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LABELLING PROBLEM RESOLVED FOR TIME BEING
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THE U.S. CUSTOMS HAS CONFIRMED THAT SWEATERS ASSEMBLED IN HONG KONG FROM PANELS KNITTED IN CHINA CAN CONTINUE TO BE MARKED AS MADE IN HONG KONG FOR THE TIME BEING.

THIS WAS STATED BY HONG KONG'S DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, AFTER TWO DAYS OF BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON THE NEW AMERICAN IMPORT REGULATIONS WHICH ENDED IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY). DURING THE CONSULTATIONS MR MACLEOD CONTINUED TO PRESS THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION TO RESCIND THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN RULES.

HE SAID THE U.S. CUSTOMS HAD BEEN HELPFUL IN CLARIFYING THE LABELLING PROBLEM WHICH HAD BEEN CAUSING PRACTICAL PROBLEMS FOR THE HONG KONG INDUSTRY, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS NON-MFA SWEATERS.

HE SAID: +ALTHOUGH THE U.S. CUSTOMS STILL INTENDS THAT THE EFFECT OF THE NEW REGULATIONS ON ORIGIN OF GOODS FOR QUOTA PURPOSES WILL ALSO AFFECT THE LABELLING REQUIREMENT, FOR DOMESTIC LEGAL REASONS THIS CANNOT YET BE IMPLEMENTED.+

NOW THAT THIS PROBLEM HAS BEEN RESOLVED FOR THE TIME BEING, A CIRCULAR WILL BE ISSUED SHORTLY TO THE TRADE IN HONG KONG.

+DURING THE CONSULTATIONS WE WERE ABLE TO REFINE AND PRESS HOME OUR ARGUMENTS, AND IN THE LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE OF THE WORKING OF THE REGULATIONS ALSO TO BRING OUT SOME OF THE CONTRADICTIONS AND PROBLEMS,+ MR MACLEOD SAID.

HOWEVER, HE SAID THE UNITED STATES HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO PRODUCE ANY CONVINCING EXPLANATION OF HOW A CHANGE, SUCH AS WAS INTRODUCED BY THE REGULATIONS, COULD BE INTRODUCED UNILATERALLY, IN VIEW OF ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT AND THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT.

+FOR EXAMPLE, TAKE A SWEATER ASSEMBLED IN HONG KONG FROM PARTS KNITTED ELSEWHERE. IN 1982 AND 1983 (THE FIRST TWO YEARS OF THE CURRENT BILATERAL AGREEMENT) THAT SWEATER WAS REGARDED AS OF HONG KONG ORIGIN NOT ONLY BY HONG KONG BUT BY ALL THE COUNTRIES TO WHICH WE EXPORT, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES.

+THE QUESTION IS HOW THE U.S. CAN JUSTIFY - BEARING IN MIND THAT OUR TEXTILE TRADE IS GOVERNED BY THE BILATERAL, THE MFA AND THE GATT - UNILATERALLY CHANGING THE RULES IN 1984 SO THAT THE SAME SWEATER IS NO LONGER ACCEPTED AS OF HONG KONG ORIGIN BY THE U.S. APART FROM STATING THAT THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHANGE ON GENERAL RULES, LITTLE OTHER EXPLANATION HAS BEEN GIVEN,+ MR MACLEOD SAID.

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BUT HE ADDED THE U.S. HAD GIVEN ASSURANCES THAT THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY HONG KONG WOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BOTH IN THE 'TECHNICAL REVIEW' TO BE CARRIED OUT BY THE U.S. CUSTOMS IN THE LIGHT OF COMMENTS RECEIVED, AND IN AN ASSOCIATED HIGH LEVEL +POLICY REVIEW+.

HE SAID THAT THE DELEGATION HAD ALSO DISCUSSED SOME PARTICULAR SHIPMENTS, BOTH AS OF INTEREST IN THEMSELVES AND AS ILLUSTRATIONS OF SOME OF THE HONG KONG ARGUMENTS.

+WE SOUGHT AND RECEIVED CONFIRMATION OF THE RULINGS ON THREE SHIPMENTS WHICH HAD BEEN REFUSED ENTRY UNDER THE NEW RULES, AND THE U.S. DECLINED TO RELEASE THEM.

+AS WE WERE NOT SATISFIED WITH THE U.S. RESPONSES EITHER TO OUR GENERAL ARGUMENTS OR TO THE PARTICULAR SHIPMENT CASES, WE ADVISED THEM THAT WE WOULD NOW HAVE TO GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO PURSUING OUR VIEWS IN TWO OTHER AVENUES, NAMELY TAKING THE SHIPMENT CASES TO THE TEXTILES SURVEILLANCE BODY (TSB), AND PRESSING OUR GATT RIGHTS IN VIEW OF THE 'NULLIFICATION AND IMPAIRMENT' TO OUR TRADE. WHILE THE REVIEW MAY WELL PRODUCE SOME IMPROVEMENT IN THE REGULATIONS OR EVEN THEIR WITHDRAWAL, IT MAY WELL TAKE SOME TIME, AND WE CANNOT AFFORD TO WAIT,+ MR MACLEOD EMPHASISED.

THE REGULATIONS WERE ANNOUNCED ON AUGUST 3 AND VARIOUS U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ARE REVIEWING THEM IN THE LIGHT OF SEVERE CRITICISMS BY EXPORTING COUNTRIES AS WELL AS GROUPS OF AMERICAN IMPORTERS AND RETAILERS.

THE BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND HONG KONG TOOK PLACE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE TEXTILES COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE HELD IN GENEVA ON OCTOBER 17 AND 22 DURING WHICH THE AMERICAN DELEGATION HEARD YET ANOTHER UNANIMOUS CHORUS OF CRITICAL COMMENTS CONDEMNING THE IMPORT REGULATIONS.

MR MACLEOD EXPLAINED THAT THE IMMEDIATE AIM OF THE BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS JUST COMPLETED WAS THREEFOLD:

- * FIRST, TO SEEK A RESPONSE FROM THE U.S. TO HONG KONG'S ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REGULATIONS,
- * SECOND, TO CLARIFY DISCREPANCIES IN THE ANSWERS GIVEN BY THE U.S. CUSTOMS ON THE APPLICATION OF THESE REGULATIONS, AND
- * THIRD, TO ASK FOR THE RELEASE OF SEVERAL SHIPMENTS ALREADY HELD UP BY U.S. CUSTOMS ON GROUNDS OF THE NEW REGULATIONS.

A TRADE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN IN HONG KONG ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT RENEWED CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON ON OCTOBER 30 ON CATEGORY 652 (MAN-MADE FIBRE UNDERWEAR) HAD ENDED IN DISAGREEMENT.

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HE SAID: +FOLLOWING REFERRAL OF THIS CASE TO TSB IN MAY THIS YEAR, TSB RECOMMENDED THAT BOTH PARTIES SHOULD HOLD FRESH CONSULTATIONS LATER IN THE YEAR ON THE BASIS OF MORE RECENT INFORMATION.

+IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY AGREEMENT, THE RESTRAINT LIMIT OF 3 513 103 DOZEN IMPOSED BY THE U.S. IN FEBRUARY REMAINS IN EFFECT.

+CONSIDERATION WILL NOW BE GIVEN TO THE QUESTION OF A FURTHER REFERRAL TO THE TSB,+ HE SAID.

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IN RELATION TO THE ABOVE STORY, THE TRADE DEPARTMENT SUBSEQUENTLY ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

+THE CLARIFICATION GIVEN BY U.S. CUSTOMS AS REGARDS LABELLING DOES NOT RESOLVE OR CHANGE THE PROBLEM OF SWEATER IMPORTS INTO THE UNITED STATES UNDER THE HONG KONG - UNITED STATES TEXTILES AGREEMENT.

+IT ONLY MEANS THAT FOR SWEATERS NOT COVERED BY THE AGREEMENT, I.E. NON-MFA SWEATERS, HONG KONG MANUFACTURERS CAN STILL PLACE MADE IN HONG KONG LABELS ON THOSE SWEATERS AND THE U.S. CUSTOMS WILL PERMIT SUCH SWEATERS ENTRY INTO THE U.S.

+THE PROBLEM FOR MFA SWEATERS UNDER THE AGREEMENT CONTINUES TO EXIST AS BEFORE.+

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HUNDREDS OF JOURNALISTS GET TRAINING * * * * *

OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS, MORE THAN 670 JOURNALISTS IN HONG KONG HAD BENEFITED FROM TRAINING COURSES AND SEMINARS ORGANISED BY THE GOVERNMENT-SUBVENTED JOURNALISM TRAINING BOARD, THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, MR PETER TSAO, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE CHINESE-LANGUAGE PRESS INSTITUTE'S 17TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY, MR TSAO SAID THAT HONG KONG'S MASS MEDIA HAD GROWN CONSIDERABLY.

+THIS GROWTH HAS UNDOUBTEDLY BEEN ENCOURAGED BY HONG KONG'S ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM OF COMMUNICATIONS, AND, OF COURSE, ITS ROLE AS A CENTRE OF WORLD TRADE, FINANCE AND TOURISM, AND AS A CROSSROAD FOR TRANSPORTATION IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION.

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+BUT DESPITE ALL THE ADVANTAGES OF TECHNOLOGY, HONG KONG WOULD NOT HAVE SUCH AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN MASS MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS WITHOUT SUFFICIENT QUALIFIED JOURNALISTS,+ HE SAID.

MR TSAO SAID THAT RECOGNISING THIS NEED, THE NEWS MEDIA HERE HAD BEEN ATTACHING INCREASING IMPORTANCE TO THE TRAINING OF JOURNALISTS AND OTHER COMMUNICATORS, WHILE THE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN GIVING A HELPING HAND TOWARDS THIS END.

+I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT YOU, AS MEMBERS OF THE CHINESE LANGUAGE PRESS INSTITUTE, WILL WELCOME THESE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD OF JOURNALISM HERE IN HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

HONG KONG'S NEWS MEDIA IN GENERAL, HE SAID, WERE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO KEEP UP WITH THE LATEST IN COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY.

WHERE THE PRINT MEDIA WERE CONCERNED, PHOTOGRAPHS AND NEWS ITEMS WERE SENT BY FACSIMILE THROUGH SATELLITE SYSTEMS, FOR PUBLICATION IN MAJOR CITIES OVERSEAS WITHIN A MATTER OF HOURS.

IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, COMPUTERS HAD BROUGHT ABOUT A BREAKTHROUGH IN CHINESE TYPE-SETTING, THRUSTING THE CHINESE PRESS INTO AN ENTIRELY NEW EPOCH, MR TSAO POINTED OUT.

+AS THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S CENTRAL NEWS BODY, THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES HAS BEEN FOLLOWING THIS TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS CLOSELY, SO AS TO PROVIDE BETTER SERVICES TO THE MASS MEDIA AND THE PUBLIC.

+TO MAINTAIN DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE NEWSPAPERS, RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS AND PRESS AGENCIES, THE GIS OPERATES A NETWORK OF TELEPRINTERS AND FACSIMILE EQUIPMENT 24 HOURS A DAY,+ HE POINTED OUT.

THIS NETWORK WAS ALSO CONSTANTLY RELAYING THE LATEST INFORMATION TO THE OVERSEAS OFFICES OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IN MAJOR CITIES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES.

LOCALLY, THE GIS NOW HAD MORE THAN 80 SUBSCRIBERS ON ITS TELEPRINTER NETWORK AND MORE THAN 35 SUBSCRIBERS ON THE FACSIMILE NETWORK.

MR TSAO TOLD THE DELEGATES THAT THE GIS PUBLIC RELATIONS DIVISION HAD FOR SOME TIME BEEN USING WORD PROCESSING AS ITS MAIN DATA BASE FOR THE STORAGE AND RETRIEVAL OF INFORMATION.

+WE ARE PLANNING TO EXPAND OUR COMPUTERISATION TO OUR NEWS AND PUBLICITY DIVISIONS, SO AS TO IMPROVE OUR EFFICIENCY IN OTHER AREAS,+ HE SAID.

AFTER THE SPEECH, MR TSAO DECLARED THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE INSTITUTE OPEN.

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SHEK LEI ESTATE EXTENSION NEARING COMPLETION

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THE SHEK LEI ESTATE EXTENSION PROJECT IS NEARING COMPLETION WITH THREE OF ITS FOUR MODERN BLOCKS ALMOST READY FOR OCCUPATION.

THE THREE RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS, BUILT UNDER THE FIRST PHASE OF THE PROJECT, WILL PROVIDE 2 253 SELF-CONTAINED FLATS FOR A POPULATION OF 10 500 PEOPLE.

+WHEN THESE ARE HANDED OVER TO THE ESTATE MANAGEMENT OFFICE LATER THIS MONTH, APPLICATIONS FOR TRANSFER WILL BE INVITED FROM SERIOUSLY OVERCROWDED FAMILIES AT THE OLDER SHEK LEI ESTATE PROVIDED THAT THEIR FAMILY INCOME DOES NOT EXCEED \$7 500 A MONTH,+ A HOUSING AUTHORITY SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

+THE RENTS FOR MOST OF THE NEW UNITS WILL RANGE FROM \$430 PER MONTH FOR A FIVE-PERSON FLAT TO \$660 PER MONTH FOR A NINE-PERSON FLAT,+ HE ADDED.

THE EXTENSION PROJECT IS BEING CARRIED OUT IN TWO PHASES, THE FIRST OF WHICH PRODUCED TWO 19-STOUREY SLAB BLOCKS AND ONE 26/28-STOUREY DOUBLE-H BLOCK.

ALSO PROVIDED UNDER THIS PHASE OF DEVELOPMENT IS A TWO-STOUREY CAR PARK, AN EXTERNAL LIFT TOWER, A FOOTBRIDGE LINK AND ASSOCIATED ROADS, DRAINAGE AND EXTERNAL WORKS.

THE SECOND PHASE OF THE PROJECT WILL PROVIDE ONE MORE RESIDENTIAL BLOCK OF THE 26/28-STOUREY DOUBLE-H DESIGN WITH A TOTAL OF 778 FLATS FOR 4 200 PEOPLE, A SECONDARY SCHOOL AND A RECREATIONAL GROUND.

THIS PHASE IS EXPECTED TO BE FINISHED BY 1986.

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LIBRARY THAT SERVES THE PUBLIC WITH PICTURES

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THE PHOTOGRAPHIC LIBRARY OF THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES HAS BUILT UP A COLLECTION OF MORE THAN 1.17 MILLION BLACK-AND-WHITE NEGATIVES AND 130 000 COLOUR TRANSPARENCIES.

THESE PICTURES FORM A VIVID PANORAMA OF THE EVENTS, PEOPLE AND PLACES OF HONG KONG OVER THE YEARS.

THE LIBRARY, LOCATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF BEACONSFIELD HOUSE IN CENTRAL, IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND COPIES OF PRINTS MAY BE OBTAINED FOR A NOMINAL FEE.

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EACH DAY, STUDENTS DOING PROJECTS, TEACHERS DESIGNING EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS, PUBLISHERS PLANNING BOOKS AND MAGAZINES, FOREIGN JOURNALISTS RESEARCHING ON HONG KONG, REPRESENTATIVES FROM ORGANISATIONS STAGING EXHIBITIONS, OR TOURISTS ASKING FOR SOUVENIR PHOTOS VISIT THE LIBRARY.

ON AVERAGE, IT RECEIVES MORE THAN 2 300 ENQUIRIES AND HANDLES ABOUT 600 REQUESTS FOR PHOTOS A YEAR.

ITS LARGE COLLECTION IS THE HARD WORK OF A TEAM OF 12 PHOTOGRAPHERS AND FIVE TECHNICIANS FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S PHOTOGRAPHIC SECTION OVER MANY YEARS.

+THESE PHOTOGRAPHERS CARRY OUT MORE THAN 200 ASSIGNMENTS EACH MONTH,+ A GIS SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE DARKROOM DEVELOPS ABOUT 700 ROLLS OF FILMS AND MAKES SOME 5 000 BLACK-AND-WHITE PRINTS AND 700 COLOUR DUPLICATES A MONTH FOR USE BY THE GIS AS WELL AS TO MEET REQUESTS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC.

+THE PHOTOGRAPHERS WORK IRREGULAR HOURS UNDER ALL WEATHER CONDITIONS TO TAKE PICTURES WHICH MUST MEET THE STANDARDS OF THE DEPARTMENT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

EVERYDAY, AS THE DEPARTMENT'S NEWS DIVISION SENDS GOVERNMENT INFORMATION TO THE MEDIA, RELATED PHOTOGRAPHS ARE TRANSMITTED TO THEM BY FACSIMILE.

THESE COULD BE PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING VISITING DIGNITARIES, THE OPENING OF A NEW BUILDING, MODELS OF A NEW PROJECT OR AERIAL VIEWS OF NEW TOWNS.

ALSO, THE WORKS OF THE PHOTOGRAPHERS HAD APPEARED IN MANY GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

+A GOOD EXAMPLE IS THE HONG KONG ANNUAL REPORT WITH ITS MANY PAGES OF COLOUR PHOTOS RECORDING THE HAPPENINGS OF THE YEAR,+ HE SAID.

EVERY YEAR, THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SECTION IS INVOLVED IN PRODUCING MATERIALS FOR LARGE-SCALE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS ON SUCH THEMES AS CRIME PREVENTION, INDUSTRIAL SAFETY, ANTI-NARCOTICS, THE NEW I.D. CARD SCHEME, FIRE PREVENTION AND ROAD SAFETY.

+VERY OFTEN, THESE TASKS INVOLVE MORE THAN JUST TAKING PICTURES. THE PHOTOGRAPHERS MIGHT BE REQUIRED TO SPEND HOURS OF WORK IN PLANNING, CO-ORDINATION, CONCEPTUALISATION OF THE THEMES AND FINDING THE RIGHT LOCATION, OBJECTS AND PEOPLE,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

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IN ADDITION, THE SECTION TAKES PORTRAITS OF HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND DISTRIBUTE THEM TO THE MEDIA FOR USE.

ALSO, MOST OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS USED IN CAREERS EXHIBITIONS ARE TAKEN BY GIS PHOTOGRAPHERS.

+ANOTHER SPECIAL TASK OF THE SECTION IS MAKING COPIES FROM THE ORIGINAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF OLD HONG KONG KEPT BY THE GOVERNMENT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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OVER 1 000 CO'S REGISTERED EACH MONTH
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MORE THAN 1 000 NEW COMPANIES ARE INCORPORATED IN HONG KONG EACH MONTH, AND TODAY (THURSDAY) THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVÉ, VISITED THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT TO SEE THE FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTING COMPANY RECORDS.

DURING THE TOUR OF THE DEPARTMENT'S COMPANIES REGISTRY IN CENTRAL, SIR PHILIP LEARNED THAT AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER, THERE WERE 127 715 LOCAL AND 2 015 FOREIGN COMPANIES REGISTERED HERE.

THE DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING TO COMPUTERISE THE COMPANIES INDEX AND TO MICROFILM THE PUBLIC PART OF THE COMPANY FILES TO PROVIDE A STILL MORE EFFICIENT SERVICE TO THOSE WHO MAKE USE OF THE RECORD FACILITIES.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY WAS ACCOMPANIED ON HIS VISIT BY MR NOEL GLEESON, THE REGISTRAR GENERAL.

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REHOUSING OFFER FOR BOAT DWELLERS

ABOUT 40 PER CENT OF THE 2 500 BOAT DWELLERS IN THE YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER HAVE EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO BE REHOUSED ASHORE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THIS WAS IN RESPONSE TO A SPECIAL REHOUSING OFFER MADE BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT IN SEPTEMBER WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING THEIR LIVING CONDITION.

THE OFFER WAS MADE TO ALL BOAT DWELLERS ON THE 422 LICENCED DWELLING VESSELS IN THE TYPHOON SHELTER.

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AS APPLICATIONS CLOSED YESTERDAY, THE DEPARTMENT HAD RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 138 APPLICATIONS, REPRESENTING 993 PEOPLE FROM 140 DWELLING BOATS.

+THE FAMILIES WHO HAVE ACCEPTED THE OFFER WILL BE REHOUSED ACCORDING TO THEIR ELIGIBILITY TO THE CHEUNG WAH ESTATE IN FANLING AND THE SHEUNG SHUI TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA WHERE SUFFICIENT NEW UNITS HAVE BEEN SET ASIDE FOR THEM,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT TODAY.

HE SAID THESE WERE THE ONLY PLACES WHERE HOUSING UNITS WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THEM IN THE FACE OF THE DEMAND FOR HOUSING TO PROVIDE FOR DEVELOPMENT CLEARANCE AND FOR THE VICTIMS OF NATURAL DISASTERS.

LAST MONTH, THE DEPARTMENT, TOGETHER WITH THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE, ORGANISED A TOUR FOR THE BOAT DWELLERS TO SEE THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT OF THE TWO LOCATIONS.

+THEY WERE GENERALLY SATISFIED WITH THE SURROUNDINGS AND FACILITIES PROVIDED ON THE ESTATE AND THE THA, AND MANY OF THEM HAD EXPRESSED A WISH TO BE REHOUSED BEFORE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID OF THE 138 APPLICATIONS RECEIVED, INITIAL SCREENING SHOWED THAT 131 FAMILIES (795 PEOPLE) WOULD BE QUALIFIED FOR PUBLIC HOUSING AND THE OTHERS FOR TEMPORARY HOUSING.

+PRE-LETTING INTERVIEWS ARE BEING ARRANGED FOR THE COMING WEEKS AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT ELIGIBLE FAMILIES WILL BE ABLE TO MOVE INTO THEIR NEW HOMES IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR,+ HE SAID.

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GREATER OPPORTUNITY FOR EXPRESSING OPINIONS
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THE ADJUSTMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE NEXT YEAR TO THE SYSTEM OF REPRESENTATION WILL PROVIDE A GREATER OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE TO CONTRIBUTE THEIR OPINIONS AND ADVICE THROUGH THEIR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES TOWARDS THE MAINTENANCE OF HONG KONG'S STABILITY AND PROSPERITY.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES.

SPEAKING AT THE Y'S MEN'S CLUB LUNCH MEETING, MR AKERS-JONES SAID, +THIS IS WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT THAT AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE PLAY THEIR PART, WHETHER AS VOTERS OR CANDIDATES IN THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS NEXT YEAR.+

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THEREAFTER, HE ADDED, THE DISTRICT BOARDS WILL ELECT REPRESENTATIVES TO SIT ON THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

+THE PROCESS OF CHANGING THE ROLE AND CHARACTER OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HONG KONG WILL HAVE BEGUN,+ HE SAID.

+WE HAVE TIME TO ACHIEVE THIS AS WELL AS TO MAINTAIN STABILITY AND PROSPERITY IN THE PROCESS, PROVIDED WE BEGIN IN SUFFICIENT TIME AND PROVIDED WE APPROACH THE PROBLEMS OF THE FUTURE IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF CALM AND STEADINESS AND WITH AN ACTIVE AND DYNAMIC ATTITUDE.+

+THE OBJECTIVES OF STABILITY AND PROSPERITY COULD NOT BE ACHIEVED WITHOUT THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

MR AKERS-JONES SAID HONG KONG WAS FORTUNATE TO HAVE ENJOYED A PEACEFUL AND STABLE ENVIRONMENT FOR MANY YEARS.

+WE HAVE ENJOYED POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC STABILITY — CONSISTENT GOVERNMENT= ABSENCE OF CONFRONTATION AND CONTROVERSY AMONG THE PEOPLE= AND ABSENCE OF SERIOUS CONFLICT BETWEEN THE PEOPLE AND THE GOVERNMENT.

+OF COURSE THERE HAVE BEEN BRIEF MOMENTS OF TENSION DURING THE PAST 17 YEARS BUT THESE EXPERIENCES, WHICH HAVE QUICKLY PASSED, HAVE SERVED TO REMIND US OF THE IMPORTANCE OF AN EVEN AND SENSIBLE APPROACH TO OUR PROBLEMS.

+WE HAVE ENJOYED SUSTAINED ECONOMIC GROWTH OVER A LONG PERIOD AND EVEN WHEN THE WORLD WAS EXPERIENCING SEVERE ECONOMIC DISRUPTIONS, IN THE MID-70S, WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS IN HONG KONG JOINED HANDS TO OVERCOME THIS TEMPORARY SETBACK,+ HE SAID.

STEADINESS, CERTAINTY AND PEACE WERE THE +ABIDING CHARACTERISTICS+ OF STABILITY AND THESE WERE THE ELEMENTS TO WHICH THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG LOOKED FORWARDS, HE ADDED.

MR AKERS-JONES SAID THE GREAT UNCERTAINTY ABOUT THE FUTURE HAD BEEN REMOVED AND THE ELEMENTS ESSENTIAL TO HONG KONG'S LIFE-STYLE HAD, FOR THE FIRST TIME, BEEN WRITTEN DOWN IN ONE DOCUMENT.

+EVERY PERSON, EVERY FAMILY, EVERY ORGANISATION NOW KNOW THE FOUNDATION ON WHICH THEY CAN SAFELY PLAN THEIR FUTURE,+ HE SAID.

+FOR HONG KONG, THESE PLANS, IF WE ARE TO HAVE STABILITY, MUST INCLUDE A CONTINUATION OF THE EFFORT TO PROVIDE WORK THROUGH ECONOMIC EXPANSION, PROGRAMMES OF SOCIAL IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, MAINTENANCE OF OUR LEGAL SYSTEM AND RESPECT FOR THE LAW, FREEDOM AND SECURITY,+ HE SAID.

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WAN CHAI SEMINAR ON WHITE PAPER

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THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE IS ORGANISING AN OPEN SEMINAR TO EXPLAIN VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE WHITE PAPER ON HONG KONG'S FUTURE.

RESIDENTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO AIR THEIR VIEWS ON THE DOCUMENT AT THE SEMINAR TO BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY), STARTING AT 8 PM, IN THE LADY TRENCH AUDITORIUM OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

THE MEETING WILL BE CHAIRED BY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM KAM-KWONG. SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MRS RITA FAN; URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR EDMUND CHOW; CHINESE UNIVERSITY LECTURER, MR ANDREW WONG AND HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC LECTURER, MR LEE MING-KWAN.

MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS' CORPORATIONS, KAI FONG ASSOCIATIONS AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR, WHILE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ALSO WELCOME TO JOIN IT.

ALL VIEWS COLLECTED AT THE SEMINAR WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE ASSESSMENT OFFICE.

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IMPORTANCE OF FIRE ESCAPES STRESSED

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED FACTORY OWNERS THAT THEY ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO KEEP IN GOOD WORKING CONDITION AND FREE FROM OBSTRUCTION EVERY DOORWAY, STAIRWAY AND PASSEAGEWAY IN THEIR FACTORIES.

HE SAID THESE PASSAGEWAYS ARE MEANS OF ESCAPE IN CASE OF FIRE AND THEIR OBSTRUCTION MAY HINDER THE SPEEDY ESCAPE OF PERSONS AND FIRE-FIGHTING.

THE SPOKESMAN WARNED THAT UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (FIRE PRECAUTIONS IN REGISTRABLE WORKPLACES) REGULATIONS, FAILURE TO OBSERVE THIS LEGAL REQUIREMENT IS AN OFFENCE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$30 000.

HE SAID THAT LAST YEAR, THERE WERE 170 PROSECUTIONS AGAINST FACTORY OWNERS FOR THIS FAILURE, WITH FINES TALLING \$175 100.

IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, 132 PROSECUTIONS WERE TAKEN OUT FOR THE SAME OFFENCE, RESULTING IN A TOTAL FINE OF \$155 050.

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ADVICE ON THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING THE MEANS OF ESCAPE FREE FROM OBSTRUCTION IS OFFERED TO MANAGEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S FACTORY INSPECTORATE WHEN THEY VISIT FACTORIES.

IT IS ALSO INCLUDED IN THE TRAINING PROGRAMMES ORGANISED BY THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE.

FACTORY OWNERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO CONTACT THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE FOR ADVICE ON ANY MATTERS CONCERNING INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

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MUI WO SET FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT
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THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$23 514 000 CONTRACT FOR A SERIES OF ENGINEERING WORKS TO PREPARE MUI WO FOR AN ANTICIPATED INCREASE IN POPULATION.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT BY THE 1990'S THERE WILL BE ABOUT 13 000 PEOPLE LIVING IN MUI WO, THREE TIMES ITS PRESENT POPULATION.

A RETAINING WALL WILL BE BUILT ON THE NORTH BANK OF THE MAIN RIVER CHANNEL WHICH, TOGETHER WITH ONE ON THE SOUTH BANK, WILL COMPLETE THE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR THE MAIN RIVER COURSE.

A SHELTER WITH A RIVER WALL AND A PROTECTIVE BREAKWATER WILL ALSO BE BUILT FOR MOORING SMALL CRAFT IN THE RIVER.

UNDER THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN, RECLAMATION OF 2.23 HECTARES OF LAND NORTH OF THE RIVER WILL PROVIDE SITES FOR A MARKET, DISTRICT OPEN SPACE, CAR PARKS AND GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE PROJECTS.

TO ALLOW EASY ACCESS FROM THE FERRY PIER AND SOUTH LANTAU ROAD, A 7.3-METRE-WIDE DUAL-HIGHWAY BRIDGE WITH A FOOTPATH ON BOTH SIDES, TOGETHER WITH A PEDESTRIAN-CYCLING BRIDGE, WILL BE BUILT OVER THE MAIN RIVER CHANNEL.

ADDITIONAL ROADS AND DRAINS AND A PUMPING STATION WILL BE CONSTRUCTED TO COMPLETE THE SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM.

THERE WILL ALSO BE AN EXTENSION OF THE SEAWALL AND RECLAMATION FURTHER SOUTHEAST OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK SECONDARY SCHOOL TO INCLUDE SITES FOR AN INCINERATOR, A SAND DEPOT AND A HELIPAD.

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO TAKE TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE.

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BRITISH MP VISITS HOUSING ESTATES

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A VISITING BRITISH MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, MR BOWEN WELLS, HAD AN INSIGHT INTO LIFE AT HONG KONG'S PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES TODAY WHEN HE TOURED DIFFERENT TYPES OF PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS.

JOINING THE TOUR WAS MISS LEUNG WAI-TUNG WHO WAS RECENTLY APPOINTED TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING SUBSIDY TO TENANTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING.

BEFORE THE TOUR, THEY WERE BRIEFED AT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HEADQUARTERS IN HO MAN TIN BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOUSING (ADMINISTRATION), MISS ELAINE CHUNG, AND SHOWN MODELS OF HOUSING BLOCKS IN THE AUTHORITY'S EXHIBITION HALL.

ACCOMPANIED BY HOUSING OFFICIALS, MR WELLS AND MISS LEUNG FIRST VISITED TUNG TAU ESTATE WHERE THEY INSPECTED AN OLD MARK II BLOCK AND LEARNED OF THE MASSIVE REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME BEING CARRIED OUT FOR THESE OLD ESTATES.

THEY CALLED AT THE HOME OF A TENANT IN AN ADJACENT REDEVELOPMENT BLOCK AND HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LOCAL MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE.

THE PARTY THEN PROCEEDED TO THE NEW LOK WAH RENTAL ESTATE IN NGAU TAU KOK AND TOURED THE ESTATE'S FACILITIES, THE ADJACENT LOK NGA HOME OWNERSHIP COURT, AND VISITED THE HOME OF ONE OF THE FLAT OWNERS.

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APPLICATIONS FOR RICHLAND GARDENS CLOSE TOMORROW

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APPLICATIONS FOR THE FIRST AND SECOND BATCHES OF 4 272 FLATS AT RICHLAND GARDENS IN KOWLOON BAY UNDER PHASE VIB OF THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME WILL CLOSE AT 7 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TODAY URGED PROSPECTIVE BUYERS TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS IMMEDIATELY TO THE HOME OWNERSHIP CENTRE IN HO MAN TIN.

HE SAID THE CENTRE WOULD REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 7 PM TOMORROW TO RECEIVE LAST-MINUTE APPLICATIONS.

+HOWEVER, POSTAL APPLICATIONS WILL ALSO BE ACCEPTED IF THE POSTMARK SHOWS THEY ARE MAILED ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 2,+ HE ADDED.

+SO FAR, OVER 18 000 APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND MORE ARE EXPECTED BEFORE THE DEADLINE TOMORROW.+

A PUBLIC BALLOT WILL BE HELD LATER THIS MONTH TO DECIDE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS.

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INTELPOST BEING EXTENDED TO NORWAY

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THE INTERNATIONAL ELECTRONIC POST NETWORK FROM HONG KONG WILL BE EXTENDED TO COVER NORWAY FROM MONDAY (NOVEMBER 5).

INTELPOST ITEMS POSTED IN HONG KONG BEFORE 6 PM WILL BE DELIVERED THE SAME DAY IN OSLO AND 18 OTHER NORWEGIAN CITIES. ITEMS FOR OTHER AREAS IN NORWAY WILL BE DELIVERED THE NEXT WORKING DAY.

+INTELPOST IS IDEAL FOR URGENT LETTERS, REPORTS, CHARTS, DRAWINGS, QUOTATIONS OR CONTRACTS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE DOCUMENTS, WHICH ARE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE, ARE SCANNED, CONVERTED INTO HIGH SPEED ELECTRONIC IMPULSES AND TRANSMITTED DIRECT TO THE RECEIVING STATION.

+INTELPOST IS A BIT LIKE TELEX WITH PICTURES. IT COMBINES THE TRANSMISSION SPEED OF TELEX WITH THE REPRODUCTIVE QUALITY OF A PHOTOCOPIER. DOCUMENTS ARE FAITHFULLY REPRODUCED IN BLACK AND WHITE AND DELIVERED TO THE ADDRESSEE IN A MATTER OF HOURS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN NORWAY, THE COPY SENT FROM HONG KONG IS PLACED IN AN ENVELOPE AND DELIVERED TO THE ADDRESSEE BY SPECIAL MESSENGER OR NORMAL POST OFFICE SERVICES DEPENDING ON THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SENDER. ALTERNATIVELY, ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR COLLECTION FROM A POST OFFICE.

THE CHARGE FOR THE SERVICE TO NORWAY WILL BE \$65 FOR THE FIRST SIDE OF AN A4 SHEET OF PAPER, AND \$30 FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT A4 SIDE SENT TO THE SAME ADDRESSEE AT THE SAME TIME.

INTELPOST IS NOW AVAILABLE TO 17 COUNTRIES OR TERRITORIES.

BESIDES NORWAY, THEY ARE: THE UNITED KINGDOM, USA, ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, BELGIUM, BRAZIL, FRANCE, WEST GERMANY, SOUTH KOREA, LUXEMBOURG, MACAU, MALAYSIA, THE NETHERLANDS, PORTUGAL, QATAR AND SWEDEN.

+INTELPOST IS SIGNIFICANT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF MAIL SERVICES IN HONG KONG IN VIEW OF THE TERRITORY'S IMPORTANCE AS A MAJOR FINANCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL CENTRE,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

CUSTOMERS WISHING TO MAKE USE OF THE SERVICE SHOULD HAND OVER THEIR DOCUMENTS AT EITHER THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, CONNAUGHT PLACE, OR THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE AT 10 MIDDLE ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.

FOR THOSE WITH A FACSIMILE MACHINE IN THEIR OFFICE, ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE TO TRANSMIT THEIR ITEMS DIRECT TO THE POST OFFICE INTELPOST TERMINAL IN THE GENERAL POST OFFICE.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE SERVICE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE INTELPOST REPRESENTATIVE ON 5-2671148.

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SPORTS MEET ON SATURDAY
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THE 9TH HONG KONG SPECIAL OLYMPICS ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEET WILL BE HELD AT THE WAN CHAI SPORTS GROUND ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 3), STARTING AT 10.30 AM.

ABOUT 3 000 MENTALLY HANDICAPPED YOUTHS WILL TAKE PART IN THE ATHLETIC MEET WHICH IS ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

LADY YOUDE AND THE PRESIDENT OF SPECIAL OLYMPICS INTERNATIONAL, MR SARGENT SHRIVER, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 3) WHICH WILL START AT 10.30 AM.

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SPORTS FOUNDATION OFFERING HELP TO STUDENTS
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STUDENTS CAN APPLY THROUGH THEIR SCHOOLS TO THE FREDDY ZIMMERN SPORTS FOUNDATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE COVERING SPORTING ACTIVITIES.

THE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE FOUNDATION ARE AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS WHO ARE:-

- * TAKING PART IN SPORT OR RECREATION EVENTS WHICH MAY REQUIRE FUNDS TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE,
- * PURCHASING SPORT CLOTHING OR EQUIPMENT WHICH IS BEYOND THEIR MEANS,
- * TAKING PART IN LOCAL COACHING COURSES FOR WHICH CHARGES ARE MADE AND TRAVEL GRANTS REQUIRED,
- * PURCHASING BOOKS OR EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL, AND
- * APPLYING FOR GRANTS OR BURSARIES TO ENABLE THEM TO TRAVEL OVERSEAS TO TAKE PART IN COACHING OR TRAINING COURSES OR SPORTING EVENTS.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 7/F, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE FORMS MUST BE FORWARDED TO THIS SECTION WITH A LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM THE SCHOOL.

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STUDENTS URGED TO SERVE COMMUNITY
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SECONDARY STUDENTS SHOULD BE MORE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN PROJECTS TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY SO THAT THEY MIGHT BECOME TOMORROW'S GOOD CITIZENS, EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR H.T. LUI, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL SPEECH DAY OF THE TSUNG TSIN COLLEGE IN SHAU KEI WAN, MR LUI SAID THAT AMONG OTHER THINGS, THEY COULD HELP IMPROVE THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT OF SQUATTER VILLAGES.

+THEY SHOULD ALSO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH THE CONSTITUTIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEMS OF HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

MR LUI SAID TRAINING COURSES FOR YOUTH LEADERS, ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD, PRESENTED A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR DISTRICT AND ABOUT HOW THEY COULD SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

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TRAFFIC MEASURES FOR SHA TIN RACE MEETINGS
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FOR THE 1984-85 SHA TIN RACE MEETINGS, THE FIRST OF WHICH WILL BE HELD THIS SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 3).

SPECIAL DIRECT KCR TRAIN SERVICES TO SHA TIN RACE COURSE WILL RESUME FROM SATURDAY.

DURING DAY RACE MEETINGS, THERE WILL BE 28 DEPARTURES FROM KOWLOON STATION AND NINE DEPARTURES FROM SHEUNG SHUI STATION FOR THE RACE COURSE, WITH THE FIRST TRAINS LEAVING AT 11.15 AM AND 11.34 AM RESPECTIVELY. AND THERE WILL BE 36 DEPARTURES FROM THE RACE COURSE FOR KOWLOON STATION BETWEEN 4.10 PM AND 7.04 PM.

DURING NIGHT RACES, KCR WILL PROVIDE 28 DEPARTURES FROM KOWLOON STATION, 10 FROM SHEUNG SHUI AND 11 FROM TAI PO MARKET, WITH THE FIRST TRAINS LEAVING AT 6 PM, 6.07 PM AND 6.15 PM RESPECTIVELY.

AFTER THE RACES, THERE WILL BE 20 DEPARTURES FROM THE RACE COURSE TO KOWLOON BETWEEN 9.41 PM AND 11.38 PM. PASSENGERS HEADING FOR STATIONS NORTH OF THE RACE COURSE WILL HAVE TO CHANGE TO NORTHBOUND TRAINS AT SHA TIN STATION.

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SPECIAL BUS SERVICES TO AND FROM THE RACE COURSE, INCLUDING ROUTE 848 FROM TSUEN WAN FERRY, ROUTE 872 FROM TAI PO MARKET, ROUTE 887 FROM TAI KOK TSUI FERRY, ROUTE 888 FROM SHA TIN MARKET, ROUTE 889 FROM KWUN TONG FERRY AND ROUTE 891 FROM KOWLOON CITY FERRY, WILL ALSO RESUME FROM THE SAME DAY.

CROSS HARBOUR RACE COURSE BUS SERVICE ROUTE 881 TO KENNEDY TOWN, ROUTE 882 TO CHAI WAN (EAST) AND ROUTE 884 TO ABERDEEN WILL ONLY OPERATE FOR HOMEBOUND JOURNEYS FROM THE RACE COURSE.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR FRANCHISED BUSES, PUBLIC BUSES, TAXIS, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AND PRIVATE CARS REMAIN UNCHANGED.

TAXI DRIVERS FROM KOWLOON HEADING TOWARDS THE RACE COURSE ARE REMINDED TO USE THE FLYOVER (RAMP A1) ON TAI PO ROAD NEAR THE FO TAN KCR DEPOT. THOSE FROM TAI PO SHOULD USE THE SLIP ROAD OFF TAI PO ROAD OPPOSITE THE RACE COURSE RAILWAY STATION.

TAXIS AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES MAY NOT USE RAMP F ON THE EAST SIDE OF TAI PO ROAD LEADING TO THE MEMBERS' MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE GRANDSTAND. TRAFFIC SIGNS HAVE BEEN ERECTED AT SUITABLE LOCATIONS TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC GOING TO THE RACE COURSE ARE ADVISED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT AS PARKING SPACES IN THE VICINITY ARE EXTREMELY LIMITED. VEHICLES PARKED ILLEGALLY ON THE ROAD OR PAVEMENT MAY BE TOWED AWAY WITHOUT WARNING.

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HAWKERS MOVE TO BAZAAR
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ALL 205 ELIGIBLE ON-STREET HAWKERS PREVIOUSLY TRADING AT FOUR STREETS IN LUEN WO HUI, FANLING, WERE RELOCATED TO LUEN WO HUI HAWKER BAZAAR TODAY (THURSDAY).

CLEARANCE OF HAWKERS OPERATING AT LUEN SHING STREET, LUEN HING STREET, WO FUNG STREET AND LUEN WO ROAD AROUND LUEN WO MARKET BAZAAR HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT SMOOTHLY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE RELOCATION AIMED TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY AS PART OF THE LUEN WO HUI TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME INTRODUCED TODAY.

THE TRADERS ARE ALLOWED TO OPERATE BETWEEN 6 AM AND 12 NOON AS THE GROUND IS USED FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES OUTSIDE THIS PERIOD.

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