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CS: ECONOMIC STRENGTH LIES IN FREE MARKET POLICIES

THE STRENGTH OF HONG KONG'S ECONOMY LIES IN ITS FREE MARKET POLICIES, IN THE FREE FLOW OF FUNDS IN AND OUT OF THE TERRITORY, IN HAVING NO TAX ON FOREIGN INVESTMENTS NOR TAX ON CAPITAL GAINS, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE FIFTH EAST ASIAN STOCK EXCHANGES CONFERENCE, SIR DAVID SAID FREE COMPETITION WOULD PRODUCE RESULTS MORE EFFECTIVELY THAN RESTRAINTS ON TRADE, MORE SENSITIVELY THAN INTERVENTION BY GOVERNMENT IN COMMERCIAL DECISIONS AND MORE WISELY THAN BY THE PUBLIC SECTOR SUBSIDISING THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

HE SAID THAT THIS ECONOMIC PHILOSOPHY WAS GUARANTEED A LONG LIFE BY THE SINO-BRITISH AGREEMENT ON HONG KONG'S FUTURE. HE QUOTED THE SECTION WHICH STATED THAT THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION SHALL MAINTAIN THE CAPITALIST ECONOMIC AND TRADE SYSTEMS AS WELL AS THE MONETARY AND FINANCIAL SYSTEMS PREVIOUSLY PRACTISED AND SHALL RETAIN THE STATUS OF AN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE.

HE ALSO QUOTED THE SECTION CONCERNING THE FREE OPERATION OF FINANCIAL BUSINESS AND THE FREE FLOW OF CAPITAL WITHIN, INTO AND OUT OF THE HONG KONG SAR AND STATING THAT NO EXCHANGE CONTROL POLICY SHALL BE APPLIED.

SIR DAVID SAID THE NEW STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONG KONG, WHICH WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED YESTERDAY (MONDAY), WAS THE HUB OF THE SECURITIES MARKET IN THE TERRITORY AND IN TECHNOLOGY COULD STAND COMPARISON WITH ANY STOCK EXCHANGE IN THE WORLD.

HE NOTED THAT SINCE OPENING ITS DOORS FOR TRADING ON APRIL 2 THIS YEAR, THE STOCK EXCHANGE, WITH ITS IMPROVED EFFICIENCY OF COMPUTER TRADING, HAD SEEN THE VOLUME OF TRADING INCREASE GREATLY.

+TOTAL TURNOVER FOR THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR, AT \$36.5 BILLION, WAS 12 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE PREVIOUS SIX MONTHS. THE TOTAL VOLUME OF FUNDS RAISED THROUGH THE STOCK MARKET AMOUNTED TO OVER \$6 BILLION IN THE SAME PERIOD,+ HE SAID.

BUT THE CHARACTER OF THE MARKET HAD CHANGED AS IT HAD ELSEWHERE. INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS AND INSTITUTIONAL BUYING RELYING HEAVILY ON DETAILED RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS, INSTEAD OF SMALL INVESTORS, NOW HAD A MAJOR SHARE OF THE VOLUME OF TRADING.

+THIS CHANGE IS ILLUSTRATED BY THE GROWTH IN THE NUMBER OF UNIT TRUSTS AND MUTUAL FUNDS IN HONG KONG. IN 1978, THERE WERE 34, NOW THERE ARE 197 AUTHORISED FUNDS MANAGING U.S.\$20 BILLION,+ HE SAID. +THE RANGE OF INVESTMENTS AVAILABLE IN HONG KONG PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES FOR GROWTH.+

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SIR DAVID SAID THE ADVANCES IN COMMUNICATIONS AND COMPUTERISATION, BESIDES BRINGING THE GLOBAL MARKETS WITHIN THE REACH OF A SINGLE TOUCH OF A COMPUTER KEY, HAS MARKED THE STRENGTH OF THE RELATIONSHIP AMONG THE COUNTRIES OF THE PACIFIC REGION BY THE IMPROVED LINKS BETWEEN STOCK EXCHANGES AND STOCK MARKETS.

+THERE IS VAST POTENTIAL FOR GROWTH IN THE REGION; TO BUILD ON OUR STRENGTHS AND RESOURCES TO MAKE THIS PART OF THE WORLD THE FOCUS OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE NEXT CENTURY,+ HE SAID.

+THE CONFERENCE WHICH OPENS TODAY WILL MAKE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THIS PROCESS.+

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\$3 MILLION MORE SOUGHT FOR MICRO-COMPUTERS
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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL BE ASKED TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO APPROVE SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION OF \$3 MILLION TO ACQUIRE ADDITIONAL MICRO-COMPUTER SYSTEMS IN 1986-87 UNDER A SCHEME TO PROMOTE THE USE OF MICRO-COMPUTERS IN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

THE CURRENT PROVISION OF \$4 MILLION ONLY ALLOWS FOR THE PURCHASE OF AROUND 100 MICRO-COMPUTER SYSTEMS IN 1986-87, LEAVING 80 APPLICATIONS UNSATISFIED.

AS ALL OUTSTANDING APPLICATIONS ARE AS GOOD AS THOSE APPROVED BOTH FROM A TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL VIEWPOINT AND AS THEY ARE ALL URGENTLY REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED, IT IS PROPOSED THAT SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION BE APPROVED TO SATISFY THE OUTSTANDING DEMAND AND TO ELIMINATE RE-VETTING OR FURTHER STUDIES IN THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION ARE:

- * A SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION TO MEET INCREASED EXPENDITURE ARISING FROM THE ENGAGEMENT OF DEPUTY DISTRICT JUDGES AND TEMPORARY MAGISTRATES;
- * AN INCREASE IN THE COMMITMENT OF \$10 MILLION FOR INVESTIGATIONS INTO COMMERCIAL CRIME;
- * A NON-RECURRENT COMMITMENT FOR THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE TO PURCHASE SEVEN NEW ARMOURED PERSONNEL CARRIERS TO REPLACE THE EXISTING 14 SARACEN VEHICLES;

/x THE TRANSFER

- * THE TRANSFER OF BRAILLE PRINTING EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS AND BOOKS FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND FOLLOWING THE CLOSURE OF THE BRAILLE UNIT OF THE DEPARTMENT;
- * A PROPOSED ONE-OFF GRANT OF \$2 MILLION TO THE HONG KONG TRADE FACILITATION COUNCIL TO ENABLE IT TO START AFRESH FROM A FIRM BASIS SO THAT IT CAN BE SELF-SUPPORTING WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE;
- * THE WRITE-OFF OF AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$636 MILLION OUTSTANDING PREMIUM INCOME DUE IN RESPECT OF 23 RE-ENTERED LOTS.
- * A PROPOSAL TO PAY HONORARIA TO UNOFFICIAL OVERSEAS MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR THE THIRD UNIVERSITY AND TO THE UNOFFICIAL OVERSEAS CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AWARDS;
- * A SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION OF \$334 000 TO MEET THE COST OF INCREASES IN MONTHLY MAXIMUM FOR REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES FOR UMELCO MEMBERS AND MONTHLY STIPEND FOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL;
- * AN INCREASE IN THE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE COMMONWEALTH YOUTH PROGRAMME FOR 1986-87; AND
- * THE EXTENSION OF THE LEDGER ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION SYSTEM TO THE URBAN COUNCIL AND FOUR ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO APPROVE VARIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE ESTABLISHMENT SUB-COMMITTEE AND THE PUBLIC WORKS SUB-COMMITTEE.

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VISA REQUIREMENT FOR UK ENTRY
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THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT NATIONALS OF BANGLADESH, INDIA AND PAKISTAN WILL REQUIRE VISAS TO ENTER BRITAIN WITH EFFECT FROM NEXT WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 15).

ANYONE ARRIVING AT A UK PORT OF ENTRY WITHOUT A VALID VISA, ENTRY CERTIFICATE OR CONFIRMATION OF RIGHT OF ABODE IN BRITAIN WOULD BE REFUSED ENTRY.

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IN HONG KONG, VISAS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM OFFICES OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE NEW VISA REQUIREMENT DID NOT APPLY TO VISITORS TO BRITAIN WHO WERE BDTC'S HOLDING BRITISH HONG KONG PASSPORTS.

THERE WAS ALSO NO CHANGE IN THE EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS WHICH ALLOWED NATIONALS OF BANGLADESH, INDIA AND PAKISTAN TO VISIT HONG KONG WITHOUT A VISA, HE ADDED.

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES CALL 3-7333111.

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LOCAL CHOLERA CASE CONFIRMED
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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) CONFIRMED THAT A 78-YEAR-OLD WOMAN WAS SUFFERING FROM CHOLERA. THE CASE HAS BEEN CLASSIFIED AS A LOCAL ONE.

THE WOMAN WHO LIVED IN WONG TAI SIN AREA DEVELOPED DIARRHOEA ON SEPTEMBER 30. SHE ATTENDED THE OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT OF EAST KOWLOON POLYCLINIC ON OCTOBER 2 AND WAS ADMITTED TO PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL ON OCTOBER 4.

THE CONDITION OF THE PATIENT WAS TODAY DESCRIBED AS SATISFACTORY.

MEANWHILE, HEALTH OFFICERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT VISITED THE PATIENT'S HOME TO GIVE HER FAMILY MEMBERS MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND PREVENTIVE DRUGS. THE PREMISES WERE ALSO DISINFECTED.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT CHOLERA IS ENDEMIC IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD AND IT IS NECESSARY TO OBSERVE PERSONAL AND FOOD HYGIENE BOTH AT HOME AND WHILE TRAVELLING ABROAD.

SO FAR, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CHOLERA CASES REPORTED THIS YEAR IS 30 - 23 LOCAL AND SEVEN IMPORTED.

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ELDERLY SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN GROUPS
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OLD PEOPLE SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN GROUP ACTIVITIES OR VISIT SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY TO EXCHANGE IDEAS AND EXPERIENCES WITH OTHERS SO AS TO KEEP UP INTEREST IN THINGS AROUND THEM, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ANSON CHAN, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

MRS CHAN WAS ADDRESSING PARTICIPANTS IN THE EIGHTH PARTY FOR A THOUSAND AGED, ORGANISED BY THE SHUN TAK FRATERNAL ASSOCIATION AT THE CITY HALL.

+PARTICIPATION IN MORE ACTIVITIES CAN HELP REMOVE UNNECESSARY WORRIES AND PRESSURE AND CAN LEAD TO A FULLER AND MORE SATISFYING LIFE WHICH WILL BE A GREAT HELP TO OLD PEOPLE IN MAINTAINING THEIR MENTAL HEALTH,+ SHE SAID.

TAKING PART IN RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, LEARNING NEW SKILLS, DEVELOPING NEW HOBBIES AND DOING VOLUNTEER WORK WERE POSITIVE WAYS IN WHICH OLD PEOPLE COULD SPEND THEIR TIME.

ANOTHER WAY TO MAINTAIN MENTAL HEALTH WAS FOR THEM TO RECOGNISE AND ACCEPT CHANGES IN THEIR ROLES IN SOCIETY AND THE FAMILY AND TO BE TOLERANT OF OTHERS' VIEWPOINTS, SHE ADDED.

TURNING TO ELDERLY SINGLE PEOPLE AND THOSE LIVING IN SHARED ACCOMMODATION IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, MRS CHAN SAID THEY DESERVED SPECIAL CARE AND ATTENTION FROM THE PUBLIC.

+THEY ARE ALL THE MORE LONELY AND HELPLESS IF THEY CANNOT ADJUST TO THE ENVIRONMENT OR CANNOT GET ALONG WITH OTHERS SHARING A FLAT,+ SHE SAID.

SHE SAID SHE HOPED THAT VOLUNTEER AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS COULD VISIT THESE OLD PEOPLE REGULARLY, ORGANISE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THEM AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO JOIN SOCIAL CENTRES.

+NEIGHBOURS, VOLUNTEER WORKERS AND SOCIAL CENTRE STAFF SHOULD PAY SPECIAL CARE AND ATTENTION TO THESE OLD PEOPLE AND REFER THOSE WHO HAVE PROBLEMS TO THE FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES OF EITHER THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT OR VOLUNTARY AGENCIES FOR ASSISTANCE,+ SHE SAID.

IN ADDITION TO MATERIAL ASSISTANCE, SOCIAL WORKERS WOULD PROVIDE COUNSELLING SERVICE TO HELP OLD PEOPLE TO LIVE TOGETHER HARMONIOUSLY AND TO RESOLVE THEIR DIFFERENCES IN ORDER TO PREVENT UNHAPPY INCIDENTS.

MRS CHAN ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE SHUN TAK FRATERNAL ASSOCIATION FOR ORGANISING MEANINGFUL EVENTS TO PROMOTE THE WELL-BEING OF THE ELDERLY.

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CODE GIVES GUIDANCE TO PRIVATE HOMES FOR ELDERLY

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A CODE OF PRACTICE WAS PUBLISHED TODAY (TUESDAY) PROVIDING GUIDANCE FOR PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY ON HOW TO MAINTAIN A MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE LEVEL OF SERVICE.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE (OPERATIONS), MRS EVELYN DOE, SAID THE CODE HAD BEEN DRAWN UP FOR VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE BY OPERATORS OF THESE HOMES.

+UNDERLYING ALL THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS IS A CONVICTION THAT CARE FOR THE ELDERLY INCLUDES BOTH RESIDENTIAL AND SOCIAL CARE.

+THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE IS TO PROMOTE THE PHYSICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING OF THE ELDERLY WITH THE RECOGNITION THAT THEY HAVE A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION, INDIVIDUALITY AND HUMAN DIGNITY,+ SHE SAID.

THE CODE REPRESENTS A CULMINATION OF EFFORTS BY A WORKING PARTY THAT COMPRISED REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE AND THE ASSOCIATION OF PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY.

IT INCLUDES GUIDELINES ON GIVING NOTIFICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT, MANAGEMENT, ACCOMMODATION AND SPACE REQUIREMENTS, SAFETY AND FIRE PRECAUTIONS, STAFFING, HEALTH AND CARE SERVICES, EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE, AND SOCIAL CARE.

COPIES OF THE CODE, IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH, WILL BE SENT TO ALL IDENTIFIED OPERATORS OF PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY AND THE ASSOCIATION OF PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY.

MRS DOE SAID THAT STAFF FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO MAKE LIAISON VISITS TO THE HOMES AND THEY WOULD TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN TO THE OPERATORS THE DETAILS OF THE CODE.

PEOPLE INTENDING TO OPERATE PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY SHOULD NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE STARTING SERVICE SO THAT OFFICERS CAN GIVE THEM GUIDANCE ABOUT THE CODE. NOTIFICATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S 13 DISTRICT OFFICES.

AFTER ONE YEAR, A REVIEW WILL BE CARRIED OUT TO ASSESS THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CODE AND TO DETERMINE WHETHER STRONGER MEASURES ARE REQUIRED TO REGULATE THE OPERATION OF HOMES.

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KEY ROLE FOR TRAINED MANPOWER
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THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING FIRST-CLASS FACILITIES AND SERVICES AND TRAINED MANPOWER WAS STRESSED THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING BY THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG SHIPOWNERS ASSOCIATION, MR HELMUT SOHMEN.

+THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG DEPENDS ON EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US AND ON OUR ABILITY TO OFFER THE WORLD FIRST-CLASS FACILITIES AND SERVICES, PARTICULARLY IN SEA AND AIR TRANSPORT AND ALSO IN ALL OTHER COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES,+ HE SAID.

MR SOHMEN WAS SPEAKING AT A GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR 21 PERSONNEL IN AIR AND SEA FREIGHT COMPANIES WHO COMPLETED CERTIFICATE COURSES SPONSORED BY THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL AND RUN BY THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

HE SAID UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION AND KNOW-HOW, AND THE AVAILABILITY OF WELL-TRAINED PERSONNEL WERE KEYS TO THE CONTINUED GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE TERRITORY. HENCE EMPHASIS WAS PLACED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY ON THE WORK OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

THE AIR AND SEA FREIGHT CERTIFICATE COURSES SHOULD GIVE PARTICIPANTS AS WELL AS THEIR EMPLOYERS A BETTER CHANCE OF SUCCESS IN A VERY COMPETITIVE WORLD.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL, MR CHAN KAM-CHUEN, SAID THIS YEAR IT PLANNED TO SPONSOR ABOUT 100 COURSES IN ACCOUNTANCY, BANKING, JOURNALISM, TRANSPORT AND PHYSICAL DISTRIBUTION, WHOLESALE-RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT, SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIR.

THESE COURSES WERE DESIGNED BY THE RELEVANT TRAINING BOARDS OF THE COUNCIL TO MEET THE TRAINING NEEDS OF EMPLOYEES IN VARIOUS INDUSTRIES.

UNDER A SUBSIDISED TRAINING PROGRAMME, PARTICIPANTS NORMALLY NEEDED TO PAY ONLY HALF THE COURSE FEE.

HK OFFICIAL SPEAKS AT OSAKA BUSINESS MEETING
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A PRESTIGIOUS SYMPOSIUM DEALING WITH BUSINESS COOPERATION BETWEEN ASIA AND JAPAN WAS ADDRESSED BY THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR K.Y. YEUNG, FOR THE FIRST TIME TODAY.

OTHER SPEAKERS AT THE OSAKA SYMPOSIUM ON FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS COOPERATION BETWEEN ASIA AND JAPAN INCLUDED THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, MR MASAO FUKOKA, THE JAPANESE MINISTER OF FINANCE, MR KIICHI MIYANZAWA, OTHER GOVERNMENT MINISTERS AND MAJOR BUSINESS LEADERS FROM AROUND THE REGION.

IN HIS SPEECH MR YEUNG MADE THE POINT THAT TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER WAS IMPORTANT TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES LIKE HONG KONG, PARTICULARLY WHERE IT RAISED THE LEVEL OF PRODUCTIVITY AND QUALITY OF MANUFACTURING OUTPUT.

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER WAS OFTEN A PURE BUSINESS TRANSACTION, HE SAID, BUT GOVERNMENTS WERE MORE INTERESTED IN REMOVING BARRIERS TO ITS TAKING PLACE.

+GOVERNMENTS ARE CONCERNED, TO A GREATER OR LESSER DEGREE, WITH THE AVAILABILITY AND ADAPTABILITY OF CAPITAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL SUPPORT TO ENABLE THE PURCHASER OF TECHNOLOGY TO PUT IT TO FULL USE. GOVERNMENTS, THEREFORE, TEND TO BE CONCERNED WITH OVERCOMING OBSTACLES TO TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER,+ HE SAID.

SOME TECHNOLOGIES COULD NOT BE ABSORBED BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISE UNLESS THEY WERE ADEQUATELY SUPPORTED THROUGH MANPOWER TRAINING AND INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT SERVICES. HONG KONG WAS ACTIVELY SEEKING TO LOWER THESE BARRIERS. EDUCATION AND MANPOWER NOW ACCOUNTED FOR MORE THAN 20 PER CENT OF TOTAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE.

IN ADDITION TO CONVENTIONAL FORMS OF TRAINING TO ACHIEVE ABSORPTION OF SPECIALIST TECHNOLOGIES, HONG KONG WAS ENCOURAGING GOVERNMENT-FUNDED TRAINING FOR PRACTISING ENGINEERS RATHER THAN ESTABLISHING LARGE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTES. A WIDE RANGE OF INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT SERVICES WAS PROVIDED.

ANOTHER TYPE OF BARRIER TO TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER WAS THE MISMATCH BETWEEN FINANCIAL AND MARKET REQUIREMENTS. MANY COUNTRIES ATTEMPTED TO TACKLE THIS BY DIRECT GOVERNMENT SUPPORT SUCH AS INDUSTRIAL SUBSIDIES, LOAN GUARANTEES AND TAX INCENTIVES.

HONG KONG TOOK THE VIEW THAT IT WAS NORMALLY FUTILE AND DAMAGING TO ATTEMPT TO PLAN THE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES OR TO FRUSTRATE THE OPERATION OF MARKET FORCES.

INCREASING INTEREST WAS NOW BEING SHOWN, HOWEVER, IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PRIVATE VENTURE CAPITAL OPERATIONS AND GOVERNMENT WAS NOW CONSIDERING WHETHER THERE MIGHT BE A CASE FOR RELAXING STOCK EXCHANGE LISTING REQUIREMENTS AS A MEANS OF NURTURING THE GROWTH OF SUCH OPERATIONS.

WHERE FOREIGN MANUFACTURING INVESTMENT WAS CONCERNED WHAT WAS BEING LOOKED FOR WAS THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW OR IMPROVED PRODUCTS, NEW DESIGNS AND PROCESSES, AND IMPROVED MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES.

+IN SEEKING FOREIGN INVESTMENT THE ROLE OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IS GENERALLY TO IDENTIFY THOSE FOREIGN BUSINESSES THAT HAVE THE TECHNOLOGY WE NEED AND TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO INVEST,+ SAID MR YEUNG, ADDING THAT JAPANESE FIRMS WERE IMPORTANT IN THIS.

HONG KONG'S MASSIVE INVESTMENT IN MANPOWER TRAINING, CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT SERVICES IN PARTICULAR SHOWED CLEARLY THE GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION TO CREATE A SOUND TECHNOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT - THE EXCELLENCE OF THE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT REQUIRED NO ELABORATION, HE CONCLUDED.

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CHINESE VERSION OF EDUCATION REPORT READY

THE CHINESE VERSION OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION'S REPORT NO. 2 WILL BE PUBLISHED TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ADDITIONAL ENGLISH COPIES WERE ALSO PRINTED IN VIEW OF THE HEAVY DEMAND FOR THE REPORT SINCE ITS PUBLICATION IN ENGLISH ON SEPTEMBER 16.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE REPORT MAY WRITE TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OR THE EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT. LIMITED COPIES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IN CENTRAL.

+THE EDUCATION COMMISSION WILL WELCOME COMMENTS ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE REPORT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ALL VIEWS AND COMMENTS ON THE REPORT SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY TO THE EDUCATION COMMISSION, EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH, THIRD FLOOR, EAST WING, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, BY THE END OF DECEMBER, 1986.

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CHILDREN PRAISED FOR DEDICATION TO STUDY

THE CHILDREN OF HONG KONG FISHERMEN WERE PRAISED TODAY (TUESDAY) FOR THEIR PERSEVERANCE IN THEIR STUDIES, AND COMPLETING THEM WITH SATISFACTORY RESULTS.

FOR MANY SUCH CHILDREN THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT WAS INCONVENIENT FOR SCHOOLING, YET THEY OVERCAME ALL DIFFICULTIES. A LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER, MR CHAN KAM-CHEUN, SAID AT THE 17TH JOINT GRADUATION CEREMONY OF FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION (FMO) SCHOOLS, HELD AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL.

THE FMO RUNS 12 PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND ONE SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL WITH MORE THAN 2 900 STUDENTS, AND MR CHAN NOTED THAT FOLLOWING CHANGES IN EDUCATION AND HOUSING POLICIES MANY FISHERMEN'S CHILDREN COULD NOW STUDY IN OTHER SCHOOLS.

BUT THE NUMBER OF FISHERMEN'S CHILDREN STILL CONSTITUTED A SIZEABLE PROPORTION IN THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN THE FMO SCHOOLS.

EARLIER, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, PAID TRIBUTE TO MR CHAN FOR HIS CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT AND WORK OF THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION.

MRS CHAN AND MRS LEE PRESENTED CERTIFICATES, PRIZES AND FMO SECONDARY SCHOOL EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AWARDS TO STUDENTS.

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SEMILNAR AGAINST SHOPLIFTING IN WAN CHAI

ABOUT 50 REPRESENTATIVES FROM DEPARTMENT STORES AND SUPERMARKETS IN WAN CHAI DISTRICT ATTENDED A SEMINAR ON SHOPLIFTING HELD AT THE WAN CHAI POLICE STATION THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

A TALK ON PREVENTION OF SHOPLIFTING WAS GIVEN BY MR CHEUK HEY-MING OF THE POLICE CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU AND A DISCUSSION SESSION FOLLOWED.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR CHENG HOK-YIN, URGED THE PARTICIPANTS TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE POLICE TO FIGHT CRIME.

HE DESCRIBED THE SEMINAR AS ONE OF MANY ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE THE FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE IN THE DISTRICT.

OTHER ACTIVITIES INCLUDED A SLOGAN COMPETITION FOR STUDENTS, FOR WHICH ENTRIES WOULD CLOSE ON NOVEMBER 11, AND AN EXHIBITION ON SECURITY DEVICES TO BE HELD IN JANUARY.

ALSO TAKING PART IN THE SEMINAR WERE THE WAN CHAI POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR LAU TO-YEE; ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR P.E. SMITH- AND THE WAN CHAI ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS CARMEN CHIU.

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20TH CENTURY MUSIC WORKSHOP ORGANISED

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A SIX-SESSION WORKSHOP ON 20TH CENTURY MUSIC FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS STARTING NEXT FRIDAY (OCTOBER 17).

BESIDES GIVING AN OVERALL VIEW OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF 20TH CENTURY MUSIC, THE WORKSHOP ALSO PROVIDES TEACHERS, THROUGH LISTENING AND PRACTICAL MUSIC MAKING, WITH A REPERTOIRE SUITABLE FOR INTRODUCING SUCH MUSIC TO SECONDARY STUDENTS.

NEW CONCEPTS OF TONALITY, MELODY, HARMONY, RHYTHM AND FORM WILL BE EXPLORED DURING THE WORKSHOP.

APPROPRIATE EXAMPLES WILL BE SELECTED TO ILLUSTRATE POST-ROMANTICISM, IMPRESSIONISM, NEO-CLASSICISM, SERIALISM, NEW MUSIC IN ENGLAND AND AMERICA, ELECTRONIC MUSIC, MUSIC WITH FOLK ELEMENTS, BLUES, RAGTIME AND JAZZ.

LECTURER IN MUSIC AT THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS, DR CHAN WING-WAH, WILL CONDUCT THE WORKSHOP AT THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE FOR PROMOTION OF CHINESE CULTURE AT SHUN TAK CENTRE, 200 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE WILL BE ISSUED TO THOSE WHO COMPLETE THE WORKSHOP.

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SIR DAVID TO TOUR SOUTHERN DISTRICT

THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL TOUR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 9) AFTERNOON TO LOOK AT LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SIMON LORD, SIR DAVID WILL BE BRIEFED ON PROGRESS OF THE TELEGRAPH BAY RECLAMATION, THE KELLETT BAY RECLAMATION AND HOUSING PROJECT, THE AP LEI CHAU NORTH RECLAMATION AND THE LEI TUNG HOUSING ESTATE DEVELOPMENT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE VISIT. THREE GOVERNMENT VANS (CAR REGISTRATION NUMBER AM 2184, AM 5797, AND AM 4556) HAVE BEEN ARRANGED TO TAKE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO ACCOMPANY THE TOUR. THOSE WISHING TO COVER THE EVENT ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE OUTSIDE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (MAIN WING) CARPARK BY 1.45 PM SHARP.

OPEN SPACE FOR TIN CHIU STREET

A 1 297-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT TIN CHIU STREET IN NORTH POINT IS TO BE DEVELOPED AS AN OPEN SPACE TO IMPROVE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN DECEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT NINE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT WHICH INVOLVES THE BUILDING OF A SITTING-OUT AREA AND A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND, BOTH OF WHICH WILL BE SURROUNDED BY PLANTERS AND PROVIDED WITH ARBOURS AND BENCHES.

FIRE SERVICES, LIFTS CONTRACTS AWARDED

TWO CONTRACTS VALUED AT \$1.53 MILLION HAVE BEEN AWARDED TO INSTALL FIRE SERVICES AND LIFT FACILITIES IN THE DIVISIONAL POLICE STATION NOW BEING BUILT AT SIU LEK YUEN IN SHA TIN.

THE FIRE SERVICES INSTALLATION CONTRACT IS VALUED AT \$560 000 AND THE LIFTS CONTRACT IS VALUED AT \$970 000.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE POLICE STATION, WHICH STARTED LAST AUGUST, WILL BE COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER NEXT YEAR.

THE FIRE SERVICES AND LIFT INSTALLATION WORK IS DUE TO START THIS MONTH AND TAKE ABOUT 14 MONTHS.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES ON HK ISLAND FOR FESTIVAL
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON HONG KONG ISLAND FOR THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL.

UNDER THE ARRANGEMENTS, ROAD CLOSURES AND TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CHAI WAN DAILY BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 12) AND OCTOBER 13.

THESE ARE:

- * CAPE COLLINSON ROAD EAST OF LIN SHING ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.
- * THE SLIP ROAD LEADING TO THE GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE AND CREMATORIUM FROM CAPE COLLINSON ROAD, AS WELL AS THE SLIP ROAD LEADING TO CHAI WAN CHINESE PERMANENT CEMETERY, WILL BE CLOSED.
- * CAPE COLLINSON ROAD MAY BE CLOSED WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE, DEPENDING ON TRAFFIC CONDITIONS.
- * CAPE COLLINSON ROAD BETWEEN LIN SHING ROAD AND SHEK O ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.
- * LIN SHING ROAD BETWEEN WAN TSUI ROAD AND CAPE COLLINSON ROAD WILL BECOME ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.
- * WAN TSUI ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY CLOCKWISE.
- * WAH HA STREET BETWEEN LIN SHING ROAD AND CHAI WAN ROAD WILL BECOME ONE-WAY.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD, NO PARKING WILL BE PERMITTED ALONG CAPE COLLINSON ROAD, LIN SHING ROAD, WAH HA STREET AND THE SECTION OF SHEK O ROAD BETWEEN CAPE COLLINSON TRAINING CENTRE AND TAI TAM ROAD.

ALSO FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY ON OCTOBER 12 AND 13, TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IN FORCE IN POK FU LAM, ABERDEEN AND THE PEAK.

THESE ARE:

- * CONSORT RISE IN POK FU LAM WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND FROM VICTORIA ROAD TO BISNEY ROAD.
- * PEEL RISE IN THE VICINITY OF ABERDEEN CHINESE CEMETERY, AND THE SLIP ROAD FROM SHEK PAI WAN ROAD LEADING TO ABERDEEN CHINESE CEMETERY WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.
- * MOUNT AUSTIN ROAD IN THE PEAK WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT THOSE FOR ACCESS.

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- * THE SECTION OF PEAK ROAD OUTSIDE THE UPPER PEAK TRAM TERMINUS CAR PARK AND THE ACCESS ROAD WITHIN THE CAR PARK WILL BECOME ONE-WAY CLOCKWISE.
- * ALL PARKING SPACES AT PEAK GARDEN AND THE UPPER PEAK TRAM TERMINUS, EXCEPT THE DESIGNATED SPACES FOR FRANCHISED BUSES, GREEN MINIBUSES AND TAXIS, WILL BE SUSPENDED.

CMB SERVICES WILL BE STRENGTHENED ON OCTOBER 12 AS SUCH:

- * ROUTE 57 FROM CENTRAL TO CHINESE CHRISTIAN CEMETERY WILL OPERATE AT A FREQUENCY OF SEVEN TO EIGHT MINUTES BETWEEN 7 AM AND 5.52 PM.
- * ROUTE 15B FROM CAUSEWAY BAY TO THE PEAK WILL RUN BETWEEN 8 AM AND 7.40 PM AT A 20-MINUTE FREQUENCY.
- * ROUTE 15M BETWEEN MTR ADMIRALTY STATION (EAST) AND THE PEAK WILL OPERATE FROM 8 AM TO 7.12 PM AT A 12-MINUTE FREQUENCY.

IN ADDITION, ROUTE 89 RUNNING BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN BUS TERMINUS AND CHAI WAN CEMETERY VIA CHAI WAN MTR STATION (CIRCULAR) WILL OPERATE FROM 7 AM TO 6 PM DAILY ON OCTOBER 12 AND 13 AT A FREQUENCY OF FIVE MINUTES.

ALSO FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM ON OCTOBER 12 AND 13, ALL BUSES EXCEPT THOSE FOR ROUTE 89, WILL NOT OBSERVE THE FIRST BUS STOP ON WAN TSUI ROAD SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH CHAI WAN ROAD (NEAR WAN TSUI ESTATE). HOWEVER, A TEMPORARY BUS STOP WILL BE PROVIDED AT CHAI WAN ROAD EAST OF HONG MAN STREET FOR ALL EASTBOUND BUSES.

ROUTEINGS OF CMB ROUTES 80, 81, 81M, 82, 83, 84, 780 AND CROSS-HARBOUR ROUTE 106, AS WELL AS GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES 16M AND 18M WILL BE DIVERTED BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM DAILY ON OCTOBER 12 AND 13 TO AVOID THE CLOSED ROADS AND CONGESTED AREAS.

AS CONGESTION IS EXPECTED ON APPROACH ROADS TO CEMETERIES, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

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KOWLOON, TUEN MUN TRAFFIC RE-ROUTING
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FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 9), THE SECTION OF KWEILIN STREET IN SHAM SHUI PO BETWEEN LAI CHI KOK ROAD AND TAI NAN STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY NORTHEAST-BOUND TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC. THE MEASURE WILL IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW.

ELSEWHERE, FROM 10 AM ON OCTOBER 10 MAPLE STREET IN TAI KOK TSUI BETWEEN BEDFORD ROAD AND TUNG CHAU STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY NORTHEAST-BOUND TOWARDS TUNG CHAU STREET.

THE MEASURE, WHICH WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH, IS RELATED TO BUILDING OF THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR.

IN TUEN MUN, CHOY YEE BRIDGE WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY EASTBOUND FROM 10 AM ON OCTOBER 10 BECAUSE OF WORK ON THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM.

MOTORISTS HEADING FOR TAI HING ESTATE OR THE NORTHERN PART OF TUEN MUN ARE ADVISED TO USE TSUN WEN ROAD, PUI TO ROAD OR THE P1-P2 INTERCHANGE.

KMB ROUTES 59 AND 59S WILL BE DIVERTED VIA HO PONG STREET, PUI TO ROAD AND TSUN WEN ROAD INSTEAD OF TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD AND CHOY YEE BRIDGE.