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SURVEYORS' WORK PARTICULARLY RELEVANT TO HK - BRAY  
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THE WORK OF CHARTERED SURVEYORS WAS PARTICULARLY RELEVANT TO HONG KONG WITH ITS MASSIVE PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT STRETCHING INTO THE NEXT CENTURY, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DENIS BRAY, SAID THIS EVENING.

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL DINNER OF THE ROYAL INSTITUTION OF CHARTERED SURVEYORS, HONG KONG BRANCH, MR BRAY SAID ALSO THAT HONG KONG, IN ADDITION TO ITS PROSPERITY, PROVIDED THE INSTITUTIONS WHICH ENABLED THE PROFESSIONS TO REGULATE THEMSELVES, TO DEVELOP BY COMPETITION, AND TO KEEP THE PROFESSIONS ABREAST OF DEVELOPMENTS WORLDWIDE.

+WE SEE THEN THAT IT IS NOT BY ACCIDENT THAT HONG KONG HAS SEEN SUCH A FRUITFUL GROWTH OF THE PROFESSIONS. THE CONDITIONS IN WHICH THE PROFESSIONS FLOURISH ARE FOUND HERE,+ MR BRAY SAID.

MR BRAY SUGGESTED THAT THERE WERE THREE FEATURES NECESSARY FOR A PROFESSION TODAY IF IT WERE TO GIVE OF ITS BEST TO THE COMMUNITY -- PROFESSIONAL INTEGRITY AND STANDARDS, COMPETITION WITHIN THE PROFESSION AND ACCESSIBILITY TO NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

ON THE QUESTION OF MAINTENANCE OF PROFESSIONAL INTEGRITY AND STANDARDS, HE SAID IT WAS A MATTER THAT REQUIRED CLOSE COOPERATION +NOT ONLY AMONG COMPETITORS IN ONE PLACE BUT ACROSS INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARIES.+

+HONG KONG STILL HAS MORE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION IN HAND THAN IN THE WHOLE OF BRITAIN BUT IT IS STILL NOT A LARGE PLACE. BECAUSE HONG KONG IS WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH MANY PROFESSIONS HAVE DRAWN UP CODES AND STANDARDS WHICH ARE APPLICABLE THROUGHOUT THE COMMONWEALTH.

+IT IS THESE STANDARDS THAT YOUR CLIENTS HAVE COME TO RELY ON,+ HE SAID.

ON THE QUESTION OF COMPETITION, HE SAID THAT HONG KONG'S MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMONWEALTH HAD MEANT THAT +OUR HOME GROWN PROFESSIONALS HAD OFTEN BEEN EXPOSED TO INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION.+

HE SAID THAT SO FAR AS THE GENERAL PUBLIC WERE CONCERNED, SUCH INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION MUST BE WELCOMED.

WITH REGARD TO ACCESSIBILITY TO NEW DEVELOPMENTS, MR BRAY SAID THE MOBILITY OF THE PROFESSIONS WAS SUPPLEMENTED BY THE SPREAD OF INFORMATION ON DEVELOPMENTS IN PROFESSIONAL FIELDS.

HONG KONG'S POSITION AS A CENTRE OF COMMUNICATIONS WAS AN ADVANTAGE, HE SAID.

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SAFETY IN USE OF ELECTRICITY URGED

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AS MANY AS 2 000 FIRES ARE CAUSED EACH YEAR BY ELECTRICAL FAULTS, MR THOMAS GARDINER, DEPUTY CHIEF FIRE OFFICER OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO LAUNCH THE 1983/84 FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN, MR GARDINER EXPLAINED THAT ELECTRICAL SAFETY HAD, THEREFORE, BEEN CHOSEN AS THIS YEAR'S PUBLICITY THEME.

PUBLIC COOPERATION WAS NEEDED TO REDUCE THIS FIGURE, AS WAS THE CASE IN REDUCING THE INCIDENCE OF FIRE GENERALLY, HE SAID.

+HOWEVER, WITH ELECTRICITY THERE IS SOMETHING OF A DIFFERENCE, AND IT IS NOT ONLY A MATTER OF APPLYING SIMPLE COMMON SENSE,+ HE ADDED.

MR GARDINER POINTED OUT THAT THE WIDE USE OF ELECTRICITY WAS OPEN TO ABUSE, RANGING FROM ILLEGAL TAPPING TO FITTING OR CONNECTION OF WIRES BY PEOPLE WITH LITTLE REQUISITE KNOWLEDGE.

MANY FIRES ATTRIBUTED TO ELECTRICAL ORIGINS WERE CAUSED BY THE USE OF SUB-STANDARD APPLIANCES OR DEVICES AVAILABLE IN THE MARKET.

MR GARDINER ADVISED PURCHASERS TO GO TO REPUTABLE DEALERS ONLY AND TO BE SELECTIVE IN THE ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT THEY BUY.

HE TOLD THE PRESS CONFERENCE THAT THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES WAS CONSIDERING INTRODUCING NEW LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF ELECTRICAL FITTINGS AND INSTALLATIONS.

+MEANWHILE, THE PUBLIC IS URGED TO TAKE CARE AND IF UNSURE IN ANY WAY ON THE SUBJECT OF ELECTRICITY, TO TAKE ADVICE FROM A COMPETENT ELECTRICIAN,+ HE SAID.

MR GARDINER REPORTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR.

+BOTH THE TOTALS OF FIRE HAZARD ABATEMENT NOTICES ISSUED AND THE NUMBER OF CASES GOING TO COURT FOR NON COMPLIANCE SHOW A DECREASE,+ HE SAID.

HE ATTRIBUTED THE DECREASE TO THE INCREASED FIRE SERVICE PRESENCE IN BUILDINGS TO DEAL WITH OBSTRUCTIONS AND THE VERY BIG INCREASE IN MAXIMUM PENALTIES FOR FIRE HAZARD OFFENCES, AVERAGING ABOUT \$1 800. ON ONE OCCASION A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$50 000 WAS IMPOSED, HE SAID.

MR GARDINER ALSO REMINDED THE PUBLIC TO KEEP THE SMOKE-LOBBY DOORS OF THEIR BUILDINGS CLOSED AT ALL TIMES.

HE SAID FOUR PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND 48 HOSPITALISED IN A FIRE BROKE OUT IN KOWLOON EARLIER THIS YEAR.

/+THE PEOPLE .....

+THE PEOPLE WERE TRAPPED IN SMOKE-FILLED STAIRCASES AND CORRIDORS BECAUSE SELF-CLOSING SMOKE-LOBBY DOORS THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING HAD BEEN FIXED IN THE OPEN POSITION, ALLOWING SMOKE AND HEAT FROM THE FIRE TO FILL THE ESCAPE ROUTES,+ HE EXPLAINED.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WERE MR YIP YUK-LUN, DEPUTY CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND MR CHU CHAI-KUEN, SENIOR HOUSING MANAGER OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

MR YIP POINTED OUT THAT OTHER COMMON CAUSES OF FACTORY FIRES INCLUDE THE OVERHEATING OF MOTORS AND MACHINERY DUE TO OVERLOADING OR BAD MAINTENANCE; MISHANDLING OF CIGARETTE ENDS AND HOT ASHES; IMPROPER USE OF NAKED FLAME; AND THE CARELESS HANDLING OF FLAMMABLE SUBSTANCES.

+MOST OF THESE FIRES COULD BE PREVENTED IF FACTORY PROPRIETORS WOULD DO SOME FORWARD PLANNING ON FIRE SAFETY IN THEIR OWN FACTORIES,+ MR YIP SAID.

MR CHU SAID MANY SQUATTER FIRES ALSO RESULT FROM THE USE OF DEFECTIVE OR OVERLOADED ELECTRICAL APPARATUS.

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SUCCESS SEEN FOR PRIVATELY-OPERATED ABATTOIR  
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THE NEWLY-COMPLETED TSUEN WAN SLAUGHTERHOUSE WOULD SERVE TO SHOW TO OTHERS THAT PRIVATE ENTERPRISE COULD BUILD AND MANAGE A FINANCIALLY VIABLE MEAT-SLAUGHTERING FACILITY IN HONG KONG TO REQUISITE STANDARDS, THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR JOHN HEYWOOD, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SLAUGHTERHOUSE, MR HEYWOOD TOLD THE DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS OFTEN UNDER PRESSURE TO HIVE OFF SOME OF ITS ACTIVITIES TO PRIVATE ENTERPRISE AND THIS WAS CLEARLY ONE AREA IN WHICH, IF THEY COULD SUCCEED, THERE WAS SCOPE FOR OTHERS TO FOLLOW.

+THIS WOULD MEAN A SAVING TO THE TAXPAYER AS IT WILL AVOID THE VERY EXPENSIVE CAPITAL COST OF BUILDING MORE GOVERNMENT ABATTOIRS AND HELPS TO CONTAIN THE GROWTH OF THE CIVIL SERVICE.- A MATTER OF CONCERN TO ALL,+ HE CONTINUED.

MR HEYWOOD SAID THERE HAD BEEN SOME CONCERN THAT PRIVATE ENTERPRISE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO OPERATE A MODERN SLAUGHTERING FACILITY AND MEET THE STRINGENT HEALTH AND HYGIENE STANDARDS.

HE SAID IT WAS A FACT THAT THESE STANDARDS WERE NOT BEING MET IN THE OLD SLAUGHTER HALLS IN THE PAST, AT MA TAU KOK AND KENNEDY TOWN, AND THIS WAS ONE REASON WHY THE GOVERNMENT HAD BUILT THE PRESENT-DAY ABATTOIRS IN THEIR PLACE.

+ I AM GLAD TO SAY THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO PERSUADE GOVERNMENT THAT YOU SHOULD TAKE UP THIS CHALLENGE, + HE TOLD THE DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY.

THE SLAUGHTERHOUSE IS BUILT TO AN INITIAL CAPACITY OF 2 000 PIGS PER DAY, AND WILL TAKE SOME OF THE PRESSURE OFF THE GOVERNMENT'S ABATTOIRS AT CHEUNG SHA WAN, MR HEYWOOD SAID.

REFERRING TO A FLEET OF THE COMPANY'S NEW VEHICLES WHICH HAVE BEEN DESIGNED TO MEET THE GOVERNMENT'S HEALTH STANDARDS, MR HEYWOOD SAID THE VEHICLES WOULD ENABLE THE SLAUGHTERHOUSE TO DELIVER THEIR PRODUCT QUICKLY AND HYGIENICALLY TO TSUEN WAN AND OTHER PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

MR HEYWOOD SAID THE SLAUGHTERING FACILITIES WOULD HAVE TO WORK FROM ABOUT MIDNIGHT TO DAWN TO PROVIDE THE HOUSEWIFE WITH FRESHLY KILLED MEAT ON THE MARKET SLAB IN TIME FOR HER EARLY MORNING SHOPPING.

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PLAN TO EXTRACT FILL FOR PROPOSED TOWN  
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CONTRACTORS ARE BEING INVITED TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO EXTRACT FILL FROM UNDER THE SEABED AND FORM THE SITE FOR A PLANNED NEW TOWN AT TIN SHUI WAI.

NOTING THAT THIS METHOD OF OBTAINING FILL HAD NEVER BEEN TRIED IN HONG KONG, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT CONTRACTORS WOULD NEED TO HAVE EXPERIENCE IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE WORK AND BE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE ADEQUATE FINANCIAL RESOURCES.

AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY WOULD BE CARRIED OUT.

HE SAID THAT BETWEEN 13 AND 30 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF FILL WILL BE NEEDED TO FORM THE TIN SHUI WAI SITE. IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THE FILL WILL BE OBTAINED FROM SAND AND GRAVEL DEPOSITS BENEATH THE SEABED UP TO 37 KILOMETRES FROM THE PROJECT AREA.

BESIDES EXTRACTING THE FILL MATERIAL AND DELIVERING IT TO THE SITE AT THE RATE OF 750 000 CUBIC METRES PER MONTH, THE CONTRACTOR WILL ALSO HAVE TO DIG CHANNELS TO GIVE ACCESS TO DREDGING AND OTHER PLANT AND DUMP SPOIL AT SEA.

THE CONTRACT ALSO INCLUDES CONSTRUCTION OF DRAINAGE CHANNELS AND ANCILLARY WORKS AT TIN SHUI WAI.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE FEASIBILITY OF FORMING LAND FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT AT TIN SHUI WAI IS AT PRESENT BEING STUDIED.

WHEN DECISION IS MADE TO GO AHEAD WITH THE PROJECT, TENDERS WILL BE INVITED IN THE LATTER HALF OF NEXT YEAR.

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## GATT'S IMPORTANCE TO HK STRESSED

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HONG KONG RELIED HEAVILY ON BOTH THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE (GATT) AND THE MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT (MFA) IN ITS EXTERNAL COMMERCIAL RELATIONS, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR JOHN CHAN, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF PO LEUNG KUK DIRECTORS, MR CHAN SAID THE GATT, WHICH DEALS WITH INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN GENERAL, WAS THE MORE IMPORTANT MULTILATERAL TREATY FROM HONG KONG'S POINT OF VIEW, THAN THE MFA, WHICH DEALS WITH TEXTILES AND CLOTHING IN PARTICULAR.

ONE OF THE GATT'S MAIN FUNCTIONS IS TO PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK FOR DISCUSSION AND SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES AND TRADE PROBLEMS BETWEEN MEMBERS, MR CHAN SAID.

MR CHAN SAID THE GATT - WHICH PROVIDES FOR FREE TRADE - COULD WORK TO PROTECT HONG KONG'S INTERESTS, AND EXPLAINED HOW IT HAD DONE SO IN HONG KONG'S DISPUTE WITH FRANCE OVER QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS ON HONG KONG PRODUCTS, INCLUDING QUARTZ WATCHES.

MR CHAN SAID THAT, DESPITE REPEATED BI-LATERAL NEGOTIATIONS, FRANCE HAD CONTINUED TO IMPOSE QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS ON A NUMBER OF HONG KONG PRODUCTS. HONG KONG THEN REFERRED THE MATTER IN SEPTEMBER 1982 TO THE GATT, WHICH DECIDED TO ESTABLISH A PANEL TO LOOK INTO THE COMPLAINT.

+THE PANEL WAS ESTABLISHED IN DECEMBER 1982 AND, FOLLOWING DETAILED INVESTIGATIONS DURING WHICH THE PANEL HEARD PRESENTATIONS BOTH BY HONG KONG AND BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION ON BEHALF OF FRANCE, SUBMITTED ITS REPORT TO THE GATT COUNCIL IN JULY 1983.

+IN ITS REPORT, THE PANEL CONCLUDED THAT THE QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS MAINTAINED BY FRANCE AGAINST HONG KONG WERE INCONSISTENT WITH THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE GATT. THE PANEL RECOMMENDED THAT FRANCE TERMINATE THESE QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS,+ HE SAID.

THE GATT COUNCIL ADOPTED THE PANEL'S REPORT WITHOUT RESERVATION THAT SAME MONTH, MR CHAN SAID.

SINCE THEN, THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THE TERMINATION OF THE RESTRICTIONS ON THREE PRODUCTS, HE SAID. IT WAS ALSO CONSIDERING WHAT ACTION TO TAKE TO COMPLY WITH THE GATT DECISION ON FIVE OTHER PRODUCTS, HE ADDED.

+WE ARE WATCHING THE SITUATION CLOSELY AND INTEND TO KEEP UP THE PRESSURE TO ENSURE THAT THESE REMAINING QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS ARE EITHER LIFTED OR, AT LEAST, MADE FULLY CONSISTENT WITH THE GATT,+ MR CHAN STRESSED.

MR CHAN SAID THAT WITHOUT THE PROTECTION OF THE GATT, HE VERY MUCH DOUBTED IF HONG KONG COULD HAVE ATTAINED ITS PRESENT POSITION AS THE SEVENTEENTH LARGEST TRADING UNIT IN THE WORLD.

BOWLS CLASSIC ATTRACTS TOP INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS  
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MAJOR INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS HAVE BEEN ATTRACTED TO THE SECOND CLASSIC LAWN BOWLS PAIRS COMPETITION WHICH GETS UNDER WAY IN THE COMING WEEK.

TAKING PART IN THE EVENT WILL BE TOP PLAYERS FROM AUSTRALIA, ENGLAND, IRELAND, NEW ZEALAND, SCOTLAND, WALES, THE NEWCASTLE DISTRICT OF NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA, AND HONG KONG.

THIS WEEKEND, PRIOR TO THE START OF THE MAIN TOURNAMENT, A SINGLES TOURNAMENT WILL BE PLAYED WITH 18 LOCAL BOWLERS FROM HONG KONG CLUBS MEETING FOURTEEN OF THE OVERSEAS STARS IN A KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION TO BE PLAYED AT CRAIGENGOWER CRICKET CLUB AND HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY, MR KEN WALLIS, PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG LAWN BOWLS ASSOCIATION, SAID THAT HONG KONG HAD ALWAYS BEEN HAPPY TO HOST TOP INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION. THE STANDARD OF THE GAME WAS CONSTANTLY IMPROVING IN THE TERRITORY AND SEVERAL PLAYERS HAD ACHIEVED DISTINCTION OVERSEAS.

THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL CLASSIC PAIRS CONTEST WAS HELD IN 1981 AND IT PROVED SUCH A SUCCESS THAT IT WAS DECIDED TO STAGE THE SECOND EVENT THIS YEAR.

AT THE END OF A WEEK'S OUTSTANDING BOWLING, IN 1981, ROBBIE DOBBINS AND DARBY ROSS OF NEW SOUTH WALES BEAT TWO WORLD GOLD MEDALLISTS JIMMY HOBDAV AND TONY ALLCOCK OF ENGLAND IN THE FINAL. ROBBIE AND DARBY ARE BOTH BACK IN HONG KONG THIS YEAR, BUT ROBBIE WILL NOT PLAY BECAUSE OF A BACK INJURY AND HE WILL BE SUBSTITUTED BY KEN PORTER IN THE TITLE DEFENCE.

THE VENUE FOR THE CLASSIC PAIRS EVENT IS THE KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB AND ROUNDS WILL BE HELD THERE THROUGHOUT NEXT WEEK CULMINATING IN A FINAL TO BE PLAYED ON THE AFTERNOON OF SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27.

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SECOND BRIDGE AT MAN KAM TO  
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WORK WILL START EARLY NEXT YEAR ON CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BRIDGE ACROSS THE SHENZHEN RIVER AT MAN KAM TO.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (FRIDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE MAN KAM TO BRIDGE IS THE ONLY ROAD LINK WITH CHINA AT PRESENT.

+TO COPE WITH THE ANTICIPATED INCREASE IN CROSS-BORDER TRAFFIC, IT HAS BECOME NECESSARY TO BUILD A SECOND BRIDGE,+ HE SAID.

THE NEW FOUR-SPAN BRIDGE, WITH A 7.5-METRE-WIDE CARRIAGEWAY AND A TWO-METRE-WIDE FOOTPATH ON EACH SIDE, WILL BE 52 METRES LONG.

THE TWO SPANS ON THE HONG KONG SIDE WILL BE BUILT BY THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, AND THE TWO ON THE CHINESE SIDE BY THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK ON THE HONG KONG SIDE ARE BEING INVITED BY THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT, WHICH WILL TAKE ABOUT NINE MONTHS TO COMPLETE, WILL INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF A VEHICLE HOLDING AREA AND A NEW ACCESS ROAD BETWEEN MAN KAM TO ROAD AND THE NEW BRIDGE.

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TELECOMMUNICATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983  
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A BILL TO AMEND THE TELECOMMUNICATION ORDINANCE TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD OF TELECOMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL NEXT WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 23).

THE TELECOMMUNICATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983, PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY, ALSO MAKES SOME MINOR CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS AND CLARIFIES A NUMBER OF AMBIGUITIES IN THE EXISTING LAW.

THE MAIN PROVISION IN THE BILL WILL ALLOW FOR THE USE ON BOARD VESSELS IN HONG KONG WATERS OF RECENTLY DEVELOPED FORMS OF MARITIME RADIOCOMMUNICATION, SUCH AS THE INTERNATIONAL SATELLITE TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE, INMARSAT.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE BILL WILL COMPLETE ITS LEGISLATIVE STAGES ON DECEMBER 7.

ANYONE WHO WISHES TO COMMENT ON THE PROVISIONS MAY WRITE TO UMELCO, SWIRE HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, CHATER ROAD, CENTRAL OR TO THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, CENTRAL.

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TAX ON CROSS-BETTING RACE MEETINGS  
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A BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 23) TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT ADMISSION TO A RACE COURSE FOR CROSS BETTING IS SUBJECT TO TAX.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE EXISTING WORDING OF THE ENTERTAINMENTS TAX ORDINANCE WAS OPEN TO INTERPRETATION AS TO WHETHER THE TERM +A RACE MEETING+ INCLUDED A CROSS-BETTING MEETING AS WELL.

+IT WAS NEVER INTENDED THAT ADMISSION TO CROSS-BETTING COURSES SHOULD BE TREATED DIFFERENTLY FROM ADMISSION TO RACE COURSES, AND THE ENTERTAINMENTS TAX (AMENDMENT AND VALIDATION) BILL 1983 IS AIMED AT REMOVING ANY DOUBT,+ HE EXPLAINED.

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THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO COMPLETE ITS LEGISLATIVE STAGES ON DECEMBER 7.

ANYONE WHO WISHES TO COMMENT ON ITS PROVISIONS MAY WRITE TO UMELCO AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, CHATER ROAD, CENTRAL OR TO THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE, WINDSOR HOUSE, 311 GLOUCESTER ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY.

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TAI WAI BACKLANES CLEARED  
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A THREE-DAY OPERATION TO CLEAR SOME 50 ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON BACKLANES AT TAI WAI, SHA TIN, WAS COMPLETED TODAY.

SUPPORTED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD, A SECOND CLEARANCE WILL BE HELD NEXT MONTH TO COMPLETE AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMME.

THE STRUCTURES ALREADY CLEARED WERE MAINLY ILLEGAL CANOPIES, STORES AND SMALL WORKSHOPS WHICH HAD BEEN CAUSING AN ENVIRONMENTAL NUISANCE AND OBSTRUCTION AT CHIK CHUEN STREET, CHIK FUK STREET AND CHIK SHUN STREET.

THE TAI WAI CLEARANCE IS A JOINT OPERATION INVOLVING THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE POLICE FORCE, THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE AND THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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KUNG FU CONTEST STARTING TOMORROW  
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THE THIRD CHINESE MARTIAL ARTS SELF-ATTAINMENT AWARD CONTEST WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) EVENING AT MACPHERSON STADIUM, MONG KOK.

THERE WILL BE DISPLAYS OF VARIOUS DISCIPLINES OF KUNG FU FROM 6 PM TO 10 PM.

THE CONTEST IN THE FORM OF A TWO-MINUTE DISPLAY OF MARTIAL ARTS SKILLS IS ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG CHINESE MARTIAL ARTS ASSOCIATION.

MORE THAN 300 MEN AND WOMEN WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE CONTEST, WITH EACH PARTICIPANT DEMONSTRATING ONE FORM OF MARTIAL ARTS.

OUTSTANDING CONTESTANTS WILL ENTER THE FINALS TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 26 (SATURDAY) AT THE SAME VENUE.

THEY WILL BE PRESENTED WITH GOLD, SILVER OR BRONZE MEDALS DEPENDING ON THEIR PERFORMANCE IN THE FINALS.

THOSE WHO CANNOT ENTER THE FINALS WILL BE GIVEN A MEDAL AS A SOUVENIR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE EVENT TO BE HELD IN MACPHERSON STADIUM, MONG KOK STARTING AT 6 PM TOMORROW.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FESTIVAL FEATURES CARNIVAL FOR CHILDREN  
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A LONG DISTANCE RUN AT THE PEAK AND A CARNIVAL FOR 4 000 CHILDREN WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 20) AS PART OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

THE RUN, COVERING 6 000 METRES, WILL START OFF AT 10 AM AT THE JUNCTION OF HARLECH ROAD AND HATTON ROAD.

ABOUT 400 PERSONS ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART.

AT 2 PM, A CARNIVAL FEATURING GAMES STALLS, TELEMATCH, FUN AND GAMES WITH CARTOON CHARACTER 'UNCLE MACDONALD' AND A FREE PHOTO SERVICE FOR FAMILIES, WILL BE HELD AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE RUN AND THE CARNIVAL. A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE WILL LEAVE THE HILTON HOTEL PUBLIC CAR PARK AT 9.15 AM FOR THE PEAK.

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FAMILY DAY TO PUBLICISE COURTESY MESSAGE  
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A COURTESY FAMILY DAY FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN TO SHARE THE FUN AND LEARN ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING COURTEOUS WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE FAMILY DAY, TO BE HELD AT THE OCEAN TERMINAL CONCOURSE STARTING AT 2.30 PM, IS ONE OF THE PROGRAMMES IN THE CURRENT YAU MA TEI COURTESY CAMPAIGN.

THERE WILL BE SPECIALLY-DESIGNED GAMES FOR THE PARTICIPANTS AND PERFORMANCES BY LOCAL SINGERS AND DISC JOCKEYS.

A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR THE MOST COURTEOUS COSMETIC SALESGIRLS WILL ALSO BE HELD. THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR ALBERT LAM, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD AND COMMERCIAL RADIO 1.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE COURTESY FAMILY DAY STARTING AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE OCEAN TERMINAL CONCOURSE.

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CHRISTMAS AEROGRAMMES ON SALE MONDAY  
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THE 1983 CHRISTMAS PICTORIAL AEROGRAMMES WILL BE PLACED ON SALE AT 30 CENTS EACH AT ALL POST OFFICES FROM MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE CHRISTMAS AEROGRAMME SHOWS A HOLLY GARLAND WITH BELLS AND COLOURFUL RIBBONS.

+CHRISTMAS AEROGRAMMES ARE A CONVENIENT WAY OF SENDING CHRISTMAS GREETINGS ABROAD. THEY COMBINE BOTH A PERSONAL LETTER AND A GREETING, AND CAN BE POSTED TO ANY PART OF THE WORLD AS FIRST CLASS AIRMAIL FOR ONLY \$1,+ HE SAID.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

CUSTOMS OFFICERS TO SHOW WORK  
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IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CAREERS '84 EXHIBITION, THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT WILL STAGE A SERIES OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES AT EDINBURGH PLACE ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 20).

PROGRAMMES FOR THE DAY INCLUDE A DEMONSTRATION BY DRUG DETECTION DOG SHOWS, AND DEMONSTRATIONS OF DETECTION OF DECOLOURISED INDUSTRIAL DIESEL OIL, AND OF A WALK-THROUGH METAL DETECTOR. VISITORS MAY ALSO GO ON A CUSTOMS LAUNCH AT QUEEN'S PIER.

THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR DOUGLAS JORDAN WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 10 AM.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE EVENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

CLEAN HK CARNIVAL  
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AN EASTERN DISTRICT CLEAN HONG KONG CARNIVAL AND EXHIBITION, FEATURING A VARIETY SHOW, A QUIZ, A PHOTO DISPLAY AND GAMES STALLS, WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 20) AFTERNOON.

AT THE CARNIVAL, TO BE HELD BETWEEN 2 PM AND 5 PM AT THE MADAM CHAN WAI CHOW MEMORIAL SCHOOL IN NORTH POINT, PRIZES WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED TO WINNERS OF AN +EASTERN DISTRICT CLEANEST BUILDING COMPETITION+.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LUI HAU-TUEN; THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR CHEUNG MAN-SANG; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, MR CHOI WING-ON; WILL OFFICIATE AT AN OPENING CEREMONY AT 2 PM.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY AND THE CARNIVAL.

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## NOTE TO EDITORS:

## COMMUNITY WALK

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THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE START OF THE TUEN MUN/YUEN LONG JOINT DISTRICT COMMUNITY CHEST WALK ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 20) MORNING.

THIS WILL BE THE FIRST OF SEVEN COMMUNITY CHEST WALKS FOR 1983-84 THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE START-OFF CEREMONY AT 9 AM AT SHEUNG TSUEN PLAYGROUND, SHEK KONG, YUEN LONG.

A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE, AM 5797, WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 7.45 AM SHARP FOR YUEN LONG.

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## YUEN LONG CHARITY WALK TRAFFIC PLAN

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TO FACILITATE THE YUEN LONG AND TUEN MUN JOINT DISTRICT WALK, THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 20):

- \* TAI LAM CHUNG ROAD WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO ALL VEHICLES BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND 5 PM EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND THOSE VEHICLES AUTHORISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.
- \* THE CAR PARK OPPOSITE SHEK KONG BUS TERMINUS AND THE PARKING SPACES OFF KAM SHEUNG ROAD NEAR ITS EASTERN JUNCTION WITH KAM TIN ROAD WILL BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED FROM 7 AM TO 12 NOON.
- \* ROUTE 61S WILL OPERATE FROM 7.45 AM TO 10 AM AT A 12-MINUTE INTERVAL, FROM BUTTERFLY ESTATE TO SHEUNG TSUEN. A FARE OF \$3.50 WILL BE CHARGED.
- \* ROUTE 53S FROM CASTLE PEAK BAY TO SHEUNG TSUEN WILL ALSO OPERATE FROM 7.45 AM TO 10 AM AT EVERY 12 MINUTES, CHARGING \$3.50.
- \* ROUTE 52S FROM TAI LAM CHUNG TO TUEN MUN TOWN CENTRE WILL RUN FROM 1 PM TO 4 PM, AT EVERY 12 MINUTES, CHARGING \$1.80.
- \* ROUTE 50S FROM TAI LAM CHUNG TO YUEN LONG WILL RUN AT A 10-MINUTE INTERVAL FROM 1 PM TO 4 PM. A \$3 FARE WILL BE CHARGED.

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