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SURVEY OFFICE RECEIVES MORE THAN 120,000 SUBMISSIONS

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THE SURVEY OFFICE HAS RECEIVED MORE THAN 120,000 WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS FROM THE PUBLIC GIVING THEIR VIEWS ON THE GREEN PAPER ON THE REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

THE COMMISSIONER OF THE SURVEY OFFICE, MR ADOLF HSU, SAID HE WAS MUCH ENCOURAGED BY THE RESPONSE. HE THANKED THE PUBLIC FOR RESPONDING TO THE CALL BY HIS OFFICE TO SEND IN THEIR VIEWS.

MR HSU SAID THE SURVEY OFFICE WOULD NOW PROCEED TO THE NEXT STAGE OF WORK, AS REQUIRED UNDER ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE, TO PRODUCE AN IMPARTIAL AND ACCURATE REPORT AND SUBMIT IT TO THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL BEFORE THE END OF OCTOBER.

THE INDEPENDENT SURVEY OFFICE WAS SET UP TO RECEIVE AND RECORD ALL VIEWS ON THE GREEN PAPER EXPRESSED IN WRITING BY SEPTEMBER 30. TWO INDEPENDENT MONITORS, MR LI FOOK-KOW AND MR ANDREW SO, WERE APPOINTED TO OVERSEE ITS WORK.

THE SURVEY OFFICE HAS AN ESTABLISHED STRENGTH OF 59 OFFICERS. TO COPE WITH THE WORKLOAD, SOME 160 ADDITIONAL OFFICERS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ARE NOW ATTACHED TO THE OFFICE.

UP TO YESTERDAY (SEPTEMBER 29), THE SURVEY OFFICE HAS RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 114,967 SUBMISSIONS, OF WHICH 109,832 WERE FROM INDIVIDUALS, 4,122 FROM GROUPS OF INDIVIDUALS AND 1,013 FROM ORGANISATIONS. ABOUT 10,000 SUBMISSIONS WERE RECEIVED TODAY (SEPTEMBER 30), THE LAST DAY FOR THE PUBLIC TO SUBMIT THEIR VIEWS.

SUBMISSIONS SENT BY POST WILL BE ACCEPTED UP TO AND INCLUDING OCTOBER 3 IF THEY BEAR A POST-MARKED DATE OF SEPTEMBER 30 OR EARLIER.

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GOVERNMENT DOES ITS BEST TO MEET HOUSING DEMAND, GOVERNOR

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WITH THE DESIRE FOR HOUSING FOR PURCHASE NOW INCREASING, THE GOVERNMENT WAS MAKING A GREAT EFFORT TO PROVIDE SUCH HOUSING, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID THIS (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE END OF HIS VISIT TO SHA TIN DISTRICT, SIR DAVID SAID THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE TRYING TO PURCHASE HOUSING FROM THE HOUSING AUTHORITY WAS ENORMOUS - ABOUT 15 APPLICATIONS FOR EACH SINGLE APARTMENT.

"THE MOST RECENT ONE IN MA ON SHAN AND TSING YI WAS 10 FOR EVERY APARTMENT, SOME OTHERS HAVE BEEN 20 FOR EVERY APARTMENT. SO OBVIOUSLY THERE IS A VERY POPULAR FORM OF HOUSING. IT'S A DEMAND WHICH THE GOVERNMENT WANTS TO DO ITS BEST TO MEET."

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THE GOVERNOR HAD EARLIER VISITED TWO DIFFERENT TYPES OF PUBLIC HOUSING AT LUNG HANG ESTATE - A HOME PURCHASE FLAT AND A PUBLIC RENTAL FLAT.

SIR DAVID SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE RAPIDLY-GROWING NEW TOWN AND THE TREMENDOUS EFFORT BY ITS RESIDENTS TO BUILD UP A SENSE OF COMMUNITY THERE.

ASKED ABOUT THE TRAFFIC CONGESTION PROBLEM OF THE LION ROCK TUNNEL, SIR DAVID SAID IT WAS QUITE OBVIOUSLY A BIG DIFFICULTY.

"THE LONG-TERM SOLUTION WILL NOT COME UNTIL THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL IS BUILT IN 1992. MEANWHILE, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS TRYING TO DO WHAT IT CAN TO FIND SHORT-TERM WAYS OF ALLEVIATING THE PROBLEM, BUT IT'S ONLY TO MAKE IT MARGINALLY BETTER. IT CANNOT BE PROPERLY SOLVED UNTIL WE HAVE A SECOND TUNNEL," HE SAID.

AS TO WHETHER A TOLL-FREE SYSTEM WOULD BE INTRODUCED AT THE LION ROCK TUNNEL, SIR DAVID SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN PROPOSALS BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD FOR AN EXPERIMENT WITH TOLL-FREE TRAFFIC IN ONE DIRECTION.

"IT IS TO TEST WHETHER IT IS THE TOLLS WHICH ARE HOLDING UP TRAFFIC OR WHETHER IT IS THE CAPACITY OF THE TUNNEL. THERE ARE MANY EXPERTS WHO SAY THAT THE REAL PROBLEM IS JUST THE SHEER LACK OF CAPACITY IN THE TUNNEL, NOT THE TOLL BOOTHS," HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID SAID THAT THE PROPOSAL WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. MEANWHILE, A CONSULTANCY WOULD BE COMMISSIONED NEXT MONTH WHICH WOULD LOOK INTO ALL WAYS OF TRYING TO IMPROVE THE USE OF THE TUNNEL THROUGHPUT.

TURNING TO THE POLLUTION PROBLEM OF THE SHING MUN RIVER, SIR DAVID SAID THE AREA WOULD SOON BE A RECREATIONAL ASSET, "BUT BEFORE IT CAN PLAY ITS FULL POTENTIAL, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM OF POLLUTION IN THE RIVER."

HE NOTED THAT THE FIRST STEPS HAD ALREADY BEEN TAKEN TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM.

WHEN ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE PUBLIC'S RESPONSE TO THE GREEN PAPER, SIR DAVID SAID THAT "THERE HAS BEEN A MASSIVE RESPONSE".

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GOVERNOR IMPRESSED BY DEVELOPMENTS IN SHA TIN

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, AND LADY WILSON TODAY (WEDNESDAY) TOURED SHA TIN AND WERE IMPRESSED BY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FAST GROWING NEW TOWN.

ACCOMPANIED BY REGIONAL SECRETARY (NEW TERRITORIES), DR JAMES HAYES, THEY ARRIVED AT THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL BY HELICOPTER AND WERE GREETED BY SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VICTOR YUNG, AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR NG CHAN-LAM.

THE PARTY WAS THEN DRIVEN TO GARDEN RIVERA WHERE THEY HAD A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE DISTRICT FROM THE ROOFTOP OF ONE OF THE HIGH-RISE BLOCKS. SIR DAVID AND LADY WILSON WERE BRIEFED ON THE PHYSICAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTS OF THE DISTRICT BY THE PROJECT MANAGER, MR TATY KUO, AND MR YUNG.

THEY THEN PROCEEDED ON TO LUNG HANG ESTATE, WHICH INCORPORATES BOTH RENTAL AND HOME OWNERSHIP HOUSING, AND WERE BRIEFED ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE ESTATE BY SENIOR HOUSING MANAGER, MR CHEN YU-CHENG, AND HOUSING MANAGER, MR CHEUNG KIN-FAT.

THEY VISITED A FAMILY IN A HOS FLAT AND A FAMILY IN A RENTAL HOUSING UNIT TO GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT OF PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS IN SHA TIN, WHO ACCOUNT FOR 65 PER CENT OF THE DISTRICT'S 430,000 POPULATION.

THE PARTY ALSO TOURED TIN SUM VILLAGE, WHERE THEY WERE WELCOMED BY THE RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR ROGER LAU; VICE CHAIRMEN MR CHOY KAN-PUI AND MR LIU MING, AS WELL AS VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES, MR CHOY KWEI-SANG AND MR TSANG TIN-YAU.

THEY WERE INFORMED THAT TIN SUM VILLAGE WAS A TRADITIONAL SETTLEMENT AND A PILOT VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SCHEME. IT HAS 108 SMALL HOUSES SERVICED WITH PROPER ROAD LINKS, RECREATIONAL AREAS, PARKING SPACES, LATRINE AND REFUSE COLLECTION FACILITIES, AS WELL AS WATER SUPPLY, ELECTRICITY AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM.

LATER, THE GOVERNOR AND LADY WILSON WENT TO THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL TO ATTEND A TEA RECEPTION AT THE EXHIBITION GALLERY, WHERE THEY MET MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, CHAIRMEN OF AREA COMMITTEES, AND OTHER LOCAL ORGANISATIONS. THEY WERE PRESENTED WITH A CHINESE PAINTING AS A SOUVENIR.

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NEW LEGCO MEMBER APPOINTED

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (WEDNESDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED MR EDWARD HO SING-TIN TO BE A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WITH EFFECT FROM OCTOBER 1.

MR HO REPLACES MR S.L. CHEN WHO RETIRED FROM THE COUNCIL AT THE END OF THE LAST SESSION.

MR HO IS AGED 48 AND IS MARRIED WITH THREE CHILDREN. HE IS AN ARCHITECT BY PROFESSION AND IS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD AND THE LAND AND BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

THE APPOINTMENT WILL EXPIRE ON AUGUST 31, 1988.

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AUGUST MONETARY STATISTICS RELEASED

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GROWTH IN HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS SLOWED DOWN IN AUGUST COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS PUBLISHED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) BY THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH. FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS ALSO GREW SLOWER IN AUGUST THAN IN JULY.

TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY ON ALL DEFINITIONS CONTINUED TO GROW IN AUGUST. BUT THE BROADEST DEFINITION OF HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY, HK\$M3, EXPERIENCED A SLOWER GROWTH IN AUGUST THAN IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY DEPOSIT-TAKING INSTITUTIONS CONTINUED TO GROW STRONGLY IN AUGUST, ALTHOUGH THE RATE OF GROWTH WAS SLIGHTLY LOWER THAN THOSE IN JUNE AND JULY.

MUCH OF THIS GROWTH CAME FROM A CONTINUED RAPID INCREASE IN LOANS FOR USE OUTSIDE HONG KONG. ON THE OTHER HAND, LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG RECORDED A SLOWING DOWN IN ITS GROWTH RATE DURING THE MONTH, WHILE LOANS TO FINANCE HONG KONG'S VISIBLE TRADE FELL SLIGHTLY.

DEPOSITS

IN AUGUST, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEMAND DEPOSITS DECREASED BY 2.1 PER CENT WHILE SAVINGS DEPOSITS GREW BY 1.9 PER CENT. TIME DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 2.8 PER CENT AFTER THE RAPID INCREASE OF SIX PER CENT IN JULY.

AS A RESULT, TOTAL HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS ROSE BY 1.8 PER CENT IN AUGUST AFTER INCREASES OF 2.4 PER CENT IN JUNE AND 2.6 PER CENT IN JULY. OVER THE YEAR (I.E. FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING AUGUST), TOTAL HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 24.8 PER CENT.

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FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 1.4 PER CENT IN AUGUST AFTER AN INCREASE OF 2.5 PER CENT IN JULY. THESE DEPOSITS GREW BY 3.5 PER CENT OVER THE THREE MONTHS TO AUGUST AND BY 31.5 PER CENT OVER THE YEAR. OF THE TOTAL, DEPOSITS IN U.S. DOLLARS ROSE BY THREE PER CENT IN AUGUST WHILE DEPOSITS IN OTHER FOREIGN CURRENCIES FELL BY 1.1 PER CENT.

FOREIGN CURRENCY SWAP DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 4.2 PER CENT IN AUGUST. ADJUSTED TO INCLUDE THESE DEPOSITS, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 2.1 PER CENT IN AUGUST WHILE ADJUSTED FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 1.1 PER CENT.

DEPOSITS (ALL CURRENCIES) WITH BANKS INCREASED BY 1.6 PER CENT IN AUGUST WHILE THOSE WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES INCREASED BY 1.7 PER CENT. FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING AUGUST, DEPOSITS IN BOTH KINDS OF DEPOSIT-TAKING INSTITUTIONS INCREASED BY FIVE PER CENT OVER THE YEAR, DEPOSITS WITH BANKS GREW BY 32.5 PER CENT BUT THOSE WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES FELL BY 0.9 PER CENT.

MONEY SUPPLY

HONG KONG DOLLAR M1 SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE IN AUGUST, WITH THE FALL IN HONG KONG DOLLAR DEMAND DEPOSITS BEING OFFSET BY AN INCREASE IN NOTES AND COINS IN CIRCULATION. ON THE OTHER HAND, BOTH HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3 INCREASED BY 1.8 PER CENT IN AUGUST, COMPARED WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE GROWTH RATES OF 1.8 PER CENT AND 2.3 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH. OVER THE YEAR THE GROWTH IN HK\$M1, M2 AND M3 WERE 26.6 PER CENT, 29.5 PER CENT AND 25 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY ON ALL DEFINITIONS INCREASED IN AUGUST. TOTAL M1 GREW BY 1.8 PER CENT IN AUGUST AFTER A FALL OF 2.6 PER CENT IN JULY. TOTAL M2 AND TOTAL M3, ON THE OTHER HAND, BOTH INCREASED BY 1.6 PER CENT IN AUGUST COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING INCREASES OF 2.2 PER CENT AND 2.4 PER CENT IN JULY. OVER THE YEAR, TOTAL M1 GREW BY 28.4 PER CENT, TOTAL M2 BY 32.3 PER CENT AND TOTAL M3 BY 28.4 PER CENT.

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LOANS AND ADVANCES

TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES GREW RAPIDLY IN AUGUST, BY 4.9 PER CENT AFTER INCREASES OF 5.1 PER CENT IN JUNE AND 5.8 PER CENT IN JULY. THIS RAPID INCREASE WAS LARGELY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE CONTINUED FAST GROWTH IN LOANS FOR USE OUTSIDE HONG KONG. CONSISTENT WITH THIS, LOANS DENOMINATED IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES INCREASED BY 7.5 PER CENT, WHILE THOSE DENOMINATED IN HONG KONG DOLLARS GREW BY 1.9 PER CENT.

LOANS TO FINANCE THE VISIBLE TRADE OF HONG KONG FELL SLIGHTLY IN AUGUST AFTER INCREASES OF 5.7 PER CENT IN JUNE AND 0.4 PER CENT IN JULY; OVER THE YEAR THESE LOANS GREW BY 25.7 PER CENT. GROWTH IN OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG SLOWED DOWN TO 1.9 PER CENT IN AUGUST FROM 4.1 PER CENT IN JULY. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 28.8 PER CENT. LOANS FOR USE OUTSIDE HONG KONG GREW BY 9.2 PER CENT IN AUGUST, FOLLOWING INCREASES OF 13.8 PER CENT IN JUNE AND 9.6 PER CENT IN JULY.

NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

THE NUMBER OF REPORTING LICENSED BANKS AND LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES REMAINED UNCHANGED AT 153 AND 35 RESPECTIVELY, WHILE THAT OF REPORTING REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES DECREASED BY TWO TO 239.

(HK\$mn)

	Aug 1987	Earlier months (% change to August 1987)		
		Jul 1987	May 1987	Aug 1986
Money Supply				
M1 - HK\$	57,619	57,624 (0.0 %)	54,813 (5.1 %)	45,521 (26.6 %)
Foreign currency	7,415	6,277 (18.1 %)	6,282 (18.0 %)	5,109 (45.1 %)
Total	65,033	63,902 (1.8 %)	61,094 (6.4 %)	50,630 (28.4 %)
M2 - HK\$	276,144	271,329 (1.8 %)	261,080 (5.8 %)	213,211 (29.5 %)
Foreign currency	334,270	329,359 (1.5 %)	320,953 (4.1 %)	248,122 (34.7 %)
Total	610,415	600,688 (1.6 %)	582,033 (4.9 %)	461,332 (32.3 %)
M3 - HK\$	310,387	304,773 (1.8 %)	291,736 (6.4 %)	248,329 (25.0 %)
Foreign currency	363,351	358,265 (1.4 %)	350,407 (3.7 %)	276,474 (31.4 %)
Total	673,737	663,038 (1.6 %)	642,143 (4.9 %)	524,802 (28.4 %)
Notes and coins in circulation	25,381	24,585 (3.2 %)	24,514 (3.5 %)	20,885 (21.5 %)
of which held by public	22,158	21,394 (3.6 %)	21,720 (2.0 %)	18,119 (22.3 %)
Deposits				
Demand deposits	42,875	42,508 (0.9 %)	39,374 (8.9 %)	32,511 (31.9 %)
Savings deposits	142,313	142,462 (-0.1 %)	141,199 (0.8 %)	110,225 (29.1 %)
Time deposits with banks	393,612	384,838 (2.3 %)	370,553 (6.2 %)	294,072 (33.8 %)
Time deposits with dtcs	59,029	58,028 (1.7 %)	56,239 (5.0 %)	59,566 (-0.9 %)
HK\$ deposits	280,927	276,002 (1.8 %)	262,569 (7.0 %)	225,035 (24.8 %)
US\$ deposits	222,099	215,569 (3.0 %)	213,202 (4.2 %)	186,728 (18.9 %)
Other foreign currency deposits	134,804	136,266 (-1.1 %)	131,593 (2.4 %)	84,612 (59.3 %)
All deposits	637,830	627,836 (1.6 %)	607,365 (5.0 %)	496,375 (28.5 %)
Foreign currency swap deposits	35,546	34,110 (4.2 %)	30,650 (16.0 %)	29,252 (21.5 %)
Loans and advances				
To finance H.K.'s visible trade	42,584	42,599 (0.0 %)	40,176 (6.0 %)	33,871 (25.7 %)
To finance merchandising trade not touching H.K.	5,564	6,473 (-14.0 %)	5,634 (-1.2 %)	4,538 (22.6 %)
Other loans for use in H.K.	328,855	322,870 (1.9 %)	308,186 (6.7 %)	255,391 (28.8 %)
Other loans for use outside H.K.	248,258	227,405 (9.2 %)	182,363 (36.1 %)	161,324 (53.9 %)
Other loans where the place of use is not known	43,588	38,130 (14.3 %)	37,101 (17.5 %)	28,523 (52.8 %)
Loans in HK\$	299,173	293,549 (1.9 %)	284,174 (5.3 %)	237,757 (25.8 %)
Loans in foreign currencies	369,677	343,929 (7.5 %)	289,285 (27.8 %)	245,890 (50.3 %)
Total loans and advances	668,849	637,477 (4.9 %)	573,460 (16.6 %)	483,647 (38.3 %)

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CODE OF PRACTICE ON PCBS AGREED

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT ITS MEETING TODAY (WEDNESDAY) CONSIDERED AND AGREED A CODE OF PRACTICE ON THE PROPER HANDLING, TRANSPORT AND DISPOSAL OF POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYL WASTES.

EPCOM MEMBERS WERE ALSO BRIEFED ON VARIOUS DEMONSTRATION OF LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL PROJECTS AND A DRAFT CODE OF PRACTICE ON LIVESTOCK WASTE MANAGEMENT, AS WELL AS ON THE PROGRESS BEING MADE ON PREPARING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF VEHICLE SMOKE CONTROLS.

POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYL (PCBS) HAVE BEEN USED EXTENSIVELY IN THE PAST IN VARIOUS APPLICATIONS, BUT INCREASING CONCERN OVER THE HEALTH HAZARDS THAT THEY POSE AND ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS HAVE RESULTED IN THEIR DIMINISHING USE AND GRADUAL REPLACEMENT. IN SOME COUNTRIES THERE HAS BEEN A COMPLETE BAN. THIS HAS LED TO A NEED TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROPER DISPOSAL OF PCBS.

LOCALLY, PCBS ARE MOSTLY USED IN ELECTRICAL CAPACITORS AND TRANSFORMERS. MOST OF THE ELECTRICAL TRANSFORMERS ARE OWNED BY THE POWER COMPANIES. MAJOR USERS OF PCB ELECTRICAL CAPACITORS INCLUDE PUBLIC UTILITIES IN THE POWER SUPPLY AND TELECOMMUNICATION FIELDS, AS WELL AS IN THE INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL SECTORS, SUCH AS TEXTILES AND SHIPYARDS.

THE DRAFT CODE OF PRACTICE CONSIDERED BY EPCOM MEMBERS IS AIMED AT UTILITY COMPANIES AND OTHER OWNERS AND USERS OF EQUIPMENT CONTAINING PCBS. IT SEEKS TO ADVISE THEM ON THE SAFE HANDLING, TRANSPORT AND DISPOSAL OF PCB WASTES INCLUDING PCB CONTAMINATED EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS.

THE ADVICE AND GUIDANCE ARE TO BE FOLLOWED BY ALL PERSONNEL WHO MAY COME INTO CONTACT WITH PCBS WITH A VIEW TO PROTECTING THE INDIVIDUAL AS WELL AS THE PUBLIC AND THE ENVIRONMENT FROM THE ADVERSE EFFECTS ASSOCIATED WITH PCBS.

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AT THE EPCOM MEETING, MEMBERS EMPHASISED THE NEED TO ASSIST LIVESTOCK FARMERS TO COMPLY WITH THE NEW CONTROL MEASURES UNDER THE 10-YEAR PROGRAMME FOR LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL BY PROVIDING THEM WITH ADVICE ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF ITS IMPLEMENTATION. THEY FELT THAT THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR LIVESTOCK WASTE MANAGEMENT AND A MANUAL FOR LIVESTOCK WASTE MANAGEMENT PREPARED BY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT WOULD GO SOME WAY TO FULFILLING THIS NEED.

THE CODE OF PRACTICE DESCRIBES THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS AND GIVES DETAILED RECOMMENDATIONS ON GOOD LIVESTOCK WASTE MANAGEMENT. THE MANUAL, WHICH IS A NON-STATUTORY SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE, PROVIDES INFORMATION ON VARIOUS PROVEN TECHNIQUES AND METHODS OF LIVESTOCK WASTE MANAGEMENT, AND EXPLAINS HOW SUCH FACILITIES SHOULD BE INSTALLED AND OPERATED.

THE CODE OF PRACTICE, PRINTED IN CHINESE, WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL LIVESTOCK FARMERS WHO CHOOSE TO CONTINUE THEIR BUSINESS AFTER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS.

EPCOM MEMBERS WERE ALSO INFORMED THAT ARRANGEMENTS ARE ON TARGET FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSED NEW SCHEME FOR THE CONTROL OF BLACK SMOKE EMISSIONS FROM ROAD VEHICLES BY THE END OF THIS YEAR.

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GOVERNMENT SEEKS VIEWS ON WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ORDINANCE
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THE GOVERNMENT IS APPROACHING ALL SECTORS OF THE TRADING COMMUNITY AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO SOLICIT RESPONSE IN THE FORM OF CRITICISMS AND SUGGESTIONS ON IMPROVEMENT OR REMEDIES TO THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ORDINANCE WHICH IS EXPECTED TO COME INTO OPERATION AROUND SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR, THE HEAD OF THE TRADING STANDARDS INVESTIGATION BUREAU OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT, MR J.H. HOWARD, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

ADDRESSING A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE RETAIL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION, MR HOWARD SAID THE LAW WILL NOT COME INTO OPERATION UNTIL AT LEAST 12 MONTHS AFTER ENACTMENT ON JULY 8, 1987 TO GIVE TRADERS ADEQUATE TIME TO PREPARE THEMSELVES TO ACCORD WITH THE PROVISIONS.

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MR HOWARD SAID TRADERS WILL BE EXPECTED TO ENSURE THEIR WEIGHING EQUIPMENT IS ACCURATE AND THAT THE GOODS THEY WISH TO TRADE IN ARE PROPERLY MARKED BY THE TIME THE LAW COMES INTO FORCE.

HE NOTED THAT IT IS NOT THE INTENTION TO TAKE PUNITIVE ACTION ON TRADERS WHO MAY BE IN IGNORANCE OF THE NEW LAW.

"WHERE THERE IS GENUINE ERROR, A WARNING WILL BE GIVEN INITIALLY. BUT THERE WILL BE NO QUARTER GIVEN WHERE THERE IS EVIDENCE OF DELIBERATE FRAUD AND WHERE A TRADER PAYS NO HEED TO EARLIER WARNINGS TO RECTIFY THE ACCURACY OF HIS EQUIPMENT AND GOODS".

MR HOWARD SAID OFFICERS OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT, IN ADDITION TO ACTING IN RESPONSE TO COMPLAINTS, WILL ALSO HAVE POWERS TO CONDUCT SPOT CHECKS ON TRADERS' PREMISES TO VERIFY THE ACCURACY OF THEIR EQUIPMENT AND TO TAKE ACTION WHERE THE EQUIPMENT IS FOUND TO BE INACCURATE OR INEFFECTIVE.

"A TRADER WHO WISHES TO ENSURE THAT HIS EQUIPMENT IS ACCURATE AND EFFECTIVE CAN APPROACH ACCREDITED LABORATORIES, OR THE MANUFACTURER OR IMPORTER WHO SUPPLIED HIM WITH THE EQUIPMENT OR, INDEED, ANY SERVICE PROVIDING COMPETENT CALIBRATION FACILITIES."

MR HOWARD POINTED OUT THAT THE LAW REQUIRES THE SALE OF ALL GOODS BY WEIGHT OR MEASURE IN THE COURSE OF TRADE SHOULD BE BY NET WEIGHT OR MEASURE UNLESS EXEMPTED BY REGULATION.

"IN THE CASE OF PRE-PACKED GOODS, SUPPLIED BY WEIGHT OR MEASURE, THE NET WEIGHT OR MEASURE OF THE GOODS MUST BE GENERALLY MARKED ON THE CONTAINER," HE SAID.

"GOODS SUPPLIED OTHERWISE THAN IN PRE-PACKED FORM MUST BE WEIGHED AND MEASURED BY THE SELLER IN THE PRESENCE AND FULL VIEW OF THE PURCHASER.

"THE SUPPLY OF GOODS OF A QUANTITY LESS THAN THAT CLAIMED WILL BE AN OFFENCE; SO WILL THE GIVING OF ANY INDICATION MATERIALLY FALSE OR MISLEADING AS TO THE QUANTITY OF GOODS.

"HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE DIFFICULTY EXPRESSED BY THE TRADE FOR FOOD MANUFACTURERS TO INDICATE EXACT WEIGHTS, IT IS INTENDED TO ALLOW, BY ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL, A TOLERANCE OF UP TO THREE PER CENT ON NET WEIGHTS OR MEASURES FOR MOST COMMODITIES EXCEPT PRECIOUS METALS."

MR HOWARD POINTED OUT THAT THE LEGISLATION WILL NOT CONSTITUTE A BARRIER TO INTERNATIONAL TRADE SINCE AUTHORISED UNITS OF MEASUREMENT ARE BASED ON INTERNATIONALLY RECOMMENDED PRACTICE AND GOODS AND EQUIPMENT FOR EXPORT OR RE-EXPORT ARE EXEMPTED.

"THE IMPORT OF GOODS IN UNITS OTHER THAN THOSE AUTHORISED IS NO OFFENCE UNLESS THE GOODS ARE TO BE SOLD HERE."

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR ARTS AND SPORTS SCHOOL

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THE PROJECT TO BUILD AND OPERATE A SPECIAL SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SHA TIN FOR CHILDREN WITH TALENT IN THE VISUAL ARTS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION WITH A \$60 MILLION DONATION FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB IS ONE STEP CLOSER TO REALITY.

TWELVE PROMINENT MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY HAVE ACCEPTED THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION'S INVITATION TO FORM A NON-PROFIT-MAKING INCORPORATED BODY FOR THE OPERATION OF THE SCHOOL AND TO SERVE ON THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

THEY ARE:

MR SAMUEL WONG PING-WAI (URBCO MEMBER), WHO HAS ALSO AGREED TO SERVE AS THE SCHOOL'S SUPERVISOR;

MR ROLAND CHOW KUN-CHEE (PARTNER, MESSRS P. C. WOO AND CO.);

DR FRANK H. FU (DIRECTOR OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION, CUHK);

MRS MINNIE LAI (PRINCIPAL OF HEEP YUNN SCHOOL);

MRS MAK YEE-FUN LORD (PROFESSIONAL ARTIST);

MR NATHAN MA NING-HEI (VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND PRINCIPAL OF YUEN LONG LUTHERAN MIDDLE SCHOOL);

MR DAVID MEREDITH (HEAD OF SWIRE SCHOOL OF DESIGN, HK POLYTECHNIC);

MR CLIVE OXLEY (COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE);

MR SO FAI-CHO (ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS));

MR LAURENCE TAM CHI-SING (CHIEF CURATOR, HK MUSEUM OF ART);

MR RONNIE WONG MAN-CHIU (URBCO MEMBER, MEMBER OF JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE BOARD AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CHUNG WAH SHIPBUILDING AND ENGINEERING CO LTD); AND

MR YAO KANG (DIRECTOR OF JOHN SWIRE AND SONS (HK) LTD).

THE FIRST TASKS OF THE GROUP WILL INCLUDE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR FORMAL INCORPORATION, SELECTING A SCHOOL PRINCIPAL AND KEY MEMBERS OF STAFF, CHOOSING THE SCHOOL NAME AND MAKING PLANS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF AN ENDOWMENT FUND TO BE SET UP WITH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE JOCKEY CLUB AND THE GOVERNMENT. REVENUE FROM THE FUND WILL BE USED TO COVER THE COSTS OF PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING SPECIALISED FACILITIES IN THE SCHOOL OVER AND ABOVE THOSE OF AN ORDINARY AIDED SCHOOL.

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TO THANK THEM FOR THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF MEMBERSHIP ON THE SCHOOL'S MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y. T. LI, MET THEM TODAY (WEDNESDAY). THE MEETING ALSO BROUGHT MEMBERS OF THE GROUP TOGETHER TO DISCUSS THEIR TASKS AHEAD.

THE SHA TIN SCHOOL FOR THE VISUAL ARTS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION WILL BECOME OPERATIONAL IN SEPTEMBER 1989. THE SCHOOL WILL FOLLOW THE NORMAL SECONDARY CURRICULUM BUT WILL HAVE ADDITIONAL FACILITIES FOR AN ENRICHED PROGRAMME IN THE VISUAL ARTS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION.

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FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN TO START

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A CEREMONY TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S 1987 FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN WILL BE HELD AT THE MUSIC FOUNTAIN OF NEW TOWN PLAZA IN SHA TIN ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 3).

DETAILS OF THE NEW THEME "LOVE AND CARE HELP BUILD UP A HAPPY FAMILY", WHICH IS TO BE ADOPTED FOR THIS AND THE COMING YEAR, WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT SATURDAY'S CEREMONY CUM VARIETY SHOW JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE WORKING GROUP OF "1987 FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN" AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG (TV DIVISION).

OFFICIATING WILL BE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MRS PAULINE NG; DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG; ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING (TV), MISS MARIA WAN; AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, MISS KAY KU.

TO COINCIDE WITH THE NEW THEME OF THE YEAR, A SERIES OF PUBLICITY AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES ARE BEING ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AT BOTH TERRITORY-WIDE AND DISTRICT LEVELS.

TO ENSURE WIDE PUBLICITY OF THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION MESSAGE, THE ACTIVITIES WILL BE COMPLEMENTED BY PROGRAMMES ON THE ELECTRONIC MEDIA.

THEY INCLUDE DRAMA, DISCUSSIONS AND PHONE-IN SESSIONS HOSTED BY SOCIAL WORKERS ON RADIO AND AN EIGHT-EPIISODE TELEVISION DRAMA, TO BE JOINTLY PRODUCED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG. IN ADDITION, A NEW 30-SECOND TV-API (ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST) AND A NEW POSTER HAVE BEEN PRODUCED TO HIGHLIGHT THE THEME OF "CONCERN AND LOVE".

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FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION IS A LONG-TERM AND COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROJECT AIMING TO PUBLICISE THE IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY LIFE, TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF FAMILY LIFE, TO PROMOTE THE RELATIONSHIP AMONG FAMILY MEMBERS, SO AS TO PREVENT FAMILY BREAKUPS AND TO HELP BUILD A GOOD FAMILY LIFE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE "1987 FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN" TO BE HELD AT THE MUSIC FOUNTAIN OF NEW TOWN PLAZA IN SHA TIN AT 3 PM ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 3).

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PUBLIC URGED TO USE EXTENDED LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (WEDNESDAY) CALLED ON THE PUBLIC TO MAKE FULL USE OF THE EXTENDED SERVICE OFFERED BY ITS LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT SINCE THE BEGINNING OF SEPTEMBER, THE OPENING HOURS OF TWO OF ITS BRANCH OFFICES - ONE ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND THE OTHER IN KOWLOON - HAVE BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL 7 PM EVERY TUESDAY.

"THE OBJECTIVE IS TO ENABLE OFFICE WORKERS WHO ARE IN NEED OF INFORMATION CONCERNING LABOUR RELATIONS TO SEEK ADVICE OR MAKE ENQUIRIES AFTER NORMAL WORKING HOURS," HE SAID.

HOWEVER, THE RESPONSE TO THIS NEW SERVICE HAS BEEN POOR SINCE ONLY 12 PERSONS CALLED AT THE TWO OFFICES AND 17 TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES WERE RECEIVED DURING THE EXTENDED HOURS IN THE PAST MONTH.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THE SCHEME WAS BEING PUT ON TRIAL FOR THREE MONTHS AND WHETHER IT WOULD BE FURTHER EXTENDED DEPENDED VERY MUCH ON PUBLIC RESPONSE.

THE TWO OFFICES ARE LOCATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF NEW RODNEY BLOCK, 99 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG AND ON THE 1ST LEVEL OF LAI HO HOUSE, LAI KOK ESTATE, KOWLOON RESPECTIVELY.

ENQUIRIES CAN ALSO BE MADE TO THE HONG KONG OFFICE ON 5-282213 AND TO THE KOWLOON OFFICE ON 3-7295444.

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CAUTION URGED FOR MARINE SPORT EVENTS

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A NUMBER OF MARINE SPORTING ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING TWO LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING RACES, WILL TAKE PLACE IN HONG KONG WATERS DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER.

MASTERS, COXSWAINS AND PERSONS IN CHARGE OF VESSELS NAVIGATING IN THE VICINITY OF THESE ACTIVITIES ARE REQUESTED TO PROCEED WITH CAUTION GIVING PRACTICAL CONSIDERATION TO THE CONTESTANTS.

"HOWEVER, COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR PREVENTING COLLISIONS AT SEA 1972 IS MANDATORY IN ALL CASES," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THE TWO LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING RACES WILL BE HELD FROM 10.30 AM TO NOON ON OCTOBER 11 AT SHUEN WAN HOI BETWEEN SHA LAN AND TAI MEI TUK AND FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON OCTOBER 25 BETWEEN REPULSE BAY AND NGAN CHAU (ROUND ISLAND) RESPECTIVELY.

A SAILING DINGHY RACE WILL ALSO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 11 FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM AT TOLO CHANNEL BETWEEN NAI CHUNG AND HOI HA.

ON ALL SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS DURING THE MONTH, WIND-SURFING RACES WILL BE HELD DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS AT TUNG WAN ON CHEUNG CHAU WHILE THERE WILL BE WATER-SKIING ACTIVITIES TO THE WEST OF PAK SHA TAU CHAU (HARBOUR ISLAND) IN TAI PO HOI (TOLO HARBOUR).

YACHT RACES UNDER THE AUSPICES OF VARIOUS CLUBS WILL ALSO TAKE PLACE IN THE WATERS OF HONG KONG ON OCTOBER 3, 4, 8, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25 AND 31.

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CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT CONTINUES HOUSEHOLD SURVEY

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO CONDUCT THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY IN OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 1987.

THE SURVEY, CONDUCTED MONTHLY SINCE AUGUST 1981, COLLECTS INFORMATION ON EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT, AND THE GENERAL SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION.

IN ADDITION, QUESTIONS ON HONG KONG RESIDENTS' EXPENDITURE ABROAD; PREFERENCE ON CULTURAL PERFORMANCE AND HOUSING DEMAND; HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE ON RENT; GAS SAFETY AND ELECTRICAL ACCIDENTS IN HOUSEHOLDS AND EMPLOYMENT OF DOMESTIC HELPERS WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED IN THE QUARTER OF OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 1987.

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SOME 5,000 HOUSEHOLDS ARE SELECTED AT RANDOM EACH MONTH FROM ALL DISTRICTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SURVEY.

ABOUT HALF OF THE HOUSEHOLDS INTERVIEWED THREE MONTHS AGO WILL BE SURVEYED AGAIN TO MEASURE MORE ACCURATELY THE CHANGES THAT HAVE OCCURRED SINCE THEN.

AN OFFICIAL LETTER, IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, HAS BEEN SENT TO THE SAMPLED HOUSEHOLDS TO EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY AND TO SEEK THEIR CO-OPERATION.

ASSISTANT CENSUS AND SURVEY OFFICERS, EACH CARRYING AN IDENTITY CARD ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT, WILL VISIT THESE HOUSEHOLDS TO COLLECT THE REQUIRED INFORMATION.

ALL INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE TREATED CONFIDENTIALLY AND WILL NOT BE REVEALED TO ANY PERSON OR ORGANISATION OUTSIDE THE DEPARTMENT.

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ACCESS ROAD FOR NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN WESTERN

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IS TO BUILD A NEW ROAD ON THE WESTERN RECLAMATION NEAR WATER STREET, SHEK TONG TSUI, TO SERVE NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA.

WORK WILL COMMENCE TOMORROW (THURSDAY) FOLLOWING THE AWARD OF A \$3.1 MILLION CONTRACT TO CHUEN HING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED.

THE SEVEN-MONTH PROJECT INVOLVES CONSTRUCTION OF A 340-METRE LONG, 13.50-METRE WIDE BITUMINOUS CARRIAGEWAY WITH ASSOCIATED FOOTWAYS AND DRAINAGE WORKS ON THE WESTERN RECLAMATION NEAR THE JUNCTION OF WATER STREET AND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST.

IT WOULD SERVE AS AN ACCESS ROAD TO NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA INCLUDING THE PROPOSED WESTERN TRAM DEPOT AND THE WESTERN WHOLESALE FRUIT MARKET.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR NT OPEN STORAGE LOT
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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT-TERM TENANCY OF AN OPEN STORAGE LOT AT TUEN MUN.

MEASURING 7,550 SQUARE METRES, THE LOT IS LOCATED IN AREA 44 OF THE NEW TOWN.

THE TERM OF THE TENANCY IS FOR TWO YEARS INITIALLY AND IS RENEWABLE ON A QUARTERLY BASIS BY AGREEMENT. THE LOT IS SPECIFIED FOR OPEN STORAGE USE, EXCLUDING DANGEROUS GOODS.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS IS NOON ON OCTOBER 16.

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DEMOLITION OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN KOWLOON CITY
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ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON THE ROOF OF A BUILDING IN KOWLOON CITY ARE TO BE DEMOLISHED - MORE THAN TWO YEARS AFTER THE OCCUPANTS WERE TOLD TO CARRY OUT THE WORK THEMSELVES.

THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS TO APPLY IN SHA TIN DISTRICT COURT ON NOVEMBER 25 FOR A CLOSURE ORDER IN RESPECT OF THE STRUCTURES WHICH ARE ON THE ROOF OVER FLAT B ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF 36, SOUTH WALL ROAD.

THEY WERE ORIGINALLY ORDERED TO BE DEMOLISHED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE IN MAY, 1985, BUT THE INSTRUCTION WAS IGNORED.

A BUILDING AUTHORITY SPOKESMAN SAID OCCUPANTS WERE INFORMED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THROUGH A NOTICE POSTED ON A CONSPICUOUS PART OF THE STRUCTURES OF THE APPLICATION TO HAVE THEM CLOSED.

HE SAID CLOSURE WAS NECESSARY SO THAT DEMOLITION COULD TAKE PLACE WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPANTS OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

HE SAID IT WAS INTENDED THAT DEMOLITION WOULD BE CARRIED OUT IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CLOSURE ORDER WAS MADE.

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RTHK TO HOLD CHILDREN PROGRAMME SEMINAR

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IN ORDER TO STIMULATE CHILDREN'S LEARNING INTERESTS AND ENHANCE THEIR EXTRACURRICULAR KNOWLEDGE, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG EDUCATION UNIT WILL HOLD A CHILDREN PROGRAMME SEMINAR ON OCTOBER 3 (SATURDAY) AT 2:30 PM AT THE ACADEMY ROOMS, HARBOUR VIEW HOLIDAY INN.

GUESTS FROM VARIOUS FIELDS SUCH AS EDUCATION, CULTURE, CHILDREN ARTS, SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS, PARENTS AND CHILDREN AUDIENCE WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE SEMINAR.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE EVENT.

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ENTRY SOUGHT FOR DEBATE COMPETITION ON POLITICAL SYSTEM

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YOUNG PEOPLE IN NORTH DISTRICT WHO ARE INTERESTED IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS ARE BEING INVITED TO ENTER A DEBATE COMPETITION ON POLITICAL SYSTEM IN NOVEMBER.

ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD, THE COMPETITION AIMS AT ENCOURAGING YOUNG PEOPLE TO CARE FOR AND PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS, TO DEVELOP THEIR ORATORY POTENTIAL AND TO BUILD UP THEIR CONFIDENCE THROUGH TEAM WORK.

THE COMPETITION IS OPEN TO YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 21 OR BELOW WHO LIVE, STUDY OR WORK IN THE DISTRICT. THEY ARE REQUIRED TO FORM INTO TEAMS OF NOT MORE THAN EIGHT MEMBERS EACH; AND ENTRIES CAN BE MADE EITHER THROUGH SCHOOLS OR LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

TOPICS FOR DEBATE WILL INCLUDE THE ROLES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS, THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AS WELL AS THE OPTIONS CONTAINED IN THE GREEN PAPER ON THE 1987 REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

ADJUDICATORS FOR THE COMPETITION WILL INCLUDE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR RAYMOND PANG, AND OTHER DB MEMBERS.

THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS OCTOBER 15. ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT 0-901668.

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DISTRICT PROGRAMME FOR SPORT AND MUSIC LOVERS

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BOTH SPORT LOVERS AND MUSIC FANS IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BE TREATED TO EVENTS ORGANISED ON SUNDAY AND MONDAY.

SOME 300 RESIDENTS WILL BE TAKING PART IN A SWIMMING GALA STARTING AT 1 PM ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 4) AT THE KENNEDY TOWN SWIMMING POOL.

THE COMPETITION IS TO BE DIVIDED INTO FOUR SECTIONS - MEN'S AND WOMEN'S YOUTH SECTIONS, YOUTH AND CHILDREN SECTIONS.

PARTICIPANTS MAY COMPETE IN DIFFERENT SWIMMING STYLES. THERE WILL ALSO BE A RELAY MATCH FOR SIX AREA COMMITTEES.

CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM KAM-KWONG, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO THE WINNING TEAMS OF THE RELAY.

THE SWIMMING GALA IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, DISTRICT BOARD, AREA COMMITTEES, CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORT ASSOCIATION AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO WATCH THE COMPETITION. ADMISSION IS FREE.

ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 5), A VARIETY SHOW ENTITLED 'ARTS AND CULTURAL NITE', IN SUPPORT OF THE DISTRICT'S 'WE CARE' ACTIVITIES, WILL BE HELD AT 8 PM AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE.

ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS (CENTRAL AND WESTERN), THE SHOW WILL FEATURE SOLO AND CHORAL SINGING, DANCE AND BAND PERFORMANCES.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA WILL START AT 1 PM ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 4) AT THE KENNEDY TOWN SWIMMING POOL. DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM KAM-KWONG, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS AT 1.30 PM.

THE ARTS AND CULTURAL NITE WILL BE HELD AT 8 PM ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 5) AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER BOTH EVENTS.

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TAXI POLICY ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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THE CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT ON TAXI POLICY REVIEW WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 2).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON MEASURES TO BE ADOPTED BY THE HONG KONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED TO ABATE NOISE AT THE WESTERN TRAM DEPOT.

AN ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, MR LI KWING-SHUN, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE TRAMWAYS, THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS THE CONCERNED CONSULTANT COMPANY WILL BE PRESENT TO BRIEF THE COMMITTEE ON THE SUBJECT.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO COMMENT ON THE DRAFT PROGRAMME OF THE DISTRICT'S PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICE DEVELOPMENT FOR 1988-89.

AMONG OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE TRAFFIC PROBLEMS AT SMITHFIELD, POKFIELD ROAD AND CENTRAL, A PROPOSED UNDERGROUND CAR PARK BENEATH HARCOURT GARDEN AND AREA COMMITTEES' VIEWS ON THE PROGRESS REPORT OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT TRAFFIC STUDY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 2) IN THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM, 14/F, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN TUEN MUN

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TO FACILITATE THE TRACK LAYING WORK OF THE TUEN MUN - YUEN LONG LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM AT YAU OI ESTATE, THE RIGHT-TURN MOVEMENT FROM TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD SOUTHBOUND ON TO THE NORTHERN ACCESS ROAD OF THE ESTATE WILL BE BANNED FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 2) FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS.

MOTORISTS WILL HAVE TO TRAVEL VIA ON TING ESTATE AND TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD NORTHBOUND TO THE NORTHERN ACCESS OF YAU OI ESTATE.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EXISTING 24-HOUR DAILY PROHIBITED ZONE AT THE INNERMOST BUS BAY AT THE CASTLE PEAK BAY BUS TERMINUS WILL BE LIFTED FOR ABOUT FIVE WEEKS TO FACILITATE ROAD WORK.

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