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GOVERNOR COMMENDS EFFICIENCY OF OFFICERS IN  
AIR CRASH RESCUE OPERATION

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THE GOVERNOR TODAY (THURSDAY) HIGHLY COMMENDED THE EFFICIENT RESCUE OPERATION CARRIED OUT BY OFFICERS OF THE EMERGENCY UNITS AFTER AN ACCIDENT INVOLVING A CAAC AIRCRAFT YESTERDAY.

DURING A VISIT TO THE AIRPORT FIRE STATION THIS AFTERNOON, SIR DAVID PERSONALLY EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION TO MEMBERS OF THE AIRPORT-BASED EMERGENCY UNITS INCLUDING THE POLICE, THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT'S AIRFIELD SUPERVISORS.

DESCRIBING THE ACCIDENT AS "A GREAT TRAGEDY", SIR DAVID SAID IT WAS ALSO A GOOD EXAMPLE OF HOW EFFICIENTLY THE EMERGENCY SERVICES COULD OPERATE.

"I HAVE NO DOUBT AT ALL THAT THE SPEED OF THE REACTION HELPED TO SAVE A GREAT MANY LIVES," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR THANKED ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN THE OPERATION, ADDING THAT "HONG KONG FEELS PROUD OF WHAT YOU HAVE DONE."

EARLIER, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, ALSO VISITED HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO TALK TO SOME OF THE STAFF WHO HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN THE RESCUE OPERATIONS.

HE HAD A DISCUSSION WITH THE ACTING AIRPORT GENERAL MANAGER, MR WILLIAM HUTCHINGS, ON THE EXTENT OF DISRUPTION TO AIR TRAFFIC AND WAS TOLD THAT OPERATIONS HAD RETURNED TO NORMAL THIS MORNING.

MR JACOBS COMMENDED ALL THOSE WHO HAD TAKEN PART IN THE RESCUE OPERATIONS, AND WORKING LONG HOURS TO KEEP THE AIRPORT OPEN THROUGHOUT LAST NIGHT TO FACILITATE THE DEPARTURE OF DELAYED FLIGHTS.

HE LATER INSPECTED THE SITE OF THE ACCIDENT AND THE WRECKAGE, WHICH IS NOW PLACED ON A PIECE OF CROWN LAND ON KOWLOON RECLAMATION.

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GOVERNOR VISITS RTHK

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DURING A VISIT TODAY (THURSDAY) TO RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, CONFIRMED THAT WORK ON THE DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS FOR SETTING UP AN INDEPENDENT BOARD OF GOVERNORS TO WHICH RTHK WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE, INCLUDING PREPARATION OF THE NECESSARY LEGISLATION, WAS NOW NEARING COMPLETION.

THE DEPARTMENT'S CHANGE OF STATUS IS EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE AROUND APRIL NEXT YEAR FOLLOWING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE RTHK PROVISIONAL BOARD OF GOVERNORS THIS NOVEMBER.

SIR DAVID WAS ACCOMPANIED ON HIS VISIT BY THE DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, MISS CHEUNG MAN-YEE, WHO BRIEFED HIM ON THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT AND LATEST DEVELOPMENTS.

RTHK HAD GROWN FROM A STUDIO HOUSED IN THE OLD POST OFFICE BUILDING IN PEDDER STREET IN 1928 TO A DEPARTMENT WITH 770 STAFF AND BROADCASTING 700 HOURS OF RADIO PROGRAMMES WEEKLY ON FIVE ENGLISH AND CHINESE CHANNELS, SIR DAVID WAS TOLD.

IT NOW ALSO PRODUCES 12 HOURS OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS TELEVISION PROGRAMMES EACH WEEK FOR TRANSMISSION BY THE TWO COMMERCIAL TELEVISION STATIONS AND EIGHT HOURS OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES FOR SCHOOLS EVERY WEEK DURING TERM TIME, HE NOTED.

THE GOVERNOR LATER TOURED THE NEWSROOM, RADIO AND TELEVISION STUDIOS, EDITING AND ART SERVICES AREAS AND MET SENIOR STAFF.

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GOVT ON TARGET FOR LICENSING CTV OPERATOR IN 1989

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THE GOVERNMENT IS NOW WELL ON TARGET FOR LICENSING A CABLE TELEVISION (CTV) OPERATOR BY THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR, THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR PETER TSAO, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

MR TSAO WAS GIVING A TALK ON THE "FIVE W'S" OF CTV IN HONG KONG - WHAT, WHY, WHEN, WHERE AND WHO - AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG NORTH.

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TOUCHING ON "WHEN", HE SAID THAT ON SEPTEMBER 19 AN INVITATION WOULD BE ISSUED TO INTERESTED PARTIES TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR CTV IN HONG KONG.

"THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION WILL BE THE END OF FEBRUARY 1989. WE SHALL THEN NEED ABOUT FOUR MONTHS TO ANALYSE THE SUBMISSIONS," HE SAID.

"IN THE COURSE OF THIS PROCESS, THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY WILL BE INVOLVED IN SELECTING THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER, AND THE FINAL DECISION WILL BE TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL NEXT SUMMER.

"WE HOPE THAT BY PUBLICISING OUR INVITATION OVERSEAS, WE SHALL BE ABLE TO RECEIVE A NUMBER OF COMPETENT BIDS AND GIVE HONG KONG THE WIDEST POSSIBLE CHOICE.

"JUDGING FROM ENQUIRIES RECEIVED FROM THE USA, JAPAN, EUROPE AND THE UK, THERE IS GREAT INTEREST WORLDWIDE IN THIS AS YET UNTAPPED MARKET IN OUR BROADCASTING SERVICES. WE EXPECT TO RECEIVE A NUMBER OF BIDS AND WE SHALL PROCESS THEM WITH CARE."

AS TO WHERE AND HOW PEOPLE WOULD BE ABLE TO SUBSCRIBE TO CTV, MR TSAO SAID THE DOCUMENTATION TO BE ISSUED ON SEPTEMBER 19 WOULD INCLUDE A "HOMES PASSED" REQUIREMENT, SETTING OUT THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENT FOR THE SPEED WITH WHICH CTV WAS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

"WE HAVE CARVED UP THE TERRITORY INTO DISTRICTS WHICH COINCIDENTALLY ARE ALMOST THE SAME AS THE LEGCO ELECTORAL COLLEGES: NORTH AND SOUTH HONG KONG, EAST, WEST AND CENTRAL KOWLOON, NORTH, EAST AND WEST NEW TERRITORIES," HE SAID.

"IN THE FIRST YEAR OF THE LICENCE, WE SET NO MINIMUM REQUIREMENT. IN THE SECOND YEAR, A TOTAL OF 160,000; 320,000 IN THE THIRD YEAR; 400,000 IN THE FOURTH YEAR; AND 840,000 IN THE FIFTH YEAR.

"WE ANTICIPATE THAT BY THE SEVENTH YEAR OF THE LICENCE, ALMOST EVERY AREA, UNLESS PARTICULARLY REMOTE, WILL BE ABLE TO SUBSCRIBE TO CTV."

GIVING SOME INDICATION OF WHAT SORT OF BIDS MIGHT SUCCEED AND THE SORT THAT WERE LIKELY TO FAIL, MR TSAO SAID THAT WHAT WAS BEING LOOKED FOR WAS A CABLE TELEVISION PROVIDER, NOT JUST A NETWORK.

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"WHILE WE WELCOME BIDS FROM PARTIES WORKING IN TANDEM TO BUILD AND OPERATE THE NETWORK UNDER ONE COMPANY AND TO DO THE BROADCASTING UNDER ANOTHER, WE CANNOT AGREE TO BECOME MATCHMAKERS," HE SAID.

"CABLE NETWORK PROVIDERS, HOWEVER EXPERIENCED AND COMPETENT THEY ARE, MUST FIND A BROADCASTER TO WORK WITH.

"WHILE WE WOULD NOT RULE OUT LICENSING SEPARATE COMPANIES, ONE FOR THE NETWORK AND ONE FOR THE BROADCASTING, PROPOSALS WHICH DO NOT SOMEHOW LINK UP THE TWO WOULD NOT EARN AS MANY 'BROWNIE POINTS' AS THOSE WHICH PROPERLY LINK UP THE NETWORK AND THE BROADCASTING.

"WE ARE LOOKING FOR QUALITY, VARIETY AND A GENUINE COMMITMENT TO THE LOCAL CULTURE OF HONG KONG," HE SAID, ADDING THAT THE SUCCESSFUL BROADCASTER MUST BE PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE SERIOUS LOCALLY-BASED PROGRAMME PRODUCTION.

MR TSAO POINTED OUT THAT CTV WAS NOT AS SIMPLE AS TELEVISION WITH WIRES ATTACHED AND TO UNDERSTAND ITS IMPLICATIONS TWO MAIN POINTS WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED.

"THE FIRST IS THAT THE SUBSCRIBER TO CTV WILL HAVE AT HIS DISPOSAL APPROXIMATELY BETWEEN EIGHT AND 30 CHANNELS TO CHOOSE FROM AT ANY ONE TIME," HE SAID.

"THE IMPLICATION OF THIS IS THAT INSTEAD OF A SINGLE CHANNEL HAVING TO PLEASE MOST OF THE PEOPLE MOST OF THE TIME, THE CTV BROADCASTER CAN CONCENTRATE, ON ANY ONE CHANNEL, ON PLEASING A SMALL SECTION OF HIS AUDIENCE AND PERHAPS SERVING THAT SECTION BETTER. THOSE OF THE AUDIENCE WHOSE TASTES ARE DIFFERENT WILL SWITCH TO OTHER CHANNELS.

"WHAT THIS MEANS FOR HONG KONG IS THAT VALID MINORITY INTERESTS CAN BE FULLY CATERED TO.

"THE SECOND IMPORTANT POINT IS THAT THE CTV BROADCASTER'S AUDIENCE IS MADE UP OF SUBSCRIBERS. THIS MEANS THAT THE BROADCASTER HAS TO GO FOR QUALITY AND HAS TO PLEASE HIS AUDIENCES, OTHERWISE THEY WILL DEFECT AND HE WILL LOSE MONEY DIRECTLY."

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PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF RETAIL SALES SURVEY FOR JUNE

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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES IN JUNE 1988, ESTIMATED AT \$8,292 MILLION, WAS 25 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN JUNE 1987 WHILE THEIR VOLUME WAS 15 PER CENT HIGHER, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARING JUNE 1988 WITH JUNE 1987, RETAIL SALES OF FUELS WENT UP BY 5 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 2 PER CENT IN VOLUME. FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO INCREASED BY 5 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND DROPPED SLIGHTLY BY 1 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, RETAIL SALES OF "OTHER CONSUMER GOODS" AND "CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS" ROSE BY 47 PER CENT AND 26 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN VALUE AND 35 PER CENT AND 14 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES INCREASED BY 12 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 3 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, RETAIL SALES OF DEPARTMENT STORES AND IN "MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS" ROSE BY 45 PER CENT AND 44 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN VALUE AND BY 31 PER CENT IN VOLUME. SUPERMARKETS SALES ROSE BY 17 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 8 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS FELL BY 1 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 7 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

COMPARING THE FIRST HALF OF 1988 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987, TOTAL RETAIL SALES INCREASED BY 24 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 14 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS, SALES OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO INCREASED BY 5 PER CENT IN VALUE AND DROPPED BY 3 PER CENT IN VOLUME. FUELS WENT UP BY 4 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND HAD ALMOST NO CHANGE IN SALES VOLUME.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, RETAIL SALES OF "OTHER CONSUMER GOODS" ROSE BY 38 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 27 PER CENT IN VOLUME. "CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS" AND CONSUMER DURABLES INCREASED BY 25 PER CENT AND 24 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN SALES VALUE AND 14 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, SALES BY DEPARTMENT STORES WENT UP BY 55 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 41 PER CENT IN VOLUME, WHILE THE CORRESPONDING INCREASES FOR MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS WERE 41 PER CENT AND 28 PER CENT.

CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED BY 16 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 9 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. SUPERMARKETS SALES ROSE BY 15 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 7 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

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WHEN COMPARED WITH MAY 1988, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, TOTAL RETAIL SALES FOR JUNE 1988 RECORDED A NEGLIGIBLE CHANGE IN VALUE AND A SLIGHT DROP OF 1 PER CENT IN VOLUME.

FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO WENT UP BY 6 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 4 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME. FUELS INCREASED BY 4 PER CENT IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, RETAIL SALES OF "OTHER CONSUMER GOODS" REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED IN VALUE AND FELL BY 1 PER CENT IN VOLUME. CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS WENT DOWN BY 4 PER CENT IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME. CONSUMER DURABLES DROPPED BY 4 PER CENT IN SALES VALUE AND 5 PER CENT IN SALES VOLUME.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, SUPERMARKETS SALES INCREASED BY 13 PER CENT IN VALUE AND 12 PER CENT IN VOLUME. MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS RECORDED INCREASES OF 4 PER CENT IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME.

"CONSUMER DURABLES OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS" AND DEPARTMENT STORES DECREASED BY 9 PER CENT AND 12 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN BOTH SALES VALUE AND VOLUME.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED TOTAL RETAIL SALES FIGURE FOR MAY 1988 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURE FOR JUNE 1988.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES FOR MAY AND JUNE 1988 (A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES, (B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS, AND (C) BY SELECTED TRADES (WHICH FORM PART OF THE RELEVANT MAJOR TRADE GROUPS), WITH AVERAGE RETAIL SALES FROM OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 TAKEN AS 100.

COMPARISONS OF JUNE 1988 RESULTS WITH THOSE FOR MAY 1988 AND WITH THOSE FOR JUNE 1987 AND COMPARISONS OF RETAIL SALES IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1988 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1987 ARE ALSO GIVEN.

THE REPORT CONTAINING THE ANALYSIS OF THE JUNE 1988 SURVEY RESULTS IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, 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. 5-8234941).

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TABLE 1 : TOTAL RETAIL SALES

Total Retail Sales for June 1988 (Provisional Figure) = HK\$8,292 million  
 for May 1988 (Revised Figure) = HK\$8,296 million

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES  
FOR MAY 1988 AND JUNE 1988

(Monthly average of Oct. 84 - Sept. 85 = 100)

Item	Index of Retail Sales	1988		June 1988 compared with May 1988		June 1988 compared with June 1987		Jan. - Jun. 1988 compared with Jan. - Jun. 1987	
		May 1988 (Revised figures)	June 1988 (Provisional figures)	Points %	Points %	Points %	Points %		
<b>(A) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES</b>									
	Value	148	148	#	#	30	25	28	24
	Volume	123	122	-1	-1	16	15	15	14
<b>(B) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS</b>									
Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco	Value	114	120	7	6	6	5	6	5
	Volume	100	105	4	4	-1	-1	-3	-3
Fuels	Value	97	101	4	4	5	5	4	4
	Volume	104	108	4	4	2	2	#	#
Clothing, footwear and allied products	Value	163	157	-7	-4	33	26	32	25
	Volume	127	122	-5	-4	15	14	16	14
Consumer durables	Value	163	156	-7	-4	17	12	29	24
	Volume	131	124	-7	-5	4	3	15	14
Other consumer goods	Value	165	165	#	#	55	47	44	38
	Volume	135	133	-1	-1	35	35	28	27
<b>(C) BY SELECTED TRADES</b>									
(see note 1 below)									
Supermarkets	Value	147	166	19	13	24	17	20	15
	Volume	128	143	15	12	11	8	8	7
Motor vehicles and parts	Value	237	247	11	4	75	44	53	41
	Volume	168	175	7	4	41	31	34	28
Consumer durables other than motor vehicles and parts	Value	141	128	-12	-9	-1	-1	18	16
	Volume	119	108	-11	-9	-8	-7	10	9
Department stores	Value	201	178	-24	-12	55	45	64	55
	Volume	159	140	-19	-12	33	31	43	41

NOTES : 1. In order to analyse the sales of certain trades WITHIN major trade groups, the value and volume indexes in respect of the following selected trades are compiled :

(a) "Supermarkets" - a trade in the "Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco" group.

(b) "Motor vehicles and parts" - a trade in the "Consumer durables" group.

(c) "Consumer durables other than motor vehicles and parts" - a trade in the "Consumer durables" group.

(d) "Department stores" - a trade in the "Other consumer goods" group.

2. Figures denoting changes are derived from the unrounded index figures.

3. "#" denotes a figure within  $\pm 0.5$ .

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NOMINATIONS INVITED FOR URBCO, DB BY-ELECTIONS

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NOMINATIONS FOR BY-ELECTIONS TO FILL ONE VACANCY IN THE URBAN COUNCIL AND ONE IN THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD OPEN TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AND WILL CLOSE ON SEPTEMBER 16.

NOTICES OF THE BY-ELECTIONS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TOMORROW.

THE BY-ELECTIONS ARE TO FILL THE SEAT VACATED BY MR KWAN LIM-HO IN THE YAU TSIM CONSTITUENCY OF THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE SEAT VACATED BY MR DAVID YEUNG FUK-KWONG IN THE TSUEN WAN EAST (NORTH) CONSTITUENCY OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD.

THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE URBAN COUNCIL SEAT WILL LAST UNTIL MARCH 31 NEXT YEAR WHILE THAT OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD SEAT WILL RUN UNTIL MARCH 31, 1991.

THE BY-ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 6 UNLESS THE VACANCIES ARE UNCONTESTED, THE REGISTRATION OFFICER OF THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION, MR LAI KWAN-TAT, SAID.

MR LAI SAID THAT CANDIDATES MUST BE REGISTERED ELECTORS ON THE GENERAL ELECTORAL ROLL AND HAVE BEEN ORDINARILY RESIDENT IN HONG KONG FOR THE 10 YEARS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE NOMINATION.

"A CANDIDATE CAN BE A RESIDENT ANYWHERE IN HONG KONG; BUT HIS OR HER NOMINATORS, 10 IN TOTAL, MUST BE ELECTORS REGISTERED IN THE RESPECTIVE CONSTITUENCY," HE SAID.

NOMINATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL VACANCY AND AT THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE FOR THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD VACANCY.

FORMS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION AT HARBOUR CENTRE, 10TH FLOOR, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE WITH THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION ON TEL. 5-8934796.

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FS VISITS TOY FACTORY

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED KADER INDUSTRIAL CO. LTD. IN KOWLOON BAY.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, AND THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR ANDREW LEUNG, MR JACOBS WAS BRIEFED ON THE OPERATIONS OF KADER INDUSTRIAL CO. LTD. BY ITS CHAIRMAN, MR DENNIS TING.

MR JACOBS TOURED THE PLANT, SEEING THE PRODUCTION OF VARIOUS ELECTRIC TOYS, PLASTIC DOLLS, MODEL RAILWAYS, TOY VEHICLES AND AUDIO ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS.

THE COMPANY WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1948.

AS AT SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR, THE TOYS AND DOLLS INDUSTRY EMPLOYED 49,034 PERSONS IN 2,152 ESTABLISHMENTS, ACCOUNTING FOR SIX PER CENT OF THE TOTAL EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

IN 1987, DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF TOYS AND DOLLS WERE VALUED AT \$11,924 MILLION (OR 6.1 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORT VALUE OF THE YEAR), REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 6.9 PER CENT ON 1986.

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DFCC MEMBERS VISIT MAGISTRACY

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SIX MEMBERS OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (DFCC) PAID A VISIT TO THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING AND WERE RECEIVED BY THE PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE, MR MICHAEL HILL.

THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT WAS TO ENABLE MAGISTRATES TO APPRECIATE LOCAL CONCERNS ON ONE HAND, AND TO ENABLE DFCC MEMBERS TO ACQUIRE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE JUDICIAL PROCESS ON THE OTHER.

THE VISIT, ARRANGED BY THE DFCC SECRETARY, STARTED WITH AN INFORMAL MEETING AT WHICH THE MAGISTRATES AND THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS COULD EXCHANGE VIEWS ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN. THE QUESTION OF PENALTIES FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING WAS DISCUSSED.

FOLLOWING THE INFORMAL MEETING, THE PARTY WAS SHOWN ROUND THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY AND HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SIT IN ON SOME OF THE HEARINGS UNDERWAY IN THE COURTS.

A SIMILAR VISIT TO THE WESTERN MAGISTRACY WILL BE ARRANGED FOR ANOTHER GROUP OF DFCC MEMBERS OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT LATER THIS MONTH.

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DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS ON PRIVATE FARMS TO START SOON

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INSTALLATION OF LIVESTOCK WASTE TREATMENT EQUIPMENT FOR THE DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS ON PRIVATE FARMS WILL BEGIN SOON, THE STEERING GROUP OF THE LIVESTOCK WASTE DISPOSAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE WAS TOLD THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON.

SPEAKING AT THE GROUP'S MEETING, AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL EXPLAINED THAT FOLLOWING THE SIGNING OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND SELECTED LIVESTOCK FARM OPERATORS YESTERDAY, THE CONSULTANT WOULD APPOINT CONTRACTORS IMMEDIATELY TO CARRY OUT BUILDING WORKS AND INSTALLATION OF TREATMENT EQUIPMENT.

"IF EVERYTHING GOES SMOOTHLY, THE CONSTRUCTION OF DEMONSTRATION PLANTS WILL BE UNDERWAY BY THE END OF THIS MONTH," HE SAID.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STEERING GROUP, MR LEO KWAN TOLD THE MEETING THAT HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE CONSULTANT WOULD BE ABLE TO SUBMIT A REPORT ON THE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT BY DECEMBER.

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EYE CARE CAMPAIGN PRESS CONFERENCE

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AN EYE-CARING CAMPAIGN FOR THE ELDERLY WILL BE LAUNCHED FROM SEPTEMBER 10 TO SEPTEMBER 22 IN KWUN TONG.

THE CAMPAIGN IS CO-ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD AND THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE HONG KONG OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION.

IT AIMS AT DISSEMINATING EYE-CARE KNOWLEDGE TO LOCAL RESIDENTS AND ALSO AT PROVIDING EYE-CARE SERVICES TO RESIDENTS WHO ARE AGED OVER 60.

A PRESS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 3 PM AT THE FOUR SEASONS SUITE OF THE NEW WORLD HOTEL.

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ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE WILL BE THE JOINT CHAIRMEN OF THE CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR SAMMY POONE AND MRS WINNIE POON; CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, MR PAUL YU SHIU-TIN; KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM HANG-FAI AND PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION, MR JAMES TANG.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWUN TONG EYE-CARING CAMPAIGN FOR THE ELDERLY PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 3 PM AT THE FOUR SEASONS SUITE, NEW WORLD HOTEL.

CALL FOR SUPPORT IN ANTI-MOSQUITO DRIVE

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THE HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH IS APPEALING TO THE PUBLIC FOR SUPPORT IN THE SECOND PHASE OF THE TERRITORY-WIDE ANTI-MOSQUITO EDUCATION CAMPAIGN AIMED AT CHECKING MOSQUITO NUISANCE NORMALLY EXPERIENCED IN LATE SUMMER.

THE FIRST PHASE WAS LAUNCHED IN APRIL THIS YEAR AND THE SECOND PHASE IS TO REINFORCE EFFORTS OF THE CAMPAIGN.

AS PART OF THE EFFORTS TO PROMOTE THE CAMPAIGN, THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS HAVE PRODUCED A LEAFLET WITH GUIDELINES ON MOSQUITO PREVENTION FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE PUBLIC AND TO CONSTRUCTION SITE OPERATORS.

EMPHASISING THE MESSAGE OF "NO STAGNANT WATER, NO MOSQUITO BREEDING", THE LEAFLET SUGGESTED THE FOLLOWING MEASURES TO REDUCE THE CHANCE OF MOSQUITO BREEDING:

- \* TO KEEP ALL TINS, BOTTLES, RECEPTACLES AND OUTER TYRES AWAY FROM OPEN SPACES SUCH AS ROOFS, YARDS AND CANOPIES, AND TO TURN UPSIDE DOWN ALL LARGE RECEPTACLES WHICH CANNOT BE MOVED READILY;
- \* TO KEEP WATER STORAGE TANKS COVERED AND SEE THAT THEY ARE IN GOOD REPAIR;
- \* TO ENSURE THAT DRAINAGE IS NOT BLOCKED TO PREVENT POSSIBLE ACCUMULATION OF WATER; AND
- \* TO RENEW WATER IN VASES AT LEAST ONCE WEEKLY AND MAKE SURE THAT NO WATER ACCUMULATES IN TRAYS OR UNDER-PLATES FOR FLOWER POTS.

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THE SENIOR HEALTH INSPECTOR OF THE HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT, MR CHEUNG KAI-CHUEN, URGED BUILDING CONTRACTORS TO INSPECT THEIR SITES FREQUENTLY AND TO ELIMINATE ALL STAGNANT WATER ON SITE, OR SPRAY LIGHT DIESEL ON THE SURFACE OF WATER WHICH COULD NOT BE ELIMINATED LEAST ONCE WEEKLY.

"DISTRICT HEALTH STAFF OF BOTH THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT ARE ALWAYS WILLING TO OFFER ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE," HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES ORDINANCE, IT WAS AN OFFENCE TO ALLOW MOSQUITO BREEDING ON PREMISES, AND THE OFFENDER WAS LIABLE TO MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10,000.

TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE ANTI-MOSQUITO MESSAGE, THE UNIT WILL SEND OUT LETTERS WITH RELEVANT MATERIALS TO BUILDING CONTRACTORS, OWNERS CORPORATIONS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND MANAGEMENT OFFICES OF LARGE PRIVATE HOUSING ESTATES APPEALING FOR THEIR CO-OPERATION.

"ANTI-MOSQUITO POSTERS AND LEAFLETS ARE ALSO DISTRIBUTED TO SCHOOLS AS WELL AS DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION FOR DISPLAY," MR CHEUNG ADDED.

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NEW AMBULANCE DEPOT, FSD STAFF QUARTERS

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WORK WILL START THIS MONTH ON CONSTRUCTION OF A \$78.9 MILLION AMBULANCE DEPOT AND STAFF QUARTERS FOR THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN WONG TAI SIN.

THE MODERN DEPOT AND TWO 25-STOREY BLOCKS TO HOUSE THE RANK AND FILE MARRIED QUARTERS WILL IMPROVE AMBULANCE AND FIRE SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT AND SURROUNDING AREAS.

BOTH THE AMBULANCE DEPOT AND THE STANDARD DESIGN MARRIED QUARTERS, AS WELL AS A DRILL YARD, WILL BE LOCATED WITHIN THE SITE BOUNDARY OF THE EXISTING WONG TAI SIN DIVISIONAL FIRE STATION.

THE PROJECT, AWARDED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, IS EXPECTED TO TAKE 20 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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POT FLOWER GROWING COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN

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TO TIE IN WITH THE LAUNCHING OF THE HONG KONG FLOWER SHOW NEXT YEAR, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, URBAN COUNCIL AND REGIONAL COUNCIL WILL JOINTLY ORGANISE A POT FLOWER GROWING COMPETITION FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN IN EARLY MARCH.

THE COMPETITION WHICH STRESSES THE IMPORTANCE OF BEAUTIFYING THE ENVIRONMENT WILL PROVIDE PARTICIPANTS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT PLANTS.

THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO TWO GROUPS FOR URBAN AND RURAL SCHOOLS.

SCHOOLS ARE ADVISED THAT PLANTING WORK SHOULD BEGIN BETWEEN EARLY NEXT MONTH AND MARCH.

DETAILS REGARDING THE SPECIES, POT SIZE, PLANTING WORK AND THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE SCIENCE SUBJECTS SECTION (PRIMARY SCHOOL) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE IN CAUSEWAY BAY.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD REACH THE SECTION BEFORE SEPTEMBER 15.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND A SEMINAR INTRODUCING FLOWER GROWING IN THE PRIMARY SCIENCE CURRICULUM AND PLANTING TECHNIQUES.

A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD IN OCTOBER NEXT YEAR. PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNER, FIRST RUNNER-UP AND SECOND RUNNER-UP FOR EACH SPECIES IN EACH GROUP. AN OVERALL WINNER PRIZE WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED TO THE SCHOOL WITH THE HIGHEST TOTAL SCORES IN THE GROUP.

WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT THE HONG KONG FLOWER SHOW GROUND NEXT YEAR.

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TRAFFIC PLAN FOR FOOTBALL MATCHES

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN HAPPY VALLEY FROM SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 4) THROUGHOUT THE FORTHCOMING FOOTBALL SEASON, WHENEVER THERE IS A FOOTBALL MATCH AT THE HONG KONG STADIUM.

TWO HOURS PRIOR TO THE KICK-OFF OF EACH MATCH, THE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS WILL COME INTO EFFECT:

- \* CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN LEIGHTON ROAD AND STADIUM PATH WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND;
- \* CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD AND COTTON PATH WILL BE RESTRICTED TO VEHICLES REQUIRING LOCAL ACCESS;
- \* EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD BETWEEN STADIUM PATH AND TUNG LO WAN ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND, BUT VEHICLES WILL STILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE ST. PAUL'S HOSPITAL CARPARK FROM TUNG LO WAN ROAD;
- \* LINK ROAD BETWEEN CAROLINE HILL ROAD AND HAPPY VIEW TERRACE WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY UPHILL;

VEHICLES EXITING FROM UPPER SECTION OF BROADWOOD ROAD, HAPPY VIEW TERRACE AND LEIGHTON HILL SHALL PROCEED DOWN VIA BROADWOOD ROAD TO WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD;

VEHICLES ON CAROLINE HILL ROAD WILL BE BANNED FROM TURNING RIGHT TO LINK ROAD IF NECESSARY;

- \* WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ON HYSAN AVENUE WILL HAVE TO TURN LEFT TO EASTBOUND LEIGHTON ROAD;
- \* SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON SUN WUI ROAD WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING RIGHT TO WESTBOUND LEIGHTON ROAD;
- \* THE SERVICE ROAD AROUND THE HONG KONG STADIUM WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC;
- \* TRAFFIC CONES MAY BE LAID ON THE SECTION OF LEIGHTON ROAD BETWEEN HYSAN AVENUE AND CAROLINE HILL ROAD FOR TWO-LANE EASTBOUND TRAFFIC; AND
- \* THE BUS STOP ON EASTBOUND LEIGHTON ROAD NEAR MATHESON STREET WILL BE SUSPENDED BETWEEN TWO HOURS BEFORE AND 15 MINUTES AFTER THE START OF EACH NIGHT MATCH IF NECESSARY.

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IN ADDITION, 15 MINUTES BEFORE THE END OF THE MATCH, CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN STADIUM PATH AND LEIGHTON ROAD WILL BECOME ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND, WHILE CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN LEIGHTON ROAD AND COTTON PATH WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

LINK ROAD WILL ALSO BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT FOR ACCESS TO OR FROM PREMISES AT LINK ROAD VIA BROADWOOD ROAD.

ON COMPLETION OF THE MATCH, CAROLINE HILL ROAD BETWEEN STADIUM PATH AND LEIGHTON ROAD, AND EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD BETWEEN STADIUM PATH AND TUNG LO WAN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC IF NECESSARY.

DURING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ABOVE TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS, GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES 5 AND 14M BOUND FOR CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE DIVERTED VIA WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD AND MORRISON HILL ROAD TO LEIGHTON ROAD; WHILE GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 28A WILL NOT OPERATE THROUGH CAROLINE HILL ROAD, COTTON PATH AND EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD.

GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 30 WILL ALSO BE DIVERTED VIA WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD, MORRISON HILL ROAD AND LEIGHTON ROAD TO HYSAN AVENUE.

MATHESON STREET, THE SECTION OF LEIGHTON ROAD SOUTH OF IRVING STREET, RUSSELL STREET AND SHARP STREET EAST WILL BE PROHIBITED TO LEARNER DRIVERS BETWEEN 2 PM AND 4.30 PM FOR DAY MATCHES AND BETWEEN 7.30 PM AND 8.30 PM FOR NIGHT MATCHES.

PARKING SPACES ON SUN WUI ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 2 PM AND 6 PM FOR DAY AND NIGHT MATCHES RESPECTIVELY, WHILE THOSE ON STADIUM PATH AND THE UNNAMED SERVICE ROAD AROUND THE STADIUM WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM NOON AND 4 PM FOR DAY AND NIGHT MATCHES RESPECTIVELY. THESE MEASURES WILL LAST UNTIL 30 MINUTES AFTER THE END OF THE MATCH.

ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLES WILL BE TOWED AWAY WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE.

ALL THE ABOVE SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS, UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED, WILL LAST UNTIL CROWDS HAVE DISPERSED AFTER THE MATCH.

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