AND THE FIRST AND SECOND RUNNERS-UP WILL RECEIVE CASH COUPONS WORTH $1 000 AND $500 RESPECTIVELY.

IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE 10 CONSOLATION PRIZES OF BOOK TOKENS EACH WORTH $100.

RESULTS OF THE COMPETITION WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN MID-NOVEMBER.

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ROADS IN TIME FOR NEW MARKET COMPLEX

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ACCESS ROADS TO A NEW MARKET COMPLEX AT KWU TUNG IN SHEUNG SHUI WILL BE COMPLETED ON TIME WHEN THE COMPLEX OPENS NEXT MONTH, A NORTH DISTRICT ASSISTANT OFFICER, MISS CHANG KING-YIU, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SHOP OPERATORS HAD EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE COMPLEX WAS INACCESSIBLE TO CUSTOMERS BECAUSE OF VARIOUS ROAD WORKS BEING CARRIED OUT IN SURROUNDING AREAS.

THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, WORK WAS CARRIED OUT ON A WALKWAY FROM TIN SUM TSUEN AND A VEHICULAR RAMP FROM CASTLE PEAK ROAD TO THE COMPLEX.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A ZEBRA-CROSSING ALONG CASTLE PEAK ROAD IN TWO MONTHS' TIME.

MISS CHANG SAID THE DISTRICT OFFICE WILL TRY TO HELP SHOP OPERATORS WHO HAVE DIFFICULTIES IN MOVING INTO THE NEW PREMISES.

THE KWU TUNG MARKET COMPLEX WAS BUILT TO ACCOMMODATE SHOP OPERATORS WHO WERE AFFECTED BY A CLEARANCE OPERATION AT KWU TUNG TSUEN, SHEUNG SHUI TO MAKE WAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES TRUNK ROAD.

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FIRING PRACTICE

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON 14 DAYS IN OCTOBER.

THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED. THE DATES AND TIMES OF THE PRACTICE ARE:

DATE	TIME
OCTOBER 1 (TUESDAY)	8 AM - 4 PM
OCTOBER 2 (WEDNESDAY)	8 AM - 11.59 PM
OCTOBER 3 (THURSDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 4 (FRIDAY)	8 AM -11.59 PM
OCTOBER 5 (SATURDAY)	8 AM - 4 PM
OCTOBER 14 (MONDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 15 (TUESDAY)	8 AM - 4 PM
OCTOBER 16 (WEDNESDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 24 (THURSDAY)	1 PM - 6.30 PM
OCTOBER 25 (FRIDAY)	8 AM - 6.30 PM
OCTOBER 28 (MONDAY)	2 PM - 6.30 PM
OCTOBER 29 (TUESDAY)	4.30 AM - 6 PM
OCTOBER 30 (WEDNESDAY)	8 AM - 6 PM
OCTOBER 31 (THURSDAY)	4.30 AM - 6 PM

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CLOSURE OF BRIDGE PLANNED

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THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO CLOSE CHOY YEE BRIDGE NEAR TAI HING ESTATE, TUEN MUN, TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC BY THE END OF THE YEAR EXCEPT FOR PEDESTRIAN, CYCLISTS AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES.

THE PROPOSED CLOSURE FORMS PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF ROAD AND CYCLEWAY NETWORKS IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

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THE PLAN AND SCHEME MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG= DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, TUEN MUN AND TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE WORKS OR THE USE, OR BOTH, SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS NOT LATER THAN NOVEMBER 26.

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PROHIBITION ON VEHICLES TO BE LIFTED

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THE PROHIBITION ON GOODS VEHICLE ON THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF CLEARWATER BAY ROAD ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS WILL BE RESCINDED FOR ABOUT EIGHT MONTHS, FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 1).

* THE SAI KUNG BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CLEARWATER BAY ROAD BETWEEN ANDERSON ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 200 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH HIRAM'S HIGHWAY.

* THE KOWLOON BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CLEARWATER BAY ROAD BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 200 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH HIRAM'S HIGHWAY AND ANDERSON ROAD.

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STREET SECTION CLOSURE

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FROM 7.30 PM TO 10.30 PM TOMORROW (SUNDAY), A SECTION OF NAM NING STREET NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH FUNG TIN STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT GREEN MINIBUSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE STAGING OF THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL CARNIVAL AT ABERDEEN CENTRE.

TRAFFIC ALONG NAM NING STREET WILL BE DIVERTED VIA FUNG TIN STREET TO ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD.

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MORE PARKING METERS

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A TOTAL OF 193 PARKING METERS WILL BE INSTALLED IN SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT, AND WILL BECOME OPERATIONAL FROM TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 1 AND 2).

PARKING CHARGES WILL BE $1 FOR 30 MINUTES FOR PRIVATE CARS AND 50 CENTS FOR GOODS VEHICLES.

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