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DOW'S PLANT SHOWS CONFIDENCE IN HK - GOVERNOR

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DOW CHEMICAL'S EXTENSION OF ITS PLANT ON TSING YI ISLAND SHOWED THE COMPANY'S CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG AND ITS CONVICTION THAT HONG KONG IS A PLACE IN WHICH MONEY, MANAGEMENT AND TECHNOLOGY CAN BE INVESTED PROFITABLY, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY.

HONG KONG WARMLY WELCOMES OVERSEAS INVESTMENT OF THIS KIND, THE GOVERNOR ADDED, IN OPENING THE COMPANY'S NEW PACIFIC PLANT, WHICH PRODUCES POLYSTYRENE FOAM SHEET, USED EXTENSIVELY FOR PACKAGING IN HONG KONG'S FAST FOOD AND PROCESSING INDUSTRIES.

SIR EDWARD SAID THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNISED THE IMPORTANCE OF MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG, AND SOUGHT TO PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF INDUSTRIAL LAND, AN EFFICIENT INFRASTRUCTURE, A STABLE LOW TAX BASE, AND INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNICAL FACILITIES.

+WE ARE KEEN TO PROVIDE THE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH PRIVATE ENTERPRISE, BOTH LOCAL AND FROM ABROAD, CAN PROSPER AND EXPAND,+ HE SAID.

UNITED STATES COMPANIES, HE SAID, ARE THE LARGEST OVERSEAS INVESTORS IN THE LOCAL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR, U.S. INVESTMENTS AMOUNTED TO \$3.5 BILLION --- OR NEARLY HALF OF TOTAL DIRECT OVERSEAS INVESTMENTS IN HONG KONG.

THERE ARE 125 INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS WHOLLY OR PARTLY OWNED BY U.S. INTERESTS. TWELVE OF THESE WERE SET UP IN THE LAST TWO TO THREE YEARS WITH TOTAL INVESTMENT OF \$640 MILLION, SIR EDWARD SAID.

+AMONG THEM, DOW CHEMICAL'S INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG IS A VIVID EXAMPLE OF THE MAXIM THAT NOTHING SUCCEEDS LIKE SUCCESS,+ THE GOVERNOR SAID.

FROM ITS INITIAL OPERATION OF A REGIONAL MARKETING OFFICE HERE IN 1957, THE COMPANY MADE HONG KONG ITS PACIFIC AREA HEADQUARTERS IN 1966.

+A VERY SIGNIFICANT STEP WAS TAKEN IN 1976 WHEN ITS \$160-MILLION POLYSTYRENE PLANT WAS OPENED ON TSING YI ISLAND. THE PLANT HAS SINCE BEEN PROVIDING A VITAL SUPPLY OF HIGH QUALITY RAW MATERIALS FOR THE LOCAL PLASTICS INDUSTRY,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

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BUILDING A BETTER HONG KONG

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THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT GRADUATES OF TODAY WILL LEAVE SCHOOL WITH A FIRM RESOLVE TO GO ON BUILDING +THIS GREAT CITY+ OF HONG KONG.

SPEAKING AT THE FIRST SPEECH DAY OF THE SHENG KUNG HUI HOLY TRINITY CHURCH SECONDARY SCHOOL TODAY, MR AKERS-JONES SAID: +FOR YOU GRADUATES, TOMORROW IS YOUR WORLD.+

IN HIS WORK, HE WAS REMINDED TIME AND AGAIN BY THE WORDS OF MENCIUS: +FROM THESE THINGS WE SEE HOW LIFE SPRINGS FROM SORROW AND CALAMITY BUT DEATH FROM EASE AND PLEASURE,+ HE SAID.

+SO IT HAS BEEN WITH YOUR SCHOOL WHOSE VIGOROUS LIFE WITH 1 200 STUDENTS, 40 TEACHERS AND MODERN FACILITIES SPRINGS FROM THE TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS OF THE PAST,+ MR AKERS-JONES SAID.

+SO, TOO, WHEN WE LOOK BEYOND THE CONFINES OF YOUR SCHOOL, HOW MUCH OF OUR HARDWON LIFE IN HONG KONG SPRINGS FROM THE INGENUITY AND ENTERPRISE WITH WHICH WE HAVE TACKLED THE PROBLEMS OF THE PAST.

+IN HONG KONG WE HAVE BUILT, ARE BUILDING, AND WILL BUILD AN EVEN GREATER CITY THAN THAT OF TODAY.

+AND WE SHOULD VIEW THE FUTURE AS WE HAVE THE PAST, NOT IN TERMS OF HOW AND WHEN TO ESCAPE TO THE PURSUIT OF EASE AND PLEASURE OF WHICH MENCIUS WARNS US BUT HOW OUT OF OUR PRESENT PROBLEMS WE CAN BUILD LIFE FOR TOMORROW.+

MR AKERS-JONES SAID MANY TRANSCENDENT PHILOSOPHIES COULD BE TRANSLATED INTO QUITE SIMPLE TERMS TO GUIDE PEOPLE.

+FIRSTLY, CONCERN FOR YOUR FAMILY BEYOND THE FAMILY TO YOUR COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS BEYOND THEM TO THE COMMUNITY.

+SO WE CAN NEVER SAY 'THIS OR THAT IS NO CONCERN OF MINE'.

+EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENS IS OUR CONCERN AND YOUR ATTITUDE TO THE SIMPLE PROBLEMS WHICH CONTINUALLY CONFRONT OUR COMMUNITY IS IMPORTANT.

+ 'COURTESY', 'CLEAN HONG KONG', 'DEFEAT DRUGS', 'FIGHT CRIME', THESE ARE NOT MERELY SLOGANS AND EMPTY WORDS THEY SPEAK TO YOU: THEY INVOLVE US ALL.

+THE WAY WE FACE THESE PROBLEMS, WHICH DIRECTLY AFFECT OUR DAILY LIVES, ALSO INDICATES THE WAY IN WHICH WE FACE THE LESS CONCRETE PROBLEMS OF THE FUTURE.

+WE CAN BE CONFIDENT AND POSITIVE, OR WE CAN ESCAPE TO THAT WORLD OF EASE AND PLEASURE OF WHICH MENCIUS WARNS US,+ HE SAID.

MR AKERS-JONES SAID HE WAS ALSO HEARTENED BY THE WAY THE TRINITY SCHOOL IS JOINING WITH OTHER SCHOOLS IN KOWLOON CITY TO STRENGTHEN THE BONDS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.

TO THIS END, A SCHOOL PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING ESTABLISHED IN THE DISTRICT.

+THIS ASSOCIATION WILL HELP MOBILISE THE TREMENDOUS RESOURCES OF THE TEACHING PROFESSION TO TACKLE PROBLEMS,+ HE ADDED.

MONETARY STATISTICS FOR SEPTEMBER
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DURING SEPTEMBER 1983 TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY INCREASED RAPIDLY, ACCORDING TO MONETARY STATISTICS PUBLISHED TODAY.

THE INCREASE IN THE BROADER MEASURES, M2 AND M3, WAS MADE UP OF SHARP INCREASES IN THE FOREIGN CURRENCY COMPONENTS WHICH WERE OFFSET TO A SLIGHT EXTENT BY SMALL DECREASES IN THE HONG KONG DOLLAR COMPONENTS.

BUT ALMOST THE ENTIRE INCREASE IN THE FOREIGN CURRENCY COMPONENTS WAS DUE TO THE VALUATION EFFECT ARISING FROM THE SUBSTANTIAL DEPRECIATION OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR DURING THE MONTH.

FOR THE SECOND MONTH RUNNING, FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS WITH THE MONETARY SECTOR EXCEEDED HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS, BUT FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS INCLUDE SWAP DEPOSITS WHICH, FOR MOST ANALYTICAL PURPOSES, SHOULD BE REGARDED AS HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS.

TOTAL HONG KONG DOLLAR LOANS AND ADVANCES GREW MODERATELY IN SEPTEMBER.

WITHIN THIS TOTAL, THOSE FOR FINANCING VISIBLE TRADE GREW ONLY MARGINALLY BUT OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG GREW MORE SUBSTANTIALLY.

ALSO, EVEN AFTER DISCOUNTING FOR THE VALUATION EFFECT, THERE WAS SIGNIFICANT GROWTH IN FOREIGN CURRENCY LOANS FOR THESE PURPOSES.

TABLE 1 SETS OUT A SUMMARY OF THE MONETARY STATISTICS FOR SEPTEMBER 1983 AND COMPARISONS WITH EARLIER MONTHS. TABLE 2 SETS OUT SOME FIGURES FROM THE QUARTERLY ANALYSIS OF LOANS AND ADVANCES FOR USE IN HONG KONG BY SECTOR.

HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY

REFLECTING THE FALL IN HK\$ DEPOSITS DURING THE MONTH, THE BROADER DEFINITIONS OF THE HK\$ MONEY SUPPLY, HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3, FELL. THE FORMER FELL BY 0.3 PER CENT FOLLOWING A RISE OF 1.9 PER CENT IN AUGUST AND THE LATTER BY 0.5 PER CENT AFTER REMAINING UNCHANGED IN AUGUST.

HOWEVER, THE NARROWEST MEASURE, HK\$M1, INCREASED BY 0.9 PER CENT, FOLLOWING A RISE OF 3.0 PER CENT IN AUGUST.

THE FALL IN HONG KONG DOLLAR DEMAND DEPOSITS WAS OFFSET BY A JUMP IN THE AMOUNT OF HONG KONG DOLLAR NOTES HELD BY THE PUBLIC, BOTH BEING COMPONENTS OF HK\$M1.

IN THE THREE MONTHS TO SEPTEMBER, HK\$M1 ROSE BY 3.3 PER CENT, HK\$M2 BY 4.4 PER CENT AND HK\$M3 BY 2.3 PER CENT. OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS, THE CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES WERE 8.8 PER CENT, 6.3 PER CENT AND 0.1 PER CENT.

IF FOREIGN CURRENCY +SWAP+ DEPOSITS ARE REGARDED AS HK\$ DEPOSITS, THE BROADER MEASURES OF THE MONEY SUPPLY, HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3, WOULD SHOW HIGHER GROWTH RATES.

/TOTAL MONEY

TOTAL MONEY SUPPLY

TOTAL M1 GREW BY 0.9 PER CENT FOLLOWING A 3.4 PER CENT RISE IN AUGUST.

TOTAL M2 AND TOTAL M3 AGAIN INCREASED RAPIDLY, BY 3.8 PER CENT AND 3.7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. THE CORRESPONDING INCREASES IN AUGUST WERE 3.1 PER CENT AND 2.9 PER CENT.

AS NOTED ABOVE, THESE FIGURES WERE HEAVILY INFLUENCED BY THE VALUATION EFFECT OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR'S DEPRECIATION.

IN THE THREE MONTHS TO SEPTEMBER, TOTAL M1 GREW BY A MARGINAL 0.2 PER CENT.

IN CONTRAST, TOTAL M2 AND TOTAL M3 GREW BY 10.0 PER CENT AND 9.9 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS, TOTAL M1 GREW BY 6.6 PER CENT, TOTAL M2 BY 29.9 PER CENT AND TOTAL M3 BY 25.1 PER CENT.

DEPOSITS

FOLLOWING A FALL OF 0.1 PER CENT IN AUGUST, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS FELL FURTHER BY 1.0 PER CENT.

IN THE THREE MONTHS TO SEPTEMBER, THEY ROSE BY 1.8 PER CENT BUT OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS, THEY FELL BY 0.9 PER CENT.

DURING THE MONTH THERE WAS A SMALL SHIFT OF BANK DEPOSITS FROM HONG KONG DOLLAR INTO FOREIGN CURRENCY, BUT MOST OF THE 8.2 PER CENT INCREASE IN FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS REFLECTED THE VALUATION EFFECT ARISING FROM THE SUBSTANTIAL DEPRECIATION OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR DURING SEPTEMBER.

OVER THE THREE MONTHS TO SEPTEMBER, FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS ROSE BY 19.1 PER CENT AND OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS, BY 66.1 PER CENT.

LOANS AND ADVANCES

TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE BY 5.5 PER CENT AFTER A RISE OF 2.2 PER CENT IN AUGUST.

PART OF THE RISE IN THE TOTAL REPRESENTED THE HIGHER HONG KONG DOLLAR VALUE OF THE FOREIGN CURRENCY COMPONENT, WHICH GREW BY 9.9 PER CENT.

HONG KONG DOLLAR LOANS, WHICH ACCOUNT FOR HALF OF THE TOTAL, GREW BY 1.4 PER CENT FOLLOWING A RISE OF 0.1 PER CENT IN AUGUST.

WHILE HONG KONG DOLLAR LOANS TO FINANCE VISIBLE TRADE GREW ONLY marginally, BY 0.5 PER CENT, FOREIGN CURRENCY LOANS FOR THIS PURPOSE GREW BY 12.2 PER CENT.

OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG WHICH ARE DENOMINATED IN HONG KONG DOLLARS GREW BY 1.5 PER CENT, WHILE THOSE DENOMINATED IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES GREW BY 12.5 PER CENT.

QUARTERLY ANALYSIS OF LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG

IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1983, LOANS EXTENDED BY BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES GREW BY A SUBSTANTIAL 15.6 PER CENT, IN SHARP CONTRAST TO THE DECLINE OF 4.1 PER CENT IN THE SECOND QUARTER.

THE INCREASE WAS PARTLY SEASONAL BUT MAY ALSO BE INDICATIVE OF A POSSIBLE REVIVAL OF CONSUMER DEMAND.

LOANS TO THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR GREW BY ONLY 2.0 PER CENT FOLLOWING A 1.8 PER CENT GROWTH IN THE SECOND QUARTER.

LOANS TO FINANCE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION, AND PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT ROSE BY 4.6 PER CENT, AGAINST A FALL OF 2.1 PER CENT IN THE SECOND QUARTER.

GROWTH OF LOANS TO INDIVIDUALS FOR THE PURCHASE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY, AT 6.3 PER CENT, CONTINUED TO BE SUBSTANTIAL, ALTHOUGH THIS IS SLIGHTLY LESS THAN THE CORRESPONDING GROWTH OF 7.4 PER CENT RECORDED IN THE SECOND QUARTER.

FOREIGN CURRENCY POSITION

THE SPOT FOREIGN CURRENCY POSITION OF THE MONETARY SECTOR SHOWED NET LIABILITIES OF \$28.3 BILLION AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER, COMPARED WITH \$25.0 BILLION AT THE END OF AUGUST.

BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES HAD NET LIABILITIES OF \$20.5 BILLION AND \$7.7 BILLION RESPECTIVELY.

STATISTICS COLLECTED (ON THE BASIS OF SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT DEFINITIONS) BY THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES SHOWED THAT AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER, THE MONETARY SECTOR HAD NET SPOT FOREIGN CURRENCY LIABILITIES OF \$30.6 BILLION WHICH WAS MORE THAN COVERED BY NET FORWARD ASSETS OF \$56.0 BILLION.

LIQUIDITY RATIOS

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO (AS DEFINED IN S.18 OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE) FOR ALL BANKS ROSE TO 49.7 PER CENT FROM 48.5 PER CENT IN AUGUST.

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO (AS DEFINED IN S.24A OF THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY ORDINANCE) FOR ALL DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE TO 68.0 PER CENT FROM 66.2 PER CENT IN AUGUST.

NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

THE NUMBER OF REPORTING LICENSED BANKS WAS UNCHANGED AT 133.

THE NUMBER OF LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES INCREASED BY 1 TO 30 AND THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES FELL BY 1 TO 319.

Monetary Statistics - September 1983

TABLE 1

Earlier months

HK\$mn

(% change to September 1983)

Money Supply	Sept., 1983	Aug., 1983	June 1983	Sept., 1982
M1 - HK\$	27,591	27,351 (+0.9%)	26,698 (+3.3%)	25,369 (+8.8%)
Foreign Currency	2,417	2,384 (+1.4%)	3,247 (-25.6%)	2,772 (-12.8%)
Total	30,008	29,735 (+0.9%)	29,945 (+0.2%)	28,141 (+6.6%)
M2 - HK\$	126,938	127,219 (-0.3%)	121,613 (+4.4%)	119,468 (+6.3%)
Foreign Currency	126,446	116,876 (+8.2%)	108,680 (+16.3%)	75,619 (+67.2%)
Total	53,384	244,176 (+3.8%)	230,293 (+10.0%)	195,087 (+29.9%)
M3 - HK\$	148,528	149,229 (-0.5%)	145,211 (+2.3%)	148,331 (+0.1%)
Foreign Currency	150,922	139,415 (+8.3%)	127,274 (+18.6%)	91,004 (+65.8%)
Total	299,450	288,643 (+3.7%)	272,485 (+9.9%)	239,335 (+25.1%)
<u>Deposits</u>				
Demand deposits	17,544	17,811 (-1.5%)	18,365 (-4.5%)	17,177 (+2.1%)
Savings deposit	71,150	71,487 (-0.5%)	69,502 (+2.4%)	63,623 (+11.8%)
Time deposits with banks	146,941	138,051 (+6.4%)	125,584 (+17.0%)	99,310 (+48.0%)
Time deposits with dtcs	44,776	43,220 (+3.6%)	41,025 (+9.1%)	43,138 (+3.8%)
All HK\$ deposits	133,627	134,954 (-1.0%)	131,220 (+1.8%)	134,896 (-0.9%)
All foreign currency deposits	146,785	135,615 (+8.2%)	123,256 (+19.1%)	88,352 (+66.1%)
Total	280,412	270,569 (+3.6%)	254,476 (+10.2%)	223,248 (+25.6%)
<u>Loans and advances</u>				
To finance Hong Kong's visible trade	29,276	28,096 (+4.2%)	28,287 (+3.5%)	25,089 (+16.7%)
To finance merchandising trade not touching Hong Kong	3,073	2,637 (+16.8%)	2,680 (+14.7%)	2,890 (+6.3%)
Other loans for use in Hong Kong	212,802	205,825 (+3.4%)	200,096 (+6.3%)	180,318 (+18.0%)
Other loans for use outside Hong Kong	127,339	120,228 (+5.9%)	114,642 (+11.1%)	91,360 (+39.4%)
Other loans where the place of use is not known	21,818	17,149 (+27.2%)	15,072 (+44.8%)	12,069 (+80.8%)
All loans in HK\$	117,055	194,365 (+1.4%)	191,536 (+2.9%)	176,424 (+11.7%)
All loans in foreign currencies	197,253	179,563 (+9.9%)	169,240 (+16.6%)	135,303 (+45.8%)
Total	394,308	373,928 (+5.5%)	360,776 (+9.3%)	311,727 (+26.5%)

/TABLE 2

QUARTERLY ANALYSIS OF LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG BY SECTOR - Sept., 1983

	<u>Ending Sept., 1983</u>	<u>Ending June 1983</u>	Earlier quarters (% change to Sept., 83)		<u>Ending Sept., 1982</u>
			<u>Ending March 1983</u>		
Manufacturing	18,698	18,340 (+2.0)	18,016 (+3.8)		16,512 (+13.2)
of which textile	3,215	3,057 (+5.2)	3,070 (+4.7)		3,111 (+3.3)
Transport and transport equipment	20,408	17,979 (+13.5)	16,607 (+22.9)		14,192 (+43.8)
Building, construction and property development	51,536	49,271 (+4.6)	50,307 (+2.4)		46,576 (+10.6)
Wholesale and retail trade	24,364	21,071 (+15.6)	21,980 (+10.8)		20,006 (+21.8)
Financial concerns*	14,151	13,553 (+4.4)	13,665 (+3.6)		13,298 (+6.4)
Individuals:					
to purchase flats in the Home Ownership Scheme and Private Sector Participation Scheme	3,038	2,968 (+2.4)	2,762 (+10.0)		2,043 (+48.7)
to purchase other residential property	21,331	20,068 (+6.3)	18,682 (+14.2)		15,938 (+33.8)
other purposes	25,524	24,642 (+3.6)	23,138 (+10.3)		22,878 (+11.6)
Others	33,752	32,203 (+4.8)	30,460 (+10.8)		28,876 (+16.9)
Total	212,802	200,096 (+6.3)	195,617 (+8.8)		180,318 (+18.0)

*This excludes funds advanced to banks and deposit-taking companies

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CITY POLYTECHNIC BILL PUBLISHED

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THE CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG IS TO BE FORMALLY ESTABLISHED UNDER PROPOSED LEGISLATION PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY.

THE INSTITUTION WILL PROVIDE FOR STUDIES, TRAINING AND RESEARCH IN TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, SCIENCE, COMMERCE, ARTS AND OTHER SUBJECTS OF LEARNING.

THE CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG BILL 1983 IS MODELLED ON THE EXISTING ORDINANCE FOR THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC BUT INCLUDES SOME CHANGES, SUCH AS THE INCLUSION OF SPECIFIC POWERS TO MAKE DEGREE AWARDS, AND PROVISION FOR A LARGER COUNCIL.

THE COUNCIL WILL BE THE SOLE GOVERNING AND EXECUTIVE BODY AND WILL COMPRISE MEMBERS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCE IN COMMERCE OR INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG, STAFF REPRESENTATIVES, PUBLIC OFFICERS, AND ACADEMICS FROM OTHER TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS.

THE BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 9) AND IS EXPECTED TO RECEIVE ITS THIRD READING ON NOVEMBER 23.

ANYONE WHO WISHES TO COMMENT ON ITS PROVISIONS MAY WRITE TO UMELCO, AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, CHATER ROAD, HONG KONG, OR TO THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER AT PRINCE'S BUILDING, ROOM 1320-1322, CHATER ROAD, HONG KONG.

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GOOD JOB PROSPECTS SEEN FOR GRADUATES

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR JOHN BREMRIDGE TODAY EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE IN THE GROWING PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG.

SPEAKING AT THE SECOND GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE HANG SENG SCHOOL OF COMMERCE, SIR JOHN SAID IT WAS NOT SURPRISING THAT MORE THAN 96 PER CENT OF THE SCHOOL'S FIRST BATCH OF GRADUATES IN 1982 WERE NOW WORKING IN COMMERCIAL, FINANCIAL AND GOVERNMENT SECTORS WITH THE BALANCE STILL INVOLVED IN HIGHER EDUCATION.

+ I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THIS YEAR'S GRADUATES WILL HAVE SIMILARLY GOOD EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, FOR I AM CONFIDENT IN THE GROWING PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG, + HE SAID.

SIR JOHN NOTED THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HANG SENG SCHOOL OF COMMERCE IN 1980 HAD MEANT ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER FORMAL FULL-TIME TRAINING FOR THOSE FIFTH FORM SCHOOL LEAVERS INTERESTED IN FOLLOWING A CAREER IN COMMERCE.

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+FOR THE GENEROUS AND FAR-SIGHTED FOUNDERS OF THE SCHOOL, IT HAS MEANT THE REALISATION OF THEIR EDUCATIONAL AIMS OF MEETING THE NEED FOR SKILLED MANPOWER. FOR THE COMMUNITY OF HONG KONG, IT PROVIDES ADDITIONAL TRAINED YOUNG PEOPLE EAGER TO WORK IN THE COMMERCIAL AND BUSINESS SECTORS, AND AN EXPANSION OF HUMAN RESOURCES TO COPE WITH THE EVER-CHANGING AND INCREASINGLY COMPLEX FINANCIAL WORLD,+ HE SAID.

SIR JOHN SAID HE WAS MUCH IMPRESSED THAT, SINCE STARTING IN 1980, THE SCHOOL HAD INCREASED ITS ENROLMENT FROM AN INITIAL 210 TO THE PRESENT 680 AND ITS TEACHING STAFF FROM 15 TO 37. THE NUMBER OF GRADUATES HAD ALSO INCREASED FROM 149 LAST YEAR TO 219 THIS YEAR.

+ALL THESE FIGURES ARE INDICATIVE OF TREMENDOUS WORK AND ACHIEVEMENT BY THOSE CONCERNED,+ HE POINTED OUT.

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LOCAL INDUSTRY SUPPORTED

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THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, BY PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE, SUPPORTS LOCAL INDUSTRY IN DEVELOPING PRODUCT FINISHING AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL FACILITIES.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY BY THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR JOHN YAXLEY WHEN HE OPENED THE PRODUCT FINISHING AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL EXHIBITION HELD BY THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE AT HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

+THE GOVERNMENT, IN ASSISTING THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE TO EXPAND ITS METAL FINISHING FACILITIES, SEEKS TO PROVIDE FOR LOCAL INDUSTRY THE NECESSARY SUPPORT FOR METAL FINISHING AND PROCESS CONTROL OF FINISHING SERVICES.

+THE CENTRE NOW HAS TWO FULLY EQUIPPED LABORATORIES OFFERING A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES IN THESE TECHNOLOGY FIELDS. I AM HAPPY TO LEARN THAT INDUSTRY'S RESPONSE TO THESE SERVICES IS GOOD AND THAT THE CENTRE IS NOW PLANNING TO EXPAND ITS FACILITIES TO CATER FOR SELECTIVE PLATING, VACUUM COATING AND GOLD ASSAY WORK,+ HE SAID.

TURNING TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL FACILITIES PROVIDED BY THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE, AS FEATURED IN THE EXHIBITION, MR YAXLEY POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S ROLE IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WAS IN RESPECT OF POLICY MAKING, THE FORMULATION OF LEGISLATION AND, SUBSEQUENTLY, POLICING.

+WE, IN THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, ARE CONCERNED WITH STRIKING A BALANCE BETWEEN ATTAINING A CLEANER ENVIRONMENT AND ALLOWING OUR INDUSTRY TO FUNCTION COMPETITIVELY.

+THE PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE HAS BEEN FUNDED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO HELP INDUSTRY COMPLY WITH ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LEGISLATION IN THE MOST COST-EFFECTIVE MANNER,+ HE CONCLUDED.

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FEEES FOR HONG KONG-REGISTERED VESSELS REVISED
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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS APPROVED NEW REGULATIONS TO REVISE FEES FOR HONG KONG-REGISTERED VESSELS TO KEEP UP WITH INCREASED EXPENSES AND TO FOLLOW THE CURRENT UK PRACTICE OF RECOVERING FULL COSTS FOR SERVICES RENDERED.

+THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF NOT SUBSIDISING COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES IN GENERAL,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (FEES) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) REGULATIONS 1983, APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL, ARE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

THE FEES COVER A BROAD RANGE OF SURVEYING SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT FOR VESSELS REGISTERED IN HONG KONG.

MOST OF THE FEES WERE LAST REVISED IN 1970 WHILE SOME HAVE REMAINED UNCHANGED SINCE 1965, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE NEW REGULATIONS ALSO INCORPORATE PROVISIONS TO ENABLE THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE TO RECOVER THE COSTS OF SERVICES NOT COVERED BY EXISTING LEGISLATION.

+IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE REVISED FEES WILL GENERATE AN ADDITIONAL REVENUE OF SOME \$13 MILLION A YEAR, WITH NO ADDITIONAL STAFF REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT THE AMENDMENTS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THE FEE INCREASES, ALTHOUGH LARGE IN PERCENTAGE TERMS IN SOME CASES, ARE INSIGNIFICANT IN ABSOLUTE TERMS WHEN COMPARED WITH THE VALUE OF THE AVERAGE VESSEL AND ITS VOLUME OF BUSINESS INVOLVED,+ HE ADDED.

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SPORTS FINALS SET FOR TOMORROW
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THE FINALS OF THE TERRITORY-WIDE INTER-SCHOOL OLYMPIAD WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE WAN CHAI SPORTS GROUND, MARKING THE CLOSE OF THE TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETICS MEET IN WHICH MORE THAN 160 TEAMS FROM SECONDARY SCHOOLS ORIGINALLY TOOK PART.

THE ATHLETIC MEET IS ORGANISED BY THE GOVERNMENT'S ANTI-SMOKING PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN STEERING COMMITTEE AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE CURRENT PUBLICITY PHASE AIMED AT DISSUADING YOUNG PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY STUDENTS, FROM SMOKING.

CO-ORGANISERS OF THE PROJECT INCLUDE THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION, THE NEW TERRITORIES SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS SPORTS COUNCIL.

TWENTY-FOUR WINNING TEAMS - 12 EACH FROM THE BOYS AND GIRLS DIVISIONS - WHICH BEAT THEIR COMPETITORS LAST MONTH IN A SERIES OF REGIONAL HEATS AT THE HONG KONG STADIUM, MONGKOK STADIUM AND KWAI CHUNG SPORTS GROUND, WILL VIE FOR OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP IN FOUR EVENTS TOMORROW.

IN THE BOYS DIVISION, THERE WILL BE A 100 METRE RACE, LONG JUMP, A 1 500 METRE RACE AND JAVELIN THROW, AND IN THE GIRLS SECTION THERE WILL BE A 100 METRE RACE, LONG JUMP, AN 800 METRE RACE AND SHOT PUT.

THE OVERALL CHAMPION, THE FIRST AND SECOND RUNNER-UP TEAMS WILL EACH RECEIVE TROPHIES AS WELL AS COUPONS FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION EQUIPMENT. THE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS DIVISIONS WILL ALSO GAIN PRIZES.

THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, MR PETER TSAO- THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR GEOFFREY BARNES- AND THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR JOHN WINFIELD, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION IN THE AFTERNOON.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE DAY'S PROGRAMME WILL BE A 400 METRE CELEBRITY INVITATION RELAY AT 3 PM, TO BE FOLLOWED BY A 100 METRE CELEBRITY INVITATION RACE.

PARTICIPATING TEAMS WILL COME FROM THE TELEVISION BROADCASTS LIMITED, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, HONG KONG COMMERCIAL BROADCASTING COMPANY LIMITED, THE OUTSTANDING YOUNG PERSONS ASSOCIATION, CAPITAL ARTISTS LIMITED AND THE COMPOSERS AND AUTHORS SOCIETY OF HONG KONG LIMITED.

MEMBERS OF THE TEAMS WILL INCLUDE URBAN COUNCILLOR MR HOWARD YOUNG, DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MISS ALICE YUK AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICES, MR Y.F. HUI. OTHERS WILL BE POPULAR DISC JOCKEYS, SINGERS AND TV PERSONALITIES, INCLUDING ALBERT AU, CONNIE MAK, CHAN MAN-YEE, FEFE TANG, ANDERS NELSSON AND TEDDY ROBIN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE SAID, +WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF THESE ORGANISATIONS WHICH IN ITSELF DEMONSTRATES THE EXTENT OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THE ANTI-SMOKING CAUSE.+

THE GRAND FINAL OF THE ATHLETIC MEET WILL BE RECORDED BY THE TELEVISION BROADCASTS LIMITED AND SCREENED IN THE +SPORTS WORLD+ PROGRAMME ON JADE CHANNEL FROM 9.30 PM TO 11 PM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 6).

MONG KOK SPREADS THE HOME SAFETY MESSAGE

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A HOME SAFETY CAMPAIGN, FEATURING TWO WEEKS OF EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES TO DRIVE HOME THE MESSAGE TO ALL HOUSEHOLDS IN MONG KOK, WILL BE HELD FROM SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 6).

FOLLOWING THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 2 PM, A CARNIVAL WITH 15 GAME STALLS, AN EXHIBITION, A STALL DESIGN COMPETITION, A FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT DISPLAY AND A VARIETY SHOW WILL BE STAGED AT THE MONG KOK MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND.

A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR RESIDENTS TO BETTER ACQUAINT THEMSELVES WITH THE BASIC KNOWLEDGE ON HOME SAFETY, ESPECIALLY IN MONG KOK WHERE MOST RESIDENTS LIVE IN SMALL COMPARTMENTS IN MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS.

+THE PRIMARY AIM IN ORGANISING THIS CAMPAIGN IS TO EQUIP THE GENERAL PUBLIC WITH SUCH KNOWLEDGE IN ORDER TO BRING DOWN THE DOMESTIC CASUALTY RATE,+ HE SAID.

THROUGH THE ACTIVITIES, HE SAID, IT WAS HOPED TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON FIRE HAZARD PRECAUTIONS, BURGLARY PREVENTIONS, SAFE USE OF ELECTRICAL HOME APPLIANCES, FIRST-AIDS, PREVENTION AGAINST SUCH ACCIDENTS AS FOOD POISONING AND ELECTRIC SHOCK, AND COMMON DISEASES AFFECTING BABIES.

OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE CAMPAIGN INCLUDE :

- A QUIZ COMPETITION FOR THE +SAFEST HOME+;
- A MODEL FAMILY CONTEST IN WHICH EACH AREA COMMITTEE IN THE DISTRICT COULD NOMINATE TWO FAMILIES;
- A VISIT TO THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S TRAINING SCHOOL IN YUEN LONG;
- A HOME SAFETY SLIDE SHOW FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS;
AND
- A SEMINAR ON HOME SAFETY

COSTING \$80 000, THE CAMPAIGN IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, AREA COMMITTEES AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN THE DISTRICTS AND OTHER LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILFRED WONG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE MONG KOK HOME SAFETY CAMPAIGN AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 6) AT THE MONG KOK MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND.

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DEMAND EXCEEDS TAXI LICENCE OFFER
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RESULTS OF THE LATEST TAXI LICENCE TENDER WERE GAZETTED TODAY (NOVEMBER 4).

NINE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-ONE TENDERS WERE SUBMITTED FOR THE 300 URBAN TAXI LICENCES PUT UP FOR BIDDING, WHICH CLOSED ON OCTOBER 7.

THE HIGHEST BID ACCEPTED WAS \$145 500 AND THE LOWEST \$130 500.

THIS GAVE AN AVERAGE PREMIUM OF \$133 901.57, REPRESENTING A DECREASE OF SEVEN PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE LAST TENDER EXERCISE.

THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SEVEN TENDERS WERE SUBMITTED FOR THE 150 NEW TERRITORIES TAXI LICENCES OFFERED.

SUCCESSFUL BIDS RANGED FROM A HIGH OF \$40 500 TO A LOW OF \$20 188, GIVING AN AVERAGE PREMIUM OF \$24 629.63.

THIS REPRESENTED A DECREASE OF 17.77 PER CENT ON THE PREVIOUS OFFER.

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LANDING PLACE FOR CATTLE, PIGS AND SHEEP
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THE CHEUNG SHA WAN ABATTOIR PIER HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AN AUTHORISED LANDING PLACE FOR CATTLE, PIGS, SHEEP AND GOATS TO BE SLAUGHTERED FOR FOOD.

THE DESIGNATION IS MADE IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY, UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH (ANIMALS AND BIRDS)(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1983.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SAID THE LANDING OF SOME 3 000 LIVE ANIMALS A DAY AT CHEUNG SHA WAN WILL EASE THE PRESSURE AT THE MA TAU KOK PIER, WHICH WILL NOW BE USED SOLELY FOR THE LANDING OF CATTLE.

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ADVANCED LEVEL EXAMINATION 1985

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SCHOOLS WISHING TO ENTER CANDIDATES FOR THE FIRST TIME TO SIT THE HONG KONG ADVANCED LEVEL EXAMINATION IN 1985 AND TO ENTER CANDIDATES FOR A PRACTICAL SUBJECT NOT PREVIOUSLY TAKEN MUST APPLY TO THE SECRETARY OF THE HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 1983, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY AT CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10/F, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY BY DECEMBER 1 THIS YEAR, 16 MONTHS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE EXAMINATION FOR WHICH THEY WISH TO ENTER CANDIDATES.

THE HANDBOOK OF REGULATIONS AND SYLLABUSES FOR THE 1985 EXAMINATION IS NOW ON SALE AT THE PUBLICATION UNIT, HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY, 17 TSEUK LUK STREET, SAN PO KONG, KOWLOON- THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG OR ANY OF THE MAJOR BOOK STORES.

FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM MR C.Y. WAN OF THE HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY ON 3-698731.

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+DANCE MARATHON+ IS A FESTIVAL FEATURE

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DANCING ENTHUSIASTS IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN AN EIGHT-HOUR DANCING MARATHON ON NOVEMBER 19.

THE EVENT IS OPEN TO ANYONE OVER 18 YEARS AND LIVING, WORKING OR STUDYING IN THE DISTRICT.

THE MARATHON, WHICH IS ONE OF THE ACTIVITIES IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL, WILL BE HELD AT THE INDOOR GAMES HALL OF THE ABERDEEN MARKET COMPLEX.

STARTING AT 2.30 PM DIFFERENT TYPES OF MUSIC WILL BE PLAYED FOR PARTICIPANTS TO DANCE NON-STOP UNTIL 10 PM.

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE THREE BEST DANCERS AND THOSE WHO COMPLETE THE MARATHON.

ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS WAH FU AND STANLEY SUB-OFFICE, AND ALL COMMUNITY CENTRES IN THE DISTRICT.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT 5-540271 EXT. 241.

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LIGHTING DESIGNS SOUGHT FOR CONTEST

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ENTRIES ARE BEING INVITED FOR A FESTIVE LIGHTING DESIGN COMPETITION AND THE WINNING DESIGN WILL BE USED FOR DECORATING THE TWO BRIDGES ALONG THE SHING MUN RIVER.

THE DESIGN CAN BE IN ANY SIZE, EXCEPT THAT NOT MORE THAN 10 000 LIGHT BULBS ARE TO BE USED FOR DECORATING THE TWO BRIDGES.

THE DECORATION ON P5 BRIDGE, A SECTION OF SHA TIN RURAL COMMITTEE ROAD WHICH CONNECTS LEK YUEN ESTATE AND SHA KOK ESTATE, WILL HAVE A CHRISTMAS MOTIF, WHILE P6 BRIDGE LINKING CITY ONE AND WO CHE ESTATE WILL CARRY THE CHINESE NEW YEAR MESSAGE.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SHA TIN FESTIVE LIGHTING ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR CHAN WAY, SAID TODAY THE LIGHTING DISPLAY, COSTING \$300 000, IS TO BEAUTIFY THE NEW TOWN AND CREATE A FESTIVE SPIRIT AMONG THE RESIDENTS.

+THIS IS ALSO THE FIRST TIME WHEN LOCAL RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO GIVE IDEAS ON HOW TO DECORATE PUBLIC ROADS,+ HE SAID.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE COMPETITION, SPONSORED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD, IS NOVEMBER 20.

THE WINNER WILL BE AWARDED A \$1 000 CASH PRIZE AND A TROPHY.

A PAMPHLET ABOUT THE COMPETITION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM ALL DISTRICT OFFICES.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT 0-617111 EXT. 294 OR, FROM NOVEMBER 11, AT 0-6065489.

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PHOTO CONTEST FOR WONG TAI SIN RESIDENTS

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RESIDENTS AND STUDENTS IN WONG TAI SIN ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A PHOTOGRAPHIC CONTEST AND WIN VALUABLE PRIZES.

THE CONTEST, ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, IS ONE OF THE ACTIVITIES IN THE TWO-MONTH WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

THE THEME OF THE CONTEST IS +WONG TAI SIN IS MY HOME+.

ENTRIES FOR THE OPEN GROUP SHOULD BE MONOCHROME OR COLOUR PRINTS, SIZE 20.32 CM X 25.4 CM (8R ENLARGEMENTS), WHILE THOSE FOR THE STUDENT GROUP SHOULD BE 3R OR 4R ENLARGEMENTS.

CONTESTANTS ARE REQUESTED TO MARK AT THE BACK OF EACH PHOTOGRAPH THEIR NAMES, OCCUPATIONS, IDENTITY CARD NUMBERS, CONTACT ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS, PLUS A DESCRIPTION OF THE THEME AND LOCATION WHERE THE PICTURE IS TAKEN.

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A MAXIMUM OF 10 PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE SUBMITTED BY EACH CONTESTANT AND SHOULD REACH THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE OR SUB-OFFICES BEFORE NOVEMBER 25.

THIRTEEN WINNING ENTRIES IN EACH GROUP WILL BE SELECTED AND THE RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON DECEMBER 5.

MEANWHILE, AN EXHIBITION ON MORE THAN 70 WORKS BY A LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHER, WATER POON, WILL BE STAGED AT THE FUNG MING HALL OF SIK SIK YUEN FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPENED FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM TOMORROW AND FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON SUNDAY.

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POP SHOW TO START OFF COURTESY DRIVE
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THE LARGE SCALE YAU MA TEI COURTESY CAMPAIGN WILL START OFF WITH A POP CONCERT FEATURING NINE LOCAL AND OVERSEAS SINGERS ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 6) EVENING AT THE HONG KONG COLISEUM.

THE CARTOON CHARACTER +BO BO+ -- A SYMBOL OF COURTESY AND LOVE -- WILL ALSO APPEAR WITH THE SINGERS DURING THE PERFORMANCES. ALL 12 000 TICKETS TO THE CONCERT HAVE BEEN SOLD OUT.

ORGANISED BY THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD, THE CONCERT IS PRODUCED BY COMMERCIAL RADIO 11 TO PROMOTE THE VIRTUE OF COURTESY.

THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, WILL PERFORM THE SWITCH-ON CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE (THE BROWN GATE ENTRANCE OPPOSITE THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY STATION) OF THE HONG KONG COLISEUM AT 7.15 PM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 6).

PRESS IDENTITY CARDS MUST BE PRODUCED FOR ADMISSION INTO THE COLISEUM. BECAUSE OF THE LIMITED NUMBER OF SEATS, ADMISSION IS ON FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

THE USE OF FLASH OR SUN GUN WILL NOT BE PERMITTED DURING PERFORMANCES.

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ROAD SECTION TO BE WIDENED

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A SECTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD, BETWEEN PUI TO ROAD AND SAM SHING HUI IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN, WILL BE WIDENED TO A DUAL TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY.

A \$26.4-MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE WORK WAS AWARDED TODAY BY THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO SANG LEE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED.

IT WAS SIGNED BY MR YU KWOK-LEUNG, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMPANY.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT WHICH FORMS PART OF A CONTINUING PROGRAMME TO DEVELOP THE NEW TOWN, WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS AND DRAINS IN WONG KA WAI AREA AND THE PROVISION OF A ROOF-COVER FOR THE EXISTING FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS CASTLE PEAK ROAD AT SAM SHING HUI.

CONSTRUCTION WORK WILL TAKE ABOUT 24 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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SPECIAL TUEN MUN TRAFFIC PLAN

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TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD P3 STAGE II (EASTERN SECTION), SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED.

FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 6), THE ON TING TEMPORARY BUS TERMINUS FOR KMB ROUTES NO. 52, 59, 60, 60M, 63 AND 62 (TO CASTLE PEAK BAY AND SIU HONG COURT) WILL BE RE-SITED TO TUEN MUN AREA 16 TEMPORARY BUS TERMINUS.

FROM THE SAME DAY, ROAD P3 WILL BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC, PROVIDING AN ACCESS TO AND FROM TUEN MUN FERRY PIER.

THE EXISTING UNNAMED ACCESS ROAD TO TUEN MUN FERRY PIER WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 10). MOTORISTS HEADING FOR TUEN MUN FERRY PIER ARE ADVISED TO USE THE TEMPORARY ROAD P3.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

150 TO CLIMB LION ROCK

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ABOUT 150 CONTESTANTS WILL CLIMB THE LION ROCK MOUNTAIN STARTING AT 9 AM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 6).

THE CONTEST COVERS 3 500 METRES FROM THE TSZ WAN SHAN PLAYGROUND TO A PAVILION ON THE HILL, PASSING ALONG TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD AND SHA TIN PASS ROAD.

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SPONSORED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD, THE EVENT IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS COUNCIL.

THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA, AND SENIOR RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER (KOWLOON EAST), MR LIU WING-KWONG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE START-OFF CEREMONY AT 9 AM.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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PLB BAN IN CAUSEWAY BAY
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FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY), PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE SECTION OF NORTHBOUND GLOUCESTER ROAD NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH SUGAR STREET.

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MID-LEVELS TAPS OFF
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN MID-LEVELS WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 7) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY 5-49 AND 2-62 ROBINSON ROAD, 15-31 SHELLEY STREET, 18-102 CAINE ROAD, 3-11 AND 18-22 CASTLE ROAD, CASTLE LANE AND 1-13 SEYMOUR ROAD, INCLUDING ST. JOSEPH TERRACE, MOSQUE JUNCTION, MOSQUE STREET, PRINCE'S TERRACE, YING FAI TERRACE, LEUNG FAI TERRACE AND WOODLANDS TERRACE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

GUEST SPEAKER
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, THE HON ANDREW SO KWOK-WING, WILL BE THE GUEST SPEAKER AT THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION SCHOOLS JOINT GRADUATION CEREMONY ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 7) AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL, AT 11.30 AM.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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