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SIR PHILIP LEARNS ABOUT TEL-LAW SERVICE

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THE TEL-LAW SERVICE, WHICH PROVIDES LEGAL INFORMATION BY TELEPHONE, RECEIVED 10 870 CALLS DURING ITS FIRST MONTH OF OPERATION IN MARCH THIS YEAR, THE DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE WAS TOLD WHEN HE VISITED THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE LAW SOCIETY LEGAL ADVICE AND DUTY LAWYER SCHEME TODAY.

ON ARRIVAL AT THE OFFICE IN SWIRE HOUSE, CENTRAL, SIR PHILIP WAS MET BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ADVISORY, MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE, MR BRIAN TISDALL- THE ADMINISTRATOR, MR JOHN MILLER AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS AND WAS BRIEFED ON THE FREE LEGAL ADVICE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE SOCIETY.

UNDER THE TEL-LAW SERVICE, CALLERS CAN LISTEN TO ANY OF THE 26 TWO-AND-A-HALF-MINUTE TAPES ON TOPICS RANGING FROM MATRIMONIAL RIGHTS DURING MARRIAGE, DIVORCE AND SEPARATION, LANDLORDS AND TENANTS RIGHTS, CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURES TO MONEY BORROWING.

THE NUMBER OF TAPES WOULD SOON BE INCREASED TO 50, AS VOLUNTEER LAWYERS IN THE SCHEME WERE WORKING HARD ON SCRIPTS, MR TISDALL SAID.

AFTER IDENTIFYING THEIR LEGAL PROBLEMS, THE CALLERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONSULT THE FREE LEGAL ADVICE SCHEME OFFERED AT EIGHT DISTRICT OFFICES DURING THE EVENING, MR TISDALL ADDED.

A TOTAL OF 13 000 DEFENDANTS INVOLVED IN CRIMINAL CASES OR SERIOUS CASES IN JUVENILE COURTS WERE REPRESENTED BY LAWYERS IN THE DUTY LAWYER SCHEME LAST YEAR, AND THERE WAS A HIGH ACQUITTAL RATE, SIR PHILIP WAS TOLD.

SINCE THE ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS RULES COMMITTEE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WAS SET UP IN MAY LAST YEAR, THE SOCIETY HAS SUCCESSFULLY HELPED 17 HAWKERS IN APPEALS AGAINST URBAN COUNCIL REFUSAL TO ISSUE HAWKER LICENCES, MR TISDALL SAID.

BEFORE LEAVING THE SOCIETY, SIR PHILIP WENT INTO THE OPERATORS' ROOM OF THE TEL-LAW SCHEME AND LISTENED TO SOME OF THE TAPES ON LEGAL ADVICE.

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BE MORE ORIGINAL, ERIC HO URGES INDUSTRY
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THE NEED FOR HONG KONG TO CREATE NEW PRODUCTS WAS STRESSED TODAY BY THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR E.P. HO.

THIS WAS BECAUSE OTHER INDUSTRIAL CENTRES IN THE REGION WERE BECOMING AVAILABLE TO TAKE ON THE ROLE OF SUBCONTRACTOR IN OFFSHORE MANUFACTURING, HE SAID.

MR HO WAS SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE 1984 NEW PRODUCTS COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG.

OVER THE PAST THREE DECADES, HE SAID, HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY HAD BECOME RENOWNED AS AN OFFSHORE SUBCONTRACTING CENTRE FOR MANUFACTURING PRODUCTS TO THE DESIGN AND SPECIFICATIONS OF BUYERS. AT THE SAME TIME, HONG KONG HAD SOMETIMES BEEN CRITICISED OVERSEAS FOR COPYING OTHER PEOPLE'S DESIGNS, AND FOR FAILING TO PRODUCE ORIGINAL IDEAS.

+INDEED, WHILE OUR DEXTERITY AND EFFICIENCY HAVE BEEN PRAISED, ORIGINALITY AND INNOVATION SEEM ALL TOO OFTEN TO HAVE BEEN MISSING IN APPRAISALS OF HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL PERFORMANCE,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THAT THOUGH SUCH OBSERVATIONS WERE SOMETIMES EXAGGERATED, THERE WAS UNQUESTIONABLY A NEED FOR HONG KONG INDUSTRY TO DEVOTE MORE OF ITS RESOURCES TO PRODUCT DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT, SO THAT LOCAL MANUFACTURERS COULD CREATE THEIR OWN NEW PRODUCTS AND GENERATE SUBSEQUENT DEMAND FOR THEM.

+IN ADDITION, IN ORDER TO SUSTAIN AND IMPROVE FURTHER UPON THE STANDARD OF LIVING OF OUR WORK FORCE, WE MUST RAISE THE HONG KONG VALUE ADDED TO OUR MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS AS WE HAVE NO RAW MATERIALS OF OUR OWN,+ SAID MR HO.

CONGRATULATING THE CMA FOR ITS UNFAILING EFFORTS IN ENCOURAGING PRODUCTION INNOVATION, MR HO SAID HE WAS GLAD TO HEAR IT NOW PLANNED TO TAKE A FURTHER INITIATIVE BY SPONSORING A PRODUCT CONSULTANCY SERVICE FOR MANUFACTURERS.

+I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING MORE OF THIS WHEN THE DETAILS ARE ANNOUNCED AND I URGE CMA MEMBERS TO MAKE FULL USE OF THIS NEW SERVICE WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE,+ MR HO SAID.

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HK-FINNISH TEXTILE PACT INITIALLED
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HONG KONG AND FINLAND INITIALLED A NEW TEXTILE AGREEMENT YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY), FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS IN HELSINKI EARLIER THIS WEEK.

THE NEW AGREEMENT, EFFECTIVE FROM AUGUST 1, 1984 TO DECEMBER 31, 1986, WILL COVER BROADLY THE SAME PRODUCTS ON TERMS SIMILAR TO THOSE IN THE EXISTING AGREEMENT.

DETAILS OF THE AGREEMENT WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY THE TRADE DEPARTMENT AFTER RATIFICATION BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PRESS ARRANGEMENTS FOR SIR GEOFFREY HOWE'S VISIT
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A NUMBER OF PRESS FACILITIES ARE BEING ARRANGED FOR THE INFORMATION MEDIA TO COVER THE VISIT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, WHO IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE FROM CHINA NEXT WEDNESDAY (APRIL 18).

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL NEED SPECIAL ACCREDITATION TO COVER SIR GEOFFREY'S PUBLIC FUNCTIONS. PRESS LAPEL BADGES WILL BE ISSUED BY GIS TO ACCREDITED JOURNALISTS.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR ACCREDITATION FOR EACH FUNCTION HAVE BEEN BOXED FOR COLLECTION. EDITORS ARE REQUESTED TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORMS AND RETURN THEM TO THE DUTY OFFICER, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, 6TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, BY 12 NOON ON MONDAY, APRIL 16 AT THE LATEST.

EDITORS ARE REQUESTED TO NOTE THAT NOMINATIONS DO NOT AUTOMATICALLY MEAN THAT LAPEL BADGES WILL BE ISSUED TO EVERY REPRESENTATIVE. UNLIMITED SPACE CANNOT ALWAYS BE MADE AVAILABLE AND SOME POOLING WILL BE NECESSARY OCCASIONALLY. EVERY EFFORT WILL HOWEVER BE MADE TO MEET REQUESTS FROM THE INFORMATION MEDIA TO ASSIST THEM IN COVERING PARTICULAR EVENTS.

BECAUSE OF CROWD CONTROL AND SECURITY REQUIREMENTS, THERE WILL BE FIXED PRESS POSITIONS TO COVER MOST OF SIR GEOFFREY'S PUBLIC FUNCTIONS. WHERE PRESS POSITIONS CANNOT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL, PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE PROVIDED BY GIS AND FILM FOOTAGE MADE AVAILABLE BY RTHK.

WHERE APPROPRIATE, TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ACCREDITATED MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO ASSIST THEM IN MOVING FROM ONE LOCATION TO ANOTHER. BECAUSE OF PARKING LIMITATIONS AND SIR GEOFFREY'S TIGHT SCHEDULE, PRESS REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED NOT TO USE THEIR OWN TRANSPORT.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

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ARRIVAL AT KAI TAK

SIR GEOFFREY IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN HONG KONG ON AN RAF VC 10 IN THE AFTERNOON OF WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18. A PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITY WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE PARKING PIER. DETAILED TIMINGS WILL BE ISSUED IN DUE COURSE.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19
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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

ON THURSDAY MORNING, SIR GEOFFREY WILL ATTEND A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES. THERE WILL BE A FIXED PRESS POSITION AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO CGO FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN TO FILM SIR GEOFFREY'S ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE.

LUNCH WITH COMMUNITY LEADERS

AFTER THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING, SIR GEOFFREY WILL ATTEND A LUNCH HOSTED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS AND THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AT THE GRAND BALLROOM OF THE HILTON HOTEL. THERE WILL BE FIXED PRESS POSITIONS BOTH AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE HOTEL TO COVER HIS ARRIVAL AND INSIDE THE BALLROOM FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE OF THE COCKTAIL RECEPTION FOR ABOUT 10 MINUTES BEFORE THE LUNCH. PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN WILL HAVE TO LEAVE THE BALLROOM BEFORE THE LUNCH STARTS.

VISIT TO SHA TIN

IN THE AFTERNOON, SIR GEOFFREY WILL VISIT SHA TIN NEW TOWN AND TOUR A HOUSING ESTATE. HE WILL ARRIVE BY HELICOPTER AT THE LION'S PAVILION WHERE HE WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN. THERE WILL BE A FIXED PRESS POSITION IN THE PAVILION FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE VISIT.

FROM THE PAVILION, SIR GEOFFREY WILL PROCEED BY CAR TO WO CHE ESTATE WHERE HE WILL TOUR THE COMMERCIAL CENTRE AND VISIT A FAMILY. BECAUSE OF THE TIGHT SCHEDULE, THE GIS PRESS BUS WILL LEAVE THE PAVILION FOR WO CHE ESTATE ABOUT 10 MINUTES BEFORE SIR GEOFFREY DEPARTS.

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AT WO CHE ESTATE, THERE WILL BE A PRESS POSITION ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE COMMERCIAL CENTRE WHERE SIR GEOFFREY WILL SEE AN EXHIBITION ON THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME. SIR GEOFFREY WILL THEN TAKE A SHORT WALK THROUGH THE COMMERCIAL CENTRE AND PROCEED TO VISIT A FAMILY LIVING IN ONE OF THE ESTATE'S UNITS. PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN WILL HAVE TO LEAVE THE EXHIBITION AREA ABOUT FIVE MINUTES AHEAD OF SIR GEOFFREY AND PROCEED TO A SECOND POSITION IN THE MIDDLE OF THE COMMERCIAL CENTRE WHERE THEY CAN TAKE PICTURES OF SIR GEOFFREY LOOKING AT THE SHOPS. AFTER SIR GEOFFREY HAS PASSED, THEY WILL GO TO A THIRD POSITION AT AN OPEN SPACE OUTSIDE THE UNIT WHICH HE IS VISITING.

BECAUSE OF LIMITED SPACE INSIDE THE HOUSING UNIT WHICH SIR GEOFFREY IS VISITING, POOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE PROVIDED BY GIS WHILE RTHK WILL MAKE AVAILABLE SPECIAL FOOTAGE FOR TELEVISION STATIONS.

TRANSPORT FOR THE WHOLE VISIT TO SHA TIN WILL BE PROVIDED BY GIS AND DETAILED TIMINGS WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

VISIT TO THE BRITISH TRADE COMMISSION

AFTER SHA TIN, SIR GEOFFREY WILL GO TO THE OFFICE OF THE BRITISH TRADE COMMISSION AT THE BANK OF AMERICA TOWER FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH COMMISSION OFFICIALS. THERE WILL BE A FIXED PRESS POSITION AT THE LAMBETH WALK ENTRANCE TO THE BUILDING FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN TO COVER HIS ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE.

RECEPTION AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE

IN THE EARLY EVENING, SIR GEOFFREY WILL ATTEND A RECEPTION FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN GOVERNMENT HOUSE. BECAUSE OF SPACE LIMITATIONS, ONLY TELEVISION CAMERAMEN WILL BE ALLOWED TO FILM INSIDE GOVERNMENT HOUSE. THIS WILL BE DONE FROM A FIXED PRESS POSITION AND WILL BE LIMITED TO A FEW MINUTES. PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE RECEPTION WILL BE ISSUED BY GIS TO THE PRINT MEDIA.

MEETING AND DINNER AT UMEICO

ON THURSDAY EVENING, SIR GEOFFREY WILL ATTEND A MEETING AND HAVE DINNER WITH UMEICO MEMBERS IN THE UMEICO OFFICE. THERE WILL BE A FIXED POSITION AT THE PEDDER STREET ENTRANCE OF SWIRE HOUSE FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN TO COVER HIS ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 20

PRESS CONFERENCE

SIR GEOFFREY IS SCHEDULED TO GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT 11 AM. EDITORS SHOULD NOTE THAT ADMISSION WILL BE BY LAPEL BADGE HOLDERS ONLY AND REQUESTS FOR THESE MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ADVANCE. ALL PERSONS ENTERING THE CHAMBER WILL BE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE PROOF OF IDENTITY AND OF THE ORGANISATION WHICH THEY REPRESENT.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER WILL BE OPENED FROM 8 AM ONWARDS FOR THE SETTING UP OF EQUIPMENT. THIS MUST BE COMPLETED BY 10.30 AM AT THE LATEST. TV CAMERA CREWS CAN EITHER FILM FROM FIXED POSITIONS INSIDE THE CHAMBER OR OPERATE FROM INSIDE THE BOOTHS AT THE BACK OF THE CHAMBER.

ALL OTHER MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BE SEATED BY 10.50 AM. THERE WILL BE TWO MINUTES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY BEFORE THE CONFERENCE STARTS AND NO PHOTOGRAPHY WILL BE ALLOWED ONCE THE CONFERENCE HAS STARTED.

ALL RECORDING WILL BE DONE INSIDE THE BOOTHS AND NO MICROPHONES OR HAND-HELD RECORDERS WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE DIAS. JOURNALISTS CAN, IF THEY WISH, RECORD THE PROCEEDINGS BY PLUGGING INTO THEIR SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION RECEIVERS. ADDITIONAL CLEAN SOUND OUTLETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR USE BY TV AND RADIO STATIONS.

A FULL TRANSCRIPT OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE, TOGETHER WITH A FULL CHINESE TRANSLATION, WILL BE ISSUED BY GIS.

DEPARTURE FROM HONG KONG

SIR GEOFFREY WILL LEAVE HONG KONG IN THE EARLY AFTERNOON OF APRIL 20 SHORTLY AFTER THE PRESS CONFERENCE. A PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITY WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE AIRPORT. DETAILED TIMINGS WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

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TWO TORY MPS COMING

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TWO CONSERVATIVE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, THE RT. HON. SIR HUMPHREY ATKINS AND MR JOHN COPE, WILL BE VISITING HONG KONG AT THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENT.

SIR HUMPHREY IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE TOMORROW (FRIDAY), WHILE MR COPE, WHO IS THE DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY, WILL ARRIVE ON SATURDAY.

THE MP'S WILL MEET SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, AND VISIT THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE TRADE DEPARTMENT AND THE CHI MA WAN CLOSED CENTRE FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES.

THEY WILL ALSO MEET UMELCO AND MEMBERS OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, AND VISIT THE GARRISON.

THEIR OTHER ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE VISITS TO THE BRITISH TRADE COMMISSION, THE PO LEUNG KUK AND LOCAL FACTORIES.

SIR HUMPHREY IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE NEXT THURSDAY AND MR COPE ON THE FOLLOWING DAY.

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SMALL-SCALE TEST PRECEDES HOUSEHOLD SURVEY

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A HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY WILL BE LAUNCHED IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

BEFORE THAT A SMALL-SCALE PRE-TEST WILL BE HELD FROM MID-APRIL TO EARLY JUNE, COVERING ABOUT 500 LIVING QUARTERS SCATTERED OVER THE URBAN AREAS OF HONG KONG.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT A LETTER HAS BEEN SENT TO EACH SELECTED LIVING QUARTERS INFORMING THE HOUSEHOLDS THAT THEY HAVE BEEN CHOSEN FOR THE PRE-TEST.

ASSISTANT CENSUS AND SURVEY OFFICERS CARRYING GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT THESE HOUSEHOLDS IN THE COMING SEVERAL WEEKS TO EXPLAIN THE SURVEY TO THEM IN DETAIL AND TO INVITE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PRE-TEST.

THE RESULTS OF THE PRE-TEST WILL BE USED TO FINALISE THE SURVEY PLAN AND PROCEDURES OF THE COMING HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

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A SPOKESMAN FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT STRESSES THAT ALL INFORMATION COLLECTED IN THE PRE-TEST WILL BE KEPT IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND USED ONLY FOR STATISTICAL ANALYSIS.

IT IS HOPED THAT ALL HOUSEHOLDS SELECTED FOR THE PRE-TEST WILL SUPPORT THIS EXERCISE AND CO-OPERATE WITH THE OFFICERS WHEREVER POSSIBLE.

ANY HOUSEHOLD REQUIRING FURTHER INFORMATION OR HAVING QUERIES ON THE SURVEY CAN RING UP THE HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT TELEPHONE NO. 3-7216558 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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OWNERS REQUIRED TO FILE PROPERTY TAX RETURNS
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THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT IS SENDING OUT PROPERTY TAX RETURN FORMS REQUIRING PROPERTY OWNERS TO DECLARE WITHIN ONE MONTH THE ACTUAL RENT THEY HAVE RECEIVED DURING THE TAX YEAR ENDING ON MARCH 31, 1984.

THIS ISSUE OF PROPERTY TAX RETURN FORMS, WHICH SHOULD REACH OWNERS NEXT WEEK, IS A FUNDAMENTAL STAGE IN THE CHANGE-OVER FROM CHARGING PROPERTY TAX ON A NOTIONAL FIGURE REPRESENTING THE ANNUAL RENT THAT A PREMISES MIGHT REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO PRODUCE, TO ASSESSING TAX ON THE BASIS OF THE RENT THAT A LANDLORD ACTUALLY OBTAINED.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE RENTAL INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE RETURNS WOULD FORM THE BASIS FOR FINAL PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1984 AND FOR PROVISIONAL PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS FOR THE NEXT TAX YEAR.

THESE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS WILL BE ISSUED LATER THIS YEAR.

PROVISIONAL PROPERTY TAX ALREADY PAID FOR 1983-84 WOULD BE USED IN SETTLEMENT OF THE FINAL LIABILITY, WHILE ANY OVERPAYMENT WOULD BE APPLIED IN REDUCTION OF PROVISIONAL PROPERTY TAX PAYABLE FOR 1984-85.

ANY OWNER WHO HAS DIFFICULTY IN COMPLETING THE RETURN MAY CONTACT HIS PROPERTY TAX ASSESSOR AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER PRINTED ON THE RETURN FORM.

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SPORTS AND RECREATION FOR KWUN TONG FOLK

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TWO RECREATION AND SPORTS SCHEMES WILL BE INTRODUCED IN KWUN TONG BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT.

ONE, FOR FACTORY WORKERS OF BOTH SEXES WHO MUST BE OVER 18 YEARS OF AGE, WILL START ON APRIL 29 AND GO ON FOR TWO MONTHS.

IT IS TO PROVIDE WORKERS IN THE DISTRICT WITH HEALTHY RECREATION AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SERVICE SAID.

+A WORKER WHO JOINS THE SCHEME WILL AUTOMATICALLY BECOME A MEMBER AND WILL BE ISSUED WITH A MEMBERSHIP CARD,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THIS WILL ALLOW THE MEMBER TO TAKE PART IN VARIOUS SPORTS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES.+

THE OTHER SCHEME, STARTING EARLY NEXT MONTH, IS FOR MEN AND WOMEN OVER 50 YEARS OF AGE.

KNOWN AS +RECREATION AND SPORTS SCHEME FOR PEOPLE BEFORE AND AFTER RETIREMENT+, IT WILL GIVE FREE MEDICAL CHECK-UPS TO THOSE TAKING PART.

IN ADDITION, SPORTS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING WALKS AND SEA CRUISES WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR THEM.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE RSS KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING. FOR ENQUIRIES TELEPHONE 3-436123.

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FOOTBRIDGE TO REPLACE POK FU LAM CROSSING

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A COVERED FOOTBRIDGE IS TO BE BUILT ACROSS POK FU LAM ROAD NEAR HONG KONG UNIVERSITY.

THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE WORK.

THE SECTION OF POK FU LAM ROAD NEAR THE UNIVERSITY HAS RECENTLY BEEN WIDENED TO THREE LANES.

THE 24-METRE-LONG FOOTBRIDGE WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING SIGNAL-CONTROLLED CROSSING NEAR CHIU SHEUNG MIDDLE SCHOOL AND IS INTENDED TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY.

IT WILL BE TWO METRES WIDE AND CONSTRUCTED OF PRESTRESSED CONCRETE.

WORK WILL COMMENCE IN JUNE AND BE COMPLETED IN ONE YEAR.

TENDERS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BEFORE MAY 11.

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FLUSHING MAINS TO BE LAID IN SHA TIN
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS TO LAY ABOUT 1 160 METRES OF FLUSHING WATER MAINS ALONG A SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD, NEAR HO TUNG LAU, SHA TIN.

THE MAINS, OF 700 AND 800 MILLIMETRES DIAMETER, WILL BE CONNECTED TO THE EXISTING FLUSHING WATER MAINS SYSTEM.

THEY FORM PART OF A SCHEME TO EXTEND FLUSHING WATER SUPPLIES TO THE WHOLE OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN, WHICH HAS A RAPIDLY EXPANDING POPULATION.

WORK WILL START IN JUNE AND TAKE FOUR MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

TENDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MAY 4.

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YOUTH ORCHESTRA AND CHOIR TO PERFORM
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THE DEAN OF MUSIC OF THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS, MR ANGUS WATSON WILL BE GUEST CONDUCTOR AT A CONCERT FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE TAKING UP HIS POST IN HONG KONG.

HE WILL SHARE THE PODIUM WITH TWO OTHER CONDUCTORS AT A COMBINED CONCERT BY THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (B) AND THE MUSIC OFFICE YOUTH CHOIR IN TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM ON APRIL 29, AT 8 PM.

MR WATSON, FORMERLY MASTER OF MUSIC AT WINCHESTER COLLEGE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, WILL CONDUCT TWO ITEMS - TE DEUM LAUDAMUS AND PARRY'S PAIR OF SIRENS - WHILE THE OTHER TWO CONDUCTORS, MR FUNG WING-KIT AND MR TO MUNG-TAN OF THE MUSIC OFFICE WILL COMPLETE THE REST OF THE ONE-HOUR-AND-40-MINUTE PROGRAMME.

THE CONCERT WILL BE JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (N.T. DIVISION).

THE EVENING'S PROGRAMME WILL ALSO INCLUDE ROSSINI'S LA GAZZA LADRA, HAYDN'S SYMPHONY, BRITTEN'S SOIREES MUSICALES.

THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (B) WAS FORMED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE IN 1978 WITH THE PRIMARY AIM OF PROVIDING ORCHESTRAL TRAINING TO YOUNG INSTRUMENTALISTS.

IT HAS 105 MEMBERS, MOSTLY STUDENTS, WHO REHEARSE REGULARLY ON SUNDAYS AT THE MONG KOK MUSIC CENTRE.

THE ORCHESTRA WILL JOIN THE 120-VOICE STRONG MUSIC OFFICE YOUTH CHOIR TO PERFORM THE TWO PIECES UNDER THE BATON OF MR WATSON.

TICKETS AT \$5 EACH ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE AND THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL BOX OFFICE.

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SUNDAY TREE-PLANTING FOR PARK VISITORS

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VISITORS TO SIX OF THE COUNTRY PARKS HAVE TWO MORE SUNDAYS TO PLANT TREES.

THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE SEEDLINGS TO VISITORS TO PLANT AT THE COUNTRY PARKS ON APRIL 15 AND 22.

THE SEEDLINGS CAN BE COLLECTED BETWEEN 9 AM AND 3 PM ON THESE DAYS IN THE COUNTRY PARKS AT TWISK, BRIDE'S POOL IN TAI PO, CLEAR WATER BAY AND PAK TAM CHUNG IN SAI KUNG, NAM SHAN ON LANTAU ISLAND AND QUARRY BAY ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

LAST SUNDAY, MORE THAN 1 100 TREE SEEDLINGS WERE PLANTED BY VISITORS IN THESE COUNTRY PARKS, THE DAY AFTER THE OFFICIAL LAUNCHING OF THIS YEAR'S COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING SCHEME BY THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR JOHN RIDDELL-SWAN.

ALTOGETHER 300 000 SEEDLINGS WILL BE PLANTED THIS SEASON BY THE DEPARTMENT IN THE COUNTRY PARKS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT REMINDED PARTICIPANTS IN THE CLEAN AND GREEN SCHEME THAT THIS SUNDAY (APRIL 15) IS ALSO THE LAST DAY FOR THEM TO PLANT TREES AS PART OF STAGE TWO OF THE SCHEME.

THE SCHEME, IN THE FORM OF A COMPETITION, AIMS TO EDUCATE PEOPLE ABOUT COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION.