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GLAD OVER SURVIVORS' RETURN -- SIR PHILIP
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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE SAID THIS EVENING HE WAS SURE THAT EVERYONE IN HONG KONG WOULD BE GLAD TO KNOW THAT THE SURVIVORS OF THE BOMBING OF THE HONG KONG OWNED VESSEL, THE WORLD KNIGHT, HAD NOW RETURNED SAFELY HOME. AS WELL AS EXPRESSING HIS SYMPATHY FOR THE RELATIVES OF THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES, HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THOSE WHO HAD SUSTAINED INJURIES WOULD SOON RECOVER FROM THEM. HE ADDED THAT UNPROVOKED ATTACKS ON MERCHANT SHIPS IN THE SEA-LANES OF THE WORLD WERE TO BE UTTERLY DEPLORED.

AT THE SAME TIME HE SAID HOW SHOCKED HE HAD BEEN TO LEARN OF THE EXPLOSION AT THE GRAND HOTEL IN BRIGHTON WHERE THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY CONFERENCE WAS BEING HELD. HE SAID THAT, ALTHOUGH FEW DETAILS WERE AS YET AVAILABLE, HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES WAS RELATIVELY SMALL HAVING REGARD TO THE APPARENT SIZE OF THE EXPLOSION.

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SPECIAL MEDICAL TEAM TREATING SEAMEN
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A SPECIAL TEAM OF MEDICAL STAFF HAS BEEN DEPLOYED BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO TREAT THE FIVE INJURED SEAMEN WHO WERE FLOWN BACK TO HONG KONG FROM THE PERSIAN GULF TODAY.

THE SPECIAL TEAM, HEADED BY A CONSULTANT AND 12 DOCTORS, IS BACKED UP BY OTHER NURSING AND PARA MEDICAL STAFF OF THE SURGICAL UNIT OF THE PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL AT KAI TAK AIRPORT, THE INJURED SEAMEN WERE TRANSFERRED BY AMBULANCES TO THE HOSPITAL.

THEY WERE ADMITTED TO THE PLASTIC AND RECONSTRUCTIVE UNIT, WHICH IS AIR-CONDITIONED AND EQUIPPED TO TREAT PATIENTS SUFFERING FROM BURNS.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE ALSO BEING MADE BY THE HOSPITAL FOR THE FAMILY OF THE INJURED SEAMEN TO VISIT THEM AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN EXAMINED BY THE DOCTORS.

HOWEVER, TO AVOID INFECTION AND DISTURBANCE TO THE PATIENTS, ONLY TWO MEMBERS FROM EACH FAMILY WILL BE ALLOWED INTO THE WARD TO LOOK AT THE PATIENTS THROUGH A GLASS PARTITION, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

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SWD OFFERS HELP TO SEAMEN'S FAMILIES

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OFFICERS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAVE CONTACTED THE FAMILIES AND RELATIVES OF FIVE HONG KONG SEAMEN FROM THE TANKER +WORLD KNIGHT+ WHO DIED IN AN INCIDENT IN THE PERSIAN GULF.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID: +FIELD STAFF HAVE FOLLOWED UP PRESS REPORTS AND REACHED OUT TO THESE FAMILIES TO OFFER HELP.+

THE FAMILY OF A SIXTH SEAMAN WHO DIED IN THE INCIDENT HAS NOT BEEN CONTACTED YET DESPITE REPEATED EFFORTS.

OF THE FIVE FAMILIES VISITED, ONE HAS REQUESTED COMPASSIONATE REHOUSING AND THIS IS BEING CONSIDERED.

THE OTHER FAMILIES HAVE NOT INDICATED ANY IMMEDIATE NEED FOR SERVICES.

MEANWHILE, MEDICAL SOCIAL WORKERS AT PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL HAVE SEEN THE FAMILIES OF TWO OF THE FIVE INJURED SEAMEN WHO WERE FLOWN BACK TO HONG KONG TODAY.

+THE OTHER FAMILIES WHO NEED HELP CAN APPROACH OUR MEDICAL SOCIAL WORKERS IN THE HOSPITAL,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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PRINCE PHILIP ON WAY TO TOKYO

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HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH, WILL PASS THROUGH HONG KONG ON HIS WAY TO TOKYO TOMORROW (SATURDAY) MORNING.

HE IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ON FLIGHT CX 200, ETA 9 AM AND LEAVE ON FLIGHT CX 504, ETD 10.30 AM.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS WILL BE MET BY THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, AND WILL NOT LEAVE THE AIRPORT DURING HIS TRANSIT VISIT.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S ROLE STRESSED
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THE SINO-BRITISH DRAFT AGREEMENT PROVIDES A FIRM FOUNDATION FOR HONG KONG'S YOUNG PEOPLE TO BUILD THE FUTURE, THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

IN A SPEECH TO THE 19TH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE HONG KONG JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, HE SAID : +HONG KONG HAS NO RESOURCES BUT ITS PEOPLE, AND THERE ARE THREE MILLION YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE TERRITORY.+

DETAILED PROVISIONS IN THE DRAFT AGREEMENT PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH HONG KONG'S SOCIAL SYSTEM CAN DEVELOP IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

+WE ARE A YOUNG COMMUNITY, BUT WE ARE ALSO A STRONG COMMUNITY AND ARE STRENGTHENING THE BONDS WHICH UNITE US,+ MR AKERS-JONES SAID.

HONG KONG, HE SAID, IS AN ARTICULATE COMMUNITY WHICH IS DEVELOPING AVENUES OF EXPRESSION THROUGH THE REPRESENTATIVE SYSTEM WITH AN EDUCATED POPULATION MAKING IMMENSE EFFORTS TO BECOME MORE HIGHLY TRAINED AND EXPERT.

MR AKERS-JONES DESCRIBED HONG KONG AS +AN INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOREVER STRETCHING OUR COMMUNICATIONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND WELCOMING EXTRA MILLIONS OF VISITORS TO OUR SHORES.+

+WE ARE ALSO A CULTURAL CROSS ROADS AND THE GROWING ARTISTIC LIFE OF HONG KONG HAS BEEN ONE OF THE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES OF RECENT YEARS.

+WE HAVE A LIVELY AND RESPONSIVE ECONOMY WHICH HAS DEMONSTRATED ITS RESILIENCE AND ADAPTABILITY AT A TESTING TIME FOR ECONOMIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

+WITH RESOLUTION AND POSITIVE COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLES WHICH HAVE CREATED THIS DYNAMIC SOCIETY, THE WORK OF BUILDING THIS REMARKABLE PLACE WILL CONTINUE,+ MR AKERS-JONES SAID.

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GRADUATES NEED NOT FEAR FUTURE -- HAYE
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GRADUATES OF THE HANG SENG SCHOOL OF COMMERCE NEED HAVE NO FEAR FOR THE FUTURE, AS THEIR TRAINING WOULD CONTINUE TO BE RECOGNISED AND HONOURED FOR WHAT IT WAS, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, SAID TODAY.

THESE ASSURANCES WERE CONTAINED IN THE DRAFT AGREEMENT ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG WHICH HAD ALSO BEEN WELCOMED BY MOST PEOPLE IN EDUCATIONAL CIRCLES, HE TOLD THE THIRD GRADUATION CLASS OF THE HANG SENG SCHOOL THIS AFTERNOON.

MAKING THE POINT THAT IT SEEMED +A PARTICULARLY APPOSITE MOMENT TO ALLAY SOME PROFESSIONAL CONCERN ABOUT THE FUTURE+, MR HAYE SAID THE ASSURANCES HAD +PROMISED US THE FREEDOMS TO WHICH WE HAVE BECOME ACCUSTOMED AND NOTABLY THE FREEDOM OF HONG KONG TO DECIDE ITS OWN POLICIES REGARDING THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM AND ADMINISTRATION+.

+SIGNIFICANTLY, AMONG THE MAJOR ITEMS MENTIONED ARE THE SYSTEM OF ACADEMIC AWARDS AND THE RECOGNITION OF EDUCATIONAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL QUALIFICATIONS,+ HE SAID.

HE READ THIS TO MEAN, HE SAID, THAT PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS OBTAINED AT THE HANG SENG SCHOOL AND AT OTHER RECOGNISED EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS WOULD CONTINUE TO CARRY THEIR PROFESSIONAL WEIGHT AND BE RECOGNISED BOTH HERE AND ABROAD.

NOTING THAT THE SCHOOL WAS ENTERING ITS FIFTH YEAR, HE SAID THAT IT HAD BUILT +CONSCIOUSLY AND CONSCIENTIOUSLY, A PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES EMBRACING BOTH ACADEMIC WORK AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR PURSUITS+.

ITS CURRICULUM WAS NOT AN IMPORT DESIGNED FROM OTHER TIMES AND PLACES, BUT REFLECTED IN DELIBERATE FASHION HONG KONG'S CONDITIONS, AND WAS CONSTRUCTED SO THAT IT COULD BE MODIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHANGES IN THOSE CONDITIONS.

+TIMETABLES HAVE BEEN PLANNED SO THAT STUDENTS ENJOY ADEQUATE FREE TIME IN WHICH TO PLAN AND PURSUE THEIR OWN WORK AT THEIR OWN PACE, WHILE, AT THE SAME TIME, THE DEMANDS OF THE SYLLABUS AND THE OVERALL PURPOSE OF THE SCHOOL ARE TRANSLATED INTO PRECISE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES,+ HE SAID.

THE HANG SENG SCHOOL, HE SAID, HAD FASHIONED AN ADMIRABLE EDUCATIONAL STRUCTURE, WHICH HE FELT, WOULD BE REFINED AND ENLARGED WHEN CIRCUMSTANCES ALLOWED.

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HK TO PRESS +ORIGIN+ ISSUE

HONG KONG WILL PRESS ITS REQUEST THAT THE UNITED STATES RESCIND THE COUNTRY-OF-ORIGIN REGULATIONS AT THE GATT TEXTILES COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN GENEVA ON OCTOBER 17 AND 22, THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD SAID TODAY.

MR MACLEOD AND THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR DONALD TSANG, ARE DUE TO LEAVE FOR GENEVA LATER TODAY.

THEY WILL BE JOINED AT THE TALKS BY HONG KONG'S COUNSELLOR IN GENEVA, MR MICHAEL CARTLAND.

+WE SHALL TAKE A VIEW ON WHEN TO RESUME BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH THE USA IN THE LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN GENEVA - BOTH IN THE TEXTILES COMMITTEE ITSELF AND IN A NUMBER OF INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WE SHALL BE HAVING,+ MR MACLEOD SAID.

+THE OUTCOME OF THE CONSULTATIONS WILL THEN IN TURN DETERMINE WHICH OTHER OPTIONS, SUCH AS GOING TO THE TEXTILES SURVEILLANCE BODY, ARE PURSUED, AND WHEN. THE RIGHT TIMING IS IMPORTANT.+

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION WILL COMPRISE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT, THE TREASURY, THE U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE, AND THE COMMERCE AND LABOUR DEPARTMENTS.

MR MACLEOD SAID THAT HIS DELEGATION WOULD BE COORDINATING EFFORTS WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES - BOTH DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING - TO PRESS FOR THE U.S. RULES OF ORIGIN TO BE RESCINDED.

HE SAID THAT THIS ISSUE WAS ONE OF A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. OTHER KEY ITEMS ARE A MAJOR REVIEW OF THE MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT BY THE TEXTILES SURVEILLANCE BODY AND A REVIEW OF PROGRESS BY THE GATT WORKING PARTY ON TEXTILES. HONG KONG HAD A KEEN INTEREST IN BOTH THESE OTHER AGENDA ITEMS AND WOULD ALSO BE INVOLVED IN DISCUSSIONS ON THEM.

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QUARTERLY JOBLESS RATE DECLINES

THE UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION IMPROVED FURTHER WHILE THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION STABILISED, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR JUNE-AUGUST 1984 WAS 3.4 PER CENT, WHICH COMPARES WITH 3.8 PER CENT FOR THE PREVIOUS QUARTER MARCH-MAY 1984. THE DECREASE OF 0.4 PERCENTAGE POINT WAS STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT, THAT IS, IT WAS GREATER THAN MIGHT BE EXPECTED TO ARISE FROM SAMPLING ERROR. THE RATE FOR JUNE-AUGUST 1983 WAS 3.7 PER CENT.

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THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN THE QUARTER ENDING AUGUST 1984 WAS ESTIMATED TO BE 90 800, AS COMPARED WITH 98 300 FOR THE QUARTER ENDING MAY 1984 AND 95 200 FOR THE SAME QUARTER OF LAST YEAR.

THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE FOR JUNE-AUGUST 1984 WAS 0.9 PER CENT WHICH WAS THE SAME AS THAT FOR MARCH-MAY 1984. THE RATE FOR THE SAME QUARTER OF 1983 WAS 1.5 PER CENT. THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS WAS 24 500 FOR THE QUARTER ENDING AUGUST 1984, AS COMPARED WITH 24 300 FOR THE QUARTER ENDING MAY 1984 AND 39 200 FOR THE SAME QUARTER OF LAST YEAR.

THE DECREASES IN THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE AND IN THE NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS OVER THE SAME QUARTER OF LAST YEAR WERE STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

CONSISTENT WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION, PERSONS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS A WEEK WERE REGARDED AS UNDEREMPLOYED ONLY IF THEY WERE SEEKING MORE WORK OR WERE NOT SEEKING MORE WORK BECAUSE THEY BELIEVED MORE WORK WAS NOT AVAILABLE.

COMMENTING UPON THESE FIGURES, THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS SAID THAT BECAUSE THE PROPORTION OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS (E.G. PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST LEFT SCHOOL) VARIED FROM MONTH TO MONTH, THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES WHICH HAD BEEN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED FOR THE VARIATION IN FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS SHOULD BE USED IN MAKING COMPARISONS OVER TIME.

HE ALSO SAID THAT BASED ON A SYSTEM OF MANUAL EXTRACTION OF INFORMATION FROM SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES FOR THE LATEST MONTH, PROVISIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES COVERING THE LATEST MOVING THREE-MONTH PERIOD COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHIN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE SURVEY. THE PROVISIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED) FOR JULY-SEPTEMBER 1984 WAS 3.9 PER CENT, AND THE PROVISIONAL UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 1.0 PER CENT. HOWEVER, IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE WILL BE LOWER AFTER SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT. THE UNADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR JUNE-AUGUST 1984 WAS 3.8 PER CENT.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE OBTAINED FROM A CONTINUOUS GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THIS SURVEY COVERS A QUARTERLY SAMPLE OF SOME 15 000 HOUSEHOLDS OR 55 000 PERSONS, SELECTED SCIENTIFICALLY TO REPRESENT THE LAND-BASED CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION IN HONG KONG. PERSONAL AND LABOUR FORCE DATA WERE OBTAINED IN THE SURVEY BY INTERVIEWING EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER IN THE HOUSEHOLD SAMPLED.

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS IS GIVEN IN THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY WHICH IS PUBLISHED FOUR TIMES A YEAR.

THE NEXT REPORT COVERING THE QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 1984 SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IN DECEMBER, HE SAID.

MORE JOBS SOUGHT FOR DISABLED

THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S PLACEMENT SERVICE FOR THE MENTALLY DISABLED DEPENDED VERY MUCH ON THE CLOSE COOPERATION OF EMPLOYERS FOR ITS SUCCESS, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR RON BRIDGE, SAID TODAY.

MR BRIDGE WAS SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S SELECTIVE PLACEMENT SERVICE (SPS) FOR THE PRESENTATION OF SOUVENIRS TO THE TOP TEN EMPLOYERS OF DISABLED PERSONS.

PLACEMENT OFFICERS DEALING WITH BOTH THE MENTALLY RETARDED AND THE EX-MENTALLY ILL HAD ALL BEEN SPECIALLY TRAINED, AND WERE SUPPORTED BY MEDICAL SPECIALISTS IN HOSPITALS AND CLINICS, HE SAID.

HE SAID THE SPS HAD, SINCE JULY, TAKEN OVER THE TASK OF PROVIDING FREE EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE TO MENTALLY DISABLED PERSONS.

THIS WORK HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN DONE BY THE FORMER JOB PLACEMENT UNIT OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

MR BRIDGE SAID THE NEW SERVICE, WHICH IS NOW BEING PROVIDED FROM A NEW OFFICE IN TSUEN WAN AND AN EXISTING OFFICE IN WAN CHAI, WAS A DIFFICULT ONE.

+THE DIFFICULTY DOES NOT ARISE FROM A LACK OF WORKING ABILITY ON THE PART OF THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED BUT RATHER FROM A LACK OF UNDERSTANDING BY MANY PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYERS OF THE NATURE OF THE DISABILITY AND FROM AN ENTRENCHED PREJUDICE AGAINST THESE JOB SEEKERS,+ HE SAID.

HOWEVER, HE POINTED OUT THAT ALTHOUGH THE INTELLECTUAL CAPACITY OF THE MENTALLY RETARDED MIGHT BE IMPAIRED, THIS COULD BE COMPENSATED BY OTHER SKILLS AND APTITUDES IN WHICH THEY MIGHT FUNCTION ADEQUATELY, OR EVEN EXCEL.

+MENTALLY RETARDED PEOPLE ARE WELL ABLE TO FILL JOBS FOR WHICH A HIGH LEVEL OF INTELLIGENCE IS NOT AN IMPORTANT QUALIFICATION.+

SIMILARLY, PEOPLE WHO HAD MENTAL ILLNESS COULD BE TREATED AND COULD RECOVER TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT THE EFFECT OF THEIR ILLNESS UPON THEIR EMPLOYMENT WOULD LIKELY TO BE SLIGHT OR NON-EXISTENT, MR BRIDGE SAID.

ANY EX-MENTALLY ILL PATIENT THE SELECTIVE PLACEMENT SERVICE TRIED TO PLACE WOULD HAVE ALREADY BEEN TREATED BY A MEDICAL SPECIALIST AND HIS CONDITION WOULD HAVE BEEN STABILISED.

THE TOP TEN EMPLOYERS WERE AUDIOTRONICS LTD, HONG KONG SECURITY LTD, DURABLE ELECTRICAL METAL FTY. LTD, WILSON PARKING (H.K.) PTY. LTD, HUNG NIEN ELECTRONICS LTD, URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, EASTERN TIME LTD, MILLIE'S HANDBAGS AND SHOES FTY. LTD, SECURITY ALLIANCE LTD, AND NATIONAL ELECTRONICS AND WATCH CO LTD.

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350 000 SQUATTERS TO BE REHOUSED IN FIVE YEARS

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY PLANS TO REHOUSE 350 000 SQUATTERS OVER FIVE YEARS WITH A VIEW TO ELIMINATING ALL SQUATTER ENCLAVES IN THE URBAN AREAS.

FROM NEXT YEAR, SQUATTERS WILL BE RESETTLED AT AN INCREASED RATE OF 70 000 PEOPLE A YEAR WITH PRIORITY GIVEN TO THOSE LIVING ON MORE VULNERABLE SLOPES AND SQUATTER BOATS.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, DR DENNY HUANG, REVEALED TODAY THE AUTHORITY'S STEPPED-UP EFFORT IN RESOLVING THIS LONG-STANDING PROBLEM.

ADDRESSING THE LIONS CLUBS OF HONG KONG SOUTH AND QUEENSWAY, DR HUANG SAID A 10-YEAR CLEARANCE PROGRAMME WAS BEING DRAWN UP TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL.

DR HUANG SAID: +A FEASIBILITY STUDY WHICH IS CURRENTLY UNDERTAKEN INDICATES THAT IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE PERMANENT REHOUSING FOR ALL ELIGIBLE SQUATTERS UNDER SUCH A LONG-TERM PROGRAMME.+

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S REHOUSING COMMITMENT TO SQUATTERS HAD BEEN ENORMOUS.

+DURING THE PAST THREE YEARS, AN AVERAGE OF 60 000 SQUATTERS WERE CLEARED EACH YEAR WHILE SOME \$25 MILLION PER ANNUM HAD BEEN, AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE SPENT IN CARRYING OUT IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO MAJOR HUT-PRONE AREAS.

+LAST YEAR ALONE, NEARLY 300 CLEARANCES WERE CARRIED OUT, INVOLVING THE REHOUSING OF 52 684 PEOPLE AND EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE TOTALLING \$45.9 MILLION WERE PAID TO NON-DOMESTIC SQUATTER OPERATORS.+

PREVIOUSLY, DR HUANG SAID, SQUATTERS WERE REHOUSED ONLY WHEN THEIR HUTS WERE CLEARED FOR DEVELOPMENT OR HAD BEEN DESTROYED BY NATURAL DISASTERS.

+THE RECENTLY APPROVED NEW PUBLIC HOUSING ALLOCATION POLICIES, HOWEVER, WILL GIVE THEM A CHANCE OF EARLY REHOUSING AND PRIORITY IN APPLYING FOR HOME OWNERSHIP FLATS WITH GREEN FORMS.

+FOR SQUATTERS AFFECTED BY CLEARANCES AND NATURAL DISASTERS, THEY CAN NOW OPT FOR APPLYING HOS FLATS IN LIEU OF REHOUSING, PROVIDED THAT THEY MEET SUCH CRITERIA AS LIVING IN A SURVEYED STRUCTURE, FULFILLING THE SEVEN-YEAR RESIDENCE RULE AND HAVING AT LEAST TWO HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS.

/+THE SEVEN-YEAR

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+THE SEVEN-YEAR RESIDENCE RULE WILL BE THE BEST CONCESSION TO SQUATTERS, MANY OF WHOM, ACCORDING TO RECORDS, HAVE RELATIVELY SHORT LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN HONG KONG.

+FIGURES SHOWED THAT OF THE 52 684 PEOPLE CLEARED AND REHOUSED LAST YEAR, MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF THEM WERE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR ESTATE FLATS FOR WHICH TEN YEARS LOCAL RESIDENCE IS REQUIRED.+

HE ADVISED ELIGIBLE SQUATTERS TO MAKE GOOD USE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE THEIR LIVING CONDITIONS.

+FOLLOWING THE RELAXATION OF PUBLIC HOUSING ALLOCATION POLICIES WHICH OFFER MANY MORE CATEGORIES OF APPLICANTS THE GREEN FORM STATUS FOR HOS APPLICATIONS, AND WITH LOCAL ECONOMY FAST RECOVERING, IT IS EXPECTED THAT DEMAND FOR HOS FLATS WILL BE KEENER THAN EVER,+ DR HUANG SAID.

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EMERGENCY RELIEF WORK OUTLINED * * * * *

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN EMERGENCY RELIEF WORK DURING NATURAL DISASTERS AND OTHER SERIOUS INCIDENTS, THE DEPARTMENT'S REGIONAL OFFICER (WEST KOWLOON), MR ALEXANDER FUNG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT A LUNCH MEETING OF THE BRAEMAR HILL LIONS CLUB, HE SAID THAT EMERGENCY RELIEF, WHICH IS PART OF HONG KONG'S SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM, WAS DESIGNED TO HELP VICTIMS OF TYPHOONS, RAINSTORMS, FIRES, LANDSLIDES AND HOUSE COLLAPSES.

+WHEN A REPORT OF SUCH AN INCIDENT IS RECEIVED, ONE OF OUR DUTY TEAMS, WHICH ARE OPERATED ON A REGIONAL BASIS, WILL QUICKLY SWING INTO ACTION,+ HE SAID.

TEAM MEMBERS WOULD REGISTER THE VICTIMS AND ARRANGE WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S KOWLOON KITCHEN FOR THE SUPPLY OF COOKED MEALS, BLANKETS, MILK POWDER AND OTHER DAILY NECESSITIES.

+IF NECESSARY, WE WILL OPEN OUR COMMUNITY CENTRES AS TEMPORARY SHELTERS,+ MR FUNG SAID.

CASH ASSISTANCE AND COMPASSIONATE REHOUSING MIGHT ALSO BE ARRANGED FOR THOSE WITH A GENUINE NEED.

+TO ENSURE THAT THE VICTIMS RECEIVE PROPER CARE, STAFF OF OUR FAMILY SERVICES CENTRE AND SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNIT IN THE DISTRICT WILL HELP THOSE IN NEED OF OTHER WELFARE SERVICES.+

BETWEEN APRIL AND AUGUST THIS YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT'S EMERGENCY DUTY TEAMS WERE CALLED OUT ON 62 OCCASIONS. IN THE 1983-84 FINANCIAL YEAR, THE TEAMS WERE CALLED OUT 186 TIMES.

REFERRING TO THE KOWLOON KITCHEN, MR FUNG SAID ITS WORKLOAD HAD BEEN INCREASING IN RECENT YEARS.

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+WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL WING AND IMPROVED FACILITIES, THE KITCHEN IS NOW ABLE TO PRODUCE 40 000 MEALS IN AN EIGHT-HOUR PERIOD,+ HE SAID.

+THE KITCHEN HAD A RECORD OF PRODUCING 40 000 MEALS A DAY FOR 26 DAYS RUNNING IN JULY 1979 DURING THE INFLUX OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES.+

MR FUNG ALSO OUTLINED OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING SOCIAL SECURITY, FAMILY SERVICES, YOUTH AND COMMUNITY WORK, REHABILITATION, SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY AND OFFENDERS, AND MEDICAL SOCIAL SERVICE.

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INDUSTRIALISTS URGED TO INVEST MORE
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INDUSTRIALISTS WERE URGED TODAY TO INCREASE THEIR INVESTMENT IN PREPARATION FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.

IN MAKING THE CALL, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, SAID, +HONG KONG'S PROSPECT HAD BECOME CLEAR AND BRIGHT+, AS A RESULT OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT ON ITS FUTURE.

HE ALSO TOLD THEM TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE DRAFT AGREEMENT.

MR WIGGHAM WAS SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE SHAM SHUI PO INDUSTRIAL LIAISON COMMITTEE.

HE SAID THAT THERE WERE NOW MORE THAN 7 000 FACTORIES IN SHAM SHUI PO, WITH A WORKFORCE OF ABOUT 100 000.

A DISTINCTIVE FEATURE OF THE SHAM SHUI PO INDUSTRIAL AREA WAS THAT MOST OF THE FACTORIES WERE OF MEDIUM OR SMALL SCALE.

THESE FACTORIES PLAYED A SUPPORTING ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF LARGE-SCALE FACTORIES IN AND OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT.

+TO COPE WITH THE DEMANDS OF THE PRESENT DAY INDUSTRIES, IT WAS NECESSARY TO SET UP THE SHAM SHUI PO INDUSTRIAL LIAISON COMMITTEE TO STRENGTHEN TIES WITHIN THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR AND TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN TACKLING PROBLEMS ARISING FROM THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES,+ HE SAID.

THE COMMITTEE WAS FORMED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND MADE UP OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE AND OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

ITS MAIN AIM IS TO INVOLVE THE LOCAL INDUSTRIAL SECTOR IN DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, AND TO LOOK INTO ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS.

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APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCED

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY THE APPOINTMENT OF MR ROBERT KWOK CHIN-KUNG AS A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

MR KWOK WILL TAKE UP THE APPOINTMENT IN NOVEMBER 1984.

MR KWOK IS AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF JARDINE MATHESON HOLDINGS, LTD., DIRECTOR OF HONG KONG ELECTRIC HOLDINGS, LTD., DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG LAND CO., LTD., DIRECTOR OF ZUNG FU CO., LTD., AND DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG COMMERCIAL BROADCASTING CO., LTD. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW (INLAND REVENUE) AND PANEL OF ASSESSORS.

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SEPTEMBER DRIER THAN USUAL

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SEPTEMBER WAS DRIER THAN USUAL, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY REPORTS.

THE MONTH'S 211.3 MM OF RAINFALL WAS ABOUT 34 PER CENT BELOW NORMAL. AND THE MONTHLY MEAN ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE OF 1 010.6 MILLIBARS WAS THE THIRD HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR ANY SEPTEMBER.

THE WEATHER WAS CLOUDY WITH HEAVY THUNDERY SHOWERS ON SEPTEMBER 1, DUE TO A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE CLOSE TO THE SOUTH CHINA COAST. SCATTERED SHOWERS CONTINUED ON SEPTEMBER 2. THESE TWO DAYS' RAINFALL, 107.5 MM, ACCOUNTED FOR OVER HALF OF THE MONTH'S RAINFALL.

IT WAS FINE APART FROM SOME ISOLATED SHOWERS ON SEPTEMBER 3 AND 4.

WINDS BECAME STRONG OFF SHORE ON SEPTEMBER 5, DUE TO THE APPROACH OF TYPHOON IKE. THEY MODERATED THE FOLLOWING DAY. THE WEATHER WAS CLOUDY WITH SCATTERED SHOWERS ON THESE TWO DAYS.

IT WAS FINE AND SUNNY FROM SEPTEMBER 7 TO 11. THE WEATHER BECAME VERY HOT ON SEPTEMBER 11 AND THE MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE ROSE TO 32.0 DEGREES CELSIUS WHICH WAS THE HIGHEST OF THE MONTH.

EARLY ON SEPTEMBER 12, IT BECAME CLOUDY WITH ISOLATED SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS AS A COLD FRONT PASSED SOUTH ACROSS HONG KONG. IT REMAINED CLOUDY FOR THE NEXT THREE DAYS. ISOLATED SHOWERS OCCURRED ON SEPTEMBER 14 AND 15, WITH THE MINIMUM TEMPERATURE DROPPING TO 23.4 DEGREES CELSIUS, THE MONTH'S LOWEST, ON SEPTEMBER 14.

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THERE WERE SCATTERED THUNDERY SHOWERS FROM SEPTEMBER 16 TO 18. ONE GURKHA SOLDIER WAS KILLED AND THREE OTHERS WERE INJURED BY LIGHTNING STROKES WHILE THEY WERE ON AN EXERCISE NEAR PAT SIN RANGE ON SEPTEMBER 18.

IT WAS FINE ON SEPTEMBER 19, BUT THUNDERY SHOWERS OCCURRED ON SEPTEMBER 20 AS THE WINDS FRESHENED FROM THE EAST.

FROM SEPTEMBER 21 TO 24, THE WEATHER WAS FINE AND SUNNY, APART FROM SOME ISOLATED SHOWERS ON SEPTEMBER 23. IT BECAME CLOUDY WITH ISOLATED SHOWERS ON SEPTEMBER 25.

WINDS STRENGTHENED FURTHER ON SEPTEMBER 26 AS THE WINTER MONSOON WAS ENHANCED BY TROPICAL DEPRESSION LYNN IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA. THERE WERE ALSO SCATTERED SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS.

WINDS REMAINED STRONG OFF SHORE THE NEXT DAY. THE WEATHER WAS CLOUDY WITH ISOLATED SHOWERS. FINE AND SUNNY WEATHER PREVAILED FROM SEPTEMBER 28 TO 30.

FOUR TROPICAL CYCLONES DEVELOPED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA DURING THE MONTH.

TYPHOON IKE FORMED NEAR GUAM IN LATE AUGUST AND CROSSED MINDANAO ON SEPTEMBER 2. IT DISSIPATED NEAR NANNING IN GUANGXI ON SEPTEMBER 7.

TROPICAL DEPRESSION LYNN DEVELOPED ABOUT 240 NAUTICAL MILES EAST NORTHEAST OF XISHA ON SEPTEMBER 24. IT MOVED WESTWARDS AND DISSIPATED ABOUT 140 NAUTICAL MILES NORTH NORTHEAST OF XISHA ON SEPTEMBER 26.

TROPICAL STORM NINA FORMED ABOUT 150 NAUTICAL MILES SOUTH SOUTHWEST OF IWO JIMA ON SEPTEMBER 27. IT RECURVED NORTHEASTWARDS TO ABOUT 420 NAUTICAL MILES SOUTHEAST OF TOKYO AT THE END OF THE MONTH.

AND ON SEPTEMBER 28, TROPICAL STORM MAURY FORMED ABOUT 590 NAUTICAL MILES EAST OF IWO JIMA, AND WAS MOVING NORTHWARDS TO ABOUT 510 NAUTICAL MILES EAST OF TOKYO AT THE END OF THE MONTH.

DURING THE MONTH ONE AIRCRAFT WAS DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER.

THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 16 TO 18, 20 AND 22. FLOOD WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON SEPTEMBER 1, 16 AND 18. THE YELLOW FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON SEPTEMBER 30.

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SIGNALS HOISTED DURING THE MONTH WERE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>WEATHER SYSTEM</u>	<u>SIGNAL</u>	<u>DATE AND TIME OF HOISTING</u>	<u>DATE AND TIME OF LOWERING</u>
TYPHOON IKE	1	SEPTEMBER 4 4.10 PM	SEPTEMBER 5 11.10 AM
	3	SEPTEMBER 5 11.10 AM	SEPTEMBER 5 11 PM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	SEPTEMBER 27 6.10 AM	SEPTEMBER 27 3.45 PM

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

SUNSHINE	173.8 HOURS ; 14.7 HOURS BELOW NORMAL
RAINFALL	211.3 MM ; 109.1 MM BELOW NORMAL
CLOUDINESS	66 % ; 4 % MORE THAN NORMAL
RELATIVE HUMIDITY	81 % ; 2 % HIGHER THAN NORMAL
MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE	29.5 DEGREES C ; 1.0 DEGREE C BELOW NORMAL
MEAN TEMPERATURE	27.3 DEGREES C ; 0.2 DEGREE C BELOW NORMAL
MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	25.6 DEGREES C ; 0.4 DEGREE C ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	23.7 DEGREES C ; 0.5 DEGREE C ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	118.9 MM ; 41.6 MM BELOW NORMAL

MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 32.0 DEGREES C WAS RECORDED ON
SEPTEMBER 11

MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 23.4 DEGREES C WAS RECORDED ON
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PIPED GAS POLICY WINS SUPPORT

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GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO FOLLOW A PIPED GAS POLICY FOR ALL NEW BUILDINGS HAD GAINED THE SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION OF THE INDUSTRY, AND HAD LED TO A DRAMATIC INCREASE IN THE SALE OF PIPED GAS, THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES, MR GRAHAM OSBORNE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

BULK SUPPLIES OF LPG WERE UP MORE THAN 10 PER CENT ON PREVIOUS YEARS AND PIPED TOWN GAS SUPPLIES WERE UP NEARLY 20 PER CENT.

MR OSBORNE, WHO WAS SPEAKING AT THE NINTH ANNUAL DINNER OF THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERS, SAID THE PIPED GAS POLICY WAS ONE OF THE MEASURES ADOPTED TO ENHANCE GAS SAFETY IN HONG KONG FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF SIX PEOPLE OVER A TWO-WEEK PERIOD IN 1981 AS A RESULT OF BATHROOM GAS WATER HEATER FACILITIES.

GOVERNMENT-APPOINTED CONSULTANTS WERE ASKED TO EXAMINE NOT JUST GAS WATER HEATER SAFETY REQUIREMENTS BUT ALSO GAS SAFETY OVER THE WHOLE SPECTRUM OF THE INDUSTRY, COVERING THE MANUFACTURE, SUPPLY, STORAGE AND USE OF BOTH TOWN GAS AND LPG.

THE PROBLEM WAS TACKLED IN THREE WAYS, BY MOUNTING A MASSIVE ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN, ENCOURAGING CUSTOMERS TO INSTALL REPLACEMENT GAS WATER HEATERS AND ENSURING, THROUGH THE BUILDING (PLANNING) REGULATIONS, THAT ALL NEW BUILDINGS WERE PROVIDED WITH A CORRECTLY SIZED AND CORRECTLY POSITIONED WALL APERTURE TO ACCEPT THE SAFE, ROOM-SEALED GAS WATER HEATERS.

+CONSULTANTS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE WIDESPREAD USE OF PORTABLE LPG CYLINDERS IN CROWDED URBAN DWELLINGS OF HONG KONG. THEY PROPOSED THESE SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN FROM CIRCULATION AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE,+ MR OSBORNE SAID.

+THE RECOMMENDATION FAILED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE PRACTICAL PROBLEM THAT ABOUT 800 000 GAS CUSTOMERS IN HONG KONG (ABOUT 60 PER CENT OF ALL THE GAS CUSTOMERS) ARE SUPPLIED THIS WAY.+

INSTEAD, GOVERNMENT DECIDED TO FOLLOW THE PIPED GAS POLICY FOR ALL NEW BUILDINGS AND THIS CONCEPT WAS BEING FOLLOWED WITH CO-OPERATION OF THE INDUSTRY.

THE PIPED SUPPLY TO NEW BUILDINGS COULD BE EITHER TOWN GAS OR LPG, PROVIDING THAT IT WAS SUPPLIED FROM A CENTRALISED BULK INSTALLATION WHOSE DESIGN AND LOCATION WAS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

ON OTHER AREAS OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WORK, MR OSBORNE SAID THAT WHEN THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB DECIDED IN 1975 TO INCLUDE AN AERIAL ROPEWAY IN ITS OCEAN PARK PROJECT, IT GENERATED CONSIDERABLE ACTIVITY WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT AS THERE WAS NO COVERING LEGISLATION.

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+TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, CONSULTANTS TO THE JOCKEY CLUB WERE PROPOSING A SYSTEM WHICH WOULD OPERATE AT A HIGHER SPEED AND WITH MORE PASSENGERS PER CABIN THAN ANY OTHER MONOCABLE PASSENGER ROPEWAY APPROVED BY ANY NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL ROPEWAY AUTHORITY IN THE WORLD,+ MR OSBORNE SAID.

TO ENSURE PUBLIC SAFETY, AN ORDER-IN-COUNCIL WAS ISSUED IN 1976 NAMING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AS THE HONG KONG SAFETY AUTHORITY. THIS ENSURED SOME DEGREE OF CONTROL DURING THE CONSTRUCTION AND COMMISSIONING STAGES OF THE PROJECT, PENDING THE INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION COVERING ALL ASPECTS OF ITS OPERATION.

APART FROM A FEW MINOR HICCUPS, THE CONSTRUCTION PROCEEDED IN A NORMAL MANNER, WITH UNIT TESTING BEING UNDERTAKEN ON ALL PARTS AS THEY WERE COMPLETED.

+THE ROPEWAY AT OCEAN PARK HAS ALSO PLAYED ITS PART IN THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF ROPEWAY TECHNOLOGY. HAVING PROVED BEYOND ALL DOUBT THAT ROPEWAYS COULD BE OPERATED AT HIGHER SPEEDS AND WITH GREATER LOADING THAN PREVIOUSLY HAS LED TO THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF ROPEWAYS THAT NOW EXCEED THE 'STATE OF THE ART' THAT WAS ESTABLISHED AT OCEAN PARK,+ HE SAID.

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EASTERN VOTER DRIVE 'A SUCCESS'
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MORE THAN 52 000 PEOPLE IN EASTERN DISTRICT REGISTERED AS VOTERS DURING THE SIX-WEEK CAMPAIGN, BOOSTING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE DISTRICT TO ABOUT 150 000.

+THIS REPRESENTS NEARLY 60 PER CENT OF THE POTENTIAL ELECTORATE IN THE DISTRICT+, SAID THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LUI HAU-TUEN.

+THE RESULTS ARE MORE THAN SATISFACTORY AND COULD NOT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED WITHOUT THE CO-OPERATION AND EFFORTS OF EVERYONE CONCERNED+, HE SAID.

MR LUI PRAISED THE EFFORTS OF DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS, DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF AND VARIOUS OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IN HELPING TO MAKE THE CAMPAIGN A SUCCESS.

+THE ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE FROM RESIDENTS IN THE CAMPAIGN SHOWS THAT PEOPLE ARE BECOMING MORE KEEN TO PARTICIPATE IN DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION+, MR LUI SAID.

MR LUI ALSO SAID HE IS CONFIDENT THAT THERE WILL BE A HIGH TURNOUT IN EASTERN DISTRICT DURING NEXT YEAR'S DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN MARCH.

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SUNDAY FORUM AT SAI KUNG
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HOUSING, TRANSPORT, AIR POLLUTION, AND WELFARE FOR THE ELDERLY WILL BE AMONG SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED ON SUNDAY AT THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT FORUM, ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG.

THE ROLE OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED.

SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS CARRIE CHENG; DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, MR CHAN KWAI-SANG, MR WILLIAM WAN, MR CHAN MUK-SANG AND MR WAN YUET-KAU; A SCHOOL PRINCIPAL; A SOCIAL WORKER; AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE JUNK BAY MEDICAL RELIEF COUNCIL.

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FISHING FUN FOR DISABLED
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AN ANGLING COMPETITION FOR DISABLED PERSONS WILL BE HELD AT H.M.S. TAMAR FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 14).

JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE (RSS) OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, THE HONG KONG AMATEUR FISHING SOCIETY AND THE BRITISH FORCES ANGLING CLUB, THE EVENT IS TO STIMULATE THE DISABLED'S INTEREST IN ANGLING AND RECREATIONAL PURSUITS IN GENERAL.

MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED, AS WELL AS BLIND AND DEAF PERSONS WILL BE COMPETING TO SEE WHO CAN BRING IN THE HEAVIEST LOAD OF FISH.

SPECIAL FACILITIES HAVE BEEN SET UP TO HELP THE CONTESTANTS.

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNERS BY THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER (RECREATION AND SPORTS), MR DAVID CHIU, AND THE CAPTAIN-IN-CHARGE OF THE ROYAL NAVY IN HONG KONG, CAPTAIN TONY COLLINS AT 3.45 PM.

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UPHILL RUN SET FOR NEXT MONTH
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THE ANNUAL LION ROCK RACE ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS COUNCIL, WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 18 (SUNDAY).

SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE RACE IS AIMED AT ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO TAKE PART IN MORE SPORTS ACTIVITIES.

IT IS OPEN TO ANYONE OVER THE AGE OF 16.

THE RACE IS RUN UPHILL OVER 2.8 KILOMETRES, FROM TZE WAN SHAN ROAD PLAYGROUND TO KOON YUM CHUEN.

ENTRY FORMS, ROUTE MAPS AND INFORMATION SHEETS ABOUT THE RACE ARE AVAILABLE AT THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS HO MAN TIN AND HUNG HOM SUB-OFFICES, AND THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE KOWLOON CITY OFFICE.

COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THESE OFFICES BY 5 PM ON NOVEMBER 9 (FRIDAY).

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BRIDGE PLANNED ACROSS LIU TO VALLEY
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THE TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PLANS TO CONSTRUCT A BRIDGE ACROSS THE LIU TO VALLEY ON TSING YI.

THE PROJECT WILL INCLUDE WIDENING A SECTION OF ROAD TY5 BETWEEN CHING HONG ROAD EXTENSION AND THE BRIDGE.

THESE WORKS TOGETHER WITH THE ROADWORKS AT EITHER END OF THE BRIDGE, WILL PROVIDE ACCESS BETWEEN PHASES IV AND V OF CHEUNG HONG ESTATE AND CHING WAH COURT HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME AND THE TSING YI NORTH BRIDGE.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME CAN BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;
- * TSUEN WAN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN;

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- * TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, FOU WAH CENTRE, 210 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN; AND
- * TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, TSING YI SUB-OFFICE, 113 CHING WAI HOUSE, CHEUNG CHING ESTATE, TSING YI.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL MAY WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BEFORE DECEMBER 11.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED WORKS IS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

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ROAD AND FOOTBRIDGES TO BE BUILT
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THE TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PLANS TO CONSTRUCT A DUAL CARRIAGEWAY AT GROUND LEVEL OVER CHUNG HANG NULLAH BETWEEN THE NEW RECLAMATION IN TSUEN WAN BAY AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

THE PROPOSED ROAD WILL BE ABOUT 500 METRES LONG AND WILL FORM AN ESSENTIAL LINK WITH TSUEN WAN BYPASS STAGE II. IT WILL BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE ROAD NETWORK SERVING THE NEW TOWN AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS ON THE RECLAMATION.

A SYSTEM OF FOOTBRIDGES WILL ALSO BE CONSTRUCTED TO FACILITATE MOVEMENTS OF PEDESTRIANS ACROSS THE NEW ROAD AND ITS JUNCTIONS WITH SHA TSUI ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED WORKS WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

THE NOTICE CAN BE SEEN ON THE SITE OR THE PLAN CAN BE INSPECTED AT CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, OR AT THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, OR AT THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE., SECOND FLOOR, FOU WAH CENTRE, 210 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

ANY OBJECTION TO THE WORKS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY DECEMBER 11.

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CENTRAL TAPS OFF
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN CENTRAL WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 15) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY ICE HOUSE STREET, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, JACKSON ROAD AND QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

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EARLY MORNING ROAD WORK

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THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM THE JUNCTION OF TONG SHUI ROAD WITH KING'S ROAD TO THE HONG KONG ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR FIVE HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 13).

THE MEASURE IS TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CORRIDOR.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES ARE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING RIGHT FROM KING'S ROAD WESTBOUND INTO TONG SHUI ROAD.

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TSING YI BRIDGE WORKS

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FOR THREE ONE-HOUR PERIODS ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 14), TSING YI BRIDGE WILL BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC AT INTERVALS OF FIVE MINUTES ONLY, TO ALLOW MAINTENANCE WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT.

THESE ONE-HOUR PERIODS WILL START FROM 12.30 AM, 6.30 AM AND 3 PM.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR SEWAGE PUMPING STATION

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THE TSUEN WAN OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR A MAJOR SEWAGE PUMPING STATION ON TSING YI ISLAND.

BESIDES THE PUMPING STATION, THE CONTRACT INCLUDES CONSTRUCTION OF AN ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION, THE ASSOCIATED BUILDING SERVICES AND ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL WORKS TOGETHER WITH AN ACCESS ROAD.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID NEARBY AREAS WOULD BE LANDSCAPED TO PROVIDE AN ATTRACTIVE APPEARANCE WHICH WOULD HARMONISE WITH THE EXISTING GREEN HILLSIDES.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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