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ECONOMIC GROWTH 'QUITE RESPECTABLE' - GOVERNOR  
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THE RATE OF GROWTH OF HONG KONG'S ECONOMY IS STILL QUITE RESPECTABLE BY ANYBODY'S STANDARDS ALTHOUGH IT IS LESS THAN WHAT WE HOPE IT WOULD BE, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE SHA TIN TO FANLING SECTION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES TRUNK ROAD, SIR EDWARD SAID THAT OVERSEAS FACTORS -- THE SLOWDOWN IN THE UNITED STATES ECONOMY AND THE SLOWDOWN IN THE DEMAND THERE -- WERE THE MAIN REASONS.

HE POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S SPEECH LAST NIGHT, REVIEWING HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE FOR THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR, STILL CONTAINED SOME ENCOURAGING FEATURES.

+THE RATE OF INFLATION IS LOW, EMPLOYMENT IS HIGH, AND WE STILL HAVE A VERY RESPECTABLE RATE OF GROWTH BY WORLD STANDARDS.

+SO, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD LIKE IT TO HAVE BEEN BETTER, I THINK IT IS STILL PRETTY GOOD AND OUR EXPORTERS HAVE DONE A VERY GOOD JOB,+ HE SAID.

ASKED WHETHER HE WOULD BRIEF MR NICHOLAS RIDLEY, THE VISITING SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT, BEFORE HE GOES TO CHINA FOR DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING THE CIVIL AVIATION TALKS, SIR EDWARD SAID HE HAD HAD A FEW DISCUSSIONS WITH MR RIDLEY ALREADY.

+AND HE HAS BEEN BRIEFED IN GREAT DETAIL BY THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES AND SOME OF THE OTHER GOVERNMENT SECRETARIES,+ HE SAID.

+SO HE IS VERY WELL AWARE OF THE VIEWS AND INTERESTS OF HONG KONG.+

ON WHETHER HE WOULD ASK MR RIDLEY TO PUSH FOR THE TALKS TO BE RESUMED, SIR EDWARD SAID, +WE HAVE A GREAT INTEREST IN THE TALKS BEING RESUMED.

+AND I THINK YOU CAN BE SURE THEY WILL BE RESUMED BECAUSE THE SOONER WE HAVE A SETTLEMENT OF THESE ISSUES, I THINK THE BETTER IT WILL BE FOR CONFIDENCE FOR HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ON WHETHER ALLEGATIONS OF VOTE RIGGING IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WOULD BE A +HAZARD+ TO THE FORTHCOMING LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS, THE GOVERNOR SAID ALL HE KNEW AT THE MOMENT WAS THAT SOME COMPLAINTS HAD BEEN MADE.

/+AND WHEN .....

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+AND WHEN THESE COMPLAINTS ARE MADE, THEY ARE INVESTIGATED. AND THAT IS REALLY THE STATE OF AFFAIRS AS IT IS NOW,+ HE SAID. +THERE IS NOT REALLY VERY MUCH I CAN ADD TO THAT.+

ASKED WHETHER HE WOULD CONSIDER APPOINTING SOMEONE WHO HAS LOST IN THE FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, SIR EDWARD SAID THE ONE THING HE WAS NOT GOING TO DO TODAY WAS TO MAKE ANY COMMENT ABOUT THE ELECTIONS.

+BECAUSE IF I DID SOMEONE WOULD SUGGEST I WAS GOING TO INFLUENCE THEM.+

IN REPLY TO ANOTHER QUESTION, SIR EDWARD DECLINED TO SAY WHEN HE WAS GOING TO ANNOUNCE THE NAMES OF THE APPOINTED MEMBERS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

+BUT IT WON'T BE VERY LONG, I CAN ASSURE YOU, BECAUSE AFTER ALL THE NEW LEGCO IS GOING TO MEET AT THE END OF OCTOBER. SO ALTHOUGH I CAN'T GIVE YOU AN EXACT DATE, IT WON'T BE TOO LONG.+

ASKED WHETHER IT WOULD BE +A FEW DAYS+ OR +WEEKS+ AFTER THE ELECTIONS, SIR EDWARD REPLIED, +A CERTAIN TIME.+

ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE RECENT SPATE OF SHOOTING CASES IN WHICH CRIMINALS SEEMED TO BE GETTING MORE RUTHLESS, SIR EDWARD SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT ANY FORM OF SHOOTING INCIDENT.

+THE POLICE ARE DOING THEIR UTMOST TO BRING WHOEVER IS RESPONSIBLE TO BOOK.

+WE DON'T LIKE THESE SHOOTING INCIDENTS AND YOU CAN BE QUITE SURE THAT THE POLICE WILL BE USING EVERY EFFORT THEY CAN PUT INTO IT TO APPREHEND THOSE RESPONSIBLE AND SO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF CRIME.

+ONE OF THE REASONS WE SET UP THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE WAS TO ENSURE THAT ALL RESOURCES ARE TARGETED AGAINST THIS KIND OF CRIME,+ HE SAID.

ON HIS REACTION TO THE RAID BY THE POLICE IN HAPPY VALLEY THIS MORNING, SIR EDWARD SAID HE DID NOT HAVE THE DETAILS YET AND THAT HE HAD NOT YET WATCHED THE COVERAGE ON TELEVISION.

+BUT AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THE POLICE DID A VERY GOOD JOB,+ HE SAID.

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TRUNK ROAD WILL BENEFIT THE WHOLE TERRITORY  
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THE SHA TIN TO FANLING SECTION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES TRUNK ROAD WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, TODAY (TUESDAY).

AND FROM TOMORROW MOTORISTS WILL BE ABLE TO COMPLETE THE 15-KILOMETRE SECTION OF THE TRUNK ROAD IN UNDER 20 MINUTES, LESS THAN HALF THE PREVIOUS TIME FOR THE JOURNEY FROM SHA TIN TO FANLING.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, SIR EDWARD SAID THAT THE \$1 400 MILLION INVESTED IN THE PROJECT EMPHASISED THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO AN EFFICIENT ROAD SYSTEM FOR THE WHOLE TERRITORY.

+THE INVESTMENT IS SUBSTANTIAL BUT IT IS AN INVESTMENT WHICH WILL SERVE NOT ONLY THE AREA THROUGH WHICH IT PASSES, IT WILL BENEFIT HONG KONG AS A WHOLE IN TERMS OF IMPROVED ACCESSIBILITY AND ECONOMIC GROWTH.+

SIR EDWARD SAID THE PROJECT, ALONG WITH THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR AND THE SOON-TO-BE-OPENED TSUEN WAN BYPASS, HIGHLIGHTED THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO PROVIDE A ROAD SYSTEM DESIGNED TO KEEP PACE WITH HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

+HERE IN HONG KONG,+ HE ADDED, +THE COMMUNITY IS ALSO BECOMING INCREASINGLY AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ENVIRONMENT. THE GOVERNMENT PLANNERS HAVE IN CONSEQUENCE BEEN AT PAINS TO MINIMISE THE EFFECT OF THE NEW HIGHWAY ON THE LANDSCAPE AND THE COUNTRYSIDE HAS BEEN WELL PRESERVED.+

THE ROAD HAS TAKEN A WORKFORCE OF 2 500 MEN NEARLY FIVE YEARS TO BUILD. IT RUNS ALONG THE SCENIC COAST OF TOLO HARBOUR, THROUGH THE FOOTHILLS TO THE WEST OF TAI PO AND ALONGSIDE THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY ON ITS WAY TO FANLING.

A FEATURE OF THE ROAD IS THE FOUR BRIDGES ON THE TAI PO BYPASS WHICH CROSSES RIDGES AND DEEP RAVINES TO TAKE TRAFFIC AWAY FROM THE TAI PO TOWN CENTRE.

THESE BRIDGES HAVE BEEN BUILT BY INCREMENTAL LAUNCHING, THE FIRST TIME THIS METHOD HAS BEEN USED IN HONG KONG. THEY ARE BASICALLY CONTINUOUS BRIDGES OF PRESTRESSED CONCRETE. THE DECKS WERE CAST IN 10-METRE SEGMENTS IN A +FACTORY+ AT ONE END OF EACH BRIDGE.

ONCE CAST, THE SEGMENTS WERE PUSHED OUT WITH HYDRAULIC JACKS, EACH SEGMENT PUSHING OUT THE ONE BEFORE IT UNTIL THE FIRST SEGMENT TO BE CAST REACHED THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BRIDGE.

/THE SECRETARY .....

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THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR NICKY CHAN, ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, SAID THAT THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF THE EASTERN NEW TERRITORIES AND THE GROWTH OF TRAFFIC TO THE SHENZHEN SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE HAD INCREASED THE NEED FOR EFFICIENT ROAD CONNECTIONS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+AT THE MOMENT OTHER SECTIONS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR TRUNK ROAD ARE EITHER UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR BEING DESIGNED.

+IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE REMAINING SECTIONS BETWEEN FANLING AND TUEN MUN WILL BE COMPLETED BY 1990. AT THAT TIME, AND FOR THE NEXT DECADE AND BEYOND, THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE VERY WELL SERVED IN TERMS OF ROAD TRANSPORT,+ HE ADDED.

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#### SAFETY MEASURES ON NEW NT ROAD

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SPECIAL YELLOW BAR MARKINGS HAVE BEEN LAID ON THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THE NEW TERRITORIES TRUNK ROAD APPROACHING THE LAM KAM ROAD ROUNDABOUT TO WARN MOTORISTS TO REDUCE SPEED, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

+THE ROAD WOULD HAVE A SPEED LIMIT OF 80 KILOMETRES PER HOUR. HOWEVER, LOWER SPEED LIMIT OF 50 KMH WILL APPLY BETWEEN THE TWO ROUNDABOUTS SITUATED AT ITS JUNCTIONS WITH LAM KAM ROAD AND HONG LOK YUEN ACCESS ROAD,+ HE SAID.

+MOTORISTS APPROACHING THE JUNCTIONS WILL BE REQUIRED TO LOWER THE SPEED TO 50 KMH, SLOW DOWN FURTHER AND GIVE WAY AT THE ROUNDABOUTS,+ HE ADDED.

THE 15-KILOMETRE TRUNK ROAD FROM SHA TIN RACECOURSE TO FANLING WILL BE OPEN TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO PROVIDE A FAST AND EFFICIENT LINK WITH THE VARIOUS NEW TOWNS IN THE EASTERN NEW TERRITORIES.

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AUCTION UNDERLINES STRENGTH OF PROPERTY MARKET  
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THE FIRST GOVERNMENT LAND AUCTION SINCE THE COMING INTO FORCE OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION HAS EMPHASISED THE UNDERLYING STRENGTH OF THE LOCAL PROPERTY MARKET, GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT, MR BOB POPE, SAID AFTER SIX LOTS WERE AUCTIONED THIS AFTERNOON IN THE CITY HALL.

+THE SALES REFLECTED FULLY THE TERMS OF THE JOINT DECLARATION WITH LEASE TERMS EXTENDING TO THE YEAR 2047,+ MR POPE WHO WAS THE AUCTIONEER, SAID.

+THIS IS THE FIRST TIME LAND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND NEW KOWLOON HAS BEEN SOLD FOR A PERIOD EXTENDING BEYOND 1997.+

THE BIGGEST SALE WAS OF 3 552 SQUARE METRES FOR A TOWN-CENTRE SITE AT TUEN MUN NEW TOWN. THIS WAS BOUGHT BY A PANAMANIAN REGISTERED COMPANY, MAJOR INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION, FOR \$30 MILLION - 50 PER CENT ABOVE THE UPSET PRICE.

ANOTHER MAJOR SITE - 1 496 SQUARE METRES OF INDUSTRIAL LAND IN KOWLOON BAY - WAS SOLD FOR \$14.9 MILLION TO PEAK GAIN LTD.

MR POPE SAID: +THE SALES HAVE NOT SHOWN MASSIVE INCREASES WHICH WOULD INDICATE A BOOM IN THE LAND MARKET. THEY HAVE SHOWN THE STEADY RISE AND STRENGTH OF THE MARKET.

+CONSIDERING THAT THE SITES WERE NOT PARTICULARLY ATTRACTIVE AND THAT SOME OF THE BIDDING WAS SLOW, THE PRICES WERE QUITE GOOD,+ MR POPE SAID.

HE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE NEW LEASE TERMS FOR LAND HAD HAD VERY LITTLE EFFECT ON TODAY'S PRICES.

OTHER SITES SOLD TODAY WERE A SITE OF 115.3 SQUARE METRES AT POPLAR STREET, KOWLOON, WHICH WAS SOLD FOR \$2.8 MILLION TO FONNIE CO LTD (UPSET PRICE \$2 MILLION); A 83.4-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT TAI NAN STREET, SHAM SHUI PO, SOLD FOR \$1.6 MILLION TO JANSON CONSTRUCTION CO (UPSET PRICE \$1.5 MILLION); A 673.3-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT KUT SHING STREET, CHAI WAN, BOUGHT BY KATAKENT CO LTD, A SUBSIDIARY OF SUN HUNG KAI, FOR \$7.1 MILLION (UPSET PRICE \$5 MILLION) AND A 91.5-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT SHEK O WHICH WENT TO THE CAPITAL RESERVE INVESTMENT CO FOR THE UPSET PRICE OF \$500 000.

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NEW SHARE DISCLOSURE LEGISLATION PLANNED

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THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMPANY LAW REFORM IS +STRONGLY INCLINED+ TOWARDS INTRODUCING LEGISLATION REQUIRING DISCLOSURE OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SHAREHOLDERS AND OF DEALINGS IN SHARES ON A SIGNIFICANT SCALE.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE THEREFORE PLANS TO RECOMMEND PROVISIONS ALONG THE LINES ADOPTED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, BUT LIMITED IN HONG KONG TO PUBLIC LISTED COMPANIES.

HOWEVER, BEFORE THIS IS DONE, THE VIEWS OF INTERESTED ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE BEING SOUGHT.

HONG KONG IS ONE OF THE FEW FINANCIALLY SOPHISTICATED JURISDICTIONS WHICH STILL HAVE NO LEGISLATION ON THIS SUBJECT. COUNTRIES WHICH DO HAVE LEGISLATION INCLUDE THE UNITED KINGDOM, UNITED STATES, CANADA, AUSTRALIA AND SINGAPORE.

A COMMITTEE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY: +THERE HAS BEEN A GOOD DEAL OF CRITICISM IN THE PAST OF THE LACK OF SUCH LEGISLATION IN HONG KONG, AND THE CRITICISM HAS BECOME MORE INTENSE RECENTLY.+

THE COMMITTEE EXPLAINS ITS VIEWS IN AN INTERIM REPORT PUBLISHED TODAY.

THE REPORT INCLUDES AN OUTLINE OF THE SUGGESTED LEGISLATION WHICH, IN ESSENCE, WILL REQUIRE A DIRECTOR OF A PUBLIC LISTED COMPANY TO GIVE NOTICE TO THE COMPANY OF HIS INTERESTS IN ANY SHARES IN OR DEBENTURES OF THE COMPANY, OR ITS HOLDING OR ANY ASSOCIATED OR SUBSIDIARY COMPANY, AND OF ANY CHANGE IN THOSE INTERESTS. THE OBLIGATIONS WILL EXTEND TO SIMILAR INTERESTS HELD BY THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY OF THE DIRECTOR.

THE INFORMATION DISCLOSED WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION THROUGH A REGISTER KEPT BY THE COMPANY WHICH WILL, IN ADDITION, PASS ON THE INFORMATION TO THE STOCK EXCHANGE.

SIMILAR REQUIREMENTS WILL BE IMPOSED ON SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS - THAT IS TO SAY PARTIES HAVING AN INTEREST IN A SPECIFIED PERCENTAGE OR MORE OF THE VOTING SHARES OF A COMPANY. THE EXACT PERCENTAGE HAS YET TO BE DECIDED, BUT FIGURES IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS VARY BETWEEN FIVE PER CENT AND TEN PER CENT.

THE REQUIREMENT WILL APPLY EQUALLY TO THE GROUP INTERESTS OF PERSONS ACTING TOGETHER, COMMONLY KNOWN AS +CONCERT PARTIES+, WHO WILL IN ADDITION HAVE TO KEEP EACH OTHER INFORMED OF THEIR DEALINGS IN THE PARTICULAR SHARES.

/PROVISION WILL .....

PROVISION WILL BE MADE FOR THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO APPOINT INSPECTORS TO INVESTIGATE SUSPECTED BREACHES OF THE REQUIREMENTS THUS IMPOSED.

OTHER PROVISIONS WILL ENABLE THE COMPANY TO INVESTIGATE FOR ITSELF THE TRUE OWNERSHIP OF ITS VOTING SHARES, OR, IF THERE IS ANY GOOD REASON FOR IT, AN INSPECTOR MAY BE APPOINTED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

FAILURE TO DISCLOSE THE TRUE OWNERSHIP OF ANY SHARES MAY ENTAIL RESTRICTIONS ON THE DISPOSAL OF THE SHARES IN QUESTION OR THE EXERCISE OF RIGHTS CONNECTED THEREWITH, IMPOSED EITHER BY THE COURT OR BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY AS THE CASE MAY BE. IN THE LATTER EVENT THERE WILL BE AN APPEAL TO THE COURT, AND IN EITHER EVENT APPLICATION MAY BE MADE TO THE COURT TO SET ASIDE RESTRICTIONS ALREADY IMPOSED.

THE COMMITTEE UNDERSTANDS THAT NEW SECURITIES (STOCK EXCHANGE LISTING) RULES, TO BE MADE BY THE SECURITIES COMMISSION, ARE LIKELY TO COME INTO OPERATION EARLY NEXT YEAR, CONTAINING PROVISIONS WHICH WILL REQUIRE DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION AS TO DIRECTORS' SHAREHOLDINGS IN THE SIX-MONTHLY AND ANNUAL DIRECTORS' REPORTS TO SHAREHOLDERS.

ALTHOUGH THESE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE TO SOME EXTENT COMPLEMENTARY TO THE COMMITTEE'S PROPOSALS, THEIR NATURE AND SCOPE IS BASICALLY DIFFERENT, AND THE COMMITTEE IS SATISFIED THAT THEY DO NOT DETRACT FROM THE URGENT NEED OF THE LEGISLATION SUGGESTED.

COPIES OF THE INTERIM REPORT HAVE BEEN SENT TO ASSOCIATIONS THOUGHT LIKELY TO ASSIST, AND FURTHER COPIES MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE, REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, 10TH FLOOR, HONG KONG.

THE COMMITTEE WILL WELCOME COMMENTS, IN EITHER ENGLISH OR CHINESE, FROM THE PUBLIC. COMMENTS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS, TO REACH HIM NOT LATER THAN NOVEMBER 25.

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UK TRANSPORT CHIEF LOOKS AT EASTERN DEVELOPMENT

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THE UK SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT, MR NICHOLAS RIDLEY, TODAY (TUESDAY) HAD A LOOK AT ONE OF HONG KONG'S MOST SPECTACULAR HIGHWAYS -- THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR, DURING A HARBOUR CRUISE FROM CENTRAL TO SHAU KEI WAN.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM= EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BOWEN LEUNG, AND OFFICIALS FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, MR RIDLEY BOARDED THE GOVERNOR'S LAUNCH LADY MAUREEN FOR THE CRUISE TO EASTERN DISTRICT.

HE WAS BRIEFED BY MR LEUNG ON THE MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS MADE TO TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT IN THE DISTRICT OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR AND THE OPENING OF THE MTR ISLAND LINE.

MR RIDLEY WAS TOLD THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SAI WAN HO RECLAMATION PROJECT WOULD PROVIDE NUMEROUS SERVICES AND FACILITIES FOR RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT. THESE INCLUDE A MAGISTRACY AND GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDINGS, A CLINIC, RECREATION GROUNDS, AND COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, ALL OF WHICH WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THE DECADE.

HE ALSO LEARNED THAT SEVERAL CONSORTIA WERE BIDDING FOR THE CONTRACT TO BUILD HONG KONG'S SECOND CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL, LINKING EASTERN DISTRICT WITH KWUN TONG.

AT TAIKOO SHING, MR RIDLEY VISITED NUMEROUS SHOPS IN THE CITY PLAZA COMPLEX.

AT THE LYEMUN FORT, MR RIDLEY HAD A PANORAMIC VIEW OF CHAI WAN, SHAU KEI WAN AND SAI WAN HO AND WAS BRIEFED ON THE PROGRESS OF VARIOUS DEVELOPMENTS IN THESE AREAS.

TWO MAJOR RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS AT HENG FA CHUEN IN CHAI WAN AND KORNHILL IN QUARRY BAY WILL PROVIDE HOMES FOR 65 000 PEOPLE WHEN THEY COMPLETED IN A FEW YEARS' TIME. THE 1 500-BED EASTERN DISTRICT HOSPITAL, NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION, WILL BE COMPLETED IN EARLY 1990.

BEFORE THE TOUR, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, HOSTED A LUNCH FOR MR RIDLEY AND HIS WIFE, WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO.

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RIDLEY VISITS ERP CONTROL CENTRE  
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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT, MR NICHOLAS RIDLEY, TODAY (TUESDAY) VISITED THE ELECTRONIC ROAD PRICING CONTROL CENTRE FOR FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSED TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

DURING THE TOUR, MR RIDLEY WAS BRIEFED ON THE ERP PILOT SCHEME AND THE DATA INFORMATION COLLATED AT THE CONTROL CENTRE.

HE ALSO LEARNED ABOUT THE DATA CAPTURE SYSTEM, THE CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM AND THE ACCOUNTING SYSTEM.

MR RIDLEY WAS MET ON ARRIVAL BY THE PROJECT DIRECTOR OF THE CONTROL CENTRE, MR JOHN DAWSON.

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STATUTORY HOLIDAY REMINDER FOR EMPLOYERS  
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EMPLOYERS ARE REMINDED THAT UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, THE DAY FOLLOWING THE CHINESE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL, WHICH FALLS ON SEPTEMBER 30, IS ONE OF THE 11 STATUTORY HOLIDAYS.

A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES AND NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$9 500 A MONTH WERE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAYS AND MUST BE PAID FOR THE DAY-OFF IF THEY HAD WORKED CONTINUALLY FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAYS.

HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO AN EMPLOYEE'S EARNINGS ON A NORMAL WORKING DAY AND SHOULD INCLUDE BASIC WAGES AS WELL AS ALLOWANCES THAT COULD BE EXPRESSED IN MONEY TERMS SUCH AS MEALS AND COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCES.

WHERE THE EARNINGS VARIED FROM DAY TO DAY, HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE THE AVERAGE DAILY EARNINGS DURING EVERY COMPLETE WAGE PERIOD, WHICH COULD BE BETWEEN 28 DAYS TO 31 DAYS, PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY.

IF AN EMPLOYEE WAS REQUIRED TO WORK ON A STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST BE GIVEN AN ALTERNATIVE DAY-OFF WITHIN 60 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER THAT DAY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS SHOULD BE MADE AT THE NEAREST BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE.

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REGISTRATION REVOKED  
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THE COMMISSIONER OF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF RENOWN CREDIT LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED AT THEIR OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 14(2) OF THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ORDINANCE.

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DB MEMBERS VISIT QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM  
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WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS TOURED THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON AS PART OF A PROGRAMME TO GET A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF SPORTS FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS DONNA WONG, THEY WERE MET AT THE STADIUM BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES (CULTURE, STADIA AND ENTERTAINMENT), MISS ALICE TAI.

THEY WERE BRIEFED ON THE VARIOUS SPORTS AND STAGE FACILITIES AT THE STADIUM FOLLOWED BY A SLIDE SHOW PRESENTATION.

THEY THEN TOURED THE STADIUM VISITING THE MULTI-PURPOSE HALL, THE ARENA, SQUASH COURTS AND THE GYMNASIUM.

THE TOUR WAS PART OF A SERIES OF FAMILIARISATION VISITS ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD TO VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO ENABLE BOARD MEMBERS TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE DISTRICT.

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DB MEMBERS TOUR VARIOUS PROJECTS  
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MEMBERS OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD TOURED KOWLOON TONG AND MA TAU WAI THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON TO LOOK AT CERTAIN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND ROAD WORKS.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GORDON JONES, THEY FIRST VISITED MODEL VILLAGE WHERE THE BOARD HAD PROPOSED CLEARING THE UNDERGROWTH AND LEVELLING THE GROUND OF A VACANT SITE.

THEY THEN PROCEEDED TO KAM SHING ROAD TO SEE A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT AND A NEW TAXI-STAND, WHICH HAD IMPROVED TRAFFIC IN THE AREA SINCE ITS OPENING.

/AT SUFFOLK .....

AT SUFFOLK ROAD, THEY VISITED THE SITE OF A PROPOSED LINK ROAD WITH NORFOLK ROAD WHICH WILL PROVIDE EASIER ACCESS BETWEEN NORTHWEST KOWLOON TONG AND SOUTHEAST KOWLOON TONG.

THE \$7 MILLION PROJECT, INCLUDING IMPROVEMENT TO THE SURFACE OF NORFOLK ROAD AND THE RAIN-WATER DRAINAGE SYSTEM IN THE AREA, IS EXPECTED TO START NEXT SEPTEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT A YEAR TO COMPLETE.

WALKING ALONG WATERLOO ROAD, MEMBERS INSPECTED LOCATIONS OF THE PROPOSED ELEVATED VEHICULAR LINKS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST KOWLOON TONG AND FOOTBRIDGES ACROSS WATERLOO ROAD AT DERBY ROAD AND DURHAM ROAD.

THE \$8 MILLION PROJECT WILL IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW ALONG WATERLOO ROAD BY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF GROUND-LEVEL CROSSINGS. WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR AND BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF 1987.

BOARD MEMBERS THEN WENT TO PERTH STREET TO INSPECT THE SITE OF A PROPOSED REFUSE COLLECTION POINT.

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VALUE OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR OFFENDERS STRESSED  
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THE IMPORTANCE OF PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES, PARTICULARLY VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS IN THE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS, WAS STRESSED TODAY BY THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR CHAN WA-SHEK.

SUCH EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES HELPED IN THE REHABILITATION OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE AND IN PREPARING THEM FOR THEIR RETURN TO SOCIETY, MR CHAN SAID. IN A LUNCHEON TALK TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON EAST.

THROUGH EDUCATION, THE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE ABLE TO DEVELOP A BETTER SENSE OF INTEGRITY, HE SAID.

THERE ARE AT PRESENT OVER 1 400 PERSONS OUT OF 1 524 UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE TAKING VARIOUS GENERAL EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL COURSES RUN BY QUALIFIED, FULL-TIME TEACHERS IN THE INSTITUTIONS, HE SAID.

IN ADDITION, 1 300 ADULT PRISONERS, OUT OF SOME 6 700, ARE TAKING SOME FORM OF EVENING REMEDIAL EDUCATIONAL COURSES, CORRESPONDENCE COURSES, AND SELF-STUDY COURSES.

/GIVING EXAMPLES .....

GIVING EXAMPLES OF THE SUCCESS OF SUCH COURSES, MR CHAN SAID IN ONE CASE A PRISONER IN STANLEY PRISON GAINED A BRONZE MEDAL IN MAY FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN THE CITY AND GUILDS OF LONDON INSTITUTE TECHNOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS.

IN ANOTHER CASE, A YOUNGSTER AT PIK UK CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION ATTAINED FIVE DISTINCTIONS AND THREE CREDITS IN THIS YEAR'S HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION.

SUCH ACHIEVEMENTS WERE OFTEN ATTAINED DESPITE THE DIFFERENT DATES IN WHICH OFFENDERS ARE ADMITTED TO THE INSTITUTIONS. TO DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM OF ADAPTATION, A SPECIAL MODE OF EDUCATION IN THE FORM OF A CAPSULE COURSE IS USED IN THE INSTITUTIONS, HE SAID.

HE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE DEPARTMENT'S TEACHING STAFF IN DEALING WITH THE GENERALLY LOW STANDARD OF EDUCATION OF THE PEOPLE ENTERING THE INSTITUTIONS. HE ALSO URGED THE PUBLIC TO PROVIDE MORE JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR RELEASED PRISONERS.

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#### VOTERS REGISTERED ABOARD FERRIES

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THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE HAS ADOPTED A SUSTAINED AND EFFECTIVE APPROACH IN CANVASSING FOR MORE POTENTIAL VOTERS TO REGISTER FOR THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTION NEXT MARCH, DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM YAP, SAID TODAY.

HE POINTED OUT THAT SHORTLY AFTER THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION EXERCISE BEGAN, THE OFFICE'S REGISTRATION TEAMS WERE OUT IN FORCE TO SIGN UP POTENTIAL VOTERS, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO HAVE OR WOULD REACH 21 YEARS OLD BY END OF THIS YEAR AND THOSE WHO MISSED THE PREVIOUS REGISTRATION.

+APART FROM DEPLOYING OUR LIAISON STAFF TO LOBBY RURAL LEADERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT, ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY COMMUNITY OFFICERS HAVE BEEN RECRUITED TO CONDUCT DOOR-TO-DOOR VISITS IN VARIOUS OUTLYING ISLANDS, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK,+ MR YAP SAID.

+AS LANTAU IS THE ONLY PLACE IN THE DISTRICT WITH BUS SERVICES, WE WORKED OUT A STRATEGY WHICH ENABLED OUR STAFF TO REACH POTENTIAL VOTERS MORE EASILY AND COVERING A WIDER AREA, WITHOUT MAKING LONG JOURNEYS ON FOOT,+ HE ADDED.

+TO THIS END, ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE WITH THE YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY TO ALLOW OUR REGISTRATION TEAMS TO CARRY OUT REGISTRATION EXERCISE ON BOARD FERRIES ON MAJOR ROUTES, WHICH ARE THE MAIN MODES OF TRANSPORT FOR ISLANDERS.

/+BY MAKING .....

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+BY MAKING USE OF THE HOUR-LONG JOURNEY, THE 'ON-BOARD' EXERCISE HAS PROVED EFFECTIVE, ESPECIALLY DURING PEAK HOURS WHEN THE ISLANDERS -- MANY OF WHOM ARE POTENTIAL VOTERS -- TRAVEL TO WORK BY FERRY,+ MR YAP SAID.

+ALTHOUGH THE REGISTRATION RATE FOR THE ISLANDS DISTRICT IS ONE OF THE HIGHEST AT ABOUT 80 PER CENT OF POTENTIAL VOTERS, WE WILL NOT BE COMPLACENT IN OVERLOOKING AREAS WITH LESS VOTER POTENTIAL, SUCH AS THE FISHING COMMUNITY WHICH IS RELATIVELY MOBILE,+ HE ADDED.

WITH THE REGISTRATION PERIOD ABOUT A WEEK TO GO, MR YAP APPEALED TO ISLANDERS TO EXERCISE THEIR CIVIC RIGHTS BY SIGNING UP AS VOTERS.

SINCE A VOTE IS A VOICE, COLLECTIVELY, THESE VOICES WOULD BECOME THE STRENGTH IN THE COMMUNITY TO GET THINGS DONE, HE SAID.

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#### TOP BADMINTON PLAYERS HEADING FOR HONG KONG \* \* \* \*

TOP BADMINTON PLAYERS FROM THE REGION ARE HEADING FOR HONG KONG TO TAKE PART IN THE ASIAN PACIFIC INVITATION BADMINTON TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 28) AND SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 29) AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM.

SOME 43 PLAYERS FROM CHINA, TAIPEI, AUSTRALIA, THE PHILIPPINES AND HONG KONG WILL COMPETE IN A TOTAL OF 35 MATCHES DURING THE TWO-DAY TOURNAMENT JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE HONG KONG BADMINTON ASSOCIATION.

THE COMPETITION WILL BE DIVIDED INTO MEN'S SINGLES, MEN'S DOUBLES, LADIES' SINGLES, LADIES' DOUBLES AND MIXED DOUBLES.

THE PROGRAMME INCLUDES FOUR SESSIONS, THE FIRST OF WHICH WILL START AT 2 P.M. ON SATURDAY WITH CHINA VS HONG KONG (B) AND AUSTRALIA VS HONG KONG (A).

THE SECOND SESSION WILL BEGIN AT 7 P.M. ON THE SAME DAY WITH CHINA VS THE PHILIPPINES AND TAIPEI VS HONG KONG (A).

THE THIRD SESSION, STARTING AT 9 A.M. ON SUNDAY, WILL SEE THE PHILIPPINES PLAYING AGAINST HONG KONG (B) AND TAIPEI AGAINST AUSTRALIA.

THE FINALS WILL BEGIN AT 7 P.M. ON SUNDAY.

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TICKETS FOR THE FIRST THREE SESSIONS ARE AT \$10 (STUDENT), \$20 AND \$30, AND THOSE FOR THE LAST SESSION ARE AT \$15 (STUDENT), \$30 AND \$50.

THEY ARE NOW ON SALE AT THE BOX OFFICES OF THE CITY HALL, SPACE MUSEUM, HONG KONG COLISEUM, AND QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT SPECIAL BADGES WILL BE ISSUED TO PRESS REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE TWO-DAY EVENT. PLEASE CONTACT MISS DIANA CHEUNG OF THE PUBLIC INFORMATION UNIT OF THE URBAN COUNCIL AND URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT 5-236848 FOR THE ISSUE OF PRESS BADGES.

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RESTRICTED ZONES SET UP IN TSUEN WAN  
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A NUMBER OF ROADS AT CHAI WAN KOK, TSUEN WAN, WILL BE DESIGNATED AS 24-HOUR RESTRICTED ZONES DAILY FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 27).

THEY ARE:

- \* THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THE UNNAMED ROAD CONNECTING THE CASTLE PEAK ROAD ROUNDABOUT AND THE ROUNDABOUT UNDERNEATH TSUEN WAN ROAD.
- \* THE FOUR SLIP ROADS LEADING TO THE ROUNDABOUT UNDERNEATH TSUEN WAN ROAD.
- \* THE FOUR SLIP ROADS CONNECTING THE ROUNDABOUT UNDERNEATH TSUEN WAN AND TSUEN WAN ROAD.

FROM THE SAME DAY, THE SECTION OF ROAD D5 BETWEEN FANLING MINI-ROUNDABOUT AND THE SLIP ROAD TO KAI LENG INTERCHANGE WILL BE DESIGNATED A RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE MOTOR VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

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ALSO FROM THE SAME DAY, THE FOLLOWING ROADS IN TAI PO WILL BE DESIGNATED PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONES FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

- \* THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF PO HEUNG STREET BETWEEN PLOVER COVE ROAD AND KWONG FUK ROAD.
- \* THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF PLOVER COVE ROAD BETWEEN PO HEUNG STREET AND TUNG MAU SQUARE.

PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL NOT BE ABLE TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

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WAN CHAI ROAD CLOSURE

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THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF GLOUCESTER ROAD AND HARCOURT ROAD, BETWEEN O'BRIEN ROAD AND TAMAR STREET, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 1 AM TO 5 AM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 27) TO FACILITATE THE DEMOLITION OF THE FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS HARCOURT ROAD NEAR FENWICK PIER STREET.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES ON GLOUCESTER ROAD HEADING FOR CENTRAL WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE THE GLOUCESTER ROAD SERVICE ROAD, FENWICK STREET, HENNESSY ROAD AND QUEENSWAY.

VEHICLES IN ARSENAL STREET HEADING FOR CENTRAL WILL BE DIVERTED TO LOCKHART ROAD, FENWICK STREET, HENNESSY ROAD AND QUEENSWAY.

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PARKING SPACES SUSPENDED

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PARKING SPACES NO. 5 TO 21 AT MURRAY BARRACKS CAR PARK WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 8 AM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 27) TO MIDNIGHT ON OCTOBER 10 TO FACILITATE DRAINAGE DIVERSION WORKS.

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MID-LEVELS TAPS OFF

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN THE MID-LEVELS WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 27) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY 47-95E ROBINSON ROAD, OLD PEAK ROAD, 7-15 MAY ROAD, 1-37 AND 2-58 CONDUIT ROAD, HORNSEY ROAD, CLOVELLY PATH AND BREWIN PATH.

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