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SIR PHILIP VISITS NT SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, THIS AFTERNOON VISITED THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN TAI PO AND NORTH DISTRICTS.

ACCOMPANYING SIR PHILIP ON THE TOUR WERE THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR JOHN HEYWOOD; THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR BOWEN LEUNG; THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (OPERATIONS) OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR ARTHUR JOHNSON; THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF TAI PO, MR PONG KIN-HONG; AND THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF NORTH DISTRICT, MR LAW WAI-MING.

SIR PHILIP FIRST VISITED THE CO-OPERATIVE FOR AMERICAN RELIEF EVERYWHERE (CARE) VILLAGE IN TAI PO TO INSPECT THE CLEANSING SERVICES CONTRACTED OUT TO THE LOCAL VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVE.

HE WAS TOLD THAT THIS SCHEME WAS BEING TRIED OUT IN SEVEN VILLAGES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, AS PART OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN. IT WAS AIMED AT PROMOTING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AMONG RESIDENTS IN PROVIDING CLEANSING SERVICES FOR THEIR OWN VILLAGES.

SIR PHILIP WAS ALSO TOLD THAT THE PERFORMANCE OF THE CONTRACTOR WAS MONITORED BY AN INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT TEAM OF MEMBERS OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE (TAI PO) AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

SIR PHILIP, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN, OBSERVED THAT THE GENERAL STANDARD OF CLEANLINESS IN THE VILLAGE WAS HIGH AND THAT THE CLEANSING WORKERS, WHO WERE LOCAL VILLAGERS, CARRIED OUT THEIR DUTIES EFFICIENTLY.

SIR PHILIP NEXT VISITED THE NTSD VEHICLE DEPOT ON PLOVER COVE ROAD, TAI PO. HE NOTED THAT NTSD OPERATES A FLEET OF 389 VEHICLES, 226 OF WHICH ARE SPECIALLY FOR CLEANSING WORK, FROM SIX DEPOTS.

SIR PHILIP WAS ALSO BRIEFED ON THE COLLECTION OF REFUSE AND JUNK TOTALLING ABOUT 960 TONNES A DAY AND OTHER MECHANICAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE NTSD.

SIR PHILIP THEN WENT TO SEE THE TAI PO TEMPORARY MARKET. THE MARKET WAS OPENED IN MAY THIS YEAR TO ACCOMMODATE 433 MARKET, MINI-STALL AND COOKED FOOD OPERATORS FORMERLY TRADING AT PO YICK HAWKER BAZAAR WHICH HAD TO BE DEMOLISHED TO MAKE WAY FOR NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT.

HE NEXT STOPPED AT A SECTION OF THE RIVER INDUS AT WANG SHAN KEUK VILLAGE IN NORTH DISTRICT FOR A BRIEFING ON WATER-COURSE CLEARANCE OPERATIONS.

/THE MAJOR .....

THE MAJOR SOURCE OF POLLUTION IN THE RIVER COURSES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WAS THE DISCHARGE OF PIG AND POULTRY WASTE BY FARMERS AND THE INDISCRIMINATE DUMPING OF REFUSE BY VILLAGERS.

SIR PHILIP SAW WORKERS ENGAGED IN THEIR DAILY JOB OF CLEARING AWAY LITTER FROM RIVER BANKS, AND CUTTING BACK VEGETATION BLOCKING THE FREE FLOW OF WATER.

BEFORE LEAVING, SIR PHILIP TOURED THE FIRST AIR CONDITIONED SQUASH COURTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AT FANLING, WHICH HAVE HAD A USAGE RATE OF 98 PER CENT SINCE THEY WERE OPENED IN 1981.

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GAINS SEEN FROM CIVIL SERVICE PRODUCTIVITY  
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THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR MARTIN ROWLANDS SAID TODAY THAT IMPROVEMENTS IN CIVIL SERVICE PRODUCTIVITY, WHICH THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN ACHIEVING, SHOULD MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE 4TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT, MR ROWLANDS POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT AIMED TO PERMIT NO GROWTH IN THE SIZE OF THE CIVIL SERVICE DURING 1984-85, EXCEPT WHERE IT WAS ESSENTIAL TO PROVIDE STAFF FOR NEW FACILITIES AND WHERE SUCH STAFF COULD NOT BE PROVIDED BY REDEPLOYMENT.

+SINCE OUR WORKLOAD IS TENDING TO INCREASE ACROSS THE BOARD, IN SOME AREAS SIGNIFICANTLY SO, AND SINCE HONG KONG IS STILL IN A DEVELOPING STAGE WITH THE ARGUMENTS BEING ALL FOR EXTENDING EXISTING PUBLIC SERVICES OR PROVIDING NEW ONES, THE IMPLICATIONS OF CLOSE-TO-ZERO GROWTH IN STAFF WILL BE READILY APPARENT.

+CLEARLY THE ONLY WAY WE SHALL BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE OUR AIM, AND AT THE SAME TIME MAINTAIN OUR ON-GOING PROGRAMMES, WILL BE FOR ALL OF US IN THE CIVIL SERVICE TO SIMPLIFY THE WAY WE DO OUR WORK AND IMPROVE OUR NET PERFORMANCE; IN OTHER WORDS TO IMPROVE PRODUCTIVITY ACROSS THE BOARD.

+WHILE TECHNICAL AIDS MAY MAKE SOME CONTRIBUTION, IT IS LARGELY TO IMPROVE STAFF MANAGEMENT THAT WE SHALL HAVE TO LOOK,+ MR ROWLANDS SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IMPROVEMENTS IN CIVIL SERVICE PRODUCTIVITY WOULD MAKE A WELCOME CONTRIBUTION TO THE GOVERNMENT'S +BOTTOM LINE+. +AND SINCE, WITH 170 000 STAFF, WE FORM SUCH A SUBSTANTIAL COMPONENT OF THE ECONOMY, WE SHOULD MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE,+ HE SAID.

MR ROWLANDS ALSO NOTED THAT IN THE CIVIL SERVICE THE GOVERNMENT WAS NOW INSISTING THAT OFFICERS SHOULD DEMONSTRATE SOME TALENT FOR THE PEOPLE SIDE OF ITS BUSINESS BEFORE ADVANCING TO SENIOR POSTS CARRYING MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES.

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### WATER TUNNEL BREAKTHROUGH CELEBRATED

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CONSTRUCTION OF A WATER TUNNEL FROM TSING TAM TO YAU KOM TAU IN TSUEN WAN, THE LONGEST OF ITS TYPE SO FAR DRIVEN IN HONG KONG BY WORKING FROM ONLY TWO FACES, HAS REACHED AN IMPORTANT STATE WITH THE BREAKTHROUGH OF THE 5 200-METRE TUNNEL.

AT A CEREMONY HELD AT THE CONSTRUCTION SITE IN YAU KOM TAU TODAY, THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR TOM TOMLINSON, FIRED THE FINAL EXPLOSIVE CHARGE.

MR TOMLINSON PRAISED THE CONTRACTOR, PAUL Y CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD. FOR THEIR SPEED AND EFFICIENCY IN COMPLETING THE TUNNELLING WORK.

THE TUNNEL, WHICH WILL DELIVER WATER FROM CHINA TO A NEW TREATMENT WORKS AT YAU KOM TAU, IS PART OF A \$105-MILLION CONTRACT AWARDED TO THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY IN SEPTEMBER 1981 WHICH ALSO INCLUDED THE SITE FORMATION FOR THE NEW TREATMENT WORKS.

THE TUNNEL IS 2.5 METRES IN DIAMETER, AND SOME 50 000 CUBIC METRES OF ROCK HAVE BEEN BLASTED AND REMOVED FROM IT, WORKING FROM THE TWO ENDS — ONE AT TSING TAM AND THE OTHER AT YAU KOM TAU. A TOTAL OF 930 000 CUBIC METRES OF SOIL HAS ALSO BEEN EXCAVATED FOR SITE FORMATION FOR THE TREATMENT WORKS.

WITH THE COMPLETION OF TUNNEL DRIVING, WORK WILL BEGIN ON THE CONCRETE LINING TO THE TUNNEL. A CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TREATMENT WORKS WILL BE LET LATER THIS MONTH FOR COMPLETION BY MAY 1985, MR TOMLINSON SAID.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE SCHEME IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL SUPPLY OF 250 000 CUBIC METRES PER DAY OF TREATED WATER TO THE TSUEN WAN AREA, TO MEET INCREASING DEMAND.

COMMENTING ON THE PRESENT WATER SITUATION, MR TOMLINSON SAID THAT THE TOTAL STORAGE IN THE 17 RESERVOIRS IS NOW 98 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

+IN VIEW OF THE FAVOURABLE STORAGE SITUATION AND WATER FROM CHINA, FULL SUPPLY WILL BE CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE DRY SEASON,+ HE ADDED.

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ATHLETIC MEET TO LAUNCH ANTI-DRUGS CAMPAIGN  
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THE 1983 SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN WILL BE LAUNCHED WITH AN OPENING CEREMONY AND AN ATHLETIC MEET AT MONG KOK STADIUM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 6).

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE MR KARL STUMPF, CHAIRMAN OF THE PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL; MR M.J. WHITE, DISTRICT OFFICER (SHAM SHUI PO); MR RAYMOND CHAN, CHIEF RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER; AND SIX COMMUNITY LEADERS.

THE MONTH-LONG CAMPAIGN IS AIMED AT DRAWING COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS AND AT PROMOTING HEALTHY RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AMONG YOUNG RESIDENTS.

IT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF LOCAL VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL START AT 9.30 AM AND THE ATHLETIC MEET WITH MORE THAN 950 PARTICIPANTS AT 10 AM.

THE FIRST EVENT WILL BE A MASS JOG ALONG THE RUNNING TRACK INVOLVING THE OFFICIATING GUESTS, PARTICIPATING ATHLETES, EX-DRUG ADDICTS AS WELL AS SPECTATORS. OTHER HIGHLIGHTS WILL INCLUDE AN INVITATION RELAY RACE AND A COMPETITION FOR THE CHEERING TEAMS.

A GRAND LUCKY DRAW WILL BRING THE DAY'S PROGRAMME TO AN END AT 5 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE 1983 SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN OPENING CEREMONY AND THE ATHLETIC MEET TO BE HELD AT MONG KOK STADIUM IN FLOWER MARKET ROAD, KOWLOON ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 6), STARTING AT 9.30 AM.

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SCHOOLS' FREEDOM OF IDEALS STRESSED

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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID TODAY THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S ROLE IN THE RUNNING OF SCHOOLS WAS TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND TO REGULATE TO A CERTAIN EXTENT THE EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS AND CURRICULUM OF THE SCHOOLS.

+THEY THEMSELVES HAVE ABSOLUTE FREEDOM TO INSTIL TRADITIONAL IDEALS OF SERVICE AND MORALITY IN THEIR STUDENTS,+ SHE SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE JOINT COLLEGES SPEECH DAY OF THE HONG KONG BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION, MRS WONG SAID UNDER THE LIBERAL EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM IN HONG KONG, ANY WELL-ESTABLISHED COMMUNITY ORGANISATION, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR RELIGIOUS STAND, AND OTHER BODIES, CAN CONTRIBUTE IN THEIR OWN WAY TO THE EDUCATION OF THE NEXT GENERATION.

+THE GOVERNMENT SPENDS A LARGE AMOUNT OF PUBLIC MONEY EACH YEAR ON EDUCATION. THE PURPOSE IS TO PROVIDE MORE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE,+ SHE NOTED.

MRS WONG SAID SHE HOPED THE GRADUATING STUDENTS WOULD BE PREPARED TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY IN FUTURE AND CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE PROSPERITY AND STABILITY OF HONG KONG.

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AUGUST SURVEY OF RETAIL SALES

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THE VALUE OF RETAIL SALES FOR THE RETAIL TRADE SECTOR IN AUGUST 1983 WAS ESTIMATED TO BE \$4 759 MILLION, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL SURVEY RESULTS PREPARED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

AT 140, THE OVERALL RETAIL SALES VALUE INDEX FOR THE MONTH ROSE BY 2 POINTS OR 1 PER CENT OVER JULY 1983, AND BY 15 POINTS OR 12 PER CENT OVER AUGUST 1982.

THE OVERALL RETAIL SALES VOLUME INDEX, AT 106, WAS 1 POINT OR 1 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THAT FOR JULY 1983, AND 3 POINTS OR 3 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THAT FOR AUGUST 1982.

COMPARED WITH JULY 1983, RETAIL SALES OF OTHER CONSUMER GOODS AND FUELS ROSE BY 7 PER CENT AND 2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

RETAIL SALES OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO REMAINED UNCHANGED IN VALUE TERMS BUT DECLINED BY 1 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

/RETAIL SALES .....

RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES DROPPED BY 4 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS AND 6 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS, WHILE THOSE OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS DECREASED BY 4 PER CENT IN TERMS OF VALUE AND 2 PER CENT IN TERMS OF VOLUME.

COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1982, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE VALUE OF RETAIL SALES WAS RECORDED IN FUELS (20 PER CENT), FOLLOWED BY CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS; CONSUMER DURABLES; AND OTHER CONSUMER GOODS (EACH OF 12 PER CENT), AND FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (11 PER CENT).

IN VOLUME TERMS, RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS AND CONSUMER DURABLES INCREASED AT THE SAME RATE OF 6 PER CENT, WHILE THOSE OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO; AND FUELS EACH RECORDED AN INCREASE OF 4 PER CENT. THE VOLUME OF RETAIL SALES OF OTHER CONSUMER GOODS WENT UP BY 3 PER CENT.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, RETAIL SALES OF DEPARTMENT STORES INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS OVER JULY 1983.

MOTOR VEHICLES ALSO SHOWED INCREASES IN BOTH THE VALUE AND VOLUME OF SALES.

SUPERMARKETS REMAINED UNCHANGED IN THE SALES VALUE BUT DECLINED MARGINALLY IN SALES VOLUME.

WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1982, SUPERMARKETS RECORDED SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN BOTH THE VALUE AND VOLUME OF RETAIL SALES. 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 JULY 1983 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURES FOR AUGUST 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).

THE AVERAGE MONTHLY RETAIL SALES IN 1980 ARE TAKEN AS 100.

COMPARISONS OF THE AUGUST 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.3-7216024.

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

(MONTHLY AVERAGE OF 1980 = 100)

ITEM	JULY 1983	AUGUST 1983	AUGUST 1983 COMPARED WITH JULY 1983		AUGUST 1983 COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1982	
	(REVISED FIGURES)	(PRO- VISIONAL FIGURES)	POINTS	%	POINTS	%
TOTAL RETAIL SALES (HK\$ MILLION)	4 672	4 759				
RETAIL SALES VALUE INDEXES:						
(I) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES	138	140	2	1	15	12
(II) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS						
FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO	146	146	SAME	SAME	15	11
FUELS	180	183	3	2	31	20
CLOTHING, FOOT- WEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	138	132	-6	-4	14	12
CONSUMER DURABLES	130	125	-5	-4	13	12
OTHER CONSUMER GOODS	131	140	9	7	15	12
(III) BY SELECTED TRADES						
SUPERMARKETS	224	224	SAME	SAME	40	22
MOTOR VEHICLES	56	60	4	7	-5	-8
DEPARTMENT STORES	120	141	21	18	15	12

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+FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO+ INCLUDES THOSE SOLD AT SUPERMARKETS.

+CONSUMER DURABLES+ INCLUDES MOTOR VEHICLES.

+OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ INCLUDES THOSE SOLD AT DEPARTMENT STORES.

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

(MONTHLY AVERAGE OF 1980 = 100)

ITEM	JULY 1983	AUGUST 1983	AUGUST 1983 COMPARED WITH JULY 1983		AUGUST 1983 COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1982	
	(REVISED FIGURES)	(PRO- VISIONAL FIGURES)	POINTS	%	POINTS	%
<b>RETAIL SALES VOLUME INDEXES:</b>						
(I) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES	105	106	1	1	3	3
(II) BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS						
FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO	105	104	-1	-1	4	4
FUELS	121	123	2	2	5	4
CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	103	101	-2	-2	6	6
CONSUMER DURABLES	109	103	-6	-6	6	6
OTHER CONSUMER GOODS	102	109	7	7	3	3

(III) BY .....

(III) BY SELECTED  
TRADES

SUPERMARKETS	156	155	-1	-1	14	10
MOTOR VEHICLES	38	40	2	5	-7	-15
DEPARTMENT STORES	93	109	16	17	1	1

## NOTES:

+FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO+ INCLUDES THOSE SOLD AT SUPERMARKETS.

+CONSUMER DURABLES+ INCLUDES MOTOR VEHICLES.

+OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ INCLUDES THOSE SOLD AT DEPARTMENT STORES.

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## CAMP SITES AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS

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SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO USE A NUMBER OF CAMP SITES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ON WEEKDAYS OR DURING WEEKENDS AND SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

+THE OBJECTIVES OF THESE CAMPS ARE TO PROVIDE SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH EXPERIENCE OF LIVING IN A NATURAL OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENT AND TO ENABLE SCHOOLS TO EXTEND CLASSROOM THEORY INTO FIELDWORK IN CAMPING SITUATIONS,+ AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE CAMPS CAN BE HELD ON WEEKDAYS AT GAUDETTE HOUSE, WU KWAI SHA YOUTH VILLAGE, SILVERMINE BAY OUTDOOR RECREATION CAMP, Y.M.C.A. YOUTH CAMP (LANTAU), MA WAN YOUTH CAMP, WONG YEE CHAU YOUTH CAMP AND PO LEUNG KUK HOLIDAY CAMP. THESE CAMPSITES ARE AVAILABLE FOR USE FROM NOW TO JULY NEXT YEAR, AND HAVE CAPACITIES RANGING FROM 45 TO 120 PLACES.

ALL WEEKDAY CAMPS ARE OF THREE DAYS' DURATION AND SHOULD BE RUN EITHER FROM MONDAY TO WEDNESDAY OR FROM WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY.

/PROGRAMMES WILL .....

PROGRAMMES WILL INCLUDE INTEGRATED STUDIES IN GEOGRAPHY, BIOLOGY, NATURE STUDY, BOTANY AND SURVEY IN THE MORNING - EXCURSION, EDUCATIONAL VISITS, BALL GAMES AND SWIMMING IN THE AFTERNOON AND FOLK DANCING, RECREATIONAL GAMES, CAMP-FIRE AND FILMS IN THE EVENINGS. THE MORNING PROGRAMMES WILL BE ORGANISED BY THE ACCOMPANYING TEACHERS WHILE THE REST WILL BE CONDUCTED MAINLY BY THE CAMP STAFF.

THE CAMP CHARGES WILL RANGE FROM \$46 TO \$66 FOR EACH PERSON DEPENDING ON THE CAMPSITE CHOSEN. HOWEVER, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL PAY BOARD AND LODGING CHARGES FOR THE ACCOMPANYING TEACHERS AND GIVE A SUBSIDY OF \$15 PER HEAD TOWARDS THE CAMP CHARGES FOR ALL STUDENT-CAMPERS.

BUNKS, BLANKETS, BED SHEETS AND PILLOWS WILL BE PROVIDED AT EACH OF THESE CAMPS, BUT SUITABLE CLOTHING, PERSONAL HYGIENE KIT AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION KIT SHOULD BE BROUGHT BY THE CAMPERS THEMSELVES.

AS FOR THE EDUCATION CAMPS DURING WEEKENDS AND SCHOOL HOLIDAYS, THEY WILL BE HELD AT TUNG CHUNG PUBLIC SCHOOL ON LANTAU ISLAND, KIAO LO WAN FISHERMEN'S SCHOOL IN SAI KUNG AND TAI MEI TUK PUBLIC SCHOOL IN TAI PO.

THESE CAMP SITES ARE DESIGNED TO ACCOMMODATE 30 CAMPERS. EACH CAMPSITE WILL HAVE TWO SEPARATE CLASSROOMS EQUIPPED WITH NYLON BEDS FOR USE AS DORMITORIES, A KITCHEN WITH ADEQUATE AMOUNT OF COOKING AND EATING UTENSILS, A STOREROOM AND TWO SHOWER ROOMS.

CAMPERS USING THESE CAMP SITES ARE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE THEIR OWN FOOD, BUTANE-KEROSENE, WASHING DETERGENT, BEDDING AND TOILET KIT.

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT NO STUDENT WOULD BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND ANY CAMP WITHOUT PRIOR WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM THEIR PARENTS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESERVATION, SCHOOLS MAY CONTACT MR FRANCIS CHIU OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION ON 3-884111 EXT. 280, OR ENQUIRE AT THE OFFICE OF THE SECTION AT THE KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 6TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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TRANSPORT PLAN FOR SHA TIN RACE MEETINGS  
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FOR THE 1983-84 SHA TIN RACE MEETINGS, THE FIRST OF WHICH WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 5).

SPECIAL DIRECT KCR TRAIN SERVICES TO SHA TIN RACECOURSE WILL RESUME FROM NOVEMBER 5.

DURING DAY RACE MEETINGS, THERE WILL BE 22 DEPARTURES FROM KOWLOON STATION AND EIGHT DEPARTURES FROM SHEUNG SHUI STATION FOR THE RACECOURSE, WITH THE FIRST TRAINS LEAVING AT 11.57 AM AND 11.54 AM RESPECTIVELY.

AND THERE WILL BE 27 DEPARTURES FROM SHA TIN RACECOURSE TO KOWLOON STATION BETWEEN 4.30 PM AND 7.03 PM.

DURING NIGHT RACES, THERE WILL BE 25 DEPARTURES FROM KOWLOON STATION, EIGHT FROM SHEUNG SHUI AND 15 FROM TAI PO MARKET, WITH THE FIRST TRAINS LEAVING AT 6.02 PM, 6.07 PM AND 6.15 PM RESPECTIVELY.

AFTER THE RACES, THERE WILL BE 18 DEPARTURES FROM THE RACECOURSE TO KOWLOON BETWEEN 9.42 PM AND 11.42 PM. PASSENGERS HEADING FOR STATIONS NORTH OF THE RACECOURSE STATION SHOULD CHANGE FOR NORTHBOUND TRAINS AT SHA TIN STATION.

SPECIAL BUS SERVICES TO AND FROM SHA TIN RACECOURSE WILL ALSO BE REINTRODUCED FROM THE SAME DAY.

THESE SERVICES INCLUDE THOSE ON ROUTE 848 FROM TSUEN WAN FERRY, ROUTE 872 FROM TAI PO MARKET, ROUTE 887 FROM TAI KOK TSUI FERRY, ROUTE 888 FROM SHA TIN MARKET, ROUTE 889 FROM KWUN TONG FERRY AND ROUTE 891 FROM KOWLOON CITY FERRY.

THE CROSS-HARBOUR RACE COURSE BUS SERVICES ON ROUTE 881 TO KENNEDY TOWN, ROUTE 882 TO CHAI WAN (EAST) AND ROUTE 884 TO ABERDEEN WILL OPERATE ONLY FOR THE HOMEBOUND JOURNEYS FROM THE RACECOURSE.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR FRANCHISED BUSES, OMNIBUSES, TAXIS, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AND PRIVATE CARS REMAIN UNCHANGED.

TAXI DRIVERS FROM KOWLOON TO THE RACECOURSE ARE REMINDED TO USE THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT ACCESS — THE FLYOVER (RAMP A1) ON TAI PO ROAD NEAR FO TAN KCR DEPOT.

THOSE APPROACHING THE RACECOURSE FROM TAI PO SHOULD USE THE SLIP ROAD OFF TAI PO ROAD OPPOSITE THE RACECOURSE RAILWAY STATION.

TAXIS AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES ARE PROHIBITED TO USE RAMP F ON THE EAST SIDE OF TAI PO ROAD LEADING TO THE MEMBERS' MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE GRANDSTAND.

/TRAFFIC SIGNS .....

TRAFFIC SIGNS HAVE BEEN ERECTED AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO GO TO THE SHA TIN RACE COURSE, AS PARKING SPACES IN THE VICINITY ARE EXTREMELY LIMITED.

VEHICLES PARKED ILLEGALLY ON THE ROAD OR PAVEMENT MAY BE TOWED AWAY WITHOUT WARNING.

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VIEWS ON CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES SOUGHT  
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RESIDENTS' VIEWS ARE BEING SOUGHT ON THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CONSTITUENCIES IN SHA TIN FROM FOUR TO EIGHT FOR THE 1985 DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR DONALD TSANG SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT A PRESS BRIEFING, HE SAID THE CHANGE WAS NECESSARY BECAUSE THE POPULATION IN SHA TIN HAD DOUBLED SINCE THE LAST DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS IN MARCH 1982 FROM 120 000 TO 240 000.

BY EARLY 1985, THE POPULATION WILL REACH 410 000 AS COMPARED WITH 179 000 IN LATE 1982.

MR TSANG SAID THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HAD BEEN REVIEWING DISTRICT AND CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE OVERALL INCREASE IN POPULATION IN HONG KONG AND THE SHIFT IN POPULATION AMONG DISTRICTS.

+THIS IS A PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TASK IN THE NEW TOWNS WHICH HAVE GROWN AND WILL CONTINUE TO GROW RAPIDLY OVER THE 1980S,+ HE SAID.

UNDER THE PROPOSAL, EACH NEW CONSTITUENCY WOULD HAVE ONE ELECTED MEMBER, AS AGAINST THE EXISTING PRACTICE OF HAVING TWO FOR EACH CONSTITUENCY.

+IN OTHER WORDS, THE NUMBER OF ELECTED SEATS ON THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED AT EIGHT, MR TSANG SAID.

+THE NEW CONSTITUENCIES ARE MORE COMPACT AND CONDUCTIVE TO BETTER COMMUNITY BUILDING AND MOST OF THEM WILL NOT BE CHANGED AFTER 1985 AS THEY HAVE ACCOUNTED FOR THE ULTIMATE DEVELOPMENTS IN SHA TIN.

+THIS WILL ENABLE A STABLE POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT IN SHA TIN AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL.+

MR TSANG SAID THE DISTRICT OFFICE WILL CAREFULLY EXAMINE ALL COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS MADE, AND WILL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GOVERNMENT.

THE PROPOSED EIGHT CONSTITUENCIES FOR THE 1985 DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS :

<u>NEW CONSTITUENCY</u>	<u>MAIN RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS</u>	<u>PROJECTED 1985 POPULATION</u>
1. CHE KUNG MIU	SUN TIN WAI ESTATE	48 100
	SUN CHUI ESTATE	
2. SHA KOK	SHA KOK ESTATE	58 600
	YUEN CHAU KOK TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA	
	PRIVATE DEVELOPMENTS IN AREA 5A	
3. SHING MUN EAST	SHA TIN CITY ONE	63 500
	BELAIR GARDENS	
	YUE TIN COURT	
4. TAI WAI	TAI WAI VILLAGE	47 000
	MEI LAM ESTATE	
5. TIN SUM	LUNG HANG ESTATE	32 400
	TIN SUM VILLAGE	
	SHENG AND HA KENG HAU VILLAGES	
	HIN TIN VILLAGE	
6. TOWN CENTRE	SUI WO COURT	52 000
	SHA TIN CENTRE	
	LUCKY PLAZA	
7. TSANG TAI UK	JAT MIN ESTATE	56 400
	CHUN SHEK ESTATE	
	POK HONG ESTATE	
8. YUEN WO	LEK YUEN ESTATE	52 000
	WO CHE ESTATE	
	JOCKEY CLUB MAFOO QUARTERS	

SOUTHERN RESIDENTS PREPARE FOR FESTIVAL  
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A THREE-WEEK SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL, FEATURING 18 ITEMS OF RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES, WILL BE OPENED ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 6).

TO MARK THE OPENING, A WALKATHON AND A MARATHON RACE WILL BE HELD AT THE ABERDEEN COUNTRY PARK STARTING AT 9.30 AM. ABOUT 1 000 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A TELEMATCH FOR WORKERS AND A ONE-DAY TOUR OF THE DISTRICT FOR THE AGED AND THE HANDICAPPED.

OTHER PROGRAMMES IN THE FESTIVAL INCLUDE A BALLET SHOW, A DANCE MARATHON, CANTONESE OPERAS, A BOAT TRIP, A CONCERT, A FOLK DANCE SHOW, A CARNIVAL, AND MOVIE SHOWS.

HONG KONG TELEVISION BROADCASTS LIMITED WILL PRESENT A SPECIAL FEATURE ON THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ON ITS +ENJOY YOURSELF TONIGHT+ SHOW ON NOVEMBER 7.

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE FESTIVAL TODAY (THURSDAY), THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR K.C. KWONG, SAID THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD HAD CONTRIBUTED \$150 000 TOWARDS THE FESTIVAL WHILE THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICES, AND MANY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS HAD HELPED IN ORGANISING THE ACTIVITIES.

A SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS, HAD BEEN FORMED IN MAY.

+THE FESTIVAL, THE FIRST IN THE DISTRICT, AIMS AT PROMOTING RESIDENTS' SENSE OF BELONGING THROUGH ACTIVITIES,+ HE SAID.

+THE GREAT VARIETIES OF PROGRAMMES ARE SPECIALLY ORGANISED FOR DIFFERENT SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY. ANYONE LIVING, WORKING OR STUDYING IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT IS WELCOME TO JOIN IN AND HAVE FUN IN THE FESTIVAL,+ SAID MR KWONG.

ADMISSION TO MOST OF THE PROGRAMMES IS FREE AND FESTIVAL PROGRAMMES MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

AN OPENING CEREMONY, AT WHICH THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, WILL OFFICIATE, WILL BE HELD PRIOR TO THE WALKATHON AND MARATHON RACE ON SUNDAY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL AT 9.30 AM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 6) AT THE SHEK PAI WAN PLAYGROUND, SHEK PAI WAN ESTATE, ABERDEEN. A GOVERNMENT 14-SEATER VAN, AM 5797, WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER FOR SHEK PAI WAN PLAYGROUND AT 8.30 AM.

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SPORTS DAY FOR EX-MENTAL PATIENTS

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THE NEW LIFE SECOND ANNUAL SPORTS DAY FOR EX-MENTAL PATIENTS WILL BE HELD IN TANG SHIU KIN SPORTSGROUND IN TUEN MUN ON NOVEMBER 13 (SUNDAY).

SOME 300 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN THE EVENTS, WHICH INCLUDE ATHLETICS, TELE-MATCHES AND A BASEBALL COMPETITION.

THERE WILL BE THREE SECTIONS: FOR MEN AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 30 AND BETWEEN 31 AND 41, AND FOR WOMEN OF ALL AGES.

THE SPORTS DAY IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE NEW LIFE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK, MR LAU WONG FAT WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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DEMAND LACKING

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DUE TO INCREASED PRODUCTION COST AND LACK OF PUBLIC DEMAND, NO FURTHER SUPPLIES OF OFFICIAL REGISTERED ENVELOPES WILL BE ACQUIRED BY THE POST OFFICE, A SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY.

HOWEVER EXISTING STOCKS OF REGISTERED ENVELOPES WILL STILL BE ON SALE AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE, HE SAID.

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CAR PARK SITE FOR LEASE

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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT TERM TENANCY OF A PIECE OF CROWN LAND IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

THE 5 450-SQUARE-METRE SITE IS TO BE USED AS A PUBLIC FEE-PAYING CAR PARK FOR PRIVATE CARS AND LIGHT VANS.

THE TENANCY IS INITIALLY FOR TWO YEARS AND MONTHLY THEREAFTER.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS IS 12 NOON ON NOVEMBER 18.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS, MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND TENDER PLAN INSPECTED AT, THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE TUEN MUN; THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (KOWLOON WEST), KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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PAYMENTS AT NEW OFFICE  
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THE SHROFF'S OFFICE OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL BE MOVED TO THE TSUEN WAN MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 194-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 7).

RESIDENTS CAN PAY THEIR WATER CHARGES, DEPOSITS, RATES, PROPERTY TAX, FIXED PENALTY AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS DEMAND NOTES, OR GET THEIR PENSIONS, PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, AND REFUND OF DEPOSITS AT THE NEW OFFICE.

OFFICE HOURS WILL BE FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM, AND FROM 2 PM TO 4 PM ON WEEKDAYS, AND FROM 9 AM TO 11.30 AM ON SATURDAYS.

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NORTH POINT TRAFFIC PLAN  
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WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT, THE FOLLOWING TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED:

- \* THE EASTERN END OF WHARF ROAD AT ITS JUNCTION WITH TONG SHUI ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS FOR ROAD REPAIRS WORK.
- \* AT THE SAME TIME, WHARF ROAD AND THE SECTION OF NORTH POINT ROAD BETWEEN JAVA ROAD AND WHARF ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED TWO WAYS.

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