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NEW CAD DIVISION TO STUDY AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT

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A NEW AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STUDIES DIVISION WILL SHORTLY BE SET UP IN THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT TO CONSIDER THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

HEADED BY AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, MR TREVOR OLIVER, THE NEW DIVISION WILL ALSO EXAMINE THE VARIOUS OPTIONS AS REGARDS THE TIMING AND LOCATION OF ANY REPLACEMENT AIRPORT.

THE DIVISION'S FIRST TASK WILL BE THE SUPERVISION OF A 10-MONTH CONSULTANCY STUDY ON THE CAPACITY AND DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL OF THE PRESENT AIRPORT. THE STUDY WILL SEEK TO DEFINE THE CONSTRAINTS ON THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, FORECAST THE TRAFFIC DEMAND UP TO 2010 AND EXPLORE METHODS OF MEETING THAT DEMAND WITHIN THE CONSTRAINTS.

THE DIVISION WILL ALSO UPDATE DATA ON THE PROPOSED SITE FOR A REPLACEMENT AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK. USING THE SERVICES OF CONSULTANTS, IT WILL CONDUCT A 12 TO 15 MONTH STUDY TO IDENTIFY A POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE REPLACEMENT AIRPORT SITE IN THE WESTERN HARBOUR, WHICH MIGHT BE DEVELOPED IN CONJUNCTION WITH PROJECTS FOR THE EXTENSION OF PORT FACILITIES.

THE LATTER STUDY WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN ASSOCIATION WITH A STUDY BY CONSULTANTS, ENGAGED BY THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH, OF THE STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE WESTERN HARBOUR AND PORT DEVELOPMENT PLANS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE DIVISION WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH THE HOPEWELL HOLDINGS CONSORTIUM; WITH A VIEW TO INVESTIGATING THE TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY OF THE AIRPORT SITES PROPOSED BY THEM AND THE RELATED CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME. IT WILL ALSO TRY TO ENSURE THAT ANY CONSULTATIVE STUDIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE CONSORTIUM ARE RELEVANT TO THE GOVERNMENT'S OWN PLANS.

AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME, THE DIVISION WILL ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR LIAISING WITH OFFICIALS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, TO ENSURE THAT THE RESPECTIVE AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT PLANS OF HONG KONG AND CHINA WILL BE COMPATIBLE WITH EACH OTHER.

RESULTS OF THE STUDIES AND INVESTIGATIONS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT SO THAT EARLY DECISIONS CAN BE TAKEN ON THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND ON THE PROVISION OF A REPLACEMENT AIRPORT IN HONG KONG.

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QUARTERLY BUSINESS SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED

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THE GENERAL BUSINESS SITUATION AS REPORTED BY FIRMS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR HAS IMPROVED IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1987 AS COMPARED WITH THE FIRST QUARTER, ACCORDING TO SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

FIRMS ARE GENERALLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT BUSINESS PROSPECTS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1987.

AS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, A CONTINUED UPTREND IN BUSINESS IN THE SECOND QUARTER WAS REPORTED BY CONSTRUCTION FIRMS AND FURTHER IMPROVEMENT IS EXPECTED FOR THE THIRD QUARTER.

IN THE SECOND QUARTER, FIRMS IN THE 'WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS' SECTOR GENERALLY EXPERIENCED AN IMPROVED BUSINESS SITUATION. THIS UPTREND IN BUSINESS IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE INTO THE THIRD QUARTER.

FIRMS IN THE 'BANKS', 'REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED SERVICES' AND 'TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION' BUSINESS ALSO EXPERIENCED FURTHER IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS IN THE SECOND QUARTER. ALL THREE CATEGORIES OF FIRMS ARE CONFIDENT OF ACHIEVING FURTHER ADVANCEMENT IN BUSINESS IN THE THIRD QUARTER.

ABOUT 1,000 FIRMS FROM VARIOUS INDUSTRIES AND BUSINESSES, FORMING A CROSS-SECTION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, PARTICIPATED IN THE SURVEY AND WERE ASKED ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS EXPERIENCES AND EXPECTATIONS.

WITHIN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, ALL INDUSTRIES ACHIEVED IMPROVEMENTS IN BUSINESS IN THE SECOND QUARTER AND THE EXTENT OF IMPROVEMENT WAS REMARKABLE IN THE CASE OF THE 'PRINTING', 'PLASTICS', 'FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS', 'ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES', AND 'WATCHES AND CLOCKS' INDUSTRIES.

AS REGARDS EXPECTATIONS FOR THE GENERAL BUSINESS SITUATION IN THE THIRD QUARTER, WIDESPREAD OPTIMISM IS GENERALLY EXPRESSED BY FIRMS ACROSS ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

FIRMS IN THE 'WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES' AND 'HOTELS' BUSINESSES ACHIEVED AN IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS PERFORMANCE IN THE SECOND QUARTER WHEREAS THE RESTAURANTS EXPERIENCED A SEASONAL DECLINE IN BUSINESS.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT A SEASONAL UPTURN IN BUSINESS WILL BE EXPERIENCED BY THE RESTAURANTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER.

IN CONTRAST, THE HOTELS BUSINESS IS EXPECTED TO EXPERIENCE A SEASONAL DECLINE IN BUSINESS IN THE THIRD QUARTER.

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AS FOR THE 'WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES' BUSINESS, THE PREVAILING FAVOURABLE BUSINESS CLIMATE IS EXPECTED TO IMPROVE FURTHER IN THE THIRD QUARTER.

THE SURVEY ALSO COVERED BUSINESS PROBLEMS FACED BY FIRMS.

FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE PROBLEMS OF PRICE COMPETITION FROM FIRMS IN HONG KONG, SHORTAGE OF SKILLED LABOUR AND HIGH MATERIAL PRICES WERE REPORTED BY FIRMS AS SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS IN BOTH THE SECOND AND THIRD QUARTERS.

IN ADDITION, SHORTAGE OF LABOUR GENERALLY, WHICH EMERGED AS A PROMINENT PROBLEM IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987 BECAME MORE EXTENSIVE IN THE SECOND QUARTER AND IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN SO IN THE THIRD QUARTER.

AS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, PRICE COMPETITION FROM LOCAL FIRMS AS WELL AS FOREIGN FIRMS IN HONG KONG REMAINED AS THE PREDOMINANT PROBLEMS FACED BY FIRMS IN THE SECOND QUARTER.

IN ADDITION, THERE WERE INDICATIONS THAT FIRMS WERE ALSO AFFECTED BY A NUMBER OF NEWLY EMERGED PROBLEMS, INCLUDING SHORTAGE OF LABOUR GENERALLY, SHORTAGE OF SKILLED LABOUR AND HIGH WAGE RATES.

PRICE COMPETITION AND HIGH STAFF TURNOVER WERE COMMON PROBLEMS FACED BY FIRMS IN THE 'WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS' SECTOR IN THE SECOND QUARTER.

MOREOVER, THE PROBLEM OF SHORTAGE OF EXPERIENCED STAFF HAS BECOME MORE DOMINANT AMONG FIRMS IN THE RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS BUSINESSES. THESE PROBLEMS ARE EXPECTED TO REMAIN PREVALENT IN THE THIRD QUARTER.

FIRMS IN THE 'TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION' AND 'BANKS' BUSINESSES CONTINUED TO REGARD PRICE COMPETITION AS A MAJOR PROBLEM IN BOTH THE SECOND AND THIRD QUARTERS OF 1987.

IN ADDITION, AN INCREASING PROPORTION OF FIRMS IN THE BANKS AND 'REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED SERVICES' BUSINESSES WERE AFFECTED BY SHORTAGE OF EXPERIENCED AND QUALIFIED STAFF.

ACCORDING TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, THE SURVEY RESULTS, OBTAINED WITH A MINIMUM TIME LAG, ARE INTENDED TO PROVIDE ONE SOURCE OF REFERENCE FOR MAKING A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION OF HONG KONG.

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IN THE SURVEY, PARTICIPATING FIRMS WERE ASKED TO INDICATE WHETHER, IN THEIR OPINION, THE GENERAL BUSINESS SITUATION AND LEVEL OF CAPACITY UTILISATION HAD 'IMPROVED', 'REMAINED THE SAME' OR 'DETERIORATED' IN THE QUARTER JUST ENDED AS COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER. FOR THE FORTHCOMING QUARTER, THEY WERE ALSO ASKED TO INDICATE WHETHER THE SITUATION WOULD 'IMPROVE', 'REMAIN THE SAME' OR 'DETERIORATE'. THE OPINIONS OF RESPONDENTS WERE TABULATED AND ANALYSED.

THE SURVEY REPORT CONTAINS A SECTION ON THE BUSINESS PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED AND EXPECTED BY FIRMS IN DIFFERENT ECONOMIC SECTORS AND A BREAKDOWN OF THE VIEWS OF FIRMS BY SIZE GROUPS.

THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT, IN A SURVEY OF THIS NATURE, THE RESULTS SHOULD BE INTERPRETED WITH CARE AS IT IS DIFFICULT TO ESTABLISH PRECISELY THE EXTENT TO WHICH RESPONDENTS' PERCEPTION OF THE PAST AND THE FUTURE ACCORDS WITH THE UNDERLYING TRENDS.

COPIES OF THE REPORT, CONTAINING AN ANALYSIS OF THE SURVEY FINDINGS AND STATISTICAL TABLES, HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO FIRMS TAKING PART IN THE SURVEY AND TO OTHER BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY OBTAIN COPIES FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, AT \$3.50 PER COPY.

FURTHER DETAILS OF THE QUARTERLY BUSINESS SURVEY MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE NATIONAL INCOME BRANCH OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT 5-8234779.

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NEW TOWN FACILITIES FOR ELDERLY COMPARABLE WITH URBAN AREA * * * * *

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY HAS SUGGESTED THAT THERE SHOULD BE MORE COMMUNITY EDUCATION TO ENCOURAGE THE ELDERLY TO MOVE TO NEW TOWNS WHERE COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES ARE NO WORSE THAN THAT IN THE URBAN AREA.

THE COMMITTEE AT ITS SECOND MEETING TODAY (TUESDAY) CHAIRED BY THE ACTING DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MISS LOLLY CHIU, ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT FACILITIES FOR THE ELDERLY IN THE OLDER URBAN AREA SHOULD BE IMPROVED.

"MANY ELDERLY PEOPLE ARE RELUCTANT TO MOVE TO NEW TOWNS BECAUSE OF THEIR ESTABLISHED SOCIAL TIES IN THE URBAN AREA," MISS CHIU EXPLAINED.

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STATISTICS SHOW THAT 72 PER CENT OF THE ELDERLY AS AGAINST 64.5 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL POPULATION RESIDE IN THE MAIN URBAN AREA. WHILE 28.7 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL POPULATION HAVE MOVED TO LIVE IN THE NEW TOWNS, ONLY 20.7 PER CENT OF THE ELDERLY ARE LIVING IN NEW TOWNS.

"THE FIGURES SHOW THAT ELDERLY PEOPLE TEND TO CONCENTRATE IN THE URBAN AREA," MISS CHIU SAID.

THE COMMITTEE HAS ALSO NOTED THE SEVERE SHORTAGE OF CARE-AND-ATTENTION HOMES AND DECIDED THAT THE SUBJECT SHOULD BE EXAMINED MORE CLOSELY.

MEMBERS HAVE ALSO AGREED IN PRINCIPLE THE CONCEPT OF PROVIDING A CONTINUUM OF RESIDENTIAL CARE SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY.

"AS THE HEALTH CONDITION OF ELDERLY PEOPLE DETERIORATE, IT IS DESIRABLE THAT THEY SHOULD CONTINUE TO RECEIVE RESIDENTIAL CARE IN THE SAME INSTITUTION. THIS ARRANGEMENT WOULD HELP TO REDUCE THE TRAUMA OF TRANSFERRING FROM ONE INSTITUTION TO ANOTHER AND SUBSEQUENT DIFFICULTIES IN ADAPTING TO NEW ENVIRONMENT.

"IN THIS CONTEXT, THE COMMITTEE AGREED THAT HOSTELS SHOULD PROVIDE BOTH SELF-CARE AND MEALS SECTION AND IF NECESSARY WITH CARE-AND-ATTENTION UNIT AS WELL."

ON HOMES FOR THE AGED, THE COMMITTEE FELT THAT PROVISION FOR CARE-AND-ATTENTION FACILITIES SHOULD BE INCORPORATED TO CATER FOR THE MORE FRAIL ELDERLY. "HOWEVER, THE COMMITTEE CONSIDERS THAT INFIRMARY SHOULD BE PURPOSE-BUILT," MISS CHIU SAID.

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NEW CENTRAL MATERIALS TESTING LABORATORY

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A PURPOSE-BUILT CENTRAL MATERIALS TESTING LABORATORY WILL BE CONSTRUCTED IN KOWLOON BAY.

SITUATED AT CHEUNG YIP STREET, THE LABORATORY WILL BE A FOUR-STORY STRUCTURE WITH A TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF 6,400 SQUARE METRES.

IT WILL BE STAFFED BY SPECIALISTS FROM THE GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WHO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE TESTING SERVICE TO ALL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ON MOST CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS IN HONG KONG, WITH EMPHASIS ON SOIL, CONCRETE, STEEL AND BITUMINOUS MATERIALS.

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THE LABORATORY WILL HELP TO ENSURE THAT ECONOMIC ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS ARE ACHIEVED, CONSISTENT WITH HIGH STANDARDS OF DESIGN, SAFETY AND CONSTRUCTION.

CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN OCTOBER AND TAKE ABOUT 16 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT WHICH SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY NOON ON SEPTEMBER 4.

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WORKERS URGED TO EXERCISE CIVIC RIGHTS

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THE MESSAGE 'EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT, REGISTER AS AN ELECTOR' WAS PUT ACROSS BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDDY CHAN, TO HUNDREDS OF WORKERS WHEN HE VISITED TWO LOCAL FACTORIES THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

HE WAS ACCOMPANYING A TEAM OF 'REGISTRATION AMBASSADORS' OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON A REGISTRATION TOUR TO THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL KNITWEAR MANUFACTURING COMPANY AND THE WONG'S INDUSTRIAL (HOLDINGS) LIMITED.

THE TWO FACTORIES ARE AMONG THE 106 LOCAL INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS EACH WITH A WORKFORCE OF OVER 200, WHICH HAVE BEEN ISSUED WITH AN APPEAL LETTER FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE, CALLING FOR THEIR SUPPORT TO THE VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE.

MR CHAN TOLD THE WORKERS THE REGISTRATION PROCEDURE WAS SIMPLE AND APPLICATIONS COULD BE SUBMITTED IN CHINESE OR ENGLISH.

"ALL A PERSON HAS TO DO IS TO FILL IN HIS NAME, IDENTITY CARD NUMBER AND HOME ADDRESS, AND AFFIX HIS SIGNATURE TO COMPLETE THE PROCEDURE," HE SAID.

TO SHOW HIS SUPPORT, MR CHAN TOOK PART IN TODAY'S REGISTRATION EXERCISE AND ASSISTED ELIGIBLE WORKERS TO FILL IN THE REGISTRATION FORMS.

HE ALSO REMINDED REGISTERED ELECTORS WHO HAD CHANGED THEIR ADDRESSES TO NOTIFY THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION.

MEANWHILE, TWO REGISTRATION COUNTERS HAVE BEEN SET UP AT KWUN TONG AND KOWLOON BAY MTR STATIONS TO FACILITATE ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS TO SIGN UP AS ELECTORS. THE COUNTERS OPEN FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY; AND FROM 9 AM TO 6 PM ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS.

VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

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BROADCASTING REGISTRATION MESSAGES

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A BROADCAST VAN DECORATED WITH VOTER REGISTRATION POSTERS BEGAN ITS TOUR ROUND THE DISTRICTS TODAY (TUESDAY) TO URGE PEOPLE TO SIGN UP FOR THE NEXT DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

DURING ITS TOUR, THE VAN BROADCAST THE DISTRICT BOARD THEME SONG, "SOMEWHERE IN YOUR DISTRICT" SUNG BY MR JACKY CHEUNG AND ALSO HIS APPEAL MESSAGES.

THE VAN WILL VISIT ONE DISTRICT EVERY DAY UNTIL THE END OF THE VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN. IT WILL STOP BETWEEN 10 AM TO 6 PM AT HOUSING ESTATES, MARKET PLACES AND COMMERCIAL AND SHOPPING CENTRES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID THE AIM OF THE TOUR IS TO VISIT BUSY AND POPULATED AREAS SO AS TO SPREAD THE REGISTRATION MESSAGES TO AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE.

DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF WILL ALSO DISTRIBUTE PUBLICITY MATERIALS ON VOTER REGISTRATION AT THE STOPS.

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QUALITY OF LIFE SURVEY IN KWAI TSING DISTRICT

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THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WILL CONDUCT A JOINT SURVEY WITH THE SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG TO ASSESS THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE SURVEY, WITH A BUDGET OF \$50,000, WILL START WITH A MONTH-LONG DOOR-TO-DOOR INTERVIEW FOLLOWED BY ANALYTICAL REVIEW WHICH WILL LAST TILL THE END OF THIS YEAR.

KWAI TSING DISTRICT WAS CHOSEN BY THE UNIVERSITY FOR THE SURVEY BECAUSE TSING YI IS A DEVELOPING TOWN AND DATA COLLECTED WILL BE USEFUL FOR FUTURE PLANNING, WHILE IN CONTRAST KWAI CHUNG IS A DEVELOPED AREA AND AN ASSESSMENT OF RESIDENTS' QUALITY OF LIFE WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE ASPECTS FOR IMPROVEMENTS.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MR YAU HON-KEE, SAID 1,200 HOUSEHOLDS, REPRESENTING ONE PER CENT OF THE POPULATION IN THE DISTRICT, WOULD BE SELECTED FOR INTERVIEWS.

"A LETTER GIVING DETAILS OF THE SURVEY WILL BE SENT TO THE SELECTED HOUSEHOLDS BEFORE THE INTERVIEWERS VISIT THEM," HE ADDED.

/THE INTERVIEWS

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THE INTERVIEWS WILL BE CONDUCTED WITH A SPECIALLY-DESIGNED QUESTIONNAIRE COVERING LIVING CONDITIONS, EMPLOYMENT, TRANSPORTATION, SCHOOL PLACES, SOCIAL WELFARE, MEDICAL AND HEALTH, AND CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

MR YAU SAID THE INTERVIEWERS, MAINLY UNIVERSITY AND POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS, WILL CARRY IDENTITY BADGES DURING THE DOOR-TO-DOOR VISIT. RESIDENTS, IF IN DOUBT, MAY CHECK THE VALIDITY OF THE BADGES BY CALLING THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE AT 0-273593.

HE URGED RESIDENTS TO COOPERATE WITH THE INTERVIEWERS BECAUSE FINDINGS OBTAINED FROM THE SURVEY WOULD PROVIDE USEFUL INFORMATION FOR FUTURE TOWN PLANNING AND IMPROVEMENTS.

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KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD COMMITTEE MEETS TOMORROW

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MEMBERS OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO DISCUSS A NUMBER OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT.

THESE INCLUDE THE PROVISIONS OF LIGHTING AT A SIDE LANE ADJACENT TO THE MA TAU CHUNG FIRE STATION AND FAT KWONG STREET PLAYGROUND, ERECTION OF HANDRAILS AT CHATHAM ROAD FOOTBRIDGE, AND THE PROVISION OF AMENITY FACILITIES AT RED SIGNAL HILL.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO EXAMINE SOME ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE SLIPPERY STEPS AT FAT KWONG STREET FLYOVER AND NUISANCE CAUSED BY AN OLD CHIMNEY OF A ROAST PIG WORKSHOP.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE COMMITTEE MEETING AT 2.15 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, TO KWA WAN.

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YUEN LONG RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE TO MEET

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THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS BY COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS FOR HOLDING INDIVIDUAL RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES FROM OCTOBER TO DECEMBER.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROGRESS REPORT ON THE DISTRICT BOARD SPONSORED RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD, 13TH FLOOR, TAI KIU GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

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WARNING ON UNGUARDED MACHINERY

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A FACTORY PROPRIETOR WAS RECENTLY FINED A TOTAL OF \$18,000 BY A CENTRAL COURT MAGISTRATE FOR FAILING TO EFFECTIVELY GUARD THE RECIPROCATING PRESS TOOLS AND DIES OF FOUR MECHANICAL POWER PRESSES.

THE CASE CAME TO LIGHT AFTER A WORKER HAD A FINGER SERIOUSLY INJURED WHILE OPERATING ONE OF THE MACHINES.

A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (TUESDAY) SAID THE CUTTING, FORMING AND BENDING ACTION OF THE TOOLS AND DIES OF POWER PRESSES, INCLUDING HYDRAULIC AND PNEUMATIC PRESSES, WERE THE CAUSE FOR NUMEROUS SERIOUS HAND AND FINGER INJURIES ANNUALLY.

"PROPER GUARDING CAN ENSURE SAFE OPERATIONS AT ALL TIMES AND CAN GIVE CONFIDENCE TO OPERATIVES," HE SAID.

UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (GUARDING AND OPERATION OF MACHINERY) REGULATIONS, ALL FACTORY PROPRIETORS MUST EFFECTIVELY GUARD DANGEROUS PARTS OF EVERY PIECE OF MACHINERY AND PLANT WHICH IS DRIVEN BY MECHANICAL POWER. ANYONE WHO CONTRAVENES THE REGULATIONS IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$30,000.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE REGULATIONS MAY BE MADE AT ANY BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION.

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RETIRING COOK PRESENTED WITH CHOPSTICKS

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AFTER 27 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE GOVERNMENT, THE COOK OF THE LAUNCH 'CLEMENTI', MR DOO CHEE-CHING, IS RETIRING NEXT WEEK WITH A FEELING OF GRATITUDE AND SADNESS.

AT 68, 'DOO SUK' - UNCLE DOO AS HE IS KNOWN TO HIS COLLEAGUES - SAYS HE IS GRATEFUL FOR THE MANY MEMORABLE TIMES DURING HIS LONG SERVICE, BUT IS SAD TO LEAVE THE FRIENDS HE HAS MADE ALONG THE WAY.

HE HAS SERVED UNDER NUMEROUS DIRECTORS AND SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON BOARD THE 'CLEMENTI' WHICH WAS, 27 YEARS AGO, THE LAUNCH OF THE THEN NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, AND NOW THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

"BECAUSE EACH ONE OF MY BOSSES TREATED ME LIKE A FRIEND, I ENJOYED MY JOB VERY WELL AND NEVER THINK OF QUITTING IT," DOO SUK SAID.

HE JOINED THE GOVERNMENT AS A COOK IN 1960 WHEN THE LAUNCH 'CLEMENTI' HAD JUST BEEN INAUGURATED FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AND STAYED ON UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN 1974 AT THE AGE OF 55.

DUE TO HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE, DOO SUK WAS RE-EMPLOYED FOR THE PAST 13 YEARS AND HE WAS AWARDED THE B.E.M. IN 1982.

DOO SUK IS MOST FAMOUS FOR HIS CURRY, THOUGH HE CAN COOK VARIOUS KINDS OF FOOD TO SUIT DIFFERENT TASTES.

"I LEARNED THE SPECIAL CURRY COOKING METHOD FROM A DIET EXPERT IN THE ARMY WHEN I WAS A COOK TRAINEE THERE IN THE 1950S," HE SAID.

TO BE A COOK ON BOARD A LAUNCH, ONE HAS TO BE PHYSICALLY FIT TO STAND THE WAVES.

"APART FROM COOKING SKILL, I HAD TO UNDERGO A PHYSICAL TEST BY STAYING ON BOARD THE 'CLEMENTI' OUT IN THE ROUGH SEA FOR ONE WHOLE DAY BEFORE I GOT THE JOB," DOO SUK RECALLED.

AT A CEREMONY HELD THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON ON BOARD THE 'CLEMENTI', THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, DR JAMES HAYES, COMMENDED DOO SUK FOR HIS DEDICATED AND LOYAL SERVICE TO THE GOVERNMENT.

DR HAYES ALSO PRESENTED TWO PAIRS OF IVORY CHOPSTICKS TO DOO SUK AND HIS WIFE AS SOUVENIR - A FAMILIAR TOOL FOR HIM DURING HIS LIFE-LONG CAREER.

THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JONATHAN NG, AND STAFF OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, JOINED DR HAYES IN WISHING DOO SUK A HAPPY RETIREMENT.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS AT TELFORD GARDENS

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AT TELFORD GARDENS TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AND AUGUST 20 BETWEEN 10 PM AND 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR ROAD REPAIR WORK. THESE ARE:

ROAD CLOSURE

- * THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING FROM TELFORD GARDENS TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE TO THE DOWN RAMPS CONNECTING WAI YIP STREET.
- * THE DOWN RAMPS LEADING FROM THE ABOVE ACCESS ROAD TO WAI YIP STREET.
- * THE UP RAMP LEADING FROM WAI YIP STREET NORTHBOUND TO TELFORD GARDENS TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE ACCESS ROAD.

TRAFFIC DIVERSION

- * MOTORISTS ON WAI YIP STREET NORTHBOUND HEADING FOR TELFORD GARDENS ARE ADVISED TO DIVERT VIA HOW MING STREET, HOI BUN ROAD, LAI YIP STREET, KWUN TONG ROAD, HONG TAK ROAD AND TAI YIP STREET.
- * MOTORISTS LEAVING TELFORD GARDENS WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE DOWN RAMP LEADING TO SIU YIP STREET.
- * KMB ROUTE NO.5D AND GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE NO.51M ON THE JOURNEYS FROM TELFORD GARDENS WILL DIVERT TO OPERATE VIA SIU YIP STREET, WAI YIP STREET, LAI YIP STREET, HOI BUN ROAD, SHUN YIP STREET, WAI YIP STREET AND KAI CHEUNG ROAD.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES ON HONG KONG ISLAND

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FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 21), THE EXISTING BAN ON VEHICLES EXCEEDING FOUR TONNES GROSS ON THE SECTION OF HEARD STREET IN WAN CHAI BETWEEN WAN CHAI ROAD AND JOHNSTON ROAD WILL BE EXTENDED FOR ANOTHER THREE MONTHS FOR ROAD WORKS.

AT THE SAME TIME, NORTHBOUND VEHICLES ON CHAI WAN ROAD WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT ON TO THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO LEI YUE MUN BARRACKS.

THE MEASURE WILL LAST FOR ABOUT A MONTH TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KOWLOON CITY

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THE TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS CURRENTLY BEING IMPLEMENTED IN KOWLOON CITY IN CONNECTION WITH ROAD WORK THERE WILL CONTINUE FOR ANOTHER SIX WEEKS.

THE SECTION OF CARPENTER ROAD BETWEEN LUNG KONG ROAD AND TAK KU LING ROAD IS CLOSED TO TRAFFIC WHILE SOUTH WALL ROAD BETWEEN CARPENTER ROAD AND NGA TSIN WAI ROAD IS CONVERTED TO A TWO-WAY CUL-DE-SAC WITH ACCESS ONLY FROM NGA TSIN WAI ROAD.

MOTORISTS ON CARPENTER ROAD HEADING FOR SOUTH WALL ROAD ARE DIVERTED VIA LUNG KONG ROAD AND NGA TSIN WAI ROAD, WHILE THOSE FOR LOK SIN ROAD VIA LUNG KONG ROAD, NGA TSIN WAI ROAD AND TAK KU LING ROAD.

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CLOSURE OF FOOTPATHS FOR EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING WORKS

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TWO FOOTPATHS IN LAM TIN WILL BE CLOSED FOR ABOUT 24 MONTHS TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION OF THE LAM TIN TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE WHICH IS PART OF THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING PROJECT.

THE FOOTPATHS ARE LOCATED ON A SLOPE BETWEEN KAI TIN AND LEI YUE MUN ROADS, ADJACENT TO THE SHELL PETROL FILLING STATION.

A NOTICE, TOGETHER WITH A RELATED PLAN, HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION MUST BE MADE IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS WITHIN ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF REINSTATEMENT OF THE FOOTPATHS.

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SALT WATER CUT IN EAST KOWLOON

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN EAST KOWLOON WILL BE TURNED OFF ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 21) FROM 10 PM TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT PREMISES IN LAM TIN ESTATE, SAU MAU PING ESTATE, SHUN LEE ESTATE, SHUN TIN ESTATE, SHUN ON ESTATE, SHUN CHI COURT, SHUN LEE TSUEN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, CHOI WAN ESTATE, HONG NING ROAD, KUNG LOK ROAD AND HONG LEE ROAD.

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