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SEPTEMBER SURVEY OF RETAIL SALES

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THE VALUE OF RETAIL SALES FOR THE RETAIL TRADE SECTOR IN SEPTEMBER 1983 WAS ESTIMATED TO BE \$4 915 MILLION, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL SURVEY RESULTS PUBLISHED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

AT 145, THE OVERALL RETAIL SALES VALUE INDEX INCREASED BY 5 POINTS OR 4 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1983, AND BY 18 POINTS OR 14 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1982.

THE OVERALL RETAIL SALES VOLUME INDEX, AT 107, WAS ONE POINT OR ONE PER CENT HIGHER THAN THAT FOR AUGUST 1983, AND 4 POINTS OR 4 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THAT FOR SEPTEMBER 1982.

COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1983, RETAIL SALES OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO INCREASED BY 10 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS, WHILE THOSE OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS, AND CONSUMER DURABLES EACH INCREASED BY TWO PER CENT, AND OTHER CONSUMER GOODS BY ONE PER CENT. RETAIL SALES OF FUELS REMAINED UNCHANGED IN VALUE TERMS.

IN VOLUME TERMS, RETAIL SALES OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO ROSE BY 5 PER CENT, WHILE THOSE OF CONSUMER DURABLES AND OTHER CONSUMER GOODS WERE RELATIVELY STABLE. THE VOLUME OF RETAIL SALES OF FUELS AND CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS, HOWEVER, WENT DOWN BY TWO PER CENT AND ONE PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1982, RETAIL SALES OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO ROSE BY 21 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS, THOSE OF FUELS BY 20 PER CENT, CONSUMER DURABLES BY 14 PER CENT, AND CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS, AND OTHER CONSUMER GOODS EACH BY 10 PER CENT. IN TERMS OF VOLUME OF SALES, FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 8 PER CENT, FOLLOWED BY CONSUMER DURABLES (7%), FUELS, AND CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS (EACH OF 3%), AND OTHER CONSUMER GOODS (1%).

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, RETAIL SALES OF SUPERMARKETS INCREASED BY 20 PER CENT AND 18 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1983.

RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES, HAVING BEEN STAGNANT FOR A LONG PERIOD, ALSO SHOWED SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN BOTH THE VALUE AND VOLUME OF SALES. COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1982, RETAIL SALES OF SUPERMARKETS INCREASED BY 51 PER CENT IN TERMS OF VALUE AND 33 PER CENT IN TERMS OF VOLUME.

DEPARTMENT STORES RECORDED A LARGE INCREASE IN SALES VALUE BUT ONLY A SLIGHT RISE IN SALES VOLUME. RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES DROPPED IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

TABLES 1 AND 2 PRESENT THE REVISED FIGURES FOR AUGUST 1983 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER 1983 OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES, AND OF RETAIL SALES VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS AND SELECTED TRADES (WHICH FORM PART OF THE RELEVANT MAJOR TRADE GROUPS).

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THE AVERAGE MONTHLY RETAIL SALES IN 1980 ARE TAKEN AS 100. COMPARISONS OF THE SEPTEMBER RESULTS WITH THOSE OF THE PRECEDING MONTH AND OF THE CORRESPONDING MONTH IN 1982 ARE ALSO GIVEN. ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, TEL. NO. : 3-7216024.

TABLE 1 : VALUE INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES FOR
AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 1983

(MONTHLY AVERAGE OF 1980 = 100)

ITEM	AUG 1983	SEPT 1983	SEPT 1983 COMPARED WITH AUG 1983		SEPT 1983 COMPARED WITH SEPT 1982	
	(REVISED FIGURES)	(PROVISIONAL FIGURES)	POINTS	%	POINTS	%
TOTAL RETAIL SALES (HK\$ MILLION)	4 752	4 915				
RETAIL SALES VALUE INDEXES:						
(I) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES	140	145	5	4	18	14
(II) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS						
FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO	146	161	15	10	28	21
FUELS	184	184	SAME	SAME	31	20
CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	130	132	2	2	12	10
CONSUMER DURABLES	125	128	3	2	16	14
OTHER CONSUMER GOODS	140	142	2	1	13	10
(III) BY SELECTED TRADES						
SUPERMARKETS	226	271	45	20	91	51
MOTOR VEHICLES	60	67	7	12	-7	-9
DEPARTMENT STORES	140	120	-20	-14	13	12

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TABLE 2 : VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES FOR
AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 1983

(MONTHLY AVERAGE OF 1980 = 100)

ITEM	AUG 1983	SEPT 1983	SEPT 1983 COMPARED WITH AUG 1983		SEPT 1983 COMPARED WITH SEPT 1982	
	(REVISED FIGURES)	(PROVISIONAL FIGURES)	POINTS	%	POINTS	%
RETAIL SALES VOLUME INDEXES:						
(I) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES						
	106	107	1	1	4	4
(II) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS						
FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO	104	109	5	5	8	8
FUELS	124	122	-2	-2	3	3
CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	99	98	-1	-1	3	3
CONSUMER DURABLES	103	103	SAME	SAME	7	7
OTHER CONSUMER GOODS	108	108	SAME	SAME	1	1
(III) BY SELECTED TRADES						
SUPERMARKETS	156	184	28	18	46	33
MOTOR VEHICLES	40	44	4	10	-10	-19
DEPARTMENT STORES	108	92	-16	-15	3	3

NOTES: (1) FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO INCLUDES
SUPERMARKETS.

(2) CONSUMER DURABLES INCLUDES MOTOR VEHICLES.

(3) OTHER CONSUMER GOODS INCLUDES DEPARTMENT STORES.

RECORD HIGH DAILY MEAN TEMPERATURE FOR OCTOBER
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THE DAILY MEAN TEMPERATURE OF 26.4 DEGREES CELSIUS LAST MONTH WAS THE HIGHEST FOR ANY OCTOBER ON RECORD, ACCORDING TO THE OCTOBER WEATHER REPORT PUBLISHED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

AND THE MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 28.9 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS THE SECOND HIGHEST ON RECORD SINCE 1884.

OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES ABOUT OCTOBER WERE THAT:

* IT WAS CLOUDIER AND WETTER THAN USUAL, WITH THE MEAN CLOUDINESS OF 71 PER CENT BEING THE SECOND HIGHEST FOR ANY OCTOBER, AND

* THE TOTAL MONTHLY RAINFALL OF 227.4 MM WAS NEARLY 90 PER CENT ABOVE AVERAGE.

FOR MOST OF THE MONTH THE WEATHER WAS MIXED.

THERE WERE SUNNY PERIODS, BUT FOR MOST OF THE TIME IT WAS CLOUDY, WITH PATCHES OF LIGHT RAIN AND SHOWERS, AS WELL AS OCCASIONAL FRESH TO STRONG WINDS, IN ADDITION TO GALE FORCE WINDS CAUSED BY TYPHOON JOE.

TYPHOON JOE, WHICH HAD FORMED EAST OF THE PHILIPPINES ON OCTOBER 10, MOVED CLOSER ON OCTOBER 13 AND BROUGHT ABOUT A RAPID DETERIORATION IN THE WEATHER. THERE WAS WIDESPREAD RAIN, WHICH WAS HEAVY AT TIMES, OCCURRING THROUGHOUT THE DAY, AS WELL AS SERIOUS FLOODING AND MINOR LANDSLIPS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF HONG KONG.

TYPHOON JOE PASSED ABOUT 100 NAUTICAL MILES SOUTHWEST OF HONG KONG ON OCTOBER 13, AND DISSIPATED OVER GUANGDONG THE FOLLOWING DAY.

EIGHT TROPICAL CYCLONES OCCURRED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA DURING THE MONTH.

ALSO, DURING THE MONTH, 21 AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER. A THUNDERSTORM WARNING WAS ISSUED, AS WERE FLOOD AND LANDSLIP WARNINGS, AND THE YELLOW FIRE DANGER WARNING ON A NUMBER OF DAYS, AND A MORE SERIOUS RED FIRE WARNING EARLIER IN THE MONTH.

SIGNALS HOISTED DURING THE MONTH WERE AS FOLLOWS:

WEATHER SYSTEM	SIGNAL	DATE AND TIME OF HOISTING	DATE AND TIME OF LOWERING
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	1 OCTOBER 11.10 AM	2 OCTOBER 10.05 AM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	2 OCTOBER 5.00 PM	4 OCTOBER 8.00 AM

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WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	9 OCTOBER 7.10 AM	10 OCTOBER 11.40 AM
TYPHOON JOE	1	11 OCTOBER 10.40 PM	12 OCTOBER 4.15 PM
	3	12 OCTOBER 4.15 PM	13 OCTOBER 11.45 AM
	8NE	13 OCTOBER 11.45 AM	13 OCTOBER 5.45 PM
	8SE	13 OCTOBER 5.45 PM	13 OCTOBER 10.15 PM
	3	13 OCTOBER 10.15 PM	14 OCTOBER 5.15 AM
SEVERE TROPICAL STORM LEX	1	23 OCTOBER 7.10 AM	23 OCTOBER 7.00 PM
	3	23 OCTOBER 7.00 PM	24 OCTOBER 6.15 AM
	1	24 OCTOBER 6.15 AM	25 OCTOBER 2.30 PM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	26 OCTOBER 1.15 AM	26 OCTOBER 7.30 AM

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

SUNSHINE	150.7 HOURS	= 59.2 HOURS BELOW NORMAL
RAINFALL	227.4 MM	= 106.2 MM ABOVE NORMAL
CLOUDINESS	71 %	= 19 % MORE THAN NORMAL
RELATIVE HUMIDITY	77 %	= 5 % HIGHER THAN NORMAL
MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE	28.9 DEG C.	= 1.0 DEG C. ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN TEMPERATURE	26.4 DEG C.	= 1.4 DEG C. ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	24.7 DEG C.	= 2.0 DEG C. ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	21.9 DEG C.	= 2.6 DEG C. ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	121.0 MM	= 44.4 MM BELOW NORMAL

MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 31.8 DEG C. WAS RECORDED ON 6 OCTOBER
 MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 20.9 DEG C. WAS RECORDED ON 29 OCTOBER

DB TO DISCUSS TIN SHUI WAI DEVELOPMENT
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A MASTER PLAN FOR THE INITIAL STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT IN TIN SHUI WAI, INVOLVING THE BUILDING OF A NEW TOWN FOR 135 000 PEOPLE, WILL BE TABLED FOR DISCUSSION AT THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TOMORROW (THURSDAY) MORNING.

THE PLAN GIVES DETAILS OF THE MAJOR ROAD NETWORK WITHIN THE NEW TOWN AND THE LAND TO BE USED FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOUSING ESTATES, INDUSTRIAL ESTATES, PARKS AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

THE PLAN ALSO SHOWS HOW THE TOWN COULD BE EXPANDED IF REQUIRED IN FUTURE.

A GOVERNMENT ENGINEER OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT BRANCH, MR GEORGE CHIEN, AND A SENIOR TOWN PLANNER, MR I.T. BROWNLÉE, WILL BRIEF BOARD MEMBERS ON THE PROJECT.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL ALSO REVIEW THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES IN LAU FAU SHAN, TSIM BEI TSUI AND PAK NAI, AND THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE NEW TOWN.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WILL INCLUDE A BRIEFING ON THE LONG PING PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE DEVELOPMENT, AN AGRICULTURAL SHOW TO BE HELD IN THE DISTRICT NEXT YEAR, AND PROGRESS REPORTS OF THE BOARD'S COMMITTEES.

ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 2) MORNING, THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON A NUMBER OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AT THEIR MEETING.

THE PROJECTS INCLUDE THE BUILDING OF A BASKETBALL COURT AND A REST GARDEN AT RENNIE'S MILL VILLAGE COTTAGE AREA AND REPAIR WORK TO THE FENCE AND GATE OF A FOOTBALL PITCH AT ST PETER'S VILLAGE IN TUI MIN HOI.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO COVER:

- (A) THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 9.30 AM TOMORROW (THURSDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF YUEN LONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING; AND
- (B) THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 10 AM ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 2) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S SECRETARIAT ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF AMOY PLAZA, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD.

A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 8.20 AM TOMORROW FOR YUEN LONG.

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MORE NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED

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THIRTY-FOUR NEW BUILDING PLANS WERE APPROVED BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT LAST MONTH (OCTOBER).

OF THESE, 16 WERE FOR NEW BUILDINGS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, FIVE FOR THOSE IN KOWLOON AND 13 FOR THOSE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

AMONG THESE NEW BUILDINGS WILL BE A SCHOOL AT BRAEMAR HILL ROAD, A HOSTEL AT HARBOUR ROAD AND A VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE AT THE JUNCTION OF TAI LIN PAI ROAD AND SAN KWAI STREET IN KWAI CHUNG.

THE USABLE FLOOR AREAS OF THESE BUILDINGS WILL TOTAL 204 207.2 SQUARE METRES, COMPRISING 160 676.8 SQUARE METRES OF NON-DOMESTIC AND 43 530.4 SQUARE METRES OF DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED IN OCTOBER WAS \$839.3 MILLION.

IN THE SAME MONTH, THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE AGREED TO THE START OF WORK ON 27 NEW PROJECTS.

THESE PROJECTS INCLUDE A SEWAGE SCREENING PLANT AT TAIKOO SHING, A FERRY TERMINAL IN CENTRAL, A SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL CENTRE AT THE JUNCTION OF IVY STREET AND BEECH STREET IN TAI KOK TSUI, A SCHOOL BUILDING FOR THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC AND A FOOTBRIDGE IN SHA TIN.

A TOTAL OF 37 OCCUPATION PERMITS WERE ISSUED FOR NEWLY-COMPLETED BUILDINGS IN OCTOBER.

ALSO DURING THE MONTH, THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE GAVE PERMISSION FOR 32 BUILDINGS TO BE DEMOLISHED.

IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH (SEPTEMBER), 37 NEW BUILDING PLANS WERE APPROVED BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE.

IN THE FIRST 10 MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, 407 NEW BUILDING PLANS WERE APPROVED.

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YOUTH CLUB SCHEME A POTENT FORCE : HAYE
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THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB SCHEME HAS DEVELOPED SIGNIFICANTLY DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS AND IS NOW A POTENT FORCE IN COMMUNITY-BUILDING ACTIVITIES, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE THIRD COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB ANNUAL PARADE AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, MR HAYE RECALLED THAT THE CYC SCHEME IN ITS PRESENT FORM WAS INAUGURATED IN 1978 TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY SERVICE AMONG STUDENTS THROUGH A WIDE-RANGING PROGRAMME OF INFORMAL EDUCATIONAL AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

+THE VALUE OF THIS WORK IN DEVELOPING RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP HAS STRUCK A WARM RESPONSIVE CHORD IN OUR SCHOOLS WITH THE RESULT THAT WITHIN FIVE YEARS MEMBERSHIP HAS RISEN FROM 16 000 TO 95 000 PUPILS DRAWN FROM 720 PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS,+ HE SAID.

MR HAYE ADDED THAT THIS ACHIEVEMENT AUGURED WELL FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY-ORIENTATED PROJECTS.

+I AM PLEASED TO NOTE THAT THESE ARE NOW BEING SUCCESSFULLY COORDINATED ON A DISTRICT BASIS THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CYC DISTRICT COMMITTEES,+ HE ADDED.

+THIS DEVELOPMENT OFFERS TERRITORY-WIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE. THERE IS NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT THE CYC SCHEME IS NOW A POTENT FORCE IN COMMUNITY-BUILDING ACTIVITIES,+ THE DIRECTOR REMARKS.

MR HAYE SAID WHILE SERVICE OF THIS KIND HAD ITS OWN REWARD IN TERMS OF PERSONAL PRIDE IN A WORTHY JOB WELL DONE, THE CYC MERIT AWARD SCHEME PROVIDED TANGIBLE RECOGNITION FOR THOSE WHO HAD GIVEN OUTSTANDING SERVICE.

THE SCHEME AWARDS BADGES OF MERIT IN PROGRESSIVE STAGES AND 60 STUDENTS HAVE ATTAINED THE HIGHEST LEVEL THIS YEAR.

IN ADDITION, 12 MEMBERS WHO HAVE GIVEN EXEMPLARY SERVICE DURING THE YEAR WILL ALSO BE AWARDED AN EDUCATIONAL MERIT TRIP TO THE UNITED KINGDOM NEXT MONTH.

IN THIS RESPECT MR HAYE THANKED THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB FOR THEIR +VERY GENEROUS ASSISTANCE IN MAKING THE U.K. VISIT AND PREVIOUS SUCH VISITS POSSIBLE+.

HE ALSO THANKED SCHOOL HEADS AND TEACHERS OF MEMBER SCHOOLS FOR THEIR ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT DURING THE SCHEME'S FORMATIVE YEARS.

+WITH THEIR CONTINUED COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE THE FUTURE OF THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB SCHEME IS ASSURED,+ MR HAYE SAID.

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\$2M AVAILABLE FOR RECREATION EQUIPMENT
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ABOUT \$2 MILLION FROM THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION WILL BE ALLOCATED IN THE 1984-85 FINANCIAL YEAR FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT.

CHARITABLE AND NON-PROFIT MAKING ORGANISATION NEEDING RECREATION EQUIPMENT MAY APPLY FOR FUNDS ANYTIME DURING THE YEAR.

THE FUND, ADMINISTERED BY THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT, IS FOR THE PURCHASE OF SPORTS OR RECREATION EQUIPMENT RANGING FROM CANOES, CHINESE BILLIARD TABLES TO CAMPING EQUIPMENT, A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

HE ALSO SAID THAT IT HAD RECENTLY BEEN DECIDED NOT TO SET A TIME LIMIT FOR THE APPLICATIONS.

+THIS MEANS THAT AN ORGANISATION MAY APPLY ANYTIME DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR, AND WE WILL CONSIDER IT ON AN AD HOC BASIS,+ HE SAID.

PREFERENCE WOULD BE GIVEN TO NEW PROJECTS AND TO NEW AGENCIES WHICH HAVE DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING GOVERNMENT SUBVENTIONS OR ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER SOURCES.

APPLICATIONS FROM VILLAGE OFFICES, RURAL COMMITTEES, RESIDENTS ASSOCIATIONS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS INCORPORATIONS AND ORGANISATIONS OF SIMILAR NATURE SHOULD BE SENT TO THE APPROPRIATE DISTRICT OFFICES. ALL OTHER APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT AT 10TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES, THE VARIOUS OFFICES OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE AND ALSO FROM THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT. APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN DUPLICATE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

TAI PO PLANS SPORTS FESTIVAL
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THE FIRST TAI PO DISTRICT SPORTS FESTIVAL, FEATURING 16 DAYS OF ACTIVITIES, WILL BEGIN ON DECEMBER 10.

A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE SPORTS FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD AT 12 NOON ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 2) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF LI FOOK LAM INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE IN TAI PO.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE. A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 10.45 AM FOR TAI PO ON FRIDAY.

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EARLY MORNING FLYOVER CLOSURE

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CANAL ROAD FLYOVER NORTHBOUND BETWEEN THE SLIP ROAD LEADING TO CENTRAL AND THE SLIP ROAD LEADING TO NORTH POINT WILL BE CLOSED FOR ROAD RESURFACING WORKS FROM 0.01 AM TO 6 AM ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 2).

TRAFFIC HEADING FOR THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL OR NORTH POINT WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE SLIP ROAD LEADING TO CENTRAL, GLOUCESTER ROAD WESTBOUND, O'BRIEN ROAD, LOCKHART ROAD, FLEMING ROAD FLYOVER, FLEMING ROAD AND GLOUCESTER ROAD EASTBOUND.

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ROADS PROHIBITED TO LIGHT BUSES

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FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 2), SEVERAL ROADS IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE PROHIBITED TO PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES EXCEPT THOSE AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

THEY ARE: ROAD 6/3, ROAD 6/6, THE SECTION OF WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF SAI LAU KOK ROAD BETWEEN ROAD 6/5 AND SHING MUN ROAD, AND THE LOADING-UNLOADING BAY AT TSO KUNG STREET EAST OF TSO KUNG SQUARE.

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PART OF TAI PO ROAD TO BE CLOSED

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BETWEEN 12.30 AM AND 5 AM ON DECEMBER 2, 3, 16 AND 17, A 200-METRE-SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD (FANLING SECTION) NEAR THE RAILWAY TRACK FOOTBRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

DURING THE CLOSURE, EAST-BOUND MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO GO VIA ROAD D4, ROAD L6, SAN FUNG AVENUE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD AND FANLING ROUNDABOUT.

AND VEHICLES FROM THE SOUTH CAN GO VIA JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, SAN FUNG AVENUE, ROAD L6, ROAD D4 AND THE SHEUNG SHUI MINI ROUNDABOUT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

**\$47M CONTRACT
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THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT HIGHWAY ENGINEER, MR HAROLD BEATON, WILL SIGN A \$47-MILLION CONTRACT TOMORROW (THURSDAY) FOR A ROAD PROJECT IN ABERDEEN.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SIGNING CEREMONY IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE 21ST FLOOR OF MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, AT 2.30 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

**+MEET THE MEDIA+
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THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT, MR BRYAN O'RORKE, WILL MEET THE MEDIA IN THE GIS THEATRE, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, 5TH FLOOR, AT 4 PM TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

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