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LINKS CAN ONLY BE STRENGTHENED -- CS
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THE LINKS BETWEEN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND THE BASIC LAW DRAFTING COMMITTEE CAN ONLY BE STRENGTHENED IN HONG KONG, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

HE WAS REPLYING TO A QUESTION FROM A REPORTER ON THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE FACT THAT TWO OUT OF FOUR MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, WHOSE APPOINTMENTS WERE ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY, WERE MEMBERS OF THE BASIC LAW DRAFTING COMMITTEE AND THE BASIC LAW CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE.

SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT THE APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW MEMBERS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WERE NOT LINKED TO THEIR WORK ON THE BASIC LAW.

+THE MEMBERS WHICH HAVE BEEN APPOINTED -- PROFESSOR POON FROM THE UNIVERSITY NOT ONLY COMES FROM THE UNIVERSITY BUT ALSO HAS A VERY GOOD PUBLIC RECORD OF HELPING THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED -- AND MRS ROSANNA TAM, OF COURSE, COMING FROM THE FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS, ALSO REPRESENTS A VERY IMPORTANT CONSTITUENCY,+ HE SAID.

ON THE REMAINING MEMBER TO BE APPOINTED TO LEGCO, SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNOR HAD TO THINK ABOUT MAKING THESE APPOINTMENTS VERY CAREFULLY, AND THE FINAL APPOINTMENT HAD YET TO BE ANNOUNCED.

+I EXPECT THAT AN ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH,+ HE SAID.

+THE CRITERIA, REALLY, IS TO GET A WELL BALANCED LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND IN THAT PROCESS THE GOVERNOR OBVIOUSLY NEEDS TO BE VERY CAREFUL,+ HE ADDED.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY DECLINED TO SPECULATE ON WHETHER THE REMAINING APPOINTEE WILL COME FROM THE +GRASS ROOTS+.

+I DON'T LIKE DIVIDING HONG KONG INTO GRASS ROOTS AND OTHER PEOPLE, MYSELF,+ HE ADDED.

AS FOR THE DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN FUTURE, SIR DAVID SAID THEY WOULD HAVE TO BE DIVIDED AMONG PEOPLE LIKE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, WHO COULD SPEAK FOR LAW AND ORDER AND CERTAIN ASPECTS OF IT.

+AND I MYSELF WILL HAVE TO PICK UP SOME OF THE WORK, I EXPECT,+ HE SAID.

ASKED WHETHER THE POST OF THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY COULD BE DIVIDED IN A SIMILAR WAY, SIR DAVID SAID, +WHEN YOU HAVE ONLY GOT 10 POSTS TO DIVIDE UP AMONG SO MANY SECRETARIES, YOU HAVE TO MAKE SOME HEROIC DECISIONS.+

AS FOR WHETHER MORE OFFICIALS WILL BE LEAVING LEGCO, THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID, +I THINK THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO WAIT AND SEE WHETHER THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL GET SATISFACTORY ANSWERS TO THEIR QUESTIONS.+

/SIR DAVID

SIR DAVID HAD EARLIER TAKEN PART IN THE YAN CHAI HOSPITAL CHARITY WALK IN TSUEN WAN BY-PASS.

ASKED WHETHER HE HAD COMPLETED THE WHOLE ROUTE, HE SAID +WE TOOK A VERY SHORT CUT AT THE VERY FAR END OF THE ROAD.+

THIS WAS BECAUSE HE HAD TO GO HOME TO DO SOME WORK, HE ADDED.

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CIVIC EDUCATION KEY TO POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT

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ACTING SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, SAID THIS (SUNDAY) EVENING THAT THE PUBLIC SHOULD BE MADE AWARE OF THEIR CIVIC RESPONSIBILITIES AS HONG KONG MOVED FORWARD IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

+THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT TASKS FACING US,+ HE SAID.

MR WIGGHAM POINTED OUT THAT AFTER THE RATIFICATION OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION ON THE FUTURE OF THE TERRITORY, HONG KONG WENT STRAIGHT INTO THE TASK OF DEVELOPING POLITICAL REFORM.

+MARCH THIS YEAR SAW THE ELECTIONS TO THE 19 DISTRICT BOARDS, AND LAST MONTH WE HAD OUR FIRST EVER ELECTIONS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,+ HE SAID.

+WE HAVE TAKEN THESE FIRST STEPS WITH CONFIDENCE AND HAVE MADE A SUCCESSFUL START ON AN IMPORTANT JOURNEY,+ HE ADDED.

MR WIGGHAM WAS SPEAKING AT A DINNER PARTY HOSTED BY THE HONG KONG CIVIC ASSOCIATION TO COMMEMORATE ITS 31ST ANNIVERSARY.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THROUGHOUT THE DEVELOPING STAGES OF THE NEW POLITICAL SYSTEM, HONG KONG ENJOYED THE ACTIVE SUPPORT OF THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION.

+ONCE AGAIN I AM SURE WE CAN COUNT ON THE SUPPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION IN PROMOTING CIVIC EDUCATION,+ HE SAID.

MR WIGGHAM ALSO EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, WHO HAD BEEN ELECTED TO THE NEW LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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UC COMMITTED TO SPORT PROMOTION -- CHEONG-LEEN
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THE URBAN COUNCIL IS COMMITTED TO THE PROMOTION OF SPORT SO AS TO KEEP YOUNG PEOPLE HEALTHY AND PHYSICALLY FIT, CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING SESSION OF THE ASIAN CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF FREE TEACHERS' UNION AT THE HARBOUR VIEW HOLIDAY INN, MR CHEONG-LEEN UNDERLINED THE IMPORTANCE OF SPORT.

+MONEY SPENT NOW ON EDUCATION, TRAINING AND THE PROVISION OF CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YOUNGER GENERATION WILL PAY RICH DIVIDENDS IN THE FUTURE,+ HE SAID.

+THIS IS VERY MUCH THE VIEW AND ACTION-ORIENTED POLICY OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

+WITH THIS OBJECTIVE IN MIND, THE URBAN COUNCIL ORGANISES AND SUPPORTS OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN IMPLEMENTING A WIDE VARIETY OF YOUTH PROGRAMMES.+

MR CHEONG-LEEN SAID THE COUNCIL'S SPORTS PROMOTION PROGRAMME COVERED ALMOST EVERY FORM OF SPORT, AND THE COUNCIL PROVIDED A WIDE RANGE OF VENUES IN THE 10 URBAN DISTRICTS WITH A POPULATION OF FOUR MILLION RESIDENTS.

+THE COUNCIL'S ROLE IN PROVIDING HEALTHY OUTLETS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S ENERGIES HAS PAID OFF HANDSOMELY, SO MUCH SO THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ARE HARD-WORKING, DEDICATED AND LAW-ABIDING, AS WELL AS FUN-LOVING.

+THEY TAKE A HEALTHY INTEREST IN COMMUNITY LIFE, AND RECOGNISE THE BENEFITS OF BEING ACTIVE IN CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, AND COMMUNITY WORK,+ HE SAID.

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AUGUST ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL FIGURES OUT
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THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) IN THE 200 LARGEST FIRMS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN AUGUST 1985 REMAINED LARGELY STABLE COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE TEXTILES AND WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRIES RECORDED SOME INCREASES IN THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS, WHILE THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY SHOWED A SLIGHT DECLINE. OTHER INDUSTRIES REPORTED NO CHANGE.

/EMPLOYMENT IN

EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR FELL, PARTICULARLY IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY AS SUMMER WORKERS BEGAN TO LEAVE THE FACTORIES. DECREASES IN BOTH PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS WERE REPORTED BY THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND TEXTILES INDUSTRIES BECAUSE OF LESS OVERTIME WORK PERFORMED IN AUGUST.

IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL FELL AS SOME FIRMS REDUCED THEIR VOLUME OF PRODUCTION.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR DECLINED SLIGHTLY AS SOME CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS WERE COMPLETED. ON THE OTHER HAND, EMPLOYMENT IN THE SERVICES SECTORS REMAINED UNCHANGED. PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE, BUT THOSE IN THE SERVICES SECTORS DECLINED BECAUSE THERE HAD BEEN SALARY REVISIONS AND PAYMENTS OF BONUSES BY SOME FIRMS IN JULY, AND LESS OVERTIME WORK WAS PERFORMED IN AUGUST.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS ARE SHOWN IN THE TABLES BELOW.

THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND THE 50 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICES SECTORS CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT IN MARCH 1983.

AS THE SAMPLE WAS NOT DRAWN ON A RANDOM BASIS, THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT RESULTS ON MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE MIGHT NOT REFLECT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE, ALTHOUGH THEY SHOULD GIVE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR AUGUST 1985 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, AT \$1.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT AT 3-7212854.

ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>(% CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH)</u>			<u>ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) FOR AUGUST 1985</u>
	<u>JUNE 1985</u>	<u>JULY 1985</u>	<u>AUG. 1985</u>	
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	-1	2	1	4.49

/TEXTILES, EXCEPT

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TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	*	4	2	2.20
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	-1	*	*	4.27
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	-4	-2	-1	3.43
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	1	-3	*	5.10
OTHERS	*	*	*	4.42
<u>ALL ABOVE INDUSTRIES</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>4.31</u>

EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS

<u>INDUSTRY/ SERVICES</u>	<u>PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED</u>			<u>PER CAPITA EARNINGS</u>			<u>PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR AUGUST 1985 HK\$</u>
	<u>(% CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH)</u>						
	<u>JUNE 1985</u>	<u>JULY 1985</u>	<u>AUG. 1985</u>	<u>JUNE 1985</u>	<u>JULY 1985</u>	<u>AUG. 1985</u>	
<u>MANUFACTURING</u>	1	*	-2	-3	3	1	<u>3 023</u>
FOOD AND DRINKS	*	1	1	-3	6	-1	3 863
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	*	*	-2	-4	5	3	2 613
TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	-1	-1	1	-4	1	-2	3 022
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	8	7	-2	-8	7	9	2 875
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	3	-3	-4	-2	10	-2	2 626
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	*	-1	-2	*	1	*	2 829
OTHERS	1	1	-1	-3	1	3	4 066
<u>CONSTRUCTION**</u>	<u>-1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>4 443</u>

/SERVICES

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<u>SERVICES</u>	*	*	*	*	8	-2	<u>5 518</u>
	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BANKS	*	*	*	*	5	-2	4 902
HOTELS	*	*	*	1	-2	*	3 563
PUBLIC UTILITIES	*	*	*	2	11	-6	5 473
OTHERS	1	1	*	-2	5	5	7 198

* CHANGES WITHIN +0.5%

** PERSONS ENGAGED COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS NOT INCLUDED.

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DATE SET FOR SECURITIES ORDINANCE PART II

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES AND COMMODITIES TRADING SAID THAT THE GOVERNOR HAS, ACCORDING TO SECTION 1 (2) OF THE SECURITIES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE, APPOINTED OCTOBER 25 TO BE THE DAY ON WHICH PART II OF THE ORDINANCE COMES INTO OPERATION.

PART II DEALS MAINLY WITH REGISTRATION MATTERS AND ENABLES THREE TYPES OF TRADING ENTITIES TO CARRY ON THE BUSINESS OF SECURITIES DEALING: INDIVIDUALS, CORPORATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS.

THE THREE ENTITIES ARE REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED AND ARE SUBJECT TO THE RESPECTIVE REGISTRATION CRITERIA PRESCRIBED THEREIN IN RESPECT OF WHICH SOME ARE NEW.

A COMMON CRITERIA FOR ALL ENTITIES IS THE ABILITY TO COMPLY WITH THE FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS SET OUT IN PART III OF THE ORDINANCE, BUT PART III WOULD ONLY BECOME EFFECTIVE WHEN THE UNIFIED EXCHANGE COMES INTO OPERATION.

THE PRE-REQUISITES FOR AN INDIVIDUAL TO REGISTER AS A DEALER ARE THAT HE MUST BE OF GOOD CHARACTER AND INTEGRITY, HAVE NOT LESS THAN THREE YEARS EXPERIENCE IN DEALING IN SECURITIES IN HONG KONG OR ON ANY OVERSEAS STOCK MARKET RECOGNISED BY THE COMMISSION, OR HAVE PASSED ANY PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATION APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION. ALSO, ON THE COMMENCEMENT OF OPERATION OF THE UNIFIED EXCHANGE, HE MUST COMPLY WITH THE FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS. THE THREE-YEAR EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT HOWEVER DOES NOT APPLY TO EXISTING DEALERS.

/NO CORPORATION

NO CORPORATION MAY BE REGISTERED AS A DEALER UNLESS IT IS A REGISTERED COMPANY OR AN OVERSEAS COMPANY TO WHICH PART XI OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 32) APPLIES AND WHICH HAS COMPLIED WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THAT PART RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF DOCUMENTS.

ALL ITS DIRECTORS PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTIVITIES OF SECURITIES DEALING MUST BE REGISTERED AS DEALERS AND ARE PERMITTED TO CARRY ON SUCH BUSINESS ONLY ON BEHALF OF THE CORPORATION IN RESPECT OF WHICH HE IS REGISTERED. ON THE COMMENCEMENT OF OPERATION OF THE UNIFIED EXCHANGE, IT MUST COMPLY WITH THE FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS.

A PARTNERSHIP WHICH CARRIES ON A BUSINESS OF DEALING IN SECURITIES MUST REGISTER AS A DEALING PARTNERSHIP. EVERY PARTNER IN A PARTNERSHIP WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE PARTNERSHIP ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 38), AND EVERY GENERAL PARTNER IN A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP FORMED UNDER THE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 37) IS REQUIRED TO BE A REGISTERED DEALER AND CAN ONLY DEAL IN SECURITIES ON BEHALF OF THE PARTNERSHIP.

LIMITED PARTNERS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO REGISTER AS DEALERS THOUGH DETAILS OF THE PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE DISCLOSED IN THE APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION. THE DEALING PARTNERSHIP MUST ALSO COMPLY WITH THE FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS.

THE ORDINANCE ALSO REQUIRES BUSINESS ENTITIES CARRYING ON A BUSINESS OF GIVING INVESTMENT ADVICE IN PARTNERSHIP TO REGISTER AS INVESTMENT ADVISERS' PARTNERSHIPS.

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BOARD TO STUDY BUILDING PROBLEMS
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A MONTH-LONG SURVEY WILL START TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO STUDY ENVIRONMENTAL AND MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS IN PRIVATE MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS IN SHAM SHUI PO.

ABOUT 80 TRAINED INTERVIEWERS, MAINLY VOLUNTEERS FROM LOCAL POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS, WILL CARRY OUT DOOR-TO-DOOR VISITS AND INTERVIEW REPRESENTATIVES OF MANAGEMENT OFFICES, RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS, OWNERS' INCORPORATIONS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES.

THE SURVEY WAS COMMISSIONED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD AND CARRIED OUT JOINTLY WITH THE HONG KONG HOUSING AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION.

CHAIRMAN OF THE SURVEY WORKING GROUP, MR RAYMOND CHOY, SAID THE EXERCISE AIMS AT IDENTIFYING ACCURATELY, THE MAGNITUDE, HISTORY, CAUSES AND IMPACT OF EXISTING PROBLEMS, AS WELL AS GATHERING RESIDENTS' VIEWS AND ANALYSING THE PREVALENT ATTITUDES ON THE SUBJECT.

+EVENTUALLY WE HOPE THE FINDINGS AND RESULTS WOULD PROVIDE THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE GOVERNMENT WITH INFORMATION WHICH COULD BE USEFUL IN PLANNING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMMES,+ MR CHOY SAID.

ABOUT 60 PER CENT OF SHAM SHUI PO RESIDENTS LIVE IN PRIVATE BUILDINGS CLUSTERED AROUND THE NAM CHEONG AND CHEUNG SHA WAN AREAS.

OWING TO DISPERSED OWNERSHIP AND LACK OF CO-ORDINATION, MANY OF THESE BUILDINGS ARE ILL-MANAGED AND PLAGUED BY VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL AND MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS.

ACCORDING TO MR CHOY, A VERY HIGH PERCENTAGE OF THE OLDER BUILDINGS ARE INFESTED BY ILLEGAL EXTENSIONS AND ROOF-TOP STRUCTURES- WHILE HEALTH AND FIRE HAZARDS, BAD SECURITY, POLLUTION AND BUILDING DILAPIDATION ARE ALSO A COMMON PHENOMENON.

ON THE METHOD AND EXTENT OF THE SURVEY, MR CHOY SAID A STANDARD QUESTIONNAIRE WOULD BE SENT TO VIRTUALLY EVERY BUILDING WITH A MANAGEMENT OR REPRESENTATIVE BODY.

IN CASES WHERE THERE IS NO MANAGEMENT, SURVEYS WILL BE CONDUCTED ON A HOUSEHOLD BASIS.

A LETTER HAS BEEN SENT BY THE WORKING GROUP TO ALL RESPONDENTS TO NOTIFY THEM OF THE FORTHCOMING SURVEY AND INTERVIEWERS WILL ALSO PRODUCE IDENTITY CARDS DURING THEIR VISITS.

ON COMPLETION OF THE DATA ANALYSIS, THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE COLLATED IN A REPORT AND PRESENTED TO THE DISTRICT BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION.

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SEPTEMBER CLOUDIER, COOLER, MORE HUMID
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SEPTEMBER 1985 WAS CLOUDIER, COOLER AND MORE HUMID THAN USUAL, WITH A MEAN CLOUDINESS OF 77 PER CENT WHICH WAS THE FIFTH HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR ANY SEPTEMBER, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY REPORTED TODAY.

THE MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 29 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS THE NINTH LOWEST ON RECORD WHILE THE MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY OF 83 PER CENT WAS THE TENTH HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR SEPTEMBER.

THE WEATHER WAS CLOUDY WITH SCATTERED SHOWERS FROM SEPTEMBER 1 TO 3.

THE WARM AND DRY AIR AHEAD OF TYPHOON TESS, WHICH ENTERED THE SOUTH CHINA SEA ON SEPTEMBER 4, GAVE RISE TO FINE, SUNNY AND HOT WEATHER IN HONG KONG. THE TEMPERATURE IN THE AFTERNOON ROSE TO A MAXIMUM OF 32.7 DEGREES CELSIUS, THE HIGHEST OF THE MONTH. BUT SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS OCCURRED LATER IN THE AFTERNOON.

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AS TESS MOVED CLOSER TO HONG KONG ON SEPTEMBER 5, THE WEATHER DETERIORATED FURTHER, WITH OCCASIONAL HEAVY SQUALLY SHOWERS.

GALE FORCE WINDS AFFECTED HONG KONG DURING THE EARLY MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 6. THERE WERE FREQUENT SQUALLY HEAVY SHOWERS, BRINGING THE DAILY RAINFALL RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY TO 114.3 MM WHICH WAS MORE THAN ONE THIRD OF THE MONTH'S TOTAL.

TWO PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND 12 PEOPLE WERE INJURED DURING THE APPROACH OF TESS. THERE WERE LANDSLIPS AND FLOODS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF HONG KONG. AIR TRAFFIC AND FERRY SERVICES WERE BOTH AFFECTED.

FINE AND SUNNY WEATHER RETURNED DURING THE DAY ON SEPTEMBER 7, BUT SCATTERED SHOWERS OCCURRED LATER IN THE EVENING.

APART FROM SOME BRIEF SUNNY INTERVALS, SHOWERY WEATHER CONTINUED ON SEPTEMBER 8.

THE WEATHER WAS FIRST FINE ON SEPTEMBER 9. IT BECAME CLOUDY WITH SCATTERED SHOWERS LATER. STRONG EASTERLY WINDS WERE EXPERIENCED OFFSHORE IN THE AFTERNOON.

WINDS MODERATED EARLY ON SEPTEMBER 10, BUT THE WEATHER REMAINED CLOUDY WITH SCATTERED THUNDERY SHOWERS.

A RIDGE OF HIGH PRESSURE OVER SOUTH CHINA BROUGHT MAINLY FINE WEATHER TO HONG KONG FROM SEPTEMBER 11 TO 17.

AS TROPICAL STORM VAL MOVED WEST ACROSS THE BASHI CHANNEL INTO THE NORTHERN PART OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA ON SEPTEMBER 18, THE WEATHER TURNED CLOUDY WITH OCCASIONAL SHOWERS.

ON SEPTEMBER 19 THE WEATHER WAS FINE AT FIRST BUT BECAME CLOUDY WITH SCATTERED SHOWERS LATER IN THE EVENING.

CLOUDY WEATHER WITH OCCASIONAL HEAVY SHOWERS CONTINUED IN THE NEXT TWO DAYS. ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS OCCURRED ON SEPTEMBER 20.

A WATERSPOUT WAS SIGHTED OVER THE SEA SOUTH OF WONG MA KOK, STANLEY PENINSULA AT 9.35 AM ON SEPTEMBER 21.

APART FROM SOME SUNNY INTERVALS, THE WEATHER REMAINED CLOUDY WITH ISOLATED SHOWERS FROM SEPTEMBER 22 TO 25.

THE WEATHER TURNED FINE AND SUNNY ON SEPTEMBER 26 AND EARLY ON SEPTEMBER 27, BUT IT BECAME CLOUDY WITH SOME LIGHT RAIN PATCHES DURING THE EVENING ON SEPTEMBER 27.

CLOUDY CONDITIONS CONTINUED ON SEPTEMBER 28 AND 29 AND THERE WERE SCATTERED SHOWERS, HEAVY AT TIMES.

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AS THE WINTER MONSOON WAS ENHANCED BY THE PRESENCE OF TYPHOON ANDY OVER THE NORTHERN PART OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA, STRONG EASTERLY WINDS WERE EXPERIENCED OFFSHORE AND IN EXPOSED PLACES IN THE AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 29. IT BECAME COOLER AND THE TEMPERATURE DROPPED TO A MINIMUM OF 22.7 DEGREES CELSIUS, THE LOWEST OF THE MONTH.

WINDS MODERATED IN THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 30. THE WEATHER WAS FINE APART FROM A FEW LIGHT SHOWERS.

TWO INCOMING AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER ASSOCIATED WITH TYPHOON TESS. THERE WERE ALSO 10 FLIGHTS CANCELLED AND 50 DELAYED.

THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON SEPTEMBER 4, 9, 10, 19, 20, 25 AND 29. A FLOOD WARNING AND A LANDSLIP WARNING WERE ISSUED ON SEPTEMBER 6. NO FIRE DANGER WARNINGS WERE ISSUED.

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 TESS	1	SEPT. 4 9 AM	SEPT. 4 9.10 PM
	3	SEPT. 4 9.10 PM	SEPT. 6 1.10 AM
	8 SE	SEPT. 6 1.10 AM	SEPT. 6 6.10 AM
	3	SEPT. 6 6.10 AM	SEPT. 6 2 PM
WINTER MONSOON STRONG MONSOON		SEPT. 9 5 PM	SEPT. 10 3 AM
TROPICAL STORM VAL 1		SEPT. 17 5 AM	SEPT. 18 8.10 AM
WINTER MONSOON STRONG MONSOON		SEPT. 29 3.10 PM	SEPT. 30 10.05 AM

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

SUNSHINE	142.4 HOURS = 46.1 HOURS BELOW NORMAL
RAINFALL	335.5 MM = 15.1 MM ABOVE NORMAL
CLOUDINESS	77 PER CENT = 15 PER CENT MORE THAN NORMAL
RELATIVE HUMIDITY	83 PER CENT = 4 PER CENT HIGHER THAN NORMAL
MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE	29 DEGREES CELSIUS = 1.5 DEGREES CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN TEMPERATURE	26.8 DEGREES CELSIUS = 0.7 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL

/MEAN MINIMUM

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WINONA FORMED ABOUT 410 NAUTICAL MILES SOUTH OF HONG KONG OVER THE SOUTH CHINA SEA ON SEPTEMBER 19. IT INTENSIFIED INTO A TROPICAL STORM THE NEXT DAY AND MOVED NORTH-NORTHWESTWARDS. WINONA SKIRTED THE COAST OF NORTHEASTERN HAINAN DURING THE EVENING ON SEPTEMBER 21 AND LANDED CLOSE TO ZHANJIANG THE NEXT MORNING.

IT DISSIPATED ABOUT 60 NAUTICAL MILES NORTH OF ZHANJIANG LATER THAT DAY.

MORE THAN 15 000 HOUSES COLLAPSED AND PADDY AND VEGETABLE FIELDS WERE FLOODED IN LEIZHOU PENINSULA. HEAVY RAIN IN HAINAN, WESTERN GUANGDONG AND GUANGXI BROUGHT FLOODS WHICH AFFECTED 57 000 PEOPLE.

ANDY DEVELOPED AS A TROPICAL DEPRESSION ABOUT 120 NAUTICAL MILES SOUTH OF DONGSHA AND MOVED WESTWARDS ON SEPTEMBER 27. IT INTENSIFIED INTO A TYPHOON AND CROSSED THE SOUTHERN TIP OF HAINAN ON SEPTEMBER 30. LATER THAT DAY ANDY WAS CENTRED ABOUT 60 NAUTICAL MILES WEST OF YULIN AND MOVED WEST SLOWLY.

TROPICAL STORM BRENDA DEVELOPED ABOUT 580 NAUTICAL MILES EAST-NORTHEAST OF MANILA ON SEPTEMBER 30 AND WAS SLOW-MOVING.

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SERVED IN HK AND UK
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THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR JACK DUNCAN, IS RETIRING AFTER 15 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

MR DUNCAN JOINED THE LOCAL CIVIL SERVICE IN 1970 AS A SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER AFTER HAVING SERVED 21 YEARS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT.

MOST OF HIS CAREER HERE WAS IN MANAGEMENT SERVICES.

MR DUNCAN WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE THEN ORGANISATION AND METHODS GRADE IN 1972, AND BECAME ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (MANAGEMENT SERVICES) IN 1977, BEFORE RISING TO HIS PRESENT RANK IN 1982.

HE HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR DUTIES RELATED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, BUDGET PREPARATION, FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS AND FEES AND CHARGES.

FRIENDS OF MR DUNCAN GATHERED AT A DINNER LAST FRIDAY NIGHT TO SAY FAREWELL TO HIM.

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EXCITING END TO YOUTH FESTIVAL
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MORE THAN 1 000 SPECTATORS WERE TREATED TO A MORNING OF FUN AND EXCITEMENT IN THE INTER-SCHOOL TELEGAMES MATCH HELD IN MORSE PARK TODAY (SUNDAY).

ABOUT 300 STUDENTS FROM 14 SCHOOLS IN WONG TAI SIN, TOGETHER WITH THEIR PARENTS AND TEACHERS, TOOK PART IN THE GAMES WHICH WERE SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO INCORPORATE THE THEMES OF THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR AND CIVIC EDUCATION.

ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT IYY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, THE DISTRICT'S SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE AND THE URBAN COUNCIL, AND SPONSORED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD, THE TELEGAMES MATCH WAS THE CONCLUDING ACTIVITY OF THE DISTRICT'S IYY YOUTH FESTIVAL WHICH STARTED TWO WEEKS AGO IN RESPONSE TO THE TERRITORY WIDE +CIVIC DAY FOR YOUTH+.

PRESENT AT TODAY'S RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY WERE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS, MR STEPHEN CHEONG AND MRS PAULINE NG, THE ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER OF WONG TAI SIN, MR PAUL WONG AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, MR LEE SZE-BAY AND MR FUNG KWONG-CHUNG.

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VOLUNTEER LIFE GUARDS PRAISED
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THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES, MR TONY HAMMOND, TODAY (SUNDAY) PAID TRIBUTE TO THE HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB FOR PROVIDING VOLUNTEER SERVICES AT PUBLIC BEACHES.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE FIRST NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT MARCH-PAST AND BEACH CARNIVAL AT LIDO BEACH JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CLUB AND THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR HAMMOND SAID THAT SWIMMING WAS THE MOST POPULAR FORM OF RECREATION IN HONG KONG.

+WITH THE GROWING AWARENESS OF LEISURE IN THE COMMUNITY, PEOPLE FLOCK TO BATHING BEACHES AND SWIMMING POOLS IN EVER-INCREASING NUMBERS, PARTICULARLY AT WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS IN THE SUMMER.

+HOWEVER, MANY BEACHGOERS OFTEN DO NOT KNOW HOW TO SWIM PROPERLY AND GET THEMSELVES INTO TROUBLE IN THE WATER AND HAVE TO BE RESCUED. THE SERVICES THAT THE HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB PROVIDES IN THE FORM OF ADDITIONAL LIFE-SAVERS AT THE BATHING BEACHES AND SWIMMING POOLS ARE INVALUABLE,+ HE SAID.

LAST YEAR, THE CLUB PROVIDED 2 400 LIFE-SAVING TEAMS TOTALLING 12 736 LIFE-SAVERS FROM 111 AFFILIATED ORGANISATIONS. THESE VOLUNTARY SERVICES HELPED SAVE OVER 777 SWIMMERS IN DIFFICULTIES. THIS BROUGHT TO 17 989 THE NUMBER OF SWIMMERS RESCUED SINCE 1956 WHEN THE CLUB WAS FORMED.

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+THIS IS A RECORD THAT THE CLUB CAN BE PROUD OF, AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE CLUB WILL CONTINUE THIS VALUABLE AND PRACTICAL VOLUNTARY WORK,+ MR HAMMOND SAID.

BETWEEN APRIL, THE START OF THE CURRENT SWIMMING SEASON, AND AUGUST THIS YEAR, RSD LIFE GUARDS RESCUED A TOTAL OF 366 SWIMMERS IN DIFFICULTIES. OF THESE RESCUES, 194 TOOK PLACE IN GAZETTED BEACHES AND ANOTHER 172 IN SWIMMING POOLS MANAGED BY THE RSD.

TAKING PART IN THE MARCH-PAST AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WERE 30 TEAMS, EACH CONSISTING OF 10 TO 12 MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB. IT WAS FOLLOWED BY A LIFE-SAVING COMPETITION AMONG THE TEAMS.

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SCHOOL CHILDREN'S WARD CONTRIBUTION URGED
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CALLED ON SCHOOLS TO CONTINUE THEIR ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE +SCHOOL CHILDREN'S WARD+ AT THE RUTTONJEE SANATORIUM.

+THERE ARE 10 COTS IN THE SCHOOL CHILDREN'S WARD AND THIS IS THE ONLY ONE OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG SET UP MANY YEARS AGO,+ A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM SCHOOLS WOULD ENABLE CHILDREN ACCOMMODATED IN THE WARD TO RECEIVE MEDICAL CARE AND ATTENTION WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE NOT BE AVAILABLE TO THEM.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID SCHOOLS CONTRIBUTED MORE THAN \$571 000 LAST YEAR, AND THIS WAS A SPLENDID ACHIEVEMENT AND A CREDIT TO ALL CONCERNED.

+INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD AGAIN BE LIMITED TO 50 CENTS AND MUST BE ENTIRELY VOLUNTARY.

+SCHOOLS MAY CONSIDER VARIOUS OTHER WAYS AND MEANS RAISING MONEY TO SUPPORT THIS PRAISEWORTHY CAUSE,+ HE ADDED.

SCHOOL HEADS SHOULD SEND THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS, PREFERABLY BY CROSSED CHEQUE PAYABLE TO THE HONG KONG TUBERCULOSIS, CHEST AND HEART DISEASES ASSOCIATION, TO THE DEPUTY SECRETARY (GENERAL) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR ONWARD TRANSMISSION TO THE ASSOCIATION.

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NEW ROAD TO IMPROVE KAU WAH KENG TRAFFIC
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A NEW LOOP ROAD WILL BE BUILT IN KAU WAH KENG TO IMPROVE VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC IN THE WESTERN PART OF KOWLOON.

WORK INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW ROAD AND FOOTPATHS TO THE NORTH OF THE LAI CHI KOK AMUSEMENT PARK, LINKING LAI KING HILL ROAD TO LAI WAN ROAD.

LARGE SECTIONS OF THE TWO ROADS WILL ALSO BE WIDENED AND IMPROVED.

THE PROJECT WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF A TWIN BOX CULVERT UNDER THE NEW ROAD AND SLOPE PROTECTION MEASURES IN THE WORK AREA.

THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT, WORK ON WHICH IS EXPECTED TO START NEXT JANUARY AND TAKE ABOUT TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE.

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STORMWATER DRAIN AT RECLAMATION EXTENDED
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THE EXISTING STORMWATER DRAIN ALONG TONKIN STREET IS TO BE EXTENDED TO THE NEW SEAWALL NOW BEING CONSTRUCTED OFF CHEUNG SHA WAN RECLAMATION.

THE 270-METRE-LONG STORMWATER DRAIN WILL REPLACE THE PRESENT TEMPORARY CHANNEL AT THE RECLAMATION, AND THE CHANNEL WILL BE FILLED IN AT A LATER STAGE.

THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT, WORK ON WHICH IS EXPECTED TO START IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR AND TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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REFRESHMENT KIOSK OFFERED
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THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SALE OF LIGHT REFRESHMENT AT THE CLEAR WATER BAY (1ST BEACH) IN SAI KUNG.

SITUATED AT THE EASTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE BEACH WAS FREQUENTED LAST YEAR BY SOME 200 000 SWIMMERS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RSD SAID.

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THE CONTRACT IS FOR THREE YEARS, STARTING FROM
DECEMBER 1.

TENDER FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE
OF THE RSD ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES,
SAI KUNG.

INTERESTED PARTIES MAY CALL THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE OF
THE RSD ON TELEPHONE 3-2813680 FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE
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HATTON ROAD IN THE MID-LEVELS WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC
FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 23) FOR
ROAD WORKS.

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