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GOVERNOR RETURNS TOMORROW  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AFTER VISITING LONDON.

SIR EDWARD WILL BE ARRIVING ON FLIGHT BR382, ETA 6.10 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A FACILITY HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN TO COVER THE GOVERNOR'S ARRIVAL. THOSE COVERING THE EVENT SHOULD ASSEMBLE IN THE AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM BY 5.20 PM TOMORROW.

GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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GOVT AGREES WITH PROPOSAL  
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A LEGAL DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (WEDNESDAY) CONFIRMED THE GOVERNMENT WAS IN AGREEMENT WITH THE UMELCO PROPOSAL TO SET UP A SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO INVESTIGATE THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN THE PROSECUTION AND TRIAL OF COMPLEX COMMERCIAL CRIMES AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR MICHAEL THOMAS, WOULD SPEAK IN FAVOUR OF THE PROPOSAL ON MAY 1 WHEN THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, SIR ROGER LOBO, PRESENTED A MOTION TO THAT EFFECT IN THE COUNCIL.

HE SAID IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE TO COMMENT FURTHER AT THIS STAGE.

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SELECT COMMITTEE TO LOOK AT COMMERCIAL CRIMES

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SIR ROGER LOBO, SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT HE INTENDED TO PRESENT A MOTION TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON MAY 1 PROPOSING THE SETTING UP OF A SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL TO INVESTIGATE THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN THE PROSECUTION AND TRIAL OF COMPLEX COMMERCIAL CRIMES AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL.

THIS WAS THE DECISION REACHED AT AN IN-HOUSE MEETING OF UNOFFICIALS THIS MORNING WHEN THEY RECEIVED THE REPORT FROM MR PETER C WONG, CONVENER OF THE AD HOC GROUP WHICH HAS BEEN EXAMINING THE TRIAL OF COMMERCIAL CRIMES BILL. DURING THE AD HOC GROUP'S DELIBERATIONS SINCE THE PUBLICATION OF THE TRIAL OF COMMERCIAL CRIMES BILL, A LARGE NUMBER OF PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS HAD BEEN HEARD AND MANY OF THEM HAD RAISED ISSUES OUTSIDE THE PROVISIONS OF THE BILL.

IT IS THEREFORE THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS' VIEW THAT THE TERMS OF THE MOTION SHOULD BE WIDE ENOUGH TO ENABLE THE SELECT COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER ALL THE PROBLEMS CONCERNING COMPLEX COMMERCIAL CRIMES AND NOT ONLY THE PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN THE TRIAL OF COMMERCIAL CRIMES BILL.

SIR ROGER ENVISAGED THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD CONSIDER AND DRAW ON A WIDE RANGE OF SUBMISSIONS AND MATERIALS, INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE ROSKILL COMMITTEE ON FRAUD TRIALS WHEN IT IS PUBLISHED. HE HOPED THE SELECT COMMITTEE WOULD START ITS WORK IMMEDIATELY.

THE GOVERNOR, SIR ROGER SAID, WOULD BE INVITED TO APPOINT THE COMMITTEE UNDER STANDING ORDER 61(1). HE ADDED HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THE BILL SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION.

+THE BILL IS WITH THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MEMBERS OF THAT COUNCIL TO DECIDE WHAT SHOULD BE DONE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT HE ENVISAGED THE SECOND READING DEBATE ON THE BILL WOULD REMAIN ADJOURNED AND WOULD NOT BE RESUMED ON MAY 15.

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NEW DTC LEGISLATION EXPECTED  
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THE COMMISSIONER FOR DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES, MR ROBERT FELL TOLD THE HONG KONG DTC ASSOCIATION TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT HE EXPECTED NEW LEGISLATION TO REDEFINE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COMMISSIONER AND THE AUDITOR.

AS TO THE ARGUMENT FOR A DEPOSIT INSURANCE SCHEME, MR FELL SAID A SUGGESTION FOR INTRODUCING A SCHEME AS A MARKETING OPERATION +MIGHT BE A WAY AHEAD.+

EARLY IN HIS LUNCH TIME ADDRESS, MR FELL REFERRED TO A REPORT ON HONG KONG'S BANKING SYSTEM BY TWO BANK OF ENGLAND OFFICIALS, A NECESSARILY CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT, PARTS OF WHICH WOULD BE ACCEPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND PARTS OF WHICH WOULD BE REJECTED.

TO ILLUSTRATE THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF THE REPORT, MR FELL GAVE TWO QUOTATIONS WHICH HE SAID WERE FUNDAMENTAL TO HIS OWN VIEWS ON WHAT WAS REQUIRED:

+WE BELIEVE, THAT IN THE INTERESTS OF GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ALIKE THE IDENTIFICATION OF BAD, IMPRUDENT OR INDEED FRAUDULENT MANAGEMENT MUST HENCEFORTH BE A MAJOR TASK OF SUPERVISION GENERALLY, A DUTY WHICH GOES FAR BEYOND ENSURING MORE TECHNICAL COMPLIANCE WITH THE ORDINANCES OR THE ADEQUACY OF PROVISIONS,+ AND

+... THE DUTIES OF THE COMMISSIONER ARE WIDER THAN ENFORCING THE SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF THE LEGISLATION AND EXTEND TO A GENERAL DUTY TO ENSURE THAT ANY INSTITUTION AUTHORISED UNDER AN ORDINANCE IS BOTH SOUNDLY BASED AND PRUDENTLY MANAGED.+

MR FELL TOLD THE ASSOCIATION: +THE LESSON THE REGULATOR MUST ACCEPT IS THAT IN A FREE ECONOMY MARKET DEVELOPMENT WILL NOT WAIT THE WHIM OF THE REGULATOR. WHILE THE REGULATOR PONDERES, THE MARKET WILL FIND WAYS WITHIN THE PERMITTED LIMITS TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE WORLD'S BUSINESS.+

HE SAID HONG KONG HAD DEVELOPED AS A MOST IMPORTANT BANKING CENTRE FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC. REGULATORS COULD NOT BE ALOOF FROM CHANGE AND MUST BE IN CONSTANT DIALOGUE WITH BANKERS AND AUDITORS.

MR FELL ASKED: HOW DO WE MOULD A FRAMEWORK OF PRUDENTIAL SUPERVISION?

THE FIRST TASK WAS TO COMPLETE A SURVEY OF THE INDUSTRY. WHAT WAS NEEDED WAS TO TRY TO SEE WHERE HONG KONG WAS LIKELY TO BE HEADING IN THE NEXT THREE TO FIVE YEARS. ENSURING HONG KONG'S CONTINUED AND HEALTHY GROWTH AS A FULLY ACCEPTED INTERNATIONAL CENTRE WAS THE MAINSPRING OF ALL EFFORTS.

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THE SECOND TASK WAS TO ENSURE THE RIGHT ORGANISATION FOR THE JOB.

+THE INTERCONNECTION OF MARKETS BASED ON NEW FINANCIAL PRACTICE AND FOSTERED BY DEREGULATION SUGGESTS THE NEED FOR A DIFFERENT GROUPING OF THE SUPERVISORY AGENTS UNDER THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO ENSURE THAT WE KEEP PACE WITH EVENTS AND HAVE THE NECESSARY MINIMUM CO-ORDINATION, BUT THIS IS FOR OTHERS TO PONDER,+ HE SAID.

HE ADDED: +MY IMMEDIATE CONCERN IS THE ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS REQUIRED IN MY OWN OFFICE.+

WHILE THE STRENGTH HAD BEEN THE EXAMINATION SYSTEM, THE WEAKNESS WAS IN THE NEXT STAGE AND IN FORMING COLLECTIVE EXPERIENCE GAINED FROM HUNDREDS OF EXAMINATIONS.

TWO STEPS HAD BEEN TAKEN TO CHANGE THIS: STAFF WOULD BE BROUGHT TOGETHER IN ONE OFFICE HOPEFULLY BY THE AUTUMN, AND BY THE SAME TIME THE FIRST COMPUTER PROGRAMMES WOULD BE RUNNING.

MR FELL DID NOT ENVISION AN INCREASE IN STAFF, BUT RATHER A +THICKENING OF THE LAYER OF SENIOR STAFF TO DEAL WITH THE NECESSARY WORK HIGHLIGHTED BY EXAMINATION OR AUDIT.+

HE SAID: +THESE INTERNAL CHANGES WILL BE REFLECTED IN THE RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR CLIENTS ..... WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT ANYTHING WE HAVE TO SAY GETS EFFECTIVELY INTO THE BANK'S CHAIN OF ACCOUNTABILITY.+

THE NEXT TASK WAS TO OVERHAUL THE EXISTING LEGISLATION. THERE WERE ANOMALIES IN THE EXISTING ORDINANCES, AS ONE WOULD EXPECT IN LEGISLATION WHICH HAD BEEN AMENDED MANY TIMES TO MEET PARTICULAR DIFFICULTIES.

+A NEW CONSOLIDATION ORDINANCE WOULD BE A BENEFICIAL EXERCISE IN ITSELF,+ SAID MR FELL. +BUT THE BASIS OF OUR THINKING WOULD BE PRIMARILY TO TREAT THE INDUSTRY IN THE ROUND, AS AN ENTITY, IN THE LIGHT OF THE CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS.+

HE SAID THERE HAD BEEN SOME DEBATE THAT WIDER POWERS WERE NECESSARY, BUT ADDED: +I AM NOT SURE THAT THIS IS AT ALL THE CASE. MY PERSONAL AIM WOULD BE TO TAKE SOMETHING LIKE THE CENTRAL POWERS OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE AND APPLY THEM TO THE INDUSTRY AS A WHOLE.+

ON APPEAL, HE SAID, THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL COULD CHANGE THE DECISION OF THE COMMISSIONER. THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL COULD ALSO MAKE ANY OTHER ORDER AS THOUGHT FIT. AND THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL HAD THE ULTIMATE SANCTION OF BEING ABLE TO REVOKE A LICENCE.

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+I THINK THAT THIS CONCEPT WHICH HAS BEEN ACCEPTED OVER THE YEARS WOULD GIVE ANY COMMISSIONER THE ESSENTIAL BACKBONE TO HIS POWERS,+ HE SAID.

AS FOR THE GENERALITY OF THE ORDINANCE, MR FELL SAID THAT WHILE EVERY EVENTUALITY COULD NOT BE FORESEEN, HE THOUGHT THERE WAS A NEED FOR A PROVISION TO GIVE FLEXIBILITY BY PERMITTING ORDERS TO BE MADE, AS WELL AS +SOME SORT OF WAIVER PROVISION TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO ACT QUICKLY IN PROBLEM CASES.+

HE SAID: +ON ONE SPECIFIC AREA, I WOULD EXPECT THE NEW LEGISLATION TO REDEFINE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COMMISSIONER AND THE AUDITOR. THE FORM OF THIS WILL DEPEND ON THE OUTCOME OF TALKS WITH BANKS AND WITH THE SOCIETY OF ACCOUNTANTS WHICH I CAN SAY THIS AFTERNOON ARE PROVING MOST FRUITFUL.+

+AT THIS STAGE, I SEE NO INSUPERABLE PROBLEM IN PROVIDING FOR THIS SORT OF RELATIONSHIP,+ HE ADDED.

HE WENT ON: +ONE MATTER WHICH NEEDS UNIFORM TREATMENT IS INNER RESERVES, A CONCEPT WHICH I DO NOT SEE BEING CHANGED IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE AND WHICH DOES ALLOW ORDERLY ADJUSTMENT WITHOUT TOO FIERCE A SPOTLIGHT ON PERFORMANCE. BUT AS WE CONTINUE THE CONCEPT OF INNER RESERVES, AT LEAST, TRENDS MUST BE MADE CLEARER TO THE READER OF THE REPORT AND ACCOUNTS.+

IT WAS IN THIS CONTEXT - THAT THE DEPOSITOR DID NOT KNOW THE FULL PICTURE - THAT THE ARGUMENT HAD COME FOR A DEPOSIT INSURANCE SCHEME.

MR FELL SAID THE POINTS HE HAD RAISED WOULD GO A LONG WAY TO COPING WITH PROBLEMS PERCEIVED IN PRUDENTIAL SUPERVISION IN HONG KONG AND WOULD +GIVE US A BETTER MECHANISM TO DEAL PROMPTLY WITH DIFFICULT CASES AS THEY ARISE FROM TIME TO TIME.+

HE SAID THE JOB WAS TO WORK WITH THE BANKS FOR THEIR GOOD AND FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY, RATHER THAN TO DRAGOON THEM.

+THAT IS THE WAY WE WILL APPROACH OUR NEWLY DEFINED RESPONSIBILITIES,+ HE SAID.

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REGISTER AS AN ELECTOR  
FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS  
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THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (ELECTORAL SERVICES), ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION BRANCH, MR LEE LAP-SUN, TODAY APPEALED TO EVERYONE ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER AS AN ELECTOR FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS TO SIGN UP BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE ON MAY 6.

+THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A RESPONSIBLE CITIZEN TO DEMONSTRATE HIS SUPPORT AND CONCERN FOR A TRADE OR PROFESSION IN PARTICULAR AND FOR THE COMMUNITY IN GENERAL,+ HE SAID.

OF THE LATEST ESTIMATE OF ABOUT 75 000 ELIGIBLE ELECTORS, 8 461 HAVE SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS, ILLUSTRATED BY THE FOLLOWING BREAKDOWN:

<u>FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES</u>	<u>ESTIMATED SIZE OF ELECTORATE</u>	<u>NO. OF APPLICATIONS TO-DATE</u>
COMMERCIAL I	2 650	86
COMMERCIAL II	6 000	422
INDUSTRIAL I	800	97
INDUSTRIAL II	3 000	158
FINANCIAL	140	19
LABOUR	380	55
SOCIAL SERVICES	154	14
MEDICAL	4 300	196
LEGAL	2 185	201
TEACHING	52 340	6 787
ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL, SURVEYING AND PLANNING	3 660	290
<u>ELECTORAL COLLEGE</u>	432	136

/APPLICATION FORMS .....

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APPLICATION FORMS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED THROUGH ALL REPRESENTATIVE ORGANISATIONS AND TO SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES. +THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES. IF THERE IS ANY DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING AN APPLICATION FORM, AND IN CASE OF ENQUIRY, PLEASE RING THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION AT 5-270380 OR 5-270369,+ MR LEE SAID.

APPLICANTS ARE REMINDED THAT NO INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANISATION MAY BE ENROLLED IN MORE THAN ONE FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY. +IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR REGISTRATION IN MORE THAN ONE FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY, PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHOICE AND FILL IN ONE APPLICATION FORM ONLY,+ MR LEE ADDED.

HE ALSO REMINDED ALL THOSE WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THE FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES AND THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE THAT THE ELECTORAL ROLL FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS THIS SEPTEMBER WILL BE DIFFERENT FROM THE GENERAL ELECTORAL ROLL.

+IN OTHER WORDS, EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE REGISTERED TO VOTE IN THE DISTRICT BOARD OR URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS, THEY MUST REGISTER AGAIN IN THE PRESENT EXERCISE IF THEY WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS,+ MR LEE SAID.

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#### LADY YOUDE SEES NEOLITHIC POTTERY

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LADY YOUDE, PATRON OF THE HONG KONG ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, THIS (WEDNESDAY) EVENING SAW SOME ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDS BEFORE ATTENDING THE SOCIETY'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY CLUB HOUSE IN HO MAN TIN.

THE FINDS, WHICH INCLUDED NEOLITHIC POTTERY, INCISED POTTERY AND COINS OF MORE RECENT PERIODS, WERE RECENTLY UNEARTHED IN MACAU BY MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY.

LATER, LADY YOUDE WAS SHOWN A FILM ON THE EXCAVATION WORK AND LABORATORY EXAMINATION BY ARCHAEOLOGISTS.

THE HONG KONG ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, SET UP IN MAY 1967, AIMS AT BRINGING TOGETHER PEOPLE INTERESTED IN ARCHAEOLOGY. IT HAS A MEMBERSHIP OF 191.

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MONETARY AFFAIRS CHIEF RETIRING

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT MR DOUGLAS BLYE WILL BE RETIRING IN MARCH 1986 AFTER SERVING AS SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS FOR OVER NINE YEARS.

HE WILL THEN BE AGED 61 AND HAVE COMPLETED 30 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE.

MR BLYE'S SUCCESSOR AS SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS WILL BE MR DAVID NENDICK, CURRENTLY DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE BANKING DEPARTMENT OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND. MR NENDICK IS BEING SECONDED FROM THE BANK OF ENGLAND TO SERVE AS SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS FOR THREE YEARS, AFTER WHICH HE WILL RETURN TO LONDON. HE IS DUE TO ARRIVE IN SEPTEMBER FOR A PERIOD OF FAMILIARISATION.

THE GOVERNMENT ALSO ANNOUNCED TODAY THE APPOINTMENT OF MR JOSEPH YAM CHI-KWONG TO BE A DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS. HE IS TAKING THE PLACE OF MR TONY LATTER, WHO RETURNED TO THE BANK OF ENGLAND EARLIER THIS MONTH ON COMPLETION OF HIS SECONDMENT TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

FOLLOWING ARE BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES ON MR BLYE, MR NENDICK AND MR YAM:

MR DOUGLAS BLYE, CMG, OBE, JP

AGED 60. AFTER HAVING BEEN APPOINTED AS A TREASURY COST ACCOUNTANT IN THE FEDERATION OF MALAYA IN 1955, MR BLYE JOINED THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE AS A TREASURY INSPECTOR IN DECEMBER 1958. HE WAS PROMOTED TO SENIOR TREASURY ACCOUNTANT IN AUGUST 1961, TO DEPUTY ACCOUNTANT GENERAL IN FEBRUARY 1966, AND TO ACCOUNTANT GENERAL IN MARCH 1970. HE HAS BEEN THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS SINCE AUGUST 1976, AND WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT SUBSTANTIVE RANK OF SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT IN APRIL 1977. MR BLYE WILL HAVE COMPLETED OVER 26 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, AND OVER 30 YEARS OF CROWN SERVICE ALTOGETHER, ON HIS RETIREMENT IN MARCH NEXT YEAR.

MR DAVID NENDICK

AGED 52. MR NENDICK BEGAN HIS CAREER WITH THE BANK OF ENGLAND IN 1953 AND HAS WIDE-RANGING EXPERIENCE OF MANY AREAS OF THE BANK'S OPERATIONS, INCLUDING THE CHIEF CASHIER'S OFFICE AND THE ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE DEPARTMENT. HE HAS BEEN DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE BANKING DEPARTMENT SINCE APRIL 1983.

/MR JOSEPH YAM .....

MR JOSEPH YAM CHI-KWONG

AGED 37. JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN MAY 1971 AS A STATISTICIAN, AND WAS PROMOTED TO SENIOR STATISTICIAN IN DECEMBER 1977. FROM JULY 1979 TO OCTOBER 1982 MR YAM WAS A PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, FOLLOWING WHICH HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE AND BECAME A PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS. MR YAM HAS ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS ACTED FOR SHORT PERIODS AS DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS.

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NO EFFECT SEEN HERE FROM U.S. LABEL RULES  
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THE RECENTLY-AMENDED U.S. FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION (FTC) REGULATIONS ON LABELLING REQUIREMENTS FOR TEXTILE AND APPAREL PRODUCTS HAD NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS ON HONG KONG EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRADE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

ALL IMPORTED GOODS MANUFACTURED OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES WERE ALREADY SUBJECT TO SIMILAR LABELLING REQUIREMENTS UNDER SEPARATE U.S. LEGISLATION, HE SAID.

THE U.S. FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION HAD PUBLISHED ON APRIL 17 THE REVISED REGULATIONS TO REQUIRE ALL U.S. DOMESTICALLY MANUFACTURED AND IMPORTED TEXTILE AND APPAREL PRODUCTS TO BE LABELLED WITH COUNTRY OF ORIGIN, HE SAID.

THIS NEW LEGISLATION WOULD BECOME EFFECTIVE 30 DAYS AFTER THE PUBLICATION OF FTC REGULATIONS.

THE REVISED REGULATIONS REQUIRE:

- A) DISCLOSURE OF COUNTRY OF ORIGIN FOR U.S. DOMESTIC MANUFACTURED PRODUCT;
- B) SPECIFIC LOCATION FOR ATTACHING THE ORIGIN LABEL;
- C) ALL PRODUCTS (EXCEPT HOSIERY) AND PACKAGES TO BE INDIVIDUALLY LABELLED; AND
- D) MAIL ORDER CATALOGUES AND PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS TO INDICATE THE ORIGIN OF THE PRODUCT UNDER DISPLAY.

COPIES OF COMMERCIAL INFORMATION CIRCULAR CONTAINING DETAILS OF THE FTC REGULATIONS WERE BEING SENT TO LOCAL EXPORTERS AND MANUFACTURERS, HE SAID.

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HOUSING PRODUCTION EXCEEDS TARGET FOR FIFTH YEAR  
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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S PUBLIC HOUSING CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME HAS ONCE AGAIN ACHIEVED THE ANNUAL TARGET OF 35 000 RENTAL AND HOME OWNERSHIP FLATS.

FOR THE FIFTH SUCCESSIVE YEAR, PRODUCTION EXCEEDED THIS TARGET AND TOTALLED 37 930 FLATS IN 1984-85, COMPRISING 26 354 RENTAL, 10 168 HOS AND 1 408 PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME FLATS.

DURING A TOUR OF PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECTS TO INSPECT CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS TODAY, THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR DAVID FORD, SAID:  
+WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THIS LEVEL OF PRODUCTION CAN BE MAINTAINED.+

HOWEVER, MR FORD SAID QUANTITY WAS NOT ENOUGH AND THE QUALITY OF PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES MUST ALSO CONTINUE TO BE IMPROVED.

+ALREADY ENVIRONMENT AND FACILITIES PROVIDED ARE MUCH BETTER AND THE QUALITY OF OUR BUILDINGS IS IMPROVING.

+WE MUST NOT BE COMPLACENT, HOWEVER, AND MUST CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR WAYS OF RAISING OUR STANDARDS. WE MUST NOT FORGET THAT WE ARE NOW BUILDING HOMES FOR THE 21ST CENTURY.+

ACCOMPANIED BY SENIOR HOUSING OFFICIALS ON THE INSPECTION TOUR, MR FORD HAD A LOOK AT THE CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS OF THREE OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S LATEST ESTATES - HIN KENG IN SHA TIN, HANG ON IN MA ON SHAN AND TIN PING IN FAN LING/SHEK WU HUI.

ALTOGETHER 25 MODERN HIGH-RISE DOMESTIC BLOCKS ARE BEING BUILT UNDER VARIOUS PHASES OF THE THREE PROJECTS.

THESE NEW BLOCKS WILL HAVE A TOTAL OF 17 800 SELF-CONTAINED FLATS FOR ABOUT 80 000 PEOPLE WHEN FULLY COMPLETED BY 1987.

MR FORD ALSO TOURED KWONG FUK ESTATE IN TAI PO WHERE THREE NEW BLOCKS HAD RECENTLY BEEN COMPLETED BY USING SEMI-MECHANISED METHOD UNDER ITS THIRD, AND FINAL, PHASE.

TENANTS ARE NOW SIGNING UP FOR THEIR NEW HOMES IN THE ESTATE WHICH WILL BECOME A SELF-SUPPORTING ENTITY FOR 27 000 PEOPLE.

MR FORD LATER INSPECTED THREE NEW HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME BLOCKS AT CHOI PO COURT IN FAN LING/SHEK WU HUI WHERE FLAT-OWNERS OF THE 1 584 MODERN UNITS HAVE STARTED MOVING IN.

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LONG-DISTANCE TRAIL FOR HIKERS OPENS  
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THE HONG KONG TRAIL - A 50-KILOMETRE HIKING TRAIL DESIGNED FOR THE YOUNG AND OLD - WAS JOINTLY OPENED THIS (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON BY PROFESSOR L.B. THROWER OF THE COUNTRY PARKS BOARD AND DR J.M. RIDDELL-SWAN, DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

THIS IS THE THIRD LONG-DISTANCE HIKING TRAIL DEVELOPED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF COUNTRY PARK USERS. THE TWO OTHERS ARE THE LANTAU TRAIL AND THE MACLEHOSE TRAIL.

AT THE CEREMONY, PROFESSOR THROWER SAID THE OPENING OF THE HONG KONG TRAIL WAS FURTHER PUBLIC EVIDENCE THAT THE COUNTRY PARKS WERE BEING CONSTANTLY REVIEWED AND DEVELOPED TO PROVIDE INFORMAL OUTDOOR RECREATION FOR THE PEOPLE.

PROFESSOR THROWER, A FOUNDER MEMBER OF THE COUNTRY PARKS BOARD, SAID HE AND OTHERS WHO WERE CONCERNED WITH CONSERVATION OF THE COUNTRYSIDE HAD LONG FELT THAT CONSERVATION AND RECREATION MUST PROCEED HAND-IN-HAND.

+THE TRAIL ITSELF IS A LINEAR RECREATIONAL FACILITY WHICH PASSES THROUGH THE FINEST COUNTRYSIDE ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

+HOWEVER, MUCH OF THE VEGETATION ON EITHER SIDE OF THE TRAIL IS LARGELY UNTOUCHED AND BENEFITS FROM PROTECTIVE SERVICES SO THAT IT CONTINUES TO PROVIDE HABITATS FOR THE WILD-LIFE WHICH IS, IN TURN, PART OF THE RECREATIONAL RESOURCES,+ HE SAID.

PROFESSOR THROWER SAID THE TRAIL WOULD BE A SOURCE OF IMMENSE PLEASURE AND RELAXATION TO MANY IN OUR COMMUNITY.

+ONE THINKS FIRST OF THE TEEN-AGED AND YOUNG ADULTS. THE MIDDLE-AGED AND OLDER PEOPLE WILL USE IT TOO AT A MORE LEISURELY PACE,+ HE SAID.

HONG KONG TRAIL, STARTING FROM THE PEAK AND ENDING AT TAI LONG WAN IN A WEST TO EAST DIRECTION, IS DIVIDED INTO EIGHT SECTIONS OF VARYING LENGTHS. ALL SECTIONS ARE EASILY ACCESSIBLE BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

THE SHORTEST SECTION TAKES AN AVERAGE HIKER 1-1/2 HOURS TO WALK THROUGH AND THE LONGEST ABOUT THREE HOURS.

IT TRAVERSES ALL FIVE COUNTRY PARKS, AND PASSES BY THE FIVE RESERVOIRS ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

/A COLOURFUL .....

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A COLOURFUL PAMPHLET, ILLUSTRATING THE HONG KONG TRAIL AND GIVING DETAILS OF ITS EIGHT SECTIONS WITH THE HELP OF A MAP TOGETHER WITH INFORMATION ON TRANSPORT FACILITIES, HAS BEEN PRODUCED WITH THE SPONSORSHIP OF CAFE-DE-CORAL FAST FOOD CHAIN.

THIS IS AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE FROM ALL CAFE-DE-CORAL OUTLETS AND FROM THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 12TH FLOOR, AS WELL AS THE COUNTRY PARKS VISITOR CENTRE AT ABERDEEN.

A MAP OF THE TRAIL TO THE SCALE OF 1:15 000 IS AVAILABLE AT \$10 A COPY FROM THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AND AT THE MAP SALES OFFICES OF THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IN MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, AND AT NO. 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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LIQUOR LICENCE REVOKED  
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THE LIQUOR LICENSING BOARD OF THE URBAN COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY) DECIDED TO REVOKE THE LIQUOR LICENCE OF THE GOOD WORLD NIGHT CLUB IN JORDAN ROAD, WITH EFFECT FROM MAY 1 THIS YEAR.

THE DECISION WAS REACHED AT THE BOARD'S MONTHLY MEETING TODAY AFTER HEARING EVIDENCE FROM THE POLICE THAT IN THE PAST SIX MONTHS STAFF MEMBERS HAD BEEN CONVICTED OF 10 OFFENCES OF EITHER MANAGING OR ASSISTING TO MANAGE A VICE ESTABLISHMENT ON THE PREMISES.

AT THE SAME MEETING, THE BOARD ALSO DECIDED TO GRANT A SIX-MONTH LIQUOR LICENCE TO THE ANGUS GRILL ROOM LOUNGE IN TAK SHING STREET, YAU MA TEI, WITH A RIDER THAT NO LIQUOR SHOULD BE SOLD AFTER MIDNIGHT.

THE MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY MR PETER C.K. CHAN AND ATTENDED BY MR KWAN LIM-HO, MISS CECILIA YEUNG, MR SAMUEL WONG, MRS MARGARET LI AND MR FAN KAM-PING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

LAPEL BADGES FOR PRESS

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SPECIAL LAPEL BADGES FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE VISIT OF THE GOVERNOR OF MACAU, REAR ADMIRAL ALMEIDA E COSTA, WILL BE READY FOR COLLECTION FROM THE GIS PRESS ROOM FROM 4 PM TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

PERSONS COLLECTING THESE LAPEL BADGES MUST PRODUCE PROOF OF IDENTITY AND OF THE ORGANISATIONS THEY REPRESENT.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE VISIT MUST WEAR THE LAPEL BADGES TO GAIN ACCESS TO OFFICIAL PRESS POSITIONS.

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EDUCATION BOARD MEMBERS SEE ETV PRODUCTION

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EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WENT ON VISITS TODAY TO SEE HOW EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION PROGRAMMES ARE PRODUCED IN HONG KONG.

IN THEIR CALLS ON THE EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AND LATER THE TELEVISION PRODUCTION CENTRE OF RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG IN BROADCAST DRIVE, THEY LEARNED THAT ETV PROGRAMMES ARE BROADCAST TO SCHOOLS FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY EVERY WEEK FOR PRIMARY THREE TO FORM THREE STUDENTS. SUBJECTS COVERED INCLUDED CHINESE AND ENGLISH LANGUAGES, MATHEMATICS, SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE AND HEALTH EDUCATION.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS ON THE VISITS WERE MISS DEBRA CHOW, REV. G. FOLEY, MRS PEGGY LAM, MR ALBERT LI, MR TAM MAN-KWAN, MR TIMOTHY HA, MRS RITA FAN AND MR M. PAGLIARIA.

THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY MRS RUBY LAU, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS) AND MR S.H. MAK, PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION).

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RECRUITS COMPLETE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES TRAINING  
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EIGHTY-TWO CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT RECRUITS WHO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE ORIENTATION TRAINING COURSES WERE AWARDED CERTIFICATES TODAY.

THEY RECEIVED THEIR CERTIFICATES FROM A SUPERINTENDENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR CHAN CHUN-YAN, AT A CEREMONY HELD AT THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY.

THE RECIPIENTS, COMPRISING 10 OFFICERS AND 72 ASSISTANT OFFICERS, PASSED THE EXAMINATION ON COMPLETION OF THE YEAR-LONG COURSES.

CONDUCTED BY THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE, THE COURSES CONSISTED OF THREE STAGES AND WERE INTERSPERSED WITH TWO PERIODS OF FIELD TRAINING IN VARIOUS PENAL INSTITUTIONS. THEY WERE AIMED AT DEVELOPING THE TRAINEES LEADERSHIP SKILLS AS WELL AS AN UNDERSTANDING OF CRIME, THE DYNAMICS OF HUMAN BEHAVIOUR AND TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS.

TODAY'S RECIPIENTS HAD ALSO PASSED TWO YEARS' PROBATION PERIOD AND ARE NOW WORKING AT VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

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MOBILE AIR QUALITY LAB A BIG HELP  
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THE NEW, MOBILE AIR QUALITY MONITORING LABORATORY WOULD GREATLY HELP THE EFFORTS BEING MADE TO PROVIDE A BETTER INSIGHT INTO ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY IN HONG KONG, THE ACTING PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER, MR FRED TROMP SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT A PRESS BRIEFING, HE SAID THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S MOBILE LABORATORY WOULD BE USED AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS AROUND HONG KONG TO MONITOR AMBIENT AIR QUALITY, AUTOMATICALLY, DOWN TO MINUTE CONCENTRATIONS.

THE MOBILE LABORATORY WOULD AUGMENT THE MONITORING CAPABILITY OF THE EPA'S NETWORK OF SIX AIR QUALITY MONITORING STATIONS WHICH ARE GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE ROOFTOPS OF BUILDINGS, HE SAID.

TO HELP WITH IDENTIFICATION OF POLLUTION SOURCES, THERE WAS PROVISION TO MEASURE WIND SPEED AND DIRECTION, SOLAR RADIATION AND TEMPERATURE THROUGH THE USE OF A TELESCOPIC MAST WHICH COULD BE RAISED UP TO TEN METRES ABOVE GROUND LEVEL.

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DATA FROM THE INSTRUMENTS WAS GATHERED ON A CONTINUOUS BASIS BY THE USE OF AN ELECTRONIC DATA LOGGER, WHICH STORED INFORMATION ON MAGNETIC TAPES, WHICH WERE PROCESSED AND ANALYSED BY A PDP 11 MINI-COMPUTER AT EPA HEADQUARTERS IN TSIM SHA TSUI.

THERE WAS ALSO PROVISION FOR REAL-TIME DATA DISPLAY AND ANALYSIS IN THE MOBILE LABORATORY ITSELF, MR TROMP SAID.

THE LABORATORY, HE SAID, COULD BE SENT AT SHORT NOTICE TO ALMOST ANY GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION IN THE URBAN AND RURAL AREAS OF HONG KONG.

THE LABORATORY WOULD BE USED FOR MEASUREMENT OF VEHICLE RELATED POLLUTION AT ROADSIDES, SPECIAL SHORT TERM STUDIES OF SPECIFIC LOCALITIES AND THE IDENTIFICATION OF PHOTOCHEMICAL POLLUTION, HE SAID.

IT WAS FIRST SENT EARLY THIS MONTH TO MEASURE EXISTING LEVELS OF AIR POLLUTION IN THE DEEP BAY AREA NEAR YUEN LONG, AS PART OF A COLLABORATIVE STUDY ON AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT OF THAT AREA BEING UNDERTAKEN WITH THE GUANGDONG PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BUREAU.

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#### PROMOTING TOURISM IN EASTERN DISTRICT

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THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION, MRS MABEL TING, WILL GIVE A SPECIAL TALK ON THE PROMOTION OF TOURISM IN EASTERN DISTRICT TO EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

BOARD MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED REORGANISATION OF THE MAXICAB SERVICE IN THE DISTRICT, THE RECENT FLOODING IN SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST, THE DEVELOPMENT OF OPEN SPACES AND THE THEME FOR THE SPECIAL OR COMMEMORATIVE POSTAGE STAMP ISSUES FOR 1987.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE ADOPTION OF THE DISTRICT BOARD STANDING ORDERS, THE SETTING UP OF FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEES, THE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, THE DRAFT BUDGET FOR 1985-86, A PROGRESS REPORT ON DISTRICT PROJECTS, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT ACHIEVEMENTS AND COMMUNITY BUILDING WORK, AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF A WORKING GROUP ON PRIVATE ROADS.

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CONTRACT SIGNING FOR COMPLEX  
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A \$105-MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE NEW LO WU STATION COMPLEX WILL BE SIGNED ON FRIDAY (APRIL 26) AT 3 PM AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM, MURRAY BUILDING, 21/F, GARDEN ROAD.

THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, DR NIP KAM-FAN AND THE CHAIRMAN OF SHUI ON BUILDING CONTRACTORS LIMITED, MR VINCENT LO WILL SIGN THE CONTRACT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE EVENT.

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ILLEGAL KWUN TONG STRUCTURES DEMOLISHED  
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FORTY ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN KWUN TONG WERE DEMOLISHED IN A CLEARANCE OPERATION TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

ABOUT HALF OF THE STRUCTURES, WHICH WERE LOCATED IN THE BACKLANES OF LUEN ON STREET WERE USED FOR COMMERCIAL OR STORAGE PURPOSES.

THE CLEARANCE OPERATION, PART OF A MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME, WAS THE FIRST IN KWUN TONG SINCE BACKLANE CLEARANCES WERE SUSPENDED LAST JUNE FOR A REVIEW.

UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS, 31 PEOPLE FROM 20 FAMILIES AFFECTED BY THE CLEARANCE WERE RE-HOUSED IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS, WHILE 12 OPERATORS WERE GRANTED EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE FOR THEIR COMMERCIAL UNDERTAKINGS.

THE CLEARANCE OF BACKLANES WAS INITIATED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE IN DECEMBER 1983, WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD.

SO FAR, MORE THAN 250 ILLEGAL BACKLANE STRUCTURES HAVE BEEN DEMOLISHED UNDER THE OPERATION, LEAVING ABOUT 900 STRUCTURES TO BE CLEARED IN THE EXERCISE.

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MEET-THE-MEDIA  
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THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE, MR VICTOR LADD, WILL MEET  
THE MEDIA TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT 4 PM IN THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE  
ROOM ON 5TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL.

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