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OVERSEAS INVESTMENT VITAL TO HK ECONOMY

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OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG BRINGS RESOURCES AND SKILLS TO THE TERRITORY VITAL TO ITS SURVIVAL AS A VIBRANT INDUSTRIAL AND TRADING ENTITY, ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR C.L. CHU, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

THAT IS ONE OF THE MAIN BELIEFS BEHIND THE CONSIDERABLE INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROMOTION EFFORT OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, HE ADDED.

MR CHU ALSO SAID THE RECENT INWARD INVESTMENT HAS BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF TECHNOLOGIES NEW TO HONG KONG.

"IN OUR CIRCUMSTANCES THE JUSTIFICATION FOR ATTRACTING INWARD INVESTMENT IS BASED NOT SO MUCH ON THE NEED FOR CAPITAL AND JOBS, AS ON THE ROLE THAT INWARD INVESTMENT PLAYS IN ENRICHING HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL BASE WITH NEW OR IMPROVED DESIGNS, PRODUCTS AND PRODUCTION PROCESSES," HE SAID.

INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION PROGRAMMES OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT INCLUDE THE NETTING OF CONTACTS THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN SEMINARS, SYMPOSIA AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER SHOWS IN OVERSEAS CITIES, FOLLOWED UP BY HIGH-LEVEL MISSIONS TO MEET WITH COMPANIES INTERESTED IN INVESTING IN HONG KONG.

"WE INITIATE DISCUSSIONS WITH POTENTIAL INVESTORS TO HELP THEM EVALUATE THE VIABILITY OF THEIR PLANNED PROJECTS IN HONG KONG," MR CHU SAID.

THE INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROMOTION MISSIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT CALL ON GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS, AS WELL AS INDUSTRIAL AND TRADE ORGANISATIONS, TO PUT ACROSS THE MESSAGE THAT HONG KONG IS A LEADING MANUFACTURING AND COMMERCIAL CENTRE, AND ALSO AN OFFSHORE MANUFACTURING BASE WHICH CAN PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO A LOT OF OVERSEAS VENTURES, ADDED MR CHU.

IN THE PAST SEVEN MONTHS THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION PROGRAMMES HAVE COVERED SYDNEY AND BRISBANE IN AUSTRALIA, HANOVER, PARIS, MILAN, BRUSSELS AND LONDON IN EUROPE, TOKYO, OSAKA AND YOKOHAMA IN JAPAN, SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES, SAN DIEGO, NEW YORK AND CHICAGO IN THE USA, AND ALSO CITIES IN MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE AND KOREA.

INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION PROGRAMMES IN THE PIPELINE FOR THE FOLLOWING MONTHS INCLUDE PARTICIPATING IN SEMINARS BY THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY AND SENIOR OFFICIALS TO BE HELD IN LONDON, BOSTON, MUNICH AND OSAKA. A DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO LEAD AN INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROMOTION MISSION TO AUSTRALIA, VISITING CANBERRA, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, PERTH AND ADELAIDE.

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A RECENT ECONOMIC MISSION TO SEOUL IN JULY LED BY THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, IN WHICH AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY TOOK PART, WAS PARTICULARLY SUCCESSFUL.

IN A SEMINAR ON THE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES BETWEEN HONG KONG AND KOREA JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND THE KOREAN TRADERS ASSOCIATION, THE KOREAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY WAS BRIEFED ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT PROSPECTS AND HONG KONG'S CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION. PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE TERRITORY AS A MANUFACTURING CENTRE AND TO ITS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT WAS MADE AND WAS VERY WELL RECEIVED.

THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT LOOKS FORWARD TO FOLLOWING UP CONTACTS THE MISSION HAS MADE, WHICH INCLUDE THE MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND OFFICIALS OF THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS THE KOREAN TRADERS ASSOCIATION, IN A RETURN VISIT TO THE MARKET SOON.

IN EARLY JULY, THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY SPOKE AT TWO SYMPOSIA IN TOKYO AND IN YOKOHAMA. BOTH SYMPOSIA ATTRACTED CAPACITY AUDIENCES AND INTERESTS RECEIVED SHOWED THAT THE EVENTS WERE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THEY WILL GENERATE FRESH AND MEANINGFUL INVESTMENT. THE INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION OFFICE IN TOKYO OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT IS FOLLOWING UP ON THESE INTERESTS.

THE INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION WORK OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT IS AIDED BY ITS FIVE OVERSEAS OFFICES IN NEW YORK, SAN FRANCISCO, TOKYO, LONDON AND STUTTGART. HEADED BY PRINCIPAL CONSULTANTS THESE OFFICES ACTIVELY LOOK FOR POTENTIAL INVESTORS AND PROVIDE ON THE SPOT ADVICE AND ANSWER SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ON INVESTING IN HONG KONG TO HELP THEM PLAN THEIR PROJECTS ACCORDINGLY. CITIES NOT REPRESENTED ARE ALSO VISITED, AS AND WHEN REQUIRED.

AS POINTED OUT BY MR CHU, THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT HAS DECIDED TO CONDUCT AN ANNUAL SURVEY OF OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES TO UPDATE INVESTMENT DATA AND SEEK VIEWS OF THE INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS AS A LOCATION FOR MANUFACTURING INVESTMENT.

"1986 WAS A YEAR OF NOTABLE SUCCESS. THE INVESTMENT HAS BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF TECHNOLOGIES NEW TO HONG KONG. THEY ARE REPRESENTED BY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LARGE ASIC DESIGN CENTRE, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FACTORIES SPECIALISING IN PRECISION METAL STAMPING OPERATIONS AND PRECISION TOOLING OPERATIONS, AND THE DECISIONS TO SET UP NEW FACTORIES FOR THE PRODUCTION OF SUCH NEW PRODUCTS AS TOUGHENED GLASS, PHARMACEUTICAL INTERMEDIATE AND STABILISERS FOR PLASTIC RESINS.

"THE EXPANSION OF A NUMBER OF EXISTING MANUFACTURING OPERATION TO SUPPLY PARTS AND COMPONENTS TO OUR LOCAL INDUSTRIES IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO OUR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT," HE ADDED.

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IN HONG KONG, THE DEPARTMENT HAS A "ONE-STOP" UNIT WHICH CAN HELP OVERSEAS INVESTORS SETTING UP MANUFACTURING CONCERNS CUT UNNECESSARY RED TAPE. IT IS STAFFED BY SPECIALIST OFFICERS WITH INDUSTRIAL BACKGROUNDS. THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF LOCAL INDUSTRY AND ECONOMY MEANS THEY CAN HELP WITH FEASIBILITY STUDIES AND PROVIDE "AFTERSALES" SERVICE.

AS AT MARCH OF LAST YEAR, DIRECT OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES KNOWN TO THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT REACHED \$15,527 MILLION.

OCCUPYING 36.4 PER CENT, USA WAS IN THE LEAD, FOLLOWED BY JAPAN AT 21.1 PER CENT.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ESTABLISHMENTS REPORTED WAS 509. TYPE OF INDUSTRIES MOST FAVOURED BY OVERSEAS INVESTORS INCLUDE THE MANUFACTURE OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS, ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS, ELECTRONICS, TEXTILES AND CLOTHING, AND PRINTING AND PUBLISHING.

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NEW COMMUNICATION NETWORK TO FIGHT CRIME

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THE POLICE FORCE WILL SOON INSTALL A FULLY INTEGRATED COMMUNICATION NETWORK TO FURTHER BOOST THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF ITS CRIME FIGHTERS.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HAS RECENTLY APPROVED A COMMITMENT OF \$13.7 MILLION TO PROVIDE THE CRIME WING OF THE POLICE FORCE WITH THE RADIO COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO COME INTO OPERATION IN 1988.

A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID: "AS THE NATURE OF CRIME IS BECOMING MORE SERIOUS, COMPLEX AND BETTER ORGANIZED, A FULLY EQUIPPED RADIO SYSTEM SUPPORTING CRIME WING PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN THE INVESTIGATION OF SERIOUS AND VIOLENT CRIME IS AN URGENT AND IMPORTANT FACILITY FOR IMPROVING EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS."

THE OPERATIONAL GROUPS OF THE CRIME WING HEADQUARTERS COMPRISE THE NARCOTICS BUREAU, THE ORGANIZED AND SERIOUS CRIME BUREAU AND THE COMMERCIAL CRIME BUREAU.

AT PRESENT, THE GROUPS SHARES THE RADIO SETS AND THE INTERNAL SECURITY FORCE NETWORK USED BY THE UNIFORM BRANCH OF THE POLICE FORCE.

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''THE RADIO SETS OF THIS NETWORK ARE NOT FITTED WITH VOICE PRIVACY EQUIPMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS CARRIED BY THE NETWORK ARE VULNERABLE TO MONITORING BY UNAUTHORIZED LISTENERS,'' THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

''WITH THE PRESENT SYSTEM, THERE IS NO DIRECT WAY OF COMMUNICATING IN THE FIELD BETWEEN OPERATIONAL STAFF AND THE INTELLIGENCE GROUPS, WHICH ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING INTELLIGENCE AND EXPERT SERVICES.''

SO FAR THIS SERVICE IS PROVIDED ONLY FOR MAJOR OPERATIONS BY SETTING UP COMMUNICATION CENTRES IN WHICH MESSAGES ARE RELAYED ORALLY BETWEEN THE TWO NETWORKS BY THE POLICE OFFICERS MANNING THE CENTRES. THIS IS OPERATIONALLY UNACCEPTABLE.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE NEW SYSTEM WOULD PROVIDE COVERAGE THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY AND WOULD ALLOW OFFICERS FROM THE VARIOUS CRIME WING HEADQUARTERS GROUPS TO COMMUNICATE WITHIN THEIR GROUPS, WITH THEIR CONTROL ROOM AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, AND WHEN REQUIRED, WITH OFFICERS FROM OTHER GROUPS.

THE PROPOSED SYSTEM COMPRISES TEN HILLTOP VHF (VERY HIGH FREQUENCY) REPEATERS, 34 MOBILE VHF TO UHF (ULTRA HIGH FREQUENCY) REPEATERS, 180 UHF HAND-HELD PORTABLE TRANSCEIVERS, 50 VHF TRANSCEIVERS AND SIX CONTROL CONSOLES.

THE HILLTOP REPEATERS WILL PROVIDE TERRITORY-WIDE COVERAGE TO THE MOBILE VHF TRANSCEIVERS AND VHF TO UHF MOBILE REPEATERS TO BE MOUNTED IN THE CRIME WING VEHICLES.

THESE MOBILE REPEATERS WILL ALLOW OFFICERS WITH UHF HAND-HELD TRANSCEIVERS TO COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER, WITH THOSE IN THE CRIME WING VEHICLES AND WITH THOSE AT THE CONTROL CENTRE AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS.

MEANS OF COMMUNICATION WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED BETWEEN THE CONTROL CENTRE AND REGIONAL COMMAND AND CONTROL CENTRES FOR STRATEGIC AND LOGISTIC PURPOSES.

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TENDERS TO BE INVITED SOON FOR TERMINAL 7

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A NINE PER CENT GROWTH RATE HAS BEEN ALLOWED FOR IN THE PLANNING OF THE CONTAINER PORT'S SEVENTH TERMINAL, TENDERS FOR WHICH ARE TO BE INVITED IN A FEW WEEKS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THIS RATE OF EXPANSION HAD BEEN ADOPTED IN FEBRUARY BY THE CONTAINER PORT COMMITTEE, WHICH REGULARLY REVIEWS THE GROWTH RATE.

"THIS FIGURE WAS CHOSEN BECAUSE NINE PER CENT REPRESENTS THE TREND ESTABLISHED OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT THE ACTUAL GROWTH RATE AT KWAI CHUNG HAD BEEN 15 PER CENT IN 1986 AND WAS EXPECTED TO BE EVEN HIGHER THIS YEAR. BUT A "UNIFORM GROWTH RATE" OF NINE PER CENT MUST BE ASSUMED AS LAST YEAR'S SHARP GROWTH MIGHT ONLY HAVE REFLECTED A SUDDEN UPSURGE IN ECONOMIC ACTIVITY.

"IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ADEQUATE PORT FACILITIES BE PROVIDED IF HONG KONG'S TRADING POSITION IS TO BE MAINTAINED AND ENHANCED," HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT PLANNING DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TERMINAL WAS "ACTIVELY IN PROGRESS".

ON THE BASIS OF A NINE PER CENT GROWTH RATE, AND TO COPE WITH THE GROWTH OF THE CONTAINER TRADE, THE FIRST BERTH OF CONTAINER TERMINAL 7 WOULD BE REQUIRED BY 1991 AND THE SECOND AND THIRD BERTHS WOULD HAVE TO BE COMPLETED IN 1992 AND 1993.

HE SAID CONTAINER TERMINAL 7 WOULD BE LOCATED SOUTH OF THE EXISTING TERMINAL 6, AND COVERED AN AREA OF 31.5 HECTARES.

THE LAND WOULD BE FORMED BY RECLAMATION.

AN AREA ADJACENT TO TERMINAL 7 HAD ALSO BEEN DESIGNATED FOR CONTAINER TRADE-RELATED BACK-UP ACTIVITIES.

THE AREA FOR THE RECLAMATION AND DREDGING WORKS WAS FIRST GAZETTED IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR AND RE-GAZETTED ON JULY 24, FOLLOWING THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL'S AUTHORISATION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATIONAL RIGHTS FOR CONTAINER TERMINAL 7 WOULD BE DISPOSED OF BY OPEN TENDER.

IT WAS EXPECTED THAT TENDERS WOULD BE INVITED AROUND SEPTEMBER WITH A VIEW TO AWARDED THE TENDER IN APRIL NEXT YEAR.

HE SAID KEEN OVERSEAS INTEREST IN BUILDING AND OPERATING THE TERMINAL WAS WIDELY EXPECTED.

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HE SAID THE CONFIGURATION OF TERMINAL 7 REFLECTED THE FINDINGS OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW CONDUCTED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT AND WAS PREFERRED IN TERMS OF WATER QUALITY AND NOISE.

A 150-METRE-WIDE BUFFER STRIP WOULD BE INCLUDED BETWEEN THE BACK-UP AREA AND THE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT MEI FOO. THIS BUFFER WAS EARMARKED FOR OPEN SPACES IN THE DRAFT LAI CHI KOK OUTLINE ZONING PLAN.

"IT IS ALSO INTENDED TO INCLUDE MEASURES IN THE DESIGN AND LAYOUT OF THE CONTAINER BACK-UP AREA TO ENSURE THAT, AS FAR AS PRACTICABLE, NOISE AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL NUISANCES ARE MITIGATED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE FIRST BERTH OF TERMINAL 6 WAS EXPECTED TO BECOME OPERATIONAL IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER, 1988, WHILE THE SECOND AND THIRD BERTHS WOULD BE COMPLETED IN LATE 1989.

IN 1986, THE ACTUAL THROUGHPUT AT KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINALS WAS 2.19 MILLION TEUS (TWENTY FEET EQUIVALENT UNIT). UPON COMPLETION OF THE THREE BERTHS AT TERMINAL 6, THE THROUGHPUT CAPACITY WAS EXPECTED TO REACH THREE MILLION TEUS.

WHEN TERMINAL 7 IS COMPLETED, THE CAPACITY WILL LIKELY REACH 3.75 MILLION TEUS.

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GOODS VEHICLE OWNERS REMINDED ON AXLE WEIGHT MARKINGS

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OWNERS OF GOODS VEHICLES AND TRAILERS ARE REMINDED THAT WITH EFFECT FROM AUGUST 25, THEIR VEHICLES SHOULD DISPLAY THE MAXIMUM PERMITTED AXLE WEIGHTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ROAD TRAFFIC (CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES) REGULATIONS.

"THE MAXIMUM PERMITTED AXLE WEIGHT MARKINGS ON GOODS VEHICLES AND TRAILERS WILL HELP DRIVERS DETERMINE THE LOADING CAPACITY OF EACH AXLE AND HENCE ENSURE THAT LOADS ARE PROPERLY PLACED," A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

FOR GOODS VEHICLES, THE AXLE WEIGHT MARKINGS SHOULD BE DISPLAYED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE VEHICLE TOGETHER WITH THE OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS AND THE PERMITTED GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT.

AS FOR TRAILERS, THE COMMON PRACTICE IS TO DISPLAY THE MARKINGS ON THE NEAR SIDE OF THE CHASSIS OF THE VEHICLE.

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"THE MARKINGS SHOULD BE IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE CHARACTERS AND PAINTED IN WHITE AGAINST A BLACK BACKGROUND. THE CHARACTERS AND FIGURES SHOULD BE AT LEAST 25 MILLIMETRES IN HEIGHT," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT LIKE THE PERMITTED GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT, THE MAXIMUM PERMITTED AXLE WEIGHTS SHOULD BE EXPRESSED IN TONNES AND SHOULD SHOW TWO DECIMAL PLACES.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO THE VEHICLE EXAMINATION DIVISION OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ON 5-8623248.

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NEW RAPID POSTAL SERVICE TO BE INTRODUCED

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A NEW LOCAL RAPID BOX DELIVERY SERVICE WILL BE INTRODUCED FROM NEXT MONDAY (AUGUST 17), THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE SERVICE PROVIDES ACCELERATED DELIVERY FOR LOCAL ORDINARY LETTERS ADDRESSED TO THE POST OFFICE BOX OF THE 24 POST OFFICES AND THE TENANT'S LETTER BOX IN THE MAIL ROOM OF 13 COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS IN THE URBAN AREAS.

THE 24 POST OFFICES TO WHICH THE RAPID BOX DELIVERY SERVICE WILL THEN BE AVAILABLE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

ON HONG KONG ISLAND

GENERAL POST OFFICE
ABERDEEN POST OFFICE
CAUSEWAY BAY POST OFFICE
HARBOUR BUILDING POST OFFICE
HENNESSY ROAD POST OFFICE
HING FAT STREET POST OFFICE
KING'S ROAD POST OFFICE
MORRISON HILL POST OFFICE
NORTH POINT POST OFFICE
SHAU KEI WAN POST OFFICE
SHEUNG WAN POST OFFICE
SAI YING PUN POST OFFICE
TSAT TSZ MUI POST OFFICE
WAN CHAI POST OFFICE

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CHEUNG SHA WAN POST OFFICE
GILLIES AVENUE POST OFFICE
KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE
KOWLOON CITY POST OFFICE
KOWLOON EAST POST OFFICE
KWUN TONG POST OFFICE
MONG KOK POST OFFICE
SAN PO KONG POST OFFICE
SHAM SHUI PO POST OFFICE
TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE

THE 13 COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS TO WHICH THE SERVICE WILL THEN BE AVAILABLE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

ON HONG KONG ISLAND

ADMIRALTY CENTRE
ALEXANDRA HOUSE
EXCHANGE SQUARE
GREAT EAGLE CENTRE/HARBOUR CENTRE
GLOUCESTER TOWER/EDINBURGH TOWER
HENNESSY CENTRE
HOPEWELL CENTRE
SUN HUNG KAI CENTRE
UNITED CENTRE
WORLD TRADE CENTRE

IN KOWLOON

EMPIRE CENTRE
HARBOUR CITY PHASE I
OCEAN CENTRE

RAPID BOX LETTERS POSTED BEFORE 11 AM WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE P.O. BOX OR THE TENANT'S LETTER BOX OF THE COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS BY 3 PM ON THE SAME DAY.

ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON, THE NEW SERVICE WILL ONLY* BE AVAILABLE IN THE 13 COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS AND NINE POST OFFICES INCLUDING GENERAL POST OFFICE, ABERDEEN POST OFFICE, SHAU KEI WAN POST OFFICE, TSAT TSZ MUI POST OFFICE, KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE, TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE, CHEUNG SHA WAN POST OFFICE, KOWLOON CITY POST OFFICE AND KWUN TONG POST OFFICE.

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THE SERVICE IS NOT AVAILABLE ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

THE FEE FOR THE RAPID BOX DELIVERY SERVICE IS \$4 AND IS PAYABLE BY AFFIXING STAMPS OF THE EQUIVALENT VALUE TO THE LETTER IN ADDITIONAL TO POSTAGE.

ONLY ORDINARY LETTERS BEARING A "RAPID BOX" LABEL OR HAVE THE WORDS "RAPID BOX" WRITTEN BOLDLY IN RED AT THE TOP LEFT-HAND CORNER OF THE ADDRESS SIDE OF THE COVER WILL BE ACCEPTED.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE NEW SERVICE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE POSTAL ENQUIRY BUREAU ON 5-231071.

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SPECIAL STAMPS TO BE ISSUED

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A SET OF SPECIAL STAMPS TO COMMEMORATE THE CENTENARY OF BOTH THE ALICE HO MIU LING NETHERSOLE HOSPITAL AND THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG WILL BE ISSUED ON SEPTEMBER 8, THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY).

THE SPECIAL STAMPS TO BE ISSUED ARE:

- 50 CENTS THE ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL WAS FOUNDED BY THE LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY ON FEBRUARY 16, 1987. SIR KAI HO KAI, C.M.G., DONATED THE COST OF THE HOSPITAL BUILDING IN HOLLYWOOD ROAD IN MEMORY OF HIS WIFE ALICE WHO DIED IN 1884.
- \$1.30 DEPICTED ON THIS STAMP IS MRS H. STEVENS, APPOINTED AS MATRON OF THE HOSPITAL IN 1891, WITH OTHER NURSES OF THAT PERIOD.
- \$1.70 - THE HONG KONG COLLEGE OF MEDICINE FOR THE CHINESE WAS THE PRECURSOR OF THE PRESENT HONG KONG UNIVERSITY MEDICAL FACULTY. IT WAS INAUGURATED ON OCTOBER 1, 1887 AND HOUSED WITHIN THE ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL. WHEN THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY WAS OPENED IN 1911, THE COLLEGE WAS ABSORBED INTO ITS NEW FACULTY OF MEDICINE. THE DESIGNS OF THESE TWO STAMPS DEPICT TWO ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY THE FACULTY.
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THE STAMPS WERE DESIGNED BY MR ALEX FUNG AND WERE PRINTED IN THE U.K. BY WALSALL SECURITY PRINTERS LTD.

OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVERS, AT 50 CENTS EACH, WILL BE PLACED ON SALE AT ALL OFFICES ON AUGUST 24. FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE ANNOUNCED CLOSER TO THE DAY OF ISSUE.

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DISCUSSION ON RIVERSIDE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 11) MORNING TO DISCUSS THE LAYOUT PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE RIVERSIDE AREA IN SHA TIN.

THE PLANNING AREA, AREA 5B, IS SITUATED AT THE HEART OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN WHICH HAS BEEN EARMARKED FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CAN ACCOMMODATE ABOUT 13,000 RESIDENTS WHEN FULLY DEVELOPED.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO DISCUSS PILOT SQUATTER AREA IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES IN THE DISTRICT, CONSTRUCTION OF A COVER FOR THE FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS SHA TIN RURAL COMMITTEE ROAD, THE YMCA YOUTH CAMP RE-DEVELOPMENT IN WU KAI SHA AND FLOODING IN PEDESTRIAN SUBWAYS.

MEANWHILE, DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR CHOY KAN-PUI, WILL ASK IF THERE ARE MEASURES TO SOLVE FLUSHING PROBLEMS IN VILLAGE HOUSES.

ALSO ON THE AGENDA WILL BE THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AT THE "T" JUNCTION NEAR CHUN SHEK BUS TERMINUS, VEHICULAR ACCESS TO MELODY GARDEN IN HA KENG HAU VILLAGE, PROPOSED MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, FIVE YEAR FORECASTS AND ANNUAL ESTIMATES OF FUNDS FOR THE BOARD, AS WELL AS REPORTS BY WORKING GROUPS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TO BE HELD AT 9.30 AM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 11) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON 6/F, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION.

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NEW WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM FOR SIU LEK YUEN

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A NEW FRESH WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM WILL BE PROVIDED AT SIU LEK YUEN, SHA TIN, TO MEET NEEDS ARISING FROM DEVELOPMENTS THERE.

THE PROJECT WILL INCLUDE BUILDING A SERVICE RESERVOIR AND A PUMPING STATION, AND LAYING ABOUT TWO KILOMETRES OF PIPELINE.

BESIDES SERVING THE KWONG YUEN ESTATE AND THE HONG LAM COURT NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION, IT WILL ALSO IMPROVE SUPPLY TO THREE HIGH LEVEL AREA VILLAGES - WONG NAI TAU, TAI LAM LIU AND SHEK KWU LUNG.

THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS NOW INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT, WORK ON WHICH WILL COMMENCE IN OCTOBER AND TAKE 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON AUGUST 28.

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SPECIAL MEETING ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT

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THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 11) TO DISCUSS A CONSULTATION PAPER ON MANAGEMENT IN PRIVATE MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS.

A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION WILL ATTEND THE MEETING TO BRIEF MEMBERS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS ON THE DOCUMENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SPECIAL MEETING AT 2.30 PM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 11) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE AT 152-172 KWONG FUK ROAD.

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CLEAN BEACH EXERCISE

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MEMBERS OF THE URBAN COUNCIL'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN COMMITTEE AND THE PRESS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO INSPECT SHEK O BEACH BEFORE IT IS CLEANED TOMORROW (MONDAY) MORNING.

THE ROUTINE CLEANING OF THE BEACH WILL BE PUT OFF FOR TWO HOURS TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC, THROUGH PRESS COVERAGE, SEE THE ACTUAL STATE OF THE BEACH IF CLEANING WORK IS NOT CARRIED OUT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FUNCTION WHICH WILL BEGIN AT AROUND 9.30 AM AT SHEK O BEACH. A VAN (UC18) FOR THE PRESS WILL DEPART AT 9 AM FROM URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EDINBURGH PLACE. G.I.S. OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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SIGNALISED JUNCTION FOR ROUNDABOUT
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THE EXISTING ROUNDABOUT ON TAI PO ROAD NEAR HONG LOK YUEN WILL BE CONVERTED TO A SIGNAL-CONTROLLED JUNCTION FROM 10.30 AM TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE MOVE IS TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF LAM KAM ROAD FLYOVER.

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SALT WATER CUT IN EAST KOWLOON
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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN EAST KOWLOON WILL BE TURNED OFF ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 12) FROM 8 AM TO 8 AM ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 14) FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT PREMISES AT LAM TIN ESTATE, SAU MAU PING ESTATE, SHUN LEE ESTATE, SHUN TIN ESTATE, SHUN ON ESTATE, SHUN CHI COURT, SHUN LEE TSUEN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, CHOI WAN ESTATE, TSUI PING ROAD ESTATE, KWUN TONG AREA, NGAU TAU KOK AREA AND KOWLOON BAY AREA.

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