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STEPPED UP EFFORTS URGED AGAINST JENKINS BILL

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AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN IN HONG KONG WERE URGED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR ERIC HO, TO STEP UP THEIR LOBBYING EFFORTS AGAINST THE JENKINS BILL, NOW BEFORE THE SENATE.

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, MR HO SAID: +MAY I ENCOURAGE YOU ALL WHO HAVE VOTING RIGHTS IN THE U.S., OR HAVE FRIENDS OR TRADING PARTNERS WHO HAVE THEM, TO USE ALL YOUR INFLUENCE TO BRING HOME THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO SENATORS WHO WILL IN THE COMING DAYS AND WEEKS CONSIDER THE BILL.

- * IT IS A BAD BILL, WHICH IS INIMICAL TO THE INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND HER FRIENDS AND TRADING PARTNERS IN THIS REGION;
- * IT IS A BAD BILL WHICH MIGHT CREATE SOME JOBS IN THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY, BUT WHICH WOULD CERTAINLY COST OTHERS IN THE IMPORT AS WELL AS EXPORT RELATED INDUSTRIES OF THE UNITED STATES; AND
- * IT IS A BAD BILL BASED ON MISINFORMATION WHICH SENDS A MESSAGE OF SHORTSIGHTED MISUNDERSTANDING TO THE WORLD.+

MR HO SAID HE APPRECIATED THE EFFORTS OF AMCHAM IN HONG KONG TO PROMOTE RECOGNITION OF HONG KONG'S GOOD TRADE PRACTICES IN THE PAST YEAR, AND TO OPPOSE THE JENKINS BILL.

+THIS WAS MOST APPARENT DURING THE RECENT VISITS TO HONG KONG BY SENATOR DOLE AND CONGRESSMAN GIBBONS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE DELEGATIONS.

+I AM CERTAIN THAT THE PRESENTATIONS MADE BY YOUR ESTEEMED CHAMBER TO THE TWO DELEGATIONS CARRIED GREAT WEIGHT AND GAVE ADDITIONAL CREDIBILITY TO THE EFFORTS OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

+THERE HAVE OF COURSE BEEN MANY OTHER OCCASIONS WHEN THE CHAMBER HAS ASSISTED OUR EFFORTS, INCLUDING A SUBMISSION ON HONG KONG'S TRADE PRACTICES WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE GSP REVIEW,+ HE SAID.

AS REGARDS PROTECTIONIST SENTIMENTS IN THE U.S., MR HO SAID THERE WERE MORE ENCOURAGING DEVELOPMENTS AS WELL.

FIRST, THE PRESIDENT AND THE ADMINISTRATION HAVE SET THEMSELVES AGAINST PROTECTIONISM, AND A MORE VIGOROUS APPROACH TO REMOVING NON-TARIFF BARRIERS TO U.S. EXPORTS HAS BEEN INITIATED BY THE PRESIDENT.

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+AS PRIME MINISTER LEE OBSERVED IN HIS ADDRESS TO THE CONGRESS A FEW DAYS AGO, YOUR SUCCESS IN FORCING OPEN SOME OF THESE MARKETS SHOULD BENEFIT THOSE OF US WHO HAVE OPEN MARKETS BUT FACE THE SAME OBSTACLES TO OUR EXPORTS,+ HE SAID.

SECOND, PRESIDENT REAGAN HAS INDICATED THAT HE IS WILLING TO WORK WITH CONGRESS TO DEVISE SOLUTIONS TO TRADE PROBLEMS.

THIRD IS THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITMENT TO WORKING WITHIN OR IMPROVING THE GATT, AND ACHIEVING THIS THROUGH THE PROPOSED NEW ROUND OF MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS.

HONG KONG OF COURSE SUPPORTS ANY INITIATIVE THAT AIMS AT RESTORING, MAINTAINING AND STRENGTHENING THE INTERNATIONAL TRADING SYSTEM.

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SIR JOHN OPENS NEW HK ELECTRIC FACILITY

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ENERGY IN ALL ITS FORMS WAS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO HONG KONG, AND A RELIABLE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY WAS A BASIC ESSENTIAL, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR JOHN BREMIDGE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) AT THE OPENING OF THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO. LTD.'S SYSTEM CONTROL CENTRE AT THE COMPANY'S OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN AP LEI CHAU.

SIR JOHN SAID THAT WHILE THE TECHNICALITIES AND SOPHISTICATION OF HONG KONG'S POWER SYSTEMS RARELY CAUGHT THE HEADLINES, AS PEOPLE WERE MORE INTERESTED IN TARIFFS, AN EFFECTIVE SYSTEM CONTROL CENTRE WAS A VITAL PART OF ELECTRICITY GENERATION AND SUPPLY BECAUSE IT ENSURED THAT THE RISE AND FALL IN DEMAND WERE MET SO THAT THE POWER SUPPLY WAS MAINTAINED AND RELIABLE.

APART FROM THE ADVANCED EQUIPMENT THAT MADE UP THE CENTRE, THERE WAS AN EMERGENCY REPORTING CENTRE WHICH RECEIVED AND ATTENDED TO TELEPHONE CALLS FROM CONSUMERS ON ANY ABNORMAL OCCURRENCE IN THE SUPPLY SYSTEM.

+THE CUSTOMERS' INTERESTS ARE SAFEGUARDED,+ SIR JOHN SAID.

SPEAKING OF THE TIME NEEDED TO IDENTIFY A CABLE FAULT AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO RESTORE SUPPLY, HE SAID:+THERE IS A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ACHIEVING THIS IN ONE-AND-A-HALF HOURS UNDER THE PREVIOUS CONTROL SYSTEM, AND THE FIVE-TO-10 MINUTES NOW POSSIBLE.+

SIR JOHN CONGRATULATED THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY ON ITS NEW FACILITY AND ITS FAR-SIGHTEDNESS AND CONFIDENCE IN INVESTING TO MEET THE INCREASING AND CHANGING DEMAND OF HONG KONG.

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U.S. BUSINESSMEN SHOW FAITH IN HK
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AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN HAVE ALWAYS MAINTAINED THEIR CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG AS AN ATTRACTIVE AND PROFITABLE PLACE IN WHICH TO DO BUSINESS, THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR JOHN YAXLEY SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF A NEW AMERICAN MANUFACTURING PLANT IN HONG KONG - ROCHESTER BUTTON.

+THIS US\$2 MILLION INVESTMENT IS A FURTHER EXAMPLE OF THE CONTINUING OVERSEAS INTEREST IN HONG KONG AS A MANUFACTURING BASE, AND A SIGN THAT ROCHESTER IS YET ANOTHER COMPANY THAT APPRECIATES THE ADVANTAGES AND ATTRACTIONS OF OPERATING HERE,+ MR YAXLEY SAID.

HE SAID THE AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY HAD ALWAYS BEEN IMPORTANT TO HONG KONG, AND TODAY THE UNITED STATES WAS BY FAR HONG KONG'S LARGEST OVERSEAS INVESTOR AND ITS PRINCIPAL EXPORT MARKET.

IN 1984, 54 PER CENT OF TOTAL OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN MANUFACTURING CAME FROM THE U.S. AND IN THE SAME YEAR THAT COUNTRY TOOK 44 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL EXPORTS.

MORE THAN 800 COMPANIES WITH UNITED STATES CONNECTIONS ARE REGISTERED IN HONG KONG. THIS NUMBER INCLUDES 75 WHOLLY OWNED MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS AND ANOTHER 51 JOINT VENTURE OPERATIONS.

AMERICAN FIRMS ARE PARTICULARLY PROMINENT IN THE ELECTRONICS, TOYS AND SERVICE INDUSTRIES.

U.S. MANUFACTURING COMPANIES IN HONG KONG EMPLOY NEARLY 40 000 WORKERS OR ONE IN FIVE OF OUR TOTAL MANUFACTURING WORKFORCE.

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'COMPUTERS BRING NEW DIMENSION TO TRADING'
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THE BARRIERS OF TIME AND SPACE BETWEEN BUYERS AND SELLERS IN BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS HAVE NOW BEEN ELIMINATED BY ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF DATA FROM ONE COUNTRY TO ANOTHER, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

SIR DAVID WAS SPEAKING AFTER THE PREMIER VIEWING OF THE TRADE FACILITATION COUNCIL FILM, +THE TRADE DATA REVOLUTION+, WHICH SHOWED WORLDWIDE CHANGES IN DATA TRANSMISSION AND RAPID PROGRESS IN ELECTRONIC TRADE DATA EXCHANGE.

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TRADITIONALLY, SIR DAVID SAID, TRADE FACILITATION HAD CONCENTRATED ON +WAYS AND MEANS TO SIMPLIFY INTERNATIONAL AND LOCAL TRADE DOCUMENTS AND PROCEDURES+.

THE ADVANCE OF COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY, HE SAID, HAD BROUGHT +A NEW DIMENSION+ TO TRADING BY MAKING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN TRADING PARTNERS +INSTANTANEOUS AND EXACT+.

SIR DAVID SAID THAT SIMPLIFYING AND REMOVING BARRIERS TO TRADE WAS NOT SO EASY AS IT SOUNDED.

+THERE IS HUMAN RESISTANCE TO CHANGE, PARTICULARLY IN SMALL AND MEDIUM BUSINESS OPERATIONS WHICH TEND TO STICK TO OLD AND TRIED PROCEDURES.+

THE TRADE FACILITATION COUNCIL SOUGHT TO BREAK DOWN THIS RESISTANCE, AND TO DEMONSTRATE BY PERSUASION THE +REMARKABLE RESULTS+ THAT COULD BE ACHIEVED WITH NEW METHODS AND PROCEDURES.

SIR DAVID SAID THAT +AT THIS TIME OF INCREASING PROTECTIONISM+ ANYTHING THAT COULD BE DONE TO FACILITATE TRADE DESERVED HELP, AND HE CALLED ON +THE TRADING AND MANUFACTURING COMMUNITY+ TO GIVE ALL THE HELP THEY COULD AND THE +NECESSARY FINANCE+ TO THE COUNCIL, SO THAT IT COULD +EXTEND ITS SERVICES MORE WIDELY+.

+TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF AN INCREASINGLY COMPETITIVE AND RESTRICTIVE TRADING ENVIRONMENT, HONG KONG MUST MAINTAIN ITS EFFICIENCY AND VERSATILITY,+ HE SAID.

HONG KONG, SIR DAVID SAID, HAD STARTED WORK ON TRADE FACILITATION IN THE 1960'S WHICH HAD BY 1981 EVOLVED INTO THE INDEPENDENT TRADE FACILITATION COUNCIL OF TODAY.

SIR DAVID WISHED THE COUNCIL +EVERY SUCCESS IN ITS WORK+.

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PLANS FOR POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL TRAINING OUTLINED

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THE GOVERNMENT IS ACTIVELY PURSUING ITS SEARCH FOR A PROMINENT ACADEMIC TO CHAIR THE WORKING PARTY ON POSTGRADUATE TRAINING FOR THE MEDICAL PROFESSION IN HONG KONG.

DISCLOSING THIS AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY TODAY (FRIDAY), THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR RUDY KHOO SAID IT WAS ANTICIPATED THAT THE WORKING PARTY WOULD START TO FUNCTION SOME TIME NEXT YEAR.

+AND IF ALL GOES ACCORDING TO PLAN, A POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION BODY WILL BE FORMED BY 1988-89,+ HE ADDED.

/DR KHOO

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DR KHOO NOTED THAT IN THE PAST YEAR THERE HAD BEEN CONSIDERABLE INTEREST AMONG MEMBERS OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSIONS IN THE ORGANISATION OF POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION IN HONG KONG.

THIS INTEREST, HE SAID, WAS STIMULATED BY THE WINDS OF CHANGE THAT WERE BLOWING ACROSS HONG KONG IN PREPARATION FOR 1997, WHEN HONG KONG BECAME A SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION.

+DOCTORS ARE ANXIOUS THAT HONG KONG WILL NEED TO ESTABLISH ITS OWN POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION SYSTEM BY THAT TIME,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID IT WAS VITALLY IMPORTANT FOR HONG KONG TO SET UP A STRONG AND INTERNATIONALLY-RECOGNISED POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL AND CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION SYSTEM.

THE IDEA TO SET UP THE WORKING PARTY WAS DISCUSSED AND ENDORSED BY THE MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MDAC) AT ITS LAST MEETING.

THE COMMITTEE HAD ADVISED THAT THE WORKING PARTY SHOULD BE CHAIRED BY AN OVERSEAS PERSON, WHO SHOULD BE AN ACADEMICIAN WITH CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE IN POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION AND WITH A KNOWLEDGE OF THE VARIOUS SYSTEMS IN EXISTENCE IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

IT WAS ALSO PROPOSED THAT MEMBERSHIP OF THE WORKING PARTY SHOULD INCLUDE A WIDE SECTION OF THE PROFESSION, SUCH AS FROM THE GOVERNMENT, UNIVERSITIES, SUBVENTED HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS.

DR KHOO SAID THAT THE WORKING PARTY SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO DO ITS WORK AND TO SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT ON AN APPROPRIATE SYSTEM FOR HONG KONG.

EXPLAINING THE WORKING PARTY'S TERMS OF REFERENCE, DR KHOO SAID IT WOULD BE ASKED TO RECOMMEND A COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM FOR POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION THAT WOULD INCLUDE TRAINING, SETTING STANDARDS, CONDUCTING LOCAL EXAMINATIONS, AWARDED DIPLOMAS, ACCREDITING PROGRAMMES OF TRAINING AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE FUNDING OF THE SYSTEM.

REGARDING THE PRESENT POSITION OF POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION IN HONG KONG, HE SAID THAT BECAUSE OF HEAVY RELIANCE ON THE MEDICAL ROYAL COLLEGES AND OTHER OVERSEAS POSTGRADUATE BODIES, HONG KONG DID NOT HAVE A SYSTEM TO ORGANISE, ADMINISTER, ACCREDIT AND FUND POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION.

THE WORKING PARTY, HE SAID, WOULD BE EXAMINING THE SYSTEMS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, SINGAPORE, AUSTRALIA, THE UNITED STATES AND SO ON.

AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION TO SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH PREVAILED IN HONG KONG, THE WORKING PARTY WOULD MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON WHAT IT REGARDED AS THE MOST APPROPRIATE SYSTEM FOR HONG KONG.

IT WAS, THEREFORE, TOO PREMATURE TO TALK ABOUT AN ACADEMY OF MEDICINE FOR HONG KONG, HE ADDED.

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\$20 000 CHIT-FUND LIMIT PROPOSED

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THE GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING TO DOUBLE THE AMOUNT OF MONEY WHICH CAN BE COLLECTED FOR THE COMMON FUND OF A PRIVATE CHIT-FUND, TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF INFLATION SINCE 1972 WHEN THE AMOUNT WAS SET AT \$10 000.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE PENALTY FOR A NUMBER OF OFFENCES UNDER THE CHIT-FUND BUSINESSES (PROHIBITION) ORDINANCE WOULD ALSO BE RAISED FROM \$10 000 TO \$20 000.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE ORDINANCE WAS ENACTED IN MAY 1972 TO PROHIBIT THE OPERATION OF COMMERCIAL CHIT-FUND COMPANIES WHICH FLOURISHED IN HONG KONG BETWEEN 1970 AND 1972.

HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE LONG TRADITION AND POPULARITY OF CHIT-FUNDS AS A FORM OF SAVING AMONG RELATIVES AND FRIENDS, PRIVATE CHIT-FUNDS HAVE BEEN ALLOWED UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

IN ADDITION TO THE LIMIT ON THE COMMON FUND, THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS CANNOT EXCEED 30, THE OPERATOR MUST NOT BE OPERATING ANOTHER CHIT-FUND AT THE SAME TIME, AND MUST NOT HAVE ANY BENEFIT OTHER THAN THE RIGHT TO RECEIVE THE FIRST SUBSCRIPTION FREE OF INTEREST.

TO SIMPLIFY THE PROCEDURE FOR REVISING THE MONETARY LIMIT FOR THE COMMON FUND, THE GOVERNMENT ALSO PROPOSES THAT IN FUTURE THE LIMIT CAN BE CHANGED BY RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THESE PROPOSALS ARE CONTAINED IN AN AMENDMENT BILL, PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY AND SCHEDULED FOR FIRST READING ON NOVEMBER 6.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE ANY COMMENT MAY WRITE TO UMELCO AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BUILDING, JACKSON ROAD, CENTRAL, OR TO THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

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NENDICK APPOINTED TO MTRC BOARD

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THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED MR DAVID NENDICK TO THE BOARD OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION WITH EFFECT FROM NOVEMBER 1, 1985.

MR NENDICK IS REPLACING MR D.W.A. BLYE, ONE OF THE FOUNDER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WHO IS RETIRING AFTER 10 YEARS OF SERVICE. MR NENDICK WILL SUCCEED MR BLYE AS THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS IN EARLY NOVEMBER.

THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WHICH IS CHAIRED BY MR WILFRID NEWTON, ARE MR OSWALD CHEUNG, MR G.M. MACWHINNIE, MR W.C.L. BROWN, MR C.H. TUNG, MR P.K. YEUNG, THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT AND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE CORPORATION.

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SERVICES EXCLUDED FROM SCHEME OF CONTROL

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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS ENDORSED A PROPOSAL TO EXCLUDE DATA PROCESSING AND RELATED SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY FROM ITS SCHEME OF CONTROL.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THESE SERVICES, WHICH ARE NOT PROVIDED ON A MONOPOLY BASIS AND ARE NOT PART OF THE BASIC TELEPHONE SERVICE, WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY A SUBSIDIARY OF THE COMPANY.

+THE EXCLUSION FROM THE SCHEME OF CONTROL OF THIS TYPE OF SERVICE WILL NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT THE BASIC SERVICE OF THE COMPANY AND NO EXTRA CHARGES WILL FALL ON THE USERS OF THE BASIC TELEPHONE NETWORK. GOVERNMENT WILL MONITOR THE SITUATION TO ENSURE THAT THE NEW SUBSIDIARY WILL BEAR ITS PROPER SCHEME OF COSTS AND IS NOT SUBSIDISED BY OTHER SERVICES STILL SUBJECT TO THE SCHEME, + HE SAID.

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DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN CHANGES ANNOUNCED

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT CHA KWO LING, YAU TONG, LEI YUE MUN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD EXPLAINED THAT AMENDMENTS WERE NEEDED TO INCORPORATE INTO THE PLAN THE PROPOSED LAM TIN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE SOUTH EXTENSION.

AN AREA OF SOME 32 HECTARES LOCATED TO THE NORTH OF KO CHIU ROAD ESTATE HAS BEEN REZONED FROM 'GREEN BELT' TO ACCOMMODATE THE PROPOSED ESTATE.

THIS ESTATE IS DESIGNED TO ACCOMMODATE ABOUT 31 000 PEOPLE IN 8 700 FLATS. IT WILL BE SELF-SUFFICIENT IN THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND OPEN SPACE. CONSTRUCTION WILL START IN LATE 1988 AND WILL BE COMPLETED IN PHASES.

ANOTHER MAJOR AMENDMENT INVOLVES THE EXTENSION OF THE ORIGINAL BOUNDARY TO INCLUDE THE AREA BOUNDED BY CHA KWO LING AND LEI YUE MUN ROAD AT SAI TSO WAN.

THE KWUN TONG CIVIC CENTRE CURRENTLY BEING DEVELOPED IN THIS AREA, COMPRISES A WIDE RANGE OF GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES INCLUDING POLYCLINIC, COMMUNITY HALL, POST OFFICE, MAGISTRACY AND OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE LAND USES ON A LARGE PART OF THIS EXTENSION AREA WERE STILL UNDER PLANNING TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE POSSIBLE ROAD NETWORK ASSOCIATED WITH THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING LANDFALL AT CHA KWO LING AND THE EXISTING OIL DEPOT IN KWUN TONG.

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+FOR THIS REASON THIS AREA HAS BEEN ZONED 'UNDETERMINED' AND ALL USES PROPOSED IN THIS ZONE WILL REQUIRE THE APPROVAL OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE NOTES ATTACHED TO THE PLAN HAD BEEN REVISED TO STREAMLINE THE PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOOL USES IN COMPOSITE BUILDINGS IN AREAS ZONED AS 'RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A)' AND 'COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL'. OPPORTUNITY WAS ALSO TAKEN TO PERMIT MORE USES WITHIN THE 'COMMERCIAL' ZONE.

THE AMENDMENT PLAN MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES:

- * KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, TUNG YAN STREET, 3RD AND 4TH FLOORS, KOWLOON;
- * PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG; AND
- * TOWN PLANNING DIVISION, LANDS DEPARTMENT, 4TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

OBJECTIONS TO THE AMENDMENTS SHOULD BE SENT IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY, TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O LANDS DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, BY NOT LATER THAN NOVEMBER 7.

COPIES OF THE DRAFT PLAN ARE AVAILABLE AT THE MAP SALES SECTION, SURVEY DIVISION, LANDS DEPARTMENT, 5TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND THE KOWLOON MAP SALES SECTION, 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON AT \$10 PER UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$60 PER COLOURED COPY.

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UK AMBULANCE CONSULTANT ARRIVES

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MR ROBERT RAITT, THE BRITISH CONSULTANT ENGAGED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO REVIEW AMBULANCE SERVICE IN HONG KONG ARRIVED TODAY.

MR RAITT IS HEAD OF THE HEALTH OPERATIONAL RESEARCH UNIT, A PART OF THE ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE UNIT WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1974 AND HAD UNDERTAKEN MORE THAN 30 STUDIES OF AMBULANCE SERVICES, IN THE UK AND OVERSEAS.

THE HONG KONG STUDY, WHICH WILL COVER MANY OPERATIONAL ASPECTS OF THE AMBULANCE SERVICE, WILL TAKE ABOUT A YEAR DURING WHICH MR RAITT AND HIS TEAM WILL BE WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE SERVICE.

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PASSING ON DBD'S POWER TO DELEGATE
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A BILL GIVING THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT THE RIGHT TO DELEGATE HIS POWERS AS BUILDING AUTHORITY TO ANY PUBLIC OFFICER HAS BEEN GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

KNOWN AS THE BUILDINGS (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1985, IT IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 6.

IT IS AIMED AT CLEARING UP ANOMALIES IN THE POWER OF DELEGATION CAUSED BY THE DEFEDERALISATION OF THE FORMER PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

UNDER SECTION 2 (2) OF THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WAS EMPOWERED TO DELEGATE ANY DUTIES OR POWERS GRANTED TO THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TO ANY OFFICER OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

WHEN THE PWD WAS SPLIT INTO SIX SEPARATE DEPARTMENTS THIS POWER WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT AND OFFICERS OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

IT WAS, HOWEVER, FOUND NECESSARY FOR POWERS TO BE DELEGATED TO OFFICERS OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT REMOVES THE RESTRICTION ON DELEGATING SUCH POWERS OUTSIDE THE BDD.

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PEDDER STREET UNDERPASS PLANNED
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THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PLANS TO CONSTRUCT AN UNDERPASS AND ASSOCIATED ROAD WORKS AT CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL TO IMPROVE VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC BETWEEN JACKSON ROAD AND POTTINGER STREET.

THE PROJECT WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN UNDERPASS ALONG CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND ITS JUNCTION WITH PEDDER STREET AND THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE GROUND-LEVEL INTERCHANGE AT THE SAME JUNCTION.

EASTBOUND AND WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAYS OF CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE REALIGNED TO SUIT THE UNDERPASS.

IMPROVEMENT WILL BE MADE TO THE CONNAUGHT ROAD-EDINBURGH PLACE-CONNAUGHT PLACE JUNCTION WHILE THE STAR FERRY SUBWAY WILL BE EXTENDED TO MAKE ROOM FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK.

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AT THE SAME TIME, ROAD JUNCTIONS ALONG CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL BETWEEN JACKSON ROAD AND POTTINGER STREET, AND THE JUNCTION BETWEEN CONNAUGHT PLACE AND HARBOUR VIEW STREET WILL BE IMPROVED.

ALSO INCLUDED IS THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE AT THE JUNCTION OF CONNAUGHT ROAD AND POTTINGER STREET TO PROVIDE SAFE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING.

THE PLAN, DRAWING AND SCHEME MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG- AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG NORTH, 12TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG- AND AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, HONG KONG.

OBJECTIONS TO THE WORKS OR THE USE, OR BOTH, SHOULD BE SENT IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 17.

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FORUM ON HOUSING SUBSIDY
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A DISTRICT FORUM ON THE GREEN PAPER ON HOUSING SUBSIDY TO TENANTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING WILL BE HELD IN THE HALL OF THE TAI PO COMMUNITY CENTRE, 1/F., HEUNG SZE WUI STREET, TAI PO AT 3 PM ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 20).

DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, AS WELL AS INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS IN THE DISTRICT HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND.

THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL CONSOLIDATE AND REPORT ON PARTICIPANTS' VIEWS TO THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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NOTE TO EDITORE:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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NEW AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE SYSTEM INTRODUCED
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POLICE HAVE INTRODUCED A NEW AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE SYSTEM WHICH ENABLES MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO CALL 999 OR THE LOCAL POLICE STATION AT THE PUSH OF A BUTTON.

THE SENIOR STAFF OFFICER OF THE COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH, MANAGEMENT SERVICES WING, POLICE HEADQUARTERS, MR TONY ROBBINS, TODAY (FRIDAY) SAID, "A PILOT SCHEME TO TEST THE PROTOTYPE TELEPHONE SYSTEM AT NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE OFFICES IS BEING CARRIED OUT.

"THE WALL-MOUNTED TELEPHONE DEVICE HAS BEEN INSTALLED OUTSIDE THE WAH FU ESTATE AND VICTORIA PARK NPOS ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

"INSTALLATION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT AT THE NPOS AT LAM TIN ESTATE AND UN CHAU ESTATE IN KOWLOON AND SAM SHING ESTATE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES."

MR ROBBINS SAID THE PILOT SCHEME WAS AIMED AT TESTING THE SUITABILITY OF THE NEW SYSTEM UNDER VARIOUS CONDITIONS AND WEATHER. IT WILL BE EXTENDED TO ALL THE 150 NPOS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY BEFORE THE END OF NEXT YEAR.

THE SYSTEM COMPRISING A VERTICAL STEEL METAL PANEL MEASURING 320 CM AND 360 CM WITH TWO BUTTONS AND MICROPHONE AND LOUD-SPEAKER COMPONENTS.

THE RED BUTTON LOCATED AT THE BOTTOM RIGHT SIDE IS TO CALL 999 POLICE CONSOLE AND THE WHITE BUTTON ON THE OTHER SIDE THE LOCAL POLICE STATION.

MR ROBBINS EXPLAINED THAT A PERSON "SIMPLY HAS TO PUSH THE APPROPRIATE BUTTON AND THE SYSTEM WILL AUTOMATICALLY DIAL THE NUMBER."

THE BUTTON SHOULD BE CONTINUALLY PRESSED DURING THE PERIOD OF CONVERSATION WITH THE POLICE PARTY.

THE PROTOTYPE IS DESIGNED AND PRODUCED AT THE SYSTEMS ENGINEERING AND RESEARCH DIVISION WORKSHOP, POLICE HEADQUARTERS, AND ITS COMPONENTS INCLUDED A PROGRAMMED TELEPHONE CIRCUIT MODIFIED TO SUIT POLICE NEEDS.

THE ASSISTANT CHIEF POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER, MR TOMMY TSE, POINTED OUT THAT THE NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM WAS PART OF AN INTEGRATED POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS EFFORTS TO BETTER SERVE THE PUBLIC.

"THE NPOS ARE NOT NORMALLY MANNED 24 HOURS AS MORE OFFICERS ARE BEING DEPLOYED FOR STREET PATROL AND THE NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM WILL DEFINITELY PROVIDE AN EASY MEANS FOR RESIDENTS TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE POLICE," SAID MR TSE.

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NEW BUILDINGS FEATURE IN STAMPS

NEW HONG KONG BUILDINGS WILL FEATURE IN A SET OF FOUR SPECIAL STAMPS TO BE ISSUED BY THE POST OFFICE ON NOVEMBER 27.

THE BUILDINGS APPEARING IN THE STAMPS ARE: THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS - 50 CENTS; EXCHANGE SQUARE - \$1.30; THE HONG KONG BANK HEADQUARTERS - \$1.70; AND THE HONG KONG COLISEUM - \$5, A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVERS WILL BE ON SALE AT 50 CENTS EACH AT ALL POST OFFICES FROM NOVEMBER 13.

THE STAMPS WERE DESIGNED BY MR NICK JESSE AND PRINTED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

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MENTAL HEALTH EXHIBITION IN SHA TIN

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL HOLD AN EXHIBITION ON MENTAL HEALTH FOR RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO OCTOBER 26 AT THE NEW TOWN PLAZA.

THE EXHIBITION AIMS TO BETTER INFORM RESIDENTS ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH AND OF THE COMMUNITY PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION PROGRAMME.

AN OPENING CEREMONY AT 10.30 AM WILL BE JOINTLY PERFORMED BY SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS DR FANNY CHEUNG, MR CHING CHEUNG-YING AND MR NG KING-SING; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW LIFE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION, DR RAYMOND WU; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG DISCHARGED PRISONERS' AID SOCIETY, MR FREDERICK YU.

THE EXHIBITS WILL INCLUDE ILLUSTRATIONS AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF HALF-WAY HOUSES, AND WINNING ENTRIES IN ESSAY, POSTER-DESIGN AND CARTOON COMPETITIONS ON MENTAL HEALTH.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EXHIBITION TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE ATRIUM OF NEW TOWN PLAZA, AT 10.30 AM.

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FIREMEN COMMENDED FOR RESCUE WORK
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SIX FIREMEN WHO, +WORKING UNDER EXTREME DIFFICULTIES,+ SAVED 12 WORKERS FROM A BLAZING BUILDING WERE COMMENDED TODAY BY THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER, MR M. KINGDOM, +FOR THEIR PROFESSIONAL SKILL+.

IN MAKING THE PRESENTATION, MR KINGDOM SAID THAT THE THIRD-ALARM FIRE HAD BROKEN OUT ON SEPTEMBER 9 AT 58 HUNG TO ROAD IN KWUN TONG. FIREMEN WHO RUSHED TO THE SCENE FOUND OBSTRUCTION CAUSED BY DISCARDED GOODS IN THE NARROW REAR LANE OF THE BUILDING. BUT DESPITE THIS, AND THE HEAT AND SMOKE FROM THE FIRE, THE CREW OF A TURNTABLE LADDER MANAGED TO EXTEND THE LADDER SO AS TO GAIN ENTRY TO THE PREMISES AND RESCUE THE TRAPPED WORKERS.

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FISHING COMPETITION OFF LAMMA ISLAND
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PEOPLE WHO ENJOY FISHING WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN PRIZES IN A FISHING COMPETITION JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE HONG KONG AMATEUR FISHING SOCIETY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COUNCIL SAID TODAY ENTRIES WOULD BE LIMITED TO 100 ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

+THE URBAN COUNCIL CUP FISHING COMPETITION 1985 WILL BE HELD OFF LAMMA ISLAND ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3.

+PARTICIPANTS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO 25 TEAMS OF FOUR MEMBERS EACH,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID PRIZES WOULD BE AWARDED TO THE FIRST THREE TEAMS WITH THE LARGEST CATCH, AND ALSO TO THE FISHERMAN WHO CAUGHT THE BIGGEST SINGLE FISH.

+ENTRY FEES ARE \$100 PER PERSON, INCLUSIVE OF CHARGES FOR FISHING JUNKS AND BAIT.

+ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM AND THE HONG KONG AMATEUR FISHING SOCIETY. FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED ON TEL. 3-660442.+

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BI-LINGUAL DRAMA SHOW IN SHA TIN
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SHA TIN RESIDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY A BI-LINGUAL DRAMA PERFORMANCE BY THE CHUNG YING THEATRE COMPANY IN THE SUN TIN WAI COMMUNITY HALL TOMORROW (SATURDAY) EVENING.

THE PLAY +I AM HONG KONG+ IN CANTONESE AND ENGLISH DEALS WITH LOCAL PEOPLE'S FEELINGS AND ATTITUDES OVER THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TERRITORY.

IT IS JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE SHA TIN ARTS ASSOCIATION AND SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE SHOW IS THE THIRD IN A SERIES OF PERFORMANCES BY THE THEATRE COMPANY WHICH IS TOURING THE DISTRICT FOR ONE MONTH BETWEEN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER.

THE FIRST PERFORMANCE HELD EARLIER THIS MONTH WAS A HIT AND ATTRACTED MUCH INTEREST AMONG LOCAL RESIDENTS.

SIX OTHER PERFORMANCES WILL BE PRESENTED IN VARIOUS COMMUNITY HALLS AND SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT. THE DATES, TIMES AND VENUES ARE AS FOLLOW:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
OCTOBER 24 (THURSDAY)	8 PM	KIANGSU-CHEKIANG COLLEGE (SHA TIN)
OCTOBER 25 (FRIDAY)	8 PM	S.K.H. LAM KAU MOU SECONDARY SCHOOL
OCTOBER 26 (SATURDAY)	8 PM	POK HONG COMMUNITY HALL
NOVEMBER 1 (FRIDAY)	8 PM	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY COLLEGE (SHA TIN)
NOVEMBER 3 (SATURDAY)	2.30 PM	LUNG HANG ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE
NOVEMBER 8 (FRIDAY)	8 PM	BUDDHIST WONG WAN TIN COLLEGE

TICKETS AT \$3 AND \$5 ARE ON SALE AT THE OFFICE OF THE SHA TIN ARTS ASSOCIATION AT FLAT G03, LUNG HANG ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE IN SHA TIN. THE OFFICE OPENS FOR BUSINESS BETWEEN 2 PM AND 6 PM FROM MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS.

AS EACH PERFORMANCE IS LIMITED TO 250 SEATS, PEOPLE ARE URGED TO MAKE ADVANCE BOOKINGS ON 0-6066552.

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NEW ID CARD VISITING SERVICE FOR ISLANDS
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A SPECIAL VISITING SERVICE TO ASSIST IN THE APPLICATION OF NEW ID CARDS WILL BE PROVIDED ON LANTAU, CHEUNG CHAU AND LAMMA ISLANDS AND IN SAI KUNG FROM OCTOBER 28 TO NOVEMBER 16.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (FRIDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID, +THE SERVICE WILL HANDLE APPLICATIONS FROM MEN BORN BETWEEN 1918 AND 1932, WHO LIVE OR WORK IN THESE AREAS.+

THIS WILL BE THE FIFTH SUCH VISITING SERVICE INTRODUCED SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE NEW ID CARD ISSUE SCHEME.

+THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SUCH A SERVICE IS TO FACILITATE THE APPLICATION OF THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CURRENT PHASE OF THE SCHEME AND TO OFFER THOSE WHO HAVE MISSED THEIR TURN A LAST OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE VISITING SERVICE WILL OPERATE MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS, FROM 10 AM TO 1 PM AND 2 PM TO 4 PM, ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

OCTOBER 28 - NOVEMBER 9

MUI WO COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
BRANCH OFFICES,
SOUTH LANTAU RD.,
MUI WO,
LANTAU ISLAND.

CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE
OFFICE,
2 CHURCH ROAD,
CHEUNG CHAU ISLAND.

SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE,
SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES,
SECOND FLOOR,
SAI KUNG.

NOVEMBER 11 - NOVEMBER 16

NORTH LAMMA RURAL COMMITTEE
OFFICE,
YUNG SHU WAN MAIN STREET,
LAMMA ISLAND.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO STATED THAT STARTING FROM OCTOBER 20 ALL OLD IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED TO MEN BORN BETWEEN 1933 AND 1947 WILL CEASE TO BE LEGAL DOCUMENTS.

ONLY A VERY SMALL NUMBER OF THESE CARD HOLDERS HAVE NOT YET COME FORWARD TO APPLY FOR THEIR NEW ID CARDS.

+MOST PROBABLY, THESE PEOPLE WERE AWAY FROM HONG KONG WHEN THEIR TURN CAME AND HAVE NOT YET RETURNED,+ HE SAID. +HOWEVER, THEY ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR APPLICATIONS WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THEIR RETURN.+

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REITERATED THAT NO AMNESTY WOULD BE GRANTED TO ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS, WHO WILL BE REPATRIATED UPON DETECTION.

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15 RECEIVE CERTIFICATES FOR ENGLISH
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FIFTEEN YOUNG MEN OF LAI KING TRAINING CENTRE WHO DID WELL IN AN ELEMENTARY ENGLISH EXAMINATION WERE TODAY (FRIDAY) PRESENTED WITH PITMAN CERTIFICATES BY THE ACTING EDUCATION OFFICER OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR CHEUNG KAI-KWONG.

THE RECIPIENTS STARTED STUDYING ENGLISH LAST YEAR WHILE STILL AT THE TRAINING CENTRE. THEY SUCCESSFULLY PASSED THE EXTERNAL EXAMINATION IN MAY THIS YEAR. TWO HAVE ALREADY BEEN DISCHARGED.

ANOTHER GROUP OF INMATES HAS BEGUN STUDYING FOR THE SAME COURSE.

UNDER THE TRAINING CENTRE'S PROGRAMME, INMATES HAVE TO UNDERGO HALF-DAY SCHOOLING AND HALF-DAY VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN VARIOUS TRADES. BESIDES ENGLISH, THEY ARE TAUGHT CHINESE, SOCIAL STUDIES, MORAL EDUCATION AND GENERAL SCIENCE.

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FREE EASTERN ARTS EVENTS OFFERED
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FREE CULTURAL AND ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS WILL BE OFFERED BY THE +EASTERN DISTRICT ARTS FOR ALL+ PROGRAMME TO BE HELD FROM NOVEMBER 17 UNTIL DECEMBER 7.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (FRIDAY), THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL, MADAM CHRISTINA TING, SAID THERE WILL BE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE DURING THE THREE-WEEK PROGRAMME.

+THE ACTIVITIES WILL SUIT THE DIFFERENT ARTISTIC TASTES AND INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC WITH A MIXTURE OF WESTERN AND ORIENTAL EVENTS,+ SHE SAID.

+THERE WILL BE CHINESE OPERAS, ORCHESTRAL PERFORMANCES, A SINGING CONTEST AND VARIETY SHOWS.

+OTHER ACTIVITIES INCLUDE DEMONSTRATIONS ON FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS AND HANDICRAFT, TALKS ON DRAMA, AND AN EXHIBITION OF WINNING ENTRIES OF RECENT PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITIONS.+

MOST OF THE ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD IN VICTORIA PARK, AND AT VARIOUS COMMUNITY HALLS AND SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT.

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THE \$160 000 +EASTERN DISTRICT ARTS FOR ALL+ PROGRAMME IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL AND THE URBAN COUNCIL, WITH THE HELP OF THE MUSIC OFFICE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND VARIOUS LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE WERE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG, DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BOWEN LEUNG, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE URBAN COUNCIL.

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250 TAKING PART IN SWIM GALA
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ABOUT 250 CONTESTANTS WILL TAKE PART IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON AT THE VICTORIA PARK SWIMMING POOL.

ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION AND THE URBAN COUNCIL, AND SPONSORED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD, THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SECTIONS.

THERE WILL BE ABOUT 60 EVENTS INCLUDING FREE STYLE, BACK STROKE, BUTTERFLY STROKE, BREAST STROKE, AND RELAY RACES.

MEMBERS OF 12 AREA COMMITTEES IN THE DISTRICT, AND TEAMS FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, WILL ALSO COMPETE IN INVITATION RACES BEFORE THE START OF THE DAY'S EVENT.

EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BOWEN LEUNG, AND THE CHIEF MANAGER (LEISURE SERVICES), MR PETER RULL, WILL OFFICIATE AT AN OPENING CEREMONY AT 1.30 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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NEW CLUBHOUSE FOR KAIFONG ASSOCIATION

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WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA, TODAY (FRIDAY) PRAISED THE HAPPY VALLEY AND CANAL ROAD DISTRICT KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY BY SUPPORTING VARIOUS GOVERNMENT CAMPAIGNS AND FOR ORGANISING NUMEROUS WELFARE AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE ASSOCIATION'S NEW CLUBHOUSE, MR GARCIA SAID KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATIONS WERE A VALUABLE SOURCE IN PROMOTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME.

+THE ASSOCIATION COULD FURTHER ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT IN PUBLICISING ITS MESSAGES AS WELL AS OBTAINING FEEDBACK FROM THE PUBLIC,+ HE ADDED.

IT WAS HOPED THAT THE CLOSE CONTACT BETWEEN THE ASSOCIATION AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE WOULD BE MAINTAINED, HE ADDED.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WERE THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS DONNA WONG, AND OTHER COMMUNITY LEADERS.

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LAUNCHING OF COUNTRYSIDE FIRE-FIGHTING CAMPAIGN

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WILL BE LAUNCHING A PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN TOMORROW (SATURDAY) ON PREVENTION OF COUNTRYSIDE FIRES.

OFFICIATING AT THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY AT 1.30 PM AT THE TWISK MANAGEMENT CENTRE IN TAI LAM COUNTRY PARK WILL BE THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CONSERVATION AND COUNTRY PARKS), MR K.C. IU, THE DEPUTY CHIEF FIRE OFFICER (NEW TERRITORIES), MR K.C. LI, AND THE PRINCIPAL INFORMATION OFFICER (PROMOTIONS), MR PETER ALLEN.

THE CEREMONY WILL BE PRECEDED BY A HALF-DAY SEMINAR ON COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PREVENTION FOR 30 HIKER GROUP LEADERS AND A FIRE-FIGHTING DEMONSTRATION USING A RHKAAF HELICOPTER.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR AND THE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN LAUNCHING.

TRANSPORT FOR THE MEDIA WILL LEAVE THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON, AT 11 AM TOMORROW. LUNCH WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED.

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TELEGAMES MATCH TO ROUND OFF YOUTH FESTIVAL
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THE TWO-WEEK WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT IYY YOUTH FESTIVAL WILL END ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 20) WITH AN INTER-SCHOOL TELEGAMES MATCH AT MORSE PARK.

ABOUT 300 STUDENTS CHILDREN FROM KINDERGARTENS AND PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL COMPLETE IN THE FIVE GAMES. THERE WILL ALSO BE A SEGMENT FOR PARENTS' PARTICIPATION.

THE EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT IYY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, THE DISTRICT'S SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE, AND CO-ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL. IT IS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

OFFICIATING AT THE RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY WILL BE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS, MR STEPHEN CHEONG AND MRS PAULINE NG; THE ACTING WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PAUL WONG; CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE, MR LEE SZE-BAY; CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS COUNCIL, MR FUNG KWONG-CHUNG; THE DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER, MISS NG WAI-YEE; AND SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER, MR C.H. WEI.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE INTER-SCHOOL TELEGAMES MATCH AT THE HARD PITCH PLAYGROUND IN MORSE PARK ON OCTOBER 20 (SUNDAY), STARTING AT 9.30 AM.

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HOLIDAY HOURS FOR RSD LIBRARIES
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THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT DURING THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL, ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 22), ALL PUBLIC LIBRARIES AT CHEUNG CHAU, NORTH KWAI CHUNG, SAI KUNG, SHA TIN, SOUTH KWAI CHUNG, TAI O, TAI PO, TSUEN WAN, TUEN MUN (TAI HING), TUEN MUN (YAU OI) AND YUEN LONG WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM.

THE LIBRARIES AT MUI WO AND PENG CHAU WILL BE OPEN FROM 10 AM TO 1 PM.

THE LIBRARIES AT SHEUNG SHUI, SOUTH LAMMA AND THE TWO MOBILE LIBRARIES WILL BE CLOSED.

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