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MORE CONTAINER TERMINALS PLANNED BY GOVERNMENT

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PLANNING FOR ADDITIONAL TERMINALS HAS BECOME AN ONGOING EXERCISE FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO COPE WITH INCREASING DEMAND FOR CONTAINER SERVICES, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF MODERN TERMINALS LTD(MTL), MR JACOBS SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS ALREADY CONSIDERING WHERE TERMINALS 8 AND 9 SHOULD BEST BE LOCATED, WHILE TERMINAL 6, ON TOP OF THE FIVE CURRENTLY IN OPERATION, WAS UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

"AND TERMINAL 7, WHICH WILL EXHAUST THE DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL OF THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER PORT, WILL BE OFFERED FOR TENDER IN A MATTER OF WEEKS," HE SAID, ADDING THAT THE GRANT SHOULD BE CONCLUDED IN APRIL 1988.

"WE NEED TO KEEP PACE WITH OUR REGIONAL COMPETITORS AND MUST REMAIN COMPETITIVE," MR JACOBS ADDED.

MR JACOBS SAID IT WAS NOT ONLY DOMESTIC CARGO THAT MADE DEMANDS ON HONG KONG'S CONTAINER PORT -- THE WORLD'S SECOND BUSIEST AFTER ROTTERDAM -- BUT ALSO TRANSHIPMENT.

"AS ROTTERDAM IS THE TRANSHIPMENT PORT FOR EUROPE, HONG KONG HAS BECOME THE TRANSHIPMENT PORT FOR THE REGION AND FOR SOUTH CHINA IN PARTICULAR," HE SAID.

"THE TRANSHIPMENT BUSINESS REPRESENTS ABOUT 25 PER CENT OF OUR THROUGHPUT."

THE INCREASING DEMAND IN THE PAST FEW YEARS, PARTICULARLY SINCE 1985, REFLECTED BOTH THE RESURGENCE OF DOMESTIC TRADE AND TRADE WITH CHINA, MR JACOBS NOTED.

RECOUNTING THE "UNPRECEDENTED GROWTH" IN HONG KONG AND IN THE PORT DURING THE LAST 15 YEARS HE SAID: "IN 1972, 7,900 OCEAN-GOING SHIPS ENTERED PORT; LAST YEAR THERE WERE OVER 14,000.

"IN 1972, 16 MILLION TONS OF CARGO MOVED THROUGH THE PORT; LAST YEAR IT WAS OVER 62 MILLION TONS. IN 1972 MTL HANDLED 18,000 CONTAINERS; LAST YEAR THE FIGURE WAS 897,000."

MR JACOBS ESTIMATED THAT MORE THAN A MILLION CONTAINERS WOULD BE HANDLED THIS YEAR.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MRS ANSON CHAN, MR JACOBS ALSO LOOKED AT THE FACILITIES OF MTL IN THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINAL THIS AFTERNOON.

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HE WAS RECEIVED BY THE MTL CHAIRMAN, MR DAVID GLEDHILL, AND WAS BRIEFED ON THE OPERATIONS AND PLANS OF THE TERMINAL AND OVERALL CONTAINER PORT DEVELOPMENT. DURING HIS TOUR OF THE TERMINAL, HE ALSO VISITED THE CONTROL ROOM AND TOOK A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE LAYOUT OF THE TERMINAL'S FACILITIES.

ESTABLISHED IN 1969, THE MTL IS THE SECOND LARGEST OF THE THREE OPERATORS IN THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINAL, WITH 1,400 STAFF AND OPERATORS. IT COMPRISES TWO CONTIGUOUS TERMINALS WHICH OPERATE ROUND-THE-CLOCK AND HAVE A CONTAINER STACKING CAPACITY OF ABOUT 18,000 TEUS (20-FOOT EQUIVALENT UNITS).

WITH ABOUT 1,800 CONTAINER SHIPS CALLING AT THE MTL TERMINALS A YEAR, THE COMPANY WAS SAID TO HAVE PLANS TO INVEST SOME \$220 MILLION ON MODERN CONTAINER HANDLING EQUIPMENT AND FURTHER EXPANSION OF THE TERMINAL COMPLEX.

THERE ARE NOW ALTOGETHER FIVE TERMINALS IN KWAI CHUNG UNDER THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL TERMINALS LIMITED, THE SEA-LAND ORIENT LIMITED AND MTL.

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TAC ENDORSES KMB FRANCHISE EXTENSION  
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AN APPLICATION BY THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY (1933) LTD (KMB) TO EXTEND ITS FRANCHISE FOR ANOTHER TWO YEARS TO AUGUST 31, 1997 WAS ENDORSED BY THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) TODAY (TUESDAY).

KMB'S CURRENT FRANCHISE WAS FIRST GRANTED TO THE COMPANY IN 1975 FOR A PERIOD OF 10 YEARS. IT HAS SINCE BEEN EXTENDED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ON FIVE OCCASIONS EACH TIME FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS. THE LAST EXTENSION, TO AUGUST 31, 1995, WAS APPROVED IN MARCH 1986.

MEMBERS OF TAC REVIEWED KMB'S PERFORMANCE SINCE THE LAST EXTENSION OF ITS FRANCHISE AND WERE SATISFIED THAT KMB WAS CAPABLE OF MAINTAINING A PROPER AND EFFICIENT SERVICE.

THEY CONSIDERED THAT A FURTHER EXTENSION OF ITS FRANCHISE WOULD FACILITATE THE COMPANY'S FORWARD PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF ITS BUS SERVICES.

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THE TAC ALSO DISCUSSED AN APPLICATION BY LANTAU TAXI OPERATORS FOR A 39 PER CENT FARE INCREASE. MEMBERS ONLY RECOMMENDED A 25 PER CENT INCREASE. THEIR RECOMMENDATION WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION.

THE TAC ALSO NOTED A REPORT FROM THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT ON HIS MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF GREEN MINIBUS, PUBLIC LIGHT BUS AND PUBLIC OMNIBUS OPERATORS ON AUGUST 21. MEMBERS WERE BRIEFED ON THE REASONS FOR THE DECISION TO ALLOW KMB TO OPERATE 24-SEATER BUSES ON ROUTES 90 AND 208 AND THE REPRESENTATIVES' REACTION. THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS CONSIDERING THE POLICY ISSUES INVOLVED AND WILL DRAW UP PROPOSALS FOR TAC TO CONSIDER AT A FUTURE MEETING.

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GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT ESTIMATES FOR 1985 AND 1986 REVISED  
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) RELEASED DETAILS OF THE REVISED ESTIMATES OF GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP) FOR 1985 AND 1986.

GDP GROWTH IN REAL TERMS FOR 1985 HAS BEEN REVISED DOWNWARDS TO -0.1 PER CENT FROM +0.6 PER CENT. THE MAIN REVISIONS AND IN THREE COMPONENTS OF THE GDP. PRIVATE CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE ARE CHANGE IN STOCKS HAVE BEEN REVISED DOWNWARDS WHILE PRIVATE SECTOR FIXED CAPITAL FORMATION HAS BEEN REVISED UPWARDS.

GDP GROWTH IN REAL TERMS FOR 1986 HAS BEEN REVISED UPWARDS TO 11 PER CENT FROM 8.7 PER CENT. THE REVISION IN THE GROWTH RATE IS PARTLY DUE TO CHANGES MADE TO THE 1986 ESTIMATE OF GDP AND PARTLY DUE TO THE DOWNWARD REVISION IN THE 1985 ESTIMATES.

THE COMPONENTS OF THE 1986 GDP HAVE GENERALLY BEEN REVISED UPWARDS WITH THE MORE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES BEING IN THE ESTIMATES OF PRIVATE CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE, PRIVATE SECTOR FIXED CAPITAL FORMATION IN PLANT, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, AND CHANGE IN STOCKS.

REVISIONS OF THIS NATURE ARE PART OF THE ROUTINE PROCESS OF PRODUCING ESTIMATES OF THE GDP. THEY ARE NECESSARY BECAUSE A WIDE RANGE OF DATA IS USED IN COMPILING THE ESTIMATES AND SOME OF THIS DATA ARE AVAILABLE ONLY WITH SIGNIFICANT TIME LAGS. AS A RESULT, THE COMPILATION OF THE PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES OF THE GDP PUBLISHED AT THE TIME OF THE BUDGET INVOLVES USING PARTIAL DATA FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR WITH THE GAPS IN THE DATA BEING FILLED BY EXTRAPOLATION AND JUDGEMENT.

OVER THE FOLLOWING TWO YEARS, INCREASINGLY COMPLETE DATA BECOME AVAILABLE AND, AS IT DOES, THE ESTIMATES OF THE GDP ARE SYSTEMATICALLY REVISED AT HALF-YEARLY INTERVALS.

THE VERY RAPID GROWTH OF THE ECONOMY IN THE SECOND HALF OF 1986 MADE THE EXTRAPOLATION PROCESS MORE DIFFICULT THAN USUAL WHEN PRODUCING THE PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES FOR 1986 AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR AND, AS IT TURNED OUT, SOME SIGNIFICANT REVISIONS IN SOME COMPONENTS HAVE BEEN NECESSARY.

FURTHER REVISIONS WILL INEVITABLY BE REQUIRED AS FURTHER DATA BECOME AVAILABLE.

## NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE FOLLOWING TABLE SHOWS DETAILED FIGURES OF THE REVISED GDP ESTIMATES.

REVISED ESTIMATES OF GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT  
AT CONSTANT (1980) MARKET PRICES

	1985 REVISED PROVISIONAL ESTIMATES		1986 REVISED PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES	
	HK\$MN	% CHANGE OVER PREVIOUS YEAR	HK\$MN	% CHANGE OVER PREVIOUS YEAR
PRIVATE CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE	115,233	+4.2 (+5.5)	126,154	+9.5 (+7.1)
GOVERNMENT CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE	12,536	+1.7 (+1.9)	13,304	+6.1 (+5.0)
GROSS DOMESTIC FIXED CAPITAL FORMATION	46,537	-0.8 (-2.4)	50,003	+7.4 (+6.7)
TRANSFER COSTS OF LAND AND BUILDINGS	2,046	+43.2 (+43.2)	2,632	+28.6 (+29.7)
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION	17,634	-7.7 (-8.4)	17,607	-0.2 (+0.1)

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PRIVATE	11,375	+2.0 (+0.9)	11,563	+1.7 (+2.1)
PUBLIC	6,259	-21.4 (-21.4)	6,044	-3.4 (-3.6)
REAL ESTATE DEVELOPERS' MARGIN	11,399	+4.6 (+1.8)	12,788	+12.2 (+11.6)
PLANT, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	15,458	-0.2 (-2.1)	16,976	+9.8 (+7.7)
PRIVATE	14,918	+0.8 (-1.2)	16,599	+11.3 (+9.1)
PUBLIC	540	-22.2 (-22.2)	377	-30.2 (-30.0)
CHANGE IN STOCKS	1,026	-74.3 (-60.5)	2,330	+127.1 (+9.8)
TOTAL EXPORTS OF GOODS	161,413	+5.7 (+5.7)	185,924	+15.2 (+15.1)
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	91,145	-5.4 (-5.4)	105,821	+16.1 (+16.0)
RE-EXPORTS	70,268	+24.7 (+24.7)	80,103	+14.0 (+13.9)
IMPORTS OF GOODS	163,565	+6.2 (+6.2)	185,854	+13.6 (+13.5)
EXPORTS OF SERVICES	32,406	+3.6 (+3.6)	36,312	+12.1 (+12.8)
IMPORTS OF SERVICES	25,701	+8.6 (+8.6)	28,539	+11.0 (+10.7)
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (G.D.P.)	179,885	-0.1 (+0.6)	199,634	+11.0 (+8.7)

FIGURES IN BRACKETS REFER TO GROWTH RATES RELEASED IN  
"ESTIMATES OF GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT" ISSUED IN FEBRUARY 1987.

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UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT  
STATISTICS FOR MAY - JULY 1987  
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BOTH THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES REMAINED STABLE AT A LOW LEVEL IN THE THREE MONTHS MAY - JULY 1987, COMPARED WITH THE THREE MONTHS ENDING APRIL 1987, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT. THESE FIGURES INDICATE THAT THE LABOUR MARKET CONDITIONS HAVE REMAINED TIGHT, WITH THE LOCAL WORKFORCE FULLY EMPLOYED.

THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR MAY - JULY 1987 WAS 1.8 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH 2 PER CENT FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING APRIL 1987 AND 2.9 PER CENT FOR THE SAME PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER.

THE DECREASE OF 0.2 PERCENTAGE POINT BELOW THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTH PERIOD IS STATISTICALLY NOT SIGNIFICANT, WHILE THE DECREASE OF 1.1 PERCENTAGE POINTS BELOW THE SAME PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER IS STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN MAY - JULY 1987 WAS ESTIMATED AT 49,100, COMPARED WITH 54,100 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING APRIL 1987 AND 79,900 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JULY 1986.

THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE FOR MAY - JULY 1987 WAS 1 PER CENT, WHICH COMPARES WITH 0.9 PER CENT FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING APRIL 1987. THE RATE FOR MAY - JULY 1986 WAS 1.7 PER CENT.

THE INCREASE OF 0.1 PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTH PERIOD IS STATISTICALLY NOT SIGNIFICANT, WHILE THE DECREASE OF 0.7 PERCENTAGE POINT BELOW THE SAME PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER IS STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS FOR MAY - JULY 1987 WAS 28,600, COMPARED WITH 24,800 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING APRIL 1987 AND 45,700 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JULY 1986.

CONSISTENT WITH THE CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (ILO), PERSONS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS A WEEK DUE TO ECONOMIC REASONS (SUCH AS SLACK WORK, MATERIAL SHORTAGE, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWN AND INABILITY TO FIND FULL-TIME WORK) WERE REGARDED AS UNDEREMPLOYED ONLY IF THEY WERE EITHER SEEKING OR AVAILABLE FOR MORE WORK.

COMMENTING ON 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) VARIES FROM MONTH TO MONTH, UNEMPLOYMENT RATES THAT HAD BEEN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE VARIATIONS IN THE NUMBER OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS SHOULD BE USED IN MAKING COMPARISONS OVER TIME.

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THE COMMISSIONER ADDED 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 THREE MONTH PERIOD COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHIN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE SURVEY. THESE PROVIDE AN EARLY INDICATION OF THE LATEST TREND IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION.

THE PROVISIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, FOR JUNE -AUGUST 1987 WAS 1.8 PER CENT AND THE PROVISIONAL UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 1 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 14,000 HOUSEHOLDS OR 51,000 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 AGED 15 AND ABOVE IN THE HOUSEHOLDS SAMPLED. IN THE SURVEY, THE DEFINITIONS USED IN MEASURING UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOLLOW CLOSELY THOSE RECOMMENDED BY THE ILO.

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF 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 JUNE 1987 SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION CENTRE AROUND SEPTEMBER 20, 1987 AT \$9.50 PER COPY.

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EX-CHINA RESIDENTS OF MACAU TO BE ALLOWED TO JOIN WIVES IN HONG KONG

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT WILL INTRODUCE FROM NEXT MONTH A SCHEME TO ALLOW A LIMITED NUMBER OF EX-CHINA RESIDENTS OF MACAU WHO ARE MARRIED TO HONG KONG RESIDENTS (TOGETHER WITH THEIR DEPENDENT CHILDREN) TO JOIN THEIR WIVES IN HONG KONG.

APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM THOSE WHO HOLD MACAU IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED AFTER JANUARY 14, 1979 AND WHO CAN SHOW THAT THEY HAVE BEEN LIVING IN MACAU FOR AT LEAST SEVEN YEARS AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION.

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IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, APPLICATIONS WILL BE INVITED FROM THOSE WHOSE MACAU IDENTITY CARDS WERE ISSUED BETWEEN JANUARY 15, 1979 AND DECEMBER 31, 1979, BUT OTHERS WILL BE INVITED TO APPLY LATER.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM IMMIGRATION HEADQUARTERS OR ANY IMMIGRATION BRANCH OFFICE. APPLICATIONS MAY BE SUBMITTED AS FROM OCTOBER 1, 1987 BY THE SPONSORS IN PERSON TO THE ENTRY VISA SECTION AT 3RD FLOOR, 61 MODY ROAD, KOWLOON.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO MAKE ENQUIRIES MAY TELEPHONE THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION OFFICE AT 3-7333126.

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#### COMPUTER SYSTEMS TO GAUGE DEMAND FOR REHABILITATION SERVICES

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL SET UP TWO SPECIAL COMPUTER UNITS TO MONITOR THE DEMAND AND THE PLACEMENT SITUATION REGARDING FACILITIES FOR PRE-SCHOOL DISABLED CHILDREN AND DISABLED ADULTS, ACTING DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR STEPHEN LAW, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

THESE TWO UNITS WOULD PROCESS ALL INPUTS FROM DISABLED PERSONS TO HELP IN THE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE PLACEMENT OF DISABLED PERSONS AND IN THE CO-ORDINATED USE OF REHABILITATION FACILITIES, HE SAID.

MR LAW WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE JOCKEY CLUB SUN TSUI CENTRE OF THE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED IN SHA TIN.

HE SAID THIS CENTRE WAS THE FIRST PROJECT TO BE OPERATED WITH THE DIRECT PARTICIPATION AND CONTROL OF PARENTS OF THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED, NOTING THAT SHELTERED WORKSHOPS HAD HITHERTO BEEN PROVIDED EITHER BY ESTABLISHED WELFARE AGENCIES OR BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

THE SUN TSUI CENTRE COMPRISES A SHELTERED WORKSHOP AND A HOSTEL WITH A CAPACITY OF 120 WORK PLACES AND 88 RESIDENTIAL PLACES, BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF WORKSHOPS IN HONG KONG TO 28 AND THE NUMBER OF PLACES TO 2,905.

ON THE RANGE OF REHABILITATION SERVICES, MR LAW POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE EARLY EDUCATION AND TRAINING CENTRES; INTEGRATED PROGRAMMES IN CHILD CARE CENTRES AND SPECIAL CHILD CARE CENTRES FOR DISABLED CHILDREN WHILE FOR DISABLED ADULTS, THERE WERE SHELTERED WORKSHOPS AND DAY ACTIVITY CENTRES.

THE ESTIMATE OF DEMAND FOR THESE SERVICES HAD ALWAYS BEEN A VERY DIFFICULT TASK IN THE ABSENCE OF RELIABLE DATA, HE SAID, ADDING THAT PROJECTIONS DERIVED FROM OVERSEAS PREVALENCE RATES HAD ALSO PROVED TO BE NOT REALISTIC FOR THE LOCAL SITUATION.

"THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS NOW ADOPTED A MORE PRAGMATIC APPROACH BY USING THE ACTUAL ENROLMENT IN EXISTING SERVICES, THE NUMBER OF DISABLED PERSONS ON THE WAITING LISTS, AS WELL AS AN ARBITRARY ADDITIONAL 30 PER CENT OF THIS 'EXPRESSED DEMAND' TO PROJECT THE 'HIDDEN DEMAND'," HE SAID.

THE DEMAND AND THE PLACEMENT SITUATION WOULD BE MONITORED BY THE CO-ORDINATED REFERRAL SYSTEM UNIT IN THE CASE OF PRE-SCHOOL DISABLED CHILDREN WHILE THE CENTRAL REFERRAL AND PLACEMENT UNIT WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CO-ORDINATING DAY AND RESIDENTIAL SERVICES FOR THE DISABLED ADULTS, HE ADDED.

MR LAW URGED DISABLED PERSONS TO REGISTER THEIR NEED FOR ANY REHABILITATION SERVICES WHICH THEY MIGHT REQUIRE BECAUSE THE PROJECTION OF 'HIDDEN DEMAND' WAS RELATED TO 'EXPRESSED DEMAND'.

"I HOPE THAT THE OLD HABIT OF HIDING DISABLED FAMILY MEMBERS AT HOME WILL DISAPPEAR ALTOGETHER," HE SAID.

"IN MAKING YOUR NEEDS KNOWN, YOU WILL NOT ONLY HELP YOURSELF OR YOUR FAMILY MEMBER, BUT YOU WILL ALSO HELP THE GOVERNMENT TO PLAN BETTER REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY," HE ADDED.

ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE COULD BE PROVIDED THROUGH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES OR THROUGH THE OFFICES OF WELFARE AGENCIES PROVIDING REHABILITATION SERVICES, HE SAID.

MR LAW ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB FOR ITS GENEROUS DONATION TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CENTRE AND TO THE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION OF THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED FOR THEIR DEVOTION AND CONTINUOUS EFFORTS IN THE SERVICE FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN PUBLICISING THE NEED FOR GREATER ATTENTION TO BE PAID TO TOY SAFETY AS WELL AS TO THE SPECIFIC SAFETY REQUIREMENTS OF INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR A.G. EASON, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT AN INTERNATIONAL TOY SAFETY SEMINAR, MR EASON SAID THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT'S PRODUCT STANDARDS AND INFORMATION BUREAU MAINTAINS AN EXTENSIVE AND UP-TO-DATE REFERENCE LIBRARY OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PRODUCT STANDARDS APPLYING IN HONG KONG'S MAIN MARKETS.

"MANUFACTURERS ARE MOST WELCOME TO CONSULT THIS LIBRARY, AND TO MAKE USE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S RECENTLY-INAUGURATED TELEPHONE ENQUIRY SERVICE ON PRODUCT STANDARDS," HE ADDED.

"THE BUREAU ALSO ISSUES BULLETINS TO MANUFACTURERS ON CHANGES IN MANDATORY STANDARDS WHICH MAY AFFECT PRODUCTS PRODUCED LOCALLY."

MR EASON NOTED THAT IN MORE RECENT YEARS, CONSUMERS IN HONG KONG'S MAJOR MARKETS HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY CONCERNED WITH THE QUALITY AND SAFETY OF THE PRODUCTS THEY BUY, PARTICULARLY OF TOYS, BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT IT IS YOUNG CHILDREN WHO MAY BECOME EXPOSED TO POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS GOODS.

"THIS GROWING AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFETY IN THE DESIGN OF TOYS IS REFLECTED IN THE RISE IN THE NUMBER OF STANDARDS FOR COMPLIANCE WHICH APPLY TO TOYS."

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT ALSO COORDINATES SCHEMES TO MONITOR THE SAFETY OF TOYS EXPORTED TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES.

"SINCE 1985, TOYS FOR EXPORT HAVE BEEN SAMPLED AT RANDOM AND TESTED TO SEE WHETHER THEY COMPLY WITH THE RELEVANT STANDARDS.

"ALTHOUGH THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS IS NOT LARGE IN RELATION TO HONG KONG'S TOTAL VOLUME OF EXPORTS, HONG KONG MUST NOT SLACKEN IN ITS EFFORTS TO ENSURE IT IS ACCEPTED WORLDWIDE WITHOUT QUESTION AS A PRODUCER OF SAFE, GOOD QUALITY PRODUCTS."

IN ADDITION TO THE PROMOTION OF PRODUCT SAFETY, THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE EFFORT IN RECENT YEARS TO BUILDING UP THE SERVICES NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF QUALITY ASSURANCE BY INDUSTRY.

"THIS INCLUDES THE GOVERNMENT'S STANDARDS AND CALIBRATION LABORATORY, THE HONG KONG LABORATORY ASSOCIATION SCHEME, AND THE PRODUCT STANDARDS INFORMATION BUREAU ALREADY REFERRED TO," HE SAID.

"THE DEPARTMENT RECENTLY ASKED CONSULTANTS TO RECOMMEND WHAT FURTHER MEASURES SHOULD BE TAKEN TO PROMOTE QUALITY ASSURANCE IN HONG KONG, AND PROPOSALS ARE EXPECTED TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS."

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COMPUTER COMPETITION TO PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY

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COMPUTER LOVERS CAN NOW HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN A PACKAGE OF PRIZES INCLUDING COMPUTER SETS, AIR-TICKETS AS WELL AS GOLD INGOTS BY TAKING PART IN A ROAD SAFETY COMPUTER PROGRAMME DESIGN COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE ROAD SAFETY PUBLICITY COMMITTEE WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

A SPOKESMAN OF THE COMMITTEE SAID, "AS COMPUTERS ARE GETTING MORE AND MORE POPULAR AND WIDELY USED NOWADAYS, WE FOUND IT A GOOD IDEA TO PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE PROPER USE OF THE ROADS THROUGH INTERESTING COMPUTER GAMES."

THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO THE SENIOR SECTION AND THE JUNIOR SECTION. THE SENIOR SECTION IS FOR THOSE AGED 18 YEARS AND ABOVE; THE JUNIOR SECTION AGED BELOW 18.

ALL ENTRIES SUBMITTED MUST BE WRITTEN IN PROPER PROGRAMME LANGUAGE, WITH PROGRAMME FLOW CHARTS AND DOCUMENTATION WRITTEN IN EITHER ENGLISH OR CHINESE AND ACCOMPANIED BY A FLOPPY DISK APPLICABLE TO EITHER EPSON PERSONAL COMPUTER OR APPLE II E COMPUTER.

"THE EPSON PERSONAL COMPUTER AND APPLE II E COMPUTER ARE INSTALLED IN THE ROAD SAFETY BUS AND THE EXHIBITION CENTRE OF THE POLICE, WHERE VISITORS WILL BE ABLE TO TRY ON THOSE WINNING ENTRIES OF THE COMPETITION," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THIS IS CONSIDERED ANOTHER EFFECTIVE MEANS TO SPREAD ROAD SAFETY MESSAGES ACROSS TO THE COMMUNITY," HE ADDED.

ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM ALL DISTRICT OFFICES. THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS OCTOBER 30, 1987.

CO-ORGANISERS OF THE COMPETITION ARE EPSON ELECTRONICS TRADING LTD, CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS LTD, HANG SENG BANK, HONG KONG COMPUTER SOCIETY, HONG KONG COMPUTER JOURNAL, SING TAO JIH PAO, SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST, WAH KIU YAT PO AND WEN WEI PO.

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ECONOMICS EDUCATION CARNIVAL FOR STUDENTS

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AN ECONOMICS EDUCATION CARNIVAL AIMED AT PROMOTING UNDERSTANDING OF BASIC ECONOMIC CONCEPTS AND THEORIES AND CIVIC AWARENESS AMONGST SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL BE HELD NEXT MONTH.

THE CARNIVAL IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR ECONOMICS EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES IN EDUCATION OF THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY (HKU), SCHOOL OF EDUCATION OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG (CUHK) AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

NINE SECONDARY SCHOOLS, HKU AND CUHK WILL TAKE PART IN AN EXHIBITION AND STALL GAMES ON CIVIC-RELATED TOPICS IN ECONOMICS AND ECONOMICS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS SYLLABUSES AT THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION LEVEL AT THE CARNIVAL TO BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG CHINESE WOMEN'S CLUB COLLEGE, 2B TAI CHEONG STREET, SAI WAN HO, ON OCTOBER 17 AND 18.

THE CARNIVAL WILL OPEN FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM ON OCTOBER 17 AND FROM 10 AM TO 3.30 PM ON OCTOBER 18.

SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS TAKING ECONOMICS AND ECONOMICS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS AT THIS LEVEL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE CARNIVAL. SOUVENIRS WILL BE GIVEN TO STUDENTS WHO CAN COMPLETE A NUMBER OF TASKS AT THE STALLS.

ADMISSION TICKETS TO THE CARNIVALS WILL BE ISSUED TO STUDENTS THROUGH SCHOOL HEADS WHO ARE ADVISED TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BEFORE SEPTEMBER 21.

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AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR REGISTRATION NUMBERS IN THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL AT 10 AM ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 19).

A TOTAL OF 40 SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING. THEY ARE:

DR218	BM1	AA6616	2623
DP765	AS3882	DN8777	DP668
DC123	DP821	AG321	DP6638
DP102	DP1328	CP1	DP3811

DN6637	DL8877	AW233	DP99
DP982	DP609	DR3368	DP930
BJ3218	DR998	DP365	DP1945
CH111	DP486	DB25	DR226
DR288	DP3800	DP5725	BY4
DP2881	DP9	AE1969	DR7888

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY IN CASH OR BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (TUESDAY) REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTER IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL AS USUAL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE COMING AUCTION WILL BE THE 117TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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SAFETY AWARDS PRESENTATION

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THE FOURTH CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY SAFETY AWARD SCHEME ORGANISED BY THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

THE SCHEME OFFERS TWO AWARDS - THE SAFETY CAPTIONING AWARD AND THE SAFETY SITE AWARD. THIS YEAR, MORE THAN 80 INDIVIDUALS AND 60 SITES FROM 10 CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES TOOK PART IN THE EVENT.

WINNERS OF THE CAPTIONING AWARD WILL BE GIVEN TRAVEL COUPONS WHILE WINNERS OF THE SAFETY SITE AWARD WILL BE PRESENTED WITH ROAST PIGS SYMBOLISING SAFETY TO CONSTRUCTION WORKERS AT A PRIZE PRESENTATION ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 17).

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OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS, MR CHENG HON-KWAN AND MR TAM YIU-CHUNG; THE PRESIDENT OF THE BUILDING CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION, MR JOHN LOO; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHEME'S WORKING PARTY, MR POON TO-CHUEN; AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND.

THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE IS ONE OF THE SIX INDUSTRY-BASED SUB-COMMITTEES FORMED UNDER THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD.

THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, IT HAS ORGANISED A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY IN THE INDUSTRY INCLUDING SAFETY COMPETITIONS, CROSS-WORD PUZZLES AND SEMINARS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT 4 PM ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 17) AT THE RAFFLES, SECOND FLOOR, BANK OF AMERICA TOWER, CENTRAL.

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ESSAY COMPETITION WINNERS TO RECEIVE PRIZES

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TWELVE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE BOOK PRIZES AMOUNTING \$4,200 FOR THEIR WINNING ENTRIES TO THE LOCAL ROUND OF THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH ESSAY COMPETITION 1986/87 AT A BRIEF CEREMONY AT LEE GARDENS HOTEL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE ANNUAL COMPETITION IS ORGANISED BY THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY TO ENCOURAGE COMMONWEALTH STUDIES AMONG STUDENTS AGED UNDER 19.

WINNERS OF THE BEST THREE ENTRIES IN EACH OF THE FOUR CLASSES OF THE LOCAL CONTEST WILL BE GIVEN BOOK PRIZES RANGING FROM \$100 TO \$600 DONATED BY THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (HKGCC).

THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR DAVID LAN, AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE HKGCC, MR JIMMY MCGREGOR, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO THE STUDENTS AT THE CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT THE PROMENADE, LEE GARDENS HOTEL, 1ST FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY AT 3.30 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

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DISTRICT MENTAL HEALTH PROMOTION STARTS ON SUNDAY

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A CEREMONY TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE EASTERN/WANCHAI DISTRICT MENTAL HEALTH PROMOTION PROGRAMMES 1987/88 WILL BE HELD AT THE CENTRAL PARK OF CITY GARDEN, ELECTRIC ROAD, NORTH POINT AT 10 AM ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 20).

THE PROMOTION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN/WANCHAI DISTRICT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION AND THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG HARBOUR AND SPONSORED BY THE EASTERN AND WANCHAI DISTRICT BOARDS.

FOUR MAJOR PROGRAMMES AND 24 OTHER FRINGE EVENTS WILL BE HELD INCLUDING SEMINARS, TALKS, EXHIBITIONS, EDUCATIONAL CAMPS, POSTER DESIGN, AND SLOGAN AND DRAMA COMPETITIONS FOR VARIOUS TARGET GROUPS SUCH AS PARENTS, STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND THE ELDERLY.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR REHABILITATION, MR FRANCIS HO; CHAIRMAN OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG; CHAIRMAN OF WANCHAI DISTRICT BOARD, MRS PEGGY LAM; ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (FAMILY WELFARE) OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, MR ALFRED CHUI; WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CEREMONY, A CITYBUS WITH YOUTH VOLUNTEERS ON BOARD WILL TOUR ROUND WANCHAI AND EASTERN DISTRICTS TO SPREAD THE MESSAGE OF MENTAL HEALTH.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EASTERN/WANCHAI DISTRICT MENTAL HEALTH PROMOTION PROGRAMMES 1987/88 AT 10 AM ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 20) AT THE CENTRAL PARK OF CITY GARDEN, ELECTRIC ROAD, NORTH POINT.

LORD GLENARTHUR TO ATTEND EDB MEETING

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THE MINISTER OF STATE AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR HONG KONG, LORD GLENARTHUR, WILL ATTEND THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 17) AFTERNOON.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND ITS FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEES WILL BRIEF LORD GLENARTHUR ON THEIR WORK IN THE DISTRICT.

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AFTER THAT LORD GLENARTHUR WILL DEPART AND BOARD MEMBERS WILL CONTINUE TO DISCUSS THE NOISE ABATEMENT MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE HONG KONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED TO MINIMISE POSSIBLE NOISE IMPACT AT THE EASTERN TRAM DEPOT IN SAI WAN HO.

THESE MEASURES INCLUDE SPEED LIMITATION AT THE DEPOT AREAS, CONSTRUCTION OF ACOUSTICALLY-INSULATED NOISE BARRIERS, TRACK LUBRICATION, DEPOT MANAGEMENT AND PROGRAMMING AND REGULAR MAINTENANCE OF TRACK CROSSINGS AND JOINTS.

A MEMBER OF THE BOARD WILL RAISE AND DISCUSS WAYS TO IMPROVE PUBLIC AWARENESS IN THE HARMFUL EFFECTS RELIGIOUS SECTS COULD HAVE ON THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 17) AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, 1ST FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM BY 2.10 PM.

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CHARITY WALK TO LAUNCH "WE CARE" ACTIVITIES  
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CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT'S "WE CARE" ACTIVITIES, A TWO-MONTH LONG COMMUNITY PROJECT, WILL START OFF WITH A CHARITY WALK AT SAI YING PUN ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 20).

THE "WE CARE ACTIVITIES" ARE AIMED AT PROMOTING RESIDENTS' CONCERN FOR DISTRICT AFFAIRS AND TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY.

"SUNDAY'S WALK IS ORGANISED TO RAISE FUNDS FOR TUNG WAH HOSPITAL TO DEVELOP ITS RENAL SERVICES," THE PROJECT'S CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR SAMMY POONE, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

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PARTICIPANTS WILL START FROM THE KING GEORGE V MEMORIAL PARK IN SAI YING PUN AND FINISH IN THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT VIA HOSPITAL ROAD, EASTERN ROAD, CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL ELEVATED WALKWAY AND ICE HOUSE STREET, COVERING 2.5 KILOMETRES.

A STARTING-OFF CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 2 PM IN THE PARK. OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR VINCENT KO; CHAIRMAN OF TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, MRS THERESA LAU; CHAIRMAN OF DISTRICT ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS (CENTRAL AND WESTERN), MR WU CHOR-NAM AND MR SAMMY POONE.

ALSO PRESENT WILL BE MISS HONG KONG PAGEANT'S FIRST AND SECOND RUNNERS-UP, MISS ELIZABETH LEE AND MISS WING LAM AND MISS POPULARITY, MISS BETSY CHEUNG.

AFTER THE WALK, PARTICIPANTS WILL BE TREATED TO A VARIETY SHOW ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT.

DONATION FORMS FOR THE CHARITY WALK ARE AVAILABLE AT CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES IN CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND KENNEDY TOWN OR ANY HANG SENG BANKS IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT. DONATIONS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS AT PO YAN STREET IN SHEUNG WAN OR HANG SENG BANKS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CHARITY WALK WHICH WILL START AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 20) AT KING GEORGE V MEMORIAL PARK ON EASTERN STREET IN SAI YING PUN. INFORMATION OFFICER, MISS VALENTINA CHAN, WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE MEDIA.

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OPENING OF KWONG FUK BRIDGE ON AGENDA

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MEMBERS OF THE PROMOTION AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL EXPRESS VIEWS ON AN OPENING CEREMONY OF KWONG FUK BRIDGE AT A MEETING ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 17).

THE FOOTBRIDGE OUTSIDE THE TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING ON TING KOK ROAD WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THIS YEAR. THERE ARE PLANS TO INCLUDE THE OPENING CEREMONY INTO THE DISTRICT'S LUNAR NEW YEAR PROGRAMME.

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MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE REPORT ON THE PUBLICATION WORKING GROUP.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING AT 9.30 AM ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 17) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE AT 152-172 KWONG FUK ROAD.

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PRESS SESSION ON WORKS OF TUEN MUN DB  
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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD, MR SIT HO-YIN, WILL MEET MEMBERS OF THE PRESS TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO GIVE AN ACCOUNT OF THE WORK AND STRUCTURE OF THE BOARD.

TO ENABLE THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE FUNCTION OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, MR SIT WILL TALK ABOUT THE NUMBER OF WORKING GROUPS FORMED, THE AMOUNT AND TYPES OF PAPERS DISCUSSED AND THE ALLOCATION OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS DURING THE PERIOD OF APRIL, 1985 TO MID-SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

THE CHAIRMEN OF THE FIVE OTHER COMMITTEES, NAMELY THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE AND CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE WILL ALSO BE PRESENT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEET-THE-PRESS SESSION AT 3 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON THE 3RD FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, NO. 1, TUEN HI ROAD.

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LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD CLOSED TO TRAFFIC

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THE TRAFFIC LANES ON LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD IN SHA TIN WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC SEPARATELY FROM FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 18) BETWEEN 0.01 AM AND 6 AM FOR MAINTENANCE.

BETWEEN 0.01 AM AND 6 AM ON FRIDAY, THE KOWLOON-BOUND SLOW LANE BETWEEN KAK TIN VILLAGE AND TUNNEL TOLL PLAZA WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

THE SHATIN-BOUND FAST LANE BETWEEN KAK TIN VILLAGE AND SUN TIN WAI ESTATE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 0.01 AM TO 6 AM ON SEPTEMBER 22, WHILE THE KOWLOON-BOUND FAST LANE OF THE SAME SECTION WILL BE CLOSED ON SEPTEMBER 25 DURING THE SAME PERIOD.

MEANWHILE, THE SHATIN-BOUND SLOW LANE BETWEEN HUNG MUI KUK INTERCHANGE AND SUN TIN WAI ESTATE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 0.01 AM TO 6 AM ON SEPTEMBER 29. IN ADDITION, FROM 0.01 AM TO 6 AM ON OCTOBER 2, THE KOWLOON-BOUND SLOW LANE FROM SUN TIN WAI ESTATE TO KAK TIN VILLAGE WILL BE CLOSED.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO USE TAI PO ROAD.

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ROAD CLOSURE ON THE PEAK

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TO FACILITATE THE LAYING OF TELEPHONE DUCTS, THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO THE PEAK MANSION WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 18) FOR ABOUT FIVE WEEKS.

VEHICLES HEADING FOR THE PEAK MANSION WILL HAVE TO REJOIN THE ACCESS ROAD AT THE LAYBY WEST OF THE WELLCOME SUPERMARKET.

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