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REPORT SHOWS 'ACCEPTANCE WITH SOME CONCERNS' - GOVERNOR  
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THE PATTERN OF REACTION TO THE DRAFT AGREEMENT ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG IS ONE OF GENERAL ACCEPTANCE WITH SOME CONCERNS WHICH PEOPLE WANT CONSIDERED, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

+THAT COMES THROUGH VERY FULLY IN THE ASSESSMENT REPORT AND ALL THOSE POINTS WERE SET OUT, I THINK, VERY FRANKLY AND SUCCESSFULLY IN IT,+ HE TOLD REPORTERS AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CALTEX OIL TSING YI TERMINAL BUILDING.

SIR EDWARD POINTED OUT THAT ONE OF THE MOST STRIKING THINGS WAS THAT ALL THE TESTS, REPORTS, AND SURVEYS ON THE ACCEPTABILITY OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT WERE SHOWING THE SAME PATTERN.

HE DESCRIBED THE ASSESSMENT OFFICE REPORT AS A +VERY GOOD AND VERY COMPREHENSIVE REPORT+.

ON CONCERN EXPRESSED TO THE ASSESSMENT OFFICE OVER THE DRAFTING OF THE BASIC LAW, SIR EDWARD SAID HE WAS SURE THAT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WOULD WANT TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS AND ENSURE THAT THEY WERE REFLECTED IN THAT DRAFT.

+THE ACTUAL DRAFTING PROCESS IS A MATTER ESSENTIALLY FOR THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT, BUT THEY HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG THINK, AND I SINCERELY HOPE THAT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG MAKE THEIR VIEWS KNOWN AS FULLY AND COMPREHENSIVELY AS THEY DID WHEN WE WERE NEGOTIATING THE AGREEMENT,+ HE SAID.

ON WORRIES OVER THE FUTURE STATUS OF BRITISH DEPENDENT TERRITORIES CITIZENS, SIR EDWARD SAID THERE WAS A CLEAR STATEMENT IN THE AGREEMENT ON WHAT WAS BEING PLANNED.

+THE BTDC'S WILL HAVE ANOTHER STATUS WHICH THEY CAN APPLY FOR.

+GIVEN THE REALITIES OF THE SITUATION, I THINK THAT IS A VERY PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENT,+ HE SAID.

ASKED WHETHER HE WOULD TRY TO PERSUADE THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND PARLIAMENT FOR FULLER ASSURANCES OVER THE FUTURE OF BTDC'S, THE GOVERNOR SAID THE ASSURANCES WERE ALREADY THERE AS TO WHAT WOULD HAPPEN.

+THE EXCHANGE OF MEMORANDA STATE QUITE CLEARLY WHAT THE SITUATION WILL BE.

+BUT THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT, AS YOU KNOW, WILL SAY EXACTLY WHAT IT WANTS TO SAY AND WHAT WE SHALL BE DOING IS TO TRY TO EXPLAIN THE CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG AND WHAT THEY WANT TO BE DONE,+ HE SAID.

/REPLYING TO .....

REPLYING TO CRITICISM THAT IT WAS BAD TIMING FOR THE PRIME MINISTER, MRS MARGARET THATCHER TO ANNOUNCE HER VISIT TO PEKING BEFORE THE ASSESSMENT REPORT WAS PUBLISHED, SIR EDWARD POINTED OUT THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE ON THE BASIS THAT IT WAS SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

+THAT YOU WILL FIND IN THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT WHICH WAS MADE IN LONDON,+ HE SAID.

+BUT DO REMEMBER THAT THE REPORT WAS PUBLISHED YESTERDAY, BUT WE HAVE SEEN IT BEFORE THEN.

+SHE WAS AWARE OF IT BEFORE THAT ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE. ANY DELAY WAS ACTUALLY GETTING IT PRINTED, WHICH WAS QUITE A MAJOR JOB,+ HE SAID.

IN REPLY TO ANOTHER QUESTION, SIR EDWARD SAID THAT THE PEKING GOVERNMENT WAS AWARE OF THE ASSESSMENT REPORT.

ASKED HOW HE FELT ABOUT THE YEAR 1984, THE GOVERNOR TOLD REPORTERS THAT THE MOST UNFORGETTABLE EVENT WAS UNDOUBTEDLY THE CONCLUSION OF THE AGREEMENT.

+BUT ALSO I THINK THAT THE REPORT OF THE ASSESSMENT OFFICE, WHICH HAS INDICATED THAT THE AGREEMENT IS GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG...THAT IS ANOTHER UNFORGETTABLE EVENT.

AND WHAT WOULD HE WISH FOR 1985? HE WAS ASKED. +MY WISH FOR 1985 IS THAT HONG KONG IS AS PROSPEROUS AND DEVELOPS AS FAST AS IT DID IN 1984,+ HE SAID.

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INVESTMENT VITAL TO GROWTH, GOVERNOR SAYS  
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INVESTMENT AND REINVESTMENT BY OVERSEAS AND LOCAL BUSINESSES WERE VITAL TO THE CONTINUED ECONOMIC GROWTH OF HONG KONG, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

AND THERE WERE ALREADY SIGNS OF AN IMPROVEMENT IN INVESTOR SENTIMENT, HE ADDED.

+WE WARMLY WELCOME THIS BECAUSE, IF HONG KONG IS TO MAINTAIN ITS COMPETITIVE EDGE IN THE FACE OF INCREASINGLY STIFF COMPETITION, IT MUST INVEST IN NEW PLANT AND KEEP ABREAST OF NEW TECHNOLOGY,+ HE SAID.

SIR EDWARD SAID THE PUBLICATION OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG IN SEPTEMBER HAD REMOVED MUCH OF THE UNCERTAINTY WHICH HAD WORRIED OVERSEAS AND LOCAL INVESTORS FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE CALTEX OIL HONG KONG LIMITED TSING YI TERMINAL BUILDING.

OVER THE YEARS, HE SAID, CALTEX OIL HAD DEMONSTRATED ITS CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG BY EXPANDING AND UPGRADING ITS FACILITIES.

THE COMPLETION OF THE MODERN, FULLY AUTOMATED PETROLEUM STORAGE TERMINAL WAS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF THE COMPANY'S CONTINUING CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

+I WELCOME THIS CONFIDENCE AND COMMITMENT,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE NEW TERMINAL WOULD ENABLE THE COMPANY TO MEET THE GROWING NEEDS OF HONG KONG AND, AT THE SAME TIME, TO BENEFIT FROM THE OPPORTUNITIES WHICH INCREASING TRADE WITH CHINA WOULD OFFER.

HE POINTED OUT THAT CALTEX HAD DEVELOPED FROM A MODEST BEGINNING SOME 65 YEARS AGO SELLING KEROSENE, INTO A REGIONAL CENTRE OFFERING A FULL RANGE OF SERVICES.

+THIS MIRRORS THE REMARKABLE TRANSFORMATION OF HONG KONG FROM A MODEST TRADING PORT INTO A THRIVING INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL CENTRE IN THIS REGION,+ HE SAID.

WITH REGARD TO THE SAFETY OF THE OIL AND GAS STORAGE INSTALLATIONS ON TSING YI, SIR EDWARD SAID, THE GOVERNMENT WAS AWARE OF THE CONCERN OF THE RESIDENTS THERE.

+LET ME REASSURE THEM THAT THE SAFETY STANDARDS AT THESE DEPOTS ARE HIGH, AND THAT EVERYTHING POSSIBLE IS BEING DONE, AND WILL BE DONE, TO ENSURE THAT HIGH STANDARDS ARE MAINTAINED,+ HE ADDED.

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GOVERNOR LEAVES FOR LONDON  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, LEFT FOR LONDON THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

HE WAS SEEN OFF AT THE AIRPORT BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF SIR EDWARD'S REMARKS TO REPORTERS BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE:

+TONIGHT IT'S NOT ME WHO IS GOING TO DO THE TALKING FOR YOU. BUT I'LL JUST SAY THAT I AM VERY PLEASED TO BE GOING TO LONDON WITH THE UMEICO DELEGATION TO ATTEND THE DEBATE.

/+THIS IS .....

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+THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT DEBATE FOR HONG KONG, AND I AM VERY PLEASED THAT THE UMELCO DELEGATION WILL BE THERE, AND I SHALL BE THERE, TO ENSURE THAT MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT -- BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT -- WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE A FULL UNDERSTANDING OF THE FEARS AND THE CONCERNS, AND WHAT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG THINK ABOUT THE AGREEMENT.

+I AM VERY GLAD THE ASSESSMENT OFFICE REPORT HAS SHOWN THAT IT IS GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE. I AM SURE THAT WOULD BE IMPORTANT FOR MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, BUT WE CAN ADD ANY OTHER ADDITIONAL POINTS THAT THEY WANT TO COVER.

+SO I WILL NOW GET ON THE AIRCRAFT AND LEAVE THE UMELCO DELEGATION -- THEY ARE JUST BEHIND US -- TO COME AND MAKE A STATEMENT TO YOU.

+SEE YOU WHEN I GET BACK.+

ALSO LEAVING ON THE SAME FLIGHT FOR LONDON WERE 10 MEMBERS OF UMELCO.

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OCTOBER MONETARY STATISTICS RELEASED  
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TOTAL HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS INCREASED FURTHER IN OCTOBER, ACCORDING TO MONETARY STATISTICS PUBLISHED TODAY. TOTAL FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS ALSO INCREASED, AT MUCH THE SAME RATE AS HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS, DESPITE A SUBSTANTIAL FALL IN SUCH DEPOSITS PLACED ON DEMAND WITH BANKS. REFLECTING THESE CHANGES, THE HONG KONG DOLLAR COMPONENTS OF THE MONEY SUPPLY CONTINUED TO RISE ON ALL DEFINITIONS. THE TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY ON THE TWO BROADER DEFINITIONS ALSO INCREASED; BUT, AFFECTED BY THE FALL IN FOREIGN CURRENCY DEMAND DEPOSITS, TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY ON THE NARROW DEFINITION REGISTERED A SMALL DECREASE.

DEMAND FOR LOANS REMAINED GENERALLY WEAK. WHILE LOANS TO FINANCE VISIBLE TRADE CONTINUED TO FALL, OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG SHOWED ONLY A SMALL INCREASE.

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DEPOSITS

HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS RECORDED THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE MONTHLY INCREASE, RISING BY 2.5 PER CENT IN OCTOBER. THE INCREASE IN SEPTEMBER WAS 1.4 PER CENT. OVER THE THREE MONTHS TO OCTOBER, THESE DEPOSITS ROSE BY 6.6 PER CENT, AND OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS, 28.4 PER CENT. FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS ALSO GREW, BY 2.4 PER CENT IN OCTOBER, AFTER A FALL OF 0.8 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH. THEY RECORDED INCREASES OF 2.1 PER CENT FOR THE THREE MONTHS AND 24.2 PER CENT FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS TO OCTOBER RESPECTIVELY.

TOTAL DEPOSITS WITH BANKS CONTINUED TO GROW, BY 3.1 PER CENT IN OCTOBER, FOLLOWING A RISE OF 0.8 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER. TOTAL DEPOSITS WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE ONLY marginally BY 0.1 PER CENT, AFTER A DECLINE OF 1.5 PER CENT IN THE MONTH BEFORE. THE CONTINUED EASING IN INTERBANK RATES HAS PROBABLY RESULTED IN A SHIFT OF DEPOSITS BACK TO BANKS FROM DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES. REFLECTING THIS, TOTAL DEPOSITS WITH BANKS WERE 5.8 PER CENT HIGHER IN THE THREE MONTHS TO OCTOBER, WHILE THOSE WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES FELL BY 0.7 PER CENT.

HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY

HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY ON ALL DEFINITIONS ROSE, WITH HK\$M1 (THE NARROWEST DEFINITION) RISING BY 1.5 PER CENT, AND THE BROADER DEFINITIONS HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3 BY 3.7 PER CENT AND 2.3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. THE CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES IN SEPTEMBER WERE 5.2 PER CENT, 1.5 PER CENT AND 1.3 PER CENT.

IN THE THREE MONTHS TO OCTOBER, INCREASES OF 8.7 PER CENT, 8.8 PER CENT AND 6.4 PER CENT WERE RECORDED FOR HK\$M1, HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3 RESPECTIVELY. THE CORRESPONDING INCREASES OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS WERE 10.3 PER CENT, 21.2 PER CENT AND 25.9 PER CENT.

TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY

TOTAL M1 DECREASED marginally BY 0.1 PER CENT, IN CONTRAST TO AN INCREASE OF 5.4 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER. HOWEVER, TOTAL M2 CONTINUED TO RISE, BY 2.9 PER CENT, AND TOTAL M3 BY 2.3 PER CENT, FOLLOWING INCREASES OF 0.8 PER CENT AND 0.3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN SEPTEMBER. THE CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES OVER THE THREE MONTHS TO OCTOBER WERE 7.4 PER CENT, 5.6 PER CENT AND 4.2 PER CENT= AND OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS, 10.6 PER CENT, 19.0 PER CENT AND 25.1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

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LOANS AND ADVANCES

TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES AGAIN GREW ONLY SLOWLY IN OCTOBER, BY 0.5 PER CENT, FOLLOWING THE INCREASE OF 0.3 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER. LOANS TO FINANCE VISIBLE TRADE FELL BY 1.1 PER CENT, FOLLOWING A FALL OF 1.3 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER. OVER THE LATEST THREE MONTHS THEY FELL BY 4.6 PER CENT; DESPITE THIS AN INCREASE OF 11.7 PER CENT WAS RECORDED OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS. OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG ALSO SHOWED LITTLE MOVEMENT -- AN INCREASE OF 0.3 PER CENT. IN THE THREE MONTHS TO OCTOBER THEY ROSE BY 0.5 PER CENT AND OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS BY ONLY 2.0 PER CENT.

FOREIGN CURRENCY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

THE NET SPOT FOREIGN CURRENCY LIABILITIES OF THE MONETARY SECTOR CONTINUED TO DECREASE, TO \$3.7 BILLION AT THE END OF OCTOBER FROM \$4.5 BILLION AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER. STATISTICS COLLECTED (ON THE BASIS OF SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT DEFINITIONS) BY THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES SHOWED A PARALLEL DECREASE TO \$5.5 BILLION FROM \$7.8 BILLION. THIS FALL IN NET SPOT FOREIGN CURRENCY LIABILITIES WAS MATCHED BY A REDUCTION IN NET FORWARD FOREIGN CURRENCY ASSETS OF THE MONETARY SECTOR TO \$26.5 BILLION AT THE END OF OCTOBER FROM \$27.5 BILLION AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER. THIS MAY BE A REFLECTION OF REDUCED ATTRACTIVENESS OF FOREIGN CURRENCY SWAP DEPOSITS AS INTERBANK MONEY MARKET RATES EASED.

LIQUIDITY RATIO

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO (AS DEFINED IN S.18 OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE) FOR ALL BANKS REMAINED LITTLE CHANGED, AT 49.9 PER CENT COMPARED WITH 50.0 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER. THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO (AS DEFINED IN S.24A OF THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ORDINANCE) FOR ALL DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES WAS 45.6, LITTLE CHANGED FROM 45.8 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER.

NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

THE NUMBER OF OPERATING LICENSED BANKS REMAINED UNCHANGED AT 136, WHILE THE NUMBER OF LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE BY 2 TO 32. THE NUMBER OF REPORTING REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES FELL TO 316.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE SETS OUT SUMMARY FIGURES FOR OCTOBER 1984 AND COMPARISONS WITH EARLIER MONTHS:

## MONETARY STATISTICS - October 1984

(HK\$mn)

	Oct 1984	Earlier months (% change to October 1984)		Oct 1983
		Sep 1984	Jul 1984	
<u>Money Supply</u>				
M1 - HK\$	30,668	30,212 (+ 1.5%)	28,209 (+ 8.7%)	27,792 (+10.3%)
Foreign currency	2,877	3,356 (-14.3%)	3,029 (- 5.0%)	2,547 (+13.0%)
Total	33,545	33,568 (- 0.1%)	31,238 (+ 7.4%)	30,339 (+10.6%)
M2 - HK\$	155,214	149,705 (+ 3.7%)	142,610 (+ 8.8%)	128,076 (+21.2%)
Foreign currency	138,687	135,871 (+ 2.1%)	135,816 (+ 2.1%)	118,906 (+16.6%)
Total	293,901	285,576 (+ 2.9%)	278,426 (+ 5.6%)	246,982 (+19.0%)
M3 - HK\$	192,880	188,473 (+ 2.3%)	181,282 (+ 6.4%)	153,146 (+25.9%)
Foreign currency	175,297	171,442 (+ 2.2%)	172,094 (+ 1.9%)	141,257 (+24.1%)
Total	368,177	359,915 (+ 2.3%)	353,376 (+ 4.2%)	294,402 (+25.1%)
<u>Deposits</u>				
Demand deposits	20,994	20,954 (+ 0.2%)	19,077 (+10.0%)	18,101 (+16.0%)
Savings deposits	72,503	68,943 (+ 5.2%)	64,083 (+13.1%)	66,553 (+ 8.9%)
Time deposits with banks	182,820	178,084 (+ 2.7%)	178,094 (+ 2.7%)	145,191 (+25.9%)
Time deposits with dtcs	72,466	72,424 (+ 0.1%)	72,997 (- 0.7%)	46,264 (+56.6%)
All HK\$ deposits	178,291	173,955 (+ 2.5%)	167,209 (+ 6.6%)	138,820 (+28.4%)
All foreign currency deposits	170,491	166,450 (+ 2.4%)	167,043 (+ 2.1%)	137,290 (+24.2%)
Total	348,782	340,405 (+ 2.5%)	334,252 (+ 4.3%)	276,110 (+26.3%)
<u>Loans and advances</u>				
To finance Hong Kong's visible trade	32,566	32,941 (- 1.1%)	34,147 (- 4.6%)	29,150 (+11.7%)
To finance merchandising trade not touching Hong Kong	4,149	4,150 ( = )	3,193 (+29.9%)	2,965 (+39.9%)
Other loans for use in Hong Kong	216,268	215,688 (+ 0.3%)	215,120 (+ 0.5%)	212,091 (+ 2.0%)
Other loans for use outside Hong Kong	142,444	141,417 (+ 0.7%)	138,391 (+ 2.9%)	128,915 (+10.5%)
Other loans where the place of use is not known	20,005	19,304 (+ 3.6%)	19,195 (+ 4.2%)	17,639 (+13.4%)
All loans in HK\$	204,964	204,210 (+ 0.4%)	203,737 (+ 0.6%)	196,339 (+ 4.4%)
All loans in foreign currencies	210,468	209,291 (+ 0.6%)	206,309 (+ 2.0%)	194,421 (+ 8.3%)
Total	415,432	413,500 (+ 0.5%)	410,047 (+ 1.3%)	390,760 (+ 6.3%)

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MOVE TO WIDEN HOUSING COMMITTEE

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A BILL WHICH SEEKS TO ENABLE A WIDE CROSS SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY TO BE REPRESENTED ON THE COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE HOUSING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984 PROPOSES TO DELETE FROM SECTION 7(3) OF THE HOUSING ORDINANCE THE REQUIREMENT THAT AT LEAST TWO THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS OF EVERY COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY SHOULD BE MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THERE ARE NOW SIX COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TO DEAL WITH MATTERS CONCERNING FINANCE, BUILDING, ESTATE MANAGEMENT, HOME OWNERSHIP, OPERATIONS AND APPEALS.

+WHILE THE EXISTING PROVISION ENSURES THAT MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY HAVE A MAJORITY PARTICIPATION IN THE DELIBERATIONS OF ITS COMMITTEES, IT RESTRICTS UNNECESSARILY THE NUMBER OF CO-OPTED MEMBERS ON EACH COMMITTEE.

+THIS RESTRICTION IS UNDESIRABLE AS IT IS THE AUTHORITY'S INTENTION THAT A WIDE CROSS-SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY SHOULD BE REPRESENTED ON THE COMMITTEES AND WHERE APPROPRIATE, MORE CO-OPTED MEMBERS SHOULD BE APPOINTED,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE PRESENTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR ITS FIRST READING ON DECEMBER 5 AND TO GO THROUGH THE REMAINING STAGES ON DECEMBER 19.

ANYONE WHO WISHES TO COMMENT ON THE PROVISIONS OF THE BILL MAY WRITE TO UMELCO, AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12/F, CHATER ROAD, OR TO THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING AT CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 1/F, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

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VIEWS SOUGHT ON NEW QUOTA PROPOSALS

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A CONSULTATIVE PAPER ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE TEXTILE QUOTA TRANSFER RULES WILL BE CIRCULATED TO THE TRADE FOR COMMENTS TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (FRIDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRADE DEPARTMENT SAID, +ORGANISATIONS OR INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSALS IN THE PAPER, OR TO MAKE OTHER PROPOSALS, ARE INVITED TO DO SO IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, TRADE DEPARTMENT, OCEAN CENTRE, 15/F., CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON, BEFORE JANUARY 15, 1985.+

/THE PAPER .....

THE PAPER PUTS FORWARD FOR COMMENT TWO OPTIONS AIMED AT DISCOURAGING SPECULATIVE TRADING IN QUOTAS AND AT SPEEDING UP THE MOVEMENT OF QUOTAS FROM THE HANDS OF THOSE WHO ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO USE THEM TO THOSE WHO ARE. THESE OPTIONS ARE LIKELY TO HAVE FAR-REACHING EFFECTS.

THE CONSULTATIVE PAPER HAS BEEN PREPARED ON THE ADVICE OF THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD, WHICH FELT THAT THE VIEWS OF TRADE, INTERESTED TRADE ORGANISATIONS AND THOSE OF CONCERNED INDIVIDUALS SHOULD BE SOUGHT BEFORE THE OPTIONS ARE CONSIDERED IN DETAIL.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE RECENTLY ANNOUNCED MEASURE TO PLUG THE LOOPHOLE OF +BACK-TO-BACK+ PERMANENT TRANSFER IS PART OF THE PACKAGE TO IMPROVE THE QUOTA TRANSFER SYSTEM. IT COMPLEMENTS THE OPTIONS DISCUSSED IN THE CONSULTATIVE PAPER.

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SEPTEMBER RETAIL SALES SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED  
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THE VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN SEPTEMBER 1984, ESTIMATED AT \$5 524 MILLION, WAS 11 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN SEPTEMBER 1983, WHILE THEIR VOLUME WAS FOUR PER CENT HIGHER, ACCORDING TO PROVISIONAL SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

RETAIL SALES FOR THE PERIOD JULY - SEPTEMBER 1984, WHEN COMPARED WITH SALES FOR THE SAME PERIOD IN 1983, ROSE BY 15 PER CENT IN VALUE AND FIVE PER CENT IN VOLUME.

A COMPARISON OF SEPTEMBER 1984 WITH AUGUST 1984 SALES, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON IS AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, SHOWS THE VALUE OF SALES INCREASED BY TWO PER CENT AND THEIR VOLUME BY ONE PER CENT.

IN SEPTEMBER 1984, RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS INCREASED BY 32 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 19 PER CENT IN VOLUME WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1983.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, CONSUMER DURABLES RECORDED AN INCREASE OF 16 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND SEVEN PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

RETAIL SALES OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO ROSE BY 11 PER CENT IN VALUE AND FOUR PER CENT IN VOLUME.

OTHER CONSUMER GOODS AND FUELS RECORDED SMALLER INCREASES IN SALES VALUE, AT SIX PER CENT AND THREE PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, BUT NO CHANGE IN SALES VOLUME.

COMPARING THE PERIOD JULY - SEPTEMBER 1984 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1983, RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS RECORDED THE LARGEST INCREASES IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS, AT 25 PER CENT AND 11 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

IN TERMS OF SALES VALUE, CONSUMER DURABLES ROSE BY 19 PER CENT, FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO BY 16 PER CENT AND OTHER CONSUMER GOODS BY 12 PER CENT.

IN VOLUME TERMS, THEIR CORRESPONDING INCREASES WERE EIGHT PER CENT, SIX PER CENT AND FOUR PER CENT.

FUELS REGISTERED THE LOWEST INCREASE IN SALES VALUE, AT FOUR PER CENT, AND NO CHANGE IN SALES VOLUME.

WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1984, RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS INCREASED BY 10 PER CENT IN VALUE AND EIGHT PER CENT IN VOLUME IN SEPTEMBER 1984, WHILE FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO BY FIVE PER CENT IN VALUE AND FOUR PER CENT IN VOLUME.

FUELS RECORDED AN INCREASE OF ONE PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

ON THE OTHER HAND, RETAIL SALES OF OTHER CONSUMER GOODS REGISTERED NO CHANGE IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS, WHILST THOSE OF CONSUMER DURABLES DROPPED BY ONE PER CENT IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES, DEPARTMENT STORES, MOTOR VEHICLES AND SUPERMARKETS ALL SHOWED MODERATE INCREASES IN VALUE BUT SMALLER INCREASES IN VOLUME WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1983.

COMPARING THE PERIOD JULY - SEPTEMBER 1984 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1983, RETAIL SALES OF SUPERMARKETS INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

MOTOR VEHICLES, CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND DEPARTMENT STORES ALSO RECORDED LARGE INCREASES IN VALUE BUT SMALLER INCREASES IN VOLUME.

WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1984, APART FROM MOTOR VEHICLES, RETAIL SALES OF MAIN SELECTED TRADES ALL DECREASED IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

COMPARISONS OF SEPTEMBER 1984 RESULTS WITH THOSE OF AUGUST 1984 AND SEPTEMBER 1983, AND COMPARISONS OF RETAIL SALES IN THE PERIOD JULY - SEPTEMBER 1984 WITH THOSE IN THE SAME PERIOD OF 1983 ARE ALSO GIVEN.

THE REPORT CONTAINING THE ANALYSIS OF THE SEPTEMBER 1984 SURVEY RESULTS WILL BE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AT \$1 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. 3-7216024).

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### MORE BUILDINGS FOR LEI TUNG ESTATE

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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TODAY INVITED TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FOUR MORE BLOCKS AT LEI TUNG ESTATE TO PROVIDE MODERN HOUSING FOR ANOTHER 15 000 PEOPLE ON AP LEI CHAU BY 1987.

+THE FOUR 35-STOREY TRIDENT BLOCKS, WITH A TOTAL OF 3 068 SELF-CONTAINED FLATS, ARE TO BE BUILT UNDER THE SECOND PHASE OF THE NEW ESTATE PROJECT,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AUTHORITY.

HE SAID CONSTRUCTION WORK WOULD ALSO COVER A COMMERCIAL CENTRE, A PRIMARY SCHOOL AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES.

LEI TUNG ESTATE, BEING DEVELOPED IN THREE PHASES, IS THE SECOND PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ON AP LEI CHAU.

+FOUR MODERN BLOCKS ARE BEING BUILT UNDER THE FIRST PHASE OF LEI TUNG ESTATE. ON FULL COMPLETION, THE ESTATE WILL BECOME A SELF-CONTAINED COMMUNITY FOR 37 000 PEOPLE IN EIGHT RENTAL AND SEVEN HOME OWNERSHIP BLOCKS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

TENDERS WERE ALSO INVITED FOR THE DEMOLITION OF AN OLD BLOCK AT LOWER WONG TAI SIN ESTATE TO MAKE WAY FOR A CAR PARK ON THE ESTATE.

+THIS MARKS THE SIXTH PHASE OF A REDEVELOPMENT SCHEME FOR THE ESTATE TO IMPROVE THE LIVING CONDITIONS FOR THE TENANTS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+UNDER PREVIOUS PHASES OF THE SCHEME, NINE MARK 1/11 BLOCKS AT THE ESTATE HAD BEEN PULLED DOWN FOR SIX NEW BLOCKS WHILE ANOTHER ONE IS BEING DEMOLISHED TO ADD MORE LORRY PARKING FACILITIES ON THE ESTATE.+

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### ESTATE CELEBRATES COMPLETION OF REDEVELOPMENT

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ONE OF THE FIRST PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, SHEK KIP MEI, TODAY CELEBRATED THE COMPLETION OF A REDEVELOPMENT SCHEME WHICH HAS RESULTED IN A MUCH IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE PEOPLE LIVING THERE.

OFFICIATING AT THE CELEBRATIONS WAS MR LI FOOK-KAU, WHO SOME 30 YEARS AGO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE PLANNING OF REHOUSING FOR VICTIMS OF THE BIG SHEK KIP MEI FIRE WHICH STARTED HONG KONG'S PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMME.

+THE IMPROVED LIVING ENVIRONMENT AT THE SHEK KIP MEI REDEVELOPED ESTATE IS A FAR CRY FROM THAT OF THE OLD DAYS,+ SAID MR LI.

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APART FROM NEW RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS OF MODERN DESIGNS AND CONVERTED BLOCKS, HE SAID THE ESTATE NOW HAD A VARIETY OF MODERN FACILITIES SUCH AS A COMMERCIAL CENTRE, A MARKET, A COMMUNITY HALL, A CAR PARK AND BEAUTIFUL SITTING-OUT AREAS.

+THE SUCCESS OF REDEVELOPMENT FOR THE ESTATE HAS NOT ONLY BENEFITED THE TENANTS BUT ALSO PROVED THE POPULARITY OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR MARK 1/11 ESTATES.

+IT BEARS THE FRUIT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMUNITY, AND HAS LAID A FOUNDATION OF SUCCESS FOR FUTURE REDEVELOPMENT WORKS.+

MR LI SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED TO ACCELERATE THE REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR MARK 1/11 ESTATES AND COMPLETE IT BY 1990.

HE DESCRIBED THIS AS AN ARDUOUS TASK BUT SAID HE FIRMLY BELIEVED THAT WITH TENANTS' UNDERSTANDING, SUPPORT AND COOPERATION, PROBLEMS WOULD BE OVERCOME AND THE PROGRAMME COMPLETED AS SCHEDULED.

+OTHER OLD ESTATES WILL SOON ENOUGH HAVE THE SAME EXCELLENT LIVING ENVIRONMENT AND PROVISIONS AS IN SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE.+

EARLIER IN HIS WELCOME SPEECH, THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR DONALD LIAO, SAID THAT IN ADDITION TO DEVELOPING MODERN HOUSING, THE HOUSING AUTHORITY ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO UPGRADING LIVING CONDITIONS IN OLD ESTATES.

+SINCE THE REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME BEGAN IN 1972, 55 MARK 1/11 BLOCKS HAVE BEEN DEMOLISHED AND 35 OTHER BLOCKS CONVERTED INTO MODERN, SELF-CONTAINED FLATS.+

MR LIAO SAID SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE WAS NOT ONLY THE FIRST PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE TO BE BUILT BUT ALSO THE FIRST TO BE FULLY REDEVELOPED.

+POPULATION IN THE ESTATE HAS NOW BEEN REDUCED BY HALF, FROM 60 000 TO 30 000, AND OVERCROWDING IS NO LONGER A PROBLEM.+

TODAY'S CELEBRATIONS, ORGANISED AS PART OF THE HOUSING FESTIVAL '84, STARTED OFF WITH A LION DANCE AROUND THE ESTATE AFTER MR LI FOOK-KAU DOTTED THE EYES OF THE LION AT A CEREMONY IN THE ESTATE'S COMMUNITY HALL.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED A VARIETY SHOW AND A PUBLIC EXHIBITION WHICH ILLUSTRATED THE CHANGING FACES OF SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE. THE EXHIBITION WILL REMAIN OPEN TOMORROW AND ON SUNDAY BETWEEN 9 AM AND 9 PM.

ATTENDING THE CELEBRATION CEREMONY WERE MEMBERS FROM THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AND THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD, AS WELL AS LOCAL KAIFONG AND COMMUNITY LEADERS.

TRAFFIC PLAN FOR KOWLOON WALK  
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN KWUN TONG ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 2) MORNING FOR THE +KOWLOON WALK FOR MILLIONS+.

THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF ROADS WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC:

FROM 7 AM TO 11.30 AM -

- \* JUNK BAY ROAD BETWEEN KAI TIN ROAD AND LEI YUE MUN ROAD.
- \* KO CHIU ROAD BETWEEN LEI YUE MUN ROAD AND THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO THE COVERED RESERVOIR.
- \* KAI TIN ROAD SECTION BETWEEN PING TIN STREET AND LEI YUE MUN ROAD (EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND MAXICABS).

FROM 9 AM TO 3 PM (EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES) -

- \* PO LAM ROAD.
- \* THE UNNAMED ROAD LINKING SAU MAU PING ROAD TO ANDERSON ROAD.
- \* THE SECTION OF ANDERSON ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH THE UNNAMED ROAD TO PO LAM ROAD.

FROM 7.30 AM TO 4 PM -

- \* KAI LIM ROAD.

KMB ROUTES NOS. 15C, 15M AND 16 HEADING FOR OR DEPARTING FROM LAM TIN ESTATE WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LEI YUE MUN ROAD AND KAI TIN ROAD FROM 7 AM TO 11.30 AM.

KMB ROUTE NO. 14A HEADING FOR OR DEPARTING FROM KO CHIU ROAD BUS TERMINUS WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LEI YUE MUN ROAD AND KO LONG ROAD FROM 7 AM TO 11.30 AM.

LIMITED SERVICES OF KMB ROUTE NO. 90 WILL BE PROVIDED ON PO LAM ROAD FROM 9 AM TO 3 PM.

N.T. MAXICAB ROUTE 10 AND 10A WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 8 AM TO 3 PM.

MOTORISTS HEADING FOR OR DEPARTING FROM LAM TIN ESTATE ARE ADVISED TO USE SAU MAU PING ROAD, JUNK BAY ROAD AND KAI TIN ROAD (SECTION NORTH OF PING TIN STREET) FROM 7 AM TO 11.30 AM.

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RIGHT TURN MOVEMENT FROM LEI YUE MUN ROAD NORTHBOUND ONTO TSUI PING ROAD WILL NOT BE PERMITTED FROM 7.30 AM TO 11.30 AM.

THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF LEI YUE MUN ROAD BETWEEN JUNK BAY ROAD AND KO CHIU ROAD WILL BE REDUCED FROM TWO-LANE TO ONE-LANE TRAFFIC FROM 7 AM TO 11.30 AM.

ALL THE ON-STREET PARKING SPACES ON KAI LIM ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 8 PM ON SATURDAY TO 4 PM ON SUNDAY.

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CHINA SEEKS ADVICE ON FIRE PROTECTION  
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CHINA HAD APPROACHED THE HONG KONG BRANCH OF THE INSTITUTE OF FIRE ENGINEERS (IFE) FOR TECHNICAL INFORMATION ON FIRE PROTECTION, THE PRESIDENT OF THE IFE (HONG KONG BRANCH) MR WOO KWAN-KUEN SAID TONIGHT (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE BRANCH'S ANNUAL DINNER HELD AT THE FIRE SERVICES SENIOR OFFICERS' MESS AT TSIM SHA TSUI, MR WOO, WHO IS ALSO DEPUTY CHIEF FIRE OFFICER, KOWLOON FIRE COMMAND, SAID THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN TECHNICAL INFORMATION CONCERNING CHEMICAL PLANTS AND HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS.

MR WOO SAID THE HONG KONG BRANCH WAS ONE OF THE LARGEST BRANCHES OUTSIDE THE UNITED KINGDOM. IT HAD BEEN STARTED IN 1959 BY TEN FIRE OFFICERS, AND HAD GROWN TO 415 MEMBERS.

FORTY-FOUR MEMBERS HAD REACHED THE GRADE OF MEMBERSHIP AND GRADUATESHIP IN A RECENT EXAMINATION, HE SAID.

THIS RESULT WAS CONSIDERED TO BE THE BEST AMONG ALL OVERSEAS BRANCHES, MR WOO SAID.

AND ONE OF THE BRANCH MEMBERS HAD BEEN ELECTED TO FELLOWSHIP STATUS, AS A RESULT OF HIS OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE INSTITUTION, HE SAID.

AMONG THE GUESTS AT THE FUNCTION WERE THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR ROBERT HOLMES AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR, MR JOHN MARCH.

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QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY  
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THE LIST OF GENERAL HOLIDAYS FOR 1985 WILL BE REVISED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF A CHANGE IN THE DATE CHOSEN TO OBSERVE THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY IN 1985 WOULD BE OBSERVED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM ON THE THIRD SATURDAY IN JUNE INSTEAD OF, AS NORMALLY, ON THE SECOND SATURDAY.

+SINCE 1982 THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HAS BEEN OBSERVED IN HONG KONG ON THE SAME DAY AS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM,+ HE SAID.

+THE HOLIDAYS NEXT YEAR FOR THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY AND THE MONDAY FOLLOWING THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY, WILL NOW THEREFORE FALL ON JUNE 15 AND JUNE 17 INSTEAD OF ON JUNE 8 AND JUNE 10, AS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED.+

AN ORDER UNDER THE HOLIDAYS ORDINANCE TO APPOINT SATURDAY, JUNE 15, AS THE DAY FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF THE BIRTHDAY OF THE QUEEN IN 1985 IS GAZETTED TODAY.

THE LIST OF HOLIDAYS FOR 1985 INCORPORATING THIS REVISION WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE GAZETTE IN THE NEW YEAR.

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EASTERN PROMOTES CIVIC EDUCATION  
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A WORKING GROUP OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL ORGANISE A SEMINAR ON CIVIC EDUCATION ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 2) FOR RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT.

THE SEMINAR, ENTITLED +LOOKING AT THE DIRECTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION IN HONG KONG FROM DIFFERENT ANGLES+ IS ORGANISED BY THE CIVIC EDUCATION WORKING GROUP OF THE BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE.

THERE WILL BE TALKS BY A NUMBER OF SPEAKERS, FOLLOWED BY A QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION.

MORE THAN 300 REPRESENTATIVES FROM MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS CORPORATIONS, SCHOOLS, SHOPS, LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, AND AREA COMMITTEES, AND MEMBERS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL TAKE PART IN THE SEMINAR.

THERE WILL ALSO BE AN ESSAY COMPETITION, DIVIDED INTO JUNIOR, INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR SECTIONS, FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

AMONG THE SPEAKERS AT THE SEMINAR WILL BE AN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER (CAUSEWAY BAY AND NORTH POINT), MR STEPHEN NG; CHINESE UNIVERSITY LECTURERS, DR JOSEPH Y.S. CHENG AND DR KWOK SIU-TONG; LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MRS NG CHOW MAY-LIN; AND THE CHIEF EDITOR OF THE PAI SHING BI-MONTHLY MAGAZINE, MR WU KUK-YAN.

THE CHAIRWOMAN OF THE BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE, MADAM ANITA CHAN WILL PRESIDE OVER THE SEMINAR.

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DESIGN INDUSTRY MANPOWER SURVEY BEGINS  
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FIELD WORK ON HONG KONG'S FIRST MANPOWER SURVEY OF THE DESIGN INDUSTRY BEGAN TODAY (FRIDAY) AND WILL LAST UNTIL DECEMBER 21.

THE 16-DAY SURVEY, ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON TECHNICAL EDUCATION OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, WILL COLLECT THE INDUSTRY'S EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS AND IDENTIFY ITS FUTURE MANPOWER AND TRAINING NEEDS.

THE FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY WERE NECESSARY FOR THE COMMITTEE TO DRAW UP TRAINING PLANS AND A DESIGN CURRICULUM FOR THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID.

THE INFORMATION WOULD ALSO SERVE AS A USEFUL REFERENCE FOR OTHER LOCAL EDUCATIONAL BODIES IN FORMULATING THEIR TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR DESIGN PERSONNEL.

HE URGED EMPLOYERS TO PROVIDE ACCURATE FIGURES ON STAFF EMPLOYED AND UNDER TRAINING, EXISTING VACANCIES AND A FORECAST OF ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES NEEDED IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS.

THE SURVEY WILL COVER MORE THAN 700 FIRMS AND ORGANISATIONS, INCLUDING ESTABLISHMENTS IN ARCHITECTURE AND RELATED FIELDS, INTERIOR DESIGNERS, ADVERTISING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS AGENCIES, MOTION PICTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT FIRMS, DEPARTMENT STORES, APPAREL WHOLESALERS AS WELL AS IMPORT AND EXPORT COMPANIES.

THE DATA COLLECTED WOULD BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE, AND BE PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT AND GOVERNMENT DATA PROCESSING AGENCY WILL BE HELPING WITH THE SURVEY.

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KWUN TONG DB MEMBERS TOUR UC PROJECTS

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KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL VISIT SEVERAL URBAN COUNCIL PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO INSPECT THEIR DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS.

THE VISIT WILL START WITH A TOUR OF THE CHUN WAH ROAD INDOOR GAMES HALL PROJECT, A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

THE BOARD MEMBERS WILL THEN INSPECT THE YAU TONG PLAYGROUND AND THE KWUN TONG FERRY CONCOURSE COOKED FOOD MARKET, WHICH WERE RECENTLY COMPLETED.

AT THE FERRY PIER, THEY WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A SITTING-OUT AREA AT A VACANT SITE.

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+ENPS+ TO BE FITTED ON VEHICLES

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THE HUNG HING ROAD POLICE VEHICLE POUND WILL BE OPEN TO MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 10 AM TO ENABLE THEM TO FILM OR TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS OF ELECTRONIC NUMBER PLATES - ENPS - BEING WELDED TO VEHICLES WHICH WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE ROAD PRICING PILOT SCHEME.

THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR MIKE CLANCY, WILL GIVE A SHORT BRIEFING ON THE FITTING PROCESS. HE WILL ALSO TALK ABOUT THE PROCEDURE FOR ENTERING THE CONFIDENTIAL ELECTRONIC CODE NUMBERS OF THE ENPS ONTO THE CENTRAL COMPUTER RECORDS.

THIS WILL BE THE ONLY OCCASION ON WHICH MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES CAN PHOTOGRAPH THE ACTUAL FITTING BECAUSE UNINTERRUPTED WORK WILL BE ESSENTIAL AFTER DECEMBER 1 FOR THE WELDING OF ENPS TO SOME 2 600 VEHICLES TAKING PART IN THE TESTS.

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FIGHT CRIME GROUP VISITS PRISONS  
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THIRTEEN SAI KUNG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE MEMBERS WENT TODAY ON A VISIT TO PIK UK CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION AND PIK UK PRISON AT CLEARWATER BAY ROAD.

LED BY THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR WILLIAM WAN AND DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN HO, THEY FIRST WENT TO THE PIK UK CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, WHERE HALF-DAY EDUCATIONAL CLASSES AND HALF-DAY VOCATIONAL TRAINING CLASSES ARE PROVIDED FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE.

THE GROUP THEN WENT TO THE ADJACENT MINIMUM SECURITY PIK UK PRISON, WHERE THEY SAW ADULT PRISONERS AT WORK IN VARIOUS WORKSHOPS.

HERE, THE GROUP LEARNED ALSO THAT THE MULTI-STOREY LAUNDRY MANNED BY PRISONERS HANDLES 50 000 PIECES OF SOILED LINEN A DAY FOR GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS AND CLINICS IN KOWLOON AND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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BIG WATERFRONT CLEAN-UP TO BEGIN  
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THE URBAN COUNCIL WILL SOON LAUNCH A MINI-CAMPAIGN TO CLEAN UP THE WATERFRONT CARGO-HANDLING AREAS IN FIVE DISTRICTS.

THE +PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA BLITZ+ WILL BEGIN ON DECEMBER 3 IN WAN CHAI, KWUN TONG, YAU MA TEI, CHAI WAN AND WESTERN DISTRICTS.

IN WAN CHAI, THE CLEAN-UP EXERCISE WILL BE A MONTH-LONG EXPERIMENT IN WHICH TWO FULL-TIME BEATSWEEPERS WILL BE CARRYING OUT THEIR DUTIES EVERY DAY. AT THE END OF A DAY, THE RUBBISH COLLECTED WILL BE REMOVED BY A SKIP LOADER.

IN THE OTHER FOUR DISTRICTS, SPECIAL CLEANSING SQUADS COMPRISING 21 WORKERS WILL CARRY OUT INTENSIVE CLEAN-UPS FOR THREE DAYS.

TWO COVERED LORRIES, A STREET WASHING VEHICLE AND A REFUSE COLLECTION VEHICLE WILL BE USED DURING THE OPERATION.

A CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID, +MUCH OF THE MATERIAL DISCARDED DURING THE UNCRATING AND UNLOADING OF CARGO EVENTUALLY ENDS UP IN THE HARBOUR. THESE OPERATIONS WILL NOT ONLY HELP TO CLEAN UP THE LAND AREA BUT HOPEFULLY THE WATERS AS WELL.+

A CEREMONY WILL BE HELD IN YAU MA TEI PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA ON DECEMBER 3 TO LAUNCH THE EXERCISE.

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DR DENNY HUANG, CHAIRMAN OF THE UC ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE SELECT COMMITTEE WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

A SIMILAR CEREMONY WILL BE HELD IN WAN CHAI ON DECEMBER 8.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA CLEAN-UP KICK-OFF CEREMONY ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 3).

IT WILL START AT 2.30 PM AT YAU MA TEI PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA. TRANSPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE AT URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBER AT EDINBURGH PLACE AT 1.30 PM.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT MR PAUL LEUNG AT 5-275115 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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NT LIQUOR LICENCE FEES REVISED

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LIQUOR LICENCE FEES FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE REVISED FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO BRING THEM TO THE SAME LEVEL AS THOSE CHARGED IN THE URBAN AREAS.

GAZETTED TODAY, THE NEW FEES FOR NT LIQUOR LICENCES WILL BE \$1 500 FOR ESTABLISHMENTS WITH A BAR AND \$750 FOR THOSE WITHOUT A BAR, COMPARED WITH THE EXISTING FEES OF \$1 000 AND \$500 RESPECTIVELY. NT CLUB LIQUOR LICENCES WILL REMAIN AT \$375.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID THE FEES HAD BEEN REVIEWED LAST YEAR, THE FIRST TIME IN 27 YEARS, AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH THE LIQUOR LICENSING BOARD FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES AND THE HEUNG YEE KUK.

IT WAS THEN DECIDED THAT THE INCREASES SHOULD BE STAGGERED IN TWO YEARS.

THE LATEST REVISION WOULD COMPLETE THE EXERCISE OF ESTABLISHING UNIFORMITY BETWEEN NT AND URBAN LIQUOR LICENCE FEES, HE SAID.

FESTIVAL FUN AT KOWLOON CITY  
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A MAJOR ARTS FESTIVAL WILL BE LAUNCHED TOMORROW (SATURDAY) IN KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT, PROVIDING A WIDE RANGE OF CULTURAL AND ENTERTAINMENT ACTIVITIES FOR RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE FESTIVAL WHICH WILL RUN FROM DECEMBER 1 TO 13, IS ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE WITH THE HELP OF COMMUNITY LEADERS, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT.

ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA SAID \$150 000 WOULD BE SPENT ON THE FESTIVAL, WHICH WILL BE BRINGING FUN TO MORE THAN 50 000 PEOPLE OF ALL AGES FROM THE DISTRICT.

+FOR THE ELDERLY, WE HAVE CANTONESE OPERA, A FILM SHOW AND A DANCE COMPETITION FOR THE AGED.

+THE YOUNGSTERS WILL ENJOY THE FOLK MUSIC FROM THE COMMUNITY AND MUSIC NIGHT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE,+ HE SAID.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A CHILDREN'S VARIETY SHOW IN HOI SUM PARK AND A CITY-SCAPE MURAL PAINTING AT THE ARTS FESTIVAL FAIR, AS WELL AS EXHIBITIONS, CONCERTS AND PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR ARTISTES.

ADMISSION TO MOST OF THE EVENTS IN THE ARTS FESTIVAL IS FREE. TICKETS AND INFORMATION ON SOME OF THE EVENTS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE.

AFTER THE OPENING OF THE FESTIVAL TOMORROW AT THE KO SHAN THEATRE, THERE WILL BE PERFORMANCES BY THE HONG KONG CHINESE ORCHESTRA, THE HONG KONG DANCE COMPANY AND THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CHORUS.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON), MR BARRIE WIGGHAM WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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CUSTOMS MEN PRAISED FOR GOOD WORK  
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THE PRESIDENT OF LOUIS VUITTON, PARIS, MR HENRY RACAMIER, TODAY (FRIDAY) PRESENTED A PLAQUE TO THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT'S TRADE CONTROLS INVESTIGATION BRANCH IN APPRECIATION OF SERVICES RENDERED TO PROTECT THE +LOUIS VUITTON+ TRADE MARK.

THE PRINCIPAL INDUSTRY OFFICER, MR JOHN HOWARD, RECEIVED THE PLAQUE ON BEHALF OF THE BRANCH.

IN THE LAST TEN MONTHS, THE BRANCH HAD ACTED ON 44 COMPLAINTS INVOLVING COUNTERFEIT LEATHERWARE PRODUCTS COMPRISING LADIES' HANDBAGS, TRAVELLING BAGS, BELTS AND WALLETS AND HAD SEIZED MORE THAN 4 000 ARTICLES WITH A MARKET VALUE OF \$500 000.

MR HOWARD SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD MAINTAIN VIGOROUS ACTION AGAINST TRADERS DEALING IN COUNTERFEIT PRODUCTS.

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POPULAR DANCE CONTEST STARTING SOON

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THE POPULAR 14TH OPEN DANCE CONTEST WILL START IN KWUN TONG TOMORROW (SATURDAY) NIGHT.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 7.30 PM IN THE LEUNG SHEK CHEE COLLEGE IN HIU KWONG STREET, SAU MAU PING, THE REST OF THE COMPETITION WILL BE HELD AT THE LOK SIN TONG WONG CHUNG MING SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SAN PO KONG.

AFTER THE OPENING, 22 DANCE GROUPS WILL TAKE TO THE FLOOR TO SHOW THEIR SKILLS IN CLASSICAL ORIENTAL DANCES.

IN THE FOLLOWING WEEKS, ANOTHER 120 DANCE GROUPS WILL BE COMPETING FOR TOP HONOURS IN TRADITIONAL AND MODERN DANCES.

ADMISSION TO ALL THE PERFORMANCES IS FREE AND ALL ARE WELCOME.

THE ANNUAL OPEN DANCE CONTEST IS ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, THE CULTURE AND RECREATION PROMOTION ASSOCIATION AND THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT.

GROUPS DOING BEST IN THE CONTEST WILL BE INVITED TO PERFORM IN A SPECIAL SHOW AT THE CITY HALL ON JANUARY 12 NEXT YEAR.

THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN MAK, LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR WONG LAM AND THE PRINCIPAL RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICER, MR DAVID MAK, WILL OFFICIATE AT TOMORROW NIGHT'S OPENING CEREMONY.

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BUS STATION FOR TUEN MUN

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THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BUS STATION AT THE TUEN MUN CIVIC AND CULTURAL COMPLEX.

THE WORK COMPRISES THE CONSTRUCTION IN REINFORCED CONCRETE OF BUS LANES AND PEDESTRIAN ISLANDS AND AN 7.3-METRE WIDE ACCESS ROAD WITH FOOTPATHS ON EITHER SIDE.

A SEWERAGE SYSTEM AND STORM WATER DRAINAGE SYSTEM WILL BE CONSTRUCTED BELOW THE BUS STATION TO CONVEY THE FOUL AND STORM WATER TO THE EXISTING SYSTEMS OUTSIDE THE LOT.

A MAJOR PORTION OF THE WORKS WILL BE UNDER THE PODIUM LEVEL OF THE CIVIC AND CULTURAL COMPLEX WHICH IS NEARING COMPLETION.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN FEBRUARY 1985 AND TAKE 18 WEEKS TO COMPLETE.

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AWARDS FOR YOUTH GROUPS

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FOUR WINNING GROUPS IN A YOUTH AWARD SCHEME WILL RECEIVE PRIZES FROM THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE (OPERATIONS), MRS EVELYN DOE, AT A CEREMONY AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE HENRY G. LEONG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE.

NINETEEN GROUPS OF DISABLED AND ABLE-BODIED PERSONS HAD TAKEN PART IN THE AWARD SCHEME TO ENCOURAGE HANDICAPPED AND ABLE-BODIED PERSONS TO WORK TOGETHER IN SERVING THE COMMUNITY.

THE SCHEME, FORMING PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAMMES ON REHABILITATION THIS YEAR, WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE PENINSULA JAYCEES AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, AND SPONSORED BY THE SHELL COMPANY.

THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE FOLLOWED BY PERFORMANCES BY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE AND THERE WILL BE A DISPLAY OF THE WINNING EXHIBITS.

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YUEN LONG DB SECRETARIAT MOVING

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THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT WILL MOVE TO NEW PREMISES TOMORROW (SATURDAY) ON THE 13TH FLOOR OF THE YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES AT 2, KIU LOK SQUARE.

THE NEW ACCOMMODATION, MEASURING 500 SQUARE METRES, HAS A CONFERENCE ROOM, AN INTERVIEW ROOM, A CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE AND A MEMBERS' ROOM.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, MR JAMES WILSON, WILL CONTINUE TO WORK IN THE PRESENT DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING.

THE NEW PREMISES WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED ON DECEMBER 24. MEANWHILE THE DISTRICT BOARD AND ITS COMMITTEES WILL CONTINUE TO MEET IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE PRESENT DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING.

THE +MEET THE PUBLIC+ SCHEME WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO BE HELD IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING NEXT MONTH UNTIL JANUARY WHEN THE MEETING SESSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE INTERVIEW ROOM OF THE NEW OFFICE.

ENQUIRIES TO THE NEW OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT CAN BE MADE THROUGH 0-753831.

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FRESH, SALT WATER CUT  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO TSUEN WAN WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9 PM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 3) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT YI PEI CHUN ROAD, CHEUNG PEI SHAN ROAD AND A SECTION OF ROUTE TWISK BETWEEN KWONG PAN TIN AND SAI LAU KOK, INCLUDING HILLTOP COUNTRY CLUB, SAM TUNG UK, LO WAI, SAN CHUEN, PAK TIN PA SAN TSUEN, YUEN YUEN HOK YUEN, FU YUNG SHAN, CHUK LAM SIM YUEN, PAK TIN PA CHUEN, SAI LAU KOK CHUEN, KWONG PAN TIN SAN TSUEN, WING WAH TERRACE, TUNG PO TO, MA SIN PAI CHUEN, HILLTOP ROAD AND LO WAI ROAD.

AND ON MONDAY ALSO, SALT WATER SUPPLY TO TUEN MUN WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 10 AM TO 10 PM.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT FU TEI, SAM SHING ESTATE, SIU HONG COURT, SIU ON COURT, TAI HING ESTATE, SAN FAT ESTATE, ON TING ESTATE, YAU OI ESTATE, SHAN KING ESTATE, BUTTERFLY ESTATE, WU KING ESTATE, MELODY GARDEN, SIU SHAN COURT, CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL, TUEN MUN CLINIC, YAN OI POLYCLINIC, YAN OI TONG CIRCUIT, AREAS 4B, 9, 10, 12, 26, 36, 37A, 37B AND 19, PAK KOK, WU KING TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, CHI LOK GARDEN AND WALDORF GARDEN.

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ACCESS ROAD  
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THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 480-METRE LONG ACCESS ROAD FROM TAI PO ROAD TO THE PROPOSED NEW CREMATORIUM AT WO HOP SHEK.

BESIDES PROVIDING ACCESS TO THE CREMATORIUM, THE ROAD WILL ALSO SERVE AS AN ALTERNATIVE ACCESS TO WO HOP SHEK CEMETERY.

WORK, INVOLVING EARTH EXCAVATION AND FILLING, DRAINAGE AND OTHER ANCILLARY WORKS, IS EXPECTED TO START IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR, AND TAKE 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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**TSING YI BRIDGE TRAFFIC  
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FOR THREE ONE-HOUR PERIODS ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 2), TSING YI BRIDGE WILL BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC AT INTERVALS OF FIVE MINUTES ONLY, TO ALLOW MAINTENANCE WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT.

THESE ONE-HOUR PERIODS WILL START FROM 12.30 AM, 6.30 AM AND 3 PM.

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**D'AGUILAR STREET CLOSURE  
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D'AGUILAR STREET BETWEEN WYNDHAM STREET AND WELLINGTON STREET IN CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 9 AM ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 2) UNTIL 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR ROAD WORK.

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